

IN 2024, THE SPORT HAS TO DO BETTER



Cody's Wish | Horsephotos

The Week in Review, by Bill Finley

The remaining days in 2023 dwindled to a few last week, a welcome development considering the year that it was. Yes, there was some good news. **Arcangelo** (Arrogate) winning the GI Belmont S. for trainer Jena Antonucci was as good a story as we've seen in some time. The saga of **Cody's Wish** (Curlin) continued to tug at our heartstrings. The sales continue to post huge numbers. Purses have soared in Kentucky and at Oaklawn, with maidens running for pots in excess of \$100,000.

But for every good story there seemed to be 10 bad ones.

With the animal rights community and some portions of the media putting unrelenting pressure on the sport, there's never a good time to go through a rash of breakdowns, but for it to happen surrounding the running of the GI Kentucky Derby was bad timing at its worst. There were 12 deaths at Churchill Downs crammed into just a few weeks and it got so bad that racetrack management decided to pull the plug on the remainder of the meet and move everything to Ellis Park.

Then Saratoga happened. When **New York Thunder** (Nyquist) broke down strides before the wire in the GI H. Allen Jerkens Memorial S. the number of horse fatalities at the meet had soared to 12. It was a horrible sight to behold for a national TV audience and the 48,292 in attendance. And it was a ghastly reminder of what happened three weeks earlier to **Maple Leaf Mel** (Cross Traffic) in the GI Test S. She, too, broke down right before the wire in a spill that was as ugly as it gets. **Cont. p3**

RICE SETS NYRA SINGLE-SEASON WIN MARK

Linda Rice saddled her 165th winner of 2023 to set the record for most victories in a year on the New York Racing Association (NYRA) circuit Sunday at Aqueduct Racetrack.

"It's a tough number to get to. I think about how we're starting over at one tomorrow," said Rice, with a laugh. "It's just been an incredible year. I'm really excited and I just hope we can do something that will compare going forward. That's a high bar to set."

With George's Vice (Unified)'s win in Sunday's second race, Rice eclipsed the previous single-season record of 164 set by trainer David Jacobsen in 2013. During 2023, the 59-year-old earned leading trainer honors at the winter [37 wins] and spring [17 wins] meets at the Big A; the Belmont Park spring/summer meet [34 wins]; and tied with Chad Brown [35 wins] to register her second title at the Saratoga Race Course summer meet.

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Roy H poses for a photo with Paul Caywood, Hilary Bauer, and Rob Willis last month at the Kentucky Horse Park. See page 6. | Sarah Andrew

TWO HORSES TIE FOR WINNINGEST HORSE IN '23

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Divine Fashion (Divining Rod) and Fayette Warrior (Exchange Rate) will share the honor of North America's winningest Thoroughbred in 2023 with 10 victories each.

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The Week in Review (cont. from p1)

The Breeders' Cup was not immune to tragedy. Though no one was seriously injured on the day of the races, **Geaux Rocket Ride** (**Candy Ride** {**Arg**}) and broke down and had to be euthanized and **Practical Move** (**Practical Joke**) suffered an apparent heart attack and died, both while training for the GI Breeders' Cup Classic.



Geaux Rocket Ride | Sarah Andrew

The fatalities obviously caught the attention of *60 Minutes*, which, in November, aired a story that focused on the breakdowns and the sport's doping problems while casting a brutally negative light on the sport. Then we learned that we will get more of the same sometime in 2024. In December, FX, a subsidiary of Disney Entertainment, announced that there would be an upcoming documentary, "*The New York Times Presents: Broken Horses*," which it said would examine "systemic issues, questionable practices and urgent calls for change that have shaken horse racing to its core."

When it comes to the economics of the sport, there was more troubling news. Through November, handle was down nearly \$500 million on the year or 4.39%. That means we are on our way to seeing the steepest declines in handle, outside of the COVID year of 2020, since 2011. Does that have anything to do with the computer-assisted wagering (CAW) players? Probably. They have tilted the pari-mutuel pools to a point where the regular horseplayer is getting killed and getting out.

In July, 1/ST Racing announced that Golden Gate Fields would be shutting down for good at the end of the year, throwing the Northern California circuit into chaos. The track got a reprieve, but a brief one. It is now scheduled to cease operations on June 11. **Cont.**

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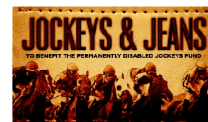
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That's when it will join Arlington Park, Calder, Hollywood Park, Bay Meadows and others that couldn't make it to the finish line. Some wonder whether Santa Anita, which sits on property that is estimated to be worth \$1 billion, will someday join them.

Racing can't afford to have another year like this. Things need to change. While there are no magic bullets, here are what I believe are some practical and common sense solutions to some of the problems.

The sport needs to fully embrace StrideSAFE. StrideSAFE is a biometric sensor mechanism that slips into the saddle cloth to detect minute changes in a horse's gait at high speed. Those changes can, and often do, signal that a horse is in the early stages of having a problem that could lead to a fatal injury. The technology has been around since 2011 and, while it has been experimented with here and there, it remains largely absent from the backstretch of America's racetracks. Why? There's no doubt that widespread employment of StrideSAFE will cut down on the number of horses that break down and there's no excuse for the sport to continue to drag its feet when it comes to embracing the concept.

The CAW factor is a major issue that's not going to go away, no matter what harm it might be doing to the overall health of the sport. It has become an unmanageable runaway train, with these players betting so much money that no track is going to turn away their business. But some guardrails would help. More tracks need to do what NYRA has done. They have effectively closed the CAW players out of the win pool by no longer allowing them to place bets at the very last second. They have also been excluded from NYRA's Late Pick 5 and the Cross Country Pick 5.

The betting product also needs to be better and more geared toward the booming market that is made up of sports bettors. The sport has not been nearly aggressive enough when it comes to getting the on-line sports betting websites to start accepting bets on racing. To date, the only one that has been signed up is FanDuel. That also means adopting fixed-odds wagers, which are what the sports bettors know. Only Monmouth Park has gone down this road and two years after it was implemented in New Jersey the concept is limping along. No other tracks or states have tried fixed-odds betting and, in New Jersey, only the second-level tracks are available to the fixed-odds bettors.

The takeout remains too high. With betting on a horse race often involving a rake of around 20%, the game is always going to have a tough time competing with other forms of gambling, where the effective takeout rate is lower. We're seeing some progress in this area, with a number of tracks lowering the takeout on horizontal wagers like the Pick Four and Pick Five. In 2023, Hawthorne took a major step in the right direction by lowering its takeout on win, place and show wagers to 12%. But we need a lot more of the same. With so much of purse money now coming from alternative sources like slot machines, there's no reason why tracks in places like New York and Kentucky can't at least experiment with reduced takeout rates.

Fix the Triple Crown. It needs it. The GI Preakness S. is no longer coveted by the sport's major trainers and has become a weak link in the Triple Crown. Everyone wants to run in the Derby and then they scramble, some pointing for the GI Belmont S., some ready to put their horses on the shelf until the big summer races. The 2022 Derby winner, **Rich Strike** (Keen Ice) passed on the Preakness and, this year, Derby winner **Mage** (Good Magic) was the only horse to go in the first two legs of the Triple Crown. The result is that the Preakness is less important than it has ever been and that only weakens the Triple Crown as a whole. When 1/ST floated



Golden Gate Fields | Shane Micheli/Vassar Photography

the idea of running the Preakness four weeks after the Derby, NYRA reacted by announcing that it had no intention of moving the date of the Belmont. Yes, a Belmont run five weeks after the Derby works well for NYRA, but it needs to put its self interests aside and do what's best for the sport and shift the Belmont to late June or early July.

While we're at it, the purses for the Triple Crown races are too small. In this day and age, the \$1.5-million purse for the Preakness is not going to motivate anyone to run. These are supposed to be the most important races in the sport and their purses should reflect as much. For all three races, the purses should be raised immediately to \$3 million with the goal of eventually making them \$5-million races.

These are things that can be done. Let's not let another year go by in which the sport embraces the status quo while the outlook for its future continues to get worse. The year 2024 is upon us, let it be the year where the sport takes much needed steps in the right direction.

Rice Sets NYRA Single-Season Win Record

(cont. from p1)

She has also secured the title at the Aqueduct fall meet, which concluded Sunday, with the record-setting victory on closing day marking her 20th win at the meet.

In addition to Rice's record training win, she also tied with Seth Klarman's Klaravich Stables for leading owner at Aqueduct's fall meet. Each had seven wins. Klaravich Stables finished the year as NYRA's leading owner for a fifth consecutive time, completing the season with a record of 235-62-39-33 and purse earnings of \$6,408,466. It was Klaravich's 25th owners' title at a NYRA meet and fifth this year.

Jockey Manny Franco won the Aqueduct fall riding title with 37 wins and earned the year's leading NYRA rider honors for the third time with 238 wins across the circuit's race meets.

Rice saddled 11 stakes winners on the NYRA circuit during 2023. Among that group was Pioneering Spirit (**American Pharoah**), who was haltered for \$40,000 in March for owner A. Bianco Holding Limited and went on to win the Bernard Baruch S. and Knickerbocker S., and Mommasgottarun (**Maclean's Music**)--taken for \$50,000 last December for owner Ronald P. Stewart--who won the GIII Distaff H.



Linda Rice celebrates record-setting win at Aqueduct Sunday
Coglianese

"We claimed Pioneering Spirit in March in a maiden \$40,000, and for him to win the Bernard Baruch, win the Knickerbocker, run in Grade Is, that was exciting," Rice said. "Mommasgottarun we claimed in December. She won a Grade III, wins a couple of allowance races for some new clients. That was really exciting."

Rice saddled her first winner, Contraboss, in 1987 at Garden State Park and now boasts a career record of 12,879-2409-1989-1829 for purse earnings in excess of \$104 million, according to stats provided by Equibase.

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WITH FINAL-WEEKEND BLOWOUT, TWO HORSES TIE FOR WINNINGEST HORSE IN '23

by T.D. Thornton

After 365 days and a pool of 45,308 starters, two horses with 10 victories each will share the honor of North America's winningest Thoroughbred in 2023 after the filly **Divine Fashion** (**Divining Rod**) uncorked a 9 1/4-length romp at Mahoning Valley Dec. 30 to tie the Midwest-based gelding **Fayette Warrior** (Exchange Rate), who has been resting at a farm since October after securing his continent-topping spot.

One other gelding who was on the cusp of winning 10 times, **Uncaptured Storm** (Uncaptured), had been the morning-line favorite for the first race at Laurel Dec. 31, but he failed to draw in off the also-eligible list.

Divine Fashion, a 4-year-old who won all her other races in 2023 at Charles Town, and Uncaptured Storm, a 3-year-old who won at Laurel, Timonium and Charles Town, are stablemates, both owned by Richard Burnsworth and trained by Anthony Farrior.

The 7-year-old Fayette Warrior is owned and trained by Troy Bethke, whose son, Scott Bethke, rode the gelding to wins at Energy Downs (three times), Fonner Park, Sweetwater County Fair, and Wyoming Downs (twice each), plus Columbus.

Troy Bethke **told TDN last week** that Fayette Warrior is a "spunky, cocky little guy" who likes to train and race, and the gelding is currently being freshened at Bethke's home in Minnesota in preparation for a 2024 campaign.

Divine Fashion and Uncaptured Storm are also expected to remain in training for Farrior.

"They're just sound horses and you can keep them running," Farrior said in a Dec. 29 interview.

Between 2012 and 2022, the North American year-end leaderboard was topped by horses who won between eight (in the pandemic-shortened 2020 campaign) and 14 times.

For perspective, only 48 Thoroughbreds in 2023 (one-tenth of one percent of all horses who started at least once) managed seven wins or more.

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GSW **Uncle Chuck** (**Uncle Mo**--Forest Music, by Unbridled's Song), whose first foals are yearlings of 2024, was humanely euthanized Dec. 22 according to Brent Fernung, owner of Journeyman Stud in Florida. The 6-year-old stallion was standing at Journeyman at the time of his death.

Uncle Chuck was determined to be suffering from untreatable lymphoma.

"We're devastated by this loss," said Fernung. "He was a beautiful horse, and his first crop of foals are carbon copies of him. Beyond that, Uncle Chuck had a great demeanor and was a pleasure to work around. He will be missed."



Uncle Chuck | Sarah Andrew

Uncle Chuck, a half-brother to Hill 'n' Dale sire **Maclean's Music** (Distorted Humor), as well as to GSWs Kentuckian (Tiznow) and Electric Forest (**Curlin**), won two of his three career starts, including the GIII Los Alamitos Derby. He joined the Journeyman roster for the 2022 season and has a first crop of 75 reported live foals. He was the property of a syndicate at the time of his death.

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Roy H | Sarah Andrew

It was an exciting year at the Horse Park in 2023 at the Hall of Champions. It was a bit sad during the summer that we lost two great Thoroughbreds in Hall of Famer Point Given and dual Classic-winning Kentucky Derby winner Funny Cide, but we were recently able to add two Breeders' Cup winners in Roy H--a two-time Breeders' Cup Sprint winner and two-time Eclipse Award winner--and **Accelerate**, one of the more exciting horses of the last 10 years, a five-time Grade I winner who won almost \$7 million.

They were added at the park here in December and are settling in, getting ready for 2024.

Rob Willis is Supervisor at the Kentucky Horse Park's Hall of Champions

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REPOLE PLEDGES MATCHING TAA DONATION

Owner Mike Repole has pledged to match donations to the Thoroughbred Aftercare Alliance (TAA) up to \$100,000 throughout the month of January.

"Every Thoroughbred athlete deserves an enjoyable and quality retirement. I am honored to support Thoroughbred Aftercare Alliance and their mission of accredited aftercare," said Repole. "I encourage others to join me in making a charitable donation during the month when Thoroughbreds celebrate their birthdays. Let us all raise awareness and do our part in ensuring these athletes receive the best, well-deserved protection as they transition beyond the finish line." **Cont.**

Favorite Moment

WHAT WAS YOUR FAVORITE MOMENT OF 2023: ROB WILLIS

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.

TAA donation, cont.

"It is our responsibility, and we all owe it to these amazing loving Thoroughbred athletes."

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MACHADO, COX TAKE TURFWAY TITLES

Jockey Luan Machado, trainer Brad Cox and owner Dixiana Farms were leaders in their respective divisions at Turfway Park's 20-day Holiday Meet which concluded Saturday night. Machado had 21 wins from 98 mounts (21%) to earn his third leading rider title at Florence, Kentucky oval. His previous titles came at the 2019 Winter/Spring Meet and 2018 Holiday Meet.

Machado was followed in the standings by apprentice rider Axel Concepcion who had 19 wins.

The Holiday Meet was Cox's second leading trainer title at Turfway. His barn, which is represented locally by assistant Tessa Walden, started 20 horses, won seven races and banked earnings of \$356,046. Prior to racing on New Year's Eve, Cox led all North American trainers in earnings for 2023 with \$30,775,698.



Luan Machado | Coady

Dixiana Farms tied for the leading owner title with Thirstyacres Racing, Gerald Brooks and Carl Hess Jr., PTK LLC and Blanca Salazar, but led the group with \$89,343 in earnings.

Turfway Park's winter/spring meet opens Wednesday and continues through Mar. 30.

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BEALMEAR EARNS FIRST WIN AT OAKLAWN

Apprentice jockey Joseph Bealmear earned the first win of his career when guiding We Miss Arlington (**Ghostzapper**) to victory in the second race at Oaklawn Park Saturday.

We Miss Arlington was the 11th career mount for Bealmear, according to Equibase, and came almost 44 years after his father, retired jockey Ben Bealmear, recorded his first career victory at Oaklawn.

The 19-year-old, who rode his first race Nov. 30 at Turfway Park, celebrated his first victory by pumping his right arm twice after crossing the finish line.

"I just couldn't contain it," Bealmear said Sunday morning. "I just let it out. A lot of people asked me if I was nervous. But honestly, from the post parade, to the gate, to the finish line, that's the most confident I've ever been in a race. I think the horse felt that. I felt it and it all just worked out great."

Bealmear grew up near Lexington and said he's been around horses his entire life. Bealmear's father won 66 races as a jockey in 1979-1982 and his mother, Laura, saddled 50 winners as a trainer during her career (2007-2020), according to Equibase.

Before becoming a jockey, Joseph Bealmear said he regularly galloped horses for trainer Wesley Ward. Bealmear began laying the groundwork for his riding career approximately 18 months ago when he met retired jockey Robby Albarado, Oaklawn's leading rider in 1996 and 1997. **Cont.**

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Joseph Bealmear guides We Miss Arlington to victory | Coady

Albarado, who won more than 5,000 career races, is an exercise rider at Oaklawn for trainer Kenny McPeck and is also Bealmear's agent.

"Hopefully, everything goes well here and kind of piggyback on to Kentucky," Albarado said. "That's the hope. I think he's going to be that kind of rider."

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An advertisement for an equine PET scan. It features a close-up of a horse's hindquarters and tail. A piece of medical equipment, labeled 'MILE-PET' and 'LONG MILE', is positioned around the horse's hindquarters. The text 'Equine PET Scan - Research Funded By' is at the top, followed by the 'Grayson-Jockey Club Research Foundation' logo and name. At the bottom, it says 'Please Help Us Support More Projects Like This With Your Donation' and provides the website 'grayson-jockeyclub.org'.

An advertisement for Biederman Real Estate. It features a portrait of Tom Biederman, a man in a suit and tie. The text reads 'THE TRUSTED EXPERT FOR QUALITY KENTUCKY REAL ESTATE SINCE 1994'. Below the portrait is the Biederman Real Estate logo, which includes a house icon and the text 'BIEDERMAN REAL ESTATE • AUCTIONEERS'. The website 'BIEDERMANREALESTATE.COM' and the phone number 'Call 859.277.2030' are also displayed.

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MARION RAVENWOOD, by A.P. Indy. 4 wins at 3, \$112,598, Capades S. (AQU, \$36,000). Dam of 7 foals, 6 to race, 5 winners--

NEST (f. by Curlin). 8 wins in 14 starts, 2 to 4, 2023, \$2,172,675, Champion 3-year-old filly in U.S., Alabama S. **[G1]** (SAR, \$330,000), Central Bank Ashland S. **[G1]** (KEE, \$358,050), Coaching Club American Oaks **[G1]** (SAR, \$275,000), Demoiselle S. **[G2]** (AQU, \$137,500), Beldame S. **[G2]** (BAQ, \$137,500), Shuvee S. **[G2]** (SAR, \$110,000), Suncoast S. [L] (TAM, \$60,000), 2nd Belmont S. **[G1]** (BEL, \$280,000), etc.

LOST ARK (c. by Violence). 4 wins in 8 starts at 2 and 3, 2023, \$538,600, Jockey Club Derby Invitational S. [L] (BAQ, \$275,000), Sapling S. (MTH, \$120,000), 3rd Saranac S. **[G3]** (SAR, \$21,000).

IDOL (c. by Curlin).

Dr Jack (c. by Pioneerof the Nile). 3 wins at 3 and 4, \$156,155, 3rd TVG.com Pegasus S. [L] (MTH, \$15,000), Bourbon Trail S. (CD, \$27,050).

Ark in the Dark (g. by Midnight Lute). 5 wins, 3 to 6, \$233,373.

Total Cooperation (c. by Tiznow). Placed at 3, \$18,229.

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SMARTY JONES S., \$300,000, 3yo, 1 1/16m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Informed Patriot	Hard Spun	Robison, J. Kirk and Robison, Judy	Asmussen	Santana, Jr.	117
2	Catching Freedom	Constitution	Albaugh Family Stables LLC	Cox	Torres	117
3	Lagynos	Kantharos	HRH Prince Sultan Bin Mishal Al Saud	Asmussen	Rosario	119
4	Mystik Dan	Goldencents	Gasaway, Lance, 4 G Racing and Hamby III, Daniel	McPeck	Leparoux	117
5	Mo Winning	Mo Town	Holleman, John and Howg, Randy	Diodoro	Hernandez	117
6	Gettysburg Address	Constitution	Siena Farm LLC and WinStar Farm LLC	Cox	Prat	117
7	Just Steel	Justify	BC Stables, LLC	Lukas	Vazquez	119
8	Chaperone	Curlin	Gus King	Moquett	Asmussen	117
9	Fidget	More Than Ready	Calumet Farm	Cox	Chuan	117

Breeders: 1-Gainesway Thoroughbreds LTD & WhisperHill Farm, 2-WinStar Farm, LLC, 3-Robert Spiegel, 4-Lance Gasaway, Daniel Hamby & 4GRacing, LLC, 5-Reece Racing, 6-WinStar Farm, LLC, 7-Summerhill Farm, 8-Tommy Town Thoroughbreds, LLC, 9-Dixiana Farms LLC

Monday, Gulfstream, post time: 4:36 p.m. EST

MUCHO MACHO MAN S., \$150,000, 3yo, 1m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	No More Time	Not This Time	Morplay Racing LLC	D'Angelo	Ortiz	118
2	Boy Magic	Good Magic	Amo Racing USA	Delgado	Lopez	120
3	Otello	Curlin	Siena Farm LLC and WinStar Farm LLC	Clement	Saez	118
4	First World War	War Front	Qatar Racing LLC and Hunter Valley Farm	Walsh	Gaffalione	118
5	Orb Alpha	Orb	Anne-33, LLC	Lutchman	Perez	118
6	Inveigled	Enticed	Mark B. Grier	Cibelli	Ortiz, Jr.	120
7	Everdoit	Gary D	Donald L. Ming	Rice	Zayas	118
8	Sea Streak	Sea Wizard	Holly Crest Farm	Owens, Jr	Panici	118

Breeders: 1-MAMAS Thoroughbreds, LLC, 2-Theta Holdings I, Inc., 3-Siena Farms LLC, 4-Skyfall Thoroughbreds LLC, 5-Stone Farm, 6-St. Simon Place LLC, 7-Don Ming, 8-Holly Crest Farm

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MONDAY'S RACING INSIGHTS:

by Stefanie Grimm



Who's Ticket sells as a weanling | Fasig-Tipton Photo

NEW 3-YEAR-OLDS LOOK TO GRADUATE ON NEW YEAR'S DAY

6th-FG, \$52K, Msw, 3yo, f, 6f, 4:15 p.m.

Starting the New Year off in Louisiana, **WHO'S TICKET** (*Quality Road*) is a daughter of champion 2-year-old filly Take Charge Brandi, a mare who has changed hands for sums of \$6m, \$3.2m and most recently in 2021 when Three Chimneys Farm went to \$1.15m for her. Who's Ticket, herself a \$450,000 weanling, is a half to SW Courvoisier (*Tapit*). Take Charge Brandi has seen her branch of the family tree grow more fruitful recently with the success at stud of her half-brother, freshman sire Omaha Beach (*War Front*). And of course, third dam Take Charge Lady needs no introduction as the dam of champion 3-year-old colt Will Take Charge (Unbridled's Song), GISW and sire *Take Charge Indy* (A.P. Indy) and GISW As Time Goes By (*American Pharoah*). Her daughter also produced MGSW/GISP Charge It (*Tapit*)

Juddmonte homebred **Impel** (*Quality Road*) debuts for trainer Brad Cox. The filly is the first foal out of stakes-winning Your Love (Flatter) who was purchased by Juddmonte for \$480,000 out of the 2019 KEENOV sale. Your Love is a full-sister to GSW/GISP Economic Model and a half to MSW Jimmy Simms (Lost Soldier), GSW/GISP Happy American (*Runhappy*) and GSW/GISP Well Monied (Maria's Mon).

Tipsy Tammy (Arrogate), a \$600,000 KEESEP yearling for Rigney Racing, is a half to MSW Doc Boy (Into Mischief) along with three other winners from as many to race. Second dam Perfect Sting, 2000's champion grass mare, also produced GSW Smart Sting (Smart Strike). **TJCS PPS**

4th-SA, \$65K, Msw, 3yo, 1m, 4:32 p.m.

Out west, a pair of colts look to improve on their 2023 starts led by Bob Baffert's **Imagination** (Into Mischief). The \$1.05m yearling has raced twice at Del Mar through the fall, just missing by a neck most recently over the same distance Dec. 2. The colt is a half to MSW Exulting (*Tapit*) and a full-brother to GSW/GISP Occult.

Also looking to improve for Baffert is **Cornell** (Into Mischief), a \$675,000 yearling who stretches out to the mile off a non-factoring ninth on debut at Del Mar Nov. 25.

John Sadler brings back **Indispensable** (*Constitution*) who ran second to 'TDN Rising Star' Coach Prime (*Quality Road*) last out at Del Mar Nov. 10 in his third start since bringing \$825,000 at KEESEP last year.

The only debut runner in the field, **Leading** (*Uncle Mo*) is a Repole Stable homebred out of SW/GISP Savings Account. The dam, purchased by Repole for \$800,000 in 2018 from FTKNOV, has already produced a winner from her first foal. **TJCS PPS**

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IN ORDER OF PURSE:

YEAR'S END S., \$200,000, Oaklawn, 12-31, 2yo, f, 1m, 1:38.97, ft.

1--ICE COLD, 121, f, 2, by Mitole

1st Dam: Ice Women, by Street Sense

2nd Dam: Elusive Lady, by Van Nistelrooy

3rd Dam: Song of Royalty, by Unbridled's Song

(\$68,000 Wlg '21 KEENOV; \$65,000 Ylg '22 KEESEP). O-Daniel Mc Greevy; B-Deann Baer & Greg Baer DVM (IN); T-Kenneth G. McPeck; J-Julien R. Leparoux. \$114,000. Lifetime Record: 5-2-1-0, \$190,129. *1/2 to Corningstone (*Kantharos*), MSW, \$400,948.

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2--Denim and Pearls, 124, f, 2, Into Mischief--Majestic Presence, by Majestic Warrior. (\$500,000 Ylg '22 FTSAUG). 1ST BLACK TYPE. O-Red White and Blue Racing LLC; B-Town & Country Horse Farms, LLC (KY); T-Brad H. Cox. \$38,000.



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3--**Neom Beach**, 117, f, 2, Omaha Beach--Giant's Causey, by Giant's Causeway. (\$210,000 2yo '23 OBSAPR). **1ST BLACK TYPE**. O-Bloom Racing Stable LLC (Jeffrey Bloom) and The Line Racing; B-Tami Bobo (KY); T-Steven M. Asmussen. \$19,000.

Julie Davies Sales Graduate

Margins: 3/4, 4HF, 3HF. Odds: 3.40, 0.80, 9.40.

Also Ran: Asternia, **Tapit** Jenallie, Floating Beauty, Pula.

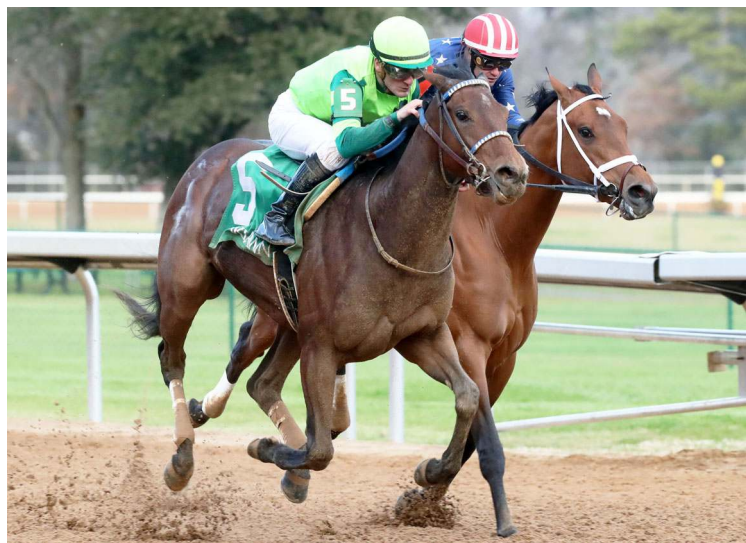
Indiana-bred Ice Cold certainly possessed a steely nature down the lane to take home the Year's End S. at Oaklawn on Sunday afternoon.

Already a stakes winner by an eye-catching 10 lengths in the Miss Indiana against state-breds at Horseshoe Indianapolis Oct. 4, the bay was last seen as the runner-up by 3 1/2 lengths to rival Denim and Pearls at Churchill Downs Nov. 25.

Installed as the clear second choice at 3-1 here, the Ken McPeck trainee raced towards the rear of the field into the first turn, as a pair of longer shots showed the way. Ice Cold was on hold up the backstretch, as she waited for the heavy favorite to make her move. Once Denim and Pearls started her run around the far turn, the late juvenile got in gear, ranged up on the chalk at the eighth pole and sailed home for the upset.

"She just grinds it out," said McPeck. "She's really figured it out going two turns. Just a really hard-knocking filly. Tom McGreevy and Dan [McGreevy], the main owner and his brother, are fun guys to work for, too. Those kind are always great. It's good [last two years on Oaklawn's cards exclusively for 2-year-olds]."

The winner's dam produced a yearling colt by Omaha Beach and foaled a colt by Bolt d'Oro Apr. 23. She was bred to Jackie's Warrior for 2024. Second dam Elusive Lady (Van Nistelrooy) won the GIII Tempted S. and placed in five other graded races on both dirt and turf. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**



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QUEENS COUNTY S., \$150,000, Aqueduct, 12-31, 3yo/up, 1 1/8m, 1:50.13, ft.

1--**CRUPI**, 121, c, 3, **Curlin--Don'tforgetaboutme**, by **Malibu Moon**. (\$275,000 Ylg '21 KEESEP). O-Repole Stable & St. Elias Stables LLC; B-Claiborne Farm (KY); T-Todd A. Pletcher; J-Kendrick Carmouche. \$82,500. Lifetime Record: 12-4-2-3, \$372,750. *1/2 to Royal Spirit (Into Mischief), GSP, \$383,741.

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2--**Quality Chic**, 121, g, 3, **Quality Road--Chica Boom Chic**, by **Tapit**. (\$250,000 Ylg '21 FTSAUG; \$112,000 3yo '23 FTKHRA).

1ST BLACK TYPE. O-Lawrence Roman & David Jacobson; B-White Birch Farm, Inc. (KY); T-David Jacobson. \$30,000.

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3--**Kinetic Sky**, 122, h, 5, **Runhappy--Sky America**, by **Sky Mesa**. (\$180,000 Wlg '18 KEENOV; \$450,000 Ylg '19 FTSAUG).

1ST BLACK TYPE. O-Sanford Goldfarb, Alan Kahn, David Tanzman & Steven Speranza; B-Elm Tree Farm, LLC, Curt Leake, Time Will Tell, LLC & Warren Harang (KY); T-Richard E. Dutrow, Jr. \$18,000.

Elm Tree Farm Sales Graduate

STEVEN W. YOUNG Yearling Purchase

Margins: NK, NO, NK. Odds: 6.40, 14.10, 5.90.

Also Ran: Signator, King Kumbalay, Constitutionlawyer, Lost Ark, Forewarned.

Crupi made it back-to-back stakes victories with a late-running score in the Queens County S. at Aqueduct Sunday. The 6-1 shot was jostled between foes heading into the first turn and raced well off the pace before progressing into striking position heading into the far turn. Five wide approaching the lane, the chestnut colt produced a determined stretch run to just get on top in a blanket finish.

"We got in a little jam [in the first turn] because I was wanting to be forward and Manny [Franco, aboard No. 8, Quality Chic] was making it tight on everybody," explained winning rider Kendrick Carmouche. "I just had to squeeze back and let everything develop again. After that, he got back underneath me and I was in the perfect spot the whole race. Crupi won the race the last eighth of a mile. He just took the bit out of my hand and accelerated the last sixteenth. I'm so glad this horse is improving with age. I look forward to see where we go from here."

Crupi hit the board in five maiden special weight contests without a win before being thrown into graded company to finish seventh in the Feb. 18 GII Risen Star S. and ninth in the Apr. 8 GII Wood Memorial. Returned to the maiden ranks, he graduated at Monmouth Park in July and added a Saratoga allowance in August. Fifth in the Sept. 23 GI Pennsylvania Derby,

he was coming off a win in the Discovery S. over this same track and distance Nov. 3.

"He's [Crupi] really matured mentally," said Amelia Green, assistant to winning trainer Todd Pletcher. "Even as a 2-year-old, he was so immature and as a 3-year-old still. Now, finally, he's maturing turning four. I feel he's always had the fight in him, he was just so immature in the mind and the gate was his problem--he broke pretty good today, minus the first turn with all that drama. I think he's starting to figure it out and learn he likes to run and enjoy it."

Don't forget about me, purchased by Determined Stud for \$550,000 while in foal to **Blame** at the 2022 Keeneland November sale, produced a colt this year and was bred back to **Candy Ride (Arg)**. The mare is a half-sister to graded winners Mo Tom (**Uncle Mo**) and Red Ruby (Tiznow), and to multiple Grade I-placed Beautician (Dehere). **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**



Crupi | Susie Raisher

RENAISSANCE S., \$150,000, Oaklawn, 12-31, 2yo, 6f, 1:11.29, ft.

1--**VALENTINE CANDY**, 124, c, 2, by **Justify**

1st Dam: Taste Like Candy (GISP, \$286,205), by **Candy Ride (Arg)**

2nd Dam: My Success, by A.P. Indy

3rd Dam: Towering Success, by Irish Tower

(\$250,000 Ylg '22 FTKOCT). O-L. William & Corinne Heiligbrodt, Jackpot Farm, Whispering Oaks Farm LLC & Coteau Grove Farms LLC; B-Pine Creek LP (KY); T-Steven M. Asmussen; J-Joel Rosario. \$87,750. Lifetime Record: 6-3-1-1, \$263,925.

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2--**Tejon Pass**, 117, c, 2, **Justify**--Foxysox (GB), by Foxhound.
O/B-Williamson Racing, LLC (KY); T-Peter Miller. \$29,250.

3--**Googol Joke**, 117, c, 2, **Practical Joke**--Maltese Googol, by **Speightstown**. (\$150,000 2yo '23 FTDDE). **1ST BLACK TYPE.**

O-Ruthies Ride II LLC, Lancaster House Thoroughbreds, LLC & Robert Medina; B-Nagako Fujita (KY); T-Robert Medina.
\$14,625.

Foaled and Raised at Greenfield Farms

Margins: 1HF, 3/4, 5. Odds: 0.70, 3.40, 16.70.

Also Ran: General Shipman, Frost Free, Normandy Hero.

Scratched: Booth.

Heavily favored Valentine Candy strode under the wire an authoritative victor of the Renaissance S. at Oaklawn Park Sunday. The chestnut colt broke alertly and was with the pace early before settling just off the heels of the leaders down the backstretch. Waiting for racing room approaching the stretch, he was angled out a path to find a seam in upper stretch and closed powerfully once clear.

A debut winner at Saratoga last July, Valentine Candy was a well-beaten ninth in the Sept. 4 GI Hopeful S. runner-up in a Keeneland optional claimer Oct. 7. He then was third in the Oct. 28 Bowman Mill S. in Lexington before returning to the winner's circle with a 6 3/4-length romp in the 5 1/2-furlong Advent S. at Oaklawn Dec. 8.

Taste Like Candy, second in the 2013 GI Hollywood Starlet, produced a colt by Mitole in 2023 and was bred back to Liam's Map. The winner's third dam, Towering Success, produced multiple Grade I winner Affirmed Success. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

ABUNDANTIA S., \$125,000, Gulfstream, 12-31, 3yo/up, f/m, 5FT, :55.21, fm.

1--**STONE SILENT**, 118, f, 3, **Adios Charlie**--Travelator (**MSW & MGSP, \$647,672**), by A. P. Jet. (\$410,000 2yo '22 OBSMAR; \$170,000 3yo '23 KEENOV). O-Victoriam Farm LLC; B-William J. Terrell & Frank De Savino (FL); T-Brian A. Lynch; J-Junior Alvarado. \$85,760. Lifetime Record: 9-3-2-1, \$219,698.
*1/2 to Hollywood Jet (Uncaptured), SW, \$303,430.



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2--**Choose Joy**, 123, m, 6, **Munnings**--Elegantly, by Arch. (\$35,000 2yo '19 OBSOPN). **1ST BLACK TYPE.** O/T-Steven Dwoskin; B-Colts Neck Stables LLC (KY). \$19,600.

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3--**Twilight Gleaming (Ire)**, 125, f, 4, National Defense (GB)-Thames Pageant (GB), by Dansili (GB). (£75,000 Ylg '20 GOFOR). O-Stonestreet Stables LLC; B-Pier House Stud (IRE); T-Wesley A. Ward. \$9,800.

Margins: 1 3/4, NO, NO. Odds: 4.70, 3.50, 0.80.

Also Ran: Glitter Up, La Traviesa, Talkin Topsy, Lady Milagro. Scratched: Accomplished Girl, Baby Steps, Bedtime Story, Fulminate, Isabel Alexandra (Ire), Mainline, One Identity, Sassy Nature.

Stone Silent began her career out west and broke her maiden at first asking in a stakes race no less three months after selling for \$410,000 at OBSMAR. Transferred east to Steve Asmussen in June of this year, she hit the board in five of six starts and picked up a stakes placing at Saratoga in the Galway S. Aug. 12.

Now with trainer Brian Lynch after selling last month at KEENOV, Sunday's 9-2 third choice settled mid pack as Lady Milagro (**First Dude**) and Glitter Up (**Connect**) handled the tempo through a half in :43.91. Despite being caught outside around the turn, Stone Silent unleashed a strong closing kick into the lane and was much the best late to sweep home with the clear lead.

One of 12 stakes winners for Adios Charlie, Stone Silent is a half to eight other winners including the dams of MSW/MGSP Isolate (Mark Valeski) and MGSW Last Judgement (Congrats). Travelator has a 2-year-old full-sister to Stone Silent and reported a **Girvin** colt this year before visiting Colonel Liam for the spring. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

LADY OF SHAMROCK S., \$100,500, Santa Anita, 12-31, 3yo, f, 1mT, 1:34.01, fm.

1--**RUBY NELL**, 124, f, 3, by Bolt d'Oro

1st Dam: Rich Love, by Not For Love

2nd Dam: Richetta, by Polish Numbers

3rd Dam: Riscay, by Rahy

(\$80,000 Wlg '20 KEENOV; \$85,000 Ylg '21 KEESEP; \$1,200,000 2yo '22 FTFMAR). O-Spendthrift Farm LLC; B-Solana Beach Sales (KY); T-Richard E. Mandella; J-Edwin A. Maldonado. \$60,000. Lifetime Record: 10-5-2-1, \$324,520.

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2--**Justique**, 120, f, 3, **Justify**--Grazie Mille, by Bernardini.

(\$725,000 Ylg '21 KEESEP). O-C R K Stable LLC; B-John D. Gunther & Eurowest Bloodstock (KY); T-John A. Shirreffs. \$20,000.

3--**Irish Patsy**, 120, f, 3, Street Boss--Patsy's Kim, by Dixie Union. (\$30,000 RNA Ylg '21 FTKJUL; \$100,000 2yo '22 EASMAY).

1ST BLACK TYPE. O-JDT Racing LLC; B-Teresa & Marilyn Little (KY); T-Michael W. McCarthy. \$12,000.

Margins: 4HF, 2, 1 1/4. Odds: 0.20, 8.50, 11.90.

Also Ran: Anacaro, Cliquish, Princess Bettina. Scratched: Luminiferous.

The speedy Ruby Nell ended 2023 on a high note with an easy wire-to-wire victory in the Lady Shamrock S. at Santa Anita.

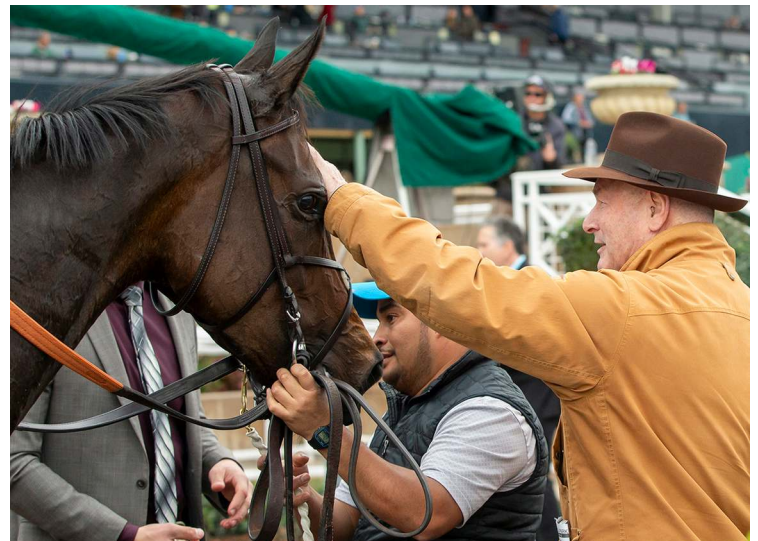
The heavy favorite strode out to the early lead and was soon clear and under a hold through fractions of :22.09 and :45.59. She turned for home four lengths in front after completing three-quarters in 1:09.47 and just sailed home from there.

"My job was just to try to slow down as much as I could and just hang on," said winning rider Edwin Maldonado. "Even with a :45 fraction, I feel like she's going slow because she's got her ears pricked forward and was just waiting for me to ask her."

A winner down the hill in the Oct. 1 Unzip Me S., Ruby Nell defeated subsequent GI American Oaks winner Anisette (GB) (Awtaad {Ire}) by 3 1/4 lengths while winning the one-mile GIII Autumn Miss S. Nov. 5. She was coming off a fifth-place effort in the Dec. 3 GI Matriach S.

"She is very good, but she also often shows she can relax and finish, so you kind of go with what works for her that day," said winning trainer Richard Mandella. "I just hope next year is as good as this year was. Happy New Year to everyone."

Rich Love produced a filly by **Good Magic** in 2022 and a colt by that sire in 2023. The filly sold for \$225,000 at the Fasig-Tipton February sale, while the colt sold for \$175,000 at Keeneland November. The mare was bred back to **Curlin** and sold for \$500,000 at the Fasig-Tipton November sale. Her newly turned 6-year-old daughter, in foal to Bolt d'Oro, sold for \$155,000 at the Keeneland November sale. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**



Ruby Nell and Richard Mandella | Benoit

JANUS S., \$100,000, Gulfstream, 12-31, 3yo/up, 5fT, :54.64, fm.

1--**PANTHER ISLAND**, 120, c, 4, **Speightstown**--**Holiday Blues**, by **Ghostzapper**. (\$90,000 RNA Ylg '20 KEESEP; \$90,000 Ylg '20 FTKOCT). **1ST BLACK TYPE WIN**. O-Golden Kernel Racing Stable; B-Forging Oaks Farm LLC (KY); T-Laura Cazares; J-Leonel Reyes. \$60,140. Lifetime Record: 10-6-2-0, \$194,320.

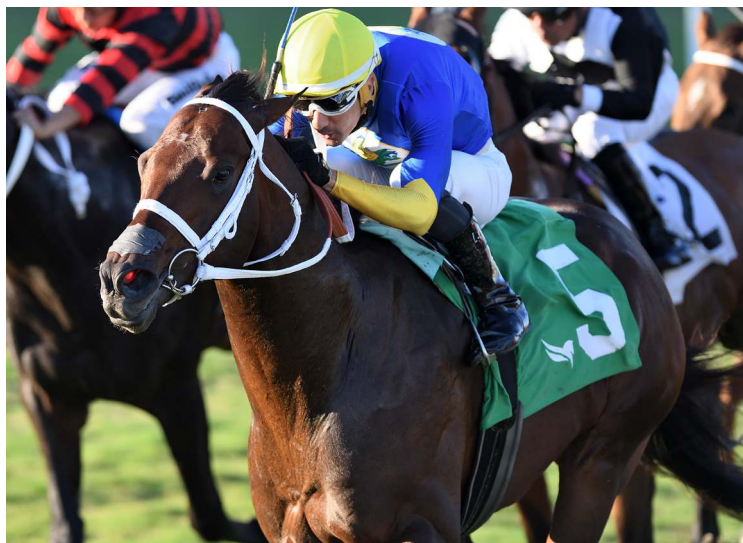
2--**Extendo**, 118, c, 3, Handsome Mike--Jeekers, by Forest Wildcat. (\$7,500 Ylg '21 OBSWIN; \$25,000 2yo '22 OBSOPN). **1ST BLACK TYPE**. O-Robert Cotran; B-Helen Barbazon, Joseph Barbazon, Edward Seltzer & Beverly Anderson (FL); T-Joseph F. Orseno. \$19,400.

3--**Eamonn**, 125, h, 5, Pioneerof the Nile--Super Espresso, by **Medaglia d'Oro**. (\$190,000 RNA Ylg '19 KEESEP). O-Robert Cotran; B-B. Flay Thoroughbreds (KY); T-Joseph F. Orseno. \$9,700.

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Margins: 3/4, HF, HD. Odds: 7.90, 19.50, 7.70.

Also Ran: Coppola, Biz Biz Buzz, Bad Beat Brian, Cloudy, Yes I Am Free. Scratched: Crispy Cat (GB), Warrior's Pride.

Panther Island came off an eight-month break to win over the Tapeta against optional claimers in Hallandale Dec. 1. The dark bay was bet down from 12-1 morning-line to a 7-1 shot here. The four-year-old raced mid-pack up the backstretch, as favorite Yes I Am Free (Uncaptured) tangled with a couple of longshots. Chasing the pace around the far turn, Panther Island had the two-path open up at the top of the lane and surged ahead to catch the wire. Holiday Blues was purchased for \$100,000 at the '21 Keeneland November Sale by Four Pillar Holdings while yearling Stars and Strides (**American Pharoah**) was in-utero. The resulting colt initially sold to Big Bear Bloodstock at the '22 Keeneland November Sale and then went to Pin Oak Stud for \$475,000 during '23 Keeneland September Sale. The winner's dam foaled a filly by **Frosted** Feb. 28 and was bred to **Maxfield** for the new year. A half-sister to SW Nyuk Nyuk Nyuk (Mutakddim), second dam and Canadian MSW Deputy Cures Blues (War Deputy) also produced MSW Wine Police (**Speightstown**). **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**



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8th-Oaklawn, \$140,000, Alw (NW2L)/Opt. Clm (\$80,000),
12-31, 2yo, 1m, 1:38.63, ft, 4 lengths.

CARBONE (c, 2, Mitole--Treasure in Heaven, by **Street Sense)** was tabbed a 'TDN Rising Star' following a **front-running eight-length debut romp going six furlongs** at Churchill Downs Nov. 19. Stretching out to a mile for this second start, the 3-5 favorite sprinted right out to the early lead and was unchallenged while loping along through fractions of :23.40 and :47.76. He was let loose approaching the stretch and bound clear to score by four lengths. Lightline (**City of Light**) was second. Treasure in Heaven produced a colt by **Instagrand** in 2022, who sold to Larry Best for \$250,000 as a weanling at the Fasig-Tipton November sale, and a filly by Yaupon in 2023. She was bred back to Yaupon. The mare is a daughter of Heiligbrodt homebred Richwoman (Successful Appeal), who won the 2006 GIII Debutante S. The winner's third dam, another Heiligbrodt homebred, is two-time stakes winner Richbabe (Richman). **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.** Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$153,000.

O/B-William & Corinne Heiligbrodt (KY); T-Steven M. Asmussen.

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7th-Gulfstream, \$100,000, Hcp, 12-31, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/8m (AWT), 1:48.40, ft, 1 1/2 lengths.

SAND AND SEA (m, 5, [Liam's Map](#)--Hard Mystery {SW, \$179,833}, by [Hard Spun](#)), victorious or on the board in all of her last seven starts, won last out over this course and near-distance Dec. 3 after rolling as a short-priced favorite on the main track at Horseshoe Indy Oct. 31. Favored here at 2-5, she went right out to the front and was not for catching, holding a steady margin throughout to defeat Jan's Girl (Palace) by 1 1/2 lengths and get her third win in a row. Sand and Sea has a weanling half-brother by [Independence Hall](#) and her dam was bred to [Idol](#) for 2024. Sales History: \$110,000 Wlg '18 FTKNOV; \$180,000 Ylg '19 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 17-5-3-3, \$288,493. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#), sponsored by [FanDuel TV](#).

O-James S. Karp; B-Dennis Farkas (IN); T-Riley Mott.



6th-Aqueduct, \$92,000, Alw (NW2\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$62,500), 12-31, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:09.96, ft, 1/2 length.

AMERICAN MONARCH (r, 5, [American Pharoah](#)--Front Range {GSP}, by [Giant's Causeway](#)) returned to the races to run fourth at Aqueduct Nov. 11 after a year and half off. As the 2-1 favorite here, the 5-year-old tracked from the second flight speed horse Andiamo a Firenze ([Speightstown](#)). Fanning three-wide around the far turn, the homebred entered the stretch full of run, past the sixteenth pole secured the lead and won by a half length over his competitor. The winner is his dam's first to the races. Front Range is responsible for yearling filly Fossil Fuel ([Uncle Mo](#)) and foaled a colt by Authentic Feb. 14. She visited [Life Is Good](#) for the new year. Second dam MGISW Lakeway (Seattle Slew) produced the dam of GI Juddmonte Spinster S. heroine Mushka (Empire Maker). Lifetime Record: SP, 11-3-3-2, \$226,228. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#), sponsored by [FanDuel TV](#).

O/B-Mike G. Rutherford (KY); T-William I. Mott.

9th-Gulfstream, \$54,000, (S), Alw, 12-31, (NW1X), 2yo, 7f, 1:23.29, ft, 8 lengths.

HADES (g, 2, [Awesome Slew](#)--The Shady Lady, by [Quality Road](#)) broke his maiden by a half-length at first asking Dec. 9 and added the extra 1.5 furlongs Sunday. Quick from the gate as a 6-1 shot, the gelding dueled with Big Effect (The Big Beast), but quickly put that rival away and opened up to pick up his second win by eight lengths. Northshore Drive (Fort Loudon) filled the exacta. A half-sister to Devious Dame ([Girvin](#)), SW, \$120,560, Hades traces back to third dam, GISW Pretty Discreet, and her sons, GISW Discreet Cat (Forestry) and GISW Discreetly Mine ([Mineshaft](#)). The Shady Lady has a yearling full-brother to Hades and a weanling [Girvin](#) filly. She is due to Win Win Win in the new year. Sales History: \$130,000 2yo '23 OBSAPR. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$63,100. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#), sponsored by [FanDuel TV](#).

O-D. J. Stable LLC and Robert Cotran; B-Ocala Stud, Joseph M. O'Farrell III, David O'Farrell, et al. (FL); T-Joseph F. Orseno.

8th-Fair Grounds, \$54,000, Alw (NW2\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$50,000), 12-31, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:10.21, ft, nose.

WILLTORUN (g, 4, [Twirling Candy](#)--Willow Hills {SP, \$105,942}, by [Distorted Humor](#)) switched barns in early August from Ben Colebrook to Tom Amoss and ran second sprinting over the grass at Keeneland Oct. 21. As the runner-up again, this time at Churchill Downs Nov. 17 when she forced to run on the main track, the gelding went off as the 3-1 third choice here. The homebred trailed the field up the backstretch, but started to make some headway around the far turn. Ranging out wide at the top of the lane, Willtorun flashed his strong foot and won by a nose over Saint Selby ([Kantharos](#)). The first to the races for her dam, the winner counts 2-year-old in-training Twirl Around as a full-sister. Willow Hills is also responsible for a yearling colt by [Munnings](#) and foaled a colt by [Blame](#) Apr. 2. She was bred to [Upstart](#) for the new year. Lifetime Record: 13-3-3-1, \$239,355. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#), sponsored by [FanDuel TV](#).

O/B-Donamire Farm (KY); T-Thomas M. Amoss.

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9th-Fair Grounds, \$53,000, Alw (NW2L)/Opt. Clm (\$100,000), 12-31, 2yo, f, 1mT, 1:39.07, fm, 1 3/4 lengths.

PURSUIT OF LIBERTY (f, 2, [Constitution](#)--Media Madness, by [Empire Maker](#)), a maiden winner at Churchill Downs Sept. 30, was a non-threatening fifth in the My Trusty Cat S. at Delta Downs last time out Nov. 10. Trying the turf for the first time, the 2-1 favorite raced keenly while well off the pace early. Some five wide into the stretch, the bay filly closed with a powerful late flourish to take over in the final strides and win going away by 1 3/4 lengths. Pacesetter Reagan's Flame ([Flameaway](#)) was second. Pursuit of Liberty, who RNA'd for \$145,000 as a KEENOV

weanling, sold for \$50,000 as a KEESEP yearling and for \$170,000 as an OBS March juvenile. She is a half-sister to Union Blues (**Union Rags**), SP, \$156,265. Media Madness produced a filly by **Game Winner** in 2022 and a filly by **Tiz the Law** in 2023. The **Game Winner** filly sold for \$75,000 at the Keeneland September sale. The mare was bred back to Vino Rosso. Under the winner's third dam, Serape (Fappiano), are Grade I winners Hawkbill (Kitten's Joy) and Free Drop Billy (**Union Rags**). **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.** Lifetime Record: 4-2-0-1, \$109,800. O-Full of Run Racing II, Cold Press Racing and Silva, Frank; B-RMJ Stables, LLC (KY); T-Brad H. Cox.


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5th-Oaklawn, \$115,000, Msw, 12-31, 2yo, 1 1/16m, 1:45.96, ft, 5 3/4 lengths.

IMPERIAL GUN (c, 2, **Gun Runner--Take a Memo, by Empire Maker)** made an emboldened move through traffic from the back of the pack to wind up fourth when he debuted over this course going a mile Dec. 9. Away cleaner as a 4-1 shot for his second start, the colt briefly sat off the pace around the first turn before he hit the front as the half went in :47.83. Easily the best into the lane, Imperial Gun increased his advantage when driven out to a 5 3/4-length victory over Linebacker (Bolt d'Oro). Out of a daughter of GSW/MGISP Memorette, Imperial Gun has a yearling half-sister by Bolt d'Oro and a weanling half-brother by **Justify**. His dam is pregnant to **Nashville** for 2024. Sales History: \$375,000 Ylg '22 KEEJAN. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$74,750. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

O-HRH Prince Sultan Bin Mishal Al Saud; B-Adrian Regan & Fergus Galvin (KY); T-Steven M. Asmussen.


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INSIGHT Outcomes

6th-Oaklawn, \$115,000, Msw, 12-31, 2yo, 6f, 1:10.52, ft, 1 3/4 lengths.

TIME FOR TRUTH (c, 2, Omaha Beach--Shape Shifter, by **Lookin At Lucky)** debuted as a 4-1 shot here and got down to business from the bell as he fanned three-wide up the backstretch. The bay colt briefly took over the lead around the far turn until he was joined at the quarter pole by Mr Phillip (Mitole). As the pair entered the lane, they separated themselves from the rest of the field, but it was the Ron Moquett trainee who won out by 1 3/4 lengths. A half-sister to GSP Strongconstitution (**Constitution**), the winner's dam visited **Independence Hall** for 2024. Time for Truth is the 24th winner for his first-crop sire (**War Front**). Sales History: \$47,000 2yo '23 OBSAPR. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$69,000. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

O-Harry T. Rosenblum; B-Dominique Damico (KY); T-Ron Moquett.

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1st-Oaklawn, \$115,000, Msw, 12-31, 2yo, f, 6f, 1:11.44, ft, 1 3/4 lengths.

TANYA SHOWERS (f, 2, **Runhappy--Miss Mary Pat {MSW, \$102,863}, by Service Stripe)** was third in her first start at Keeneland Oct. 6 and then finished in that same position in the slop at Churchill Downs Oct. 29. The dark bay was just off the board by a length under the Twin Spires Nov. 24. As a 7-2 shot here, the filly trailed the field up the backstretch as first timer Bold Appeal (American Freedom) set the tone. Given her cue around the far turn, Tanya Showers came with a big outside run down the lane and won by 1 3/4 lengths over Lemon Muffin (**Collected**). The winner is a half-sister to Save Rock and Roll

(Super Saver), GSP, \$108,500 and Shore Runner (More Than Ready), MSW, \$362,340. Her dam foaled a colt by **Tom's d'Etat** Apr. 24 and visited **Catalina Cruiser** for next year. Sales History: \$70,000 Ylg '22 KEESEP; \$125,000 2yo '23 OBSAPR. Lifetime Record: 4-1-0-2, \$96,125. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

O-Joey Keith Davis, Mach 1 Racing and Larry J. Romero;
B-Bedouin Bloodstock LLC & Timber Town Stables LLC (KY);
T-Chris A. Hartman.



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10th-Oaklawn, \$115,000, Msw, 12-31, 2yo, f, 1 1/16m, 1:46.52, ft, 5 lengths.

PUN INTENDED (f, 2, Curlin--Kelly's Humor {SW & GISP, \$259,771}, by Midnight Lute) was second best in her seven furlong Churchill debut Nov. 3 and added the extra distance Sunday as the 8-5 favorite. Sent from the gate under Joel Rosario, the homebred was intent on the lead and would not be headed, letting Lilms **Constitution** (**Constitution**) stay with her only into the far turn before kicking for home with plenty left to draw away by five lengths over Amy Z (Maximus Mischief). Kelly's Humor, purchased by Spendthrift for \$800,000 at the 2020 KEENOV sale, has an Omaha Beach yearling and a Mitole weanling filly. She is pregnant to Authentic for next year. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$93,000. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**
O/B-Spendthrift Farm LLC (KY); T-Steven M. Asmussen.

graduate in Ozone Park Dec. 8. Donning blinkers and as a 9-2 shot here, the homebred was unhurried early, took aim outside of the leaders up the backstretch and launched his bid around the far turn. With more power, Lambeth pulled alongside the pacesetter McQueen (**Gun Runner**), dueled with his rival past the sixteenth pole and won at the wire. The winner's dam is responsible for a yearling filly by **Daredevil** and she was bred to **Mandaloun** for 2024. Second dam and European champion 2-year-old filly Special Duty (GB) (Hennessy) produced group 1 runner-up Task Force (GB) (**Frankel {GB}**), while under the third dam we find the dam of GI Breeders' Cup Mile hero **Expert Eye (GB)** (Acclamation {GB}). Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$52,150. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

O/B-Juddmonte (KY); T-William I. Mott.



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1st-Aqueduct, \$70,000, (S), Msw, 12-31, 2yo, f, 6f, 1:13.17, ft, nose.

SOHANA (f, 2, Solomini--Passeporta, by Rockport Harbor) brought a sire-leading \$200,000 at OBSMAR and was well-spotted in this debut as the 5-2 second choice. Close up to the pace, she came through along the inside to strike the front turning for home and held off a lunging Mel's Baby Sister (Cross Traffic). The 14th winner for her freshman sire, Sohana has a yearling full-sister and a weanling half-sister by **Instagrاند**. Passeporta returned to Solomini for 2024. Sales History: \$200,000 2yo '23 OBSMAR. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$38,500. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

O-Gregory Hoffman, Rosemore Racing, Schwing Thoroughbreds and Elements Racing; B-Torie D. Gladwell (NY); T-Brad H. Cox.



INSIGHT Outcomes

5th-Aqueduct, \$85,000, Msw, 12-31, 2yo, 1m, 1:37.48, ft, nose.
LAMBETH (c, 2, Arrogate--South Bank {SP-Fr }, by Tapit) debuted a well-beaten fourth at Aqueduct Oct. 8 which saw the third place horse, Speed Runner (**Gun Runner**), come back to

6th-Gulfstream, \$67,000, Msw, 12-31, 2yo, f, 7f, 1:25.05, ft, 1 length.

CLASSIC BALLAD (f, 2, **Classic Empire--Ballad, by **Tapit**)** hit the board in her last three attempts and was claimed by P & L Thoroughbred Racing out of her last start over the Gulfstream Tapeta Nov. 19. The 3-1 choice sat back off the pace, but was caught in a tight spot and forced to steady around the far turn. Back running past the quarter pole, she cleared over Flower Mound (**Practical Joke**) to win by a length. Ballad has a yearling **The Factor** filly and a weanling **War of Will** colt. She is pregnant to Vekoma for 2024. Sales History: \$25,000 Wlg '21 KEENOV; \$40,000 RNA Ylg '22 KEESEP; \$35,000 RNA 2yo '23 OBSAPR. Lifetime Record: 5-1-0-3, \$54,600. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#), sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

O-P and L Thoroughbred Racing, LLC; B-H & E Ranch (FL); T-Peter R. Walder.

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3rd-Santa Anita, \$66,000, Msw, 12-31, 3, 4/5yo, f/m, 1mT, 1:36.47, fm, 1 length.

THIRTY CARATS (f, 3, **Oscar Performance--Blue Heart {MSW, \$487,051}, by **Exchange Rate**)** led for much of the way before settling for second over this same track and trip last time out Oct. 28. A 9-2 shot from the outside post, the filly was caught four across into the first turn while racing just off the early leaders. She took closer order down the backstretch and was pressing the leader turning for home. Surging to the front with a furlong to run, the bay filly held sway over No No No Never (Ire) (**No Nay Never**) to graduate by one length. Thirty Carats, a half-sister to Joyful Heart (Kitten's Joy), GSP, \$286,297, was a \$100,000 FTKNOV weanling. Blue Heart produced a colt by **Tiz the Law** in 2023 and was bred back to **Oscar Performance**. Her daughter Vigui's Heart (**Quality Road**) produced this year's G2 Norfolk S. winner Valiant Force (Malibu Moon) and sold for \$525,000 at the Fasig-Tipton November sale. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#), sponsored by FanDuel TV.** Lifetime Record: 6-1-2-1, \$74,170.

O-Amernan Racing; B-Jerry Amernan (KY); T-David E. Hofmans.

3rd-Fair Grounds, \$52,000, Msw, 12-31, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:11.09, ft, 1 1/2 lengths.

SPEEDY TRAVELER (f, 3, **First Samurai--Less Traveled, by **Gottcha Gold**)** debuted as the well-backed 3-5 choice here. After notching a strong work Dec. 16 (5f :59.40, 1/46), the chestnut with Lasix seized the lead up the backstretch, set the all the fractions into the far turn and outlasted a game Not Today Geegee (**Not This Time**). Out of an extended female family which includes MGISW Exogenous (Unbridled), GIII Southwest S. victor Super Ninety Nine (Pulpit) and champion 2-year-old filly

Countess Diana (Deerhound), the winner's dam produced yearling colt Road to Eldorado (Goldencents). She foaled a filly by **Cupid** Apr. 22. Sales History: \$70,000 Ylg '21 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$31,200. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#), sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

O-Rigney Racing, LLC; B-Nicholas M. Lotz (KY); T-Philip A. Bauer.

7th-Fair Grounds, \$52,000, Msw, 12-31, 2yo, f, 1 1/16mT, 1:43.95, fm, 3 1/2 lengths.

PINK POLKADOTS (f, 2, **Candy Ride {Arg}--Tafaneen, by **Dynaformer**)** was chilly on the board at 14-1 in this debut but hot from the gate to take the immediate lead and open up. Allowed to run loose through fractions of :23.32 and :47.63, she had plenty left to hold off a closing Ms Quality Control (**Quality Road**) and win by 3 1/2 lengths. Tafaneen has already produced Safeen (**War Front**), GSW, \$390,195 and last reported a yearling **City of Light** filly before visiting **Practical Joke**. Sales History: \$50,000 Wlg '21 KEENOV; \$75,000 Ylg '22 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$31,200. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#), sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

O-Carl R. Moore Management LLC; B-John Gardiner (KY); T-Joe Sharp.

Hidden Brook Foaled, Raised & Sold

5th-Gulfstream, \$49,300, Moc (\$50,000), 12-31, (C), 2yo, 1 1/16mT, 1:44.29, fm, head.

MARCEAU (c, 2, **Distorted Humor--Charade, by **Malibu Moon**)** placed as the favorite in his last race over the Tapeta Dec. 3 after failing to hit the board in a pair of New York starts. Favored again at 8-5, he tucked in behind pacesetter Homer Jones (Khozan) before making an inside move to take command into the stretch. Halon (**Flameaway**) made a late charge, but Marceau held on to graduate by a head. Charade, also responsible for Sold It (**The Factor**), SW, \$136,455, last reported a yearling More Than Ready filly and was bred to **Corniche** for 2024. Sales History: \$95,000 RNA Ylg '22 OBSWIN; \$140,000 Ylg '22 FTKJUL; \$270,000 2yo '23 OBSMAR. Lifetime Record: 4-1-1-0, \$45,200. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#), sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

O-Carrington Holdings; B-Farm III Enterprise (FL); T-Barclay Tagg.

9th-Turfway, \$39,970, Msw, 12-30, 2yo, f, 6f (AWT), 1:12.05, ft, 1/2 length.

GALLERYGAL (f, 2, **Kantharos--Armoire {SW, \$178,948}, by **Artie Schiller**)** debuted for Mattress Mack as a 40-1 longshot here. After a slow beginning, the filly chased the pace from the back of the field. The late juvenile chewed up ground to the outside around the far turn, switched leads with a furlong left and found the wire over pacesetter Heavenly Dream (Palace

Malice). Out of an extended female family which includes MGISW Winchester (Theatrical {Ire}) and MGSW Middleburg (Lemon Drop Kid), the winner is her dam's first to the races. Armoire, who sold to David Soblick at the '21 Keeneland November Sale for \$15,000 while in-foal to **Game Winner**, produced a colt by **Tacitus** May 8. Sales History: \$50,000 Wlg '21 KEENOV. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$23,070. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

O-J. McIngvale; B-Millennium Farms (KY); T-Marcus O'Donnell.

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4th-Tampa Bay Downs, \$32,000, Msw, 12-31, 2yo, f, 1m 40y, 1:42.46, ft, 6 1/2 lengths.

WHOCOULDAKFORMO (f, 2, Uncle Mo--Midnight Belle, by Bernardini), third in her seven-furlong Aqueduct debut Dec. 1, ran to her 1-5 favoritism after shipping south to Tampa and picking up the added distance. Racing behind most of the field through a mild half in :49.17, she began to pick up the bridle with a rally into the far turn and swept to the front past Princess Aleska (Lord Nelson). The class of the field to the wire, Whocouldaskformo opened up a 6 1/2-length winning margin. Out of a half-sister to GI Breeders' Cup Ladies' Classic winner and \$3.8m broodmare purchase Unrivalled Belle, herself the dam of dual champion Unique Bella (**Tapit**), the winner's dam is also a half to the dams of this year's GIII Gotham S. winner Raise Cain (**Violence**) and GISP Sir Sahib (For Larned). Midnight Belle reported a **McKinzie** filly this year before visiting **Violence** for the spring. Sales History: \$450,000 Ylg '22 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, \$29,400. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

O-Courtlandt; B-Summer Wind (KY); T-Claude McGaughey III.

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FIRST-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: MONDAY, JANUARY 1

2023 Stud Fees Listed

Audible (Into Mischief), WinStar Farm, \$25,000

150 foals of racing age/20 winners/2 black-type winners

9-Santa Anita, 7:15 p.m. EST, Msw 6fT, Belle Epoque, 12-1

\$17,000 KEE JAN wnl; \$82,000 FTK OCT yrl; \$47,000 RNA EAS

MAY 2yo; \$47,000 RNA FTJ UNE 2yo

8-Gulfstream, 3:36 p.m. EST, \$150K Cash Run S., 1m, Chi Chi, 7-2

\$47,000 RNA OBS WIN wnl

8-Gulfstream, 3:36 p.m. EST, \$150K Cash Run S., 1m, De

Regreso, 5-1

\$80,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$105,000 RNA OBS MAR 2yo

6-Fair Grounds, 4:15 p.m. EST, Msw 6f, Lucky Speech, 10-1

\$105,000 KEE SEP yrl

Coal Front (Stay Thirsty), Spendthrift Farm, \$5,000

49 foals of racing age/10 winners/2 black-type winners

3-Fair Grounds, 2:45 p.m. EST, Msw 5 1/2fT, In B. J.'s Honor,

15-1

6-Gulfstream, 2:36 p.m. EST, Msw 1 1/16m, Themanupfront,

20-1

Enticed (Medaglia d'Oro), Darley, \$5,000

104 foals of racing age/23 winners/1 black-type winner

10-Gulfstream, 4:36 p.m. EST, \$150K **Mucho Macho Man** S., 1m,

Inveigled, 9-5

\$35,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$52,000 OBS OPN 2yo

Flameaway (Scat Daddy), Darby Dan Farm, \$7,500

116 foals of racing age/21 winners/4 black-type winners

8-Gulfstream, 3:36 p.m. EST, \$150K Cash Run S., 1m, Done

Enough, 10-1

\$17,000 FTK OCT yrl; \$55,000 OBS MAR 2yo

Land Force (Ire) (No Nay Never), Highclere Stud, \$5,000

117 foals of racing age/19 winners/0 black-type winners

9-Santa Anita, 7:15 p.m. EST, Msw 6fT, Not A Sinner (GB), 5-2

14,000gns TAT OCT yrl; £19,000 RNA GOU KB 2yo

Omaha Beach (War Front), Spendthrift Farm, \$30,000

138 foals of racing age/23 winners/2 black-type winners

1-Santa Anita, 3:00 p.m. EST, Msw 6fT, Elegant, 5-1

\$300,000 RNA KEE SEP yrl

SECOND-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: MONDAY, JANUARY 1

2023 Stud Fees Listed

City of Light (Quality Road), Lane's End Farm, \$60,000
209 foals of racing age/57 winners/7 black-type winners
8-Gulfstream, 3:36 p.m. EST, \$150K Cash Run S., 1m, D'lightful
Summer, 30-1 \$75,000 KEE SEP yrl

Free Drop Billy (Union Rags), Iowa State University, \$5,000
106 foals of racing age/27 winners/1 black-type winner
1-Santa Anita, 3:00 p.m. EST, Msw 6fT, Shop Till You Drop, 10-1
\$14,000 RNA FTN MIX wnl; \$11,000 FTK FEB wnl; \$22,000 RNA
OBS OCT yrl; \$105,000 OBS OPN 2yo

Good Magic (Curlin), Hill 'n' Dale at Xalapa, \$50,000
237 foals of racing age/86 winners/17 black-type winners
10-Gulfstream, 4:36 p.m. EST, \$150K **Mucho Macho Man** S., 1m,
Boy Magic, 10-1 \$200,000 KEE NOV wnl; \$210,000 KEE SEP yrl
6-Gulfstream, 2:36 p.m. EST, Msw 1 1/16m, Vinny and Leo, 20-1
\$55,000 RNA FTK JUL yrl; \$100,000 FTK OCT yrl; \$60,000 EAS
MAY 2yo

Justify (Scat Daddy), Coolmore Ashford, \$100,000
347 foals of racing age/84 winners/20 black-type winners
9-Oaklawn, 5:14 p.m. EST, \$300K Smarty Jones S., 1 1/16m, Just
Steel, 9-5 \$500,000 KEE SEP yrl

Mo Town (Uncle Mo), Coolmore Ashford, \$5,000
175 foals of racing age/68 winners/5 black-type winners
9-Oaklawn, 5:14 p.m. EST, \$300K Smarty Jones S., 1 1/16m, Mo
Winning, 20-1 \$50,000 KEE NOV wnl; \$100,000 KEE SEP yrl

Sea Wizard (Uncle Mo), Colonial Farms, \$1,500
20 foals of racing age/8 winners/1 black-type winner
10-Gulfstream, 4:36 p.m. EST, \$150K **Mucho Macho Man** S., 1m,
Sea Streak, 5-1

Sharp Azteca (Freud), JBBA Shizunai Stallion Station, \$15,000
201 foals of racing age/76 winners/4 black-type winners
8-Santa Anita, 6:43 p.m. EST, \$100K GIII Las Flores S., 6f, Sweet
Azteca, 6-5



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STAKES RESULTS:

HOLIDAY CHEER S., \$120,050, Turfway, 12-30, 3yo/up, 6f
(AWT), 1:10.17, ft.

1--**NIGHT TIME**, 120, h, 6, Majesticperfection--Silent Joy, by
Kitten's Joy. (\$210,000 Ylg '18 KEESEP). **1ST BLACK TYPE WIN.**
O-SB Stables LLC, GenStar Thoroughbreds, David A. Bernsen
LLC and Omar Aldabbagh; B-Brereton C. Jones (KY); T-William
E. Morey; J-Fernando De La Cruz. \$73,029. Lifetime Record:
26-6-7-4, \$576,722.

2--**Let My People Go**, 120, g, 4, Pioneerof the Nile--Taboo, by
Forestry. (\$220,000 Ylg '20 KEESEP). O-BBN Racing, LLC;
B-Merriebelle Stable, LLC & Pioneerof the Nile Syndicate (KY);
T-Victoria H. Oliver. \$23,848.

3--**Fortin Hill**, 120, h, 7, **Mucho Macho Man**--Dusty Rose, by
Cherokee Run. (\$12,000 Ylg '17 KEEJAN; \$170,000 Ylg '17
KEESEP; \$575,000 2yo '18 OBSMAR). O-EXO Equine LLC;
B-Robert L Losey (IN); T-Paulo H. Lobo. \$7,424.
Margins: NK, 2HF, NK. Odds: 3.95, 9.57, 4.48.

LOUISIANA FUTURITY, \$100,000, Fair Grounds, 12-31, (S), 2yo,
6f, 1:11.54, ft.

1--**STOVAL, 122, c, 2, by Half Ours--Cherub Heart, by Dehere.**
(\$47,000 RNA Ylg '22 LTBSYM; \$38,000 RNA 2yo '23 TTAAPR).
1ST BLACK TYPE WIN. O-Clyde P. Moran, Sr. and Jeff Plotkin;
B-Clear Creek Stud LLC (LA); T-Samuel Breaux; J-Corey J.
Lanerier. \$60,000. Lifetime Record: 6-3-0-1, \$105,850.

2--**Carpis**, 122, g, 2, Star Guitar--Lemon Grove, by Lemon Drop
Kid. **1ST BLACK TYPE.** O/B-Springrun Thoroughbred Stables,
LLC (LA); T-Sam B. David, Jr. \$20,000.

3--**Tdzshininluckystar**, 122, g, 2, Star Guitar--Tdz
Mandycorrienda, by El Corredor. **1ST BLACK TYPE.** O/B-Tony
Doughtie (LA); T-Roy Roberts. \$11,000.

Margins: HF, 1 1/4, NK. Odds: 10.30, 1.00, 19.80.

LOUISIANA FUTURITY, \$100,000, Fair Grounds, 12-31, (S), 2yo,
f, 6f, 1:10.87, ft.

1--**GUITAR SOLO, 122, f, 2, by Star Guitar--Tory's Triumph (SP),
by Grand Appointment. 1ST BLACK TYPE WIN.** O/B-World
War IV Racing (LA); T-Allen Landry; J-Corey J. Lanerie. \$60,000.
Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-1, \$96,800.

2--**Freeburn**, 122, f, 2, Mitole--Firefoot, by Tapizar. **1ST BLACK
TYPE.** O/B-Coteau Grove Farms, LLC (LA); T-Steven M.
Asmussen. \$20,000.

C Dam purchased/mating by Cary Bloodstock **C**

3--**Platinum Minit**, 122, f, 2, Givemeaminit--Platinum Lady, by
Half Ours. **1ST BLACK TYPE.** O/B-Valene Farms, LLC (LA);
T-Dallas Stewart. \$11,000.

Margins: 2 1/4, 3/4, NO. Odds: 2.10, 2.40, 8.30.

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

9th-Aqueduct, \$90,000, 12-31, (NW1\$X), 3yo/up, f/m, 7f, 1:24.07, ft, 1 1/2 lengths.

PROUD FOOT (m, 5, First Samurai--Eva's Nitehawk, by Tapit)

Lifetime Record: 26-4-7-6, \$246,058. O-Vincent S. Scuderi; B-Whippoorwill Farm (KY); T-Richard E. Dutrow, Jr.

6th-Turfway, \$78,000, (NW2\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$40,000), 12-30, 3yo/up, 6f (AWT), 1:10.49, ft, nose.

RETAINED (g, 3, Bayern--Rarities, by City Zip) Lifetime Record: SP, 15-4-5-3, \$248,722. O-SB Stables LLC; B-Kaleem Shah (KY); T-William E. Morey.

8th-Laurel, \$63,530, (C)/Opt. Clm (\$44,000-\$55,000), 12-31, 3yo/up, 1m, 1:37.30, ft, 2 1/2 lengths.

IT'S SIZZLING TIME (g, 5, Not This Time--Coolenoughtosizzle, by Songandaprayer) Lifetime Record: 39-6-7-7, \$247,766.

O-Chuckie, Inc. and Mona Bowley; B-James W Terdik (FL); T-Valrie Smith. *\$1,000 Ylg '19 EASOCT.

6th-Fair Grounds, \$53,000, 12-31, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:10.58, ft, 2 1/2 lengths.

ERVADEAN (f, 3, Connect--Cora Mesa, by Sky Mesa) Lifetime Record: 8-2-0-2, \$106,094. O/B-Charles R Pigg (KY); T-Dallas Stewart.

8th-Delta Downs, \$45,000, (S), 12-30, (NW3L), 3yo/up, 6 1/2f, 1:21.45, ft, 1/2 length.

GOTMY MO JO WORKIN (g, 4, Mo Tom--Montana Miss, by Mineshaft) Lifetime Record: 17-3-2-3, \$91,070. O-Francis E. Boustany, Jr.; B-Jim Montgomery & Natalie Montgomery (LA); T-Keith Charles. *\$3,500 Ylg '20 ESLYRL. **1/2 to Alterana (Alternation), SP, \$360,700.

6th-Delta Downs, \$37,600, (NW2X)/Opt. Clm (\$20,000), 12-30, 3yo/up, f/m, 7 1/2f, 1:33.52, ft, 4 1/2 lengths.

LACIE BE GOOD (f, 3, Good Magic--Lacie Slew {SW, \$259,642}, by Mineshaft) Lifetime Record: 8-3-0-1, \$88,785. O-B.C.W.T. Ltd.; B-Pope McLean, Marc McLean & Pope McLean Jr. (KY); T-Thomas M. Amoss. *\$57,000 RNA Wlg '20 KEENOV; \$55,000 Ylg '21 KEESEP; \$200,000 2yo '22 OBSAPR.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Miss Jeopardy, f, 2, **Enticed**--Word Association (SP, \$134,280), by Benchmark. Oaklawn, 12-31, (C), 6f, 1:12.55. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-1, \$39,296. B-McKenzie Bloodstock (KY). *\$27,000 Wlg '21 KEENOV; \$50,000 Ylg '22 KEESEP. **23rd winner for freshman sire (by **Medaglia d'Oro**).

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Apollo Code, g, 2, **Honor Code**--Run a Dubb Dubb, by Harlington. Tampa Bay Downs, 12-31, (C), 6f, 1:11.92. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-0, \$30,580. B-Kelly & Paul Zanella (NY). *\$17,000 RNA Wlg '21 FTNMIX; \$10,000 Ylg '22 FTKOCT.

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Pass On Nothing, g, 2, **Mor Spirit**--Fifolet, by Stormy Atlantic. Fair Grounds, 12-31, (S), 5 1/2ft, 1:05.18. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$34,320. B-Earl Hernandez, Keith Hernandez & John Duvieila (LA).

Sthenic, f, 2, **Texas Chrome**--Halfandtwoquarters (SP), by Half Ours. Oaklawn, 12-31, (S), 6f, 1:12.67. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$75,460. B-Keene Thoroughbreds, LLC (AR).

Running On Fire, g, 3, **Tamarando**--Heat Striker, by Unusual Heat. Golden Gate Fields, 12-31, 6f (AWT), 1:10.98. Lifetime Record: 7-1-3-2, \$43,720. B-Larry D. Williams (CA).

Jungle Cat, m, 5, **Animal Kingdom**--Sutil (Brz) (G1SW-Brz, \$238,407), by Redattore (Brz). Turfway, 12-30, 1m (AWT), 1:39.63. Lifetime Record: 10-1-2-2, \$83,388. B-Team Valor & Gary Barber (KY). *1/2 to Toeris (Tourist), GSP, \$144,684.

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Adios Charlie, Stone Silent, f, 3, o/o Travelator, by A. P Jet. Abundantia S., 12-31, Gulfstream

American Pharoah, American Monarch, r, 5, o/o Front Range, by Giant's Causeway. AOC, 12-31, Aqueduct

Animal Kingdom, Jungle Cat, m, 5, o/o Sutil (Brz), by Redattore (Brz). MSW, 12-30, Turfway

Arrogate, Lambeth, c, 2, o/o South Bank, by **Tapit**. MSW, 12-31, Aqueduct

Awesome Slew, Hades, g, 2, o/o The Shady Lady, by **Quality Road**. ALW, 12-31, Gulfstream

Bayern, Retained, g, 3, o/o Rarities, by City Zip. AOC, 12-30, Turfway

Bolt d'Oro, Ruby Nell, f, 3, o/o Rich Love, by Not For Love. Lady of Shamrock S., 12-31, Santa Anita

Candy Ride (Arg), Pink Polkadots, f, 2, o/o Tafaneen, by Dynaformer. MSW, 12-31, Fair Grounds

Classic Empire, Classic Ballad, f, 2, o/o Ballad, by **Tapit**. MSW, 12-31, Gulfstream

Connect, Ervadean, f, 3, o/o Cora Mesa, by **Sky Mesa**. ALW,



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Constitution, Pursuit of Liberty, f, 2, o/o Media Madness, by Empire Maker. AOC, 12-31, Fair Grounds

Curlin, Crupi, c, 3, o/o Don'tforgetaboutme, by Malibu Moon. Queens County S., 12-31, Aqueduct

Curlin, Pun Intended, f, 2, o/o Kelly's Humor, by **Midnight Lute**. MSW, 12-31, Oaklawn

Distorted Humor, Marceau, c, 2, o/o Charade, by Malibu Moon. MOC, 12-31, Gulfstream

Enticed, Miss Jeopardy, f, 2, o/o Word Association, by Benchmark. MCL, 12-31, Oaklawn

First Samurai, Proud Foot, m, 5, o/o Eva's Nitehawk, by **Tapit**. ALW, 12-31, Aqueduct

First Samurai, Speedy Traveler, f, 3, o/o Less Traveled, by Gottcha Gold. MSW, 12-31, Fair Grounds

Good Magic, Lacie Be Good, f, 3, o/o Lacie Slew, by **Mineshaft**. AOC, 12-30, Delta Downs

Gun Runner, Imperial Gun, c, 2, o/o Take a Memo, by Empire Maker. MSW, 12-31, Oaklawn

Half Ours, Stovall, c, 2, o/o Cherub Heart, by Dehere. Louisiana Futurity, 12-31, Fair Grounds

Honor Code, Apollo Code, g, 2, o/o Run a Dubb Dubb, by Harlington. MCL, 12-31, Tampa Bay

Justify, Valentine Candy, c, 2, o/o Taste Like Candy, by **Candy Ride (Arg)**. Renaissance S., 12-31, Oaklawn

Kantharos, Gallerygal, f, 2, o/o Armoire, by Artie Schiller. MSW, 12-30, Turfway

Liam's Map, Sand and Sea, m, 5, o/o Hard Mystery, by **Hard Spun**. HCP, 12-31, Gulfstream

Majesticperfection, Night Time, h, 6, o/o Silent Joy, by Kitten's Joy. Holiday Cheer S., 12-30, Turfway

Mitole, Carbone, c, 2, o/o Treasure in Heaven, by **Street Sense**. AOC, 12-31, Oaklawn

Mitole, Ice Cold, f, 2, o/o Ice Women, by **Street Sense**. Year's End S., 12-31, Oaklawn

Mo Tom, Gotmy Mo Jo Workin, g, 4, o/o Montana Miss, by **Mineshaft**. ALW, 12-30, Delta Downs

Mor Spirit, Pass On Nothing, g, 2, o/o Fifolet, by Stormy Atlantic. MSW, 12-31, Fair Grounds

Not This Time, It's Sizzling Time, g, 5, o/o Coolenoughtosizzle, by Songandaprayer. AOC, 12-31, Laurel

Omaha Beach, Time for Truth, c, 2, o/o Shape Shifter, by **Lookin At Lucky**. MSW, 12-31, Oaklawn

Oscar Performance, Thirty Carats, f, 3, o/o Blue Heart, by Exchange Rate. MSW, 12-31, Santa Anita

Runhappy, Tanya Showers, f, 2, o/o Miss Mary Pat, by Service Stripe. MSW, 12-31, Oaklawn

Solomini, Sohana, f, 2, o/o Passeporta, by Rockport Harbor. MSW, 12-31, Aqueduct

Speightstown, Panther Island, c, 4, o/o Holiday Blues, by **Ghostzapper**. Janus S., 12-31, Gulfstream



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Star Guitar, Guitar Solo, f, 2, o/o Tory's Triumph, by Grand Appointment. Louisiana Futurity, 12-31, Fair Grounds

Tamarando, Running On Fire, g, 3, o/o Heat Striker, by Unusual Heat. MSW, 12-31, Golden Gate

Texas Chrome, Sthenic, f, 2, o/o Halfandtwoquarters, by Half Ours. MSW, 12-31, Oaklawn

Twirling Candy, Willtorun, g, 4, o/o Willow Hills, by Distorted Humor. AOC, 12-31, Fair Grounds

Uncle Mo, Whocouldaskformo, f, 2, o/o Midnight Belle, by Bernardini. MSW, 12-31, Tampa Bay

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Ancient Wisdom and champion jockey William Buick
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Rising Stars accounted for a tally of 21 European Group 1 contests, and seven Classics, during the course of a banner season with four-time elite-level winners **Auguste Rodin (Ire)** (Deep Impact {Jpn}) and **Paddington (GB)** (**Siyouni {Fr}**) the obvious highlights among the Class of 2023. TDN's signature tag was attained by 51 individuals in Europe last term, down eight on the previous year's total of 59, with subsequent G3 Prix Penelope victrix **Pensee Du Jour (Ire)** (**Camelot {GB}**) setting the ball in motion at Chantilly in February.

Dubawi (Ire) (Dubai Millennium {GB}) is the numerically dominant sire and responsible for five new graduates, headed by Godolphin's G1 Futurity Trophy hero **Ancient Wisdom (Fr)** and Coolmore's undefeated G1 Vincent O'Brien National S. victor **Henry Longfellow (Ire)**. **Cont., p3**

HERE'S TO THE HORSES By Emma Berry

I wish I had met Paul Mellon. He does seem to have been a rather good egg.

Mill Reef was born the year before me and though I wasn't precocious enough to have enjoyed his racing career live, for some reason, since I started taking a serious interest in racing, he has long been one of my favourite horses. I think a lot of it has to do with Mellon himself.

Can you imagine a modern-day Gimcrack-winning owner writing a poem about his horse, as Mellon did for Mill Reef in 1970? That year was only the tip of the iceberg when it came to the horse's success. Six Group 1 wins would follow at three and four, including victory in the two most important races of all: the Derby and the Arc.

I was thinking of Mill Reef the other morning as I always do on visits to the National Stud.

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WEEK IN REVIEW: IN 2024, RACING MUST DO BETTER

There were good moments and good stories in 2023, but for every one of them, there were seemingly several more bad. For an industry facing unrelenting pressure, and more scheduled to come in 2024, Bill Finley argues that racing must do better.

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Good morning Europe, to a new year and a brand new beginning, with another 365 opportunities to make it a remarkable one. Happy 2024! | Sarah Andrew

TYRRHENIAN SEA SCORES LAST MINUTE LISTED

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The son of Dark Angel, second in February's G3 Winter Derby, went postward for his fifth black-type outing and stepped forward to secure a career high in the BETUK Quebec S. at Lingfield for owner/breeder Flaxman Stables Ireland and conditioner Roger Varian.

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TDN Rising Stars, cont. from p1

Frankel (GB) (Galileo {Ire}), sire of G1 Fillies' Mile heroine **Ylang Ylang (GB)**, is one behind with a quartet of his own. Joint-third with three on this year's honour roll are **Kingman (GB)** (Invincible Spirit {Ire}), down five on last term's eight, **Lope De Vega (Ire)** (Shamardal), **No Nay Never** (Scat Daddy) and **Siyouni (Fr)** (Pivotal {GB}).

First-crop sires **Too Darn Hot (GB)** (Dubawi {Ire}) and **Soldier's Call (GB)** (Showcasing {GB}) snagged one inductee apiece, while **Calyx (GB)** (**Kingman (GB)**) became the season's lone freshman with more than one in the ranks. The Coolmore resident's brace is supplied by Amo Racing's G2 Duchess Of Cambridge S. victrix **Persian Dreamer** and G1 Dewhurst S. third **Eben Shaddad**. **Justify** (Scat Daddy), **Sea The Stars (Ire)** (Cape Cross {Ire}), **Starspangledbanner (Aus)** (Choisir {Aus}) and **Wootton Bassett (GB)** (Iffraaj {GB}) are the only other sires to register more than one new addition. Dubawi, **Justify**, **Kingman**, Lope De Vega, **Sea The Stars**, **Siyouni**, **Calyx** and Too Darn Hot were all 'TDN Rising Stars' in their own right.

For the first time in recent memory, Coolmore icon **Galileo (Ire)** (Sadler's Wells) went through the whole campaign without representation and failed to improve upon his impressive haul of 41.



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Delving deeper into the numbers by jurisdiction, 21 earned their stripes in Britain, 14 were elevated in both France and Ireland, and Germany was the scene of two new recruits. By trainer, Aidan O'Brien is comfortably clear of his peers with 10 new appointees and Ballydoyle's dominance is evident in this year's compilation of 10 Rising Stars to follow for 2024, with O'Brien accounting for half of those put forward.

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Dermot Weld is next best on two while Charlie Appleby, Ralph Beckett and Yann Barberot are represented by one each. Dubawi has the highest representation among sires, with three, while **Frankel** is the only other credited with more than one. The gender bias is six to four in favour of the colts.

ANCIENT WISDOM (FR), c, 2, by Dubawi (Ire)

1st Dam: Golden Valentine (Fr), by Dalakhani (Ire)

2nd Dam: Gold Round (Ire), by Caerleon

3rd Dam: Born Gold, by Blushing Groom (Fr)

Owner: Godolphin

Breeder: Ecurie des Monceaux & LNJ Foxwoods

Trainer: Charlie Appleby

Godolphin's Ancient Wisdom had already turned heads when selling for €2-million at Arqana's 2022 August sale and debuted with a highly polished five-length triumph over seven furlongs at Haydock in May. Successful in four of his five juvenile outings, he closed out his freshman season with victories in Newmarket's G3 Autumn S. and Doncaster's G1 Futurity Trophy. His lone defeat came in July, when finishing third behind subsequent G1 Prix Jean-Luc Lagardere victor Rosallion (Ire) (Blue Point {Ire}) in the seven-furlong Listed Pat Eddery S. at Ascot. Ancient Wisdom is a son G3 Prix Minerve winner Golden Valentine (Fr) (Dalakhani {Ire}) and hails from the family of storied multiple champion and three-time GI Breeders' Cup Mile heroine Goldikova (Ire) (Anabaa), G1 Prix Vermeille victrix Galikova (Fr) (Galileo {Ire}) and multiple Group 1-placed sire Anodin (Ire) (Anabaa). He does not possess any Classic entries for now, but is quoted at single-digit odds in ante-post lists for the G1 Derby.

BEAUVATIER (FR), c, 2, by Lope De Vega (Ire)

1st Dam: Enchanting Skies (Ire), by **Sea The Stars (Ire)**

2nd Dam: Estefania (Ger), by Acatenango (Ger)

3rd Dam: Eirehill (Ire), by Danehill

Owner: Philippe Allaire

Breeder: Ecurie des Monceaux, Qatar Bloodstock Ltd & Mme Barbara M Keller

Trainer: Yann Barberot

Beauvatier, a €160,000 Arqana August purchase, displayed an array of gears when posting a 5 1/2-length success in a newcomers' event over five furlongs at Chantilly in May to become the 12th Rising Star for his sire. He followed up with a narrow defeat of fellow Rising Star Ramatuelle (**Justify**) and added the Listed Prix Roland de Chambure and G3 Prix La Rochette before racing too freely and suffering his first reversal when third behind Rosallion (Ire) (Blue Point {Ire}) and Unquestionable (Fr) (**Wootton Bassett** {GB}) in October's G1 Prix Jean-Luc Lagardere on Arc day.

He is the first foal produced by Listed Prix de Thiberville runner-up Enchanting Skies (Ire) (**Sea The Stars** {Ire}), herself a half-sister to G1 Preis von Europa victor Empoli (Ger) (Halling) from the family of G2 Preis der Diana heroine Elle Danzig (Ger) (Roi Danzig). Beauvatier is one of the leading domestic hopes for next term's G1 Poule d'Essai des Poulains.

ELIZABETH JANE (IRE), f, 2, by Dubawi (Ire)

1st Dam: Sapphire (Ire), by Medicean (GB)

2nd Dam: Polished Gem (Ire), by Danehill

3rd Dam: Trusted Partner, by Affirmed

Owner: Moyglare Stud Farm Ltd

Breeder: Moyglare Stud Farm Ltd

Trainer: Dermot Weld

G1 Irish 1000 Guineas and G1 Irish Oaks entry Elizabeth Jane was let go at 16-1 and sported her owner's second silks in her debut over a mile at Leopardstown in October. She made a mockery of those odds when coming from off the pace to trounce her 11 rivals by 4 1/4 lengths and more in a contest annexed the year before by subsequent G1 Coronation S. third Sounds Of Heaven (GB) (**Kingman** {GB}).

"She cut through them like a knife through butter and will be a lovely filly next year when she fills out into her frame," reflected winning rider Donagh O'Connor at the time. The homebred chestnut is a daughter of G2 British Champions Fillies & Mares victrix and G1 Pretty Polly S. runner-up Sapphire (Ire) (Medicean {GB}), herself a half-sister to four-time Group 1 winner Kyprios (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}). She is a descendant of G1 Irish 1000 Guineas victrix Trusted Partner (Affirmed) and the family also features G1 Irish St Leger heroine Search For A Song (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) and G1 Prince of Wales's S.-winning sire Free Eagle (Ire) (High Chaparral {Ire}). She will be in her element if there is juice in the ground come Irish Oaks day in July. **Cont.**



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UNQUESTIONABLE (FR), c, 2, by Wootton Bassett (GB)
1st Dam: Strawberry Lace (GB), by Sea The Stars (Ire)
2nd Dam: Crying Lightening (Ire), by Holy Roman Emperor (Ire)
3rd Dam: Auction Room, by Chester House
 Owner: Al Shaqab Racing, Coolmore & Westerberg
 Breeder: Mme Camille Vitse, Mme Axelle Vitse, Mme Valentine Vitse & Guillaume Vitse
 Trainer: Aidan O'Brien

Unquestionable was highly tried on debut, running third in May's Listed First Flier S., and became his sire's fifth Rising Star when making all to shed maiden status on the Irish 2,000 Guineas undercard, in a six-furlong contest won by the stable's **Arizona (Ire) (No Nay Never)** in 2019. He subsequently ran fourth in the G1 Phoenix S. and second in the G1 Prix Jean-Luc Lagardere before setting the seal on his six-race juvenile campaign with victory in the G1 Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf. The €340,000 Arqana August yearling, who hails from the family of sires Cityscape (GB) (Selkirk) and **Bated Breath (GB)** (Dansili {GB}), retains entries in May's G1 Irish 2,000 Guineas and June's G1 Irish Derby.



Ylang Ylang | Tattersalls

YLANG YLANG (GB), f, 2, by Frankel (GB)
1st Dam: Shambolic (Ire), by Shamardal
2nd Dam: Comic (Ire), by Be My Chief
3rd Dam: Circus Act (GB), by Shirley Heights (GB)
 Owner: Magnier, Tabor, Smith, Brant & Westerberg
 Breeder: Newsells Park Stud & Merry Fox Stud
 Trainer: Aidan O'Brien

Ylang Ylang had already made her mark in the auction ring, selling for a cool 1.5-million gns at Tattersalls' October Book 1, and justified odds-on favouritism in a seven-furlong Curragh maiden won previously by subsequent Group 1 performers

Never Ending Story (Ire) (Dubawi {Ire}) and Discoveries (Ire) (Mastercraftsman {Ire}). Doubling up in the G3 Silver Flash S. next time, she bounced back off a blip in the G1 Moyglare S. to run third in Newmarket's G2 Rockfel S. and closed out 2023 with a game victory in the G1 Fillies' Mile back at Headquarters.

Ylang Ylang is out of a half-sister to dual G1 Queen Elizabeth II Cup-winning multiple Hong Kong champion Comic Strip (GB) (Marju {Ire}) and G1 Flower Bowl Invitational and G1 Diana S. heroine Laughing (Ire) (Dansili {GB}). **Frankel's** 34th Rising Star remains engaged in both G1 Irish 1000 Guineas and G1 Irish Oaks, and the Classic route awaits.

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His name plaque is still visible, and the stallion yard is made extra special for having his statue there en route to the paddocks. Its plinth bears plenty of clues as to the kind of man Paul Mellon was.

One side states the horse's breeding and achievements and, in a particularly nice touch, credits John Hallum, who looked after Mill Reef when the horse was in training with Ian Balding at Kingsclere, and George Roth, who did the same during his stallion career.

Again, I wonder how many other owners would have thought to acknowledge the key people in the horse's life in so permanent a manner. On the other side of the plinth is Mellon's poem from his Gimcrack speech:

*Swift as a bird I flew down many a course.
 Princes, Lords, Commoners all sang my praise.
 In victory or defeat I played my part.
 Remember me, all men who love the Horse,
 If hearts and spirits flag in after days;
 Though small, I gave my all. I gave my heart.*

Mellon's legacy to racing has more substance than this delightful whimsy. American by birth, the confirmed Anglophile was a significant benefactor to the British Racing School and Royal Veterinary College and, pleasingly, his English racing colours live on through the Kingsclere Racing Club thanks to him having bequeathed them to Ian Balding. So too does the story of Mill Reef through Lord Oaksey's wonderful book and the Albert Finney-narrated film *Something to Brighten the Morning*.

Racing and breeding have changed, in some ways for the better, in some ways not. While **interviewing Peter Kavanagh** of Kildaragh Stud recently this was brought to mind again, as he rued the demise of the owner-breeder.

Things are different now, and people breed horses differently, too, with much more of a commercial imperative.

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Paul Mellon leading in Mill Reef after the Derby in 1971
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This is not a bad thing *per se*, but one can't help but wonder if we are losing some of that pure love for the horse--call it sentimentality if you like--as well as a proper understanding of the traits of families in the process.

A treasured possession in our house is a collection of four leather-bound scrapbooks compiled by Sir Victor Sassoon and detailing every mention of his Guineas and Derby winner Crepello in newsprint. For obvious reasons, scrapbooking is a dying art, except at Heath House, where, during Christmas week, Sir Mark Prescott will have faithfully consigned his favourite clippings of the year to a new book.

So much is lost, too, in our digital life, as convenient and environmentally friendly though it undoubtedly is. Sure, we can look up most things online (and of course *TDN* has a handy daily archive stretching back years) to see the results and ratings, and watch the replays over and over. But there is something rather thrilling about being able to read in yellowing, faded newspaper clippings just what Peter Willett or Roger Mortimer or John Hislop or Dare Wigan thought of Crepello at the time, all adding their own informed takes on his pedigree. All that would have been lost to this reader without those scrapbooks.

Hislop, later the owner-breeder of Mill Reef's nemesis Brigadier Gerard, said in the *Sporting Life* of June 11, 1957, "At no time has our bloodstock been in greater need of a boost, and Crepello's pedigree holds out every hope of his proving a classic sire in the old tradition." Maybe things haven't changed that much at all.

The two best horses we saw on the racecourse in 2023 are now both safely ensconced in stallion barns: Equinox (Jpn) at Shadai Stallion Station and Ace Impact (Ire) at Haras de Beaumont. We've heard plenty of late about how Japan is running rings around the rest of the breeding world when it comes to producing top horses, but another way in which the

country is a global leader for the sport is in its fan engagement.

When speaking to Japanese journalist and broadcaster Naohiro Goda at Tattersalls just after Equinox's retirement from racing had been announced, he mentioned a JRA-planned retirement ceremony, which took place the week before Christmas at Nakayama. "The fans will expect to be able to say goodbye," he said. Quite right too.

Let's copy this idea. After all, we had one for Frankie Dettori on Champions' Day and he isn't even retiring. One or two such ceremonies for the truly special horses would be a great way to show our appreciation. Because really, all the sales, the politics, the raceday concerts are just sideshows. Horses in full flight are what draw us all in, whether we are punters, racegoers, breeders, owners, trainers or jockeys: they are the one thing we all have in common.

Though we have this unifying element, even better is that we all love different horses for different reasons, and it's not just the great ones. That, too, when we are breeding Thoroughbreds in their thousands, is an important message that should not go unheard.

Every Christmas we receive a card from a lady who owns one of the former residents of our yard. He's 22 now and he wasn't much cop as a racehorse but he has brought years of fun to his rider on the hunting field in Devon. He's one of many now well into their twenties and proving hugely useful in different spheres.

From a personal perspective, one of the only occasions to have brought proper joy following the death of my father in February was our horse Dereham winning at Newmarket for the second season in a row. It was an inconsequential race in the grand scheme, but to win at our home track with a homebred was special. I don't think the Jockey Club will be planning a retirement ceremony for him, but I might start to lobby for one if he wins that same race for a third time in 2024.



Mill Reef's statue at the National Stud | Emma Berry

Dereham is plainly no Mill Reef, but he is small, he gives his all and, as horses do for so many of us who love this sport, he has kept me going when spirits have flagged.

The cyclical nature of racing is such that, no sooner have we rued the retirements than we are looking forward to the next big thing. I am hoping that Big Rock and Auguste Rodin continue to be big things and, as every year, continue to hope for a Triple Crown winner. So come on City Of Troy, let's be having you.

Before that, however, I would like to thank you for reading *TDN* and wish you a happy, successful and peaceful new year.

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Sunday's Results:

BETUK QUEBEC S.-Listed, £50,000, Lingfield, 12-31, 3yo/up, 10f 1y (AWT), 2:05.15, st.

1--**TYRRHENIAN SEA (IRE)**, 136, g, 5, **Dark Angel (Ire)--Nocturne (Ger)**, by **Rock Of Gibraltar (Ire)**. **1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN.**
O/B-Flaxman Stables Ireland Ltd (IRE); T-Roger Varian; J-Jack Mitchell. £28,355. Lifetime Record: 14-4-3-1, \$182,182.

2--**Base Note (GB)**, 136, g, 4, Shamardal--Fragrancy (Ire), by Singspiel (Ire). O-Mohammed Al Nabouda; B-Rabbah Bloodstock Ltd (GB); T-Simon & Ed Crisford. £10,750.

3--**Blanchland (Ire)**, 134, c, 3, Farhh (GB)--Examinee (Ger), by Monsun (Ger). (160,000gns Ylg '21 TATOCT). O-P W Harris; B-Clearwater Stud (IRE); T-Jane Chapple-Hyam. £5,380.

Margins: 3/4, NK, 1 1/4. Odds: 1.25, 3.50, 3.50.

Also Ran: Verbier (Ire), Alrehb, Youthful King (GB), Makinmedoit (Ire), Zarabanda (Ire).

Tyrrhenian Sea, second over course and distance in February's G3 Winter Derby, went postward for his fifth black-type outing coming back off a runner-up finish here in last month's Listed Churchill S. and stepped forward to secure a career high in this New Year's Eve highlight. The 5-4 pick was steadied at the break and settled at the tail of the eight-runner field passing the judge first time. Tanking closer on the home turn and carried seven-wide into the straight, he came under pressure approaching the furlong pole and quickened in stylish fashion to easily assert superiority in the dying embers of this 10-furlong test.

"I was a bit further back than I'd planned, after he got a bit of a bump at the start, and then just took a few strides to get going," explained winning rider Jack Mitchell. [Cont.](#)



Equinox, sent away to his retirement after a JRA-planned ceremony fit for a king, was paraded before a sea of the faithful the week before Christmas at Nakayama | *Horsephotos*


"I just let him do his own thing and find a bit of rhythm, as he's run well here from the back before. I did the typical Lingfield manoeuvre of making a move coming into the straight and I've just been drafted wide, but he's quickened up well. He's had good runs on the turf, but I think the all-weather is definitely his game. I don't see why he can't compete at that level again." Flaxman Stables' Alan Cooper added, "Tyrrhenian Sea has been knocking at the door several times [at stakes level] and now he has won, which is fantastic. He's a stable icon, I think."

Tyrrhenian Sea, the fourth of seven foals, becomes the first black-type winner produced by a multiple-winning daughter of G3 Fahrhofer Stutenpreis runner-up and 2015 Broodmare of the year Neele (Ire) (Peintre Celebre), herself a full-sister to G2 Oaks d'Italia heroine Night Of Magic (Ire). Neele's quartet of stakes winners is headed by G1 Deutsches Derby-winning sire Nutan (Ire) (Duke Of Marmalade {Ire}) and G1 Grosser Preis von Berlin victrix Nympha (Ire) (Dylan Thomas {Ire}). Descendants of Neele also include stakes-winning G1 Grosser Preis von Berlin runner-up Nerik (Ire) (Ruler Of The World {Ire}). The May-foaled flashy grey is full to a weanling filly and a half to Listed Cooley S. third So I Told You (Ire) (**Gleneagles {Ire}**) and a yearling filly by Study Of Man (Ire).

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Rockstar Icon (Ire), g, 2, **Sixties Icon (GB)**--Shadows Ofthenight (Ire), by Fastnet Rock (Aus). Lingfield, 12-31, 7f 1y (AWT), 1:24.25. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-0, \$13,759. B-Bernard Havern (IRE). *35,000gns Ylg '22 TATOCT.

Thats Dandy Harry (Ire), c, 3, **Dandy Man (Ire)**--Fancy Feathers (Ire), by Redback (GB). Wolverhampton, 12-30, 7f 36y (AWT), 1:30.68. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$5,225. B-Philip O'Dwyer & P J Walsh (IRE). *€75,000 Wlg '20 GOFNOV; 55,000gns Ylg '21 TATOCT. **1/2 to Elnadim Star (Ire) (Elnadim), SW-Eng; and Dom Carlos (Ire) (Gale Force Ten {GB}), SP-Eng.

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