AFFIRMATIVE LADY LAUNCHES AMO RACING'S U.S. OPERATION

by Katie Petrunyak

The GII Gulfstream Park Oaks brought a new contestant into the GI Kentucky Oaks picture in victress Affirmative Lady. The connections of the blossoming daughter of Arrogate are newcomers not only to the Oaks trail, but to racing in the U.S. After launching its American stable two years ago, AMO Racing celebrated its first graded stakes win in the States with Affirmative Lady's score on Saturday. Founded by football agent and businessman Kia Joorabchian, AMO Racing has proven to be a force on the other side of the Atlantic in recent years. Top performers are led by last year's G2 July S. winner Persian Force (Ire) (Mehmas (Ire)), who is new to stud at Tally-Ho Stud this year, plus multiple Group 1-placed Mojo Star (Ire) (Sea the Stars (Ire)) and a host of Group 2 winners including Hello You (Ire) (Invincible Spirit (Ire)) and Crypto Force (GB) (Time Test (GB)).

Joorabchian is based in London, but he made sure to be on site at Gulfstream for Affirmative Lady's two-length victory.

“It was probably the best moment that we've had in U.S. racing so far,” he said. “I knew she was not going to be a favorite, but I flew to Miami to see her run. It's a long way for me to go, but in my heart of hearts I knew she would pull off a great performance. She has so much ability and when you watch her work, you can see it.” Cont. p3

JOHANNES PROVIDING A STRING OF FIRSTS FOR MCCLOSKEYS by Jessica Martini

After watching the races just across the street from their home in Del Mar, Joe and Debby McCloskey decided to take the plunge into racehorse ownership with the purchase of a filly by Congrats at the 2014 Keeneland September sale. Now, nearly a decade later, Johannes (Nyquist)--the first foal out of that first filly--has become the couple's first stakes winner and the 3-year-old gave promise of more firsts to come in the near-future with an authoritative second stakes victory in the Pasadena S. at Santa Anita last Sunday.

Johannes began his racing career on the main track, but immediately found success on the turf where he broke his maiden by nine lengths at Santa Anita Dec. 31. He overcame a world of trouble to win the Mar. 5 Baffle S. before making his two-turn debut in the Pasadena.

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In his ongoing series, Brian Sheerin sits down with trainer Paddy Twomey to discuss his 2023 string, which features 60 2-year-olds.
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Stakes-placed K P Slickem (Hip 3), a half-sister to the dam of champion and recent GI Florida Derby winner Forte (Violence), sold for $400,000 to Champion Equine to top the April Digital Sale.

RICK DUTROW JR. RETURNS TO WORK

Following a 10-year suspension, Rick Dutrow Jr. was on Belmont’s backstretch Tuesday preparing for his training return.
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A $210,000 Keeneland September buy, Affirmative Lady was among the first yearlings that AMO Racing purchased in America. Joorabchian remembers finding the filly well because, while he and his agent Robson Aguiar loved her at first sight, not many other buyers were interested.

“When I bought her, everyone was telling me that it wasn’t a great buy,” he recalled. “No one really thought much of her other than Robson and me. She looked a little bit backward at the time, but she was very sweet. Her composure and the way she walked was amazing. We knew she wouldn’t be early because she wasn’t quite on her toes moving the way you would expect a fast, sharp 2-year-old.”

Just as Arrogate didn’t truly blossom until later in his career, Joorabchian hypothesized that his new purchase would need plenty of time to develop. He knew he needed to find a patient conditioner and decided that Graham Motion was the perfect candidate.

“Graham really liked her from the word go,” Joorabchian said. “I think it’s a credit to Graham. He took something that maybe wasn’t the hip, trendy kind of horse. We actually paid a considerable amount for her at the time because Arrogate wasn’t popular. I think with the Arrogates, early in their career people thought he was disappointing. But he’s proving to be a great stallion and it’s really unfortunate that he’s not around because she is special.”

Affirmative Lady was winless in two starts at Keeneland last fall, but she touted her potential when she ran a close second to Julia Shining (Curlin) in the GII Demoiselle S. After she ran third in her sophomore debut in the Busada S. at Aqueduct, Motion sent the filly to Gulfstream. She broke her maiden there with first-time blinkers on Feb. 26, before she was sent off at 8-1 in the Gulfstream Park Oaks.

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Following the victory, Motion said that the more he watches replays of the race, the more he is impressed with his trainee’s performance.

“There were moments during the race where I was concerned,” Motion admitted. “I thought between the half-mile pole and the three-eighths pole that she might have been struggling a bit. But I’ve watched the race a couple of times now and once she got in gear, I thought she really came on and got away from them. She just toughs it out. When I asked Luis about it, he said he was never concerned. He thought he always had the horse, which reassured me. I think she wants to go farther. I believe a mile and a sixteenth is too short for her.”

While the Gulfstream Park Oaks was the biggest victory so far this year for AMO Racing, they’ve had plenty else to celebrate recently. One week before Affirmative Lady’s win, they had their first stakes winner in America with Crispy Cat (GB) (Ardad {Ire}) in the Texas Glitter S. The colt was a Group 2-placed juvenile in England before he transferred to Jorge Delgado for his 3-year-old season.

Also last Saturday, AMO Racing had the winner of the first juvenile contest of the year in Ireland with Bucanero Fuerte (GB) (Wootton Bassett {GB}). On the same day, 3-year-old Mischievous Doll (Into Mischief) broke her maiden at Turfway Park for Paulo Lobo.

“It was a fantastic week from Ireland to Miami to Kentucky,” said Joorabchian. “Affirmative Lady was the height of it. We’ve been very patient with her and it was one of the highlights of my racing career because it was the horse that no one really wanted, but that we loved.”

2023 is already AMO Racing USA’s biggest year yet and the operation is just getting started. Joorabchian said that their string here is upwards of three times the size of what it has been the past two years. Nearly 20 horses purchased here are aiming for the starting gate this year and another 20 are shipping in from Europe.

“I'm hoping that within the next few years, we will be pretty balanced between having the same number of horses here as we do in Europe, or maybe even more here,” said Joorabchian.

Asked about the appeal of racing in the U.S., Joorabchian explained that he was drawn to better competition and bigger prize money.

“U.S. racing is moving upwards,” he said. “The competition is much tougher because you have much more prize money. If you do well here, you’re really rewarded. If you do well in the U.K., it’s more about the value that you’re creating in your horses rather than the prize money. I think the competition is much better here as well. You’re competing against more people across the spectrum.”

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He continued, “As an owner like me, I want to compete with more people and be more on level terms and I think the U.S. creates much more competition.”

AMO Racing USA horses are gearing up for 2023 campaigns with trainers all across the country. Jorge Delgado trains recent stakes winner Crispy Cat, who Joorabchian said is pointing toward the Keeneland race meet and perhaps after that, a trip to Ascot. Delgado’s string also includes Olivia Darling (Palace) a 4-year-old filly who ran second in the Minaret S. at Tampa Bay in February; New York Thunder (Nyquist), who won his first two starts at Gulfstream late last year as a juvenile and is now training at Keeneland; and Kingmax (Ire) (Kingman (GB)), a Group 3-placed 4-year-old colt looking to make his U.S. debut in the coming weeks.

Paulo Lobo’s fleet of AMO horses includes recent maiden winner Mischievous Doll (Into Mischief) and Thunder Love (GB) (Profitable {Ire}), who came to America last year as a 3-year-old and scored a win at Turfway in February. Hurricane J (Nyquist) ran seventh in last year’s GI FanDuel Breeders’ Cup Juvenile Turf after two consecutive juvenile wins, but was unplaced in his sophomore debut in February. He now looks to get back to his winning ways in the Lafayette S. at Keeneland on Friday.

“We still have really high hopes for him,” said Joorabchian. “We just think he needed a little more time and I’m hoping this next race will be a lot better.”

Wesley Ward has added a few AMO European exports to his stable with Lady Hollywood (GB) (Havana Grey {GB}), the winner of the G3 Prix d’Arenberg last September who finished a credible fifth in the G1 Breeders’ Cup Juvenile Turf Sprint, as well as three-time group winner Go Bears Go (Ire) (Kodi Bear {Ire}).

“We have a really exciting group of horses,” reflected Joorabchian. “Racing is something that I have a passion for and the passion is just getting bigger and bigger. I hope we can achieve some fun things because we’re putting a lot behind it.”
Despite many Group 2 and Group 3 wins and quite a few Group 1 placings, AMO Racing is still searching for its first Group/Grade I victory. Their next chance might be on the first Friday in May.

Motion, who will be seeking his first Kentucky Oaks win, said that Affirmative Lady came out of last weekend’s race in fine shape.

“She got a lot of dirt in her eyes and had a sore eye the next morning, but it looks good now,” he said. “She’ll stay in Florida for a few weeks and probably ship to Keeneland around the 17th and we’ll breeze her that weekend. The timing has been great. To be able to give her five more weeks until the Oaks really couldn’t be better.”

Joorabchian said he has not yet been to the Kentucky Derby or the Oaks, but added that he is looking forward to this year’s experience with Affirmative Lady and hoping for many more trips there in the future.

“When you’re racing at the level that we’re at now, your dream is to get to the Oak and the Derby, so this is going to be a very special moment,” he said. “We have put this filly through some tough tasks and she has come through in all of them. She has already hit her expectations and everything now is a bonus.”

Joe McCloskey (left) and Tim Yakteen | Benoit

McCloskeys cont. from p1

“It was our very first stakes win,” Joe McCloskey, a retired businessman, said of the Baffle. “Obviously, it was fantastic and to be able to back it up with another stakes win, you talk about firsts. Cuyathy was our first horse, and this is her first foal, and now two stakes races back-to-back. There are a lot of firsts with that horse.”
Recalling his first foray into racing, McCloskey said, “We have a condo that is right across the street from Del Mar, so it was convenient to go over and watch the horses. Eventually we got hooked up with a couple of trainers and said, ‘Let’s give it a shot.’”

The California couple headed to Kentucky with a plan—sort of—’s looking really good. We get to our book—when you can get a horse for $50,000—and the first one comes up and the hair on the cowlick kind of looked like a heart, maybe this is it? So we bid on it, but we got outbid. Maybe there needs to be a better heart? Surprisingly when Cuyathy came by, our trainer said what do you think? And lo and behold, we look down at the chestnut and it was in the shape of the heart. And the hammer dropped at exactly $50,000. Our trainer thinks we are nuts at this point, but anyway that’s how we got Cuyathy.”

The McCloskeys ended up taking another filly home from Keeneland that year, going to $8,000 to acquire a daughter of Curlin they named Reiki Baby.

Cuyathy went on to win three times in 20 starts, including a third-place effort in the 2018 Kalookan Queen S., and earn $107,923. Reiki Baby, who didn’t make it to the races until she was four, was a first-out winner at Santa Anita in 2017 and twice second before being retired after four starts. Both mares, now 10, ultimately became the McCloskeys’ broodmare band.

“People told us, if you think racing is tough, breeding is even worse, it’s tougher,” McCloskey said. “So we looked at each other and said, ‘Let’s give it a shot.’ We are a micro-breeders, those are the only two mares that we have. But they were our first two horses. Literally, Cuyathy was the first horse we bought and Reiki Baby was the second one.”

The breeding operation got off to a slow start when Reiki Baby’s first foal, Lightheart (Blame) failed to make it to the races. But it has picked up steam thanks to Johannes, whose dam was producing her first foal by Nyquist at about the same time Reiki Baby was producing another colt by the GI Kentucky Derby winner.

“We bred both Reiki Baby and Cayathy to Nyquist,” McCloskey said. “People said we were nuts. I said, this whole game is nuts, let’s just go all in, let’s breed both to Nyquist and maybe one will catch.”

Johannes, along with Reiki Baby’s second foal Requist, began his racing career back east with trainer Bill Morey, but both suffered some bad luck.

“Billy had both our horses at Churchill and in one day, I get a phone call he goes, ‘Joe, Reiquist has a fracture, we have to ship him back to Rood and Riddle in Lexington. And Johannes has some chips. I said, ‘You’ve got to be kidding—this is one phone call and my first two horses. Long story short, we brought Johannes over to Rood and Riddle, took out a few small chips and Dr. Bramlage saw a little issue on the other leg, so they took it out and we gave him time off to come back. And then Rood and Riddle repaired Reiquist’s fracture and he’s at Santa Anita. He just breezed three furlongs twice already and he’s looking really good.”

Both horses are now in the Southern California barn of trainer Tim Yakteen, who McCloskey credits with a slow and steady approach to the races.

“Tim Yakteen is probably one of the best, most conservative trainers there are when it comes to getting your horse back in good shape,” McCloskey said. “People say you have to have patience in this business. In this business with Tim, you have to have glacial patience. But he knows his business.”

In his first start for Yakteen, Johannes was a solid third behind Fort Warren (Curlin), subsequently third in the GII San Vicente S., and Spun Intended (Hard Spun).

“He was just coming back off a layoff and he came in third, but he really challenged Fort Warren,” McCloskey said of that effort last October. “I was sitting in a box next to Bob Baffert and Bob came down and said you’ve got a nice horse there. So the dirt looked really good then.”

Johannes took a step back next time out, however, finishing a well-beaten fifth at Del Mar in November.
We brought him over to Del Mar, but we shipped him in the day before the race and he got very nervous and he was washed out and he didn’t perform well there,” McCloskey said. “At that point, we decided to see what would happen if we put him on the turf because his mother had success sprinting over both Tapeta and turf.”

Of that first try on the lawn that resulted in an emphatic maiden score, McCloskey said, “Boom. We put him on the turf and it was like, I guess he likes the turf. He won by nine lengths and he wasn’t even asked.”

Making his next start in the 6 1/2-furlong Baffle S., Johannes was mired in traffic down the hill and had nowhere to go turning for home, where things only got worse for the dark bay colt as he was jostled about before ultimately slicing between foes and bounding away once in the clear in the final strides (video).

“I’ve never seen a horse get into that much traffic, have to steady that much, and then he sliced and diced picking his path,” McCloskey recalled. “I tell you, I would have taken all my money off the table halfway through the race. I thought there was no way this horse could do anything, but he popped out and still won by 1 1/2 lengths. I went up to Umberto [Rispoli] after the race and his head was still shaking. I said, ‘You got in a little trouble?’ and he said, ‘This horse is a freak to be able to come through there.’”

After the drama of the Baffle, Johannes’s win when stretched to one mile in the Pasadena S. was somewhat ho-hum. Settled at the back of the pack, the heavy favorite powered to the lead at midstretch and sauntered clear to an easy 3 1/2-length victory (video).

The pair of stakes victories have likely earned Johannes a spot in graded-stakes company, but connections are still weighing their options.

“Right now, we are pointed towards the [GII] American S. [at Churchill Downs] on Derby Day,” McCloskey said. “We know we want to keep him with 3-year-olds at this point. So that’s the race that is on screen. But because it’s Derby day and because of the way he got a little nervous just shipping in to Del Mar, we might look for some other options, so maybe instead of 75,000 people, we have 10,000. We will get a couple 3-year-old races in him and from there, if he continues to do what we think he can do, we will look at the 3-and-up races. Then, in the best of all worlds, of course, you look at the Breeders’ Cup in November. Do we even have a shot at that? We hope so. It’s one step at a time in this business for sure.”

The McCloskeys also have plenty to look forward to from their two-horse broodmare band. Reiki Baby has a 2-year-old colt by Mendelssohn and a yearling filly by Practical Joke. Cayathy has a 2-year-old filly named Sea Dancer (Mastery) who is in training with Morey at Keeneland, as well as a yearling filly by Gun Runner. She produced a filly by Knicks Go this year and will be bred back to Mandaloun.

“We are smart enough to know that you can’t make a lot of money in this business unless you are super lucky,” McCloskey said. “But with that Gun Runner filly out of Cuyathy, it’s giving us cause for pause to think maybe we sell that filly—because you can’t keep them all—or do you maybe say, if Reiki Baby isn’t doing what we want, do we keep that filly and still have two [broodmares]. But it’s not like we are going to have five or six more. We are happy with two, we get to see them, and maybe we would have one more.”

McCloskey said he and his wife have no specific goals for their racing and breeding operation, but are content to enjoy the ride.

“I’ve seen a lot of smart people lose a lot of money in this business,” he said. “So we will just try to keep it balanced, to have fun and, as long as we are having fun and the horses are helping pay for some of the bills, we are happy. This is a crazy business. It’s just a matter of making sure that you’re enjoying it every day. And we are right now.”

While they are enjoying the business, they are also very focused on paying it forward.

“We balance everything we do back on the other side,” McCloskey stressed. “We are big supporters of a place here in California called Laughing Pony Rescue, which is in Rancho Santa Fe, and we save a lot of horses there. We donate to CARMA and New Vocations, some of those people have taken our horses. We think it’s important that anybody who is in this business balances it out by helping the other side of the equation, the ones that are retired.”
**MGISW GUFO RETIRED**

Gufo winning the Pan American | Coglianese

The three-time Grade I winner Gufo (Declaration of War--Floy, by Petionville) has been retired and will arrive at WinStar Farm in Versailles, Kentucky on Wednesday, where potential buyers will have the opportunity to examine him as a stallion prospect.

“Gufo had a minor training setback, and his owner, Stephen Cainelli, made the decision to retire him and find him a new career as a stallion,” said his trainer, Christophe Clement. “Gufo is leaving Payson Park on Tuesday, and he is on his way to WinStar, where he will be available by appointment to be seen by prospective buyers.”

The 6-year-old was bred in Kentucky by Cainelli and John Little. He raced over four seasons, and earned $2,176,530, with 21 starts, nine wins and seven black-type wins. His three Grade IIs included the Belmont Derby at three, and the Sword Dancer at four and five. He also won the GIII Kent S. at Delaware at three, where he set a new course record for nine furlongs in 1:46.94, and the GII Pan American at Gulfstream as a 5-year-old. He broke his maiden at a mile and a sixteenth at two.

Gufo is a son of Declaration of War, a two-time Grade I-winning son of War Front who started his career at Coolmore Stud in Ireland, moved to Ashford in America, and who now stands in Japan at the JBBA Shizunai Stallion Station. Declaration of War’s son Fire At Will entered stud at Sequel Stallions in New York this year.

“Declaration of War has been a very pleasant surprise as a stallion,” said Clement. “And Gufo was a top-class racehorse at three, four, and five. He raced in all the best races in New York, and never missed a beat. He’s a very sound horse. He’s a half-brother to a very good sprinter called Hogy [Offlee Wild], so even if he is himself a 10-furlong horse, there is plenty of speed in his family. For me, as a trainer, he was a pleasure to train. He was remarkably consistent over the years, and also I valued dearly the relationship he created between us and Mr. Cainelli, who is a wonderful man from Texas, a retired surgeon.”

Like Declaration of War, Hogy was a very durable racehorse, competing over nine seasons and winning 19 races and nine black-type events. He won on both turf and dirt, was a three-time Grade III winner, and set a course record at the Fair Grounds going about 5.5 furlongs in 1:01.56.

**HALF TO FORTE'S DAM TOPS FASIG-TIPTON APRIL DIGITAL SALE**

Stakes-placed K P Slickem (Hip 3), a half-sister to the dam of champion and recent GI Florida Derby winner Forte (Violence), sold for $400,000 to Champion Equine to top the April Digital Sale, which closed Tuesday afternoon.

Offered in foal to MGISW Raging Bull (Fr) by Mulholland Farm, agent, K P Slickem hails from the immediate family of champions Essential Quality and Folklore and Japanese Triple Crown winner Contrail.

Heavenly Hill (Hip 6), accounted for the second highest price of the day when sold for $250,000 to Alex Payne, agent for Angela Ingenito, from the consignment of Taylor Made Sales Agency, agent. The multiple graded stakes placed City Zip mare was offered in foal to Not This Time.

“The Fasig-Tipton Digital Auction platform continues to pick up steam,” said Leif Aaron, Director of Digital Sales. “We are selling horses at all levels of the market. We are still learning what appeals to buyers at certain times of year and what doesn’t--and that’s ok.”
“We look forward to building on our successful 2023 sales as we look ahead to our May Digital Sale,” added Aaron.

“Nominations are open.”

In total, 19 horses sold for $938,000, an average of $57,900. Two-hundred-fifty users registered to bid on the catalogued offerings.

Full results are available online.

The next Fasig-Tipton Digital will be the May Digital Sale, which opens for bidding May 11 and closes May 16.

RICK DUTROW RETURNS TO WORK

by Bill Finley

Rick Dutrow was on the Belmont backstretch Tuesday morning preparing for the rest of his career after an absence of more than 10 years, the result of his license being revoked by the New York racing authorities. Dutrow had his license reinstated by the New York Gaming Commission on Feb. 27, but said that Tuesday was his first day back at work.

“They gave me stalls in barn 28,” Dutrow said. “They allowed me to come back [Tuesday]. It was mid-day and I went straight to the barn to set things up. I will have a couple of horses by the end of the week and hope to keep adding from there. I’m back and all is good. I just want to look forward. I don’t want to look back at what happened. How does it feel? Great. Just great.”

Dutrow said he will welcome his first horse on Thursday, one that will be arriving from Ocala by van. He was not sure when he will make his first start, but said he will look to claim horses right away.

“Everything has been cleared up,” he said. “There are no more rules or regulations standing in the way. It’s all good.”

Showing some of the same bravado that was one of his trademarks before he lost his license, Dutrow said he was ready to celebrate after finishing work on Wednesday.

“I’m sweating after working,” he said. “I’m going to go take a shower and then have a couple of beers. I love it.”

While he so far has commitments to train just a handful of horses, he expects that his numbers will grow quickly.

“I’m ready to claim, ready to buy,” he said. “Then I’ll be ready to win. I can’t wait to start training horses again. I think after Saratoga is over I should have 25 to 35 horses. But who knows? I want to start claiming horses, but that’s not always so easy since so many of the claims come down to shakes. But my intention is to have as many racing as I can and as quickly as I can. We’ll be as aggressive as we can be.”

At the height of his career Dutrow was winning 150 or more races a year and dealt with some of the best horses in the sport, including GI Kentucky Derby and GI Preakness S. winner Big Brown (Boundary) and GI Breeders’ Cup Classic winner Saint Liam (Saint Ballado).

When asked if he could start winning at that rate and in major races again, Dutrow replied: “I’m hoping so, that I can do as well as I did. I’m going to try.”

Dutrow, 63, said he was pleased with his barn assignment because it included a lot of empty stalls, which he hopes to fill.

“They put me in a good barn,” he said. “If I had a van load of horses coming in I’d have spots for them right away. In this barn, there’s a lot of room for me to grow.”

Dutrow’s last start came on Jan. 16, 2013 at Aqueduct. In 2011, he had his license revoked for 10 years by State Racing and Wagering Board, the predecessor of the New York Gaming Commission. He was charged with a number of violations that included the finding of syringes loaded with unauthorized medication in the desk draw of his barn. He fought the case until exhausting all his legal challenges early in 2013 and had his license revoked for 10 years. Upon the end of what amounted to a 10-year ban, Dutrow applied to the Gaming Commission for a license, which was granted in late February.

“Following a review by the bureau of licensing in consultation with the division of racing, the review found that Mr. Dutrow satisfied the penalty imposed by the Racing and Wagering Board and his record is bereft of transgressions during his period of revocation,” Gaming Commission Executive Director Rob Williams said at the time. “Accordingly, the bureau has determined to issue a license to Mr. Dutrow to participate in New York horse racing.”
PREAKNESS FUTURE BET TO DEBUT APR. 28

by T.D. Thornton

A futures-styled pari-mutuel wager to pick the winner of the GI Preakness S. before the GI Kentucky Derby goes off will debut this year with an 18% takeout.

The pool will be hosted by the Maryland Jockey Club (MJC). The new bet was unanimously approved at Tuesday’s monthly meeting of the Maryland Racing Commission.

Mike Rogers, the president of the racing division for the MJC, described details of the Preakness wager.

"The window of that bet will open on Friday, Apr. 28, and we're going to close roughly 6 p.m. before the [May 6] Derby. So it's going to be cool to see our Preakness future odds right alongside the Derby odds."

Rogers explained that the bet will be based on the way the existing Kentucky Derby Future Wager is conducted by Churchill Downs.

"We're going to use theirs as a foundation. But we're also going to add a couple of [Bob] Baffert horses [that have been barred from Derby competition this year]. We want to hopefully have a couple of local Maryland horses in there. We want to add a couple of fillies. So we're going to try to get maybe at least 30 betting interests. Maybe up to 39 [with an "all others' field option]. We can do 40 [total betting interests]."

Figuring out which Derby starters might contest the second leg of the Triple Crown will lend a difficult element to the bet.

In 2022, the 20-horse Derby yielded only three Preakness starters in a field of nine. In 2021, the 19-horse Derby sent just three starters to the 10-horse Preakness field.
HISA AUTHORITY: PLAINTIFFS IN LOUISIANA LAWSUIT HAVE 'NO RIGHT' TO ADD NEW PARTIES by T. D. Thornton

The Horseracing Integrity and Safety Act (HISA) Authority reiterated to a judge on Monday a belief that the plaintiffs in the federal lawsuit spearheaded by the state of Louisiana have "no right" to expand the scope of their complaint by letting new entities join the nine-month-old case in United States District Court (Western District of Louisiana).

"Plaintiffs characterize their joinder of new parties as a 'routine amendment,'" the Apr. 3 court filing stated. "But they do not dispute that the purpose of their amendment is to transform the preliminary injunction already in force in Louisiana and West Virginia into a nationwide injunction by adding a 'broad collection' of new plaintiffs stretching 'literally from coast-to-coast.'"

"Nor do Plaintiffs deny that their recent maneuvering is intended to circumvent the difficult standard that applies to the still pending intervention motion previously filed by these same parties," the filing continued.

"And they do not contest that had the original Plaintiffs been denied a preliminary injunction, none of the new parties seeking to piggyback on that relief would have joined this suit but instead would have tried their luck elsewhere."

"To the contrary, in a separate challenge in the Northern District of Texas that has been ongoing for two years, many of these same parties conceded that their 'strategic' decision to join this suit is motivated by their belief that the original Plaintiffs had found 'a judge who had previously been generous to those plaintiffs with equitable relief,'" the filing stated.

Back on Feb. 6, the plaintiffs filed an amended complaint to their original June 29, 2022, lawsuit, with the chief changes involving the addition of 14 new individual Horsemen’s Benevolent and Protective Association affiliates, plus a wide swath of states, racing commissions, and individual racetracks.

After the defendants moved to strike the amended complaint on Mar. 6, the plaintiffs followed up three weeks later by filing a memorandum in support of allowing the new entities.

"Defendants suggest that Plaintiffs engage in something sinister by seeking amendment to request expanded relief," the plaintiffs’ Mar. 27 court filing stated. "But parties across the country routinely amend to seek expanded relief without issue."

The judge in the case has now been supplied with written legal arguments on both sides of the issue, paving the way for a near-future ruling on the defendants’ motion to strike the amended complaint.

EVANGELINE KICKS OFF APR. 7

The 2023 Thoroughbred season opens at Evangeline Downs on Friday, Apr. 7. The meet will consist of 61 racing days running through Aug. 12. First post each night will be at the new time of 5:30pm Central. The racing schedule will feature racing on Wednesday through Saturday for the first five full weeks of the meet. Beginning the week of May 18, racing will switch to a Thursday through Saturday schedule.

The 2023 season will feature an expanded stakes schedule, starting with a pair of stakes on opening night—the $60,000 Spotted Horse S. and $60,000 Acadiana S. The first Saturday card includes the $60,000 Lafayette S. and the $100,000 Evangeline Mile.

The track will host fans the first weekend of May for simulcasting of the Kentucky Oaks and the Kentucky Derby May 5 and 6 from Churchill Downs. The EVD Classic highlights the live Derby Day card. Cont. p13
The marquee night of the season will take place June 3 with Louisiana Legends Night. The program will feature six stake races for Louisiana-bred runners, with each purse increased to $100,000 guaranteed this year. Free Like a Girl and Net a Bear were popular winners on the 2022 Legends Night.

The Friday, July 7 card features the $75,000 Louisiana Stallion S. and the filly division of the $60,000 Shine Young Futurity. Saturday, July 8 will have the $60,000 Shine Young colts and gelding division, along with the $75,000 Louisiana Stallion S.

For the complete 2023 schedule, visit http://www.evdracing.com.

KEENELAND TO OFFER FREE DIGITAL PROGRAMS DURING SPRING MEET

Keeneland will offer free digital race-day programs for download for its Spring Meet, which begins Apr. 7, in an initiative to increase access to data for horseplayers and fans.

“Keeneland believes that access to data is an important step in both educating and engaging our fans,” Keeneland Vice President of Racing Gatewood Bell said. “We piloted a digital program during the pandemic that was incredibly well received when fans tuned into our racing product from afar.”

Complimentary race-day programs, which feature past performances from Equibase, will be available for download on Keeneland’s website at www.Keeneland.com/program.

BACKSIDE LEARNING CENTER HOSTS DERBY HANDICAPPING SOCIAL

The Backside Learning Center at the Louisville Thoroughbred Society will host a Derby Handicapping Social Apr. 18 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. The event will feature a 2023 Kentucky Derby handicapping seminar with a panel of the industry’s top experts: Caton Bredar and Joe Kristufek, with NBC’s Donna Barton Brothers moderating.

In addition to handicapping, the event serves as a social hour to mingle with owners, trainers and connected leaders in the Thoroughbred industry. Backside Learning Center will also highlight its programs and provide insight on its Purses for a Purpose initiative, through which owners can tie portions of their horses’ winnings to funds going directly to programming at the Backside Learning Center.

The Backside Learning Center is a nonprofit organization based in Louisville providing support and resources in a safe, welcoming environment for the diverse community of racetrack workers and their families.

The event is free with a suggested donation at the door. Learn more via this link: bidpal.net/blderbyhandicapping23.

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**Friday, Keeneland #9, post time: 5:16 p.m. EDT**

**CENTRAL BANK ASHLAND S.-GI,** $600,000, 3yo, f, 1 1/16m

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**Friday, Keeneland #8, post time: 4:44 p.m. EDT**

**KENTUCKY UTILITIES TRANSYLVANIA S.-GIII,** $400,000, 3yo, 1 1/16mT

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**Friday, Aqueduct #7, post time: 4:34 p.m. EDT**

**DISTAFF H.-GIII,** $150,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 7f

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SECOND-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5
2023 Stud Fees Listed

Free Drop Billy (Union Rags), Spendthrift Farm, $5,000
106 foals of racing age/12 winners/1 black-type winner
8-Will Rogers Downs, 5:35 p.m. EDT, Alw 5 1/2f, Billie Baby, 20-1
$40,000 TTA YHR yrl; $20,000 OBS APR 2yo

Mrazek (Square Eddie), Ocean Breeze Ranch
20 foals of racing age/3 winners/0 black-type winners
9-Turf Paradise, 7:18 p.m. EDT, Aoc 7 1/2fT, Wrong Spot, 5-1
$10,000 RNA FTC AYR yrl; $12,000 FTC AYR 2yo

National Flag (Speightstown), Blazing Meadows Farm
38 foals of racing age/7 winners/0 black-type winners
2-Mahoning Valley, 1:05 p.m. EDT, Alw 1m, Better Half, 2-1

STAKES RESULTS:
CLASICO ANTONIO R.MATOS S., $50,274, Camarero, 4-2, (S),
3yo, f, 1 1/16m, 1:49.90, ft.
1--COPA DE ORO, 118, f, 3, by Nite Light--Charming Amanda,
by Charismatic. 1ST BLACK TYPE WIN. O-J L Stable PR; B-Jorge
R. Jimenez (PR); T-Jorge J. Perez; J-Jorge I. Velez. $29,754.
Lifetime Record: 6-2-1-3, $50,324.
2--Jaimanitas Beach, 118, f, 3, Side Road--Jamaica Bay, by
Macho Uno. 1ST BLACK TYPE. O-Ordep Racing; B-Pedro
Agustin (PR); T-Hector Rivera Lopez. $10,260.
3--Prestigiosa, 118, f, 3, Console--Seretaria, by Saint Anddan.
O-Establo Villa Real; B-Potrero Los Llanos Inc. (PR); T-Jerick
Llopiz. $5,130.
Margins: 1HF, 2 1/4, 5 1/4. Odds: 1.15, 4.40, 2.00.

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:
7th-Mahoning Valley, $40,900, (S), 4-4, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:11.53, ft,
1 1/4 lengths.
UOTTALIKEIT (c, 4, Bold Warrior--Poco Uno, by E Dubai)
Lifetime Record: 9-6-1-1, $137,655. O-Authentic Racing, LLC;
B-Hal Snowden (OH); T-Marco Ibarra.

8th-Will Rogers Downs, $30,000, (S), 4-3, (C), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f,
1:10.75, ft, 1/2 length.
GYPSY ROSE (f, 3, Liaison--Cactus Rose, by Bricktown Cat)
Lifetime Record: 6-3-0-2, $56,942. O/B-Dusty Rose Ranch LLC
(OK); T-Mark C. Lee.

3rd-Will Rogers Downs, $30,000, (S), 4-4, (C), 3yo/up, 6f,
1:10.45, ft, 2 3/4 lengths.
CONNORS OUTLAW (g, 3, Cinco Charlie--Le Grand Fromage, by
Grand Slam) Lifetime Record: SP, 6-3-0-1, $75,301. O/B-Cisper
Racing (OK); T-Kari Craddock.

3rd-Turf Paradise, $26,900, Alw, 4-4, 3yo, 1m, 1:38.36, ft, 1/2
length.
AMERICAN BLAZE (c, 3, American Freedom--Beauty N Balance,
by Lookin At Lucky) Lifetime Record: 8-3-1-0, $107,996. O-Terry
Hamilton & Murray House; B-Gary & Mary West Stables Inc.
(KY); T-Clay Brinson. *$20,000 Wlg '20 KEENOV; $25,000 Ylg '21
FKJUL; $27,000 2yo '22 OBSMAR.

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8th-Mahoning Valley, $25,900, 4-4, (NW2L), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:12.71, ft, 3 1/2 lengths.

**R CARDINAL PRINCE (g, 3, Khozan--Blue Baby {MSP, $101,485}, by Touch Gold)** Lifetime Record: 4-2-0-1, $33,455. O-Jason DaCosta & Stacey Ondercin; B-Al Shaqab Racing (FL); T-Jason DaCosta. *$7,000 Ylg '21 OBSOCT; $11,000 2yo '22 OBSOPN.

5th-Will Rogers Downs, $25,300, 4-4, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:10.63, ft, 1 1/4 lengths.

**TIFFANY TWIST (m, 5, Flat Out--Successful Slew, by Successful Appeal)** Lifetime Record: 12-2-5-1, $70,245. O/B-Cowboy Stables LLC (KY); T-Scott E. Young. *$14,000 RNA Wlg '18 KEENOV. **1/2 to Daaher's Success (Daaher), SP, $180,880; and to Hailstorm Slew (Munnings), MSW, $325,807.

**ALL TDN WINNERS BY SIRE**

**American Freedom**, American Blaze, c, 3, o/o Beauty N Balance, by Lookin At Lucky. ALW, 4-4, Turf Paradise

**Bold Warrior**, Uottalikeit, c, 4, o/o Poco Uno, by E Dubai. ALW, 4-4, Mahoning Valley

**Cinco Charlie**, Connors Outlaw, g, 3, o/o Le Grand Fromage, by Grand Slam. ALW, 4-4, Will Rogers

**Flat Out**, Tiffany Twist, m, 5, o/o Successful Slew, by Successful Appeal. ALW, 4-4, Will Rogers

**Khozan**, R Cardinal Prince, g, 3, o/o Blue Baby, by Touch Gold. ALW, 4-4, Mahoning Valley

**Liaison**, Gypsy Rose, f, 3, o/o Cactus Rose, by Bricktown Cat. ALW, 4-3, Will Rogers

**Nite Light**, Copa de Oro, f, 3, o/o Charming Amanda, by Charismatic. GII Clasico Antonio R.Matos S., 4-2, Camarero

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‘THE BREEDERS’ CUP IS THE GOAL,’ - PADDY TWOMEY STABLE TOUR

By Brian Sheerin

Paddy Twomey and statistics go hand in hand. It seems as though, whenever the trainer’s name is mentioned, a number or a stat of some sort will follow. And it’s easy to see why: statistically, Twomey is the most upwardly-mobile handler in Ireland.

This is a man who has been operating at a 23 per cent strike-rate or higher since 2018. That takes serious doing in an environment as competitive as Ireland.

While the 46-year-old has been training officially since 2012, his Tipperary-based operation has been open to outside owners for roughly half of that time, and boy has it snowballed in that period.

From sending out six winners from 26 runners domestically in 2018, Twomey has bettered that tally—and strike-rate—every year since, and sent out an incredible 31 winners from 105 runners which equated to a 30% hit-rate last year.

Of those 31 winners in Ireland, six were achieved with two-year-olds, including G3 Round Tower S. winner Treasure Trove, and the stable also broke the €1 million mark for prize-money earned for the first time in a season. Cont. p3

DERBY ATTRACTS 20 SECOND ENTRIES LED BY WHITE BIRCH

Fresh off of his victory in the G3 Ballysax S. on Sunday, White Birch (GB) (Ulysses {Ire}) leads 19 other colts as second entries for the G1 Derby at Epsom on Saturday, June 3. Owned by Chantal Regalado-Gonzalez and trained by John Murphy, the colt scored a half-length upset in the Ballysax at 22-1.

Several Derby second entries were also made by Charlie Appleby on behalf of Godolphin. Leading the sextet is GI Breeders’ Cup Juvenile Turf second Silver Knott (GB) (Lope De Vega {Ire}), while listed winner Naval Power (GB) (Teofilo {Ire}), Military Order (Ire) (Frankel {GB}), Imperial Emperor (Ire) (Dubawi {Ire}), Flying Honours (GB) (Sea The Stars {Ire}), and Ancient Rules (Ire) (Lope De Vega {Ire}) are also nominated.

There is also an American-trained entrant to the Blue Riband, whose connections also paid the £9,000 second entry fee—Ken McPeek entered two-for-two Mendelssohn’s March (Mendelssohn). Cont. p9

IN TDN AMERICA TODAY

JOHANNES PROVIDING A STRING OF FIRSTS FOR MCCLOSKEYS

Johannes (Nyquist), bred and raced by Joe and Debby McCloskey, is now a winner of the Pasadena S.
ANAMOE NOMINATED TO NEWBURY’S LOCKINGE
Godolphin’s star Aussie galloper won the G1 George Ryder in mid-March and the son of Street Boss has been formally nominated to the Newbury showpiece.

HOMELESS SONGS BACK IN ACTION
Classic winner and ‘TDN Rising Star’ Homeless Songs (Ire) (Frankel {GB}) will run in Wednesday’s Listed Irish Stallion Farms EBF Heritage S.

BALLYDOLE SENDS OUT JUSTIFY PAIR
Aidan O’Brien continues to indicate his Classic intentions and sends out two well-bred sons of Justify for Leopardstown maidens on Wednesday.
But the achievement that mattered the most to Twomey was a first Group 1 success achieved with La Petite Coco (Ire) (Ruler Of The World (Ire)) in the G1 Pretty Polly S. which was quickly followed by another top-flight victory to mark a season to remember when Pearls Galore (Fr) (Invincible Spirit (Ire)) landed the G1 Matron S. on Irish Champion S.

"We try to improve every year," says Twomey, reflecting on last year’s achievements. "We had two Group 1 winners so that is where the bar is set. The aim is to try and keep on improving and to do the best we can by our horses."

Twomey has a wealth of talent to work with for the upcoming season and is already off the mark courtesy of Irish St Leger hope French Claim. There are Group 1 aspirations for Rosscarbery, who changed hands for 1,000,000gns at the sales last December and will race in the colours of Lady Bamford this season, while the trainer has been typically-shrewd in adding to the ranks over the winter months.

Judging by the pedigrees on show in the two-year-old department, there are plenty of stars for the future waiting to bob their heads above the parapet and, while the trainer has 60 juveniles to run this season, he revealed that he would be happy if he could add "a good one" to the team at the upcoming breeze-up sale circuit.

"We’re looking forward to the breeze-up sales and hope to be active at them. We will be at the Craven and at Doncaster and hope to travel to Arqana and possibly Goresbridge as well. If things fell our way and we managed to pick up a good one out of them, I would be delighted."

**Older Horses**

**French Claim (Fr) (French Fifteen {Fr})**

Teme Valley Racing

He had a good year last year, was third in the Irish Derby, and finished up being rated 108. He wasn’t beaten that far in the St Leger, when things didn’t go his way, and then it was trainer error in the Irish Cesarewitch—I shouldn’t have run him that day. It was good to see him off the mark at Navan last week. That was a good starting point for him and I think he is an exciting horse for the year ahead.

Hopefully he can step up in a stakes race next, probably the Vintage Crop back at Navan next month, and then on to a Group race.

I think he appreciates an ease in the ground but he’s a relentless galloper and hopefully we can have a good campaign with him. He could be an Irish Leger horse.

**Rosscarbery (Ger) (Sea The Stars {Ire})**

Lady Bamford

She was a great addition last year, starting in a maiden in April, taking us to Sligo and Roscommon and everywhere along the way. I enjoyed training her and she ran her best RPR on her last start—every time she ran, she ran better than the last day. She is very giving and very genuine.

She went to the sales at the end of last year and was sold but luckily Lady Bamford decided to send her back to us. We are very much looking forward to training her this year. She is a dual Group 3 winner and is Group 1-placed. Cont. p4
Stable Tour: Paddy Twomey Cont.

I think 10 and 12 furlongs is probably her optimum, she doesn't quite get 1m6f, and races like the Pretty Polly, Prix Jean Romanet and the Yorkshire Oaks could suit.

Ultimately, something like the Breeders’ Cup Fillies and Mares at Santa Anita would be the goal, and I’d say her campaign will be very much geared towards the second half of the season.

Just Beautiful (GB) (Pride Of Dubai {Aus})
Moyglare Stud

A filly we are very keen on. She ran a good race in the G3 Renaissance S. at the Curragh at the end of last year and then we decided not to run her again with this year in mind. We had a couple of hold-ups in the spring of last year and it basically wiped out last season on us.

She has been training very well this winter and into this spring so she might start in the G3 Athasi S. at the Curragh next month. I think anywhere from six to seven furlongs will suit and she likes fast ground. I’m looking forward to her this year.

Final Gesture (Ire) (Dubawi {Ire})
Bobby Flay

This is a very well-bred filly. We liked her form in France and Bobby Flay kindly sent her to us. This is our first horse for him and the plan will be to target the fillies’ staying division in Ireland and England this season.

If she is good enough, we’d love to travel to America in the second half of the season for something. The first aim is to win a stakes race and the second is to achieve Group form. If we can win a Group race, we can think about travelling, and we’re excited about her.

Rolling The Dice (Ire) (Mehmas {Ire})
Arabian Bloodstock

A nice filly, she won a Newbury maiden as a two-year-old and was third to Inspiral (GB) (Frankel {GB}) and Prosperous Voyage (Ire) (Zoffany {Ire}) in the G2 May Hill S. at Doncaster. She lost her way a little bit as a three-year-old, though. She joined us last August and we’re looking forward to running her this year.

Mea Domina (Fr) (Pivotal {GB})
Merry Fox Stud Limited & Newsells Park Stud Ltd

A nice filly with a good pedigree, she has been bought as a potential broodmare for her owners. We’re delighted to have her. She showed nice ability when winning her maiden at Fontainebleau and again when winning her listed race quite comfortably at Saint-Cloud. The plan is to start her off in the Heritage S. at Leopardstown on Wednesday.

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Spasiba (Fr) (Ultra {Ire})
Paddy Twomey

A lovely horse, he was physically immature at three and we didn't over-race him as a result. He's rated 92 and the plan would be to start in a winners' race over 1m4f or 1m6f and then maybe into a handicap and see where we end up. I'm looking forward to him.

Beamish (Fr) (Teofilo {Ire})
John Joseph Flynn

He's entered in the Alleged S. at the Curragh on April 16 and it looks like being a good starting point for him. He won't mind a bit of an ease in the ground. He's a lightly-raced horse for one who is turning five—he's only run six times in his life—but he's in good form and we're looking forward to him this year.

Erosandpsychne (Ire) (Sepoy {Aus})
Barbara Dreeling

He joined us last year and progressed through the ranks of the sprinting division, culminating with a second-placed effort behind Highfield Princess (Fr) (Night Of Thunder) in the G1 Flying Five S. at the Curragh on Irish Champions Weekend.

He’s an exciting horse for the season ahead but it will probably be the second half of the season before he gets going. He likes nice ground.

Three-Year-Olds

Colts

Change Sings (Ire)
Trevor Stewart

A Saxon Warrior (Jpn) colt out of Cassandra Go (Ire) (Indian Ridge {Ire}), he's a lovely horse and makes his debut at Leopardstown on Wednesday. We're looking forward to starting him off.

Fillies

Persian Jewel (Ire) (Showcasing {GB})
Teme Valley Racing

She had a nice introduction at Leopardstown on Sunday. The ground was a good bit heavier than what she would like and I was very happy with how she came home. I would hope that she is a filly who can go and win her maiden the next day.

Bella Blue Eyes (Ire) (Holy Roman Emperor {Ire})
Eddie Walsh

She ran once for us last autumn, and the plan would be to start off in a maiden and try to win that. She's a nice filly for Eddie Walsh, who has been a great supporter of mine since I started training.

Easy (Ire) (Kodiac {GB})
Team Valor International LLC & Gary Barber

A nice filly, she joined us after winning her maiden for Andy Slattery and we ran her first time up for us in the Ingabelle S. on Irish Champions Weekend, but unfortunately she picked up a little setback that day which ruled her out for the rest of the season.

We hope to start her in a winners’ race or a handicap and hopefully she can progress through the ranks. I’d say she has plenty of ability.

Treasure Trove (Ire) (Siyouni {Fr})
Merry Fox Stud Limited

She was good last year, winning three times and achieving black-type on six different occasions, which takes a bit of doing for any horse at any stage of their life. For a two-year-old to do it, it’s remarkable. She’s tough and hardy—the aim this year is to win a stakes race.

She’s Guineas-entered but I probably see her more as a sprinter and races like the Polonia S. at Cork could suit her well. In a dream scenario, she'd get to the Commonwealth Cup, but it's only early in the season yet, so let's see where we get to.

Tagline (GB) (Havana Grey {GB})
Arabian Bloodstock

She was a good two-year-old and placed in the Dick Poole S. and ran well in the G3 Oh So Sharp S. as well. She will be a good fit for the fillies' sprint division in Ireland. Cont. p6
Stable Tour: Paddy Twomey Cont.

Shelton (Ire) (Mehmas {Ire})

Martin Schwartz

She came from the breeze-ups last season and won impressively at the Curragh, where she beat Basil Martini (Ire) (Starspangledbanner {Aus}), who went on and won a Group 3 afterwards.

Shelton was also a good second in the G3 Flame Of Tara S. and got a small setback in the G1 Moyglare Stud S. after that. I think it will be the second half of the season before she is out.

Two-Year-Olds

Colts

Noche Magica (Ire)

Night Of Thunder (Ire) colt out of Pious Alexander (Ire) (Acclamation {GB})

Bought by Avenue Bloodstock for £230,000 from Mountarmstrong Stud at the Goffs UK Premier Yearling Sale

Mohammed Ahmad Ali Alsubousi

He’s a nice colt and hopefully he will start around mid-April in a six-furlong maiden. I like what I have seen from him and he’ll be one of my earliest runners. He should be out this month.

King Cuan (GB)

Tasleet (GB) colt out of Rutherford (Ire) (Dutch Art {GB})

Cost €21,000 at Goffs Sportsman’s Sale from Leon Carrick

Red Lily Racing Syndicate

He is a brother of Ernest Rutherford (GB) (Ardad {Ire}), who won for Michael O’Callaghan, and is a nice colt for a new syndicate in the yard. The syndicate is Naas-based so the dream would be to aim him at the Ballyhane S. and the Goffs Sportsman’s race. He’s entered in both and hopefully he will turn out to be a bit of value for what we paid for him.

Red Hugh O’Donnell (Ire)

Dark Angel (Ire) colt out of Rionach (GB) (Sea The Stars {Ire})

Robert Moran

The first foal out of Rionach, who ran to a high level and placed in the Athasi S. This horse is a nice colt who looks like he will make a two-year-old. He has good action and is a lovely straightforward horse to deal with.

Eulace Peacock (Ire)

Dark Angel colt out of Cnoc An Oir (Ire) (Born To Sea {Ire})

Team Valor and Gary Barber

Another nice Dark Angel colt who is very straightforward and is good-actioned. He looks like he will appreciate nice ground and I’d imagine it will be mid-summer before he starts.

Deepone (GB)

Study Of Man (Ire) colt out of Avyanna (Ire) (Galileo {Ire})

Bought by Paddy Twomey for 62,000gns at Tattersalls Book 3 from Beechvale Stud

Vimal Khosla

Nice colt who I hope to run some time in May, once the seven-furlong races start. This is a nice horse and has the option of median auction races.

Get The Papers (Fr)

Soldier Hollow (GB) colt out of Belle Riviere (Frankel {GB})

Haras De Saint Pair

Another nice colt who qualifies for those median auction maiden races and, when the seven furlong races start, he will be ready to go. We like him and he’ll be out from mid-season onwards. Cont. p7
Stable Tour: Paddy Twomey Cont.

Lone Piper (GB)
Kingman (GB) out of Guilty Twelve (Giant's Causeway)
Merry Fox Stables

Nice and straightforward horse out of a Group 3-winning Giant's Causeway mare. Looks one for the second half of the year and I like what I see.

Staple (IRE)

Dark Angel colt out of Samaah (IRE) (Cape Cross {IRE})
Bought by Alex Elliott for 280,000gns from Yeomanstown Stud at Tattersalls Book 1

Valmont

He's a nice colt and has been training well. He was picked up at Book 1 and Valmont is new to our yard. It's nice to have them on board and we have some good prospects for them.

Not Afraid (GB)

Night Of Thunder colt out of Zeb Un Nisa (GB) (Iffraaj {GB})
Bought by Alex Elliott for 280,000gns at Tattersalls Book 2 from Hascombe & Valiant Stud Ltd

Valmont

A nice colt who came from Book 2, I am happy with what he is showing us so far and will be one for the second half of the season.

Bothar

Street Sense colt out of Flashly (Denman {Aus})
Homebred
Newtown Anner Stud

A lovely Newtown Anner homebred, he is out of a half-sister to Kentucky Oaks winner Cathryn Sophia (Street Boss). It's an unusually-bred horse for this part of the world but he's a nice first foal out of Street Sense and I like what I am seeing from him.

McClane (IRE)

Fracas (IRE) colt out of Saoire (GB) (Pivotal {GB})
Homebred
Joseph Joyce

This year is a first for me as I am going to have three juveniles by Fracas to train, which Joseph Joyce kindly sent to me. This is a son of Saoire, who obviously won the Irish 1,000 Guineas for Francis Crowley, and we also have a sister of Smash Williams (IRE) and another sister to McTigue (IRE).

They are very much for the second half of the year but look to be nice horses and we're looking forward to training them for Joseph, who is a true owner-breeder in that he raced the stallion and the dam.

Say Never No More (IRE)

No Nay Never colt out of Queen Iseult (GB) (Camelot {GB})
Bought by Jason Taylor Equine at Goffs Orby Sale from Castlehypey Stud for €280,000

Lapetus Racing Syndicate

These colts are for the Lapetus Racing, which is a new American-based syndicate to have joined the yard, and their aim is to unearth a horse good enough to go to Royal Ascot and, ultimately, the Breeders’ Cup after that. The horses were bought by David Ingordo and Jason Taylor at Goffs and, like I said, the Breeders’ Cup is the dream.

Cathal (IRE)

No Nay Never colt out of Lucky At The Bay (Lucky Pulpit)
Bought by Jason Taylor Equine for €120,000 from Baroda Stud at Goffs Orby

Lapetus Racing Syndicate

He is very much in the mould of the No Nay Nevers that I have seen at the races—a strong and forward type. We’re just about to start doing fast work with him.

Fillies

Vanity Pays (GB)

Kodiac (GB) filly out of Mystic Jade (GB) (Raven's Pass)
Bought by Paddy Twomey for 100,000gns from Fernham Farm at Tattersalls Book 1

Stanley Watson and Trevor Stewart

Cont. p8
Stable Tour: Paddy Twomey Cont.

Nice filly who has been working well. Hopefully she will start when we get a bit of nice ground or else on the all-weather by the end of April. She’s sharp and early. She’s pleasing us.

Jenni (Ire)
Mehmas (Ire) filly out of Inuk (Ire) (Kodiac)
Ennistown Stud
Mehmas is a stallion who we really like and this filly is out of a Kodiac half-sister to The Mackem Bullet (Ire) (Society Rock {Ire}). She’s one of our more forward two-year-olds and we hope to run her over five furlongs in mid-April. I like what I see with her.

I’d say Noche Magica, Vanity Pays and Jenni will be my first two-year-old runners this season—they’re a bit ahead of the rest of them at this stage anyway.

Lady Lilibetrage (Ire)
Magna Grecia (Ire) filly out of Quick Chat (First Defence)
Bought by Jason Taylor Equine for €200,000 from Glenvale Stud at Goffs Orby
She is straightforward and has been training well. She looks like a filly for six to seven furlongs in the middle of the summer. I think she’ll like a bit of nice ground.

Dark Lyric (Ire)
Dark Angel filly out of Hay Chewed (Ire) (Camacho {GB})
Bought by Richard Ryan for €160,000 at Goffs Orby from Grangemore Stud
She is finding her work very easy and we’re happy with her. We’ve been lucky with Dark Angel and she looks another nice filly by him.

Elana Osario (GB)
Lope De Vega (Ire) filly out of Moi Meme (GB) (Teofilo {Ire})
Bought by Paddy Twomey for 375,000gns from Hillwood Stud at Tattersalls Book 2
She is a lovely filly and is one for the second half of the season.

I thought Robert did a good job in naming her because Alana Osario was the wife of Lope De Vega. This filly has some class so hopefully she can live up to that good name.

Mysticmoon (Ire)
Lope De Vega filly out of Onthemoonagain (Fr) (Cape Cross {Ire})
Eddie Walsh
This is the second Lope De Vega we have and she looks as though she will be one for the second half of the season. Coincidentally, she’s the first foal out of Onthemoonagain, who ran to quite a high level in America for Martin Schwarz, a big supporter of this yard.

Lucky Silks (Ire)
Mehmas filly out of Champagne Or Water (Ire) (Captain Rio {GB})
Bought by Paddy Twomey for €260,000 from Tally-Ho Stud at Goffs Orby
Champagne Or Water was a stakes winner for Willie McCreery and her first foal was Group 1-placed in Canada last year. This is the second foal and is one for mid-season onwards.

Conradi (GB)
Calyx (GB) filly out of Althiba (GB) (Shamardal)
Bought by Alex Elliott for €110,000 from the Channel Consignment at the Arqana October Yearling Sale
Nice filly and I’m very pleased with what she is showing us. We haven’t dipped her yet but she’s nice.

Heart Of Darkness (GB)
Mehmas filly out of One Kiss (GB) (Sayif {Ire})
Cost 50,000gns at Tattersalls Book 2 from Llety Farms to Skymark Farm
A nice sharp filly who looks as though she will want good ground. She should be ready to run when the ground dries up in May and June.
Stable Tour: Paddy Twomey Cont.

Alinta (Ire)
Australia (GB) filly out of Termagent (Ire) (Powerscourt {GB})
Homebred
Mrs Diana Vasicek
She has a nice pedigree, being a daughter of G1 Moyglare Stud S. winner Termagent. She’s one for the second half of the season and hopefully she makes up into a nice filly.

Eternal Harmony (Ire)
Night Of Thunder filly out of Majenta (Ire) (Marju {Ire})
Homebred
Mrs Diana Vasicek
Majenta was another very good racemare, having finished third in the Lenebane S. for Kevin Prendergast. This is a nice filly who I hope to run in late-summer or the autumn.

“My think she has the makings of being a very nice 3-year-old.”
Paddy Twomey on Porters Place

Porters Place (Ire)
Make Believe (GB) filly out of Shreyas (Ire) (Dalakhani {Ire})
John Joseph Flynn
A nice filly who we picked up for 70,000gns out of Book 2, she is out of the 110-rated Shreyas, who is a sister to Youmzain (Ire). I think she has the makings of being a very nice three-year-old.

Eagle Of Destiny (Ire)
Gleneagles (Ire) filly out of Miss Macnamara (Ire) (Dylan Thomas {Ire})
Cost €175,000 from Clonlisk Stud at Goffs Orby
Robert Moran
A sister to Sonnyboyliston (Ire) (Power {GB}) and Lot Of Joy (Ire) (Camelot {GB}), she would look like one to have a run or two at the back end of the season before what will hopefully be a productive three and four-year-old campaign.

Forthright (Ire)
Zoffany (Ire) filly out of Last Gold (Fr) (Gold Away {Ire})
Bought by Hugo Merry at Tattersalls Book 3 for 65,000gns from Castletown Stud
Valmont and partnership

A sister of Lumiere Rock (Ire), who is a smart Saxon Warrior (Jpn) filly for Joseph O’Brien, she is for a partnership that includes Valmont.

Clermont Ferrand (Ire)
Kodiac filly out of Alsace Lorraine (Ire) (Giant’s Causeway)
Homebred
Merry Fox Stud
A lovely homebred for Merry Fox Stud, she does everything right and is for the second half of the season.

Super Sox (GB)
Showcasing filly out of Minoria (GB) (Harbour Watch {Ire})
Cost €50,000 from Clenagh Castle Stud at Tattersals Ireland
Dowager Countess of Harrington
The second foal out of Minoria, she is a sister to It’s Showtime Baby (GB) (Showcasing {GB}), who was a good two-year-old for Jessica Harrington last season. This is quite a tall filly and she is pleasing us. Hopefully she’ll be out by mid-season.

20 More Horses Nominated To Derby Cont. from p1

Already a winner on turf and dirt after victories at Fair Grounds and Oaklawn Park, he will race in the colours of Harold Lerner, LLC, AWC Stables, Nehoc Stables, and Team Stallion Racing Stable.  Cont. p10
Ahmad Al Shaikh’s Group 1-winning Dubai Mile (Ire), by 2018 Derby third Roaring Lion, has been entered by Charlie Johnston, who also declared Group 3-placed Dear My Friend (GB) (Pivotal (GB)) for Middleham Park Racing and Michael Lai.

Dubai Mile, who prevailed in the G1 Criterium de Saint-Cloud over 10 furlongs in heavy going in October, will contest either the G1 QIPCO 2000 Guineas at Newmarket on May 6 or the G2 Dante S. at York later in the month.

“Any 2-year-old that can win at Group 1 level leaves you dreaming over the winter about what they could achieve during their 3-year-old campaign,” said Johnston. “He’s obviously going to be a flagship horse for us this year and one we’re going to have realistic Classic ambitions with, so we’re very much looking forward to him.

“You need these horses to compete at the highest level to put you in people’s eyes and minds going forward and he’s a big flagship horse that we need and want a big year from--hopefully he can deliver.”

“The Guineas is still on the table and Ahmad is quite keen for him to go there,” continued Johnston.

“For all the Dante is a significant race and the preeminent Derby trial, this horse has already won a Group 1 so his CV would be enhanced more by a placed effort in the Guineas than winning the Dante.

“He was only just touched off in the Royal Lodge over the Guineas course and distance and although I’m pretty certain he’s going to come into his own over middle-distances this year, I wouldn’t rule out his prep race being in the Guineas.

“They are the best two Derby trials and it will be one of the two races for him. Being a vanquished horse in the Guineas can often be the best Derby trial you can run.”

With these late additions, the total number of nominated horses for the Epsom showpiece has grown to 103. Entries were also released for the G1 Oaks (65 entries) and G1 Coronation Cup (19 entries), both held the day prior to the Derby, on June 2.

Of the latter entries, at least three are Classic winners in the form of Godolphin’s Frankel (GB) pair of Adayar (Ire) and Hurricane Lane (Ire), and Juddmonte’s Westover (GB).

Godolphin’s ‘TDN Rising Star’ and G2 Duchess Of Cambridge S. winner Mawj (Ire) (Exceed And Excel (Aus)), G1 Breeders’ Cup Juvenile Fillies Turf heroine Meditate (Ire) (No Nay Never), and G2 May Hill S. victress Polly Pott (GB) (Muhaarar (GB)) are some of the notable entries for the Oaks.

DECORATED AUSSIE GALLOPER ANAMOE NOMINATED TO THE LOCKINGE

Godolphin’s superstar Australian runner Anamoe (Aus) (Street Boss) is one of 30 nominees at the latest entry stage for the G1 Al Shaqab Lockinge S. on Saturday, May 20, Newbury Racecourse revealed on Tuesday.

A nine-time Group 1 winner Down Under, the bay won the G1 George Ryder in mid-March last out, part of a three-race winning streak from seven furlongs to one mile, which began in the G2 Apollo S. in February and continued in the G1 Chipping Norton S. later that month. He drew post eight in Saturday’s G1 Queen Elizabeth S.

Newbury’s eight-furlong contest also features fellow Godolphin runners Modern Games (Ire) (Dubawi (Ire)), and 2022 Lockinge runner-up Real World (Ire) (Dark Angel (Ire)). Blue Diamond Stud’s G1 Prix de Diane heroine Nashwa (GB) (Frankel (GB)) is among the entries, as is three-time G1 Dubai Turf hero Lord North (Ire) (Dubawi (Ire)). Cont. p11
Anamoe Part of Lockinge Nominees Cont.

Other top-level scorers set to take part include Angel Bleu (Fr) (Dark Angel {Ire}), Order Of Australia (Ire) (Australia {GB}), The Revenant (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}), Homeless Songs (Ire) (Frankel {GB}), who runs in the Listed Irish Stallion Farms EBF Heritage S. at Leopardstown on Wednesday, Inspiral (GB) (Frankel {GB}), and Sacred (GB) (Exceed And Excel {Aus}) are other runners of note in what appears to be a contentious feature.

Keith Ottesen, Clerk of the Course at Newbury Racecourse, said, “It is very exciting and encouraging to see such a strong list of entries for the first older horse Group 1 race of the season. We are pleased to see some of last year’s contenders returning for another tilt after chasing home the mighty Baaeed (GB) (Sea The Stars {Ire}), including runner up Real World and third placed Chindit (Ire) (Wootton Bassett {GB}). It’s also great to see the Godolphin owned Anamoe, Australia’s best horse at a mile, in there, as well as last season’s GI Breeders’ Cup Mile winner Modern Games.”

EIGHT POINTERS ADDED TO GOFFS UK AINTREE SALE

Eight point-to-pointers have been added to the 2023 Goffs UK Aintree catalogue, bringing the total lots to go under the hammer at Aintree on Apr. 13 to 23.

Among the additional entries are lot 5, Lady Jago (Ire) (Getaway {Ger}) a winner of her debut for Terence O’Brien at Rathcannon; lot 14, the 5-year-old gelding Caher Roes Den (Ire) (Soldier Of Fortune {Ire}), the winner of his most recent PTP for Colin Bowling at Castletown-Geoghegan; and lot 21, last out point-to-point winner Rokathir (Fr) (Muhtathir {GB}), who will also be offered by Bowe.

The Goffs UK Aintree Sale will be held in the winners’ enclosure following the last race on the card at Aintree Racecourse. For more information on the sale or to view the catalogue, visit the Goffs website.

TWO LOTS FOR AUCTAV APRIL FLASH SALE

The Auctav April Flash Sale, featuring two lots, is set to take place this month from 6-6:30 p.m. on Friday, Apr. 7.

The first lot is Johannes (Fr) (French Fifteen {Fr}), a recent 10-length winner at Saumur and a half-brother to black-type earner Jasnin (Fr) (Palace Episode). His dam, Jaillissante (Fr) (Verglas {Ire}), is full-sister to Joursanvault (Fr), who already has produced five winners.

The other lot on offer is AQPS Jumper Sacre (Fr) (Triple Threat {Fr}). He hails from the family of Sprinter Sacre (Fr) (Network {Ger}) and his dam, Belle et Sacree (Fr) (Fragrant Mix {Ire}), has already produced three winners.

To view more information about both lots, visit the Auctav website.

NINE SET TO SELL THROUGH ARQANA ONLINE

A nine-strong mixed sale catalogue has been released for the upcoming Arqana Online April Sale on Apr. 11. Held from 3-5 p.m., the sale features three Flat horses, four National hunt horses and a pair of breeding stock.

Pyrotechnic (Fr) (Nathaniel {Ire}) (lot 3) was a four-length winner over 2150 metres on Mar. 19. The Philippe Sogorb-trained 4-year-old is from the family of Group 1 winner Intellogent (Ire) (Intello {Ger}) and multiple Group 1 winner Nightflower (Ire) (Dylan Thomas {Ire}).

More (Fr) (Shalaa {Ire}) (lot 5) won her most recent start over 1600 metres at La Teste on Mar. 26. The 3-year-old is from the well-known family of Group 1 winner Roseate Tern (GB) (Blakeney {GB}).

Trained by Jean-Claude Rouget, Don’t Look Up (Fr) (lot 8) is a 3-year-old Caravaggio gelding and was most recently third at Cagnes-sur-Mer on Feb. 15.

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RACE PREVIEWS

HOMELESS SONGS BACK IN ACTION

by Tom Frary

Ireland is setting the pace when it comes to the Flat Turf season and Wednesday sees Leopardstown play host to the G1 Irish 1000 Guineas-winning ‘TDN Rising Star’ Homeless Songs (Ire) (Frankel {GB}) in the Listed Irish Stallion Farms EBF Heritage S. Not seen since finishing seventh in the G1 Sun Chariot S. at Newmarket in October, Moyglare Stud’s brilliant Curragh Classic winner faces seven rivals in the mile contest including Qatar Racing’s Listed Tetrarch S. winner Buckaroo (GB) (Fastnet Rock {Aus}), who is also making a comeback having been off since the G1 Irish 2000 Guineas. Also featuring is Merry Fox Stud Limited and Newsells Park Stud Ltd’s Mea Domina (Fr) (Pivotal {GB}), the Listed Prix Isola Bella winner who is making her debut for the Paddy Twomey stable.

FIRST-SEASON SIRES WITH RUNNERS

Wednesday, Apr. 5, 2023:

FRANCE

Calyx (GB) (Kingman {GB}), Coolmore Stud
103 foals of racing age
1-SALON PROVENCE, 1100m, Classic Flower (GB)
45,000gns Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2021

Fas (Ire) (Fastnet Rock {Aus}), Haras de Saint-Vincent
30 foals of racing age
1-SALON PROVENCE, 1100m, Bad Boy (Fr)
€10,000 Arqana Deauville September Yearling Sale 2022

JUSTIFY DUO DEBUT FOR BALLYDOYLE

1.55 Leopardstown, Mdn, €15,000, 3yo, f, 10fT
ALL TIME GREAT (Justify) is the third foal out of the G1 E. P. Taylor S. and G2 Ribblesdale S. heroine Curvy (GB) (Galileo {Ire}), who has produced the GIII Cecil B. DeMille S. runner-up Caisson (War Front). From the family of the G1 Irish 2000 Guineas-winning sire Power (GB), the February-foaled chestnut is partnered by Seamie Heffernan as Ballydoyle continue to put their Classic hopes under the microscope.

2.30 Leopardstown, Mdn, €12,500, 3yo, c/g, 10fT
THE BLACK TIGER is another progeny of Justify to represent Rosegreen on the card, with Ryan Moore opting for this unraced half-brother to the G3 Prix des Chenes scorer and G1 Prix Jean-Luc Lagardere and G1 Criterium International-placed Ancient Rome (War Front) and his full-sister Etoile, who captured the G3 Coolmore Stud Irish EBF Fillies’ Sprint S. on her debut. The dam Gagnoa (Ire) (Sadler’s Wells), who was twice a group 3 winner and was placed in three Classics including when second in the G1 Prix de Diane, is kin to the Derby hero Pour Moi (Ire) (Montjeu {Ire}). Cont. p13

OBSERVATIONS

on the European racing scene
Observations Cont.
Also from Ballydoyle is The Prairie (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}), a son of the G1 Irish 1000 Guineas heroine Again (Ire) (Danehill Dancer {Ire}) who was fourth at Killarney in October, while Jessie Harrington introduces Yuesheng Zhang’s Dubawi Delight (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}), a gelded son of the famed Attraction (GB) (Efisio {GB}) who was a 425,000gns Book 1 purchase.

HOW THEY FARED
6.00 Southwell, Novice, £8,000, 3yo, 7f 14y (AWT)
Zoology (GB) (Zoustar {Aus}), having his first start since finishing down the field in the G1 Middle Park S., got the job done under a penalty without answering the question about his stamina for the 2000 Guineas.

Tuesday’s Results:
2nd-Southwell, £8,000, Novice, 4-4, 3yo, 7f 14y (AWT), 1:29.70, st.
ZOOLGY (GB) (c, 3, Zoustar {Aus})--Peach Melba (GB) {SW-Ger, $102,959}, by Dream Ahead), who had made such a big impression on debut at Yarmouth in early September that he was tried in the G1 Middle Park S. days later, was quickly in front here. Looking vulnerable inside the final two furlongs, the 5-6 favourite was game as he held Covey (GB) (Frankel {GB}) to prevail by a neck. The winner, who is entered in the 2000 Guineas, is the second foal out of the listed-winning dam whose third is the 2-year-old filly Sharrow Grey (GB) (Havana Grey {GB}). She is a half to the dual listed-placed sprinter Major Crispies (GB) (Pastoral Pursuits {GB}) and listed-placed Dam Beautiful (GB) (Sleeping Indian {GB}). Sales history: 90,000gns Wlg > 20 TATFOA. Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, $12,872. O-Qatar Racing Limited; B-R Kent & Executors of Lady Lonsdale (GB); T-James Ferguson.

1st-Thirsk, £7,000, Mdn, 4-4, 3yo/up, f, 7fT, 1:32.12, sf.
LIBERALIST (GB) (f, 3, Pivotal {GB})--Carenot (Ire), by Iffraaj {GB}), third over seven furlongs at Newmarket in October, was in front initially before taking a lead. Back to the fore with over two furlongs remaining, the 5-2 second favourite held on to score by a head from Classic Puzzle (Ire) (Zoffany {Ire}). The dam, whose yearling filly is by Acclamation (GB), was a €36,000 purchase by Ben Dalton for Bryan Cooper at the Goffs November Foal Sale. Kin to the G1 Phoenix S.-winning sire Dick Whittington (Ire) (Rip Van Winkle {Ire}), her family includes the G1 July Cup-winning sire Owington (GB). Sales history: 70,000gns Ylg ’21 TATOCT. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-1, $8,320. O-MacLennan, Sangster, Magnier & Shanahan; B-Melinda Hancock (GB); T-Michael Bell.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNER:
Gemini Star (Ire), f, 3, Starspangledbanner (Aus)--Star Fire (GB), by Dark Angel (Ire). Thirsk, 4-4, 5fT, 1:03.05. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, $7,567. B-GCE Farm Ltd (IRE). *€13,000 Wlg ’20 GOFNOV; 28,000gns Ylg ’21 TATOCT.

Tuesday’s Result:
2nd-Toulouse, €21,000, Mdn, 4-4, 3yo, c/g, 10 1/2fT, 2:18.06, vs.
DOUBLE MAJOR (IRE) (g, 3, Daiwa Major {Jpn})--Dancequest {Ire} {SP-Fr), by Dansili (GB)}, runner-up on debut over 9 1/2 furlongs on Deauville’s Polytrack last month, was keen early caught wide racing at the fore before being anchored in mid-division. Allowed to stride back to the lead at halfway, the 4-5 favourite proved tough in the straight to maintain his advantage and beat Divin Propos (Fr) (George Vancouver) by a length. The listed-placed dam, whose first foal was the G3 Prix du Guiche winner and G2 Prix Guillaume d’Ornano and G2 Prix Eugene Adam-placed Flop Shot (Ire) (New Approach {Ire}) and whose second was the listed-placed Veritas (Ire) (Camelot {GB}), is kin to the G1 Grand Prix de Saint-Cloud heroine Plumania (GB) (Anabaa) whose four black-type performers include the G2 Prix du Muget scorer Plumatic (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}). She is also a half to the G2 Prix de Royallieu winner Balladue (Fr) (Singspiel {Ire}), who produced the G1 Prix Vermeille heroine Left Hand (GB) also by Dubawi. Prix de Psyche Morocco while among the descendants of the second dam Featherquest (GB) (Rainbow Quest) are the G1 Prix Saint-Alary-placed Solstice (Ire) (Le Havre {Ire}) and the G2 Prix de la Nonette scorer Rumi (Fr) (Frankel {GB}). From the talent-rich family of Groom Dancer, Dancequest’s 2-year-old filly Tyra (GB) is by Lope De Vega (Ire), while she also has a yearling daughter of Left Hand and Plumatic’s sire Dubawi named Rooba (Ire). Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, €15,900. Video, sponsored by TVG.
O/B-Wertheimer et Frere (IRE); T-Christophe Ferland.

DID YOU KNOW?
Calyx (GB) (Kingman {GB}) was tabbed as a “TDN Rising Star” Visit the TDN Rising Stars section
CONDITIONS RESULT:
3rd-Fontainebleau, €18,000, 4-4, 4yo/up, 13fT, 2:53.31, sf.
MATAURI GOLD (GB) (f, 4, Golden Horn (GB)--Matauri Jewel (Ire), by Authorized (Ire))
Lifetime Record: 6-2-2-1, €29,520.
O-Ecurie Tygaly, Meridian International SARL, Chauvigny Global Equine SASU, Ecurie Brilliantissime & M Brasme; B-D Burkle & Mme S Burkle (FR); T-Mathieu Brasme. *€135,000 Ylg ‘20 ARQSEP.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNER:
Ozalee (Fr), f, 3, Planteur (Ire)--Bon Presage (Fr), by Le Havre (Ire). Toulouse, 4-4, 10 1/2fT, 2:20.90. B-Ecurie Dionysos (FR).

ITALY

Sunday’s Result:
PREMIO 133 PISA - TROFEO GOFFS UK BREEZE UP SALES-Listed, €56,100, Pisa, 4-2, 3yo, 1600mT, 1:33.70.
1--AMABILE (IRE), 123, c, 3, Caravaggio
1st Dam: Loritania (Ire) (GSW-Ity), by Teofilo (Ire)
2nd Dam: Sopran Lori, by Irish River (Fr)
3rd Dam: Sopran Londa (Ire), by Danehill
1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN. O-Scudiera Incolinx di Romeo Diego.
B-Incolinx (Ire). J-Dario Vargiu. €21,675.
Lifetime Record: 4-2-1-1, €40,540. *1/2 to Vincere Insieme (Ire) (Exceed And Excel (Aus)), SW-Ity.
2--Blatant (GB), 123, c, 3, Brazen Beau (Aus)--Savanne Sauvage (Ire), by Lope De Vega (Ire). 1ST BLACK TYPE.
3--Sopran Blakey (Ire), 123, c, 3, Gustav Klimt (Ire)--Perino (Ire), by Speightstown.
Also Ran: Seven Hills (Ire), Gauss (Fr), Saputello (Ity), Ser Sed (Ire), Pallapannocchiesch (Ire).

IN ITALY:
**€4,500 Ylg ‘19 TATSEP; €12,000 2yo ‘20 TATJUL.

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Sales Results by Stallion
**Wednesday, Leopardstown, post time: 15:40**

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MILLION-DOLLAR LOTS DOMINATE AT INGLIS DAY 2

By Oz Wedmore

The strong top-end trade continued on the second and final day of the Inglis Australian Easter Yearling Sale, which saw an exciting new sale-topper emerge late on.

At A Glance

- There were 12 million-dollar lots on the second day of the sale, as the average dropped slightly on the first day to stand at $390,283 by the end of trade. That figure compares to $399,700 from last year’s edition and $368,945 in 2021.
- The median was also down on Day 2, finishing the sale on $280,000. That’s the same figure as 2021, whilst it was $300,000 last year.
- The aggregate was $137,770,000, down from $153,085,000 at last year’s edition but up on the 2021 figure of $134,665,000.
- With 353 horses sold at the end of trade on Tuesday, the clearance rate stood at 84%, down from 87% last year and 90% in 2021.
- A new sale-topper came late in the day when Silverdale Farm’s The Autumn Sun filly (Lot 440) sold to Arrowfield Stud for $1.8 million—breaking a record for her sire and Steve Grant’s relatively young farm.
- Yarraman Park’s reigning Champion Sire I Am Invincible became a back-to-back leader of the Easter sale by both aggregate ($24.5 million) and average ($788,871). With both metrics up slightly on his performance last year, he was responsible for nine million-dollar yearlings.
- Arrowfield Stud dominated the vendors by aggregate, selling 54 youngsters for a total of $22,260,000, over $9 million clear of Widden Stud. By average (with three or more sold), Silverdale Farm finished in top spot, selling seven of their eight yearlings offered at a rate of $664,286 apiece.
- Yulong continued as the sale’s leading buyer, adding six yearlings to their Day 1 haul of 17 to bring spend to $11,685,000, whilst over the two days they also partnered on two more yearlings for an additional $1.46 million.

26 Millionaires By Close Of Trade

Twelve fresh seven-figure lots were added to the first-day haul to bring up a total of 26 millionaire yearlings across this year’s Easter sale—making it the second-highest such total in the history of the sale, just behind the 28 achieved in 2008.

Whilst the top-end trade no doubt aided the healthy metrics, Inglis will be pleased with the variety of players at that level. Eight separate vendors sent through the nine most expensive yearlings (five yearlings shared the 10th spot, represented by three separate vendors)—and the variety of top-end buyers was similar.

“For it to have played out the way it has, I would say has been a pleasant surprise,” Inglis’ CEO Bloodstock Sales, Sebastian Hutch said after the sale. “I expected we could run a good sale, we didn’t expect it to be easy as such, but I think it would be fair to say it’s exceeded our expectations.

“I’m not necessarily surprised by the demand (at the top end), but to have as many horses dragged into that market as it feels there has been, has been a surprise. There were plenty of anecdotes over the past two days of vendors taking horses up to the ring and having them realise many multiples of the reserve—that’s been great.

“The middle to value parts of the market have their challenges, but even independent of that it felt like there was good competition on horses at all levels and it’s going to wash out to be a very healthy sale.”

Silverdale Miss Shines

The Riverside auditorium was lit up late in the day when Lot 440, a filly from Silverdale Farm, made a slice of sales history as the biggest pinhook in Australian history, and a new sale topper for the 2023 Inglis Easter Yearling Sale.
Lot 440, The Autumn Sun--Via Africa | Inglis

Purchased for $600,000 as a Magic Millions Weanling Sale weanling, the three-quarter sibling to In The Congo broke all barriers when she was picked up for $1.8 million by Arrowfield Stud.

Not only was it a new top lot for this year’s Easter sale, but it was also a record yearling price for her sire and Silverdale Farm - for whom she was a remarkably bold pinhook.

Grant appeared a mix of bewilderment and delight after the sale, not only delivering an historic pinhook but also landing such a result for his farm.

“Tremendous,” Steve Grant told TDN AusNZ. “We do a lot of business together and it’s just wonderful for us to have such a good partner buy the horse. They did as sillier a thing as I just did there,” Arrowfield supremo John Messara said. “They paid huge money for her as a weanling. I paid huge money for her as a yearling--so, we’ve both obviously fallen in love with her at different times.

“He’s got everything you look for in a sire,” Messara said of The Autumn Sun.

“Every stud in the country was trying to get him, but I just had to get him. He’s got a magnificent physique, he’s got an unbelievable pedigree and he was a champion on the track. He’s not missing anything.”

With his first crop of 2-year-olds making a good impression on the track this season, it’s been an excellent Easter sale for The Autumn Sun. On the first day of trade he secured his first millionaire yearling when Arrowfield Stud’s filly out of Grisi (Street Cry {Ire}) (Lot 157) sold to Emirates Park for $1.2 million.

Overall, he had 20 yearlings sell for a total of $7,535,000, averaging $376,750 each.

Vinny Takes Top Honours

Yarraman Park’s I Am Invincible topped the sale by both aggregate and average (three or more sold) for the second year running and posted improved numbers for both metrics as he did so.

Last year his aggregate was $22.5 million, which he upped to just under $24.5 million this year, and his average went from $725,806 to $788,871. Last year he had a total of six millionaire yearlings, though this year he matched his 2021 haul of nine yet again. He was followed in the millionaire count by Arrowfield’s Snitzel, who had seven, whilst The Autumn Sun, Written Tycoon and Zoustar each had two.

Join The Revolution

Whilst his own sire was enjoying an excellent sale, Snitzel’s son Russian Revolution was handed his own first million-dollar lot on Tuesday. Mick Wallace and Gandharvi went to $1.1 million for the Bhima Thoroughbreds-consigned son of the Group 2-placed Our Libretto (NZ) (O’Reilly {NZ}) - Lot 283.

Unlike his own sire who landed a seven-figure yearling in his second crop, Russian Revolution had to wait until his third crop, with his profile no doubt raised by achieving his first Group 1 winner this season with Randwick Guineas winner Communist. Wallace and Kuldeep Singh Rajput’s Gandharvi operation were partnered in their purchase by the Victorian Alliance and Suman Hedge Bloodstock (FBAA). With the colt to be sent to Michael Freedman, it’s a new association for the two parties.

“We really rated the horse very highly in our inspections, and we thought he resembled his sire more than anything else we’ve seen this year,” Hedge told TDN AusNZ. “Obviously Michael (Wallace), who I respect a lot, bought Russian Revolution, and his feedback that this was the colt who reminded him the most of the sire as well.”

Hedge and the Victorian Alliance struck up another new partnership on the first day of the sale when teaming up with Lindsay Park Racing to bring home Lot 41, a colt by Per Incanto (USA) who’s a half-brother to Group 2 winner Campionessa (Contributer {Ire}). Cont. p3
“It was a horse that we loved, and they felt the same way. We had some discussions leading into the sale and they’ve obviously had success with the sire,” Hedge added, referencing the Hayeses’ G1 Blue Diamond S. winner Little Brose—also by Per Incanto.

Yulong Spending Spree Continues

Yulong’s domination of the buyers by aggregate spend continued on Tuesday. By the end of trade, they had bought 23 yearlings for $11,685,000 and partnered on two more for a further $1.46 million.

Last year the leading buyer was Tom Magnier and, although he ran up a similar total spend of $10.3 million, he spent that on just six yearlings.

In fact, Yulong’s total number of purchases far surpasses previous leading buyers by volume at this sale in the last few years.

Last year there were two leading buyers who bought 11 apiece, the same as the leading buyer in 2021 whilst that number was 10 in 2020.

This year, Yulong purchased 25 for an average spend was $525,800 on 11 colts and 14 fillies.

Yulong secured four seven-figure lots, headed by Lot 223, a colt by Written Tycoon out of the Group 3 winner Meryl (Epaulette) who cost $1.4 million from Fairview Park Stud.

Yulong purchased 12 yearlings by Written Tycoon; a strong nod to their stallion support for the future.

At the end of the first day of trade there was a significant $76,687 gap between the fillies and colts’ average price. Whilst the fillies still led the way at the end of Day 2, the gap had closed considerably to a $407,355 fillies’ average against the colts’ $382,021.

The top-end colts from Day 2 appear to have played their part in closing that gap—as eight colts joined the millionaire’s list on the second day compared to just four fillies. Assessing the top 10% of sales over both days, 19 colts averaged $1,223,684 whilst 16 fillies averaged $1,146,875.

Did buyers miss a mark for fillies by current hot sire Dundeel (NZ)? Whilst 15 of his 16 colts on offer sold for an average of $338,750, of the 13 fillies up for sale, seven passed in and the six to sell averaged $190,000.

Why the discrepancy? Recently his fillies have been headed by Hope In Your Heart winning the G2 Guy Walter S. then twice G1 placed. There’s also John O’Shea’s smart juvenile maiden winner Captain Amelia. Is he the next High Chaparral, who’s fillies were those who sprung from later crops?

Luck For Lime Country

Lime Country Thoroughbreds achieved their highest-ever yearling sale on Tuesday, having broken their own record only the previous day. Selling on behalf of breeder Paul Jelfs, their Snitzel colt (Lot 427) went to Coolmore for $1.6 million.

A brother to two stakes winners and G3 Canonbury S.-placed sire Stratosphere, he is out of the 22-year-old mare Ultimate Fever, a juvenile listed winner in her racing days.

With three seven-figure results, Lime Country achieved an average of $574,500 across their 10 lots on offer. Although some passed in, by the time their headline horse went through the ring they had achieved a 100% clearance rate, Jo Griffin admitting that they ‘adjusted expectations’ to do so.

“I think one of the best things is that all of these horses that we’ve sold were the first foals born on the new farm... it’s a lovely endorsement,” Griffin said in reference to the Hunter Valley property they relocated to from the Southern Highlands in July 2021.

“What about Snitzel?,” she added. “What a great result for the sire, he’s left a beautiful run of horses.”

Less Trainer Spend

There was an absence of some big-name trainers on the buyer’s sheet at this year’s Easter sale. Last year, Hawkes Racing were the second-leading buyer by aggregate, spending $8,605,000 on 10 yearlings. Those purchases included four million-dollar lots, however this year they spent just $870,000 on four. In 2022, Ciaron Maher Bloodstock signed for 11 for a total of $3,635,000, purchasing a further seven in conjunction with others for total receipts of $3,655,000.
That total of $7.29 million compares to $5.09 million spend this year.

John O'Shea signed for eight yearlings for a total of $4 million at the Easter sale last year and spent $985,000 on five this year. You might remember that he spent quite a bit more at Karaka in January this year than last ($1.33 million compared to $420,000).

In contrast, Australia’s Champion Trainer, Chris Waller, increased his spend by over a million to just under $5.7 million for the 13 he signed for this year.

Street Cry In Demand As A Broodmare Sire

Street Cry (Ire) came out on top of the damsires at this year’s Easter sale by average (of those with three or more sold). He was represented by five mares in the sale, with their yearlings selling for an average of $738,000.

They were headed by Lot 164, Yarraman Park’s I Am Invincible filly which sold to Glentree Thoroughbreds and Badgers Bloodstock for $1.35 million.

He was followed by Beneteau who also had five representatives which sold for an average of $630,000, and close behind in third was O’Reilly (NZ) who had 10 in the sale and hit an average of $629,375.

Hong Kong Expenditure Rises

Hong Kong-based buyers took home 23 yearlings at this year’s sale for a total of $7.97 million at an average of $346,522. In 2022 and 2021 the total Hong Kong spend was around $6 million on 14 yearlings.

However, jump back to 2020 and Hong Kong buyers bought 32 for a total of $13.53 million.

That exceptional spend was largely driven by the Hong Kong Jockey Club, who forked out around $5.15 million on nine yearlings that year of the COVID-19 outbreak. Craig Rounsefell, who runs Boomer Bloodstock (FBAA) had begun his role as the licenced yearling buyer for the Hong Kong Jockey Club in the Southern Hemisphere and North America at that time.

“Winfried Engelbrecht-Bresge foresaw what was going to happen as COVID took hold,” Rounsefell said to TDN AusNZ.

“There’s a number of horses running now from that crop where we went strong at Easter that are in Hong Kong. They went through the sale last year, and now they’re coming out—in the last couple of weeks there’s been some winners amongst them.

This year at Easter, the Hong Kong Jockey Club signed for three yearlings totalling $2.13 million, led by Lot 23, a So You Think (NZ) colt out of a sister to Group 1 winner Mosheen (Fastnet Rock) for $900,000 from the draft of Davali Thoroughbreds.