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Paul Hayward argues that the revolutionary thinking of Premier League football tycoon Tony Bloom might be just what the racing industry needs, whether it wants to admit it or not.

GRADED STAKES COMMITTEE SHOWS NYRA NO LOVE

The Week in Review, by Bill Finley

The American Graded Stakes Committee of the Thoroughbred Owners and Breeders Association has done it again, announcing Saturday that it has reduced the number of graded stakes races that will be run in the U.S. in 2024, while also downgrading 30 races. To most, this is a welcome development. With the foal crop continually declining, there should be fewer graded stakes races and fewer Grade I’s. Many believe that the committee has not gone far enough.

Yet, the announcement, as it always seems to do, did not come without a few head-scratching, controversial decisions, many of them leaving tracks to believe they have been treated unfairly. When the list of graded races for 2024 reached the New York Racing Association’s executive offices there probably was a sense that they were being picked on. No tracks took it on the chin quite like the NYRA tracks did.

There will be 429 graded races in 2024, 11 fewer than there were this year. Thirty races were downgraded, and that’s where NYRA was hit the hardest. Ten of those 30 races are run at NYRA tracks. They include the Carter H. and the Man o’War S., which were two of five races that were Grade I’s that have been downgraded to Grade II’s for next year. Ten races were downgraded from II’s to III’s and five of them are NYRA races. Cont. p3

OWNER TO APPEAL GREAT WHITE WAY STAKES DQ by Bill Finley

Following the controversial disqualification of Brick Ambush (Laoban), who crossed the wire second in Saturday’s $500,000 Great White Way division of the New York Stallion Series at Aqueduct, owner Dean Reeves said he will appeal the decision of the stewards.

In a roughly run race, there was an incident at the quarter-pole where Big Torpedo (Big Brown) and Solo’s Fury (Solomini) both checked sharply. Big Torpedo finished fourth and Solo’s Fury was last of 12. A strong case can be made that Antonio of Venice (Laoban), the race winner with Manny Franco aboard, came off the rail and started a chain reaction that caused the other two horses to steady. When the incident took place, Brick Ambush sat five wide and outside of the horses who were bothered. He never came in contact with another horse, changed paths or did anything else that would seem to warrant a disqualification. Cont. p5
KENTUCKY DOWNS CELEBRATES FIRST GRADE I
The GI Franklin-Simpson S. will become the first Grade I race to be run at Kentucky Downs, emblematic of the elevation of the track’s entire racing program, according to track officials.

CASSE, KIMURA TOP WOODBINE STANDINGS
Mark Casse and Kazushi Kimura topped the trainer and jockey standings, respectively, at the Woodbine meeting which concluded Sunday. In Oklahoma, Steve Asmussen captured his 18th training title and Stewart Elliott earned his first riding title at Remington Park, which concluded its 2023 meet Saturday.
The Week in Review (cont. from p1)

Three more NYRA races were dropped from Grade III to listed races.

Ten races were upgraded, including three on the NYRA schedule.

It wasn’t that long ago that the NYRA stakes schedule was the gold standard for the industry. But in 2024, NYRA will present a stakes schedule that looks nothing like what it offered during its glory days. It’s not just the Carter and the Man o’War. The five NYRA stakes that have been dropped from Grade II to Grade III are the Forty Niner S., the Hill Prince S., the Vosburgh S., the Sheephead Bay S. and the Prioress S. The Bay Shore S., the Fall Highweight H. and the Schuylerville S. all went from Grade III to listed.

In 2022, it was announced that the 2023 runnings of the Cigar Mile S. and the Woodward S. were being dropped to Grade II’s. Since 2016, NYRA has lost eight Grade I races. The list also includes the Wood Memorial S., the Flower Bowl S., the Beldame S. and the Vosburgh S. With the downgrading of the Carter for next year, there will no longer be any Grade I races run at what are the traditional Aqueduct meets.

Since Funny Cide (Distorted Humor) won the 2003 Derby after finishing second in the Wood, the Wood has produced 41 Derby starters without a top three finish. Tacitus (Tapit) was moved up to third after Maximum Security (New Year’s Day) was DQ’d in 2019.

This year’s Cigar Mile, won by Hoist The Gold (Mineshaft), was not a Grade I quality race.

The one move by the graded stakes committee that makes no sense is how it has treated the Vosburgh. Named a Grade I in 1991 when it was won by Housebuster (Mt. Livermore), it remained a Grade I until 2019. The 2020 and 2021 runnings were nothing to get excited about, but the 2022 edition was won by Elite Power (Curlin), who would go on to win the GI Breeders’ Cup Sprint and be named sprint champion. This year the race was won by Cody’s Wish (Curlin), who came back to win the GI Breeders’ Cup Dirt Mile and is the favorite to be named 2023 Horse of the Year. How do you take a race won in back-to-back years by Elite Power and Cody’s Wish and downgrade it from a Grade II to a Grade III?

NYRA can’t afford more of the same in the year’s ahead. (How much longer can the historic GI Jockey Club Gold Cup maintain its Grade I status?) The problem with NYRA’s stakes program is that it hasn’t adapted to the times. There are simply too many stakes races on the schedule. You have a declining foal crop and you have trainers of top horses who are perfectly content to run them four times a year. The inevitable has happened. Field sizes for stakes races keep going down as does the quality, and that’s why NYRA keeps getting hit by the graded stakes committee.

It’s time for some tough love and to simply eliminate some races. A perfect example is its schedule for older male dirt horses from the late spring to the early fall. You start with the June 10 GI Metropolitan H., followed by the July 8 GII Suburban S., the Aug. 5 GI Whitney, the Sept. 2 GI Jockey Club Gold Cup and the Oct. 1 GI Woodward. That’s five races in the same division over less than four months and that doesn’t begin to take into account major races for older dirt males run elsewhere.
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There simply aren’t enough quality horses to adequately fill all those races. Yes, the Suburban and the Woodward are historic races, but maybe it is time for them to go. The same goes for a half dozen or so other stakes.

NYRA still has a terrific stakes program, particularly at Saratoga, where the prestige of the races and the purses involved attract the very best horses in the sport. Every Grade I run there is a deserving Grade I. The card offered on the day of the GI Belmont S. is the second best day of racing in the sport, behind only the Breeders’ Cup Saturday program. It’s just the rest of the year where NYRA needs help.

The Brick Ambush Decision

Put 1,000 racing people in a room and ask them to watch Saturday’s running of the Great White Way division of the New York Stallion Series at Aqueduct, and the verdict would be unanimous. All 1,000 would say the stewards got it wrong. In disqualifying Brick Ambush (Laoban) from second, the stewards not only made the wrong call they made a call that defies explanation. Anyone can see that. In no way did this horse bother anyone or have anything to do with the pile-up that resulted near the quarter-pole when three other horses banged into one another.

Yet, the stewards took down Brick Ambush. If you didn’t know better, you’d think they didn’t even bother to watch the race. It was, simply, a horrendous call, and it cost the horse’s owners $100,000.

The stewards are no different than the rest of us. We all make mistakes. But the problem is, who holds them accountable when they do? Who is reviewing them and watching them? Is anyone in a position to fire or demote a steward when it becomes clear they’re not up to the job? There doesn’t appear to be.

Separate from an appeal from owners Dean and Patti Reeves, the New York Gaming Commission needs to conduct a review into this race and any others where the stewards might have made an erroneous decision and decide whether or not the three stewards on duty Saturday need to be sanctioned in some way, even if that means they should be fired.

The disqualification caused a firestorm on X, with the vast majority questioning the stewards call, which seemed so obviously wrong.
Owner to Appeal Great White Way Stakes

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Another possibility is that the stewards mistook Brick Ambush for the 11 horse, Solo’s Fury, who does appear to come over and bother horses at the quarter pole, while Brick Ambush appears to be clear of the trouble at that point. Both jockeys were wearing white and green silks with green caps and were next to one another.

Second-place money in the Great White Way is $100,000. Brick Ambush was placed last.

“We are going to appeal it because I’m not really sure what happened,” Reeves said. “We were never involved in the conversation. It’s been amazing, the number of people who have reached out or are making comments, people saying that’s the worst thing they’ve ever seen in 40 years of watching races. I feel like I got robbed, like I got mugged. We have to appeal this. I want to see how they came to their conclusion that we had anything to do with it. I watched the slow motion and had it stop and start. I have some questions for them.”

Reeves said he did not even realize that his horse had been taken down until getting a call from his trainer, Danny Gargan. He then called the stewards, asking for an explanation.

“I called to talk to the stewards,” he said. “I wanted to ask them why they took my horse down. I called three times. They hung up on me the first two times. The third time they said call us tomorrow morning. Needless to say, I was pretty upset.”

The Daily Racing Form’s David Grening asked New York Gaming Commission steward Braulio Baeza Jr. to comment on the reason for the disqualification and was told “the outside horse [Brick Ambush] caused the pressure.” Grening wrote that the stewards declined to comment further.

According to reporting in the Daily Racing Form, a second owner has filed an appeal objecting to the stewards’ decisions. Thomas Albrecht, the managing partner of the group that owns Big Torpedo, has filed an appeal of the stewards decision not to disqualify Antonio of Venice from first place.

A stewards’ inquiry was posted shortly after the horses crossed the wire. Javier Castellano, who rode Big Torpedo told reporters that he claimed foul, but the stewards said that foul claim was never relayed to them. It took the stewards about 10 minutes to review the inquiry, but even after they reached their decision there was more cause for confusion. For about a minute after the inquiry sign was removed, the order of finish still read 1-12-3-7, which was the order the horses crossed the finish line. The numbers were then changed to 1-3-7-6 and the race was declared official.

The NYRA website features a “Stewards’ Decision” page in which the stewards provide an explanation of what happened and the reason for their decision following an inquiry or an objection.
For the Great White Way, here is what they wrote: “Steward’s inquiry. At the 1/4 pole #12 Brick Ambush (Junior Alvarado) came in, causing a chain reaction. The #11 Solo’s Fury (Jose Lezcano) pushes down into the #7 The Big Torpedo (Javier Castellano). After reviewing the video and speaking with the riders, the stewards disqualified the #12 Brick Ambush for interference and place him behind the #11 Solo’s Fury. Official order of finish: 1-3-7-6.”

On Sunday evening, Junior Alvarado, the rider of Brick Ambush, was given a three-day suspension by the stewards. The disqualification caused a firestorm on X, with the vast majority questioning the stewards call, which seemed so obviously wrong.

Among those who took to X was Mike Repole, who wrote, “yesterday’s ninth race was one of the worst stewards’ calls I have ever seen. This is a public video, evidence of the (New York) stewards’ incompetence. This hurts gamblers, fans, and the integrity of the sport. The owners, trainers, jockeys, track employees, etc., have to deal with the incompetence of the (New York) stewards, that is not seen in public.”

FIRST GRADE I RACE ELEVATES KENTUCKY DOWNS PROGRAM

Kentucky Downs will host the first Grade I event in its history next year with the elevation of the GI Franklin-Simpson S. announced Saturday by the American Graded Stakes Committee.

“Ownership is laser-focused on the continued elevation of the racing product at their track, and we’re appreciative of the recognition by the American Graded Stakes Committee,” Ted Nicholson, Kentucky Downs’ Vice President for Racing, said in a press release Sunday. “As delighted as we are about finally getting a Grade I stakes, it’s more about the ascent of our entire racing program, with the Franklin-Simpson an exciting result. While we have offered among the highest purses in the world for several years, bringing it all together is the way the horsemen—owners and trainers—have embraced us.”

Under the ownership headed by Ron Winchell and Marc Falcone the past four years, Kentucky Downs has added four Grade III stakes, its first (now at four) Grade II races and its first Grade I.

“Kentucky Downs was a strong regional track when we took over ownership, and our immediate focus was to try to make it more national,” Winchell said. “With our first Grade I and with four Grade II races among our nine graded stakes, we’ve become entrenched in the national conversation. Our goal now is to make Kentucky Downs an international destination. Part of that is working hard to continue the upward migration of our stakes. We want the Franklin-Simpson to be our first—but not only—Grade I.”

Kentucky Downs’ first graded stakes was the Kentucky Turf Cup, back in 2001. The track did not receive another graded stakes until 2017, when it added two.

The Franklin-Simpson earned its first grading for 2019, advancing to a Grade II for 2021. The Music City S., run for the first time in 2020, was conducted as a Grade III for the first time this year and will be a Grade II event in 2024.
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CASSE, KIMURA ON TOP AT WOODBINE

Kazushi Kimura earned his third consecutive riding title at Woodbine with 161 victories during the 2023 meeting which concluded Sunday, while Mark Casse was the track’s leading trainer for the 15th time.

“I am very grateful to all the trainers and owners who gave me an opportunity to ride so many great horses this year,” Kimura said. “I’d like to thank the grooms, exercise riders, hot walkers, gate crew, outriders, and everyone who makes our sport so great. And I would like to thank all the horses, the stars of our sport and the best athletes you will find.”

The 2019 Eclipse Award winner as North America’s outstanding apprentice, Kimura also won the equivalent Sovereign Award in both 2018 and 2019. He was also the 2021 and 2022 Sovereign recipient as Canada’s outstanding rider.

Casse recorded 113 wins at Woodbine in 2023 and his 24 stakes victories included the King’s Plate, as well as the G1 E.P. Taylor S., GII Nassau S. and GII Royal North S.

Bruno Schickedanz, last year’s Sovereign winner as Canada’s top owner, was Woodbine’s leading owner for the 10th straight year with 58 wins.

ASMUSSEN, ELLIOTT TOP REMINGTON STANDINGS

Steve Asmussen captured an unprecedented 18th training title at Remington Park, while Stewart Elliott won his first riding title at the Oklahoma track which concluded its 2023 meeting Saturday.

“All the credit goes to [assistant trainer at Remington Park] Pablo [Ocampo],” Asmussen said Friday night when he was on hand as Otto the Conqueror (Street Sense) earned 10 Kentucky Derby points with his by win in the Springboard Mile. Asmussen also won the GIII Oklahoma Derby with How Did He Do That (Good Magic) earlier in the meet.

“Pablo deserves it for all 18 titles,” Asmussen continued. “It has been a great association with him all these years. I’ve worked with him here since 1989 and I am extra fortunate to have had him. Winning the first one is one of my fondest memories and I love coming here.”

Elliott captured 74 wins at the Remington meet, 29 more than runner-up Lindey Wade. Elliott, who won the 2004 G1 Kentucky Derby aboard Smarty Jones, made Remington Park his regular fall stop in 2019.

“I’m thankful I’ve had a lot of support here at Remington with Steve [Asmussen] loading me up with live horses and all the other trainers,” said Elliott. “I’m fortunate I have had such good business here and my agent Scott Hare gets a lot of the credit.”

In the owners’ standings, Karl Broberg’s End Zone Athletics won its second title in a row and third in the last five years. End Zone was responsible for 18 wins this meet.

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### Saturday, Gulfstream #10, post time: 4:36 p.m. EST

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1--WOLFIE’S DYNAGHOST, 124, g, 5, Ghostzapper--Dynaire, by Dynaformer. O/B-Woodslane Farm (KY); T-Jonathan Thomas; J-Tyler Conner. $74,814. Lifetime Record: MGSP, GSW-Can, 25-10-2-5, $890,251. *1/2 to Dyna Passer (Lemon Drop Kid), SP, $232,330, Lunaire (Malibu Moon), SP, $249,950 and Sadler’s Joy (Kitten’s Joy), GISW, $2,679,910.

2--Cellist, 120, g, 5, Big Blue Kitten--Cello, by English Channel. O/B-Calumet Farm (KY); T-George R. Arnold, II. $24,424.

3--Hush of a Storm, 120, g, 5, Creative Cause--Hush Now, by Flatter. ($60,000 Ylg '19 SARAUG; $75,000 2yo '20 OBSAPR). O-Joseph P. Morey, Jr. Revocable Trust; B-Berkshire Stud (NY); T-William E. Morey. $7,712.

Margins: HD, 4 1/4, 5 1/4. Odds: 0.99, 10.49, 4.21.
Also Ran: Like the King, Kitodan, Tiz the Bomb, Leave It to Kitten, Ocean Atlantique. Scratched: Fair Dinkum, Packs a Wahlop, Runaway Storm, Temple, Vintage Print, War Bomber (Ire).

Wolfie’s Dynaghost has acquitted himself well during this latest form cycle. After winning by a head against allowance company at Kentucky Downs Aug. 31, the bay shipped to Woodbine. Though he lost the lead late over the Tapeta to finish third in the GIII Durham Cup Oct. 7, the gelding returned to Toronto in the GII Autumn S. Nov. 5 to win by 4 1/2 lengths in gate to wire fashion.

Serving as the favorite here, the Jonathan Thomas trainee led from the bell and held the top spot under honest fractions up the backstretch. Wolfie’s Dynaghost arrived at the top of the lane seemingly in control, but past the eighth pole Cellist mounted a run. Undeterred, the half-brother to Sadler’s Joy reached for the wire to win by a head.

The winner’s unraced dam is responsible for 3-year-old Faraday (Ghostzapper) and an unraced 2-year-old colt Robaire (Kitten’s Joy). Dyna produced a yearling filly by Ghostzapper--bred by Lauren and Rene Woolcott’s Woodslane Farm—who was purchased by Douglas Scharbauer for $550,000 at Keeneland September. She foaled a colt by Munnings May 2 and was bred to Not This Time for 2024.

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IN ORDER OF PURSE:
8th-Oaklawn, $140,000, Alw (NW1$X)/Opt. Clm ($80,000), 12-17, 2yo, f, 6f, 1:12.15, gd, neck.

DIVINE GAL (f, 2, Tapiture--Divine Friends, by Divine Park) broke her maiden at first asking by 1 1/4 lengths under the Twin Spires Nov. 18. Cold on the tote at 12-1 here, the bay was shuffled back to the middle of the field up the backstretch. With plenty of pace to run into, the filly began to chew up ground around the far turn, swung wide to extreme outside at the top of the lane and her late push was enough to graduate by a neck over 42-1 longshot Edistudis (Practical Joke). The winner’s dam is responsible for a yearling filly by Brody’s Cause and she was bred to Maximus Mischief for 2024. Divine Gal’s second dam is a full-sister to GISW Cash Included (Include). Sales History: $40,000 Ylg ’22 FTKOCT; $75,000 2yo ’23 EASMAY. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, $153,000. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.

O-Norma Lee Stockseth and Todd Dunn; B-Justin Munoz (KY); T-Donnie K. Von Hemel.
8th-Aqueduct, $90,000, Alw, 12-17, (NW1$X), 3yo/up, 1m, 1:34.84, ft, neck.
MAKER’S CANDY (c, 3, Twirling Candy—Purple Cat, by Bluegrass Cat), installed the 8-5 choice following a last-out victory over this track and trip Nov. 23, went to the front early, led through :23.01 and :45.82 splits and held tough late to score by a neck over Drake’s Passage (Tonalist). The Mike Maker trainee took the Gander S. while facing Empire breds last February and subsequently added a score in the seven-furlong Mike Lee S. against fellow state-breds in May. Sales history: $97,000 Ylg ‘21 SARAUG; $200,000 2yo ‘22 FTFMAR. Lifetime Record: SW, 10-4-2-0, $290,350. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.

O-Paradise Farms Corp., David Staudacher, Maxis Stable & John Huber; B-Newtownanner Stud Farm (NY); T-Michael J. Maker.

9th-Aqueduct, $75,000, (S), Alw, 12-17, (NW1$X), 3yo/up, 1 1/8m, 1:51.98, ft, 6 lengths.
ENGINEER EMPIRE (c, 3, Empire Maker--Revealed, by Old Trieste) took the summer off after breaking his maiden at by 8 3/4 lengths going nine furlongs in Ozone Park in March. Well-beaten stepping into allowance company at Aqueduct Nov. 18, the colt went off as a 9-2 shot here. Settled behind the speed into the first turn, he bided his time up the backstretch. As the pacesetter faded around the far turn, Engineer Empire inherited the lead and the field was no match as he won by six lengths over Shared Success (Japan). The winner is a half-brother to Belle Gallantey (After Market), MGISW-USA, SP-Can, $1,134,270. His dam sold for $62,000 to Sequel New York while in-utero with Engineer Empire at the 2019 Keeneland November Sale and she visited Freud for next year. Sales History: $150,000 Ylg ‘21 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 4-2-0-0, $83,675. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.

O-Ashbrook Farm, Matthew O’Connor, Upland Flats Racing and Amy E. Dunne; B-China Horse Club International Ltd (IRE); T-George R. Arnold, II.

7th-Gulfstream, $64,000, Alw (NW1$X)/Opt. Clm ($25,000), 12-17, 3yo/up, f/m, 5f (AWT) (off turf), :56.42, ft, neck.
JUST A CARE (IRE) (f, 3, Australia {GB}–Greater Good {Aus}, by Fastnet Rock {Aus}) won at second asking over the Gulfstream turf last February, finished as the runner-up over the same surface a month later in the Melody of Colors S., but missed the board in the April running of the Limestone S. at Keeneland. She returned to central Kentucky in October from the layoff and was second against allowance company. The 8-5 choice here established a lead up the backstretch and held that advantage by a short margin with the field bearing down on her around the far turn. Urged on at the sixteenth pole, the Just a Care got to the wire to win by a neck over Call Me Spicey (Speightster). Her dam's first offspring, Just A Care has a yearling full-brother. Second dam GSW Necessary Evil (Harlan’s Holiday) is a half-sister to the dam of English group stakes winner Sergie Prokofiev (Scat Daddy). Sales History: 105,000gns Ylg ‘21 TATOCT; $150,000 2yo ‘22 FTKHRA. Lifetime Record: SP, 6-2-2-0, $117,390. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.

O-Oshbrook Farm, Matthew O’Connor, Upland Flats Racing and Amy E. Dunne; B-China Horse Club International Ltd (IRE); T-George R. Arnold, II.

5th-Gulfstream, $62,000, Alw (NW1X)/Opt. Clm ($75,000), 12-17, 2yo, 1m 70y (AWT) (off turf), 1:39.25, ft, 1 1/4 lengths.
SALVATTORE PRINCE (c, 2, Street Sense--Patricia's Ring, by Malibu Moon), a last-out winner trying a route of ground for the first time here Nov. 4, settled just off an opening quarter in :22.86. Buried along the inside through a :45.72 half, the 3-1 chance was taken out well wide turning for home, took aim at late-leading favorite Cuban Thunder (Profitable {Ire}) and forged clear in the final sixteenth to score by 1 1/4 lengths over the 2-1 choice. Patricia's Ring, a sister to the ill-fated MGSW Onlyforyou (Malibu Moon), foaled a filly by Vekoma last term followed by a colt by the sire this season. Sales history: $50,000 RNA Ylg ‘22 KEESEP; $130,000 2yo ‘23 OBSMAR. Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, $61,000. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuelTV.

O-ProRacing Stable, LLC; B-Spendthrift Farm LLC (KY); T-Jose Francisco D’Angelo.
IN ORDER OF PURSE:

6th-Oaklawn, $115,000, Msw, 12-17, 2yo, 1 1/16m, 1:46.79, gd, 2 1/4 lengths.

LAT LONG (c, 2, Liam’s Map--Amen Sista, by Street Cry (Ire)) was in-the-money in all four attempts to break his maiden with the last one coming when he was runner-up at Churchill Downs Nov. 25. The 4-5 choice here stalked from the second flight into the first turn as a longshot showed the way. Given the go ahead at the top of the far turn, the colt took over the top spot. With the race seemingly won, his stablemate Common Defense (Karakontie {Jpn}) mounted a furious charge with less than a furlong left, but Lat Long re-rallied to win by 2 1/4 lengths.

A full-sister to Canadian MGSW Southdale and the dam of Gill Razorback H. hero Plainsman (Flatter), the winner’s dam produced a yearling filly by Flatter and foaled Apr. 10 a filly by Not This Time. She was bred to Upstart for 2024. Sales History: $160,000 Wlg ’21 KEENOV; $130,000 Ylg ’22 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 5-1-1-3, $123,750. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.

O-Walking L Thoroughbreds, LLC; B-Town & Country Horse Farms, LLC (KY); T-Kenneth G. McPeek.

1st-Aqueduct, $82,450, Msw, 12-17, 2yo, f, 6f, 1:11.09, ft, 1 1/2 lengths.

RECONCILE (f, 2, War Front--Welcoming (MSP, $179,812), by Tapit) debuted as a 8-1 shot here. The gray filly seized the lead up the backstretch and kept to the task around the far turn. Accelerating past the eighth pole, the homebred won professionally by 1 1/2 lengths over Bourbon Serengeti (Distorted Humor). A half-sister to Gill Comley S. heroine Raging Sea (Curlin), the winner’s dam produced a yearling filly by War Front and foaled a colt by Munnings May 8. She visited Quality Road for next year. Reconcile’s third dam is a half-sister to Horse of the Year A.P. Indy (Seattle Slew), GI Preakness S. hero Summer Squall (Storm Bird) and the dam of GI Travers S. runner-up Mambo In Seattle (Kingmambo). Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, $46,750. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.

O/B-R. S. Evans (KY); T-Linda Rice.

5th-Aqueduct, $70,000, (S), Msw, 12-17, 2yo, f, 1m, 1:38.37, ft, 5 1/2 lengths.

LANDED (f, 2, Omaha Beach--Glory Gold, by Medaglia d’Oro) turned in a third-place debut finish against state-breds during the Belmont at the Big A meet Sept. 28 before shedding the blinkers as the 8-5 choice here. The bay filly dueled outside of Five to Two (Honor Code) up the backstretch and around the far turn. Cont. p4
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At the top of the lane, Landed found another gear to put away her rival and won by 5 1/2 lengths over Calling an Audible (Audible). Her dam's last produce of record, the winner is a half-sister to Espresso Shot (Mission Impazible), MSW, $516,625 and Venti Valentine (Firing Line), MSW & MGSP, $701,600. Glory Gold was bred to Uncle Mo for 2024. Landed is the 22nd winner for her first-crop sire (by War Front). Sales History: $220,000 Wlg '21 FTKNOV; $500,000 Ylg '22 FTSAUG. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, $47,500.

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8th-Gulfstream, $60,000, Msw, 12-17, 2yo, f, 6f, 1:12.40, gd, 4 3/4 lengths.

Scootaloo (f, 2, Mitole--Dene Court (MSW, $295,823), by City Zip) hit the board at third asking in Hallandale Dec. 2 after making the barn switch from Kent Sweezey back in May. Overlooked at the windows as a 14-1 shot here, the bay filly came firing out of the gate. As the pacesetter, she had it her own way around the far turn and she went on to graduate by 4 3/4 lengths over On Command (Omaha Beach). The winner is a half-sister to Artemus Citylimits (Temple City), MGSP-USA, SP-Can, $550,626. Her dam foaled May 18 a colt by Silver State, and she was bred to Vekoma and Practical Joke for 2024. Scootaloo is the 32nd winner for her first-crop sire (by Eskendereya). Sales History: $52,000 Wlg '21 KEENOV; $85,000 Ylg '22 KESEP; $90,000 2yo '23 OBSMAR. Lifetime Record: 4-1-0-2, $48,000.

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7th-Fair Grounds, $52,000, Msw, 12-17, 2yo, f, 5 1/2f (off turf), 1:05.37, ft, 3 lengths.

Spin the Breeze (f, 2, Hard Spun--Newport Breeze (MSP, $157,220), by Majestic Warrior), third sprinting in her career bow at Delaware in August, went off the 9-2 second choice to get off the mark this time. Fifth after breaking to her inside in the early going, the chestnut began to draw closer to the pace approaching the final turn. Finding a clear path between rivals straightening for home, she drew away from her rivals late to score by three lengths. Multiple stakes-placed Newport Breeze is also responsible for a 2023 colt by Omaha Beach and was bred back to Liam's Map. Sales history: $50,000 Ylg '22 FTKOCT; $60,000 2yo '23 OBSMAR. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, $35,380.

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FIRST-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: MONDAY, DECEMBER 18
2023 Stud Fees Listed

**Dreamliner** (More Than Ready), CI-The Speedhorse Farm
5 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
8-Mahoning Valley, 4:02 p.m. EST, Msw 6f, Dreamingabouttime, 20-1
8-Mahoning Valley, 4:02 p.m. EST, Msw 6f, Living the Dream, 5-1

**Dynamic Racer** (Run Away and Hide), R.C. Cline Thoroughbred Farm, $1,500
10 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners
8-Mahoning Valley, 4:02 p.m. EST, Msw 6f, Vernon's Best, 12-1

**ALLOWANCE RESULTS:**

9th-Oaklawn, $140,000, 12-17, (NW1$X)/Opt. Clm ($25,000),
12-17, 3yo/up, 1m, 1:40.03, gd, 3/4 length.

**BLACK APPLE** (c, 3, Double Irish--Divination, by Aldebaran)
Lifetime Record: 6-2-0-0, $113,966. O-Shortleaf Stable, Inc.;
B-Frank Newman (AR); T-John Alexander Ortiz.

7th-Woodbine, C$99,200, (NW1$X)/Opt. Clm ($22,419-$23,914), 12-17, 3yo/up, 6 1/2f (AWT), 1:17.11, ft. head.

**RELOAD'S RASCAL** (g, 4, Reload--Mi'an Mar, by Mister Jolie)
Lifetime Record: 7-4-1-0, $150,638. O-Double R Racing; B-Keith Nicholson (ON); T-Nigel R. Burke.

2nd-Aqueduct, $92,150, (C)/Opt. Clm ($80,000), 12-17, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:10.61, ft, 2 1/4 lengths.

**MOSIENKO** (m, 6, Hat Trick (Jpn)--Exclusively Yours, by Elusive Quality)
Lifetime Record: 42-11-7-4, $619,806. O-Stacy Lalman;
B-Anthony Grey LLC (NY); T-Dennis S. Lalman. *1/2 to
Howdyoumakeurmoney (Freud), SW-USA, SP-Can, $211,781.

9th-Woodbine, C$82,136, (C)/Opt. Clm ($35,497-$37,365), 12-17, 3yo/up, 1 1/16m (AWT), 1:43.82, ft, neck.

**J P HELLISH** (g, 7, J P's Gusto--Rakehellish, by Unbridled Time)
Lifetime Record: 47-10-7-7, $314,034. O-Mad Dog Racing Stable;
B-Jan Alan Meehan & John Petika (FL); T-Martin Drexler.

8th-Turfway, $76,000, 12-16, (NW3L), 3yo/up, 6 1/2f (AWT),
1:16.43, ft, 3/4 length.

**BOURBON HEIST** (g, 4, Practical Joke--Elusive One (SP,
$112,415), by Elusive Quality) Lifetime Record: 23-3-9-3, $379,031. O-Bourbon Lane Stable (J. Hill, M. McMahon);
B-Mueller Thoroughbred Stable, LTD. (KY); T-Ian R. Wilkes.
* $100,000 Ylg '20 KEESER.

8th-Laurel, $70,000, 12-17, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:12.59, gd, nose.

**MS. BUCCHERO** (f, 3, Bucccher--Give Glory to God, by Mutakddim) Lifetime Record: 9-5-1-0, $136,550. O-Morici Racing Stable, LLC; B-Pamela Edel (FL); T-Diane D. Morici.
$45,000 RNA 2yo '22 OBSAPR. *1/2 to Red Crescent (Overdriven), SW, $469,410.

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6th-Laurel, $59,200, (NW2X)/Opt. Clm ($32,000-$40,000), 12-17, 3yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:41.89, gd, 2 lengths.

IN MY OPINION (m, 5, Munnings--Carmel Beauty, by Arch) Lifetime Record: 34-3-5-8, $230,827. O-A P Stable and Fox Tale Racing Stable; B-Siena Farms LLC (KY); T-Lacey Gaudet. *$85,000 Ylg '19 KEESEP; $80,000 2yo '20 OBSAPR; $31,000 RNA 5yo '23 FTKFEB.

5th-Fair Grounds, $54,000, ($) (NW2X)/Opt. Clm ($20,000), 12-17, 3yo/up, 1m 70y (off turf), 1:45.47, ft, 3/4 length.

SUNDAY BREEZE (g, 4, Connect--Mrs. Sunday, by Any Given Saturday) Lifetime Record: 10-3-5-0, $136,190. O-Manganaro Bloodstock, Hadelman, Peter and LBD Stable LLC; B-David Leake (LA); T-Cherie DeVaux. *$19,000 RNA Ylg '20 OBSOCT; $75,000 2yo '21 OBSMAR.

8th-Delta Downs, $39,000, (NW3L)/Opt. Clm ($15,000), 12-16, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:11.46, ft, 1 length.

FRENCH COMPOSER (g, 4, Jimmy Creed--Clair de Lune, by Malibu Moon) Lifetime Record: 14-3-1-3, $92,438. O-Anthony A. Faulk; B-Sheltowee Farm & Mariah Thoroughbreds LLC (KY); T-Sarah Delany. *$23,000 RNA Ylg '20 FTKOCT.

11th-Remington, $36,000, 12-16, (NW3L), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:12.17. Lifetime Record: 3-1-2-0, $59,980. B-Karmac Stables LLC.

TODAY’S FEATURED REPLAY

DIVINE GAL (by Tapiture) remains undefeated with narrow Oaklawn win Sunday.
(click to watch)

8th-Charles Town, $29,400, (C)/Opt. Clm ($25,000), 12-16, 3yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2f, 1:19.35, ft, 1 length.

LIGHTNIN RUNNER (f, 3, Battalion Runner--My Lightnin Strike, by Mineshaft) Lifetime Record: MSW, 12-6-1-0, $156,992. O-George Nyren; B-Ronney Brown & Nicole Brown (WV); T-Ronney W. Brown.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:
Brown Don't Stop, c, 2, Big Brown--Knight Train, by Micromanager. Aqueduct, 12-17, (S), 1 1/8m, 1:53.85. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-0, $43,420. B-Ashrad Mohamed (NY).
Warren's Wild Ride, f, 2, Clubhouse Ride--Warren's Amber (SW, $224,150), by Broadway Moon. Los Alamitos, 12-17, (S), (C), 5 1/2f, 1:05.28. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, $17,400. B-Benjamin C. & Sally Warren (CA). *1ST-TIME STARTER.
Aim for the Cork, g, 2, Denis of Cork--Sweet Aimee, by Keyed Entry. Charles Town, 12-16, (S), 4 1/2f, 53.55. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, $15,657. B-Taylor Mountain Farm (WV). *1ST-TIME STARTER.
Fairway to Heaven, c, 2, Girvin--Absolutelove Heaven (SP, $415,819), by Not For Love. Woodbine, 12-17, (C), 6f (AWT), 1:11.73. Lifetime Record: 4-1-0-2, $32,726. B-Tim Ahearn (FL). *$110,000 Ylg '22 OBSOCT; $40,000 2yo '23 EASMAY.
Prado Road, g, 2, Golden Lad--Fools Princess, by Bellamy Road. Laurel, 12-17, (C), 6f, 1:12.17. Lifetime Record: 3-1-2-0, $59,980. B-Karmac Stables LLC.
Kaymus, f, 2, Greenpointcrusader--Shanghai Bonnie, by Shanghai Bobby. Aqueduct, 12-16, (S), (WC), 6f, 1:12.83. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, $19,800. B-Flying P Stable (NY). *1ST-TIME STARTER.
Jokestar, c, 2, Practical Joke--Starmaline, by Star Guitar. Woodbine, 12-17, 1 1/16m (AWT), 1:47.23. Lifetime Record: 5-1-1-1, $63,524. B-Al & Bill Ulwelling (ON). *1ST-TIME STARTER.

Conceived and Raised Winchester Equine (Bill Snowden)
Full Irish, g, 3, Irish War Cry--To Give, by Bluegrass Cat. Laurel, 12-17, 7f, 1:25.82. Lifetime Record: 3-1-2-0, $57,960. B-Chanceland Farm (MD). *$45,000 Ylg '21 EASOCT. **1/2 to McElmore Avenue (El Padrino), SP, $236,084.

Collier's Time, g, 3, Klimt--Kiana's Dream, by Sky Mesa. Turfway, 12-16, 1 1/16m (AWT), 1:43.62. Lifetime Record: 7-1-1-1, $77,355. B-Elaine MacPherson (KY). *$95,000 Ylg '21 KEESEP.

Junipero Serra, g, 3, Noble Mission (GB)--Sutil (Brz) (G1SW-Brz, $238,407), by Redattore (Brz). Woodbine, 12-17, 1 1/16m (AWT), 1:46.59. Lifetime Record: 9-1-2-3, $84,339. B-Team Valor International & Gary Barber (KY). *1/2 to Toeris (Tourist), GSP, $142,480.

Dazzlemesilver, c, 3, Tapwrit--Indian Goddess, by Indian Charlie. Fair Grounds, 12-17, 6f, 1:11.43. Lifetime Record: 10-1-1-3, $80,740. B-Bridlewood Farm (FL). *$15,000 Ylg '21 FTKOCT.

Going the Distance, f, 3, Tapwrit--Sheisinittowinit, by Student Council. Oaklawn, 12-17, (C), 6f, 1:11.90. Lifetime Record: 6-1-1-1, $60,884. B-Millennium Farms (KY). *$42,000 Ylg '21 KEESEP; $75,000 2yo '22 OBSAPR.

Bad Sneakers, g, 4, Gun Runner--Carolyn's Cat (MGSW, $307,415), by Forestry. Los Alamitos, 12-17, 1m, 1:36.65. Lifetime Record: 6-1-2-0, $61,620. B-Newtown Anner Stud (KY). *$240,000 Ylg '20 KEESEP. **1/2 to Aunt Kat (Uncle Mo), SP, $191,640; 1/2 to Mufajaah (Tapit), GSW, $267,140.

Handsome Ticket, g, 4, Speightstown--Marwa (GB), by Exceed And Excel (Aus). Los Alamitos, 12-17, (C), 5 1/2f, 1:03.32. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, $17,900. B-Runnymede Farm, Falguières Bloodstock, Gestut Zur Kuste, Meridian I (KY). *$180,000 Ylg '20 KEESEP.

Girvin, Just a Care (Ire), f, 3, o/o Greater Good (Aus), by Fastnet Rock (Aus). AOC, 12-17, Gulfstream

Battalion Runner, Lightnin Runner, f, 3, o/o My Lightnin Strike, by Mineshaft. AOC, 12-16, Charles Town

Big Brown, Brown Don't Stop, c, 2, o/o Knight Train, by Micromanage. MSW, 12-17, Aqueduct

Bucchero, Ms. Bucchero, f, 3, o/o Give Glory to God, by Mutakddim. ALW, 12-17, Laurel

Clubhouse Ride, Warren's Wild Ride, f, 2, o/o Warren's Amber, by Broadway Moon. MCL, 12-17, Los Alamitos Thoroughbred

Connect, Sunday Breeze, g, 4, o/o Mrs. Sunday, by Any Given Saturday. AOC, 12-17, Fair Grounds

Denis of Cork, Aim for the Cork, g, 2, o/o Sweet Aimee, by Keyed Entry. MSW, 12-16, Charles Town

Double Irish, Black Apple, c, 3, o/o Divination, by Aldebaran. AOC, 12-17, Oaklawn

Empire Maker, Engineer Empire, c, 3, o/o Revealed, by Old Trieste. ALW, 12-17, Aqueduct

Empire Maker, Milieu, f, 3, o/o Slew's Quality, by Elusive Quality. MSW, 12-17, Gulfstream

Ghostzapper, Wolfie's Dynaghost, g, 5, o/o Dynaire, by Dynaformer. Prairie Bayou S., 12-16, Turfway

Girvin, Fairway to Heaven, c, 2, o/o Absoulute Heaven, by Not For Love. MOC, 12-17, Woodbine

Golden Lad, g, 2, o/o Fools Princess, by Bellamy Road. MWC, 12-17, Laurel Park

Greenpointcrusader, Kaymus, f, 2, o/o Shanghai Bonnie, by Shanghai Bobby. WMC, 12-16, Aqueduct

Gun Runner, Bad Sneakers, g, 4, o/o Carolyn's Cat, by Forestry. MSW, 12-17, Los Alamitos Thoroughbred

Gun Runner, Ruggs, g, 4, o/o Brazen Persuasion, by Indian Charlie. ALW, 12-16, Remington

Hard Spun, Spin the Breeze, f, 2, o/o Newport Breeze, by Majestic Warrior. MSW, 12-17, Fair Grounds

Hat Trick (Jpn), Mosienko, m, 6, o/o Exclusively Yours, by Elusive Quality. AOC, 12-17, Aqueduct
Cont.
Into Mischief, Change of Command, c, 2, o/o Moi, by Medaglia d'Oro. MSW, 12-17, Gulfstream
Irish War Cry, Full Irish, g, 3, o/o To Give, by Bluegrass Cat. MSW, 12-17, Laurel
J P's Gusto, J P Hellish, g, 7, o/o Rakehellish, by Unbridled Time. AOC, 12-17, Woodbine
Jimmy Creed, French Composer, g, 4, o/o Clair de Lune, by Malibu Moon. AOC, 12-16, Delta Downs
Klint, Collier’s Time, g, 3, o/o Kiana’s Dream, by Sky Mesa. MSW, 12-16, Turfway
Liam’s Map, Lat Long, c, 2, o/o Amen Sista, by Street Cry (Ire). MSW, 12-17, Oaklawn
Mitole, Scootaloop, f, 2, o/o Dene Court, by City Zip. MSW, 12-17, Gulfstream
Munnings, In My Opinion, m, 5, o/o Carmel Beauty, by Arch. AOC, 12-17, Laurel
Noble Mission (GB), Junipero Serra, g, 3, o/o Sutil (Brz), by Redattore (Brz). MSW, 12-17, Woodbine
Omaha Beach, Landed, f, 2, o/o Glory Gold, by Medaglia d'Oro. MSW, 12-17, Aqueduct
Practical Joke, Bourbon Heist, g, 4, o/o Elusive One, by Elusive Quality. ALW, 12-16, Turfway
Practical Joke, Jokestar, c, 2, o/o Starmaline, by Star Guitar. MSW, 12-17, Woodbine
Reload, Reload’s Rascal, g, 4, o/o Mi’an Mar, by Mister Jolie. AOC, 12-17, Woodbine
Songandaprayer, Akemi, f, 4, o/o Solar Dance, by Kingmambo. AOC, 12-16, Charles Town
Speightstown, Handsome Ticket, g, 4, o/o Marwa (GB), by Exceed And Excel (Aus). MCL, 12-17, Los Alamitos Thoroughbred
Street Sense, Salvatore Prince, c, 2, o/o Patricia’s Ring, by Malibu Moon. AOC, 12-17, Gulfstream
Tapiture, Divine Gal, f, 2, o/o Divine Friends, by Divine Park. AOC, 12-17, Oaklawn
Tapwrit, Dazzlesemisilver, c, 3, o/o Indian Goddess, by Indian Charlie. MSW, 12-17, Fair Grounds
Tapwrit, Going the Distance, f, 3, o/o Sheisinittowinit, by Student Council. MCL, 12-17, Oaklawn
Tapwrit, Winnemac Avenue, g, 3, o/o Queen of the Rings, by Empire Maker. ALW, 12-17, Oaklawn
Twirling Candy, Maker's Candy, c, 3, o/o Purple Cat, by Bluegrass Cat. ALW, 12-17, Aqueduct
War Front, Reconcile, f, 2, o/o Welcoming, by Tapit. MSW, 12-17, Aqueduct
BLOOM’S PREMIER THINKING COULD PUT RACING IN A DIFFERENT LEAGUE

by Paul Hayward

The cleverest Premier League football club tycoon is also a devoted racehorse owner committed to “expanding” his racing empire. QED: put Tony Bloom in charge of UK racing and tell him to replicate the miraculous transformation of his Brighton & Hove Albion FC.

One day last week Bloom addressed the Gimcrack dinner as an owner of Lake Forest, the Gimcrack Stakes winner. A couple of nights later, Brighton finished top of their Europa League group to cruise through to the last 16 in their first ever European campaign.

To Bloom, owning and breeding horses is no mere hobby. At York he signalled his intent to play for big stakes on the Flat (over jumps he owns the two-time Zm champion chaser Energumene). This may turn out to be just another mathematical challenge for Bloom’s restless mind. If he can beat the plutocrats of English football, why not try the same formula against Coolmore and Godolphin? You can bet your stud farm those giants will be watching him. Cont., p3

OISIN MURPHY ADDS INDIAN CLASSIC TO ROLL OF HONOUR

Oisin Murphy continued his red-hot streak of success around the world with a first trip to Mumbai yielding a victory in the Indian 1000 Guineas aboard heavy favourite Jendayi (Ind) (Gleneagles {Ire}). The same connections scored a race prior in the R J Kolah Trophy with Chamonix (Ind) {Dunaden {Fr}}, landing Murphy and Jendayi’s conditioner Pesi Shroff the double.

The jockey follows a similar path Richard Hughes enjoyed in riding a Classic winner for the decorated local trainer, who lays claim to the remarkable achievement of winning both the Indian 1000 and 2000 Guineas in 2009 and then claiming both the Indian Oaks and Derby a year later. Cont., p5

IN TDN AMERICA TODAY

GRADED STAKES COMMITTEE SHOWS NO LOVE FOR NEW YORK

The American Graded Stakes Committee announced Saturday that it has reduced the number of graded races to be run in the U.S. in 2024 while also downgrading 30 races. No jurisdiction took a hit quite like the New York circuit tracks. Bill Finley explains in his Week in Review.
JANTAR MANTAR TIMES IT RIGHT IN FUTURITY

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Tony Bloom, cont. from p1

But how might the sport itself benefit from a large injection of street smarts? Racing folk tend to disdain external Messiahs. Bloom though isn’t an outsider. He has strong form in racing and especially betting, where he made his fortune. It’s tempting to wonder how a football club owner who has outflanked nation states, oligarchs and private equity hotshots would fare in a poker game with racing’s warring stakeholders.

The crucial point about him is that he took Brighton from the verge of extinction 26 years ago to the top six in the Premier League by drawing on his world-class poker decision-making skills - and the best data processing model in British football. Bloom buys low and sells high, always replenishing the squad with young talent picked out around the world by algorithms built by Starlizard, an analytics firm whose work wipes the floor with the research carried out by other clubs.

Bloom loves racing almost as much as he loves the Seagulls, as Brighton are known. His Gimcrack speech will have excited breeders and trainers. Bloom owns Lake Forest with Starlizard’s head of football, Ian McAleavy. Radars buzzed at Tattersalls a fortnight ago when Get Ahead, a half-sister to the 2,000 Guineas winner Chaldean, was sold to First Bloodstock for 2,500,000 gns. First Bloodstock is registered in Brighton in McAleavy’s name.

The questions multiply. What if Bloom and McAleavy develop a data model for racing as good as their football prototype? Are there gaps in the knowledge of trainers and breeders begging to be filled by revolutionary algorithms? Cont.
MOSTAHDAF
Frankel - Handassa (Dubawi)

**Official Rating:**

**The outstanding dual Group 1 winner**

- **Won the Prince of Wales’s Stakes** by 4-lengths from multiple Gr.1 winners Luxembourg and Adyar, as well as other Gr.1 winners Bay Bridge and Classic Causeway
- **Took the Juddmonte International Stakes** defeating further multiple Gr.1 winners Paddington and Nashwa, in a faster time than his sire Frankel

- **The joint top-rated horse in Europe in 2023**
- **An 8-time Stakes winner, including over a mile**
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I can hear breeders crying out indignantly. Do these football folk think there is a clue unreached by centuries of evidence sifting and trial and error?

Fair question. But then it's also worth reminding sceptics that Bloom is so far ahead of the game in football that he sold one player (Moises Caicedo) to Chelsea for more than the original cost of Brighton’s handsome 30,000-seat Amex Stadium. Cached cost £4.5m and went two and half years later for £115m.

To Bloom business is never just a game. He told his audience in York that he and McAleavy were determined to pursue “more successes on the flat in the near future. That will mean investing in more horses, expanding our stable and, through that, in our own way, making a bigger contribution to UK racing."

Lots of clever people have theories about how racing can attract new disciples. At York, Bloom backed Premiersation, under which, he argued, "a shorter, more impactful fixture list, will be much easier for new, lesser-committed racing followers to keep pace with."

His call for a two-week closed season in a 12-month cycle of relentless betting shop fodder with the aim of "focusing attention and building anticipation" for a new campaign will struggle to get past bookmakers and the collectors of racing’s meagre levy. But his opinion carries the weight of one whose work in football is envied across the world. "As the saying goes, sometimes less is more," he said. "And I believe that a few tweaks to schedules here and there, and a small reduction in the sheer volume of racing, will bring more and greater benefits to the sport as a whole in the UK."

So: less racing, more emphasis on the big events, a break between seasons and good relations with the bookmaking industry. These were the tips from a racehorse owner whose club was playing in the lower leagues at a converted municipal running track when he took over. Cont.
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If racing isn't in the market for creative thinking from 'outside' the sport then it really ought to be. Bloom has made himself pivotal to the growth of the English Premier League as the world's favourite football division while rewriting the rules about how players are scouted, bought and sold. We wait to see whether he can repeat that trick with bloodstock (he has made a decent start).

Mick Channon spoke recently about how many rich owners enter racing expecting success on the scale they achieved in business, only to leave with reduced wealth and a thousand-yard stare. A talent for one trade isn't necessarily transferable to every other. Bloom won't be making many mistakes. At a recent club function, I practically begged him to buy Brighton racecourse to save it from stagnation. He didn't sound keen.

Oisin Murphy, cont. from p1

"It was great to come out here," said Murphy. "I actually rode for the same connections as Richard Hughes was successful for with Jacqueline a couple of years ago when she won all the Classics."

He added: “Both my rides won and I really enjoyed the experience in Mumbai. The track here is excellent and the people have been incredibly hospitable and made me really welcome.”

Ever the world traveler, Oisin Murphy has had a busy year and added an Indian classic to his honour roll before flying out for a winter stint in America | Coady

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Monday, 18 December, 2023
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Advertise (GB) (Showcasing {GB}), Manton Park Stud
103 foals of racing age
17:30-WOLVERHAMPTON, 7.25f, Mr Influence (GB)
12,000gns Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2021; 20,000gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale (Book 3) 2022

Inns of Court (Ire) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}), Tally-Ho Stud
169 foals of racing age
17:30-WOLVERHAMPTON, 7.25f, Babyigotyourmoney (Ire)
€5,000 Goffs Autumn Yearling Sale 2022
17:30-WOLVERHAMPTON, 7.25f, Theworldsnotenough (Ire)
€24,000 Goffs November Foal Sale 2021; €35,000 Goffs UK Premier & Silver Yearlings 2022

Magna Grecia (Ire) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}), Coolmore Stud
109 foals of racing age
19:00-WOLVERHAMPTON, 7.25f, Neapolitan (Fr)
€120,000 Arqana Deauville October Yearlings 2022

Too Darn Hot (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}), Dalham Hall Stud
120 foals of racing age
17:30-WOLVERHAMPTON, 7.25f, Super Hit (Fr)
50,000gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale (Book 1) 2022; 18,000gns Tattersalls Guineas Breeze Up & HIT Sale 2023

Won the G1 St James’s Palace and G1 Jacques Le Marois at three – like his sire, Kingman. And higher rated in both. First foals sell for up to 200,000gns. He’s the only freshman with both a six-figure average and median.

Magna Grecia | Coolmore

£45,000 Oct 1, SLF
Dalham Hall Stud, UK
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Favoured to build on his last-out score in the G2 Daily Hai Nisai S. at Kyoto Nov. 11, Jantar Mantar was one of the first to break the line from stall three, but there was plenty of speed on and he ultimately settled about mid-division.

Second choice Strauss (Jpn) (Maurice {Jpn}), who was slightly tardy from barrier 17, was asked early by Tom Marquand and burned across to take up the running with fully 1000 metres to travel.

Riding the rails throughout beneath Yuga Kawada, Jantar Mantar was sent through inside of the well-backed, but difficult-to-handle Danon McKinley (Jpn) (Maurice {Jpn}) three furlongs from home and struck the front inside of the weakening Strauss at the juncture of the inner and outer turf courses. Jantar Mantar drifted a bit, having hit the front relatively early, but had enough in hand to be home comfortably first, as Ecoro Walz (Jpn) (Black Tide {Jpn}) finished off well to be second. The filly Tagano Elpida (Jpn) (Kizuna {Jpn}) finished with credit in third, having skipped last weekend’s G1 Hanshin Juvenile Fillies in favour of this spot. Danon McKinley was a disappointing eighth and Strauss equally so in 10th. Cont.
Ellis Delighted With Vinnie’s Move To Strike

Part 1: New Stallions At Magic Millions

Plans Made For Mr Brightside

Barbie’s Sister Sent For A Spell

“...I urged him to go a bit earlier than planned, as it didn’t seem like we were going to get a clear path,” said Kawada, firmly entrenched in second in the jockeys’ premiership behind Christophe Lemaire. “He has a good character and he’s a highly capable horse, so I think he will continue to grow and I look forward to his future races.”

Pedigree Notes:

Jantar Mantar becomes the second elite-level winner for Palace Malice, whose first-crop son Structor won the 2019 G1 Breeders’ Cup Juvenile Turf and was sold to Japanese interests in 2022 for his stallion career. Jantar Mantar is one of two of the sire’s five graded/group winners that hails from an A.P. Indy-line dam and one of four of 11 stakes winners that are similarly bred. Jantar Mantar was produced on a similar cross to this year’s listed winner Brocknardini, who is out of a daughter of Wilburn’s sire Bernardini.

India Mantuana produced a career-best in upsetting the GIII Red Carpet H. over 11 furlongs on turf in 2018 and, after being led out unsold on a bid of $145,000 at the 2019 Fasig-Tipton November Sale, was purchased by Shadai for $100,000 pregnant to Accelerate at Keeneland January in 2020. She unfortunately aborted that foal and was bred to this sire prior to her export to Japan, where she slipped her Kizuna (Jpn) foal in 2022 and produced a filly by Pyro this past February.

Palace Malice is a half-brother to G1 Tenno Sho (Spring) winner Justin Palace (Jpn) (Deep Impact {Jpn}) and Group 2 winner Iron Barows (Jpn) (Orfevre {Jpn}), who are set to meet in next Sunday’s G1 Arima Kinen at Nakayama.

Sunday, Hanshin, Japan

ASAHI HAI FUTURITY S.-G1, ¥135,740,000, Hanshin, 12-17, 2yo c/f, 1600mT, 1:33.80, gd/fm.

1–JANTAR MANTAR (JPN), 123, c, 2, by Palace Malice

1st Dam: India Mantuana (GSW-US, $223,100), by Wilburn
2nd Dam: Speed Wagon, by Tomorrows Cat
3rd Dam: Rajica, by El Baba

1ST GROUP 1 WIN. O-Shadai Race Horse Co Ltd; B-Shadai Farm; T-Tomokazu Takano; J-Yuga Kawada; ¥71,218,000. Lifetime Record: 3-3-0-0, ¥116,810,000. Click for the free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree. Werk Nick Rating: A+++ *Triple Plus*. Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.

2–Ecoro Walz (Jpn), 123, c, 2, Black Tide (Jpn)--Petit Princesse (Jpn), by King Kamehameha (Jpn). 1ST BLACK-TYPE, 1ST GROUP 1 BLACK-TYPE. O-Masatoshi Haramura; B-Shimokobe Farm; ¥28,348,000.

3–Tagano Elpida (Jpn), 121, f, 2, Kizuna (Jpn)--Tagano Reventon (Jpn), by King Kamehameha (Jpn). 1ST BLACK-TYPE, 1ST GROUP 1 BLACK-TYPE. O-Ryoji Yagi; B-Niikappu Tagano Farm; ¥18,174,000, Margins: 1 1/4, NK, HD. Odds: 1.70, 9.00, 12.20.

Also Ran: June Take (Jpn), Tagano Dude (Jpn), Satomino Kirari (Jpn), Set Up (Jpn), Danon McKinley (Jpn), Taiki Vainqueur (Jpn), Strauss (Jpn), Namura Hooker (Jpn), Band Shell (Jpn), Enya Love Faith (Jpn), Awesome Stroke (Jpn), Ask One Time (Jpn), Clean Air (Jpn), Miltenberg (Jpn). Click for the JRA chart & video.

Equinox enjoyed a send-off fit for a king on Sunday | Horsephotos