BOTH NEW AND FAMILIAR CONNECTIONS WITH JAPANESE DERBY CONTENDERS

Click here for our visit with Kentucky Derby contenders Derma Sotogake and Continuar | Sara Gordon

by Katie Petrunyak

For U.S. expatriate Kate Hunter, the GI Kentucky Derby is about relationships. Hunter, who is based in Japan when she’s not traveling the globe, is the founder of Marugai Racing. She represents the Japan Racing Association and, among other American racing organizations, Churchill Downs and the Kentucky Derby.

Her journey with the connections of Derby contenders Derma Sotogake (Jpn) (Mind Your Biscuits) and Continuar (Jpn) (Drefong) began early this year as she traveled with them from Japan to Saudi Arabia in February, then on to Dubai in March, and finally to Kentucky, where they arrived at Churchill Downs Apr. 8.

Over the past two weeks, the horsemen who traveled with this Derby-bound pair have been busy with training every morning and they return to the track each afternoon for feeding, but the crew still finds time to put on their sightseeing caps for a few hours each day. Hunter has served as their tour guide. They have frequented the track kitchen and toured the museum at Churchill Downs, but also made several trips to Lexington. Cont. p3

LAUREL HORSEMEN CALL TRACK ISSUES A “CATASTROPHIC EMERGENCY” by Bill Finley

A few hours after the Maryland Jockey Club (MJC), which operates Laurel Park, put out a statement in which it said it had concluded “that there were no issues with the track and that it is safe to race and train,” the Maryland Thoroughbred Horsemen’s Association (MTHA) and the Maryland Horse Breeders’ Association sent a joint email to Maryland Racing Commission Chairman Michael Algeo calling into question the safety of the track and calling the current situation a “catastrophic emergency.”

There have been off-and-on concerns about the main track at Laurel going back to 2021, but the situation boiled over last Thursday when two horses, Golden Pegasus (Golden Lad) and Bigmancam (Can the Man), broke down during that day’s card and had to be euthanized. Cont. p7

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Rocket Can (Into Mischief) turned in his penultimate work before the May 6 GI Kentucky Derby at Churchill Downs Sunday, while Cyclone Mischief (Into Mischief) and Skinner (Curlin), on the outside looking in, turned in works of their own. Both inched closer to the Derby field with the announced defection of Blazing Sevens (Good Magic).

THE WEEK IN REVIEW

Lower takeout leads to higher handle at Hawthorne, Jimmy Jerkens heads to Saudi Arabia, and does the Oaks points system need to be fixed?
Japanese Connections, Both New and Familiar Take on Kentucky Derby (cont. from p1)

They’ve watched races at Keeneland and visited a good portion of the major stallion farms. Japanese-bred Yoshida was the obvious favorite at WinStar and 2022 Horse of the Year Flightline stole the show at Lane’s End.

“One of the most important things when you’re bringing people from Japan who rarely get to make it all the way to Kentucky is that you want them to get the full experience,” Hunter explained. “That’s what is so wonderful about horse racing all over the world is that if you work in racing, you’re probably a fan. To see the fanboy come out in all of these guys who are hard horsemens and have been riding for their whole lives, to see them smiling like little children has been super neat.”

It has been a rewarding past few years for Hunter as Japanese runners have stamped their presence on the international stage. 2021 was an unforgettable year as Loves Only You (Jpn) (Deep Impact {Jpn}) and Marche Lorraine (Jpn) (Orfevre {Jpn}) both claimed victories at the Breeders’ Cup in Del Mar, but Hunter said that helping her Japanese associates make it to the winner’s circle in the Derby would be a dream come true.

As Hunter has traveled the globe with Continuar and Derma Sotogake for the past three months, she has become more than familiar with their stories. Here she tells us more about each horse and their connections.

**DERMA SOTOGAKE (JPN)**

**(Mind Your Biscuits—Amour Poesie {Jpn}, by Neo Universe {Jpn})**

After two unsuccessful tries on turf, Derma Sotogake broke his maiden in his second dirt race, capping off his juvenile season with three straight wins culminating in the two-turn Zen-Nippon Nisai Yushun as part of the Japanese Road to the Kentucky Derby. He took to the international stage this year with a third-place finish in the G3 Saudi Derby, where he stalked the pace, but couldn’t catch up to the two leaders. He changed tactics for the G2 UAE Derby, showing speed to claim the early lead. He won by 5 1/2 lengths under Christophe Lemaire, going 1 3/16 miles in 1:55.81.

“Derma Sotogake was always impressive from the time I saw him in Saudi through Dubai,” Hunter said. “He is a beautiful horse and he moves really well. He has a fun personality. He’s really sweet, but he’s also full of fire. To see him win [the UAE Derby] that impressively was super exciting. I wasn’t expecting him to go to the lead because he didn’t do that when he won the Zen-Nippon Nisai Yushun, but he did it effortlessly.”

Will Derma Sotogake seek the lead on the first Saturday in May, as he did in Dubai?

“I kind of keep that between the trainer and the jockey, but if Derma Sotogake is able to set his own pace and take things the way he wants to with no one challenging him, he might,” Hunter said. “They will do whatever the horse wants to do.”

Derma Sotogake’s sire Mind Your Biscuits was a multiple graded stakes winner in the U.S., with career highlights including scores in the 2016 GI Malibu S. and the 2017 and 2018 G1 Dubai Golden Shaheen. The son of Posse was sold to Japan to Teruya Yoshida’s Shadai Farm after retiring from racing and he was the leading freshman sire there in 2022. Derma Sotogake was his first group winner.

**Trainer: Hidetaka Otonashi**

Hunter explained that while Hidetaka Otonashi has been a prominent name in Japanese racing for many years, he has rarely ventured onto the international stage. In 2020, he had Chrysoberyl (Jpn) (Gold Allure {Jpn}), the 2019 Japanese champion dirt horse, perform in the G1 Saudi Cup.

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![Derma Sotogake on the track at Churchill Downs | Sara Gordon](image)

“Personally, the Kentucky Derby is what got me into horse racing,” she said. “Being able to help someone win the Kentucky Derby is basically my goal in life now. There’s always something special about the Derby.”
Continuar's rider Kazunari Yoshida was also the training assistant for Breeders' Cup champ Loves Only You | Sara Gordon

**Owner: Hiroyuki Asanuma**

Derma Sotogake's ownership is a family affair. The fiery chestnut is campaigned by Hiroyuki Asanuma, whose daughter is married to the son of Teruya Yoshida—the owner of Shadai Farm, where Mind Your Biscuits stands. Yoshida was represented as the owner of Crown Pride (Jpn) (Reach the Crown {Jpn}) at last year's Kentucky Derby and his Shadai Farm is the breeder of Derma Sotogake.

“For Mr. Asanuma, this is his first really good horse,” Hunter noted. “He’s had an owner’s license for 30-some years and he has had horses that have won a couple of races, but he’s never had a horse of this caliber before.”

Hunter shared that all of Derma Sotogake’s owner and breeder connections will be attending the Derby, adding that, “We’re going to have a very full box.”

**Training Assistant: Masatoshi Segawa**

Hunter is close friends with the family of Derma Sotogake's training assistant, Masatoshi Segawa. Segawa’s wife is the daughter of Katsumi Yoshizawa, whose homebred Master Fencer (Jpn) (Just A Way {Jpn}) competed on the 2019 Triple Crown trail.

Segawa, who is both the rider and the groom of Derma Sotogake, said he is enjoying his first trip to Kentucky. When asked what a Derby victory would mean to him, he responded through a translator and said, “I don't think it would have as much meaning to me because for me, the most important thing is Derma Sotogake. So I hope he shows his ability at the races and that he shows his value and that he is able to do it. That is very important for us.”

**CONTINUAR (JPN)**

(Drefrong—Pan de Ring {Jpn}, by King Kamehameha {Jpn})

After breaking his maiden on debut at two, Continuar ran second by a nose to Derma Sotogake in an allowance at Hanshin. He then claimed the first leg of the Japanese Road to the Kentucky Derby in the Cattleya S. in November. Continuar has failed to find the winner's circle this year, finishing fifth in the Saudi Derby and third in the UAE Derby. The sophomore had outside trips in both races, traveling especially wide in the Saudi Derby. Hunter said his connections are hoping the race shakes out for him differently in Louisville.

“He has always been there in each race,” Hunter said. “It would be pretty exciting to see him rebound off that lower performance and pick it up here in the Derby.”

While Derma Sotogake is the more spirited member of the pair, Hunter said that Continuar is one of the most easy-going horses she has been around.

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“Continuar is wise beyond his years,” she explained. “He's such a calm 3-year-old that you would think he is five or six. That calmness and collectiveness will really come in handy on Derby day.”

Continuar is from the second crop of 2016 Eclipse Champion Sprinter Drefong (Gio Ponti), who was also a champion first-crop sire in Japan for Shadai Stallion Station.

**Trainer: Yoshito Yahagi**

Yoshito Yahagi is no stranger to the international spotlight. He was the trainer of Breeders' Cup superstars Loves Only You and Marche Loraine, as well as this year's G1 Saudi Cup victor Panthalassa (Jpn) (Lord Kanaloa {Jpn}), 2016 G1 Dubai Turf winner Real Steel (Jpn) (Deep Impact {Jpn}) and last year's G2 Dubai Gold Cup victor Stay Foolish (Jpn) (Stay Gold {Jpn}). In Japan, another one of his more recent high-profile performers is 2020 Japanese Triple Crown winner Contrail (Jpn) (Deep Impact {Jpn}).

“Mr. Yahagi has always been a trainer who has a lot of ambition to go out and conquer the world,” Hunter said. “I’m so happy that he’s been able to do that successfully and it’s been a pleasure to be able to help in any way to give him the opportunities to get out there and go to the Breeders’ Cup and come to the Derby. He’s probably one of the more internationally minded, ambitious trainers in Japan right now, so if any tracks out there are looking for a horse, call Mr. Yahagi.”

**Owner: Lion Race Horse Co. Ltd.**

While there are many high-profile racing clubs in Japan, Hunter noted that Lion Race Horse Co. is a much smaller organization. One of their current performers Unicorn Lion (Ire) (No Nay Never), a multiple Group 3 winner in Japan, ran fifth this month in the G1 Longines Queen Elizabeth S.

“It's really great to have these guys have an opportunity to participate in a big race like this because horse racing is for everyone,” said Hunter.

**Training Assistant: Kazunari Yoshida**

Kazunari Yoshida was the rider and groom of Loves Only You and he returns to the States this year with Continuar. He has worked with Continuar since the colt first began training as a juvenile.

Through a translator, Yoshida reflected on his trip to the Kentucky Derby and said, “I won the Breeders' Cup with Loves Only You in 2021. That was the most exciting experience, but this is my second greatest experience in my life. Winning the Kentucky Derby would change my life.”

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ROCKET CAN ON TRACK FOR DERBY

Frank Fletcher Racing Operation’s Rocket Can (Into Mischief) turned in his penultimate workout ahead of the May 6 GI Kentucky Derby with a five-furlong drill in 1:01.00 (11/41) at Churchill Downs Sunday. The gray colt, who broke off six lengths behind stablemate Game Warden (Tapit), completed early fractions of :12.20 and :36.60 with regular exercise rider Guelser Cardona in the saddle. He finished even with his stablemate at the wire and galloped out several lengths in front through six furlongs in 1:14.20.

“It was a nice, steady work,” trainer Bill Mott said. “He worked fast last week and I was just looking for a good, steady work this week. He galloped out well and stayed within himself.”

In his first work of the spring at Churchill Downs, Rocket Can went four furlongs in :46.60 (1/34) Apr. 13.

Rocket Can won the Feb. 4 GIII Holy Bull S. and was second behind Forte (Violence) in the Mar. 4 GI Fountain of Youth S. He comes into the Derby off a fourth-place finish in the Apr. 1 GI Arkansas Derby.

“It maybe was a little bit of a wide trip in the Arkansas Derby,” Mott said. “The one thing that race told me is he still has more to give in the tank. I don’t think he’s quite learned to give it his all. That’s what you get this time of year with 3-year-olds, but they can improve quickly. He’s got a lot of route pedigree on his bottom side [with his dam] being by Tapit. We added blinkers in today’s work and will for the race. Hopefully, that will help him go past horses when he runs up beside them.”

Albaugh Family Stable and Castleton Lyons’ GI Florida Derby third-place finisher Cyclone Mischief (Into Mischief) completed five furlongs in 1:01 flat (11/41) with exercise rider Tammy Fox in the saddle.
With Sunday’s announcement that Blazing Sevens (Good Magic) would skip the Derby, Cyclone Mischief still needs two defections to make the Derby field.

“I hope we can get him in the Derby,” trainer Dale Romans said. “I thought he worked great this morning.”

Cyclone Mischief completed fractions of :12.20, :24.20 and :36.20. He galloped out six furlongs in 1:14, according to Churchill Downs clocker John Nichols.

Also on the outside looking in on the Derby field, Skinner (Curlin) worked six furlongs in 1:13.40 (2/4) at Santa Anita Sunday.

“Victor [Espinoza] worked him perfect,” said trainer John Shirreffs. “He went the first furlong in :13 and change and gradually picked it up at every pole. I got him the last eighth of a mile in :11. Could have been :11 and a tick. He finished full of run.”

Skinner needs just one defection now to make the Derby field.

On Sunday, Shirreffs said no travel plans have been made to ship Skinner to Churchill Downs.

“If we’re not in, why would we go?” said Shirreffs, who won the 2005 Kentucky Derby with 50-1 long shot Giacomo. “It’s a tough decision to make to go all the way there and then not get in.”

Track Issues Called “Catastrophic Emergency” (cont. from p1)

The Friday and Saturday cards were scrapped after the MJC announced that racing had been postponed, at least through the weekend. The MJC had hoped to re-open this Thursday, but did not receive enough entries to hold a card as horsemen, apparently wary of racing over the track, withheld entries.

On Sunday, the Laurel racing office was open in an attempt to put together a card for Friday. Some races filled, but not enough for a full card, so entries remained open and the racing office will be back at work Monday in order to put together a full program.

The Maryland Racing Commission has scheduled an emergency meeting to be held Tuesday at 11 a.m at Laurel, which could answer the many questions surrounding the track’s problems and when racing will resume at Laurel.

According to the horsemen, there have been five fatalities this month alone. They cited the case of Witty Banter (Cross Traffic), who broke down while galloping during morning training, plus two others they said suffered fatal injuries Apr. 8 during morning training. According to the MTHA, the Apr. 8 card was canceled because the “jockeys refused to ride that afternoon because of obvious inconsistencies of the surface after inclement weather.”
Convinced that there is something wrong with the track that needs to be repaired, the horsemen wrote that the condition of the dirt track “is a serious threat to the life and safety of both riders and horses and must be immediately addressed.” The statement added that “...many owners have taken their horses off the track or sent them to other racetracks and training facilities, which is eroding the great product Maryland is able to offer.”

The horsemen have asked the racing commission to hire former Laurel and Pimlico track superintendent John Passero to evaluate the dirt course at Laurel and to come up with recommendations regarding how it can be fixed. Instead, Laurel management has brought in Santa Anita track superintendent Dennis Moore to evaluate the track and said he has put the racing surface through a series of comprehensive tests.

“Based on these tests and their professional knowledge, our track experts have advised that there are no issues with the track and that it is safe to race and train,” read the MJC’s statement.

The letter from the horsemen and breeders also accused track management of blaming horsemen for the problem.

“Regrettably, rather than working with all parties cooperatively to identify the problem, 1/ST Racing (which operates the Maryland Jockey Club) has resorted to its old playbook to insist there is nothing wrong with the track surface and that the problem lies solely with horses and horsemen,” read the statement.

In addition, the MTHA has asked that racing be moved to Pimlico starting Thursday and wants horses shipped to Pimlico for training until the surface at Laurel Park “has been evaluated and deemed safe.” The current Laurel meet is scheduled to end May 7. Racing is set to begin at Pimlico May 11.

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Supposedly, a casino will some day come to Hawthorne, but the project has stalled and there’s no time line for when it will arrive. Until it does, Hawthorne is faced with the sort of obstacles that have buried many a racetrack. There’s no money coming in from a casino, the purses are small and so is the handle, and the quality of racing falls far below what is offered at places like Keeneland and Oaklawn. There’s also the racing calendar. Hawthorne is obligated to conduct harness racing, which leaves room for a Thoroughbred meet of just 69 days.

An obvious game plan would be to merely try to survive until the casino arrives, but the Hawthorne team went into this year’s meet determined to find some fixes to their problems. They came up with a bunch of innovations, none more bold than a huge reduction in the takeout for win, place and show bets. Last year, that number was 17.5%, right around the industry standard. They felt a drop to 12% would help attract interest and drive up the total handle.

Which it has done. Through the first 13 racing programs, the average per-race handle in the win, place and show pools has been $64,254. That’s a 33.72% increase from last year’s figure of $48,051.

No one was surprised to see the handle go up in the straight pools, but what has happened is that handle is up in virtually every pool. It seems that bettors started following Hawthorne because of the low takeout in the straight wagers and have been spreading their money around in all pools.

“We continually focused on the lower takeout and people started to realize that we are giving more back to the bettors and trying to grow interest in the product,” he said. “People started to come over to our product because of the low takeout and what they’ve been doing is also betting in the other pools, the exactas, the multi-race wagers. That’s the reason why you see overall handle up.”

Through the first 13 days of the meet, the average handle has been $1,623,460. Again, not a big number but the average handle for the entire 2022 meet was $1,242,418. Miller said the handle will only grow bigger once Hawthorne starts carding grass races.

The other major change implemented at this meet was to drop Saturday racing. Hawthorne races only on Thursdays and Sundays and will do so until June when the schedule will consist of racing on Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays.

“Our schedule, that’s really helped,” Miller said. “There’s just too much competition on Saturdays and we get buried. Our Thursday cards, if we ran them instead on Saturdays, would probably handle $1 million less.”

Can the rest of the industry learn something from the Hawthorne experiment? Miller says that it can. A lower takeout rate means the slices of the pari-mutuel pie are smaller, but Miller said with the bigger handles everyone is coming out ahead.

“Yes, lower takeout could mean a lower return to everybody,” he said. “But what we are seeing is an increase in the handle for exactas, trifectas, Pick 3’s, Pick 4’s. That’s been able to offset the lower takeout from the win, place and show pools. So commissions earned are up. All the partners betting on the Hawthorne signal are making more money.”
Miller continued, “And what is happening is that we are generating more interest in our product and that is benefitting everyone, including the players. I would hope this is something we have started and will see others follow along. You can make more money doing this and increase your exposure. We’re very happy with the results.”

**Wishing Jimmy Jerkens Well**

The sport has a problem when a Jimmy Jerkens can go so bad that he won just four races last year, admits he was running a money-losing business and had to run off to Saudi Arabia to save his career. Anyone who has followed New York racing since Jerkens went out on his own in 1997 knows that this was a terrific horsemen who was as good as anyone on the New York backstretch.

![Jimmy Jerkens | Sarah Andrew](image)

For years, he backed that up. He won 846 races and 78 graded stakes. He was consistently a player at the top level, winning races like the GI Breeders’ Cup Mile, the GI Metropolitan H., the GI Woodward, the GI Travers, the GI Florida Derby, and the GI Santa Anita H.

He was his father’s son and his father, Hall of Famer, Allen Jerkens, was a genius. He thought that was enough.

“I got entrenched in my father’s era,” he said. “Back then, you could get a reputation of being thorough and doing a good job and you could sit back and the horses would come to you. You did the best you could. It’s a different game now. You have to be proactive, you have to go to sales, you have to be on social media. I was never built like that. I never adapted and I’m paying the price.”

Never a self-promoter, never one to cozy up to wealthy owners, Jerkens may have had substance, but not style and, for that reason, he was no match for the super trainers that began to take over the game.

Everyone wanted their horse to be trained by Todd Pletcher or Chad Brown, Steve Asmussen, Brad Cox. And for good reason—they win. So Jerkens stopped getting good horses from the sort of clients that could put him in the winner’s circle. Even one of his most loyal clients, Centennial Stable, found its way to Pletcher. When Centennial’s Litigate (Blame) won the GII Sam F. Davis S. at Tampa Bay Downs this year, it was for Pletcher and not Jerkens.

Then he got swept up by negative momentum. He won 11 races in 2020, 10 in 2021 and just the four last year. Owners see that and they flee. Once someone starts going bad, it can be impossible to turn things around.

Jerkens is going to work for Prince Faisal bin Khalid Al Saud and said that there’s been talk that the Prince will eventually open up a stable in the U.S. with Jerkens put in charge. Let’s hope he can make it back and with a barn full of good horses. He deserves nothing less.

**A Flaw in the Points System?**

Last year’s 2-year-old filly champion Wonder Wheel (Into Mischief) did herself no favors this year. Among the bigger disappointments so far in 2023, she finished second as the odds-on favorite in the Suncoast S. and then finished sixth in the GI Ashland S. That left her with 48 Kentucky Oaks points, good enough for only 15th place in a race that is limited to 14.

![Wonder Wheel | Coady Photography](image)

As it turns out, she will make the Oaks as trainer Chad Brown has decided to pass the race with Shidabusi (Practical Joke). But should an Eclipse Award and Breeders’ Cup winner have had to sweat things out? Off form or not, she’s a champion and belong in the Oaks. The answer is to make both the GI Breeders’ Cup Juvenile and the GI Breeders’ Cup Juvenile Fillies races where 100 points are allotted to the winners. If you win one of those races you belong in the Oaks and the GI Kentucky Derby.
ARQANA MAY BREEZE-UP OFFERS PLENTY FOR AMERICANS by Sue Finley

The North American breeze-up calendar is a busy one, typically offering around 2,500 juveniles for sale over the course of the spring. And while all eyes will be on Ocala this week, American 2-year-old buyers in recent years have been rewarded by adding another sale to their calendar: the Arqana Breeze-Up.

Held this year on May 13, with breeze shows on the 11th and 12th, the catalogue offers 43 2-year-olds by North American stallions, including Accelerate, American Pharoah, Blame, Candy Ride (Arg), Catholic Boy, Curlin, Into Mischief, Justify, Medaglia d'Oro, Mitole, Omaha Beach, Speightstown, Vino Rosso and War Front, among others.

Two-time Grade I Preakness-winning War of Will has been the most celebrated purchase to come to America from that sale, it's far from the only success. Over the past three years, others have included GI Joe Hirsch Turf Classic winner Rockemperor (Ire) (Holy Roman Emperor {Ire}), 2021 GI Breeders' Cup Turf winner Ete Indien (Summer Front), and GII Risen Star winner Mr. Monomoy (Palace Malice).

Justin Casse has arguably bought the most successful of those Deauville-to-America breeze-up horses in War of Will, and said that European breeze-up sales were appealing to him for a number of reasons.

“I personally have always thought that the development of the breeze-up horses, and 2-year-olds in general, in Europe has created a very sound horse,” he said. “They're not training on dirt every day, so it's not as stressful. They're training on wood chips, uphill or on Tapeta or grass. I think that's a better way for younger horses to develop. It's not as strenuous.

“American horses sometimes come to hand quicker, and I think of the number of horses that people like Willie Browne, Jim McCartan, and Brendan Holland have bought from Keeneland and brought over has made it an internationally appealing sale. I think those guys would come over and buy those types of horses to bring back because they were so precocious and there are a lot of success stories from horses that have come to the U.S. from the European breeze-up sales.”

But there are more than North American pedigrees on offer; there are also some outstanding European offerings, featuring 2-year-olds like: a half-brother to five-time Group 1 winner Palace Pier (GB) by first-season breakout sire Blue Point (Ire); the only three Dubawi (Ire) 2-year-olds offered at sale this year, the only two Frankel (GB) 2-year-olds for sale in Europe, a Curlin colt from the family of Point Given.

Also in the catalogue is a half-brother to Grade I winner Lighthouse Bay by Street Sense, a No Nay Never half-brother to G1 Irish Derby winner Latrobe (Ire) (Camelot {GB}) from the family of Newspaperofrecord (Ire), and a half-brother to G1 American Oaks winner Rhea Moon (Ire) by first-season sire Magna Grecia (Ire).

Casse said those international names were a huge part of the appeal.

“One of the reasons I go over there is not only because of the way those 2-year-olds are developed, but also because my clients have always been intrigued with European pedigrees,” he said. “In America, we’re as global as ever now, and here at Ocala this week, it doesn't surprise me to see Night of Thunders, No Nay Nevers, and Cable Bays in the sale.”

Arqana’s Executive Director Freddy Powell will be in Ocala this week stressing the international appeal of the sale.
“This is becoming the biggest 2-year-old sale in Europe, really, in terms of results and on the racecourse," he said. "Obviously, the American clientele is getting bigger and bigger for Arqana every year, and we want everyone to be aware of what we have in the catalogue. We have some American horses, but I don’t know that American clients come to France to buy exactly what they have at home. They might be there to buy something else. The interesting thing might be to see some horses breeze on grass here to run on the turf in America. There are lovely pedigrees, horses by leading stallions in Europe, who run on the turf in Europe."

In hand, Powell will have video of the horses on the turf course at the Deauville-La Touques racetrack to show consignors the good condition of the surface.

“I have had to answer a lot of questions about how the track is in Deauville, so this way I can show the vendors that the place is in good shape and that they are going to breeze on a very safe track," he said.

Powell said he has been doing the breeze-up sale inspections since 2003, when the average was around €15,000. Over the past three years, that has grown to almost 10 times that amount.

“It’s a completely different sale than it used to be,” said Powell. “This sale is going from strength to strength. You see the success. There’s a strong relationship between the vendors and our team. I’ve been doing the sales inspections for 20 years and you build something with the vendors. It’s based on a relationship of trust and confidence between the sales company and the vendors. We are based in France, primarily selling Irish horses to foreign buyers. It’s a lot of logistics, but everyone seems happy to do it.”
**Friday, Keeneland #8, post time: 4:44 p.m. EDT**

**BEWITCH S.-GIII, $300,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/2mT**

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**Breeders:** 1-Kenneth L. Ramsey & Sarah K. Ramsey, 2-Upson Downs Farm, 3-Mrs T. Mahon, 4-Calumet Farm, 5-Mr. Joseph Allen LLC, 6-Aidan Sexton
Les Bon Temps (left) gets the win via DQ Little Linzee (right)

Chelsea Durand

IN ORDER OF PURSE:
NEW YORK STALLION S., $200,000, Aqueduct, 4-23, (C), 3yo, f, 6 1/2f, 1:18.96, my.
1--LES BON TEMPS, 122, f, 3, by Laoban
   1st Dam: Winsanity, by Tapizar
   2nd Dam: Marwood, by Marlin
   3rd Dam: Jadewood, by Jade Hunter
   ($65,000 Ylg ’21 FTKOCT). O-Lady Sheila Stable, Pura Vida Investments LLC, Cindy M. Hutson and Brett Setzer;
   B-Southern Equine Stables, LLC (NY); T-Linda Rice; J-Jose L. Ortiz. $110,000. Lifetime Record: 9-4-1-3, $604,260.
2--Little Linzee, 118, f, 3, Honorable Dillon--Gee Linz, by Frost Giant. O/B-Janet Durrschmidt (NY); T-Domenick L. Schettino. $40,000.
3--Midtown Lights, 120, f, 3, Redesdale--Miz Midtown, by Exchange Rate. ($30,000 Ylg ’21 EASOCT; $70,000 RNA 2yo ’22 OBSAPR; $150,000 2yo ’22 OBSOPN). O-Clay Scherer, Carson McCord, Gregory M. Hoffman, Harriette Waldron and Sonny Dotson; B-Windylea Farm-New York, LLC (NY); T-Brad H. Cox. $24,000.
Margins: 1 3/4, NO, 6. Odds: 2.40, 18.30, 1.05.
Also Ran: Dream On Cara, Clover Street, Hypnocurrency, Honest Banker. Scratched: Athena Beach, Maggie T, Our Rosie Diamonds.

A mainstay in the New York Stallion Series ranks since breaking her maiden on debut last summer at Churchill Downs, Les Bon Temps has posted only a single off-the-board finish in her seven starts since including a pair of stakes wins in the aforementioned NY-bred ranks. Third behind undefeated Maple Leaf Mel (Cross Traffic) last time out in the East View S. Mar. 24, the bay 2-1 second choice stalked from third in sight of both Honest Banker (Central Banker) and Little Linzee (Honorable Dillon). Asked for her best while angling four wide out of the far turn, she was bothered by Little Linzee down the stretch as the pair came together under the wire. A claim of foul and a steward's inquiry both determined that Little Linzee had caused interference with Les Bon Temps in the lane resulting in Little Linzee's disqualification to second while awarding Les Bon Temps the win.

"It was very close as we were watching and thought, 'oh we were second,' but then I saw the head-on and it looked like she was getting bothered," said winning trainer Linda Rice. “Jose [Ortiz] was sure and he said 'I was going right by her [No. 2, Little Linzee] and she definitely interfered.'"

Winsanity produced a 2-year-old full-brother to Sunday's winner while her yearling Honest Mischief filly brought a final bid of $65,000 from Juddmonte at this year's Keeneland January Horses of All Ages sale. She visited Twirling Candy for the 2023 season. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.

IN ORDER OF PURSE:
7th-Keeneland, $116,100, Alw, 4-23, (NW2$X), 4yo/up, 1 1/8mT, 1:49.56, gd, head.
LIMITED LIABILITY (c, 4, Kitten's Joy--Hold Harmless, by Blame) made his first start outside of graded-stakes company Saturday since this time last year. Since, he's contested four straight and picked up a pair of placings in the GII Pennine Ridge S. and the GIII Virginia Derby before ending his season at Aqueduct with an eighth in the GII Hill Prince S. Oct. 22. Not spotted since until Sunday, Limited Liability still went off the even-money choice and was taken in hand soon after the break to rate off the pace in the second flight. Caught wide up the backstretch and into the far turn, he was forced to regain his momentum past the quarter pole to rally late, just edging ahead in the shadow of the wire to defeat Bakwena (Graydar) by a head. Cont.
The winner is out of a full sister to GSW Onus (Blame) and from the family of MGSW & MGISP Ironicus (Distorted Humor). He has a yet un-raced 2-year-old half-sister, No Consequences (Runhappy), a yearling Ghostzapper half-sister, and a newborn half-brother by Munnings. Lifetime Record: MGSP, 9-3-0-4, $315,573. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.

5th-Keeneland, $108,565, Alw, 4-23, (NW1X), 4yo/up, f/m, 1mT, 1:37.04, gd, 3/4 length.
FOR THE FLAG (f, 4, Uncle Mo--Battle Flag, by War Front), who started her career as a juvenile with three off-the-board starts under Shug McGaughey, switched to Jimmy Toner’s shedrow and promptly went to the bench. The gray filly reemerged for her 4-year-old campaign Mar. 12 at Gulfstream Park where she won in gate-to-wire fashion going a mile on the grass. Looking to build on that momentum as the 5-2 choice here, For the Flag was handed an easy lead along the rail, held that position until the top of the lane and was able to run home by 3/4 length to clear this condition, despite a late challenge from Lilac Girl (Quality Road). Third dam Black Speck (Arch) is a half-sister to leading U.S. sire Dynaformer, while her offspring War Flag (War Front) was victorious in the GI Flower Bowl S. For the Flag has a 2-year-old filly named This Country (Constitution), who RNA’d at the 2022 Keeneland September Yearling Sale for $70,000, and a yearling filly named Our Prosperity (Tapit). She just reported a brand new colt by Liam’s Map (Feb. 16). Lifetime Record: 5-2-0-0, $113,733. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.

O/B-Stuart S. Janney, III LLC (KY); T-Claude R. McGaughey III.

8th-Keeneland, $87,880, Alw, 4-23, (NW2L), 3yo/up, 1 3/16m, 1:59.45, sy, nose.
TUMBARUMBA (g, 3, Oscar Performance--Naive Enough, by Street Sense), who tried restricted auction company in his first pair of races as a juvenile, broke his maiden leading from start to finish in that second attempt Nov. 6 at Churchill Downs. After placing in the $100,000 Louisiana Champions Day Juvenile S. Dec. 10, the bay gelding took time off and then shipped to Gulfstream Park to try the turf where he was well-beaten twice, routing against optional claimers Feb. 11 and also a month later when he took Lasix for the first time. Back on dirt as the third choice on the tote at 9-2 in this spot, Tumbaramba tracked King’s Glory (Speighstown) up the backstretch and ranged alongside the pacesetter rounding the far turn. In the lane, despite drifting to the four path, the Brian Lynch trainee engaged in a duel with 1-2 favorite Scotland (Good Magic), and as the pair angled towards the rail, the gelding reached the wire in time to win by a nose. Naive Enough, who counts GISP Light the City as a full-sister, just foaled a colt by No Parole Jan. 9. Sales History: $30,000 Ylg ‘21 FTKOCT. Lifetime Record: SP, 6-2-1-1, $114,840. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.

O-Amerman Racing LLC; B-Coteau Grove Farms, LLC (LA); T-Brian A. Lynch.

3rd-Aqueduct, $82,000, Alw, 4-23, (NW1$X), 3yo/up, 1 3/16m, 1:59.45, sy, nose.
SYSTEMIC CHANGE (g, 4, Ghostzapper--Majestic River {GSW, $258,138}, by A.P. Indy), who ran once as a juvenile, was not seen until late in his 3-year-old campaign when he was third Dec. 15 at the “Big A’. Turning the page in Ozone Park, he was second Feb. 2 behind today’s coupled entry Reserve Currency (American Freedom) before breaking his maiden Mar. 10 by a nose going nine furlongs. As the 1-2 shot in this spot, Systemic Change rated just off his stablemate to the outside down the backstretch. Rounding the far turn, the pair hooked up in a battle that lasted all the way to the wire, as the bay gelding won the bob by a nose. The winner has a 2-year-old full-sister named Bump in the Night, who RNA’d last year at the Keeneland September Yearling Sale for $70,000, and also a yearling half-brother by Blame, who was purchased by Fernhill Stables for $27,000 at the 2022 Keeneland November Sale. His dam was bred to Gun Runner and City of Light last year. Sales History: $180,000 Ylg ’20 KESEP. Lifetime Record: 5-2-1-2, $126,100. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.

O-Klaravich Stables, Inc.; B-Adena Springs (KY); T-Chad C. Brown.
9th-Gulfstream, $44,000, Alw (NW1$X)/Opt. Clm ($25,000), 4-23, 3yo/up, f/m, 1mT, 1:35.45, fm, 1 length.

IKO IKO (f, 4, Kitten's Joy--Sweet Strike, by Smart Strike) tried twice as a 3-year-old to break her maiden, just missing in May 2022 over the all-weather track at Gulfstream before finally breaking through by 7 1/2 lengths when first seen as a 4-year-old over this same distance Mar. 18. Bet as the 2-1 wagering choice, she had a rough break and got checked back beat only a pair of rivals through a half in :47.41. She swung out three wide around the far turn to challenge, rallying past the furlong marker to just catch late leader Towser (Into Mischief) and score by a length. Sweet Strike, herself a half-sister to SW & GISP Sea Queen (Lemon Drop Kid) and GISW Nereid (Rock Hard Ten), produced a 2-year-old filly by Brazen Beau (Aus), a yearling by Bivouac (Aus), and was barren to Spirit of Boom (Aus) for 2023. Lifetime Record: 4-2-1-0, $52,910. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.

O/B-Glen Hill Farm (KY); T-Thomas F. Proctor.

IN ORDER OF PURSE:

9th-Keeneland, $93,153, Msw, 4-23, 3yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2fT, 1:02.71, gd, 3/4 length.

SECRET MONEY (f, 3, Good Samaritan--Awesome Humor {GISW, $848,950}, by Distorted Humor) jumped from the blocks at 7-2 off a five-length defeat when fourth at Gulfstream on unveiling Apr. 2. Held back from the pace again Sunday, he rated in eighth, content to let Little Hot Mess (Army Mule) do the dirty work through a :21.46 opening quarter. Tipped out as the early speed began to fade past a half in :44.76, Secret Money carried his momentum home, collared late leader L J's Emma (Into Mischief) close to home, and just gained separation to earn the win by three-quarters of a length over Cowichan (Ire) (Kodiac {GB}). Awesome Humor, herself victorious in the GI Spinaway S. and a half-sister to the dams of GISWs Emcee (Unbridled's Song) and sire Constitution (Tapit), is already responsible for both Keep Me Informed (A.P. Indy), SP, $321,630 and Thetrashmanscoming (Take Charge Indy), SW, $183,692. Secret Money is the last of her 13 reported foals. Sales History: $35,000 Ylg '21 KEESEP; $40,000 2yo '22 EASMAY. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, $59,375. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.

O-Fortune Farm LLC (Richard Nicolai); B-WinStar Farm, LLC (KY); T-Brendan P. Walsh.

2nd-Santa Anita, $61,500, Msw, 4-23, 3, 4,/5yo, f/m, 6f, 1:09.92, ft, 9 1/2 lengths.

VIRASANA (f, 3, Lord Nelson--Asana, by Arch) finished a flat fourth in her debut last out a month ago, but this time easily turned the tables on two of the runners who finished in front of her that day--Conquistar (Quality Road) and Ruby Nell (Bolt d'Oro)--to win here by a widening yet geared down 9 1/2 lengths. The bay filly broke like a rocket from her far outside secure the victory over Freydis the Red (Fr) (Saxon Warrior {Jpn}) by a comfortable 2 1/2 lengths. Out of a female family that includes GI Alfred G. Vanderbilt hero Sean Avery (Cherokee Run) and half-sister to the winner's dam MGSW & GISP Pretty N Cool (Scat Daddy), After Eight has a yearling half-brother by War of Will, who was purchased for $50,000 at the 2022 Keeneland November Sale by GEB Bloodstock. As for Classydame, she just dropped a filly by Practical Joke. Sales History: $425,000 Ylg '21 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, $59,095. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.

O-Burning Daylight Farms, Inc. and Rebecca Galbraith; B-Nancy C. Shuford (KY); T-Arnaud Delacour.

2nd-Keeneland, $93,153, Msw, 4-23, 3yo, f, 1mT, 1:36.30, gd, 2 1/2 lengths.

AFTER EIGHT (f, 3, Into Mischief--Classydame, by Blame) debuted a well-beaten fourth Aug. 25 at Delaware Park as the favorite. After a layoff, the bay filly switched to the grass to try two turns here as the chalk. Given the lead by the field around the clubhouse turn, After Eight controlled the pace up front and riding the merry-go-round, extended her lead in the stretch to

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IN ORDER OF PURSE:

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post position and went to the front, but was soon after taken back to stalk the pace set by Apple Fest (Bolt d’Oro) to her outside for a quarter mile. Having had enough of waiting, she took command rounding the far bend and was clear before passing a half in a swift :44.67. The race was over from there as the winner continued to extend her lead on the field behind her, first by six lengths at the top of the stretch and then by nearly double digits and she crossed the wire in front in little more than a gallop at odds of 12-1 over favored Conquistar. The filly’s dam also produced an unnamed 2-year-old filly by Speightster, a yearling colt by Console and was bred back to Console for a foal this year. Sales History: $37,000 Ylg ’21 FTKJUL; $225,000 2yo ’22 OBSAPR. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, $40,620. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.

O-Exline-Border Racing LLC, Hudock, William Dan, Kennedy, Aaron and Wilson, Susanna; B-Kenneth L. Ramsey & Sarah K. Ramsey (KY); T-Peter Eurton.

1st-Gulfstream, $43,700, Msw, 4-23, 3yo, 5fT, :57.40, fm, 3/4 length.

JETAROS (g, 3, Kantharos--Jetbird, by Wildcat Heir), caught late Apr. 7 to finish a debut third over the Gulfstream turf, returned under the same conditions here as the 5-2 second choice. The chestnut gelding used his speed from the rail to set the pace early, rounded the final turn in control and turned back a challenge at the eighth pole from Side Eye (Jimmy Creed) to graduate with a 3/4-length advantage. Jetaros MGSW X Y Jet (Katharos) is a half-brother to the winner’s dam, who is responsible for a 2-year-old colt by Frosted, who brought $30,000 from Chad Schumer as a Fasig-Tipton October yearling last year, and a yearling one by Practical Joke, who fetched $27,000 from D K W Racing at the recent Fasig-Tipton Winter sale. She was bred to both Bolt d’Oro and Clound Computing last year. Sales History: $35,000 Ylg ’20 KEENOV; $60,000 Ylg ’21 KEESAP; $80,000 2yo ’22 OBSAPR. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, $30,100. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.

O-My Purple Haze Stables; B-Burton Johnson & Cinema Thoroughbreds (KY); T-Teresa M. Pompay.

5th-Hawthorne, $33,600, Msw, 4-23, 3yo/up, f/m, 1m 70y, 1:46.08, f, head.

TAR HEEL GIRL (f, 3, Into Mischief--Upperline (MGSW & GISP-USA, SW-Can, $772,988), by Maria’s Mon) tried the main track for the first time after a pair of turf starts for former trainer Brian Lynch. Now working out of Chris Block’s barn, the 4-5 favorite sat fourth while sandwiched early before finding more room up the backstretch to tuck inside for a ground-saving ride around the far turn. Tipped out four wide as the field straightened away, Tar Heel Girl kicked on well to just close past pacesetter Joyzella (Exaggerator), winning by a head. Upperline, herself a successful race mare, has already produced Reigning Spirit (War Front), GSP, $222,125 as well as SW War Secretary (War Front). Her now 2-year-old City of Light colt brought $600,000 from Albaugh Family Stables at last year’s Keeneland September Sale and she has a yearling filly by Munnings still to run. Sales History: $190,000 RNA Ylg ’20 FTKNOV. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-0, $19,400. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.

O/B-Town & Country Horse Farms, LLC (KY); T-Chris M. Block. *1/2 to Reigning Spirit (War Front), GSP, $222,125.
The Lieutenant (Street Sense), Sequel New York
30 foals of racing age/6 winners/2 black-type winners
2-Finger Lakes, 1:44 p.m. EDT, Msw 4 1/2f, Lieutenant Sam, 8-5

National Flag (Speightstown), Blazing Meadows Farm
38 foals of racing age/8 winners/0 black-type winners
5-Thistledown, 2:50 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2f, Way of the World, 10-1

Redesdale (Speightstown), McMahon of Saratoga Thoroughbreds
74 foals of racing age/10 winners/0 black-type winners
6-Finger Lakes, 3:40 p.m. EDT, Alw 4 1/2f, Forever Amy, 9-2
$5,500 OBS OCT yrl; $35,000 OBS OPN 2yo

Rivers Run Deep (Ready's Image), Poplar Creek Horse Center
19 foals of racing age/2 winners/0 black-type winners
7-Thistledown, 3:50 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2f, Ohio River, 2-1

Sharp Azteca (Freud), Three Chimneys Farm, $15,000
200 foals of racing age/49 winners/4 black-type winners
6-Finger Lakes, 3:40 p.m. EDT, Alw 4 1/2f, Cuz Ur Pretty, 3-1
$20,000 KEE JAN wnl; $6,000 OBS APR 2yo

Tough It Up (Lemon Drop Kid), Maccabee Farm
4 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
5-Thistledown, 2:50 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2f, Emerald Eyes, 7-2
$7,000 RNA OTB OMX yrl

STAKES RESULTS:
SIREN LURE S., $100,000, Santa Anita, 4-23, 4yo/up, 6 1/2ft, 1:11.57, fm.
1--WHATMAKESAMMYRUN, 124, g, 5, We Miss Artie--Reggae Rose, by Touch Gold. ($30,000 2yo '20 OBSAPR). O-Sterling Racing LLC; B-Kenneth L. & Sarah K. Ramsey (KY); T-Mark Glatt; J-Joe Bravo. $60,000. Lifetime Record: GSW, 19-5-3-2, $391,070. *1/2 to Shakhimat (Lonhro {Aus}), MGSAW-USA, SW & GSP-Canada, $516,711.

CONFUCIUS SAY S., $76,300, Charles Town, 4-22, (S), 3yo/up, 7f, 1:24.99, sy.
1--COASTAL MISSION, 123, g, 4, Great Neck--Smart Crowd, by Crowd Pleaser. 1ST BLACK TYPE WIN. O/B-Coleswood Farm, Inc. (WV); T-Jeff C. Runco; J-Denis Araujo. $45,780. Lifetime Record: 12-7-3-1, $249,577. *Full to Lewisfield, MSW & MGSP, $535,264.

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:
7th-Woodbine, C$93,980, (C)/Opt. Clm ($34,936-$36,775), 4-23, 3yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2f (AWT), 1:03.47, ft, neck.
FOREST DRIFT (m, 5, Mizzen Mast--Pohdi Pohdi {MSW, $210,762}, by Old Forester) Lifetime Record: 17-6-1-0, $212,150. O/B-3 Sons Racing LTD (ON); T-Robert P. Tiller.
7th-Aqueduct, $84,000, (NW2$X)/Opt. Clm ($62,500), 4-23, 4yo/up, 6f (off turf), 1:10.97, sy, 1/2 length.
SHERIFF BIANCO (g, 5, Speightster--Summer Rules, by Perfect Soul {Ire})
Lifetime Record: 19-6-7-3, $401,673. O-A. Bianco Holding; B-SF Bloodstock (NY); T-Linda Rice.
*135,000 Wlg '18 KEENOV; $120,000 Ylg '19 KEES; $50,000 3yo '21 KEENOV.
**1/2 to Never Gone South (Munnings), MSW & GSP, $244,135.

6th-Aqueduct, $72,000, (S), 4-23, (NW1$X), 3yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2f, 1:19.48, sy, 1 length.
SILVER FIST (f, 4, Iron Fist--Pass Partout {SP}, by Tiznow)
Lifetime Record: 12-2-2-1, $146,610. O-Gary & Janet Anderson; B-Carl Mathieu Sr. & Whispering Oaks (NY); T-James Lawrence, II.
*47,000 Ylg '20 EASOCT; $80,000 2yo '21 EASMAY.

7th-Gulfstream, $43,000, (S), 4-23, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 1m 70y (AWT), 1:39.83, ft, 7 1/4 lengths.
MERLIN (c, 4, Brethren--Mystic Blue, by Maimonides)
Lifetime Record: SP 16-2-6-2, $147,955. O/B-Arindel (FL); T-Juan Alvarado.
*Full to Genghis, MSP, $289,579.

8th-Hawthorne, $36,540, 4-22, (NW4L), 3yo/up, 7f, 1:26.49, sy, 3 3/4 lengths.
ONE NIGHT MIKE (g, 5, Golden Years--Introducing, by Deputy Minister)
Lifetime Record: 27-5-6-4, $108,183. O-Isaul Gonzalez; B-James Carol Jenkins (KY); T-Antonio Meraz.
*1/2 to Interject (Empire Maker), SP, $150,570; 1/2 to New Line (First Defence), SP, $235,681.

4th-Charles Town, $36,300, (S), 4-22, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 7f, 1:26.49, sy, 3 3/4 lengths.
FIRST KITTEN (m, 5, Flat Out--Speedy Kitten, by Kitten's Joy)
Lifetime Record: 25-6-2-6, $143,951. O-AA Trainer, LLC; B-Movar Corp. (KY); T-Alfonso Arias.
*18,000 Ylg '20 FTNOV; $235,681.

1st-Lone Star, $34,500, (NW3L)/Opt. Clm ($55,000), 4-23, 3yo, f, 1:18.11, ft, 2 1/4 lengths.
APPROPRIATED FUNDS (f, 3, Arrogate--My Cousin Martha {MSP, $120,360}, by Stay Thirsty)
Lifetime Record: 10-3-3-0, $92,605. O-BKD Consulting, LLC; B-Spartan Team Investments (KY).
*55,000 Wlg '20 FTKOCT; $30,000 2yo '22 FTIDIGD. *1/2 to Kalu (Ghostzapper), GSP, $225,627.

5th-Charles Town, $33,900, 4-22, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 7f, 1:26.86, sy, 1 3/4 lengths.
RIDICULOUS (c, 4, Tapiture--Oh Suzy Q, by Dixie Union)
Lifetime Record: 25-6-2-6, $143,951. O-AA Trainer, LLC; B-Movar Corp. (KY); T-Alfonso Arias.
*$18,000 Ylg '20 KEEJAN; $25,000 RNA Ylg '20 KEENOV; $12,000 2yo '21 OBSAPR.

4th-Lone Star, $33,500, (S), (NW2L)/Opt. Clm ($50,000), 4-23, 3yo, 6 1/2f, 1:18.97, ft, neck.
RED SUMMERBIRD (c, 3, Bradester--Pinetop, by Summer Bird)
Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-1, $44,580. O/B-John W Wilke (TX); T-Mindy J. Willis.

8th-Evangeline Downs, $31,240, (C), 4-22, (NW1X), 3yo, 7 1/2f, 1:32.42, fm, 4 1/4 lengths.
DECCAN PRINCE (IRE) (c, 3, Kingman {GB}--Deccan Queen {GB}, by Rail Link {GB})
Lifetime Record: 11-2-0-3, $84,676. O-Wayne T. Davis; B-Diamond Creek Farm (IRE); T-Shane Wilson.
*$50,000 2yo '22 OBSAPR; $8,000 2yo '22 KEENOV.

8th-Tampa Bay Downs, $24,500, 4-23, (NW1X), 4yo/up, f/m, 1mT, 1:33.44, fm, 1 length.
SATURDAY NITE GIRL (f, 4, War Front--Drifting Cube {Aus}, by Encosta de Lago {Aus})
Lifetime Record: SP, 10-2-1-0, $71,040. O-Glen Hill Farm; B-Elevage II, LLC (KY); T-Thomas F. Proctor.
*650,000 Wlg '19 KEENOV.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:
Bustin Lulu, f, 3, Bustin Stones--Pincelada, by Wildcat Heir.
Aqueduct, 4-23, (S), (C), 6f, 1:12.69. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, $23,650. B-Roddy Valente (NY).
*1ST-TIME STARTER.

Acquired Class, g, 3, Cairo Prince--Auntie Sparkles, by More Than Ready. Santa Anita, 4-22, 6 1/2f, 1:14.54.
Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-0, $41,120. B-Kathryn Nikkel & Sanford Robertson (KY).
*$70,000 Ylg '21 KEENOV; $30,000 2yo '22 FTDIGD. *1/2 to Kalu (Ghostzapper), GSP, $225,627.

Carmel by the Sea, f, 3, Candy Ride (Arg)--Seaside Escape, by Bernardini. Golden Gate Fields, 4-23, 1mT, 1:39.37.
Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-0, $27,300. B-PT Syndicate #1 LLC (CA).
*$13,000 Ylg '21 WASSEP; $75,000 Ylg '21 KEESEP; $240,000 2yo '22 OBSOPN.

Makar, c, 3, Distorted Humor--Katama, by Medaglia d'Oro.
Aqueduct, 4-23, (S), (C), 6f (off turf), 1:13.13. Lifetime Record: 6-1-2-0, $56,228. B-Vineyard Racing LLC (NY).
*$130,000 RNA 2yo '22 OBSAPR.
Popnfizz, f, 3, **Hard Spun**—Curvymissmiller, by Arch. Woodbine, 4-23, 5 1/2f (AWT), 1:04.15. Lifetime Record: 5-1-1-1, $53,341. B-Elkhorn Springs Thoroughbreds (KY).

**Juba's Hat Trick**, g, 3, **Juba**—Tricky Windsor (MSP), by Windsor Castle. Charles Town, 4-22, (S), 4 1/2f, :52.66. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, $19,377. B-Taylor Mountain Farm (WV). *1ST-TIME STARTER.*

**Big Sis Little Sis**, f, 3, **Mr. Big**—Passionate Love, by Blake's Passion. Golden Gate Fields, 4-22, 5 1/2f (AWT), 1:04.16. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-0, $31,650. B-SJS Stables (CA).

**Hard Gold**, g, 3, **My Golden Song**—Maquita Elaine, by Hard Spun. Lone Star, 4-23, (S), 1m, 1:43.16. Lifetime Record: 10-1-2-5, $65,904. B-Brown Springs Farm, LLC (TX). *$52,000 Ylg '21 TTAYHR.*

**Partyinthestreets**, g, 3, **Street Strategy**—Spageddy Eddy, by Eddington. Oaklawn, 4-22, (S), (C), 6f, 1:12.16. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, $22,800. B-Doug & Cathy Anderson (AR). *1ST-TIME STARTER.*

**Gungagungagalunga**, f, 4, **Maclean's Music**—Celtic Princess (Brz) (Ch. 2-year-old Filly-Brz, Horse Of The Year-Brz, Ch. 3-year-old Filly-Brz, MG1SW-Brz, GSW & GISP-USA, $330,624), by Public Purse. Golden Gate Fields, 4-22, 5 1/2f (AWT), 1:04.88. Lifetime Record: 6-1-0-2, $36,000. B-Neary Racing, Inc. (CA). *$8,000 Ylg '20 FTCAYR.*

**Princip**, g, 4, **Violence**—My Royalty, by **Street Sense**. Santa Anita, 4-23, (C), (C), 6f, 1:10.45. Lifetime Record: 5-1-1-0, $44,580. B-Pollock Farms (KY). *$130,000 Ylg '20 KEESEP.*
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Aqueduct
Juba, Juba’s Hat Trick, g, 3, o/o Tricky Windsor, by Windsor Castle. MSW, 4-22, Charles Town
Kantheros, Jetaros, g, 3, o/o Jetbird, by Wildcat Heir. MSW, 4-23, Gulfstream
Kingman (GB), Deccan Prince (Ire), c, 3, o/o Deccan Queen (GB), by Rail Link (GB). AOC, 4-22, Evangeline
Kitten’s Joy, Iko Iko, f, 4, o/o Sweet Strike, by Smart Strike. AOC, 4-23, Gulfstream
Kitten’s Joy, Limited Liability, c, 4, o/o Hold Harmless, by Blame. ALW, 4-23, Keeneland
Laoban, Les Bon Temps, f, 3, o/o Winsanity, by Tapizar. New York Stallion S., 4-23, Aqueduct
Lord Nelson, Virasana, f, 3, o/o Asana, by Arch. MSW, 4-23, Santa Anita
Maclean’s Music, Gungagungagalunga, f, 4, o/o Celtic Princess (Brz), by Public Purse. MSW, 4-22, Golden Gate
Mizzen Mast, Forest Drift, m, 5, o/o Pohdi Pohdi, by Old Forester. AOC, 4-23, Woodbine
Mr. Big, Big Sis Little Sis, f, 3, o/o Passionate Love, by Blake’s Passion. MSW, 4-22, Golden Gate
Munnings, Eight and Sand, g, 5, o/o See the Forest, by Forestry. MCL, 4-23, Aqueduct
My Golden Song, Hard Gold, g, 3, o/o Maquita Elaine, by Hard Spun. MSW, 4-23, Lone Star
Oscar Performance, Tumbarumba, g, 3, o/o Naive Enough, by Street Sense. ALW, 4-23, Keeneland
Secret Circle, Inside the Circle, g, 5, o/o Go Nancy Go, by Langfuhr. MSW, 4-22, Fanduel Sportsbook And Horse Racing
Speightster, Sheriff Bianco, g, 5, o/o Summer Rules, by Perfect Soul (Ire). AOC, 4-23, Aqueduct
Street Strategy, Partyinthestreets, g, 3, o/o Spageddy Eddy, by Eddington. MCL, 4-23, Oaklawn
Tapiture, Ridiculous, c, 4, o/o Oh Suzy Q, by Dixie Union. ALW, 4-22, Charles Town
Uncle Mo, For the Flag, f, 4, o/o Battle Flag, by War Front. ALW, 4-23, Keeneland
Violence, Princip, g, 4, o/o My Royalty, by Street Sense. MOC, 4-23, Santa Anita
War Front, Saturday Nite Girl, f, 4, o/o Drifting Cube (Aus), by Encosta de Lago (Aus). ALW, 4-23, Tampa Bay
We Miss Artie, Whatmakessammyrun, g, 5, o/o Reggae Rose, by Touch Gold. Siren Lure S., 4-23, Santa Anita

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SEVEN DAYS: CLASSIC MOMENTUM

By Emma Berry

At Newmarket last Tuesday, a fellow racegoer suggested that the racecourse really should up its game in encouraging more people to attend the Craven meeting. I disagreed politely.

For a start, there was a decent enough crowd there, enough for atmosphere but not so many that it was tricky to manoeuvre between pre-parade ring, parade ring and racecourse. And secondly, marketing a midweek meeting accompanied by Arctic temperatures just as many people have returned to work and school after the Easter holidays is not the easiest task.

I know we must continue to hope that people come racing in their droves, and one aerial camera sweep of the stands at Aintree in the previous week was enough to show that support is still strong, much to the disgust of the protestors. But, at the risk of sounding like an industry bore, one of the greatest things about the Craven meeting is that it still feels a bit like racing's best kept secret. Rightly, Newmarket puts on no hoopla for its opening fixture, for who needs extras when, after a bleak winter, suddenly the town has burst back into life with three days featuring some of the best-bred horses in training? There's a faint whiff of the Guineas on the strong wind that faces the runners as they charge down the Rowley Mile and, even better, plenty of hints towards the next round of Classics at Epsom. You can keep Christmas. This, truly, is the most wonderful time of the year. Cont. p3

MAKING WAVES: HOME SWEET HOME AT KEENELAND

In this series, the TDN takes a look at notable successes of European-based sires in North America. This week’s column is highlighted by the victory of Chez Pierre (Fr) (Mehmas {Ire}) in the GI Maker’s Mark Mile S. at Keeneland earlier this month.

Chez Pierre Right At Home In Maker’s Mark

The ultra-consistent Chez Pierre (Fr) (Mehmas {Ire}) improved his record to six-for-seven with a 3 1/2-length tally in the GI Maker’s Mark Mile S. at Keeneland on Apr. 14 (video), defeating hot favourite Modern Games (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}). Trained by Arnaud Delacour, the Lael Stables colourbearer was coming off a sixth-place effort in the GIIII Tampa Bay S. in February.

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The Amo Racing team has been well represented across a range of races since the first day of the turf season and it continued on a roll by taking both the G3 Craven S. and the G3 Nell Gwyn S. with Indestructible (Ire) (Kodiac (GB)) and Mammam Girl (GB) (Havana Grey (GB)) respectively. Another of the operation’s Newmarket winners, the juvenile Persian Dreamer, earned the first TDN Rising Star for his freshman sire Calyx (GB) and the second for his dam Surprisingly (Ire) (Galileo (Ire)), whose current three-year-old Queen Olly (Ire) (No Nay Never) was also awarded one on debut last year at York. She was later placed in the G2 Duchess of Cambridge S. but could finish only eighth in the Nell Gwyn on her seasonal resumption.

Two horses really took the eye at Newmarket with a view to bigger and better things later in the season. James Ferguson’s move to Kremlin Cottage Stables, vacated last year by Hugo Palmer, has not inconvenienced his progression through the training ranks and he looks to have a lovely Dante prospect on his hands in the form of Listed Feilden S. winner Canberra Legend (Ire), who was one of two decent winners on the Rowley Mile for Australia (GB) last week along with Waipiro (Ire).

Canberra Legend, owned by the increasingly prevalent Hong Kong-based Bon Ho, who is well represented in these parts by Mark McStay, is now unbeaten in his two starts. He is yet another feather in the cap of breeder Ringfort Stud, who, along with Paul Hancock, bred the colt from Rocana (GB). The Fastnet Rock (Aus) mare is also the dam of the G3 Chester Vase winner Youth Spirit (Ire) (Camelot (GB)).

Ferguson’s good day was completed with a double when Like A Tiger (GB) (Farhh (GB)) posted a four-length win in the concluding handicap despite completely missing the start by rearing in the stalls.

Also making a favourable impression in the increasingly maligned Wood Ditton Maiden was the Niarchos family’s homebred Passenger, a son of their dual Group 1 winner Ulysses (Ire). Green in the paddock as he whinnied all the way round, Passenger was nevertheless the consummate professional where it mattered as he handed out a three-length drubbing to his seven rivals. His trainer Sir Michael Stoute was typically coy about where and when the colt will be seen next, but Passenger is clearly held in high regard by Ryan Moore, and a reappearance in stakes company seems highly likely.
**Chaldean Running Free**

While Newmarket was mostly spared the rain, Newbury looked an altogether different prospect as the Classic trials baton was passed its way on Friday. In testing conditions, we saw the last of Irish Derby and St Leger winner Hurricane Lane (Ire) (Frankel {GB}) who was swiftly retired after failing to raise a challenge in what looked an attritional renewal of the John Porter.

Chaldean (GB) (Frankel {GB}) brought new meaning to the term running a bit free when he and Frankie Dettori parted company on leaving the stalls for the G3 Greenham S. The colt, who is highly fancied for the 2,000 Guineas, proceeded to bowl merrily along the Newbury straight, at one time appearing to give a friendly nudge to the ultimately easy winner Isaac Shelby (GB) (Night Of Thunder {Ire}). We spoke to Sam Sangster about Isaac Shelby last year in TDN when the colt won the G2 Superlative S. at Newmarket's July Meeting and he confessed that he went beyond his budget when buying the colt for the Manton Thoroughbreds syndicate for €92,000. Increasingly, that looks like money well spent. Isaac Shelby now looks likely to head to France for the Poule d'Essai des Poulains instead of attempting to emulate his sire in the 2,000 Guineas at Newmarket.

**Roy Flying High Despite Concorde's Grounding**

It was a largely successful week for owner-breeder Susan Roy, the wife of former BHA Chairman Paul Roy, whose all-mauve colours were carried to glory in the G3 John Porter S. at Newbury by homebred Grand Alliance (Ire) (Churchill {Ire}) following the G3 Abernant S. success of Garrus (Ire) (Acclamation {GB}) at Newmarket, where Oriazio (Ire) (Caravaggio) also won for the Roys.

The week had started with an easy victory for Concorde (GB), a son of Sixties Icon (GB), who won the St Leger in the Roy silks. Returned to the track three days later before his mark was hiked by the handicapper, Concorde was sent off as the 1/6 favourite for a repeat win at Chelmsford, but a grave misjudgment in an over-confident ride by Pat Cosgrave saw the three-year-old beaten a nose and the jockey stood down with a 28-day ban. Concorde looks highly progressive and will undoubtedly be seen flying high again soon, perhaps as early as Monday afternoon at Pontefract, where he is once again slated as odds-on favourite.

**Wootton Bassett and Zarak to the Fore**

Wootton Bassett (GB) is currently being held off the top spot in the French sires' table by Anodin (Ire) but, judging by the way his season has started, and with some enticing group-class runners to come, it will be no surprise to see him head the list before long.

Of course, Wootton Bassett departed France at the end of 2020. His current juveniles are from the final crop conceived at Haras d'Etreham, which did such a good job in launching the son of Iffraaj (GB) from fairly humble beginnings. With the highly regarded G3 Prix de Fontainebleau winner American Flag (Fr) now favourite for the Poule d'Essai des Poulains and G1 National S. winner Al Riffa (Fr) occupying the same spot in the list for the Irish 2,000 Guineas, Wootton Bassett could indeed be in for a big year. Furthermore, he is responsible for easily the most impressive two-year-old winner of the season so far in River Tiber (Ire), whose 10-length romp at Navan on Saturday earned him a TDN Rising Star, while the G2 Royal Lodge S. winner Royal Patronage (Fr) made a winning return in his American debut at Keeneland.
With Wootton Bassett now firmly ensconced on the Coolmore roster in Ireland, the French stallion ranks have been boosted subsequently by Zarak (Fr), who stands alongside the French champion Siyouni (Fr) at the Aga Khan Studs' Haras de Bonneval. With just three crops of racing age, Zarak is currently in sixth in the table, with his fee having risen from an initial €12,000 to €60,000 this season.

Another two stakes winners have joined his list in the past week. Fabrice Chappet won his second Classic trial of the season with Crown Princesse (Fr) in the G3 Prix Cleopatre for Antoinette Tamagni-Bodmer’s Haras de Saint Julien and Regula Vannod. The following day Village Voice (GB) formed one half of a Listed double for Jessica Harrington when winning the Listed Salsabil S. in the colours of Juliet Cooper, whose husband Patrick bought the filly at last year’s Tattersalls Guineas Breeze-up Sale for just 38,000gns.

British-based breeze-up consignors Ellie Whitaker and Tegan Clarke, who trade as WC Equine and featured in TDN last year, have had only a handful of horses at the sales so far but are already responsible for Village Voice and the listed winner Royal Aclaim (Ire) (Aclaim {Ire}). A duo to watch.

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Laura Vanska picked up the Haras de Castillon-consigned bay for €25,000 out of the Arqana August Sale in 2019. The SCEA des Prairies and Ecurie de Castillon-bred gelding made €100,000 when re-offered as a juvenile at the Arqana July Sale with NBB Racing signing the ticket. He won all three of his starts in France for Francis-Henri Graffard, before traveling to the U.S.

Chez Pierre is a half-brother to Listed Prix Saraca victress Zelda (Fr) (Zelzal {Fr}), while their dam Hortensia (Ity) (Orpen) is a half-sister to Gill Buena Vista H. heroine Uraib (Ire) (Mark Of Esteem {Ire}) and the dam of GI Breeders’ Cup Juvenile scorer Vale Of York (Ire) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}). Hortensia’s latest is a full-brother to Zelda born in 2021.

Chez Pierre’s runners continue to impress across the pond, and with Chez Pierre’s triumph, the Tally-Ho stallion now how four Grade/Group 1 winners worldwide, two in America and two elsewhere.

Of his 21 U.S. runners, 11 (52%) have won, and four have won stakes (19%).

Dubawi Mare Gate-To-Wire In The Wiley

The GI Jenny Wiley S. at Keeneland has been a frequent stomping ground for Chad Brown and Peter Brant, and the duo’s In Italian (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}) gave Brown his sixth victory in the race as a trainer (video). A ‘TDN Rising Star’ at Belmont Park back in May of 2021, the daughter of Florentina (Aus) (Redoute’s Choice {Aus}) went on to take the GI Diana S. and GI First Lady S. last year, and the Jenny Wiley was her 5-year-old unveiling. It was Brant’s third Wiley tally as an owner.

Part of Fairway Thoroughbreds’ breeding programme, the Hazelwood Bloodstock-offered mare made 475,000gns from agent Mike Ryan acting for Peter Brant’s White Birch Farm as a Tattersalls October Book 1 yearling in 2019.

In Italian’s Group 3-winning dam has also produced Villa Carlotta (Aus) (Street Cry {Ire}) and Fasano (Aus) (Lonhro {Aus}), who placed in the G2 Reisling S. and in an Australian listed stakes, respectively. From the same female family as her damsire, Arrowfield sire great Redoute’s Choice, In Italian is also related to G1 Railway S. hero Gathering (Aus) (Tale Of The Cat).

Darley supremo Dubawi boasts a 50% winners to runners ratio (35/70) in the U.S. Eighteen of his get have won stakes (25%) in America, and 50% of his 18 black-type winners are Grade I winners.

Love Conquers All

‘TDN Rising Star’ Love Reigns (Ire) (U S Navy Flag) added to her stakes haul with a half-length win in the Limestone S. at Keeneland on Apr. 14 (video). The Stonestreet Stables silksbearer, who is trained by Wesley Ward, won Saratoga’s Bolton Landing S. last year. Cont. p6
In Italian is now a three-time Grade I winner | Coady Photography

A member of the Patrick Grogran breeding programme, the Killourney Mor Farm draftee made €160,000 as a Goffs Orby yearling on the bid of Ben McElroy for Barbara Banke’s Stonestreet operation. The half-sister to GI Sword Dancer S. hero Reach For The Moon (GB) (Sea The Stars [Ire]), has a 2-year-old filly by Phoenix Of Spain (Ire), and a yearling colt by Ribchester (Ire). Third dam Phantom Gold (GB) (Machiavellian) won the G2 Ribblesdale S. in 1995.

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High Altitude, No Danger

Reeves Thoroughbred Racing, Steven Rocco and William Branch runner Big Everest (GB) (The Gurkha [Ire]) has been a steady moneyspinner on the New York circuit, and the 5-year-old gelding clawed out a desperate nose victory in the Danger’s Hour S. at Aqueduct on Apr. 15 for trainer Christophe Clement (video).

Bred by Newsells Park Stud, the bay was a 47,000gns Tattersalls December foal when picked up by Peter and Ross Doyle, and he RNA’d for 72,000gns at that venue as a Book 2 yearling in 2019. Blossoming at two, however, he was knocked down for €260,000 by Stephen Hillen at the Goffs Arqana 2020 Breeze-Up Sale at Doncaster, and has made all of his 11 starts in America. Saturday’s victory is his second consecutive stakes win after the Artie Schiller S. in November of 2022. His dam, who was second in the GII Wilshire H., is a half-sister to Grade II winner True Quality (Elusive Quality).

Named a ‘TDN Rising Star’ on the back of a 7 1/2-length maiden win at Belmont in May of 2021 for Wesley Ward, she would go on to run second in the G2 Queen Mary S. at Royal Ascot. The French listed winner also captured the GI Breeders’ Cup Juvenile Turf Sprint at Del Mar.

Her dam, a Dansili (GB) half-sister to Her Late Majesty The Queen’s G3 Solario S. hero Reach For The Moon (GB) (Sea The Stars [Ire]), has a 2-year-old filly by Phoenix Of Spain (Ire), and a yearling colt by Ribchester (Ire). Third dam Phantom Gold (GB) (Machiavellian) won the G2 Ribblesdale S. in 1995.

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The Best Offence Is A Good Defence

Stonestreet Stables’ Breeders’ Cup victress Twilight Gleaming (Ire) (National Defense [GB]) added her fourth black-type victory—and third in the U.S.—with an 1 1/2-length tally in the Giant’s Causeway S. at Keeneland last Saturday (video).

Pier House Stud bred the February foal, and she would bring €75,000 from Ben McElroy on behalf of Stonestreet when sent through the ring at the Goffs Orby Sale.

Wesley Ward, Joel Rosario and Barbara Banke | Coady Photography
Group 1 winners Loup Sauvage (Riverman), and Loup Solitaire (Lear Fan) are under the Oaks-winning fourth dam Lupe II (GB) (Primera {GB}).

From limited representation, The Gurkha has sired four winners from six runners in the U.S. (67%), and the Danger Hour hero is his most decorated runner in this locale.

**Wootton Bassett Colt Crowned At Keeneland**

Highclere Thoroughbred Racing’s **Royal Patronage (Fr)** (Wootton Bassett {GB}) found the firm Keeneland turf to his liking with a neck score in a 1 1/16-mile allowance earlier this week (video) for Graham Motion. It was his first U.S. victory following his European campaign with Mark Johnston, where he swept the G3 Acomb S. and G2 Royal Lodge S. in succession in 2021.

Bred in France by Emma Capon Bloodstock, Royal Patronage brought 62,000gns from Highclere’s John and Jake Warren out of the New England Stud draft at the Tattersalls October Yearling Sale Book 1.

From the same family as G1 Irish Derby third Shalapour (Ire) (Darshaan {GB}) and dual Derby hero Shahrastani (Nijinsky II), the 2022 G2 Dante S. runner-up is the first foal out of his winning dam. I Can’t Believe (GB) (Magna Grecia {Ire}) is his juvenile half-brother, while Shaloushka (Ire) (Dalakhani {Ire}) also has an Expert Eye (GB) yearling filly.

Fourteen of Wootton Bassett’s North American runners have won from 20 runners (70%). Six have won stakes (30%), and five are graded winners (25%). The Coolmore stallion’s top U.S. representative is GI Breeders’ Cup Filly & Mare Turf winner Audarya (Fr).

**If The Robe Fits...**

As chronicled in Saturday’s TDN, Peter Brant, Mrs. John Magnier and Michael Tabor’s **Yukata (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}) made her U.S. debut a winning one when closing to take a 1 1/16-mile optional claimer by a length at Aqueduct for trainer Chad Brown and jockey Manny Franco (video).

A dual winner and stakes-placed in France for Jean-Claude Rouget, Yukata was transferred to Brown after an unplaced run in the G1 Prix de Diane. The White Birch homebreds is the third foal from Blue Kimono (Ire) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}), who joined Brant’s broodmare band carrying subsequent stakes winner Kuramata (Ire) (Australia {GB}) as a €675,000 acquisition out of the Goffs November Sale in 2016. Second dam Bastet (Ire) (Giant’s Causeway), herself a half-sister to dual Australian Horse of the Year Might And Power (NZ) (Zabeel {NZ}), foaled Classic heroine Beauty Parlour (GB) (Deep Impact {Jpn}). Beauty Parlour subsequently produced GI First Lady S. victress Blowout (GB) (Dansili {GB}). The latter pair were purchased by Brant for €1.7 million and €450,000 out of the Goffs November Breeding Stock Sale and Goffs November Foal Sale, respectively. Blue Kimono has an unraced 3-year-old full-sister to Yukata named Japanese (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}), as well as juvenile filly Courreges (Ire), and a yearling colt both by Frankel (GB).

The much-lamented Galileo needs no introduction, and Yukata is his 62nd winner (36%) in Canada and North America out of 173 runners. His stakes winners number 26 (15%), with 23 (13%) taking a graded race. Leading the charge in that jurisdiction is three-time Grade I winner Cape Blanco (Ire), one of 15 Grade I winners for the Coolmore great.
Bated Breath Colt Seizes Winning Laurel

Bassanio (GB) (Bated Breath [GB]), who races for West Point Thoroughbreds, stalked and pounced to win a Laurel one-mile grass affair by 1 1/2 lengths for Arnaud Delacour on Apr. 15. It was the 4-year-old gelding’s fourth start (video) and first away from Tampa Bay Downs.

The Laundry Cottage Stud Farm-bred brought 185,000gns as a weanling at Tattersalls, and then was a 170,000gns Book 1 yearling through the same ring in October of 2020.

His yearling full-brother sold for 85,000gns to JC Bloodstock at Tattersalls in December. Bassanio’s dam, Unnatural (Proud Citizen), is a half-sister to dual group winner Land Of Dreams (GB) (Cadeaux Genereux [GB]) herself the dam of four-time Group 1-winning sire Dream Ahead (Diktat [GB]). Another of Land Of Dreams’s daughters produced dual Group 1 winner Fairyland (Ire) (Kodiac [GB]).

Bated Breath’s progeny have accumulated 46 victories divided between 18 winners in the States. His ratio of stakes winners to America runners stands at 38% (11/29). All four of his graded winners are fillies, led by GI Matriarch S. heroine Viadera (GB).

“Assistent makes the grade in Cologne

by Sean Cronin

Henk Grewe trainee Assistent (Ger) (Sea The Moon [Ger]--Anna Kalla [Ger], by Kalatos [Ger]) went postward for Sunday’s G2 Carl Jaspers Preis at Cologne coming back off a half-length victory in Dusseldorf’s Listed Grand Prix Aufgalopp on seasonal return last month and upset G1 Grosser Preis von Bayern victor Tunnes (Ire) (Guiliani [Ire]), G1 Preis der Diana second Wagnis (Ger) (Adlerflug [Ger]) and G1 Deutsches Derby runner-up Alter Adler (Ger) (Ger) (Adlerflug [Ger]) for a career high in the 12-furlong feature.

Last year’s G1 Deutsches Derby and G1 Preis von Europa fourth enjoyed late support at the tills and was knocked down to odds of 53-10 facing a clutch of familiar foes. He was the last of seven into stride and employed patient tactics in rear for the most part. Making rapid headway out wide in the straight to overpower Tunnes approaching the final furlong, Assistent was urged clear in the closing stages to stop the clock with rider Lukas Delozier upright in the irons and saluting the crowd. His margin of victory was 3 1/4 lengths back to Tunnes, with Best Of Lips (Ire) (The Gurkha [Ire]) two lengths adrift in third.

“That was a great performance from Assistent and a great ride from Lukas [Delozier], as he kept his nerve coming from back there,” Grewe told GaloppOnline.

Pedigree Notes

Assistent, the 12th pattern-race winner for his sire (by Sea The Stars [Ire]), is the third of seven foals and lone stakes performer produced by an unraced full-sister to G3 Hamburger Stutenpreis victrix Anna Katharina (Ger) (Kallisto [Ger]), herself the dam of last term’s Listed Weidenpescher Steher Cup victrix Ankunft (GB) (New Approach [Ire]). The March-foaled dark bay’s dam is also kin to G3 Furstenberg-Rennen victor Adrian (Ger) (Reliable Man [GB]) and Listed Henkel Stutenpreis winner Attica (GB) (Tai Chi [Ger]). Assistent’s younger siblings include the unraced 2-year-old filly Aturana (Ger) (Tai Chi [Ger]) and a yearling filly and colt foal by Best Solution [Ire]. Descendants of his G3 Hamburger Stutenpreis-winning third dam Anna Thea (Ger) (Turfkonig [Ger]) include last year’s G2 Derby Italiano hero Ardakan (GB) (Reliable Man [GB]) and MGSW G2 German 2000 Guineas runner-up Aspectus (Ire) (Spectrum [Ire]). Anna Thea is the leading performer for Anstandige (Ger) (Star Appeal [Ire]), herself a half-sister to G2 Preis der Diana (German Oaks) heroine and blue hen Anna Paola (Ger) (Prince Ippi [Ger]), whose Group 1-winning descendants include G1 Derby hero Adayar (Ire) (Frankel [GB]).
Sunday, Cologne, Germany

CARL JASPERS PREIS-G2, €70,000, Cologne, 4-23, 4yo/up, 12fT, 2:33.13, g/s.

1--ASSISTENT (GER), 126, c, 4, by Sea The Moon (Ger)
   1st Dam: Anna Kalla (GER), by Kallisto (GER)
   2nd Dam: Anna Desta (GER), by Desert Style (IRE)
   3rd Dam: Anna Thea (IRE), by Turfkonig (GER)
   1ST GROUP WIN. (€58,000 Ylg '20 BBAGS). O-Liberty Racing
   2020; B-Gestut Rottgen (GER); T-Henk Grewe; J-Lukas
   Delozeri. €40,000. Lifetime Record: GSP-Ity, 10-3-3-1,
   €155,900. Werk Nick Rating: C.

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or the free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree.

2--Tunnes (GER), 130, c, 4, Guilliani (IRE)--Tijuana (GER), by
   Toylsome (GB). (€38,000 Ylg '20 BBAGS). O-Holger Renz;
   B-Paul H Vandenberg (GER); T-Peter Schiergen. €15,500.

3--Best Of Lips (IRE), 126, h, 5, The Gurkha (IRE)--Beata (Fr), by
   Silver Frost (IRE). (90,000gns RNA Ylg '19 TAOCT). O-Stall
   Lintec; B-Stall Parthenaue (IRE); T-Andreas Suborics. €8,000.

Margins: 3 1/4, 2, HD. Odds: 5.30, 0.80, 8.80.
Also Ran: Wagnis (GER), Alter Adler (GER), Mansour (GER), Dato
(GB).

SALES COMPANIES TO SUPPORT ITBA NH FILLIES BONUS SCHEME

Goffs and Tattersalls Ireland have committed support of
€50,000 each over the next three years toward the Irish
Thoroughbred Breeders’ Association’s National Hunt Fillies
Bonus Scheme, the ITBA announced. The support is in addition
to the €100,000 from Horse Racing Ireland through the Foal
Levy. Established in 2013, the scheme’s aim was to enhance the
prices of fillies at store sales and encourage breeders to return
their fillies in training. The Weatherbys ITBA NH Fillies Bonus
scheme pays out €5,000 to any eligible filly who wins their
mares-only maiden bumper, maiden hurdle and beginners’
steepleschase. The scheme has awarded more than €2.8m in
bonuses to winning connections over the past nine years. The
entry fee is €200 for 2024 with each filly having the opportunity
to win €15,000 in addition to prize money.

“ItBA and its National Hunt Committee are delighted with the
commitment of Goffs and Tattersalls Ireland towards the Fillies
Bonus Scheme,” ITBA NH Committee Chairman William Flood
said. “Both sales companies have been huge supporters of the
initiative from the outset. The additional support, together with
the commitment of €100,000 from Horse Racing Ireland
through the Foal Levy will ensure the future of the scheme and
will enable National Hunt breeders and owners to benefit for
keeping their fillies in training.”

Henry Beeby, Goffs Group Chief Executive, added, “Goffs has a
rich heritage in NH racing and sales so it was very easy for us to
offer increased support to this superb ITBA initiative.”

Simon Kerins, Tattersalls Ireland CEO, said, “This initiative has
proven to be a huge success since its inception in 2013, and we
are proud to play our part in encouraging breeders and buyers
to return their fillies to training and enhancing their residual
value. We look forward to working with Una Tormey and her
team at ITBA, Goffs, Horse Racing Ireland, Weatherbys, and The
Irish Field to further develop and grow this important scheme
for the benefit of breeders and owners.”
Observations on the European racing scene

Tenebrism Back for More Stakes at Naas

18.40 Naas, Listed, €40,000, 3yo/up, 5fT

Coolmore and Westerberg’s Tenebrism (Caravaggio) makes a swift reappearance after annexing Cork’s six-furlong Listed Cork S. on seasonal debut earlier in the month and takes in this Listed Anglesey Lodge Equine Hospital Woodlands S. en route to loftier targets on the horizon. Successful in the G1 Cheveley Park S. as a juvenile, she drops down to five furlongs for the first time since making a winning debut over course and distance in March 2021 and encounters seven hardened foes in this reacquaintance with the Co. Kildare track.

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FRANCE

Sunday’s Results:

Prix Caravelle - Haras des Granges-Listed, €55,000, Toulouse, 4-23, 3yo, f, 10 1/2fT, 2:12.30, vsf.

1--Cracksmania (GB), 123, f, 3, by Cracksmans (GB)
1st Dam: Panthelia (Fr) (GSP-Fr & MSP-Ger), by Gentlewave (Ire)
2nd Dam: Panthesilea (Fr), by Kendor (Fr)
3rd Dam: Bucephalass (Fr), by Akarad (Fr)

1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN. O/B-Guy Pariente Holding (GB); T-Philippe Sogorb; J-Alejandro Gutierrez Val. €27,500.

Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-1, 44,750.

Margins: 1 1/4, 1 3/4, 2. Odds: 7.00, 7.90. 5.60.

Also Ran: Coming France (Ire), Habeebah (Fr), White Swan (Fr), Olkovska (Fr), Avolta (Ire). Video, sponsored by TVG.

Cracksmania, who notched a Feb. 13 debut score tackling 10 furlongs at Pau, finished 10 lengths off the winner—and three lengths adrift of the reopposing Olkovska (Fr) (Zelzal (Fr))—when encountering ‘TDN Rising Star’ Pensee Du Jour (Ire) (Camelot (GB)) over the same trip in Saint-Cloud’s Listed Prix Rose de Mai last time and gained compensation for that defeat with a career high in this third start. Cont. p11
In front going past the judge first time and holding sway throughout, the 7-1 chance came under pressure when threatened with 300 metres remaining and was ridden out inside the final furlong to assert superiority in ultimately comfortable fashion.

Cracksmania, the first of two foals out of G3 Prix Cleopatre runner-up Panthelia (Fr) (Gentlewave (Ire)), becomes the third black-type winner for her second-crop sire (by Frankel {GB}). Panthelia, who has the winner’s unraced 2-year-old full-sister Panthera (Fr) to come, is a full-sister to G3 Baden-Baden Stuten Preis victrix and G1 Prix Jean Prat-winning sire Risk Me (Fr) (Sharpo {GB}).

Balles (Fr), and is from a family featuring G1 Grand Prix de Paris daughters of G3 Prix Thomas Bryon winner Silicon Lady (Mille de Saint-Georges victrix Latona (Fr) (Kendor {Fr}), both being third dam Bucephalass (Fr) (Akarad {Fr}) is a half-sister to G3 Prix of this contest. The winner’s dam is also a half to listed Derby du Midi victor Validator (Fr) (American Post {GB}). Cracksmania’s third dam Bucephalass (Fr) (Akarad {Fr}) is a half-sister to G3 Prix de Saint-Georges victrix Latona (Fr) (Kendor {Fr}), both being daughters of G3 Prix Thomas Bryon winner Silicon Lady (Mille Balles {Fr}), and is from a family featuring G1 Grand Prix de Paris and G1 Prix Jean Prat-winning sire Risk Me (Fr) (Sharpo {GB}).

**Cracksman | Darley**

**PRIX AYMERI DE MAULEON-Listed, **€55,000, Toulouse, 4-23, 3yo, 8fT, 1:37.60, vsf.

1--KENDLY (Fr), 126, c, 3, Kendargent (Fr)

1st Dam: Kindly Dismiss (Fr) (SP-Fr), by Excellent Art (GB)

2nd Dam: Dianaba (Fr), by Diktat (GB)

3rd Dam: Lunaba (Fr), by Anabaa

**1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN.** (€38,000 Ylg ’18 ARQOCT). O-Gerard Augustin-Norman & Stephen Lahmi; B-Guy Pariente Holding (FR); T-Philippe Sogorb; J-Alejandro Gutierrez Val. €27,500. Lifetime Record: 6-3-2-1, €67,660. *Full to Surrey Mist (Fr), SW-Fr.

2--Cambronne (Fr), 126, c, 3, Alex The Winner--Candie (Fr), by Kendargent (Fr). O-Jean-Pierre-Joseph Dubois; B-Mme Lisa Augustin-Normand & Stephen Lahmi; T-Philippe Sogorb; J-Alejandro Gutierrez Val.

**LE VASE D’ARGENT-Listed, **€52,000, Toulouse, 4-23, 4yo/up, 10fT, 2:05.50, vsf.

1--WATCH HIM (FR), 126, h, 5, by Elvstroem (Aus)–Watchful (Ire), by Galileo (Ire). **1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN.** (€5,000 RNA Wlg ’18 ARQDEC; €100,000 Ylg ’19 ARQOCT; €42,000 HRA ’21 ARQNOV). O-LG Bloodstock; B-Haras de Saint Julien (FR); T-Christophe Ferland; J-Maxime Guyon. €26,000. Lifetime Record: 19-4-2, €139,640. *1/2 to Watch Me (Fr) (Olympic Glory {Ire}), G1SW-Eng & Fr, $728,406.

2--Wally (Ire), 129, g, 6, Siyouni (Fr)–Full Of Beauty (GB), by Motivator (GB). (€130,000 Ylg ’18 ARAUG). O-Ecurie Jean-Pierre Barjon; B-Ecurie Haras du Cadran, SAS I.E.I., Carlos Lerner & Yann Lerner (IRE); T-Jean-Claude Rouget. €10,400.

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3--Prince Anodin (Fr), 126, g, 6, Anodin (Ire)–Lake Bains (GB), by Highest Honor (Fr). **1ST BLACK TYPE.** (€6,000 Ylg ’18 OSASEP). O-Haras du Grand Courgeon & SCEA Carant; B-SCEA Haras de Manneville (FR); T-Antoine de Watrigant. €7,800. Margins: 1 1/4, NK, 1 1/4. Odds: 3.40, 0.40, 11.00.

Also Ran: Mon Bel Canto (Fr), Say Good Buy (Ger), Aldufoof (GB). Scratched: Bosioh (Fr). **Video, sponsored by TVG.**
Watch Him went winless in eight starts after landing a Cagnes-sur-Mer handicap early last year, curtailing the losing streak with a Mar. 26 conditions score at La Teste last time, and stepped up to secure a first stakes success in this third attempt at the level. Lobbing along off the pace in fourth until taking closer order on the home turn, he made continued headway under urging in the straight for a slender advantage entering the final furlong and was ridden out to hold the late bid of MGSW G1 Prix d'Ispahan runner-up Wally a shade cosily.

Watch Him, a half-brother to G1 Coronation S. and G1 Prix Rothschild heroine Watch Me (Fr) (Olympic Glory {Ire}), is the eighth of 11 foals and becomes the second stakes winner out of G2 Centaur family of elite-level distaffers Shawanda (Ire) (Sinndar {Ire}) and Vermeille-winning third dam Sharaya (Youth) hails from the March-foaled bay is also kin to a 2-year-old colt by Almanzor (Fr). His G1 Prix Khafoo Shememi (Ire) (Dark Angel {Ire}).

IN ITALY:


Gino Jet (Fr), c, 3, French Fifteen (Fr)–Briateke (Fr) (SP-Ity), by Dabirsim (Fr). Milano, 4-23, Hcp., €13,200, 1600mT, 1:38.90, hy. O-Franco Andrea. B-2 0 At Racing Srl (FR). T-Antonio Marcialis. VIDEO


Permare (Ire), c, 3, Vadamoss (Fr)–Peaceful Light (GB), by Doyen (Ire). Milano, 4-23, Hcp., €13,200, 2000mT, 2:05.90, hy. O-Rz Montalbano Srl. B-Miss Francesca Turri (IRE). T-Soc Al Marco Gasparini Corse Srl. VIDEO

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Symbole (Fr), g, 3, Sea The Moon (Ger)–Sextine (GB), by Dunkerque (Fr). Nimes, 4-23, 6fT, 1:11.24. B-Haras du Quesnay (FR).

Alma Bella (Ire), f, 3, Wootton Bassett (GB)–Lucelle (Ire), by High Chaparral (Ire). Montlucon (Neris-les-Bains), 4-23, 8 1/2fT, time: n/a. B-Haras du Quesnay (FR).

Additional Maiden Winners:

Symbole (Fr), g, 3, Sea The Moon (Ger)–Sextine (GB), by Dunkerque (Fr). O-Liberty Racing 2021. B-Gestut Sea The Moon (Ger). Montlucon (Neris-les-Bains), 4-23, 8 f, 3, Wootton Bassett (GB)–Lucelle (Ire), by High Chaparral (Ire). Montlucon (Neris-les-Bains), 4-23, 8 1/2 fT, time: n/a. O/Liberty Racing 2021. B-Gestut Sea The Moon (Ger). Montlucon (Neris-les-Bains).
Ceres victrix Narnia Dawn (Ire) (Roderic O Northern Ruler (Ger) (Ruler Of The World {Ire}) and Listed Prix descendants of North Queen include G3 Prix du Lys winner third Normfliegerin (Ger) (Adlerflug {Ger}), while other North Mum is the dam of stakes-winning G3 Deutsches St Leger (Protectionist {Ger}) and a yearling filly by Waldpfad (Ger). (Hawk Wing), the unraced 2-year-old filly North Protection (Ger) (Sea The Stars {Ire}), the stakes-placed Nordfalke (Ire) (Samum {Ger}), G2 Union-Rennen third Northsea Star sister to stakes-winning G3 Herbst Stuten Preis third North Mum (Ger) (Danehill Dancer {Ire}). The February-foaled roan is a half-MGSW G1 Preis der Diana (German Oaks) third Nordtanzerin Italiano runner-up Nadour Al Bahr (Ire) (Be My Guest) and herself a half-sister to GSW G1 Deutsches Derby and G1 Derby (German Oaks) runner-up North Queen (Ire) (Desert King {Ire}), foals and eighth scorer produced by GSW G1 Preis der Diana 3/4-of-a-length in game fashion. North Reliance is the 11th of 13 latter stages to deny Whirlybird (Ger) (Adlerflug {Ger}) by marker and kept on relentlessly under continued rousting in the 77-10 chance moved into fourth passing the quarter-mile sophomore bow. Opting for a far-side rail run in the straight, the tempo in seventh after passing the judge first time in this this venue in her only prior start, was retrained to race off the

**GERMANY**

**Sunday’s Results:**

1st-Cologne, €10,000, Mdn, 4-23, 3yo, 11fT, 2:24.78, g/s.  
**NORTH RELIANCE (GER) (f, 3, Reliable Man (GB)--North Queen (Ire) (GSW & G1SP-Ger, $133,267), by Desert King (Ire)), an Oct. 30 debut runner-up tackling an extended nine furlongs at this venue in her only prior start, was retrained to race off the tempo in seventh after passing the judge first time in this sophomore bow. Opting for a far-side rail run in the straight, the 77-10 chance moved into fourth passing the quarter-mile marker and kept on relentlessly under continued rousting in the latter stages to deny Whirlybird (Ger) (Adlerflug (Ger)) by 3/4-of-a-length in game fashion. North Reliance is the 11th of 13 foals and eighth scorer produced by GSW G1 Preis der Diana (German Oaks) runner-up North Queen (Ire) (Desert King (Ire)), herself a half-sister to GSW G1 Deutsches Derby and G1 Derby Italiano runner-up Nadour Al Bahr (Ire) (Be My Guest) and herself a half-sister to GSW G1 Deutsches Derby and G1 Derby runner-up North Queen (Ire) (Desert King {Ire}), foals and eighth scorer produced by GSW G1 Preis der Diana 3/4-of-a-length in game fashion. North Reliance is the 11th of 13 latter stages to deny Whirlybird (Ger) (Adlerflug (Ger)) by marker and kept on relentlessly under continued rousting in the 77-10 chance moved into fourth passing the quarter-mile sophomore bow. Opting for a far-side rail run in the straight, the

**SWEDEN**

**Sunday’s Results:**  
**IRISH THOROUGHBRED MARKETING SPRING MILE-Listed**, Skr300,000, Jagersro, 4-23, 3yo/up, 8f, 1:43.03, g/s.  
1--**PLANTSTEPSDREAM (SWE), 131, g, 7, Planteur (Ire)--Marie Chez Elle (Ire), by Footstepsinthesand (GB).** O-Stall Deauville KB; B-Berit Alfredsson (SWE); T-Lennart Reuterskiold Jr; J-Martin Rodriguez. Skr150,000. Lifetime Record: 35-10-9-7, Skr1,894,168.  
2--**Pusjkin (Ire), 130, g, 5, Muhaarar (GB)--Propaganda (Ire), by Sadler’s Wells. ($35,000 Ylg ’19 GOFO).** O-Stall Inger Linell - Asap; B-Irish National Stud (IRE); T-Francisco Castro. Skr75,000.  
3--**Rode Baronen (Swe), 130, g, 4, Casamento (Ire)--Rosilla (Swe), by Verglas (Ire). 1ST BLACK TYPE.** O/B-Jan & Maj-Lis Marttorp (SWE); T-Vanja Sandrup. SKr36,000.  
Margins: HD, 8, HD. Odds: 3.37, 2.80, 6.43.  
Also Ran: Wolfof Vancouver, Youonlyliveonce (Fr), Caliste (GB). 
Scratched: Duca Di Como (Ire).

**WORLDWIDE NEWS**

**HONG KONG’S DOMESTIC PRIZE MONEY SURGES FOR 2023/24**

Prize money for Hong Kong’s 2023/24 racing season will rise by 8 per cent with increases coming across every class of competition; Griffins to Class 1 and the 4-year-old Classic Series will have an additional HK$94 million on offer. Including bonuses—but not reflecting Hong Kong’s Group 1 races, the seven elite contests featured at Longines Hong Kong International Races, FWD Champions Day, and Group 2 and Group 3 races—the figure will grow to HK$1.38 billion next season. Details of the prize money structure, which will include group racing, will be announced by the Hong Kong Jockey Club in the coming days. In the past 10 years, the prize money pool in the country has grown by nearly 100 per cent. 

“These increases complement our capital investment in the state-of-the-art training facilities at Conghua Racecourse, the
soon-to be-commenced major refurbishment of the training facilities at Sha Tin, and our ongoing investment in the on-course racing experience," said Andrew Harding, Executive Director of Racing at The Hong Kong Jockey Club. "We have one goal, which is to provide Hong Kong's owners with a value proposition for racehorse ownership that is unequalled anywhere in the world."

Sunday, Tokyo, Japan
SANKEI SPORTS SHO FLORA S.-G2, ¥100,500,000, Tokyo, 4-23, 3yo, f, 2000mT, 1:58.90, fm.
1--GOLDEN HIND (JPN), 119, f, 3, by Gold Ship (Jpn)
   1st Dam: Oregon Lady (Ire) (GSW-US, $266,178), by Shamardal
   2nd Dam: Oregon Trail, by Gone West
   3rd Dam: Oscillate, by Seattle Slew
   1ST GROUP WIN. 1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN
   O-Thoroughbred Club
   B-Big Red Farm; T-Yasuo Takeichi; J-Akira Sugawara;
   ¥53,050,000. Lifetime Record: 7-2-0-0. Werk Nick Rating: A.
   Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.

2--So Dazzling (Jpn), 119, f, 3, Heart's Cry (Jpn)--So Magic (Jpn),
   by Symboli Kris S. O-Shadai Race Horse; B-Shadai Farm;
   ¥21,300,000.

3--Bright Jewelry (Jpn), 119, f, 3, Epiphaneia (Jpn)--Air Pascale
   (Jpn), by War Emblem. O-Seiko Nishimura; B-Shizunai Farm;
   ¥13,150,000.

Margins: 1 1/4, 1 1/4, NK; Odds: 15.60, 2.50, 6.70.
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Sunday, Kyoto, Japan
YOMIURI MILERS CUP-G2, ¥114,320,000, Kyoto, 4-23, 4yo/up, 1600mT, 1:31.50, fm.
1--SCHNELL MEISTER (GER), 128, h, 5, Kingman (GB)
   1st Dam: Serienholde (Ger) (G1SW-Ger, $379,079), by Soldier Hollow (GB)
   2nd Dam: Saldenehre (Ger), by Highest Honor (Fr)
   3rd Dam: Salde (Ger), by Alkalde (Ger)
   O-Sunday Racing; B-Northern Farm; T-Takahisa Tezuka;
   J-Christophe Lemaire; ¥60,064,000. Lifetime Record: G1SW-HK, G1SP-Jpn, 14-5-3-1. Werk Nick Rating: A+.
   Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.

2--Gaia Force (Jpn), 128, c, 4, by Kitasan Black (Jpn)--Natale (Jpn),
   by Kurofune. (¥30,000,000 wnlg '19 JRHAJUL).
   O-KR Japan; B-Oiwake Farm; ¥24,304,000.

3--Soul Rush (Jpn), 128, h, 5, by Rulership (Jpn)--Broad Street (Jpn),
   by Agnes Tachyon (Jpn). O-Tatsue Ishikawa;
   B-Shimokobe Farm; ¥15,152,000.
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