KENTUCKY OAKS TOP 10: LACK OF POINTS HAVE BIG NAMES ON OUTSIDE LOOKING IN

By Bill Finley

The last of the prep races for the GI Kentucky Oaks have been run, which means we have a pretty good idea who will be in the starting gate come May 5 in a race that is limited to 14 starters. As of now, you need 50 points to make the field, which is not good news for a handful of fillies who once looked like locks to make the race. Last year’s 2-year-old filly champion, Wonder Wheel (Into Mischief), who held the top spot in this poll for several weeks, has 48 points and is 15th on the list. She needs just one defection to get in. Other notable fillies not among the top 14 are Julia Shining (Curlin), Hoosier Philly (Into Mischief) and Punchbowl (Uncle Mo). They are 17th, 18th and 19th, respectively, in the points standings. Since none of these horses are guaranteed to race in the Oaks they have been left off of our Top 10, the last for this year.

1) WET PAINT (f, Blame—Sky Painter, by Street Cry {Ire})

WHO WILL BE THE LEADING FIRST-CROP SIRE? By Bill Finley

In Thursday’s TDN, we talked to four top judges of equine talent who had a divergence of opinion on who this year’s leading first-crop sire would be. Who comes out on top in this edition?

EDDIE ROSEN

Top Pick: Vino Rosso (Curlin—Mythical Bride, by Street Cry {Ire}). Spendthrift Farm, 2023 fee: $15,000.

Full disclosure, as a member of Team Repole that selected and raced Vino Rosso, I am obviously biased. However, I sincerely believe he will be the leading freshman sire. While he, as a Curlin, was slow-maturing and peaked as a 4-year-old, the 2-year-olds we saw this spring appear to be surprisingly precocious. Cont. p3

IN TDN EUROPE TODAY

RICHARD HANNON STABLE TOUR

Leading trainer Richard Hannon speaks with Brian Sheerin about the 2-year-olds he holds most hope for this season as well as the sire he thinks could have a big year.
BEAU LIAM
Liam’s Map - Belle of Perintown

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Eddie Rosen / First-Crop Sires cont. from p1

If forced to recuse myself, my second choice would be Mitole. He was exceptionally fast and he should pass that speed on to his offspring.

My slightly under-the-radar pick would be Maximus Mischief, a son of Into Mischief out of a Songandaprayer mare whose yearlings were well received.

DAVID INGORDO
Top pick: Vino Rosso
I'll go with Vino Rosso. We broke a bunch of them at Mayberry's. They were really smart, good-moving horses. They were kind of plainish, which you'd expect from the pedigree. But once you got them under tack and got them moving they were pretty impressive. I don't expect them to win 4 1/2-furlong races at Keeneland or early in the Churchill meet, but by the time we get to Del Mar and Saratoga when the really heavy 2-year-old races start, he should get some winners. I can see him having a Breeders' Cup winner. I know he developed a little slower, but they don't look like horses that are going to take forever to mature.

Under-the-radar pick: Catalina Cruiser (Union Rags--Sea Gull, by Mineshaft). Lane's End, 2023 fee: $15,000.
I really like Catalina Cruiser. He had brilliant speed and is a physically imposing horse who comes from a good family. We raised the horse at Lane's End and we broke him at the Mayberry's. We bought him for Mr. Hronis and John Sadler trained him. He was kind of an unlucky horse to not win a Grade
I. He set a stakes record in the True North on Belmont weekend. That’s a race that has been around a long time. His offspring look the part; they look like their sire. We bought two at the 2-year-old sale and we bought a yearling by him, so we are supporting him. I could see him becoming a War Front or Distorted Humor-type stallion, a sprinter who had a lot of speed, maybe didn’t win at the top level but imparted their speed to their offspring. I can see him really, really making it in that mold.

ZOE CADMAN
Top pick: Mitole (Eskendereya–Indian Miss, by Indian Charlie). Spendthrift Farm, 2023 fee: $15,000.
My top pick is Mitole. I loved his babies at the recent OBS March sale. They look to be quick and early, but with quality and scope enough to go on around two turns.

Under-the-radar pick: Vino Rosso
Vino Rosso will be my sleeper. By Curlin, you would think these need all the time in the world. However, it was really surprising to see several come out flying at the OBS March sale. Obviously, they will come alive the latter part of the year. But don’t be shocked to see some early ones, too.

TERRY FINLEY
Top pick: Catalina Cruiser
We purchased a really sharp colt of his in March who is going to Cherie DeVaux shortly. We liked them as yearlings. They stand up in front of you with class and poise and are good-boned and athletic. Catalina Cruiser was also a similar racehorse to freshman sire favorite Omaha Beach in that he was effective both sprinting and routing. Those types tend to make the best stallions. I think he has a chance to make a good bit of noise this year.

Under-the-radar pick: Maximus Mischief
My under-the-radar pick is Maximus Mischief, who has the number power that Catalina Cruiser lacks. He bred 196 mares in his first year at stud, so he’s already emulating his high-volume sire and he has a close physical resemblance to Into Mischief as well. Several of his 2-year-olds sold well at March OBS. They are good movers and seem very sensible. Maximus Mischief was a very nice 2-year-old himself; some people forget he was one of the Kentucky Derby favorites before he got injured. Big upside.

Cont. p5
BLUE-BLOODED, CLASSIC SON OF TAPIT

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Colt o/o Jibboom
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Top pick: Mitole

My top pick for this year’s first crop sire is Mitole. His offspring were supported greatly at the yearling sales and he stamped them really well, showcasing them in all shapes and sizes. I personally purchased some for my clients to both race and pinhook. For a bubble-year horse whose book is full, that says a lot in itself. Trained by Steve Asmussen, for whom I have the utmost respect as a horseman and a person who needs no introduction, and being supported by Mr. and Mrs. Heiligbrodt in the breeding shed and at sales, connections who know how to win in all facets of life, I would have to imagine they’ll come out running this spring on the ultra competitive Kentucky circuit straight into the Saratoga summertime maiden races.

Under-the-radar pick: Flameaway (Scat Daddy--Vulcan Rose, by Fusaichi Pegasus), Darby Dan, 2023 fee: $7,500. My under-the-radar sire is Flameaway, a son of Scat Daddy who is an absolutely stunning physical himself. He won races from distances of 4.5f to 1 1/16 miles and stakes on both turf and dirt. I feel as the year goes on, we will hear from Flameaway’s offspring more and more.

In tomorrow’s TDN: more first-crop sire picks. Want to send in your selections? Email suefinley@thetdn.com.

HARD WON
With a 101 Beyer, Hard Spun’s Kentucky Derby-bound son Two Phil’s is rated higher than any three-year-old colt in North America this year. No stallion under $75k had more Black Type winners in 2022.
Oaks Top 10 cont. from p1

Wet Paint didn’t run last weekend, but her status as the Oaks favorite was nonetheless solidified. Defining Purpose (Cross Traffic) won the GI Ashland over Punchbowl, Julia Shining and Wonder Wheel. That’s the same Defining Purpose who was sixth, beaten five lengths, by Wet Paint in the GII Honeybee S. at Oaklawn and was third behind Wet Paint in the Martha Washington S. With Faiza (Girvin), an easy winner of the GII Santa Anita Oaks, passing on the Kentucky Oaks, Wet Paint is your obvious favorite for trainer Brad Cox. She swept Oaklawn’s series of Kentucky Oaks preps and was a handy winner each time. She has been beaten on the turf and on a synthetic surface, but never on the dirt. As good as Cox is overall, his biggest strength seems to be with developing fillies. If she runs her race, it may be a battle for second.

2) BOTANICAL (f, Medaglia d’Oro--Daisy, by Blame)

Another filly from the Brad Cox barn, she’s been a terror on the Tapeta track at Turfway Park, where she romped in four straight races. Can she transfer that form to the dirt? Cox has said he will know more after she has had a couple of works at Churchill Downs. She had her first Churchill work on Apr. 7 and breezed four furlongs in :49.20. She has tactical speed and has won two of her last three in gate-to-wire fashion. But she can also sit off the pace, which she did in the Cincinnati Trophy S., where she was third early. If she runs as well on the dirt as she did on the synthetic surface at Turfway she should be right there.

3) SOUTHLAWN (f, Pioneerof the Nile--Mo d’Amour, by Uncle Mo)

At one point it appeared that one of the storylines for the Oaks could be a father-versus-son showdown between Hall of Famer Mark Casse and his son, Norm. But with Mark Casse’s Wonder Wheel having struggled this year, it may be left up to the younger Casse to carry the banner for the family. Not that Norm isn’t a very good trainer in his own right. With 29 percent winners this year, he’s never been hotter. After serving as his father’s assistant, he went out on his own in 2018. Southlawn has won two straight, including the GII Fair Grounds Oaks, and can give Casse the biggest win of his young career.

4) PRETTY MISCHIEVOUS (f, Into Mischief--Pretty City Dancer, by Tapit) ‘TDN Rising Star’

She was no match for Southlawn in the Fair Grounds Oaks, where she finished second, 3 1/4 lengths behind her rival. Not that it was a bad race. This filly has never run worse than third and is as consistent as any horse in the division. She’ll show up on May 5. She’s also a two-time winner at Churchill. Trainer Brendan Walsh has never had a Kentucky Oaks or GI Kentucky Derby winner and is also winless in the Breeders’ Cup, but his stable is getting better and bigger every year and it seems like only a matter of time until he has the breakthrough win.
5) DEFINING PURPOSE (f, Cross Traffic--Defining Hope, by Strong Hope)


Never count out trainer Kenny McPeek. He’s never afraid to throw a longshot into a big race and has won dozens of stakes when few gave him a chance. That was the case with Defining Purpose in the Ashland, where she was 20-1 for a reason. She was coming off a blah performance in the GIII Honeybee S. and, before that, finished third as the even-money favorite in the Martha Washington. She’s 0-for-2 against Wet Paint, so it’s hard to make a case that she can beat her. But stranger things have happened, especially when it comes to a horse who appears to be on the improve. Note that Brian Hernandez, Jr. rode both Defining Purpose and Pretty Mischievous in their last races.
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6) AFFIRMATIVE LADY (f, Arrogate--Stiffed, by Stephen Got Even)

From day one, Graham Motion has campaigned this horse like she was something special. After losses in back-to-back maiden races at the start of her career, Motion had her in the GII Demoiselle S., where she lost by just a neck to Julia Shining. It was back in another stakes, the Busanda S., where she finished third. Finally, in her fifth career start, she landed in a maiden at Gulfstream, which she won. The GII Gulfstream Park Oaks was next and, with a two-length win, she earned her way into the Kentucky Oaks field. The Gulfstream race didn’t come up particularly strong, so she’ll have to prove herself against tougher company at Churchill.

7) GAMBLING GIRL (f, Dialed In--Tulipmania, by Empire Maker)

While Mike Repole’s main focus Derby week will come with Forte (Violence), the likely favorite in the first leg of the Triple Crown, it looks like he’s got an outside shot of pulling off the Oaks-Derby double with Forte and Gambling Girl. His trainer, Todd Pletcher, has a chance to become only the fourth trainer to pull off the Oaks-Derby double and the first since Ben Jones, who won the 1952 Oaks with Real Delight and Derby with Hill Gail. Jones also did it in 1949. To do so, Gambling Girl will need to run the race of her life. She flourished much of last year against New York-breds, but has been facing open company since appearing in the Dec. 3 Demoiselle. After two more losses in open company stakes, she was second last weekend in the GIII Gazelle S. at Aqueduct. That gave her enough points to make the Oaks, but she still needs to prove she can win an open company stakes, where she’s 0-for-4 so far.

8) PROMISEHER AMERICA (f, American Pharoah--Promisedyouheaven, by Unbridled’s Song)

She cost just $75,000 at the Ocala Breeders’ Sale Spring sale and was beaten 20 1/2 lengths in her debut in December at Aqueduct. Yet, somehow here she is, an Oaks starter after scoring a massive upset in the Gazelle at 26-1. Underrated trainer Ray Handal must have figured something out because she has improved in every race after her poor showing in her debut and became a stakes winner last Saturday at Aqueduct. She’s also gotten better as the races have gotten longer. That said, she beat a weak field in the Gazelle and if she is going to win the Oaks she’s going to have to do it as a 30-1 shot.

9) AND TELL ME NO LIES (f, Arrogate--Be Fair, by Exchange Rate)
O-Peter Redekop B. C. Ltd. B-Lara Run LLC (Ky). T-Peter Miller. Sales History: $70,000 yrl '21 KEEJAN; $230,000 2yo '22 OBSAPR. Lifetime Record: GSW, 2-2-1-0, $472,800. Last Start: 2nd GII Santa Anita Oaks at Santa Anita Apr. 8. Kentucky Oaks Points: 70.

No better than the second best 3-year-old filly racing on the West Coast as she has finished second behind Faiza in both of her 3-year-old starts. In the Santa Anita Oaks, it wasn’t even
close as Faiza whipped her by 6 1/2 lengths. These 3-year-old fillies are not a particularly fast bunch and this one, despite her accomplishments, might be the slowest of the group. Her 78 in the Santa Anita Oaks was a career-best Beyer figure and she’s only slightly faster than she was last year when she was running in the low to mid-seventies.

10) SHIDABHUTI (f, Practical Joke--A. P. Candy, by Candy Ride (Arg))
O-Peter Brant. B-Gabriel Duignan & Gerry Dilger (Ky). T-Chad Brown. Sales history: $77,000 wnlg '20 KEENOV; $310,000 yrl '21 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: SW & GSP, 4-3-0-1, $219,600. Last Start: 3rd in GIII Gazelle S. at Aqueduct Apr. 8. Kentucky Oaks Points: 80.

Had a chance to force her way up the list when taking on five others in the Gazelle. She came in undefeated for trainer Chad Brown, but had been racing in largely soft spots. Her Gazelle showing was ok, but just ok. She was third, beaten two lengths. Will have to do much better in the Oaks to be a contender. Wouldn’t be the first time Brown got the very most out of a horse he trains, but he really has his work cut out for him with this filly.

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by Bill Finley

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The news was confirmed by trainer Brad Cox, who said he has received assurances from Prat and his agent Brad Pegram that the French-born riding star will be aboard Angel of Empire in the Derby.

“Yes, Prat will ride Angel of Empire in the Derby,” Cox said via text. “We’re excited that Flavien is sticking with Angel of Empire. If we can duplicate his run in the Arkansas Derby, we believe that it would be an effort that would make him very competitive in the Kentucky Derby. We’re looking forward to May 6.”

After Cox used four different jockeys in Angel of Empire’s first five races, he landed on Prat for the Apr. 1 Arkansas Derby and the result was a 4 1/4-length win. The Pennsylvania-bred could be the second choice in the Derby behind Forte (Violence).

Prat will also ride likely GI Kentucky Oaks favorite Wet Paint (Blame) for Cox.

Kingsbarns, who is trained by Todd Pletcher, is undefeated in three starts. After using Luis Saez and Antonio Gallardo, Pletcher went to Prat for the Louisiana Derby and the result was a 3 1/2-length front-running win.

Reached by text, Pletcher said he has yet to secure a rider for Kingsbarns, but several top jockeys should be available.

TURF PARADISE NEARS SALE FOR DEVELOPMENT; HORSEMEN EYE ARIZONA DOWNS REVIVAL

by T.D. Thornton

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The incoming owner of Arizona’s primary commercial Thoroughbred track is expected to transition the property in pieces to "industrial and multi-family uses," according to the online media outlet Axios Phoenix, which first broke the story Apr. 12.

Leroy Gessmann, the executive director of the Arizona Horsemen’s Benevolent and Protective Association (AZHBPA), told TDN in a Wednesday phone interview that a longer-term hope involves Arizona Downs, 82 miles north in Prescott Valley, being potentially sold to 1/ST Racing & Gaming, which might then pick up enough dates to sustain a circuit.

The possible sale of Arizona Downs to 1/ST Racing has been percolating since last year. 1/ST Racing owns Gulfstream Park, Santa Anita Park, Golden Gate Fields, Pimlico Race Course and Laurel Park. The firm’s chief executive officer, Aidan Butler, did not return a voicemail message seeking confirmation of 1/ST Racing’s involvement prior to deadline for this story.
Arizona Downs didn’t apply for a June-through-September race meet this year because of financial difficulties. That facility formerly ran as Yavapai Downs between 2000 and 2010. The ownership at that time then filed for bankruptcy.

"I understand that [1/ST Racing] has a contract with Arizona Downs, and they're kind of in the same stages," Gessmann said. "They're going through their due diligence right now. I know [1/ST Racing] wants to continue racing at Arizona Downs. How it all ends up, we're all in kind of a holding pattern here to see how things develop."

The relationship between the Arizona racing community and Jerry Simms, Turf Paradise’s owner for 23 years, has been acrimonious. An extraordinarily long pandemic closure, multiple racetrack safety issues, and prolonged fights over off-track betting privileges, simulcast signals, and how the horsemen’s purse money can be used have roiled in the courts and at racing commission meetings.

Simms has been quoted in the press since 2020 as saying that he operates Turf Paradise at a “huge negative” financially. He quipped to Axios Phoenix this week that "I'd rather spend time with my grandkids" than continue running the track.

Axios Phoenix reported that James Watson, the managing partner of CT Realty out of Dallas and Newport Beach, California, said he’s "under contract" with Simms to purchase the property. Neither Simms nor Watson would provide Axios Phoenix with details of their negotiations, citing a confidentiality agreement.

Gessmann told TDN it’s evident by what’s happening around the track that the deal is getting nearer to closing.

"Mr. Watson is going through his due diligence," Gessmann said. "The last couple weeks there have been companies here inspecting things, doing ground tests, and I know they’re also working on rezoning possibilities.

"Our understanding is it’s going to be developed in stages, and they’re going to race for one to two, [maybe] three more years depending on the development process," Gessmann continued. "With both parcels of land, I think they’re right at 200 acres. There’s a lot of empty ground here. They’re going to start with the empty ground and then work towards the racing operation, I guess.

"We hope Mr. Watson will continue racing for a couple of years until we can make other arrangements," Gessmann said. "The horsemen are somewhat excited, yet also disappointed," Gessmann said. "We’re excited that Mr. Simms is moving on and relinquishing his hold in Turf Paradise. However, Mr. Watson is unsure on the future of racing, which is a possibility we all knew when it went up for sale, that it could get sold to a land developer."

PRE-Preakness Party to Benefit TAA

The Thoroughbred Aftercare Alliance has again been named the beneficiary of America’s Best Racing’s Pre-Preakness Party, which will be held May 17 at the Mt. Washington Tavern in Baltimore. Tickets for the eighth annual event are $25, which includes one drink ticket, snacks, access to racing personalities and networking opportunities for race fans.

There will also be a silent auction to benefit TAA and a handicapping contest.

Tickets are available online at: www.eventbrite.com/e/8th-annual-pre-preakness-party-by-thoroughbred-aftercare-alliance-abr-tickets-596988597967

Saratoga’s Oklahoma Training Track to Open Apr. 17

The Oklahoma Training Track at historic Saratoga Race Course will open for the 2023 season on Monday, Apr. 17, the New York Racing Association, Inc. (NYRA) announced Wednesday. The Oklahoma barn area will open to licensed trainers and staff beginning Saturday, Apr. 15.

Prior to the start of the 2023 summer meet, the Whitney Viewing Stand, which overlooks the Oklahoma track, will be open to the public free of charge on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays beginning Friday, Apr. 21 from 7 a.m. to 10 a.m.

Highlighted by the GI Travers S. Aug. 26 and the GI Whitney S. Aug. 5, the 40-day summer meet will open on Thursday, July 13 and continue through Monday, Sept. 4.
### Friday, Keeneland #9, post time: 5:16 p.m. EDT

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### Saturday, Oaklawn #11, post time: 7:12 p.m. EDT

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### Saturday, Keeneland #10, post time: 5:48 p.m. EDT

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7th-KEE, $100K, Msw, 3yo, 1/16th, 4:12 p.m.

Trainer Ben Colebrook has a dossier of ‘firsts’ at Keeneland over the years and he will look to get QUEEN OF THE RODEO (Curlin) home against a field of 11 more experienced runners. A $575,000 KEESEP grad, the dark bay filly is her stakes-winning mare Berned (Bernardini)’s first to make the races, but she also has a yearling colt by Uncle Mo and just reported a new filly on the ground by Into Mischief. Second dam GSW First Passage (Giant’s Causeway) is a full-sister to Giant Win, who produced GI Runhappy Del Mar Futurity and G3 Saudi Derby winner Pinehurst (Twirling Candy). Queen of the Rodeo will break from post 11 and have Tyler Gaffalione in the irons.

6th-AQU, $80K, Msw, 3yo/up, 1mT, 4:02 p.m.

With Aqueduct’s turf courses open for business during the month of April, it is time to head to the inner where SACRED RHYME (Mendelssohn) will be debuting for the ownership group of Peter Brant, Mrs. John Magnier, Michael Tabor, Derrick Smith, Westerberg and Jonathan Poulin. This $310,000 KEESEP purchase is a half-brother to GI Breeders’ Cup Juvenile Turf victor Fire At Will (Declaration of War). Turf runs further here in the colt’s dam Flirt (Kitten’s Joy), who is out of Gamely Girl (Arch), responsible for GI Summer S. scorer Decorated Invader (Declaration of War, $617,823). Trained by Chad Brown and ridden from post two by Jose Ortiz, the bay will face firster in John Oxley’s TWIRLER (Twirling Candy). The $205,000 Fasig-Tipton October yearling is trained by Bill Mott and will have the services of Kendrick Carmouche from post seven.

IN ORDER OF PURSE:
5th-Keeneland, $109,015, Alw, 4-12, (NW1X), 4yo/up, 1 1/8mT, 1:51.45, gd, nose.
DRIPPING GOLD (c, 4, Lemon Drop Kid–Aurelia, by Danzig), predominantly a turf router during his 3-year-old campaign, was last seen coming off a break against optional claimers Mar. 5 at Gulfstream Park, finishing just off-the-board as the favorite going one mile and three-eighths. The co-favorite in this spot at 2-1, the bay took up second position behind pacesetter F Five (Not This Time) early. Around the far turn, he pulled even with the leader and down the lane the pair battled toward the wire as Dripping Gold poked a nose in front for the victory. The winner is a half-brother to Aurelia’s Belle, MGSW, $346,387. Sales History: $80,000 Ylg ’20 KEESEP; $300,000 2yo ’21 OBSMAR. Lifetime Record: 10-2-1-1, $202,084.
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O-West Point Thoroughbreds, John A. Ballantyne & Titletown Racing Stables; B-Alexander-Groves Thoroughbreds (KY); T-Claude R. McGaughey III.
7th-Keeneland, $97,060, Alw, 4-12, (NW2$X), 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16mT, 1:42.79, gd, 1 1/4 lengths.

**FLIRTING BRIDGE (IRE) (m, 5, Camelot (GB)--Rachevie (Ire), by Danehill Dancer (Ire)),** whose most lucrative finish in Ireland was a second in the 2021 G3 1000 Guineas Trial, was runner up in her U.S. bow last July in the GIII Dr. James Penny Memorial S. at Parx before finishing third at Woodbine in the Aug. 21 GII Canadian S. In her most recent start, she was promoted to second following the disqualification of Queen's Plate heroine Moira (Ghostzapper) in GI E.P. Taylor S. Oct. 8. After a six-month layoff, the 3-5 heavy favorite here settled in fourth down the backstretch under honest early fractions. As Sister Lou Ann (Frosted) tried to wire the field, Flirting Bridge got underway out in the three path at the top of the lane and under confident handling cruised past the leader to win by 1 1/4 length. On the same Camelot (GB) and Danehill Dancer (Ire) cross as MG1SW Luxembourg (Ire), the winner is a half-brother to Helvic Dream (Ire) (Power (GB)), G1S-Ire, $335,812. Her unraced dam is responsible for a 2-year-old filly by Calyx (GB) and a yearling colt by No Nay Never. Sales History: €30,000 Wlg '18 GOFNOV; €55,000 Ylg '19 GOFSP. Lifetime Record: 14-3-3-2, $270,521. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG. 

O-Heider Family Stables LLC; B-T. O'Dwyer & K. O'Brien (IRE); T-Brendan P. Walsh.

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IN ORDER OF PURSE:
3rd-Keeneland, $100,000, Msw, 4-12, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:10.58, ft, 7 lengths.

AMARETTI (f, 4, Bernardini--Caramel Snap, by Smart Strike), last seen a debut second June 5 at Belmont, returned to the races in this spot as the even-money favorite. Tracking just to the inside of pacesetter The Princess Says (Collected), the homebred shot through an opening along the rail into the far turn and never looked back in a seven length romp over the pursuing Kid's Last Laugh (Practical Joke). The filly's graded winning second dam Fast Cookie (Deputy Minister) is responsible for MGISW sire Frosted (Tapit) and is out of GSW Fleet Lady, making her a half-sister to champion Midshipman.

The winner is a half-sister to Caramel Swirl (Union Rags), GSW & GISP, $492,200. Her unraced dam is also responsible for a 2-year-old colt named Decatur Street (Street Sense) and a yearling colt by Union Rags who was sent to Japan last year. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, $78,450.

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Hibernacle (f, 2, Hootenanny--Searchingforahero, by Officer), installed the 3-2 choice in this career debut, broke alertly from her wide berth but was settled back in third as Unheard (Street Boss) and Happy Baytown (Runhappy) carved out a :22.32 opening quarter. Picking up the tempo turning for home, the Wesley Ward trainee hit her best stride midstretch, and gained control near the sixteenth pole and ran off to win by a geared-down 7 1/2 lengths. Happy Baytown held second over Midnight Angel (West Coast) that got up for third. Searchingforahero produced full sister to the winner last season. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, $45,880. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.

O/B/T-Wesley A. Ward (KY).

9th-Tampa Bay Downs, $31,200, Msw, 4-12, 3yo, 5 1/2f, 1:04.77, ft, neck.

INFAMOUS NONO (g, 3, Buchero--A Penny At a Time, by Pentelicus) debuted with Lasix at odds of 6-1 here. The blinkered gelding was last before the far turn, but launched a big rally in what was an eight-wide move at the top of the stretch. Exhibiting a strong turn of foot, the John Vinson trainee got up just in time over 8-5 favorite Rainbow's Pride (Uncaptured) for the money. Infamous Nono is the fourth of Buchero's 22 winners to be raised at Elaine Vinson's Verbarctic Farm in Florida, joining fellow debut winner Ms Buchero, Dropkick Murphy and Lookin Super. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, $19,760. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.

O-Pamela F. Edel; B-Pamela F Edel, Lee Vinson, Elaine Vinson & Irish eyes stable LLC (FL); T-John G Vinson.
5th-Tampa Bay Downs, $29,600, Msw, 4-12, 3yo, f, 5 1/2f, 1:04.51, ft, 4 1/2 lengths.

IMMORTALLOVE (f, 3, Kantharos--Money Or Love (SW, $211,840), by J Be K), installed the 3-5 choice following a runner-up finish over the surface Mar. 26, quickly made her way to the front, led eagerly through :22.47 and :45.98 splits. Clear turning for home, she ran off to score by an authoritative 4 1/2-length margin. A half-sister to MGISW World of Trouble (Kantharos), Money Or Love is also responsible for a juvenile West Coast filly and consecutive Good Magic colts the past two seasons. Sales history: $62,000 Ylg '21 OBSOCT. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, $26,400. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.

O-Endsley Oaks Farm, Inc.; B-Darsan Inc. (FL); T-Aldana Spieth.

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FIRST-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: THURSDAY, APRIL 13
2023 Stud Fees Listed

Flameaway (Scat Daddy), Darby Dan Farm, $7,500
116 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
2-Keeneland, 1:32 p.m. EDT, Msw 4 1/2f, Baytown Parfait, 12-1
$1,500 FTK OCT yrl

Yoshida (Jpn) (Heart's Cry (Jpn)), WinStar Farm, $10,000
102 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
2-Keeneland, 1:32 p.m. EDT, Msw 4 1/2f, Hob Alwatan, 8-5
$120,000 FTK OCT yrl

SECOND-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: THURSDAY, APRIL 13
2023 Stud Fees Listed

Accelerate (Lookin At Lucky), Lane's End Farm, $10,000
214 foals of racing age/28 winners/1 black-type winner
2-Hawthorne, 3:57 p.m. EDT, Msw 1m, Go Berti, 7-2

HIBERNACLE (Hootenanny) gets off the mark in her career debut at Keeneland Wednesday. (click to watch)

Buchero (Kantharos), Pleasant Acres Stallions
156 foals of racing age/22 winners/0 black-type winners
1-Gulfstream, 12:40 p.m. EDT, Msw 4 1/2f, Buccheria, 6-1
$14,000 RNA OBS WIN wnl; $20,000 OBS OCT yrl

Collected (City Zip), Airdrie Stud, $10,000
234 foals of racing age/26 winners/1 black-type winner
7-Keeneland, 4:12 p.m. EDT, Msw 1 1/16m, Paleta, 12-1
$210,000 KEE SEP yrl

Destin (Giant's Causeway), Sequel New York
77 foals of racing age/8 winners/0 black-type winners
7-Aqueduct, 4:34 p.m. EDT, Alw 1m, Dashing Della, 12-1

Girvin (Tale of Ekati), Airdrie Stud, $20,000
180 foals of racing age/32 winners/5 black-type winners
6-Gulfstream, 3:10 p.m. EDT, Alw 1m, Apocalypso, 7-2
$90,000 OBS MAR 2yo

Good Magic (Curlin), Hill 'n' Dale at Xalapa, $50,000
237 foals of racing age/42 winners/7 black-type winners
6-Aqueduct, 4:02 p.m. EDT, Msw 1mT, Good Rapport, 20-1
$160,000 KEE SEP yrl

Mendelssohn (Scat Daddy), Coolmore Ashford, $25,000
348 foals of racing age/43 winners/3 black-type winners
6-Lone Star, 9:55 p.m. EDT, Msw 7 1/2fT, Nerky Rose, 6-1
$37,000 KEE JAN wnl

Mor Spirit (Eskendereya), Spendthrift Farm, $5,000
190 foals of racing age/28 winners/1 black-type winner
6-Aqueduct, 4:02 p.m. EDT, Msw 1mT, Whenlovetakesover, 10-1
$10,000 FTK OCT yrl; $17,000 RNA OBS OPN 2yo

Oscar Performance (Kitten's Joy), Mill Ridge Farm, $20,000
172 foals of racing age/22 winners/2 black-type winners
6-Aqueduct, 4:02 p.m. EDT, Msw 1mT, Won an Award, 7-2
$190,000 RNA KEE SEP yrl
Cont.

Requite (Warrior’s Reward), Red River Farm
9 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners
5-Evangeline Downs, 8:18 p.m. EDT, Aoc 5 1/2f, Luminous Flight, 10-1

Sharp Azteca (Freud), Three Chimneys Farm, $15,000
200 foals of racing age/49 winners/4 black-type winners
7-Gulfstream, 3:43 p.m. EDT, Aoc 1mT, Lady Azteca, 6-1
1-Gulfstream, 12:40 p.m. EDT, Msw 4 1/2f, Sun Azteca, 5-1
$47,000 RNA KEE JAN wnl; $110,000 KEE SEP yrl

Tapwrit (Tapit), Gainesway Farm, $10,000
177 foals of racing age/20 winners/2 black-type winners
6-Lone Star, 9:55 p.m. EDT, Msw 7 1/2fT, Wellwrit, 20-1

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:
7th-Parx Racing, $55,940, (NW2L)/Opt. Clm ($40,000), 4-12, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:14.24, ft, 12 1/2 lengths.

MICHTON IN ALASKA (f, 4, Almasty—Working At Night {SP}, by Tiznow) Lifetime Record: 6-2-0-1, $76,580. O-Stori Atchison; B-Mary Katherine Haire (PA); T-Kathleen A. Demasi. *$7,000 Ylg ’20 OBSOCT; $47,000 RNA 2yo ’21 OBSOPN.

8th-Parx Racing, $50,500, (S), 4-12, (NW1BX), 3yo, f, 1m 70y, 1:48.81, ft, 11 1/4 lengths.

SOCIAL SUCCESS (f, 3, Social Inclusion—Schuyulkilla, by With Distinction) Lifetime Record: SW, 5-4-0-0, $116,526. O/B-Shirley Lojeski (PA); T-Bruce M. Kravets.

6th-Mahoning Valley, $36,200, (S), 4-12, (NW4L), 3yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:41.44, ft, neck.

NO TWOWAYSABOUTIT (m, 5, Tizway—Faraway Kingdom, by Indy King) Lifetime Record: 15-4-0-2, $97,859. O/B-Fenix Racing, LLC (OH); T-Candace M. Huffman.

7th-Mahoning Valley, $34,900, 4-12, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 1m 70y, 1:43.29, ft, 7 1/2 lengths.

TO WIN (g, 5, Fed Biz—Hatta Flower, by Dixie Union) Lifetime Record: 32-5-9-3, $207,169. O/Edwin Mundo; B-T/C Stable, LLC (OH); T-Jason DaCosta. *$9,500 Ylg ’19 FTKOCT; $29,000 RNA 2yo ’20 OBSMAR.

8th-Mahoning Valley, $33,700, (S), 4-12, (NW2L), 3yo/up, 1m, 1:42.55, ft, 7 3/4 lengths.

HIDDEN ACCESS (g, 3, Mobil—Preservation Hall, by Dixieland Band) Lifetime Record: 7-2-0-2, $52,457. O/Blazing Meadows Farm LLC and Ella D Racing Stable; B-Mapleton Thoroughbred Farm (OH); T-Timothy E. Hamm. *$9,000 Ylg ’21 OTBOMX. **Full to Happy as You Go, MSW, $176,967.

7th-Mahoning Valley, $34,000, 4-12, (NW1X), 3yo, f, 1m 70y, 1:43.29, ft, 1 length.

WILBERT (g, 4, Wilburn—Rosemaui {MSW, $166,898}, by Austinpower {Jpn}) Lifetime Record: 13-2-1-0, $44,141. O/B-Michael Major (OK); T-Joe S. Offolter.

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LEADING FIRST-CROP SIRES OF 2YOS-IN-TRAINING

Avg.
1. Omaha Beach $326,000
2. Mitole $203,416
3. Audible $201,750
4. Vino Rosso $180,583
5. COAL FRONT $150,000

Source: TDN Sales Statistics, 4/12

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$5,000 S&N
4th-Mahoning Valley, $26,400, 4-12, (NW3L), 3yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:40.10, ft, neck.

CALLMEMARTHAJANE (f, 4, Gun Runner--Youcan'tcatchme (Ch. Female Sprinter-Can, MGSW, $425,710), by The Daddy)
Lifetime Record: 10-2-3-0, $51,600. O-Tommy Town Thoroughbreds LLC; B-Mulholland Springs LLC & Candyland Farm (KY); T-Jonathan Wong. *$90,000 Ylg ‘20 KEESEP.

7th-Turf Paradise, $21,600, (C)/Opt. Clm ($15,000-$20,000), 4-11, 3yo/up, 6 1/2f, 1:15.22, ft, 2 1/4 lengths.

GRAZEN SUN (g, 4, Grazen--Sunpenny {SP}, by Good Reward)
Lifetime Record: 13-2-1-1, $79,028. O-Z TB Racing; B-Steve Zerda (CA); T-Frank Lucarelli.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

**Infamous Nono**
g, 3,
Bucchero--A Penny At a Time, by Pentelicus. Tampa Bay Downs, 4-12, 5 1/2f, 1:04.77. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, $19,760. B-Pamela F Edel, Lee Vinson, Elaine Vinson & Irish eyes stable LLC (FL). *1ST-TIME STARTER.

**Playing for Keeps**
g, 3,
Dark Kestrel--Buckler, by Concerto. Mahoning Valley, 4-12, (S), 6f, 1:15.24. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-0, $29,617. B-Louis V. Ruberto (OH). *Full to Buckeye Bullet, MSP, $414,459; Full to Midnight Mikey, MSP, $334,630.

**Catale Winemixer**
f, 3,
Kick On--True Yolo, by Yes It’s True. Will Rogers Downs, 4-11, (S), 6f, 1:12.55. Lifetime Record: 4-1-2-0, $25,417. B-Lance Evans (OK).

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Dark Kestrel, Playing for Keeps, g, 3, o/o Buckler, by Concerto. MSW, 4-12, Mahoning Valley

Fed Biz, To Win, g, 5, o/o Hatta Flower, by Dixie Union. ALW, 4-12, Mahoning Valley

Grazen, Grazen Sun, g, 4, o/o Sunpenny, by Good Reward. AOC, 4-11, Turf Paradise

Gun Runner, Callmemartha欺骗Ajane, f, 4, o/o Youcan'tcatchme, by The Daddy. ALW, 4-12, Mahoning Valley

Hootennanny, Hibernacle, f, 2, o/o Searchingforahero, by Officer. MSW, 4-12, Keeneland

Kantharos, Immortallove, f, 3, o/o Money Or Love, by J Be K. MSW, 4-12, Tampa Bay

Kick On, Catale Winemixer, f, 3, o/o True Yolo, by Yes It’s True. MSW, 4-11, Will Rogers

Lemon Drop Kid, Dripping Gold, c, 4, o/o Aurelia, by Danzig. ALW, 4-12, Keeneland

Mobil, Hidden Access, g, 3, o/o Preservation Hall, by Dixieland Band. ALW, 4-12, Mahoning Valley

Social Inclusion, Social Success, f, 3, o/o Schuylkilla, by With Distinction. ALW, 4-12, Parx Racing

Tizway, No Twowaysaboutit, m, 5, o/o Faraway Kingdom, by Indy King. ALW, 4-12, Mahoning Valley

Wilburn, Wilbert, g, 4, o/o Rosemaui, by Austinpower (Jpn). ALW, 4-12, Will Rogers

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Almasty, Midnight in Alaska, f, 4, o/o Working At Night, by Tiznow. AOC, 4-12, Parx Racing

Bernardini, Amaretti, f, 4, o/o Caramel Snap, by Smart Strike. MSW, 4-12, Keeneland

Bucchero, Infamous Nono, g, 3, o/o A Penny At a Time, by Pentelicus. MSW, 4-12, Tampa Bay

Camelot (GB), Flirting Bridge (Ire), m, 5, o/o Rachevie (Ire), by Danehill Dancer (Ire). ALW, 4-12, Keeneland
RICHARD HANNON: ‘I LOVE THE BLUE POINTS--HE COULD HAVE A BIG YEAR’

By Brian Sheerin

Leading trainer Richard Hannon has nominated the juveniles who have been impressing him the most at home on the gallops and described himself as a massive fan of first-season sire Blue Point (Ire).

So impressed is Hannon by Godolphin's freshman sire, whose first runner Action Point (Ire) was a winner Apr. 10, he has predicted that he will struggle to get near the progeny of Blue Point at the sales in the coming years.

Alongside the leading bloodstock agents Peter and Ross Doyle, Hannon has amassed a team of over 100 2-year-olds to go to war with this season, of which he has revealed to TDN Europe the ones who have been showing up best at home.

He said, "I have five or six Blue Points that all go very well and a Dandy Man (Ire) colt who I really like that will be out soon. There's also a lovely Soldier's Call (GB) colt, owned by Sheikh Abdullah Almalek Alsabah, who cost £60,000 at Donny [the Premier Yearling Sale].

"I have a £200,000 Dark Angel (Ire) colt belonging to Al Shaqab who was also picked up at Donny, a New Bay (GB) filly belonging to Amo Racing who is pretty sweet and a lovely Kodiak (GB) colt called Odin Legacy (Ire) who cost €575,000 at the Goffs Orby Sale. He's a smashing horse."

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TRUESHAN UPSET IN NOTTINGHAM FEATURE

There was a shock in store for followers of the high-class stayer Trueshan (Fr) (Planteur {Fr}) in Wednesday's Listed Barry Hills Further Flight S., as the veteran failed to read the script in the race he had won so comfortably on his seasonal debut 12 months earlier. Instead it was the established handicapper Rajinsky (Ire) (Zoffany {Ire}), who had been beaten three lengths in receipt of 24 pounds from that rival when fourth in the remarkable 2022 renewal of the Northumberland Plate at Newcastle in June, who benefitted from the favourite's off-day.

Taking the bull by the horns on the front end as Trueshan resented restraint in behind, Harry Davies had Rajinsky in a perfect rhythm but soon after entering the straight looked booked for second as Hollie Doyle loomed on his outer. Passing two out, the scene was very different, with Trueshan struggling to get on terms and the order was maintained all the way to the line.

Trueshan's trainer Alan King was left contemplating the future of his star stayer afterwards. “He hasn’t run a bad race, but I’m just disappointed,” he said.

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IRISH TRAINERS TO STAGE OPEN MORNINGS
Some 19 racing yards in Ireland will be opening their doors to the public during a series of open mornings between May and September.

STRAWBRIDGE HOMEBRED RETURNS A WINNER
George Strawbridge’s well-related Torito (GB) (Kingman [GB]) validated skinny odds to graduate in his 3-year-old debut at Nottingham.

WUHEIDA HALF-SISTER GETS STARTED
Sahara Mist (GB) (Deep Impact [Jpn]), a half-sister to multi-jurisdiction Group 1/Grade I winner Wuheida (GB) (Dubawi [Ire]), makes her first trip to the races Thursday at Newcastle.
Hannon Stable Tour cont.

Hannon added, "I have a nice Havana Gold (GB) colt called Not Another. Havana Gold is an excellent stallion, as good as any of them, and he is a real trainers' stallion. He's going to be a big loss. Of the younger stallions coming through, I really like the Soldier's Call colt that I have and I liked Soldier's Call as a racehorse as well.

"I love the Blue Points. They are all pretty similar-looking and you can see the Shamardal coming out in them but they all go nicely. I don't think I will be able to afford many of these Blue Points next year—he could have a big year which will make them very expensive next year."

Mehmas (Ire) and Night Of Thunder (Ire), who Hannon trained to record major honours with, have sky-rocketed in value since they retired to stud, with the handler revealing that even he now struggles to get near their offspring at the sales.

But negotiating the sales has been made a great deal easier for the Hannon team through their long-standing relationship with Peter and Ross Doyle, according to the trainer, whose approach to the yearling sales is unrivalled given most of the stock is bought on spec.

Hannon said, "Peter and Ross Doyle are top-class. Ross and I are great mates and have worked together for 25 years now—like our fathers did before us. It's been a great relationship and a very natural one. Ross fits exactly what we want and is a great asset to our business as I hope we are to his. We've been together a long time and not many of those trainer-agent relationships last as long."

He added, "There's a lot of competition out there now. We can't afford to buy the pedigrees so we have to look for the individuals. The old 20 grand is now 60 grand. We need those horses in the cheaper bracket as that's what owners want with 2-year-olds. It's also very exciting
THREE QUEENS!

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Champion at 2 and 3 by SIYOUNI and a half-brother to MAGNA GRECIA 
whose first 2YO runner was a winner over 4½f at Saint-Cloud!
owning 2-year-olds and they will always sell. We sold all of our yearlings last year. I thought it would be a lot harder to get it done but thankfully we did."

Hannon is well-represented in terms of numbers in all of the early-entry sales races. The team have targeted and been successful in those races in recent years, with Gubbass (Ire) (Mehmas (Ire)) and Shouldvebeenaring (GB) (Havana Grey (GB)) being prime examples, and he described the plotting and dreaming that is involved in relatively cheap yearling purchases at this point of the season as one of the most exciting aspects to racehorse ownership.

"This is the best time of year. Owners want to come and see their horses and everyone is full of hope ahead of another new season. The horses can change very quickly at this time of year and can transform into racehorses from little babies overnight. A bit of sun on their back and when they hit a bit of grass, you can see a massive change in their attitude, their appearance and their work."

On other 2-year-olds who are showing up well, he added, "I've seen a massive change in their attitude, their appearance and their work."

"We've a couple of nice 2-year-olds by Advertise (GB). There's a filly there out of Raggety Ann (Ire) (Galileo (Ire)) by him and she's a real nice type but might just need some time.

"Mehmas is another fantastic stallion. We have five or six of them this year and we always try and buy a few. Night Of Thunder is another but they have become very hard to buy now as well."

While Hannon has over 100 2-year-olds to work with, he revealed that he will be on the lookout for talent at the breeze-up sales, including at the Craven Sale next week, which is where Mehmas (Ire) was sourced for just 170,000gns at the Premier Yearling Sale, a lovely Kodiak filly for Middleton Park Racing, a very nice Phoenix Of Spain (Ire) called Local Hero who only cost 37,000gns at the Tattersalls Somerville Sale. He belongs to Michael Pescod and is a fantastically nice mover.

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It's not all about the 2-year-olds for team Hannon this season as Trillium (GB) (No Nay Never), who beat The Platinum Queen (Ire) (Cotai Glory (GB)) in the G2 Flying Childers at Doncaster last season, headlines a strong team of 3-year-olds for the year ahead.

Hannon said, "I have a very nice unraced 3-year-old filly called Maman Joon (Ire) (Sea The Stars (Ire)). She could be a lovely mile-and-a-half filly. There's another lovely 3-year-old filly called Mamas Girl (IGB) (Havana Grey (GB)) for Amo.

"I've got Trillium as well and she's in great nick. She wants to go a little too fast sometimes but we'll probably start her off in the Sandy Lane or the Merriebelle. That's a Commonwealth Cup trial at Ascot so we'll take things from there with her."

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King continued: "Hollie thought she would win at the three, but she knew she was beaten at the two pole. I just worry he has had a lot of hard battles and I'm worried it has started to leave his mark on him mentally. I'm not sure where we go now. He has worked awfully well. We don't weigh them but we had to go for an extra long girth to get around him today. He looked big and powerful. He had a nice blow without being excessive but I'm not going to use that for an excuse. The next race will tell us a lot."

The winner's dam, who has a yearling colt by Arizona (Ire), is a half to the triple listed scorer and triple group-placed Boomshackeralocker (Ire) (Dark Angel (Ire)) and to the dam of the G2 Superlative S.-placed Dhabab (Ire) (No Nay Never).

Wednesday’s Results:

BARRY HILLS FURTHER FLIGHT S.-Listed, £55,000, Nottingham, 4-12, 4yo/up, 14½f, 3:22.90, sf.

1--RAJINSKY (IRE), 129, g, 7, Zoffany (Ire)--Pink Moon (Ire), by Namid (GB). 1ST BLACK TYPE WIN. (£30,000 Ylg ’17 TIRSEP). O-Jastar Capital Limited; B-Miss Elaine Marie Smith (IRE); T-Hugo Palmer; J-Harry Davies. £31,191. Lifetime Record: 31-8-6-5, £252,673.

2--Trueshan (Fr), 136, g, 7, Planteur (Ire)--Shao Line (Fr), by General Holme. (€8,000 Ylg ’17 OSLATE; 31,000gns 2yo ’18 TATHIT). O-Singula Partnership; B-D Blot (FR); T-Alan King. £11,825.

3--TASHKHAM (IRE), 129, g, 5, Born To Sea (Ire)--Tarziyna (Ire), by Raven’s Pass. (£11,000 2yo ’20 GOFAUT). O-Mr P Boyle; B-His Highness the Aga Khan’s Studs S.C. (IRE); T-Brian Ellison. £5,918.

Margins: HF, HD, 5. Odds: 16.00, 0.44, 3.50.

Also Ran: Urban Artist (GB), Buzz (Fr). Scratched: Mojo Star (Ire), Typewriter (Ire).
**EUROPEAN NEWS**

**IRISH TRAINERS TO STAGE OPEN MORNINGS**

Nineteen racing yards in Ireland will be opening their doors to the public during a series of open mornings between May and September.

The initiative, backed by Horse Racing Ireland Ownership, will allow racing fans and those interested in racehorse ownership access to a range of stables across the country, including those of Tracey Collins and Michale Halford on the Curragh, John McConnell, Gordon Elliott and Ross O'Sullivan.

The trainer open mornings are free to attend and follow last year’s launch, which saw 17 trainers welcome more than 3,000 visitors. Those interested in attending are asked to register in advance.

"We are looking forward to welcoming owners and racing fans to yards across the country over the coming months," said HRI Ownership Manager Amber O'Grady. "We were delighted with the success of the 2022 open mornings. The post-event survey saw 78% of visitors saying they were interested in ownership and 56% of trainers signed a new owner off the back of an open morning. It is a wonderful opportunity for trainers to showcase their facilities and horses. It also gives the public a chance to meet trainers in a relaxed environment and get all the information they need before committing to ownership."

The open mornings will include a tour of the yard and its facilities, and visitors will be able to watch the horses on the gallops as well as meeting the trainers and teams at the yards.

The first of these will be held in Co Limerick with Charles Byrnes on May 6. For a full list of participating trainers and to register visit www.racehorseownership.ie/openmorning.

**Torito**

Torito is the 11th of 13 foals and eighth winner produced by G1 Prix Royal-Oak victrix Montare (Ire) (Montjeu {Ire}), herself a daughter of the dual stakes scorer Contare (GB) (Shirley Heights {GB}). The May-foaled homebred bay is a half-brother to G1 British Champions Fillies & Mares heroine Journey (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}), G2 May Hill S. winner and G1 Fillies’ Mile runner-up Indigo Girl (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}), G2 Park Hill S. victrix Mimikyu (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}) and the dual Group 2-placed Travelling Man (GB) (Oasis Dream {GB}). Montare has the unraced 2-year-old filly To Montare (Ire) (Too Darn Hot {GB}) and a yearling colt by Dubawi {Ire} to come. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, $6,205. O/B-George Strawbridge (GB); T-John & Thady Gosden.

**Wednesday’s Results:**

1st-Kempton, £6,800, Novice, 4-12, 2yo, f, 5f (AWT), 1:01.21, st/sl.
OUT OF THE STARS (GB) (f, 2, Zoustar {Aus}--Out Of The Flames {GB} {SW-US, GSP-Eng, $176,056}, by Showcasing {GB}), sent off the well-supported 8-11 favourite, looked to have blown her chance with a tardy start but was quickly able to tack on the back of the main group. Chasing down the front-runners inside the final two furlongs, the bay was ahead of Via Electriano (GB) (Equiano {Fr}) 100 yards out and stuck on to prevail by a short head. The winner is the second foal out of the dam, who was third in the G2 Queen Mary S. before taking the Mizdirection S. in the States. A daughter of the speedy Listed Marygate Fillies’ S. winner Primo Lady (GB) (Lucky Story) who also produced the similarly precocious G3 Prix du Bois scorer Little Kim (GB) (Garswood {GB}), she also has a yearling filly by Kameko and a foal full-brother to the winner. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, $4,563. O/Qatar Racing Limited; B-The Out Of The Flames Partnership (GB); T-Archie Watson.
7th-Senonnes-Pouance, €11,000, Mdn, 4-12, 3yo, 10 1/2fT, 2:29.61, hy.
HIGH RECORD (FR) (c, 3, Recorder (GB)--Higha (Fr) (SP-Fr), by Vettori (IRE)) employed patient tactics and was held up in rear for most of this debut. Making smooth progress out wide in the straight, the 26-5 chance bounded to the front entering the final furlong and and stayed on well to easily defeat Camavinga (Fr) (Seahenge) by 2 1/2 lengths. High Record is the sixth of seven reported foals and third scorer out of Listed Prix du Haras de la Huderie runner-up Higha (Fr) (Vettori (IRE)), herself a full-sister to G2 Prix Foy victor and MG1SP sire Hightori (Fr) and MGSW G2 Prix Greffulhe-winning sire Vatori (Fr). His second dam High Mecene (Fr) (Highest Honor (Fr)) is an unraced half-sister to MG1SW French champion Kendor (Fr) (Kenmare (Fr)). The April-foaled homebred bay is half to a yearling filly by Latrobe (Ire). Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, €5,500. Video, sponsored by TVG.
O/B-SCEA Ecurie Bader (FR); T-Mathieu Brasme.

CONDITIONS RESULT:
6th-Evreux-Navarre, €15,000, 4-12, 4/up, 12 1/2fT, 2:53.90, hy.
GALIFA (IRE) (m, 5, Frankel (GB)--Viva Rafaela (Brz) (G1SW-Brz, GISP-US, $246,353), by Know Heights (IRE)) Lifetime Record: 19-4-1-5, €106,790. O-R T Racing & N Clement; B-Wertheimer et Frere (IRE); T-Nicolas Clement. *€92,000 HRA '21 ARQDEC.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:
Consort Royal (GB), f, 3, Mendelssohn--Royal Story (SP-US), by Lemon Drop Kid. Evreux, 4-12, 9fT, 1:59.60. B-Yeguada Centurion SLU (GB). *€235,000 Ylg '21 ARQAUG. **1/2 to Queen Goddess (Empire Maker), G1SW-US, $761,580.

OBSERVATIONS
on the European racing scene

WUHEIDA’S HALF-SISTER DEBUTS AT NEWCASTLE

14.45 Newcastle, Novice, £8,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 10f 42y (AWT)
SAHARA MIST (GB) (Deep Impact (Jpn)) is the fifth foal out of Godolphin’s G1 Fillies’ Mile and GI Yellow Ribbon S. winner Hibaayeb (GB) (Singspiel (IRE)), who provided the operation with the GI Breeder’s Cup Filly & Mare Turf and G1 Prix Marcel Boussac heroine Wuheida (GB) (Dubawi (IRE)). Charlie Appleby also saddles last month’s Wolverhampton fourth Joyful Act (GB) (Frankel (GB)), a homebred daughter of the G1 1000 Guineas, G1 Irish Oaks and G1 Yorkshire Oaks heroine Blue Bunting (Dynaformer).

FRANCE

Wednesday’s Results:
3rd-Senonnes-Pouance, €11,000, Mdn, 4-12, 3yo, 6 3/4fT, 1:36.35, hy.

CARRY BAY (GB) (f, 3, New Bay (GB)--Marie d’Argent (Fr) (SW-Fr), by Kendor (FR)) broke in midfield and was sent forward to track the leaders in fourth after the initial strides of this unveiling. Slipping one spot on the home turn, the 4-1 chance quickened between rivals to challenge approaching the furlong marker and was pushed out in the latter stages to assert this unveiling. Slipping one spot on the home turn, the 4-1 forward to track the leaders in fourth after the initial strides of Argent (Fr) (Kendargent (Fr)), herself the leading Argent {Fr} victor and MG1SP sire Hightori (Fr) and MGSW G2 Prix Greffulhe-winning sire Vatori (Fr). His second dam High Mecene (Fr) (Highest Honor (Fr)) is an unraced half-sister to MG1SW French champion Kendor (Fr) (Kenmare (Fr)). The April-foaled homebred bay is half to a yearling filly by Latrobe (Ire). Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, €5,500. Video, sponsored by TVG.
O/B-SCEA Ecurie Bader (FR); T-Mathieu Brasme.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:
Sera Dawn (GB), f, 3, Bated Breath (GB)--Amahoro (GB), by Sixties Icon (GB). Nottingham, 4-12, 5fT, 1:05.43. Lifetime Record: 5-1-1-1, $29,553. B-G Hedley & Mike Channon Bloodstock Ltd (GB).

Divine Libra (IRE), c, 3, Dark Angel (IRE)--Rakiza (IRE) (SP-Fr), by Elndam. Catterick Bridge, 4-12, 7f 6yT, 1:36.69. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-0, $7,821. B-Mogeely Stud (IRE). *115,000gns Elnadim. Catterick Bridge, 4-12, 7f 6yT, 1:36.69. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, $11,036.

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**EUROPEAN-BRED WINNERS**

**IN HONG KONG:**
Encountered (Ire), g, 4, Churchill (Ire)--Enrol (GB) (MSP-Eng), by Pivotal (GB). Happy Valley, 4-12, Hcp. (C2), 1650mT, 1:39.08. B-Rabbah Bloodstock Limited.*1/2 to Royal Scotsman (GB) (Gleneagles (Ire)), GSW & G1SP-Eng, $266,606. **160,000gns Ylg ’20 TATOCT. [VIDEO]

**IN AUSTRALIA:**
Hype (Ire), g, 5, Siouuni (Fr)--Eavesdrop (Ire), by Galileo (Ire). Doomben, 4-12, Hcp., 1350mT, 1:18.64. B-Gigginstown House Stud. *150,000gns Ylg ’19 TATOCT.

**WORLDWIDE NEWS**

Wednesday’s Results:
MARINE CUP (Jpn-G3)-Listed, ¥51,000,000, Funabashi, 4-12, 3yo/up, f/m, 1600m, 1:41.6, ft.
1--PER AA, 121, f, 4, American Pharoah--Nomee, by City Zip.
1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN. ($210,000 Wlg ’19 KEENOV).
O-Kanayama Holdings Co Ltd; B-Zayat Stables LLC (KY); T-Kenji Nonaka, J-Mirai Iwata; ¥30,000,000. Lifetime Record: 8-5-2-0, ¥88,432,000.

2--Ladybug (Jpn), 121, m, 5, Hokko Tarumae (Jpn)--Favorite Girl (Jpn), by Dance In the Dark (Jpn). O-Gold Up Company Co Ltd; B-Gold Up Company; T-Yoshihito Kitade; J-Manabu Sakai; ¥10,500,000.

3--Nanyo Ivory (Jpn), 121, m, 5, Lord Kanaloa (Jpn)--Nanyo Canon (Jpn), by Fuji Kiseki (Jpn). 1ST BLACK-TYPE. O/B-Tokuya Nakamura; T-Mikio Matsunaga; J-Shu Ishibashi; ¥6,000,000. Margins: 5, 4, HD. Odds: 0.50, 3.30, 9.80. [VIDEO (SC 11)]

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