

## HARD SPUN COLT 'ROCKETS' TO TOP AT WORKMANLIKE OBS JUNE OPENER



Session-topping hip 130 | Judit Seipert

by Jessica Martini

Ocala, FL - The Ocala Breeders' Sales Company's June Sale of 2-Year-Olds in Training duly marched through its opening session with a \$450,000 son of **Hard Spun** one of three horses to top the \$200,000 mark Tuesday in Ocala.

At the close of business Tuesday, 192 juveniles had sold for a gross of \$7,110,400. The average of \$37,033 was up from the 2022 session's final average of \$34,431--which included post-sale transactions--but was down from the end-of-session figure of \$38,628. The median of \$20,000 dipped from the final figure of \$22,000, as well as from the end-of-session figure of \$25,500. With 74 horses reported not sold, the session's buy-back rate was 27.8%.

Before the inclusion of post-sale transactions, last year's opening session of the June sale saw 184 head sell for a gross of \$7,107,500. The average was \$38,628 and the median was \$25,500. With 90 horses reported not sold at the fall of the day's last hammer, the 2022 opening-session buy-back rate was 33.1%. That figure improved to 20.7% as a further 33 horses sold post-sale, bringing the final gross to \$7,756,400.

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## BORN FOR THE TASK: PEDIGREE TAKEAWAYS FROM BELMONT WEEKEND

by Chris McGrath

With a new cycle of yearling sales nearly upon us, nearly everyone will once again be deciding where they are most prepared to compromise. Would you prefer an athlete low on pedigree, or will you trust the genes to come through even if you're not wowed by the specimen in front of you?

Well, there's no mistaking which strategy is recommended by the story of the GI Belmont S. winner. Though from one of America's most aristocratic families, **Arcangelo** (Arrogate) lurked in the September Sale as Hip 1182 and was picked out of the Gainesway consignment by Jon Ebbert of Blue Rose Farm for just \$35,000.

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*Inspired by GI Belmont Stakes-winning trainer Jena Antonucci becoming the first female trainer to win a Triple Crown race, and in honor of all of the women in the horse racing industry, Tom Fahrney of Ram Racing Stable has named his yearling Thousand Words filly "Make Your Owntable." Fahrney purchased the bay filly, the third foal out of The Great Griffter (*Ghostzapper*), for \$15,000 at the 2022 Keeneland November Sale. | Tom Fahrney*

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*Fred Pope pens a letter to the editor, espousing some thought-provoking ideas as regards the possible restructuring of the Triple Crown series.*



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### OBS June cont.

Midway through Tuesday's session, Frank Fletcher, bidding alongside agent Donato Lanni, went to \$450,000 to acquire a son of **Hard Spun** from the de Meric Sales consignment. Late in the day, Fletcher returned to acquire the day's second-highest priced offering, going to \$230,000 to acquire a colt by Malibu Moon from Gene Recio's consignment.

The session-topper led a day of mixed-bag results for de Meric Sales, which sold all 10 of its horses through the ring for \$988,700 and was the session's leading consignor. The consignment had results everywhere from the session-topping \$450,000 price tag down to \$3,700.

"We saw a little bit of everything today," admitted Tristan de Meric. "It's definitely a little spotty at best, but there is still some demand for the more quality horses. There is a bit of action in the lower-middle, but not as much as we'd all like to see for the number of horses here. I think it's basically typical of the June sale, but maybe a little more magnified this year."

The **Hard Spun** colt was making his first sales appearance of the year, an angle which has worked well for the consignment in the past, according to de Meric.

"He was sent down to Florida and started in January and we always thought of him as a horse for this sale," de Meric said. "We've found that a fresh horse in this sale can stand out.

People always like to see one for the first time. And that horse stepped up and did everything right. We have done well with horses like him at this sale and, even this year in a spottier market, we are happy with this result and best of luck to Frank Fletcher and Donato."

The OBS June sale continues through Thursday with sessions beginning daily at 10 a.m. **Cont. p4**



Tristan (left) and Nick de Meric | Photos by Z

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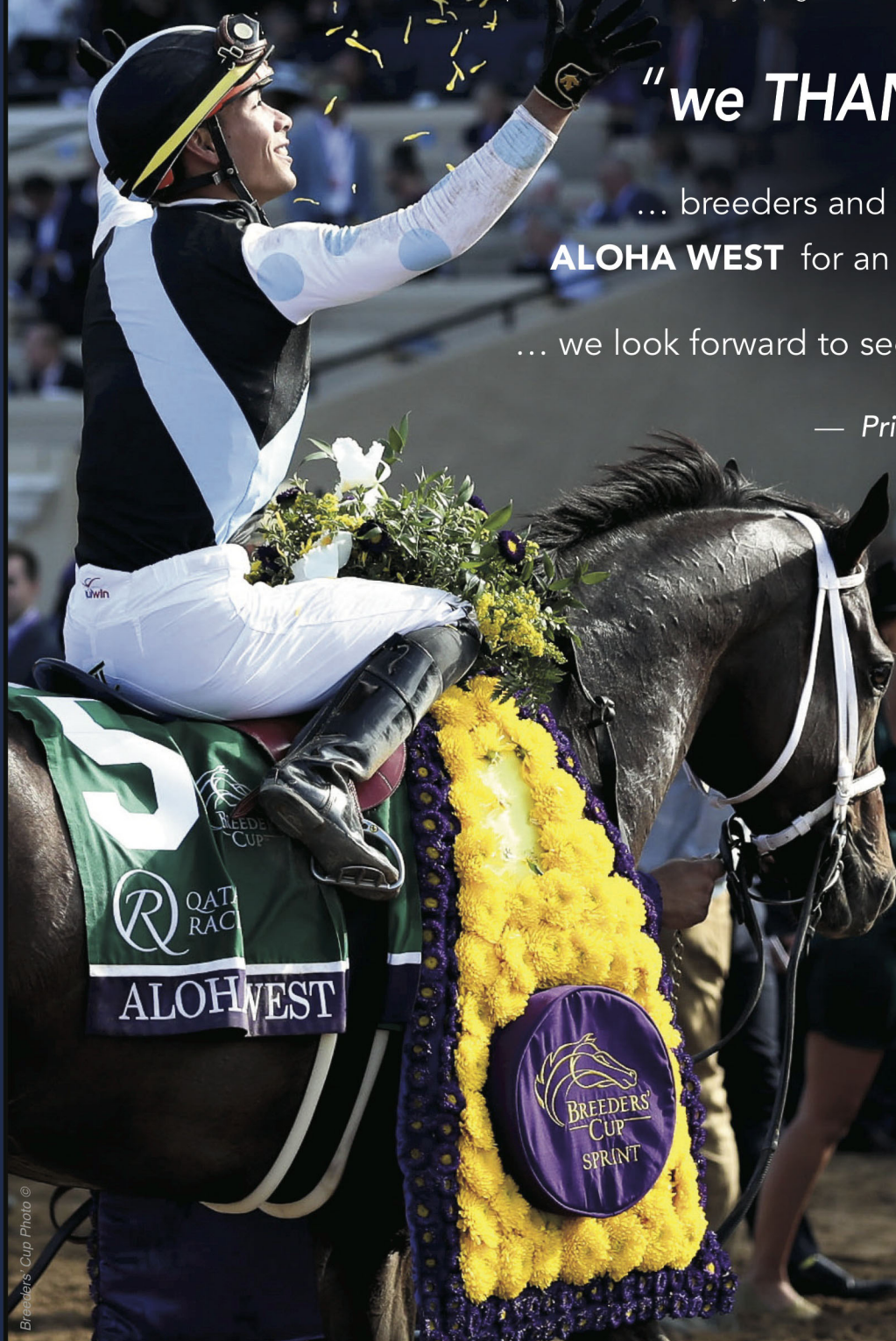
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**OBS June Opener cont.**

## Fletcher Gets His **Hard Spun** Colt

**Frank Fletcher** flew down to Ocala Tuesday morning with the specific intention of purchasing a colt by **Hard Spun** and the Arkansas native did not go home disappointed, securing **hip 130** for \$450,000 from the de Meric Sales consignment midway through the first session of the June sale.

"I just flew down this morning and Donato Lanni showed him to me," Fletcher said. "He liked his work, he likes the way he's built and he likes his speed."



**Frank Fletcher** | *Coady*

Bred by Reiley McDonald's Athens Woods, the chestnut colt is out of stakes-placed Mine All Mine (Belong to Me) and is a half-brother to stakes-winner Athens Queen (Majestic Warrior). The juvenile worked a furlong last week in a co-bullet **:9 4/5**.

"We are always looking for 2-year-old colts," Fletcher said. "And it's exciting to get him. I always like coming down here. I love this city and I love this sale. I've been coming here for 25 years."

Fletcher famously names all his horses with some form of Rocket or Rockette in their names. Does he have a name already picked out for this colt?

"He will be something rocket," Fletcher said with a laugh. "I had a horse down here earlier this year in the sale and she worked so well, I withdrew her from the sale and I named her Almost Gone Rocket."

Fletcher had to see off a determined internet bidder to secure the colt, but said he never had a doubt that he was going to come out on top.

"We were going to get him one way or another," he said. "I flew down for him. So I'd be very sad if I was going home without him."

Fletcher said no trainer had been picked out for the youngster.

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## Goodman Has High Hopes for First Pinhook



American Pharoah | Coolmore

Billy Goodman, whose involvement in racing started almost by accident and evolved into a full-on passion, is hopeful his first foray into the juvenile pinhooking market proves just as successful when he and partner Caio Caramori send a colt by **American Pharoah** (hip 1030) through the OBS sales ring with the SBM Training and Sales consignment Thursday.

Goodman purchased the colt for \$100,000 at last year's Keeneland September sale. He is out of Jeweliana (Smart Strike), a daughter of multiple graded winner Roshani (Fantastic Light), and the dam of \$775,000 juvenile Nile River (**American Pharoah**).

"He just had all the right parts," Goodman said of the colt's appeal last fall. "He was a May 5 foal and a little immature, but I kind of looked at him like, if he just expands exactly as he is right now, he's going to be an absolute beast of a horse. He had an incredible walk and an incredible mind on him. And all of those things came to fruition with him. He blossomed into this incredible specimen and he's got a mind on him like a 4-year-old stakes horse."

Goodman had never even touched a horse when he decided to make a major pivot in his life some 12 years ago.

"Back in 2011, I was managing an Irish pub in Miami for a childhood friend," he explained. "Things just weren't going well and I didn't enjoy it, so I decided to stop. I got a license at Gulfstream and went on the backside and asked for a job. I got a job walking hots."

Goodman, who began working for trainer Peter Gulyas in Florida, eventually made his way to Kentucky and the barn of trainer Todd Pletcher.

"I worked for Todd for six years as a groom," Goodman said. "I was a hotwalker and then a groom and within two months we had two horses in the Derby and My Miss Sophia was second in the Oaks."

Of his experience with horses before that, Goodman admitted, "None. Zero. Never touched a horse. I always knew that I would at some point. Horses were in my system. I was 45 and I said, 'All right, it's time to do this.'"

Goodman purchased his first horse, Eternal Heart, for \$50,000 at the 2018 Fasig-Tipton Midlantic October Sale. Now six, the West Virginia-bred mare is still in his care.

"I was just bathing her when you called," Goodman said of Eternal Heart. "This is going to be her last year racing. I bought this filly and gave her to my friend Caio Caramori, who is a trainer. I went to the barn to help out and I wound up working for him. And I'm still working for him and still buying horses."

Goodman purchased a few weanling-to-yearling pinhooks and enjoyed success on a small scale before deciding to put together a partnership to make his six-figure investment in an **American Pharoah** colt last year.

"This is the first decent horse that we put a little money together and bid \$100,000 on him," Goodman said.

The colt was originally targeted at the Fasig-Tipton Midlantic May sale, where he was to sell under the Goodman Caramori banner, but the partners decided to call an audible earlier this year.

"We broke him and trained him at the Classic Mile right there in Ocala," Goodman said. "We spend the winters down there. We were going to consign himself ourselves at Timonium, but he just got shins. I was battling shins because we got a late start on him. I could have brought him there, but I didn't think it was right for the horse. So we backed off on him a little bit and sent him to Susan Montanye. She's got him now because I had to go back to Lexington. We have 45 horses here."

The colt proved the extra time was worthwhile with a :10 flat work at last week's under-tack show.

"Susan took care of his shins and didn't do too much with him and he went over there and went :10 flat, :20 3/5 and :33 2/5," Goodman said.

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## OBS June cont.

"He's just a beast of a horse. He really didn't train all that much and did that. It was kind of freakish what he did."

Goodman expects to be back in action at the upcoming yearling sales.

"I am going to be buying in July, hopefully, and go to New York and September," he said. "We will probably have 40 horses down there in Ocala, total, but we will probably put together four or five [to pinhook] with this group, if this horse sells the way we think he will. And I'll try to build a little business from there, buy our own and do it like that."

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• RNAs	74	57	
• % RNAs	27.8%	20.7%	
• High Price	\$450,000	\$290,000	
• No. Over \$200k	3	4	
• Gross	\$7,110,400	\$7,756,400	
• Average (% change)	\$37,033 (+7.6%)	\$34,431	
• Median (% change)	\$20,000 (-9.1%)	\$22,000	
*2022 results include post-sale transactions.			

## SESSION TOPPERS

### OBS JUNE SALE TUESDAY'S TOP LOTS

HIP	SEX	SIRE   DAM	PRICE (\$)
<b>130</b>	colt	<b>Hard Spun--Mine All Mine</b> (\$69,000 RNA yrl '22 KEEJAN) Breeder: Athens Woods (Ky) Consignor: de Meric Sales, Agent XII Purchaser: Frank Fletcher Racing Operations	<b>450,000</b>
<b>356</b>	colt	<b>Malibu Moon--Scion Power</b> (\$155,000 yrl '22 FTKJUL; \$155,000 RNA 2yo '23 OBSMAR) Breeder: Angela Ingenito & Spendthrift Stallions (Fl) Consignor: Gene Recio, Agent VI Purchaser: Frank Fletcher Racing Operations	<b>230,000</b>

<b>312</b>	filly	<b>Munnings--Rhythm and Rhyme</b> Breeder: Chelston (Ky) Consignor: Scanlon Training & Sales, Agent II Purchaser: D. J. Stable LLC	<b>210,000</b>
<b>116</b>	colt	<b>Malibu Moon--Meet and Greet</b> (\$65,000 yrl '22 KEEJAN) Breeder: Jason Hall & BCS Thoroughbreds (Ky) Consignor: Eddie Woods, Agent XXVII Purchaser: Victory Racing Partners	<b>190,000</b>
<b>347</b>	colt	<b>Chitu--Satan's Mistress</b> (\$70,000 RNA 2yo '23 OBSMAR) Breeder: Michael Frank (Fl) Consignor: Silvestre Chavez Thoroughbreds, Agent V Purchaser: Champion Equine LLC	<b>165,000</b>
<b>010</b>	filly	<b>Street Sense--Joe's goldenholiday</b> (\$47,000 yrl '22 FTKOCT; \$310,000 i/u '20 KEENOV) Breeder: Phoenix Thoroughbreds (III) (Ky) Consignor: Thorostock LLC, agent Purchaser: John C. Kimmel, agent	<b>160,000</b>
<b>039</b>	filly	<b>Noble Mission (GB)--Lady Marjorie</b> Breeder: Vegso Racing Stable (Ky) Consignor: Tom McCrocklin, Agent IV Purchaser: Brad Grady	<b>150,000</b>



## OBS June Toppers cont.

**204** colt **Blame--Oleanda Avenue** **150,000**  
**(\$60,000 yrl '22 KEESEP)**

*Breeder: Sandra Sexton & Silver Fern Farm (Ky)*

*Consignor: Navas Equine, Agent VII*

*Purchaser: CNA, Co.*

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Hip	Sex	Sire	Dam	Price (\$)
<b>009</b>	filly	<b>Bucchero</b>	<b>Jim's Lonesa</b>	<b>145,000</b>

Consigned by Halcyon Hammock Farm, Agent II

Purchased by M Racing Group, LLC

Monarch Farms purchased this filly for \$31,000 at last year's OBS Winter Sale. She returned to the sales ring in Ocala off a co-bullet :9 4/5 work last week.

<b>010</b>	filly	<b>Street Sense</b>	<b>Joe's goldenholiday</b>	<b>160,000</b>
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Consigned by Thorostock LLC, agent

Purchased by John C Kimmel

Thorostock, on behalf of Michael Imperio, acquired this filly for \$47,000 at last year's Fasig-Tipton October sale.

<b>116</b>	colt	<b>Malibu Moon</b>	<b>Meet and Greet</b>	<b>190,000</b>
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Consigned by Eddie Woods, Agent XXVII

Purchased by Victory Racing Partners

Sennebec South Farm purchased this colt for \$65,000 as a short yearling at the 2022 Keeneland January sale.

<b>257</b>	filly	<b>Maximus Mischief</b>	<b>Port of Indy</b>	<b>140,000</b>
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Consigned by de Meric Sales, Agent XI

Purchased by Hidden Brook, agent

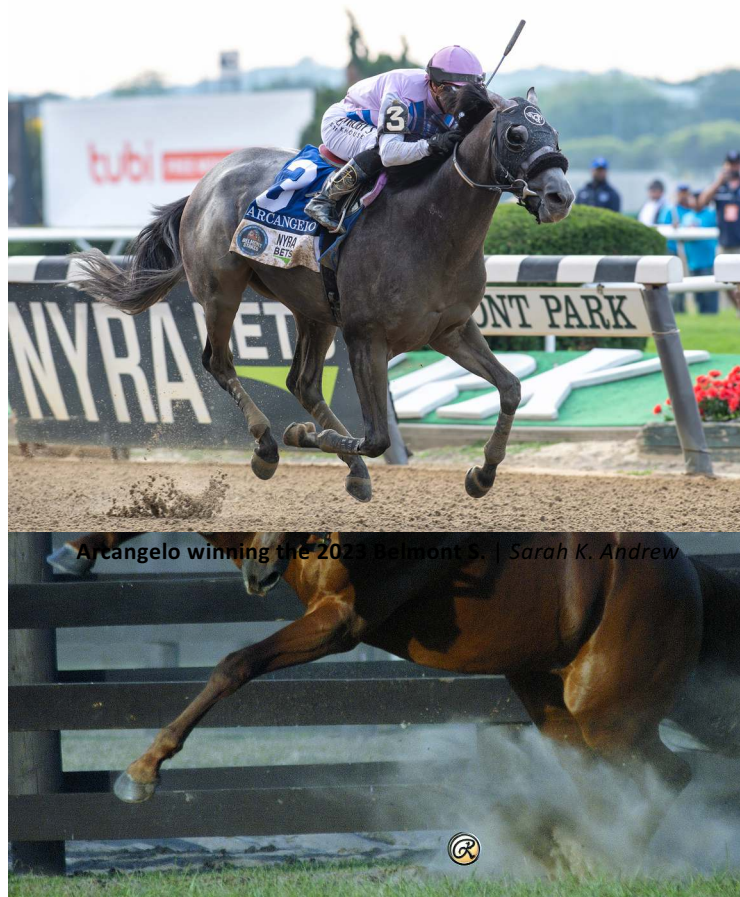
De Meric Sales acquired this filly from the first crop of Maximus Mischief for \$45,000 at last year's OBS October sale. She worked a furlong in :10 flat.

## Born For The Task cont.

Apparently the colt had several of those familiar issues liable to keep a horse off shortlists. He was on the small side, immature. There was that ever-divisive quibble, a touch of sesamoiditis. He was a ridgling. And of course his sire had deceased, which the market tends to view as a discourtesy surpassed only by export to Turkey or Peru. Worse yet, Arrogate had only notched his first winner the week before the sale. The unraced dam, meanwhile, had made a poor start to her breeding career.

The pinhookers were out of the game, then, but Ebbert saw that a little patience might yet draw out genetic potential way in advance of the colt's cost. After all, Don Alberto Corporation had given as much as \$2.85 million for his dam Modeling (**Tapit**), whose own racing career had been written off so early that her previous owners had her covered as a 2-year-old.

That's not to everyone's taste, it has to be said, and nor did the Distorted Humor colt she was carrying (result of that maiden cover) when acquired by Don Alberto at the 2014 Keeneland November Sale contribute a great deal as the only starter listed on her fifth foal's catalogue page. (He did win a maiden, but ended up beaten under a \$12,500 tag at Belterra.)



Arcangelo winning the 2023 Belmont S. | Sarah K. Andrew

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## OBS June 2-Year-Olds Wednesday, June 14

<u>Hip</u>	<u>Sex</u>	<u>Pedigree</u>	<u>Price</u>	<u>Prev Sale</u>	<u>Buyer/Agent</u>	<u>Current Consignor</u>
362	C	<b>Demarchelier</b> (GB)-Secret Quality	\$25,000	FTK FALL MIX 2021	Sewanne Investments	Omar Ramirez Bloodstock
364	F	Mitole-Secret Union	\$10,000	KEESEP YLG 2022	Big Oak Farm	Victory Stable
365	C	<b>Collected</b> -Seeking Paradise	\$13,000	KEENOV BRDG 2021	R K G Racing	Potrero Stables
370	F	Firing Line-Sensational Gold	\$10,000	FTKOCT YLG 2022	Grassroots Training & Sales	Grassroots Training & Sales
372	F	<b>Audible</b> -Set to Dance	\$75,000	KEESEP YLG 2022	Waves Bloodstock	Wavertree Stables
373	F	<b>Buccherro</b> -Set to Smoke	\$8,000	OBSWNT MIX 2022	Fabian Garcia	Fabian Sales
374	C	Astern (Aus)-Seven Deadly Sins	\$20,000	OBS YLG SALE 2022	Hoppel	Hoppel's Horse & Cattle Co.
377	C	<b>Twirling Candy</b> -Shapely	\$195,000	KEESEP YLG 2022	Julie Davies	Julie Davies
378	C	<b>Connect</b> -She Be Keene	\$30,000	OBSMAR 2YO 2023	My Little Racing Team	Omar Ramirez Bloodstock
379	C	Maximus Mischief-Shesacurlinmytoes	\$62,000	KEESEP YLG 2022	Lucan Bloodstock	Lucan Bloodstock
380	C	<b>Street Sense</b> -She's All Ready	\$150,000	KEESEP YLG 2022	Highbury Bloodstock	Wavertree Stables
382	F	Palace-She's Haute	\$7,500	OBSWNT MIX 2022	Rosewood Farm	Paul Sharp
386	F	Bolt d'Oro-Shop for Gold	\$100,000	KEESEP YLG 2022	Dennis O'Neill	Wavertree Stables
387	C	<b>Yoshida</b> (Jpn)-Siesta	\$19,000	KEEJAN ALL AGES 22	J. Donald Wells	Really and Truly T'breds
390	F	Solomini-Sign Off	\$9,000	OBS YLG SALE 2022	Shooting Star Sales	Shooting Star Sales
392	F	Mor Spirit-Sikara (Ire)	\$30,000	OBSWNT MIX 2022	Grassroots Training & Sales	Grassroots Training & Sales
394	C	<b>Collected</b> -Silent Joy	\$9,000	KEESEP YLG 2022	Rubin M Sanchez	Really and Truly T'breds
396	F	Air Force Blue-Silent Ronin	\$12,000	FTKOCT YLG 2022	Span Investment	Santa Fe Thoroughbreds
399	F	Coal Front-Silver Bay	\$3,000	LTBA YLG & MIXED 22	Big Easy	Whitman Sales
403	C	<b>Divisidero</b> -Sistas Ready	\$11,000	OBS YLG SALE 2022	Silvestre Avila	De Meric Sales
404	C	<b>Flameaway</b> -Sixtyfivenorth	\$67,000	KEENOV BRDG 2021	Minzo Acres	Randy Miles
405	F	<b>Mastery</b> -Size	\$35,000	KEENOV BRDG 2021	McKathan Brothers	McKathan Bros. Sales
406	C	Ami's Flatter-Skillman Avenue	\$3,000	OBSWNT MIX 2022	Jaime Centeno	M R Racing
412	C	<b>Upstart</b> -Skye High	\$72,000	KEESEP YLG 2022	Shooting Star Sales	Shooting Star Sales
413	F	<b>Not This Time</b> -Skye Silver	\$50,000	FTKOCT YLG 2022	Jumel Place Partners	De Meric Sales
415	F	Omaha Beach-Sly Warrior	\$15,000	FTKOCT YLG 2022	Chestnut Hill Stable	Randy Miles
416	F	Real Solution-Smart and Fancy	\$7,500	TEXAS YLG 2022	George W. Childs	Grade One Investments



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419	F	Stay Thirsty-Sobresaliente	\$5,000	NCA AUG YLG 2022	Juan Zamora	Triple J Equine Sales
423	C	<del>Bucchero</del> -Something Casual	\$9,000	OBSWNT MIX 2022	Arga Racing Stable	GOP Racing Stable Corp.
425	C	Flatter-Song Sung True	\$32,000	KEESEP YLG 2022	Omar Ramirez Stables	Omar Ramirez Bloodstock
430	C	<del>Blame</del> -Soul Spirit	\$210,000	KEESEP YLG 2022	Ciaran Dunne	Wavertree Stables
431	F	<del>Kantharos</del> -Souper Colket	\$17,000	KEESEP YLG 2022	Laura Kelton	Cruzin' Thoroughbreds
434	F	<del>Violence</del> -Southern Truth	\$35,000	FTKOCT YLG 2022	Amarone Bloodstock	Niall Brennan Stables
435	F	<del>Funtastic</del> -Space Cadet	\$5,000	KEESEP YLG 2022	Aureliano Noguez	Golden Noguez
436	F	<del>Catholic Boy</del> -Space Talk (GB)	\$2,000	FTKOCT YLG 2022	Tito Guevara	Doble Jak
437	C	<del>Classic Empire</del> -Spanish Post	\$30,000	KEENOV BRDG 2021	Alden Stehly	Chuy Ceballos
438	C	Mitole-Sparkling City	\$25,000	KEESEP YLG 2022	Laureles Racing	Lucan Bloodstock
439	C	<del>Accelerate</del> -Special Dream	\$22,000	KEESEP YLG 2022	Maria Munoz	MRM Thoroughbreds
441	C	<del>Karakontie (Jpn)</del> -Spirit of Nike	\$11,000	FTKOCT YLG 2022	RiceHorse	RiceHorse Stable
444	F	<del>Accelerate</del> -Spring Bloom	\$33,000	KEESEP YLG 2022	Rico Fish/Richard Aquino	GOP Racing Stable Corp.
445	F	<del>Kantharos</del> -Spy Ring (Ire)	\$66,533	TATT SOMERVILLE 22	Peter & Ross Doyle Bloodstock	Grade One Investments
446	C	<del>Dialed In</del> -Squibnocket	\$10,000	OBS YLG SALE 2022	Jose Andres Gaspar-Munoz	A. G. Sales
448	C	Tunwoo-Starfromafar	\$10,000	OBSWNT MIX 2022	New Projects	Omar Ramirez Bloodstock
449	C	Maximus Mischief-Star of Johar	\$8,000	OBS YLG SALE 2022	Aureliano Noguez	Golden Noguez
450	F	<del>Flameaway</del> -Status	\$9,500	FTKWNT MIX 2022	Ronaldo Rodas	Sweet River Thoroughbreds
451	F	<del>Union Rags</del> -Stealing Holly	\$52,000	KEESEP YLG 2022	Jim Thompson	Eddie Woods
452	F	<del>Enticed</del> -Stealsiggysthunder	\$20,000	KEENOV BRDG 2021	Triple SSS Auto Sales	Omar Ramirez Bloodstock
456	C	Air Force Blue-Stonefactor	\$6,000	KEEJAN ALL AGES 22	Dario Cardozo	Cardozo's Brothers
457	F	Noble Mission (GB)-Storm Cry	\$5,000	KEESEP YLG 2022	Edy Gonzalez	Goldencents Thoroughbreds
459	F	Mitole-Storm Swept	\$70,000	KEESEP YLG 2022	Brick City Thoroughbreds	Brick City Thoroughbreds
461	C	Ironicus-Streets Ofrichmond	\$2,500	OBS YLG SALE 2022	Ulises Vargas	Ruby Champion Horses
462	C	<del>Demarchelier (GB)</del> -Sucat	\$30,000	FTKOCT YLG 2022	Bryan Rice	Woodside Ranch
464	F	Greenpointcrusader-Sugar Talk	\$5,000	OBSWNT MIX 2022	GOP Racing Stable	GOP Racing Stable Corp.
465	F	<del>Collected</del> -Summer Clothes	\$18,000	KEESEP YLG 2022	S-One Bloodstock	Ortiz Training Stable
466	C	Tapizar-Summer Place	\$7,000	FTKOCT YLG 2022	Heather Richard	DreamMaker Colt Starting
469	F	<del>Alternation</del> -Sun for Fun	\$10,000	KEESEP YLG 2022	DL - HM	Tradewinds Farm
471	C	<del>Valiant Minister</del> -Sunset Silhouette	\$7,000	OBS YLG SALE 2022	J & J Tack Shack	Idella Fernander
472	F	<del>Valiant Minister</del> -Super Flash	\$1,500	OBS YLG SALE 2022	Fernando Velasquez	Sugar Hill
476	F	<del>Mo Town</del> -Surf Ride	\$10,000	KEEJAN ALL AGES 22	Arga Racing Stable	GOP Racing Stable Corp.
477	F	<del>West Coast</del> -Sushi Girl	\$25,000	OBSMAR 2YO 2023	Saul Marquez	Caliente Thoroughbreds



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478	F	<b>Palace Malice</b> -Sutton's Smile	\$9,500	KEESEP YLG 2022	Fabian Garcia	Fabian Sales
481	C	Klimt-Sweetie Tiy	\$7,500	FTKOCT YLG 2022	Big Easy	Big Easy
483	F	Mitole-Sweet Southern Gal	\$30,000	FTKOCT YLG 2022	Sarah Sharp	Paul Sharp
486	C	Vino Rosso-Sweet Temper	\$125,000	FTK SUM YLG 2022	Kings Equine	King's Equine
488	C	<b>Flameaway</b> -Swept Ashore	\$22,000	KEESEP YLG 2022	Addiction Therapy Stables	Julie Davies
489	F	<b>The Factor</b> -Swimsuit Issue	\$20,000	FTKOCT YLG 2022	Andry Blanco	ABG Warrior Racing Stable
490	F	Vino Rosso-Switcheroo	\$72,000	FTKOCT YLG 2022	C S V	Paul Sharp
491	C	Mark Valeski-Sylvia's Buttercup	\$1,000	FTKOCT YLG 2022	John Castillo	Fabian Sales
493	F	<b>Medaglia d'Oro</b> -Take Charge Paula	\$160,000	KEESEP YLG 2022	St. Elias Stables/Michael Wallace	Ocala Stud
496	F	<b>First Dude</b> -Talisa	\$1,200	OBS YLG SALE 2022	Santos Sales	Santos Sales
497	C	<b>Practical Joke</b> -Tap Tap Taparoo	\$24,000	KEESEP YLG 2022	Christophe Clement	Kinsman Farm
499	C	Free Drop Billy-Tell a Secret	\$11,000	KEEJAN ALL AGES 22	Arga Racing Stable	GOP Racing Stable Corp.
500	C	<b>Cairo Prince</b> -Tell Me Again	\$85,000	KEESEP YLG 2022	BET	Paul Sharp
502	C	<b>Violence</b> -Thealka	\$37,000	FTKOCT YLG 2022	Shooting Star Sales	Shooting Star Sales
503	F	Maximus Mischief-The Classicshopper	\$37,000	KEESEP YLG 2022	Centofanti Thoroughbreds	Centofanti Thoroughbreds
507	F	<b>Classic Empire</b> -Tia Mia	\$8,000	KEESEP YLG 2022	Empire Bloodstock	Empire Bloodstock
509	C	<b>Army Mule</b> -Timeless	\$7,000	FTKWNT MIX 2022	Gail C. Rice	Tradewinds Farm
510	F	<b>Mo Town</b> -Timetobegone	\$30,000	KEESEP YLG 2022	Pro Racing Stable	GOP Racing Stable Corp.
512	F	<b>Leofric</b> -Tiz Fair	\$3,500	FTKWNT MIX 2022	Jorge Luis Gonzalez	Chuy Ceballos
516	C	<b>Flameaway</b> -To Commercial	\$11,000	OBSWNT MIX 2022	Bella Racing	On Point Training & Sales
517	C	Exaggerator-Toots	\$9,000	FTKOCT YLG 2022	Span Investment	Silvestre Chavez T'breds
518	C	<b>Ghostzapper</b> -To the Morning	\$100,000	FTK SUM YLG 2022	Tom McCrocklin	Tom McCrocklin
519	C	<b>Nyquist</b> -Tough Irma	\$120,000	FTKOCT YLG 2022	Ride the Coattails	Britton Peak
521	F	Midnight Storm-Tranquil Moon	\$2,800	OBSWNT MIX 2022	Ulises Vargas	Ruby Champion Horses
523	C	Maximus Mischief-Treedom	\$27,000	KEESEP YLG 2022	Sandra Garcia	AVP Training and Sales
525	F	Awesome Slew-Trippi's Wish	\$25,000	OBS YLG SALE 2022	Antonio Sano	La Historia de Un Ranchero
527	F	Heart to Heart-Tropic Holiday	\$10,000	FTKOCT YLG 2022	RiceHorse	RiceHorse Stable
529	C	Mitole-Truckstop Diamond	\$14,000	KEESEP YLG 2022	Aureliano Noguez	Silvestre Chavez T'breds
532	C	<b>Funtastic</b> -Tura Isabel	\$17,000	OBSWNT MIX 2022	Greg Jackson	Silvestre Chavez T'breds
533	C	<b>Collected</b> -Turkmenistan	\$11,000	KEESEP YLG 2022	Juvenal Sanchez	Ortiz Training Stable
535	C	<b>Kantharos</b> -Twilight Rose	\$60,000	KEESEP YLG 2022	Nice Guys Stables	Mayberry Farm
537	C	<b>Mendelssohn</b> -Two Oceans	\$50,000	KEESEP YLG 2022	Parrish Farms	Parrish Farms
538	F	Lord Nelson-Ukraine	\$3,000	OBSWNT MIX 2022	Humberto Figueroa	New Way



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539	C	<b>Always Dreaming</b> -U Needa Ride	\$5,000	FTI YLG OCT 2022	Jose Ramirez	Omar Ramirez Bloodstock
540	C	<b>Collected</b> -Unforgiving	\$5,000	KEESEP YLG 2022	Victor Dominguez	Victory Stable
544	C	<b>Good Magic</b> -Unreachable	\$35,000	FTKOCT YLG 2022	Span Investment	Golden Rock Thoroughbreds
545	C	Bethel-Unshackled Rouge	\$1,000	OBSWNT MIX 2022	Las Palmas Farm	AVP Training and Sales
547	C	St Patrick's Day-Up for Grabs	\$80,000	FTK SUM YLG 2022	Quarter Pole Enterprises	Eddie Woods
554	F	<b>Gun Runner</b> -Vickie Wins	\$235,000	KEESEP YLG 2022	Kathryn Martin	De Meric Sales
559	F	Awesome Slew-Wac	\$15,000	OBS YLG SALE 2022	Rubin M Sanchez	Really and Truly T'breds
564	C	Arrogate-Wall of Compassion	\$17,000	KEESEP YLG 2022	Mare Quest	De Meric Sales
567	C	Khozan-Wave Bye Bye	\$8,000	OBS YLG SALE 2022	Alexander Arellano	IJC Racing Stables
569	C	Bolt d'Oro-Way Back Home	\$40,000	FTKOCT YLG 2022	Jose Garcia-Blanco/Eric A. Delvalle	Omar Ramirez Bloodstock
570	C	<b>City of Light</b> -Wear Red	\$170,000	KEESEP YLG 2022	Super Fine Farms	Wavertree Stables
571	C	<b>Midshipman</b> -Weekend	\$55,000	FTK SUM YLG 2022	Scattered Acres/Rusty Roberts	McKathan Bros. Sales
574	C	<b>Leofric</b> -White Wedding Day	\$25,000	FTN NY-BRED YLG 22	Jose Luis Munoz Padilla	Scenic Sales
575	F	Exaggerator-Who Is Camille	\$15,000	TEXAS YLG 2022	George W. Childs	Grade One Investments
577	C	<b>Violence</b> -Wide Range	\$22,000	FTKOCT YLG 2022	Brayhan Cruz	Cruzin' Thoroughbreds
578	F	Keen Ice-Wild Intention	\$8,200	TEXAS YLG 2022	George W. Childs	Grade One Investments
579	F	Jess's Dream-Wild Luna	\$9,000	OBS YLG SALE 2022	Off the Hook	Off the Hook
580	F	Air Force Blue-Wild Mocha	\$4,000	OBS YLG SALE 2022	Ulises Vargas	Ruby Champion Horses
581	F	<b>Munnings</b> -Wild Summer	\$40,000	OBS SPR 2YO 2023	My Little Team Racing	Omar Ramirez Bloodstock
584	C	<b>Tapiture</b> -Winter Solstice	\$11,000	KEESEP YLG 2022	Empire Bloodstock	Empire Bloodstock
585	C	Algorithms-Wish Wish Wish	\$4,000	FTKOCT YLG 2022	Emerald Equine	Whitman Sales
588	C	<b>First Samurai</b> -Woodsboro	\$50,000	OBS SPR 2YO 2023	My Little Team Racing	Omar Ramirez Bloodstock
592	C	Maximus Mischief-Yamato Damashii	\$27,000	KEESEP YLG 2022	Conrado Colin	Silver Crown Thoroughbreds
594	F	Vino Rosso-Yass Queen	\$5,500	KEESEP YLG 2022	Layla Griffin	Fabian Sales
596	C	Palace-Yes Im Sweet	\$2,500	OBSWNT MIX 2022	Baldemar Mijangos	Goldencents Thoroughbreds
599	F	<b>Bee Jersey</b> -You Make Luvin Fun	\$16,500	KEESEP YLG 2022	Candido Cortes	AVP Training and Sales
600	F	<b>Good Magic</b> -Yule Party	\$40,000	OBS YLG SALE 2022	Span Investments	Omar Ramirez Bloodstock
601	C	<b>Palace Malice</b> -Zelda Can Dance	\$11,000	KEESEP YLG 2022	30-30 Ranch	AVP Training and Sales
602	C	<b>Catholic Boy</b> -Zestina	\$40,000	KEENOV BRDG 2021	Todd Frederick	G. A. Thoroughbred Sales
605	C	<b>Kantharos</b> -A Change of Heart	\$45,000	KEESEP YLG 2022	Korea Racing Authority	De Meric Sales
606	C	Klimt-Act Nicely	\$6,000	KEENOV BRDG 2021	Samuel Guerra	F. Alanis
610	C	<b>Demarchelier (GB)</b> -Aesculus	\$10,000	KEESEP YLG 2022	Alberto Alejandro Amundaray	Top Line Sales
611	C	Klimt-Afleet Lexi	\$5,000	KEESEP YLG 2022	Jesus Avila	Silver Crown Thoroughbreds

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612	F	<b>Yoshida (Jpn)</b> -Afsaneh	\$25,000	FTKOCT YLG 2022	Andry Blanco	ABG Warrior Racing Stable
613	F	Fast Anna-Ain't It Sweep	\$8,700	TEXAS YLG 2022	Jake Delhomme	Dark Star Thoroughbreds
614	C	Gormley-A J's Gal	\$1,700	KEENOV BRDG 2021	Victory Stable	Raptor Thoroughbreds
617	C	<b>Mendelssohn</b> -Allianna	\$4,000	FTKOCT YLG 2022	Big Easy	Big Easy
618	F	<b>Tourist</b> -Alligator Style	\$5,500	KEESEP YLG 2022	Edy Gonzalez	Goldencents Thoroughbreds
624	C	<b>Leofric</b> -Alva	\$30,000	TEXAS YLG 2022	Grassroots Training & Sales	Grassroots Training & Sales
627	F	<b>Connect</b> -American Lynx	\$95,000	FTN FALL MIXED 21	St. Elias Stables	Ocala Stud
628	C	Real Solution-American Rose	\$2,500	KEENOV BRDG 2021	Victor Dominquez	Raptor Thoroughbreds
633	F	<b>Paynter</b> -Annihilation	\$24,000	FTKOCT YLG 2022	Good Games	Triple J Equine Sales
634	C	<b>Twirling Candy</b> -Annulment	\$65,000	OBSMAR 2YO 2023	JS Thoroughbreds	Ordonez Thoroughbreds
636	F	<b>Munnings</b> -Another World	\$75,000	FTN NY-BRED YLG 22	Lucan Bloodstock	Lucan Bloodstock
639	F	<b>West Coast</b> -A Prettydixie	\$9,000	KEENOV BRDG 2021	Little Farm Equine	Little Farm Equine
640	F	Smokem-April Fooler	\$5,000	NCA AUG YLG 2022	Juan Zamora	Triple J Equine Sales
641	F	<b>Outwork</b> -Arana	\$5,200	KEENOV BRDG 2021	Victory Stable	Victory Stable
643	F	<b>Tapiture</b> -Artic Queen	\$10,000	KEENOV BRDG 2021	Gold Thoroughbreds	Golden Rock Thoroughbreds
644	F	Coal Front-Aruban Truth	\$25,000	OBS YLG SALE 2022	Salvador Hernandez	Blue River Bloodstock
646	F	<b>Hard Spun</b> -Assured	\$50,000	KEESEP YLG 2022	Eric Antonio Delvalle	Omar Ramirez Bloodstock
647	C	Maximus Mischief-Atlantic Zip	\$50,000	KEESEP YLG 2022	Pro Racing Stable	GOP Racing Stable Corp.
649	C	<b>Cupid</b> -Avaricity	\$10,000	KEEJAN ALL AGES 22	Arga Racing Stable	GOP Racing Stable Corp.
650	F	Xixixi-Awesome Dama	\$9,500	OBSWNT MIX 2022	Marron Road Vent./Mike Pender	Omar Ramirez Bloodstock
651	F	<b>Hard Spun</b> -Awesome d'Oro (Ire)	\$55,000	FTKOCT YLG 2022	All In Investor	Centofanti Thoroughbreds
652	C	<b>Mastery</b> -Aye d'Eclaire	\$15,000	KEENOV BRDG 2021	Antonio Addario	Really and Truly T'breds
654	C	<b>The Factor</b> -Azimuth	\$17,000	OBSWNT MIX 2022	LMB Farms	Omar Ramirez Bloodstock
655	F	Jimmy Creed-Baez	\$25,000	FTI YLG OCT 2022	Good Games	Omar Ramirez Bloodstock
659	F	Chitu-Bangle	\$4,500	OBSWNT MIX 2022	Erica and Ashley Investments	Whitman Sales
661	C	<b>West Coast</b> -Beat to Quarters	\$16,000	OBS YLG SALE 2022	Luis Campos	AVP Training and Sales
663	C	<b>Lookin At Lucky</b> -Beautiful Cat	\$12,000	KEESEP YLG 2022	Wildheart Thoroughbreds	Wildheart Thoroughbreds
667	F	<b>West Coast</b> -Bel Citron	\$12,000	KEENOV BRDG 2021	Potrero Stables	Potrero Stables
670	C	<b>Buccheri</b> -Bernie's Gold	\$9,500	OBS YLG SALE 2022	Span Investments	T30-30 Ranch
671	F	Macho Uno-Best Diamond	\$6,000	FTKOCT YLG 2022	Grassroots Training & Sales	Grassroots Training & Sales
672	C	<b>Always Dreaming</b> -Bestpersonalregard	\$10,000	KEESEP YLG 2022	Goldencents Thoroughbreds	Goldencents Thoroughbreds
674	F	<b>Liam's Map</b> -Big Birthday	\$60,000	KEESEP YLG 2022	28 Thoroughbreds	Julie Davies
675	F	Bolt d'Oro-Big Move	\$3,500	FTKOCT YLG 2022	Vic Corporation	Two Oaks Equine



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676	F	Coal Front-Big Patti	\$18,000	FTI YLG OCT 2022	Ricardo Gutierrez	Thorostock
677	F	Bayern-Big Release	\$4,000	FTKWNT MIX 2022	Riverview Farm	Woodside Ranch
678	F	Gio Ponti-Big Time Girl	\$5,000	FTKOCT YLG 2022	Span Investment	AVP Training and Sales
680	F	Adios Charlie-Biloxi Princess	\$6,000	OBSWNT MIX 2022	Ocala Stud	Ocala Stud
681	C	Solomini-Bitter Gold	\$9,000	OBS YLG SALE 2022	Juan Jose Zamora	Triple J Equine Sales
683	C	<del>Preservationist</del> -Blageuse	\$36,000	KEESEP YLG 2022	Edilberto Herrera	Nice and Easy T'breds
688	C	<del>Oscar Performance</del> -Blue Collar	\$30,000	KEESEP YLG 2022	Steve Weston/Israel Chavez	Silvestre Chavez T'breds
691	C	American Freedom-Bodega Bay	\$3,000	OBS YLG SALE 2022	Blue Sapphire Stables	Blue Sapphire Stables
692	F	Vino Rosso-Bode's Dream	\$8,000	KEESEP YLG 2022	Monarch Farms	Halcyon Hammock Farm
695	F	Lemon Drop Kid-Bones	\$17,000	OBS YLG SALE 2022	Rosa LaPointe	Galvan Brothers Equine
696	F	<del>Flameaway</del> -Book of Love	\$37,000	OBS YLG SALE 2022	Thorostock	Thorostock
697	F	<del>Mucho Macho Man</del> -Boss Barney's Babe	\$1,000	FTI YLG OCT 2022	RiceHorse Stable	RiceHorse Stable
698	C	<del>Not This Time</del> -Bosserette	\$210,000	KEESEP YLG 2022	Taylor Creek	Ocala Stud
702	F	<del>Mendelssohn</del> -Bourbonstateofmind	\$27,000	FTKOCT YLG 2022	Dark Star Thoroughbreds	Dark Star Thoroughbreds
703	F	<del>Violence</del> -Brief Tears	\$10,000	KEESEP YLG 2022	Jose Andres Gaspar	A. G. Sales
705	F	<del>World of Trouble</del> -Broad	\$19,000	KEESEP YLG 2022	Julie Davies	Julie Davies
707	F	<del>Palace Malice</del> -Brooks House	\$11,000	KEESEP YLG 2022	L. Mair	CM Thoroughbreds
708	C	<del>Catholic Boy</del> -Brunette Princess	\$15,000	KEEJAN ALL AGES 22	Arga Racing Stable	GOP Racing Stable Corp.
709	C	Destin-Bustinattheseams	\$21,000	OBS YLG SALE 2022	Ricardo Gutierrez	Thorostock
710	F	<del>Palace Malice</del> -Butterfly Soul	\$10,000	OBS YLG SALE 2022	Pete Eslick	Sugar Hill
712	C	<del>The Factor</del> -By the Shore	\$11,000	KEESEP YLG 2022	Edilberto Herrera	Nice and Easy T'breds
715	F	<del>Army Mule</del> -Calina	\$15,000	KEESEP YLG 2022	RiceHorse	RiceHorse Stable
716	C	Tiznow-Call Me Fancy	\$15,000	OBS YLG SALE 2022	Angel Martinez	Ruby Champion Horses
718	F	<del>Oscar Performance</del> -Canthandlethetruth	\$8,000	KEESEP YLG 2022	Crown Thoroughbred	Crown Thoroughbred



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But the rest of that page was simply spectacular. Modeling's dam was a Storm Cat half-sister to consecutive Belmont winners, Jazil (Seeking The Gold) and Rags To Riches (A.P. Indy), out of the broodmare legend Better Than Honour (Deputy Minister). And don't forget that the Japanese-trained Casino Drive (**Mineshaft**) might well have made it three in a row, judged on his impressive reconnaissance in the GII Peter Pan S., but for the injury that kept him out of "Big Brown's" Belmont.

Arcangelo, given due time by Ebbert and trainer Jena Antonucci, came to notice in that same race-and very aptly so. The Peter Pan, positioned between the first two legs of the Triple Crown as a latecomers' springboard to the third, is named for the champion sophomore of 1907. He missed the Derby and Preakness before winning the Belmont, and Arcangelo's revelatory performance last Saturday makes it quite feasible to aspire to the same laurels himself. His lamented sire, after all, was himself a late developer who picked up the pieces of the Triple Crown horses in the GI Travers S. Indeed, Arrogate only broke his maiden the week before the Belmont.

Those to have previously set up their Belmont wins in the Peter Pan include A.P. Indy, whose grandson **Tapit** this time enhanced his astonishing impact on the most grueling test of an American Thoroughbred in the guise of a broodmare sire. Besides the two starters sired by **Tapit** himself, Arcangelo was among four of the remaining seven to have been delivered by one of his daughters.

With **Tapit** as damsire and Better Than Honour as third dam, then, Arcangelo was born for the Belmont. And both sides of his pedigree virtually guarantee continued progress from here.

The dynasty spreading beneath Better Than Honour's granddam Best In Show (Traffic Judge) is too large and familiar to be condensed here, but it's worth reminding ourselves that it features a young stallion very closely related to Arcangelo's dam. By **Tapit** out of Modeling's half-sister by Street Cry, and far more talented than his final record suggests, Greatest Honour will surely have been in strong demand at just \$7,500 during his debut season at Spendthrift.

Arrogate, meanwhile, is now launching his final juveniles. Having now produced Classic winners from both his first two crops, he has clearly demonstrated a genetic legacy worth preserving from his tragically confined opportunity. Cave Rock has disappeared from the radar for now but would have commercial mileage at stud, as a dual Grade I winner at two. But Arrogate's legacy might yet prove no less secure with a son who was not only among his cheapest yearlings, but among the very best-bred.

## Curlin Cuts a Dash



2023 Met Mile winner Cody's Wish | Sarah K. Andrew

Another daughter of **Tapit** to be celebrated in New York on Saturday was Dance Card, dam of the brilliant GI Met Mile winner **Cody's Wish** (**Curlin**). She was a pretty fast horse by the standards of a stallion who has so dominated the Belmont Stakes, having started out as a \$750,000 2-year-old and finished with a length defeat in the GI Filly & Mare Sprint at the Breeders' Cup. Her own mother was by a Belmont winner, however, and on paper it might seem baffling that his seasoned connections should be so hesitant to stretch out a son of **Curlin** with first two dams by **Tapit** and Editor's Note. Apparently a ninth furlong in the GI Whitney will at least be discussed, but speed is plainly considered his forte-just as it is, still more obviously, in another son of **Curlin** resident in the same barn.

Elite Power, too, extended his winning streak in the GII True North S. on Saturday, replicating their double score at the Breeders' Cup last fall. On that occasion, the **Curlin** procession also featured Malathaat in the GI Distaff, and this time her role was filled by Clairiere in the GI Ogden Phipps S. Another famous day, then, for a stallion who reiterates the most wholesome of hallmarks in the robust consistency of Cody's Wish and Elite Power, now on a roll of six and seven wins respectively. But this pair, while typically thriving with maturity, can also make us stop and think afresh about the Hill 'n' Dale patriarch, even at 19.

Elite Power's dam Broadway's Alibi represents a different line of Seattle Slew from the one that gave us Dance Card, as she is by his son Vindication. Again, on paper, you might expect a son of **Curlin** out of GI Kentucky Oaks runner-up by Vindication (albeit Broadway's Alibi also won the GII Forward Gal over 7f) to relish a second turn-much as Exaggerator did, as a son of **Curlin** out of a stakes-placed sprinter by Vindication. **Cont. p9**



## Born For the Task cont.

Okay, so it's a sharp family in behind: the dam of Broadway's Alibi was an Astoria S.-winning half-sister by Seeking The Gold to **Dialed In** (**Mineshaft**), out of a daughter of juvenile champion filly Eliza (Mt. Livermore). Nonetheless it does feel striking that Bill Mott is talking about his two **Curlin** dashers respectively stepping up and down in trip to meet over seven furlongs in the GI Forego S.

It just goes to show how different strands of pedigree come through in different horses. If you identified Stallion X as having Mr. Prospector as a grandsire and Deputy Minister as damsire, you'd be perfectly comfortable with the idea that he could pass on a ton of speed. The intrusion of Smart Strike, whose diverse portfolio included several that matched **Curlin** in thriving round two turns with maturity, has set a tone for much of **Curlin**'s best stock. But that won't stop other flavors filtering through.

And if you'll permit an Englishman the observation, it doesn't help us that so much American blood tends to have been tested over such a narrow span of distance. How many of the names in **Curlin**'s third and fourth generations, all indigenous and largely operating in a standard window, might have been at the limit of their fuel? Is the forgotten sire of **Curlin**'s third dam, Wise Exchange, smuggling through more speed or stamina?

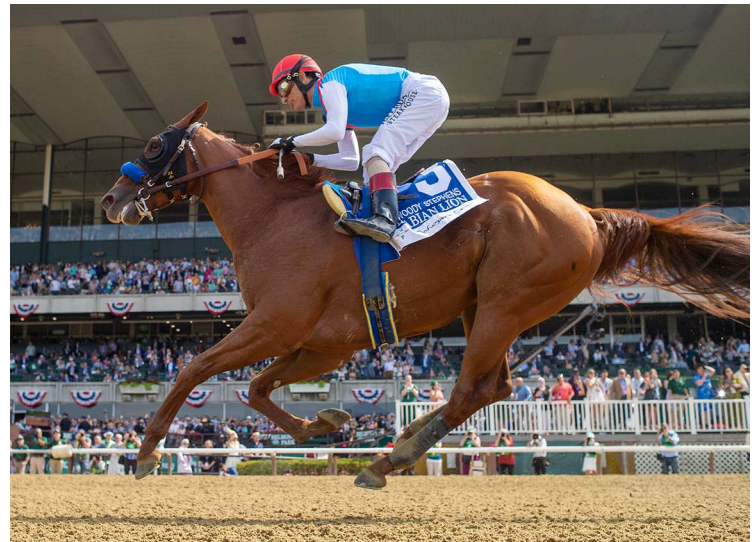
In broader terms, **Curlin**'s dashers remind us that horses are made of flesh and blood, not software data. That being so, we should surely breed for balance and depth of quality, rather than seek some alchemy between a couple of coarsely interpreted sire brands (**Curlin** x **Tapit**; **Curlin** x **Vindication**). That way, it won't really matter which genetic ingredients end up coming through-it'll all be good stuff.

## Lion Runs Up the Ensign for **Justify**

It was his unusual precocity, by the standards of **Curlin**, that always set **Good Magic** apart. Happily, his stock is also emulating his own consolidation at three, and a Derby winner and a Preakness runner-up have helped him carry forward the fight after he narrowly lost out to Bolt d'Oro in that remarkable contest for the freshman title last year.

It's important for the other protagonists to hang in there, then, and **Arabian Lion** duly has the look of a very important horse for his sire.

**Justify**'s breakout Grade I scorer in the Woody Stephens S. continues an exciting June for Arabian Lion's breeders at Bonne Chance Farm, who watched in amazement as another farm graduate, King Of Steel (**Wootton Bassett** {GB}), broke clear of the pack in the Epsom Derby on his first start in 224 days, only run down late by the winner.



**Justify's Arabian Lion winning the 2023 Woody Stephens |**  
Sarah Andrew

Arabian Lion amply repaid **Justify**'s opening \$150,000 fee as a \$600,000 OBS April purchase, by Zedan Racing from Hidden Brook. In turn, he brings a pedigree that would make that look a bargain, too, if he can keep progressing to a place at stud. His third dam is none other than Personal Ensign, who founded a dynasty commensurate with her elite racetrack status-starting with three Grade I winners among her own foals (plus a fourth beaten a nose in the Carter H.).

As it happens, Arabian Lion is out of a full-sister to the dam of Major Dude, whose recent GII Penn Mile success topped up his status as leading contributor to the coffers of Bolt d'Oro this term.

Bolt d'Oro has so far had four stakes winners this year (101 starters, earnings to date of \$3.1 million), one more than **Good Magic** (who is certainly making his punches land where they count most, with 83 starters banking \$4.8 million) and two more than **Justify** (85 starters, \$2.1 million). As last year, however, we again need to congratulate **Army Mule**, who has also had four stakes winners and tipped \$2 million from just 61 starters (just cents behind **Mendelssohn**, from as many as 110 starters).

## Veterans Strike Gold

Some people were doubtless a little irritated by my choice of a 25-year-old stallion standing at \$80,000 for gold on our "value podium" among proven sires last winter; and no doubt those supervising the evening of his career at WinStar will have managed his book with all due sensitivity to his age. But **Speightstown** appears to have produced yet another brilliant talent in **Gold Sweep**, nine-length winner of the Tremont S. at Belmont on Sunday.

Cont. p10

### Born For the task cont.

Bred in Kentucky by Joe Anzalone, Gold Sweep will get some iron out of his dam, who's by Giant's Causeway out of Canadian champion Ginger Brew (Milwaukee Brew). That makes him inbred 3 x 3 to Storm Cat, who gave us **Speightstown**'s dam Silken Doll as well as Giant's Causeway.

Having learned plenty when missing by a neck on debut at Churchill, Gold Sweep looked worth every cent of the \$285,000 he cost Mike McCarty from Indian Creek at Saratoga last summer. He smashed the time for the equivalent filly stakes earlier on the card, by over three seconds, and duly wears a 90 Beyer on his chest going into his next battle.

The disappointment of the race was Vitement, who bombed out after his debut success had promised to reward his breeders for their perseverance in using **Speightstown**'s admirable contemporary, Mizzen Mast. The Juddmonte stalwart was pensioned after producing a single live foal from a few covers in 2021, leaving Vitement as one of 11 current juveniles with the chance to draw out the priceless genes of a son of Cozzene out of a Graustark mare.



**Tremont S. winner Gold Sweep** | Sarah K. Andrew

With that compression to past glories in mind-the sire of Mizzen Mast's fourth dam was born before the First World War!-you could argue that Caravel was well bought at \$500,000 at Fasig-Tipton in November 2021, simply as a breeding prospect. She was already a graded stakes winner, back then, but now she has supplemented her Breeders' Cup success last autumn with the GI Jaipur S.

Mizzen Mast has duly reserved some of his very best material for late in the piece, and maybe **Speightstown**, having lately given us **Charlatan** and **Olympiad**, is going to keep doing the same with Gold Sweep.

### Extra Interest for the Winchells



**Pretty Mischievous (I) winning the Acorn S.** | Sarah K. Andrew

A good weekend for **Tapit** mares (and Godolphin homebreds) was kicked off by **Pretty Mischievous**, albeit only just, in the GI Acorn S. on Friday. That helped Into Mischief to a new landmark of \$150 million in earnings, and also keeps him on track for another successful defense of his crown as champion stallion.

Away from Belmont, moreover, the Spendthrift phenomenon also showcased a rising force among the sophomores when Extra Anejo blew away his allowance rivals at Ellis Park on Saturday. This colt cost Winchell Thoroughbreds \$1.35 million from Mt. Brilliant Farm (co-breeder with Orrin H. Ingram) at Keeneland in September 2021, and you could see why in his spectacular debut at the adjacent racetrack last fall. Unfortunately he was then sidelined by a minor injury, and while he did run at Churchill on the first Saturday in May, it was only in an optional allowance. He ran well there, just unable to reel in a sprinter, but this was something else again and he looks ready to make up for lost time.

Like **Good Magic**, Extra Anejo is out of a **Hard Spun** mare-and what an interesting mare she is. Superioritycomplex (Ire) brought 400,000gns from the ever astute Marettte Farrell, on behalf of Mt. Brilliant, at the dispersal of the storied Ballymacoll Stud at Tattersalls in 2017. She had just finished a light career with a maiden win, but she was out of an unraced daughter of Galileo (Ire) and the Ballymacoll matriarch Hellenic (Ire) (Darshaan {GB}), dam of three Group 1 winners. So sending her to Into Mischief really was an attempt to combine the best of both worlds.

The second half of the campaign is looking pretty exciting for the Winchell family and their team, then, with their Derby fourth Disarm taking another step forward in a strong race for the GIII Matt Winn at Ellis Park on Sunday. Inevitably, given his breeders, that colt is by **Gun Runner** out of-you guessed it-a **Tapit** mare.



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## THE X-RAY FILES: TOM MCCROCKLIN

by Jessica Martini



Tom McCrocklin | Fasig-Tipton photo

*The TDN sat down with 2-year-old consignor Tom McCrocklin for this first offering in a new series presented in cooperation with the Consignors and Breeders Association (CBA). Through conversations with buyers and sellers, the series looks to contribute to the discussion on radiograph findings and their impact on racetrack success.*

Tom McCrocklin, who was represented this spring by graduates in both the GI Kentucky Derby and the GI Kentucky Oaks, as well as by a pair of million-dollar juveniles in the sales ring, admitted his approach to vet work varies greatly whether he is shopping for a racehorse prospect or for a potential pinhook prospect.

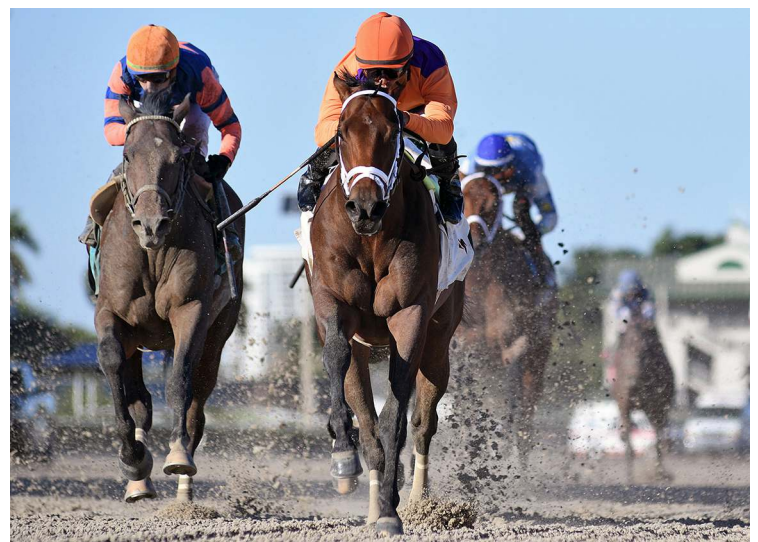
"It's a very clear distinction when I buy a racehorse for myself or I buy a prospective pinhook horse," the Ocala horseman said. "With the racehorses, I have a pretty good feel of what I can and cannot live with anymore. I feel like I've got my brain wrapped around what young horses can live with and move on with and be racehorses. And then I have the other category of pinhook horses where I know I will have to make buyers and buyers' vets on the other end happy. Then it doesn't matter what I think and what I feel like I know. It matters what they think and what they want."

McCrocklin said veterinarian scrutiny of the horses in his 2-year-old consignments has only become more stringent in recent years.

"The diagnostics done on the sales grounds pre-purchase are off the charts," he said. "I will give you a perfect example. The genie is out of the bottle now with ultra-sounding and ultra-sounding so many structures. These vets are all on a kick now where they want to ultrasound eight suspensory branches and four tendons and four proximal suspensories, which is a lot of soft tissue structure. The long and the short of it is this, in this age group, 2-year-olds in training, under pressure, breezing, very few are going to have pristine ultrasounds. They are almost all going to have some commentary; all ranges of everything from swelling to fiber disruption to actual tears. And they are learning as they go--just like me as a consignor--that we are going to get to where we can't sell many horses if the vets are going to expect perfection."

McCrocklin purchased Kingsbarns (**Uncle Mo**) for \$250,000 at the 2021 Fasig-Tipton Saratoga sale and sold the future GII Louisiana Derby winner and Kentucky Derby runner for \$800,000 at the 2022 Fasig-Tipton Gulfstream sale. And he is co-owner of GII Gazelle S. winner and Kentucky Oaks runner Promiseher America (**American Pharoah**). He said the proof of the vet report lies in the performance of horses like those on the racetrack.

"I compare the ultrasounds to their race records," McCrocklin said. "I personally had a filly in the Oaks this year and I personally sold a horse that ran in the Derby this year and they both had soft tissue pathology at the 2-year-olds in training sale. They were both given 30-60 days after the sale and they both wound up being fine. A lot of very good, sound racehorses have significant radiographic and ultrasound pathology. They have it at the 2-year-old sale and they have it throughout their racing careers and a lot of them are very sound horses."



Kingsbarns | Ryan Thompson



### X-Ray Files cont.

He continued, "I had this conversation with Bob Baffert. 'I tell you what, you pick the 10 soundest horses in your barn--not the 10 best, but the 10 horses that you perceive to be the soundest ones. And you go through those 10 horses and you X-ray everything and you ultrasound everything and do everything these guys are doing at the 2-year-old sales and it will blow your mind what those horses have on radiographs and ultrasounds. You will not believe what you find. And the first thing you are going to say to me is the same thing I am going to say to you at my consignment. I don't know what to tell you, I've been training this horse for six months and he's never had a bad day and he's never had a gram of bute, he's never taken a bad step, he's never worn a bandage. And here you come with all of your machines and when you are done, I want to start crying.'"

Once McCrocklin buys a yearling in the fall, he will spend the rest of the year and early spring working with the youngster. That experience gives him a unique perspective on both the horse's potential and his limitations.

"So many of these horses on all ends are being bought by agents," he said. "These guys are really bright and they are good horse buyers. I am in no way criticizing them for the decisions they make, but one distinction between us is that I am in my horse laboratory every day in my barn. I put my hands on horses and I am training horses and I am putting young horses under significant pressure to buy them in September or October and make a 2-year-old in training sale in March. They show up in September, October and August and they are on the buying end. And they come back in March, April, June and they are on the buying end again. What gets lost along the way is everything that happens on a daily basis in the six to eight months in between. And there is a significant amount of knowledge and education that comes with that process."

Asked for specific examples of issues with yearlings that will knock them out of his pinhooking portfolio, but not necessarily his racing stable, McCrocklin said, "Subcondylar cysts in cannon bones--basically a hole in the cannon bone that you are never going to be able to sell as a 2-year-old--subcondylar cysts in a stifle, which would basically be a femur. I can live with those horses because I've trained so many of them that they are fine. But you take that horse to a 2-year-old sale and you are dead,

you're absolutely dead. So I can't buy them anymore."

McCrocklin's biggest vexation, he said, was the variance of opinions on throats.

"When we're looking in a horse's throat with a scope, everyone has a different opinion," McCrocklin said. "Some people like this, some people like that. On these real popular horses, you can have 10 to 20 scopes and I can have 10 guys come in and say, perfect, perfect, perfect and then the 11th vet comes in, a really reputable vet, and says this horse flunks miserably. It is not black and white, it's far from it.

"But here's what I can tell you, again, as a horse trainer, not as a buyer, not as a seller, I have a lot of horses that scope fine and they can't breathe and I have horses that scope like shit and they breeze great, never made a noise, they get their air, they don't make noise when they are breezing. Again it's very mysterious because we keep those vet books at our

consignment and it says Grade I, everybody loves it, and I'm thinking I've been training this horse for eight months, this horse can't breathe. The only way to identify those horses that scope great at the barn, but can't breathe is what we call a dynamic scope where we put it on them and we actually view what's happening in their throat while they gallop and or breeze. And we see a lot of crazy things happen in these throats that are good at rest and the horse can't tolerate training. And then we have horses that can't fully abduct, they can't



**Arrogate colt working for McCrocklin before selling for \$1.05 million at OBS March sale | Photos by Z**

open their arytenoids all the way to clear their airway, but they've never made a noise and they don't have exercise intolerance. And they breeze great."

McCrocklin's advice to shoppers is to find a vet who knows what's a deal-breaker and what might not hinder a horse's performance on the track.

"The big-picture message is that there are definitely not parallel lines between racing performance and vet work," he said. "There is a lot of gray in there. What I tell people is get yourself a very experienced--not just a good vet--but an experienced vet that has a body of work and says, 'Look, I've seen a lot of these horses and they can live with this,' and he also has a body of work and he says, 'Look, I've had a lot of these and none of them make it.'"

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## FRED POPE

There are a lot of opinions about the Triple Crown. Most of them center on the Preakness and the spacing of the three races. In my opinion, the Preakness is the victim of the Kentucky Derby's success, or as **T.D. Thornton said so well in his article June 12:**

"Underscoring how the Derby itself is devolving into a be-all/end-all, one-shot endeavor at the expense of the Triple Crown race that follows it, for the first time in 75 years, Mage was the only horse out of the Derby to enter the Preakness."

The Preakness is a very popular event in Baltimore, it just isn't popular on national television because it hasn't been a good, competitive, highest-level race. Here's why that needs to change and how it can be improved for next year.

The 20-horse field for the Kentucky Derby offers bettors and fans Roman chariot race excitement. The horses get banged-up cut-up, and many put on the shelf for a while. Any extra betting handle coming from the cavalry charge of 20 horses to the first turn is not worth the risk to riders, horses and the sport, especially right now. Many in the industry hold their breath for two minutes.

For safety reasons, Churchill Downs (CD) needs to limit the Derby to a maximum 14 starters, like the Breeders' Cup. If they do that, good things will happen. The immediate result is CD is seen as making a positive safety move, but the magic for the Preakness, is that potentially six horses move to the second Classic with fresh horses and perhaps a full field for bettors and fans. NBC gets to promote a much better product and the Triple Crown improves.

CD may not like it, but the rest of the industry should. If CD does not make this change on its own, then there are two strategies to make it happen. First, the TOBA Graded Stakes Committee rules the maximum starters in a Grade 1 race is 14, same as the Breeders' Cup, which is a very common sense move. Second, HISA rules the same for safety reasons.

This idea is one way the industry can help the Preakness, the Triple Crown and the sport without controversy. But it's an incremental strategy that does not get to the core reason we have the Triple Crown.

Around the Thoroughbred world, breeders and owners each year seek to "prove the breed" through a series of 3-year-old Classic races for colts and fillies. All the other racing countries start in a common sense way with a shorter race first, usually at one mile, then move to 1 1/2 miles, then the final leg is somewhere longer. Not us. We start at 1 1/4 miles, then backslide to 1 3/16, then jump to 1 1/2 miles. It doesn't make

sense, thus it doesn't work in an increasingly competitive sports world.

1/ST Racing, owners of the Preakness S., should do something in their own best interest to improve the Triple Crown. They should move the shorter distance Preakness to become the first Classic, perhaps two to three weeks prior to the Kentucky Derby, which is locked into the first Saturday in May. They do not need Churchill Downs permission.

1/ST Racing also owns two of the major Classic prep races, the Florida Derby and the Santa Anita Derby, both at 1 1/8 miles, which they can adjust dates and leverage toward the Preakness. What about all the other Classic prep races? They will need to adjust, which they have done from time to time. Remember, the objective is three Classic races to "prove the breed."

With the shorter Preakness moved out of the way, the Derby horses would then have five weeks to rest up and prepare for the Belmont, which is what many trainers are doing now by skipping the Preakness. This extra time for all horses will make the Belmont a much better competition.

Moving the date of the Preakness would require the Maryland Racing Commission, City of Baltimore and 1/ST Racing to continue to collaborate on how to make Maryland racing a more successful venture with a future. To that end, the uncertainty of Pimlico and Laurel should lead to some bold thinking about how Baltimore can have a true racing success story. It's going to cost a lot of money to find any facility solution, even a bad one, why not go big on a proven racing model?

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It's a lot easier to address the minor problems of three races in the Triple Crown than it is to tackle the structural problems of the sport in America. *TDN* does a good job of allowing readers to offer ideas, maybe some of them will click.

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**6th-Parx Racing, \$42,250, Alw (NW2L)/Opt. Clm (\$40,000),**  
6-13, 3yo, 1m 70y, 1:44.09, ft, 6 1/4 lengths.

**NOT NORMAL (c, 3, Mendelssohn--Silk Purse, by Elusive Quality),** an easy maiden winner sprinting on the main track here May 3, was third over the local lawn May 22. Back on dirt this time, the 8-5 shot forced the issue from an outside second rounding the clubhouse turn. He turned up the heat and took over on the far turn, kicked for home in control and had 6 1/4 lengths over favored Assume Nothing (**Not This Time**) at the wire. Sales history: \$150,000 Ylg '21 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 4-2-0-1, \$63,220. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.**

O-Double O Racing and Towell, Jr., Jack Hardin; B-Buck Pond Farm Inc. & Rob Auerbach (KY); T-Erin C. McClellan.

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**2nd-Horseshoe Indianapolis, \$34,000, Msw, 6-13, 3yo/up, 1m 70y, 1:42.87, ft, 5 lengths.**

**AGED TRUTH (c, 3, Tapit--Avila Road, by Elusive Quality),** produced by an unraced full-sister to MGISW and leading sire **Quality Road**, was backed at 9-5 to kick off his career with a win going two turns. He shot out to the front from his rail draw and made every pole a winning one. It was five lengths back to Ice Time (Keen Ice) in second. Sales history: \$350,000 Ylg '21 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$20,400. **Click for the Equibase.com chart.**

O-Spendthrift Farm, LLC, Steve Landers Racing, LLC, Schwartz, Martin S., Dubb, Michael, Ten Strike Racing, Bakke Jim, Titledown Racing, LLC, Kueber Racing, LLC, Big Easy Racing, LLC, Winners Win and Caruso, Michael; B-Healthy Wood Co., LTD. (KY); T-Brad H. Cox.



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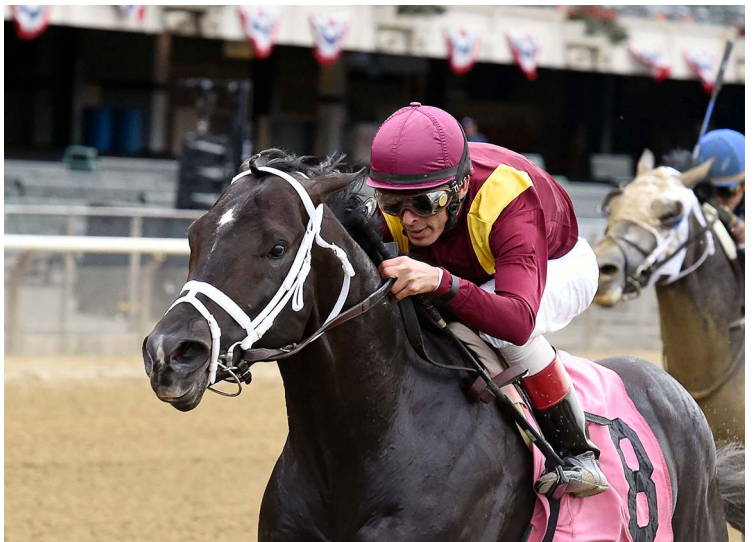
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**BIG PINES SANDY (g, 5, **Alternation**--Warmhearted Sandy {SP, \$148,140}, by Say Florida Sandy)** Lifetime Record: 22-5-3-3, \$112,596. O-Kuhlman Racing; B-Big Pine, LLC (IA); T-Kelli Martinez. \*\$11,000 Ylg '19 IOWOCT.

**4th-Fanduel Sportsbook And Horse Racing, \$28,400, Opt. Clm (\$25,000), 6-13, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:11.06, ft, 2 3/4 lengths.**

**FAST JACK (g, 4, **Ghaaleb**--Turtle Pie, by Wild Zone)** Lifetime Record: SW, 11-8-2-0, \$197,890. O-Ritter, Charles W. and Becker, Scott; B-William Tippet (IL); T-Scott Becker.

**4th-Finger Lakes, \$26,450, 6-13, (C), 3yo/up, 1m 70y, 1:45.18, gd, 5 1/4 lengths.**

**DATESFREEDOM (g, 4, **American Freedom**--Southern Truth {MSP, \$171,073}, by Yes It's True)** Lifetime Record: 20-4-2-1, \$109,910. O-DLM Stables LLC; B-Eaton & Thorne, Inc (NY); T-Michael S. Ferraro. \*\$19,000 RNA Ylg '20 KEESEP; \$27,000 RNA 2yo '21 OBSAPR.

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**7th-Finger Lakes, \$25,800, (S), (NW3BX)/Opt. Clm (\$15,000), 6-13, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:10.90, ft, 2 lengths.**

**FLYING EMPEROR (g, 6, **Soaring Empire**--Evil Empress, by Devil His Due)** Lifetime Record: SW, 21-7-12-0, \$196,015. O-John Hayek; B-Grant L Whitmer (NY); T-James T. Wright. \*\$20,000 Ylg '18 EASOCT.

**7th-Fort Erie, C\$22,973, 6-12, (NW2L), 3yo/up, 5f, :59.52, sy, 3 3/4 lengths.**

**ONE MORE RING (g, 3, **Where's the Ring**--Kavika {SP}, by Niigon)** Lifetime Record: 11-2-0-2, \$34,882. O/B-Colebrook Farms (ON); T-Kevin Buttigieg.

**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**

**First Money, c, 3, **City of Light**--Brilliant Jewel, by A.P. Indy. Parx Racing, 6-13, (C), 1m 70y, 1:44.68. Lifetime Record: 4-1-0-1, \$37,400. B-W. S. Farish & Flag Lake II (KY). \*\$180,000 Ylg '21 FTKOCT.**

**Go Forever, g, 3, **Forever d'Oro**--Explosive Dear, by Proudest Romeo. Horseshoe Indianapolis, 6-13, (S), 1m 70y, 1:47.18. Lifetime Record: 4-1-0-1, \$29,260. B-Dawn Martin (IN). \*\$16,500 Ylg '21 INDMIX.**

**Goldicat, f, 3, **Goldcents**--Banjo Cat, by Bluegrass Cat. Fanduel Sportsbook And Horse Racing, 6-13, (S), 6f, 1:13.37. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-0, \$15,278. B-Quarter B Farm (IL).**

**Khozy Tap, f, 3, **Khozan**--Thanks to Life, by **Tapit**. Louisiana Downs, 6-12, 5fT, :58.55. Lifetime Record: 6-1-1-4, \$28,670. B-Gelfenstein Farm (FL). \*\$18,000 2yo '22 OBSAPR.**

**Devils Gotta Go, g, 4, **Daredevil**--Got Me On the Go, by Dance With Ravens. Horseshoe Indianapolis, 6-13, (S), 6f, 1:12.13. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$21,600. B-Jerry Rick Ayer (IN). \*\$5,000 Ylg '20 INDMIX. \*\*1ST-TIME STARTER.**

**Determined Gold, f, 4, **Medaglia d'Oro**--Starstruck (Ire) (MGSW, \$299,423), by Galileo (Ire). Presque Isle Downs, 6-13, 1m 70y (AWT), 1:41.04. Lifetime Record: 12-1-1-0, \$54,589. B-Calumet Farm & Godolphin (KY). \*\$295,000 Ylg '20 FTKSEL. \*\*1/2 to Scarabea (**American Pharoah**), MSP, \$190,290; Turf War (**War Front**), SW, \$111,550.**

**IN MAINLAND CHINA:**

**Qian Cheng Si Jin, m, 5, **Brody's Cause**--Silver Bean, by Silver Deputy. Hohhot, 6-11, 2150m, sand track, 2:18.03. O-Mengjun Horse Industry. B-C. Kidder & N. Cole (KY). \*\$43,000 Ylg '19 KEEJAN; \$40,000 Ylg '19 KEESEP. **VIDEO**.**

**IN ARGENTINA:**

**Che Maga (Arg), m, 5, **Violence**--Runfromthestorm, by Stormy Atlantic. Palermo, 6-12, Clasico Republica de Panama-G3, 1000m, :54.49. B-Losinno Patricio Francisco. \*1/2 to Back for You (Arg) (Not For Sale {Arg}), GSP-Arg. **VIDEO (SC 5)****

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**City of Light**, First Money, c, 3, o/o Brilliant Jewel, by A.P. Indy. MCL, 6-13, Parx Racing

**Daredevil**, Devils Gotta Go, g, 4, o/o Got Me On the Go, by Dance With Ravens. MSW, 6-13, Horseshoe Indianapolis

**Forever d'Oro**, Go Forever, g, 3, o/o Explosive Dear, by Proudest Romeo. MSW, 6-13, Horseshoe Indianapolis

**Ghaaleb**, Fast Jack, g, 4, o/o Turtle Pie, by Wild Zone. AOC, 6-13, Fanduel Sportsbook And Horse Racing

**Goldencents**, Goldicat, f, 3, o/o Banjo Cat, by Bluegrass Cat. MSW, 6-13, Fanduel Sportsbook And Horse Racing

**Khozan**, Khozy Tap, f, 3, o/o Thanks to Life, by **Tapit**. MSW, 6-12, Louisiana Downs

**Medaglia d'Oro**, Determined Gold, f, 4, o/o Starstruck (Ire), by Galileo (Ire). MSW, 6-13, Presque Isle Downs

**Mendelssohn**, Not Normal, c, 3, o/o Silk Purse, by Elusive Quality. AOC, 6-13, Parx Racing

**Soaring Empire**, Flying Emperor, g, 6, o/o Evil Empress, by Devil His Due. AOC, 6-13, Finger Lakes

**Tapit**, Aged Truth, c, 3, o/o Avila Road, by Elusive Quality. MSW, 6-13, Horseshoe Indianapolis

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## 'HE HAS AN AMAZING TEMPERAMENT': BOUGHEY ON COVENTRY FAVOURITE ASADNA



Muqtahem (Pat Cosgrave), who heads for either the Norfolk or the Windsor Castle, and Graceful Thunder (Kevin Stott) who runs in the Queen Mary | Emma Berry

By Emma Berry

NEWMARKET, UK--George Boughey is aiming to build on his two winners at Royal Ascot last year by taking a team of around 20 to next week's meeting, led by the G2 Coventry S. favourite Asadna (Ire) (Mehmas {Ire}).

Sheikh Abdullah Almalek Alsabab's colt, who earned a TDN Rising Star with his 12-length win at Ripon on his sole start, will be ridden by William Buick, who partnered him in a gallop on Tuesday morning. Buick will also ride Soprano (Ire) (Starspangledbanner {Aus}) in the G3 Albany S.

"The two-year-olds will probably be leading the charge," said Boughey, who also plans to send Muqtahem (Ire) (Soldier's Call {Ire}) to either the G2 Norfolk S. or Windsor Castle S., and Graceful Thunder (GB) (Havana Grey {GB}) for the G2 Queen Mary S.

"Asadna was very good at Chelmsford in a piece of work the other day. Oisin Murphy rode him there and William rode him this morning and was very happy." [Cont. p3](#)

## AUSTRALIAN BLOODSTOCK APOLOGISES OVER NEW ENERGY COMMENTS

Luke Murrell, one of the directors of Australian Bloodstock, has issued a public apology following disparaging comments made in regard to the former connections of the syndicate's recent purchase New Energy (Ire) (New Bay {GB}).

Australian Bloodstock has enjoyed notable success with horses recruited from Europe, which include the Melbourne Cup winners Protectionist (Ger) (Monsun {Ger}) and Gold Trip (Fr) (Outstrip {GB}). A video released over the weekend promoting last year's Irish 2,000 Guineas runner-up New Energy as a potential Cox Plate candidate included comments from Murrell which called into question the competence of his former trainer Sheila Lavery and jockey Robbie Colgan. The video sparked widespread outrage from members of the racing community in Ireland and Britain and has subsequently been deleted.

On Tuesday, the syndicate released the following statement from Murrell on its website and social media channels. [Cont. p6](#)

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Soprano (*Starspangledbanner*) and Charles Eddery pictured alongside Asadna (Mehmas) and William Buick on Tuesday morning. The George Boughey juveniles are targeting the Albany and Coventry respectively at Royal Ascot. | Emma Berry

## INSPIRAL, ADAYAR TAKE JULY COURSE SPINS

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The John and Thady Gosden-trained runners were joined over Newmarket's July Course by fellow stars Native Trail (GB) and Yibir (GB).

## ROYAL ASCOT RUNNERS HEADLINE GOFFS LONDON

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Sauterne (Fr) (*Kingman* {GB}) is one of 25 lots set to sell at the Goffs London Sale on Monday, June 19.

## FRENCH BREEDERS RECEIVE REDUCED TAX RATE

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The rate of France's Value Added Tax was slashed by nearly half, giving a major boost to the country's Thoroughbred breeding industry.

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### George Boughey's String Cont. from p1

Boughey added, "He has a super attitude. I think we will watch him walk round the paddock ahead of the Coventry like he is here in the paddock. He'll go there with a good chance.

"He just has an amazing temperament. He doesn't sweat, he doesn't do anything wrong. He's a very sound horse. He just loves his work."

Hosting owners and press at his stable on Tuesday morning, Boughey took all of his Ascot hopefuls onto the nearby watered gallop alongside the Rowley Mile. Soprano, owned by Highclere Thoroughbred Racing, won at Newmarket on Guineas weekend, beating Midnight Affair (Ire) (Dark Angel {Ire}), who subsequently won Saturday's Hilary Needler Trophy at Beverley.

"Soprano was very good at Newmarket," Boughey added. "She's certainly not a five-furlong horse. When she steps up in trip we'll see a better filly."

Amo Racing's retained jockey Kevin Stott was aboard Graceful Thunder, a winner on debut at Sandown, alongside Pat Cosgrave and Pontefract winner Muqtahem, who could bid to emulate his

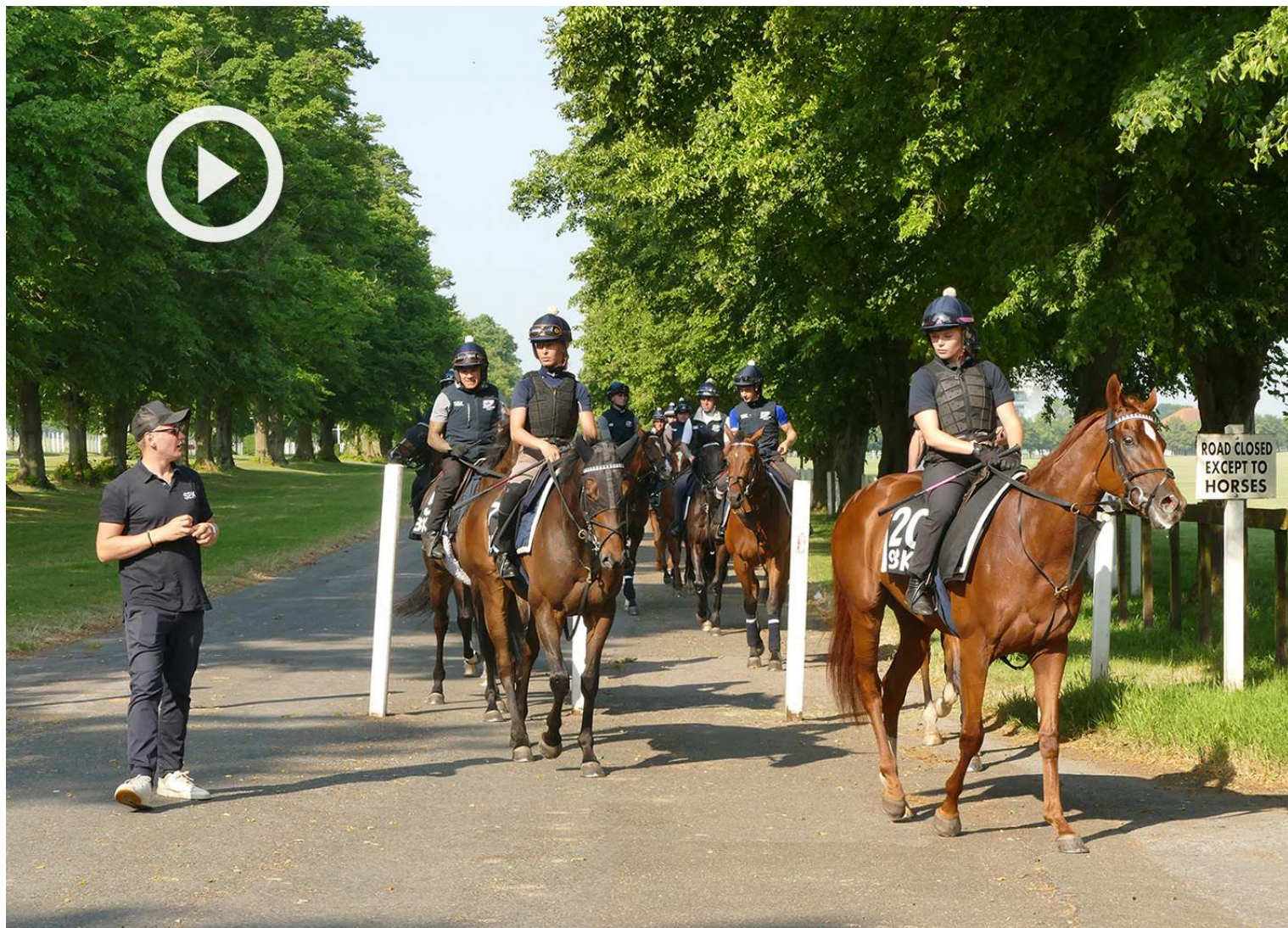
sire Soldier's Call by winning the Listed Windsor Castle S.

"The two-year-olds are still learning. We worked six, and four of them will go to Ascot," Boughey said.

"I didn't find anything out, necessarily. They are just teaching each other as they go along. Asadna, Soprano, Muqtahem, Graceful Thunder, they are all going to their respective races and it was all pretty straightforward work, but they all pleased me."

Among his older horses, Boughey has two candidates for the G1 Commonwealth Cup in Al Dasim (Ire) (Harry Angel {Ire}) and Believing (Ire) (Mehmas {Ire}), who each have Group 3 wins to their credit already this year, in Dubai and France respectively.

He said of Al Dasim, "He was meant to go to the Sandy Lane and we just weren't happy with the ground that day for him. He needs fast ground and I don't think we'll see the same horse at Ascot if we do get the rain. His work on fast ground is much better. He worked well on the watered gallop with a bit of ease in the ground and he's in good shape; I couldn't be happier with him." [Cont. p4](#)



George Boughey and his string, with Pastiche leading on a sunny morning in Newmarket. The TDN caught up with the trainer, who will send a score of horses to Royal Ascot next week. | TDNtv



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### George Boughey's String Cont.

Having saddled both Inver Park (GB) (Pivotal {GB}) and Missed The Cut (**Quality Road**) to win at Royal Ascot last year, Boughey, who now has just over 100 horses across three yards in Newmarket, is understandably hungry for more success.

He added, "This is by far the best team we've had [going to Ascot] so far. It's the international stage. We're trying to find horses to run around the world, everyone's there and it really is the be-all-and-end-all for us at this time of the year. Obviously the better two-year-old races happen towards the end of the year but at the moment this is what everyone is gearing up to. It's the feature event."

The trainer notched an important first Classic win in 2022 with Cachet (Ire) (Aclaim {Ire}) in the 1,000 Guineas, and the Highclere-owned filly has not raced since running at Royal Ascot last year.

"Cachet looks better than she has all spring," Boughey noted. "It wasn't fair to take her straight to Royal Ascot after a year off the track, running six furlongs for the first time, and I also didn't think it was fair to run her in a Group 2 over a mile, not having been a convincing stayer on the stiff track."

"I haven't really got a plan at the moment. She's training away nicely, but at the end of the day, her main target is a mares' sale at the end of the year."

"She wasn't right to go to a sale at the end of last year and we will try to have her as busy as she can be into December, but I'm not going to rush her. She's a valuable filly and doesn't really need to prove anything else."

He added, "She has done a couple of bits [of work], but she's not sparkled yet and we know what she can do, so we've given her plenty of time. I don't know why she hasn't [sparkled]. It's very warm now and she is starting to thrive, but it has been a pretty hard spring for them and she just hasn't for some reason."

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### INSPIRAL AND ADAYAR AMONG STARS IN JULY COURSE GALLOPS *By Emma Berry*

With Royal Ascot looming large on the horizon, and racing about to switch from Newmarket's Rowley Mile to the July Course, John and Thady Gosden and Charlie Appleby took advantage of the latter for racecourse gallops for some of their Ascot runners on Tuesday morning.

Cheveley Park Stud's homebred Inspiral (GB) (**Frankel {GB}**) was out first under Frankie Dettori ahead of what will be her first start since QIPCO British Champions Day last October.

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### July Course Gallopers Cont.

The treble Group 1 winner is heading to the G1 Queen Anne S. on the opening day of the royal meeting, having missed her initial intended resumption in the G1 Lockinge S.

"We have been very happy with her recently and she enjoyed her work there," said John Gosden. "A racecourse gallop was part of the plan and it is a big help heading into Royal Ascot without having had a run."

Inspiral also made her seasonal reappearance at Royal Ascot last year, when winning the G1 Coronation S.

Gosden added, "It does give us confidence going there, knowing that we have done this before. It is like all these fillies though, they will tell you when they are ready to run, you don't tell them."

The trainer also issued an update on Inspiral's stable-mate and fellow four-year-old Emily Upjohn (GB) ([Sea The Stars {Ire}](#)), the winner of the G1 Coronation Cup on her sole start this year. She will now drop back in trip for the G1 Coral-Eclipse at Sandown on July 8.

"For a big girl she has a tremendous turn of foot which is a potent weapon," Gosden said. "She had quite a time off from October before her run at Epsom and she didn't run a lot last year after it all went a bit strange in the King George but she seems in great order now."

"Coming back in trip will be alright for her, and 10 furlongs at Sandown should suit her fine. We will then hopefully look towards going back over a mile and a half again."

One of Emily Upjohn's potential rivals in the Eclipse, Adayar (Ire) ([Frankel {GB}](#)), appeared on the July Course as Inspiral was warming down after her piece of work, and the Godolphin star was joined by Native Trail (GB) ([Oasis Dream {GB}](#)) and Yibir (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}) among a team of six horses from Moulton Paddocks.

Speaking after they exercised in three pairs, with William Buick aboard Adayar, James Doyle on Native Trail, and Shane Featherstonhaugh on Yibir, Charlie Appleby said, "We are only a week out so I wasn't going to be asking them to put in a thunderous piece of work. I was happy with the way they all behaved."

"As we know, this is a testing week going into [Royal Ascot] but if they all stay fit and well from here on in they should be a nice competitive team. It is one of those meetings you can't go there with your chest out. We will go there and take it day by day. As we stand here now we are going into the start of the meeting with Modern Games and Native Trail in the Queen Anne and hopefully that will start the ball rolling early doors for us."

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Adayar | Emma Berry



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### July Course Gallopers Cont.

Of Native Trail, who was runner-up in the G2 Bet365 Mile at the Guineas meeting, he added, "He has definitely come forward for his run at Newmarket. He had wind surgery during the winter but I was very pleased with that this morning. He moved well today but he has always got that raspiness, but that is him, however it doesn't stop him. I was pleased with the way he hit the line there. He will head to the Queen Anne now along with Modern Games, who is back at home as he doesn't need to do any more himself.

"I'm a strong believer that Native Trail won't be too far behind him in getting his Group 1 this year."

Last year's Derby winner Adayar, who won the G3 Gordon Richards S. on his return to action in May, is also pleasing Appleby.

"You could see his enthusiasm in dragging William to his lead horse, and he went through the line well and he had his ears pricked. I think it is a great experience for these horses and we are lucky to be able to do it. A week out we just want them to come up and enjoy themselves.

"He goes into the Prince Of Wales's as near-on favourite or joint-favourite and deservedly so on what we saw at the Guineas meeting. We all want decent ground but the one thing he has up his sleeve is that he can handle soft ground."

The Breeders' Cup Turf winner Yibir is taking a big step up in trip for the Gold Cup a week on Thursday.

"We know it is an extra mile on top of his normal trip but on the back of what we have seen with the likes of Broome and those good older mile-and-a-half horses they can do that," said the trainer.

"I would be a bit bold to say he is going to get the two and a half miles but he has got the right run style and if it is quick ground we know he enjoys that sounder surface.

"These older mile-and-a-half horses don't get any quicker and the division he is in is a tough division now. We thought going this way might just open up some doors for him."

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### Australian Bloodstock Cont. from p1

"Very recently I was responsible for a promotional video that went online to market a recent purchase we negotiated in Europe in relation to a horse named New Energy," Murrell said.

"I must admit that my emotions and excitement in relation to the purchase of this horse got the better of me and I used some language in that video which was extremely disparaging, untrue, cruel, malicious and hurtful to the people either mentioned or implied.

"The video and comments by me went online without being edited or checked and I am not going to make any excuses to justify the comments because there is no excuse. None at all.

"But nothing I can say, whether it be emotions or stress or words used to encourage a buyer, nothing at all excuses the comments made by me in the promotional video which were related to some very good people, Sheila Lavery, Robbie Colgan and any person associated with the horse.

"I unreservedly withdraw any comments that have caused harm or distress to those three people, Sheila's staff and any persons connected to them as family, or friends or colleagues in the racing industry.

"Our company has built a wonderful association with our friends and colleagues all over the world but in particular Europe and my comments can only cause damage to those relationships and cause harm to the subjects of those comments." **Cont. p7**



**New Energy (right) running second to Native Trail in the Irish 2000 Guineas** | Racingfotos.com



## Australian Bloodstock Cont.

"I am aware the video and comments were viewed and heard by many people associated with our industry; trainers, jockeys, breeders, journalists, industry professionals and the racing public and I wish to apologise to you for my comments.

"It is also unfair to our brand and our hard-working staff to be associated with those comments which have the capacity to cause so much undeserved harm.

"Again, I apologise for the harm caused to those involved and to anyone who has been distressed by those comments and trust that my mistake will not damage the work we have done over a long period of time to build professional and personal relationships in this great industry we are involved in."

New Energy, who also finished a length behind subsequent Group 1 winner Kinross (GB) (**Kingman {GB}**) when second in the G2 Park S. last season, is to join the stable of Ciaran Maher and David Eustace after a short time in Newmarket with the latter's brother, Harry.

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## EUROPEAN NEWS

### CLASSIC-PLACED SAUTERNE AND 16 ROYAL ASCOT ENTRIES AMONG GOFFS LONDON SALE CATALOGUE

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Consisting of 25 lots, the June 19 sale includes **Sauterne (Fr) (Kingman {GB})** (lot 10), who is a French listed winner and ran third in the G1 Poule d'Essai des Poulains; as well as G2 Mehl-Mulhens-Rennen third **Dhangadi (Ger)** (Soldier Hollow {GB}) (lot 17); and G3 Prix du Lys Longines entrant **St James Park (Fr)** (Pedro The Great (lot 19). A total of 16 horses have engagements at Royal Ascot, among them G3 Hampton Court S. entry **Bright Legend (Ire)** (Zoustar {Aus}) (lot 5); G3 Albany S. nominee **Rush Queen (Ire)** (Ardad {Ire}) (lot 18); G2 Coventry S. starter **Prince X J (Ire)** (Mehmas {Ire}) (lot 20); G2 Queen Mary S. entry **Tiger Belle (Ire)** (Cotai Glory {GB}) (lot 22); and multiple listed winner **Ocean Vision (Ire)** (**U S Navy Flag**) (lot 25), who runs in the G3 Jersey S.

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### QUARTET OF FRENCH FILLIES' RACES TO BE SPONSORED BY DARLEY

A race series for 3-year-old fillies in France will be sponsored by Darley, the organisation and France Galop announced on Tuesday.

Since discontinuing its sponsorship of the G1 Prix Morny, Darley has instead branched out into a quartet of fillies' races. The newly sponsored races are:

- Listed Prix de Thiberville, ParisLongchamp on June 15
- G3 Prix Chole, Chantilly on July 16
- Listed Prix Joubert, ParisLongchamp on Sept. 7
- Listed Prix Coronation, Saint-Cloud on Sept. 22.

**Valuable race series in Great Britain and Ireland are also newly sponsored by Darley**, it was announced earlier in the year.

Sam Bullard, Director of Stallions, said, "Following the expansion of Darley's sponsorships at grassroots level in Great Britain and Ireland, it was only natural to extend this support of racing to France. We have an exciting young roster of stallions standing at Haras du Logis and these new sponsorships further demonstrate Darley's support of French racing and breeding. We are delighted to be involved." **Cont. p8**



A four-strong series of 3-year-old fillies' races will now be sponsored by Darley. | France Galop/Darley

### Darley To Sponsor Four French Fillies' Races Cont.

Olivier Delloye, Chief Executive of France Galop, said, "France Galop is delighted to count once again on the support of Darley, a leading international partner, which confirm the quality of our races."

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## MAJOR VAT DECREASE FOR FRENCH BREEDING

The rate of Value Added Tax (VAT) for Thoroughbred breeding in France has been reduced from 10% to 5.5%, according to a report by *Jour de Galop* on Tuesday. Furthermore, the tax reduction will be applied retrospectively to Jan. 1, 2023.

Loic Malivet, president of the Federation des Eleveurs du Galop (French TBA), said, "This rate of 5.5% is very important because it puts racing back in the agricultural sector, and that's only fair. I thank the minister of Agriculture and the Director of the Horse."

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## NICHOLLS SNAPS UP 160K BEAUMEC DE HOUELLE GELDING AT GOFFS ARKLE SALE

Trainer Paul Nicholls and bloodstock agent Tom Malone flexed their muscles at the newly-branded Goffs Arkle Sale on Tuesday by signing for three lots to the tune of €410,000, including the €160,000 day one topper, a Beaumec De Houelle (Fr) gelding already named Zamek (Fr) consigned by Mark Dwyer's Oaks Farm Stables.

That was the highest average posted by any buyer on day one, however, it was the point-to-point outfit Monbeg Stables who posted the highest aggregate spend by signing for 15 lots to the

tune of €784,000.

Of the 224 horses offered at Goffs on day one, 204 were sold for an aggregate of €10,862,500, representing a €53,248 average.

Zamek was picked up as a two-year-old from Precolette at the mixed sale at Arqana last July for €70,000. Out of the Sinndar (Ire) mare Zanatiya (Fr), the gelding is a half-brother to the classy jumps performer Zarisk (Fr) (No Risk At All {Fr}).

Beaumec De Houelle is a son of Martaline and fittingly stands at Haras de Montaigu for €6,000. A Grade 1-winning hurdler himself, his first crop are just three years' old.

On the day one headline act, Nicholls commented, "He is a lovely, sharp horse and we're delighted to get him. He actually reminds me a lot of Call Equiname, who was a similarly lovely-looking grey horse. Hopefully he can be as good as him."

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The day one sale topper at Goffs | Sarah Farnsworth

## FIRST-SEASON SIRE WITH RUNNERS

Sunday, Oct. 2, 2023:

UNITED KINGDOM

**Calyx (GB)** (Kingman {GB}), Coolmore Stud

103 foals of racing age

18:20-HAMILTON PARK, 5f, Churros (GB)

£18,000 RNA Goffs UK Oct HIT & Yearling Sale 2022

**Inns of Court (Ire)** (Invincible Spirit {Ire}), Tally-Ho Stud

168 foals of racing age

18:20-HAMILTON PARK, 5f, Petra Celera (Ire)



€11,000 Goffs November Foal Sale 2021; 15,000gns Tattersalls Somerville Yearling Sale 2022

**Invincible Army (Ire)** (Invincible Spirit {Ire}), Yeomanstown Stud  
95 foals of racing age  
15:15-HAYDOCK PARK, 6f, Vantheman (Ire)  
£45,000 Goffs UK Premier & Silver Yearlings 2022

**Land Force (Ire)** (No Nay Never), Highclere Stud  
117 foals of racing age  
15:15-HAYDOCK PARK, 6f, Watcha Matey (GB)  
14,000gns Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2021; €42,000  
Arqana Deauville August Yearling Sale 2022

**Soldier's Call (GB)** (Showcasing {GB}), Ballyhane Stud  
121 foals of racing age  
15:15-HAYDOCK PARK, 6f, Action Plan (Ire)  
100,000gns Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2021  
18:20-HAMILTON PARK, 5f, Blue Moon Baby (Ire)  
€14,000 Tattersalls Ireland September Yearling 2022

**Too Darn Hot (GB)** (Dubawi {Ire}), Dalham Hall Stud  
120 foals of racing age  
15:50-HAYDOCK PARK, 7f, Phoenix Passion (Ire)  
125,000gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale (Book 2) 2022

## FRANCE

**City Light (Fr)** (Siyouni {Fr}), Haras d'Etreham  
88 foals of racing age  
2-SAINT-CLOUD, 1300m, Denruth Diamond (Fr)  
€60,000 Arqana Deauville October Yearlings 2022

## IRELAND

**Inns of Court (Ire)** (Invincible Spirit {Ire}), Tally-Ho Stud  
168 foals of racing age  
3-LIMERICK, 7f, Spicy Water (Ire)  
€32,000 Tattersalls Ireland September Yearling 2022

**Land Force (Ire)** (No Nay Never), Highclere Stud  
117 foals of racing age  
3-LIMERICK, 7f, Ameilya (GB)  
14,000gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale (Book 3) 2022

**Le Brivido (Fr)** (Siyouni {Fr}), Haras de la Haie Neuve  
39 foals of racing age  
3-LIMERICK, 7f, Animous (GB)  
10,000gns Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2021; €10,000 Goffs  
Autumn Yearling Sale 2022

**Phoenix of Spain (Ire)** (Lope de Vega {Ire}), Irish National Stud  
97 foals of racing age  
3-LIMERICK, 7f, I'll Rise (Ire)  
€30,000 Goffs November Foal Sale 2021; €25,000 Goffs Orby  
Yearling Sale 2022



Phoenix Of Spain has a runner in Ireland on Wednesday.  
*Irish National Stud*

## BRITAIN

### Tuesday's Results:

**1st-Salisbury, £10,000, Nov, 6-13, 2yo, 6fT, 1:12.50, g/f.**  
**SKY WIZARD (IRE)** (c, 2, James Garfield {Ire}--Wind In Her Sails {Ire}, by Lilbourne Lad {Ire}), who ran third at Windsor in his May 29 debut last time, was quickly into stride and stalked the pace in a close-up second through the early fractions here. Nudged along soon after halfway, the 5-6 chalk locked horns with Equity Law (GB) (Equiano {Fr}) passing the two pole and was ridden out to a two-length victory as that rival emptied out nearing the line. Sky Wizard is the latest of three reported foals and second scorer from as many runners out of a half-sister to the dual stakes-placed Glen Moss (Ire) (Moss Vale {Ire}). The January-foaled bay's third dam Shesadelight (GB) (Shirley Heights {GB}) is a full-sister to GI Rothmans International heroine and G1 Coronation Cup runner-up matriarch Infamy (Ire), herself the dam of three pattern-race winners. Sales history: €37,000 Ylg '22 TATIRY. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, \$7,821.  
O-Miss J Deadman & S Barrow; B-Rathbarry Stud (IRE); T-Clive Cox.

**2nd-Salisbury, £10,000, Nov, 6-13, 2yo, 6fT, 1:13.69, g/f.**  
**DRAGON LEADER (IRE) (c, 2, El Kabeir--Sweet Dragon Fly {GB} {SP-US}, by Oasis Dream {GB})** was caught for toe early and occupied a slot in rear through the early fractions of this first go. Detached by halfway, the 6-1 chance picked off rivals once inside the final quarter-mile and went through an array of gears in the closing stages to deny Johnny Johnson (GB) (Due Diligence) by an ultimately impressive 1 3/4 lengths. "Clive [Cox] has mentioned to us that he thought he could be quite useful, but you can never be sure of their ability until they get onto a racecourse," said Kennet Valley's racing manager Sam Hoskins. "He took a bit of time to get the hang of things, but when the penny dropped, he did it quite impressively and he looks a nice type moving forward." Dragon Leader is the second of four foals and first scorer out of Listed Golden Poppy S. third Sweet Dragon Fly (GB) (Oasis Dream {GB}), herself the leading performer produced by Listed Bosra Sham Fillies' S. victrix Sweet Cecily (Ire) (Kodiac {GB}). Sweet Cecily is a granddaughter of GII Selima S. winner and GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies runner-up Sweet Roberta (Roberto), whose descendants include MGISW sire Brody's Cause (Giant's Causeway). The February-foaled chestnut is half to a yearling colt by Invincible Army (Ire) and a weanling colt by Supremacy (Ire). Sales history: £45,000 Ylg '22 GOFFUK. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$6,757. O-Kennet Valley Thoroughbreds III; B-Yeomanstown Stud (IRE); T-Clive Cox.



Lillingston Bloodstock purchased Dragon Leader for £45,000 at the Goffs UK Premier Sale. | Emma Berry

**4th-Salisbury, £8,500, Novice, 6-13, 3yo/up, 6f 213yT, 1:24.46, g/f.**  
**EQUATORIAL (g, 3, Showcasing {GB}--Amuser {Ire}, by Galileo {Ire})**, runner-up on over this trip at Newbury last month, raced keenly towards the fore from the outset. Let loose two out, the 5-4 favourite responded generously to score by 4 1/2 lengths

from Jimmy Frankham (GB) (Expert Eye {GB}). The unraced dam's first foal was Showcasing's TDN Rising Star Free Solo (Ire) who was second in the Listed Tetrarch S. The second dam is the brilliant Six Perfections (Fr) (Celtic Swing {GB}), the European champion 2-year-old filly of 2002 who went on to take the G1 Prix Jacques le Marois and GI Breeders' Cup Mile, whose progeny include Galileo's GIII Modesty H. winner Faufler (Ire) and G2 Herbert Power S. scorer Yucatan (Ire) who was also second in the G1 Racing Post Trophy. Also a half to the G2 Prix du Gros-Chene winner Planet Five (Storm Cat), Amuser's 2-year-old colt James Webb is by American Pharoah while she also has a yearling filly by Constitution. Lifetime Record: 3-1-2-0, \$12,686.

O-Flaxman Stables Ireland Ltd; B-Flaxman Holdings Limited (KY); T-Roger Varian.

**2nd-Wetherby, £9,000, Mdn, 6-13, 2yo, 5f 110yT, 1:06.33, g/f.**  
**SHE'S A GAMBLER (IRE) (f, 2, Cotai Glory {GB}--Lady Ro {GB} {SP-It}, by Showcasing {GB})**, sent off the 9-2 second favourite, raced under restraint covered up early. Switched wide in the straight, the bay held a slender lead a furlong from home and battled to score by half a length from Northerner (Ire) (Profitable {Ire}). The listed-placed dam, who also has a yearling colt by Kodiac (GB), is related to the G2 July S. winner Nevisian Lad (GB) (Royal Applause {GB}). Sales history: 22,000gns 2yo '23 TATBRE. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$6,081. O-Five Go Mad In Malton; B-Tally Ho Stud (IRE); T-Richard Fahey.

**2nd-Brighton, £6,800, Mdn, 6-13, 2yo, 5f 215yT, 1:11.12, g/f.**  
**PROFESSOR TICKLE (GB) (c, 2, Profitable {Ire}--Tickle Me {Ger}, by Halling)**, a slow-starting fifth in his May 31 debut at Hamilton last time, broke sharply and raced on the front end from flagfall here. In command throughout, the 6-1 chance was hustled along approaching the quarter-mile marker and kept on strongly under a late drive to defeat Royal Blaze (GB) (Muhaarar {GB}) by 1 3/4 lengths. Professor Tickle, kin to a yearling filly by Havana Gold (Ire), is the fifth of six foals and first scorer produced by an unraced half to four black-type performers headed by G2 Prix de la Nonette and G3 Preis der Winterkonigon runner-up Tickle Me Green (Ger) (Sea The Moon {Ger}) and G3 Baden-Baden Derby Trial second Theo (Ger) (Manduro {Ger}). His second dam Tickle Me Pink (GB) (Groom Dancer) is an unraced half-sister to Cheveley Park Stud's stakes-winning matriarch Irresistible (GB) (Cadeaux Genereux {GB}). Sales history: 8,000gns Wlg '21 TADEWE; £5,000 Ylg '22 GOFFUK. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$4,595. O-D Lowe & S Hoyland; B-Mr & Mrs David Brown (GB); T-David Loughnane.



**1st-Ayr, £6,800, Mdn, 6-13, 2yo, 6fT, 1:12.05, g/f.**

**DARK POINTS (IRE) (c, 2, Blue Point {Ire}--Dark Rose Angel {Ire} {GSP-Eng}, by Dark Angel {Ire})**, beaten a total of 41 lengths on his first two starts, raced up with the early pace. In front over a furlong out, the 16-1 shot asserted to beat Indivar (Ire) (Blue Point {Ire}) by 1 1/4 lengths and extend the record of winners for her first-season sire (by Shamardal). The dam, who was second in the G2 May Hill S., is a daughter of the G3 Silver Flash S.-placed Roseraie (Ire) (Lawman {Fr}) from the family of the stable's G3 Gordon S. and G3 Sagaro S. winner and triple group 1-placed Nayef Road (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}). Her yearling colt is by Lope De Vega (Ire). Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-0, \$5,680. O/B-Mr Hussain Alabbas Lootah (IRE); T-Charlie Johnston.

#### CONDITIONS RESULTS:

**3rd-Southwell, £7,600, 6-13, 3-5yo, 6f 16y (AWT), 1:15.22, st. JOHNNY JAMES (GB) (c, 3, Equiano {Fr}--Poppy Bond {GB}, by Misu Bond {Ire})** Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$10,208. O/B-North Cheshire Trading and Storage Ltd (GB); T-Michael Appleby.

**4th-Brighton, £6,200, Cond, 6-13, 3yo/up, 11f 198yT, 2:32.27, g/f.**

**GREEK GIANT (IRE) (g, 3, Teofilo {Ire}--Balakera {Ire}, by Dansili {GB})** Lifetime Record: 8-2-1-0, \$11,199. O-Paul Turner; B-Sebastian Curran (IRE); T-Ed Dunlop. \*€40,000 Wlg '20 GOFNOV; 30,000gns Ylg '21 TATOCT.

#### ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

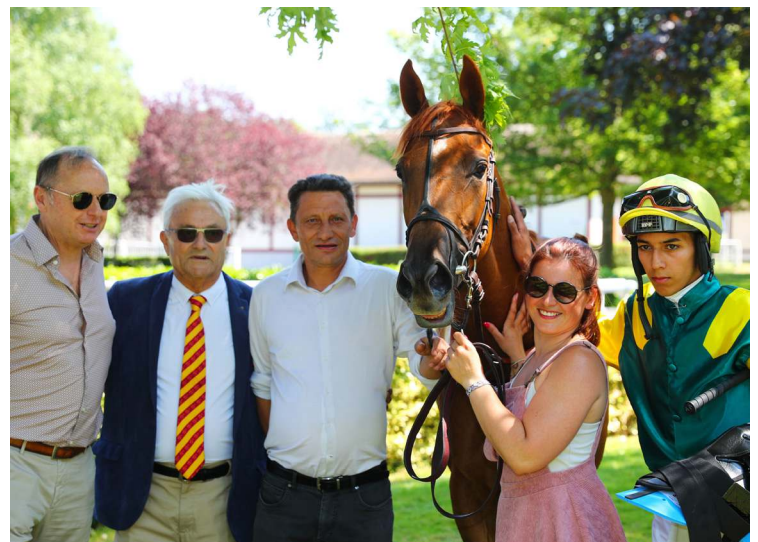
**Final Credit (Ire), g, 3, New Bay (GB)--D'Oro Princess, by Medaglia D'Oro. Wetherby, 6-13, 7fT, 1:27.84.** Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$5,405. B-China Horse Club International Ltd (IRE). \*100,000gns Ylg '21 TATOCT.

**Roaring Legend (Fr), g, 3, Roaring Lion--Amarysia (Fr), by Medicean (GB). Salisbury, 6-13, 12f 5yT, 2:33.91.** Lifetime Record: 6-1-4-1, \$19,724. B-S.C.E.A. Marmion Vauville & Alain Jathiere (FR). \*€65,000 Wlg '20 ARQDEC; €110,000 Ylg '21 ARAUG. \*\*1/2 to Amazonie (GB) (Toronado {Ire}), SW-Fr, \$108,828.

**Notre Maison (GB), f, 4, Coach House (Ire)--Our Piccadilly (Ire), by Piccolo (GB). Brighton, 6-13, 5f 60yT, 1:02.15.** Lifetime Record: 16-1-2-1, \$10,768. B-Mrs Gill Shire (GB).

**Sunday Break {Jpn})** was swiftly into stride and raced in a close-up second from the outset of this debut. Slipping to third on the home turn, the 129-10 chance came under pressure with 500 metres remaining found extra under continued rousing inside the final quarter-mile to deny Tygress (GB) (**Kingman {GB}**) by a half-length in the dying strides. Mille Dreams, kin to the unraced 2-year-old filly Tiffanyli (Fr) (Lethal Force {Ire}), is the first of two foals produced by a half-sister to GIII Jimmy Durante S. third Pivottina (Fr) (Vision D'Etat {Fr}). The April-foaled chestnut's fourth dam, three-time Grade II-winning distaffer Trampoli (Tremolino), is a half-sister to G1SW sire Roi Normand (Exclusive Native) and MGSW sire Luth Dancer (Blushing Groom {Fr}). Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, €13,500. **Video, sponsored by TVG.**

O-Antoine Gilibert, Fabrice Chappet, Ecurie Michael Rizieri, Ecurie Thomas Sivadier & Mme Francoise Dupuis; B-Haras de Grandcamp EARL (FR); T-Fabrice Chappet.



Mille Dreams and her connections | Scoop Dyga

#### CONDITIONS RESULTS:

**3rd-Compiegne, €27,000, Cond, 6-13, 4yo/up, 8fT, 1:37.92, g/s. MIRSKY (GB) (c, 4, Siyouni {Fr}--Lattice {Ire} {G1SW-Fr, SW & MGSP-US, GISP-Can, \$797,391}, by Inchinor {GB})** Lifetime Record: MSP-Fr, 7-3-0-2, €61,000. O/B-George Strawbridge (GB); T-Victoria Head. \*1/2 to Fencing (Street Cry {Ire}), MSW & G1SP-Eng, \$210,126.

**6th-Amiens, €16,000, Cond, 6-12, 3yo, 8 1/4fT, 1:42.39, g/s.**

**NUITSBLANCHES (FR) (f, 3, Starspangledbanner {Aus}--Penny Sixpence {Fr}, by Kheleyf)** Lifetime Record: 10-2-1-3, €32,060. O-Avatar SA; B-Larissa Kneip & Avatar SA (FR); T-Yann Barberot.

## FRANCE

#### Tuesday's Results:

**2nd-Compiegne, €27,000, Mdn, 6-13, unraced 3yo, 8fT, 1:41.26, g/s.**

**MILLE DREAMS (FR) (f, 3, Dream Ahead--La Milletiere {Fr}, by**

## ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

**Hasapiko (Fr)**, f, 3, **Cloth Of Stars (Ire)**--Danse Grecque (MGSP-Fr, \$168,814), by Hold That Tiger. Compiègne, 6-13, 10fT, 2:08.72. B-Mme Isabelle Corbani & SARL Jedburgh Stud (FR). \*€31,000 Ylg '21 ARQOCT.

**Eyvann (Ire)**, g, 3, **Lope De Vega (Ire)**--Eytarna (Ire) (SP-Ire), by Dubai Destination. Compiègne, 6-13, 10fT, 2:08.93. B-H H The Aga Khan's Studs SC (IRE). \*1/2 to Eziyra (Ire) (Teofilo {Ire}), MGSW & G1SP-Ire, G1SP-Eng & HK, \$754,699; Eshera (Ire) (Oratorio {Ire}), SW-Fr; and Etneya (Ire) (**Siyouni {Fr}**), GSP-Ire.



## IN MAINLAND CHINA:

**Lue Sheng Yi Chou (Ire)**, f, 3, **Ivawood (Ire)**--Path of Silver (Ire), by Strategic Prince (GB). Yulong, 6-10, 1200m, sand track, 1:17.18. O-Yulong Horse Industry. B-Moygaddy Stud. \*€3,000 Ylg '21 GOFJAN. **VIDEO**.

**El Desperado (Fr)**, c, 4, **Iffraaj (GB)**--Larceny (Ire), by Cape Cross (Ire). Yulong, 6-10, 2600m, sand track, 3:03.72. O-Yulong Horse Industry. B-Petra Bloodstock Agency, Ltd. (Fr). \*Full to The Black Princess (Fr) (Iffraaj {GB}), GSW-Eng & Fr, \$250,221. \*\*€150,000 Ylg '20 ARQSEP. **VIDEO**.

## WORLDWIDE NEWS

### WELLINGTON PRIMED FOR ROYAL ASCOT AFTER STRONG TRIAL

Dual Hong Kong Champion Sprinter **Wellington (Aus)** (All Too Hard {Aus}), who is slated to take part in Royal Ascot's G1 Queen Elizabeth II Jubilee S., placed third in a 1000-metre turf trial (**video**) at Sha Tin on Tuesday morning, to the delight of trainer Richard Gibson.

A four-time Group 1 winner, Wellington was kept under a tight rein throughout by Alexis Badel and clocked :57.94 for the trial.

"There's no greater judge than Alexis to base his [Wellington's] form and condition on and we're really satisfied with the trial," Gibson said.

The gelding, who triumphed in the G1 Hong Kong Sprint in December, would be the first Royal Ascot winner for Hong Kong since the Danny Shum-trained Little Bridge (NZ) (Faltaat) won the G1 King's Stand S. back in 2012.

Gibson, who saddled Gold-Fun (Ire) (Le Vie Dei Colori {GB}) to a second-placed run in the G1 Diamond Jubilee S. in 2016, added, "It's hot and we've got to travel in a few days. He did everything perfectly today. He's on the plane on Saturday and we're looking forward to it. It was a good boost to see him work so well this morning."

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## IN MAINLAND CHINA:

**He Li Zhen Han (Aus)**, h, 7, **Bernardini**--Mifflin (Aus), by Street Cry (Ire). Hohhot, 6-11, 2850m, sand track, 3:17.24. O-Heli Horse Industry. B-Mr DJ Meyers (NSW). \*NZ\$30,000 Wlg '16 NZBMA; NZ\$20,000 HRA '17 NZBNOV. **VIDEO**.

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