



VALUE SIRES FOR 2024, PART 6: REACHING THE SNOWLINE



Upstart | Sarah Andrew

by Chris McGrath

Now we're really entering nosebleed altitudes for most breeders, between \$30,000 and \$50,000: a zone where you should feel that you're improving the odds of coming up with an elite horse.

It tells you a lot about our business that the majority of the two dozen stallions operating at this level can only do so because they have yet to send a single runner into the starting gate. A quarter of these we immediately set to one side, as absolute beginners, because those received separate consideration in the opening instalment of this series. Of the remaining 18, another eight belong to those preceding intakes that remain untested by runners.

LATEST VERSION OF MARYLAND REMAKE: PIMLICO SOLE TRACK UNDER NON-PROFIT CONTROL, WITH 1/ST RACING OUT OF DAILY OPS by T.D. Thornton

The latest recommendation in a years-long attempt by multiple stakeholders to consolidate Maryland racing at a single, reimagined racetrack now calls for a project dubbed "Pimlico Plus," with racing centered in Baltimore and supported by the construction of a new training facility elsewhere in the state, according to a report issued by the Maryland Thoroughbred Racetrack Operating Authority (MTROA) Jan. 5.

The ambitious remake of the sport's infrastructure in Maryland hinges upon legislative approval, although the report did come with the endorsement of Maryland's governor, Wes Moore.

Another key to the deal would require 1/ST Racing and Gaming, which owns Pimlico Race Course and Laurel Park, to transfer ownership of Pimlico to the state, and for 1/ST Racing to cede control of its day-to-day Thoroughbred operations to a to-be-created, non-profit entity as of Jan. 1, 2025.

The report stated that 1/ST Racing is amenable to "a framework for an agreement in principle" for those transfers to happen.

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IN TDN EUROPE TODAY

KARLSHOF EARNS FOURTH GERMAN CHAMPION BREEDER TITLE

As the dust settles on the 2023 racing year, Gestut Karlshof has been named German Champion Breeder for the fourth time. Emma Berry speaks to Karlshof's Holger Faust.



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2023 in photos: September 18. Zenyatta and her 2023 War Front filly Nymue pose for photos in the TDN's Breeders' Cup 40 series. | Sarah Andrew

HANDLE DROPS BY 3.7% IN 2023; PURSES ALSO DIP

Outside of the COVID year of 2020, 2023 had the steepest decline based on percentage of handle since 2011. A total of \$11,658,624,859 was wagered in 2023. Bill Finley has the details.

TODAY'S GRADED STAKES



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Value Sires, cont. from p1

Some of these have been taking the precautionary clips often necessary to keep young sires in the game, as commercial breeders maintain as safe a distance as possible from the dangers that accompany racetrack exposure.

You can see that template magnified in one of the two sires who are closest to the moment of truth. **AUTHENTIC** started out in 2021 as the most expensive in his intake, at \$75,000. This year he takes his third consecutive cut, down to \$50,000 (from \$60,000 and previously \$70,000). Yet has he become any less likely to sire racehorses, if you send him a mare this spring, relative to when he retired as Horse of the Year? Far from it, if the market reception is any guide: he duly looked after investors by processing 91 yearlings (120 offered) at a median \$235,000 (average \$286,076), clear at the top of the class.

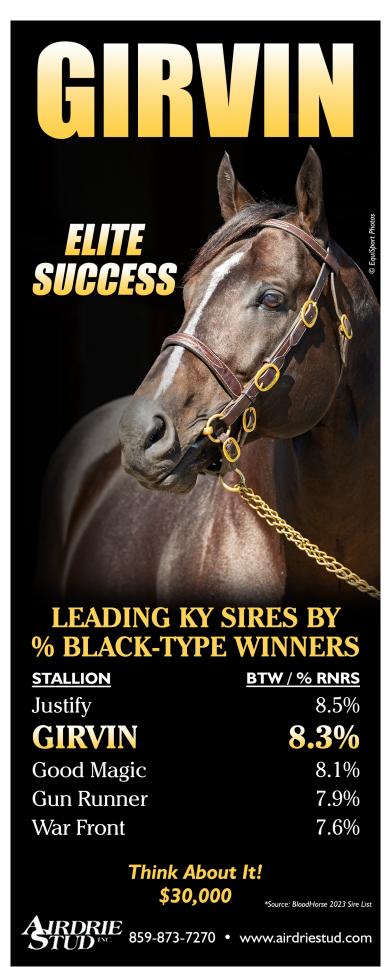
We all know how the system works. But if you genuinely thought Authentic good value at \$75,000, well, you'd better get right back to him now that his fee is down by one-third. After all, a true commercial opportunist should be anticipating a rising tide from all the juvenile winners that will surely be emerging from a debut book of 229 mares, just a couple short of making him the busiest stallion in North America that year!

Of course, Spendthrift operates the model so dexterously that Authentic has meanwhile maintained demand, at his more lenient fees, with books of 202 and 198 mares. With 165 live foals to go to war, he surely gives the farm every chance of a third consecutive champion freshman.



McKinzie | Sarah Andrew

MCKINZIE has bucked the trend by retaining his initial fee of \$30,000 for a fourth year. He starred at the sales, sending no fewer than 144 into the ring--a staggering percentage of his 174 live foals. That's expressive of the commercial package he had offered in combining knockout looks with 11 triple-digit Beyers, plus Grade Is at two, three and four. *Cont.*



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He duly sold 110 at a median \$90,000, reaching an average of \$149,157 after blowing the doors off with a \$1.2-million colt at the September Sale. (Both indices beaten only by Authentic in the class.) We've all seen market discoveries sink without trace, over the years, but McKinzie has certainly raised expectations and duly maintained numbers in the meantime, with books of 171 and 168.

The next intake is also represented by two sires, now preparing their first yearlings for auction. One of their peers, Essential Quality, actually remains beyond even this level and duly topped the weanling averages, but **CHARLATAN** filled second place in selling 19 of 22 at a median \$175,000 and average \$206,052. That was what he had to do, having similarly starting out behind only Essential Quality in terms of fee, and he's another whose original investors have been spared a depreciation: he remains \$50,000 for 2024.

Charlatan emerged from the same crop and barn as Authentic to emulate the GI Arkansas Derby-GI Malibu S. double of Omaha Beach the previous year, and was only narrowly outstayed when stretching his speed again in the G1 Saudi Cup. Unfortunately he then suffered another setback, but nobody forgot his talent and he started with books of 222 and 223. Breeders evidently recalled that he had himself been a \$700,000 yearling out of a genuine Grade I mare.



Maxfield | Sarah Andrew

MAXFIELD takes a mild trim, to \$35,000 from \$40,000, despite selling 11 of a dozen weanlings at a median \$110,000/average \$165,181. His farm tends to be more conservative with its books, so 165 mares for his first year looked like a full subscription, with another 134 in his second. Maxfield was beaten by just four horses across 11 starts, won a Grade I as a juvenile by five and a half lengths, and above all is out of a Bernardini half-sister to the admirable stallion Sky Mesa (very fine family overall). *Cont.*



Four youngsters who covered their first mares last spring assembled books that appeared, after the mare cap debacle, to be making a point of some kind--albeit one that may be lost on anyone who ends up with only an average specimen to bring to saturated catalogues.

With 262 partners, **EPICENTER** was behind only his frenzied studmate Golden Pal among American sires, his championship campaign having featured a standout GI Travers (112 Beyer). His sire has gone beyond reach, for most, and I love the sturdy European influences sowing his deeper family--though I can't imagine that those names were front and central for many others!



Jack Christopher | Sara Gordon

His neighbor **JACK CHRISTOPHER** was nearly as hectic with 247 mares. He must have been an easy sell, even his solitary defeat in the GI Haskell counting in his favor as confirming him to be all speed. He'd have had plenty of support had he retired on the spot after a daylight debut success at Saratoga, and beat a good one when returning for what proved his final start a year later. Both he and **Epicenter** take the customary trim, from \$45,000 to \$40,000, to help keep the door revolving.

Jack Christopher represents Munnings, of course, and it's good to see some of Speightstown's later sons contesting the legacy. Just like Charlatan, **OLYMPIAD** was a \$700,000 yearling. His debut book of 228, making him the busiest stallion outside Ashford, shows that plenty of other farms are prepared to go all out for numbers, given the chance. He matured through the grades with eight triple-figure Beyers, but the clincher is Chic Shirine as third dam. By this stage of the series, you probably won't be surprised that proven stallions populate the Value Podium, but this guy looks a profoundly wholesome prospect in retaining a fee of \$35,0000.

Though **JACKIE'S WARRIOR** had to settle for "just" 182 mares, he could comfort himself that they included Beholder! He's another to take a clip, to \$45,000 from \$50,000, but still finds himself standing for more than his own sire. Even so, he will remain in demand as a Grade I winner at Saratoga three years running, an unprecedented achievement gilded by a 28-year-old stakes record in the Hopeful.

Right, now let's get onto some sires that have actually demonstrated some competence to replicate the genetic prowess we should be looking for at this kind of fee.

Of these, the one who has barely started is **OMAHA BEACH**. He's just completed his freshman season with fourth place in a table dominated by Spendthrift sires, on the face of it hardly measuring up to his status as the most expensive of the quartet. But I'm not alone in retaining high hopes, judged from the fact that his fee has moved back up to \$40,000 for 2024, having been allowed to slide from an opening \$45,000 to \$30,000.

Because while he has only had a couple of stakes winners, he has a class-high 11 black-type performers from 64 starters--a much smaller footprint than his three studmates (Vino Rosso, late bloomer though he was, has fielded 92!)--and these include four at graded stakes level. Omaha Beach presumably received rather more Classic/two-turn mares than his peers, and it's reasonable to expect consolidation from here. It's a rare horse nowadays that can win Grade Is at both six and nine furlongs, and his family overflows with quality. *Cont.*



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2023 First Year Sires - CPI

Rank	Stallion	2024 Stud Fee	СРІ
1	Flightline	\$150,000	7.40
2	Life Is Good	\$85,000	5.09
3	Jackie's Warrior	\$45,000	4.42
4	MANDALOUN	\$20,000	2.57
5	Epicenter	\$40,000	2.54
6	Olympiad	\$35,000	2.51
7	Golden Pal	\$25,000	2.26
8	Cyberknife	\$25,000	2.23
9	Corniche	\$25,000	2.23
10	Jack Christopher	\$40,000	2.18











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Obviously, he has volume behind him, standing where he does, but that was partly a function of what seemed pretty lenient pricing throughout. His second crop of yearlings held up very well, at a median \$105,000/average \$156,508 for 95 sold (116 offered). That keeps Omaha Beach miles clear of his intake, some of whom have been quickly embarrassed by their opening fees. Those who kept the faith in the meantime (185 mares in his fourth book last spring) are entitled to remain optimistic, the only caveat being the overall underperformance of this particular class of freshmen, judged by graded stakes winners. It's now over to Omaha Beach to convert his promise into a headliner or two.

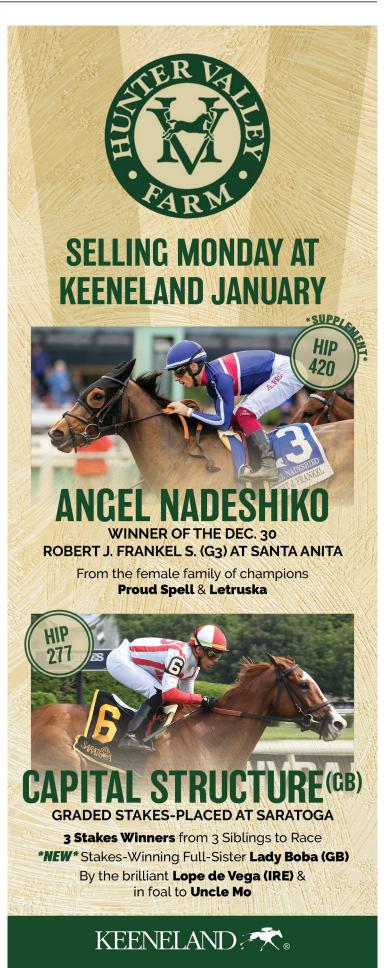
A similar remark might have been made, this time last year, about CITY OF LIGHT--and, heading into the Breeders' Cup, he had still not justified an against-the-tide hike from \$40,000 to \$60,000 in 2022. That was the reward for a sensational debut (average \$337,698/median \$260,000) at the yearling sales. With his book down to 85 last spring, from 132, he was slashed to \$35,000 for 2024. But then along came Fierceness, and suddenly everything is looking much more cheerful.



City of Light | Lane's End

City of Light may have a few later developers, but 18 black-type performers from no more than 127 to have made the starting gate is a very fair ratio. His fee cut was among several such gestures by his farm after polarisation at the sales (where his third crop were down to a median \$75,000/average \$126,269 for 63 sold of 75) made it feel as though fees generally remain too high.

In his (very competitive) intake, one who has only elevated his reputation is **GIRVIN**, who started in Florida at \$7,500 and is up to \$30,000 (from \$20,000) after consolidating the breakout that earned him a ticket to Kentucky. *Cont.*



From limited materials, he is so far operating at 6% stakes winners (including Grade I scorer Faiza) to named foals, narrowly bettered only by Good Magic and Army Mule in his class.

Girvin's tragic sibling Midnight Bourbon showed what their unraced dam Catch the Moon must be contributing to the equation, and this year Catch the Moon's sister produced Brightwork to lend further Grade I luster to the page. Everyone should duly be fully reconciled by now to Girvin's unfashionable (but superbly bred) sire. Those who bred to Girvin in his second year in Ocala, at \$6,000, certainly can't complain about a yearling average of \$92,411 (stretched by a \$475,000 colt, but a \$41,000 median itself very respectable) for 17 sold from 21 offered. Girvin is firmly on his way, through the roof by the restrained standards of his farm with 181 mares (up from 86) last spring, and only an even more upwardly mobile studmate has kept him off the Value Podium.

Before we get to that, we have three horses that have by now had ample opportunity to show where they fit in the marketplace: Liam's Map, Maclean's Music and VIOLENCE.



Violence | Sarah Andrew

Not that the latter has remotely settled, in terms of pricing! Initially elevated to \$60,000 for 2024, he has meanwhile slipped back into this bracket at \$40,000. The reasons have been cogently explained, and leave him looking big value as the sire of two new stallions in Kentucky this year, not to mention one with an obvious shot at the freshman title in Volatile. Violence is actually cheaper than his champion son Forte, a rookie whose supporters would surely be delighted if he can produce as many fast horses by the time he reaches the equivalent point of his career. Violence's book will be managed appropriately to his circumstances, but purely in terms of value he looks of imperative interest to eligible mares. *Cont.*



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For this is a proven achiever at this level--both on the track and in the ring, where he moved his yearling yield up to a median of \$80,000 (from \$60,000) and average \$121,642 (from \$97,614). That's impressive for a stallion with seven crops in play. Violence was No. 13 on the general sires' list and the caveats sound very manageable.

His studmate **MACLEAN'S MUSIC** also looks a fair price at \$40,000, after a couple of years at \$50,000, considering that he has four sons at stud in the Bluegrass. We've already noted one of them, Jackie's Warrior, getting plenty of trade at a higher fee, while Drain the Clock served no fewer than 199 mares in his debut season. Maclean's Music himself had to settle for 144 last spring, but covered 421 over the previous two seasons after dwindling to 57 in 2020, so the good old "pipeline" is well and truly loaded. In fact, no fewer than 183 live foals in 2022 give him the single biggest battalion of juveniles for the forthcoming campaign. So this looks a pretty shrewd time to stay aboard with a horse who processed as many as 104 of 131 yearlings at an average \$118,739 (\$70,000 median sound enough, against a \$25,000 conception fee).

LIAM'S MAP also maintained his sales performance, selling 80 of 102 offered at a \$100,000 median/\$124,024 average--conceived at \$30,000--albeit down somewhat on the previous crop, who had knocked it out of the park (\$130,000/\$166,724). Standing at \$40,000 for a third year running, he once again proved a reliable source of stakes action this year, chiefly with maturing stock. His next task is to emulate the Hill 'n' Dale pair, who have been in the game rather longer, as a sire of sires.

VALUE PODIUM

Bronze: HARD SPUN

Danzig--Turkish Tryst (Turkoman)

Darley, \$35,000

So I guess he's not going to change the world, at this stage--but I really don't see much better value to prove your mare, or just to get yourself a racehorse. I know that's not everyone's priority, but the fact is that the last big son of Danzig has now turned 20 and that leaves us diminishing access to the great patriarch.

Hard Spun missed a return to the top 10 sires only by cents, relatively speaking, and it was a measure of what he can do for a mare that a horse with as plain a page as Two Phil's could break



Hard Spun | Darley

into the elite of his crop, and now become Hard Spun's fourth son at stud in Kentucky.

It's incredible that a horse with a dozen domestic Grade I winners has never gone higher than \$45,000 in the decade since he made the sojourn in Japan that (in hindsight) cost him vital momentum. In that time, he has finished as high as fourth in the general sires' list, but he doesn't get precocious horses and has settled at a median \$67,500 (strong six-figure average) with his last couple of yearling crops.

Hard Spun nonetheless produced another 26 black-type performers in 2023, and cumulatively stands at No. 7 among active sires with several ratios (for instance, graded stakes winners/performers at 2.7/5.7% of named foals) uncannily in step with his old buddy Street Sense, who maintains a fee of \$60,000.

It's gratifying to see that he remains fully subscribed, 151 mares last year showing that there are still plenty of breeders out there who recognise the importance not just of getting a winner under their mare, but a high-class winner. Hard Spun's stock goes on all surfaces, at all distances, and with those storied Darby Dan bloodlines behind him, it's no surprise that he should meanwhile be emerging as a broodmare influence. His daughters have lately produced a top-class miler in Europe in Alcohol Free (Ire) (No Nay Never), and no less an animal than Good Magic.

Somehow the world has spun against this horse, but it's very hard to see why. *Cont.*





American Pharoah | Sarah Andrew

Silver: AMERICAN PHAROAH

Pioneerof the Nile--Littleprincessemma (Yankee Gentleman) Ashford Stud, \$50,000

Well, you can't win them all--even if you're Coolmore. Who could have said, for certain, which of their two Triple Crown winners would best replicate the talent that had confirmed the

series to remain within the competence of a modern Thoroughbred? It was actually this one, having ended a generation of doubt, that started at the higher fee: he opened at \$200,000 in 2016, and Justify at \$150,000 three years later. The latter had been trimmed to \$100,000 by the time he launched his first runners, in 2022; and American Pharoah had taken a proportionately deeper cut at the equivalent stage, to \$110,000 for 2019.

Their paths since, however, have forked radically. Justify is now out of sight, listed as private; and Pharoah enters 2024 suffering the indignity of yet another cut, this time down to \$50,000 from \$60,000.

Now there's no way that you can say he's any kind of dud, en route to oblivion. He finished 2023 at No. 6 in the general sires' list, with a seventh Grade I winner supplemented by no fewer than six others placed at the elite level--and that's taking no account of his success in Australia, including a G1 Victoria Derby winner. Yes, like most stallions on this farm, the volume behind him proves a double-edged sword when it comes to his ratios.

His 11 stakes winners arrived at 3.7%, pretty unexciting given the quality he must have been working with. But he continues to get his superior/graded action at a superior rate to ever-fashionable studmate Munnings, for instance, who commands a 50% higher fee. *Cont.*

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The exotic seeding of American Pharoah's family was always liable to make the owners of top-class mares a little nervous, but his dam has proved a consistent producer so something has come together in dynamic fashion. Further action was plainly required after he assembled no more than 129 mares with last year's reduction, but if able to maintain his current sales performance--yearling median \$150,000 with both his last two crops, averaging \$210,164 in 2023--then you'll be looking at a very fair yield at his current price.

Both American Pharoah and Justify have proved effective sires on turf. If this fee proves a last roll of the dice, then I might impudently suggest once again that American Pharoah could be worth a spin in Co. Tipperary. But he's now within reach of a different type of American breeder, and that may well grant him a new lease of life.

Gold: UPSTART

Flatter--Party Silks (Touch Gold)

Airdrie Stud, \$30,000

So what is it, really, that we can hope to find at this level? I mean, we're obviously excluding "fantasy" breeding to untested stallions. But is there perhaps a horse out there hinting that he's pressing against the ceiling, and might soon be inaccessible? The other pair on the podium, admirable as they are, hardly fit that category. To me, however, Upstart is the dude in this tier who has the chance of elevating himself to a higher level yet.



Upstart | EquiSport Photos

Maybe you were disappointed that he didn't follow through the 2022 deeds of Zandon and Kathleen O. (among 63 named foals conceived at \$10,000) with his next crop of sophomores? Well, that's because his third crop comprised just 27 live foals. Even so they included Prerequisite, a \$47,000-to-\$350,000 pinhook who won the GII Wonder Again S. on her first start

outside maiden company, and then missed a Grade I by three parts of a length next time. Meanwhile, as we knew to expect from his own template (multiple Grade I-placed in three consecutive seasons), his mature stock kept him in the game with wins in races as resonant as the GII Clark and GII Woodward S.

He has punched conspicuously above weight at the sales, averaging \$90,900 in 2022, but traded at just \$39,434 from a modest book last year. But he's now ready to open a new cycle. His incoming yearlings emerge from a book of 151, saturation point for a farm that resists the opportunity of exposing their clients by inundating catalogues. Hiked to \$30,000 last spring, he entertained another 153. When you consider what he has been doing with mediocre materials, this is a stallion on the point of a big move.

Despite a dual Grade I runner-up among his first juveniles, Upstart somehow remained bumping along at \$10,000. Even so, his 13 stakes winners at 5.2% of named foals and 26 black-type performers at 10.4% compares with 5/12.2% for the lavishly supported Nyquist (standing at \$85,000) in his own class; 4/9% for Practical Joke (\$45,000) and 5.2/8.5% for Arrogate in the following intake; 5.9/9.4% for Justify and 4/11.1% for Bolt d'Oro (\$60,000) in the one after that.

This is a horse that gets stock onto the track, and into the winner's circle: 53% winners to lifetime starters, compared with 46% for the soaraway hero of his intake, Not This Time; 41% for Nyquist; 43% even for the stellar Gun Runner, the same for Practical Joke, just 39% for Arrogate. *Cont.*

VALUE PODIUM



UPSTART
Airdrie Stud | \$30,000



AMERICAN PHAROAH
Ashford Stud | \$50,000



HARD SPUN
Darley | \$35,000

Upstart was cleverly named and, it now seems, aptly too. There are some curiosities sowing his family, but it's demonstrably all working. Perhaps the farm that gave us the sires of Uncle Mo and Into Mischief has again tapped into an unexpected seam of gold. With an incoming spike in quality and quantity, catch him while you can.

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Maryland racing, cont. from p1

In addition, the state would negotiate a licensing agreement with 1/ST Racing to operate and promote the GI Preakness S. and the GI Black-Eyed Susan S., Maryland's two signature races.

Laurel Park would be maintained as "a transitional facility for live racing and training during the expected four-year construction and transition period," the report stated.

The Washington Post reported that if all went according to plan, Pimlico would be shut down after this year's Preakness on May 18, with the 2025 and 2026 editions of the race temporarily shifting to Laurel.

After that, the MTROA report stated, Laurel will likely be redeveloped.

Complementing the rebuilt Pimlico's projected 700-horse stabling capacity would be the construction of a new training facility at a to-be-determined location that can house 650 horses "in reasonable proximity to Pimlico that would also be acquired and developed under a non-private ownership structure," the report stated.

The report stated that the cost for the entire project would be "significantly below" previous concepts proposed in recent years that involved keeping both Pimlico and Laurel running "and within the range of General Assembly allocations."

A story in the Baltimore Banner gave a more specific breakdown: "The new Pimlico comes with a price tag of \$274 million to \$284 million, while the training facility would cost about \$113 million--in line with \$400 million in state subsidies previously set aside for the renovation of Pimlico and Laurel."

The concept of consolidation in Maryland has been openly discussed for the better part of a decade. 1/ST Racing (known as The Stronach Group when it took over in Maryland in 2002) has been on the record for years as acknowledging the sub-optimal conditions at outmoded Pimlico, which as recently as 2018 raced only 12 dates for an abbreviated meet surrounding the Preakness.

Initially, The Stronach Group invested tens of millions of dollars in upgrades at Laurel while publicly stating that the company did not foresee putting any of its own funds into an overhaul of Pimlico.



Pimlico | Horsephotos

Civic and state officials, fearful of Baltimore losing the Preakness to Laurel, helped to push for the years-long commissioning of several years of studies for a publicly funded solution led by the Maryland Stadium Authority (MSA). In 2019, Baltimore's mayor even tried to sue Pimlico's ownership in an attempt to force a city takeover.

As the MTROA report explained, "After many iterations, an agreed-upon program was finalized in late 2021 and estimates were generated. The estimates were significantly over the available bonding capacity for the project."

The Maryland General Assembly then called for additional input and yet more studies in 2022, and that year, the Maryland Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association (MTHA), the Maryland Horse Breeders Association, and others proposed an alternative scenario that would maintain year-round training and racing at both facilities.

"In total, six scenarios have been analyzed by the MSA [and] all of them significantly exceeded available project funding," the MTROA report stated. It also concluded that "given the level of State investment required to rehabilitate and sustain the industry, a public ownership structure for the tracks and subsequent lease of them to a nonprofit entity led by Maryland industry professionals is the best path forward."

The report stated at least one significant reason why 1/ST Racing would agree to give up Pimlico: The company would be on the hook for huge taxes if the state provided any funding for the rehab of a privately owned track.

"An additional issue complicates any public investment at either Pimlico or Laurel Park under the current ownership structure," the report stated. "Under Section 118 of the Federal Tax Code, expenditures made by a government unit to construct improvements at a facility owned by a for-profit entity will constitute taxable income to that entity. Cont.

ANNAPOLIS

G1 WINNER AND GSW AT 2 & 3

ANNAPOLIS Bay Horse; foaled 2019

Northern Dancer Danzig Pas de Nom Rubiano Starry Dreamer.. Lara's Star Unbridled Unbridled's Sona.. Trolley Sona My Miss Sophia . Langfuhr Wildwood Flower...

By WAR FRONT (2002). Black-type winner of \$424,205, Alfred G. Vanderbilt Breeders' Cup H. [G2] (SAR, \$124,920), etc. Among the leading sires, sire of 15 crops of racing age, 1047 foals, 807 starters, 115 black-type winners, 3 champions, 595 winners of 1671 races and earning \$98,487, 008, including Lines of Battle [G1] (champion in Hong Kong, \$2,647,223).

1st dam

ANNAPOLIS

MY MISS SOPHIA, by Unbridled's Song. 3 wins at 3 and 4, \$605,040, Gazelle S. [G2] (AQU, \$180,000), 2nd Longines Kentucky Oaks [G1] (CD, \$186,000), 3rd First Lady S. [G1] (KEE, \$40,000), Ketel One Ballston Spa S. [G2] (SAR, \$48,000). Dam of 3 foals, 2 winners--

ANNAPOLIS (c. by War Front). Subject stallion.

Nevisian Sunrise (f. by War Front). Winner at 3 and 4, \$208,180, 3rd Wild Applause S. [L] (BEL, \$12,000), Osunitas S.-R (DMR, \$12,000).

2nd dam
WILDWOOD FLOWER, by Langfuhr. 3 wins at 2, \$109,916, Piedmont S. (GG, \$33,550), 3rd Stonerside Beaumont S. [G2] (KEE, \$25,000), etc. Dam of-MATERIALITY (c. by Afleet Alex). 3 wins in 5 starts at 3, \$686,028, Besilu II Stables Florida Derby [G1] (GP, \$595,200).
MY MISS SOPHIA (f. by Unbridled's Song). Black-type winner, above. Lilies So Fair. Winner at 3, \$21,809. Dam of 9 foals, 6 winners, including-Grand Mo the First (c. by Uncle Mo). 2 wins in 3 starts at 2, \$74,400, | 3rd Zuma Beach S. [G3] (SA, \$24,000).
Palladium (g. by Graydar). 6 wins, 2 to 4, \$122,291, 2nd Gottstein Futurity (EMD, \$9,400).
3rd dam

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3rd dam
DIAL A TRICK, by Phone Trick, Unraced. Half-sister to FIGHTING FANTASY
[G3] (\$572,820), Snow Forest [L], Filet [L]. Dam of 7 winners, incl.-EYE OF THE TIGER. 5 wins, 2 to 4, \$535,679, Washington Park H. [G2]
II (AP, \$210,000), Affirmed H. [G3] (HOL, \$63,120), etc. Sire.
WILDWOOD FLOWER. Black-type winner, above.
Expanse. 2 wins, \$70,315, 3rd Ellis Park Debutante S. [L] (ELP, \$10,750).
Dam of AFLEET EXPRESS (\$835,140, Travers S. [G1] (SAR, \$600,000)etc., sire), EMBELLISH THE LACE (\$441,540, Alabama S. [G1] (SAR, \$360,000), producer), REPORTING FOR DUTY [L] (Total: \$471,453).

BACE RECORD: At 2 two wins (Filtrim S. [G2] (REL, \$110,000)) in 2 starts; at

\$360,000), producer), **REPORTING FOR DUTY** [L] (lotal: \$471,453). RACE RECORD: At 2, two wins (Pilgrim S. **[G2]** (BEL, \$110,000)) in 2 starts; at 3, three wins (Coolmore Turf Mile S. **[G1]** (KEE, \$573,500), Saranac S. **[G3]** (SAR, \$110,000), Manila S. **[L]** (BEL, \$55,000)), twice 2nd (Caesars Saratoga Derby Invitational S. **[G1]** (SAR, \$185,000), Penn Mile S. **[G2]** (PEN, \$77,600)) in 6 starts; at 4, one win (Opening Verse S. [L] (CD, \$175,270)), twice 2nd (Fourstardave H. **[G1]** (SAR, \$100,000), Kelso S. **[G3]** (SAR, \$35,000)). Totals: 6 wins, 4 times 2nd. Earned \$1,581,770.

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Tax advisors have concluded that MSA expenditures at either racetrack may betreated as taxable income to any private owner."

Belinda Stronach, the chairwoman, chief executive and president of The Stronach Group, stated in a press release that "The Stronach Group and [its subsidiary] the Maryland Jockey Club remain deeply committed to reinvigorating Thoroughbred

racing in Maryland, and this framework agreement represents an important first step in that process."

MTHA president Tim Keefe echoed those sentiments in a separate press release that stated "The Maryland racing industry is one of the most storied in the nation and [Friday's] announcement is an important step forward for a sustainable and bright future."

TDN had follow-up questions for Keefe about the horsemen's perspective on the project, but a voicemail

message left for him did not yield a return call prior to deadline for this story.

However, the MTHA press release did state that a "town hall" webinar for members to discuss and ask questions about the project would be scheduled for the near future.

So what might the reimagined Pimlico look like? The MTROA report outlined the following basic concepts for what would be one of the nation's few remaining tracks nestled within an urban neighborhood.

A new Pimlico would be a "best-in-class facility" featuring both a "right-sized" grandstand and clubhouse "with overlays that could be activated for the Preakness and other large events," the report stated.

The report also envisioned the creation of a 1,000-seat event space, development parcels, a hotel built by a private partner, and "state-of-the-art equine diagnostic health facility with space for veterinary services."

Housing for backstretch workers would not be in the stable area, but instead "constructed in the Park Heights community" near Pimlico.

Two parking facilities would be constructed. One would be part of the hotel. A second garage could be shared by both racetrack patrons and patients and staff at Sinai Hospital, which is adjacent to Pimlico.

As for the new training facility, the report stated that MTROA identified eight potential locations within a 50-mile radius of Pimlico to be examined for suitability.

Ranked on a scoring mechanism that evaluated nine criteria, the top three were Shamrock Farm in Woodbine, Mitchell Farm in Aberdeen, and the former Bowie Race Track in Bowie that last hosted racing in 1985 but had functioned as a training facility until 2015.

The report stated that "it is the recommendation and conclusion of the [MTROA] that those three locations move to a next stage for final consideration and subsequent acquisition. The [MTROA], however, will continue to evaluate and consider additional suitable properties if and when they become known."

A footnote within the report disclosed that during the investigation of possible sites, "the [MTROA] learned through industry sources that Shamrock Farm, which is currently owned by the family of [MTROA] Authority

member [and National Thoroughbred Racing Association president and chief executive] Tom Rooney, may be for sale. Those members leading the search reached out to Mr. Rooney about its availability, and he confirmed that a sale may be possible."

With regard to the fundamental change of the state's operating model for racing, the report stated that it is seeking a system that "mirrors that in use by the New York Racing Association. Facilities would be owned by the State and leased to a professional not-for-profit operator. This structure will better align operations with the needs of the horse racing industry and the State's significant financial investments."

The MTROA, the report stated, would be in charge of coming up with a recommended operator.

The MTROA has been meeting regularly since first convening in August 2023, while also conducting research and receiving testimony from a wide variety of stakeholders. It was created to meet twin objectives mandated by legislation: Reimagining the state's horse racing infrastructure to better align with budget realities, and conducting a review of Maryland horse racing operations in order to recommend the best path forward. *Cont.*



Laurel Park | MJC photo



Maryland racing, cont.

The MTROA is composed of appointees of the governor and legislative leaders and representatives of horse industry organizations, plus the MSA, the Maryland Economic Development Corporation, and others who have a stake in the areas surrounding Pimlico, Laurel, and Bowie.

The report that came out Friday was required by the General Assembly to be issued by that date.

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HANDLE DROPS BY 3.7% IN 2023 AS PURSES ALSO TAKE A SLIGHT DIP by Bill Finley

According to data released Friday by Equibase, handle in 2023 fell by \$447,759,362 for a decline of 3.7%. Had handle not rebounded in December, which saw a 6.62% increase, the figures would have looked much worse.



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Outside of the COVID year of 2020, this was the steepest decline based on percentage of handle since 2011. A total of \$11,658,624,859 was wagered in 2023.

"I think we got quite a blip coming out of the pandemic when we were the only game in town," said Marshall Gramm, an economics professor, horseplayer and the managing partner of Ten Strike Stable. "Now, I think we are feeling the real competition from sports betting. It's proliferated everywhere and at such a cheaper price point. Then we have small field sizes and the quality of the product is deteriorating. A lot of things have come together. The game is getting ever tougher for the real hardcore weekend warriors who would handle a couple hundred thousand to a million a year. They're finding this market to be a lot tougher. It's shark eats shark out there."

In a surprising development, U.S. purses fell from \$1,309,888,791 to \$1,305,772,102, for a decline of .31%. With so much money being funneled into purse accounts from alternative forms of gambling, purses rose by 35.8% in 2021, the year after COVID. They were up 10.9% in 2022. With the casino market pretty saturated in this country, massive year-over-year increases in purses may be a thing of the past.

There was a reduction of 5.48% in the category of U.S. Race Days and a dip of 3.34% in U.S. starts.

In a somewhat encouraging development, the average field size actually showed a slight increase from 7.3 to 7.43.

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GODOLPHIN TOPS 2023 NORTH AMERICAN BREEDERS LIST, CALUMET RUNNER-UP



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Godolphin topped the individual breeders list in North America in 2023 with \$20,911,250 in earnings, according to statistics from The Jockey Club Information Systems, the organization said in a release early Friday morning.

After topping the list in 2021 and 2022, this past year Godolphin bred 201 starters with 175 wins, 176 seconds, and 131 thirds out of 1,007 starts. Calumet Farm was second for the third consecutive year with earnings of \$16,660,472 with 510 wins out of 3,435 starts.

Godolphin also led the breeders list that includes partners with \$24,338,099 in earnings and 260 wins from 1,684 starts. Calumet Farm was second with \$16,925,070 in earnings and 524 wins out of 3,517 starts.

Rounding out the top 10 individual breeders were:

- Brereton C. Jones, \$12,372,560 (228 wins / 1,597 starts)
- Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC, \$11,770,430 (148/798) Cont.



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Godolphin tops 2023 breeders list, cont.

- WinStar Farm, LLC, \$9,449,289 (202/1,201)
- Spendthrift Farm LLC, \$8,785,519 (123/813)
- Don Alberto Corporation, \$8,275,833 (119/854)
- Gary & Mary West Stables Inc., \$7,237,300 (158/915)
- Kenneth L. Ramsey & Sarah K. Ramsey, \$7,165,616 (186/1,358)

Completing the list of the top 10 breeders including partnerships were:

- Brereton C. Jones, \$12,607,514 (235 wins /1,667 starts)
- Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC, \$12,398,035 (158/870)
- WinStar Farm, LLC, \$11,967,721 (283/1,569)
- Spendthrift Farm LLC, \$8,788,859 (123/816)
- Don Alberto Corporation, \$8,366,697 (120/868)
- Kenneth L. Ramsey, \$7,312,363 (189/1,382)
- Sarah K. Ramsey, \$7,312,363 (189/1,382)

The complete lists of the top 100 breeders of 2023 are accessible through Equineline.com.

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2023 MEDIA ECLIPSE AWARDS WINNERS INCLUDE TON WRITERS' ROOM PODCAST

The *Thoroughbred Daily News* was among six 2023 Media Eclipse Award winners Friday when the awards were announced by the National Thoroughbred Racing Association, *Daily Racing Form*, and the National Turf Writers and Broadcasters.

The 2023 Media Eclipse Award winners are as follows:

honor.

• Multimedia - TDN Writers' Room Podcast - "Wade and Carson Yost," Sept. 20, 2023; Thoroughbred Daily News
Gulf War veteran Wade Yost and his son, Carson, joined TDN
Writers' Room podcast hosts Bill Finley, Randy Moss, and Zoe
Cadman on Sept. 23 for an in-depth and emotional discussion of
Carson, a 31-year-old stricken with Wolf-Hirschhorn Syndrome
and a Grade I-winning 2-year-old, Carson's Run, named in his

"I was watching the NYRA show the day that Carson's Run made his first start at Saratoga, and Maggie Wolfendale interviewed Terry Finley in the winner's circle after he won, and they talked about the story behind the naming of the horse," said Susan Finley, *Thoroughbred Daily News* Publisher. "Bill Finley contacted Terry and wrote a story for that day's *TDN*, and when Carson's Run won the GI Summer S., Bill decided to invite Wade Jost onto the Writers' Room. We were all very moved by his openness and honesty, and his willingness to discuss Carson's situation and struggles, and what Terry's friendship and the naming of the horse has meant to him.

"All the credit to Wade Jost, and the incredible team that combines to produce the TDN Writers' Room every week; our hosts Bill Finley, Randy Moss, and Zoe Cadman, to our producers, the *TDN*'s Katie Petrunyak and Anthony LaRocca, and our editors Alia LaRocca and Nathan Wilkinson from the Patty Wolfe Media Group."

Wade Jost added, "It's phenomenal. Overwhelming is the only word I can use. It makes us feel good that people look at this and hear this type of story and say, 'you know what, we have a story we want to tell, too.' That's awesome. It's about Carson, but also the stories written about him and, of course, your podcast. You did a great job with that and I appreciate the opportunity to have had that conversation. We continue to grow with Carson's Run and the whole horse racing industry and can't wait to see where it takes us and where it takes Carson. All the stories that go along with him are pretty phenomenal."

Honorable Mentions in the Multimedia category went to *TDN* for "Will Walden Racing Gives Fresh Start to an Improbable Team," published on Jan. 11, 2023, Katie Petrunyak, Producer: and to America's Best Racing for "Experience the Thrill of Winning the Kentucky Derby with Ramiro Restrepo," which appeared on Bloodhorse.com and on NBCSports.com on May 9, 2003, Greg Charkoudian, producer.

• Writing - Feature/Commentary - Tim Layden, NBCSports.com - "Maple Leaf Mel and the long arc of a horse racing tragedy," Nov. 1, 2023

Tim Layden, a writer-at-large for NBC Sports, won his fourth Media Eclipse Award for "Maple Leaf Mel and the Long Arc of a horse racing tragedy." Layden related the story of Melanie Giddings, the trainer and cancer survivor of undefeated 3-year-old filly Maple Leaf Mel--named after Giddings--who suffered a fatal injury while leading the GI Test S. at Saratoga Aug. 5. *Cont.*



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Media Eclipse winners, cont.

• Writing- News/Enterprise - Sean Clancy, The Saratoga Special - "The Worst Test," Aug. 6, 2023

Sean Clancy was not originally assigned to cover the Test S. at Saratoga on Aug. 5, but sprang into action and wrote a news account of the race of the tragic consequences of the fatal accident to Maple Leaf Mel and the reactions of individuals surrounding the event.

Clancy is the co-editor and publisher of *The Saratoga Special* along with his brother, Joe, which they co-founded in 2001. This is the second Eclipse Award for Clancy.

• Live Television Programming - NBC Sports - "The Breeders' Cup World Championships," Nov. 3-4, 2023; Lindsay Schanzer, Senior Producer

For the fourth consecutive year, NBC Sports has won the Eclipse Award for Live Television Programming for its broadcast on NBC, Peacock, and the USA Network, of the two-day coverage of the 40th Breeders' Cup World Championships from Santa Anita Park in Arcadia, California.

• Feature Television Programming - Woodbine

Entertainment: "SECRETARIAT The Last Race," - Oct. 8, 2023. Airing on TSN (The Sports Network) in Canada. Tammy Gillanders, Producer

"In SECRETARIAT The Last Race," the Woodbine Entertainment broadcast team produced a retrospective of the last race of the 1973 Triple Crown winner's career in the Canadian International on the turf at Woodbine Racetrack in Toronto. The feature aired on Oct. 8, 2023, on TSN (The Sports Network) during the 2023 running of the Canadian International.

Photography - Carolyn Simancik - "Trading Horse Paint,"
 (Cody's Wish/National Treasure battle in Big Ass Fans Breeders'
 Cup Dirt Mile) The Press Box, Nov. 4, 2023

Carolyn Simancik, who has been photographing for Eclipse Sportswire since 2018, captured the most dramatic finish of the 2023 Breeders' Cup World Championships in "Trading Horse Paint," which appeared on the Press Box website on Nov. 4, 2023.

Media Eclipse Award winners will be presented their trophies at the 53rd Annual Eclipse Awards Ceremony and Dinner at The Breakers Palm Beach in Florida on Thursday, Jan. 25.

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BREEDERS' CUP JUVENILE RUNNER-UP MUTH HEADLINES SAN VICENTE



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Zedan Racing's 'TDN Rising Star' Muth (Good Magic), winner of the GI American Pharoah S. and runner-up in the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile, will take on five rivals in Saturday's seven-furlong GII San Vicente S. at Santa Anita. Regular rider Juan J. Hernandez will be aboard the 4-5 morning-line favorite.

Hall of Fame trainer Bob Baffert will also saddle front-running Del Mar debut winner and 5-2 second-choice **Pilot Commander** (Justify).

Baffert is seeking his record 13th win in the San Vicente, which was previously held in early February.

"They changed the format," Baffert said. "While I liked it better when this race was in February, I think this should be a good starting point to his season. I think the winner (Fierceness) just ran a crazy fast race (in the Breeders' Cup Juvenile). Muth ran well, he just got beat."

This weekend's graded stakes action also includes Sunday's GIII Santa Ynez S. at Santa Anita. The rail-drawn **Kopion** (Omaha Beach), a sharp debut winner for trainer Richard Mandella at Del Mar in late November, is the 3-5 morning-line favorite.

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'TDN Rising Star' First Mission (Street Sense) worked a five-furlong bullet in 1:00.20 (1/48) Friday morning at Fair Grounds Race Course & Slots in New Orleans in preparation for the \$3-million GI Pegasus World Cup Invitational at Gulfstream Park Jan. 27. *Cont.*



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Practical Joke filly was TDN Rising Star on debut at Saratoga at 2 and G1-placed in the Spinaway S.

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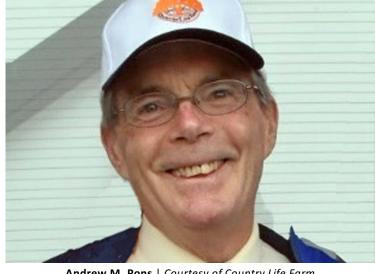
The GIII Stonestreet Lexington S. winner and GII Clark S. runner-up worked shortly before 6 a.m. with exercise rider Kelvin Perez aboard.

"It was a really, really good breeze," trainer Brad Cox said. "I know that's typical trainer talk but he's a good work horse. He was by himself. There actually was a set in front of him. I don't remember exactly whose barn it was, but he slipped up the inside on them nearing the wire and galloped out very, very well."

Cox continued, "He's doing great. We've got a couple more works. But that's the first five-eighths he's had down here. I love what I saw from him."

The Godolphin homebred had a trio of half-mile works at Fair Grounds heading into Friday's exercise. "I sharpened him up a little bit," Cox said. "We want to make sure we go to Florida with a fit, happy horse. We took a big step forward today with trying to get him down there in good order."

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Andrew M. Pons | Courtesy of Country Life Farm

"If I'm carrying a gene for addiction, then I must also be carrying a gene for recovery." He put that gene to good use, became a counselor at Ashley, then relocated to Chestertown to live on Marva's family farm, Belle Grove, on Langford Creek in Kent County. He was named clinical director of the A. F. Whitsett Center in Chestertown, a vital facility for those suffering from substance use disorder.

An active, outdoors life he lived right to the end. He was playing pickleball with Chestertown pals at the Y when he collapsed. He was admitted to the Mr. and Mrs. Harry W. Lunger Cardiac Intensive Care Unit at the Christiana Care Hospital, adjacent to Delaware Park Racetrack.

"How appropriate," said younger brother Josh. "The Lungers owned Christiana Stable, based at Delaware Park. That's where Andrew worked for Mr. Clark, who was the first to truly recognize what a fine young horseman he was."

"I've known him since grade school," said a Bel Air AA member. "He gave up a life with horses--something he loved--to spend his life helping other alcoholics. That's a powerful statement of who he was. That's what stands out about him as a man. That's what we'll remember. That he helped others."

Pons is survived by his wife of 38 years, Marva, his stepdaughter Karianna Johnson (Tom) Brace, granddaughters Ellie and Minna; his siblings Norah Pons, Josh (Ellen) Pons, Mike (Lisa) Pons, and Alice Pons; Marva's siblings BJ Jones, Keith (Nancy) Jones, Jonathan (Beverly) Jones and Steven (Caroline) Jones. Nieces and nephews: Tess Jones, Marva Kumpf, Ben Jones, Lindsay (Matt) Diehl, Charlotte Jones, Christopher Jones, Alexander Jones, Philip (Lindsay) Pons, Elizabeth (Garrett) Forsberg, Josh (Shelby) Pons, Dave (Maggie Clough) Pons, and August (Hayley) Pons.

Remembrances of life are in the planning stages for late spring, one at Belle Grove and another at Country Life. Cont.

COUNTRY LIFE'S ANDREW PONS PASSES

AWAY by Josh Pons

Andrew MacNamara Pons, who managed his family's Country Life Farm in Maryland during the 1970s, died on Tuesday evening, Jan. 2, following complications from cardiac arrest five days earlier. He was 70 years old.

Born in Baltimore on May 31, 1953, he was the oldest son of Joseph and Mary Jo Pons. He grew up working with horses at Country Life, the oldest Thoroughbred farm in the state, established in 1933 by Pons' grandfather, Adolphe.

Fresh out of high school, Pons began work as an assistant for Hall of Fame horse trainer Henry S. Clark at Delaware Park. He interrupted his own career as a trainer when called back to guide Country Life through difficult times. His equine experience included a term in the stallion division of Spendthrift Farm in Lexington, Kentucky, where he met Marva Jones. The couple were married at Country Life in 1986.

With the support of family in 1991, Pons enrolled in a 28-day, in-patient treatment course at Ashley Addiction Center in Havre de Grace, Md. Thereupon, he determined to finish college and persevered through 10 years of night school to graduate with a Master of Science Human Services Administration degree from the University of Baltimore in 2002. He would later quip: "I finished my sophomore year of college 27 years after my freshman year."

As the son of a recovering father in the Alcoholics Anonymous program, Pons faced the disease of alcoholism with wry humor:

Andrew Pons, cont.

Please consider a donation to a favorite cause of his: The Mann House, Inc., 14 Williams Street, Bel Air, Maryland 21014, a 501 (c) 3 non-profit recovery residence where he often attended AA meetings. A link to his obituary can be found here.

Pons will forever be remembered for his impact on the lives of others. Recalled his youngest brother Mike: "If you asked Andy how he was doing, without fail, he would remind you, 'It's a good life, ain't it?""



GISW IDOL'S FIRST FOAL IS A COLT

The first reported foal for Taylor Made's Idol (Curlin) is a New York-bred colt, according to the farm. Born on Wednesday, Jan. 3, the colt is out of Meteoric Matron (Mineshaft), a full-sister to MSW & GSP Mine Over Matter, and was bred by Bill Johnson's Stonegate Stables.

"This is the best foal that this proven mare has ever produced," said Johnson. "He has excellent size and bone. For a January 3rd baby, we have size, bone, and a very strong foal. We love the sire's pedigree. We specifically bred this mare to Idol to get to a son of Curlin and double up the A.P. Indy. The plan worked. We are pleased to have bred the first Idol. We will be returning."

Idol, who posted a 102 Beyer Speed Figure when winning the 2021 GI Santa Anita H. and who is a full-brother to Eclipse champion Nest, bred 128 mares in his first book in 2023. He will stand for \$10,000 S&N as a Repole Stable/Taylor Made Stallions Venture in 2024.

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FIRST FOAL REPORTED FOR NEW YORK'S MIND CONTROL

The first foal for three-time Grade I winner Mind Control (Stay Thirsty) was reported born Thursday, Jan. 4, at Irish Hill Farm in Stillwater, New York. The filly, who is also the first foal out of the winning mare Gentle Annie (Freud), was bred by Blue Streak Racing LLC.

"She looks just like her daddy," said Irish Hill's Rick Burke. "We all like her a lot. One of her owners was out here and commented that she looks just like her sire. That's a good thing. If they all come out looking like him we'll have some runners."

For his first season in 2023, Mind Control set New York records for mares bred with 190 and number of mares in foal with 171. Winner of the GI Cigar Mile H., the GI H. Allen Jerkens S., and the GI Hopeful S., Mind Control will stand the 2024 season at Rockridge Stud for \$8,500 LFSN as a joint venture between Irish Hill/Dutchess View Farm, Waldorf Farm, and Hidden Lake Farm.

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WINSTAR FARM OPEN HOUSE DATES SCHEDULED **FOR JAN. 7-11**



WinStar Entrance | courtesy of WinStar

WinStar Farm will host an Open House for breeders from Sunday, Jan. 7 through Thursday, Jan. 11, between 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. ET. each day, the farm said in a release Friday.

The open houses will be held at the farm's stallion complex on Paynes Mill Road in Versailles, Kentucky. Visitors are welcome without an appointment to view the WinStar roster for the 2024 season, led by Constitution (\$110,000 S&N) and Life Is Good (\$85,000 S&N).

Breeders will also be able to see WinStar's newest additions for 2024: Country Grammer (\$10,000 S&N) and Two Phil's (\$12,500 S&N).

The open house events will include lite fare and refreshments for those in attendance.

For more information about the open houses, or about WinStar's 2024 stallion roster, contact WinStar Farm at (859) 873-1717.

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SPENDTHRIFT DONATES \$50,000 TO LIGHT UP **RACING INITIATIVE**



Stallion Complex, Spendthrift Farm | Sue Finley

Spendthrift Farm has made a \$50,000 donation to the Light Up Racing initiative, the community-driven organization said in a release early Friday morning.

Founded by a group of horse racing advocates, Light Up Racing's primary mission is to educate both the industry and the public on evidence-based practices, with a strong emphasis on horse welfare and transparency. The organization seeks to reshape perceptions and foster a well-informed community.

"Our donation demonstrates our commitment to upholding the highest standards of horse welfare, fostering transparency, and driving positive perception change for our industry," said Spendthrift's Eric Gustavson. "We were inspired to contribute by Boyd's [Browning] call to action. Our only reason for agreeing to a press release is to hopefully inspire others as well. If not us, who? If not now, when?"

By providing accurate, scientifically backed information, Light Up Racing will empower community members to become knowledgeable industry ambassadors and ensure a sustainable and thriving future for horse racing.

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OPEN HOUSE JAN. 20 AT RANCHO SAN MIGUEL

California's Rancho San Miguel will host an open house and stallion show Saturday, Jan. 20 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. while featuring an informational program for both current and prospective Thoroughbred owners and breeders, the farm said in a release Friday. In addition to a parade of the farm's ninehorse stallion roster, the free event will also offer horse husbandry seminars, networking opportunities, a catered lunch, and giveaways, including a stallion season raffle. The farm's newest addition to the stallion roster is the undefeated Bolden (Square Eddie), who will stand his initial season in 2024 for \$3,500.

"We are always proud to open our doors to members of the racing and breeding community, and to invite mare owners to see our stallions up close in this casual format," said Rancho San Miguel's Tom Clark. "This year, we are adding some educational sessions and expert speakers to our line-up, which I believe will offer a well-rounded experience for attendees."

Additionally, several horses representing Rancho San Miguel's consignment to the California Thoroughbred Breeders Association's 2024 Winter Mixed Sale will also be on display during the event.

Among other scheduled activities are a discussion on equine reproduction by Stacy Potter, DVM, of S&S Equine Veterinary Services and a session on equine nutrition by Purina feed representative Jordan Baumgartner.

Contact the farm at (805) 467-3847 or info@ranchosanmiguel.net to RSVP.

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GRADED STAKES ENTRIES



Saturday, Santa Anita #8, post time: 6:30 p.m. EST

SAN VICENTE SGII , \$200,000, 3yo, 7	7f
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PP	HORSE Moonlit Sonata	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1		Malibu Moon	Soma Racing Stables LLC	Yakteen	Franco	120
2	Slider	Jimmy Creed	Hall Racing LLC, Pearl Racing and West Point Thoroughbreds	Sadler	Rosario	124
3 4	Muth < ▼ Pilot Commander < ▼	Good Magic Justify	Zedan Racing Stables, Inc. CSLR Racing Partners LLC	Baffert Baffert	Hernandez Prat	124 120
5	Formidable Man 🛪	City of Light	Warren, Jr., William K. and Warren, Suzanne	McCarthy	Kimura	120
6	Boltage 🛪	Bolt d'Oro	Pin Oak Stud LLC	Mandella	Smith	120

Breeders: 1-Eduardo Vargas, 2-Jason Hall, Stephen Baker, HerschelMartindale, and Mike Riordan, 3-Don Alberto Corporation, 4-A R Enterprises, Inc., 5-Town & Country Horse Farms, LLC, 6-Virginia Moore & Malia Hopkins

Sunday, Santa Anita #8, post time: 6:30 p.m. EST SANTA YNEZ S.-GIII, \$100,000, 3yo, f, 7f

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Kopion 🛪	Omaha Beach	Spendthrift Farm LLC	Mandella	Prat	120
2	Tambo 🛷	Enticed	SAF Racing, Haymes, Neil A., McCadden, James E.			
			and Strauss, William	Eurton	Fresu	120
3	Bossy Bruin Gal 🖛	Good Magic	Superfecta King Stable	O'Neill	Torrealba	120
4	Petit Filet	Pavel	Rodas, III, Victor M., Rodas, Holly & Garcia, Oscar	Vuocolo	Kimura	120
5	Don't Bring Crazy 🛪	Maximus Mischief	Great Friends Stables, LLC and Davis, Mark	O'Neill	Hernandez	120

Breeders: 1-Tall Oaks Farm, 2-Thoroughbred by Design LLC, 3-Nursery Place, Donaldson & Broadbent, 4-Reddam Racing, LLC, 5-Mullikin Thoroughbreds



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LISTED STAKES ENTRIES

Saturday, Aqueduct, post time: 1:19 p.m. EST

JEROME S., \$150,000, 3yo, 1m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Drum Roll Please	Hard Spun	Gold Square LLC	Cox	Castellano	118
2	Khanate	Hightail	Calumet Farm	Pletcher	Franco	118
3	Sweet Soddy J	Bee Jersey	Built Wright Stables LLC	Ginter Jr	D Davis	123
4	El Grande O	Take Charge Indy	Barry K Schwartz	Rice	Carmouche	120
5	Regalo	Maximus Mischief	G Harry Papaleo	Russell	Russell	120

Breeders: 1-Barlar LLC, 2-Mongolian Stable, 3-Built Wright Stables LLC, 4-Stonewall Farm, 5-Sean Curtin

Saturday, Gulfstream, post time: 4:06 p.m. EST

GINGER BREW S., \$125,000, 3yo, f, 1mT

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PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Madame Mischief	Into Mischief	Amo Racing USA	Delgado	Lopez	118
2	Omaha Girl	Omaha Beach	Amo Racing USA	Delgado	Egan	120
3	Dancing N Dixie	Neolithic	Quintessential Racing Florida LLC,	Casse	Vasquez	120
			Rocky Top Stable and LEMB Stables			
4	Ozara (Ire)	Lope de Vega (Ire)	Cheyenne Stable LLC	Clement	Gaffalione	120
5	Time to Dazzle	Not This Time	Tracy Farmer	Casse	Bravo	120
6	Waskesiu	American Pharoah	Chiefswood Stables Limited	Mott	Alvarado	118
7	San Pantaleo	Demarchelier (GB)	Gainesway Stable	Mott	Velazquez	118
8	Buttercream Babe	Twirling Candy	Three Diamonds Farm	Maker	Saez	120
9	Independenceavenue	Mr Speaker	West Point Thoroughbreds and	Delacour	Ortiz	120
			Scarlet Oak Racing			
10	Yatta	Yoshida (Jpn)	Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners	Motion	Murphy	120
11	Golden Ghost (GB)	Medaglia d'Oro	D. J. Stable LLC	Casse	Zayas	118
12	Life's an Audible	Audible	Repole Stable	Pletcher	Ortiz, Jr.	120
13	Mojave Desert	Munnings	Mathis Stable LLC	Joseph, Jr.	Zayas	118

Breeders: 1-Champion Equine, LLC, 2-Rosilyn Polan, 3-Freddie Hyatt, 4-Fleche D'Or Partnership, 5-Dr. Rodney Orr, 6-Chiefswood Stables Limited, 7-Leverett S. Miller, 8-Repole Stable, Inc, 9-Calumet Farm, 10-Kenneth L. Ramsey & Sarah K. Ramsey, 11-Alpha Delta Stables LLC, 12-Susan Moulton, 13-Machmer Hall & Carrie Brogden & CraigBrogden

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Saturday, Gulfstream, post time: 5:05 p.m. EST

DANIA BEACH S., \$125,000, 3vo, 1mT

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PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Wine Collector	Flameaway	Lugamo Racing Stable & R Snchz-Slomon	Sanchez-Salomon	Vasquez	120
2	Typhoon Fury	Mitole	Repole Stable and R. A. Hill Stable	Weaver	Saez	118
3	Depiction	More Than Ready	Twin Brook Stables, Belladonna Racing, Nice Guys Stables, West Point TBs, Iapetus Racing, Hornstock, S., Runnels Racing, Perrine Time Thoroughbreds, R T R Stables, LLC, Peppermint Stables and Manganaro Bloodstock	DeVaux	Gaffalione	118
4	Tocayo	Always Dreaming	Lugamo Racing Stable LLC	Sanchez-Salomon	Ruiz	120
5	Reminder	Audible	Tami Bobo	D'Angelo	Zayas	118
6	Air Recruit	Air Force Blue	Mark B. Grier	Delacour	Alvarado	120
7	Palm Tree	Street Boss	Godolphin, LLC	Walsh	Ortiz	118
8	Edgartown	Quality Road	Wathnan Racing	Motion	Murphy	118
9	Frontline Warrior	War Front	Woodford Racing, Hawn-Holt, Julianna and Farish, W.S.	McGaughey III	Velazquez	118
10	Agate Road	Quality Road	Repole Stable and St. Elias Stables LLC	Pletcher	Ortiz, Jr.	123

Breeders: 1-Colleen Fox & Isabella Cerrone, 2-Nursery Place, Donaldson & Broadbent, 3-Helen K. Groves Revocable Trust, 4-Lugamo Racing Stables LLC, 5-Courtney L. Meagher, 6-Springhouse Farm, 7-Godolphin, 8-SF Bloodstock LLC & W. S. Farish, 9-Julianna Hawn, Cross Triangle Farm, LLC, 10-CHC, Inc.

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GOOD MAGIC COLT TURNS IN TOWERING TAMPA DEBUT, BECOMES A 'RISING STAR'

by Alan Carasso



Ari's Magic | Photos by Z

LSU Stables' Ari's Magic (c, 3, Good Magic--Ari the

Adventurer, by Pioneerof the Nile) looked to be spinning his wheels for the better part of the opening half-mile of his Friday unveiling at Tampa Bay Downs, but surged to the front under a massive head of steam with a furlong to race and widened from there to earn 'TDN Rising Star' honors.

Samy Camacho was named to ride, but it was Oisin Murphy at the controls aboard the 9-10 pick, who bounced alertly from gate seven, but was almost immediately under a ride, with just two of his eight rivals behind him through the opening exchanges. Busily ridden into the turn, the \$150,000 Keeneland September yearling turned \$725,000 OBS March breezer continued to chart a wide course on the bend, but was making some forward progress.

Still with plenty of work to do when five or perhaps six paths off the inside running rail in upper stretch, Ari's Magic found his best stride, inhaled pacesetting **Snowname** (The Big Beast) just inside the eighth pole and skipped away to graduate by four lengths before going farther clear on the gallop out. The debuting **Vino Santo** (Bucchero) sat an inside trip and boxed on well for second while no menace to the winner. Ari's Magic is a third 'Rising Star' for his Hill 'n' Dale-based stallion.

Ari's Magic's sales history is similar to that of his dam's, who fetched \$52,000 as a Keeneland September yearling back in 2012 before blossoming into a \$350,000 OBS purchase by the Stonestreet brass.



Herself a 6 3/4-length debut winner for Todd Pletcher in July 2013, Ari the Adventurer placed in two subsequent starts but had her racing career cut short and joined the broodmare band at Stonestreet. Having produced two-time stakes winner Adventurous Lady (Kantharos), MSW, \$143,876, she is also the dam of the latter's progressive 5-year-old full-brother Kanthari, a \$220,000 KEESEP yearling and \$575,000 OBS March grad, who looks to be on a stakes trajectory after impressively winning in Gulfstream allowance company a short time following Ari's Magic's score.

6th-Tampa Bay Downs, \$38,300, Msw, 1-5, 3yo, 6f, 1:10.71, ft, 4 1/2 lengths.

ARI'S MAGIC, c, 3, by Good Magic

1st Dam: Ari the Adventurer, by Pioneerof the Nile 2nd Dam: Wild Catseye, by Forest Wildcat 3rd Dam: A Real Eye Opener, by Cutlass

Sales history: \$150,000 Ylg '22 KEESEP; \$725,000 2yo '23 OBSMAR. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$19,200. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV. Click for the free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree. O-LSU Stables; B-Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC (KY); T-Christophe Clement.

STONESTREET BRED & RAISED



18th TDN RISING STAR Purchased by STEVEN W. YOUNG

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ALLOWANCE WINNERS



IN ORDER OF PURSE:

8th-Gulfstream, \$73,000, Alw (C), Opt. Clm (\$62,500), 1-5, 4yo/up, 5fT, :54.53, fm, 1 1/4 lengths.

KANTHARI (h, 5, Kantharos--Ari the Adventurer, by Pioneerof the Nile) made it two wins in the space of 35 minutes for his dam, whose son Ari's Magic (Good Magic) was made a 'TDN Rising Star' for his debut success at Tampa. The chestnut won his first two starts over this course and distance in December 2022 and February 2023, respectively, for Todd Pletcher, but went missing off an allowance eighth at Keeneland last April. He was making his first start since finishing a sound third in Monmouth allowance company last May and was the 41-10 second choice. Straight into the bridle for Paco Lopez, Kanthari set searching fractions of :21.19 and :42.72 in advance of favored Carotari (Artie Schiller), but responded when asked and stayed on gamely for a 1 1/4-length victory. Kanthari, a \$220,000 KEESEP yearling and \$575,000 OBSMAR acquisition, is a full-brother to Adventurous Lady, MSW, \$143,876. Sales history: \$220,000 Ylg '20 KEESEP; \$575,000 2yo '21 OBSMAR. Lifetime Record: 5-3-0-1, \$130,500. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.

O-MyRacehorse; B-Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC (KY); T-Kelly J Breen.



STONESTREET BRED & RAISED

7th-Gulfstream, \$72,000, Alw (NW1X), Opt. Clm (\$75,000), 1-5, 3yo, 1 1/16m, 1:44.55, ft, neck.

CHANGE OF COMMAND (c, 3, Into Mischief--Moi, by Medaglia d'Oro) made steady improvement over a trio of maiden attempts during the NYRA meets starting in late August--the last coming with a runner-up result at Aqueduct Nov. 4. Heading to Gulfstream, the bay found his stride to graduate by 6 1/2 lengths Dec. 17. Trying two turns for the first time, the 11-10 choice paced himself into the first turn just off of Cardinale (Speightstown). Shadowing the leader, the 3-year-old was given his cue at the three-eighths marker and took over the top spot. Cardinale proved a stubborn foe and the pair locked in a stretch battle, but it was Change of Command who gained the advantage in the shadow of the wire and won by a neck.

"When that horse came back to him, he kind of went on from there," Hall of Fame trainer Shug McGaughey said. "As you saw around the turn, it looked like he was going to win by himself, and he did that the last time a little bit. He didn't want to finish as well as I'd like. I've got to do some work to figure things out. I hope this moves him forward. He had to kind of belly down and run, so that should help him. We'll take him back to Payson [Park] and find out." Tied for the 12th highest price during the 2022 Keeneland September Yearling Sale, the winner is his dam's first to the races. The colt does have a 2-year-old halfsister by Instilled Regard and a yearling half-brother by Instagrand. A \$750,000 purchase by OXO Equine at the 2016 Keeneland September Sale, Moi is a full-sister to Mrs McDougal (Medgalia d'Oro), the dam of GII Twilight Derby hero Seal Team (GB) (War Front). Sales History: \$570,000 Wlg '21 FTKNOV; \$1,050,000 Ylg '22 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 5-2-1-1, \$113,300. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.

O-Courtlandt Farms (Donald Adam); B-OXO Equine LLC (KY); T-Claude R. McGaughey III.

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Change of Command (Hip 344) | Keeneland

8th-Tampa Bay Downs, \$32,500, Alw (NW1X), Opt. Clm (\$16,000), 1-5, 4yo/up, 1 1/16m, 1:44.43, ft, neck.

ALEXANDER HELIOS (c, 4, Cairo Prince--Cashmere, by Cowboy Cal) placed in his first three outings for this barn dating back to last June, but put it all together last time with an all-the-way success Nov. 16 at Churchill, good for a 93 Beyer Speed Figure. Drawn widest in a scratched-down field of six, the 1-2 chalk was three and four wide into the first turn and raced under an Oisin Murphy hold from fourth down the back.

8th-Tampa Bay Downs, cont.

Asked to quicken three furlongs out, he rolled up four wide into the lane, but soon had company to his outside in the form of 2-1 second choice Conspiracy Fact (Unified). He dueled heads apart with that rival into the final eighth of a mile and battled on bravely inside for a narrow success. Alexander Helios is a halfbrother to Rombauer (Twirling Candy), GISW, \$1,040,500; and to Cono (Lucky Pulpit), SP, \$191,982. Cashmere, who was bought back on a bid of \$1.1 million in foal to Constitution at the 2022 Fasig-Tipton November Sale, is a half-sister to MGSW and Breeders' Cup Turf Sprint hero California Flag (Avenue of Flags) and MGSW Cambiocorsa (Avenue of Flags), herself the dam of GSWs Moulin de Mougin (Curlin) and Schiparelli (Ghostzapper), SW & GSP Bronson (Medaglia d'Oro) and MSW Alexis Tangier (Tiznow). Cambiocorsa's SP daughter Vionnet (Street Sense) produced MG1SW Roaring Lion (Kitten's Joy). Cashmere is also the dam of a 2-year-old full-sister to Rombauer named Brown Sugar and Cashmere's colt by Constitution was a \$275,000 purchase at FTKNOV last fall. She was most recently bred to Tapit. Lifetime Record: 9-2-2-1, \$125,670. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV. O/B-John & Diane Fradkin (KY); T-Saffie A Joseph Jr.

Arrived & Thrived at Woodstock Farm



IN ORDER OF PURSE:

7th-Oaklawn, \$115,000, Msw, 1-5, 3yo, 1m, 1:39.07, sy, neck. GOLDBRICK (c, 3, Goldencents--Voussoir, by Arch) faced a trio of 'TDN Rising Stars' in his first two career races. He was a wellbeaten fifth to Booth (Mitole) and Nash (Medaglia d'Oro) at Keeneland Nov. 7, then he was the runner-up at Churchill Downs Nov. 19 to Carbone (Mitole). Heading to Hot Springs Dec. 9, the colt just missed breaking his maiden by a nose. As the 5-2 second choice here, the 3-year-old settled mid-pack into the first turn. Goldbrick made a shrewd move to split horses up the backstretch, which put him in an excellent striking position just behind the leaders around the far turn. Ready to pounce, the bay tipped to the outside, challenged Crushed It (Dialed In) down the lane and finally outfinished his rival by a neck. His dam's last record of produce, the winner is a full-brother to 'TDN Rising Star' Ain't No Elmers, MGSP, \$322,785 and a halfbrother to Mr. Wireless (Dialed In), MGSW, \$1,015,457. Voussoir was bred to both Hard Spun and Mo Donegal last year.

Lifetime Record: 4-1-2-0, \$118,775. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.

O-Winner Storm LLC; B-John & Iveta Kerber (KY); T-W. Bret Calhoun.



Goldbrick (outside) | Coady Photography

5th-Turfway, \$70,000, Msw, 1-4, 4yo/up, f/m, 6f (AWT), 1:11.57, ft, 2 1/4 lengths.

VICTORIOUS (f, 4, Into Mischief--Cashing Tickets, by Indian Charlie) was a speed-and-fade fifth when favored on Churchill debut over 7 1/2 furlongs Nov. 26 and was off as the 19-10 chalk while facing softer for this second go. Not the quickest away, the \$800,000 Fasig-Tipton July grad speared through to make the running from between rivals and had some pressure to her outside on the turn. Repelling those challenges into the lane, the scopey bay filly pinched a break into the final furlong and was gathered up late to score with something in the locker. A halfsister to Leggs Galore (Bayern), GSW, \$695,048, the 2-year-old filly Halstyn Rose (Good Magic) and a yearling colt by Into Mischief's son Instagrand, Victorious is out of a full-sister to MGSW Conveyance (Indian Charlie) and her dam is due to Into Mischief for her 2024 foal. Sales history: \$800,000 Ylg '21 FTKJUL. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$45,288. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV. O-LNJ Foxwoods & Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners; B-McKenzie

Bloodstock (KY); T-Michael W McCarthy.

Raised and Sold by Burleson Farms Æ



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6th-Santa Anita, \$63,700, Msw, 1-5, 3yo, f, 1m, 1:37.45, ft, head.

SHE'S A TEMPEST (f, 3, Connect--Hurricane Tiz, by Tiznow) rounded out the exacta in a pair of starts over sprint distances at Del Mar Nov. 12 and Nov. 26 and was odds-on to go one better while stretching out for the first time. Ridden for speed by Tiago Pereira, the homebred set the pace from the two path around the clubhouse turn and led narrowly from Ultimate Authority (Practical Joke) through even splits. The pair began to separate from their two rivals approaching the stretch and although Ultimate Authority may have poked her nose in front in the late stages, She's a Tempest counterpunched inside and proved just best. The winner has a 2-year-old half-sister by Outwork and Hurricane Tiz is due to Mo Donegal for 2024. Lifetime Record: 3-1-2-0, \$63,400. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.

O/B-SAYJAY Racing, LLC & Beerman Family Trust (KY); T-S Knapp.

5th-Tampa Bay Downs, \$34,100, Msw, 1-5, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/8mT, 1:50.84, fm, neck.

FOREVER ROSE (GER) (f, 4, Cracksman {GB}--Forever Beauty {Ger} {SP-Ger}, by Dashing Blade {GB}) debuted in sixth place in early October at Delaware Park before ending up seventh at Tampa Dec. 8. Back on grass once more and as a 10-1 shot here, the bay allowed a pair of leaders to break away from the pack and set the pace into the first turn. Making steady progress from the second flight, the 4-year-old filly took aim at her targets around the far turn before rolling home late to catch Lady Thor (Medaglia d'Oro). A half-sister to German Group 1 victor Feodora (Ger) (Lord of England {Ger}), the winner's dam last produced 3-year-old filly Fabulous (Ger) (Areion {Ger}) and 2-year-old colt Fawkes (Ger) (Protectionist {Ger})--both are unraced in Germany. Sales History: €49,000 Ylg '21 BBAGS; €420,000 2yo '22 ARQMAY. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-0, \$19,355.

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O-Reeves Thoroughbred Racing & MyRacehorse; B-Gestut Etzean (GER); T-Gregory D. Sacco.



IN AUSTRALIA:

Stormy Grey, f, 4, Arrogate--Stormy Dove (Arg), by Bernstein. Cranbourne, 1-5, Hcp., 2080mT, 2:10.51. B-Rathmore Stud Pty Ltd (KY). *Bred to Southern Hemisphere time. **1/2 to Double Master (Arg) (Art Master), SW & MGSP-Arg; Don Inc (Arg) (Include), MG1SW-Arg, \$323,546.

IN THE UAE:

Ma Yetal, c, 3, Flameaway. See "TDN Europe--Dubai". Nevershow Weakness, g, 4, Lord Nelson. See "TDN Europe--Dubai".

Mr Kafoo, g, 5, Frosted--Nite Delite (MSP-US, \$322,955), by War Chant. Meydan, 1-5, Mdn., 1200m, 1:12.68. O-Sultan Ali; B-Brenda & Philip Robertson (KY); T-Ahmad bin Harmash. *\$35,000 2yo '21 OBSAPR. VIDEO.

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Made In Dubai, g, 5, More Than Ready--Goose Martini, by Bernardini. Meydan, 1-5, Hcp., 1600mT, 1:36.12. O-Sheikh Hamdan bin Mohammed Al Maktoum; B-Rock Ridge Thoroughbreds, LLC (KY); T-Salem bin Ghadayer. *\$47,000 RNA Ylg '20 FTKSEP; 145,000gns HRA '21 TATAPR. VIDEO.

Tuz, g, 7, Oxbow. See "TDN Europe--Group Results".



IN AUSTRALIA:

Acid Wash (Aus), g, 3, American Pharoah--Silverbeat (Aus) (SP-Aus), by Distant Music. Cranbourne, 1-5, Maiden, 1400mT, 1:26.60. B-R J Crabtree (Vic). *1/2 to Upbeat (Aus) (Strategic {Aus}), GSW-Aus, \$343,226; Alpha Beat (Aus) (Magnus {Aus}), SW & GSP-Aus, \$174,251; Volcanic Ash (Aus) (Magnus {Aus}), MSW-Mal, \$404,742; and Bella Martini (Aus) (Stratum {Aus}), GSW & G1SP-Aus, \$379,962. **A\$180,000 Ylg '22 INGFEB.

Wings of Song (Aus), f, 3, Mendelssohn--Tortoni (Aus), by Strategic (Aus). Hobart, 1-5, Tasmanian Guineas-Listed, 1600mT, 1:37.86. B-O P Tait, J G Nivison (NSW). *1ST STAKES WIN. **First Australian stakes winner (seventh worldwide) for sire (by Scat Daddy). ***1/2 to Cherry Tortoni (Aus) (Night of Thunder {Ire}), GSW & G1SP-Aus, \$721,376; and Jenny Jerome (Aus) (Churchill {Ire}), SP-Aus, \$194,380.

IN SAUDI ARABIA:

Macho Boy (KSA), c, 3, Catalina Cruiser--Cappachino Gal, by Bluegrass Cat. King Abdulaziz, 1-5, Maiden (KSA-bred), 1600m. B-n/a. *1/2 to Fully Loaded (Two Step Salsa), SP, \$313,616. **\$25,000 in utero '20 KEENOV. VIDEO (SC 10)

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SECOND-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: SATURDAY, JANUARY 6 2023 Stud Fees Listed

Audible (Into Mischief), WinStar Farm, \$15,000 261 foals of racing age/21 winners/2 black-type winners 7-Fair Grounds, 4:45 p.m. EST, Msw 5 1/2fT, Absolute Miracle, 8-1

\$110,000 KEE SEP yrl

9-Gulfstream, 4:06 p.m. EST, \$125K Ginger Brew S., 1mT, Life's an Audible, 2-1

\$25,000 KEE NOV wnl; \$90,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$200,000 OBS MAR 2yo

11-Gulfstream, 5:05 p.m. EST, \$125K Dania Beach S., 1mT, Reminder, 6-1

\$100,000 OBS WIN wnl; \$200,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$185,000 OBS APR 2yo

Catalina Cruiser (Union Rags), Lane's End Farm, \$10,000 172 foals of racing age/13 winners/0 black-type winners 5-Santa Anita, 5:00 p.m. EST, Msw 6fT, Island Cruiser, 4-1 \$130,000 KEE NOV wnl; \$300,000 FTS AUG yrl; \$400,000 OBS MAR 2yo

Demarchelier (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}), Claiborne Farm, \$7,500 99 foals of racing age/13 winners/0 black-type winners 2-Gulfstream, 12:39 p.m. EST, Msw 1mT, Four Top, 12-1 \$30,000 FTK OCT yrl; \$140,000 OBS OPN 2yo 9-Gulfstream, 4:06 p.m. EST, \$125K Ginger Brew S., 1mT, San Pantaleo, 10-1

\$16,000 KEE NOV wnl; \$230,000 OBS APR 2yo

Divisidero (Kitten's Joy), Airdrie Stud, \$5,000 42 foals of racing age/4 winners/1 black-type winner 6-Turfway, 8:25 p.m. EST, \$125K Turfway Prevue S., 6 1/2f, Vote No, 9-5

\$7,500 KEE JAN wnl; \$11,000 OBS OCT yrl; \$50,000 OBS OPN 2yo

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

156 foals of racing age/23 winners/1 black-type winner 1-Aqueduct, 12:20 p.m. EST, Msw 6 1/2f, City Blocks, 6-1 7-Fair Grounds, 4:45 p.m. EST, Msw 5 1/2fT, Saranac Lake, 12-1 \$15,000 KEE NOV wnl; \$57,000 OBS OCT yrl **Flameaway** (Scat Daddy), Darby Dan Farm, \$15,000 200 foals of racing age/21 winners/4 black-type winners 11-Gulfstream, 5:05 p.m. EST, \$125K Dania Beach S., 1mT, Wine Collector, 30-1

\$9,500 KEE JAN wnl; \$45,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$50,000 OBS MAR 2yo

Land Force (Ire) (No Nay Never), Highclere Stud 196 foals of racing age/19 winners/0 black-type winners 5-Santa Anita, 5:00 p.m. EST, Msw 6fT, Gazon (GB), 20-1 35,000gns TAT SOM yrl; €250,000 ARQ MAY 2yo

Maximus Mischief (Into Mischief), Spendthrift Farm, \$25,000 230 foals of racing age/32 winners/3 black-type winners 3-Aqueduct, 1:19 p.m. EST, \$150K Jerome S., 1m, Regalo, 5-1 \$35,000 KEE JAN wnl; \$70,000 RNA KEE SEP yrl; \$280,000 EAS MAY 2yo

10-Gulfstream, 4:35 p.m. EST, \$100K Limehouse S., 6f, Steeler Mischief, 6-1

\$25,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$65,000 RNA OBS APR 2yo 1-Aqueduct, 12:20 p.m. EST, Msw 6 1/2f, Thirteen Red Flags, 8-1 \$32,000 FTN MIX wnl; \$70,000 FTK JUL yrl; \$19,000 EAS MAY 2yo; \$5,500 FTD OCT 2yo

Mitole (Eskendereya), Spendthrift Farm, \$15,000 293 foals of racing age/35 winners/2 black-type winners 11-Gulfstream, 5:05 p.m. EST, \$125K Dania Beach S., 1mT, Typhoon Fury, 10-1 \$55,000 KEE SEP yrl

Omaha Beach (War Front), Spendthrift Farm, \$40,000 291 foals of racing age/25 winners/2 black-type winners 5-Santa Anita, 5:00 p.m. EST, Msw 6fT, E J Won the Cup, 7-2 \$150,000 KEE NOV wnl; \$95,000 KEE SEP yrl 9-Gulfstream, 4:06 p.m. EST, \$125K Ginger Brew S., 1mT, Omaha Girl, 30-1 \$400,000 KEE SEP yrl

Preservationist (Arch), Airdrie Stud, \$5,000
103 foals of racing age/13 winners/0 black-type winners
3-Turfway, 6:55 p.m. EST, Msw 1m, Baytown Bruiser, 10-1
\$19,000 RNA KEE NOV wnl
2-Gulfstream, 12:39 p.m. EST, Msw 1mT, In a Jam, 7-2
\$50,000 FTK JUL yrl; \$75,000 FTD AUG 2yo

Solomini (Curlin), McMahon of Saratoga Thoroughbreds, \$7,500 141 foals of racing age/14 winners/3 black-type winners 1-Aqueduct, 12:20 p.m. EST, Msw 6 1/2f, Brooklyn Dantz, 8-1 \$6,000 RNA FTN MIX wnl; \$18,000 OBS OCT yrl; \$37,000 RNA EAS MAY 2yo

Yoshida (Jpn) (Heart's Cry {Jpn}), Darley Japan, \$1,500,000 163 foals of racing age/11 winners/0 black-type winners 9-Gulfstream, 4:06 p.m. EST, \$125K Ginger Brew S., 1mT, Yatta, 8-1

\$25,000 KEE NOV wnl; \$72,000 KEE SEP yrl





STAKES RESULTS:

SAM'S TOWN S., \$75,000, Delta Downs, 1-5, 4yo/up, 5f, :58.14, sy.

1--DEVIL'S TOWER, 120, g, 6, Into Mischief--Quatrefoil, by Distorted Humor. 1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN. O-Antonio Donato; B-Shortleaf Stable (KY); T-Armando Hernandez; J-Jansen Melancon. \$45,000. Lifetime Record: 29-14-1-1, \$439,393.

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- 2--Tape to Tape, 118, g, 6, Uncaptured--Trippi Honor, by Trippi. (\$85,000 2yo '20 OBSMAR). O-Dominic Larocca; B-Honors Stable Corporation (FL); T-Larry Rivelli. \$15,000.
- 3--Empire of Gold, 118, h, 7, Goldencents--Empire Diva, by Empire Maker. O-Johnny B Evanss & Terry Eoff; B-W C Racing (KY); T-Terry Eoff. \$7,500.

Margins: HF, HF, 13/4. Odds: 8.40, 2.00, 2.50.

KLAQ H., \$65,000, Sunland, 1-5, 4yo/up, 5f, :58.40, ft.

- 1--COMPETITIVE IDEA, 123, g, 7, Competitive Edge--That's the Idea (MSW, \$291,275), by Diabolical. O-The Luxury Group Racing LLC & Mike Luciano; B-J Kirk & Judy Robison (KY); T-Dick Cappellucci; J-Alfredo J Juarez Jr. \$39,000. Lifetime Record: 32-10-10-6, \$473,400.
- 2--Good Bye Charlie, 122, g, 5, Adios Charlie--Magda, by Hamazing Destiny. O-Paul Chavez; B-Tom McCrocklin (FL); T-Raymond G Valerio. \$13,000.

3--Minister of Soul, 121, g, 10, Ministers Wild Cat--Sensitive Soul, by Bernstein. (\$16,000 Ylg '15 NCAAUG). O/T-Esteban Martinez; B-Dahlberg Farms LLC (CA). \$6,500.

Margins: 3/4, 1HF, 3HF. Odds: 3.70, 13.00, 8.40.

NEW MEXICO STATE RACING COMMISSION H., (NB) \$100,000, Sunland, 1-5, (S), 4yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2f, 1:04.13, ft.

- 1--CORRINA CORRINA, 124, m, 5, Mr. Trieste--Scared Money, by Carson City. O/B-Derrick W Jenkins (NM); T-Gary W Cross; J-Tracy J Hebert. \$60,000. Lifetime Record: MSP, 24-12-9-2, \$813.870.
- 2--Lemon Drop Gold, 121, m, 7, Mr. Gold Mover--Poison Pen, by Lemon Drop Kid. O-Paul Jenson; B-JT & B Racing (NM); T-Todd W Fincher. \$20,000.
- 3--First Again, 121, f, 4, Axiomatic--Mia's First, by Malabar Gold. O/B-Larry E Young (NM); T-Danny Morales. \$10,000. Margins: 1, 2 1/4, 1. Odds: 0.50, 5.00, 14.60.

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

8th-Oaklawn, \$142,000, (NW2\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$50,000), 1-5, 4yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:11.09, sy, 2 3/4 lengths.

LET'S BE CLEAR (m, 5, Munnings--Come Sunday (SW, **\$270,845}, by Repent)** Lifetime Record: SP, 19-6-5-0, \$358,015. O-Contreras Stable Inc & Victory Stables, LLC; B-The Estate of Tommy G Ligon (KY); T-Cipriano Contreras. *\$33,000 Ylg '20 KEESEP. **1/2 to Someday Soon (Proud Citizen), SW & GISP, \$292,098.

9th-Oaklawn, \$140,000, 1-5, (NW1\$X), 4yo/up, 6f, 1:11.11, sy, 3/4 length.

FAITHFUL RULER (g, 5, American Pharoah--Adeste Fideles, by Giant's Causeway) Lifetime Record: 19-5-4-2, \$246,525. O-Dennis Pohl; B-Barronstown Stud (KY); T-James M Watkins. *\$55,000 RNA Ylg '20 KEESEP; \$230,000 2yo '21 EASMAY.

7th-Aqueduct, \$82,000, 1-5, (NW1\$X), 4yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:12.75, ft, 3/4 length.

SECURITY CODE (f, 4, Frosted--Stopspendingmaria (GSP), by Montbrook) Lifetime Record: 18-4-5-5, \$364,040. O-WellSpring Stables; B-Rockridge Stud LLC, Ascendant Farms LLC & Godolphin (NY); T-Philip M Serpe. *1/2 to Blewitt (Uncle Mo), SP, \$360,765.

7th-Santa Anita, \$68,500, (S), (NW1\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$20,000), 1-5, 4yo/up, f/m, 6fT, 1:10.06, fm, 1 1/4 lengths.

DON'T JU FORGET (m, 5, Misremembered--Ju Ju Baby, by Snow Ridge) Lifetime Record: 16-3-3-3, \$187,070. O-Altamira Racing Stable & SoCal Seven Racing; B-Richard Barton Enterprises & Lo Hi Racing Stable (CA); T-Peter Miller. *\$32,000 Ylg '20 FTCAYR. **1/2 to Bad Ju Ju (Desert Code), SW, \$362,776.

7th-Fair Grounds, \$55,000, (S), (C)/Opt. Clm (\$35,000), 1-5, 4yo/up, f/m, 1m (off turf), 1:40.19, sy, 1/2 length. **A G'S CHARLOTTE (m, 5, Mo Tom--Adrianne G {MSP, \$346,012}, by Indygo Shiner)** Lifetime Record: MSW, 23-8-7-3, \$386,410. O/B-Thomas M Galvin (LA); T-Patricia G West.

8th-Laurel, \$48,300, (C), 1-5, (C), 4yo/up, 5 1/2f, 1:04.25, ft, 3 3/4 lengths.

TAKE A HINT (g, 4, Bandbox--Fancy Diamond {SW, \$276,695}, by Eastern Echo) Lifetime Record: 11-3-6-2, \$124,914. O-57 Strong; B-Charles McGinnes (MD); T-Gary Capuano. *\$22,000 Ylg '21 EASOCT.

4th-Delta Downs, \$44,000, (S), 1-4, (NW2L), 4yo/up, 6 1/2f, 1:20.64, ft, 1/2 length.

THE BOSS SOSS (g, 4, Court Vision--Cup Racer, by Value Plus)
Lifetime Record: 20-2-7-2, \$151,310. O-Lester Bourque;
B-Orange Grove Thoroughbreds Inc (LA); T-Allen Landry.
*\$3,000 Wlg '20 TTAMIX; \$35,000 2yo '22 TTAAPR. **1/2 to Mi
Copa Rebosa (My Pal Charlie), SP, \$157,442.

7th-Delta Downs, \$44,000, (S), 1-4, (NW1X), 4yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:42.41, ft, 1 3/4 lengths.

PICKIN ANA GRINNIN (m, 5, Star Guitar--Affect, by Bernardini) Lifetime Record: 13-3-4-2, \$77,250. O-Jerry T Wheeler; B-Coteau Grove Farms LLC (LA); T-Eduardo Ramirez. *\$5,000 Ylg '20 ESLYRL.

4th-Charles Town, \$27,400, (S), 1-4, (NW2L), 3yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2f, 1:21.49, ft, 4 lengths.

KAALA (f, 4, Limehouse--Jungle Diamond, by Jump Start) Lifetime Record: 4-2-0-0, \$34,261. O/B-O'Sullivan Farms LLC (WV); T-Javier Contreras. *1/2 to Jungle Beast (Golden Years), SW, \$285,930.

7th-Charles Town, \$27,400, (S), 1-4, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 6 1/2f, 1:20.59, ft, 1 1/4 lengths.

WINDSOR'S TRACKER (g, 5, Windsor Castle--Secret Tracker, by Cimarron Secret) Lifetime Record: 25-6-5-2, \$99,885.

O-Kenneth L Brown; B-Law Legacy Stable LLC & Ronney Brown (WV); T-Ronney W Brown.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Late Nite Mistress, f, 3, Into Mischief--Late Night Pow Wow (MGSW & GISP, \$700,400), by Fiber Sonde. Charles Town, 1-4, 4 1/2f, :53.70. Lifetime Record: 4-1-0-0, \$27,143. B-Breeze Easy LLC (KY).

Queen Hadassah, f, 3, **Kentucky Wildcat**--Daylight Thief, by Cat Thief. Sunland, 1-5, (S), 5 1/2f, 1:06.98. Lifetime Record:

4-1-0-1, \$25,720. B-Bill Shepard (NM). *1/2 to Daylight Storm (Stormy Jack), MSP, \$213,130.

Blueish, f, 3, Rogueish--Baby Blue Jeans, by High Cotton.
Gulfstream, 1-5, (C), 6f, 1:10.68. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$41,560. B-Edward Pendray & Hartley/DeRenzo
Thoroughbreds (FL). *\$10,000 Ylg '22 OBSWIN; \$20,000 Ylg '22 OBSOCT.

Surroundedbyangels, c, 3, **Smiling Tiger**--Angel of Battle, by Dunkirk. Sunland, 1-5, 5 1/2f, 1:06.13. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$16,800. B-Willow Tree Farm & G W Thomas (CA). *\$5,000 Ylg '22 FTCAYR. **1ST-TIME STARTER.

Speights Dance, f, 3, **Speightster**--Nesselrode, by Lemon Drop Kid. Aqueduct, 1-5, (S), (C), 6f, 1:15.03. Lifetime Record: 5-1-1-0, \$37,200. B-3C Stables LLC (NY). *\$17,000 Ylg '22 FTKOCT; \$50,000 2yo '23 OBSAPR. *1/2 to Street Gem (Street Boss), MSW, \$121,610.

Take Her Away, f, 3, **Takeover Target**--Walk Away Ruler, by Roman Ruler. Delta Downs, 1-4, (S), 5f, 1:01.19. Lifetime Record: 7-1-2-1, \$49,440. B-J Adcock & Nathan Granger (LA). *\$7,000 Ylg '22 LTBSYM.

Ghostbustin, f, 4, **Bustin Stones**--Your Time Is Up, by Freud. Aqueduct, 1-5, (S), 6 1/2f, 1:20.74. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$52,500. B-Hibiscus Stables (NY). *\$40,000 Ylg '21 EASOCT. **Full to Time Limit, SW & GSP, \$549,120.

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Heart N Soul, g, 4, Goldencents--Alessandra, by Notional. Gulfstream, 1-5, (C), 1 1/16mT, 1:41.06. Lifetime Record: 7-1-1-1, \$62,005. B-Pippa's Hurricane (KY). *\$150,000 Ylg '21 FTKOCT. **Claimed for \$40,000 by owner Osmel Nunez (trainer Heather Irion) from Black Type Thoroughbreds, R A Hill Stable, Twin Brooks Stables & John Arenson (trainer George Weaver).

Clever Forever, g, 4, Laoban--Way Smarter, by Smart Strike. Aqueduct, 1-5, (S), 1m, 1:41.06. Lifetime Record: 6-1-2-1, \$81,710. B-Albert Fried (NY).

Stackers, g, 4, Latigo Shore--Stax, by Sightseeing. Sunland, 1-5, (S), 6 1/2f, 1:21.13. Lifetime Record: 7-1-3-0, \$53,938. B-Tucumcari Thoroughbreds (NM).

Missionaire, g, 4, Noble Mission (GB)--Divinite (Fr), by Mr. Sidney. Fair Grounds, 1-5, 1mT, 1:39.32. Lifetime Record: 6-1-1-2, \$62,150. B-Alec Head (KY). *\$150,000 3yo '23 FTKHRA.



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American Pharoah, Faithful Ruler, g, 5, o/o Adeste Fideles, by Giant's Causeway. ALW, 1-5, Oaklawn

Bandbox, Take a Hint, g, 4, o/o Fancy Diamond, by Eastern Echo. ALW, 1-5, Laurel

Bustin Stones, Ghostbustin, f, 4, o/o Your Time Is Up, by Freud. MSW, 1-5, Aqueduct

Cairo Prince, Alexander Helios, c, 4, o/o Cashmere, by Cowboy Cal. AOC, 1-5, Tampa Bay

Competitive Edge, Competitive Idea, g, 7, o/o That's the Idea, by Diabolical. KLAQ H., 1-5, Sunland

Connect, She's a Tempest, f, 3, o/o Hurricane Tiz, by Tiznow. MSW, 1-5, Santa Anita

Court Vision, The Boss Soss, g, 4, o/o Cup Racer, by Value Plus. ALW, 1-4, Delta Downs

Cracksman (GB), Forever Rose (Ger), f, 4, o/o Forever Beauty (Ger), by Dashing Blade (GB). MSW, 1-5, Tampa Bay

Frosted, Security Code, f, 4, o/o Stopspendingmaria, by Montbrook. ALW, 1-5, Aqueduct

Goldencents, Goldbrick, c, 3, o/o Voussoir, by Arch. MSW, 1-5, Oaklawn

Goldencents, Heart N Soul, g, 4, o/o Alessandra, by Notional. MOC, 1-5, Gulfstream

Good Magic, Ari's Magic, c, 3, o/o Ari the Adventurer, by Pioneerof the Nile. MSW, 1-5, Tampa Bay

Into Mischief, Change of Command, c, 3, o/o Moi, by Medaglia d'Oro. AOC, 1-5, Gulfstream

Into Mischief, Devil's Tower, g, 6, o/o Quatrefoil, by Distorted Humor. Sam's Town S., 1-5, Delta Downs

Into Mischief, Late Nite Mistress, f, 3, o/o Late Night Pow Wow, by Fiber Sonde. MSW, 1-4, Charles Town

Into Mischief, Victorious, f, 4, o/o Cashing Tickets, by Indian Charlie. MSW, 1-4, Turfway

Kantharos, Kanthari, h, 5, o/o Ari the Adventurer, by Pioneerof the Nile. AOC, 1-5, Gulfstream

Kentucky Wildcat, Queen Hadassah, f, 3, o/o Daylight Thief, by Cat Thief. MSW, 1-5, Sunland

Laoban, Clever Forever, g, 4, o/o Way Smarter, by Smart Strike. MSW, 1-5, Aqueduct

Latigo Shore, Stackers, g, 4, o/o Stax, by Sightseeing. MSW, 1-5, Sunland

Limehouse, Kaala, f, 4, o/o Jungle Diamond, by Jump Start. ALW, 1-4, Charles Town

Misremembered, Don't Ju Forget, m, 5, o/o Ju Ju Baby, by Snow Ridge. AOC, 1-5, Santa Anita

Mo Tom, A G's Charlotte, m, 5, o/o Adrianne G, by Indygo Shiner. AOC, 1-5, Fair Grounds

Mr. Trieste, Corrina Corrina, m, 5, o/o Scared Money, by Carson City. New Mexico State Racing Commission H., 1-5, Sunland **Munnings**, Let's Be Clear, m, 5, o/o Come Sunday, by Repent. AOC, 1-5, Oaklawn

Noble Mission (GB), Missionaire, g, 4, o/o Divinite (Fr), by Mr. Sidney. MSW, 1-5, Fair Grounds

Rogueish, Blueish, f, 3, o/o Baby Blue Jeans, by High Cotton. MOC, 1-5, Gulfstream

Smiling Tiger, Surroundedbyangels, c, 3, o/o Angel of Battle, by Dunkirk. MSW, 1-5, Sunland

Speightster, Speights Dance, f, 3, o/o Nesselrode, by Lemon Drop Kid. MCL, 1-5, Aqueduct

Star Guitar, Pickin Ana Grinnin, m, 5, o/o Affect, by Bernardini. ALW, 1-4, Delta Downs

Takeover Target, Take Her Away, f, 3, o/o Walk Away Ruler, by Roman Ruler. MSW, 1-4, Delta Downs

Windsor Castle, Windsor's Tracker, g, 5, o/o Secret Tracker, by Cimarron Secret. ALW, 1-4, Charles Town





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KARLSHOF STRAIGHT TO THE TOP WITH FOURTH GERMAN CHAMPION BREEDER TITLE



Michaela and Holger Faust receive the champion breeder prize from Christian von der Recke

By Emma Berry

For the fourth time in its 33-year existence Gestut Karlshof has been named champion breeder in Germany for 2023.

The first title came in 2000, the year Samum (Ger) (Monsun {Ger}) won the G1 Deutsches Derby and set the ball rolling for what has become the stud's signature family. Samum's dam Sacarina (GB) (Old Vic {GB}) went on to produce, from repeat matings to Monsun, the G1 Preis der Diana winner Salve Regina (Ger), whose Classic success for Manfred and Edith Hellwig of Gestut Hony-Hof gave the Faust family of Karlshof the champion breeder title for a second time in 2002, and later another Deutsches Derby winner in Schiaparelli (Ger).

"We've been champion breeder in 2000, 2002, and 2008, then there was a gap of 15 years but we have the fourth one," says Holger Faust, whose parents Bruno and Michaela founded Gestut Karlshof. "It was established in 1990, so it's not that old."

He continues, "My parents are both from Frankfurt and, back in the day, the racetrack in Frankfurt, which is closed now, was quite popular with 20 to 30 meetings a year. That was how my father became involved with racing, and my mother was already from a family of breeders." Cont. p3

SEA THE STARTS COLT PREVAILS DESPITE WIDE GATE IN JUMEIRAH GUINEAS TRIAL

by Heather Anderson

Legend Of Time (GB) (Sea The Stars {Ire}) built on the promise of his winning Haydock debut last September to win the Jumeirah Guineas Trial by a length over Shamrock Glitter (Fr) (Shalaa {Ire}) at Meydan on Friday, despite drawing very wide in the 1400-metre turf affair. The way the son of Kissable (Ire) (Danehill Dancer {Ire}) went about his business despite covering extra ground every step of the way and still gave the appearance of more to come, could have European Classic implications down the road.

Fifth after a hampered passage in the G3 Tattersalls S. at Newmarket on Sept. 28, the Godolphin colt was one of the leading fancies despite a horror draw in gate 14 of 16 in the full field. Once the gates flew, he punched the breeze out wide as Athan (Arg) (Orpen) showed the way. Already only three deep as the field hit the turn, he maintained position in fourth approaching the lane. Given his cue by William Buick who rode a hat trick of winners on the day, he soon let down past Saeed bin Suroor's Movie Maker (Ire) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}), Athan, and the rallying Shamrock Glitter, who raced against the rail. Cont. p11



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In the ongoing TDN Value Sires series, Chris McGrath looks at the performance of stallions standing from \$30,000 to \$50,000.

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The first foal by Blackbeard was born on Tuesday when the Frank
Hutchinson-owned Arabic Charm (Exceed And Excel), winner of two races,
produced a bay filly. The son of No Nay Never will stand for €20,000 this year. |
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Derby sponsor Betfred has increased its support of the Derby meeting and now has naming rights in the two-day festival.

DURABLE GELDINGS TAKE MEYDAN GROUP RACES

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The G2 Zabeel Mile and G3 Dubawi S. went to San Donato (Ire) (Lope De Vega {Ire}) and Tuz (Oxbow), respectively.

FLAMEAWAY COLT CONTINUES UNBEATEN RUN

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Ma Yetal (*Flameaway*) rolled to a second victory in the UAE in the UAE Guineas Trial on Friday.

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The Classic lineage extends back through Michaela Faust's parents, who owned the 1980 Deutsches Derby winner Navarino

(Ger), as well as his Deutsches St Leger-winning sire Madruzzo (Ger). Navarino also won the G2 Union-Rennen, the major Derby trial which was claimed last season by the Karlshof homebred Straight (Ger) (Zarak (Fr)). Later a close third behind Zagrey (Fr) (Zarak (Fr)) in the G1 Grosser Preis von Baden, Straight remains in training for his four-year-old season. He is a fourth-generation descendant of the aforementioned Sacarina through another of her Monsun daughters, Sahel (Ger). Yet



Samum, the 2000 German Derby winner | Emma Berry

another, Sanwa (Ger), is the dam of Sea The Moon (Ger).

"Straight is an exciting horse," says Faust, who manages not just his family's horses in training but also those of Darius Racing. "He's getting ready for next year's campaign and I think he can be a very interesting horse for the grand prix races, not only in Germany."

He continues, "I think that we have a pretty good team for next year. From the younger horses, I would mention the

> unbeaten Maigret, who is now three. He has done nothing wrong so far. He won his listed race like a walk in the park and I think he can improve. He's now heading to the German Guineas first and then we will see how the story continues."

Maigret (Ger) is an important Classic contender for the stud as he is by the farm's reverse shuttle stallion Counterattack (Aus), a son of Redoute's Choice (Aus). Furthermore, his dam is by its former resident Dabirsim (Fr) and she has already

produced the stakes-winning mare Mylady (Ger) (The Grey Gatsby {Ire}), who won a Group 3 in her native country before being transferred to Chad Brown in America and landing the GIII Very One S. at Gulfstream Park in the Karlshof colours. Cont. p4



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"We had two horses in training in America last year," Faust notes. "There was Mylady, who just ran one time and after that, unfortunately, she got a lung infection. That's why she needed

to be retired in the summer. We also had [Italian Group 3 winner] Atomic Blonde (Ger) who was placed three times in graded races and was then sold."

Mylady is now back among the 33-strong broodmare band at the farm just south of Frankfurt, alongside her dam Minoris (Fr) and also several members of Sacarina's extended family.

"Sacarina got everything started for Karlshof," Faust acknowledges. "And I think you can also say, looking back over the last 25 years or so, that this

was one of the top three families when you consider Samun, Schiaparelli, Salve Regina, Sea the Moon, and so many black-type horses all over the world. Last year's Italian Derby winner, Goldenas, is also from the family. Right now we have four mares from that family and I would say that the most interesting of those mares is called Seductive (Ger) (Henrythenavigator). With her second foal, she already produced last year's Group 2 winner and German Derby favourite, Straight, so I think

there's more to come from her."

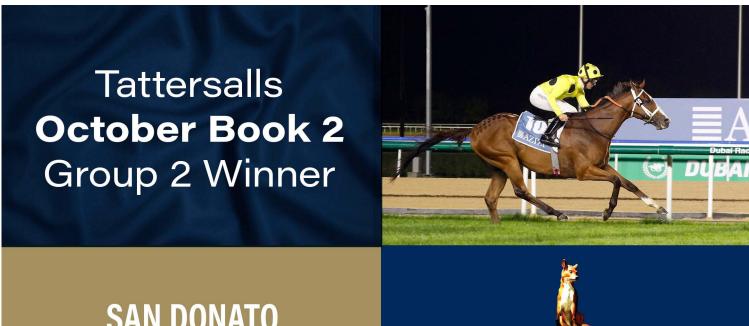
When wearing his other hat as manager to Darius Racing, Faust has been involved with two more Derby winners in his home country: Isfahan (Ger) and his son Sisfahan (Fr). Darius's principal Stefan Oschmann, who has been champion owner twice in Germany, also raced the five-time group winner Rubaiyat (Fr) (Areion {Ger}), who, like Isfahan, now stands at Gestut

"Besides the stud, there are

Ohlerweiherhof. two things I am really passionate about. One is being Darius Racing's manager. I've done that now for more than 10 years. And I'm very proud that we have had two German Derby winners, and two stallions." Cont. p5



Group 2 winner Straight | Scoop Dyga



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Gestut Karlshof Cont.

He adds, "The second thing is I'm also running HFTB Agency and I love doing that. I'm focused on exporting German racehorses and, if they are successful, it's always nice to follow the horses and to see them run at bigger tracks in front of more people."

While the Karlshof team campaign plenty of their own horses, Faust also points to the stud's record at the sales. In the last eight years, Karlshof has sold 14 black-type winners, which equates to 13% of the horses sold. These include A Raving Beauty (Ger) (Mastercraftsman {Ire}), who won the GI First Lady S. and GI Just A Game S. for Chad Brown, and Group 3 winner Isfahani (Ger) (Isfahan {Ger}), who was runner-up in the G1 Preis der Diana.

Faust nominates the latter's full-sister Isfand (Ger), trained by Henk Grewe, as a horse to follow in Germany in the coming season. He says, "She hasn't run yet but I do believe that she is a filly that could be entered for the German Oaks with a big chance."

Karlshof's fellow champions in Germany for 2023 were Peter Schiergen, who won the trainers' title for the eighth time, while Andrash Starke was champion jockey. Liberty Racing, which campaigned Derby winner Fantastic Moon (Ger), took the owners' title. This represented the first time in just over two

centuries of racing in Germany that the champion owner was a syndicate.

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EUROPEAN NEWS

BETFRED EXTENDS DERBY SPONSORSHIP

Following its inaugural sponsorship last year, Betfred has increased its support of the Derby meeting and now has naming rights to the two-day fixture at Epsom, which will be branded the Betfred Derby Festival. The company's partnership with the Jockey Club will continue until at least 2026.

Betfred will now sponsor six of the races across Oaks day and Derby day, including those two Classics, with the original three-year deal extended by a further 12 months.

"Following on from a memorable two days at Epsom last year we are delighted to further develop our support of the Betfred Derby Festival and we very much look forward to working with Amy and her team to keep the fixture at the forefront of world racing," said Betfred's Fred Done.

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Auguste Rodin defeats King Of Steel in the Derby | The Jockey Club

Derby Sponsorship Cont.

Amy Starkey, managing director of Jockey Club Racecourses' east region, added, "Our relationship with Betfred spans many years and many major races, and we are delighted to be strengthening our partnership at Epsom Downs still further following a brilliant first running of The Betfred Derby in 2023.

"Betfred's support of British racing over many years is clear for all to see and we can't wait to get cracking with Fred and his team as we look to promote the greatest Flat race in the world in 2024 and beyond."

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SINGH, BELL AND PRIOR APPOINTED ASSOCIATE DIRECTORS AT TATTERSALLS

Harvey Bell, Matthew Prior and Jason Singh have been appointed as associate directors at Tattersalls, the sales company announced on Friday.

Bell will now operate as head of bloodstock while Prior will carry out the duties of head of sales and Singh as marketing manager.

Prior and Bell joined Tattersalls in the Bloodstock Sales department in 2012 with the latter now combining auctioneering and yearling inspections with overseeing sales administration, while Prior, in addition to yearling inspections and horse recruitment, oversees sales at Cheltenham and is on the Board of Tattersalls Ireland.

Originally joining the Tattersalls Marketing team in 2000, Singh manages the Tattersalls advertising and social media strategy while also overseeing key overseas markets including Australia and the Gulf region.

Commenting on the new appointments, Tattersalls Chairman Edmond Mahony said, "Appointing Harvey Bell, Matthew Prior and Jason Singh as associate directors reflects not only their respective contributions to Tattersalls over many years, but also the esteem in which they are held both within the company and

by our many vendors and purchasers. Between them they have amassed a wealth of experience showing a commitment to Tattersalls and the wider thoroughbred industry and we look forward to seeing them continue to expand their roles within the company."

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(I-r) Harvey Bell, Jason Singh & Matthew Prior | Tattersalls

BLACKBEARD'S FIRST FOAL IS A FILLY

The first reported foal for dual Group 1-winning 2-year-old **Blackbeard (Ire)** (No Nay Never) arrived on Tuesday, Coolmore Stud announced.

A bay, she is out of the Frank Hutchinson-owned Arabic Charm (Ire) (Exceed And Excel {Aus}), who won two races.

"She's a very good first foal with plenty of strength and lots of quality," said Coolmore's Eddie Fitzpatrick. "A great start for both the mare and the sire."

The winner of the G1 Prix Morny, G1 Middle Park S., G2 Prix Robert Papin and G3 Marble Hill S., Blackbeard was also named Cartier Champion 2-Year-Old. He stands for €20,000 at Coolmore Stud in Ireland this year.

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SOUMILLON GETS BEHIND FEGENTRI JUNIOR SERIES

The stars of the future might just be on show in the Fegentri Junior championship, a series supported by top rider Christophe Soumillon, and one that features races in Italy, Sweden, France and Hungary.

Developed by Cécile Madamet and Elie Hennau following the worldwide growth of pony races, each nation in the Fegentri Junior will be represented by a team of pony riders from 12 to 16 years of age who will travel in the member countries to ride on prestigious European racetracks. Cont. p7



Christophe Soumillon: a big supporter of pony racing | Scoop Dyga

Soumillon/Fegentri Junior Series Cont.

The Soumillon International Pony Academy, created by decorated rider Christophe Soumillon, starts collaborating on the project of the Fegentri Junior in 2024.

Created by Christophe Soumillon, the SIPA is an association that offers training courses in pony racing, courses led by Soumillon himself and assisted by professional jockeys.

From 2024, the academy, as well as a pony stable, will be officially installed in Normandy, near Deauville, and will offer continuous training for young people from eight to 16 years old in race riding but also in the professions around horse racing.

Involved for a long time in the pony racing discipline, Soumillon is proud to be associated with the international dimension of the Fegentri Junior and will offer masterclasses as well as the availability of his own ponies during the events of the circuit. The first race of the Fegentri Junior series takes place at Florence racetrack on April 25.

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BRITAIN

Friday's Results:

2nd-Southwell, £7,300, Nov, 1-5, 3yo, 7f 14y (AWT), 1:28.05, st. QUEEN OF ZAFEEN (IRE) (f, 3, Ten Sovereigns {Ire}--Grand Zafeen {GB}, by Zafeen {Fr}) tracked the leaders in fifth for most of this debut. Nudged along approaching the quarter-mile pole, the 6-1 chance came under sterner urging to make her challenge entering the final furlong and kept on well in the latter stages to prevail by a short-head from Solomon (GB) (Siyouni {Fr}). Queen Of Zafeen is the latest of eight foals and sixth scorer produced by a multiple-winning daughter of dual Group 3 victrix Majestic Desert (GB) (Fraam {GB}), who also ran second in four elite-level

contests. The April-foaled bay is a half-sister to Listed Criterium de Vitesse winner Band Parctice (Ire) (Society Rock {Ire}), Listed Premio Pisa victor Nice Name (Ire) (Royal Applause {GB}) and the multiple Grade III-placed Zaffinah (Ire) (Casamento {Ire}). Sales history: €26,000 Wlg '21 GOFNO1; £110,000 Ylg '22 GOFFUK. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$5,000.

O-Jaber Abdullah; B-Fergus Cousins (IRE); T-Richard Hughes.

CONDITIONS RESULTS:

7th-Wolverhampton, £**5,700**, **Cond**, 1-5, 4yo/up, 5f 21y (AWT), 1:01.33, st.

JACQUELINA (IRE) (m, 5, Heeraat {Ire}--Springstride {GB}, by Jeremy) Lifetime Record: 19-2-3-2, \$20,439. O-Trevor Johnson; B-Nicola Kent (IRE); T-Phil McEntee.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Cargin Bhui (Ire), g, 3, Invincible Army (Ire)--Ragtime Dancer (GB), by Medicean (GB). Wolverhampton, 1-5, 5f 21y (AWT), 1:01.45. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$5,000. B-Ringfort Stud (IRE). *€32,000 Wlg '21 GOFNO1; €48,000 Ylg '22 GOFSPT.

Character Testing (GB), c, 3, Time Test (GB)--Characterized (GB), by Oasis Dream (GB). Southwell, 1-5, 8f 13y (AWT), 1:43.61. Lifetime Record: 5-1-4-0, \$21,913. B-Stuart McPhee Bloodstock (GB). *17,000gns Wlg '21 TADEWE; 32,000gns Ylg '22 TATSOM.

Big Zou (GB), g, 3, Zoustar (Aus)--Making Eyes (Ire) (SW-Eng & Fr, \$139,057), by Dansili (GB). Southwell, 1-5, 8f 13y (AWT), 1:42.29. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-1, \$6,688. B-Highclere Stud & Partners (GB). *70,000gns Wlg '21 TADEWE; 20,000gns RNA Ylg '22 TATOCT. **1/2 to Ascension (GB) (Dark Angel {Ire}), SP-Aus, \$263,335.

FRANCE

CONDITIONS RESULTS:

8th-Deauville, €**19,000**, Cond, 1-6, 4yo, 7 1/2f (AWT), 1:29.23, st. **EVERWIN (FR) (c, 4, Seabhac--Quatuor {Ire}, by Kodiac {GB})** Lifetime Record: 6-2-2-0, €28,160. O/B-Anton Doerner (FR); T-Ludovic Gadbin.

3rd-Deauville, €18,000, Cond, 1-6, 4yo/up, 9 1/2f (AWT), 1:58.03, st.

DOLAYLI (FR) (g, 5, Siyouni {Fr}--Dolniya {G1SW-UAE, GSW & MG1SP-Fr, G1SP-Eng, \$4,225,405}, by Azamour {Ire}) Lifetime Record: SP-Fr, 6-4-1-1, €66,800. O-H H The Aga Khan; B-H H The Aga Khan's Studs SC (FR); T-Francis-Henri Graffard. *1/2 to Dilawar (Ire) (Dubawi {Ire}), GSW-Fr, \$198,133; and Dolia (Fr) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}), MSP-Fr.



IN BAHRAIN:

Anann (Ire), f, 4, Footstepsinthesand (GB)--Instinctively (Ire), by Cape Cross (Ire). Sakhir, 1-5, Hcp., 1000mT, 1:00.60.

B-Whisperview Trading Ltd. *€6,000 RNA Ylg 22 GOFFEB;

18,000gns HRA '23 TATJUL. VIDEO (SC 5)

Bleak (Ire), g, 4, Highland Reel (Ire)--On a Cloud (MSW-Fr), by Silver Hawk. Sakhir, 1-5, Cond., 1400mT, 1:24.09. B-London Thoroughbred Services. *105,000gns HRA '23 TATSEP.

VIDEO (SC 6)

Sovereign Spirit (GB), g, 4, Le Havre (Ire)--Shutka (Fr), by Holy Roman Emperor (Ire). Sakhir, 1-5, Hcp., 2200mT, 2:18.64. B-J P Dubois. *First start in Bahrain. **€75,000 Ylg '21 ARQOCT; 40,000gns HRA '23 TATAUT. VIDEO (SC 4)

Man of Eden (GB), g, 4, Zoffany (Ire)--Longing To Dance (GB) (SP-Ire), by Danehill Dancer (Ire). Sakhir, 1-5, Hcp.,1800mT, 1:52.64. B-D J & Mrs Deer. *First start in Bahrain. **1/2 to Be My Gal (GB) (Galileo {Ire}), SW & GSP-Fr, SW-Eng, \$115,444. ***30,000gns RNA Ylg '21 TATOCT; 46,000gns HRA '23 TATAUT. VIDEO (SC 6)

IN DUBAI:

Legend Of Time (GB), c, 3, Sea The Stars (Ire). See "Dubai".
Local Dynasty (Ire), g, 4, Dubawi (Ire). See "Dubai".
Walbank (Ire), g, 4, Kodiac (GB). See "Dubai".
San Donato (Ire), g, 8, Lope De Vega (Ire). See "Group Results".

WORLDWIDE NEWS

Friday, Meydan, Middle East

ZABEEL MILE-G2, AED850,000, Meydan, 1-6, NH4yo/up & SH4yo/up, 1600mT, 1:34.46, gd.

1--SAN DONATO (IRE), 126, g, 8, by Lope De Vega (Ire)
1st Dam: Boston Rocker (Ire) (SP-Eng & GSP-Ire),
by Acclamation (GB)

2nd Dam: Rocking (GB), by Oasis Dream (GB)
3rd Dam: Council Rock (GB), by General Assembly
1ST GROUP WIN. (500,000gns Ylg '17 TATOCT). O-Sheikh
Mohammed Obaid Al Maktoum; B-J Hanly, A Stroud &
Skymarc Farm (IRE); T-Doug Watson; J-Pat Dobbs.
AED510,000. Lifetime Record: SW & MGSP-Eng, G1SP-Fr,

19-6-4-3, AED1,040,413. Click for the free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree. Werk Nick

Rating: A+. Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.

- 2--Marbaan (GB), 126, c, 4, Oasis Dream (GB)--Zahoo (Ire), by Nayef. O-Sheikh Ahmed bin Rashid Al Maktoum; B-Shadwell Estate Company Ltd (GB); T-Michael Costa. AED170,000.
- 3--El Patriota (Uru), 126, g, 6, Ecologo (Arg)--Patria Mia (Arg), by Pure Prize. 1ST GROUP BLACK TYPE. O-Stud La Pomme; B-De La Pomme (URU); T-Julio Olascoaga. AED85,000.

Margins: 1HF, HF, 1HF.

Also Ran: Sean (Ger), Western Writer (Ire), Real World (Ire), Tamborrada (GB), Es-Unico (Brz), Marshall Plan (GB), Bright Melody (Ire), First Constitution (Chi), In Crowd (GB), On The Warpath (GB). Click for the ERA chart & video.

The Classic-placed San Donato attained a career high at the ripe age of eight with a victory in the G2 Zabeel Mile on Friday.

Positioned widest of all at the bell, he drifted back to the rear of the field while First Constitution (Constitution) was pressed by notable top-liner Real World in the vanguard. On the turn, Real World had the leader's measure, but began to falter 300 metres from home and was quickly swarmed by a host of rivals. Meanwhile, Pat Dobbs had taken the shortest route to the wire aboard San Donato, and they duly inhaled several foes as they continued a lucky path up the fence. By the furlong grounds, San Donato shifted off the rail and split Marbaan to his inside and Real World to his outside before motoring away to win. El Patriota closed for third. Real World finished sixth.

"When he's on song he's very good and carries you into the race well," said Dobbs. "I knew he was on form today because he went to post all fired up. I was following a horse I didn't want to and had to pray for the gaps, but they opened and he went through them very well."

Earlier in his career, San Donato was a listed winner in England and ran third in the 2019 G1 Poule d'Essai des Poulains. Placings in the G2 Summer Mile in 2020 and the G3 Earl Of Sefton S. followed in 2021. A listed winner at Abu Dhabi back in April of 2022, the gelding was missing from the winner's circle in five subsequent starts, but did run a half-length second in the Listed Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan National Day Cup in March. Friday marked his first group victory.

Pedigree Notes

Ballylinch's Lope De Vega has 125 stakes winners to his name, 67 group winners and 19 at the highest tier. Broodmare sire Acclamation now has 19 group winners of the 36 stakes winners produced by his daughters.

The first foal out of the G3 Ballyogan S. second Boston Rocker (Ire) (Acclamation {GB}), San Donato is one of four runners for his dam. Cont. p9

G2 Zabeel Mile Cont.

His 3-year-old full-sister One Mistress (Ire) (Lope De Vega {Ire}) has placed, while his half-brothers by Pinatubo (Ire) and Night Of Thunder (Ire) were born in 2022 and 2023, respectively. His Pinatubo half-brother was knocked down to Ben McElroy, Hamish Macauley and Robson Aguiar for 325,000gns out of Book 2 of the Tattersalls October Yearling Sale last year.

San Donato is from the same clan as G2 Flying Childers S. and G3 Norfolk S. heroine Superstar Leo (Ire) (College Chapel {GB}), who was second in the G1 Phoenix S. Tracing to her is triple G1 Prix de la Foret winner One Master (GB) (Fastnet Rock {Aus}).



San Donato (c) | Dubai Racing Club

Friday, Meydan, Middle East

DUBAWI S.-G3, AED700,000, Meydan, 1-6, NH4yo/up & SH4yo/up, 1200m, 1:10.42, ft.

1--TUZ, 128, g, 7, by Oxbow

1st Dam: Suede Shoe, by Pulpit

2nd Dam: Grande Melody (Ire), by Grand Lodge 3rd Dam: Crystal Melody (GB), by Nureyev

(\$7,000 Ylg '18 KEESEP). O-Dakki Stable; B-Calumet Farm (KY); T-Bhupat Seemar; J-Tadhg O'Shea. AED420,000. Lifetime Record: 17-5-3-4, AED830,200. **Click for the**

free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree. Werk Nick Rating: A++. Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.

- 2--Leading Spirit (Ire), 126, g, 8, Exceed And Excel (Aus)--Inspiriter (GB), by Invincible Spirit (IRE). O-Touch Gold Racing; B-Godolphin (IRE); T-Bhupat Seemar. AED140,000.
- 3--Colour Up (Ire), 126, g, 6, Mehmas (Ire)--Tifariti, by Elusive Quality. 1ST GROUP BLACK TYPE. (16,000gns 2yo '20 TATJUN). O-Sayed Hashish; B-Tally-Ho Stud (IRE); T-Doug Watson. AED70,000.

Margins: 8HF, 4, HF.

Also Ran: Sound Money, Morning, Magic Petition, Demain, Rawy, Eastern World (Ire), Never Just A Dream (Ire), Major Cinnamon, Beolmaui Star (Kor). Scratched: Mouheeb. **Click for the ERA chart & video.**

The dependable Tuz landed the second group race of his career in the G3 Dubawi S.

His midfield gate did not hinder him, as before the field hit the lone turn, he had already secured a rail position on the engine from post seven. By that point, the race was practically over, as he poured it on from there to win in great style. Leading Spirit worked his way up to take second with several lengths between him and the third home, Colour Up.

"When he's good, he's very good," said winning rider Tadhg O'Shea. "He carried a penalty at Sharjah and he's a big horse, so he needed the run. He had a bad habit before of not changing his lead but he's over all that now. The best thing about him is that he has so much early speed. He'll give his roommate [G1 winner] Switzerland something to think about in the coming weeks."

The gelding has been a Meydan regular since March of 2020, and won last year's G3 Al Shindagha Sprint. Third in the G3 Mahab Al Shimaal in March of 2023, he was seventh to Sibelius (Not This Time) in the G1 Dubai Golden Shaheen on Dubai World Cup night. Friday's effort was his first start since.

Pedigree Notes

GI Preakness S. hero Oxbow, who stands at storied Calumet Farm, is credited with 15 stakes winners worldwide anchored by GI Pennsylvania Derby winner Hot Rod Charlie. Tuz is one of six group/graded winners for his sire, and is bred on the same cross of A.P. Indy and his sons as GIII Tempted S. heroine Oxy Lady (Oxbow). Of the late Pulpit's 95 stakes winners from his daughters, 35 of them won at the graded/group level. Cont. p10



Tuz | Dubai Racing Club

G3 Dubawi S. Cont.

Suede Shoe won three times over her career, and Tuz is her best offspring and one of five winners from seven to race. Vive La Vie (Demarchelier {GB}), a 3-year-old filly, is her last known produce. She did not produce a foal to the covers of Ironicus in 2021, and Oxbow in 2022. She again visited the winner's sire last spring.

Granddam Grande Melody (Ire) (Grand Lodge), a winner of the GII Dahlia H., is out of a Nureyev full-sister to G1 Meon Valley Stud Fillies' Mile winner and G1 Irish 1000 Guineas and G1 Coronation S. second Crystal Music, and a half-sister to three more group winners.

DUBAI

Friday's Results:

1st-Meydan, AED300,000, Hcp., 1-5, NH & SH 4yo/up & SH 3yo, 2000mT, 2:00.70, gd.

LOCAL DYNASTY (IRE) (g, 4, Dubawi {Ire}--Really Special {GB} (SW-Eng & UAE, \$108,180), by Shamardal), a winner of Pontefract's Listed Silver Tankard S. at two and third in the Listed Dee S. at Chester last year, was making his first start in the desert on Friday. He was last seen finishing sixth in an allweather handicap at Newcastle on Nov. 11, and broke on top before setting off down the chute. Establishing a slight lead while pressed by fellow Godolphin runner Passion And Glory (Ire) (Cape Cross (Ire)) those two traded places approaching the far turn. William Buick was sitting chilly aboard Local Dynasty, and when cued near the 400-metre mark, he exploded clear to seize the advantage and hold off all comers to win by 3 1/4 lengths. Of the chasing pack, Ursa Minor (Ire) (Sea The Stars {Ire}) emerged to take second. "That was a good way to start," said Buick after his first ride of the year. "It was about getting him not to do too much early on. If you look back through his form, he's never really run a bad race." His dam, a stakes winner in both England and the UAE, also has the placed 3-year-old filly Dream Of Hope (Ire) (Sea The Stars (Ire)) and a yearling fullsister to that runner. Godolphin has enjoyed a fair bit of success with the female family, as second dam Ruhm (Ger) (Monsun {Ger}), a stakes winner herself, threw their Eclipse Champion Turf Male Yibir (GB), a winner of the GI Breeders' Cup Turf and three-time Group 1 winner Wild Illusion (GB) to the cover of Dubawi. Wild Illusion was second in both the G1 Oaks and the GI Breeders' Cup Filly and Mare Turf. Lifetime Record: SW-Eng, 9-4-0-2, AED490,241. Click for the ERA chart and video. O/B-Godolphin (Ire). T-Charlie Appleby



Local Dynasty | Dubai Racing Club

3rd-Meydan, AED210,000, Hcp., 1-5, NH & SH 3yo/up, 1200mT, 1:08.98, gd.

WALBANK (IRE) (g, 4, Kodiac {GB}--No Lippy {Ire}, by Oasis Dream (GB)) was placed in both the G2 Norfolk S. and G3 Molecomb S. in 2022, and, after two unplaced runs in the spring and early summer of 2023 including a Royal Ascot appearance, he was given some time off and subsequently gelded. Making his first start since leaving the Dominic Ffrench Davis yard, the gelding established a midfield position amongst the far-side group. Inching closer to the vanguard near the half-way mark, Walbank had a clear run inside the final quarter-mile. Given an enthusiastic ride by William Buick who was taking his second race on the card, Walbank came up on even terms with longtime leader Democracy Dilemma (Ire) (Cotai Glory {GB}) and the surging Yonafis (GB) (Golden Horn {GB}), before streaking away from the latter to win by 1 1/4 lengths. "It was actually Kia's [Joorabchian, founder, Amo Racing, owners] plan to have a runner in Dubai and this horse fitted the bill," said Boughey. "My team here have done a great job. He's a horse who had an issue or two as he got fitter but they seem to have been ironed out now. He could go to the [G2] Blue Point Sprint or the listed race [Dubai Sprint] over six furlongs [1200metres]." The first foal out of three-time juvenile winner No Lippy, Walbank is a halfbrother to the placed Lady Nunthorpe (Ire) (Mehmas {Ire}), a 2year-old full-sister who brought 110,000gns as a Tattersalls October Book 1 yearling last term, and a yearling full-brother. No Lippy is a full to the stakes winner Polybius (GB) (Oasis Dream (GB) who was third in the G3 Bengough S., and a halfsister to G1 Prix Marcel Boussac winner Albigna (Ire) (Zoffany {Ire}). Walbank's second dam is the Selkirk mare Freedonia (GB), who won the G2 Prix de Pomone in France and was second in the GI Joe Hirsch Turf Classic Invitational S. in America. Cont. p11



Walbank | Dubai Racing Club

3rd-Meydan Cont.

He is also kin to GI Breeders' Cup Mile hero Domedriver (Ire) (Indian Ridge {Ire}). Sales history: 525,000gns 2yo '22 TATAPR. Lifetime Record: MGSP-Eng, 7-2-2-1, AED334,919. Click for the ERA chart and video.

O-Amo Racing, Ltd. B-Tally-Ho Stud (Ire). T-George Boughey.

4th-Meydan, AED175,000, Hcp., 1-5, NH & SH 4yo/up & SH 3yo, 2000m, 2:06.57, ft.

NEVERSHOW WEAKNESS (g, 4, Lord Nelson--Ransomed Heart {Ire}, by Galileo {Ire}) took four tries to break his maiden, but accomplished that feat over 1600 metres at this venue by 3 3/4 lengths on Dec. 8. Perched in second behind Eye On The Prize (Arg) (Il Campione {Chi}) past the winning post the first time, the chestnut was in good order and began to edge closer to the frontrunner on the backstretch. Moving ominously well, Nevershow Weakness moved up to challenge on the bend under Tadhg O'Shea, and quickly scampered clear. O'Shea geared his mount down to a mere canter in the final furlong, which reduced Nevershow Weakness's winning margin over the futile closer Lion's Mane (GB) (Shamardal) to 3 1/2 lengths. "It's lovely to get these up-and-coming horses," said O'Shea. "I told his owners that they'd see a different proposition when he goes up in trip and I actually think he'd get a mile [and] a half. He's been showing us all the signs at home, even before he ran." Out of Ransomed Heart, herself a half-sister to GI Garden City Breeders' Cup S. winner Magnificent Song (Unbridled's Song), the winner is followed by sophomore colt Roaring Rapids (Hard Spun), and 2-year-old filly Mandra (Mendelssohn). Ransomed Heart visited Yaupon last spring. Sales history: \$20,000 Ylg '21 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 5-2-1-0, AED239,475. Click for the ERA chart and video.

O-Mrs Fitriani Hay. B-Spendthrift Farm, LLC (KY). T-Bhupat

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The last named made a race of it inside the final 100 metres, but Legend Of Time, despite covering all of that extra real estate, was going best of the pair to win comfortably. It was trainer Charlie Appleby's second winner on the day. Athan was another 1 3/4 lengths back, two lengths in front of Movie Maker.

"I was very happy with him," said Buick. "We did expect him to win but the pace wasn't overly strong and he jumped well and had to cover ground. He's a very progressive horse and will be better over a mile."

Best known for finishing third in the G1 Moyglare Stud S., the stakes-winning Kissable has already thrown stakes winner and GI American Oaks third Amandine (GB) (Shamardal) and Loving Dream (GB) (Gleneagles {Ire}), who has both the G1 Prix de Royallieu and G2 Ribblesdale S. to her name. Since foaling Legend Of Time, Kissable has a 2-year-old colt by first-season sire Pinatubo (Ire) and a yearling filly by Night Of Thunder (Ire).

Second dam Kitty O'Shea (GB) (Sadler's Wells) was one of four stakes winners foaled by G3 Park Hill S. heroine Eva Luna (Alleged), whose best was G1 St Leger and G1 Racing Post Trophy victor-turned-sire Brian Boru (GB) (Sadler's Wells). Derby winner Workforce (GB) (King's Best), as well as Kodiac (GB) full-brothers Best Solution (Ire) and El Bodegon (Ire) are all Group 1 winners from this line, while Workforce's half-brother Emissary (GB) (Kingman {GB}) ran second in the G1 Melbourne Cup.

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5th-Meydan, AED300,000, Cond., 1-5, NH & SH 3yo, 1400mT, 1:23.14, gd.

LEGEND OF TIME (GB) (c, 3, Sea The Stars {Ire}--Kissable {Ire} {G1SP-Ire, SW & GSP-US, \$225,919}, by Danehill Dancer {Ire}) Sales history: 150,000gns Ylg '22 TATOCT. Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, AED212,820. Click for the ERA chart and video.

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8th-Meydan, AED300,000, Cond., 1-5, NH & SH 3yo, 1400m, 1:25.08, ft.

MA YETAL (c, 3, Flameaway--Delightful Melody, by Tapit), already a 13 3/4-length winner of his debut at Jebel Ali on Dec. 16, continued to progress with an easier-than-it-looked threequarters-of-a-length victory at Meydan on Friday. Stirred up once the gates flew, the blaze-faced bay raced in between horses as Million Doro (Bolt d'Oro) cut out fractions. The fourfor-six Quartier (Uru) (Matterhorn) blew the break and raced several lengths behind the main body of the field. In a good rhythm under Ben Coen throughout the early stages, Ma Yetal gave every indication he was keen to go on, but soon encountered traffic trouble leaving the far turn. Boxed in between Rasas (World Of Trouble) and the rail directly behind the leader 400 metres from the wire, Ma Yetal withstood several brushes by that foe, but did not find racing room until Rasas was unable to keep pace with Million d'Oro, who set sail for the line just over 300 metres out. As soon as Ma Yetal saw daylight, his response was electric, as he bulled his way through, put Million Doro to the sword in a matter of strides and floated home to win easily. The luckless Quartier made eye-catching progress late on and also turned in a strong rally, but had to settle for second, although he gave nine pounds to the winner. "I knew I had the horse under me, but he didn't do much when he was in the lead and it can be guite a scary place when you're alone in front--he had a good look around," said Coen. "He's a very straightforward horse and a pleasure to have in the stable," added trainer Michael Costa. "He's got a lot of maturity for a horse his age and I think he'll improve for the step up to a mile." The winner is a half-brother to GII Woodford S. and GIII Jacques Cartier S. hero Arzak (Not This Time). Delightful Melody's latest is a yearling full-brother to the winner, and she was covered by Girvin last spring. Ma Yetal's second dam is the three-time

Grade II winner Bending Strings (American Chance), who was placed thrice at Grade I level in the States. Sales history: \$150,000 Ylg '22 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, AED223,200. Click for the ERA chart & video.

O-Sheikh Amed bin Rashid Al Maktoum. B-John C. Oxley (KY). T-Michael Costa.

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