FT MIDLANTIC OPENS WITH $800K MENDELSOHN FILLY ON TOP

TIMONIUM, MD--by Jessica Martini
The opening session of the Fasig-Tipton Midlantic May Sale of 2-Year-Olds in Training Sale got off to a tepid start at the Maryland State Fairgrounds Monday morning, but momentum built throughout a session which ultimately produced figures ahead of the auction's record-setting 2022 renewal. “It was a strong start to the sale,” Fasig-Tipton President Boyd Browning, Jr. said at the close of business Monday. “There was significant increase in average price compared to the first day and the overall sale last year. It was certainly an acceptable RNA rate. The median increased 20% from the first day last year and a little more than that overall.” During Monday's session, 161 horses sold for $16,975,000. The average was $105,435—an increase of 15.1% from last year's opening session and up 10.5% from the 2022 record-setting overall average of $95,391. The session median was $60,000, up 20% from the opening session figure a year ago. From 300 catalogued lots, 215 horses went through the ring Monday. With 54 horses reported not sold, the buy-back rate was 25.1%. It was 25.5% last year. Cont. p3

COX POINTING ANGEL OF EMPIRE, HIT SHOW FOR BELMONT by Bill Finley
The prospective field for the GI Belmont S. picked up a pair of top contenders Monday when trainer Brad Cox confirmed that he is pointing Angel of Empire (Classic Empire) and Hit Show (Candy Ride {Arg}) to the final leg of the Triple Crown. Neither has run since the GI Kentucky Derby, where Angel of Empire, the favorite in the race, finished third and Hit Show was fifth. “They both had their first works back after the Derby on Sunday and we’re getting them ready to go for the Belmont,” Cox said. “They looked great this morning and, hopefully, we’ll get them back on the work tab on either Saturday or Sunday.”
Angel of Empire breezed a half-mile in :49.0 and Hit Show worked the same distance in :49.40. Both works were at Churchill Downs.

“I’m very happy with Angel of Empire and with the way he came out of the Derby,” the trainer said. “He ran hard and I feel like we saw that the first three, four days after the Derby. Since, he’s bounced back well. It was the same thing with Hit Show. For a couple of days after the Derby he was tired. Both ran hard and well. For me, it was an easy decision to skip the Preakness and turn our attention toward the Belmont.”

Like all other trainers in the race, Cox won’t know if his horses can handle the 12 furlongs until they try it on June 10. “It is the great unknown, but with both I have confidence that they’ll get it,” he said. “Angel of Empire is one that I always thought had enough speed to be involved. He doesn’t necessarily have to be on the lead. I don’t know who else is running yet, but I’m confident he’ll break and be able to get involved early.” Cont. p9

IN TDN EUROPE TODAY
SEVEN DAYS: CHURCHILL’S BRIGHTEST HOUR
In this week’s Seven Days column, Emma Berry looks at the early-season success of Coolmore’s Churchill, who is set to have a couple of shots at Epsom in a few weeks’ time.
FIRST-CROP 3YO COLT

SAUDI CROWN,

made it 2-for-2 with a dominant win in a $127,000 allowance at Churchill on Sunday, earning a 92 Beyer and running 1:15.88—the fastest 6 ½-furlong time of the spring meet.

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Preakness Weekend: The Highs, Lows, and Life

Dan Liebman recaps some of his most thrilling high points of Preakness weekend but also mourns the absence of the special few who could not celebrate with him.

Belmont Racing Festival to Offer New Bonuses

NYRA will offer new starter bonuses for qualifying horses during their Belmont Stakes Racing Festival, including stakes and non-stakes races.

NY Drug Positives Linger as HISA Takes Over

T.D. Thornton discusses the lingering problem with three unadjudicated Thoroughbred drug positives at various stages in the regulatory process.
“It’s an interesting marketplace,” Browning said. “There is dramatic competition on the ‘more expensive’ horses in a sale of this nature. You can see the pavilion fill up when a horse is going to bring a couple of $100,000 or more. You see the people come in and you know they are going to bid, and they are going to bid, and they are going to bid. But when a horse is going to bring $25,000, you can see the auction team working their tails off to try to get bidders on those type of horses. So it’s an interesting marketplace. It’s very, very healthy at the upper end—it’s the same trend that we’ve seen at the other 2-year-old sales this year. We saw it to a lesser extent at the yearling sales last year, with the competition really focused on the upper end. So it’s healthy, but it’s not euphoric.”

A filly by Mendelssohn brought the session’s top price when selling for $800,000 to Speedway Stables. Consigned by Paul Sharp, the session topper was one of 23 to sell for $200,000 or more. Nineteen juveniles hit that mark during last year’s opening session. The Midlantic sale concludes Tuesday with a session beginning at 11 a.m.

**Speedway Strikes for Mendelssohn Filly**

Speedway Stables’ Peter Fluor went to a session-topping $800,000 to acquire a filly by Mendelssohn (hip 245) during Monday’s first session of the Fasig-Tipton Midlantic May sale. The gray filly, who was consigned by Paul Sharp, worked a furlong in :10 1/5 during Wednesday’s second session of the under-tack show last week. “We thought she was a great physical,” Fluor said of the filly. “We loved her breeze, as everybody else did. She is just a standout. Mendelssohn is on the move, but she just looked like a tremendous athlete to us.” The juvenile is out of stakes-placed Lady Hansen (Hansen). “We loved the filly before I even got here for the Preakness,” Fluor said.
“Cross Traffic actually elevated his yearling average in 2022 to $43,250...his juvenile returns in both 2018 and 2022 show what he can do if given a chance—which is surely just what he deserves at this kind of basement fee.”

—Chris McGrath
“[Bloodstock agent] Marette [Farrell] had seen her and had seen her breeze. We just thought she had a huge amount of potential. And we loved her demeanor.”

Sharp, along with pinhooking partner Liz Crow, purchased the filly for $125,000 at last year's Keeneland September sale.

“I really liked her and she carried herself well,” Sharp said of the filly’s appeal last fall. “She looked like the type of horse that would do well at a 2-year-old in training sale.”

Of her progression through the winter, Sharp said, “She just did everything we could have asked for. She was one of my favorite fillies that we had on the farm all year. She’s just done everything right.”

Hip 245 was the second purchase of the afternoon for Fluor and K.C. Weiner's operation, which went to $500,000 to acquire a colt by Not This Time (hip 198) from the Pick View consignment.

“He had a nice breeze (:10 3/5), not an incredible breeze, but a great physical and his mind is in the right place,” Fluor said. “We liked the way he handled it. He’s a young horse--I think he’s a May foal--so we will give him a little time and maybe shoot for maybe September, October for the races.”

Both juveniles will be trained by Bob Baffert.

Fluor admitted Speedway has been targeting fillies who might join the operation’s fledgling broodmare band after their racing careers.

“We are predominately looking for fillies, but we look at other horses too. That's why we bought the Not This Time colt,” Fluor said.

While still in its early stages, the Speedway breeding operation enjoyed sales ring success with its first crop of yearlings last summer when selling a daughter of Tapit (hip 72) for $750,000 at the Fasig-Tipton Saratoga sale.

“We kind of backed into the breeding,” Fluor said with a laugh Monday. “When we retired some fillies, K. C. Weiner, my partner at Speedway, asked what we would do with this filly. We said, 'Well, we can sell her or we could breed her.' He said he’d do whatever I wanted to do, and I said I don't care, we can do whatever you want to do. We never made a decision, so we bred her. That’s how we got into the breeding business.”

Awesome Slew Colt Lights Up Midlantic

A colt by Awesome Slew (hip 91), who became the first of the under-tack show to work a furlong in the co-bullet :10 flat last week, caused the first fireworks of the opening session of the Fasig-Tipton Midlantic May sale when selling for $700,000 to the partnership of WinStar Farm's Maverick Racing, Siena Farm and CMNWILTH.

“We just loved him,” said WinStar’s Elliott Walden. “We thought he was the best horse in the sale. We loved his breeze. We are happy to get him, but it was a lot. We thought like he would be in that $500,000 to $700,000 range, so he was in the top end of that range.”

Following his bullet breeze, the colt did have trouble navigating the turn on the Timonium oval last Tuesday.
“He was going so fast, he didn't make the turn,” Walden said. “So it's a good and a bad thing. But he just seemed like a really nice colt.”

The Commonwealth partnership pioneered by Chase Chamberlin and Brian Doxator has already famously enjoyed success with graduates of the Midlantic sale. They partnered up on 2022 graduate and now GI Kentucky Derby winner Mage (Good Magic).

Hip 91 is out of Cash Reserve (Distorted Humor) and is a half-brother to stakes-placed Reckling (Dialed In) and Campy Cash (Race Day). He was consigned by Tom McCrocklin, who purchased him for $150,000 on behalf of Michael Sucher’s Champion Equine at last year’s Ocala Breeders’ Sales Company’s October Yearling Sale.

“I literally recall telling Michael Sucher that I thought he was the best horse in the [OBS] sale,” McCrocklin said following the colt’s work last week.

The colt's yearling price tag made him the most expensive yearling by Awesome Slew to sell last year. He is now well on his way to being the stallion’s most expensive 2-year-old of 2023. Awesome Slew stands at Ocala Stud for $4,000. His first crop of 2-year-olds were led in the sales ring last year by a colt who sold for $400,000 to Klaravich Stable at OBS March.

Sucher's multiple pinhooking successes with McCrocklin this spring are led by a son of Arrogate who sold for $1.050 million and a filly by Munnings who sold for $1 million, both at the OBS March sale. At the same sale, McCrocklin sold a daughter of Arrogate, purchased on behalf of Sucher for $250,000 at the Keeneland September sale, for $950,000.

**Uncle Mo Filly to LNJ Foxwoods, NK Racing**

A filly by Uncle Mo (hip 186), who turned in a flashy :10 1/5 work last week, delivered in the sales ring Monday in Timonium when selling for $625,000 to the bid of bloodstock agent Alex Solis II. Solis was bidding on behalf of a partnership of the Roth family's LNJ Foxwoods and Nancy Favreau and Kathy Psoinos's NK Racing.

“She's a beautiful Uncle Mo filly with a big pedigree, out of a Blame mare,” said Solis. “So for us it made sense from a pedigree perspective and her breeze was phenomenal. I think I gave out three stars for the whole breeze show and she was one of them.”

The filly will be trained by Brad Cox, who trained champion Covfefe (Into Mischief) for LNJ Foxwoods.

The bay filly is out of Gabriellestoblame (Blame), a half-sister to GI Kentucky Derby winner Nyquist (Uncle Mo). She was consigned by Pick View, as agent for her breeder, Bridlewood Farm.

**Tapit Colt to Young**

A colt by Tapit (hip 250) will be joining the barn of trainer Todd Pletcher after bloodstock agent Steve Young purchased him for $600,000 on behalf of an undisclosed client. Consigned by Julie Davies and bred by Gainesway, the juvenile is out of Lady Pewitt (Orienteate) and is a half-brother to champion Jaywalk (Cross Traffic) and to multiple stakes winner Danzatrice (Dunkirk), the dam of this year's GI Toyota Blue Grass S. winner Tapit Trice (Tapit).

“He is arguably the best bred horse in the sale,” Young said. “He has a lot of similarities to some of the good Tapits that I have bought. I think he has a sire's pedigree. He trained great. It was a challenging track and a challenging week for people buying and selling and he was the one we wanted.”
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Filly o/o Landon (by Pioneerof the Nile)
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Young compared the colt to Anchor Down, another son of Tapit out of an Orientate mare, whom he purchased for $250,000 at the 2012 Keeneland September sale. Anchor Down was a multiple graded stakes winner for Alto Racing.

“Anchor Down was a terrific horse, maybe not the luckiest horse who ever lived, but a Grade II winner nonetheless,” Young said. “[Hip 250]’s got subtle things that make you like him even more every time you look at him.”

Looking ahead for the colt, Young said, “He was a popular horse here. He had a lot of shows. He’s going to get a chance to catch his breath and then he will go to Todd Pletcher.”

Not This Time Colt Pays for Pick View
Just a few hips after selling a filly by Uncle Mo for $625,000 on behalf of Bridlewood Farm, Joe Pickerell’s Pick View hit a pinhooking home run when Speedway Stables purchased a colt by Not This Time (hip 198) for $500,000. Pick View had purchased the gray for $260,000 at last year’s Keeneland September sale.

“That’s a step up for us, that’s getting us out of our comfort zone a little bit,” Pickerell said of the colt’s yearling price tag. “But when you find one that looks like him with that pedigree, you just go for it. Fortunately there are some amazing partners on this horse that are very close friends and family.”

The colt is out of the unraced Goodness Unbridled (Unbridled’s Song) and is a half-brother to stakes-placed Chart Topper (Leroidesanimaux [Brz]).

His trip to the sales ring was not without a little hiccup, following a furlong work in :10 3/5 last week.

“That was not the best day of his life,” Pickerell said of the work. “The best thing about it was that we’ve been doing it long enough that we have some people who trust our word, people who saw him at the farm and saw him progress through the winter. And we all knew there was a lot better in him. He’s a young 2-year-old, they are allowed to have a bad day, but one bad day does not negate from September to now. We always said if we can get him on the shank in front of people, they are going to fall in love.”

The colt went through the ring shortly after Pick View sold the session’s second top price filly for $625,000.

“Bridlewood raised her and they did a great job and then George Isaacs was gracious enough to let me take her for the training part,” Pickerell said. “She’s an Uncle Mo, who needs no introduction, and then that female pedigree is probably one of the better pedigrees in the sale. When they work like she did, it’s just who is going to be the last one standing. She’s one that, you want not only on the racetrack, but if you’re racing fillies and breeding, that’s the kind of filly you want for the long term. So not only is she going to be a phenomenal racehorse, but we really look forward to her down the road as a broodmare.”

Also Monday afternoon, Pick View offered a filly by Tapit (hip 156) who sold for $250,000 to Charlie Allen. The bay, who is out of multiple stakes winner Enchanted Ghost (Ghostzapper), was purchased by Hoby and Layna Kight for $150,000 at the Keeneland September sale. She worked in :10 1/5 before selling to Remount Thoroughbreds for $200,000 at the OBS March sale.

“We sold her for a client who bought her in March,” Pickerell said. “It’s a little different group [that bought her in March].”

The filly worked in :10 2/5 last week in Timonium.

“She’s another filly with a bright future,” Pickerell said. “She’s just a tiny little bit of vet work away from them paying $1 million for her. She’s by Tapit, a beautiful filly, she breezed at two 2-year-old sales sound. We just need these buyers to have a little more confidence in horsemanship and a little less confidence is some of these new state-of-the-art diagnostics.”
Omaha Beach Colt Heads West

A colt from the first crop of Omaha Beach (hip 93) will be heading to Southern California after trainer Mark Glatt signed the ticket at $425,000 to secure the juvenile on behalf of an undisclosed client Monday in Timonium. “He’s a beautiful horse who worked well,” Glatt said. “The Omaha Beaches have presented themselves well. He had a strong bottom side and he looked like an athletic horse. He just looked like a horse you could go right on with. We are really pleased to get him.”

The colt, who was bred by Castleton Lyons and Kilboy Estate, is out of multiple stakes winner Catch My Fancy (Yes It’s True) and is a half-brother to stakes winners Dubini (Gio Ponti) and What a Catch (Justin Phillip), as well as to Catch the Moon (Malibu Moon), who produced Grade I winner Girvin (Tale of Ekati) and graded winner and multiple Grade I-placed Midnight Bourbon (Tiznow). Consigned by Wavertree Stables, the chestnut worked a furlong last week in :10 2/5.

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($280,000 yr’l ‘22 SARAUG)
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Purchaser: Kerri Radcliffe, agent
089 colt Lookin At Lucky—Caribbean Lady 320,000
Breeder: Torie Gladwell & Jordan Wycoff (NY)
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The Red Wings pinhooking partnership of Paul Reddam and Ciaran Dunne purchased this colt for $90,000 at last year’s Fasig-Tipton October sale.

Nick Hines purchased this filly for $40,000 at last year’s Keeneland September sale. The bay turned in a professional :10 2/5 last week.

Justin Wojczynski of White Pine Thoroughbreds signed the ticket for this colt for $32,000 at last year’s Keeneland September sale.

Lynne Boutte purchased this colt for $50,000 at last year’s Keeneland September sale. The gray worked a quarter-mile last week in :21 4/5.

Cary Frommer acquired this colt from the first crop of graded winner Maximus Mischief for $72,000 in the Timonium sales ring last October. Frommer and pinhooking partner Barry Berkelhammer enjoyed success earlier in the session when selling a colt by Violence (hip 90) for $185,000 to West Bloodstock as agent for Repole Stable. Berkelhammer signed the ticket on the colt at $60,000 at Keeneland last September.

174 filly City of Light—Fly to the Stars 260,000
Consigned by SGV Thoroughbreds (Steven Venosa), agent
Purchased by Bregman Family Racing LLC
The Lehigh Bloodstock pinhooking partnership spearheaded by Three Diamonds Farm's Kirk Wycoff, purchased this colt for $130,000 at last year's Keeneland September sale.

268 filly Vino Rosso—Lunar Gaze 350,000
Consigned by Sequel Bloodstock, Agent II
Purchased by West Bloodstock
Sequel's Becky Thomas signed the ticket after paying $90,000 for Lunar Gaze with this Vino Rosso filly in utero at Keeneland November in 2020.

284 colt Maclean’s Music—Martini 450,000
Consigned by Hartley/DeRenzo Thoroughbreds, agent
Purchased by Legion Bloodstock, agent
Hartley/DeRenzo Thoroughbreds purchased this colt, who worked in :10 1/5 last week, for $275,000 at last year's Keeneland September sale. Partners on the colt included Miami music mogul Rich Mendez.

Sand Hill Bloodstock acquired this filly for $160,000 at last year's Keeneland January sale.

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Angel of Empire, Hit Show to Belmont, cont. from p1

Cox continued, “With Hit Show, with what he showed us in the Kentucky Derby, I think he’s another one who should break well and be up there. People have come to the conclusion that you don’t want to be a deep, deep closer in the Belmont. That normally doesn’t work out for you.”

Angel of Empire figures to be one of the favorites in the Belmont. He missed by just 1 1/2 lengths in the Derby as the 4-1 choice and before that won the GI Arkansas Derby. Hit Show started his year with a win in the GIII Withers S. and then finished second in the GII Wood Memorial S., losing by just a nose.

MY PREAKNESS WEEKEND: HIGHS, LOWS, AND THE FRAGILITY OF LIFE

By Dan Liebman

As has been said many times about the Thoroughbred industry: it is a business with highs and lows; more lows than highs; the highs are very high and the lows are very low.

It was an emotional weekend of racing for me. The highs have been the results of two races. The lows, the thoughts of those not here to celebrate with me.

First, Dazzling Blue ran her record to three-for-three Friday with a, well, dazzling performance at Churchill Downs. Then, Sunday, Weehawken broke her maiden by three lengths at Woodbine.

I planned the mating of Dazzling Blue’s dam, the Curlin mare Blue Violet, and I am the managing partner of Redd Road Stable, which, by design, owns exactly one horse--Weehawken.

Nineteen years ago, my late partner, Susan Knoll, after being a member of a partnership group, made the decision to begin her own small racing and breeding operation.

She was what the industry constantly needs, a person passionate about horses who, when they find themselves financially able, decides to race and breed.

At the 2004 Keeneland September yearling sale, trainer Larry Jones purchased three fillies for Susan. The least expensive of the group was a filly by Silver Deputy out of the Theatrical mare Gaslight, purchased for $12,000.

Though most yearlings sold at auction are not already named, that was not the case with this filly, who was named Speedy Edy, which Susan did not like.

Susan changed her name to Gasia, after Gasia Mikaelian, then a television newscaster in Houston, where Susan lived and practiced law. The name is actually pronounced goss-e-a, but those in the barn, and then track announcers, pronounced it geisha, so we let them have their way, and their say.

In Susan’s colors, Gasia won six times, three of those races stakes: the Susan’s Girl Breeders’ Cup at Delaware Park, and the Bayakoa and Instant Racing Breeders’ Cup Stakes, both at Oaklawn. She raced through age 4, earning $434,231.

Retired to Catherine Parke’s Valkyre Stud near Georgetown, Ky., Gasia was mated to Pulpit, producing a colt in 2009. When it came time to breed her back, there was a new stallion taking up residence at Lane’s End Farm. I begged Susan to breed to him. His name was Curlin.

I loved everything about Curlin: his pedigree, his race record, his conformation. I was totally convinced he would be a wonderful choice for Gasia.

Susan decided to breed Gasia to Curlin (his first-year fee was $80,000) with the thought of selling the resulting foal if a colt and retaining to race if a filly.

Gasia produced a filly in 2010 Susan named Blue Violet. The name was chosen for three reasons: she had been sent poems that began "roses are red, violets are blue," violets were her favorite flower or plant; and there is a crayon in the Crayola box named Blue Violet. Also trained by Larry Jones, Blue Violet won four races and $237,356, including the Lady’s Secret S. at Monmouth Park.

Straight off the racetrack, Blue Violet was one of the first through the ring at the 2015 Keeneland November sale. She was purchased by WinStar Farm for $350,000.
Sunday, after three months off, Weehawken broke sharply as usual, eased her way up the lead and, under Kazushi Kimura, coasted home three lengths in front.

The Redd Road silks were in the winner's circle for the first time, representing 18 partners, nearly all newcomers to the sport.

Honestly, I was confident Weehawken would win, this being her first start since our founding member, Joe Markham, lost his battle with cancer.

Redd Road Stable plans to send Mark Casse to next month's OBS sale to find us another runner. The stable was fortunate to enlist the services of Casse, but also his assistants, Allen Hardy in Kentucky and Kathryn Sullivan in Toronto.

Everything Susan raced or bred was in her name, primarily because it was her money. But, also because I was working at the time for an industry trade publication and wanted no appearance of a conflict of interest (each year I supplied my superiors a list of her horses, matings, etc.).

In retrospect, maybe this isn't really a story of highs and lows. The deaths of Susan Knoll and Joe Markham aren't lows but reminders to us of how fragile life is, how much our hearts are broken when we lose those we love. How we should enjoy each day, each experience...truly celebrate the highs. How decisions made at auctions, in racing and training schedules, in planning matings...can lead us into the winner’s circle.

Dazzling Blue looks like something special; Weehawken's future appears bright. One is owned by a leading stud farm; the other by a new partnership of friends.

The industry needs both. Through its many highs and lows, the industry needs both.
During the three-day Belmont Stakes Racing Festival, horses placed fourth through last in stakes races and horses placed second through last in non-stake races, will receive a starter bonus as set forth here for each eligible starter as part of the "Starter Bonus Program."

Additionally, trainers whose horses start in any race during the Festival (all races on Thursday, June 8th; Friday, June 9th; or Saturday, June 10th) that are not stabled at a NYRA track (Belmont Park and Saratoga Race Course), will receive a shipping bonus of $1,000 to be credited to the owner=s account towards shipping expenses. Requirements for both bonuses include that the horse must be declared an official starter. Horses that are placed on a poor performance and/or veterinarian list will not be eligible for the bonus.

For additional information on the 2023 Belmont Stakes Racing Festival and details on hospitality offerings, ticket packages and pricing, visit the official page of the Belmont Stakes.

THREE LINGERING NY DRUG POSITIVES AS TESTING TRANSFERS TO HISA by T.D. Thornton

On the day that Thoroughbred drug testing nationwide got transferred to the control of the Horse Racing Integrity and Safety Act (HISA) Authority, Robert Williams, the executive director for the New York State Gaming Commission (NYSGC), disclosed during that board=s monthly meeting that three outstanding Thoroughbred drug positives remain unadjudicated by the commission and are still lingering at various stages in the regulatory process.

That disclosure is not only timely because of the HISA Authority=s May 22 implementation of the Anti-Doping and Medication Control program. Monday=s news of the three additional unadjudicated tests was important because those unresolved cases were made public nearly two weeks after a brouhaha erupted about 2-year-old champion Forte (Violence) having failed a post-win NYSGC drug test at Saratoga Race Course on Sept. 5, 2022.

The finding of meloxicam, a non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drug, in Forte=s system wasn=t the entirety of that controversy. A more concerning aspect of the issue was that Forte=s positive was kept from the public for more than nine months, and wasn=t revealed until May 9, 2023, when the New York Times first broke the story, citing as sources "two people who are familiar with the matter but are not authorized to speak about it."

On May 11, the NYSGC formally announced Forte=s disqualification from the GI Hopeful S. while imposing fine of $1,000 and 10-day suspension upon trainer Todd Pletcher. Those penalties have been appealed, and both the NYSGC and Pletcher=s legal team have bickered back and forth, with each side publicly blaming the other for causing extended delays in the process that involved split sample testing and the scheduling of a stewards= hearing.

Williams described the three other currently unadjudicated drug tests as being in the pipeline "at either qualified, accredited, independent laboratories or awaiting determination through a meeting of the stewards."

Commissioner John Crotty asked Williams, "Do you have a timeline on resolving them?"

Williams was quick to answer: "I don=t know the specifics of any of those cases," he said.

Crotty responded, "Okay..." before NYSGC chairman Brian O=Dwyer interjected.

"I suspect, Mr. Crotty, given the situation, that we will be very, very diligent in terms of making sure that those things are adjudicated much more promptly," said O=Dwyer, ending that discussion.

Williams noted that the outstanding Thoroughbred drug positives were current through May 19, but that the NYSGC will retain control over any sampling taken through May 21.

The commission will also maintain its testing obligation in harness racing, "as HISA has yet to address that industry," Williams said. He added that there are two outstanding Standardbred drug tests awaiting adjudication.

Williams said that the Forte controversy has sparked NYSGC changes to the way it will handle any adjudications that remain under the board=s control.

"Changes to the split sample procedure have been instituted to reduce the ability of an affected party to game the system," Williams said.

"Absent extraordinary circumstances, from now on a trainer advised of a positive drug violation will be afforded no more than two weeks to identify and make arrangements for the split sample to be tested," Williams said.

"Additionally, upon notification of the split sample result being returned, the stewards= meeting must be conducted within three weeks. If a trainer cannot appear within three weeks= time, they will be deemed to have constructively waived their appearance before the stewards, and the matter will proceed," Williams said.
Motion, who celebrated his 59th birthday Monday, saddled seven horses in three stakes overall over the two days, which included **Nagirroc** (Lea) winning in the Listed James W. Murphy S., three of the top five finishers in the GIII Gallorette S. and two of the top four finishers in the GIII Dinner Party S. Overall the veteran conditioner earned 34 points, three more than runner-up Chad Brown.

**MOTION CLAIMS Preakness Weekend Trainer Bonus**

Graham Motion | Sarah K. Andrew

Trainer Graham Motion claimed the top prize of $50,000 in the Maryland Jockey Club’s $100,000 trainer bonus, which was offered to horsemens for participation in stakes races over GI Preakness S. weekend at Pimlico.

To be eligible for the bonus, trainer is had to start a minimum of five horses in the 15 Thoroughbred stakes races. Points were assigned based on finish position—first (10), second (seven), third (five), fourth (three) and fifth through last (one). The trainer with the most points earned $50,000, followed by $25,000 for second, $12,000 for third, $7,000 for fourth, $4,000 for fifth and $2,000 for sixth.
HIWU, REALRESPONSE RELAUNCH

ANONYMOUS WHISTLEBLOWER PLATFORMS

The Horseracing Integrity & Welfare Unit (HIWU) and RealResponse relaunched its anonymous whistleblower platforms to enable Thoroughbred racing participants to submit tips regarding potential violations of the Horseracing Integrity and Safety Authority’s (HISA) Anti-Doping and Medication Control (ADMC) and Racetrack Safety Programs.

At the time of the original Program launch Mar. 27, 2023, the platforms were only accepting tips related to ADMC Program violations.

Contacts to submit a tip:
- Phone Line: (888) 714-HIWU (4498)
- Text Line: (855) 901-TIPS (8477)
- Email: hiwutips@hiwu.realresponse.com

“Opening up HIWU’s anonymous whistleblower platforms to those seeking to report potential Racetrack Safety Program violations in addition to ADMC violations strengthens HISA’s uniform and efficient approach to safety and integrity in racing. It also simplifies the process for horsemen and industry participants seeking to ensure a safe and clean sport, which benefits everyone,” said Ann McGovern, HISA’s director of Racetrack Safety.

Examples of violations of the ADMC and Racetrack Safety Programs that can be reported include, but are not limited to:

- Use/attempted use, administration/attempted administration, trafficking/attempted trafficking, or possession of a Banned Substance/Method.
- Use of a Controlled Medication Substance/Method in a manner contrary to horse welfare.
- Evasion of sample collection.
- Tampering/attempted tampering with the ADMC Program.
- Falsified or improper veterinary records.
- Paper training.
- Use of buzzers.
- Improper use of shockwave therapy.

Tips that are specific to HISA’s Racetrack Safety Program will be investigated by HIWU’s Investigations Unit, which will submit reports to HISA to be handled by HISA staff, as appropriate. ADMC Program violations will be investigated and prosecuted by HIWU.

For more information, click here.

AMPLIFY HORSE RACING LAUNCHES THERAPY PARTNERSHIP WITH BETTERHELP

Amplify Horse Racing will partner with leading online therapy platform BetterHelp to offer members of the equine industry one month of free therapy. This new benefit precedes an upcoming virtual event by Amplify Wednesday, May 24 that will include a discussion about mental health for future and current Thoroughbred industry employees. It can be attended via Facebook, Twitter, and YouTube from 12-1:00p.m. and pre-registration is not required.

The partnership Amplify has arranged with BetterHelp will give users a free month of therapy (up to four (4) live sessions with a therapist that is specifically assigned to their individual preferences), and a discount to the platform thereafter. Any future or current equine industry participants or employees of all ages are welcomed to take advantage of this service through the use of code 9b8d2 on the website here. Amplify will not know who is receiving therapy, and won’t have access to users personal data.

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BetterHelp has over 25,000 therapists across the U.S., services in 50+ languages, and support in over 200 countries. Users can communicate with their therapist via phone, video and live chat, and can message their therapist at any time. Therapists on BetterHelp are licensed, trained, experienced, and accredited psychologists (PhD/PsyD), marriage and family therapists (LMFT), clinical social workers (LCSW/LMSW), or licensed professional counselors (LPC). All have a Master’s or Doctorate Degree in their field, and have been qualified and certified by their state’s professional board after successfully completing the necessary education, exams, training, and practice. While their experience, expertise and backgrounds vary, they all possess at least 3 years and 2,000 hours of hands-on experience.

Please contact info@amplifyhorseracing.org for more information.

TOC ANNOUNCES ROUND TWO OF HORSEPLAYERS TOUR

Round 2 of the free Thoroughbred Owners of California (TOC) Horseplayer Tour has been set for the Santa Anita card on Memorial Day, Monday, May 29. To enter, visit the Horseplayers website and click on the sign up link. Selections will open between 5:00 and 10:00 p.m. ET approximately 24 hours prior to the contest. The top-10 finishers will be announced after a 48-hour audit period. The top-10 finishers in each feeder round must join the NHC Tour to be able to compete in the Final Round on Dec. 26. Additional Rounds:

Round--May 29, Santa Anita Park
Round 3--Jul. 21, Del Mar Thoroughbred Club
Round 4--Aug. 12, Del Mar Thoroughbred Club
Round 5--Sep. 2, Del Mar Thoroughbred Club
Round 6--Oct. 21, Golden Gate Fields
Final Round--Dec. 26, Santa Anita Park

For more information, including registration information and full contest rules, visit the TOC website.
IN ORDER OF PURSE:
9th-Parx Racing, $77,540, Alw, 5-22, 3yo/up, 1m 70y, 1:43.39, ft, 5 1/4 lengths.

**NIMITZ CLASS** (c, 4, Munnings--Five Diamonds (SW, $208,060), by Flatter) dropped down out of stakes company for the first time since last October, having contested five-straight stakes races at Laurel with the last four of them victories. The popular wagering choice at 3-5 facing this field, he kept pressure on Simovitch (Street Sense) early, sitting just off that rival to contest the pace before pouncing into the far turn. Much the class of the group from the quarter pole home, Nimitz Class romped home under an easy ride to score by 5 1/4 lengths. Simovitch was another two lengths clear for second. A full-brother to Kaylasaurus, MSW, $350,683, Nimitz Class also has a yearling half-brother by Lookin At Lucky and a newborn half-brother by Mendelssohn still to race. Lifetime Record: MSW, 16-10-1-0, $464,880.

O-Tom Coulter; B-Arrowood Farm (PA); T-Bruce M. Kravets.

3rd-Horseshoe Indianapolis, $38,000, Alw (NW2X)/Opt. Clm ($40,000), 5-22, 3yo/up, 1m, 1:37.41, ft, 1 1/2 lengths.

**TRANSECT** (c, 3, Gun Runner--Divine Escapade, by A.P. Indy) won his first two starts as the favorite over Turfway's all-weather surface early this year but had no luck over Aqueduct's muddy main track when 10th to Raise Cain (Violence) in the GIII Gotham S. Mar. 4. Rested since that effort, the Triple Crown-nominated colt returned Monday as the narrow 7-5 second choice. Racing with the addition of blinkers, he cleared off early and rated nicely on the front end for jockey Gerardo Corrales before coming under pressure from Trashtalkinyankee (Northerns Afleet) with a quarter mile to run. He held a narrow advantage from the rival inside the final furlong and managed to stretch it back out late, hitting the wire 1 1/2 lengths ahead. Already a half-brother to a pair of stakes horses in King of the Court (Speightstown), SW, $2778,236 and Runway Magic (Runhappy), SP, $220,342, Transect is out of a half-sister to GISW Mi Sueno (Pulpit). His now 2-year-old half-brother, Divino (Good Magic), brought a final bid of $400,000 from Speedway Stable at last autumn's Fasig-Tipton Kentucky Fall Yearling Sale.

O-LG4 Racing LLC; B-Emory A. Hamilton (KY); T-Carl J. Woodley.

6th-Louisiana Downs, $28,000, Alw, 5-22, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 7f, 1:24.48, ft, 1 3/4 lengths.

**NO WHITE FLAGS** (c, 3, Union Rags--Tejana (GSP, $143,900), by Curlin), a four-length winner against maiden special weight company when unveiled last July over this same track at five furlongs, was benched the rest of the year and did not return to the races until Monday. Working with an extra two furlongs, the 3-2 choice sat right off pacesetter Lunar Module (Conveyance) through a half in :46.97 before pouncing into the stretch. With a nice turn of foot once loose, No White Flags easily separated from his rivals into the final sixteenth, winning by 1 3/4 lengths. Lunar Module held on to fill out the exacta. The second foal out of a graded stakes-placed dam, No White Flags has a trio of younger half-siblings: a 2-year-old City of Light colt, a yearling Tapit filly, and a newborn Mendelssohn colt. Sales History: $50,000 Ylg '21 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, $28,800.

O-OGX Equine LLC; B-Gun Runner Syndicate & Sun Valley Farm (KY); T-Paulo H. Lobo.
IN ORDER OF PURSE:
9th-Horshoe Indianapolis, $34,000, Msw, 5-22, 2yo, 5fT, :59.49, gd, 1 length.

CANDYMAKER (c, 2, Twirling Candy--Curuzu, by Giant's Causeway) was no secret in this debut spot with Irad Ortiz, Jr. shipping in for the ride and trainer Wesley Ward attending to oversee his 1-9 favorite in person. Sent early from a middle gate facing a scratched-down field of just four rivals, the bay darted to the lead and held a clear advantage through early fractions of :22.35 and :46.94. He faced pressure from all sides as the group swung off the turn but, despite racing a bit green through the lane, held on with more than enough to graduate on debut by a length. Good Bali (Bal a Bali {Brz}) led a tightly-grouped bunch home to top the exacta. His dam's second foal and the first to make the races, Candymaker has a yearling half-brother by Nyquist and a newborn half-brother by Uncle Mo still to still behind him. Sales History: $200,000 Wlg '21 KEENOV; $175,000 Ylg '22 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, $20,400. Click for the Equibase.com chart.
O-Ed and Susie Orr; B-Idlewood Farm (KY); T-Wesley A. Ward.

2nd-Horshoe Indianapolis, $34,000, Msw, 5-22, 3yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:40.32, ft, 4 lengths.

ACTIVE LANE (f, 3, Tonalist--Kenny Lane, by Forestry) did very little running when outclassed at Keeneland Apr. 7, beating only a single rival home as a 51-1 shot. Given a more optimistic chance here at 5-2, she stayed closer to the front, stalking from third down the backstretch as Flurr (Java's War) paced the field through an easy opening half in :49.10. Hung out three wide around the turn, she ran herself into contention past the quarter pole and drew off nicely into the final furlong to defeat Mo Happy (Trappe Shot) by four lengths. Kenny Lane, already responsible for Candy Man Rocket (Candy Ride [Arg]), MG5W, $421,324, is herself a half-sister to MSW/GSP Wasseema (Danzig) while third dam Embellished (Seattle Slew) is a half to champion 2-year-old filly Althea (Alydar). Active Lane's only younger sibling is a yearling full-sister to Candy Man Rocket Sales while her dam visited Gun Runner for 2023 but has yet to report a foal. History: $110,000 RNA Ylg '21 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, $21,650. Click for the Equibase.com chart.
O/B-R. S. Evans (KY); T-Robert Medina.

IN JAPAN:
T O Granville, c, 3, Lea. See 'US-Bred & -Sired Winners in Japan'
Worlds Collide, c, 3, War Front. See 'US-Bred & -Sired Winners in Japan'
Advance Dream, c, 4, Speightstown--Jolene (SP), by Malibu Moon. Kawasaki, 5-17, Allowance, 1600m. Lifetime Record: 7-2-0-0, $43,658. O-Norihide Kubota; B-Mountmellick Farm LLC (KY); T-Hideyuki Mori. *1/2 to Arabian Prince (Mshawish), GSP, $165,622. **$150,000 Wlg '19 FTKNOV; $190,000 RNA Ylg '20 KEESEP.

IN SOUTH KOREA:
Mighty Look, f, 3, Army Mule--Saoirse Cat (MSP, $184,498), by Storm Cat. Seoul, 5-21, Hcp. (C3), 1200m. Lifetime Record: 7-2-0-0, $17,000 Ylg '21 FTKFEB; $37,000 2yo '22 OBSAPR. VIDEO (SC 1)

Tuhonui Banseok, h, 5, Verrazano--Sense of Beauty, by Street Sense. Seoul, 5-21, YTN Cup (Kor-G3, NBT) ($380k), 2000m. B-Troy Rankin (KY). *Won by 11 lengths. **MSP-Kor. ***$13,000 Ylg '19 KEESEP. VIDEO (SC 2)
IN PERU:
Exomytis, f, 3, **Honor Code**--Islamorada, by Smart Strike.
Monterrico, 5-20, Maiden, 1300m. B-St Elias Stables LLC (KY).
*$7,500 Ylg '21 KEEJAN. VIDEO (SC 5)

IN RUSSIA:
Midnight Tap, f, 2, **Tapiture**--Russian Night, by Midnight Lute.
Pavlovskiy, 5-21, Trial S. (Rus-G3, NBT), 1200m. B-Vartan Vartanov (KY). *1ST-TIME STARTER.
Hitman Bars, c, 2, **Tapwrit**--Humble Street (SP), by Street Sense.
Pavlovskiy, 5-21, Trial S. (Rus-G3, NBT), 1200m. B-H Allen Poin Dexter (KY). *1ST-TIME STARTER. **Won by about 12 lengths. ***$37,000 RNA Ylg '22 KEEJAN; $27,000 Ylg '22 KEESEP.

Moon Boy, c, 3, **Mo Town**--Here Comes Cookie, by Smart Strike.
Pavlovskiy, 5-21, Allowance, 1600m. B-Smokin C LLC (OH). *1ST-TIME STARTER. **$23,000 Ylg '21 FTKJUL; $37,000 Ylg '21 FTKOCT.

**Bella Miss**, f, 3, **Sharp Azteca**--Bella Fafa (Brz) (G1SP-Brz), by Elusive Quality. Kazan, 5-19, String Prize (Rus-G2, NBT), 1400m. B-Stud TNT LLC (KY). *Won by about seven lengths. **$15,000 Ylg '21 KEESEP.

IN KAZAKHSTAN:
Uniana, f, 2, **Union Rags**--Laureana, by Malibu Moon. Almaty, 5-21, Trial S. (Rus-G3, NBT), 1200m. B-Don Alberto Corporation (KY). *1ST-TIME STARTER. **$20,000 Ylg '22 KEESEP.

IN AUSTRALIA:
Mutamanni, g, 4, **Kitten's Joy**--Murafirf (Ire), by **Sea The Stars (Ire)**. Sandown (Lakeside), 5-21, Hcp., 1400mT, 1:26.92. B-Shadwell Farm LLC (KY). *First start in Australia. **Remained perfect in two starts. ***$85,000gns HRA '22 TATAUT.

Saturday's Results:
6th-Tokyo, ¥14,880,000 ($107,434), Allowance, 3yo, 1400m, 1:23.2, gd.
WORLDS COLLIDE (c, 3, **War Front**--Elizabeth Browning {Ire} {GSW-Ire, $125,482}, by Galileo {Ire}), a $400,000 purchase out of the 2020 Keeneland November Sale, made a small repayment on that investment with a 3/4-length debut success over six furlongs at Nakayama Apr. 8. The impeccably bred bay was sent off the 14-5 second favorite to put them back-to-back and was kicked straight into the lead by Damian Lane. Pressured every step of the journey by the well-backed Grande Sifda (Jpn) (Duramente (Jpn)--Sisterly Love), Worlds Collide responded nicely when given a dig entering the final quarter-mile and edged clear to take it by 2 1/2 lengths. Elizabeth Browning, a Group 2-winning full-sister to G1 Criterium International S. winner Johannes Vermeer (Ire), topped the 2017 Tattersalls Autumn Horses In Training Sale on Alex Elliott’s bid of 700,000gns and this is her first produce. She is also the dam of a 2-year-old full-sister to Worlds Collide. Sales history: $400,000 Wlg '20 KEENOV. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, $98,164. VIDEO (SC 6)

O-Godolphin; B-Lynch Bages Ltd & MacQuarie Bloodstock (KY); T-Noriyuki Hori.

7th-Niigata, ¥10,480,000 ($75,687), Maiden, 3yo, 1600mT, 1:36.1, gd/fm.
T O GRANVILLE (c, 3, **Lea**--All in Fun {SP, $311,480}, by **Tapit**), the first Japanese starter for his sire, lit up the tote to the tune of 34-1 at first asking. A bit keen through the early exchanges, the chestnut settled into a good rhythm while stalking a slow pace—the opening half-mile was timed in :49.9. Traveling strongly into the final three furlongs, T O Granville was held together before being asked for his best approaching the final eighth of a mile and quickened away impressively to graduate by three lengths. On behalf of Mishima Stud, Winchester Farm paid $125,000 for this stakes-placed full-sister to MGSP Tight Ten at the 2019 Keeneland November Sale carrying this colt in utero. Exported to Japan, All in Fun foaled a **Justify** filly in 2021, a filly by Epiphaneia (Jpn) in 2022 and a filly by Kizuna (Jpn) Apr. 15. The colt’s third dam is dual Grade I winner Fleet Renee (Seattle Slew). Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, $39,872. VIDEO (SC 10)

O-Tomoya Ozasa; B-Mishima Stud Ltd (KY); T-Hiroyuki Uemura.
IN CHILE:

Electric Light (Chi), c, 3, Lookin At Lucky—Egocentrica, by Scat Daddy. Club Hipico, 5-22, Clasico Carlos Campino-G2, 1800mT, 1:49.51. B-Haras Don Alberto. *1ST GROUP WIN.

VIDEO (SC 4)

FIRST-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: TUESDAY, MAY 23

2023 Stud Fees Listed

Heart to Heart (English Channel), Crestwood Farm, $5,000
37 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
1-Presque Isle Downs, 3:00 p.m. EDT, Msw 4 1/2f, Two Hearted, 9-2
$5,000 KEE SEP yrl

Maximus Mischief (Into Mischief), Spendthrift Farm, $7,500
135 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
6-Parx Racing, 2:59 p.m. EDT, Msw 4 1/2f, Carmelina, 3-1
$44,000 FTI DEC wnl

World of Trouble (Kantharos), Hill 'n' Dale at Xalapa, $5,000
89 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
1-Parx Racing, 12:40 p.m. EDT, Msw 4 1/2f, Heavy Timber, 7-2
$27,000 RNA OBS OCT yrl; $45,000 OBS MAR 2yo

SECOND-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: TUESDAY, MAY 23

2023 Stud Fees Listed

Accelerate (Lookin At Lucky), Lane's End Farm, $10,000
214 foals of racing age/35 winners/1 black-type winner
6-Parx Racing, 2:59 p.m. EDT, Msw 4 1/2f, Kiss for Luck, 7-2

Bolt d'Oro (Medaglia d'Oro), Spendthrift Farm, $35,000
256 foals of racing age/51 winners/6 black-type winners
6-Finger Lakes, 3:40 p.m. EDT, Msw 6f, Gold Templar, 5-1
$25,000 OBS OPN 2yo

City of Light (Quality Road), Lane's End Farm, $60,000
209 foals of racing age/24 winners/6 black-type winners
1-Presque Isle Downs, 3:00 p.m. EDT, Msw 4 1/2f, Alexandra's

Song, 9-5
$145,000 RNA KEE JAN wnl
3-Assiniboia Downs, 9:35 p.m. EDT, Msw 5f, Favorite Light, 12-1
$13,000 KEE JAN wnl; $37,000 RNA OBS WIN wnl; $50,000 RNA OBS APR 2yo; $7,000 OBS WIN 3yo

Destin (Giant's Causeway), Sequel New York
77 foals of racing age/8 winners/0 black-type winners
3-Assiniboia Downs, 9:35 p.m. EDT, Msw 5f, Partyatmyplace, 20-1
$5,000 OBS WIN yrl

Eastwood (Speightstown), Blackstone Farm, $1,250
17 foals of racing age/3 winners/0 black-type winners
6-Parx Racing, 2:59 p.m. EDT, Msw 4 1/2f, One Eyed Jackie, 6-1

Forever d'Oro (Medaglia d'Oro), Breakway Farm, $2,000
21 foals of racing age/4 winners/1 black-type winner
7-Horseshoe Indianapolis, 5:36 p.m. EDT, Msw 6f, Go Forever, 9-2
$16,500 IND MIX yrl
7-Horseshoe Indianapolis, 5:36 p.m. EDT, Msw 6f, Star Review, 30-1
$5,100 IND MIX yrl

National Flag (Speightstown), Blazing Meadows Farm
38 foals of racing age/8 winners/0 black-type winners
5-Thistledown, 2:50 p.m. EDT, Alw 5 1/2f, Go Girl, 5-2
5-Thistledown, 2:50 p.m. EDT, Alw 5 1/2f, Kiss Valentina, 5-1
5-Thistledown, 2:50 p.m. EDT, Alw 5 1/2f, Secrets Untold, 5-2

Redesdale (Speightstown), McMahon of Saratoga Thoroughbreds, $2,500
74 foals of racing age/10 winners/0 black-type winners
7-Finger Lakes, 4:09 p.m. EDT, Alw 6f, Forever Amy, 5-1
$5,500 OBS OCT yrl; $35,000 OBS OPN 2yo

Sharp Azteca (Freud), Three Chimneys Farm, $15,000
200 foals of racing age/53 winners/4 black-type winners
3-Horseshoe Indianapolis, 3:32 p.m. EDT, Alw 1m, Cotton Candy Annie, 6-1
$35,000 KEE SEP yrl

Tappwrit (Tapit), Gainesway Farm, $10,000
177 foals of racing age/27 winners/2 black-type winners
3-Assiniboia Downs, 9:35 p.m. EDT, Msw 5f, Chicago's Gray, 1-1
$16,000 KEE SEP yrl; $77,000 OBS APR 2yo
6-Finger Lakes, 3:40 p.m. EDT, Msw 6f, Hyper Speed, 5-2
$47,000 RNA OBS APR 2yo
Tiz Sardonic Joe (Tiznow), R Star Stallions
7 foals of racing age/2 winners/0 black-type winners
7-Horseshoe Indianapolis, 5:36 p.m. EDT, Msw 6f, Second to No One, 20-1

West Coast (Flatter), Lane's End Farm, $10,000
198 foals of racing age/27 winners/2 black-type winners
1-Presque Isle Downs, 3:00 p.m. EDT, Msw 4 1/2f, Beryl Racer
$15,000 KEE SEP yr

STAKES RESULTS:
SAN JUAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS S., (NB) $75,000, Sunray, 5-21, 3yo/up, 1 1/8m, 1:51.06, ft.
1--BYE BYE BOBBY, 123, c, 4, Quality Road--Revel in the Win, by Red Bullet. ($870,000 Ylg '20 KEESEP). O-B4 Farms, LLC; B-Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC (KY); T-Todd W. Fincher; J-Tracy J. Hebert. $45,000. Lifetime Record: MSW & GSP, 13-5-3-1, $333,852. *1/2 to Poker Player (Harlan's Holiday), GSW, $214,848.

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:
8th-Parx Racing, $73,404, (NW2X)/Opt. Clm ($35,000), 5-22, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:12.07, ft, 3 lengths.

MIDNIGHT IN ALASKA (f, 4, Almasty--Working At Night {SP}, by Tiznow) Lifetime Record: 7-3-0-1, $124,620. O-Stori Atchison; B-Mary Katherine Haire (PA); T-Kathleen A. Demasi. *$7,000 Ylg '20 OBSOCT; $47,000 RNA 2yo '21 OBSOCP.

8th-Santa Anita, $64,000, 5-21, (NW1$X), 3yo/up, f/m, 6fT, 1:09.10, fm, 1/2 length.

STRESSED (m, 5, Goldencents--Spring Zapper, by Ghostzapper) Lifetime Record: 11-4-1-1, $138,680. O-Abbondanza Racing, LLC and David A. Bernsen, LLC; B-Two Boys Partnership (KY); T-Peter Eurton. *$25,000 Wlg '18 KEENOV; $30,000 Ylg '19 FTJUL; $110,000 2yo '21 EASMAY.

6th-Prairie Meadows, $50,268, (S), 5-21, 4yo/up, 6f, 1:09.29, ft, 3 1/2 lengths.

TOPPER T (g, 7, Bellamy Road--Des Moines (SW-Can, SP-USA, $246,390), by Evansville Slew) Lifetime Record: MSW & MGSP, 39-9-8-5, $463,314. O-Danny Stafford; B-Blackoak Farm (IA); T-Jon G. Arnett. *1/2 to Hilton Magic (Daaher), SP, $235,994.

7th-Parx Racing, $47,458, (NW2L)/Opt. Clm ($40,000), 5-22, 3yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2f, 1:04.85, ft, 4 lengths.

KISSES FOR EMILY (f, 4, Union Jackson--Caldwell, by Malibu Moon) Lifetime Record: SW, 15-2-1-3, $140,865. O-Bran Jam Stable and David W. Clark; B-Sequel Stallions NY, LLC & Lakland Farm (NY); T-Louis C. Linder, Jr. *$125,000 2yo '21 EASMAY.

2nd-Prairie Meadows, $45,864, (NW2S)/Opt. Clm ($30,000), 5-22, 3yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2f, 1:04.85, ft, 4 lengths.

SHEMEANSBIZNESS (f, 4, Fed Biz--Levian, by Majesticperfection) Lifetime Record: 7-3-3-0, $109,571. O-Albaugh Family Stables LLC; B-H. Allen Poindexter (IA); T-Todd W. Fincher. *$17,000 RNA Ylg '20 KEENJAN; $30,000 Ylg '20 KEESEP.

7th-Prairie Meadows, $45,584, (S), 5-21, 4yo/up, 5 1/2f, 1:05.14, ft, 1/2 length.

JAYSKER (g, 5, Woke Up Dreamin--Danceinthestreets, by Citidancer) Lifetime Record: 15-5-1-5, $140,309. O-Bonnie Birzer, Drew and Deb Moss; B-Madison County Thoroughbred (IA); T-Bonnie Birzer. *$5,000 Ylg '19 IOWOCT.

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4th-Horseshoe Indianapolis, $42,000, (S), 5-22, (NW4LX),
3yo/up, 6f, 1:09.49, ft, 4 3/4 lengths.
NEW YEAR'S FEVER (g, 4, New Year's Day--Cecilia's Fever, by
Stormy Atlantic) Lifetime Record: 9-4-0-2, $124,860. O/B-Jim
Edgar (IN); T-Robert E. Dobbs, Jr.

7th-Horseshoe Indianapolis, $40,000, (S), 5-22, (NW3L),
3yo/up, f/m, 1mT, 1:38.97, gd, 1/2 length.
CHELSEA'S STRENGTH (f, 4, Wicked Strong--Sensuous Pat, by
Broken Vow) Lifetime Record: 14-3-2-3, $74,405. O/B-Steve
Arbuckle (IN); T-Jeffrey L. Greenhill.

7th-Presque Isle Downs, $35,640, (C)/Opt. Clm ($50,000),
5-22, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f (AWT), 1:10.78, ft, 2 lengths.
FORGOTTEN PEACE (m, 7, Jersey Town--Universal Peace (Jpn),
by Sunday Silence) Lifetime Record: 25-10-7-4, $277,015. O/Tim
Girten, Marc Mazzocco and Pete Magee; B-Lannister Holdings
LLC, Don Brown & Nancy Sexton (OK); T-Tim Girten.

6th-Presque Isle Downs, $33,600, 5-22, (C), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f
(AWT), 1:10.67, ft, neck.
DO YOU LOVE ME (m, 5, English Channel--Easy Chair, by
Tiznow) Lifetime Record: 13-4-2-1, $98,768. O-Commonwealth
New Era Racing; B-Calumet Farm (KY); T-W. John Bourke.

3rd-Louisiana Downs, $31,000, (S), 5-22, (NW2L),
3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:12.11, ft, 2 lengths.
CUTE DINERO QUEEN (f, 4, Mo Tom--Cute Cadet (SP), by
Officer) Lifetime Record: 12-3-2-4, $83,650. O/Ramirez Racing;
B-Cloyce C. Clark (LA); T-Rosa E. Ramirez. *$5,000 Wlg '18 KEENOV; $50,000 Ylg '19 KEESPE.

7th-Presque Isle Downs, $31,000, (S), 5-22, (NW2L),
3yo/up, 6f, 1:12.09, ft, 5 1/2 lengths.
HOORAY AUSTIN (g, 7, Half Ours--Tensas Flatt, by Flatter)
Lifetime Record: 50-9-10-8, $252,135. O-Todd Alfortish; B-Lee
Young Farm (LA); T-Sean Alfortish.

4th-Thistledown, $28,000, 5-22, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 1 1/16m,
1:47.02, ft, neck.
HIPPODROME (g, 4, Ghostzapper--Dark Nile {GSW, $250,230},
by Pioneerof the Nile) Lifetime Record: 16-2-3-0, $170,124.
O-Built Wright Stables, LLC.; B-WinStar Farm, LLC (KY); T-Nicholas Dilodovico. *$155,000 2yo '21 KEENOV.

7th-Sunray, $26,596, (S), 5-22, (NW2L),
3yo/up, 6 1/2f, 1:21.61, ft, 3 3/4 lengths.
SHOULDABEENACOWGAL (m, 5, Marking--Dandy Donna, by
Successful Appeal) Lifetime Record: 21-2-9-5, $106,715. O-Luis
Sanchez and Heber Melendez; B-Jim Volk (NM); T-A. Gonzalez.

4th-Finger Lakes, $25,690, 5-22, (NW3L), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f,
1:11.83, ft, 4 1/2 lengths.
CURLY GIRL (f, 4, Nyquist--Falconess, by Forest Wildcat)
Lifetime Record: 11-3-1-3, $144,842. O-Ramirez Racing;
B-Denlea Park LTD (NY); T-Paul W. Barrow. *$90,000 Ylg '20
FTKSEL; $50,000 2yo '21 OBSMAR.

1st-Finger Lakes, $25,650, 5-22, (C), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:12.27, ft, 4
3/4 lengths.
NEVER EARLY (g, 4, Overanalyze--Lost Raven {GSW, $359,050},
by Uncle Mo) Lifetime Record: 10-4-2-1, $110,135. O-Robert
Photos; B-Repole Stable, Inc. (KY); T-Jeffrey S. Englehart.

8th-Louisiana Downs, $30,000, 5-22, (C), 3yo/up, 5fT, .56.64,
gd, 2 3/4 lengths.
DUKE OF CARTHANIA (g, 6, Constitution--Shot Gun Pennie
(SW), by Speightstown) Lifetime Record: 21-4-2-4, $143,097.
O/T-Yovani Munoz; B-Machmer Hall (KY). *$70,000 Ylg '18
KEESPE; $75,000 RNA 2yo '19 OBSMAR. **1/2 to
Whatwasithinking (Violence), SW, $181,578.

2nd-Thistledown, $30,000, 5-22, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 1m,
1:38.22, ft, 11 lengths.
SECRET FIX (m, 5, Secret Circle--Solid Solution, by Haynesfield)
Lifetime Record: 14-4-2-2, $118,173. O-G. Burkholder; B-Ruis
Racing (CA); T-Kim Puhl.

8th-Sunray, $29,800, (S), 5-21, (NW2L),
3yo/up, 6 1/2f, 1:21.61, ft, 3 3/4 lengths.
SHOULDABEENACOWGAL (m, 5, Marking--Dandy Donna, by
Successful Appeal) Lifetime Record: 21-2-9-5, $106,715. O-Luis
Sanchez and Heber Melendez; B-Jim Volk (NM); T-A. Gonzalez.

4th-Thistledown, $28,000, 5-22, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 1 1/16m,
1:47.02, ft, neck.
HIPPODROME (g, 4, Ghostzapper--Dark Nile {GSW, $250,230},
by Pioneerof the Nile) Lifetime Record: 16-2-3-0, $170,124.
O-Built Wright Stables, LLC.; B-WinStar Farm, LLC (KY); T-Nicholas Dilodovico. *$155,000 2yo '21 KEENOV.
7th-Finger Lakes, $25,225, (S), (NW2BX)/Opt. Clm ($10,000), 5-22, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:11.94, ft, 2 3/4 lengths. 

**TOSCONOVA BEAUTY** (f, 4, Boys At Tosconova--Dyna Vision, by City Zip) Lifetime Record: SP, 11-6-2-1, $137,870. O-Linda K. Dixon and Hector M. Alejandro; B-Barry R. Ostrager (NY); T-Linda K. Dixon.

3rd-Finger Lakes, $24,450, (S), 5-22, (NW1BX), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:11.96, ft, 1 1/4 lengths. 

**EXPENSIVE STYLE** (g, 6, Posse--M S C Jet, by Da Stoops) Lifetime Record: 32-5-9-7, $145,720. O-Robert Photos and Jeffrey S. Englehart; B-Bob & Maryann Miller (NY); T-Jeffrey S. Englehart. *$9,000 Ylg ’18 OBSOCT; $5,500 2yo ’19 OBSOPN.

3rd-Hastings Racecourse, C$20,680, 5-22, (NW2L), 3yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2f, 1:17.85, ft, 5 1/4 lengths. 

**KAPALUA CANDY** (m, 5, Twirling Candy--Zenya, by Salute the Sarge) Lifetime Record: 6-2-1-2, $24,842. O/B-R.N.H. Racing Stable (BC); T-Barbara Heads.

### ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

**Kahala**
- g, 3, *Broken Vow*--Karula (SW), by Colonel John.
- Emerald Downs, 5-21, 1m, 1:37.92. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-0, $14,520. B-Oak Crest Farm LLC (KY).

**Hartful Hope**
- f, 3, *Central Banker*--She’s Stylish, by Posse.
- Horseshoe Indianapolis, 5-22, 6f, 1:11.22. Lifetime Record: 4-1-0-0, $21,938. B-art Bauer (NC).

**Wynn Giant**
- g, 3, *Freud*--Erose, by Deputy Minister. Finger Lakes, 5-22, 1m 70y, 1:46.24. Lifetime Record: 6-1-0-1, $35,595. B-Sequel Stallions New York LLC (NY). *$47,000 2yo ’22 OBSMAR. **1/2 to Right There (Eskendereya), SW & GISP, $182,405; Super Freaky (Smart Strike), GSW & GISP, $385,498.

**Out of Deductions**
- g, 3, *Nyquist*--Giant Deduction, by Giant’s Causeway. Hawthorne, 5-21, 1mT, 1:34.42. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, $18,240. B-Team Block (KY). *$45,000 RNA Ylg ’21 KEESEP. **Won by 11 lengths.

**Rainas Rollin**

**Bulls in the Bronx**
- g, 7, *Court Vision*--Cape Town Bride (SP), by Cape Town. Lone Star, 5-21, (S), 1 1/16mT, 1:45.84. Lifetime Record: 11-1-2-1, $40,017. B-Charley Deonta Adams Scales (TX). *$2,500 Ylg ’19 TTAMIX.

**Princess Sonata**
- m, 5, *Effinex*--Sign Off, by Distorted Humor. Finger Lakes, 5-22, 5 1/2f, 1:06.67. Lifetime Record: 6-1-1-1, $36,215. B-McMahon of Saratoga Thoroughbreds, LLC & Spruce Lane Farm (NY). *$55,000 Ylg ’19 SARAGUS.

**Vermeil**
- m, 6, *Calimonco*--Wild Fleece, by Hussonet. Sunray, 5-21, 6 1/2f, 1:21.07. Lifetime Record: 4-1-0-0, $13,740. B-Paul Lawrence Newhart (CA).

**All TDN Winners by Sire**

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**Almasty**, Midnight in Alaska, f, 4, o/o Working At Night, by Tiznow. AOC, 5-22, Parx Racing

**Bellamy Road**, Topper T, g, 7, o/o Des Moines, by Evansville Slew. HCP, 5-21, Prairie Meadows

**Boys At Tosconova**, Tosconova Beauty, f, 4, o/o Dyna Vision, by City Zip. AOC, 5-22, Finger Lakes

**Broken Vow**, Kahala, g, 3, o/o Karula, by Colonel John. MSW, 5-21, Emerald Downs

**Calimonco**, Vermeil, m, 6, o/o Wild Fleece, by Hussonet. MSW, 5-21, Sunray

**Central Banker**, Hartful Hope, f, 3, o/o She’s Stylish, by Posse. MSW, 5-22, Horseshoe Indianapolis

**Constitution**, Duke of Carthania, g, 6, o/o Shot Gun Pennie, by Speightstown. ALW, 5-22, Louisiana Downs

**Effinex**, Princess Sonya, m, 5, o/o Sign Off, by Distorted Humor. MSW, 5-22, Finger Lakes

**English Channel**, Do You Love Me, m, 5, o/o Easy Chair, by Tiznow. ALW, 5-22, Presque Isle Downs

**Fed Biz**, Shemeansbizness, f, 4, o/o Levian, by Majesticperfection. AOC, 5-22, Prairie Meadows

**Freud**, Wynn Giant, g, 3, o/o Erose, by Deputy Minister. Finger Lakes, 5-22, 1mT, 1:34.42. Lifetime Record: 4-1-0-0, $21,938. B-art Bauer (NC).

**Ghostzapper**, Hippodrome, g, 4, o/o Dark Nile, by Pioneerof the Nile. ALW, 5-22, Thistledown

**Goldencents**, Stressed, m, 5, o/o Spring Zapper, by Ghostzapper. ALW, 5-21, Santa Anita

**Gun Runner**, Transect, c, 3, o/o Divine Escapade, by A.P. Indy. AOC, 5-22, Horseshoe Indianapolis

**Half Ours**, Hooray Austin, g, 7, o/o Tensas Flatt, by Flatter. AOC, 5-21, Sunray

**Jersey Town**, Forgotten Peace, m, 7, o/o Universal Peace (Jpn), by Sunday Silence. AOC, 5-22, Presque Isle Downs

**Marking**, Shouldabeenacowgal, m, 5, o/o Dandy Donna, by Successful Appeal. ALW, 5-21, Sunray
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Mo Tom, Cute Dinero Queen, f, 4, o/o Cute Cadet, by Officer. ALW, 5-22, Louisiana Downs
Munnings, Nimitz Class, c, 4, o/o Five Diamonds, by Flatter. ALW, 5-22, Parx Racing
New Year's Day, New Year's Fever, g, 4, o/o Cecilia's Fever, by Stormy Atlantic. ALW, 5-22, Horseshoe Indianapolis
Nyquist, Curly Girl, f, 4, o/o Falconess, by Forest Wildcat. ALW, 5-22, Finger Lakes
Nyquist, Out of Deductions, g, 3, o/o Giant Deduction, by Giant's Causeway. MSW, 5-21, Hawthorne
Overanalyze, Never Early, g, 4, o/o Lost Raven, by Uncle Mo. ALW, 5-22, Finger Lakes
Quality Road, Bye Bye Bobby, c, 4, o/o Revel in the Win, by Red Bullet. San Juan County Commissioners S., 5-21, Sunray
Secret Circle, Secret Fix, m, 5, o/o Solid Solution, by Haynesfield. ALW, 5-22, Thistledown
Talent Search, Rainas Rollin, f, 4, o/o Freezing Fast, by Majestic Warrior. MSW, 5-22, Presque Isle Downs
Tonalist, Active Lane, f, 3, o/o Kenny Lane, by Forestry. MSW, 5-22, Horseshoe Indianapolis
Twirling Candy, Candymaker, c, 2, o/o Curuzu, by Giant's Causeway. MSW, 5-22, Horseshoe Indianapolis
Twirling Candy, Kapalua Candy, m, 5, o/o Zenya, by Salute the Sarge. ALW, 5-22, Hastings
Union Jackson, Kisses for Emily, f, 4, o/o Caldwell, by Malibu Moon. AOC, 5-22, Parx Racing
Union Rags, No White Flags, c, 3, o/o Tejana, by Curlin. ALW, 5-22, Louisiana Downs
Wicked Strong, Chelsea's Strength, f, 4, o/o Sensuous Pat, by Broken Vow. ALW, 5-22, Horseshoe Indianapolis
Woke Up Dreamin, Jaysker, g, 5, o/o Danceinthestreets, by Citidancer. AOC, 5-21, Prairie Meadows
Yockey's Warrior, Sono, g, 3, o/o Seaside Candy, by Twirling Candy. ALW, 5-22, Louisiana Downs

Active Lane (Tonalist) wins at Horseshoe Indiana | Coady
SEVEN DAYS: CHURCHILL’S BRIGHTEST HOUR

by Emma Berry

Seven years ago Churchill (Ire) beat Mehmas (Ire) in the G1 Goffs Vincent O’Brien National S., and they both now feature prominently in their second careers at stud.

For Mehmas, that’s nothing new. He was champion first-season sire, then leading second-season sire, and he gave way only to New Bay (GB) last year among his generation. Now with his fourth crop of runners taking to the track, the Tally-Ho Stud resident is back in front among his intake with four group winners to his credit so far this year, including the GI Maker’s Mark Mile winner Chez Pierre (Fr). He was also responsible for the latest TDN Rising Star in Europe, Sunday’s 12-length debut winner Asadna (Ire).

Churchill retired a year later after winning the 2,000 Guineas in England and Ireland. His rise was a little slower, but not by much. Finishing sixth among the freshmen of his year, he was the leading second-crop sire in Europe last year ahead of Zarak (Fr), and those two currently occupy the same two slots among this season’s third-crop sires, with Churchill hovering just outside the top ten on the general sires’ list.

While his first crop was highlighted by the Aga Khan’s champion three-year-old colt Vadeni (Fr), winner of the Prix du Jockey Club and Eclipse, as well as finishing runner-up in the Arc, his second has no less a potential star in Blue Rose Cen (Fr).

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GOSDENS’ BETFRED DERBY/OAKS HOPEFULS GALLOP AT EPSOM DOWNS

Epsom Downs saw G1 Betfred Derby and Oaks hopefuls going through their paces Monday with Frankie Dettori partnering Juddmonte’s Arrest (Ire), a homebred son of Frankel (GB), over just short of a mile at The Derby Festival Gallops Morning. Now in his final year in the saddle, Dettori likes his chances in the 244th running of the premier Classic over a mile and a half to be run on Saturday, June 3.

“I have been fortunate enough to win The Derby twice and it is still the most famous race in the world for us. When I started my career as a jockey, first of all you want to get a ride in it and then try to win it. I’ve had over 20 rides in it and this is my last go. At least I am going into my last Derby with a great chance,” said Dettori after the gallop. “This year is a lot of lasts. I went to Rome yesterday and it was my last Derby there. I saw the vice Prime Minister and he gave me a plaque congratulating me on my career. Now it’s my last Derby here and I have a live chance, which is good.” Cont. p5

IN TDN AMERICA TODAY

MENDELSSOHN FILLY TOPS MIDLANTIC DAY ONE

A gray filly by Coolmore America’s Mendelssohn fetched $800,000 to top the first of two days of trade at the Fasig-Tipton Midlantic Sale in Maryland. Jessica Martini is on hand.

Cont. p3
Al Riffa (Fr) (Wootton Bassett {GB}), victorious in last year’s G1 National S., has been ruled out of Saturday’s G1 Tattersalls Irish 2000 Guineas with a minor setback.

Malc broke his maiden at Carlisle on Monday. Middleham Park Racing purchased the son of Calyx for 140,000gns at the recent Tattersalls Craven Breeze Up Sale.

Horses under the ownership of John Dance will be permitted to run in the name of Coverdale Stud and Titanium Racing Club, the British Horseracing Authority said Monday.
Churchill’s Brightest Hour, cont. from p1

The Yeguada Centurion homebred added the Poule d’Essai des Pouliches to her first Group 1 win in the Prix Marcel Boussac. This week, that leading pair has been backed up by the exploits of G2 Dante S. winner The Foxes (Ire), who, like the Jessica Harrington-trained Leopardstown Group 3 winner Sprewell (Ire), is now full steam ahead for Epsom.

Harrington also took Friday’s G3 Saval Beg Levmos S. with Churchill four-year-old Yashin (Ire), who could be Melbourne Cup-bound come autumn, while the stallion’s versatility was on display when Ladies Church (GB) won the Listed Sole Power Sprint S. for Johnny Murtagh. This was added to her victory in last year’s G2 Sapphire S. and sets her on course for a Group 1 tilt at Royal Ascot. And let’s not forget, for ‘tis no disgrace, that he has also sired a couple of Grade 2 winners over hurdles in Comfort Zone (Ire) and Scriptwriter (Ire).

In short, Churchill is compiling an impressively rounded portfolio of smart performers, and a Derby winner would push him yet another rung higher on the ladder.

Tanaghum Just Too Dam Good

Barronstown Stud’s Tanaghum (GB) (Darshaan {GB}) deserves all the plaudits as an increasingly significant broodmare. A €250,000 purchase by David Nagle in 2014 from her breeder Shadwell, the daughter of the 1,000 Guineas winner Mehtsaaf was already 14 by then and, though she had five winners to her credit, only two had earned black type, headed by G3 Curragh Cup winner Tactic (GB) (Sadler’s Wells).

A snapshot of her page would look rather different now. The Raven’s Pass foal she was carrying at Goffs became the nine-time winner Matterhorn (Ire), who claimed the G1 Al Maktoum Challenge in 2020. Then came Bangkok (Ire) (Australia {GB}), whose six victories include the G2 York S., and who is now standing at Chapel Stud. Yaazy (Ire) (Teofilo {Ire}), who was two when her mother was sold, won the following year’s Listed Prix Joubert, while current four-year-old Perotan (Ire) (Churchill {Ire}) won Her Majesty’s Plate, a Listed contest at Down Royal, in 2022. Her full-brother The Foxes, who was sold to King Power Racing for 440,000gns as a yearling, looks even better, and the dual Group 2 winner is now third-favourite for the Derby.
Seven Days cont.

While Tanaghum may be one who got away, Shadwell will be taking increasing encouragement from the exploits of Listed winner Handassa (GB). The 14-year-old daughter of Dubawi (Ire) is already the dam of dual Group 1 winner Nazeef (GB) (Invincible Spirit (Ire)) and four-time Group 3 winner Mostahdaf (GB) (Frankel [GB]), and her three-year-old son Mostabshir (GB) (Dark Angel (Ire)) was an impressive winner at York last week. He will surely be seen back in stakes company soon after reportedly not enjoying the easier ground he encountered in the G3 Craven S. on just the second run of his life. Like his elder half-brother Mostahdaf, Mostabshir holds a Group 1 entry for Royal Ascot.

We must, too, acknowledge Darley’s Modern Ideals (GB) (New Approach [Ire]), for though her son Modern Games (Ire) (Dubawi [Ire]) was already a multiple Group/Grade 1 winner, his latest success in the Lockinge S. brings his number of top-flight wins to five in four different countries. The mare’s three-year-old daughter Mawj (Ire) (Exceed And Excel [Aus]) is now a Classic heroine who has won five of her eight starts, including the G2 Duchess of Cambridge S., and Modern News (GB), who completes the trifecta of Darley stallions by being a son of Shamardal, counts a Listed victory among his six wins.

Azure Blue on Fast Track to the Top

"I found her on a rainy night at Book 3 in Harry Dutfield's." It may not quite make the grade for an opening line to a Raymond Chandler novel, but it is poetic enough when describing the origin of the current rising star of the sprint ranks.

That memorable line was uttered by David Appleton, who passes the credit to his father Peter, co-owner of the G2 Duke of York Clipper S. winner Azure Blue (Ire) with Anne Elliott, the mother of bloodstock agent Alex Elliott.

Peter Appleton understandably had a spring in his step on the Knavesmire last week when reflecting on the impressive progress of their four-year-old daughter of El Kabeir. Bred by Debbie Kitchen and Mary Davison, Azure Blue was pinhooked as a foal by Harry Dutfield for €19,000 and then bought by her trainer Michael Dods for the partnership at 47,000gns after being spotted by David Appleton, a member of the Darley nominations team.

"Book 3 has been good to us," said Peter Appleton, who, with his wife Linda and Anne Elliott, also raced the Listed winner Que Amoro (Ire) (Es Que Love (Ire)), who was only a length behind Battaash (Ire) when second in the G1 Nunthorpe S. Picked up for 28,000gns as a yearling, the five-time winner subsequently sold for 220,000gns at the December Mares’ Sale. Then there was the treble winner Arcavallo (Ire) (Arcano [Ire]).

"And he finished second, beaten a neck in the £150,000 sales race at Newmarket. He was bought for ten grand," Appleton added. "David helps out, but we do the hard yards, myself and Linda. It’s not easy to find one, but I quite like to look at the offspring of first-season stallions and unraced mares, because you can buy them."

While Appleton has been involved in racing for long enough to admit that there is no specific winning formula, just "lots of luck", he is quick to attribute much of their success to the patience of Dods.

"Michael is quite reserved, but he likes to see a horse progress. She’s always had a lot of potential," he said of Azure Blue, whose seven wins include back-to-back Listed wins on the Rowley Mile, spaced over last October and this May, followed by her first group-level win at York. Cont. p5
"We were keen to get a win into her as a two-year-old," he continued. "But she’s a big filly, she’s over 500 kilograms, and she didn’t win until November. Michael is quite keen to look at what might happen if the ground went soft at Ascot, but I’m pretty relaxed about it, because there’s plenty of races." Based in Durham, not far from their trainer, the Appletons ceased being breeders several years ago and Peter said that he would not be tempted back to the fold, even by a potential broodmare as smart as Azure Blue.

"We’ll let somebody else do that," he said. "I have picked up a few foals to pinhook, to just keep dipping in and doing bits and pieces."

He is also full of praise for Paul Mulrennan, who has ridden Azure Blue in most of her races.

"He’s a proper pilot; proper pilot," said Appleton. "I mean, he got off her, first race as a three-year-old, when she was beaten here [at York] in the handicap. She was rated 78 or something like that, and he said, 'This is a proper group filly'."

Mulrennan wasn’t wrong, and Azure Blue looks like she has plenty left to give. It will also be worth trawling the results of Tattersalls October Book 3 later this year to discover what budding young talent may be heading to the Dods stable for the Appleton/Elliott partnership.

**Finding his Calling**

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Ballyhane Stud's Soldier’s Call (GB) is the latest of the young stallions to be zipping up the charts. In what seems like no time at all, he’s gone straight to the top when it comes to number of winners, with a smart Saturday double bringing that tally to eight.

He is also the first to have a black-type performer to his name in the Listed Marygate Fillies' S. runner-up Dorothy Lawrence (GB). Homebred by Steve Parkin of Clipper Logistics, the young filly is also well named as the real Dorothy Lawrence was a journalist who, prevented from reporting from the front line because she was a woman, dressed as a male soldier and spent some time serving in the trenches in the Somme. Such bravery is deserving at the very least of a decent namesake.

The aforementioned Book 3 sale was also the source of the first winner for Lanwades Stud's Study Of Man (Ire). The colt in question, Deepone (GB), was bought for 62,000gns by his trainer Paddy Twomey and now races in the colours of Vimal Khosla. He hails from the same family as last year's G1 Goffs Vincent O'Brien National S. winner Al Riffa (Fr) (Wootton Bassett (GB)), who had been favourite for Saturday's Irish 2,000 Guineas until being ruled out of the race on Monday by Joseph O'Brien.

Deepone’s second dam is the G1 Prix Vermeille and G1 Yorkshire Oaks winner My Emma (GB) (Marju {Ire}), and his unraced dam Ayyana (Ire) is by Galileo (Ire). It was perhaps a surprise to see him ready so early but he relished the 7.5f test, finishing strongly, and is one to follow with interest.
**AL RIFFA TO MISS IRISH 2000, ROYAL ASCOT BID STILL POSSIBLE**

**Al Riffa** (Fr) (Wootton Bassett {GB}), winner of last year's G1 National S. and ante-post favourite for Saturday's G1 Tattersalls Irish 2000 Guineas, has been ruled out of the race with “a little setback,” the Irish Field reported. While announcing that the Jassim Bin Al-Attiyah-owned colt would not make the Curragh this weekend, trainer Joseph O’Brien remains confident that the colt will make the G1 St James’s Palace S. on opening day of the Royal Ascot meeting June 20. He is a 6-1 chance for that mile test ante-post with Coral.

“He has just had a little setback in training,” O’Brien told the Irish Field. “Hopefully it’s nothing too serious and he will be back later in the summer. He has options at Ascot and further afield than that as well.”

Al Riffa also holds an entry for the G1 Dubai Duty Free Irish Derby at the Curragh July 2.

“These things happen, so it's a long way from a problem,” O’Brien continued. “It is obviously disappointing for the owners. This race has been his target for the last while, but we will look forward to things later in the summer.

“Timing-wise, Royal Ascot will be fine, but we will have to decide whether we want to run there or in other races. We'll not be rushing into any decisions.”

The defections leaves G1 English 2000 Guineas hero Chaldean (GB) (Frankel {GB}) as market leader for the Irish 2000, but he is expected to wait for the St James’s Palace.

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**EUROPEAN NEWS**

**JOHN DANCE’S HORSES GRANTED PERMISSION TO RUN**

by Emma Berry

The British Horseracing Authority (BHA) has confirmed that horses under the ownership of John Dance will now be permitted to run in the name of Coverdale Stud and Titanium Racing Club "with a view to supporting the welfare of the horses and the livelihoods of the staff impacted by the investigation".

Dance’s company WealthTek LLP was ordered to cease training in early April and is currently under investigation by the Financial Conduct Authority (FCA), which has agreed to money being made available for the training and racing of the owner’s horses. A number of those are under the care of trainer James Horton at Dance's Manor House Farm in Yorkshire.

A statement released by the BHA on Monday morning read, "While the Financial Conduct Authority's investigation into Mr Dance continues, it has agreed to sufficient ongoing funds being released to cover the costs of Mr Dance's racing operations, in accordance with the terms of the High Court's Freezing Order.

"This is with a view to supporting the welfare of the horses and the livelihoods of the staff impacted by the investigation.

"The BHA is therefore permitting runners through Mr Dance's business, in the name of Coverdale Stud and Titanium Racing Club. Mr or Mrs Dance will not be permitted to have personal runners in their own names.

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John Dance cont.

"Any prize-money or other business profits will be frozen under the terms of the High Court's Order and the BHA remains in continued dialogue with the FCA to supervise this arrangement. The BHA continues to work with the FCA to ensure the terms of the High Court’s Order are complied with, whilst prioritising the wellbeing of the horses and people affected."

Dance's company Vertem Asset Management, which is one of three trading names of WealthTek LLP, has been linked as sponsor to the G1 Vertem Futurity Trophy at Doncaster for five years.

The owner-breeder spent almost £8.5 million on 37 yearlings in Britain and Ireland last year, and the jewel of his broodmare band at Coverdale Stud is the six-time Group 1 winner Laurens (Fr) (Siyouni {Fr}). Her first foal is a two-year-old colt by Invincible Spirit (Ire), who has been named First Ambition (GB).

James Horton, a former assistant to Sir Michael Stoute, made an eye-catching start to his training career in 2022, sending out 18 winners at a strike-rate of 18% in his first season with a licence. He added to that tally with another two winners this year before having to cease making entries for the Dance-owned string.

Horton's name should make a return to race cards this Saturday, as he has horses entered to run at Goodwood, York, Chester and Salisbury.

Contacted by TDN on Monday, Horton said, "The team here has been outstanding through a time of considerable uncertainty and I can only commend them for working hard to keep the show on the road."

John and Jess Dance also had horses in training last year with the former trainer of Laurens, Karl Burke, as well as Charlie Hills, Hugo Palmer, Jedd O'Keeffe, Tom Dascombe and Richard Fahey.

Jockey Club seeks injunction to curb Derby disruption

The Jockey Club, owner of Epsom Downs Racecourse, has applied to the High Court for an injunction to prohibit acts intended to disrupt the Derby meeting on June 2 and 3. The hearing will take place on Friday, May 26.

The extraordinary move has been taken in the wake of increasing threats from the Animal Rising protest group which has already delayed the start of this year’s Grand National by 15 minutes, and staged an on-course protest on Derby day last year.

An announcement from The Jockey Club states that the injunction would not hinder the right of anyone to protest peacefully, and that is has offered Animal Rising an area near the entrance of the racecourse specifically for this purpose on Derby Day.

"In planning for The Derby Festival our number one priority will always be to ensure that the safety of all our equine and human participants and the thousands of racegoers who join us at Epsom Downs is not compromised," said Jockey Club chief executive Nevin Truesdale.

"We respect everyone’s right to peaceful and lawful protest and with that in mind have offered Animal Rising a space for this purpose directly outside the racecourse during The Derby Festival.

"However, Animal Rising have made it explicitly clear that they intend to breach security and access the track itself in an attempt to stop racing taking place and it is our duty and obligation to do everything we can to protect everyone’s safety and prevent a repeat of the illegal and reckless protests we saw at Aintree in April.

"As such the decision to apply for an injunction is a course of action we have been forced to take and is the result of careful consideration following consultation with Surrey Police and a number of stakeholders. If successful, this would be just one of a range of robust security measures we are implementing to ensure the event can go ahead safely."

If granted, the injunction would prohibit individuals from invading the racetrack itself and carrying out other acts of disruption during the meeting. These include intentionally causing objects to enter the racetrack, entering the parade ring, entering and/or remaining on the horses' route to the parade ring and to the racetrack without authorisation, and intentionally endangering any person at the racecourse. Those found in breach of the court order could potentially be fined or given a prison sentence.
Edited Press Release

Vive La France! BraveHearts—the largest equine-assisted services program for veterans in the United States—announced that Trail to Zero, Ride to End Veteran Suicide, is going international. The acclaimed organization will host two rides on Friday, June 2, in Deauville and Saturday, June 3, on Utah Beach, Normandy, right before the 79th anniversary of D-Day.

BraveHearts has hosted 20-mile rides in major cities across the U.S. over the last seven years in an effort to reduce the number of veterans who died by suicide each day and shine a light on how horses can help heal veterans. Now, BraveHearts is bringing Trail to Zero to France in partnership with the American foundation, Horses & Humans Research Foundation, as well as the international non-profit, Racing to Relate.

Together, these like-minded horsemanship partners will increase awareness of the powerful impact of equine-assisted services. The ride will also bring awareness to the suicide epidemic in the U.S., France, and the United Kingdom. Six U.S. Veterans from BraveHearts will be joined by counterparts from HorseBack UK to embark on this 20km ride.

According to the United States Department of Veterans Affairs, approximately 20 veterans and active service members take their own lives each day.

BraveHearts, a 501c3 non-profit and Professional Association for Therapeutic Horsemanship International (PATH Intl.) Premier Accredited Center in the U.S., offers equine-assisted services to provide emotional, cognitive, social, and physical benefits, all at no cost to veterans. Those at BraveHearts report significant changes including increased self-esteem, self-worth, trust for others, and community integration, along with decreased depression, anxiety, post-traumatic disorder symptoms, and suicidal ideations.

“We know horses have the power to reach veterans and help them wherever they are in their healing process. Horses are a keen species—they are brilliant at reading intention, meeting us in the moment, and helping us discover our greatness,” said Meggan Hill-McQueeney, President/COO of BraveHearts.

“Horsemanship is often the key to learning critical life lessons and skills, such as mindfulness and finding trust again in another species and ourselves. When horses and veterans come together, a special exchange begins in which real relationship and inner soul work occurs.”

On May 31, 2023, the Horses & Humans Research Foundation will host a powerful international symposium in conjunction with Trail to Zero at the Longines International Equestrian Centre in Deauville entitled “The Universal Language of The Horse”. Presented in an innovative format while bringing research from the lab to the arena, the engaging symposium will feature a number of live, interactive demonstrations with practitioners and horses, including veterans working with retired racehorses.
Bravehearts cont.

“It is a privilege and an honour to help bring Veterans from the United Kingdom (HorseBack UK) and across France to join Trail to Zero Normandy. The international impact of this event will be considerable,” said Jennifer Barker, CEO of Racing To Relate.

These events are made possible due to the support of the local Normandy Horse Council, the towns of Deauville and Sainte-Marie-du-Mont (Utah Beach), the International Equestrian Complex LonginesDeauville, local affiliates, and most importantly generous donors.

BraveHearts’ mission is to offer its successful brand of equine-assisted services to every veteran in need. For more information or to support the initiative, please visit their ebsite.

NEW BRITISH RECORD AT DONCASTER
SPRING STORE SALE OPENER

A new British record was established during the first of two sessions of the Doncaster Spring Store Sale when Goldford Stud’s filly by Blue Bresil (Fr) was hammered down for £210,000. The daughter of Petticoat Tails surpassed the previous mark of £200,000 set at this same event 12 months ago. The Astons’ Goldford Stud have accounted for the top seller at the Spring Store Sale no fewer than 10 times, including five years consecutively from 1997-2001. It was an especially poignant transaction for the Astons in light of the passing of Richard Aston late last month and the celebration of life in his honour held at Goldford Stud last week.

A total of 99 horses changed hands for turnover of £2,905,300. The average price of £29,346 represented a 6% decline from 2022, while the median of £25,000 dropped by 4%.

Monday’s Results:
1st-Carlisle, £12,500, Novice, 5-22, 2yo, 5fT, 1:02.25, g/f.
MALC (c, 2, Calyx (GB)--Bereka (GB), by Firebreak (GB)), well-supported into 13-8 joint-favouritism, raced under restraint early behind the leading trio. Coaxed forward passing two out, the bay overpowered Kaolinite (Ire) (Masar (Ire)) a furlong from home en route to a 2 1/4-length success. The fifth winner for Coolmore’s first-season sire (by Kingman (GB)), Malc is out of a full-sister to the G1 Gran Criterium winner and G1 St James’s Palace S. third Hearts Of Fire (GB) (Firebreak (GB)). From the family of Al Bahathri, her yearling colt is by Oasis Dream (GB).

Sales history: 34,000gns Ylg TATSOM; 140,000gns 2yo TATBRE. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, $8,403.
O-Middleham Park Racing LXVI; B-Bearstone Stud (GB); T-Richard Fahey.

2nd-Redcar, £8,000, Mdn, 5-22, 2yo, 5f 217yT, 1:14.67, gd.
CHATURANGA (IRE) (c, 2, Invincible Army (Ire)--Delhi (GB) {SP-Fr}, by High Chaparral (Ire)), hammered into 5-4 favouritism in a weak contest, raced prominently throughout the early stages. Sent to the front with 1 1/2 furlongs remaining, the bay stretched clear before being eased to record a 7 1/2-length success from Up The Jazz (Ire) (Buratino (Ire)). In doing so, Chaturanga who shares his G3 Fred Darling S.-placed second dam Dream Day (GB) (Oasis Dream (GB)) with last year’s G3 Prix
Six Perfections scorer Sydneyarms Chelsea (Ire) (Sioux Nation), becomes the second winner for his Yeomanstown Stud-based first-crop sire (by Invincible Spirit {Ire}). The listed-placed dam, who also has a yearling filly by Calyx (GB), is a granddaughter of the listed scorer Capistrano Day (Diesis {GB}) who was third in the Fred Darling. Sales history: €22,000 RNA Wlg ’21 GOFNO1; €45,000 Ylg ’22 GOFOR. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, $5,378. O-Hambleton Racing XLVI & Partner; B-David Byrne & Pierce Molony (IRE); T-Archie Watson.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:
Arc Shadowfax (GB), c, 2, Harry Angel (Ire)–Vespasia (GB), by Medicean (GB). Redcar, 5-22, 5f 219yT, 1:41.32. Lifetime Record: 4-1-2-0, $12,572. B-Daniel Hunt (GB).

Trueman (GB), g, 4, Wootton Bassett (GB)–Dazzling Rose (GB), by Raven’s Pass. Carlisle, 5-22, 6f 195yT, 1:28.06. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-1, $6,652. B-Emma Capon Bloodstock (GB). *135,000gns Wlg ’19 TATFOA.

Monday’s Results:
3rd-La Teste-Bassin Arcachon, €22,000, Cond, 5-22, 3yo, 10fT, 2:01.92, gd.

ALMANZORA (FR) (f, 3, Almanzor {Fr}–Lozoya {Fr}, by Declaration Of War), off the mark on debut at Bordeaux-le-Bouscat last month, was dropped out in last early. Cajoled into contention in the straight, the 9-10 favourite only managed to get to the front in the final stride and deny Enchantres (Fr) (Al Wukair {Ire}) by a short head. The winner is the first of two foals out of a granddaughter of the G1 Cheveley Park S.-winning European champion Pas De Reponse (Danzig) from the family of Green Tune. Her 2-year-old colt is by Ruler Of The World (Ire). Sales history: €60,000 Ylg ’21 ARQOCT. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, €21,500. Video, sponsored by TVG.

O-Ecurie Antonio Caro & Free Man Racing; B-Ecurie Ades Hazan, Philip Mosbeux & Mlle Karine Morice (FR); T-Jean-Claude Rouget.

CONDITIONS RESULTS:
1st-La Teste-Bassin Arcachon, €30,000, 5-22, 3yo, 12fT, 2:38.92, gd.

PERAMA (FR) (f, 3, Siyouni (Fr)–Paratonnerre (GB), by Montjeu (Ire)) Lifetime Record: SF-Fr, 6-2-1-3, €44,250. O/B-Ecurie des Charmes & Ecurie Skymarc Farm (FR); T-Francois Rohaut. *€195,000 RNA Ylg ’21 ARQAUG.

2nd-Marseille-Borely, €30,000, 5-22, 3yo, 8 1/2fT, 1:50.79, hy. CAMBRONNE (FR) (c, 3, Alex The Winner–Candie (Fr), by Kendargent (Fr)) Lifetime Record: MSP-Fr, 14-5-2-2, €104,730. O-Jean-Pierre-Joseph Dubois; B-Mme L Lemiere Dubois (FR); T-Patrice Cottier.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNER:
All Bright (GB), f, 3, Nathaniel (Ire)–All The Rage (GB), by Dubawi (Ire). Marseille-Borely, 5-22, 8 1/2fT, 1:48.94. B-Denford Stud (GB).

FRANCE

City Light (Fr) (Siyouni {Fr}), Haras d’Etreham
88 foals of racing age
1-SAINTE-CLOUDE, 1200m, Clavus (Fr)
€27,000 Arqana Deauville September Yearling Sale 2022

2-SAINTE-CLOUDE, 1200m, La Belle Poete (Fr)
€8,000 Arqana December Breeding Stock Sale 2021 - English Version

Ten Sovereigns (Ire) (No Nay Never), Coolmore Stud
149 foals of racing age
2-SAINTE-CLOUDE, 1200m, Maizieres (Fr)
€77,000 Arqana Deauville September Yearling Sale 2022

IN HONG KONG:
Find My Love (GB), g, 4, Frankel (GB)–Spring in the Air (Ch. 2yo Filly & GSW-Can, GSW-US, $930,318), by Spring At Last. Sha Tin, 5-21, Hcp. (C3), 1400mT, 1:21.40. B-Nawara Stud Limited. *Formerly Find (GB). **GSP-Eng. VIDEO

IN MAINLAND CHINA:
Lue Sheng Yi Chou (Ire), f, 3, Ivawood (Ire)–Path of Silver (Ire), by Strategic Prince (GB). Yulong, 5-20, 1200m (sand). B-Moygaddy Stud. *€3,000 Ylg ’21 GOFJAN.
European-Bred Winners in China cont.

Carlisle Bay (Ire), h, 5, Galileo (Ire) – Toogoodtobetrue (Ire) (GSP-Ire), by Oasis Dream (GB). Yulong, 5-20, 1800m (sand).
B-Coolmore. *GSP-Ire. VIDEO

JRHA SELECT SALE FEATURES TWO HALF-SISTERS TO GENTILDONNA

The Japan Racing Horse Association (JRHA) will stage its Select Sale in Hokkaido on July 10 and 11. The auction, which takes places within the Northern Horse Park, features 231 yearlings and 243 foals.

The leading Japanese breeders are major buyers at international breeding stock sales and the catalogue for this year’s sale features the offspring of many highly credentialed broodmares from across the globe. The foal and yearling sections both include half-sisters to former Japanese Horse of the Year Gentildonna (Jpn) (Deep Impact {Jpn}), by Drefong and the late Duremente (Jpn) respectively. Their dam Donna Blini (GB) (Bertolini) won the G1 Cheveley Park S. in Britain and the same family is represented by a filly from the first crop of Triple Crown winner Contrail (Jpn) out of Donna Blini’s half-sister Little Book (GB) (Librettist), who subsequently found fame as the dam of Japanese Derby winner Roger Barows (Jpn) (Deep Impact {Jpn}).

Among the yearlings catalogued are colts by Kizuna (Jpn) out of the Australian Group 1 winner Youngstar (Aus) (High Chaparral {Ire}) and the Irish Oaks winner Covert Love (Ire) (Azamour {Ire}). The G1 Prix Marcel Boussac victrix Lily’s Candle (Fr) (Style Vendome {Fr}) features as the dam of a yearling colt by Epiphaneia (Jpn), while also entered is a Bricks And Mortar colt out of the dual French Classic heroine La Cressonniere (Fr) (Le Havre {Ire}).

The Japanese Government has recently announced that visitors to Japan will not be required to show proof of vaccination or undergo a pre-departure Covid test. A full list of entries for the sale can be found on the JRHA Select Sale website.

RACING SEASON BEGINS IN HOHHOT

The Inner Mongolia Hohhot Horseracing Series kicked off at Aowei Racecourse in Hohhot City, Inner Mongolia, China, Sunday, May 21.

The series will take place each Sunday through mid-September, with total prize money on offer of RMB10 million (£1.14 million/US$1.42 million). For the first time, the Chinese Equestrian Association has approved the holding of the Chinese Horseracing Points Race during the series using a points system similar to Formula 1 racing.

According to An Zhiqiang, chairman of the Hohhot Equestrian Association and Chairman of Inner Mongolia Mengjin Horse Industry, the express goal of the series is “localizing high-end horses and actively establishing and introducing domestic an internationally renowned events.”

According to Mr An, the final raceday of the season will offer prize money of RMB3 million, with a single race worth RMB1 million restricted imported horses. The best jockey of the series will receive RMB200,000, the best trainer 300,000 and leading owner 500,000. Cont. p12
Hohhot cont.

Mr An is one of the first Chinese owners purchasing horses out of Europe and is the biggest buyer of American-bred horses in Mainland China. His Qian Cheng Si Jin (Brody’s Cause) was a winner on Sunday’s program (video).

Hohhot is the only city in China with four racecourses, including Mengjin Racecourse, home base of Mr An, City Racecourse and Huhtala Racecourse.