SIMPLE PLEASURE: GRADED RACING ON OPENING DAY IN ARCADIA

by J.N. Campbell

Boxing Day is not a holiday observed on the American calendar--thanks, Revolutionary generation. However, the day after Christmas is circled in red by the horse racing cadre because it means one thing: Opening Day at Santa Anita Park.

This Tuesday, an 11-race card kicks off at 2 p.m. ET under the picturesque San Gabriel mountains in Arcadia, California--six of which are graded stakes.

To entice the horseplayer, the Classic Meet sports a $1 Pick Six, a 14% takeout on both the .50 Early and Late Pick 5, and we will see the return of the $3 All-Turf Pick 3, which was announced during the recent Autumn Meet.

As for the graded lineup, of course the feature is once again the GI Malibu S. for 3-year-olds going seven furlongs on dirt.

Trainer Bob Baffert has GSW Speed Boat Beach (Bayern), GSW Fort Bragg (Tapit) and GISP Hejazi (Bernardini) ready to go. The Hall of Famer, who won last year’s edition with 'TDN Rising Star' Taiba (Gun Runner), is seeking his sixth win in the Malibu. That would tie fellow Hall member Richard Mandella for most wins all-time in the race.

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GOLDEN SHAHEEN WINNER SIBELIUS SHARP IN MR. PROSPECTOR DEFENSE

The popular Sibelius (Not This Time), who was highlighted in a TDN feature this summer and was attempting to defend his title in the GIII Mr. Prospector S. at Gulfstream Park Saturday, found his way back to the winner’s circle for the first time since his triumph last March in the G1 Dubai Golden Shaheen at Meydan. Last year's Mr. Prospector victory kicked off a three-race win streak for the chestnut, which culminated in the Golden Shaheen.

“It’s nice,” said winning trainer Jeremiah O'Dwyer. “I think it’s the first time I’ve had a defending title champion in any race. It was just super for him to come back and put in a huge effort like he did last year. He was very visually impressive again here today.”

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On a scale from 1-10, the Maxfield colt out of Belle’s Finale was an 11.’

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SPIRIT WIND NOT FOR CATCHING IN SUGAR SWIRL

On a quiet, pre-holiday Saturday in the graded stakes department, Spirit Wind (Bahamian Squall) returned from a nearly seven-month layoff to pick up her first graded victory in Gulfstream Park’s co-featured GIII Sugar Swirl S.
Opening day at Santa Anita, cont. from p1

The 3-year-old fillies take the stage in the GI La Brea S. going seven furlongs. GISP **Clearly Unhinged** (Into Mischief) looks to be the leading contender. The Michael McCarthy-trainee was most recently sixth at 'The Great Race Place' in the GI Breeders’ Cup Filly & Mare Sprint Nov. 4.

Baffert, who has won the last two La Breas, and with a record of nine overall, enters GSP **Fast and Shiny** (Bernardini), while trainer Brad Cox ships in SW **Howl** (Practical Joke).

In the GI American Oaks for 3-year-old fillies at 1 1/4 miles on turf, GISW **Anisette (GB)** Awtaad (Ire) is the standout. The Leonard Powell-trainee won the GI Del Mar Oaks and GII San Clemente S. at Del Mar earlier this year. Most recently, Anisette was the runner-up in both the GII Rodeo Drive S. Oct. 7 and GIII Autumn Miss S. Nov. 5, both at Santa Anita.

Alongside the three Grade Is are the same number of Grade IIs, which all carry a purse of $200,000. The GI San Gabriel S. for 3-year-olds and up at nine furlongs on turf includes **Easter (Fr)**. The Phil D’Amato-trainee won his first start for his new barn in the GII Seabiscuit H. at Del Mar Nov. 25. The 5-year-old Australian-bred by Exosphere (Aus) was previously based in New York with trainer Graham Motion.

The GI San Antonio S. is for 3-year-olds and up going 1 1/16 miles on dirt. Present are **Stilleto Boy** (Shackleford), winner of this year’s GI Santa Anita H.; GSW **Newgrange** (Violence); MGSW **Brickyard Ride** (Clubhouse Ride); and GSW Salesman (Ire) (Dubawi (Ire)). Add in South American import **Subsador (Arg)** (Fortify), who is an Argentinian multiple Group 1 winner, and this makes for a pretty salty affair. Cont.
Opening day at Santa Anita, cont.
In what might be the most open battle on the whole card, the GII Mathis Mile S. over the grass for 3-year-olds includes GSP Almendares (GB) (Havana Grey (GB)), SW Dandy Man Shines (Ire) (Dandy Man {Ire}) and GSP Panic Alarm (Ire) (Kuroshio {Aus}).

Mr. Prospector result, cont. from p1
Last seen off the board in both July’s GI Bing Crosby S. at Del Mar and October’s GII Stoll Keenon Ogden Phoenix S. at Keeneland, Sibelius got a month’s freshening before getting back to serious work at Palm Meadows in November.

“[Winning rider] Junior [Alvarado] had great faith in him,” O’Dwyer said. “He breezed him his final breeze last week and he said to me, ‘Jerry, I believe this horse is as good as he was last year.’ That was good enough for me.”

Despite breaking from the outside nine post in the Gulfstream co-feature, Sibelius at 9-5 hustled up to the front to contest the lead while three wide. After a :22.44 first quarter, Sibelius was able to shake off a stubborn Long Range Toddy (Take Charge Indy)--the 2019 GI Rebel S. winner--to his inside and asserted himself to a length the best by the :45 half. With a flourish, he put distance on the field down the lane to draw clear while posting a four-length win under a late hand ride. GISP Gilmore (Twirling Candy) and SW Dreaming of Kona (Fast Anna) chased him home as Long Range Toddy succumbed to finish fourth.

“Junior just let him jump forward there and settled him,” said O’Dwyer. “He was three deep, which I wasn’t in love with early on when you see the fractions they’re putting up.” Cont.
THANKS BE TO GOD for his indescribable gift!

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AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR
Mr. Prospector result, cont.

O’Dwyer continued: “When they put up a half in :45 going seven furlongs you’re like, ‘How much does he have left?’ But, he had plenty.”

The conditioner indicated Sibelius would likely be pointed to a repeat effort in Dubai with a stop at Tampa Bay for the Pelican S. in February, which he also won last year.

Pedigree Notes:

Worldwide, Taylor Made’s Not This Time is the sire of 13 graded/group winners and 30 black-type winners in his four crops of racing age, including five at the highest level: last year’s champion 3-year-old colt Epicenter and this year’s three-time GISW Up to the Mark, plus Just One Time, Princess Noor, and Sibelius. The Mr. Prospector winner is also one of 95 stakes winners out of a Pulpit mare. Claiborne’s Pulpit died unexpectedly at age 18 in December 11 years ago.

The unraced Fiery Pulpit, who will be 20 next month, is also the granddam of SW and MGISP Edwards Going Left (Midnight Lute). Her current 2-year-old, as yet unraced, was shipped overseas last fall and sold at the Goffs Dubai Breeze Up Sale for a figure reported as €135,802, or the equivalent of close to $146,000, to Oliver St Lawrence and Fawzi Nass. He has since been named Thrive On Chaos (Palace Malice). The mare delivered a dead foal in 2023 and was bred to both Maclean’s Music and Epicenter for next term. Fiery Pulpit’s third dam, Reckless Driver (Traffic Judge), is a full-sister to remarkable 1982 Broodmare of the Year Best in Show.

Saturday, Gulfstream Park
MR. PROSPECTOR S.-GIII, $125,000, Gulfstream, 12-23, 3yo/up, 7f, 1:23.16, ft.
1--SIBELIUS, 124, g, 5, by Not This Time
1st Dam: Fiery Pulpit, by Pulpit
2nd Dam: Pretty Flame, by Mt. Livermore
3rd Dam: Pretty Driver, by Lt. Stevens
($100,000 Wlg ’18 KEENOV; $62,000 RNA Ylg ’19 KEEJAN; $75,000 RNA Ylg ’19 KEESSEP). O-Jun H. Park and Delia Nash; B-Taylor Brothers Properties LLC, Pollock Farms, Patrick H. Payne et. (KY); T-Jeremiah O’Dwyer; J-Junior Alvarado.
$74,400. Lifetime Record: G1SW-Dubai, 23-8-3-3, $1,744,751. Werk Nick Rating: A+. Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree. Click for the free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree.
2--Gilmore, 120, c, 3, Twirling Candy--My Surfer Girl, by Henny Hughes. ($48,000 Wlg ’20 KEENOV; $250,000 Ylg ’21 KEESEP). O-SF Racing LLC, Starlight Racing, Madaket Stables LLC, Robert E. Masterson, Stonestreet Stables LLC, Jay A. Schoenfarber, Waves Edge Capital LLC and Catherine Donovan; B-Dividing Ridge Farm (KY); T-Brendan P. Walsh. $24,000.

3--Dreaming of Kona, 122, c, 3, Fast Anna–Pliant, by Maria’s Mon. 1ST GRADED BLACK TYPE. ($14,000 Ylg ’21 KEESEP; $50,000 2yo ’22 OBSOPN). O-Aldana Gonzalez Racing LLC, Lisa and Steve Ballou; B-eLGee farm (KY); T-Aldana Spieth. $12,000.

Margins: 4, 3/4, NO. Odds: 1.90, 2.80, 13.00.
Also Ran: Long Range Toddy, Great Navigator, Hurricane J, Howbeit, Winfromwithin, Scaramouche.
Click for the Equibase.com chart and the TJCIS.com PPs.
VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.

**SPIRIT WIND NOT FOR CATCHING IN SUGAR SWIRL**

Nearly seven months removed from her last start, Spirit Wind (Bahamian Squall) returned with aplomb Saturday to pick up her first graded-stakes victory in the GIII Sugar Swirl S. A Jacks or Better Farm homebred, the 4-year-old won or filled the exacta in each of her first six starts dating back to her debut in May 2021 before facing an insurmountable foe in Echo Zulu (Gun Runner) in Churchill’s GII Winning Colors S. May 29—her last start for then-trainer Ralph Nicks. Now running out of Carlos David’s barn, Spirit Wind made her third-straight start at six furlongs and looked to get back on track after a pair of lengthy layoffs both before and after her prior two starts.

Allowed to run on a loose lead from the inside gate, the 3-1 second choice quickly opened up an advantage as favored Intrepid Daydream (Jess’s Dream) was content to let her go with it from second. The pair stayed one-two around the track and while the eventual runner-up posed a challenge into the final furlong, Spirit Wind had built up enough of a gap to last and hold off the charge by a diminishing half-length.

“Carlos told me the works she’s had here were very good,” said winning riding Jose Ortiz. **Cont.**

**2YO COLT LEGALIZE**

gave his sire another black-type winning juvenile, staking the pace down the backstretch and powering home a 2 ¾-length winner in the $100,000 Sugar Bowl S. going six furlongs at Fair Grounds Race Course.

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Owners: Twin Brook Stables, Belladonna Racing LLC, Nice Guys Stables, West Point Thoroughbreds, S. Hornstock, Iapetus Racing, Runnels Racing, Perrine Time Thoroughbreds, R T R Stables LLC, Peppermint Stables LLC and Manganaro Bloodstock

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**Sugar Swirl result, cont.**

Ortiz continued: “Obviously [she] has back class and she obviously has speed. She gave me a good jump out of the gate. She broke very clean. She relaxed very good.”

“I told Jose, ‘She might need the race. There’s a lot of speed. Just break good. If some of the others go to the lead, just sit,’” added David. “She grabbed the lead and as soon as she got the lead, she relaxed a little bit.”

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**Pedigree Notes:**

One of a pair of stakes winners for Florida-based fifth-crop sire Bahamian Squall, Spirit Wind is out of a dam who has produced seven other winners from as many to make the races including MSW Sing Praises (Hear No Evil) and MSP Silent Prayer (Brooks ’n Down). Sacred Psalm has an unraced 2-year-old full-brother to Silent Prayer and saw her yearling Battalion Runner colt RNA for $47,000 at this year’s FTKCAyr sale. After foaling a Vino Rosso colt this year, she visited Army Mule for 2024.

Saturday, Gulfstream Park

**SUGAR SWIRL S.-GIII,** $150,000, Gulfstream, 12-23, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:10.58, ft.

1--SPIRIT WIND, 120, f, 4, by Bahamian Squall

1st Dam: Sacred Psalm (SP), by Awesome of Course

2nd Dam: Spirit and Soul, by Saint Ballado

3rd Dam: Nifty Fifty, by Honey Jay

1ST GRADED STAKES WIN. O/B-Jacks or Better Farm, Inc. (FL); T-Carlos A. David; J-Jose L. Ortiz. $100,950. Lifetime Record: 8-5-2-0, $362,440. *1/2 to Sing Praises (Hear No Evil), MSW, $483,722; Silent Prayer (Brooks ’n Down), MSP, $302,444. Werk Nick Rating: B. Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree or free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree.
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2--Intrepid Daydream, 120, f, 4, Jess’s Dream–Intrepid Tour, by Jump Start. **1ST GRADED BLACK TYPE.** O-Miller Racing LLC; B-Paul L. Fowler, Jr. (MD); T-Saffie A. Joseph, Jr. $24,500.

3--Olivia Darling, 120, f, 4, Palace–Honky Tonk Angel, by Bluegrass Cat. **1ST GRADED BLACK TYPE.** ($8,000 Ylg ’20 FTKFEB; $360,000 2yo ’21 EASMAY). O-Amo Racing USA; B-Shalom Farm & Ramon Martinez (KY); T-Jorge Delgado. $12,250.

Margins: HF, NK, NK. Odds: 3.20, 1.20, 8.20.
Also Ran: My Destiny, Bluefield, Napa Candy, Magna Massa.
Scratched: Headland. Click for the Equibase.com chart or the TJCIS.com PPs. VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.

**Favorite Moment**

WHAT WAS YOUR FAVORITE MOMENT OF 2023: KENDRICK CARMOUCHE

As 2023 draws to a close, the TDN is asking industry members to name their favorite moment of the year. Send yours to suefinley@thetdn.com.

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**Kendrick Carmouche’s favorite moment, cont.**

After all summer fighting in Saratoga with so much competition there, I think my biggest win was the GIII Virginia Derby with Integration [Quality Road] for Shug McGaughey. That brightened up my summer and he got to come do it again at Aqueduct [in the GII Hill Prince S.] and I’m looking forward to staying on that horse in the future.

--Kendrick Carmouche, jockey

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**LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**

I just wanted to express my frustration and disappointment that we, as an industry, seem incapable of presenting a meaningful response to the negativity we are currently facing in the mainstream media. For example, when the 60 Minutes documentary aired several weeks ago, it elicited a wave of legitimate outrage. But the industry’s side of the story was nowhere to be seen outside the trade press. We have a collective tendency, at times like this, to wring our hands and shuffle our feet, figuratively speaking.

Surely the Thoroughbred Racing Industry, with all the fine bodies encompassed within it, with all their titles and acronyms, should have a public relations/damage control body tasked with countering some of the misinformation and negative reporting circulating in the free press?

We have so many positives to present: the improvements to injury detection, increased out-of-competition testing, the monitoring of training and workouts, more pre-race veterinary oversight, the dedication of Thoroughbred retirement facilities and the huge success of the Thoroughbred Makeover Project, stricter drug testing and uniformity of rules through HISA and HWIU, more stringent protocols at sales and the resulting improvements to horse and jockey safety, all of which are clearly reflected in independent studies. And while with most of these we are playing off the back foot, playing defense, none of it takes into account the many ‘feel good’ stories from this year’s racing, the magnificent spectacle of Thoroughbreds racing on a big race day, the euphoria of backing a winning combination or the sheer joy of owning a competitive racehorse.

We now face the fallout from another damaging ‘documentary’ on racing, titled, ‘Broken Horses’, this time from the Disney Company, in which we are told that Thoroughbred horseracing’s social license to exist is to be questioned, among other things. How many more such exposés in the mainstream media can we survive? Yet more fodder for the abolitionists. At what point will the New York State legislature decide to scrap plans for Belmont’s renovation and spend the funds elsewhere?

It seems we are in desperate need of an intelligently choreographed, sustained PR campaign stressing the love of the animals that is inseparable from our fine sport, the significant economic impact of the industry in racing states, of the beauty of the horses themselves or of the farms that nurture them, the rich traditions of its history, the international competition between owners, trainers and racing jurisdictions globally and the excitement associated with owning, or just betting, a winner. These are significant talking points, of which we could make far better use.

We have industry insiders loudly and publicly calling for an overhaul of the sport, of purging ‘the evildoers’ and of the rampant use of performance-enhancing drugs, which only adds fuel to the firestorm of public criticism. Yes, we need constantly to raise the bar and continue to make ongoing improvements in every aspect the sport, which, by the way, we are doing. We all agree on this.

But it seems to me that it is past time to link arms and present a united front that gives a more accurate portrayal of our beautiful sport, and its fine athletes, than that which is fed to the public by certain factions of the mainstream media. With the many powerful intellects and social influencers among our participants, it defies credibility that we seem unable to create an entity whose sole task is to present the multitude of positives our sport has to offer.

Perhaps now would be a really good time to form such a body.

Respectfully,

Nick de Meric

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**TODAY’S FEATURED REPLAY**

G1SW Sibelius (Not This Time) defends his title in Gulfstream’s GIII Mr. Prospector S.

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A GRAND START
### American Oaks-GI, $300,000, 3yo, f, 1 1/4mT

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Tuesday, Santa Anita #10, post time: 6:30 p.m. EST
LA BREA S.-GI, $300,000, 3yo, f, 7f

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Tuesday, Santa Anita #3, post time: 3:00 p.m. EST
SAN GABRIEL S.-GII, $200,000, 3yo/up, 1 1/8mT

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Tuesday, Santa Anita #6, post time: 4:30 p.m. EST
SAN ANTONIO S.-GII, $200,000, 3yo/up, 1 1/16m

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**Tuesday, Santa Anita #9, post time: 6:00 p.m. EST**

**SANTA ANITA MATHIS MILE S.-GII**, $200,000, 3yo, 1mT

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**Saturday, Gulfstream #11, post time: 5:04 p.m. EST**

**FT. LAUDERDALE S.-GII**, $200,000, 3yo/up, 1 1/8mT

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**Saturday, Gulfstream #8, post time: 3:32 p.m. EST**

**SUWANNEE RIVER S.-GIII**, $150,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 1mT

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Saturday, Gulfstream #10, post time: 4:34 p.m. EST

HARLAN’S HOLIDAY S.-GIII, $150,000, 3yo/up, 1 1/16m

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Edwin Gonzalez took full advantage once a seam opened and struck the front as Irish Aces loomed menacingly on the outside. Souper Blessing dug in and crossed the wire a neck the better of Irish Aces at odds of 12-1.

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Souper Blessing | Lauren King

Also Ran: Anglophile, Ohana Honor, Smokey Mandate, Armstrong, Torigo, Legacy Isle, Mutaawid, April Fools Andy, Eyes On the King. Scratched: Harrington, Souzak (Fr).

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Breaking her maiden at first asking in Hallandale back in January, the gray was second over the same turf against optional claimers in March and was the runner-up again at Keeneland Apr. 27.

Well-beaten this past summer in the GIII Selene S. at Woodbine, the filly took over two months off before returning to run third at Kentucky Downs Sept. 10 and then fourth at Churchill Downs Nov. 4—both against allowance types.

Last seen winning versus optional claimers over Gulfstream’s grass Dec. 2, Be My Sunshine went off as a 8-1 shot here.

The homebred tracked the speed in the second flight into the first turn and up the backstretch. Trapped between horses around the far turn, the Saffie Joseph Jr. trainee moved quickly to the rail at the top of the lane and powered home to seal the deal.

“Today she [Be My Sunshine] needed to step up and improve, and she did that,” said Joseph. “What a ride by Edgard [Zayas]. He was able to save all the ground, got the slip at the head of the lane and that was the difference between winning and losing—his ride.”

A full-sister to both MGSP Cozy Kitten and GSP Becky’s Kitten, the winner's dam was purchased for $75,000 by Hunter Valley Farm at the '21 Fasig-Tipton Fall Mixed Sale while in foal to McKinzie. The resulting filly was bought for $220,000 at the '23 Keeneland January Sale by Cherry Knoll Farm. Sisterhood produced unraced 2-year-old filly Our Prayer (Catholic Boy) and was bred to Golden Pal for next year. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.

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GUN RUNNER S., $98,000, Fair Grounds, 12-23, 2yo, 1 1/16m, 1:44.42, ft.

1--TRACK PHANTOM, 122, c, 2, by Quality Road
   1st Dam: Miss Sunset (GSW & GISP, $891,895), by Into Mischief
   2nd Dam: Tuscan Sunset, by Trippi
   3rd Dam: Icelandic Dancer, by Eskimo
   ($500,000 Ylg '22 KEESEP). 1ST BLACK TYPE WIN. O-L and N Racing LLC, Clark O. Brewster, Jerry Caroom and Breeze Easy, LLC; B-Breeze Easy, LLC (KY); T-Steve M. Asmussen; J-Cristian A. Torres. $60,000. Lifetime Record: 4-2-1-1, $165,000.

2--SNED, 122, c, 2, Nyquist--Raffle Ticket, by A.P. Indy
   ($125,000 Wlg '21 KEENOV; $210,000 Ylg '22 FTSAUG; $325,000 2yo '23 EASMAY). 1ST BLACK TYPE. O-Imagine Racing and Margaret Fauber; B-Chris Baccari & Taylor Luneack (KY); T-Brendan P. Walsh. $20,000.

3--NASH, 122, c, 2, Medaglia d'Oro--Sara Louise, by Malibu Moon. 1ST BLACK TYPE. 'TDN Rising Star'. O/B-Godolphin (KY); T-Brad H. Cox. $10,000. Lifetime Record: 1-1-1-1, $185,000.

Margins: 1 1/4, 1 3/4, 5. Odds: 4.90, 9.10, 0.50.

Also Ran: Footprint, Risk It, Neat, Next Level. Scratched: Catching Freedom.

Track Phantom and 10 points deposited into his Road to the Kentucky Derby account by winning Saturday’s featured Gun Runner S. at Fair Grounds in New Orleans.

After a pair of good efforts to try and break his maiden in October at Churchill Downs, the bay got his picture taken with a front-running score by 4 3/4 lengths under the Twin Spires Nov. 25.

As a 9-2 shot here, the colt came out firing from his outside post and dueled into the first turn with GISP Next Level (Vino Rosso). With the battle for the lead continuing up the backstretch, Track Phantom finally got the best of his rival before the far turn, clearly had more to give at the top of the lane and outlasted a late-effort by Snead, as ‘TDN Rising Star’ Nash finished third.

“It’s impressive that both of his [Track Phantom] two turn races have been victories, and it was a good field today,” said trainer Steve Asmussen. “I actually thought they went too fast in the middle, you know, 46 4/5 here in a two-turn race, you don’t see horses see it out very often. He’s obviously a very good horse who has some room to physically develop and we have him right where want to be at this stage of his career.”

Out of an extended female family which includes MGSW Prayer for Relief (Jump Start), the winner is his dam’s second offspring to make the races after O’Conner Sunset (Curlin). An $825,000 purchase by Breeze Easy at the ‘18 Fasig-Tipton Fall Mixed Sale, Miss Sunset is also responsible for yearling colt Crystal Pearl (Curlin), who went for $1.1 million during Keeneland September to Lauren Carlisle. Track Phantom’s dam also foaled a colt by Quality Road Mar. 3 and was bred to Flightline for next year. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.
BLUSHING K. D. S., $98,000, Fair Grounds, 12-23, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16mT, 1:42.59, fm.

1--LOVELY PRINCESS, 118, f, 4, Twirling Candy--Princess Mariah, by Giant's Causeway. 1ST BLACK TYPE WIN.
O/B-Gentry Farms (KY); T-Kenneth G. McPeek; J-Brian Joseph Hernandez, Jr. $60,000. Lifetime Record: GSP, 14-4-4-1, $403,295.

2--Creative Cairo, 118, m, 5, Cairo Prince--Let's Be Creative, by Creative Cause. ($72,000 Wlg '18 KEENOV; $47,000 RNA Ylg '19 KEESEP). O/B-Brereton C. Jones (KY); T-Lindsay Schultz. $20,000.

3--Join the Dance, 124, f, 4, Shackleford--Moondancer, by Cuvee. ($7,500 Ylg '20 KEESEP; $70,000 2yo '21 OBSOPN; $110,000 3yo '22 KEENOV; $100,000 4yo '23 KEENOV). O-Gervais Racing, LLC; B-Mike Freeny & Pat Freeny (KY); T-Dallas Stewart. $10,000.

Margins: HD, 4HF, 3. Odds: 0.70, 4.00, 8.00.

Also Ran: Dana's Beauty, Tasweya, Yankee Dollar, Colors of the Wind.

Lovely Princess won an allowance race to kick off her 4-year-old campaign over the grass in April at Keeneland and finished as the runner-up in three consecutive black-type races at as many tracks over the summer. The dark bay returned to Kentucky to run fourth in the GIII Dowager S. Oct. 22 and was last seen in third place in the GIII Cardinal S. at Churchill Downs Nov. 23.

Backed to the hilt by the public as the 3-5 choice here, the homebred settled mid-pack into the first turn under a snug hold. Waiting patiently behind the leaders up the backstretch and around the far turn, the Ken McPeek trainee dove towards the rail at the quarter pole, assumed the lead and outlasted Creative Cairo.

The winner’s dam is responsible for a 2-year-old filly by Accelerate, a yearling filly by Tiz the Law and she was bred back to that sire for next year. Out of an extended female family which includes third dam and champion older mare Princess Rooney (Verbatim) and GSW Kid Grindstone (Grindstone), Princess Mariah is a half-sister SW Prince Rooney (Tale of the Cat), GSP Dad’s Princess (Mineshift) and SP V.I.P. Princess (Thunder Gulch).

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Letellier Memorial S., $98,000, Fair Grounds, 12-23, 2yo, f, 6f, 1:11.39, ft.

1--Leslie's Loot, 118, f, 2, by Fast Anna--Wicked Storm, by Stormy Atlantic. ($5,000 Ylg '22 FTKFEB). 1ST BLACK TYPE WIN. O-James K. Chapman & Stuart Tsujimoto; B-George Krikorian (KY); T-James K. Chapman; J-Jaime A. Torres. $60,000. Lifetime Record: 7-3-1-1, $189,940.

2--Halina's Forte, 117, f, 2, Mitole--Lunarlady, by Yes It's True. ($130,000 Ylg '22 OBSWIN; $250,000 Ylg '22 FTKJUL). O-Rigney Racing, LLC; B-Bill & Corinne Heilegbrodt & A.F.& B. Vanlangendonck (FL); T-Philip A. Bauer. $20,000.

3--Deboisblanc, 116, f, 2, Munnings--Tensas Cowgirl, by Cowboy Cal. ($90,000 Ylg '22 KEESEP; $290,000 2yo '23 OBSMAR). O-Kueber Racing, LLC & Hoffman Family Racing, LLC; B-Kijong Kim (KY); T-Brad H. Cox. $10,000.

Margins: 3 3/4, HF, HF. Odds: 18.40, 0.60, 4.20.
Also Ran: Twirl Around, Kant Resist It, Brunch Punch, Bedowntofoolaround
Scratched: Mixer.

Leslie’s Loot, the most experienced runner in the field of seven, entered on the heels of a front-running optional claiming victory in the slop at Aqueduct Dec. 3. The 18-1 longshot had company on the front end in this spot as she battled with Brunch Punch (Constitution) and Kant Resist It (Kantharos) for the early lead. Cont.
Racing three wide, Leslie's Loot found more as the aforementioned duo gave way and she kicked clear on the turn, stole away from the field from there and crossed the wire 3 3/4 lengths in front. She graduated in front-running fashion in an off-the-turfer versus auction-restricted maiden special weight company at Saratoga Aug. 30. Off the board just twice in six prior starts, Leslie's Loot made her foray into stakes company with a well-beaten fifth-place finish in Aqueduct's rained-off Matron S. Oct 8. Her dam Wicked Storm boasts the yearling Honor A.P. colt Unexpected Honor and a weanling Runhappy filly on her produce record. She visited Kantharos for 2024. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.

SUGAR BOWL S., $97,000, Fair Grounds, 12-23, 2yo, 6f, 1:10.56, ft.
1--LEGALIZE, 117, c, 2, by Constitution
   1st Dam: Allez Marie (GSP-Brz), by Unbridled's Song
   2nd Dam: Summerly, by Summer Squall
   3rd Dam: Here I Go, by Mr. Prospector
   ($250,000 Ylg '22 KEESEP; $500,000 2yo '23 OBSAPR). 1ST
   BLACK TYPE WIN. O-Twin Brook Stables, Belladonna Racing, LLC, Nice Guys Stables, West Point Thoroughbreds, Iapetus Racing, Hornstock, S., Runnels Racing, Perrine Time Thoroughbreds, R TR Stables, LLC, Peppermint Stables, LLC and Manganaro Bloodstock; B-Stud TNT, LLC (KY); T-Cherie DeVaux; J-Brian Joseph Hernandez, Jr. $60,000. Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, $131,775. *1/2 to Tomato Bill (More Than Ready), GSP, $152,575; Fouette (Nyquist), MSP, $303,845; and Workaholic (Sky Mesa), SW, $144,828.

2--American Rascal, 120, c, 2, Curlin--Lady Aurelia, by Scat Daddy. 'TDN Rising Star'. O/B-Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC (KY); T-Steve M. Asmussen. $20,000.

3--Agoo, 116, c, 2, Munnings--Grandacious, by Grand Slam.
   ($72,000 Wlg '21 KEENOV; $190,000 Ylg '22 KEESEP). O-Graham Grace Stable; B-Forging Oaks LLC (KY); T-D. Whitworth Beckman. $10,000.

Margins: 2 3/4, 1 1/4, 1 1/4. Odds: 1.70, 1.60, 1.90.
Also Ran: The Donegal Clan, Triple Trea, Malibu Rain.
Taking home his first black-type win this Saturday at Fair Grounds, Legalize broke his maiden at second asking in gate-to-wire fashion by 1 1/2 lengths at Churchill Downs Nov. 25.

Sent on his way as the 8-5 second choice here, the chestnut raced to the outside of two others up the backstretch and clung to that spot around the far turn. At the top of the lane, the 2-year-old colt geared up, grabbed the lead at the eighth pole and never looked back to win by 2 3/4 lengths over 'TDN Rising Star' American Rascal.

The winner’s dam, also responsible for a trio of stakes runners in Tomato Bill (More Than Ready, Fouette (Nyquist) and Workaholic (Sky Mesa), produced a yearling filly by Gun Runner and visited Munnings for 2024.

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Second dam Summerly (Summer Squall) won the GI Kentucky Oaks, was the runner-up in the GI CCA Oaks and was third in the GI Mother Goose S. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.

UNTAPABLE S., $97,000, Fair Grounds, 12-23, 2yo, f, 1m 70y, 1:43.08, ft.

1--ALPINE PRINCESS, 122, f, 2, by Classic Empire
  1st Dam: Le Moine, by Curlin
  2nd Dam: Retraceable, by Medaglia d'Oro
  3rd Dam: Embraceable, by Dehere
  ($190,000 Ylg '22 KEESEP). 1ST BLACK TYPE WIN. O-Full of Run Racing II, LLC and Madaket Stables LLC; B-Betz/DJ Stables/Peter V. Lamantia/Classic Empire Syndicate (KY); T-Brad H. Cox; J-Florent Geroux. $60,000. Lifetime Record: 5-3-0-1, $210,810.

2--West Omaha, 122, f, 2, by West Coast--Birthday Bash, by Medaglia d'Oro. 1ST BLACK TYPE. O/B-Gary & Mary West Stables Inc. (KY); T-Brad H. Cox. $20,000.

3--Sistina Chapel, 122, f, 2, by Liam's Map--Addae Do Jaguarete (Brz), by Crimson Tide (Ire). 1ST BLACK TYPE. O/B-Brownwood Farm (KY); T-Kenneth G. McPeek. $10,000.

Margins: 2, 3, 7. Odds: 1.70, 2.20, 9.70.

Also Ran: Legadema, Band of Gold, Fibber.

Alpine Princess did not disappoint her backers as she lived up to favoritism and won Saturday's Untapable S. in New Orleans. The Brad Cox trainee was in tight along the rail before the first turn, but she scooted through to the take the lead. Alpine Princess controlled the pace up the backstretch and around the far turn. Unchallenged, the juvenile cruised along down the long stretch and took home the prize over stablemate West Omaha.

The winner is her dam's first offspring, but she does have a yearling half-sister by Mitole, who was recently purchased for $95,000 at the Fasig-Tipton October Yearling Sale by Grade One Investments. A half-sister to GSP Another Miracle (American Pharoah), Le Moine visited Game Winner for 2024. Second dam SW Retraceable (Medaglia d'Oro) is a half-sister to SW Maritime Passion (Stormy Atlantic), who is responsible for MGSW Passion for Action (Speightstown). Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.

IN ORDER OF PURSE:

8th-Turfway, $74,000, Alw (NW1$X)/Opt. Clm ($25,000), 12-22, 3yo/up, 1 1/4m (AWT), 2:04.37, ft, head.

CLYDE'S GOT A GUN (g, 3, Gun Runner--Gone Theatrical, by Theatrical (Ire)) won at second asking going nine furlongs over the Churchill turf course Sept. 16, finished third by only a length on the grass at Keeneland Oct. 19 and then was a well-beaten ninth after being forced to run on the main track under the Twin Spires Nov. 24.

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Off as a 9-1 shot here, the bay settled towards the rear of the field passing the grandstand and waited until the end of the backstretch to launch his bid. Weaving through traffic around the far turn, the gelding first went to the inside, then tipped out between runners. The homebred took over the lead at the eighth pole and won by a head over the surging favorite Hurry Hurry (Accelerate). The winner is a half-brother to Joyful Applause (Kitten’s Joy), GSP, $245,798 and unraced 2-year-old colt Herchee (Twirling Candy). His dam foaled a filly named Will of Rylee (War of Will) and was bred to Maxfield for next year. Lifetime Record: 5-2-0-2, $127,698. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.

O/B-100% Racing LLC (KY); T-Helen Pitts.

7th-Tampa Bay Downs, $32,500, Alw, 12-23, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 1mT, 1:36.07, fm, 3/4 length. CONVERSING (c, 3, Into Mischief--Texting {GSW, $273,362}, by Candy Ride {Arg}) has been consistently facing tough fields since his debut Aug. 5 at Saratoga last season, where he’d finish second. That field yielded GSP Taking Candy (Twirling Candy) and SW Rarified Flair (Honor Code) while his runner-up effort Oct. 2 at the Belmont Big A meet came at the hands of GSW Dubuyhnell (Good Magic) over a sloppy, off-turf track and also produced SW Ari Gold (Medaglia d’Oro). With a neck runner-up in his seasonal bow Oct. 13 over Keeneland turf after a year away, Conversing broke through last out Nov. 8 by the same margin in a Churchill Downs maiden going long on the turf. Saving all the ground through the first bend and up the backstretch midpack in cover, he kept the inland route for the line rally and got up by three-quarters of a length over The Skipster (G. W.’s Skipple) in the shadow of the wire.

The second to the races for Texting, the winner has a 2-year-old half-sister Gasparilla (Quality Road) who is the last registered offspring for the dam. Lifetime Record: 5-2-3-0, $146,100. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.
O/B-Sarah S. Farish (KY); T-Claude R. McGaughey III.

IN ORDER OF PURSE:

5th-Turfway, $68,643, Msw, 12-22, 2yo, 6 1/2f (AWT), 1:17.97, ft, 1 length.
OH REALLY (c, 2, The Factor--Emotional Kitten {GSW & MGISP, $563,761}, by Kitten’s Joy) debuted as a 9-1 shot here and raced mid-pack up the backstretch as heavy favorite Linzer (Street Sense) showed the way. The juvenile colt took aim at the pacesetter at the top of the lane and got up in time to win by a length. The winner’s dam is a half-sister to GI Malibu S. runner-up Unspoken Word (Catienus), the dam of GSP Smoke Signals (Street Sense), who herself produced MSP Smokie Eyes (Nyquist). Also a half-sister to the dam of MSP Night Time (Majesticperfection), Emotional Kitten foaled a filly by The Factor Jan. 24 and visited Big Screen for 2024. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, $40,973. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.
O-Lael Stables; B-M. Roy Jackson (KY); T-Cherie DeVaux.
2nd-Gulfstream, $60,000, Msw, 12-23, 2yo, 1 1/16mT, 1:41.61, fm, 3/4 length.

HAMMERSTEIN (c, 2, Oscar Performance--Memorial Wall, by Chattahoochee War), a well-beaten seventh in a very live maiden special weight sprinting over the Keeneland dirt Oct. 7, relished the increased distance and transition to the turf here. Tucked in behind the pace in the early going, Hammerstein was fourth through a half mile in :47.43. He swung three wide at the eighth pole and kicked clear of the field in the stretch. He repelled a late charge from Dashman (Oscar Performance) to win by 3/4 of a length at odds of 6-1 to head an exacta for his sire. Hammerstein is the second foal to race and the sequel Oscar Performance progeny for dam Memorial Wall, whose 2022 filly is a full sister to the victor. Memorial Wall has been bred back to Oscar Performance for 2024. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, $37,250.

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O-Amerman Racing LLC; B-Mrs. Jerry Amerman (KY); T-Brian A. Lynch.

2nd-Fair Grounds, $55,000, Msw, 12-23, 2yo, 1 1/16m, 1:44.98, ft, 5 1/4 lengths.

ETHAN ENERGY (c, 2, Uncle Mo--Sass and Class, by Harlan’s Holiday), a well-beaten sixth on debut sprinting at Keeneland Oct. 22, took a major step forward stretching to two turns at second asking here. Removing blinkers and adding Lasix for this, the 2-1 chance chased in fifth rounding the clubhouse turn. Racing under a tight hold by Florent Geroux, he began to settle down the backstretch in that same slot, made a flashy four-wide blitz approaching the quarter pole and leveled off nicely down the lane to win by 5 1/4 lengths over El Magnifico (Street Sense). Sass and Class, also responsible for Royal Charlotte (Cairo Prince), MGSW, $408,150; had a colt by Authentic in 2022 and a colt by Curlin in 2023. She was bred back to Uncle Mo for 2024. Sass and Class brought $350,000 from Stonestreet carrying Ethan Energy at the 2020 KEENOV sale. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, $34,250. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.

O-Stonestreet Stables LLC; B-Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC (KY); T-Brad H. Cox.

1st-Fair Grounds, $55,000, (S), Msw, 12-23, 2yo, 6f, 1:11.44, ft, 2 3/4 lengths.

AUTIE (c, 2, Audible--You Laughin, by Sharp Humor) broke alertly and vied for the early lead with longshot Achromedoutcat (Peppered Cat).

The 4-5 favorite stuck a head in front on the turn and pulled away in the stretch, leaving a hard-charging Wish Carefully (Mitole) 2 3/4 lengths back in second at the wire. The victor, a $175,000 Keeneland September yearling graduate, is a half-brother to G1 Dubai Golden Sheen winner Zenden (Fed Biz), G1SW-UAE, MSW & MGSP-USA, $1,131,760, and has a yearling half-sister by McKinzie. Dam You Laughin visited Mandaloun for 2024. Autie becomes the 19th winner for his freshman sire (by Into Mischief). Sales history: $175,000 Ylg ’22 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, $33,000. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.

O-Corinne L. & William Heiligbrodt, Coteau Grove Farms LLC, Jackpot Farm & Dusty Castille; B-Coteau Grove Farms, LLC (LA); T-Steve M. Asmussen.

5th-Fair Grounds, $55,000, Msw, 12-23, 2yo, 1 1/8mT, 1:49.88, fm, 1 length.

MOSAICO MAN (c, 2, Uncle Mo--Heat Street, by Street Cry {Ire}) settled near the rear of the field as pacers Funnyflame (Flameaway) and Good Lord (Lord Nelson) led the way through early fractions of :24.29 and :48.29. Inching closer up the backstretch, Mosaico Man swung four wide on the turn and contended with interference from Justifreak (Justify) fighting for racing room to his inside. Shaking free of that rival, Mosaico Man, racing with first-time Lasix, set his sights on Funnyflame and the duo battled to the wire. Mosaico Man prevailed by a head at odds of 6-1. The win echoed his late-charging Nov. 17 debut at Horseshoe Indianapolis, where he closed to finish first by a neck but was disqualified and placed second for interference in deep stretch. Mosaico Man, a half-brother to Miss Boom Boom (Run Away and Hide), SP, $254,881, commanded $230,000 when selling at the 2022 Keeneland September Yearling sale. Dam Heat Street has a yearling filly by Tapit and has been bred to Epicenter and Sharp Azteca for 2024. Sales history: $47,000 RNA Ylg ’22 KEEJAN; $230,000 Ylg ’22 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, $39,800. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.

O-James F. Schurman; B-Aaron Sones (KY); T-Brad H. Cox.
Switched over to the turf over course and near-distance last time out Nov. 25, Saturday's 4-1 shot broke awkwardly from the outside gate and took back to beat only a trio of rivals through the opening half in :48.14. Hard ridden up into contention into the far turn, he fanned out at the head of the lane and drove past late leader Ocean Victory to take over close to home and pick up the one-length win. Le Gris has a yearling full-brother and a weanling Hightail half-sister while his dam is pregnant to Keen Ice. Sales History: $110,000 RNA Ylg '22 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 4-1-1-1, $57,350. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.

O-Stewart Mather Madison, Thomas J. Couch, Stephen Landry and Albert M. Stall, Jr.; B-White Birch Farm, Inc. (KY); T-Albert M. Stall, Jr.

4th-Gulfstream, $50,000, Moc ($50,000), 12-23, (C), 2yo, f, 5f (AWT), :56.31, ft, 3/4 length. KARAYA (f, 2, Bucchero--Jim's Lonesa, by Put It Back), crowned the 3-5 favorite for this second career jump, had plenty of early footing to keep pace with 40-1 longshot firster Trumpets (Neolithic) from the inside. Angled off the rail when that rival opened up on her nearing the far turn, Karaya slowly inched back into contention in the lane to score by 3/4 lengths late. A half-sister to Two Sixty (Uncaptured), GSW-Can, MSW-USA, $478,604, the victress is the fifth winner from as many to the races. Dam Jim's Lonesa produced a 2023 filly by Uncle Chuck before being bred to Three Rules for 2024. Sales history: $31,000 Ylg '22 OBSWIN; $145,000 2yo '23 OBSOPN. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, $37,100. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.

O-M Racing Group, LLC; B-Shade Tree Thoroughbreds Inc (FL); T-Mark E. Casse.

IN HONG KONG:
Ensued, g, 3, Lemon Drop Kid--Alluvial Gold (Ire), by Danehill Dancer (Ire). Sha Tin, 12-23, Hcp. (C2) ($399k), 2000mT, 2:01.77. B-T/C Stable LLC (KY). *1/2 to Colosseo (Street Boss), G1SP-Fr, $286,963. **$120,000 Ylg '21 KEESEP; €260,000 2yo '22 ARQMAS. VIDEO (SC 10)

IN SAUDI ARABIA:
Saaden, c, 2, Mendelssohn--Jet Away Sue, by Quality Road. King Abdulaziz, 12-23, Allowance, 1600m. B-Tom Durant (KY). *Remained perfect in two starts with a 3 3/4-length victory. **$80,000 2yo '23 OBSAPR. VIDEO (SC 15)
Haayeet, c, 2, Outwork--Ribbon Taffy, by Hard Spun. King Abdulaziz, 12-23, Maiden, 1400m. B-James M Herbener Jr Estate (KY). *1ST-TIME STARTER. **$5,000 Ylg '22 KEEJAN, $27,000 Ylg '22 OBSOCT; $115,000 2yo '23 OBSMAR. VIDEO (SC 13)

IN SAUDI ARABIA:
Shaqraa'a Sultan (KSA), f, 3, Mendelssohn--Junos (Brz) (Ch. 2yo Filly & MG1SW-Brz, MGSP-US, $159,797), by Setembro Chove (Brz). King Abdulaziz, 12-22, Allowance, 1400m. B-Prince Sultan Bin Mishal Bin A/Aziz. *$270,000 in utero '19 KEENOV. VIDEO (SC 1)
FIRST-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24
2023 Stud Fees Listed

**Divisidero** (Kitten's Joy), Airdrie Stud, $5,000
27 foals of racing age/3 winners/1 black-type winner
8-Tampa Bay Downs, 3:50 p.m. EST, Msw 1 1/8mT, Oishi, 15-1
$15,000 KEE JAN wnl; $19,000 RNA OBS OPN 2yo

**Enticed** (Medaglia d'Oro), Darley, $5,000
104 foals of racing age/21 winners/1 black-type winner
7-Tampa Bay Downs, 3:20 p.m. EST, Msw 6 1/2f, Big Eddy, 10-1
$24,000 RNA KEE SEP yrl

**Mitole** (Eskendereya), Spendthrift Farm, $15,000
159 foals of racing age/32 winners/2 black-type winners
2-Gulfstream, 12:39 p.m. EST, Msw 1 1/16mT, Yes to Champagne, 7-2
$80,000 KEE NOV wnl; $40,000 KEE SEP yrl

**Vino Rosso** (Curlin), Spendthrift Farm, $15,000
180 foals of racing age/23 winners/2 black-type winners
7-Tampa Bay Downs, 3:20 p.m. EST, Msw 6 1/2f, Grand Rozzo, 20-1
$32,000 OBS OCT yrl; $29,000 RNA OBS OPN 2yo

SECOND-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24
2023 Stud Fees Listed

**Bucchero** (Kantharos), McMahon of Saratoga Thoroughbreds, $5,000
158 foals of racing age/55 winners/3 black-type winners
7-Tampa Bay Downs, 3:20 p.m. EST, Msw 6 1/2f, Euclid Avenue, 12-1
$3,500 OBS OCT yrl; $30,000 OBS OPN 2yo

**Yoshida** (Jpn) (Heart's Cry (Jpn)), WinStar Farm, $10,000
103 foals of racing age/10 winners/0 black-type winners
2-Gulfstream, 12:39 p.m. EST, Msw 1 1/16mT, Day Away, 20-1
$25,000 KEE SEP yrl; $20,000 FTJ UNE 2yo

STAKES RESULTS:

**Willa on the Move S.**, $100,000, Laurel, 12-23, 3yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2f, 1:18.46, ft.
1--**Headland**, 124, m, 7, Paynter--Miss Sheltowee, by Najran. ($17,000 Wlg '16 KEENOV; $25,000 Ylg '17 OBSWIN; $50,000 2yo '18 OBSAPR). **1ST BLACK TYPE WIN**. O-Thomas Brockley; B-Sheltowee Farm & WinStar Farm, LLC (KY); T-George Weaver; J-Angel Cruz. $60,000. Lifetime Record: GSP, 44-11-12-6, $754,486. *1/2 to Hijo de Sheltowee (Devil His Due), SW, $406,333.

2--**Apple Picker**, 123, f, 3, Connect--Silent Fright, by Yes It’s True. O/B-Michael Dubb (KY); T-Brittany T. Russell. $20,000.


DAVE’S FRIEND S., $100,000, Laurel, 12-23, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:10.93, ft.
1--GREETLEY AND BEN, 120, g, 9, Greeley’s Conquest–Traci’s Wild (SP, $125,600), by Langfuhr. ($80,000 8yo ’22 FTKHRA). O-Darryl E. Abramowitz; B-Millard R. Seldin Rev. Trust (KY); T-Horacio De Paz; J-Jevian Toledo. $60,000. Lifetime Record: GSW, 42-25-7-2, $981,138.

2--Dollarization, 124, g, 5, Last Gunfighter–Hygh Jacque, by Wheaton. O-James C. Wolf; B-William J. Solomon, VMD (PA); T-Timothy C. Kreiser. $20,000.

3--No Cents, 120, g, 5, Goldencents–Faker, by Petionville. O/B-Hope Haskell Jones & Isabelle de Tomaso (NJ); T-Cathal A. Lynch. $10,000.

Margins: HF, HD, NO. Odds: 5.80, 16.30, 15.10.

RICHARD R. SCHENER MEMORIAL S., $100,000, Fair Grounds, 12-23, 3yo/up, 5 1/2fT, 1:02.33, fm.
1--JUST MIGHT, 118, g, 7, Justin Phillip–Dynamite Babe, by Dynameaux. O-Griffon Farms & Lovell, Michelle; B-Griffon Farms & Michelle Lovell (KY); T-Michelle Lovell; J-Jaimie A. Torres. $60,000. Lifetime Record: MGSP, 49-12-8-10, $1,100,245.

2--Sosua Summer, 118, c, 4, Summer Front–Honey Badger, by Stormy Atlantic. ($1,000 Wlg ’19 KEENOV; $17,000 Ylg ’20 FTKOCT). 1ST BLACK TYPE. O-Wachtel Stable, Barber, Gary & R.T Racing Stable; B-Brereton C. Jones (KY); T-William I. Mott. $20,000.


CAROUSEL S., $100,000, Laurel, 12-23, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/8m, 1:53.76, ft.
1--SADDLE UP JESSIE, 120, f, 4, More Than Ready–Zondaq, by Bernardini. ($270,000 Ylg ’20 FTKOCT). 1ST BLACK TYPE WIN. O-Michael J. Ryan; B-Kinnickinickin Tables (KY); T-Brittany T. Russell; J-Jevian Toledo. $60,000. Lifetime Record: 12-4-1-0, $151,980.

2--Hybrid Eclipse, 126, m, 5, Paynter–Super Plan, by Valid Wager. ($37,000 2yo ’20 EASMAY; $107,000 4yo ’22 FTKHRA). O-The Elkstone Group, LLC (Stuart Grant); B-Alex Venneri Racing, LLC (KY); T-Brittany T. Russell. $20,000.

3--Lady Brew, 120, f, 4, Point of Entry–Ginger Brew, by Milwaukee Brew. ($22,000 Ylg ’20 KEESEP). 1ST BLACK TYPE. O-JDLP Holdings, Inc; B-Adena Springs (ON); T-Steven Chircop. $10,000. Margins: 4 3/4, 4 1/4, 3/4. Odds: 1.10, 1.70, 7.80.

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BUDDY DILIBERTO MEMORIAL S., $100,000, Fair Grounds, 12-23, 3yo/up, 1 1/16mT, 1:42.03, fm.
1--TWO EMMYS, 124, g, 7, English Channel–Miss Emmy, by Buddha. ($4,500 Ylg ’17 KEESEP). O-Wolfe Racing LLC and Robertson, Hugh H.; B-Tottenwood Thoroughbreds, Inc. (KY); T-Hugh H. Robertson; J-Jevian Toledo. $60,000. Lifetime Record: GSW, 25-8-9-1, $985,083.


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2--Beatbox, 118, h, 5, Pioneeroft the Nile--Magical World, by Distorted Humor. ($2,100,000 Ylg '19 KEESEP; $70,000 3yo '21 KEENOV). O-Rob Comestro and Jeff Ganje; B-Three Chimneys Farm, LLC (KY); T-Cherie DeVaux. $20,000.

3--English Tavern, 122, g, 6, English Channel--Over Served, by Black Minnaloushe. ($35,000 Ylg '18 KEESEP). O-Jerry Romans, Jr. and Hamilton A. Smith; B-Dr. Charles H. Huber & English Channel Co-Owners (KY); T-Michelle Lovell. $10,000.

Margins: 1, 1 1/4, HD. Odds: 3.90, 4.80, 31.70.

TENACIOUS S., $99,000, Fair Grounds, 12-23, 3yo/up, 1 1/16m, 1:44.04, ft.

1--FIVE STAR GENERAL, 124, h, 7, Distorted Humor--Party of Interest, by Bernardini. ($235,000 RNA Ylg '17 KEESEP; $180,000 3yo '19 FTKHRA; $110,000 6yo '22 FTDIGD). O-Elttaes Stable; B-WinStar Farm, LLC (KY); T-Grant T. Forster; J-Marcelino Pedroza, Jr. $60,000. Lifetime Record: MGSP, GSW-Can, 33-11-5-7, $677,429.

2--Pioneer of Medina, 124, c, 4, Pioneeroft the Nile--Lights of Medina, by Eskendereya. ($485,000 RNA Ylg '20 KEESEP). O-Sumaya U.S. Stable; B-International Equities Holding, Inc. (KY); T-Brad H. Cox. $20,000.

3--Happy American, 124, g, 5, Runhappy--Queen of America, by Quiet American. ($385,000 Ylg '19 KEESEP). O-Lothenbach Stables, Inc. (Bob Lothenbach); B-Claiborne Farm (KY); T-Neil L. Pessin. $10,000.

Margins: 3, 1HF, 3. Odds: 12.30, 4.00, 7.00.

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

4th-Tampa Bay Downs, $54,000, (NW2X)/Opt. Clm ($32,000), 12-23, 3yo/up, f/m, 7f, 1:22.71, ft, 3 1/2 lengths.

DREAMSTER (f, 4, Jess’s Dream--Crumbl {SW, $144,493}, by Graeme Hall) Lifetime Record: SP, 11-4-1-2, $181,645. O/T-Mary Lightner; B-Eric J. Wirth (FL).

4th-Penn National, $34,720, 12-22, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:11.06, ft, 2 lengths.

HOT FUDGE WARRIOR (f, 3, Warrior's Reward--Au Fudge, by Jump Start) Lifetime Record: 17-5-2-4, $116,973. O-Two Ten Twelve Triple T Racing; B-Warrior's Reward LLC (PA); T-Todd M. Beattie.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Bang a Rang, g, 3, Adios Charlie--Livingston's Lady, by Mr. Livingston. Tampa Bay Downs, 12-23, 7f, 1:24.04. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-2, $39,260. B-Thomas K Equels (FL).

Sirius Light, f, 3, City of Light--Flatbow, by Broken Vow. Tampa Bay Downs, 12-23, 5fT, :56.28. Lifetime Record: 6-1-1-2, $52,730. B-Woodford Thoroughbreds, LLC (KY). *$145,000 RNA Ylg '21 KEESEP; $27,000 '22 OBSMAR.

Flowerdew, f, 3, Munnings--Marrakesh Express, by Union Rags. Laurel, 12-23, 7f, 1:25.77. Lifetime Record: 11-1-2-2, $71,223. B-Sun Valley Farm (KY). *$115,000 Wlg '20 KEENOV; $285,000 '21 FTSAUG.


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Adios Charlie, Bang a Rang, g, 3, o/o Livingston's Lady, by Mr. Livingston. MSW, 12-23, Tampa Bay
Audible, Autie, c, 2, o/o You Laughin, by Sharp Humor. MSW, 12-23, Fair Grounds
Bahamian Squall, Spirit Wind, f, 4, o/o Sacred Psalm, by Awesome of Course. GII Sugar Swirl S., 12-23, Gulfstream
Bourbon Courage, Double Crown, g, 6, o/o Two Columbus, by Two Punch. Robert T. Manfuso S., 12-23, Laurel
Bucchero, Karaya, f, 2, o/o Jim's Lonesa, by Put It Back. MOC, 12-23, Gulfstream
City of Light, Le Gris, c, 2, o/o Chica Boom Chic, by Tapit. MSW, 12-23, Fair Grounds
City of Light, Sirius Light, f, 3, o/o Flatbow, by Broken Vow. MSW, 12-23, Tampa Bay
Classic Empire, Alpine Princess, f, 2, o/o Le Moine, by Curlin. Untapable S., 12-23, Fair Grounds
Constitution, Legalize, c, 2, o/o Allez Marie, by Unbridled's Song. Sugar Bowl S., 12-23, Fair Grounds
Distorted Humor, Five Star General, h, 7, o/o Party of Interest, by Bernardini. Tenacious S., 12-23, Fair Grounds
English Channel, Two Emmys, g, 7, o/o Miss Emmy, by Buddha. Buddy Diliberto Memorial S., 12-23, Fair Grounds
Fast Anna, Leslie's Loot, f, 2, o/o Wicked Storm, by Stormy Atlantic. Letellier Memorial S., 12-23, Fair Grounds
Frosted, Be My Sunshine, f, 3, o/o Sisterhood, by Kitten's Joy.

Tropical Park Oaks, 12-23, Gulfstream
Greeley's Conquest, Greeley and Ben, g, 9, o/o Traci's Wild, by Langfuhr. Dave's Friend S., 12-23, Laurel
Gun Runner, Clyde's Got a Gun, g, 3, o/o Gone Theatrical, by Theatrical (Ire). AOC, 12-22, Turfway
Into Mischief, Conversing, c, 3, o/o Texting, by Candy Ride (Arg). ALW, 12-23, Tampa Bay
Jess's Dream, Dreamster, f, 4, o/o Crumb, by Graeme Hall. AOC, 12-23, Fair Grounds
Justin Phillip, Just Might, g, 7, o/o Dynamite Babe, by Dynameaux. Richard R. Scherer Memorial S., 12-23, Fair Grounds

More Than Ready, Saddle Up Jessie, f, 4, o/o Zondaq, by Bernardini. Carouse S., 12-23, Laurel
Munnings, Flowerdew, f, 3, o/o Marrakesh Express, by Union Rags. MSW, 12-23, Laurel
Not This Time, Sibelius, g, 5, o/o Fiery Pulpit, by Pulpit. GIII Mr. Prospector S., 12-23, Gulfstream
Oscar Performance, Hammerstein, c, 2, o/o Memorial Wall, by Chattahoochee War. MSW, 12-23, Gulfstream
Paynter, Headland, m, 7, o/o Miss Sheltowee, by Najran. Willa On the Move S., 12-23, Laurel
Quality Road, Track Phantom, c, 2, o/o Miss Sunset, by Into Mischief. Gun Runner S., 12-23, Fair Grounds
Street Sense, Take Shape, f, 3, o/o Loom, by Hard Spun. MCL, 12-22, Turfway
Temple City, Souper Blessing, c, 3, o/o Bird of Paradise, by Summer Bird. Tropical Park Derby, 12-23, Gulfstream
The Factor, Oh Really, c, 2, o/o Emotional Kitten, by Kitten's Joy. MSW, 12-22, Turfway
Twirling Candy, Lovely Princess, f, 4, o/o Princess Mariah, by Giant's Causeway. Blushing K. D. S., 12-23, Fair Grounds
Uncle Mo, Ethan Energy, c, 2, o/o Sass and Class, by Harlan's Holiday. MSW, 12-23, Fair Grounds
Uncle Mo, Mosaico Man, c, 2, o/o Heat Street, by Street Cry (Ire). MSW, 12-23, Fair Grounds
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THE UNREMEMBERED MARE: VALUELESS BUT PRICELESS

By Tania Kindersley

In a corner of a hidden Scottish field, there stands a scruffy, woolly, wintery mare. There has been a frost of minus three, so she has fluffed up her coat like a Teddy bear, to capture the warmth generated by her huge heart. Her chestnut colour is singing russet and scarlet in the sunshine. Her eyelids flicker as she dreams her dreams, and her great muscle-set, handed down to her by twenty-eight generations of athletes, is entirely relaxed. She is at peace.

She is possibly the least important Thoroughbred in Britain. She never set the crowd on a roar. She didn’t come close to winning a race. (She liked to trundle round at the back.) Her name would not be recognised by the most diligent historian of racing. She appeared on the scene for a brief, catastrophically unsuccessful season, never troubling the judge, leaving not a ripple among the punters, hardly fast enough to be given a Timeform rating, before disappearing quietly into the realms of the forgotten.

In terms of worldly value, she is worth nothing. To me, she is worth everything. No amount of money could buy what she gives me, every single day, and that is because, each morning and each evening, she makes me laugh and she gives me pure, singing joy and she makes me a better human being. She is my best companion and there is no price you can put on that.

This is what the forgotten do, as they vanish from public view. They lift private hearts, in unseen paddocks. They have no fame or fortune. They leave not a trace behind. And it’s important to remember that the majority of Thoroughbreds will fall into this unremembered category. Champions are rare, which is why the public recalls their names and lists them in order of greatness. It’s why people still say, ‘I was there.’ I was there - when Frankel blew apart the field in that almost unbelievable, sun-spangled Guineas, when Kauto Star tore up the history books in his fifth, joyous King George, when Dancing Brave danced past them all in the Arc, when Desert Orchid battled up the hill to an unstoppable, exuberant, riotous swoon of adoration in the Gold Cup.

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BLUEBLOODED-COLT TAKES THIRD ON DEBUT

A half-brother to Sea The Stars (Ire) Group 1 winners Hukum (Ire) and Baaeed (GB), Waleefy (Ire) (Night Of Thunder {Ire}), ran third on debut at Lingfield.

HANSHIN CUP GOES TO WIN MARVEL

I’ll Have Another’s Win Marvel (Jpn) won the G2 Hanshin Cup on Saturday.

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The Unremembered Mare Cont. from p1

That's the official value - the historic victories, the vast purses won, the ineradicable memories, the great duels, the stratospheric ratings. That's the plain meaning of success, in racing, as the great ones reach their legendary status, and go into the realm of myth.

Possibly the greatest human need is connection. Just as horses are herd animals, so humans are social animals - we need our tribe, our sense of community, our knowledge of belonging.

And, curiously, this is one of the things that the ordinary, unstarry Thoroughbreds unobtrusively give, in their unremarked retirements, long after the crowds have moved on.

It's not what they were bred for. The breed was invented over three hundred years ago, when Captain Byerley brought his great Turk back from the wars. The Big Daddy of them all was later joined, in the development of one of the most beautiful, fleet set of horses ever seen, in the other storied sires - The Darley Arabian and the Godolphin Arabian and a whole slew of Barbs and Arabs and Turks. The mares who were put to them are not so heralded; some of them even did not have proper names. (My favourite is Miss Darcy's Pet Mare, who can be found in the pedigree of almost every champion, if you go far back enough. I have a vision of Miss Darcy riding about on her sweetheart, until her father cast a beady eye over the horse and said, 'I'll take that one to the breeding shed'.) The breed was, and still is, predicated on strength and speed and stamina. The goal is what it always was: winning.

But my red mare has taught me that there are different kinds of winning. She made me look anew at ideas of value and success. Her gentleness and kindness and beauty don't just make my heart expand, until it feels it will fly out of my chest, but they touch many other humans too. She brings smiles to the faces of the young children who ride her, as if she is a doting old schoolmistress. She is a part of the family, and all my relatives know that if they are having a bad day, they can come and stand by her and take away some of the peace she exudes. (You can feel it rolling off her, in embracing waves.) I often go for walks with her, in the woods, and we pass many merry people from the village, out with their dogs, and they stop and beam at us and talk for a while, as she stations herself perfectly still and does her special event, which is the Standing Still Olympics. I think they thought that taking your horse for a walk was an odd thing to do, and they probably laughed at us, at the beginning, but now we are a known part of the community.

I make jokes about her being a therapy horse, but really it's deadly serious. She keeps me anchored, in the literal and metaphorical Scottish earth. She makes me know who I am. She offers me her great power, when we gallop up into the Scottish hills and I feel her mighty Thoroughbred strength pouring into my puny human body. She gives me routine and purpose. In all weathers, I go out to care for her, however tired or grumpy I am feeling, and when I've set her to rights, I have that holy feeling of having done something good.

There are many kinds of retirement for racehorses. You'll hear about some of the ones who find stardom in their second career - wowing the watchers at Badminton, or gleaming under the lights at the Horse of the Year Show, or working as actual therapy horses. (There are four of these down the valley from me, at a charity called HorseBack UK, and these ex-racers work with wounded veterans and troubled children and people in wheelchairs. They literally save lives.)

But there will be lots just like mine. We don't do much. We pootle around on the buckle, taking our old lady rides into the high forests. We exist on different sides of the species barrier, but we are both made of the ancient remnants of exploded stars, and that's what makes me feel part of something much, much greater than myself.

We are unseen, but we are not alone. There are many just like us. Every time I see a mare in foal to Frankel stalk through the Tattersalls ring, raising gasps as her price rises into the millions, or I watch a new star bursting onto the scene, as the race-callers' voices hit a bright pitch of excitement, or I contemplate the hardened warriors lining up in the King George, as they will on Boxing Day, I think of the ones like me, who are not winning in the obvious way. Cont. p4
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**IN AUSTRALIA:**

**Acquitted (Ire),** g, 5, **Night Of Thunder (Ire)**--Blameless (Ire), by Authorized (Ire). Eagle Farm, 12-23, Listed Bernborough Plate, 1600mT, 1:34.17. B-Lannister Holdings (Ire). *€60,000 Ylg ’18 GOFOCT.**

**Numerian (Ire),** g, 7, **Holy Roman Emperor (Ire)**--Delicate Charm (Ire), by High Chaparral (Ire). Ascot, 12-23, G2 Ted Van Heemst S., 2100mT, 2:10.14. B-Whisperview Trading, Ltd. (Ire). *Full to Montesilvano (Ire) (Holy Roman Emperor (Ire)), GSP-Fr. **SW & MGSP-Ire. ***MG1SP-Aus.**

**IN BAHRAIN:**

**Indispensable (GB),** f, 2, **Ten Sovereigns (GB)**--Invaluable (GB), by Invincible Spirit (Ire). Sakhir, 12-23, Cond., 1200mT, 1:14.01. B-Cheveley Park Stud Ltd. *First start in Bahrain. **SP-Ire. ***52,000gns HRA ’23 TATAUT. VIDEO (SC 2)**

**Elwasme (GB),** g, 3, **Cracksman (GB)**--Bahia Breeze (GB) (MSW & MGSP-Eng, GSP-Fr, $267,376), by Mister Baileys (GB). Sakhir, 12-23, Hcp., 2400mT, 2:39.67. B-BB Bloodstock. *First start in Bahrain. **1/2 to Beshaayir (GB) (Iffraaj {GB}), GSW-Ire, SW-Eng, $152,698. ***75,000gns Ylg ’21 TATOCT; 40,000gns HRA ’23 TATJUL. VIDEO (SC 8)**

**Bleich (Ire),** g, 3, **Highland Reel (Ire)**--On a Cloud (MSW-Fr), by Silver Hawk. Sakhir, 12-23, Cond., 1400mT, 1:27.42. B-London Thoroughbred Services Ltd. *First start in Bahrain. **105,000gns HRA ’23 TATSEP. VIDEO (SC 1)**
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Worldwide News

Saturday, Hanshin, Japan

HANSHIN CUP-G2, ¥129,400,000, Hanshin, 12-23, 3yo/up, 1400mT, 1:19.30, fm.
1--WIN MARVEL (JPN), 128, c, 4, by I'll Have Another
   1st Dam: Cosmo Marvelous (Jpn) (MSW-Jpn, $1,901,305), by Fuji Kiseki (Jpn)
   2nd Dam: Romola, by Nijinsky II
   3rd Dam: Single Blade, by Hatchet Man
   O-Win Inc.; B-Cosmo View Farm (Jpn); T-Masashi Fukayama;
   J-Kohei Matsuyama;
2--Grenadier Guards (Jpn), 128, h, 5, Frankel (GB)--Wavell Avenue, by Harlington.
   O-Sunday Racing; B-Northern Farm (Jpn); ¥27,340,000.
3--Aguri (Jpn), 128, c, 4, Caravaggio--Old Time Waltz, by War Front.
   (¥105,000,000 Ylg ’20 JRHAJUL). O-Masahiro Miki;
   B-Northern Farm (Jpn); ¥17,170,000.
Margins: 3/4, NS, HF. Odds: 8.60, 4.00, 3.10.
Also Ran: Gray In Green (Jpn), Mama Cocha (Jpn), Lotus Land, La La Christine (Jpn),
Win Greatest (Jpn), Daddy’s Vivid (Jpn), A Shin Spotter (Jpn), Le Plus Fort (Jpn), Asahi (Jpn),
Danon Scorpion (Jpn), Eeyan (Jpn), Pixie Knight (Jpn), Mikki Brillante (Jpn), Ho O Amazon (Jpn).

Cape Yearling Catalogue Features

Black-Type Pedigrees

The catalogue for the Bloodstock South Africa Cape Yearling Sale, held at Hollywoodbets Kenilworth on Sunday, Feb. 25, is now available.

Beginning at 12:30 p.m. local time, the sale features 156 yearlings set to go under the hammer by established sires Flower Alley, Futura (SAf), Ideal World, Legislate (SAf), Master Of My Fate (SAf), Pathfork, Querari (Ger), Rafeef (Aus), The United States (Ire), Vercingetorix (SAf), What A Winter (SAf), One World (SAf), and Talk Of The Town (SAf). There are also several yearlings catalogued by new sires like Declarationofpeace, Erik The Red (SAf), Hawwaam (SAf).

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