TRICE BRED TO BEAT THE TRAFFIC

by Chris McGrath

In a horse otherwise so well equipped for the Triple Crown trail, it's a major concern still to be quoting Milton every time the gates open: “They also serve who only stand and wait.”

As such, Tapit Trice (Tapit) looks like proving quite a test of the GI Kentucky Derby preparation favored by modern trainers. For all the thrilling power and fluency of his action, he's still all thumbs in terms of his professionalism. The way he got himself out of trouble in the GIII Lambholm South Tampa Bay Derby last Saturday demonstrated all the necessary caliber, but the challenge now is whether he can harness that raw ability to equivalent craft in time for the first Saturday in May.

Nowadays even the latest developers are kept to a light schedule. A horse like Justify was so brilliant that he could manage perfectly well without the kind of mental and physical conditioning once considered essential by the old school. But every one of these adolescent racehorses is different. Some will have needed time to mature into their frame, others may have been unavoidably detained by setbacks. In either case, it ultimately boils down to how naturally or otherwise they take to their vocation.

While Tapit Trice should have learned plenty last Saturday, and will get one more tutorial, quite a few people seem to have decided that the Derby is going to prove too much, too soon. Some, indeed, are already marking him down for the GI Belmont S. instead. Cont. p3

FROSTED COLT GETS GRADE I OFF TO FAST START AT OBS by Jessica Martini

A colt by Frosted (hip 247) got Nellie and Chetley Breeden’s new Grade I Investments consignment off to an auspicious start when he was one of four horses to earn the furlong bullet of :9 4/5 during the second session of the under-tack show for the Ocala Breeders’ Sales Company’s March Sale of 2-Year-Olds in Training in Central Florida Wednesday.

Nellie Breeden is no stranger to the sales scene, having spent time as assistant trainer to her father, legendary pinhooker Jimmy Gladwell, as well as pinhooking through the Top Line Sales consignment of her brother, Jimbo and his wife Torie, but she did admit to some nerves as she and her husband sent out the first horse to work under their own banner.

“We've gotten horses ready for the sales previously and they've sold with my brother and sister-in-law, so [the colt] doing his job, we were prepared for that,” Breeden said. Cont. p6

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THE REAL THING

The Cheltenham Festival continued on Wednesday, and Emma Berry has the details from Prestbury Park.
UPDATES FOR SARATOGA AND BELMONT

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If he could hear that, Tapit Trice’s sire would probably give a snort of irritation. As the only modern stallion with four Belmont winners, Tapit still needs to nail the Derby to complete one of the great resumes of the modern breed. But we discussed all that in Saturday’s edition, in looking ahead to the stakes debut of his latest star. So this time we’re going to take a look at the other half of his pedigree, and ask how that may be contributing to his evolution into one of the most exciting talents of the crop. In doing so, we actually find ourselves at once obliged to pay the same compliments to Antony Beck and his Gainesway team as we do for their management of Tapit’s stud career. For with a mixture of luck and judgement, they have presided over a fairly spectacular blossoming in a family lately so pedestrian that Danzatrice (Dunkirk), the dam of Tapit Trice, twice changed hands in her youth for a relative pittance.

Bred by Glenn Justiss, she was sold as a weanling at the Keeneland November Sale of 2012 for just $5,500 to Curtis Spencer and her first pinhook cycle proved fairly pointless, sold to Grassroots Training & Sales for $10,000 at Fasig-Tipton’s Kentucky Fall Yearling Sale. The next one, however, yielded a nice return as Gainesway picked her out for $105,000 after she clocked a :10 1/5 breeze at OBS the following April.

Sent into training with Cathal Lynch, she confirmed that precocity (though an Apr. 26 foal) by winning over 4 1/2 furlongs on debut at Parx that summer, and was beaten a head on her only other juvenile start before resuming with two wins (including the Parx Oaks) that earned a crack at the GI Acorn S., where she ran a creditable fourth. After a flat run next time, she was given a break and resurfaced in the care of Steve Asmussen, for whom she persevered to stakes wins at four and five before rounding off with a graded stakes podium in the GIII Groupie Doll S.

Danzatrice retired with a record of seven-for-15 for over $300,000, showing her best form around a mile on dirt. Her principal service at that stage, however, had probably been to flash enough talent to prompt the Gainesway team to approach her breeders with a private offer for Danzatrice’s dam, Lady Pewitt (Orientate). One doubts quite how far their pursuit of the mare, then turning 12, can have been stimulated by the foal she was carrying by the $12,500 Spendthrift rookie Cross Traffic. But that did make Gainesway the breeder of record of a filly they sold to John Servis for $190,000 as a Keeneland September yearling.

Racing for a partnership of D.J. Stable LLC and Cash is King LLC, the Cross Traffic filly emulated her dam as a Parx sprint maiden winner—but then progressed to become her sire’s breakout star, crowning a championship campaign as winner of the GI Breeders’ Cup Juvenile Fillies. Cont.
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For this is none other than Jaywalk, whose kinship would generate a stunning yield for Gainesway at Keeneland the following September when they presented Lady Pewitt’s daughter by Empire Maker.

This filly made $2 million from Shawn Dugan, acting for Al Shira’aa. That operation’s manager recently explained to colleague Emma Berry that Gainesway retained a stake—and, while she was ultimately unraced, the investment could yet pay off now that Tapit Trice is threatening to turn the family into one of the most dynamic in the land.

Obviously the intervention of Tapit means that anything can happen. But remember that Cross Traffic had already sparked into life a mare who, like her daughter Danzatrice, secured little market interest in her youth.

Before looking at their background, let’s remind ourselves about Danzatrice’s sire Dunkirk, who was quickly discarded to Japan after starting his stud career at Ashford. Dunkirk’s physique and pedigree (by Unbridled’s Song out of GI Kentucky Oaks winner Secret Status {A.P. Indy}) were such that he made $3.7 million as a yearling at Keeneland, and he offered to justify even that outlay when romping in his first two starts as a sophomore at Gulfstream. He made a laudable attempt to reel in Quality Road in the GI Florida Derby, but never emerged from the slop at Churchill after stumbling at the gate. He then ran second in the Belmont, running through a fracture, and that was the last we saw of him.

Though leading freshman by earnings in 2013, thanks notably to the GI Champagne S. success of Havana, Dunkirk was sold to Japan as early as the following summer. And while we have become accustomed to the Japanese having rather the better of such transactions, Dunkirk was not a case in point and has since been moved on again to Chile. Cont.
**Trice Bred to Beat the Traffic, cont.**

The bottom line is that if Tapit Trice does become a champion, he will join the long list of those to have done so with some pretty exotic seeding to his maternal line. For Danzatrice’s dam Lady Pewitt was a $13,000 yearling by Orientate out of an unraced Spinning World mare.

Besides Jaywalk herself, Orientate does have another outstanding hit as a broodmare sire in that another daughter produced juvenile champion Shanghai Bobby (Harlan’s Holiday). Orientate and his sire Mt. Livermore very much comprised a speed brand within the diverse portfolio put together by Blushing Groom (Fr), who of course contributed a chapter of his own to the earlier history of Gainesway.

Lady Pewitt managed only one start, fourth of seven in a Woodbine sprint, but she has now produced an Eclipse Award winner and the dam of Tapit Trice. So what kind of genetic embers might have been stoked up here?

Well, the first clue is that her dam Spin Room made as much as $450,000 as a weanling. Okay, so she was from the debut crop of a stallion who then still clung to his racetrack stardust, in Spinning World. But more pertinent was the fact that her half-brother Forest Camp (Deputy Minister) had recently won the GII Del Mar Futurity and indeed, albeit rather disappointing, just started hot favorite for the GI Breeders’ Cup Juvenile.

Later siblings, moreover, would confirm that there must be useful blood in the vicinity, most significantly GI Louisiana Derby winner and millionaire Mission Impazible (Unbridled’s Song). He was bred by Summer Wind Farm from La Paz (Hold Your Peace), acquired as a foundation mare for $1.6 million following the emergence of her son Forest Camp. La Paz also gave Summer Wind the stakes-winning filly Kiddari ( Smarty Jones) to keep that branch of the family going.

Though it has since receded from view for those who think that pedigrees fall off the edge of the world once leaving a catalogue page, La Paz channelled some highly aristocratic blood. Her granddam was a half-sister to several elite runners: champion sophomore filly Tempest Queen (Graustark); five-time graded stakes winner Love You by Heart (Nijinsky); and Steal a Kiss (Graustark), who was placed six times at Grade I level. Behind these, you’ll find three generations of Greentree mares culminating in Bimlette—bred by Colonel Bradley, and sister to the second dam of Never Bend and Bold Reason.

So while this branch of the family had cooled off by the time Lady Pewitt and Danzatrice were offered as yearlings, that was largely the work of some pretty unhelpful sires through the previous generation or two. There had always lurked a bedrock of quality.

That, no doubt, is ancient papyrus to some of you. A more recent genetic credit, in that case, may be offered to Unbridled’s Song. Lady Pewitt’s vendors had noticed how he had clicked with the family to produce Mission Impazible and how Danzatrice had now done well for his son Dunkirk. Their strategy in sending the mare to another son, Cross Traffic, was certainly vindicated by Jaywalk—albeit presumably in fairly bittersweet fashion, by that stage!

In mating Danzatrice with their champion sire, meanwhile, the Gainesway team conspicuously doubled down on two Classic dirt brands: Dunkirk is by a son of Unbridled out of an A.P. Indy mare; while Tapit himself is by a son of A.P. Indy out of an Unbridled mare. Since Dunkirk’s third dam was by Alydar and his fourth by a son of Ribot (GB), you can see why Tapit Trice might only be hitting top gear as late as he did last weekend.

So while Orientate and Spinning World may be somewhat typical of the sires that had briefly dulled this family, they may yet have a say in the fulfilment of Tapit Trice. He is plainly going to have no trouble finishing a race, but perhaps their relative speed will help as he sharpens up his start.

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Fast Start for Grade I Inv. (cont. from p1)

Breeden continued: “But when he came down the lane and they said, ‘Grade I Investments,’ I think my heart was going to come out of my chest. I just wanted him to do a good job. I was so proud of him.” While 10 horses worked in :9 4/5 during Tuesday’s first session of the under-tack show, no horses broke :10 during Wednesday’s first set. Hip 342, a filly by Brethren consigned by Goldencents Thoroughbreds, was first to hit the :9 4/5 mark during the day’s second set and was followed just minutes later by Grade I Investments’ lone offering of the March sale.

“We knew he was fast. He had prepped well,” Breeden said. “Today it seemed like the track was maybe a tick off or something this morning. Going into it, we thought he would do :10 flat and then you hope for a :9 4/5. It sounds good leading into it, but then when he gets on the track, you think, ‘Gosh, am I crazy? Can he really do it?’ But we thought he was fast, so he did what he was supposed to do.”

Hip 247 is out of the unraced Ananda (Scat Daddy), a full-sister to multiple graded stakes winner Daddy Nose Best. A partnership of family members purchased the colt for $50,000 at last year’s Keeneland September sale.

“The first thing we liked about him was his physical,” Breeden said of the colt’s appeal as a yearling. “And that has stayed superior. The only thing that has changed is that Frosted has really gotten hot in the last eight weeks or so. That’s really been in our favor, but as far as the colt, he has never had to take a day off.

He’s maintained his physique throughout the training, so he’s just gotten stronger and stronger.”

Consigning was just the natural next step for the Breedens, who lease Two Springs Farm in Micanopy from Dean and Patti Reeves. Cont.
Fast Start for Grade I Inv., cont.

“I had previously been working under my dad and so we have been training the horses and then sending them over to Top Line,” Breeden said. “In the 2-year-old game, most people who train their horses, sell them. So we just thought it was a natural progression for us to take that step and showcase some of the horses that we train and try to bring them to the buyers.

“We were actually going to sell last year and then Mr. Reeves purchased the farm, so we started bringing that farm back to life and it was just too much of an undertaking to sell at the same time. This year, we had our wits about us and decided it was time to take the plunge.”

‘Do I have all of my paperwork in?’ ‘Do I have this?’ Just the logistics of the sale, that’s been the biggest learning curve so far.”

The couple has plenty of support right nearby on the OBS barn area should they need it.

“I am neighbors with my Uncle Robby [Harris from Harris Training Center] and my cousin J.R. [Boyd] from Brick City, so if I need something, they are right there to help,” Breeden said. “And of course Jimbo and Torie, any question I have, they are right on the spot to help out. It’s really nice to have it be a family affair. It’s been a good experience so far.”

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The current plan is to keep the consignment small, but Grade I Investments will have horses at the OBS April and June sales.

“We buy [yearlings] as a group,” Breeden said. “It’s my brother, Raymond and his wife Megan and then my mom and dad and some of our other family has bought in on other horses that are going to other sales. But it is usually a group effort, which makes it a lot of fun. Chetley and I will get the opportunity to sell a few of those, but not all of the horses that we are pinhooking will sell with us. Some will go to Top Line as well. The horses that we own a majority of or a bigger piece of, we will sell. We don’t intend to grow the consignment as a major source of income for us. It’s more to showcase our horses and will be a more boutique style. That’s our goal. Just to showcase our horses really well and bring them to the buyers.”

With just one horse in its inaugural consignment, things are off to a good start for Grade I Investments.

“Everyone asks, ‘Are you nervous?’” Breeden said. “We’ve gotten horses ready for the sales for years, so honestly, that hasn’t been the nerve-wracking part. The nerve-wracking part is,

FACELIFT IN STORE FOR SARATOGA, NEW SYNTHETIC TRACK FOR BELMONT PARK

by Dan Ross

The main takeaway from Wednesday’s meeting of the New York State Franchise Oversight Board is that the Saratoga Race Course and Belmont Park of today will look quite different by the end of 2024, with the bulk of the meeting spent outlining a series of proposed and ongoing capital improvement projects, which the board approved.

Arguably the news of most significance is planned installation of a new one-mile synthetic track to the inside of Belmont Park’s inner turf course. This synthetic surface—the specific material of which is currently unknown—will serve as a fourth racing surface at the facility.

At the end of last year, the New York Racing Association (NYRA) finished installation of the Tapeta Footings synthetic surface at the facility's pony track.

Glen Kozak, NYRA executive vice president of operations and capital projects, explained that the initial positive feedback to this surface from the horsemen helped cement the decision to install the second synthetic surface at Belmont Park.

“The feedback from the horsemen has been excellent,” said Kozak, who explained how even in very inclement weather, training delays have been minimized. Cont.
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On one day last week, "we got an inch and a half of wet snow that finished up as sleet, and we delayed training," said Kozak. After removing the wet snow and working the track, "in a matter of 45 minutes, we had it available for training."

With work recently completed on a vehicular tunnel accessing the Belmont infield, this opens the door to simultaneous renovation of the inner turf course when the facility's 2023 spring-summer meet concludes in July.

Work on both the inner turf track and the new synthetic surface are expected to be completed by spring of 2024.

According to the NYRA representatives, the new synthetic track's primary race-day purpose is to provide a viable option during the harsh winter months. However, it will also be used as a substitute during the summer months when racing is taken off the turf.

Other construction projects outlined for Belmont include a new backstretch dormitory near the existing two such buildings. "What we're proposing is a single-story dorm, double-sided," said Kozak, who added NYRA doesn't have the final specifications for the building yet, but that it would be "consistent" with dorm number two. "We'd like to get to 100 beds," he added. "Three occupants per room."

The plan, said Kozak, is to ultimately decommission some of the older existing living quarters.

Separately, NYRA plans to make upgrades and refurbishments to certain barns, including the quarantine barn. The barn area fire alarm system will be modernized. Another plan, said Kozak, is to connect the entire backstretch with Wi-Fi.

These projects form part of NYRA's multi-year, $40-million renovation and modernization initiative at both Belmont and Saratoga.

Over at Saratoga, NYRA will construct a new residential building adjacent to the lowlands on the Oklahoma training track side of the facility. This follows approval of the designs from the Saratoga Springs Preservation Foundation.

In addition, NYRA will continue renovations to existing housing on both the Oklahoma and main track sides of the facility.

Other projects include planned restoration of the "Resident Manager's House," refurbishment of the grandstand and clubhouse, additional spa verandas near the existing ones, and construction of a new hospitality area near the Wilson Chute.

Interestingly, NYRA is looking to replace the temporary tent where horses are saddled with a permanent building due to the "safety issues" inherent with the current structure. "It's basically a tent built over wooden stalls," said Kozak.

The saddling stalls are "probably the most visible spot on the track," said Kozak. While plans are fluid, the intent is to use rubberized paver on the floor, enlarge the area at the front, and design a barrier to muffle traffic noise from behind.

"We've already engaged Saratoga Preservation to go over and get feedback from them," Kozak said.

Earlier in the meeting, David O'Rourke, NYRA president and chief executive officer, announced plans for a single admission price at Saratoga of $10 a day, or $7 when purchased in advance.

The thinking behind the idea, O'Rourke said, was to give fans access to the entire property rather than just the clubhouse or grandstand.

In Horseracing Integrity and Safety Act (HISA)-related news, the Franchise Oversight Board remarked how NYRA already conducts an out-of-competition (OOC) program alongside the state's drug testing program.

When asked if NYRA will continue that OOC testing program when HISA goes into effect later this month, O'Rourke said that NYRA "will continue it in collaboration" with the new federal authority.

CASTELLANO TO RECEIVE WOOLF AWARD SUNDAY

Javier Castellano will accept his George Woolf Memorial Jockey Trophy Award Sunday at Santa Anita. The four-time Eclipse Award winner is the 74th winner of the Woolf Award, which has been presented annually by Santa Anita since 1950.
Castellano, cont.

Determined by a vote of jockeys nationwide and named for the late jockey who was regarded as one of the greatest big money riders of his era, the Woolf Award trophy is a replica of the life-sized statue of Woolf that adorns Santa Anita’s Paddock Gardens area.

JOHNSTON NAMED HISA RIDER AND SAFETY WELFARE MANAGER

The Horseracing Integrity and Safety Authority (HISA) has named Jockeys’ Guild veteran Jeff Johnston its Rider Safety and Welfare Manager, effective Mar. 17. Johnston will work with jockeys and other riders to ensure compliance with the Racetrack Safety Program, support continuing education programs, provide uniform first responder training, work with providers to improve safety equipment, and increase communication with local medical facilities.

Johnston will also closely support the new jockey mental wellness initiative HISA announced this week in partnership with the Jockeys’ Guild and will work alongside Dr. Peter Hester, HISA’s National Medical Director, to enhance rider access to mental health support and resources.

Johnston will report to HISA’s Director of Racetrack Safety Ann McGovern.

“We are pleased to have Jeff join us to lead our efforts to work collaboratively with jockeys and riders to ensure their health, safety and overall well-being through our Racetrack Safety Program,” said HISA CEO Lisa Lazarus. “Jeff’s many years of experience with the Jockeys’ Guild and his perspective as a jockey himself will be invaluable to HISA as we continue to increase communications and collaboration with racing participants across the country.”

Johnston began racing as a jockey in 1985, competing in more than 11,000 Thoroughbred races and amassing 1,375 victories before transitioning to a career with the Jockeys’ Guild in 2006, where he most recently served as Regional Manager.

“As a longtime advocate for rider safety, I am eager to get to work advancing HISA’s goal of improving safety for riders nationwide,” said Johnston. “I look forward to using my experience to help ensure that riders are safe on and off the track, that they are familiar with HISA’s rules and how these changes affect them, and that they are outfitted with the best safety equipment possible.”

Accredited as a steward by the Racing Officials Accreditation Program (ROAP), Johnston also previously served as Chairman of the Jockey Club’s Rider and Driver Safety Committee. He is a graduate of the University of Louisville’s Equine Industry Program.

NEW SINGLE ADMISSION POLICY FOR SARATOGA

For the first time, the 2023 Saratoga Race Course meet will have one admission price for all fans, with the daily admission rate—$7 when purchased 24 hours in advance and $10 day of—providing fans with access to both the track’s Clubhouse and Grandstand. Since 2019, daily Clubhouse admission has stood at $10 and Grandstand admission at $7.

The 2023 Saratoga meet opens July 13, with live racing Wednesday through Sunday through Sept. 5. Season admission passes will go on sale in April and daily admissions go on sale June 1 at NYRA.com/Saratoga.

FASHIONABLE FILLIES LUNCHEON AT GULFSTREAM

The Jockey Club Safety Net Foundation will be hosting the first Fashionable Fillies Luncheon in Florida at The Flamingo Room at Gulfstream Park Mar. 31, the day before the GI Curlin Florida Derby.

The luncheon will honor Beverly Jochyne, senior executive vice president of Client Management, Xpressbet, and will offer wines by Notorious Wines, Florida-inspired food stations and passed hors d’oeuvres, and the opportunity to shop from vendors such as equestrian artist Alaura Allen, Christine A. Moore Millinery, and a virtual pop-up shop by Kent Stetson Handbags. Live music will be provided by Joanna Holstein, a Swedish singer/songwriter and keyboardist fusing pop, soul, and jazz.

“We are so excited to bring Fashionable Fillies to Florida, an area known for sunshine, bright fashion, and delicious food,” said Shannon Kelly, executive director of The Jockey Club Safety Net Foundation. Cont.
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Horse Racing Women’s Summit Seeks Intern

The Horse Racing Women’s Summit committee (HRWS) is looking to add an intern to its team for 2023. The HRWS is a multi-day event bringing together people from all facets of the horse racing industry with the mission of connecting and empowering women in horse racing.

After a successful 2022 renewal, HRWS has expanded to include women-centric events across 2023, as well as its core multi-day summit in September. The HRWS intern will assist with marketing and communication duties and will contribute to planning and promoting the group’s events.

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THURSDAY’S RACING INSIGHTS: MCPEEK DUO BACK IN ACTION AT OAKLAWN

8th-OP, $106K, OC 50k/N2X, 4yo/up, 1 1/8m, 5:22 p.m.

The Ken McPeek-trained duo of ‘TDN Rising Star’ SMILE HAPPY (Runhappy) and CREATIVE MINISTER (Creative Cause) kick off their 4-year-old seasons at Oaklawn Park Thursday.

Smile Happy, winner of the GII Kentucky Jockey Club S. at two and runner-up as the favorite in last year’s GI Toyota Blue Grass S., makes his first start since finishing eighth in the GI Kentucky Derby. The 2-1 morning-line favorite gets first-time Lasix while facing seven rivals here.

Creative Minister, a respectable third in last year’s GI Preakness S., came within a nose of recording a career high in Churchill’s Bourbon Trail S. Sept. 24. He was a well-beaten eighth in an optional claimer at Keeneland when last seen in the fall.

“Unfortunately, they both fell under the same allowance condition and they were both ready at the same time,” McPeek said. “Reluctant to run them against each other, but really, development-wise, it’s good for both horses.”

IN ORDER OF PURSE:
8th-Fair Grounds, $51,000, Alw, 3-15, (NW1X), 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16mT, 1:48.89, fm, 1 1/4 lengths.

HEARTYCONSTITUTION (f, 4, Constitution--Distinct Sparkle, by With Distinction), a maiden winner sprinting at second asking at Oaklawn last February, concluded her sophomore campaign with a second-place finish in Churchill's Tepin S. July 2. Trying grass for the first time off the bench here, the 8-5 favorite raced on the inside in fourth early and chased in second behind the runaway pacesetter down the backstretch. She set her sights on the leader on the far turn, hit the front in the stretch and dug down gamely to score by 1 1/4 lengths. The winner is a half to Chateau (Flat Out), GSW, $719,519. After producing a filly by Weigelia in 2022, Distinct Sparkle was bred back to Union Rags. Sales history: $165,000 Ylg ’20 KEEJAN; $150,000 RNA Ylg ’20 FTKSEL; $200,000 Ylg ’20 FTKOCT. Lifetime Record: SP, 6-2-2-1, $142,300. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.

O-Wayne Sanders & Highlander Training Center; B-Roberta L. Schneider (PA); T-Joe Sharp.

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HEARTYCONSTITUTION (Constitution) fires fresh off the bench. (click to watch)
IN ORDER OF PURSE:
9th-Tampa Bay Downs, $24,000, Msw, 3-15, 3yo, 1 1/16mT, 1:41.27, fm, 2 1/4 lengths.

**EQUITIZE (GB)** (c, 3, Kingman {GB}—Waldlied {GB} {GSW-Fr, $123,344}, by New Approach {Ire}), not much of a secret as the even-money favorite on debut here, tracked the early leaders from an inside fifth passing the grandstand for the first time. Waiting to pounce in fourth, he was tipped to the outside with a four-wide, sweeping move on the far turn and came rolling down the center in the stretch to graduate by 2 1/4 lengths over St. Neots (Flintshire {GB}). The winner’s dam, a half-sister to G1 Qatar Prix de l’Arc de Triomphe winner Waldgeist (GB) (Galileo {Ire}), had a Siyouni (Fr) filly in 2021 (600,000gns yr1 ‘22 TATOCT) and a Kingman (GB) filly in 2022. Sales history: 425,000gns Ylg ‘21 TATOCT. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, $14,160. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.

O-Klaravich Stables, Inc.; B-Newsells Park & Ammerland GmbH & Co.KG (GB); T-Chad C. Brown.

**SECOND-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: THURSDAY, MARCH 16 2023 STUD FEES LISTED**

**Always Dreaming** (Bodemeister), WinStar Farm, $10,000
213 foals of racing age/16 winners/1 black-type winner
5-Charles Town, 8:53 p.m. EDT, Msw 7f, Amelia’s Dream, 2-1

**Awesome Slew** (Awesome Again), Ocala Stud, $4,000
77 foals of racing age/15 winners/1 black-type winner
1-Gulfstream, 12:40 p.m. EDT, Msw 1mT, Rollercoaster Man, 20-1
$40,000 OBS MAR 2yo

**Bolt d’Oro** (Medaglia d’Oro), Spendthrift Farm, $35,000
256 foals of racing age/37 winners/6 black-type winners
8-Gulfstream, 4:07 p.m. EDT, Aoc 7f, Ticking, 7-2
$675,000 OBS APR 2yo

**Bucchero** (Kantharos), Pleasant Acres Stallions
155 foals of racing age/18 winners/0 black-type winners
1-Gulfstream, 12:40 p.m. EDT, Msw 1mT, Ensign Skip, 12-1
$25,000 OBS OCT yrl

**Collected** (City Zip), Airdrie Stud, $10,000
234 foals of racing age/22 winners/1 black-type winner
7-Fair Grounds, 5:15 p.m. EDT, Msw 6f, The Princess Says, 3-1
$37,000 KEE SEP yrl; $67,000 OBS APR 2yo

**Dosificado** (Chi) (Scat Daddy), Milky Way Farm
25 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
1-Mahoning Valley, 12:35 p.m. EDT, Msw 1m, Sister Code, 6-1

**Girvin** (Tale of Ekati), Airdrie Stud, $20,000
180 foals of racing age/28 winners/5 black-type winners
1-Gulfstream, 12:40 p.m. EDT, Msw 1mT, For the Chief, 5-1
$19,000 RNA OBS OCT yrl; $87,000 OBS OPN 2yo
7-Gulfstream, 3:38 p.m. EDT, Msw 6f, Maerdama, 6-1
$20,000 KEE JAN wnl; $90,000 FTK JUL yrl

**Good Magic** (Curlin), Hill ’n’ Dale at Xalapa, $50,000
237 foals of racing age/37 winners/7 black-type winners
8-Gulfstream, 4:07 p.m. EDT, Aoc 7f, Gold Magic, 2-1
$170,000 FTK JUL yrl

**Justify** (Scat Daddy), Coolmore Ashford, $100,000
343 foals of racing age/37 winners/7 black-type winners
9-Gulfstream, 4:36 p.m. EDT, Msw 1mT, Fancy, 20-1

**Saxon Warrior** (Jpn) (Deep Impact {Jpn}), Coolmore Stud,
$35,000
227 foals of racing age/27 winners/3 black-type winners
1-Gulfstream, 12:40 p.m. EDT, Msw 1mT, Heathguard, 6-1
$75,000 RNA OBS MAR 2yo

**Sea Wizard** (Uncle Mo), Colonial Farms
20 foals of racing age/2 winners/0 black-type winners
8-Gulfstream, 4:07 p.m. EDT, Aoc 7f, Great Navigator, 4-1

**West Coast** (Flatter), Lane's End Farm, $10,000
198 foals of racing age/16 winners/2 black-type winners
8-Gulfstream, 4:07 p.m. EDT, Aoc 7f, Live Is Life, 6-1
$115,000 KEE NOV wnl; $115,000 RNA KEE SEP yrl; $60,000 OBS APR 2yo

**ALLOWANCE RESULTS:**

8th-Gulfstream, $81,800, (NW1$X)/Opt. Clm ($25,000), 3-15, 4yo/up, f/m, 5fT, :56.67, fm, head.

**Talkin Tipsy** (f, 4, Greenpointcrusader--Tipsy Toes, by Got the Last Laugh)
Lifetime Record: 11-3-0-2, $117,150. O-Crown's Way Racing LLC, Louis F. Stevens, Princess Kathy Racing, LLC & James M. Gulick; B-Jim Gulick (FL); T-James M. Gulick.

7th-Parx Racing, $64,068, (NW1X)/Opt. Clm ($75,000), 3-15, 3yo, f, 1m, 1:43.03, ft, 15 1/4 lengths.

**Majestic Creed** (f, 3, Jimmy Creed--Majestic Gale [SW], by Majestic Warrior)
Lifetime Record: 9-3-0-2, $88,930. O-Cheryl A. Rickards; B-Phoenix Thoroughbred III, Ltd. (KY); T-Bobbi Anne Hawthorne. *$16,000 Wlg '20 KEENOV.

7th-Fair Grounds, $53,000, (S), 3-15, (NW1X), 3yo, f/m, 6f, 1:11.62, ft, 1/2 length.

**Micheltes Lil Star** (f, 3, Speightstown--Rosalba Maria [Ven] {Ch. 3-year-old Filly-Ven, MSW-Ven}, by Uncle Mo) Lifetime Record: 4-2-1-1, $76,300. O/B-Autumn Hill Farms Racing Stables, Inc. (LA); T-W. Bret Calhoun.

8th-Mahoning Valley, $35,100, (S), 3-15, (NW3L), 3yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:42.14, gd, neck.

**Sonnet** (f, 4, English Channel--Bourgeois, by Awesome Again)
Lifetime Record: 14-3-4-1, $75,178. O/T-Sydney R. Rotunno; B-WinBlaze, LLC (OH).

10th-Will Rogers Downs, $30,000, (S), 3-14, (C), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:11.10, ft, 4 lengths.

**Ghost Hero** (c, 3, Shaman Ghost--Queen Buxley, by Super Saver)
Lifetime Record: MSW, 7-3-1-0, $126,900. O-Norman Stables, LLC; B-Clark O. Brewster (OK); T-Jayde J. Gelner. *$77,000 Ylg '21 FTKOCT.

6th-Mahoning Valley, $28,500, (NW3X)/Opt. Clm ($25,000), 3-15, 3yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:41.16, gd, 1 1/4 lengths.

**Happy Bee** (m, 6, Distorted Humor--Flying Colors [Ire], by Teofilo [Ire])
Lifetime Record: 30-9-6-8, $143,519. O-Michael Dohar; B-International Equities Holding, Inc. (KY); T-Julie A. Pappada. *$6,000 3yo '20 KEENOV.

4th-Mahoning Valley, $27,500, 3-15, (NW4L), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:13.33, gd, 1 length.

**Dunvegan Doll** (f, 4, Liam’s Map--Moon Philly [MSW, $354,979], by Malibu Moon)
Lifetime Record: 13-2-0-1, $51,138. O-Douglas Maroun; B-Ralph Kinder & Erv Woolsey (KY); T-Jay P. Bernardini.

4th-Tampa Bay Downs, $25,250, (NW1X)/Opt. Clm ($16,000), 3-15, 4yo/up, 7f, 1:23.16, ft, 3/4 length.

**San Costantino** (g, 4, Violence--Sardinia, by Tapit)
Lifetime Record: SP, 18-6-1-5, $108,555. O-JGW Stables, Inc.; B-Tracy Farmer (KY); T-Maria Bowersock.

6th-Turf Paradise, $22,900, (C)/Opt. Clm ($25,000-$35,000), 3-13, 3yo/up, 6 1/2f, 1:15.64, ft, 1 1/4 lengths.

**Westphal** (g, 4, Exaggerator--New Narration, by Tapit)
Lifetime Record: 13-3-3-2, $65,818. O-Stable H. M. A.; B-China
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Funtastic AGAIN is now on the Derby Trail with an impressive 3 3/4 lengths win in the $125,000 Leonatus Stakes at Turfway.

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QUIET DANCE, by Quiet American. 6 wins, 2 to 4, $224,240, Gala Lil S.-R (PIM, $19,170), 2nd Demoiselle S. [G2]. Dam of 12 foals to race, all winners, incl--

SAINT LIAM (c. by Saint Ballado). 9 wins, 3 to 5, $4,436,005, horse of the year, champion older horse, 2016 Turf, $100,000, 3rd Breeders' Cup Sprint, $2,493,600, Stephen Foster H. [G1], 1 3/8 mi, 1:46 2/5, 18 1/2 lengths out in 2017, 2nd H. [G2] (CD, $345,960, 2 1/16 mi). Dam of 8 foals to race, all winners, incl--

Funtastic AGAIN (c. by More Than Ready). 9 wins, 1 to 2, $500,000, 3rd Oaklawn L. (PRM, $50,000), 2nd Turfway L. ($100,000), 2nd G1 Turfway Park Oaks, 3rd G1 Azeri (CD, $100,000), 2nd G1 American Oaks, 2nd G1 American Oaks, 4th G1 American Oaks.
Horse Club International Limited (KY); T-Justin R. Evans.
*$30,000 Ylg ’20 FTKOCT; $80,000 2yo ’21 OBSMAR.

**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**

_Bet of the Century_, f, 3, _Goldencents_—Bet On a Chick, by Alphabet Soup. Parx Racing, 3-15, (C), 7f, 1:29.31. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-0, $31,950. B-Windhorse Thoroughbreds, LLC (NY). *$35,000 Ylg ’21 SARAUG; $17,000 RNA 2yo ’22 EASMAY.

Goldencents, c, 3, _Gormley_—Senorita Margarita, by Elusive Quality. Tampa Bay Downs, 3-15, (C), 6 1/2f, 1:18.11. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, $10,200. B-De Piné - Société semplice agricola & Mohamed Saeed Buhlaibeh Alfalasi AlAwre (KY). *$19,000 Wlg ’20 KEENOV; $11,000 Ylg ’21 OBSOCT. **1/2 to Jack Van Berg (To Honor and Serve), SP, $283,494.

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**ALL TDN WINNERS BY SIRE**

_Bodemeister_, Vale Male, f, 4, o/o Wildwood _Kantharos_, by _Kantharos_. ALW, 3-15, Fair Grounds

_Bullsbay_, Maythehorsebwithu, g, 5, o/o Avani Force, by Forestry. ALW, 3-15, Parx Racing

_Constitution_, Heartycornerstone, f, 4, o/o Distinct Sparkle, by With Distinction. ALW, 3-15, Fair Grounds

_Distorted Humor_, Happy Bee, m, 6, o/o Flying Colors (Ire), by Teofilo (Ire). AOC, 3-15, Mahoning Valley

_English Channel_, Sonnet, f, 4, o/o Bourgeois, by Awesome Again. ALW, 3-15, Mahoning Valley

_Exaggerator_, Westphal, g, 4, o/o New Narration, by _Tapit_. AOC, 3-14, Turf Paradise

_Goldencents_, Bet of the Century, f, 3, o/o Bet On a Chick, by Alphabet Soup. MCL, 3-15, Parx Racing

_Gormley_, Golden Skull, c, 3, o/o Senorita Margarita, by Elusive Quality. MCL, 3-15, Tampa Bay

_Greenpointcrusader_, Talkin Tipsy, f, 4, o/o Tipsy Toes, by Got the Last Laugh. AOC, 3-15, Gulfstream

_Jimmy Creed_, Majestic Creed, f, 3, o/o Majestic Gale, by

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Majestic Warrior. AOC, 3-15, Parx Racing

_Kingman (GB)_ Equitize (GB), c, 3, o/o Waldlied (GB), by New Approach (Ire). MSW, 3-15, Tampa Bay

_Liaison_, Nicholas James, g, 5, o/o Sessile, by Forestry. ALW, 3-15, Mahoning Valley

_Liam's Map_, Dunvegan Doll, f, 4, o/o Moon Philly, by Malibu Moon. ALW, 3-15, Mahoning Valley

_Shaman Ghost_, Ghost Hero, c, 3, o/o Queen Buxley, by Super Saver. ALW, 3-14, Will Rogers

_Speightstown_, Michelles Lil Star, f, 3, o/o Rosalba Maria (Ven), by Uncle Mo. ALW, 3-15, Fair Grounds

_Violence_, San Costantino, g, 4, o/o Sardinia, by _Tapit_. AOC, 3-15, Tampa Bay

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THE REAL THING

by Emma Berry

CHELTENHAM, UK--On Wednesday morning, the front page of Jour de Galop referred to how Constitution Hill (GB) and Honeysuckle (GB) had restored the smiles of English National Hunt breeders, but the French breeders were smiling again by the end of the day, especially thanks to Energumene (Fr) (Denham Red (Fr)), winner of the G1 Queen Mother Champion Chase for the second year running.

The 9-year-old, one of four winners so far for Willie Mullins at the Cheltenham Festival, was joined by fellow French-breds Impaire Et Passe (Fr) (Diamond Boy (Fr)), Delta Work (Fr) (Network (Ger)), and Maskada (Fr) (Masked Marvel (GB)) on the roll of honour for the day, with Delta Work not only notching back-to-back wins in the Glenfarclas Cross-Country Chase but also following the example set by his younger half-brother Jazzy Matty (Fr) (Doctor Dino (Fr)), who won the G3 Boodles Juvenile Handicap Hurdle on Tuesday.

It's remarkable for one broodmare even to be represented by two Cheltenham Festival winners in different years, but two at the same meeting is quite something, and puts the 18-year-old Robbe (Fr) (Video Rock (Fr)) in rarefied territory. Owned and bred by the Magnien family, who are based at Saint-Gratien-Savigny, not far from Haras de Cercy where Delta Work's sire stood, Robbe was winless in her three hurdle starts but she has more than made up for that in her second career.

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MAKING WAVES: MAR. 6-14

by Heather Anderson

In this series, the TDN takes a look at notable successes of European-based sires in North America, on a semi-weekly basis. This week's column (Mar. 6-14) is highlighted by the victory of Grade I winner Shantisara (Ire) (Coulsty {Ire}) in the GII Hillsborough S. at Tampa Bay Downs on Mar. 11.

Ain't No Mountain High Enough

Madaket Stables, Michael Dubb and Robert LaPenta's Shantisara is no stranger to the winner's circle, and the 2021 GI Queen Elizabeth II Challenge Cup S. heroine secured her first victory since 2021 with a 1 1/4-length triumph in the Hillsborough S. on Saturday (video).

Now a 5-year-old, the mare was bred by Oliver Donlon, and sold for 10,000gns as a Tattersalls Guineas Breeze-Up graduate in 2020. Cont. p4

IN TDN AMERICA TODAY

TRICE BRED TO BEAT THE TRAFFIC

Chris McGrath investigates the pedigree of GIII Lambholm South Tampa Bay Derby hero and 'TDN Rising Star' Tapit Trice (Tapit).
German champion jockey Bauyrzhan Murzabayev will become the new retained rider for Andre Fabre.

'BRAVE' BEST AT KEMPTON
Brave Emperor (Ire) (Sioux Nation) earns his fifth career win at Kempton in a “Road To The Kentucky Derby” conditions test Wednesday.

KINGMAN COLT SCORES AT NEWCASTLE
An entry for the May 6 G1 2000 Guineas, Arabian Storm (GB), a son of Group 1 heroine Arabian Queen (Ire), breaks through second-time out with a win at Newcastle Wednesday.
Cheltenham Cont. from p1

Delta Work, who is also a five-time Grade 1 winner in Ireland, and Jazzy Matty are just two of the mare’s five black-type performers, which include the latter’s full-brother Inneston (Fr), runner-up in Saturday’s G3 EBF National Hunt Novices’ Hurdle Final at Sandown.

Similar plaudits should be handed to the Gleeson family’s homebred Galileo (Ire) mare Hikari (Ire). Her offspring now include last summer’s G3 Irish St Leger Trial winner Raise You (Ire) (Lope De Vega {Ire}) and, in the gloaming of Wednesday evening, her 5-year-old A Dream To Share (Ire), by the former top sprinter Muhaarar (GB), added more National Hunt black type to the page when landing the G1 Weatherbys Champion Bumper for 85-year-old trainer John Kiely.

Following the gelding’s victory at the Dublin Racing Festival, JP McManus swooped to add him to his Cheltenham squad.

A Dream To Share, who is unbeaten in four bumpers, was thus running for the first time in the famous green-and-gold hoops instead of in the colours of Claire Gleeson, who bred him with her husband Brian under their Brucetown Farms banner. The deal was struck, and the Gleesons’ son John kept the ride, with the 18-year-old schoolboy remaining cool under pressure as more experienced jockeys were scrimmaging for the line, and managing to sneak up the rail for a close call of a first Festival victory on his first ride at Cheltenham.

"The horse was named by my wife Claire," said Brian Gleeson. "Everything good in life is worth sharing and we always thought that this horse was good, so on Christmas Day Claire said she would call this horse A Dream To Share, trained by John Kiely. And the dream was to win at the Cheltenham Festival."
He added, “Everyone loves John Kiely. This man is 86 in May and he’s had second- and third-place finishes at Cheltenham and now he’s had a winner with JP McManus. It’s JP’s 70th Festival winner and John Gleeson’s first. It’s fairytale stuff.”

One can only guess at the figures involved in the private transaction that secured A Dream To Share but it is now commonplace for top National Hunt horses to change hands for Book 1 prices. So when you see a big, glorious gelding who was bought by his trainer as a store for €21,000 storming up the hill for home, the heart warms a little.

So it was in the case of The Real Whacker (Ire) (Mahler {Ire}), who held on by just a short-head to win the G1 Brown Advisory Novices’ Chase, having made all of the running under Sam Twiston-Davies. His bold bid brought about the most uproarious reception on a day which would always have been hard pressed to match Tuesday’s magical atmosphere. The Real Whacker’s victory was a welcome Festival first for trainer Paddy Neville, who bought him as an untested 3-year-old at Goffs and moved him across the Irish Sea with him to restart his training career in Yorkshire in 2021. Neville’s move to Ann Duffield’s stable has been a fruitful one, with the likeable giant that is The Real Whacker now the star of a small team that has yielded eight wins from 40 outings this season.

"I made the move [to England] because I couldn't get any owners in Ireland, just couldn't get them. Hopefully it will work away here," said Neville, whose 7-year-old held off the well-backed favourite Gerri Colombe (Fr) (Saddler Maker {Ire}), a representative of Gordon Elliott’s stable, which is certainly not short of owners.

"We'll mind him for next year and come back for the Gold Cup, hopefully. We were thinking about it this year, but we've probably made the right decision for the horse. He'd only run six times before today, so we've given him that bit of experience and we'll come back next year."

It can still be done as it once was: selecting an unbroken horse and bringing him on through the ranks instead of swooping for the readymade article. And with his old friend Davey Dunn from his home town of Askeaton, Co Limerick, and co-owners Rebecca Dennis and Alan Duffus, Neville has now pulled off the biggest result of his career on the most important stage.

Sent to the yard of Daniele Zarroli, she made her first two starts for Ladritta SRL, winning her second, a Chantilly maiden claimer by five lengths in November of 2020. After taking a 2000-metre conditions race in December for Frederic Rossi in the colours of Patrick Dreux, she was runner-up in another conditions race, and Sol Kumin bought her before racing her once in his silks with Rossi to an eighth-place finish in the Listed Prix de la Californie on Valentine’s Day in 2021.

With LaPenta and Dubb added as owners, Shantisara triumphed in the GIII Pucker Up S. for Chad Brown at Arlington Park that August, before taking the Jockey Club Oaks Invitational S. in New York and her Keeneland Grade I later that autumn.
Making Waves Cont.

Defeated by subsequent Eclipse champion Regal Glory (Animal Kingdom) in the GI Jenny Wiley S. at Keeneland in April, she returned with a fifth in the Fall Harvest S. there.

Shantisara was second in the GIII Pegasus World Cup Filly & Mare Turf Invitational on Jan. 28 prior to the Hillsborough. The only foal to make it to the races for Kharana (IRE) (Dalakhani [IRE]), who died in 2020, Shantisara is a granddaughter of the stakes-winning Khanata (Riverman), who was third in the G2 Pretty Polly S., while this is also the female family of champion and notable sire High Chaparral (IRE) (Sadler’s Wells). The Hillsborough heroine is one of three winners from three to race Stateside for Rathasker Stud stallion Coulsty. Of the other two, Coulthard (IRE) placed third in the GIII Green Flash H. at Del Mar.

The Doctor Is In

‘TDN Rising Star’ Dr Zempf (GB) (Dark Angel [IRE]) made his American bow a winning one in an allowance optional claimer at Gulfstream Park on Friday (video). The Peter Brant colour bearer stamped his sigil on the 7 1/2-furlong turf contest by 2 1/2 lengths. It was the 4-year-old gelding’s fourth win in 10 starts.

Consigned by breeder Chris Wright’s Stratford Place Stud to the Tattersalls October Yearling Sale Book 1, the grey caught the eye of Demi O’Byrne, who signed on behalf of Brant’s White Birch Farm to the tune of 420,000gns. Ger Lyons saddled Dr Zempf to a 2 1/4-length ‘Rising Star’-worthy tally over yielding going at the Curragh in June of 2021, and he was not disgraced when fourth in the G2 Railway S. there later in the month. Less than a length off of Ebro River (IRE) (Galileo Gold [GB]) in the Aug. 8 G1 Phoenix S., Dr Zempf was unplaced behind Perfect Power (IRE) (Ardad [IRE]) in the G1 Middle Park S.

Back to winning ways at listed level at Leopardstown last April, he earned his first Group 3 badge with a two-length score in the Ballycorus S. two starts later on June 9. Third to 2020 GI Breeders’ Cup Mile winner Order Of Australia (IRE) (Australia [GB]) in the G2 Minstrel S. in July, Dr Zempf lost all chance in his final European appearance when rearing at the beginning of the G2 City Of York S. and trailed in eighth behind subsequent 2022 Breeders’ Cup Mile third Kinross (GB) (Kingman [GB]). Gelded over the winter and transferred to the Chad Brown barn, Friday was his first start in over 180 days.

Out of G3 Prix Eclipse heroine Souvenir Delondres (Fr) (Siyouni [Fr]), Dr Zempf is followed by the 3-year-old filly Visiting Hours (GB) (Kingman [GB]) and a juvenile colt named Phoenix Passion (IRE) (Too Darn Hot [GB]). From the same clan as G1 Sussex S. winner and sire Noalcoholic (Fr) (Nonoalco), Phoenix Passion was picked up by George Gill’s Opulence Thoroughbreds for 125,000gns out of the Tattersalls October Yearling Sale Book 2.

Yeomanstown Stud’s kingpin Dark Angel sports a record of 23 winners from 41 to race (56%) in the U.S., and 12 stakes horses (29%). Five of his progeny have won stakes Stateside (12% of 41 runners), led by three-time Grade I winner and Gainesway sire Raging Bull (Fr), dual Grade I winner Althiqa (GB), and GI Shoemaker Mile S. hero Hunt (IRE).

Zoffany Colt Game Over KY All-Weather

The much-missed Zoffany (IRE)’s Dark Side (IRE) found a 1 1/16th all-weather contest to his liking at Turfway Park on Friday (video), ekling out a slim neck victory in the Qatar Racing colours. It was the first start in America for the Brendan Walsh trainee.

A product of Ann Marshall and Frank Dunne’s Hamwood Stud Unlimited Company in Ireland, Dark Side hammered for 125,000gns to David Redvers, the racing manager for Qatar Racing, as part of Book 2 of the Tattersalls October Yearling Sale in 2021. Consigned by Bill Dwan and Andrew Mead’s The Castlebridge Consignment, he was the third most expensive Zoffany yearling to be offered at that year’s Tattersalls October Sale.

Put into training with Joseph O’Brien, the Feb. 28 foal was second on debut at Cork in September, and was later sixth in a hot Curragh maiden on Sept. 25 behind future G1 Criterium International second Espionage (IRE) (Galileo [IRE]) and runner-up Sierra Blanca (IRE) (No Nay Never), who was subsequently second to Cairo (IRE) (Quality Road) in the G3 Killavullan S. a month later. In his final Irish start, Dark Side was second again over 8 1/2 furlongs back at Gowran Park on Oct. 18.

Dark Side is one of four winners for his dam Shreyas (IRE) (Dalakhani [IRE]), who won a Group 3 in Ireland as a 3-year-old, and would later add a pair of listed victories and two more group placings at four. Her 2-year-old filly Porters Place (IRE) (Make Believe [GB]) most recently sold for 70,000gns to Paddy Twomey as a Tattersalls October Book 2 yearling, and her latest offspring is a full-sister to Porters Place. Cont. p6
Making Waves Cont.

He is kin to Group 1 winners and sires Youmzain (Ire), Creachadoir (Ire), and Pilsudski (Ire).

Zoffany’s American strike rate stands at 25 winners from 51 runners (49%). There are also four stakes winners from those 51 (8%) for the late Coolmore sire, led by GII Hollywood Turf Cup hero Oscar Dominguez (Ire), GII Marshua’s River S. heroine Zofelle (Ire), and Zoffarelli (Ire), who won the GII La Jolla H.

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Shades Of Violet In Florida

Juddmonte stallion and GI Breeders’ Cup Mile hero Expert Eye (GB) gained his third American winner with Violet Gibson (Ire) in her very first start at Gulfstream Park on Saturday (video). Trained by Saffie Joseph, Jr., the Mike Ryan homebred came calling late to win the 7 1/2-furlong affair over the firm turf by a head.

Bred in Ireland by Ryan’s St. Croix Bloodstock, Violet Gibson is out of the unplaced Soul Of Houdini (Perfect Soul {Ire}), responsible for five winners from five to race, counting Saturday’s scorer. Tracing to bluehen Coup De Folie (Halo) (Coup De Genie, Machiavellian, Exit To Nowhere, Hydro Calido, etc.), Soul Of Houdini’s latest is a yearling filly also by a Juddmonte stallion in Bated Breath (GB).

Through Monday, Expert Eye, who has his first 3-year-olds this term, has 29 winners from 70 runners worldwide (41%) with the Flat season just around the corner. Joining Violet Gibson and Saturday’s winning listed stakes second Beautifulnavigator (Ire) as his third winner of three runners Stateside (100%) is Isabel Alexandra (Ire), who landed a maiden special weight in Indiana last autumn.

Tampa Bay “Royalty”

Seth Klarman’s Klavavich Stables celebrated a winner at Tampa Bay Downs in the form of Royalty Interest (Fr) (Le Havre {Ire}) (video). The daughter of listed winner Dusky Queen (Ire) (Shamardal) was making her racetrack debut in Saturday’s finale--a one-mile turf race, where she exploded away in the stretch to win by 3 3/4 lengths for Klarman’s go-to trainer Chad Brown.

Bred by China Horse Club International in France and consigned by Henri Bozo’s Ecurie des Monceaux, the bay was picked up for €50,000 out of the 2021 Arqana Deauville October Yearling Sale. She is the third winner from three to race for Dusky Queen, herself a half-sister to two stakes horses, including the three-time grade/group-placed Achnaha (Ire) (Haatef). Royalty Interest’s juvenile full-brother brought €10,000 out of the same sale last year from the buying entity the Six of Us, and she also has a Siyouni (Fr) yearling half-brother.

The late Le Havre, who stood at Sumbe’s Haras de Montfort et Preaux before passing away last March, has a strong record Stateside. Eight of his 18 runners have won (44%), and another three have gained black-type laurels (16% of runners) in America. All three have ticked the graded stakes box, led by Suedois (Fr) in the GI Turf Mile S. at Keeneland, four-time graded heroine Rymska (Fr), and GII Red Carpet H. victress Orglandes (Fr). The latter pair were also trained by Brown.

Honourable Mention

The breeze-up sales are nearly here, and the Apr. 18-19 Tattersalls Craven Sale’s lot 44 received an update last week, when his older half-brother, The Right Stuff (GB) (Sea The Stars {Ire}), reported home a 3 3/4-length victor for Holly and David Wilson in an allowance optional claimer at Turf Paradise on Mar. 7.

BAUyrZHAN MURZABAYEV NAMED RETAINED RIDER FOR ANDRE FABRE

Bauyrzhan Murzabayev, a four-time champion jockey in Germany, will become the retained rider for French trainer Andre Fabre, according to published reports.

Murzabayev, who formerly rode for Peter Schiergen, will have first call on all of Fabre’s horses barring those of Godolphin and Wertheimer et Frere, as they have their own retained jockeys.
Bauyrzhan Murzabayev Cont.

“For me, this is the next step,” Murzabayev told Galopp Online. “Last year, when Francie-Henri Graffard’s offer came, I stayed. I know what I owe to Peter Schiergen. We were a very good team and I know that it will be different in France now. But I’m a competitive athlete, my time is short and it’s a huge opportunity to develop myself. I would like to thank Peter and Gisela Schiergen for an extraordinary cooperation. They were like family to me and the decision to switch is hard for me.”

Schiergen has replaced Murzabayev with Rene Piechulek as his first call jockey, however Piechulek will also retain his engagement with Hans-Gerd Wernicke’s Stall Salzburg, the owner of Group 1 winner Mendocino (Ger) (Adlerflug {Ger}). Sibylle Vogt will remain the second call jockey for Schiergen.

FIRST MARES IN FOAL TO NAVAL CROWN AND PERFECT POWER

Darley’s Group 1-winning duo of Naval Crown (GB) and Perfect Power (Ire) both have multiple mares scanned in foal.

The former, a son of Dubawi (Ire) who won the G1 Platinum Jubilee S. and the G2 Al Fahidi Fort, is based at Kildangan Stud in Ireland and stands for €15,000. Crack sprinter Perfect Power, by Ardad (Ire), won both the G1 Prix Morny and G1 Middle Park S. at two, and added the G1 Commonwealth Cup to his resume at three. Part of the Dalham Hall Stud roster, the bay’s 2023 fee is £15,000.

PLUSVITAL EXTENDS SPONSORSHIP AT NAAS

Irish equine science company Plusvital will continue their sponsorship of the Listed Plusvital Devoy S. on the opening weekend of the Irish Flat racing season at Naas on Mar. 26.

In addition to the €500 breeder prize they provided last season, Plusvital will also provide a new additional prize for the trainer of the winning horse, who will be awarded €500 worth of Plusvital products. Additionally, to acknowledge their contribution to the industry, all the winning ‘Best Turned Out’ grooms of each of the races on the day will be recognised with a Plusvital equine care pack.

FIRST-SEASON SIRES WITH RUNNERS

Thursday, Mar. 16, 2023:

FRANCE:
Fas (Ire) (Fastnet Rock {Aus}), Haras de Saint-Vincent
2-MAR.BORELY, 1000m, Bad Boy (Fr)
€10,000 Arqana Deauville September Yearling Sale 2022

Fas (above) has a runner on Thursday | Scoop Dyga
OBSERVATIONS
on the European racing scene

HOW THEY FARED

18.00 Kempton, Nov, £7,900, 3yo, 10f 219y (AWT)

John Gunther’s homebred Flowers (GB) (Frankel {GB}), a Ralph Beckett-trained half-sister to GI Florida Derby hero Materiality (Afleet Alex) and MGISP GI Kentucky Oaks runner-up My Miss Sophia (Unbridled’s Song), was the first of five under pressure and faded in the straight to trail all four rivals home.

Wednesday’s Results:
3rd-Kempton, £60,000, Cond, 3-15, 3yo, 8f (AWT), 1:39.76, st/sl.

BRAVE EMPEROR {IRE} (g, 3, Sioux Nation--Roman Gal {Ire}, by Holy Roman Emperor {Ire}) was denied a fourth consecutive win when demoted to second at Southwell in January, before posting a career high in last month’s Listed Prix de la Californie at Cagnes-sur-Mer, and raced close to the pace after breaking to the fore in this Road To The Kentucky Derby conditions test. Shaken up to launch his bid challenge passing the quarter-mile marker, the 3-1 second choice gained an edge approaching the final furlong and was driven out late to prevail by a head from Alzahir (Fr) (Sea The Stars {Ire}). Brave Emperor is the first of two reported foals out of a half-sister to MG1SP Listed Buckhounds S. victor Salouen (Ire) (Canford Cliffs {Ire}) and Listed Prix Dahlia third Madernia (Ire) (Duke Of Marmalade {Ire}). The April-foaled bay’s third dam Morning Queen (Ger) (Konigsstuhl {Ger}) is a winning full-sister to MG1SW stalwart Monsun (Ger). Sales history: 19,000 Ylg > 21 GOFFUK. Lifetime Record: 7-5-1-0, $102,378.
O-Middleham Park Racing LX; B-Caroline Hanly & Sean Ronan (IRE); T-Archie Watson.

1st-Kempton, £7,000, Nov, 3-15, 3yo, 10f 219y (AWT), 2:19.75, st/sl.

MAASAI MARA (GB) {g, 3, Roaring Lion--Wekeela {Fr} {GSW & MGISP-US, GSW & G1SP-Fr, $418,587}, by Hurricane Run {Ire}} finished in the money in all three prior starts, was gelded after posting a Sept. 23 fourth over one mile at Newcastle last time and occupied a threatening slot in second for most of this sophomore bow. Looming large off the home turn and inching ahead at the two pole, the 15-8 second choice quickened clear approaching the final furlong and was pushed out late to defeat Another Run (Ire) (Zoffany {Ire}) by two lengths. Maasai Mara, kin to a 2-year-old colt by Kingman (GB) and a yearling filly by Lope De Vega (Ire), is the second of four foals out of MGSW G1 Prix Saint-Alary, GI Jenny Wiley S. and GI Gamely S. runner-up Wekeela (Fr) (Hurricane Run {Ire}). Wekeela is a full-sister to multiple stakes-placed Scandinavian champion Matauri Pearl (Ire), herself the dam of GI Breeders’ Cup Juvenile Fillies Turf heroine Aunt Pearl (Ire) (Lope De Vega {Ire}). The February-foaled bay’s third dam Morning Queen (Ger) (Konigsstuhl {Ger}) is a winning full-sister to MG1SW stalwart Monsun (Ger). Lifetime Record: 4-1-1-0, $11,690.
O-Qatar Racing Ltd; B-The Wekeela Partnership (GB); T-John & Thady Gosden.

2nd-Newcastle, £11,400, Mdn, 3-15, 3yo/up, 7f 14y (AWT), 1:31.79, st.

ARABIAN STORM (GB) {c, 3, Kingman {GB}--Arabian Queen {Ire} {G1SW-Eng, $1,133,280}, by Dubawi {Ire}}, was a neck second in his Oct. 1 debut over this trip at Newmarket last time, raced third in the wake of the leader through modest early fractions here. Cruising to the front on the bridle leaving the three-furlong marker behind, the 1-4 lock was untroubled thereafter and kept on strongly under mild coaxing in the closing stages to easily outpoint Old Smoke (Ire) (Caravaggio) by three lengths. Arabian Storm is the third foal and scorer produced by G1 Juddmonte International heroine Arabian Queen (Ire) (Dubawi {Ire}), herself a daughter of dual G2 Lancashire Oaks victrix Barshiba (Ire) (Barathea {Ire}). The March-foaled homebred bay, a May 6 G1 2000 Guineas entry, is a half-brother to the 2-year-old filly See The Fire (GB) (Sea The Stars {Ire}) and a yearling colt by Lope De Vega (Ire). Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, $10,316.
O-J C Smith; B-Littleton Stud (GB); T-Andrew Balding.

CONDITIONS RESULTS:
2nd-Kempton, £7,000, Nov, 3-15, 3-5yo, 8f (AWT), 1:40.53, st/sl.

WOODSTOCK (GB) {c, 3, Sixties Icon--Isabella Bird {Ire}, by Invincible Spirit {Ire}} Lifestyle Record: 3-2-1-0, $15,563.
O/B-Jon & Julia Aisbitt (GB). *1/2 to Duc De Morny (GB) (Cityscape {GB}), GSP-Ity, $104,272.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:
Agonyclite (GB), g, 4, Dabirsim (Fr)--Hoku (Ire) (MSW & GSP-Nor, GSP-Eng, MSP-Swe, $214,667), by Holy Roman Emperor {Ire}. Newcastle, 3-15, 8f 5y (AWT), 1:41.28. Lifetime Record: 7-1-0-0, $5,828. B-Black Type Ltd (GB). *£70,000 Ylg ’20 GOFFUK. *1/2 to Duc De Morny (GB) (Cityscape {GB}), GSP-Ity, $104,272.
Crown Princesse (Zarak) winning at Chantilly on Wednesday. The filly finished second to TDN Rising Star, and subsequent listed winner, Pensee Du Jour (Camelot) last month. | Scoop Dyga
4th-Chantilly Cont.

She hails from the family of elite-level siblings Sottsass (Fr) (Siyouni (Fr)), Sistercharlie (Ire) (Myboycharlie (Ire)) and My Sister Nat (Fr) (Acclamation (GB)). Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, €18,900. Video, sponsored by TVG.
O/B-Haras de Saint-Julien & Mme Regula Vannod (FR); T-Fabrice Chappet.

CONDITIONS RESULTS:
3rd-Chantilly, €28,000, Cond, 3-15, 3yo, 6 1/2f (AWT), 1:19.60, st.

KIT DE CERISY (FR) (c, 3, Luck Of The Kitten--Child Bride (GB), by Invincible Spirit (Ire)) Lifetime Record: 10-5-1-2, €65,550. O-Shamrock Racing; B-Olivier Varin, Yann Varin & Sebastien Varin (FR); T-Tim Donworth.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Tuesday’s Result:

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Coventina Bay To Magics National Sale

Zac Purton To Ride Giga Kick

Jamie Kah Improves, Family Reveals

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