WHISPER HILL TURNING UP THE VOLUME

Mandy Pope | Keeneland

by Chris McGrath

Even a horse on the end of a chain can be a conveyance to horizons without end. At Keeneland last week, Mandy Pope’s equine journey reached a fresh milestone: five seven-figure yearlings sold from Whisper Hill Farm in Book 1. But the road remains the same as the one she stumbled across in a neighboring yard at four years of age.

"We lived in a small farming town in North Carolina, outside of Raleigh," Pope recalls. "People there were still using horses to plow their fields. And there was this gray that lived across the street. He would be out on this long chain, so he could move around. My brothers scooted him over to our driveway wall so that I could get on him. And they just turned me loose. I just sat on the horse, no bridle or anything, and stayed there until someone came and got me off. And that was pretty much start of it. Probably the gray thing, too!"

Such was the spark that ultimately ignited a program conspicuous for a fearless emphasis on quality over quantity. If a blazing new cycle opened in 2012, with the $10-million purchase of Horse of the Year Havre de Grace (Saint Liam), then last week represented an unmistakable moment of validation--and with poignant timing, too, Pope having lost Havre de Grace this spring at just 16.

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FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS SET FOR BRERETON JONES

Former Kentucky Governor Brereton C. Jones will lie in state in the rotunda of the Kentucky State Capitol in Frankfort from 10:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m. this coming Monday, Sept. 25. The family will receive visitors there from 3:00-7:00 p.m. His funeral will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 26, at Forks of the Elkhorn Baptist Church, 840 Duckers Road, Midway, Kentucky, followed immediately by a private burial.

Jones died Monday at the age of 84 at home after a lengthy illness. Jones served as the Commonwealth's 58th governor from 1991-95 and as Lt. Governor from 1987-1991. With his wife, Libby, he founded Airdrie Stud in Midway and built it into an internationally renowned Thoroughbred horse farm.

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IN TDN EUROPE TODAY
NIARCHOS RESTRUCTURING SEES 44 MARES OFFERED AT GOFFS NOVEMBER SALE

A total of 44 mares from the Niarchos family’s breeding empire will go under the hammer during the Goffs November Breeding Stock Sale. Brian Sheerin spoke with the organisation’s Alan Cooper to find out more.

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A filly by Bolt d’Oro brought $127,000 from Choctaw Racing during Thursday’s Book 5 finale at the Keeneland September Yearling Sale.

The CHRB approved a Northern California racing schedule through September 2024, but there are still gaps in the wake of the Golden Gate Fields closure.

At Thursday’s IRB meeting, commissioners unanimously approved 2024 race dates against the backdrop of revamped racino construction schedules.
Funeral arrangements for Gov. Jones, cont. from p1

"It was his love of horses that brought Brereton Jones to Kentucky, but it was the people of the Commonwealth that made his life so incredibly fulfilling," read a statement issued by his wife, Libby and children Lucy and Bret. "His greatest pride never came in titles, but in those moments when he could use the gifts God gave him to help someone in need or inspire others to do the same. Our family has lost its hero, our leader, our beloved 'Pop,' but our hearts are filled with immeasurable gratitude for both the precious time we shared and the incredible outpouring of love we've received in the wake of his passing. We are overwhelmed by your kindness. Thank you."

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to any of these charities: Race Track Chaplaincy of America, Old Friends, or Bluegrass Care Navigators.
'A LOT OF PEOPLE, A LOT OF ENERGY & A LOT OF ACTIVITY' – BOLT D'ORO FILLY LEADS WAY DURING KEESEP BOOK 5 FINALE

by Steve Sherack

A filly by Bolt d'Oro brought $127,000 from Choctaw Racing to lead the way during Thursday's Book 5 finale at the Keeneland September Yearling Sale. A son of Frosted was the highest-priced colt on the day and the session's second-highest priced yearling, realizing $110,000 from the Korea Racing Authority.

Ten yearlings brought $100,000 or more during the session while 13 hit that mark last year.

Keeneland sold a total of 289 yearlings through the ring Thursday for $9,276,500, good for an average of $32,099 and a median of $25,000. The gross was down 10.24% from last year's $10,335,000 when 308 horses sold. The average decreased 4.34% from $33,555 in 2022, while the median stayed the same.

Cumulatively, a total of 2,392 yearlings have changed hands for $388,649,700, good for an average of $162,479 and a median of $85,000. The gross is 2.82% below the same period last year when 2,488 horses sold for $399,940,000. The average price of $162,479 is slightly above $160,748, while the median of $85,000 is equal to last year.

Calumet Farm acquired five yearlings for a total of $390,000 to be the session's leading buyer. Taylor Made Sales Agency was Thursday's leading consignor with gross sales of $795,000 for 25 horses sold.

"Today has been amazing," Taylor Made's Mark Taylor said nearing the end of Thursday's session.

"I don't know what the final numbers will bear out. But it's just been amazing—the activity. Horses got shown more than they ever have in Book 5 and they've gotten vetted more than they ever have in Book 5. And generally speaking, if they vet, they are selling very well. To me, it feels like a lot of people, a lot of energy and a lot of activity. A lot of it is driven by the pinhookers, who have been shut out along the way. I expect Book 6 to be better than usual."

Airdrie Stud freshman sire Complexity led all sires on the day with eight yearlings sold, including a pair of six-figure sellers, for a total of $402,000 ($50,250 average). Taylor Made Stallions's fellow first-crop sire Instagrand checked in third on the day with eight yearlings bringing $369,000 ($46,125 average). Darley's Frosted split the pair with seven yearlings realizing $399,000 ($57,000 average).

Bred in Kentucky by Gabriel Duignan's Springhouse Farm, Thursday's Bolt d'Oro session topper was consigned as Hip 3590 by Paramount Sales, Agent LXXXIII. The daughter of the unraced Tale of the Cat mare Tigress Tale is a half-sister to last summer's Coronation Cup S. heroine Empress Tigress (Classic Empire).

The aforementioned son of Frosted was produced by the Forest Wildcat mare Streaker, a half-sister to Phipps GISWs Pine Island (Arch) and Point of Entry (Dynaformer). Consigned by Brookdale Sales, agent, as Hip 3572, he was bred in Kentucky by Mr. and Mrs. Oliver S. Tait.

The September Sale has two sessions remaining on Friday and Saturday, both beginning at 10 a.m. ET. Cont.
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Nothing But Net...

DeJuan Smith, a ringman for Keeneland and also a show person for Taylor Made Sales, enjoyed a fantastic return on investment with a colt from the first crop of Instagrand on Thursday.

Purchased for just $15,000 earlier this year as a FTKFEB yearling, the New York-bred brought $105,000 from Don’t Stop Me Now Stable at KEESEP.

Out of the winning More Than Ready mare Sistas Ready, the dark bay received a very timely update when his 2-year-old half-brother Vote No (Divisidero) captured the Pepsi Juvenile Sprint S. at Kentucky Downs last week.

He was consigned by Taylor Made Sales Agency, Agent XXVII, as Hip 3552.

Hip 3552, with owner DeJuan Smith on the shank, brings $105,000 at KEESEP | Keeneland

“DeJuan started pinhooking last year, had some success and did very well,” Taylor said. “This was his only one that he had this year and just did a great job raising the horse. It was a New York-bred and he got a very timely update right before the sale. It all came together and he did very well.”

Instagrand has also been represented by a $350,000 colt (Hip 1524) and a $125,000 colt (Hip 1174) so far during this Keeneland September sale. He stood for $7,500 this year.

“Instagrand has been great and a lot of people are talking about him,” Taylor said. “He’s throwing really nice-looking horses. He’s got a lot of momentum right now.”
### Keeneland September -- Thursday

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But the point is that even the high-staking commercial priorities of her Thoroughbred business today still hinge on one woman's connection with the animal itself. Complementing a determination to make her mark as an astute businesswoman in a male-dominated environment, that connection unites her first ponies to those elite mares that have introduced Pope, in her understated way, to wider attention and responsibility—as, for instance, in her recent election to The Jockey Club.

Obviously, other resources have been essential: the funds accrued through the Pope family business, Variety Wholesalers; the skills of Todd Quast, as general manager and farm trainer. But the dividends increasingly commensurate with Pope's investment—and with her determination to build a broodmare band both profitable and lastingly influential—could never have been achieved, without that abiding core of empathy.

"Any horse could pull you around, knock you over, walk all over top of you," Pope remarks. "But you work out this communication. It's amazing what these horses do for us. You walk them into a starting gate, which is totally beyond their comprehension. These are flight animals, they don't want to be cooped up in those things. Same with an aqua tread, all the wild stuff that we do with them. But they have so much trust in you, that you're not going to put them in a bad situation; and we have so much trust in them, that they are just going to do what we ask. And most will do it with a happy face. Not all, but most.

"I was always more of a horse person, not a people person. They were my 'people.' You could just take off and ride and nothing else mattered at that moment, but the peacefulness and trust that you have together. Even if you're showing, or jumping, or on a fox hunt, it's always something you're doing together; it's tranquility away from everything else going on in your life and in the world." Cont.
Whisper Hill, cont.

By the same token, there’s a bittersweet undertone even to a sale as spectacular as this one. Yes, it was rewarding in every sense of the word: both financially, and in terms of market acknowledgement of an audacious business strategy. But it’s always hard to say goodbye, even to a young horse—albeit nothing like as grievous as the annual cull of fringe mares, essential to the sustainability of the model.

"It can be very emotional seeing horses go, and there are times I get a little hesitant," Pope admits. "It’s hardest with mares, because we’re so attached to them. That’s done only with a very heavy heart. But if we do end up with a yearling coming back, we’re not disheartened. We always feel we still have a legitimate possibility of a racehorse."

Few from this farm will nowadays fail to find a buyer. And while Pope has required the same patience as every breeder lower down the pyramid, she has reached a stage where the foals are starting to make financial sense of the significant capital investment made in their dams.

A perfect example of the way the program is maturing is Lady Take Charge (War Front), purchased as a weanling at the 2015 Keeneland November Sale for $3.2 million. She never made it to the racetrack. A pity, but not a disaster. For last week her colt by Tapit [Hip 202] brought $1.3 million—and she’s obviously still a young mare.

Her acquisition, moreover, had represented a doubling down on her illustrious dam Take Charge Lady (Dehere). Pope had already given $2.2 million for the blue hen’s daughter by Indian Charlie at the 2012 Keeneland September Sale. I’ll Take Charge managed only a maiden win in a light career, but now she too is quickly paying her way. Having already produced Charge It (Tapit), who was retained for the racetrack division and won the GII Suburban S. this summer, last week I’ll Take Charge sold her Into Mischief colt for $1.7 million [Hip 162]. Other seven-figure dividends were meanwhile set against the expensive purchase as breeding prospects of American Gal (Concord Point), Magical World (Distorted Humor) and champion Songbird (Medaglia d’Oro).

It’s not a strategy for the faint-hearted, but it is plainly coming together.

"We are in this as a business, and trying to make money," Pope stresses. "We’ve been very lucky this year, but it’s not just luck. A lot of thought, work, and planning went into this. The luck comes with what God created, and gave you, to start the process. There are so many variables we can’t control: how they grow, veterinary issues, X-rays, throats. But if we can get to the sale with the pedigree, the conformation and the X-rays, then hopefully the buyers are going to gather."

So far as things do fall within control, then, Pope has been determined to breed to the best to get the best. After all, a $5,000 mare takes no less to maintain than a $5-million one. "Exactly," Pope says. "That’s been my whole point for the last several years. It costs the same to take care of the mare, costs the same to raise the foal. But statistically you have a higher probability of a big sales horse, and also of a graded stakes winner, from these more expensive mares and breedings. It costs the same to train them, too. Everything is the same, other than what you’re paying for the mare and the stud fee."

So, when people ask Pope why she doesn’t seek safety in numbers, buying 10 or 20 mares for the same headline cost as one or two, she sees a false economy.

"To me, the financial risk would be even greater," she explains. "Doing it this way, you always have the next generation as back-up. If one of those hits it big, that can make everything work out." Cont.
Whisper Hill, cont.

Havre de Grace herself was a paragon of pedigree plus performance: her third dam, remember, is Toll Booth (Buckpasser). And that quality will linger in the blood even if misfortune might cause it to lie dormant for a generation.

"Some of those more expensive mares, like Havre de Grace, only have one graded stakes winner," she says. "But several of their other foals had talent and then got injured. That's going to happen. But the fillies can still put half her genes into it, when they're bred. And statistically, again, a lot of breeding theory has shown that even if these big racemares don't reproduce themselves in the first generation, it's going to show up in the second."

Among the young producers now coming onstream are Doll Collection (Tapit), out of dual Breeders' Cup winner Groupie Doll (Bowman's Band), and Havre de Grace's daughter Heavenly Grace (Tapit). And Pope evidently has similar hopes for daughters of Plum Pretty (Medaglia d'Oro), acquired for $4.2 million at Keeneland the same fall that Pope broke the broodmare record for Havre de Grace.

"She's another whose daughters are now having these gorgeous babies," Pope says. "And they'll be coming on the market in the next year or so. So even though it may not always look good right away, it's about generational planning; about continuing to multiply, and hopefully getting better and better."

Such a bold strategy, of course, brings challenges as well as privileges to those charged with its execution. For while every foal slithering into the Whisper Hill straw is an aristocrat, each must learn how to deal with roughneck opposition on the track. Quast and farm manager Lynda Hayes duly strive for an appropriate balance.

"Turned out, you're going to maybe lose one, or one's going to get a bump," says Quast. "But they've got to be a horse. They've got to develop that pecking order, just like any lower caliber horse. Mandy's really big on that. They come in, temperatures checked, food check later, and then they get to go out and be a horse. Hotboxing them, you don't get the same bone and ligament development. We have the pedigree, and we're not going to mess that up by bubble-wraping them."

The same logic is still more pertinent to the early training. Having educated three Kentucky Derby winners during 11 years with D. Wayne Lukas in his heyday, followed by a long stint at Gold Mark, Quast knows that the best will only emerge if treated the same as the rest.

"They don't know if they're a $10,000 claimer or next Horse of the Year," Quast says. "You can't say, 'Oh, no, I can't do this because he's out of Songbird.' And conversely you don't push another horse just because he's not by Tapit.

"So, we have a way of doing it. My guy at the farm, Lee Guerrero, has been with me for 32 years: all the way through Wayne, all the way to this. And we're lucky enough that our average crew has been there about 15 years. We keep track of it all, and Lee tells me we're up to 4,887 horses that we broke together. That's a number! If you don't learn something through all those horses, there's something wrong."

Pope met Quast just as she was upgrading her program, in 2012, moving a first handful of novices to his supervision at Gold Mark. She partnered with that operation in Classic-placed Mylute (Midnight Lute)—gray, of course—and in 2019 invited Quast aboard full-time.

"Gold Mark was a great job," Quast emphasizes. "But I had three stallions, I was foaling 60 mares, I trained 160 head. And I had an 8-year-old son. Mandy and I always had a good relationship, professionally and personally, and we said, 'All right, let's do this.' She already had the farm, and we found a training center, got it up to what we felt was our caliber." Cont.
Whisper Hill, cont.

"Lynda's doing a fantastic job, too, and has people underneath her that have also been there forever. Everybody's gelled as a team, and that's what it takes. It's a lot of work, it's long hours, but we're having a lot of fun."

Pope and Quast both stress the role of Dr. Greg BonenClark as principal vet to both farm and training center, besides assisting at the sales. And here, too, there has been evolution, with Pope's Bluegrass presence now increasingly focused on Gainesway. Pope stresses her debt to Timber Town, but explains that Wayne Sweezy was winding down somewhat just as her own program was entering overdrive. Pope speaks with enthusiasm about Brian Graves and his team, who board most of the mares and raise the stock until weaned and sent to Florida.

One way or another, it feels as though a maturing regime is picking up pace. Among the first graduates of the training center are Charge It and Tapit Trice (Tapit), who took Pope to the last two runnings of the GI Kentucky Derby. And, while nobody spending this kind of money will qualify as underdog, the scale of Pope's program actually remains fairly conservative. Quast reckons that Whisper Hill produces about 35 foals annually. With retentions largely determined by fate--through market rejection or setbacks--and supplemented by maybe half a dozen purchases, that boils down to around 20 at the racetrack. Charge It, however, was always one of those too cherished to sell, and the team is adamant that he can seal his stud pitch with a Grade I.

Pope has been on his sire's train virtually since it left the station--and not just because of that gray coat. "When we moved a bunch of our mares over to Gainesway, they had them divided up in two fields," she says. "And going out there we were like, 'It's snowing! Look at all the white out there!' Because it's Tapit, Tapit, Tapit. I just always had a lot of belief in him, and he has treated us well."

"I loved his breeding and, starting off, when he stood for less money and got those kind of mares, a lot of his progeny were displaying a good turn of foot, some were sprinters. And then, as he's grown, he's gotten better and better mares that are throwing the distance, which he also has in his pedigree. So, I think you're getting stamina with a turn of foot combined. "They're multifunctional. We've had some that wanted five-and-a-half on the grass."

But Tapit's rival Into Mischief certainly served the cause well last week, accounting for three of those seven-figure sales. And he is also sire of perhaps the most precious animal on the farm: the orphaned colt raised by a foster mare after the death of Havre de Grace.

How typical of this game, that the symbol of new ambition should have been lost even as it neared fulfilment! The nadir, however, remains the breakdown in 2021 of America's Joy (American Pharoah), the $8.2-million half-sister to Into Mischief. "Oh, it was absolutely devastating," acknowledges Pope. "I thank God that I was not there that day, but Todd was."

"We lost Mandy for 10 days, maybe two weeks," Quast recalls. "I couldn't talk to her. Left her alone. Oh, it was horrific. I'll never forget. Just an easy breeze. No rhyme or reason to it. We feel every and any loss, but that was very emotional. Great reports all the way through, she'd outworked all these nice colts, and then something like that happens. Making a call like that is not the good part of my job, for sure. Mandy took it very hard and rightly so."

Pope is uncomfortable with the word "legacy," in that she does not aspire to some lauded personal imprint on the breed. Like all good breeders, she sooner has a sense of trusteeship or stewardship. "It's about what gets passed down to generations that will be here long after I'm gone," she says. "It's a long process and you just want to know that you've done everything right: both in taking care of them, and in what you're trying to achieve for your business plan."

"It takes time to build the legacy: 10, 15, 20 years," Quast agrees. "But Mandy's not a flash in the pan. And it's all starting to work out." Cont.
Quast continued: “It was tough getting to this level, but it’s paying off now.”

As such, Keeneland felt like a real landmark: vindication for the gradual evolution of what feels a uniquely bold model for commercial viability.

“Absolutely,” Pope affirms. “Especially with the racing over the past couple of years. It's been an amazing year. I'm just a small, one-person band. I have no partners in the farm at all. It's a battle because people will put me up with some of those great names—Stonestreet, Winstar, Spendthrift—and I'm not in the same caliber at all. I mean, gosh, they'll have, I don't know, 200 mares. And partnerships everywhere. But it does feel like it’s starting to pan out.

"I was in the business a long time before Havre de Grace, buying less expensive mares. At the time that was all I could afford, and that was a tough business. When I started buying those [top] mares, yes, everything changed. My mindset changed. I wanted to do the best quality job we could, buying and raising and training, and to get to the top."

Yet it all still circles back to her girlhood, to that inexpressible frisson she discovered with a gray horse in the adjacent yard. There is still nothing Pope values more than petting horses at pasture.

"Oh, absolutely," she says. "And when they're running, I always go up to the saddling paddock and pat them on their head and neck and say, 'May God be with you. Stay safe. And win!' In that order. But yes, it's been a wonderful year. Knock on wood, we're blessed that all our hard work is showing. You can't sit on your laurels. This year's success is going to put a lot of pressure on us, to keep it going. But we're up to the challenge. It took a very long time to get here—and hopefully we can stay for a bit longer."

**CHRB SETS '24 NORCAL SCHEDULE, BUT GGF'S CLOSURE REMAINS 'ELEPHANT IN THE ROOM' by T.D. Thornton**

The California Horse Racing Board (CHRB) on Thursday approved a calendar that fleshed out the Northern California racing schedule through mid-September 2024. But the initiative still left race-date gaps late in the year that must be addressed both for next season and the future as stakeholders and regulators attempt to realign the circuit in the wake of news that Golden Gate Fields will not be part of the racing landscape beyond next June.

Back on July 16, 1/ST Racing, which owns both Santa Anita Park and Golden Gate Fields, announced that Golden Gate would cease racing at the end of 2023. That timetable was later revamped by 1/ST Racing, which earlier this month announced that it would keep NorCal’s last remaining commercial track open through mid-June of 2024 in an effort to provide stability for a circuit that will soon have to rely on extended fairs racing to remain viable.

Prior to the CHRB's 7-0 vote on Sept. 21 to approve 2024 dates for the work-in-progress circuit, Scott Chaney, the board's executive director, explained that even though a measure of short-term certainty would be achieved, at some near-future point everyone involved in the process would have to deal with the “elephant in the room” that will arrive in the form of Golden Gate not opening on Sept. 11, 2024, for its traditional autumn meet. **Cont.**
NorCal schedule, cont.

Chaney outlined two likely post-Golden Gate scenarios: That entities wanting to conduct new race meets will “find a home for dates and make more of a year-round racing calendar,” or the NorCal circuit will morph into “a really great fair season each summer, and [then try] to take care of those horses that might not have a place to run in Southern California” while NorCal racing goes dark, perhaps for months at a time.

“So I think that’s what’s facing the industry going forward,” Chaney said. "We’ve kind of kicked the can down the road a little bit, and I really appreciate [the six-month Golden Gate extension]. But the hard decisions, we’ve really just forestalled them for a few more months."

Chaney also underscored that any entity wishing to fill the NorCal dates void would be advised to get its act together sooner rather than later, "because we have humans and horses that we have to think about come the end of fair racing next year."

Chaney read into the record the schedule the commissioners approved. At least for right now, it will look like this for 2023-24:

"Golden Gate Fields from late December through June; followed by the normal four weeks of Alameda County Fair; followed by the normal three weeks at Cal Expo; followed by Santa Rosa, who is requesting and is interested in an additional third week, and then followed by Ferndale, who also is interested in a third week," Chaney said.

"So that takes us through Sept. 10," Chaney said. "The one remaining fair would be Fresno, and they are requesting the first two weeks of October. So that leaves the last few weeks of September, and then mid-October through December, unallocated."

Larry Swartzlander, the executive director of California Authority of Racing Fairs, told the board prior to the vote that, "We would like to see the dates awarded for the fall period, but at this point we don’t have a definite location."

CHRB vice chair Oscar Gonzales tried to strike a positive tone by pointing out that while not perfect, the NorCal situation is not as bleak as it looked two months ago when the bombshell Golden Gate news first dropped.

"We definitely want to reassure Northern California horsemen, breeders and owners in particular, that racing will continue; that this board is going to do everything that we can," Gonzales said, alluding to the work that still needs to be done.

Bill Nader, the president and chief executive officer of the Thoroughbred Owners of California (TOC), pledged his organization’s support for NorCal, and he said the TOC recognized the important role the circuit plays in the state’s overall racing.

But Nader did express concern about a third week of racing at Ferndale, which he said averaged only 5.12 starters per race over two weeks this summer.

"So to stretch it to three weeks, from the TOC point of view...I just think it might be one step too far," Nader said, adding that keeping the Ferndale meet at two weeks, at least for now, "would make better sense."

Swartzlander defended Ferndale based on its small-track aesthetics trumping the low number of starters.

“When you talk about the number of horses, last year we had 5.02, which was less than we had this year," Swartzlander said. "Every year Ferndale is basically in that category. You know, I can't applaud it or say negatively against it. It is what it is. And if you've been up there--great fans; have a good time--it's just a good atmosphere. And I believe with the third week, and also you change the playing field in Northern California, [we] expect to have better support."

Gonzales pointed out that by allocating dates on Thursday, the CHRB wasn’t outright approving a three-week license for Ferndale. That decision to grant actual licensure will happen closer to the race meet’s start, which is standard procedure for the CHRB. Gonzales said if veterinarians and other CHRB staffers at that time present evidence that three weeks at Ferndale would be too much of a strain or a stress on horses, the board will address the issue.

WITH '25 THE NEW TARGET FOR RACINOS, OPTIMISM ACCOMPANIES '24 ILLINOIS RACE DATES by T.D. Thornton

Illinois racing is still struggling to recover from the twin blows of the 2021 closure of Arlington International Racecourse and the inability of the state’s two surviving Thoroughbred venues--Hawthorne Race Course and FanDuel Sportsbook & Horse Racing--to follow through with building their proposed racinos that were legalized back in 2019. Cont.
Illinois racing. cont.

Yet Thursday's Illinois Racing Board (IRB) meeting was conducted with a noticeably welcome tone of cautious optimism, as commissioners unanimously approved 2024 race dates against the backdrop of revamped racino construction schedules at both venues that could mean gaming revenue will finally be flowing into the state's Thoroughbred purse accounts by 2025.

Hawthorne, just outside Chicago, was granted a bump upward to 78 programs for 2024, an increase of 10 days over this year's schedule. Instead of closing on Labor Day, next year's meet will extend through mid-October.

FanDuel—which almost everyone who spoke at the meeting still refers to by its nearly century-old name, Fairmount Park—in 2024 will race a similar 62-card template as it did this season. But the track 280 miles southwest of Hawthorne (just over the Mississippi River from St. Louis, Missouri) will have to share Saturday racing with Hawthorne for the bulk of next year as Hawthorne attempts to build its season around night and weekend racing to avoid horses competing amid loud and intrusive construction of the racino.

Hawthorne for decades has had a decidedly blue-collar reputation. But for the past two years it has been thrust into only-game-in-Chicago leadership status after the devastating exodus of the more opulent and suburban Arlington, which was sold and is being redeveloped as the possible site for a football stadium.

Tim Carey, Hawthorne's president and general manager, did not spare superlatives when he painted a vision of the future for the track that his family has owned since 1909.

"I truly believe that Illinois horse racing is on the precipice of an incredible renaissance, that will not only uplift our local participants, but will re-establish Chicago racing to national prominence," Carey said, adding that the plan to bring the racino to life would transform Illinois into "one of the most exciting and prosperous markets for horse racing in North America."

Yet every time Carey referenced the long-awaited racino during the Sept. 21 meeting, he was careful to get it on the record that everything he was promising was predicated on the Illinois Gaming Board signing off on details of the deal in a timely manner.

"They, of course, still have to approve everything that we do—financing, the commencement of construction," Carey said. "We don't have that yet. We need to provide that to them."

Melissa Helton, the president and general manager at FanDuel/Fairmount, estimated the same 14-month start-to-finish construction phase for her downstate track as Hawthorne's management was outlining.

"We're hoping by the end of the year to have that started," Helton added. She didn't bring up—nor did commissioners ask her—about how construction would affect the horses at the two-days-a-week 2024 meet (Apr. 16-Nov. 16).

Chris Block, the president of the Illinois Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association, expressed confidence in Hawthorne's plan. Perhaps as early as Sept. 22, his organization is poised to sign a two-year deal for racing there.

"The horsemen are going to have to suck it up again and start training at five in the morning to accommodate construction, and [Saturday racing] is going to be a necessity for us when we're under construction," Block said. "We're going to need to run on Saturday and Sunday, and [Thursday] evening. So the horsemen are ready for that [and] we look forward to that. We're working together, we're going in the same direction with something that is an absolute necessity in this day and age in the Illinois horse racing industry."

But, Block added, "I really, really, really look forward to 2025, and the operation of that casino, and the rebirth of Illinois horse racing, and a positive direction not only in breeding, but in racing."

Hawthorne is also pledging to move forward with plans to identify and build a second racino that would eventually be the separate home of commercial Standardbred racing in greater Chicago. That would mean Thoroughbred and harness horses would no longer have to share the same venue, which is what currently keeps both breeds from year-round racing in the state.

Carey said Hawthorne will cease its 2023-24 fall/winter harness meet in time for the track to be converted for Thoroughbred training by Feb. 13.

Hawthorne's 2024 Thoroughbred meet will open Mar. 23 with Saturday and Sunday racing until June 21, when the schedule expands to three days weekly by adding Thursday evenings until the meet closes Oct. 13. Cont.
Illinois racing. cont.

In 2023, Hawthorne originally had Saturdays on the schedule. But the IRB in April approved a request to move those Saturdays to Thursdays, with Hawthorne management advocating at the time that switching to Wednesdays, Thursdays and Sundays would be a better business decision handle-wise. It also eliminated the Saturday overlap with FanDuel/Fairmount, which traditionally races Tuesday afternoons and Saturday evenings.

The racino construction has changed those business parameters, and Hawthorne’s 2024 request to go back to Saturdays came as a surprise to FanDuel/Fairmount.

"Today is the first day I’m hearing that they were going to pick up on Saturday," Helton said. "The last conversation I had with [Hawthorne racing director] Jim Miller, they were keeping their schedule the same, and obviously it will impact how many horses we have on the field."

Asked for his take prior to the commissioners voting 9-0 to endorse the Saturday overlap, Illinois Horsemen’s Benevolent and Protective Association president Jim Watkins, who trains horses at both venues, said he didn’t think the two tracks running on the same day (Hawthorne in the afternoon, Fairmount in the evening) would be a big deal.

"I think it's workable," Watkins said. "The other option for Fairmount would be to go to a lesser [weekday], and that, of course, would hit us in the pocketbooks [via loss of handle revenue], and we're not in great shape."

Yet a couple of moments later, Watkins painted a more positive picture of the current meet at FanDuel/Fairmount, which is scheduled through Nov. 18.

"The purse account is in a good position, nearly $1 million to the positive, so the horsemen are not in debt to the track," Watkins said. "We anticipate, because of funds that have come in, that we will be able to have, for the fourth year in a row, a purse increase of hopefully 10-20%."

Watkins also noted that "we’ve gone to eight races a day [from the IRB-mandated seven], and if the entries stay as strong, we’re anticipating possibly nine or 10 races some days. The horse population, since the closure of Hawthorne on Labor Day, we’ve gone from 572 to 676 with a few more stables bringing a few more in."

Mountaineer Jockey Fined $100 for Striking Horse in Face by T.D. Thornton

Jockey Jose A. Leon has been fined $100 for hitting a horse in the face during training hours at Mountaineer Park.

According to a Mountaineer stewards' ruling, "Mr. Leon was caught striking a horse across the face on Sunday, Sept. 10, 2023, during morning exercising."

The ruling didn't specify whether Leon struck the horse with his whip or his hand.

Joe Moore, the executive director of the West Virginia Racing Commission, wrote in an email that he did not have any details about the incident beyond what the Mountaineer stewards stated in the ruling.

Leon, 24, represented himself at a Sept. 18 stewards' hearing, according to the ruling. Moore told TDN Leon has not appealed, but is still within his 20-day window to do so.

Leon, who has been a licensed jockey since 2018, has compiled a 38-for-304 record so far this year, riding in West Virginia, Ohio, Arizona, and in the mid-Atlantic region.

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Edited Press Release

The Horseracing Integrity and Safety Authority (HISA) has submitted proposed rule changes to its Racetrack Safety Program to the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) for review. A red-lined document noting these proposed changes is available here. The FTC will subsequently post the proposed rules to the public register for public comment.

Until changes to the rules are approved by the FTC, the previously approved version of HISA’s Racetrack Safety rules, which took effect July 1, 2022, will remain in place. Those rules are available in full on HISA’s Regulations Page.

HISA’s proposed changes to the Racetrack Safety rules were developed after months of dialogue with and feedback from racing participants across the country, including HISA’s Horsemen’s Advisory Group. During this time, the proposed rules were shared with industry members for two rounds of informal comments and published on HISA’s website for additional industry input. All in, HISA’s Racetrack Safety Committee received, reviewed and considered more than 600 comments from racing participants. The proposed changes submitted to the FTC today were reviewed and approved by HISA’s Racetrack Safety Committee and full Board of Directors.

When and if these rule changes are approved by the FTC, HISA will undertake robust educational efforts to ensure horsemen nationwide are fully aware of these changes and well-equipped to comply with them before they go into effect.

BREEDERS' CUP LAUNCHES 40 DAYS OF GIVING

Breeders’ Cup has launched its 40 Days of Giving, a fundraising program that puts key Thoroughbred industry charities in the spotlight as the countdown continues to the 40th running of the Breeders’ Cup World Championships Nov. 3-4 at Santa Anita Park, the organization said in a release Thursday.

Designed to raise funds for a variety of important causes within the Thoroughbred industry, Breeders’ Cup Charities’ 40 Days of Giving campaign highlights the vital work of nonprofits in the following areas: aftercare, jockey health and wellness, backstretch and industry workers, equine services, diversity and education, and research.

Throughout the program, designated charities and their selected donors—who will show support for each cause by offering a match of up to $1,000 on their dedicated day—will be featured here.

Breeders’ Cup will match up to $20,000 on the 40th day of the program, Oct. 30, with the intention of raising $40,000 in honor of the Breeders’ Cup’s 40th running. Funds raised on the 40th day will be distributed evenly to all 40 Days of Giving charities. The donation pages will remain open through the Breeders’ Cup World Championships.
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### Saturday, Parx Racing #7, post time: 2:31 p.m. EDT

**GREENWOOD CUP S.-GIII, $200,000, 3yo/up, 1 1/2m**

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### Saturday, Belmont The Big A #7, post time: 4:16 p.m. EDT

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Sunday, Remington #10, post time: 8:48 p.m. EDT
OKLAHOMA DERBY-GIII, $400,000, 3yo, 1 1/8m

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Sunday, Remington #9, post time: 8:14 p.m. EDT
REMINSTON PARK OAKS-GIII, $200,000, 3yo, f, 1 1/16m

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FRIDAY’S RACING INSIGHTS:

By J.N. Campbell

JUVENILE COLTS TAKE TO THE CHURCHILL STAGE

5th-CD, $120K, Msw, 2yo, 7f, 2:45 p.m.

Currently in fifth place on TDN’s first-crop sire tally behind fellow Spendthrift Farm leader Maximus Mischief, Vino Rosso will look to add to his haul when Masmak hits the track for the first time Friday afternoon.

Originally purchased for $70,000 by Tom McCrocklin at the Keeneland September Yearling Sale, the chestnut colt went to FMQ Stables at the OBS Spring Sale earlier this year for $475,000. Trained by Brad Cox and ridden by Florent Geroux, Masmak’s dam GSP Nite in Rome is also responsible for SW Stan the Man (Broken Vow) and GII John A. Nerud S. hero Three Technique (Mr Speaker).

Also making the gate is Frank Fletcher homebred Top Gun Rocket (Into Mischief). The bay colt, trained by Riley Mott and piloted by Junior Alvarado, is the full-brother to GII Prioress S. heroine Frank’s Rockette. TJCIS PPS

7th-CD, $120K, Msw, 2yo, 7f, 3:50 p.m.

Speaking of Brad Cox and homebreds, Juddmonte has a gray colt named Dragon Guard (Arrogate) who will be making his debut in the other seven-furlong race carded for juvenile colts at Churchill Downs. The homebred is out of GII Goldikova S. winner Filimbi (Mizzen Mast), who hails from an extended female family which includes half-sibs Weep No More (Mineshaft), winner of the GI Central Bank Ashland S. and GII Dixiana Bourbon S. champ Current (Curlin).

Sweet as Sin (Candy Ride {Arg}) makes his first trip to the races for Hall of Fame trainer Steve Asmussen. The chestnut colt, who was purchased at this year’s OBS March Sale for $410,000 by L and N Racing and MyRacehorse, and includes Edge Racing as part of its ownership, counts MGSw Family Tree (Smart Strike) as a half-sister and GI Longines Kentucky Oaks runner-up Liora as a full. Sweet as Sin’s dam, SW Giant Mover (Giant’s Causeway), is out of two-time GII Princess Rooney H. scorer Gold Mover (Gold Fever).

Continuing the homebred theme, Gary and Mary West send Title Contender (Tapit) to the post. Trained by Cox, the gray colt’s dam—out of GII Cotillion H. winner India (Hennessy)—is a half-sister to G1 Yasuda Kinen S. and G1 February S. hero Mozu Ascot (Frankel {GB}). TJCIS PPS

IN ORDER OF PURSE:

2nd-Belmont The Big A, $105,000, Alw (C), Opt. Clm ($80,000), 9-21, 3yo/up, 1m, 1:34.80, ft, 3 3/4 lengths.

BEST ACTOR (c, 4, Flatter—Abraqat, by Smart Strike) finished third in the GII Oklahoma Derby to cap his 3-year-old campaign after winning the GIII Smarty Jones S. at Parx. Last seen finishing fourth to ‘TDN Rising Star’ Stage Raider (Pioneerof the Nile) in the R.A. Cowboy Jones S. Aug. 13 at Ellis Park, the 7-5 choice here made the lead and continued to set the pace into the far turn. With more to give at the top of the lane, Best Actor won by 3 3/4 lengths over Sheriff Bianco (Speightster). The winner’s dam is responsible for a 3-year-old colt named Money Run (Runhappy) and a yearling colt by Game Winner, who was purchased for $385,000 at the Keeneland September Sale by Whitehorse Stables and Madaket Stables. She foaled a filly by Yaupon Mar. 16 and was bred to Jackie’s Warrior for next year. Best Actor’s granddam Spun Sugar (Awesome Again), winner of the GI Apple Blossom H., is a full-sister to GI Cigar Mile hero Daehler and a half to the dam of MGSw Arrest Me Red (Pioneerof the Nile). Sales History: $330,000 Ylg ‘20 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: GSW, 8-4-2-1, $520,065. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.

O-Gary & Mary West; B-E H Beau Lane, Gail McMichael Lane, J B Lane Orem & Michael Orem (KY); T-Brad H Cox.
Allowance Results cont.

7th-Belmont The Big A, $102,000, Alw (NW2$X)/Opt. Clm ($62,500), 9-21, 3yo/up, 1 1/8mT, 1:48.76, fm, neck.
**EXACT ESTIMATE (c, 4, Into Mischief--Magic Union (GSP, $217,566), by Dixie Union)** broke his maiden in his first start on the turf at Gulfstream first off a June layoff on St. Patrick's Day and was just beaten by future GSW & GISP Catnip (Kitten's Joy) in a Keeneland turf allowance the following month. Popular winner in Belmont allowance company June 17, the bay emptied out late to finish a distant 11th in a Saratoga heat July 20. A generous 4-1 shot here, given the presence of his Stateside-debuting stablemate Francesco Clemente (Ire) (Dubawi (Ire)), the Chad Brown trainee settled third into the clubhouse turn.

Given his cue around the far turn, Exact Estimate ranged up on the pacesetter and rolling past, he found the wire in time by a neck over SW Freedom Trail (Collected). Francesco Clemente made belated progress from the tail to finish fourth, beaten under three lengths. Out of an extended female family which includes MSW My Pal Lana (Kris S.) and her son and Queen's Plate S. hero Sir Dudley Digges (Gio Ponti), the winner is a half-brother to both Tizamagician (Tiznow), MGWS & GISP, $741,851 and Avenue (Quality Road), MGSP, $168,100. Exact Estimate is his dam's last recorded produce. Sales History: $375,000 Ylg '20 FTKSEL. Lifetime Record: 7-3-2-0, $196,190.

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O-Jeff Drown and Don Rachel; B-Woodford Thoroughbreds, LLC (KY); T-Chad C. Brown.

8th-Belmont The Big A, $85,000, (S), Alw (NW2$X), Opt. Clm ($45,000), 9-21, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:10.14, ft, 3 lengths.

**MARIACHI (c, 3, Maclean's Music--Ante Up My Friend, by Friend Or Foe)** has flashed plenty of ability to date, winning his maiden at his second and final juvenile start over this surface last November and earning a lofty 93 Beyer for his first statebred allowance condition at Saratoga July 15. The dark bay was sent off at less than 4-1 when trying a route of ground for the first time in the Aug. 27 Albany S., but he weakened late to finish a distant fifth. Back down in trip for this as a 7-2 gamble, the homebred showed in front soon after the break and controlled the pace throughout en route to a three-length tally. Mariachi is out of an unraced daughter of the Bromans' Grade II winner Seeking the Ante (Seeking the Gold), dam of MSW Mineralogist (Minershaft); and of MSP Risk a Chance (A.P. Indy), whose son Un Ojo (Laoban) won the 2022 GII Rebel S. Seeking the Ante's daughter G Note (Medaglia d'Oro) produced 2022 Fasig-Tipton Midlantic topper Hejazi (Bernardini). The three-time Grade I-winning third dam Antespend (Spend a Buck) accounted for the Bromans' GI Florida Derby hero Friends Lake (A.P. Indy).

IN ORDER OF PURSE:

5th-Churchill Downs, $123,245, Msw, 9-21, 2yo, f, 7f, 1:23.62, ft, 2 1/4 lengths.

**GIN GIN (f, 2, Hightail--Before You Know It (GSP, $313,083), by Hard Spun)**, second to the impressive Lemorian (Coal Front) on debut up the road at Horseshoe Indianapolis, was the 5-4 favorite to improve for that experience and did just that. Moving through from between rivals to take up the running after about an eighth of a mile, the Calumet homebred led her rivals along in deliberate fractions of :23.31 for the opening quarter-mile and just :47.89 for the half. Confronted in earnest by Carrara (Street Sense) approaching the stretch, Gin Gin responded when asked to kick by Florent Geroux and proved a comfortable winner. The Grade III-placed Before You Know It is a half-sister to MGSP Tarantino (Pioneerof the Nile) and GSP Instant Reflex (Quality Road). This is the family of Calumet's GIII Pat Day Mile S. upsetter Funny Duck (Distorted Humor). Before You Know It is the dam of the yearling colt Quick City (City of Light) and was bred to both Hightail and Lexitonian this season. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, $75,800.

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O/B-Calumet Farm (KY); T-Brad H Cox.
3rd-Churchill Downs, $120,000, Msw, 9-21, 2yo, f, 7f, 1:24.10, ft, (nose).

FLOORED (f, 2, Curlin--Baffled {GSP-Eng}, by Distorted Humor) crossed the line narrowly second behind Candy Landy (Candy Ride {Arg}), but was awarded the victory when the aforementioned pacesetter was disqualified and placed last for causing a chain reaction that resulted in Brian Hernandez, Jr. being thrown heavily from Babe in the Woods (Kantharos). No better than a 32-1 outsider off a dismal debut at Ellis Park Aug. 18, the chestnut was bumped by Candy Landy leaving the chute, but sat a good trip in behind a three-way battle for the lead. Tipped out at the top of the stretch, Floored couldn’t quite bridge the gap late, but just outfinished West Omaha (Omaha Beach) and was ultimately put up. Hernandez, Jr’s wife tweeted that the jockey was uninjured and would ride the rest of the program. According to the chart, Babe in the Woods was vanned off following the race. The winner is a half-sister to Boynton (More Than Ready), GSW-Eng, $183,443; top sire Constitution (Tapit), MGISW, $1,031,596; and to Jacaranda (Congrats), GSW, $207,200. Don Alberto and Bridlewood Farm teamed to purchase Baffled for $3.5 million in foal to Tapit at Fasig-Tipton November in 2016 and Don Alberto bought out their partners for $1.8 million at FTKNOV in 2019. Baffled, a half-sister to GISW Emcee (Unbridled’s Song), GSW/G1SP Surfer (Distorted Humor) and SW Spring Party (Smart Strike), was most recently bred to Tacitus. This is also the female family of recent GIII Music City S. winner Secret Money (Good Samaritan). Sales history: $350,000 Ylg ’22 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, $69,000. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.

QUEEN OF THE MUD (IRE) (f, 3, Kodiak {GB}--Jawlaat {Ire}, by Shamardal) debuted third sprinting over the Delaware Park grass Aug. 31. A 10-1 shot here, the bay filly grabbed an easy lead up the backstretch, continued to set the tone around the far turn and when asked past the quarter pole, opened up to win by 4 1/4 lengths over Material Witness (Constitution). The winner is a half-sister to Facteur Cheval (Ire) (Ribchester {Ire}), GSW & MG1SP-Fr, G1SP-Eng, $545,770. Her unraced dam, who is a half-sister to French multiple-group winner Tantheem (GB) (Teofilo {Ire}), foaled a colt by Sottsass (Fr) Feb. 20. Sales History: 45,000gns Wlg ’20 TATFOA; 180,000gns Ylg ’21 TATOCT. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, $53,680. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.

3rd-Woodbine, C$74,422, Msw, 9-21, 2yo, f, 1mT, 1:36.91, fm, 3/4 length.

EMERANCE (f, 2, Nyquist--Ann of the Dance {SW & GSP, $198,332}, by English Channel) was a debut sixth sprinting on the turf July 1 and fifth on the Tapeta July 29, but lost ground in the final furlong on each occasion and was getting blinkers for this stretchout in distance. With apprentice Sofia Vives claiming five pounds for a barn she has tasted a fair bit of success with, the half-sister to School Dance (Animal Kingdom), GISP, $235,940, was awkwardly away from the three hole, but made the lead once straightened out and was given a fairly soft time of things from the front. Vives upped the tempo gradually as they approached the straight and Emerance maintained a safe margin over stablemates Crevalle D’oro (Constitution) and Why Em Sea Ay (Mucho Macho Man). Produced by a full-sister to GI E.P. Taylor S. winner Al’s Gal and a half-sister to the Brazilian Group 2-winning dam of GISW Ivar (Brz) (Agnes Gold {Jpn}), Emerance has a yearling half-sister by More Than Ready who RNAd for $55,000 at KEESEP and a weanling half-brother by Mendelssohn. Ann of the Dance most recently visited Karakontie (Jpn). Sales history: $80,000 Ylg ’22 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-0, $36,981. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.

O-Peter Lamantia & Epona Thoroughbreds Inc; B-Betz/Camaquiki/J Betz/Lamantia et al (KY); T-Taylor H Oliver.
5th-Delaware, $38,900, Msw, 9-21, 2yo, f, 5fT, :58.26, sf, 5 1/2 lengths.
FOREST FUEL (f, 2, Rainbow Heir--Forest Funds {SW, $272,288}, by Forestry) was sent off at 7-2 in her debut here and the bay filly wasted no time setting the pace up the backstretch. The homebred continued to increase her margin around the far turn and went on to graduate by 5 1/2 lengths over Big Bolt (Bolt d’Oro). The winner has a yearling full-brother and a full-sister foaled Mar. 7. Her dam was bred back once again to the same New Farm-bred and -raced stallion. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, $22,800. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.
O/B-New Farm (MD); T-Dan Ward.

IN SAUDI ARABIA:
Omniyat, c, 3, Tale of Ekati--Perfect Nodouble, by Perfect Soul (Ire). Ta’llif, 9-21, Maiden, 2400m. B-Charles Fipke (KY). *Full to Avalina, Horse of the Year-KSA, SW-US; and Sermononthemount, GSP, $219,486. **€105,367 2yo ’22 GOFDUB. VIDEO (SC 3)

IN SAUDI ARABIA:
Tawee Albaeed (KSA), c, 2, Tapiture--Chasing the Moon (SW), by Flower Alley. Ta’llif, 9-21, Maiden (KSA-bred), 1400m. B-n/a. *1ST-TIME STARTER. *$14,000 in utero ’20 KEENOV. VIDEO (SC 16)

U.S.-BRED/SIRED RUNNERS IN JAPAN

In this continuing series, Alan Carasso takes a look ahead at US-bred and/or conceived runners entered for the upcoming weekend at the tracks on the Japan Racing Association circuit, with a focus on pedigree and/or performance in the sales ring. Here are the horses of interest for this Saturday running at Hanshin and Nakayama Racecourses. Sunday’s horses of note will appear in Saturday’s TDN:

Dancing Rags, the dam of the debuting Rouge Chouette, cost $1.1 million at Fasig-Tipton November in 2020 | Fasig-Tipton

Saturday, September 23, 2023
3rd-NKY, ¥13,720,000 ($93k), Newcomers, 2yo, 1800m
ACE AND KING (JPN) (c, 2, Yoshida (Jpn)--Curls B F F, by Curlin) was acquired in utero by Emmanuel de Seroux’s Narvick International for $25,000 at the 2020 Keeneland November Sale and is out of a daughter of the three-times graded stakes-placed Najecam (Trempolino), the dam of 2003 Eclipse Award and GI Breeders’ Cup Juvenile winner Action This Day (Kris S.); and of Elitmaas (Ghostzapper), whose champion son Drefong (Gio Ponti) has made a strong impression with his first few crops to race in Japan. B-Kinya Murakami

4th-HSN, ¥13,720,000 ($93k), Newcomers, 2yo, 1400m
ROUGE CHOUETTE (JPN) (f, 2, Curlin--Dancing Rags, by Union Rags) is the first Japanese-foaled produce for her dam, upset winner of the 2016 GI Darley Alcibiades S. and later sold to Nobutaka Tada for $1.1 million carrying this filly at the 2020 Fasig-Tipton November Sale. Dancing Rags is a half-sister to MGSW & GISP Coup de Grace (Tapit) and to Kara’s Match Point

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(Curlin), the dam of three winners from four to race since her export to Japan in 2016. Rouge Chouette’s third dam is champion and GI Breeders’ Cup Distaff heroine Jewel Princess (Key to the Mint). B-Mint Co.

5th-HSN, ¥13,720,000 ($93k), Newcomers, 2yo, 1600m
AMERICAN CHIEF (c, 2, Into Mischief--Good Vibes, by Unbridled’s Song) cost owner Katsumi Yoshizawa—who raced 2019 Triple Crown participant Master Fencer (Jpn) (Just a Way (Jpn)) and countless other ‘American’ horses—$475,000 at last year’s Keeneland September Sale. The bay is the final foal out from his dam, who was also responsible for Sweet Orange (ex Warning Flag) (War Front), a stakes winner and Group 3-placed in Ireland before continuing his career in Hong Kong, where he won the 2012 Hong Kong Classic Mile and was third in that year’s Hong Kong Derby before finishing third in the G1 QE II Cup. The mare also produced Irish Group 3 winner Intelligence Cross (War Front). B-Orpendale/Wynatt/Chelston (KY)

11th-HSN, ¥35,040,000 ($238k), Allowance, 3yo/up, 1400m
GREAT SAND SEA (c, 3, Into Mischief--Game for More, by More Than Ready) is perfect in two starts outside of stakes competition and at 1400 meters, including an impressive victory at Chukyo back in March (video, SC 8). His two losses to date have come at the hooves of the classy Perriere (Jpn) (Henny Hughes), who defeated him 4 1/2 lengths into fifth when last seen in the G3 Unicorn S. going a mile at Tokyo June 18. A half-brother to GSW/GISP Giant Game (Giant’s Causeway), MGSW/GISP Isotherm (More Than Ready) and GISP Gio Game (Gio Ponti), Great Sand Sea was a $385,000 Keeneland September yearling turned $825,000 OBS March breezer. Leading rider Yuga Kawada takes the call. B-H Allen Poindexter (KY)

12th-HSN, ¥21,740,000 ($147k), Allowance, 3yo/up, 1800m
AWESOME RESULT (f, 3, Justify--Blossomed, by Deputy Mininster) graduated in a single appearance at two over this track and trip last November and remained unbeaten with a three-length allowance success back here June 10 (video, SC 10). Awesome Result, the mount of Yutaka Take, is a half-sister to GI Spinaway S. upsetter Sippican Harbor (Orb) and to Grade III-placed Bodacious Babe (Mineshaft), herself the dam of three-time Japanese winner Ju Taro (Arrogate). The yearling full-sister to Awesome Result was RNAd on a bid of $520,000 at Fasig-Tipton Saratoga last month after selling for $350,000 at Keeneland November last fall. B-Orpendale/Chelston/Wynatt (KY)

FIRST-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22
2023 Stud Fees Listed

Audible (Into Mischief), WinStar Farm, $25,000
150 foals of racing age/8 winners/0 black-type winners
2-Remington, 8:35 p.m. EDT, Msw 1mT, Singsational, 4-1
$70,000 FTK JUL yrl; $90,000 OBS APR 2yo

Catalina Cruiser (Union Rags), Lane’s End Farm, $15,000
110 foals of racing age/6 winners/0 black-type winners
7-Churchill Downs, 3:50 p.m. EDT, Msw 1mT, Military Cruiser, 20-1
$20,000 KEE NOV wnl; $40,000 KEE SEP yrl; $145,000 RNA OBS APR 2yo

Catholic Boy (More Than Ready), Claiborne Farm, $15,000
104 foals of racing age/4 winners/0 black-type winners
2-Remington, 8:35 p.m. EDT, Msw 1mT, Shesacatholicgirl, 12-1
$3,700 OBS OPN 2yo

Coal Front (Stay Thirsty), Spendthrift Farm, $5,000
49 foals of racing age/8 winners/1 black-type winner
7-Gulfstream, 3:53 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2f, Windrush, 5-1
$19,000 RNA OBS OCT yrl

Copper Bullet (More Than Ready), Darby Dan Farm, $7,500
37 foals of racing age/4 winners/0 black-type winners
2-Remington, 8:35 p.m. EDT, Msw 1mT, Chainsaw City, 15-1
$15,000 TTA APR 2yo

Dynamic Racer (Run Away and Hide), R.C. Cline Thoroughbred Farm, $1,500
10 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
3-Belterra, 1:05 p.m. EDT, Msw 6f, She Is Dynamic, 3-1

Enticed (Medaglia d’Oro), Darley, $5,000
104 foals of racing age/11 winners/0 black-type winners
6-Gulfstream, 3:21 p.m. EDT, Aoc 5 1/2f, Demar’s Legacy, 10-1
$120,000 OBS APR 2yo

Maximus Mischief (Into Mischief), Spendthrift Farm, $7,500
136 foals of racing age/19 winners/1 black-type winner
7-Charles Town, 10:02 p.m. EDT, $75K Rachel's Turn S., 4 1/2f, Kristinachrysalis, 8-1
$50,000 RNA FTK FEB wnl
First-Crop Sires With Runners cont.

**Mitole** (Eskendereya), Spendthrift Farm, $15,000
159 foals of racing age/12 winners/1 black-type winner
9-Belmont the Big A, 5:21 p.m. EDT, Msw 6f, Astraeus, 4-1
$77,000 KEE SEP yrl; $275,000 OBS MAR 2yo
7-Charles Town, 10:02 p.m. EDT, $75K Rachel's Turn S., 4 1/2f, Mitole Candy, 20-1
$30,000 KEE SEP yrl

**Omaha Beach** (War Front), Spendthrift Farm, $30,000
138 foals of racing age/11 winners/1 black-type winner
6-Gulfstream, 3:21 p.m. EDT, Aoc 5 1/2f, Omaha Girl, 8-1
$400,000 KEE SEP yrl
9-Belmont the Big A, 5:21 p.m. EDT, Msw 6f, Reverend Moon, 7-2

**Redirect** (Speightstown)
10 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners
7-Charles Town, 10:02 p.m. EDT, $75K Rachel's Turn S., 4 1/2f, Direct the Cat, 3-1

**Ten Sovereigns (Ire)** (No Nay Never), Coolmore Stud, $17,500
150 foals of racing age/20 winners/2 black-type winners
9-Belmont the Big A, 5:21 p.m. EDT, Msw 6f, Irish Gent (Ire), 5-1
€130,000 GOF NO1 wnl; €500,000 GOF OR yrl

**Vino Rosso** (Curlin), Spendthrift Farm, $15,000
179 foals of racing age/10 winners/1 black-type winner
5-Churchill Downs, 2:45 p.m. EDT, Msw 7f, Masmak, 9-2
$70,000 KEE SEP yrl; $475,000 OBS APR 2yo

**Yoshida (Jpn)** (Heart's Cry (Jpn)), WinStar Farm, $10,000
103 foals of racing age/5 winners/0 black-type winners
9-Belmont the Big A, 5:21 p.m. EDT, Msw 6f, Financial District, 15-1
$30,000 KEE NOV wnl; $11,000 OBS OPN 2yo

SECOND-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: FRIDAY, SEPT. 22

**Aldrin** (Malibu Moon), O'Sullivan Farms, $2,000
46 foals of racing age/7 winners/0 black-type winners
4-Charles Town, 8:32 p.m. EDT, Msw 4 1/2f, Good Buzz, 5-1

**Always Dreaming** (Bodemeister), WinStar Farm, $10,000
213 foals of racing age/45 winners/1 black-type winner
4-Charles Town, 8:32 p.m. EDT, Msw 4 1/2f, I'mlivingthedream, 6-1
$10,000 FTI DEC wnl

**Cloud Computing** (Maclean's Music), Spendthrift Farm, $5,000
199 foals of racing age/47 winners/3 black-type winners
7-Remington, 10:55 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2f, Hay Scooby Doo, 20-1

**Good Magic** (Curlin), Hill 'n' Dale at Xalapa, $50,000
237 foals of racing age/68 winners/12 black-type winners
10-Churchill Downs, 5:26 p.m. EDT, Msw 1m, Nocturne Court, 12-1
$25,000 FTK OCT yrl

**Mo Town** (Uncle Mo), Coolmore Ashford, $5,000
174 foals of racing age/55 winners/5 black-type winners
7-Charles Town, 10:02 p.m. EDT, Msw 6f, Seven Natty Patty, 9-2
$26,000 KEE NOV wnl; $65,000 OBS WIN wnl; $120,000 EAS MAY 2yo

**National Flag** (Speightstown), Blazing Meadows Farm, $1,500
38 foals of racing age/21 winners/0 black-type winners
3-Belterra, 1:05 p.m. EDT, Msw 6f, National Diamond, 7-2
7-Belterra, 3:10 p.m. EDT, Msw 7f, Radio Silent, 10-1
7-Belterra, 3:10 p.m. EDT, Msw 6f, Shadowy, 2-1
7-Belterra, 3:10 p.m. EDT, Msw 6f, Villian, 4-1

**Tough It Up** (Lemon Drop Kid), Maccabee Farm
4 foals of racing age/2 winners/0 black-type winners
7-Belterra, 3:10 p.m. EDT, Msw 6f, Tough Cat, 7-2
ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

4th-Horseshoe Indianapolis, $42,000, (S), (NW3X)/Opt. Clm ($40,000), 9-21, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:11.29, ft, head.  
EKATI FLATTER (f, 3, Tale of Ekati--Cajolery, by Flatter) Lifetime Record: 8-4-1-1, $108,800. O-Spiess Stable LLC and Randy Klopp; B-Dawn Martin (IN); T-Randy L. Klopp.

3rd-Horseshoe Indianapolis, $41,000, (S), 9-21, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 1mT, 1:37.85, fm, 3/4 length.  
BACKYARD JUSTICE (g, 3, Harry's Holiday--Breezy Pointess, by Malibu Moon) Lifetime Record: 11-2-3-3, $85,005. O-Anthony J. Granitz and Rod O’Kelley; B-Justice Farm, Greg Justice (IN); T-Anthony J. Granitz.

2nd-Horseshoe Indianapolis, $40,320, 9-21, (NW1$X), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:11.30, ft, 2 1/4 lengths.  
CIRCLE BACK JACK (g, 4, Tonalist--Sucat, by Medaglia d'Oro) Lifetime Record: MSP, 20-4-4-4, $242,717. O-Normando Jimenez & Southwest Racing Stables Inc; B-Susan Evans & Mary Catherine Sweezey (KY); T-Genaro Garcia.

8th-Horseshoe Indianapolis, $38,880, 9-20, (NW1$X), 3yo/up, 1m, 1:36.77, fm, 1/2 length.  
NIP N TUCK (g, 5, Stay Thirsty--Artemus Kitten {MSW & MGSP, $293,322}, by Kitten's Joy) Lifetime Record: 28-4-6-4, $109,210. O-Contreras Stable Inc & Victory Stables LLC; B-Kenneth L & Sarah K Ramsey (KY); T-Cipriano Contreras.

7th-Horseshoe Indianapolis, $37,440, 9-21, (NW1BX), 3yo/up, 1 1/16m, 1:45.72, ft, 3 3/4 lengths.  
JUMP FOR THE WIN (g, 4, Jump Start--Fleet Francis, by Sky Mesa) Lifetime Record: 16-3-2-5, $84,947. O-Dastur Racing; B-Hidden Acres 4-D Farm (PA); T-Timothy C Kreiser.

7th-Mountaineer Casino & Resort, $27,742, 9-20, 3yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:37.45, ft, 2 lengths.  
SWEET WILLEMINA (m, 6, Raison d'Etat--Williams Bay, by Kitten's Joy) Lifetime Record: SW, 47-16-2-16, $548,920. O-Richard Ciavardone; B-Calumet Farm (KY); T-Scott A Lake.  
*$1,100 Ylg '18 KEESEP.

7th-Belterra, $25,600, (S), 9-21, (NW2L), 3yo/up, 5 1/2f, 1:06.75, ft, 1/2 length.  
PALACE TEMPTATION (g, 3, Palace--Twice Tempted, by Wild Again) Lifetime Record: 9-2-1-1, $40,906. O-Steve Platt; B-邵arks View Farm LLC (OH); T-Pearl Chain.  
*1/2 to Beneath the Stars (Connect), MSP, $219,439.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:  
Scrupulous, f, 2, City of Light--Full House (GSP, $180,110), by Discreetly Mine. Churchill Downs, 9-21, (C), 6f, 1:10.86.  
Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, $44,700. B-Adrian Regan, Hunter Valley Farm & Doug Brantham (KY).  
*$300,000 Ylg '22 KEESEP.  
**Claimed for $50,000 by HWL Partnership (trainer Steve Hobby).

8th-Albuquerque, $36,000, (S), 9-20, (NW2L), 3yo/up, 5f, :57.73, ft, 1 3/4 lengths.  
SWEET MONEY (g, 3, Conquest Mo Money--Sweet Irish Easter, by Irish Open) Lifetime Record: 6-2-2-1, $76,656. O-Judge Lanier Racing LLC; B-McKenna Thoroughbreds LLC (NM); T-Nancy Summers.

8th-Thistledown, $35,800, (S), 9-21, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:13.26, ft, 1 length.  
PISTOL PACKIN BOS (m, 8, Mobil--Missy Bos, by Political Folly) Lifetime Record: 48-7-5-7, $140,589. O/B/T-Mary L. Hurley (OH).

3rd-Penn National, $31,600, (S), 9-21, (NW1BX), 3yo/up, 1 1/16m, 1:45.47, ft, 1 3/4 length.  
JUMP FOR THE WIN (g, 4, Jump Start--Fleet Francis, by Sky Mesa) Lifetime Record: 16-3-2-5, $84,947. O-Dastur Racing; B-Hidden Acres 4-D Farm (PA); T-Timothy C Kreiser.

6th-Horseshoe Indianapolis, $36,000, 9-21, (NW2L), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:12.39, ft, 2 lengths.  
MOMENT TO SHINE (f, 3, Bolt d'Oro--Moment of Speight {Ire}, by Speightstown) Lifetime Record: 4-2-0-1, $52,051. O-Patricia's Hope LLC; B-Forever Spring Farm LLC & River Oak Farm (KY); T-Larry Rivelli.  
*$50,000 Wlg '20 KEENOV; $165,000 Ylg '21 FTKJUL; $290,000 2yo '22 OBSMAR.

Best Actor (Flatter) returns to winning ways in New York (click to watch)
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- Maiden Claiming Races: purses of $18,000/up & a minimum claiming price of $40,000

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**Astronomico**, c, 2, **Frosted**--Green Waters, by Arch. Churchill Downs, 9-21, 1m, 1:38.74. Lifetime Record: 5-1-1-1, $67,940. B-Track West Racing Inc (ON). *$45,000 Ylg '22 KEESEP.

**Authoritarian Girl**, f, 2, **Medal Count**--Bossy Girl, by Street Boss. Thistledown, 9-21, (S), 5 1/2f, 1:07.22. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-0, $28,815. B-Mapleton Thoroughbred Farm (OH). *$1,000 RNA Ylg '22 OTBOMX.

**Spirited Ride**, f, 2, **Mor Spirit**--Time for Etbauer (SP, $273,018), by Etbauer. Delaware, 9-21, (C), 5 1/2f, 1:05.84. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, $18,000. B-William T Reed (KY). *$25,000 Ylg '22 KEESEP. **1ST-TIME STARTER.

**Red Eleanor**, f, 2, **Old Forester**--Mourna, by Silver Train. Woodbine, 9-21, (C), 7f (AWT), 1:25.32. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-1, $32,686. B-Dr Paul O’Brien & John Carey (ON). *C$9,000 Ylg ’22 CANSEP.

**Mischief Joke**, c, 2, **Practical Joke**--Shesabstitdistorted, by Distorted Humor. Belmont The Big A, 9-21, (S), 6 1/2f, 1:17.40. Lifetime Record: 6-1-4-1, $110,440. B-Pine Ridge Stables Ltd (NY). *$6,500 Ylg ’22 KEEJAN; $150,000 RNA 2yo ’23 FTDAUG.

**Maiden Lane**, f, 2, **Street Sense**--Brabble, by Bernardini. Presque Isle Downs, 9-21, 6f (AWT), 1:11.70. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-1, $22,500. B-Siena Farms LLC (KY). *$30,000 RNA Ylg ’22 KEESEP.

**Rivoli**, g, 3, **Classic Empire**--Halfcause, by Giant’s Causeway. Horseshoe Indianapolis, 9-21, 6f, 1:12.45. Lifetime Record: 9-1-3-0, $57,265. B-Craig Netwig & Debra Barkley (KY).

**Good Accelebrate**, f, 3, **Good Samaritan**--Accelebrate (SP), by Northern Afleet. Charles Town, 9-21, 7f, 1:28.55. Lifetime Record: 10-1-1-1, $41,456. B-TLC Thoroughbreds LLC (NY). *$23,000 RNA Ylg ’21 SARAUG; $18,000 2yo ’22 EASMAY.

**Zaprunder**, g, 3, **Laoban**--Bold Child (SP), by Flatter. Belmont The Big A, 9-21, (S), 1 1/16mT, 1:42.22. Lifetime Record: 7-1-0-0, $34,130. B-Jerold Zaro (NY). *1/2 to Young Anna Lee (Posse), SP, $165,616; and Blindwillie McTell (Posse), MSW, $301,667.

**Finalize**, g, 4, **Freud**--Jan Beth Jo, by Chief Seattle. Assiniboia Downs, 9-20, 6f, 1:13.48. Lifetime Record: 20-1-4-9, $36,542. B-Sequl Thoroughbreds LLC & Meadow Hill Lane Farm (NY). *$25,000 3yo ’22 OBSWIN.

**Bolt d’Oro**, Moment to Shine, f, 3, o/o Moment of Speight (Ire), by Speightstown. ALW, 9-21, Horseshoe Indianapolis City of Light, Scrupulous, f, 2, o/o Full House, by Discreetly Mine. MCL, 9-21, Churchill Downs

**Classic Empire**, Rivoli, g, 3, o/o Halfcause, by Giant’s Causeway. MSW, 9-21, Horseshoe Indianapolis

**Conquest Mo Money**, Sweet Money, g, 3, o/o Sweet Irish Easter, by Irish Open. ALW, 9-20, Albuquerque

**Curlin**, Floored, f, 2, o/o Baffled, by Distorted Humor. MSW, 9-21, Churchill Downs

**Flatter**, Best Actor, c, 4, o/o Abraaqat, by Smart Strike. AOC, 9-21, Belmont The Big A
Winners By Sire cont.

Freud, Finalize, g, 4, o/o Jan Beth Jo, by Chief Seattle. MSW, 9-20, Assiniboia

Frosted, Astronomico, c, 2, o/o Green Waters, by Arch. MSW, 9-21, Churchill Downs

Good Samaritan, Good Accelebrate, f, 3, o/o Accelebrate, by Northern Afleet. MSW, 9-21, Charles Town

Harry’s Holiday, Backyard Justice, g, 3, o/o Breezy Pointess, by Malibu Moon. ALW, 9-21, Horseshoe Indianapolis

Hightail, Gin Gin, f, 2, o/o Before You Know It, by Hard Spun. MSW, 9-21, Churchill Downs

Into Mischief, Exact Estimate, c, 4, o/o Magic Union, by Dixie Union. AOC, 9-21, Belmont The Big A

Jump Start, Jump for the Win, g, 4, o/o Fleet Francis, by Sky Mesa. ALW, 9-21, Penn National

Kodiac (GB), Queen of the Mud (Ire), f, 3, o/o Jawlaat (Ire), by Shamardal. MSW, 9-21, Belmont The Big A

Laoban, Zapruder, g, 3, o/o Bold Child, by Flatter. MCL, 9-21, Belmont The Big A

Maclean’s Music, Mariachi, c, 3, o/o Ante Up My Friend, by Friend Or Foe. AOC, 9-21, Belmont The Big A

Medal Count, Authoritarian Girl, f, 2, o/o Bossy Girl, by Street Boss. MSW, 9-21, Thistledown

Mobil, Pistol Packin Bos, m, 8, o/o Missy Bos, by Political Folly. ALW, 9-21, Thistledown

Mor Spirit, Spirited Ride, f, 2, o/o Time for Etbauer, by Etbauer. MCL, 9-21, Delaware

Nyquist, Emerance, f, 2, o/o Ann of the Dance, by English Channel. MSW, 9-21, Woodbine

Old Forester, Red Eleanor, f, 2, o/o Mourna, by Silver Train. MOC, 9-21, Woodbine

Palace, Palace Temptation, g, 3, o/o Twice Tempted, by Wild Again. ALW, 9-21, Belterra

Practical Joke, Mischief Joke, c, 2, o/o Shesabitdistorted, by Distorted Humor. MSW, 9-21, Belmont The Big A

Rainbow Heir, Forest Fuel, f, 2, o/o Forest Funds, by Forestry. MCL, 9-21, Delaware

Raison d’Etat, Sweet Willemina, m, 6, o/o Williams Bay, by Kitten’s Joy. ALW, 9-20, Mountaineer

Stay Thirsty, Nip N Tuck, g, 5, o/o Artemus Kitten, by Kitten’s Joy. ALW, 9-20, Horseshoe Indianapolis

Street Sense, Maiden Lane, f, 2, o/o Brabble, by Bernardini. MSW, 9-21, Presque Isle Downs

Tale of Ekati, Ekati Flatter, f, 3, o/o Cajolery, by Flatter. AOC, 9-21, Horseshoe Indianapolis

The Factor, Caumsett, m, 5, o/o Sister Diane, by Giant's Causeway. ALW, 9-21, Horseshoe Indianapolis

Tonalist, Circle Back Jack, g, 4, o/o Sucat, by Medaglia d’Oro. ALW, 9-21, Horseshoe Indianapolis
FOLEY TOPPS TATTS IRELAND PART TWO WITH “BEAUTIFUL” SOLDIER’S CALL FILLY

By Brian Sheerin

It was a day for the die-hards at Part Two of the Tattersalls Ireland September Yearling Sale where a filly by first-season sire Soldier’s Call (GB) led the way at €45,000 to Joe Foley.

But the story of the sale was the strength of the Italian buyers, with Cristiana Brivio, who operates under the banner of Razza Latina, and Valfredo Valiani, two of the leading purchasers on the day.

Foley, who also stands Soldier’s Call at Ballyhane Stud, was repeating the trick from last year after topping this sale 12 months ago.

"I am delighted to have found her, she has a great pedigree—her second dam [Ameerat] won the 1,000 Guineas and there is loads of page here," said Foley. Cont. p4

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KEENELAND BREEDER SPOTLIGHT: MANDY POPE’S WHISPER HILL

In the latest edition of the Keeneland Breeder Spotlight, Chris McGrath speaks with Whisper Hill Farm’s Mandy Pope.

By Brian Sheerin

The "restructuring" of how the Niarchos family’s breeding empire will operate means Classic winner Alpha Centauri and Group 1 scorer Alpine Star will go under the hammer at the Goffs November Breeding Stock Sale.

Albigna, Fiesolana, Tapestry and a raft of other top-class mares in foal to stallions such as Frankel, Dubawi, Wootton Bassett, No Nay Never and more will feature among the draft.

The offering will number 44 mares all told and Alan Cooper, the operation’s racing manager, was keen to stress that the draft was not a dispersal and that the iconic Niarchos silks that were proudly carried by Miesque, Spinning World, Light Shift, Sulamani and Bago are going nowhere anytime soon.

Speaking exclusively to TDN Europe, he explained, "This is a restructuring process and not a dispersal. The family will have the opportunity to set reserves on the stock as they see fit."

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MAKING WAVES: 56 TOP-LEVEL WINNERS FOR DUBAWI

Master Of The Seas (Ire) (Dubawi {Ire}) became the 56th Grade/Group 1 winner for his Darley sire, as many European-sired horses found success during the past week.

2024 IRISH FIXTURE LIST REVEALED

The total number of fixtures in Ireland will increase to 395, up five from 2023, after the list was released by Horse Racing Ireland on Thursday.

STAR STAYER-IN-THE-MAKING WILL RETURN AT FOUR

Wathnan Racing runner and Group 2 winner Gregory (GB) (Golden Horn {GB}), has entered winter quarters and will return as a 4-year-old.

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Cooper added, "The racing stables will continue to be supported by foals, yearlings, two-year-olds and older horses that are already in the system. There will be further offerings at Tattersalls and Arqana in the coming months."

Three consignors will handle the draft with 18 from Norelands and 13 apiece for Baroda Stud and Kiltinan Castle. The 44 lots feature 10 Group winners.

Announcing the draft, Goffs Group Chief Executive, Henry Beeby said, "The Niarchos Family have proved to be one of the world’s preeminent owner-breeders over the last fifty years and have developed a broodmare band that is the envy of the global bloodstock community.

"It is extremely rare for a draft of this quality and depth to be offered at public auction and Goffs are delighted that we have been chosen to handle this superb sale."

He added, "As was the case when Paul Makin and David Wildenstein appointed us, we will ensure a global audience at Kildare Paddocks for a draft that would have graced any breeding stock catalogue in the world and offers an unprecedented chance to buy into some of the best bloodlines in thoroughbred racing."

Alpha Centauri will forever be remembered for providing Jessica Harrington with a breakthrough Classic victory when storming home in the 2018 Irish 1,000 Guineas. She went on to land a trio of Group 1 triumphs in the Coronation S. at Royal Ascot, the Falmouth and then the Prix Jacques le Maroi.

Harrington also trained Alpha Centauri’s half-sister Alpine Star as well as top-notcher Albigna to other notable successes. Alpine Star won the Coronation S. in 2020 while Albigna ran out a gritty winner of the G1 Prix Marcel Boussac on Arc weekend in 2019.

The full list of the Niarchos Mares are as follows.

**Consigned by Baroda Stud**
- Albigna (IRE) in foal to St Mark’s Basilica
- Burning Topic (GER) in foal to Ulysses
- Innervisions (IRE) in foal to Saxon Warrior
- Kanthaka (JPN) in foal to Arizona
- Liquid Amber (USA) in foal to No Nay Never
- Mirror in Space (IRE) - Maiden
- Mississippi Delta (USA) in foal to Camelot
- Night Glow (USA) - Maiden
- Night of Light (IRE) in foal to Lope De Vega
- Nocturne (GER) in foal to State of Rest
- Sea Meets Sky (FR) in foal to Churchill
- Tierra Del Fuego (IRE) barren
- Valle De La Luna (GB) in foal to State of Rest

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Niarchos Family Cont.

Consigned by Kiltinan Castle Stud
Alpine Star (IRE) in foal to Frankel
Diaphora (GER) in foal to New Bay
Foniska (IRE) - Maiden
Heliosphere (USA) in foal to Study Of Man
Light of Joy (USA) in foal to Night Of Thunder
Light of Night (GB) in foal to Saxon Warrior
Lovee Dovee (GB) in foal to Sea The Moon
Martini Glass (USA) in foal to Starspangledbanner
Nature Spirits (FR) in foal to New Bay
Perseids (USA) - Maiden
Phaenomena (IRE) in foal to No Nay Never
Provocateur (IRE) in foal to Kingman
Spell On You (IRE) in foal to Study of Man

Consigned by Norelands
Alpha Centauri (IRE) in foal to Sea The Stars
Bold As Love (IRE) - Maiden
Cosmic Lady (IRE) - Maiden
Dawn Wall (AUS) in foal to Saxon Warrior
Fiesolana (IRE) in foal to Mehmas
Flutter (IRE) in foal to Wootton Bassett

Forever Be (IRE) in foal to Wootton Bassett
Hand On Heart (IRE) in foal to No Nay Never
Humankind (IRE) - Maiden
La Fiamma (USA) in foal to Mehmas
Malicieuse (IRE) in foal to Wootton Bassett
Only Mine (IRE) in foal to Siyouni
Raja Ampat (IRE) in foal to Baaeed
See (USA) - Maiden
Snakeless (USA) in foal to Circus Maximus
Sunrise Valley (USA) in foal to Study of Man
Tapestry (IRE) in foal to Dubawi
That Which Is Not (USA) in foal to Frankel

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He added, "She is a stunningly-beautiful filly, too, and looks a real classy type. She will run in the Clipper Logistics colours."
Breeder David Laverty enjoyed a fine payday having purchased the filly’s dam Ebbraam for just 1,000gns.
"I bought the mare via a Tattersalls Online Sale through Covid," said the breeder who hails from County Armagh and keeps 10 to 12 mares. "From day one this filly has always been in proportion and is a great walker."

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Tattersalls Ireland Cont.

He added, “The team at Ballyknock has done a great job with her prep. My father has been breeding horses for a lifetime and we have had the highs and very lows, it is nice to get a result for all of us.”

The session concluded with a turnover of €1,546,100 and a robust clearance rate of 81 per cent. A vibrant international atmosphere was maintained over both parts of the September Yearling Sale—yearlings have been purchased by representatives from 13 different countries, with over 80 shipping to Italy, the most popular overseas destination for new acquisitions. Horses are also travelling to the Far East with Thailand appearing on the buyers’ sheet for the first time.

Tattersalls Ireland CEO Simon Kerins commented, “The demand witnessed over the last two days has carried through into today’s session, resulting in lively trade and a clearance rate comparable to last year given the increased catalogue. The plethora of both international and domestic buyers throughout the week has significantly contributed to these results. We hugely appreciate the support of our loyal vendors who have recognised that Part Two of the sale has established itself as a viable option for selling commercial yearlings.”

He added, “We now turn our attention to preparing the catalogue for the Sapphire Sale with entries closing for foals, yearlings and broodmares on Friday, 20th October and the sale taking place on Friday, 16th November.”

All yearlings catalogued for the September Yearling Sale and Sapphire Sale are eligible for the €250,000 Tattersalls Ireland Super Auction Sales Stakes 2024.
A MASTERFUL 56 FOR DUBAWI

In this series, the TDN takes a look at notable successes of European-based sires in North America. This week’s column is highlighted by the victory of Master Of The Seas in the Ricoh Woodbine Mile at Woodbine on Saturday.

Dubawi Gelding Masters Woodbine Mile Foes

The Classic-placed Master Of The Seas (Ire) (Dubawi {Ire}) won his first race at the Grade I level for breeder Godolphin and Charlie Appleby in the Ricoh Woodbine Mile on Saturday (video).

Already a five-time group winner who was second in the 2021 edition of the G1 2000 Guineas at Newmarket, the 5-year-old was last seen taking the G2 Summer Mile S. at Ascot. One of four stakes winners for his listed-winning and G1 French 1000 Guineas second dam, Firth Of Lorne (Ire) (Danehill), Master Of The Seas is a half-brother to the dam of top-level winners Cascadian (GB) (New Approach {Ire}) and Albahr (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}).

The 56th Grade/Group 1 winner worldwide for his Darley sire, Master Of The Seas is one of 37 winners from 76 runners (48%) in the U.S. Dubawi has accumulated 20 stakes winners (26%) in North America, including 10 Grade I winners.

Jockey Club Oaks Goes To Teofilo Filly

Godolphin homebred Eternal Hope (Ire) (Teofilo {Ire}) secured her first victory at the graded level with a win in the GIII Fasig-Tipton Jockey Club Oaks Invitational S. for trainer Charlie Appleby on Saturday (video).

Already a listed winner and second in the G2 Prix Alex Head during her 2023 European campaign, the chestnut is the second foal and first winner for the winning Dubawi (Ire) mare Voice Of Truth (Ire), herself a half-sister to triple Group 1 winner and Classic-placed sire Rio De La Plata (Rahy). Eternal Hope is a half-sister to Blue Point (Ire) juvenile filly Word’s Out (Ire), a yearling full-sister who is lot 168 as part of the Baroda Stud draft at the Goffs Orby Sale, and an Australia (GB) half-brother born this year. Voice Of Truth was picked up for €35,000 out of the Godolphin consignment by Gary Mullins carrying her Teofilo yearling at Goffs November in 2021.

Darley’s Teofilo is responsible for 17 winners from 27 runners (63%) in North America. His four stakes winners (15%) are anchored by GI Saratoga Derby victor Nations Pride, and Eternal Hope is his third graded winner in that locale.

Sea Venture A Success

Lael Stables’ Ready To Venture (GB) (Kingman {GB}) claimed a career high in the GIII Seaway S. at Woodbine on Sunday (video). Trained by Mike Stidham, the 5-year-old was making her first start in graded company.

A homebred for Roy and Gretchen Jackson who raced GI Kentucky Derby winner Barbaro (Dynaformer) and bred George Washington (Ire) (Danehill), the two-time U.S. stakes winner is the first foal out of the G3 Pinnacle S. third Wonderstruck (Ire) (Sea The Stars {Ire}). A half-sister to the aforementioned Classic winner George Washington and to three-time Group 1 winner Granadera (Ire) (Grand Lodge), her latest is a weanling filly by Too Darn Hot (GB). Cont. p7
Making Waves Cont.

Juddmonte’s Kingman is responsible for 30 winners from 55 runners in the U.S. (54.5%). Eight of that cohort (14.5%) are stakes winners, with three-time Grade I winner Domestic Spending (GB) his best.

Sweet Like Sugar

Gregory Hoffman, R.T Racing Stable and Clay Scherer’s Ever So Sweet (Ire) (Calyx {GB}) followed up a runner-up performance at Saratoga into a Belmont at the Big A victory on Saturday (video). The Brad Cox trainee was bred by G. H. S. Bloodstock and J. C. Bloodstock, and brought €150,000 from Scherer as a Goffs Orby yearling in 2022. Ever So Sweet is one of three foals for her dam, the Exceed And Excel (Aus) mare Shine (GB), who is a full-sister to the listed winner and black-type producer Shamandar (Fr) and a half-sister to the listed winner and G3 Prix la Rochette second Hung Parliament (Fr) (Numerous). Third dam Blushing Heiress (Blushing John) won both the GII Wilshire H. and GIII Palomar H.

The progeny of Coolmore stallion Calyx are thriving as autumn arrives, and all three of his U.S. runners have now won, including the stakes-placed Angiolletta (Ire). Internationally, the G2 Coventry S. hero has 14 winners anchored by G2 Duchess of Cambridge heroine Persian Dreamer.

Too Darn Hot Filly Shines At The Meadowlands

It’s Hot In Here (Ire) (Too Darn Hot {GB}), who runs in the silks of Michael Dubb, Madaket Stables, LLC, Michael Kisber and William Rucker, won at Monmouth Park at the Meadowlands late last week for trainer Chad Brown (video). She is the first runner and winner in North America for her Darley sire.

Part of the Ballylinch Stud breeding programme, she was making her second start after running third to future GI Natalma S. fourth Ozara (Ire) (Lope De Vega {Ire}) at Saratoga in August. The €110,000 Arqana August yearling selection of Mandore International Agency, the bay is the sixth foal and fifth winner produced by Listed Flaming Page S. second and GIII My Charmer H. third Janicellaine (Ire) (Beat Hollow {GB}). The dam has a yearling filly by Lope De Vega (Ire), who is consigned as lot 428 by Ballylinch to the Goffs Orby Sale next week and a weanling filly by Make Believe (GB). Janicellaine is also a half-sister to the star-crossed GI Breeders’ Cup Juvenile Fillies Turf and G1 Fillies’ Mile heroine Chriselliam (Ire) (Iffraaj {GB}) among others.

Worldwide, Too Darn Hot has sired 15 winners.

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G1 Moyglare Stud S. and G3 Sweet Solera S. victress Fallen Angel (GB), G2 May Hill S. and G3 Prestige S. winner Darnation (Ire) and Carolina Reaper (GB), who claimed the G3 Zukunfts Rennen, are his trio of stakes winners so far.

Kodiac Filly Game Beneath The Twin Spires

Stonestreet Stables’ Salt Spray (Ire) (Kodiac {GB}) made her second start a winning one at Churchill Downs for trainer Wesley Ward on Thursday (video).

Bred by Denis Brosnan’s Epona Bloodstock, Ltd., the 285,000gns Tattersalls October Book 2 yearling, who was picked up by Ben McElroy for Barbara Banke’s operation, is out of Taste The Salt (Ire) (Born To Sea {Ire}), who is a half-sister to G2 Norfolk S. winner Baitha Alga (Ire) (Fast Company {Ire}). Taste The Salt has the juvenile filly Lady Of War (Ire) (Gleneagles {Ire}), a yearling colt by Mehmas (Ire) who will be offered by Croom House Stud as lot 132 at the Goffs Orby Sale later this month, and a full-sister to the winner born this year, yet to come.

Tally-Ho’s Kodiac has sired 38 winners from 76 (50%) to race in the U.S. Seven (9%) of them have won stakes, led by GII City of Hope Mile S. hero True Valour (Ire), and Grade III winners Campanelle (Ire), Island Of Love (Ire), and Spirit Of Xian (Ire). Dual Group 1 winner Campanelle, too, raced in the marigold-with-a-burgundy-vee Stonestreet silks.

IRISH HORSE RACING FIXTURES INCREASE FOR 2024 AS FIXTURE LIST ANNOUNCED BY HRI

The 2024 Irish fixture list, which will see the number of meetings rise to 395 while also extending the industry breaks in winter and summer and maintain six blank Sundays, was published by Horse Racing Ireland (HRI) on Thursday.

There were 390 fixtures scheduled for 2023. All of the 2024 fixtures have been allocated barring four, and horses-in-training numbers are up 2%. Six turf fixtures have been added to the 2024 fixture list, initially on a one-year basis, and will held at Punchestown (Bank Holiday Monday, Feb. 5), the Curragh (Saturday, Apr. 6), Bellewstown & Down Royal (both Sunday, Apr. 14), Wexford (Wednesday, Aug. 7) and Roscommon (Monday, Oct. 14).

In addition, The Flat winter break has been extended by nine days, from Dec. 22-Jan. 12. The summer break in the National Hunt season has also been extended by two days. The six blank Sundays will be on Apr. 28, June 23, July 14, July 28, Sept. 8 and Dec. 22. The Flat season will also begin slightly earlier at the Curragh on Mar. 18 and will end at that racecourse on Nov. 3.

Some of the major racing festivals are as follows:

- Dublin Racing Festival: Feb. 3-4
- Cork Easter Festival: Mar. 30-Apr. 1
- Fairyhouse Easter Festival: Mar. 30-Apr. 1
- Punchestown Festival: Apr. 30-May 4
- Killarney Spring Festival: May 12-14
- Curragh Guineas Festival: May 24-26
- Down Royal Ulster Derby: June 21-22
- Curragh Derby Festival: June 28-30
- Bellewstown Summer Festival: July 4-6
- Killarney July Festival: July 15-19
- Curragh Oaks Festival: July 20-21
- Galway Festival: July 29-Aug. 4
- Tramore August Festival: Aug. 15-18
- Killarney August Festival: Aug. 22-24
- Irish Champions Festival: Sept. 14-15
- Listowel Harvest Festival Sept. 22-28
- Down Royal NH Festival: Nov. 1-2
- Navan Racing Festival: Nov. 16-17
- Punchestown Winter Festival: Nov. 23-24
- Fairyhouse Winter Festival: Nov. 30-Dec. 1
- Leopardstown Christmas Festival: Dec. 26-29
- Limerick Christmas Festival: Dec. 26-29

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Jason Morris, HRI’s Director of Racing and Strategic Projects, said, “HRI is very conscious of the extra demands being placed on all those working in the industry by the increasing fixture list and hence why, following consultation, the Fixtures Committee has extended the break periods under both codes. There will now be a three-week gap over the Christmas and New Year period for the Flat, and a full two week break for the National Hunt sector in June/July. We have also retained the number of blank Sundays at six.”

GREGORY TO BE RESTED, BUT WILL RETURN AT FOUR

Wathnan Racing’s Gregory (GB) (Golden Horn {GB}), who won the G2 Queen’s Vase at Royal Ascot, is headed for some time off, with connections opting for a 4-year-old staying campaign, according to racing advisor Richard Brown.

The John and Thady Gosden trainee won his first three starts, before running third in the G2 Great Voltigeur S. and fifth in the G1 St Leger, both times to Heart’s Cry (Jpn) colt Continuous (Jpn).

“I think he’s going to be better on top of the ground and he still ran an admirable race,” said Brown, reflecting on the colt’s St Leger performance.

“He’s a big colt and by the far the biggest, most scopey horse in that field and he’s only going to get better from three to four. He still ran with credit, but we’ll put him away now and we’ll look at turning him into a Cup horse next year.”

LONG DISTANCE CUP BECKONS FOR GIABELLOTTO, AS MELBOURNE TRIP OFF THE TABLE

Scuderia La Tesa’s Giavellotto (Ire) (Mastercraftsman {Ire}), a winner of the G2 Yorkshire Cup S. in May, will not travel for the G1 Melbourne Cup in November, with connections considering the G2 Long Distance Cup at Ascot instead, trainer Marco Botti revealed.

“He’s in good form and has come out of the race at York in fine shape, but we’re not going to Australia,” said Botti. “There were a few niggling problems and it’s not going to happen this year unfortunately.

“Hopefully next year if we still have him and everything is going well then we can think about it as the Melbourne Cup is a race the owners would love to go for, and the race and the track would suit him as he seems to go on left-handed tracks.”

Botti is on weather watch regarding the 4-year-old’s bid on QIPCO British Champions Day, with softer conditions unlikely to suit Giavellotto. After his York triumph, he ran fifth in the G1 Goodwood Cup S. to Quickthorn (GB) (Nathaniel {Ire}) in August and was most recently third in the G2 Lonsdale Cup S. back at York at the end of that month.

“We’ll keep an eye on the weather as he will only go to Ascot if the ground is not too soft,” he added. “Good to soft is fine, but he wouldn’t want to run on anything softer than that. If he doesn’t go to Ascot we’ll just put him away for the winter.

“We haven’t discussed plans for next year with the owners yet. I wouldn’t rule out going back to [the] Dubai World Cup night for the G2 Gold Cup, but let’s see how he winters and how he is after a nice break.”

SUN CHARIOT SUPPLEMENTATION LIKELY FOR HEREDIA

Progressive filly Heredia (GB) (Dark Angel {Ire}) is a likely supplement for the G1 Virgin Bet Sun Chariot S. at Newmarket’s Rowley Mile on Oct. 7, according to Richard Brown, who is the racing manager for owners St Albans Bloodstock.

The Richard Hannon-trained 4-year-old won her first stakes, the Listed Dick Hern S., at Haydock in August. Favoured in the G3 Atalanta S. at Sandown, she ran to her odds and delivered a three-quarter length victory earlier this month. If entered, she would face Group/Grade 1 winners Inspiral (GB) (Frankel {GB}), Msq De Sevgine (Ire) (Siyouni {Fr}) and Meditate (Ire) (No Nay Never) among others in that one-mile contest.

“We’ve all had a chat and we’re absolutely delighted with Sandown,” said Brown. “She is a filly on a sharp upwards curve and when fillies do that you don’t know how far they can go, so we’ll most likely supplement her for the Sun Chariot.”
RECORD PRIZE-MONEY FOR SUN CHARIOT DAY AT NEWMARKET

The upcoming Sun Chariot Day at Newmarket’s Rowley Mile on Saturday, Oct. 7, will be worth a record £600,000, The Jockey Club announced on Thursday.

The fixture will host four World Pool races for the first time, and the G1 Virgin Bet Sun Chariot S. will be worth £275,000. Another stakes, the G3 Tattersalls October Auction S., will carry a purse of £150,000, and both the 10-furlong British EBF Premier Fillies’ H. and the 12-furlong British Stallion Studs EBF Premier Fillies’ H. will each boast prize-money of £70,000. This quartet of races have all been added to the World Pool, which was created and powered by the Hong Kong Jockey Club (HKJC). Another World Pool event on the same day is Turnbull Stakes Day at Flemington in Australia, which will conduct the G1 Turnbull S.

Michael Fitzsimons, Executive Director, Wagering Products, at the Hong Kong Jockey Club, said, “There are many strategic objectives aligned to World Pool and one of them is promoting Group 1 races so adding the Turnbull S. and Sun Chariot S. to the roster on the same day makes for a fantastic dual-hemisphere treat for fans.

“The Sun Chariot S. itself is a race with a rich history and we look forward to another exciting contest in 2023. I would also like to thank The Jockey Club and RMG for their continued support in making World Pool the important global brand it has become today.”

DETTORI AND MULLINS SQUARE OFF IN BARNEY CURLEY CHARITY CUP

The Barney Curley Charity Cup, featuring teams led by Frankie Dettori and Willie Mullins, will be held at Bellewstown on Wednesday, Sept. 27.

The racecourse has already raised over €200,000 for Curley’s charity Direct Aid for Africa (DAFA), and the second edition of the contest will raise money for the charity. Each team consists of seven jockeys, who will go head-to-head over two races, sponsored by Gannon City Recovery & Recycling Services Limited and The Gallagher Group. Points will be awarded to the first six placed horses on a scale of 20, 10, 5, 3, 2, 1 and the team that accumulates the highest number of points across the two races in the challenge will win the Barney Curley Charity Cup. Dettori’s team was victorious in 2022.

Alan Delany, Vice Chair of Bellewstown, said, “Frankie and Willie have assembled two amazing teams of riders which should make for a brilliant race day on Wednesday, Sept. 27. This is the second year of this very special event on our fixture list, all in honour of our great friend Barney Curley and to support his wonderful charity, Direct Aid for Africa (DAFA). With free entry for all, thanks to the National Bookmakers Association, we are expecting a big crowd through the gates which will make for fantastic atmosphere.”
Waldgeist has a runner at Newbury

Inns of Court (Ire) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}), Tally-Ho Stud
168 foals of racing age
13:15-AYR, 7.25f, Buttercross Flyer (Ire)
€17,000 Tattersalls Ireland September Yearling 2022; 40,000gns
Tattersalls Guineas Breeze Up & HIT Sale 2023
15:00-NEWBURY, 7f, Invincible Friend (Ire)
€18,000 Goffs November Foal Sale 2021; €32,000 Goffs
Sportsman's Yearling Sale 2022

Invincible Army (Ire) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}), Yeomanstown Stud
95 foals of racing age
16:40-KEMPTON PARK, 7f, Garden View (Ire)
65,000gns RNA Tattersalls October Yearling Sale (Book 2) 2022
13:45-AYR, 6f, Love Billy Boy (Ire)
€90,000 Goffs UK Premier & Silver Yearlings 2022

Land Force (Ire) (No Nay Never), Highclere Stud
117 foals of racing age
18:15-KEMPTON PARK, 6f, Eighth Army (GB)
€45,000 Goffs UK Premier & Silver Yearlings 2022

Soldier’s Call (GB) (Showcasing {GB}), Ballyhane Stud
121 foals of racing age
13:50-NEWBURY, 6f, Assembly Call (Ire)
18:15-KEMPTON PARK, 6f, Briery Boy (Ire)
13:50-NEWBURY, 6f, Call Time (Ire)
€24,000 Goffs November Foal Sale 2021
13:45-AYR, 6f, Government Call (Ire)

Study of Man (Ire) (Deep Impact {Jpn}), Lanwades Stud
54 foals of racing age
15:00-NEWBURY, 7f, Jubilee Walk (GB)
€185,000 Goffs Orby Yearling Sale 2022

Ten Sovereigns (Ire) (No Nay Never), Coolmore Stud
150 foals of racing age
13:15-AYR, 7.25f, Lunar Streets (Ire)
€20,000 Goffs Sportsman’s Yearling Sale 2022
18:15-KEMPTON PARK, 6f, Ruling Sovereign (Ire)
€17,000 Goffs Autumn Yearling Sale 2022; £52,000 Goffs UK
2yo Breeze Up Sale 2023
16:40-KEMPTON PARK, 7f, Yaajooz (Ire)
€50,000 Goffs Orby Yearling Sale 2022

Too Darn Hot (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}), Dalham Hall Stud
120 foals of racing age
14:25-NEWBURY, 7f, Machiavellian Lady (GB)
40,000gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale (Book 3) 2022;
€30,000 RNA Tattersalls Ireland Goresbridge Breeze Up 2023

FRANCE

Blue Point (Ire) (Shamardal), Kildangan Stud
161 foals of racing age
2-SAINT-CLOUD, 1500m, Mondrial (GB)
€100,000 Arqana Deauville August Yearling Sale 2022

City Light (Fr) (Siyouni {Fr}), Haras d’Etreham
90 foals of racing age
2-SAINT-CLOUD, 1500m, Fou Furieux (Fr)

Ten Sovereigns (Ire) (No Nay Never), Coolmore Stud
150 foals of racing age
1-TOULOUSE, 1600m, Rule the Surf (Fr)

Too Darn Hot (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}), Dalham Hall Stud
120 foals of racing age
1-SAINT-CLOUD, 1500m, Bauhinia (Ire)

IRELAND

Inns of Court (Ire) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}), Tally-Ho Stud
168 foals of racing age
2-DUNDALK, 6f, Jacks Inn (Ire)
2-DUNDALK, 6f, Perfect Judgement (Ire)
€100,000 Tattersalls Ireland Goresbridge Breeze Up 2023

Magna Grecia (Ire) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}), Coolmore Stud
109 foals of racing age
1-DUNDALK, 5f, Janzoor (Ire)
9,000gns TATDEC 2021; €18,000 Goffs Autumn Yearling Sale '22
OBSERVATIONS
on the European racing scene

BAUHINIA AT SAINT-CLOUD FOR SECOND TEST

13.40 Saint-Cloud, Cond, €34,000, 2yo, f, 7 1/2fT
BAUHINIA (IRE) (Too Darn Hot {GB}) earned TDN Rising Star status at ParisLongchamp last month and Godolphin’s daughter of the G2 Rockfel S.-placed Desert Blossom (Ire) (Shamardal) is kept away from black-type company for now by Andre Fabre. Among her opponents is Ecurie des Charmes’ Deauville conditions scorer Opera Mundi (Ire) (Kingman {GB}), a Carlos & Yann Lerner-trained relative of the G1 Grand Prix de Saint-Cloud winner Plumania (GB) (Anabaa) and G1 Prix Vermeille winner Left Hand (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}).

14.25 Newbury, Cond, £20,000, 2yo, f, 7fT
INVERSION (GB) (Frankel {GB}) makes her debut in this Dubai Duty Free Full of Surprises British EBF Fillies’ Conditions S. which obviously enjoys a special resonance with the Charlton stable, having won it for three of the last five years including with the subsequent G1 Fillies’ Mile heroine Quadrilateral (GB) (Frankel {GB}) and with this Juddmonte homebred’s half-sister Lucid Dreamer (GB) (Dansili {GB}). Also successful with L’Ancrese (Ire) (Darshaan {GB}) in 2002, their runner this time is also a half-sister to the recent GI Diana S. winner Whitebeam (GB) (Caravaggio).

16.40 Kempton, Novice, £9,900, 2yo, 7fT
MILITARY LEADER (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}) is introduced by Charlie Appleby at a track at which he likes to run his smart juveniles and this is a half-brother to this year’s G1 Coronation S. third Sounds Of Heaven (GB) (Kingman {GB}). A 1.5million gns Tatts Book 1 purchase, he hails from the spectacularly successful Kilfrush Stud family of Galileo’s Hydrangea (Ire), The United States (Ire) and Hermosa (Ire).

17.15 Kempton, Novice, £9,900, 2yo, 7ft
AGE OF BAROQUE (FR) (Lope De Vega {Ire}) is another Godolphin-Appleby project starting out on the Polytrack, being a grandson of the G1 Prix du Moulin de Longchamp winner Grey Lilas (Ire) (Danehill) from the immediate family of the G1 Poule d’Essai des Pouliches and G1 Prix de Diane heroine Golden Lilac (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}). Costing €575,000 at last year’s Arqana Deauville August Yearling Sale, the February-foaled bay has some experienced peers to overcome including Victorious Racing’s 360,000gns Tatts Craven Breeze-Up graduate Military Artist (Munnings) from the Roger Varian stable.

Thursday’s Results:
2nd-Ayr, £8,000, Nov, 9-21, 2yo, 8fT, 1:43.76, g/s.
SPIRIT OF ACKLAM (GB) (c, 2, Cracksman {GB}--Zucchera {GB}, by Zamindar), who ran seventh in the Aug. 25 Convivial Maiden at York when last seen, chased the leaders in fifth for the most part here. Busted along with three furlongs remaining, the 9-2 chance came under sterner urging inside the final quarter-mile and kept on relentlessly to deny Convivial fifth Sisyphe (Ire) (Dubawi {Ire}) by a head in a bobbing finish. Spirit Of Acklam is the 14th of 15 foals and fifth scorer produced by a winning half-sister to four black-type performers headed by G1 July Cup-winning sire Sakhee’s Secret (GB) (Sakhee). The February-foaled bay is a half-brother to MGSW GI E P Taylor S. third Santa Monica (GB) (Mastercraftsman {Ire}), G3 Bart Cummings victor Grand Promenade (GB) (Champs Elysees {GB}) and a weanling filly by Masar (Ire). Sales history: 27,000gns Ylg > 22 TATOCT. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, $5,090. O-Amity Finance Racing; B-D J Erwin Bloodstock (GB); T-Michael & David Easterby.

2nd-Pontefract, £8,000, Nov, 9-21, 2yo, 6fT, 1:17.74, g/s.
BONDY (GB) (c, 2, Kingman {GB}--Best Terms {GB} {MGSW-Eng, $191,935}, by Exceed And Excel {Aus}), fourth in his Sept. 10 over this trip at York last time, raced in a handy fifth through the early fractions here. Cont. p13
Fakarava is the 61st stakes winner for the late Le Havre

**2nd-Pontefract Cont.**

Rowed along to go third rounding the home turn, the 4-1 chance pounced for control approaching the final furlong and was pushed out to comfortably defeat Catton Lady (GB) (Time Test (GB)) by 1 1/4 lengths. Bondy is the seventh of nine foals and sixth scorer produced by G2 Queen Mary S. and G2 Lowther S. victrix Best Terms (GB) (Exceed And Excel (Aus)), herself a half-sister to G3 Premio Mario Incisa della Rocchetta runner-up Sunsemperechi (GB) (Montjeu (Ire)). The February-foaled bay is a half-brother to stakes-winning G1 Prix Marcel Boussac third Star Terms (GB) (Sea The Stars (Ire)), Listed Prio Solitude victrix Fresh Terms (GB) (New Approach (Ire)), the dual stakes-placed Rainbow Sky (GB) (Sea The Stars (Ire)) a yearling colt by Wootton Bassett (GB) and a weanling filly by Sea The Stars (Ire). Sales history: 450,000gns Ylg +22 TATOCT. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, $7,592.

O-Bond Thoroughbred Ltd; B-W & R Barnett Ltd (GB); T-Bryan Smart.

**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**

**Alpen Power (GB),** c, 2, **Bobby’s Kitten**--Alumna (GSP-Fr), by Mr. Greeley. Chelmsford City, 9-21, 8f (AWT), 1:37.86. Lifetime Record: 5-1-0-1, $8,636. B-Miss K Raising (GB). *€27,000 Ylg +22 GOFOR.

**Respectful (Ire),** c, 2, **Dandy Man (Ire)**--More Respect (Ire), by Spectrum (Ire). Ayr, 9-21, 7f 50yT, 1:33.08. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-0, $10,250. B-D & E Phelan (IRE). *€12,000.

**Talis Evolvere (Ire),** g, 3, **Awtaad (Ire)**--My Henrietta, by Henrythenavigator. Pontefract, 9-21, 8f 6yT, 1:45.66. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-1, $8,157. B-Lynn Lodge Stud & Pier House Stud (IRE). *€28,000 Ylg +21 TATOCT.

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**Francesco Baracca (GB),** g, 2, **Golden Horn (GB)**--Bella Ferrari (GB), by Bated Breath (GB). Great Yarmouth, 9-21, 8f 3yT, 1:44.23. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, $8,813. B-Biddestone Stud Ltd (GB). *€23,000 Ylg +22 TATOCT.

**3rd Dam: Persian Belle (GB), by Machiavellian**

**1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN.** (€220,000 Ylg +22 ARQAUG). O-Ecurie Didier Tabary, Salabi Racing & Meridian International SARL; B-Le Thenney & Jean-Dominique Daudier de Cassini (FR); T-Francis-Henri Graffard; J-Mickael Barzalona. €30,000. Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-1, €49,500.

**2--Employ (Ire),** 122, f, 2, **Caravaggio**--Emergent (GB), by Oasis Dream (GB). O-Juddmonte; B-Juddmonte Farms Ireland Ltd (IRE); T-Henri-Francois Devin. €12,000.

**3--Ten Horns (Fr),** 126, c, 2, **Ten Sovereigns (Ire)**--Rivalba, by Street Cry (Ire). **1ST BLACK TYPE.** (€48,000 RNA Ylg +22 ARQAUG). O-Ecurie Gribomont, Gerard Augustin-Normand & Ecurie du Sud; B-Ecurie Gribomont & Ecurie du Sud (FR); T-Patrice Cottier. €9,000.

Margins: 1 1/4, 2HF, 3. Odds: 2.30, 5.60, 1.20.

**Thursday’s Results:**

**CRITERIUM DE LYON**-Listed, €60,000, Lyon-Parilly, 9-21, 2yo, 8yT, 1:42.17, sf.

**1--Fakarava (FR),** 122, f, 2, by Le Havre (Ire)

1st Dam: Vespera (Ire) (GSP-Fr, $114,970), by Teofilo (Ire)
2nd Dam: Plain Vanilla (Fr), by Kendor (Fr)

Fakarava followed up a debut third tackling seven furlongs at Deauville with a win over the same trip at Compiègne last month and remained on an upward trajectory with a career high trying one mile for the first time in this stakes bow. Restrained to stalk the leaders in fourth until slipping back one spot on the home turn, the 23-10 second favourite was ridden to challenge out wide approaching the eighth pole and kept on well under mild coaxing in the latter stages to double her win tally in style.

Fakarava is the lone reported foal produced by G3 Prix Fille de l’Air runner-up Vespera (Ire) (Teofilo (Ire)), herself the leading performer out of a winning half-sister to MGSW G1 Dubai Sheema Classic third Calvados Blues (Fr) (Lando (Ger)) and GSW G1 Prix de Diane and G1 Prix Rothschild placegetter Volta (Fr) (Siyouni (Fr)). The January-foaled bay’s unraced third dam Persian Belle (GB) (Machiavellian) is a full-sister to GII Las Palmas H. victrix Beautyandthebeast (GB) and a half to G1 Bayerisches Zuchtrennen-winning sire Neatico (Ger) (Medicean (GB)). Video, sponsored by FanDuel TV.
CONDITIONS RESULTS:

7th-Amiens, €16,000, 9-21, 3yo, 1650mt, 1:50.76, sf.
LINGOTTO (FR) (c, 3, Al Wukair (Ire)--La Joie (Fr), by Montjeu (Ire)) Lifetime Record: 9-3-0-0, €35,510. O-Massimiliano Allegri, Moreno Poggioni & Aksam Khaddam; B-H Rousseau & E Puerari (FR); T-Alessandro & Giuseppe Botti. *€21,000 Ylg '21 ARQOCT. **1/2 to L'Imperatore (Fr) (Holy Roman Emperor (Ire)), GSW-US, $502,779.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:
Amalya (Fr), f, 2, Ultra (Ire)--Optica (Fr), by Hernandez (Fr).
Village Anglais (Fr), c, 3, Ribchester (Ire)--Santa Ponsa (Fr) (SW & GSP-Fr), by Slickly (Fr). Lyon-Parilly, 9-21, 8fT, 1:43.00. B-Jean-Claude Seroul (FR).

Thursday's Results:
1st-Listowel, €16,500, Mdn, 9-21, 2yo, 8fT, 1:47.45, sf/hy.
LOOK AT THE STARS (GB) (c, 2, Muhaarar (GB)--Wilbury Twist (GB), by Pivotal (GB)), who posted a June 23 debut eighth going seven furlongs at Down Royal last time, broke well from an inside gate and accepted a tow in second through halfway. Ridden to the fore soon after passing the two pole, the 9-4 second choice was not for catching in the closing stages and powered clear to easily outpoint Cardinal Zin (Ire) (Make Believe (GB)) by 5 1/2 lengths. “He was a little green going to the start, but he was very professional around the track,” said winning rider Declan McDonogh. “We didn’t go quick, he got around the track well and picked up well.” Look At The Stars is the latest of two foals and lone scorer produced by a Wilbury Twist (GB) (Pivotal (GB)), who is out of a half-sister to G3 Lingfield Derby Trial victor Alessandro Volta (GB) (Montjeu (Ire)). Sales history: 60,000gns Ylg ‘22 TATOCT. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, $10,554. O-Mrs Claire Gleeson; B-Meon Valley Stud (GB); T-Joseph O’Brien.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:
Water Nymph (Ire), f, 3, Saxon Warrior (Jpn)--Chenchikova (Ire), by Sadler’s Wells. Listowel, 9-21, 8fT, 1:47.07. Lifetime Record: 10-1-2-2, $20,377. B-Coolmore (IRE). *1/2 to Fancy Blue (Ire) (Deep Impact (Jpn)), G1SW-Eng & Fr, SW & MG1SP-Ire, $741,195; Smuggerl’s Cove (Ire) (Fastnet Rock (Aus)), SW-Ire & G1SP-Ire, $137,682; Casterton (Ire) (Fastnet Rock (Aus)), MSW & GSP-Fr, $163,024; and Fastnet Cyclone (Ire) (Fastnet Rock (Aus)), SP-Aus, $236,945.

Charming Star (Ire), g, 3, Sea The Stars (Ire)--Baino Hope (Fr) (GSW-Fr, $254,336), by Jeremy. Listowel, 9-21, 12fT, 2:50.34. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, $9,472. B-Sunderland Holding Inc (IRE). *€180,000 Ylg ‘21 GOFOR. **1/2 to Kingmax (Ire) (Kingman (GB)), GSP-Eng, $109,259.

IN SAUDI ARABIA:
Rossmore Nation (Ire), c, 3, Sioux Nation--Alutiq (Ire), by Kodiak (GB). Ta’if, 9-21, Cond., 1200m. B-Murcot Investments.

VIDEO (SC 4)
### Groom Entries

**Saturday, Curragh, Ireland, post time: 14:30**

**ALAN SMURFIT MEMORIAL BERESFORD S.-G2, €72,000, 2yo, 8f 0y**

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**Saturday, Newbury, Britain, post time: 15:15**

**DUBAI DUTY FREE MILL REEF S.-G2, £102,300, 2yo, 6f 0y**

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**Saturday, Newbury, Britain, post time: 13:30**

**DUBAI INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT WORLD TROPHY S.-G3, £70,000, 3yo/up, 5f 34y**

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**Saturday, Ayr, Britain, post time: 15:00**

**VIRGIN BET BEST ODDS DAILY FIRTH OF CLYDE S.-G3, £40,000, 2yo, f, 6f 0y**

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Saturday, Dresden, Germany, post time: 16:30

**GROSSER PREIS DER LANDESHAUPTSTADT DRESDEN-G3**, €55,000, 3yo/up, 7fT

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