APRIL FOOL IN THE DERBY FUTURE WAGER POOL?

Approaching the four-week mark to the GI Kentucky Derby, trainer Todd Pletcher has three highly ranked contenders, and the most impressive thing about that collective is that the Hall of Fame conditioner has guided them through undefeated 2023 campaigns to date, meticulously mapping out their schedules to avoid overlap.

Divisional champ Forte (Violence), now 6-for-7, won Saturday's GI Curlin Florida Derby with a mad-dash flourish. 'TDN Rising Star' Tapit Trice (Tapit), the winner of the GIII Tampa Bay Derby, will be heavily favored to improve his 3-for-4 record with another score in Saturday's GI Toyota Blue Grass S. The 3-for-3 Kingsbarns (Uncle Mo) heads to Kentucky after wiring the GII Louisiana Derby.

Latching on to a proven trainer and the prospect of getting behind the "headline horses," bettors accordingly pounded those three Pletcher trainees in Pool 6 of the Kentucky Derby Future Wager (KDFW).

Unlike pools 2 through 5 earlier this season that closed on Sunday evenings after each weekend's prep stakes had been run, this final version of the KDFW added speculative intrigue by closing at 6 p.m. Saturday, prior to the runnings of the Florida Derby and GI Arkansas Derby.

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FORTE 'LOOKS VERY WELL' FOLLOWING GUTSY FLORIDA DERBY WIN

Repole Stable and St. Elias Stable’s Forte (Violence), winner of Saturday’s GI Curlin Florida Derby, will remain in South Florida for now to await his next assignment in the GI Kentucky Derby.

Hall of Fame trainer Todd Pletcher reported Sunday that the champion 2-year-old colt emerged from his one-length victory over Mage (Good Magic) in good order and left Gulfstream Park early Sunday morning to return to Pletcher’s winter base at Palm Beach Downs.

“He’s good. He shipped back early this morning and he looks very well,” Pletcher said. “We’ll kind of leave it open. I think we’ll stay here at least a couple of weeks. We’ll monitor the weather here, that it doesn’t start to get too hot, and kind of monitor what the Louisville forecast looks like. If it kind of becomes springtime and [there’s] not a lot of rain in the forecast, then we might shift up there for his last couple of works. I think we’ll just play it by ear for a little while and see how things are developing.” Cont. Pg 5

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WHITE BIRCH TOPS LEOPARDSTOWN’S BALLYSAX

White Birch (GB) Ulysses (Irel) enters the Derby fray with a victory in Leopardstown’s G3 P W McGrath Memorial Ballysax S. Sunday.

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Forte closed as the 5-2 favorite, while Tapit Trice and Kingsbarns attracted 11-1 action as the co-second choices.

Forte being favored is no shock. But that prohibitively low price bettors jumped at Apr. 1 makes you wonder if some April fools got pranked in the futures pool by locking in a return that could be lower than Forte’s actual mutuel on Derby day.

For perspective, only three times in the past 14 years has the Derby favorite been sent postward at 5-2 or lower odds on race day. Even the two recent, highly popular Triple Crown winners—American Pharoah and Justify—didn’t get that heavily backed in their respective Derbies. Both went off at 2.9-1.

And the kicker is that bettors were willing to accept that apparently underlaid 5-2 price on Forte before knowing the results of the Florida Derby. Nor did they know how the colt came out of the race (reportedly fine).

But considering the historical starting prices in the Derby itself, do those ticket-holders still think they got good value on their KDFW investments? Presumably, they’ll spend the next four weeks anxiously awaiting the Derby post draw, which presents an entirely unavoidable random wrinkle that will one way or the other affect Forte’s Derby-day mutuel odds and his chances in the race itself.

As for the other two Pletcher-trained KDFW second choices, Tapit Trice at 11-1 has decent upside if he runs a monster race at Keeneland.

Kingsbarns, however, is likely to go off higher than his 11-1 KDFW price in the actual Derby mutuels.

Dropping down to 13-1 in Pool 6 of the KDFW, we find another seemingly underlaid surprise: Derma Sotogake (Jpn) (Mind Your Biscuits).

This 4-for-8 winner of the G2 UAE Derby could be part of the advancing wave of Japan-based horses rapidly making their marks in elite global races. **Cont.**
But I doubt this colt will be going off lower than that ambitious KDFW price when he starts in Louisville. Since 2000, 12 winners of the UAE Derby have gone on to compete in the Kentucky Derby. The best finish among them was sixth (along with two DNF's and a 20th-place try).

Practical Move at 14-1 represents the first sniff of KDFW Pool 6 value.

For the past month, this son of Practical Joke has been ranked as the No. 2 contender on the TDN Derby Top 12 list, and he's either going to be the favorite or the second favorite in Saturday's GI Santa Anita Derby. A win or a smart second sets up this colt to peak in Louisville, and if that's the result, Practical Move will start as the second or third favorite in the Derby mutuels, somewhere in the 5-1 to 10-1 range.

But it’s the other major contender in the Santa Anita Derby--Geaux Rocket Ride (Candy Ride {Arg})--whose overlaid 33-1 KDFW Pool 6 closing odds stand out like a beacon of opportunity. For that juicy price, you get a 2-for-2, speed-centric prospect who has shown promise enough to be ranked at No. 4 within the TDN Top 12.

Geaux Rocket Ride will vie for favoritism with Practical Move on Saturday, and his Hall of Fame trainer, Richard Mandella, is known for not embarking upon the Derby path unless he is confident he has a colt with a realistic shot of winning on the first Saturday in May.

Mandella hasn't started a horse in the Kentucky Derby since 2004. But in 2019, he was set to start the deserving favorite, Omaha Beach, before having to scratch days before the Derby when the colt was discovered to have an entrapped epiglottis.

Parked much, much deeper down the list among the 39 individual horses and the 17-1 “all others” field option for KDFW Pool 6 is one final, tantalizing long shot worth mentioning: The Brad Cox-trained Slip Mahoney at an astounding 130-1.
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He's an Arrogate colt out of an A.P. Indy mare who will be among the favorites in Saturday's GII Wood Memorial S. at Aqueduct. Slip Mahoney was slow from the gate and second best with a big late move from 13th behind a 7 1/2-length runaway winner in the muddy GIII Gotham S. back on Mar. 4.

His distance-oriented pedigree should appreciate the stretch out to nine furlongs from three one-turn miles. And if he runs well enough to accrue the points (he's currently No. 31 with 20 on the qualifying list), bettors will likely send him off exponentially lower in the Louisville mutuels.

Forte Florida Derby Cont. From Pg. 1
Forte had plenty to overcome in the Florida Derby in an effort and under circumstances that Pletcher felt would be an ideal bridge to the 1 1/4-mile Kentucky Derby.

“I think the one thing we learned in the Florida Derby is that he handled the race really well. The best part of the race for him was the last sixteenth of a mile, which gives you confidence that the added distance won't be an issue,” Pletcher said.

“He seems to have taken it well. He was on his toes after the race which he normally is, just like he is kind of in the walking ring beforehand.”

“It showed that he still had some good energy left after the race, but we'll learn a lot more about that as we kind of train this week,” he added. “What was impressive [Saturday] was when he did make the lead, he kind of pricked his ears again which we've seen him do a number of times. It kind of makes you believe there's a little more in the tank there.”

Forte will look to give his trainer his third Kentucky Derby win following Super Saver in 2010 and Always Dreaming in 2017.

“The schedule's changed a bit. When I first started coming to Gulfstream, the Florida Derby was sort of a prep for a final prep,
Angel of Empire

and now, with the positioning of it five weeks before the Kentucky Derby, to me, it’s kind of become the ideal Derby prep,” he added. “I love the spacing of it, the five weeks until the Kentucky Derby. So it’s kind of changed a little bit as we’ve gone along, but really I like where it’s positioned. We liked the schedule that we laid out for him. We liked the Fountain of Youth as his comeback race, which went very smoothly. Then we got a good solid race in the Florida Derby,” Pletcher said. “Part of the reason we chose the Florida Derby over the [GI] Blue Grass S. [at Keeneland] was the additional week to the Kentucky Derby. I think that spacing is good, hopefully, to have him move forward again.”

OGMA Investments, Ramiro Restrepo, Sterling Racing and CMNWLT’s Mage, in just his third career start, earned 40 points for his runner-up finish and now ranks 12th on the Derby points leaderboard.

Trainer Dale Romans indicated Albaugh Family Stables and Castleton Lyons’ Cyclone Mischief (Into Mischief), third in the Florida Derby, will be Kentucky Derby-bound.

“He looks good,” Romans said Sunday. “We look forward to the Derby. His last couple races have been good and he keeps improving, so we’ll have him back in there.”

**ANGEL OF EMPIRE ON TO KENTUCKY AFTER BIG SATURDAY FOR BRAD COX**

Brad Cox saddled a trio of winners Saturday at Oaklawn with Angel of Empire (Classic Empire) taking the day’s biggest prize in the GI Arkansas Derby. He also won the GIII Fantasy S. for 3-year-old fillies with heavily-favored Wet Paint (Blame) and the Hot Springs S. for 3-year-olds with Eyeing Clover (Lookin At Lucky). Cont.
“It was a great day,” Cox said during training hours Sunday morning at Oaklawn. “It was good. Big performance from that colt yesterday, Angel of Empire. We'll load him on Tuesday and ship to Kentucky and see what we can come up with.”

Ridden for the first time by Flavien Prat, Angel of Empire powered to a 4 1/4-length victory over longshot King Russell (Creative Cause) before an estimated crowd of 65,000.

“I’ve said it several times,” Cox said. “He’s a horse we thought would get better with time and, obviously, age as well. And you know, he’s obviously gotten better throughout the winter and he looks amazing. I think distance is probably an equalizer. He’s not blessed with a tremendous amount of speed.”

“He just kind of breaks. And he’s not void of speed, but he kind of finds his way and they get away from him a little bit. But he settles. He’s a very smart horse. Probably the biggest thing with him. There was a pretty big crowd here and there was a lot of noise in the paddock. He stands there and really presented himself well [Saturday] in the paddock and in the infield when we legged the riders up. He was on his toes, but he wasn’t hot at all. He was feeling good. You could tell he was ready to run. I loved how he was acting mentally.”

Angel of Empire’s eventual winning margin, 2 1/2 lengths in mid-stretch, ballooned in the run to the wire.

“Even in the gallop out, they weren’t close to him,” Cox said. “Flavien had never sat on him and he came back said, ‘Wow! This horse, the farther, the better.’”

Angel of Empire collected 100 Kentucky Derby qualifying points for his Arkansas Derby victory, which pushed his overall total to 154, good enough for second on the leaderboard.

Cox said he doesn’t have a jockey commitment yet for the Kentucky Derby.

“They’ll sort themselves out over the next several weeks, between the Blue Grass, Wood and Santa Anita Derby,” Cox said. “We’ll see what happens.”

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Cox also notched his second career victory in the 1 1/16-mile GIII Fantasy S. with Wet Paint, a homebred who races for her breeder, Godolphin. Last of 10 early, Wet Paint rolled to a 2 1/2-length victory over Taxed (Collected) to become only the second filly behind Eight Belles to sweep what are now Oaklawn’s three Kentucky Oaks points races. Wet Paint also won the Martha Washington S. Jan. 28 and the GIII Honeybee S. Feb. 25.

Saturday’s race marked the filly’s first try around two turns over a fast track after catching off tracks in both the Martha Washington and the Honeybee.

“Listen, we don’t know until we try,” Cox said. “We didn’t know until we ran yesterday. But her works here have been awfully good on dry tracks, so I felt pretty confident we’d get a big run from her as long as we got pace to run at. We got it. She’s definitely one of the top fillies in the country.”

**FLORIDA DERBY TIME ADJUSTED**

*by Bill Finley*

After reviewing the race, Equibase has adjusted the final time for Saturday’s GI Florida Derby, won by Forte (Violence). The original time of 1:48.51 has been changed to 1:49.37.

In a statement released Sunday by Equibase, the company said that the finish line beam may have been tripped before the horses reached the finish line.

Prior to Equibase recognizing the mistake, the error was caught by the Beyer speed figure team. Initially, Forte was credited with a 98 Beyer figure. That number was lowered to a 95.

“The time is almost a full second wrong and I have no idea why,” said Beyer associate Randy Moss.

After doing their own review of the race, the Beyer team came up with a final time of 1:49.39. Moss said questions were raised about the Equibase time because it had the field covering the final eighth of a mile in :12.16, which seemed unrealistically fast. That, Moss said, drew the attention of Craig Milkowski from TimeformUS. He reached out to Moss and both went over the race. With the recalculated final time, Forte’s last furlong went in :13.02. Equibase has also adjusted the time for the final furlong to 13:02.

“We timed it four different times, four different ways and got within three-one hundredths of a second every time,” Moss said.

Moss added that on first inspection it appeared that Forte’s figure was significantly higher.

“Initially, we looked at the track variant and had the figure coming up as 104,” Moss said. “Andy [Beyer] and Mark [Hopkins] asked me what did I think. I said that the fig is the fig.”
“They said there was no way those horse who finished behind Forte could have all run that fast. So they decided to make it a 98. As it turns out, they were right because the time was wrong.”

EXAULTED STAYS PERFECT ON THE GRASS IN AMERICAN S.

Exaulted didn’t even try the turf until his 11th career start back on Jan. 2 but the 6-year-old has more than made up for lost time with his third straight win on the Santa Anita grass course, taking the GIII American S. Sunday.

Entered off a pair of 93 Beyer Speed Figure efforts—a career high—against allowance and optional claiming company respectively, Exaulted earned 9-5 second choice honors for his first graded-stakes race since contesting the GII Triple Bend S. last May. Sent to the front after a sharp beginning from the middle of the gate, the bay was outsprinted to the lead by Bob and Jackie (Twirling Candy) to his inside as the field passed the wire for the first time in the one-mile event. Positioned just off that rival’s hip up the backstretch through an opening quarter in :22.71, Exaulted stayed in that stalking spot as the top pair raced a few lengths ahead of favored Du Jour (Temple City) and Earls Rock (Ire) who raced together in third and fourth. With a slight cue from jockey Juan Hernandez, the 6-year-old began to eat into the margin into the far turn, grinding away until the pair was head and head at the top of the stretch. The field swung out four wide for the battle to the wire but Exaulted had plenty left, pulling clear as 13-1 shot Irideo (Arg) (Easing Along) closed in behind him to be a non-threatening second.

“We just kind of ran out of options," said winning trainer Peter Eurton. "He wasn’t running as well as a 5-year-old...[something] just wasn’t right, so I think as a last resort we thought we’d give him a try on the grass. I think [spacing] is the key for him with a long year. He is big, he’s heavy...(Juan Hernandez) is just phenomenal, this guy. [He] is riding with no fear, he just so confident in his abilities and it shows you right there and in many other [cases]."

"We broke a little slow because he kind of moved before we broke, but it worked out fine," added Hernandez. "The other horse went and I just stalked him and I was just really confident in him. He was in the bridle and around the three eighths, I thought I had a lot of horse.

Pedigree Notes:

A $200,000 Fasig-Tipton Saratoga Yearling back in 2018, Exaulted becomes the 18th graded-stakes winner for his sire, G1 Malibu S. winner Twirling Candy who had a strong week in the sales ring at OBS March last month, with a colt selling for $1 million and a filly bringing $900,000. This is the female family of GSW Rogue Romance (Smarty Jones) and MGSP Tizbig (Tiznow). Gilded Miracle, herself a half-sister to GSW Wonderlandbynam (Sky Mesa), has not produced a foal since 2019.
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3--Bob and Jackie, 124, g, 7, Twirling Candy--Fateer, by Eskendereya. ($190,000 4yo ‘20 KEENOV). O-Calvin Nguyen and Joey C. Tran; B-Zayat Stables, LLC (KY); T-George Papaprodromou. $12,000.

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CORRECTION: In Sunday’s TDN, we wrote that Queen Caroline had lost her 2022 foal and had been bred back to Not This Time. In fact, Queen Caroline lost what would have been her 2023 foal, by Not This Time, and is currently in foal to Horse of the Year Flightline. We regret the error.

KEENELAND WORKERS PREP FOR OPENING WEEKEND STAKES

Several runners being pointed to opening weekend stakes turned in works Sunday morning over the fast main track.

Dixiana Farms’ homebred Hayes Strike (Connect) along with Mendelssohns March (Mendelssohn), owned by Harold Lerner, Nehoc Stables, AWC Stables and Team Stallion Racing Stable, tuned up for expected starts in Saturday’s GI Toyota Blue Grass S. by working 5 furlongs in 1:00.60 in company together.

Hayes Strike comes into the Blue Grass off a victory in the Private Terms S. at Laurel Mar. 18.

“I don’t run many horses in Maryland,” trainer Kenny McPeek said of Hayes Strike. “His race at Turfway (in the Leonatus S. on Jan. 21)...nothing went right. He didn’t ship well, and he didn’t handle the synthetic surface at all. I just needed to get him back on the dirt and get him back to winning.”
McPeek is expected to send out Magdalena Racing, Colette Marie Vanmatre and James Ball’s Defining Purpose (Cross Traffic) in the Ashland. Defining Purpose worked five furlongs in 1:00.20.

Half-mile workers included Mr. and Mrs. Tsunebumi Yoshihara’s Yuugiri (Shackleford) who went in :48.80 in preparation for the GI Madison S. for trainer Rodolphe Brisset; Tom Durant’s Run Classic (Runhappy), who worked a half in :47.80 for the GII Commonwealth S. for trainer Bret Calhoun; and Michael J. Ryan’s Be Your Best (Ire) (Muhaarar {GB}) in :49.80 for the GII Appalachian S. for trainer Horacio De Paz.

Also working Sunday morning was West Coast Stables’ Pride of the Nile (Pioneerof the Nile), currently 28th on the Road to the Kentucky Oaks with 17 points, who drilled six furlongs in 1:16 on the main track under Ferrin Peterson for trainer Doug O’Neill in preparation for Friday’s Ashland.

“I was glad to get her,” said Stephanie Murray, who oversees the O’Neill string at Keeneland. “Today was her third work here. The first time, she worked on the [all-weather] training track because of the rain.”

SANTA ANITA DERBY CONTENDERS HAVE FINAL WORKS

Multiple contenders pointed to Saturday’s GI Runhappy Santa Anita Derby had their final works Sunday including the top three finishers from last month’s GII San Felipe S.

Practical Move (Practical Joke), winner of the GII San Felipe S. Mar. 4, drilled five furlongs in 1:01.20 for trainer Tim Yakteen.

Geaux Rocket Ride (Candy Ride {Arg}), who was second the San Felipe, worked five furlongs in company in :59.4 for Hall of Fame trainer Richard Mandella.

“We’re all set,” Mandella said following the work.

Skinner (Curlin), who was third in the San Felipe, worked five furlongs in :59.2 seconds under Hall of Famer Victor Espinoza for John Shirreffs.

“He was just cruising,” Espinoza said. “He’s ready now.”

Also working Sunday was National Treasure (Quality Road), scratched as the morning-line favorite for the San Felipe, who went six furlongs in 1:12.6.

Saturday’s GI Santa Anita Oaks could have up to a field of eight, including Faiza (Girvin) and And Tell Me Nolies (Arrogate), the top-two finishers in the GIII Santa Ysabel S. Mar. 5.

Faiza completed her final preparations on Saturday with a six-furlong work in 1:12.60 for trainer Bob Baffert while And Tell Me Nolies also had her final tune-up on Saturday with a five-furlong work in 1:01.80.

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**Clearly Unhinged** (Bernardini) worked a bullet on Saturday when going five furlongs in :59.60 seconds for the Oaks. It was the fastest of 53 moves at the distance.  

**Princess Bettina** (Will Take Charge) is also targeting the Oaks with an easy half mile move in :49.20 seconds.

**IRAD ORTIZ, JR. AND SAFFIE JOSEPH JR. CLAIM GULFSTREAM MEET TITLES**

Irad Ortiz Jr. finished off the Championship Meet at Gulfstream Park in style Saturday, piloting Forte to a victory in Saturday’s GI Curlin Florida Derby to tally his sixth winner on the day alone.  

With three more winning rides on Sunday’s closing day program, Ortiz finished the Championship Meet with 128 victories to reclaim the jockey title for the winter Thoroughbred session.

“I’ve had big support from the owners and trainers. They support me. Thanks to them. If I don’t have their help, I can’t do anything,” Irad Ortiz Jr. said Sunday.  

“I try to prepare as much as I can for every horse, every day. I just like to prepare myself to get to know every single horse to get an advantage, that’s important,” Ortiz said.

Saffie Joseph Jr. made a successful title defense of the Championship Meet by a 47-41 margin over Hall of Fame trainer Todd Pletcher.
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FORTE tops the Road to the Kentucky Derby Leaderboard with 190 points.

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BRILLIANT ‘RISING STAR’ FOR SIRE

by Patrycja Szpyra

Minor ailments held her back from a juvenile campaign, but Shootoutthelights (City of Light) showed she was worth the wait as she lit up the clock with an electrifying cruising speed, and dominated her rivals to become her sire’s first ‘TDN Rising Star’ as a brilliant cap to Gulfstream’s Championship meet.

The race was almost over from the jump as the filly rocketed out of the stalls as the 6-5 favorite and out-kicked Queen Karima for the lead. With an opening split posting at a wicked 20.89 and a half in 43.79, Irad Ortiz Jr. said ‘go’ in the stretch and the pair disappeared from the field, hitting the wire 3 1/2 lengths in front as 55.77 went up for the final time. Queen Karima was a clear second best on the day.

With Shootoutthelights riding two bullet works into this contest—and certainly no secret to the betting public—conditioner Wesley Ward had glowing praise for his newest ‘Rising Star’ and everyone around her.

“Gene Recio did a great job with this filly in Ocala,” Ward said after the race. “I am very thankful to Breeze Easy’s Mike Hall for letting me train [Shootoutthelights]. She was my pick of all the yearlings they had two years ago.”

Ward added, “Minor issues held her back [from a juvenile season] but the owners are very patient.”

Out of Very One S.-placed Donna Getyourgun, the victress was a $525,000 yearling at 2021 KEESEP and is only the third foal in her dam’s first six seasons as a broodmare. Her half-sister Mizzen Beau (Mizzen Mast), SW, $205,559 was the flag bearer to the races, a $100,000 OBSAPR grad in her day, and picked up her black-type at Woodbine before retiring to motherhood herself, delivering a colt by Hard Spun this year. Their dam delivered unplaced Shake It Out West (Speightster) in 2018 and was barren a season before having Shootoutthelights in 2020. Donna Getyourgun is also responsible for two other fillies: a 2-year-old by Catholic Boy who changed hands for $19,000 last year at KEESEP to Winner Circle Racing Stable and a yearling by McKinzie. She is due to Silver State for 2023.

Second dam Cryptoqueen claims quite a busy line beneath her with nine winners, including MGSW Clearly A Queen (Lucky North), who claims two stakes runners and is the granddam of MGWS Engage (Into Mischief) and MGSP Commute (Hold Me Back). This is also the extended female family of MGSP British Royalty (English Channel); GSW Savedbythelight (Saint Ballado); and SW Reformer Rally (Dynaformer).
IN ORDER OF PURSE:
SUNLAND PARK H., $150,000, Sunland, 4-2, 3yo/up, 1 1/8m, 1:49.55, ft.
1--MINE THAT STAR, 124, h, 6, Pioneerof the Nile--Mining My Own, by Smart Strike. ($775,000 Ylg '18 KEESEP; $35,000 3yo '20 KEENOV). O-Judge Lanier Racing, LLC; B-Phil & Judy Needham, Bena Halecky & WinStar Farm LLC (KY); T-Nancy Summers; J-Ken S. Tohill. $93,000. Lifetime Record: 20-8-3-3, $424,898. *1/2 to Dullahan (Even the Score), MGISW, $1,735,901; and to Mine That Bird (Birdstone), Ch. 2-year-old Colt-Can, GISW-USA, GSW-Can, $2,228,637.

2--ZESTFUL, 124, g, 8, Ghostzapper--Sweet Relish, by Smoke Glacken. ($100,000 3yo '18 FTKHRA). O- Stable M. A.; B-Pin Oak Stud, LLC (KY); T-Dick Cappellucci. $33,000.

3--LIMONITE, 121, h, 7, Lemon Drop Kid--Colina Verde (Brz), by Know Heights (Ire). ($115,000 Ylg '17 KEESEP; $100,000 3yo '19 KEESEP; $70,000 6yo '22 FTKFEB). O-Jeremy Ramsland; B-Roberto Mesquita (KY); T-Andres Gonzalez. $15,000.

Margins: 3 1/4, 4HF, 5HF. Odds: 1.70, 3.10, 3.00.

Also Ran: Sheriff Brown, Looking for Bull. Scratched: Clayton Delaney.

A staple on the New Mexico circuit since being purchased by Judge Lanier Racing, Mine That Star added another tick of black-type to his tally with a clear victory in the Sunland Park H.

Opening his 2023 season in fourth Jan. 29 at Sunland in the FT. Bliss S., the son of Pioneerof the Nile pressed the early pace as Limonite tried to shake him off and Zestful stalked from third. Eased back off the leader along the backstretch, he loomed the threat from five wide through the second bend and took command at the quarter pole. Angled in and five on top in the straight, Mine That Star safely held his advantage as Zestful and Limonite battled home for the minors. A half to several well-regarded horses, including GI Kentucky Derby hero Mine That Bird and the talented Dullahan, Mine That Star has a placed 5-year-old full-brother Dolan’s Lad and a 3-year-old half-sister Just My Own (Justify), who is the last registered foal for the mare thus far. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.

PASADENA S., $98,000, Santa Anita, 4-2, 3yo, 1mT, 1:33.79, fm.
1--JOHANNES, 120, c, 3, by Nyquist
1st Dam: Cuyathy (SP, $107,923), by Congrats
2nd Dam: Dance Darling, by Devil’s Bag
3rd Dam: Danzig Darling, by Danzig
O/B-Cuyathy, LLC (KY); T-Tim Yakteen; J-Umberto Rispoli.
$60,000. Lifetime Record: 6-3-0-1, $170,059.

2--Game Time, 120, c, 3, Not This Time--Confession, by Broken Vow. ($290,000 Ylg '21 KEESEP). O-Hronis Racing LLC; B-Dermot Joyce (KY); T-John W. Sadler. $20,000.

3--Wizard of Westwood, 120, c, 3, Tu Brutus (Chi)--Figrare, by Purge. ($20,000 Ylg '21 KEESEP). O-Andrew & Rania Warren; B-Pope McLean (KY); T-Michael W. McCarthy. $12,000.

Margins: 3HF, 3/4, 7HF. Odds: 0.30, 2.80, 5.70.
Also Ran: Keen to Go. Scratched: Mucino.

Bet like he couldn’t lose, Johannes strolled home much the best while making his two-turn bow in the Pasadena S. at Santa Anita Sunday. Taken in hand out of the gate, the heavy favorite settled at the back of the compact four-horse field heading into the backstretch. He rolled up four wide to challenge the pacersetters into the lane, pounced to the lead at midstretch and powered clear under a hand ride for an effortless victory.

“It’s onward and upward,” said winning trainer Tim Yakteen. “It was a small field, but I think it was a great stepping stone for us to validate that we can two-turn. I’ll get together with [owner/breeder] Joe [McCloskey] and come up with a game plan and see if we can have some fun. Very nice. We are very happy.”

Johannes graduated by an emphatic nine lengths while trying turf for the first time at Santa Anita last December and jumped up to stakes company with a late-closing win down the hill at Santa Anita in the Mar. 5 Baffle S.
“The thing that made me believe he could run a mile, was last time going down the hill, he was so relaxed out of the gate, and he was kind of push button,” said winning rider Umberto Rispoli. “It was a little messy going down the hill. Unfortunately, I couldn’t have the spot I wanted, so I had to wait until the sixteenth of a mile and he was much the best in that race, and he proved that again today.

“I think he is just starting to understand the game. Today, he came out of the gate like, “What am I going to do?” and as soon as I put him in behind horses, he switched off and from there it was just a matter of letting him run. My hands got itchy around the turn and finally I was happy to let him run. I don’t think we’ve seen the best of him.”

Johannes is the first foal out of stakes-placed Cuyathy, who was purchased by McCloskey for $50,000 out of the 2014 Keeneland September sale. The mare has a 2-year-old filly by Mastery, a yearling filly by Gun Runner and produced a filly by Knicks Go this year. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.

TOP FLIGHT S., $97,000, Aqueduct, 4-2, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/8m, 1:51.42, ft.
1—FALCONET, 120, f, 4, Uncle Mo--Birdatthewire (GISW, $808,430), by Summer Bird. ($250,000 Ylg '20 KEESEP). O-CHC Inc. and WinStar Farm LLC; B-WinStar Farm, LLC (KY); T-Todd A. Pletcher; J-Jose Lezcano. $55,000. Lifetime Record: GSP, 9-4-4-0, $392,340.

2—Kathleen O., 120, f, 4, Upstart--Quaver, by Blame. ($8,000 Wlg '19 KEENOV; $50,000 Ylg '20 OBSOCT; $275,000 2yo '21 OBSAPR). O-Winningate Stables, LLC; B-Gainesway Thoroughbreds LTD & Bridlewood Farm, LLC (KY); T-Claude R. McGaughey III. $20,000.

3—Timeless Journey, 118, m, 6, Verrazano--Matchmadeinheaven, by Utopia (Jpn). O/B-Merrylegs Farm North LLC (NY); T-Raymond Handal. $12,000. 

Margins: 2 1/4, HF, 2 1/4. Odds: 3.50, 0.40, 15.10.

Facing just four rivals after a pair of scratches, Falconet fired nicely in the end at the ’Big A’ on Sunday afternoon to win the second stakes victory of her career. Spot on at 7-2 from the morning-line, the bay filly was handed a gift as heavy favorite Kathleen O. missed the break and trailed as Mommasgottarun (Maclean’s Music) provided the target for the tracking Pletcher trainee who was accompanied along the rail by Timeless Journey. Rounding the far turn, Falconet got under way and, as the pacesetter faded at the top of the stretch, she dug down and found more, passing Timeless Journey to win easily over the late-arriving Kathleen O.

“I thought Jose [Lezcano] did a great job of helping her out of there going into the first turn and sat just behind the speed,” said Byron Hughes, assistant to Pletcher, said. “He saved ground throughout, tipped her out around the far turn and was able to pull away a little bit at the end. She appears to prefer the two turns. She’s very consistent, but the two turns is something she seems to enjoy more.”

Off the board in just one of her first eight career starts, Falconet’s sophomore season included runner-up efforts in the GIII Iowa Oaks in July and an overnight stakes at Churchill in September. She ended the year with a fourth-place finish in the Nov. 25 GIII Comely S. and opened 2023 with a first stakes victory over this track and trip in the Jan. 1 Ladies S. She was returning to 1 1/8 miles after a runner-up effort in the one-mile Heavenly Prize S. at Aqueduct Feb. 18.

Falconet is the first foal out of Birdatthewire’s to make it to the races. The mare, a Grade I stakes winner has a 2-year-old named Grand Rapids (Into Mischief). Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.
IN ORDER OF PURSE:

10th-Gulfstream, $73,000, Alw (C)/Opt. Clm ($62,500), 4-2, 4yo/up, 7 1/2fT, 1:30.16, fm, nose.

GET SMOKIN (g, 6, Get Stormy--Hookah Lady, by Smoke Glacken), who competed at tracks as diverse as Meydan to Saratoga in 2022, was last seen finishing a distant 10th behind GI Breeders' Cup Mile hero Modern Games (Ire) (Dubawi {Ire}) in the GI Woodbine Mile Sept. 17. The 5-2 favorite hugged the inner rail while controlling the pace up front and, despite a challenge past the sixteenth pole from the charging Saratoga Flash (Laoban), he was able to hang on by a nose for the off-the-bench victory. The winner's dam has a 2-year-old colt by Vino Rosso and a yearling filly by Get Stormy. She has a just-reported colt on the ground by Classic Empire. Sales History: $11,000 Ylg '18 FTKOCT. Lifetime Record: MGSW, 22-5-5-2, $540,292. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.

O-Ironhorse Racing Stable LLC, BlackRidge Stables LLC, T-N-T Equine Holdings, LLC and Saratoga Seven Racing Partners, LLC; B-Hurstland Farm, Inc. & James Greene Jr. (KY); T-Mark E. Casse.

3rd-Sam Houston Race Park, $36,000, (S), Alw (NW2L)/Opt. Clm ($50,000), 4-2, 3yo, f, 5 1/2f, 1:05.72, ft, 5 3/4 lengths.

MOR PEANUTS (f, 3, Mor Spirit--Susan B, by Johannesburg) faced state-breds on debut in H-Town Mar. 4 and did not disappoint as she stepped away to win going six panels by 7 1/2-lengths. The 4-5 chalk rated in second behind a pacesetting longshot. Under confident handling, the chestnut filly took command at the top of the lane and powered home a 5 3/4-length winner. Sales History: $18,000 RNA 2yo '22 OBSOPN. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, $42,000. Click for the Equibase.com chart.

O-Tye E. Smith; B-Susan E Bedwell (TX); T-Mindy J. Willis.

IN HONG KONG:

Alacrity (Chi), g, 4, Lookin At Lucky--Afirmate Catalina (Chi), by Special Quest (Fr). Sha Tin, 4-2, Hcp. (C3), 1800mT, 1:49.06. B-Haras Don Alberto. *Formerly Viejos Tiempos (Chi). **G1SW-Chi. ***1/2 to Canivalpe (Chi) (Stuka), SW-Chi; Vamo a Galupiar (Chi) (Proud Citizen), Ch. 2yo Filly & G1SW-Chi, GSW-US, $194,170; Arigatou (Chi) (Bluegrass Cat), G1SP-Chi; Gato Pa Rato (Chi) (Henrythenavigator), MGSP-Chi; and Cambalache XXI (Chi) (Mastercraftsman {Ire}), GSP-Chi. VIDEO

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2023 Stud Fees Listed

Eastwood (Speightstown), Blackstone Farm
17 foals of racing age/3 winners/0 black-type winners
8-Parx Racing, 3:53 p.m. EDT, Aoc 7f, Broadwaycharlyrose, 7-2

Hoppertunity (Any Given Saturday), Northview Stallion Station
156 foals of racing age/14 winners/1 black-type winner
8-Parx Racing, 3:53 p.m. EDT, Aoc 7f, Hop On Me, 10-1

Majestic Hussar (Majestic Warrior), Kirton Farms
24 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners -- 3-Will Rogers Downs, 3:05 p.m. EDT, Msw 6f, Awesome Outlaw, 15-1

STAKES RESULTS:

TEMPERENCE HILL S., $150,000, Oaklawn, 4-2, 4yo/up, 1 1/2m, 2:31.79, ft.
1--CALIBRATE, 117, g, 5, Distorted Humor--Glamour and Style, by Dynaformer. ($340,000 Ylg '19 KEESEP). 1ST BLACK TYPE WIN. O-Josh Engel; B-Don Alberto Corporation (KY); T-Coty W. Rosin; J-Francisco Arrieta. $94,575. Lifetime Record: SP, 24-6-5-0, $350,740.

2nd-Gulfstream, $81,800, (NW1X)/Opt. Clm ($75,000), 4-2, 3yo, 5f (AWT), :56.20, ft, 1/2 length.
MOONCAPTURE (c, 3, Uncaptured--Moonshot, by Grand Slam)
Lifetime Record: 5-2-1-0, $95,190. O-Soler and Soler Thoroughbred Corp.; B-Cheryl Janine & James P McGuire (FL); T-Ramon Minguet. *$42,000 Ylg '21 OBSOCT; $60,000 2yo '22 OBSAPR.

8th-Gulfstream, $73,000, (C)/Opt. Clm ($62,500), 4-2, 4yo/up, 5fT, :55.27, fm, 1 1/2 lengths.
SHEKGY SHEBAZ (g, 8, Cape Blanco {Ire}--Rose Ransom, by Red Ransom)
Lifetime Record: GISP, 35-7-11-7, $583,645. O-TEC Racing (Elliott S. Logan); B-Asford Stud, Tammy Barnes & Dr. Bernard Vertuca (KY); T-Martin Drexler. *$5,000 Ylg '16 KEESEP; $72,000 RNA 2yo '17 FTKHRA; $60,000 7yo '22 FTKHRA.

4th-Santa Anita, $72,000, (S), (NW1X)/Opt. Clm ($20,000), 4-2, 3yo/up, 1m, 1:38.76, ft, 2 1/4 lengths.
HOLIDAY AROUSAL (g, 4, Rousing Sermon--Coastal Holiday, by Harlan’s Holiday)
Lifetime Record: 9-4-2-1, $105,780. O-Duke Perry Stable, James Avansino, Larry S. Buckendorf, John Eric Coffman, Tyler Harringer, Paul Schneider, Peter Underhill and Matthew D. White; B-Larry Williams (CA); T-Robert B. Hess, Jr.

7th-Laurel, $59,450, (NW2X)/Opt. Clm ($32,000-$40,000), 4-2, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:11.78, ft, head.
GOLDEN EFFECT (f, 4, First Samurai--Ripple Effect, by Frankel {GB})
Lifetime Record: 18-5-2-2, $166,030. O-Day At The Races, LLC; B-Mt Brilliant Broodmares II LLC (KY); T-Michael J. Trombetta. *$12,000 Wlg '19 KEENOV; $70,000 2yo '21 OBSAPR.

2nd-Gulfstream, $54,000, (S), (NW1X)/Opt. Clm ($20,000), 4-2, 4yo/up, 6f, 1:09.28, ft, 5 1/2 lengths.
AVANT GLORY (f, 4, Point of Entry--Ostensibly, by Adios Charlie)
Lifetime Record: 8-2-4-0, $101,970. O-Gelfenstein Farm; B-Red Oak Stable (FL); T-Roderick R. Rodriguez. *$9,000 Ylg '20 OBSOCT; $100,000 2yo '21 OBSMAR.

6th-Gulfstream, $54,000, (S), (NW1X)/Opt. Clm ($20,000), 4-2, 4yo/up, f/m, 7 1/2fT, 1:30.90, fm, 3/4 length.
ANY PORT (f, 4, Point of Entry--Ostensibly, by Cozzene)
Lifetime Record: 11-3-2-1, $74,590. O-Lambholm Stable; B-Lambholm (FL); T-Roy S. Lerman.
9th-Sunland, $46,991, (C)/Opt. Clm ($17,500), 4-2, 3yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2f, 1:04.03, ft, neck.
RANEEM (m, 7, Fed Biz--J P’s Flashy Honey, by Flashy Bull)
Lifetime Record: MSP, 31-5-9-3, $219,762. O-Max Franklin; B-Golden Pedigree LLC (KY); T-Dick Cappellucci. *$60,000 Wlg '16 KEENOV; $100,000 2yo '18 OBSAPR.

7th-Golden Gate Fields, $41,200, (NW1$X)/Opt. Clm ($25,000), 4-1, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m (AWT), 1:45.07, ft, 2 lengths.
TWILIGHT EMPIRE (m, 6, Empire Way--Rugula {SW & GSP, $129,400}, by Bernstein)
Lifetime Record: 9-3-2-1, $81,086. O-G C C I; B-Terry C. Lovingier (CA); T-Clifford DeLima. *$1,200 Ylg '18 BAROCT.

4th-Sam Houston Race Park, $37,000, (NW3L)/Opt. Clm ($30,000), 4-2, 3yo/up, f/m, 7f, 1:24.84, ft, 3 1/4 lengths.
PINKY TOE (f, 4, Dialed In--Woodford County, by Indian Charlie) Lifetime Record: 6-3-0-0, $48,145. B-Larry E Young (NM). *1/2 to Fleet Irish (Dublin), MSP, $351,217.

8th-Charles Town, $33,900, 4-1, (NW2LX), 3yo/up, 7f, 1:27.89, ft, 1 length.
OVERLY CRITICAL (c, 4, Overanalyze--Sense of Beauty, by Street Sense) Lifetime Record: 9-2-3-1, $81,658. O/B-Troy Rankin (KY); T-Stacey R. Viands. *1/2 to Tuohonui Banseok (Verrazano), MSP-KOR, $169,463.

7th-Hawthorne, $33,390, 4-2, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16mT, 1:44.04, fm, neck.
AMBITIEUSE (f, 4, Medaglia d’Oro--Lucky Folie {SW, $118,292}, by Distorted Humor) Lifetime Record: 28-5-3-2, $162,430. O/B-Imperial Crown Syndicate (Ire). *1/2 to Double Thunder (Super Saver), GSW & GISP, $387,266.
Wicked Prince, g, 3, **Wicked Strong**--Butterfly Princess, by Wavering Monarch. Oaklawn, 4-2, (S), (C), 1 1/16m, 1:47.52. Lifetime Record: 5-1-0-0, $33,038. B-H. Allen Poindexter (AR).

*$27,000 RNA Ylg '21 KEESEP.

Greenbow, h, 5, **Runhappy**--Sudden Fame, by Congrats. Santa Anita, 4-2, (C), 6ft, 1:09.18. Lifetime Record: 5-1-0-1, $31,580. B-Bass Stables, LLC (KY).

Lord Nelson, Sweet Nellie, f, 3, o/o Sweet Treat, by **Candy Ride** (Arg). MCL, 4-2, Oaklawn

Medaglia d’Oro, Ambitieuse, f, 4, o/o Lucky Folie, by Distorted Humor. ALW, 4-2, Tampa Bay

Mor Spirit, Mor Peanuts, f, 3, o/o Susan B, by Johannesburg. AOC, 4-2, Sam Houston

Nyquist, Johannses, c, 3, o/o Cuyathy, by Congrats. Pasadena S., 4-2, Santa Anita

Overanalyse, Man Overboard, g, 3, o/o Riverboat Queen, by English Channel. MSW, 4-2, Sunland

Overanalyse, Overly Critical, c, 4, o/o Sense of Beauty, by **Street Sense**. ALW, 4-1, Charles Town

Pioneeroft the Nile, Mine That Star, h, 6, o/o Mining My Own, by Smart Strike. Sunland Park H., 4-2, Sunland

Point of Entry, Any Port, f, 4, o/o Ostensibly, by Cozzene. AOC, 4-2, Gulfstream

Race Day, Raceday Attire, f, 4, o/o Battle Tux, by Into Mischief. ALW, 4-2, Hawthorne

Rousing Sermon, Always Seeking, f, 4, o/o Heat Striker, by Unusual Heat. ALW, 4-2, Golden Gate

Rousing Sermon, Holiday Arousal, g, 4, o/o Coastal Holiday, by Harlan’s Holiday. AOC, 4-2, Santa Anita

Runhappy, Greenbow, h, 5, o/o Sudden Fame, by Congrats. MCL, 4-2, Santa Anita

Speightstown, Juilliard, c, 3, o/o Rattatapaptap, by **Tapit**. MSW, 4-2, Oaklawn

Twirling Candy, Exaulted, h, 6, o/o Gilded Miracle, by Gilded Time. GII American S., 4-2, Santa Anita

U S Ranger, Robie, g, 5, o/o Lemonade Springs, by Marino Marini. ALW, 4-1, Golden Gate

Uncaptured, Mooncapture, c, 3, o/o Moonshot, by Grand Slam. AOC, 4-2, Gulfstream

Uncle Mo, Falconet, f, 4, o/o Birdatthewire, by Summer Bird. Top Flight S., 4-2, Aqueduct

Uncle Mo, Lucky For You, f, 4, o/o Molto Vita, by Carson City. MSW, 4-2, Santa Anita

Wicked Strong, Wicked Prince, g, 3, o/o Butterfly Princess, by Wavering Monarch. MCL, 4-2, Oaklawn

**ALL TDN WINNERS BY SIRE**

Axiomatic, First Again, f, 3, o/o Mia’s First, by Malabar Gold. MSW, 4-2, Sunland

Cape Blanco (Ire), Shekky Shebaz, g, 8, o/o Rose Ransom, by Red Ransom. AOC, 4-2, Gulfstream

City of Light, Shootoutthehlights, f, 3, o/o Donna Getyourgun, by Stormy Atlantic. MSW, 4-2, Gulfstream

Daled In, Pinky Toe, f, 4, o/o Woodford County, by Indian Charlie. AOC, 4-2, Sam Houston

Distorted Humor, Calibrate, g, 5, o/o Glamour and Style, by Dynaformer. Temperence Hill S., 4-2, Oaklawn

Fed Biz, Raneem, m, 7, o/o J P’s Flashy Honey, by Flashy Bull. AOC, 4-2, Sunland

First Samurai, Golden Effect, f, 4, o/o Ripple Effect, by Frankel (GB). AOC, 4-2, Laurel

Get Stormy, Get Smokin, g, 6, o/o Hookah Lady, by Smoke Glacken. AOC, 4-2, Gulfstream

Ghaaleb, Wildwood Triple, f, 3, o/o Triplehott, by City Zip. MSW, 4-2, Hawthorne

Girvin, Power in Numbers, c, 3, o/o Gold Edge, by Eddington. MCL, 4-2, Aqueduct

Golden Lad, Gallant Gold, g, 4, o/o Triple Great, by Greatness. ALW, 4-1, Charles Town

Holy Roman Emperor (Ire), Tuddenham Mill (Ire), c, 3, o/o Bagira, by Giant’s Causeway. MSW, 4-2, Tampa Bay

Khozan, Avant Glory, c, 4, o/o Shes Got the Look, by Adios Charlie. AOC, 4-2, Gulfstream

Lookin At Lucky, Stans Hookin Bull, h, 5, o/o Menascott, by Giacomo. ALW, 4-2, Sam Houston

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WHITE BIRCH IN BALLY SAX UPSET

White Birch edges Up And Under in Sunday’s G3 Ballysax S. Racingfotos.com

By Tom Frary

Conspicuous by his colour if not his presence in the betting market, Chantal Regalado-Gonzalez’s recent acquisition White Birch (GB) (Ulysses {Ire}–Diagnostic {GB}, by Dutch Art {GB}) overhauled the customary representation of the O’Briens and Bolger in Leopardstown’s G3 P W McGrath Memorial Ballysax S. to provide the John Joseph Murphy stable with a red-letter day. Anchored at the tail of the field early by Shane Foley, the almost-white grey who had opened his account by 6 1/2 lengths over seven furlongs sporting Murphy’s own silks at Dundalk in November loomed large out wide as Ballydoyle’s TDN Rising Star Alexandroupolis (Ire) (Camelot {GB}) made his move in early straight. Hampered as that 4-5 favourite juggled right approaching the furlong pole which also affected the Joseph O’Brien-trained Up And Under (Fr) (Lope De Vega {Ire}) before they went clear, the 22-1 shot had that bit extra inside the dying strides to prevail by half a length. There was eventually four lengths between Up And Under and Alexandroupolis, who could fare no better than third as he failed to bring up a Ballydoyle trial treble.

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ARQANA OFFER FIVE JUVENILES TO RECOUP €2 MILLION DEBT LEFT BY AL HOMAIZI

By Brian Sheerin

Five 2-year-olds worth almost €2 million will be re-offered by Arqana next month as another sales house bids to recoup the losses incurred by the Derby-winning owner Saleh Al Homaizi who racked up over €20 million of unpaid debt at the yearling sales last autumn. As revealed by TDN Europe back in January, Tattersalls were the first sales company to re-offer the 17 juveniles who were knocked down to bloodstock agent Richard Knight for 11,055,000gns at the October Yearling Sale last year. A Frankel (GB) colt out of Bold Lass (Ire) (Sea The Stars {Ire}) headed that unpaid bill at 2,000,000gns. However, the majority of the youngsters that Al Homaizi failed to pay for found new owners, with Godolphin stepping in to purchase the Frankel colt among others. Cont. p5

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WEEK IN REVIEW: APRIL FOOL IN THE DERBY FUTURE WAGER POOL

This week, T.D. Thornton takes a closer look at some of the contenders in the Kentucky Derby Future Wager pool, including last weekend’s GI Curlin Florida Derby hero Forte.
FRANKEL COLT TAKES 2000 GUINEAS TRIAL
TDN Rising Star Hans Andersen got off the mark for the year and is now likely for either the French or Irish Guineas.

NEVER ENDING STORY WINS GUINEAS TRIAL
After her 2 1/2-length win at Leopardstown, trainer Aidan O’Brien said the Dubawi filly may wait for Longchamp or The Curragh.

GOSDENS EYE CORONATION CUP FOR STAR FILLY
John and Thady Gosden have Epsom’s Coronation Cup on June 2 as a probable 2023 debut for the Sea The Stars filly Emily Upjohn.
“We were very excited coming in, as we always thought he was a very serious horse and his work had been super,” the winning trainer said. “He was very impressive in his maiden and he did what we hoped he could do today. There is a fair bit more to come, as he has a big engine and I couldn’t thank the owner enough for keeping him with us. His first run was on heavy ground at Naas and he finished out strong, so I was confident he’d get through it and the good ones can do it on anything. With the pace he showed at Dundalk, we weren’t 100 per-cent confident he’d get a mile and a quarter but I don’t think we’d be too worried going anywhere with him now. He’s very well-balanced and moves very well, so I wouldn’t be worried about going to Epsom—we’ll have a serious chat with the owner and make a plan.”

**Pedigree Notes**

White Birch, who provided his sire with back-to-back renewals of the Ballysax after Piz Badile (Ire), is Cheveley Park breeding through and through. He is the second of two foals out of Diagnostic, who proved a useful sort in the red, white and blue of the Thompsons when winning four times at six and seven furlongs campaigned by William Haggas almost exclusively on the all-weather. Her dam Holistic (GB) (Pivotal {GB}) is a full-sister to the Listed Kilvington Fillies’ S. winner and stakes producer Prescription (GB) and a half to four further black-type winners headed by Clinical (GB) (Motivator {GB}), who proved especially adept on Epsom’s unique contours when winning the G3 Princess Elizabeth S. before producing the G2 Mehl-Mulhens-Rennen (German 2000 Guineas) runner-up and G1 Vincent O’Brien National S. third Lockheed (GB) (Exceed And Excel {Aus})
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Further back, White Birch boasts as one of his relatives the renowned Secret mare Rahaam, who was not only responsible for the top-class grey Verglas (Ire) but also the G2 King’s Stand S. winner and all-round sprinting talent Cassandra Go (Ire) (Indian Ridge {Ire}) who in turn threw the illustrious performer and producer Halfway To Heaven (Ire) by Cheveley Park’s flagship sire Pivotal (GB). Her Galileo (Ire) daughters Magical (Ire) and Rhododendron (Ire) need no introduction, with the latter the dam of Auguste Rodin (Ire) (Deep Impact {Jpn}), who at present at least looks the biggest obstacle to White Birch should connections take the grey down the Derby route.

Sunday, Leopardstown, Ireland

P.W. MCGRATH MEMORIAL BALLYSAK S.-G3, €50,000,
Leopardstown, 4-2, 3yo, 10fT, 2:19.95, hy.

1—WHITE BIRCH (GB), 131, c, 3, by Ulysses (Ire)
   1st Dam: Diagnostic (GB), by Dutch Art (GB)
   2nd Dam: Holistic (GB), by Pivotal (GB)
   3rd Dam: Doctor’s Glory, by Elmaamul
   1ST BLACK TYPE WIN, 1ST GROUP WIN. (75,000gns Wlg ’20
TATFOA; 48,000gns RNA Ylg ’21 TATOCT). O-Mrs C C
Regalado-Gonzalez; B-Cheveley Park Stud Limited (GB);
T-John Joseph Murphy; J-Shane Foley. €30,000. Lifetime
Record: 3-2-0-0, $42,029. Werk Nick Rating: A. Click for the
eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree, or click for the
free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree.

2—Up And Under (Fr), 131, c, 3, Lope De Vega (Ire)—Hibiscus
(Ire), by Galileo (Ire). 1ST BLACK TYPE, 1ST GROUP BLACK
TYPE. (220,000gns Wlg ’20 TATFOA; 130,000gns RNA Ylg ’21
TATOCT; €130,000 2yo ’22 ARQMAY). O-Go Racing Limited;
B-Floors Stud Roxburgh Estate Office (FR); T-Joseph O’Brien.
€10,000.

3—Alexandroupolis (Ire), 131, c, 3, Camelot (GB)—Jazz Cat (Ire),
by Tamayuz (GB). 1ST BLACK TYPE, 1ST GROUP BLACK TYPE.
TDN Rising Star. (240,000gns Ylg ’21 TATOCT). O-D Smith,
Mrs J Magnier,M Tabor,Westerberg; B-Mrs Fitri Hay (IRE);
T-Aidan O’Brien. €5,000.

Margins: HF, 4, 1 3/4. Odds: 22.00, 7.50, 0.80.
Also Ran: Serious Challenge (Ire), Denmark (GB), Mohawk Chief.
Scratched: Alder (Ire).
Arqana will stage a private sale for the five 2-year-olds that Al Homaizi defaulted payment on from the August Sale. It takes place on Wednesday, Apr. 12, and the horses are all being trained in Chantilly, with three in the care of Francis-Henri Graffard and two with Mikel Delzangles.

A €750,000 Wootton Bassett (GB) filly out of Ambivalence (Ire), a Siyouni (Fr) filly out of Fig Roll (GB) and a Night Of Thunder (Ire) filly out of Nymeria (Ger) are based with Graffard and can be viewed by appointment.

Delzangles is overseeing the training of an Adlerflug (Ger) filly out of Sylvestra (Ire) and a Night Of Thunder colt out of Awe Struck (GB). They can also be viewed by appointment.

Arqana are following the same course of action taken by Tattersalls and Keeneland in re-offering the stock bought by Knight on behalf of Al Homaizi, who part-owned 2007 Derby winner Authorized.

The six horses bought at last year’s Keeneland September Yearling Sale for nearly $5 million were re-offered in late February and were all found new homes.

The horses will be sold by Arqana without a reserve but offers must be higher than the amount of the price indicated on the online platform for each lot.

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**HANS ANDERSEN BACK ON TOP**

*by Tom Frary*

Just a notch below the top at two, **TDN Rising Star**

**Hans Andersen (GB)** (Frankel (GB)--Shadow Hunter (Ire), by Arcano (Ire)) enjoyed the ideal confidence boost on his return in a depleted renewal of Leopardstown’s G3 Ballylinch Stud “Red Rocks” 2,000 Guineas Trial S. on Sunday. Second in the G2 Futurity S. at The Curragh in August and fifth in the G1 Vincent O’Brien National S. back at that venue when last seen the following month, the 8-13 favourite was held up early by Ryan Moore as fellow Ballydoyle runner **Carracci** (Quality Road) supplied the pace. Sent forward early in the straight, the Westerberg colour-bearer took over a furlong out and stayed on strongly to score by 2 1/2 lengths from **Bold Discovery** (Bolt D’Oro), with Caracci three lengths back in third.
“Seven was plenty short enough for him last year and although we always felt he’d be happy at a mile we had others to slot in to those races so kept him too short,” Aidan O’Brien explained after welcoming his ninth winner of this prep. “It was my fault—he should have gone up to a mile and we think he’ll get further than a mile this year. The plan is the French or Irish Guineas and maybe a French Derby.”

**Pedigree Notes**

Hans Andersen, who earned his TDN Rising Star tag when beating the subsequent National S. winner Al Riffa (Fr) (Wootton Bassett (GB)) at The Curragh in July, is the second foal out of the Listed Roses S. scorer and G3 Cornwallis S.-placed Shadow Hunter. She is a granddaughter of Clveden Stud’s stakes-placed Enemy Action (Forty Niner), a half-sister to the G2 Champagne S. and G2 Richmond S.-winning sire Daggers Drawn (Diesis (GB)) who produced the G3 Fred Darling S. runner-up and G1 1000 Guineas third Super Sleuth (Ire) (Selkirk). Also from the family of the G1 Irish 2000 Guineas hero Indian Haven (GB) (Indian Ridge (Ire)), the G1 Gran Criterium scorer Count Dubois (GB) (Zafonic) and the G1 St Leger runner-up Kite Wood (Ire) by Frankel’s sire Galileo (Ire), Shadow Hunter has a 2-year-old full-brother to Hans Andersen named Alonzo (GB).

Sunday, Leopardstown, Ireland

**BALLYLINCH STUD RED ROCKS 2,000 GUINEAS TRIAL S.-G3, €55,000, Leopardstown, 4-2, 3yo, c/g, 7f 18yT, 1:38.03, hy.**

1—HANS ANDERSEN (GB), 131, c, 3, by **Frankel (GB)**

1st Dam: Shadow Hunter (Ire) (SW & GSP-GB), by Arcano (Ire)

2nd Dam: Sweet Irish (GB), by Shamardal

3rd Dam: Enemy Action, by Forty Niner

1ST BLACK TYPE WIN, 1ST GROUP WIN. TDN Rising Star.

(450,000gns Ylg ’21 TATOCT). O-Westerberg,Mrs J Magnier, M Tabor,D Smith; B-Sun Bloodstock SARL (GB); T-Aidan O’Brien; J-Ryan Moore. €33,000. Lifetime Record: GSP-Ire, 5-2-2-0, $82,326. Werk Nick Rating: A++. *Triple Plus*. Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree, or click for the free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree.

2—Bold Discovery, 131, c, 3, Bolt D’Oro--Caribbean Babe, by Arch. ($50,000 Ylg ’21 KEESEP). O-Marc Chan; B-Chc Inc. (KY); T-Jessica Harrington. €11,000.

3—Carracci, 131, c, 3, Quality Road--Butterflies (Ire), by Galileo (Ire). 1ST BLACK TYPE, 1ST GROUP TYPE. O-M Tabor/D Smith/Mrs.J Magnier/Westerberg;

B-Orpendale/Wynatt/Chelston (KY); T-Aidan O’Brien. €5,500. Margins: 2HF, 3, 2HF. Odds: 0.62, 2.25, 5.00.

Also Ran: Empty Metaphor (Ire), Eyeeye (GB). Scratched: Sea Chariot (GB), Signatory (Ire).

**THE STORY IS JUST BEGINNING**

by Tom Frary

Following on where stablemate Hans Andersen (GB) (Frankel {GB}) had left off half an hour earlier, Never Ending Story (Ire) (Dubawi (Ire)--Athena (Ire), by Camelot (GB)) supplied further notice that Ballydoyle hold many of the aces in the Classic pack as she swept aside her rivals in Leopardstown’s G3 Ballylinch Stud “Priory Belle” 1,000 Guineas Trial S. on Sunday. Successful in the G3 Silver Flash S. over this seven-furlong trip and track in July, the 2-1 favourite who had last been seen finishing third in the G1 Prix Marcel Boussac was keen initially as Matilda Picotte (Ire) (Sioux Nation) took up the running with Ryan Moore opting to slot into mid-division. Wide throughout with no cover, the regally-bred bay was wound up to take the measure of that long-time leader with 150 yards remaining and draw away for a 2 1/2-length success as Zarinsk (GB) (Kodiac (GB)) finished the same margin in third.

“We’re delighted, as she hadn’t come in her coat yet and so we had been minding her,” explained Aidan O’Brien, who was stretching his record to a dozen winners of this contest. “We decided rather than working her hard, we’d let her run and then back off and prime her for one of the Guineas and Ryan gave her a beautiful ride and let her go to sleep.”
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He continued, “That is tough ground, so we’re very happy with her. We think she’ll go a mile and a quarter in time and we might wait for the Irish Guineas as Newmarket might come too quick and Meditate is on track for that.”

**Pedigree Notes**

Never Ending Story, who was also third in the G2 Prix du Calvados and a slightly unlucky fourth behind Tahiyra (Ire) (Siyouni (Fr)) and Meditate (Ire) (No Nay Never) in the G1 Moyglare Stud S. last term, is the first foal out of the stable’s G1 Belmont Oaks Invitational winner Athena who was also third in the G1 Pretty Polly S. A full-sister to the G3 Snow Fairy S. winner Goddess, she is also kin to the G1 Irish Oaks heroine Bracelet (Ire) and G2 Rockfel S. winner Wading (Ire) both by Camelot’s sire Montjeu (Ire).

Wading produced Just Wonderful (Dansili (GB)), who emulated her dam by also winning the Rockfel prior to running second in the Belmont Oaks and third in the G1 Matron S.

The second dam is the G3 Blue Wind S. runner-up Cherry Hinton (GB) (Green Desert), one of four daughters of the great Urban Sea (Miswaki) who has been either directly or indirectly responsible for a trio of Derby winners since the turn of the century. Interestingly, Dubawi has sired three black-type performers from this family in the G2 Balanchine and G3 Pride S. scorer Creative Flair (Ire), the G3 September S. winner Royal Line (GB) and Sayyida (GB) who was second in the G3 Princess Royal S. Athena’s 2-year-old colt and yearling filly are full-siblings of Never Ending Story.
Sunday, Leopardstown, Ireland

BALLYLINCH STUD PRIORY BELLE 1,000 GUINEAS TRIAL S.-G3, €55,000, Leopardstown, 4-2, 3yo, f, 7f 18yT, 1:37.43, hy.

1--NEVER ENDING STORY (IRE), 128, f, 3, by Dubawi (IRE)
   1st Dam: Athena (IRE) (GISW-US, G1SP-Ire, SP-Eng, $732,859), by Camelot (GB)
   2nd Dam: Cherry Hinton (GB), by Green Desert
   3rd Dam: Urban Sea, by Miswaki
   O-Mrs J Magnier/M Tabor/D Smith/Westerberg; B-Coolmore (IRE); T-Aidan O’Brien; J-Ryan Moore. €33,000. Lifetime Record: G1SP-Fr, 7-3-0-3, $153,655. Werk Nick Rating: A+++.

*Triple Plus*. Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree, or click for the free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree.

2--Matilda Picotte (IRE), 128, f, 3, Sioux Nation--Hallie’s Comet (Ire), by One Cool Cat. O-Matilda & Kilmichael Racing Part.; B-Mighty Universe Ltd (IRE); T-Kieran Cotter. €11,000.

3--Zarinsk (GB), 128, f, 3, Kodiac (GB)--Pavlosk, by Arch.
   1ST GROUP BLACK TYPE. O-Juddmonte; B-Juddmonte Farms Ltd (GB); T-Ger Lyons. €5,500.

Margins: 2HF, 2HF, NK. Odds: 2.00, 6.00, 5.50.
Also Ran: Madly Truly (Ire), Nightcliff (Ire), Dower House (Ire), Dame Kiri, Clever And Cool (Ire), Impact Warrior (Ire), La Dolce Vita (Ire). Scratched: Not Even Close (Ire), Ocean Quest (Ire), Tarawa (Ire), Thornbrook (Ire).

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TDN RISING STAR TAG FOR IQUITOS RARITY

By Tom Frary

Mulheim was grey and damp on Sunday, but it nevertheless witnessed a sparkling display in the card’s opener as Wanja Soren Oberhof und Sebastian Weiss’s 3-year-old colt Mr Hollywood (Ire) (Iquotos {Ger}–Margie’s Music {Fr}, by Hurricane Run {Ire}) issued a 16-length beating to his peers on debut to become the latest German TDN Rising Star. With his triple G1-

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-winning Gestut Graditz-based sire having just five members of his initial crop, the Henk Grewe-trained half-brother to last year’s G3 Derby-Trial runner-up Magical Beat (Ger) (Lope De Vega {Ire}) was flying the flag as he bid to make it two winners from two starters for the son of Adlerflug (Ger). Placed towards the fore by Leon Wolff after the flag start to the 10-furlong Pferdewetten. de Auftaktrennen, the 5-2 second favourite took command turning for home and set sail in the testing conditions to open up his sizeable margin before being eased near the post. “We were quite enthusiastic about him and I had the ideal position behind the leader with him always going well,” his rider said of the sire’s first foal to be born. Grewe was keeping his feet on the ground as he added, “The going surely helped him and my horses are already very fit. We will soon see how good he really is, for the moment we will stay calm and just wait and see.”

1st-Mulheim, €10,000, Mdn, 4-2, 3yo, 10fT, 2:23.27, hy.
MR HOLLYWOOD (IRE), c, 3, by Iquitos (Ger)
1st Dam: Margie’s Music (Fr) (SP-Ger), by Hurricane Run (Ire)
2nd Dam: Margie’s World (Ger), by Spinning World
3rd Dam: Margie’s Darling, by Alydar
(€15,000 Ytg ’21 BBASEP). Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, €6,000.
O-Wanja Soren Oberhof & Sebastian Weiss; B-Gestut Ammerland (GER); T-Henk Grewe. Click for the free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree. Video courtesy Youtube

The winner is the second foal out of the dam, who was listed-placed in the famed Gestut Ammerland silks and who also has a 2-year-old filly by Waldgeist (GB) named Moosbeere (Ger). The second dam Margie’s World (Ger) (Spinning World) was also listed-placed and is kin to the G2 Gerling-Preis-placed Margosto (Ger) (Acatenango {Ger}), while the fourth dam Our Little Margie (Mr. Majestic) was second in the GI Spinaway S.

John and Thady Gosden’s Emily Upjohn (GB) (Sea The Stars {Ire}) will possibly return in Epsom’s G1 Coronation Cup June 2 as her first start since capturing the the G1 British Champions Fillies & Mares S. Oct. 15. She was initially set to return in the G1 Dubai Sheema Classic at Meydan but missed the opportunity having not come to hand as quickly as liked and returns to Epsom after being narrowly denied when sent off the 6-4 favourite for the Oaks at the Surrey venue last year.

“She ran a huge race in the Oaks when just beaten there and had a nice swansong [at Ascot] at the end of last year,” Thady Gosden told Racing TV’s Luck On Sunday.

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“She was heading towards Dubai but with the cold weather in the spring, it didn’t quite work out. Obviously, she would have been taking on Equinox (Jpn) (Kitasan Black (Jpn)) which would have been an interesting one. The Coronation Cup would be a nice early one to start with if she’s ready in time, but we’ll see how she is and she’ll tell us.”

Another star filly from the Gosden string staying in training as a 4-year-old is G1 Prix du Haras de Fresnay-le-Buffard Jacques le Marois winner Inspiral (GB) (Frankel (GB)), who could head to Newbury on May 20 for the G1 Al Shaqab Lockinge S., with all the top mile races on her radar this term.

“She’s wintered well and is in good order, enjoying her training and looks great,” continued Gosden. “She is obviously a top-class miler and all these mile races will be the ones for her. She is certainly an independently minded filly. She has plenty of character but is exceptionally talented.”

A return to Royal Ascot could be on the cards for three-time G1 Dubai Turf winner Lord North (Ire) (Dubawi {Ire}). The 7-year-old could bid to repeat his G1 Prince of Wales’s S. success of 2020 when running on home soil this summer.

“He had a slightly curtailed one last year and it was fantastic to get him back for the Dubai Turf--it was a good team effort there,” Gosden said. “He won the Prince of Wales’s S. two years ago and he is a horse you could look towards that with.”

HIGHFIELD PRINCESS RETURNING IN DUKE OF YORK

Star sprinter Highfield Princess (Fr) (Night of Thunder {Ire}) will return in the G2 Duke of York S. on May 13, following a similar path this year as her 2022 campaign, trainer John Quinn said. The 6-year-old Trainers House Enterprises homebred won last year’s Duke of York before taking the G1 Prix Maurice de Gheest, the G1 Coolmore Wootton Bassett Nunthorpe S. and the G1 Al Basti Equiworld Dubai Flying Five S. She has not run since finishing fourth in the G1 Breeders’ Cup Turf Sprint at Keeneland Nov. 5.

“I’m very happy with her,” Quinn said. “She’s been back in for a while, she’s in good nick and we’ll start her off at York in the Duke of York. She came back in towards the end of January, so she’s been in a while and York will soon come round. We’ll see how we go, but after York you’d be looking at Royal Ascot and on from there.

“With a bit of luck we’ll roll the dice with her as it’s her last year.”

Sunday’s Result:
3rd-Doncaster, £8,000, Novice, 4-2, 3yo, 7f 6yT, 1:33.62, sf.
THEORYOFEVERYTHING (GB) (c, 3, Frankel {GB}--Persuasive {Ire} {G1SW-Eng, MG1SP-Ire, $1,161,785}, by Dark Angel {Ire}), the second foal and second winner out of the G1 Queen Elizabeth II S. heroine Persuasive, started slowly and received a bump to find himself towards the back of the pack. Making smooth headway down the outside passing halfway, the 10-3 shot was in front two out and surged clear to register a six-length success from Striking Star (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}). The dam, who is a half to the G1 British Champions Sprint S. hero Creative Force (Ire) (Dubawi {Ire}) and to the Listed Distaff winner and G3 Prix de Lieurey runner-up Tisbutadream (Ire) (Dream Ahead), is a daughter of the Listed Fairy Bridge S. scorer and G2 Blandford S.-placed Choose Me (Ire) Choisir {Aus}).

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Her 2-year-old colt and yearling filly are both by Dubawi, with the former being snapped up by Godolphin for 1 million gns at last year’s Book 1 Sale. Sales history: 325,000gns Ylg ’21.

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Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, $5,332.
O-Prince A A Faisal; B-Cheveley Park Stud Limited (GB); T-John & Thady Gosden.

Sunday’s Result:
1st-Leopardstown, €12,000, Mdn, 4-2, 3yo, f, 8fT, 1:51.79, hy.
CURVATURE (IRE) (f, 3, Lope De Vega (IRE)—Gravitee (FR), by Galileo (IRE)), runner-up over this trip at Dundalk in February, tanked her way to the front from the outset. Strong up the straight, the 5-1 shot hit the line with three lengths to spare over Warm Heart (IRE) (Galileo (IRE)). The dam, who is a full-sister to the G1 Prix du Jockey Club-winning sire Intello (GER), is out of the G2 Prix de Sandringham winner and G1 Poule d’Essai des Pouliches runner-up Impressionante (GB) (Danehill). She is in turn a daughter of the G1 Prix Maurice de Gheest and G1 Prix de la Foret heroine Occupandiste (IRE) (Kaldoun (FR)), whose four stakes winners include Galileo’s GI Arlington Million and GI Woodbine Mile-winning sire Mondialiste (IRE) and listed-winning and group-placed Planetaire (GB). She is also the second dam of the G3 Prix d’Arenberg scorer Kalahara (GB) by Galileo’s son Frankel (GB). Gravitee’s 2-year-old is a filly by Kingman (GB), while she also has a yearling colt by Wootton Bassett (GB).
Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-0, $11,367.
O-Newtown Anner Stud Farm Ltd; B-Newtownanner Stud Farm (IRE); T-Jessica Harrington.

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Sunday’s Result:
1st-Bordeaux-le-Bouscat, €30,000, Cond, 4-2, 3yo, 9 1/2fT, 2:10.80, hy.
ACE IMPACT (IRE) (c, 3, Cracksman (GB)—Absolutely Me (FR) (SP-Fr & Ger), by Anabaa Blue (IRE)), who scored impressively on debut over 10 furlongs at Cagnes-sur-Mer in January, resented early restraint and managed to tank his way wide to track the leading pair. Taking over from Perama (FR) (Siyouni (FR)) with 150 metres remaining, the 7-10 favourite asserted to beat that rival by a comfortable two-length margin. The dual listed-placed dam, who has produced two other listed-placed performers in Apollo Flight (Fr) (Rock Of Gibraltar (IRE)) and Alessandro (Fr) (Australia (GB)), also has the 2-year-old colt Arrow Eagle (Fr) by Gleneagles (IRE). Her family includes the top-level winners Teleprompter (GB), Ibn Bey (GB) and Roseate Tern (GB). Sales history: €75,000 Ylg ’21 ARQUAG. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, €26,500. Video, sponsored by TVG.
O-Ecuries Serge Stempniak; B-Mme W Spanner (IRE); T-Jean-Claude Rouget.

CONDITIONS RESULT:
2nd-Bordeaux-le-Bouscat, €22,000, 4-2, 3yo, 7fT, 1:33.63, hy.
KIMI ORENGA (FR) (f, 3, Bated Breath (GB)—Sosquaw (FR), by Numerous) Lifetime Record: 5-3-0-1, €35,700. O-Thomas Lines; B-SCEA Elevage de Tourgeville, Mme H Erculiani & Mme P Lepeudry (FR); T-Christophe Ferland. *€34,000 Ylg ’21 ARQOCT.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNER:
Wonder Of You (Ire), c, 3, Showcasing (GB)—Awe Struck (GB), by Rail Link (GB). La-Roche-sur-Yon, 4-2, 8 1/2fT, 1:05.96. B-Framont Limited & SCEA des Prairies (IRE). *1/2 to Alounak (Fr) (Camelot (GB)), GSW-Ger, GISP-Can, MGSP-Eng, GSP-Fr, $607,585.

HOW THEY FARED
2.00 Leopardstown, Mdn, €12,000, 3yo, f, 8fT
Tender Kiss (IRE) (Galileo (IRE)), the first foal out of Marsha (IRE) (Acclamation (GB)), never looked likely to get involved and finished seventh in a race where it paid to be prominent.

2.45 Doncaster, Novice, £8,000, 3yo, 7f 6yT
Theoryofeverything (GB) (Frankel (GB)), the son of the G1 Queen Elizabeth II S. heroine Persuasive (IRE) (Dark Angel (IRE)), could hardly have been more impressive on debut even if the race fell apart with the key rivals seeming to underperform.

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AGELESS TAKE CLOSES THE 'D'OR' ON OSAKA HAI RIVALS by Alan Carasso

Having celebrated his 54th birthday less than three weeks ago, Yutaka Take became the oldest jockey in the history of the Japanese turf to win at Group 1 level after putting a well-rationed ride aboard second favourite Jack d'Or (Jpn) (Maurice (Jpn)) in Sunday's G1 Osaka Hai (2000m) at Hanshin Racecourse. Reigning champion 3-year-old filly Stars on Earth (Jpn) (Duramente (Jpn)) in Sunday's G1 Osaka Hai (2000m) at Hanshin Racecourse. The expected pacesetter from gate nine, the flashy chestnut hit the ground running and led from the outposted North the World (Jpn) (Deep Impact (Jpn)), as two-time Classic winner Stars on Earth was involved in a bit of a chain reaction at the break that saw her exchange bumps with Killer Ability (Jpn) (Deep Impact (Jpn)), relegating her to a position towards the rear. Allowed to bowl along, as is his wont, Jack d'Or covered the opening 800 metres in :47.5 seconds, but really picked up the pace from there, clocking an internal half-mile in :46 flat from the 1200m to the 400m while still racing well within himself.

Firmly on top as they hit the Hanshin straight, Jack d'Or continued to find even as Danon the Kid—who had sat a perfect trip one out and one back—came to challenge at the furlong grounds. But under vigorous urging from Take, Jack d'Or kept on doggedly to prevail by the minimum margin. Stars on Earth, on hold on the turn, raced in traffic in the final 300 metres, but charged through between a tiring Hishi Iguazu (Jpn) (Heart's Cry (Jpn)) and third choice Weltreisende (Jpn) (Dream Journey (Jpn)) and rattled home to just fail. She covered her final three furlongs in a race-fastest :34.4 while making her first start since a troubled second in the G1 Shuka Sho when attempting a sweep of the Filly Triple Crown last October. Danon the Kid, who came in on and bothered Killer Ability at the start, held for third.

“I was hoping to take the front if we could get a good start,” said Take, commonly referred to as ‘Legend’. “He was a bit keen to go in the first two corners, but raced in good rhythm thereafter. I think it was tough for him because of the headwind in the straight, but I had a feeling that we were able to hold off the chasing horses when we crossed the wire.”

It was an 80th career Group 1 for Take, and, reflecting on that achievement, he said: “I owe it to all the many great horses I was able to ride, and I will do my best to extend this record even further.”

A well-backed fifth in this race last year, Jack d'Or—whose 14 career starts have all come over 10 furlongs—outplayed future G1 Saudi Cup winner Panthalassa (Jpn) (Lord Kanaloa (Jpn)) in the G2 Sapporo Kinen last August before finishing a close fourth to Horse of the Year and recent G1 Longines Dubai Sheema Classic hero Equinox (Jpn) (Kitasan Black (Jpn)) in the G1 Tenno Sho (Autumn) in October. With Take at the controls for the first time, Jack d’Or was a lacklustre seventh in the G1 Longines Hong Kong Cup when last seen Dec. 11.

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Pedigree Notes:

Jack d'Or, purchased for just over $320,000 at the 2019 Hokkaido Selected Yearling Sale, is the fifth top-level winner worldwide for his sire and his third in Japan (Geraldina {Jpn}, a sneaky-good sixth Sunday and top sprinter Pixie Knight {Jpn}). Maurice is also the sire of Hitotsu (Aus) and Mazu (Aus) from his shuttle missions to Arrowfield Stud in Australia. Jack d'Or is the 31st Group 1/Grade I winner out of a daughter of Unbridled’s Song, who has also been responsible for Triple Crown winner Contrail (Jpn) and additional G1SWs Danon Platina (Jpn), Suave Richard (Jpn) and Toho Jackal (Jpn) in Japan.

Bred and raced by Sheikh Maktoum al Maktoum’s Gainsborough Farm, Ravarino is a daughter of Sous Entendu, trained for Gainsborough by Criquette Head to a third-place effort in the 1990 G3 Prix de la Grotte who would go on to produce the listed-winning and G2 Dante S. third Slip Stream (Irish River {Fr}) as well as dual US graded winner Porte Bonheur (Henessy). Jack d'Or’s third dam was the champion 2-year-old filly of 1978 in America and the deeper family includes globetrotting multi-jurisdiction Group 1/Grade I winner State of Rest (Ire) (Starspangledbanner {Aus}); multiple Group 1/Grade I winner Storming Home (GB) (Machiavellian); G1 Poule d’Essai des Pouliches heroine Musical Chimes (In Excess {Ire}); and five-time Grade I winner Music Note (A.P. Indy), the dam of ‘TDN Rising Star’, G1 Dubai World Cup winner and Darley America stallion Mystic Guide (Ghostzapper).

Ravarino is represented by the once-raced 3-year-old colt Crown Romagna (Jpn) (Daiwa Major {Jpn}), the 2-year-old filly Marino El Dorado (Jpn) (Rey de Oro {Jpn}) and a yearling full-sister to Jack d'Or. The mare, whose last seven foals have been chestnut in colour, is due once again to Maurice for her 2023 produce.