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VALUE SIRES FOR 2024 PART 7: THE BIG GUNS



Constitution | Sarah Andrew

by Chris McGrath

Today we conclude our survey of Kentucky stallion options with a look at the apex of the pyramid, comprising a couple of dozen standing between \$60,000 and \$250,000--besides whatever it might take to secure your mare an audience with Justify.

It feels presumptuous enough to offer counsel even on cheaper sires, when each mating should boil down to you finding an optimal fit for an individual mare that you know inside out. Still greater hesitation, then, must precede any attempt to discover "value" among this lot.

No stallion has any business standing at this kind of money unless demonstrably of elite caliber. So while we'll be nervously proposing a Podium, as usual, we won't be dwelling unduly on the rest. You can take it as read that most of these horses must be punching their weight, both on the track and at the sales.

Instead, I'd just like to make one or two more general observations, in concluding this series, on the current trading environment.

Here's a series of what feel like pretty uncontentious statements.

1) Fees, overall, feel rather too high now that a long bull run has tapered off and the middle market is being stretched by polarization. **Cont.**, **p3**

HILL 'N' DALE PARTNERS TO BUY AU\$1.7 MILLION TOPPER AT MAGICS

There was an international flavor to the top lot through the ring on Friday's fourth session of the Magic Millions Gold Coast Yearling Sale in Australia, with Gai Waterhouse, Adrian Bott and Bruce Slade's Kestrel Thoroughbreds teaming up with Jes Sikura of Hill 'n' Dale Farm and William Johnson Bloodstock (FBAA) to secure a filly by I Am Invincible (Aus) for AU\$1.7 million (US\$1,140,479), as reported by *The Thoroughbred Report*.

The purchase represents the first foray into the Australian market for Hill 'n' Dale. The farm's Jes Sikura was one of a number of people high-fiving others on the Waterhouse- Bott table as a round of applause broke out in the Magic Millions auditorium moments after auctioneer Clint Donovan brought the gavel down.

Offered by Widden Stud, the filly is the first progeny of the G2 Tristarc S. winner Madam Rouge (Aus) (Zoustar {Aus}), who collected six victories on the track. **Cont.**, **p12**

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A rainbow arcs over Bonne Chance Farm in Versailles, KY on Friday morning. Lucas Durr/Bonne Chance Farm

TROUBLE IN (TURF) PARADISE: SALE FAILS AGAIN

For the second time in four months, a reported sale of Turf Paradise has been called off. Track owner Jerry Simms broke the news at Friday's Arizona Racing Commission meeting with no pressing from regulators.

EARLY TRIPLE CROWN NOMINATIONS OPEN

Early nominations to become eligible to compete in the 2024 Triple Crown are now open and suspended trainers have until Jan. 29 to move their horses.

TODAY'S GRADED STAKES



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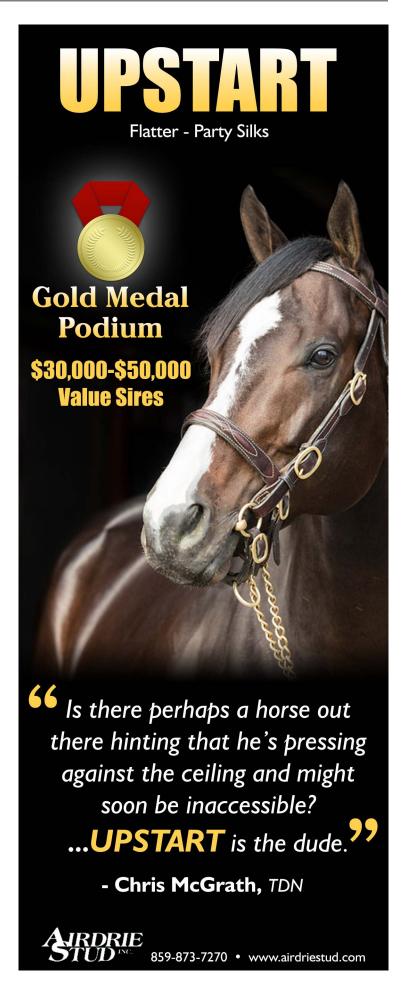






Value Sires: Big Guns (cont. from p1)

- 2) At the same time, books assembled by unproven sires are reaching a size that must contain seeds of peril for the future of the breed. We know that most won't make the grade, meaning that the gene pool is increasingly being flooded with... well, choose your own pejorative.
- 3) But stallion farms have little room for maneuver, on either front. Knowing how the commercial market will behave nowadays, their accountants have only two options to retrieve the massive investment required to recruit an attractive stallion. The first is to start fees as high as they can, on the basis that it's now closer to "one and out" than "three and out". The other is to keep fees more accessible, and instead go all out for volume. That necessarily exposes breeders to bringing an unexceptional specimen to saturated catalogues, but they all book their mares with their eyes open and many are evidently prepared to gamble on a home run. Pricing a horse fairly without resorting to appalling volume is an extremely difficult balancing act, and in this series I have tried to identify farms that look after their clients best in those terms.
- 4) Commercial breeders operate in a very difficult environment and need to put bread on the table. If you've had a weanling break a leg playing in a paddock, or lost a mare foaling, then you're going not going to be factoring too many noble thoughts about the long-term health of the breed into your choice of stallion. Same applies to all the pinhookers. The real blame, therefore, rests with those directing ringside spending.
- 5) These, in turn, have only one cogent explanation for their behavior. And no, it's not because rolling the dice on new stallions is their only window for hitting an elite stallion because all the proven ones are too expensive. Okay, horses like Gun Runner and Curlin have turned out to be at their most accessible when starting out, even though priced at or near the top of their intake. But the reality is that the vast majority of rookies will never match the ratios consistently achieved by some of the highly affordable, prove-a-mare stalwarts noted in this series. So the remaining logic is a self-fulfilling one: buyers like new sires because these will typically turn out to have received their biggest and best books, precisely because that's where all the attention is expected to be.
- 6) But hang on a minute. What happens when these books become so big that the mare quality becomes swamped by quantity? If you truly believe that you have spotted a stallion with unusual potential, why not stick with him as his second, third and fourth books dwindle? He may no longer be getting top mares, but good luck picking out the gold from the glister when the rookies are routinely corralling way over 200. You'd still be getting that priceless "sire power," but at a diminishing cost. **Cont.**



MAXIFY YOUR MARE





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

Brian Graves



Tons of quality and presence. An excellent, effortless mover. An exceptional individual – couldn't find fault!

Mike Ryan, on behalf of breeder e Five Racing Thoroughbreds





War Front | Sarah Andrew

Where were all these guys when Into Mischief, Tapit and War Front had no friends in their third and fourth years? That's a real service for your clients, hanging in there for the value when everyone else runs away screaming. Low tide is exactly when you should be getting aboard. As a young stallion gets closer to putting horses into the gate, surely you're just getting closer to being proved right?

7) That leaves us with little alternative but to assume that professional counsellors spend their clients' money on new sires first and foremost because they don't really have to put their neck on the line. They're participating in a communal game of fantasy breeding, and when they do hit a dud--and we all know what a dud looks like, even if hundreds of foals means that he can still be promoted for "yet another stakes winner"--they can shrug their shoulders and say, "Don't blame me, everybody loved that horse!" And conversely they can gloat when they happen to land on a seam of gold. Well, even I can do that occasionally, and in the earlier stages of this series I've been perfectly happy to suggest a roll of the dice on one or two young horses that seem to be underpriced for their potential. But for every Not This Time I might find, over the years there's no doubt that I'm going to like as many duds as the next guy.

So, in conclusion: the bottom line is that stallion fees are only too high if you lack the courage of your convictions. Certainly, there can't have been many better epochs for the breed-to-race programs. But as I never tire of saying, there should be nothing more commercial than putting a winner under your mare.

Whether you want to bring down fees, or book sizes, the solution is the same. You just need to broaden the type of stallions that you support. **Cont.**





Life Is Good | Sarah Andrew

That way, everyone's a winner. Using horses that have at least demonstrated some competence to replicate the prowess that earned them a place at stud would a) allow relief on fees, b) even out book sizes, c) improve your chances of producing a racehorse, and d) duly improve the resilience of the racing population, with all the incidental benefits to a sport under growing social pressure.

The only comfort about our present situation is a cold one, in that things are even worse in Europe. The saving grace of the American industry is that it's still a commercial aspiration—whatever 293 mares to Golden Pal might tell you—to have a horse hold out through two turns of dirt on the first Saturday in May. And that, of course, is a competence that unites the majority of the elite sires with whom we close our series today.

This price range admits only one absolute beginner, Cody's Wish, whose intake received a separate assessment at the start of the series. And overall, logically enough, there are far fewer untested sires standing at this kind of fee than lower down the pyramid: only FLIGHTLINE (\$150,000), LIFE IS GOOD (\$85,000) and ESSENTIAL QUALITY (\$65,000) are maintaining a place at this level pending examination on the racetrack. Nobody needs reminding of the excellence of their first careers, and the first two only have their first weanlings due. But it's perhaps instructive of the type of program keenest to tap into Essential Quality's wholesome combination of class and constitution (champion at two and three) with family (now further decorated by Forte, who shares a third dam) that only five weanlings were traded out from his debut crop (eight offered; median \$280,000).

At the other end of the scale, we have a few sires whose right to stand at dizzy fees is too familiar to required reiteration.

MAKING VI 5E

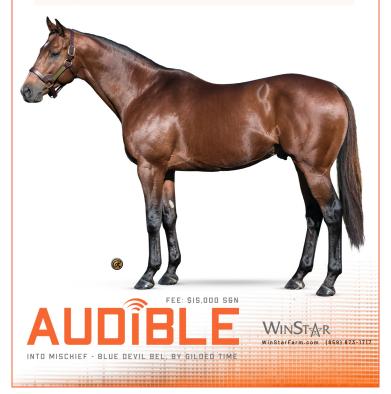


His percentage of stakes horses with his first 2-year-olds cannot be ignored and his own racing career suggests there is more improvement to be had as they mature. He's a beautiful horse that can throw the right kind as witnessed by his first crop of yearlings. \$15,000 is very intriguing for a horse with some potential future upswing..."

 Aidan O'Meara, Stonehaven Steadings TDN, 12/28

LEADING FIRST-CROP SIRES BY % OF BTHS

SIRE	BTHS	% OF BTHS
OMAHA BEACH	II	17.19%
AUDIBLE	8	II.76%
VINO ROSSO	9	9.78%
SOLOMINI	4	9.30%
MITOLE	7	8.43%
FLAMEAWAY	5	8.20%
MAXIMUS MISCHIEF	6	7.23%



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 Song 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 | 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

3rd dam

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: \$47,453).

BACE RECORD: At 2, two wins (Pilorim 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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We have just celebrated a fifth consecutive title for **INTO MISCHIEF** (\$250,000), who has duly opened new horizons with the mid-career upgrade in his mares. Competing with the Into Mischief production line may well leave **CURLIN** (\$250,000) as

one of the best sires never to have his status formally gilded by a championship. And **TAPIT** (\$185,000) is still the main man, when it comes to lifetime ratios. He had a quietish year by his metronomic standards, and his books will be being prudently managed these days, but I still hope to see him come up with that Derby winner to round off a resume that features stakes winners at one-in-10 named foals, 101 of them at graded level at 6.2 percent.

Nor is there any need to dwell on the young guns **JUSTIFY** (private), whose success either side of the water--six elite scorers in 2023, notably an outstanding champion juvenile in Europe--suggests that he may be eligible for a historic role in our urgent quest for sires to reconcile the

disastrous segregation of European and American gene pools; and **GUN RUNNER** (\$250,000), whose early percentages remain simply freakish. In 2023 his black-type, graded-stakes and Grade I performers respectively came in at 17.2, 11.8 and 5.4 percent of starters!

A lot of the best sires are now in the evening of their careers,

A lot of the best sires are now in the evening of their careers, and these two appear to have a huge opportunity to dominate in the years ahead, along with **NOT THIS TIME** (\$150,000) who will now only just be consolidating his breakout.

It would perhaps be taking loyalty too far to give Not This Time his umpteenth Value Podium at 10 times the fee that first excited us, but rest assured there's an awful lot still to come from a stallion who



Justify | Sarah Andrew

complements the priceless transatlantic legacy of Giant's Causeway with indigenous Tartan Farms dirt speed. Remember that his juveniles this year will be his first sired even at \$40,000, up from just \$12,500. **Cont.**



They reached a median of \$210,000 (average \$287,025) as yearlings, nice work at the conception fee (and up from \$150,000/\$209,688). Even after adding Up to the Mark as a fifth Grade I winner in three crops, Not This Time may do well to

keep up his incredible start as the crop conceived at his lowest ebb turns three. But the upgrade in quality will soon kick in, and then all bets will be off.

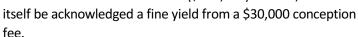
In contrast UNCLE MO (\$150,000) first stood at this fee back in 2017 and QUALITY ROAD (\$200,000) reached the same mark by 2019. By this stage, then, they have pretty well established who and what they are, and duly finished fourth and fifth respectively in the general list. Quality Road has become a particularly consistent sales performer, advancing his median

in 2023 to \$375,000 from \$350,000, behind only Into Mischief and Curlin. It was Uncle Mo (median \$212,500) who fired his racetrack arrows closer to the bull's-eye in 2023, 14 stakes

winners (at 4.4 percent of starters) including three at Grade I level, whereas Quality Road's 18 (7.2 percent) featured just National Treasure at that altitude.

If that pair are plainly in their prime, **GOOD MAGIC** (\$125,000)

has broken into the six-figure club after producing the Derby winner at the first attempt. That's quite a hike from \$50,000 but he's no one-trick pony, counting Eclipse finalist Muth among half a dozen black-type winners already from 45 juvenile starters in 2023. Obviously, he's going to have to keep advancing his ringside performance to warrant this fee, having achieved a median of \$155,000 (average \$217,390) with his latest crop. But that was up from \$100,000 (\$130,250) in 2022, and must





Good Magic | Sarah Andrew

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Practical Joke | Coolmore

From the same glitzy intake, **BOLT D'ORO** rises to \$60,000 from \$35,000 after a second productive campaign. Though his yearling dividends slipped, at a median \$82,500/average \$113,218, they similarly represented a punchy yield on a \$15,000 conception fee. Bolt d'Oro has started a higher proportion of his foals than Justify and Good Magic, so we'll have to see whether that's a function of superior precocity or overall soundness. As noted earlier in the series, however, what

really excites about this class is its depth: horses like Army Mule and Girvin are essentially matching their more expensive peers from much lower fees and volume. Those horses deserve a chance to show what do with their own upgrades before anyone reaches any definitive conclusions about the pecking order.

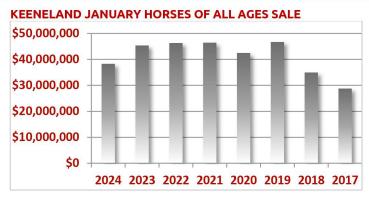
At the other end of the spectrum are some much older sires with a sustained record of achievement behind them. **WAR FRONT** has had his books managed with restraint for so long that he will never have adequate volume to shake up the general list, unless he has a real star, but even without one last year he maintained his customary strike-rates, for instance with 10 graded stakes winners from just 166 starters. His career ratios are beyond even Tapit, which makes \$100,000 a terrific play for those who a) can afford it and b) aren't prey to a childish aversion to turf.

The **MUNNINGS** trajectory got so giddy last year that he was hoisted to six figures but that proved to be a moment of overexcitement and, after his book shrank to 146 from 204, he has dropped to \$75,000 for 2024. His reputation has raced ahead of his fee for most of his career and he's actually on the point of upgrading his stock on the track, his incoming juveniles being the first conceived even at \$40,000 and duly nudging his yearling median forward (\$160,000 from \$150,000).

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SALES INDEX



"Driven by strong demand at the top--which saw the auction produce its first seven-figure horses in five years--the Keeneland January Horses of All Ages Sale concluded Thursday in Lexington with a fairly steady average, but a double-digit decline in median."

- Jessica Martini

YEAR	CAT	RING	SOLD	<u>% W/D</u>	% S/R	<u>% S/C</u>	GROSS	AVE
2024	1487	1077	831	27.6%	77.1%	55.9%	\$38,339,300	\$46,126
2023	1618	1248	962	22.9%	77.1%	59.5%	\$45,408,300	\$47,202
2022	1609	1256	1013	22.0%	80.7%	63.0%	\$46,341,100	\$45,746
2021	1608	1223	998	24.0%	81.6%	62.0%	\$46,482,600	\$46,576
2020	1856	1338	1108	28.0%	82.8%	59.7%	\$42,487,500	\$38,346
2019	1555	1181	916	24.1%	77.6%	58.9%	\$46,759,000	\$51,048
2018	1583	1227	909	22.5%	74.0%	57.4%	\$34,996,000	\$38,499
2017	1893	1401	961	26.0%	68.6%	50.8%	\$28,785,500	\$29,954



Twirling Candy | Lane's End

He has that big 2022 book of \$85,000 covers in the pipeline, and the access he has enjoyed to better mares should also help him improve a somewhat pedestrian ratio for his five elite scorers to date. Munnings is nowadays virtually a lock for the top 10 in the general list and that makes him look pretty fairly priced.

His studmate **PRACTICAL JOKE** is becoming one of the busiest avenues to his sire, albeit his affordability is diminishing (fee up to \$65,000 from \$25,000). Commercial breeders can't get enough of him, his latest yearlings achieving a terrific yield (median \$110,000/average \$153,807) on the cover fee. The obvious caveat is that his volume is now such (482 mares over the last two years!) that you had better not find yourself with an ordinary specimen...

CANDY RIDE (Arg) was one of those middle-rank sires most exposed to polarization at the sales (median down to \$100,000, which was half his average, from \$140,000 the previous year) but remains settled at \$75,000 after Candied and Geaux Rocket Ride kept his name in lights. His son **TWIRLING CANDY** (average \$160,064 also well ahead of his \$90,000 median; clearly their good ones are very good) similarly stands at \$60,000 for a third year after producing his eighth Grade I winner, albeit his respectable lifetime ratios don't quite match those of **STREET SENSE** at the same fee.

Street Sense arguably offers fine value at this level, even if his bargain buddy Hard Spun would make as much sense at a lower fee: some of their indices are uncannily in step. But at the sales Street Sense is maintaining a \$150,000 average, well over double that of Hard Spun. That confirms the latter to be an end user's delight, but Street Sense covers all bases.

Their venerable neighbor **MEDAGLIA D'ORO** reached a peak of \$250,000 in 2018 but was slashed from \$150,000 to \$100,000 in 2022 and now suffers a fresh indignity at \$75,000. The fact is

that his Hong Kong 'ATM' Golden Sixty belongs to the same crop as his last big star here, Bolt d'Oro, leaving the tide of fashion to ebb somewhat: his latest yearlings had to settle for a \$180,000 median/\$248,371 average (down from \$242,500/\$339,918). Nonetheless this is the same flesh and blood whose 22 Grade I winners in the Northern Hemisphere (26 overall) long gave him top billing at Saratoga and Book I. Thoroughbreds will always confound assumptions and it would be gratifying to see such a glamorous specimen muster one or two last hurrahs in the evening of his career.

VALUE PODIUM

Bronze Medal: GHOSTZAPPER

Awesome Again--Baby Zip (Relaunch) \$75,000, Hill 'n' Dale

I guess it all depends what you're trying to achieve. But if you're one of those strange people simply trying to breed as good a racehorse as you can, then you certainly won't mind that this magnificent animal has now entered his 24th year.

He was not very temperately handled early in his stud career, launched at \$200,000 and slashed from \$125,000 to \$30,000 after his first juveniles blew out. Though a colt from his debut crop won the GI Blue Grass, he was promptly cut again to \$20,000. It was a long road back, but he's now just two short of bringing up 100 stakes winners at 7.8 percent of named foals.

Across the board, in fact, he's basically the same sire as Uncle Mo, who gets his black-type winners at 7.1 percent. Their stakes performers come at 13.1 and 13 percent respectively; Ghostzapper's graded stakes winners at 4.2 percent, against 3.5 percent for Uncle Mo; graded stakes performers weigh in at 7.2 and 7.7 percent; and 14 Grade I winners apiece come at 1.1 and 1.0 percent. But Uncle Mo stands at twice the fee, and has accumulated more named foals from six fewer crops!

Cont.



Ghostzapper | Sarah Andrew



Nyquist | Sarah Andrew

Obviously Ghostzapper pays a commercial price for being less likely to produce precocious horses, but the likes of Mystic Guide and Goodnight Olive continue to reward those prepared to await the kind of maturity that enabled their sire to stretch his murderous speed, aged four, to one of the great modern performances. And anyone who saw the GIII Saratoga Special last summer will form their own views about Ghostzapper never getting precocious stock!

In the meantime, he has emerged, consistently with the sire-line, as an important broodmare sire, his daughters having now given us Up To The Mark as well as Justify himself. I don't know whether Ghostzapper was confined to 75 mares last year in deference to his age, or just because of commercial wariness. As your ideal Book II sire, he was vulnerable to market polarization this year. In the circumstances he did well to maintain a \$170,590 average (\$187,916 in 2022), albeit his median duly suffered (\$115,000 down from \$165,500).

But that's a sideshow at this time of his life. You know what he can do for your program, especially if you wouldn't mind retaining a filly. And you also know that there's a finite opportunity to tap so proximately into a combination as resonant as grandsire Deputy Minister and damsire Relaunch. It's a privilege worth paying for and, relative to plenty of untested young sires, it's one that doesn't cost so much.

Silver Medal: NYQUIST

Uncle Mo--Seeking Gabrielle (Forestry) \$85,000, Darley

Here's a horse back on the move, with his incoming juveniles sired at \$75,000--up from \$40,000, a response to the freshman title he won in 2020. He then had to be throttled back to \$55,000 after hitting a flat spot the following year, mustering a solitary graded stakes winner, but that is now turning out to

have been a blip.

This year he came up with his third and fourth Grade I winners, and was denied a fifth in poignant circumstances, as sire of New York Thunder. Into their slipstream followed a bunch of juveniles that showed both the precocity to win at Royal Ascot (Crimson Advocate) and the flair to put themselves on the dirt Classic radar (Nysos, Knighstbridge). Nysos looks a pretty freakish talent and we know that his sire stretched his own juvenile speed when and where it counted, on the first Saturday in May.

Nyquist's \$140,000 yearling median in 2023 needs to keep progressing, to justify his new fee, but hopefully that process is well underway (median was \$110,000 in 2022, and average meanwhile markedly up at \$192,749 from \$148,275). He remained fully subscribed during his couple of years regrouping at \$55,000, so there's unlikely to be any kind of bump in the road now.

The one he endured in his second year has certainly levelled off, so that even though he emerged in the same intake as Not This Time, he's faring pretty respectably even against that monster talent. Nyquist can't match his ratios for winners in each category, but in black-type, graded stakes and Grade I performers there's not much between them: 12.7, 6.7 and 1.8 percent of named foals for Not This Time and 12.1, 6.5 and 2.3 percent for Nyquist. True, Not This Time must have had lesser materials with which to make his name, but he's now at a fee altitude that requires oxygen masks, whereas Nyquist is still hauling his way up the rope behind him.

Gold Medal: CONSTITUTION

Tapit--Baffled (Distorted Humor) \$110,000, WinStar

This horse is at an interesting crossroads.

Cont.



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CONSTITUTION

WinStar | \$110,000



NYQUIST

Darley | \$85,000



GHOSTZAPPER

Hill 'n' Dale | \$75,000

His incoming juveniles were conceived at \$85,000, the sophomores at \$40,000, and his 4-year-olds at just \$15,000. From 48 starters last year, even this latter group came close to a Grade I score through Webslinger, beaten a head in the Saratoga Derby and a neck in the Hollywood Derby.

The 2024 sophomores emerge from a bumper crop of 187 live foals, the first Constitution produced after his freshman breakout in 2019 (second to American Pharoah). They made a very promising start on the track, placing him second in the table for 2-year-old earnings. In fairness, he had a pretty enormous footprint, with 88 juvenile starters, but Catching Freedom set the tone for his peers in 2024 with his Smarty Jones S. success on New Year's Day. In fact, he's one of three Constitutions in the top nine of colleague T.D. Thornton's opening Derby Top 12.

And now, as noted, we can look forward to the \$85,000 crop corralled by Tiz the Law's sophomore emergence. They averaged \$281,125 as yearlings, up from \$244,242, with the median steady at \$200,000. The good old pipeline is loaded, then, and we know that those that stand out from a crowd will bring the big money.

His aging sire has arranged quite a race for the eventual succession, but for now this appears to be the heir to catch for the likes of Flightline and Essential Quality. Constitution has seen a lot of life for a horse of his age, including having shuttled to Chile for three years, but there's definitely a scenario where a fee held at \$110,000 turns out to be a staging post on the way to still higher ones.

Breeder Selections

Paul Manganaro, Belladonna Racing



Paul Manganaro | Christina Bossinakis

Bronze Medal: Twirling Candy (\$60,000)

Twirling Candy offers breeders a lot of bang for their buck. He has ranked in the top 15 on the national sires by progeny earnings list the last two seasons and has produced eight Grade I winners to-date.

Silver Medal: Quality Road (\$200,000)

Quality Road has consistently produced the "Big Saturday Afternoon" horse. He can get you a quality two-year-old and one that can compete at the highest level around two turns. His 2.14 (AEI) average earning index is on or near par with the elite stallions currently standing in America. His offspring are also very popular in the sales ring.

Gold Medal: Constitution (\$110,000)

To have access to Constitution at his stud fee is like stealing in my opinion. He's a stallion that had 17 yearlings sell for \$400,000 or higher in 2023 topped by a \$1.3-million Keeneland September yearling. The offspring from his best book of mares are just starting to hit the ground in the past few years and as of Jan. 11 he has three colts ranked in the *TDN's* Top 12 2024 Derby list.

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Hill 'n' Dale Partners in Australia (cont. from p1)



I Am Invincible filly (Lot 900) | Magic Millions

Her grand dam, Cabernet (Aus) (Al Maher (Aus)) also enjoyed a sextet of successes, headlined by the Listed Summond S. The damline doesn't end there, with great-grandam Golden Weekend (Aus) (Nine Carat) a talented 2-year-old performer and a producer of three foals to race for as many winners.

Sikura was visibly delighted and was quick to thank Johnson, whose relationship with Hill 'n' Dale was pivotal in bringing the group of successful purchasers together. "We really didn't have too much intention to get involved in anything when we came over here, but I have to give complete credit to Will Johnson," Sikura said. "He's always at the top of his game, he finds the nicest horses in every sale and it wouldn't have happened without him, especially without Gai and Adrian putting together such a good group.



Trent Needham, Antony Thompson, Noel Greenhalgh, Will Johnson, Jes Sikura, Adrian Bott, Barry Bowditch with Gai Waterhouse, Maria Greenhalgh and Patricia Bourke | Magic Millions

"Being by I Am Invincible, she really ticked all the boxes and we thought if there was some point to get involved, she was the one to do it with."

"They [the auctioneer] were definitely fighting for the AU\$1.8 million up there and we were shaking a little bit, so we were happy to get it at AU\$1.7 million. She was worthy of every dollar and we're excited for the future."

"It's great to have Jes in Australia and it's great to have that international investment from downtown Kentucky," Johnson said. "A massive thank you to John Sikura and his family and a massive thanks to Gai, Adrian and Bruce Slade for getting to work because, as we know, these are expensive fillies, so you have to be organized. It's exciting times ahead."

The AU\$1.7 million sale wrote another chapter in the story of Widden Stud and Madam Rouge, with the leading nursery having bred her, sold her as a yearling, retained a share in her to race and then bought out some of their partners to secure her from the Magic Millions National Broodmare sale for AU\$2.7 million back in 2022.

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TROUBLE IN (TURF) PARADISE: SALE AGAIN **CALLED OFF, BUT '24 MEET STILL PLANNED**

by T.D. Thornton

For the second time in four months, a reported sale of Turf Paradise has been called off.

The track's current owner, Jerry Simms, broke the news at Friday's Arizona Racing Commission (AZRC) meeting without disclosing details or being pressed by regulators to provide any additional information.

Preparations for a planned Jan. 29-May 4 race meet are still underway, though, according to testimony from track officials, commission employees, and representatives of the Arizona Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association (AZHBPA).

The revelation that the deal was a no-go didn't seem to come as a shock to commissioners or stakeholders.

Specifics of the transaction had been shrouded in mystery and tinged with dysfunction since the outset.

At AZRC meetings in recent months, horsemen had expressed skepticism, frustration and even derision over whether Simms was working in good faith to make the sale. They had also alleged they were being kept out of the loop on key details about the future of the state's lone remaining commercial Thoroughbred track.

Simms had repeatedly denied those accusations. But it's no secret that Simms and Arizona horsemen have had an acrimonious business relationship for the better part of two decades.

Perhaps what was most bizarre about the Jan. 12 no-sale disclosure was the non-reaction from almost everyone else.

No commissioners asked Simms to elaborate on the failed deal, and when AZHBPA representatives were given their turn at the microphone to comment, they chose not to utter anything about the called-off sale. Instead they waxed glowingly about how well work for the coming race meet was progressing under Simms's stewardship.

The dialogue unfolded like this:

Friday's meeting had progressed about 35 minutes without any mention of the proposed sale, which was unusual considering the deal had previously been a focal point of discussion.

Back on Dec. 5, the AZRC had conditionally approved the '24

meet for Turf Paradise, which was to be conducted by Simms as he attempted to close on a sale of the 213-acre property to an entity known as Turf Paradise Land Trust.

On Friday, Turf Paradise general manager Vincent Francia was winding up comments about the work being completed in preparation for the meet when commissioner Linda York interjected to ask about an update on the sale, which Francia had not mentioned.



Turf Paradise | Coady

"Mr. Simms would be the one to provide an update to the commission," Francia deferred, claiming that he didn't know if Simms was remotely listening in to the meeting to be able to comment. He offered to pass along a message to Simms, though.

A few moments later, Simms chimed in, claiming phone difficulties had at first prevented him from speaking.

Simms then took a few minutes to rail about an old feud over off-track-betting (OTB) with the now-defunct Arizona Downs, during which AZRC chairman Chuck Coolidge stepped in, asking him to stick to the current topic.

Simms continued his rant for a bit longer, then switched subjects.

"Commissioner York, right now, regarding your question about a sale? Right now there is no sale under contract. There is no deal. The deal was there before. The people never put up their money, and it just didn't happen."

No commissioners asked why, what transpired, or what the falling-through of the deal meant for the future of Turf Paradise.

Instead, after a pause of several seconds chairman Coolidge just moved on to the next agenda item like nothing significant had just occurred.

Soon after, J. Lloyd Yother, the president of the AZHBPA, declined an opportunity to offer any sort of report when called upon to speak.

Yother deferred his time at the microphone to Leroy Gessmann, the AZHBPA's executive director, who said the Turf Paradise projects "are going slow, but they are moving forward....The racetrack, in the nine years that I've been here, is the best condition it's ever been in. For the first time in nine years, it was done properly [and] I want to thank Turf Paradise for getting a safe racetrack."

Only later, during the public commentary portion of the

meeting, did anyone briefly address the fall-through of the sale.

"That track is really not for sale," said Stephen Nolan, a frequent critic of both Simms and the AZRC. "It's an illusion. A delusion that [Simms] is trying to portray. He won. He got his OTBs. He collects that money. He puts nothing back into the industry. That's obvious [by the condition of the property]. We need [the commission] to be proactive."

In recent years, disagreements between the Arizona racing

community and Simms have roiled in the courts and at AZRC meetings. Prolonged fights over OTB privileges, simulcast signals, and how the horsemen's purse money can be used have all been topics of heated debate.

Turf Paradise ended its most recent season in May 2023 with a different buyer doing due diligence to purchase the property. At the time, Simms said he wanted to retire to spend more time with his grandchildren.

On Aug. 1, Simms announced Turf Paradise wouldn't be opening in November as scheduled for its traditional six-month meet.

On Sept. 18, the months-long purported sale with the first buyer was publicly declared dead.

Ten days later, Simms announced a new buyer had suddenly emerged.

The AZRC met on Sept. 28 and Oct. 12 without anyone from the new prospective buying group coming forward to speak.

But during the Nov. 9 meeting, Simms introduced a representative from Turf Paradise Land Trust while claiming the two parties were at the escrow stage of a deal. AZRC staffers indicated that a vetting process to license the new ownership group was underway, but noted that process could take months to complete.

Despite their stated misgivings about Simms and the sale, on Nov. 10 the AZHBPA board of directors voted to extend required interstate simulcasting permissions so Turf Paradise's 37 off-track betting parlors wouldn't go dark and could instead keep generating revenue for purses at the upcoming meet.

During the Dec. 5 AZRC meeting at which Turf Paradise was green-lighted for racing in '24, Simms said the sale had hit snags, but he did not elaborate on them or indicate the deal was in jeopardy.

Now fast-forward to the Jan. 12 meeting. During the tail end of the public commentary session, Simms asked for and was granted a second turn to speak.

But instead of clarifying aspects about the future of Turf Paradise, Simms only made the overall situation more cryptic by underscoring that he wanted to move on from running the racetrack.

"You know, when I get a permit to run a track for three years, it doesn't mean I have to run three years if I want to retire," Simms said. "If a doctor gets a license to practice medicine for five years, and after three years he wants to retire, he doesn't have to practice the entire five years...

"I want this industry to flourish. But I want to retire. And I'm allowed to retire. I feel badly for trainers that need a place to run. But at a certain age, I want to retire," Simms said.

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EARLY NOMS FOR TRIPLE CROWN OPEN; HORSES UNDER SUSPENDED TRAINERS MUST BE TRANSFERRED BY JAN. 29

Early nominations for 3-year-old Thoroughbreds to become eligible to compete in the 2024 Triple Crown are now open and suspended trainers have until Jan. 29 to move their horses, Churchill Downs said in a release Friday afternoon.

The early nomination phase will close Monday, Jan. 29 with the \$600 payment only available to be made online. Horses not nominated by Jan. 29 can still enter with a \$6,000 payment due Monday, Apr. 1. Last year's early Triple Crown nominations attracted 369 horses and 13 late nominees.

Horses under the care of any trainer suspended from competing in the 2024 GI Kentucky Derby or the 2024 GI Kentucky Oaks (as applicable) must be transferred to a non-suspended trainer by Jan. 29 to become eligible for the applicable race.

Horses under the care of a suspended trainer will become eligible to earn qualifying points on the Road to the Kentucky Derby or Road to the Kentucky Oaks on a forward-looking basis after the transfer is complete so long as it is by the deadline.

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THOROUGHBRED AFTERCARE ALLIANCE OPENS 2024 ACCREDITATION PROCESS

Thoroughbred aftercare organizations who are interested in applying for Thoroughbred Aftercare Alliance (TAA) accreditation during the 2024-2025 term must submit the completed application by Apr. 1 at 6 p.m. ET., the non-profit said in a release Friday.

Those that were accredited in 2022 or any new organizations need to apply for accreditation this year. Others that were accredited in 2023 need not apply as their current status extends through 2024.

Accreditation is determined after a complete and thorough review of the organizations' operations, education, horse health care management, facility standards and services, and adoption policies and protocols. Organizations that pass the initial application review will be subject to an onsite inspection of all facilities housing Thoroughbreds.

"Applying for accreditation is an incredible opportunity for organizations dedicated to the welfare of retired Thoroughbred racehorses," said Janice Towles, Director of Accreditation and Grants at TAA.

Click here for more information on the process.

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NATIONAL MUSEUM OF RACING UPDATES HALL OF FAME HISTORIC REVIEW COMMITTEE PROCESS

The National Museum of Racing and Hall of Fame's Executive Committee has approved changes regarding the institution's Historic Review committee process based on feedback received from the chair and members, the institution said in a Friday release.

Beginning this year, the Historic Review Committee will start an annual rotation to examine a specific era of American racing history. Only candidates from within the designated era will be considered for Hall of Fame induction during that year's review process. **Cont.** Previously, the Historic Review Committee met three out of every four years and considered all candidates from throughout history dating back to the colonial days as a collective exercise (as long as they have been out of competition more than 25 years).

In 2024, the Historic Review Committee will consider only pre-1900 horses, jockeys, and trainers. In 2025, the Committee will review candidates from the era of 1900 through 1959. In 2026, it will examine the years of 1960 through 2000. The process will cycle back to pre-1900 candidates in 2027. All qualified candidates active within the past 25 years are eligible to be considered through the separate annual contemporary nomination and election process.

The Historic Review Committee can select a maximum of three Hall of Fame inductees per year--any combination of horses, jockeys, and trainers--and requires each of those choices to receive 75 percent approval from the committee for election.

"I believe these changes will make for a more effective evaluation process for historic candidates being considered for the Hall of Fame," said Brien Bouyea, the Museum's Hall of Fame and Communications Director. "Evaluating the achievements of a horse or human from before 1900 alongside one from perhaps a century later is an apples vs. oranges exercise that we wanted to improve upon."

Chaired by author and racing historian Michael Veitch, the Pre-1900 Historic Review Committee will also include Edward L. Bowen, Ken Grayson, Jennifer Kelly, Dorothy Ours, Josh Pons, Mary Simon and Gary West.

Chaired by Museum trustee and longtime steeplechase horse owner Beverly R. Steinman, the Steeplechase Review Committee also includes Bowen and Veitch; Steve Byk, Joe Clancy, Bill Gallo, David Grening and Tom Law.

The 2024 Hall of Fame class, which will also include the contemporary electees and selections made by the Pillars of the Turf Committee, will be announced in late April.

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RETIRED RACEHORSE PROJECT TO HOST AFTERCARE INDUSTRY MONTH TELECONFERENCE

Registration for February's Aftercare Industry Month (AIM)

virtual conference is open and all with a professional interest in Thoroughbred aftercare are invited to partake, announced officials at the Retired Racehorse Project (RRP) via press release Friday.

Presented by the Thoroughbred Education and Research Foundation (TERF), the teleconference will offer four webinars providing an interactive experience for participants to explore a variety of topics pertaining to non-profits and business entities. Options to register for the entire conference or individual sessions a la carte will be offered on the sign-up page. An allaccess conference pass is \$10 while individual passes will be \$5 per session.

"We're grateful to TERF for supporting our vision of building on the original Aftercare Summit concept, allowing us to tackle topics in greater depth and deliver sessions in a way that increases accessibility for anyone wanting to participate," said Kirsten Green, RRP executive director.

"The aftercare industry in North America has grown into a diverse community of entities that contribute to a Thoroughbred's transition in a variety of ways. The RRP is unique in that we interface with everyone within that community, and we're striving to foster collaboration and networking which will only increase the impact of the community as a whole."

A full description of all seminars is available on the RRP website.

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	(2015) by Scat Daddy	Crops: 2	Stand	s: Coolm	ore Ashfo	ord KY Fe	e: \$15,0	000		Austere	
7	Maximus Mischief	3	6		1			83	31	237,501	2,273,236
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SALES STATISTICS

Leading 2023 Covering Sires (includes KEEJAN 2024)

by average price for stallions standing in North America

Rank	Name	FYr	Loc	2023 Fee	Ring	Sold	Avg	Median
1	Into Mischief	F10	KY	\$250,000	11	9	\$1,252,777	\$650,000
2	Flightline	F24	KY	\$200,000	17	12	\$1,183,333	\$937,500
3	Curlin	F10	KY	\$225,000	7	7	\$839,285	\$600,000
4	Gun Runner	F19	KY	Private	7	4	\$825,000	\$600,000
5	Life Is Good	F24	KY	\$100,000	16	13	\$464,230	\$425,000
6	Not This Time	F18	KY	\$135,000	19	13	\$447,692	\$425,000
7	Good Magic	F20	KY	\$50,000	32	20	\$437,350	\$175,000
8	Justify	F20	KY	\$100,000	26	22	\$395,689	\$365,000
9	Tapit	F06	KY	\$185,000	5	3	\$345,000	\$190,000
10	Uncle Mo	F13	KY	\$150,000	27	15	\$320,666	\$300,000
11	Medaglia d'Oro	F06	KY	\$100,000	7	7	\$296,000	\$180,000
12	Speightstown	F06	KY	\$80,000	3	3	\$285,000	\$80,000
13	Quality Road	F12	KY	\$200,000	13	7	\$275,285	\$350,000
14	War Front	F08	KY	\$100,000	12	10	\$259,500	\$192,500
15	Constitution	F17	KY	\$110,000	13	9	\$241,333	\$175,000

Leading 2023 Freshmen Covering Sires (includes KEEJAN 2024)

by average price for stallions standing in North America

Rank	Name	Sire's Sire	Loc	2023 Fee	Ring	Sold	Avg	Median
1	Flightline	Tapit	KY	\$200,000	17	12	\$1,183,333	\$937,500
2	Life Is Good	Into Mischief	KY	\$100,000	16	13	\$464,230	\$425,000
3	Jackie's Warrior	Maclean's Music	KY	\$50,000	28	24	\$206,500	\$185,000
4	Epicenter	Not This Time	KY	\$45,000	47	36	\$126,277	\$110,000
5	Jack Christopher	Munnings	KY	\$45,000	41	30	\$109,833	\$97,500
6	Cyberknife	Gun Runner	KY	\$30,000	30	23	\$109,608	\$60,000
7	Olympiad	Speightstown	KY	\$35,000	31	24	\$104,250	\$72,500
8	Golden Pal	Uncle Mo	KY	\$30,000	45	33	\$98,950	\$75,000
9	Mandaloun	Into Mischief	KY	\$25,000	16	15	\$84,933	\$65,000
10	Nashville	Speightstown	KY	\$15,000	38	31	\$64,661	\$28,000
11	Corniche	Quality Road	KY	\$30,000	28	20	\$47,550	\$32,500
12	Roadster	Quality Road	FL	\$7,500	4	4	\$47,375	\$5,500
13	Speaker's Corner	Street Sense	KY	\$20,000	21	16	\$44,812	\$19,000
14	Happy Saver	Super Saver	KY	\$12,500	2	1	\$40,000	\$40,000
15	Mystic Guide	Ghostzapper	KY	\$15,000	29	23	\$36,182	\$19,000



SALES STATISTICS

Leading 2023 Sires of Weanlings (including KEEJAN 2024)

by cumulative average price for stallions standing in North America

Rank	Name	FYr	Loc	2022 Fee	Ring	Sold	Avg	Median
1	Into Mischief	F10	KY	\$250,000	6	5	\$586,438	\$500,000
2	Curlin	F10	KY	\$175,000	3	3	\$508,333	\$550,000
3	Gun Runner	F19	KY	\$125,000	9	7	\$407,857	\$400,000
4	Uncle Mo	F13	KY	\$160,000	10	10	\$326,500	\$275,000
5	Justify	F20	KY	\$100,000	17	14	\$304,285	\$270,000
6	Tapit	F06	KY	\$185,000	2	2	\$270,000	\$270,000
7	Constitution	F17	KY	\$85,000	5	4	\$261,250	\$230,000
8	Quality Road	F12	KY	\$150,000	6	6	\$254,166	\$275,000
9	Essential Quality	F23	KY	\$75,000	10	7	\$235,285	\$260,000
10	Not This Time	F18	KY	\$45,000	24	21	\$204,047	\$200,000
11	Charlatan	F23	KY	\$50,000	26	21	\$196,428	\$175,000
12	Munnings	F12	KY	\$85,000	20	17	\$190,294	\$155,000
13	Speightstown	F06	KY	\$90,000	3	2	\$177,500	\$177,500
14	Street Sense	F09	KY	\$75,000	4	3	\$170,000	\$60,000
15	Maxfield	F23	KY	\$40,000	15	14	\$151,428	\$115,000

Leading 2023 Freshmen Sires of Weanlings (including KEEJAN 2024)

by cumulative average price for stallions standing in North America

Rank	Name	Sire's Sire	Loc	2022 Fee	Ring	Sold	Avg	Median
1	Essential Quality	Tapit	KY	\$75,000	10	7	\$235,285	\$260,000
2	Charlatan	Speightstown	KY	\$50,000	26	21	\$196,428	\$175,000
3	Maxfield	Street Sense	KY	\$40,000	15	14	\$151,428	\$115,000
4	Yaupon	Uncle Mo	KY	\$30,000	47	42	\$131,833	\$107,500
5	Knicks Go	Paynter	KY	\$30,000	33	25	\$61,720	\$50,000
6	Silver State	Hard Spun	KY	\$20,000	37	27	\$40,118	\$35,000
7	Lexitonian	Speightstown	KY	\$10,000	21	18	\$35,055	\$25,000
8	Independence Hall	Constitution	KY	\$10,000	51	39	\$34,748	\$27,000
9	Tacitus	Tapit	KY	\$10,000	39	33	\$32,318	\$25,000
10	Uncle Chuck	Uncle Mo	Dead	\$6,500	1	1	\$30,000	\$30,000
11	Beau Liam	Liam's Map	KY	\$6,000	34	26	\$29,711	\$23,000
12	Raging Bull (Fr)	Dark Angel (Ire)	KY	\$10,000	17	13	\$28,361	\$17,000
13	Rock Your World	Candy Ride (Arg)	KY	\$10,000	37	24	\$23,625	\$16,500
14	Known Agenda	Curlin	KY	\$10,000	36	26	\$18,192	\$13,500
15	Basin	Liam's Map	KY	\$7,500	16	12	\$16,916	\$11,000



LISTED STAKES ENTRIES

Saturday, Santa Anita, post time: 5:00 p.m. EST

CALIFORNIA CHROME CAL CUP DERBY, \$200,000, 3yo, 1 1/16m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Last Call London	Stay Thirsty	London, Tom, Lovingier, Terry C.	Miller	Hernandez	124
			and Zondlo, Eugene			
2	Mici's Express	Slew's Tiznow	Thomas E. Halasz	Knapp	Rispoli	124
3	Stolen Treasure	Nyquist	Reddam Racing LLC	Freeman	Gutierrez	124
4	Gentlemen's Club	Clubhouse Ride	Rainmaker Racing LLC and Pais, Alfred	Lewis	Herrera	124
5	Wild Jewels	Tamarando	Williams, Larry D. and Williams, Marianne	Specht	Alvarado	124

Breeders: 1-Terry C. Lovingier, 2-Eagle Ridge Racing, LLC & Rancho SanMiguel, 3-Reddam Racing, LLC & Jamie McCalmont, 4-Alfred Sonny Pais & Rainmaker Racing, 5-Mr. & Mrs. Larry D. Williams

Saturday, Santa Anita, post time: 5:30 p.m. EST

LEIGH ANN HOWARD CALIFORNIA CUP OAKS, \$200,000, 3yo, f, 1mT

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PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Petit Filet	Pavel	Rodas, III, Victor M, Rodas, Holly & Garcia, Oscar	Vuocolo	Kimura	124
2	Prancingthruparis	Sir Prancealot (Ire)	Ciaglia Racing LLC, SAF Racing & Crusberg, Harry A.	Eurton	Fresu	124
3	R Sweet Candy	Danzing Candy	La Penita Racing Stable, Donsife, Rebecca	McCanna	Jmenz Aburto	124
			and Endow, Robert			
4	Asada Fries	Clubhouse Ride	Legacy Ranch, Inc.	Lewis	Hernandez	124
5	Sushi Sticks	Karakontie (Jpn)	Repole Stable	McCarthy	Prat	124
6	Recalcitrant	Pavel	Reddam Racing LLC	O'Neill	Dettori	124
7	Madison Rae	Pavel	CYBT, Rafter JR Ranch LLC, STD Racing Stable and	Miller	Rosario	124
			Nentwig, Michael			
8	Putt for Dough	Nyquist	Reddam Racing LLC	Garcia	Gutierrez	124
9	Grand Slam Smile	Smiling Tiger	Williams, Larry D. and Williams, Marianne	Specht	Alvarado	124

Breeders: 1-Reddam Racing, LLC, 2-SAF Racing, Ciaglia Racing LLC & H.Crusberg, 3-Robert Endow, 4-Legacy Ranch, Inc., 5-Richard Barton Enterprises, 6-Reddam Racing, LLC, 7-Reddam Racing, LLC, 8-Reddam Racing, LLC, 9-Mr. & Mrs. Larry D. Williams

Saturday, Santa Anita, post time: 7:30 p.m. EST

UNUSUAL HEAT TURF CLASSIC S. PRESENTED BY CITY NATIONAL BANK, \$200,000, 4yo/up, 1 1/8mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	None Above the Law	Karakontie (Jpn)	Robison, J. Kirk and Robison, Judy	Miller	Rosario	124
2	Carmelita's Man	Mucho Macho Man	Jett, T. Lawrence and Jett, Ann	Pederson	Pereira	124
3	Bally's Charm	Roi Charmant	Red Baron's Barn LLC and Vaya Con Suerte, LLC	Mullins	Berrios	124
4	Mogollon Rim	Finnegans Wake	Martin, Craig and Yamamoto, Gregory	Moger, Jr.	Ayuso	120
5	Kings River Knight	Acclamation	Integrity Thoroughbred Racing, LLC, The Ellwood Johnston Trust and Tevelde, Kenneth A.	Sadler	Hernandez	124
6	Silent Heat	Unusual Heatwave	Newfield Farm and Johnson, Peter O.	Saavedra	Fresu	120
7	Aligato	Kitten's Joy	Double L Racing	Glatt	Prat	124
8	Passarando	Tamarando	Williams, Larry D. and Williams, Marianne	Specht	Dettori	124
9	Catalina Eddy	Square Eddie	Rainmaker Racing LLC	Lewis	Kimura	120
10	Royal 'n Rando	Tamarando	Williams, Larry D. and Williams, Marianne	Specht	Alvarado	124

Breeders: 1-J. Kirk Robison & Judy Robison, 2-Richard Barton Enterprises & RobertTraynor, 3-Red Baron's Barn LLC & Vaya Con Suerte, 4-Craig Martin, 5-Old English Rancho, 6-Paul Lawrence Newhart, 7-Bob Liewald & Joe Mishak, 8-Mr. & Mrs. Larry D. Williams, 9-Reddam Racing, LLC, 10-Mr. & Mrs. Larry D. Williams

SATURDAY INSIGHTS: PRICEY LIAM'S MAP **COLT DEBUTS FOR ST. ELIAS** by Alan Carasso



Turn Up the Trees as a foal | Courtesy Diego Mitagstein

6th-GP, \$89k, Msw, 3yo, 6f, post time: 2:39 p.m. ET TURN UP THE TREES (Liam's Map) cost \$100,000 as a foal at the 2021 Keeneland November Sale before St. Elias Stable paid \$500,000 for the bay at Keeneland September less than a year later, the fourth-priciest of 58 of his sire's yearlings sold in 2022. A son of the Grade III-placed Clearbrook (Smart Strike), Turn Up the Trees descends from the family of stallions Sky Mesa and Bernstein. Sicilian Defense (Uncle Mo) is a maternal grandson of GSW/GISP Molto Vita (Carson City), herself the dam of SW & GSP Jaguar Paw (Giant's Causeway), SW/MGSP Venetian Mask (Pulpit) and Grazie Mille (Bernardini), whose produce include GISW Mo Town (Uncle Mo) and SW & MGSP 'TDN Rising Star'

1st-AQU, \$80k, Msw, 3yo, 6f, post time: 12:20 p.m. ET

Justique (Justify). TJCIS PPs

Peter Blum homebred AMBITION (Street Sense) is the latest to the races from the five-time stakes-winning Inspired (Unbridled's Song), also the dam of Grade II-placed juvenile Carmel Road (Quality Road) and SP Night Time Lady (Midnight Lute). A daughter of the late stakes-placed Proposal (Mt. Livermore), Inspired is a full-sister to SW & GSP Silver City; and a half to SW & GSP Elope (Gone West), SW Initiation (Deputy Minister) and Treasure (Medaglia d'Oro), herself the dam of GI Preakness S. hero National Treasure (Quality Road), SW Ultimate (Speightstown) and Grade I-placed 'TDN Rising Star' Pirate (Omaha Beach). Third dam Lady of Choice (Storm Bird) produced MGSW/GISP Multiple Choice (Mt. Livermore) and was a half-sister to GISW Well Chosen (Deputy Minister).

A \$200,000 Keeneland September purchase by Spendthrift Farm, the debuting Tuscan Sky (Vino Rosso) is a half-brother to Private Creed (Jimmy Creed), third in the 2022 GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf Sprint and victorious in last year's GII Franklin-Simpson S. TJCIS PPs

9th-GP, \$89k, Msw, 3yo, 1m, post time: 4:06 p.m. ET MILITARY ROAD (Quality Road) is a son of 2013 GII Davona Dale S. third Private Ensign (A.P. Indy), also the dam of SW Great Sister Dane (Will Take Charge), whose then-yearling son of Quality Road was hammered down to Repole Stable for \$725,000 at Keeneland September last year. Private Ensign is a half-sister to GSW 'TDN Rising Star' Ocho Ocho Ocho (Street Sense) and the undefeated champion Personal Ensign appears as this colt's fourth dam. Antiquarian (Preservationist) was the third most-expensive of his young sire's 47 first-crop yearlings reported as sold in 2022, hammering for \$250,000 at KEESEP to the bid of Centennial Farms. A May 11 foal, the chestnut is out of a winning daughter of GSW Silver Reunion (Harlan's Holiday), the dam of GSW Speaktomeofsummer (Summer Front) and SW Proud Reunion (Proud Citizen). TJCIS PPs

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6th-Gulfstream, \$75,800, Alw (NW1X), Opt. Clm (\$75,000), 1-12, 3yo, 5f (AWT) (off turf), :55.42, ft, 1/2 length. SILENT HEART (c, 3, Heart to Heart--Mega Monster {SP}, by **Silent Name (Jpn)**, a debut second sprinting on turf at Horseshoe Indianapolis Sept. 25, missed by a head in a rainedoff maiden at Churchill Nov. 10 and most recently validated odds-on favoritism to graduate on this turf course Dec. 7. Outsprinted despite being ridden for pace by Luis Saez, Silent Heart enjoyed the run of the race from third, came after pacesetting Esperon (Chitu) deep inside the final furlong and edged away to take it by a half-length for the connections that campaigned this Crestwood Farm-based sire, noted for his heart-shaped blaze. "Luis said he broke sharp, but it took him a few strides to get his legs underneath him on the [Tapeta] for the first time," said trainer Brian Lynch. "I thought he was game. He chased a fast, fast pace and finished with plenty of interest."

6th-Gulfstream, cont.

Mega Monster produced full-sisters to Silent Heart in 2022 and 2023 and--interestingly--visited Karakontie (Jpn) for her latest covering. Lifetime Record: 4-2-2-0, \$110,000. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV. O/B-Terry Hamilton (KY); T-Brian A Lynch.



Silent Heart | Ryan Thompson

8th-Gulfstream, \$72,000, Alw (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$75,000), 1-12, 3yo, f, 1 1/16m (AWT) (off turf), 1:42.25, ft, 1 length. GOLDEN GHOST (GB) (f, 3, Medaglia d'Oro--Villa Marina (GB) {G1SW-Fr, \$452,712}, by Le Havre {Ire}) jumped right into stakes company and ran fourth in the Astoria at Belmont Park last summer. Switching to route on the grass, the bay was wellbeaten in both her attempts during the month of August at Saratoga, then shipped to Del Mar and broke her maiden by 1 3/4 lengths Dec. 2. With Lasix for the first time and hammered at the windows from 9-2 on the morning line to be the 3-2 choice here, the filly sat just behind longshot Simply Striking (Enticed) into the first turn and remained on hold from the third position up the backstretch. When the rail did not open up at the top of the lane, the \$500,000 Keeneland September grad shifted to the two path and with a late burst she won by a length over the pacesetter. The winner is her dam's first offspring. Villa Marina produced a 2-year-old colt by Frankel (GB), who was sold for 400,000gns during Book 1 at the Tattersalls October Yearling Sale, and a yearling filly by Kingman (GB). Sales History: \$500,000 Ylg '22 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 5-2-0-0, \$93,630. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.

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3rd-Aqueduct, \$67,900, (S), Msw, 1-12, 3yo, f, 1m, 1:41.82, ft, head.

MIDNIGHT CONCERTO (f, 3, Mendelssohn--Midnight in Giada, by Midnight Lute) found herself better than 20 lengths out of it in her Sept. 1 debut at Saratoga, but made up all but 4 3/4 lengths of that deficit to finish a respectable sixth. Sent off the 13-4 third choice for this seasonal return, the \$185,000 KEESEP yearling was much closer to the early action this time around and raced unhurriedly down the back beneath Madison Olver. Last of a compact bunch into the turn, she advanced between rivals and was angled out wide for the drive. Clearly second, with about four lengths to find entering the final furlong, Midnight Concerto saved her best for last, as she continued plugging away and was along in the final jump. Out of a halfsister to the dam of Grade II winner Scaramouche (Munnings) and from the family of GI Breeders' Cup Turf Sprint runner-up Diabolical (Artax), Midnight Concerto has a 2-year-old half-sister by Accelerate and a yearling half-brother by Honest Mischief. Her dam was most recently covered by Cyberknife. Sales history: \$185,000 Ylg '22 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$39,028. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.

O-Harold Lerner LLC, AWC Stables & Nehoc Stables; B-Sequel Thoroughbreds LLC & Valerie Dailey (NY); T-Kenneth G McPeek.

Maiden Results cont.

7th-Fair Grounds, \$52,000, Msw, 1-12, 3yo, 5 1/2fT, 1:06.29, fm, neck.

MIND BOLT (c, 3, Bolt d'Oro--Gwithian, by Street Sense) was purchased by Larry Hirsch for \$160,000 out of last year's TTA 2-Year-Olds in Training Sale (under-tack breeze), the seconddearest price of the sale, but gave away few clues in his local worktab and was dispatched at longshot odds on debut. Quickly into stride from the outermost stall, the Oklahoma-bred was soon displaced on the front end and was content to drift back through the field in the middle furlongs. Asked to improve nearing the stretch, Mind Bolt engaged pacesetting firster Bonzer (American Pharoah) inside the furlong pole and outfought that one to the line, returning \$44 to his backers. The winner is out of a half-sister to New York-based stallion Solomini (Curlin) and his great-granddam Fleet Lady (Avenue of Flags) produced champion Midshipman (Unbridled's Song) and GSW Fast Cookie (Deputy Minister), the dam of MGISW sire Frosted (Tapit) and GSW Indulgent (Bernardini). The dam of 2-year-old and yearling colts by Tapiture, Gwithian is due to Oscar Performance this year. Sales history: \$160,000 2yo '23 TTAAPR. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$31,200. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.

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IN THE UAE:

Military Artist, c, 3, Munnings. See 'TDN Europe-Dubai' Kabirkhan, c, 4, California Chrome. See 'TDN Europe-Dubai' Thegreatcollection, g, 10, Saint Anddan--Cactus Cadillac (SW-US, \$141,897), by Cactus Ridge. Meydan, 1-12, Hcp., 1400m, 1:25.04. B-Kathleen Amaya, Alexandro & Raffaele Centofanti (FL). *SP-US, SW & MGSP-UAE. **1/2 to Sabra Tuff (Cross Traffic), GSP-US, \$286,610. VIDEO.

IN SAUDI ARABIA:

Aljood, f, 3, Frosted--Ghost Dancer, by Ghostzapper. King Abdulaziz, 1-12, Maiden, 2000m. B-Stoneway Farm (KY). *\$22,000 RNA Ylg '22 FTKJUL. VIDEO (SC 5)

Power In Numbers, c, 4, Girvin--Gold Edge (GSW, \$162,430), by Eddington. King Abdulaziz, 1-12, Prince Naif Ben A/Aziz Cup (KSA-G2, NBT) (\$187k), 1600m. B-Brereton C Jones (KY). *SW-US. **\$200,000 Ylg '21 FTKJUL; \$400,000 HRA '23 FTKJUL. VIDEO (SC 8)

Daahi, c, 4, Klimt--Maisie, by Stay Thirsty. King Abdulaziz, 1-12, Allowance, 2000m. B-Highclere Inc (KY). *\$50,000 Ylg '21 FTKJUL; \$120,000 2yo '22 OBSMAR. VIDEO (SC 14)

Hidden Brook Florida Graduate

Nobody's Joke, m, 5, Practical Joke--I Love America, by Quiet American. King Abdulaziz, 1-12, Hcp., 1400m. B-Athens Woods LLC (KY). *Won in a dead heat. **\$220,00 2yo '21 OBSJUN. ***1/2 to Love to Run (Pulpit), SP, \$340,754; American Sugar (Harlan's Holiday), MSW, \$269,094. VIDEO (SC 2)

IN IRELAND:

Western City, c, 3, Kitten's Joy. See 'TDN-Europe--Ireland'

IN SOUTH KOREA:

Despite Win, c, 3, **Munnings**--Athehsa, by Big Brown. Busan, 1-12, Hcp. (C3), 1200m. B-Pippa's Hurricane LLC (KY). *\$50,000 2yo '23 OBSAPR. **VIDEO (SC 5)**

Fantastic World, c, 3, World of Trouble--Risk Premium, by Take Charge Indy. Busan, 1-12, Hcp. (C4), 1200m. B-Erik R Johnson (KY). *\$2,500 Ylg '22 KEEJAN; \$47,000 Ylg '22 OBSOCT; \$60,000 2yo '23 OBSJUN. VIDEO (SC 10)

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SECOND-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: SATURDAY, JAN. 13 2023 Stud Fees Listed

Baffin (Justin Phillip)

3 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners 5-Sam Houston Race, 4:00 p.m. EST, Msw 6f, Baffin's Best Shot, 15-1

Candygram (Candy Ride {Arg})

27 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners 5-Charles Town, 9:02 p.m. EST, Msw 4 1/2f, Candy Outline, 15-1

Second-Crop Sires With Runners cont.

Catalina Cruiser (Union Rags), Lane's End Farm, \$10,000 172 foals of racing age/14 winners/0 black-type winners 5-Sam Houston Race, 4:00 p.m. EST, Msw 6f, Dinero de La Casa, 9-2

\$6,000 FTK OCT yrl; \$26,000 OBS OPN 2yo

Coal Front (Stay Thirsty), Spendthrift Farm, \$5,000
79 foals of racing age/10 winners/2 black-type winners
9-Tampa Bay Downs, 4:32 p.m. EST, \$125K Pasco S., 7f, Crazy
Mason, 4-1
\$20,000 KEE NOV wnl; \$27,500 EAS OCT yrl
6-Gulfstream, 2:39 p.m. EST, Msw 6f, Live High Live Low, 10-1
\$90,000 OBS OCT yrl
6-Gulfstream, 2:39 p.m. EST, Msw 6f, Mellifluous, 15-1
\$105,000 OBS OCT yrl; \$150,000 OBS MAR 2yo

Copper Bullet (More Than Ready), Darby Dan Farm, \$7,500 53 foals of racing age/7 winners/1 black-type winner 7-Tampa Bay Downs, 3:34 p.m. EST, \$125K Gasparilla S., 7f, Copper Bound, 20-1

Demarchelier (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}), Claiborne Farm, \$7,500 99 foals of racing age/14 winners/0 black-type winners 4-Golden Gate Fields, 5:14 p.m. EST, Msw 5 1/2f, Tennyson Way, 5-2 \$29,000 RNA KEE SEP yrl

Divisidero (Kitten's Joy), Airdrie Stud, \$5,000 42 foals of racing age/4 winners/1 black-type winner 8-Gulfstream, 3:37 p.m. EST, Aoc 1 1/16mT, Abrumar, 10-1 \$19,000 RNA KEE SEP yrl

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

156 foals of racing age/24 winners/1 black-type winner 7-Tampa Bay Downs, 3:34 p.m. EST, \$125K Gasparilla S., 7f, Genuine Peril, 20-1 \$10,000 KEE NOV wnl 6-Aqueduct, 2:47 p.m. EST, \$100K Busanda S., 1 1/8m, Shimmering Allure, 4-5 \$40,000 FTK JUL yrl

Flameaway (Scat Daddy), Darby Dan Farm, \$15,000 200 foals of racing age/23 winners/4 black-type winners 4-Aqueduct, 1:48 p.m. EST, Msw 1m, Hair On Fire, 20-1 \$82,000 SAR AUG yrl 1-Aqueduct, 12:20 p.m. EST, Msw 6f, Skyler's Artemis, 15-1 \$150,000 FTK OCT yrl

Lord of Greatness (Greatness), Flowing Acres Farm 3 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners 5-Charles Town, 9:02 p.m. EST, Msw 4 1/2f, Seattle Prince, 20-1

Maximus Mischief (Into Mischief), Spendthrift Farm, \$25,000 231 foals of racing age/33 winners/3 black-type winners 5-Tampa Bay Downs, 2:34 p.m. EST, Msw 6f, Managing Mischief, 5-1 \$160,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$115,000 FTD OCT 2yo

Mitole (Eskendereya), Spendthrift Farm, \$15,000 293 foals of racing age/37 winners/2 black-type winners 4-Aqueduct, 1:48 p.m. EST, Msw 1m, Sahanatien, 12-1 \$82,000 FTK FEB wnl; \$130,000 KEE SEP yrl 8-Gulfstream, 3:37 p.m. EST, Aoc 1 1/16mT, Typhoon Fury, 4-1 \$55,000 KEE SEP yrl

Omaha Beach (War Front), Spendthrift Farm, \$40,000 291 foals of racing age/25 winners/3 black-type winners 9-Gulfstream, 4:06 p.m. EST, Msw 1m, D Day Sky, 8-1 \$140,000 FTK NOV wnl; \$200,000 FTS AUG yrl

Pavel (Creative Cause), Ocean Breeze Ranch 29 foals of racing age/5 winners/1 black-type winner 5-Santa Anita, 5:30 p.m. EST, \$200K Leigh Ann Howard California Cup Oaks, 1mT, Madison Rae, 5-1 \$38,000 OBS APR 2yo

5-Santa Anita, 5:30 p.m. EST, \$200K Leigh Ann Howard California Cup Oaks, 1mT, Petit Filet, 8-1

\$1,500 FTC AYR yrl

5-Santa Anita, 5:30 p.m. EST, \$200K Leigh Ann Howard California Cup Oaks, 1mT, Recalcitrant, 15-1

Preservationist (Arch), Airdrie Stud, \$5,000 103 foals of racing age/15 winners/0 black-type winners 9-Gulfstream, 4:06 p.m. EST, Msw 1m, Antiquarian, 8-1 \$250,000 KEE SEP yrl 5-Delta Downs, 7:57 p.m. EST, Msw 6 1/2f, Saint Isabel, 15-1 \$4,000 KEE SEP yrl

Redirect (Speightstown)

20 foals of racing age/1 winner/1 black-type winner 5-Charles Town, 9:02 p.m. EST, Msw 4 1/2f, Direct the Show, 12-1

St Patrick's Day (Pioneerof the Nile), Journeyman Stud, \$3,500 90 foals of racing age/10 winners/0 black-type winners 6-Gulfstream, 2:39 p.m. EST, Msw 6f, Celtic Pride, 30-1

Solomini (Curlin), McMahon of Saratoga Thoroughbreds, \$7,500 142 foals of racing age/14 winners/3 black-type winners 3-Cross Country Pick X, 4:16 p.m. EST, Msw 1m, Outtawaterbury, 12-1 \$10,000 RNA FTN MIX wnl

Vino Rosso (Curlin), Spendthrift Farm, \$20,000
309 foals of racing age/26 winners/2 black-type winners
1-Aqueduct, 12:20 p.m. EST, Msw 6f, Tuscan Sky, 3-1
\$200,000 FTK JUL yrl
3-Cross Country Pick X, 4:16 p.m. EST, Msw 1m, Vin Santo, 4-1
\$100,000 FTN MIX wnl; \$110,000 OBS OPN 2yo
Yoshida (Jpn) (Heart's Cry {Jpn}), Darley Japan, \$1,500,000
164 foals of racing age/11 winners/0 black-type winners
5-Delta Downs, 7:57 p.m. EST, Msw 6 1/2f, Hayai Uma, 4-1
\$42,000 KEE NOV wnl; \$50,000 KEE SEP yrl





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

Saturday, January 13, 2024
4th-KYO, ¥11,850,000 (\$82k), Newcomers, 3yo, 1800m
DANON K TWO (JPN) (c, 3, Justify--Enticed {Ire}, by Galileo
{Ire}) is the first foal from a mare that cost 800,000gns (\$1.1 million) at the 2017 Tattersalls October Sale and who was entered for, but withdrawn from the 2020 Keeneland November sale with this colt in utero. Enticed is kin to seven winners from nine to race, including 2017 G1 Irish Derby and G1 St Leger winner Capri (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}), SW & GSP Tower of London

(Ire) (Galileo {Ire}), Group 3 winner and G1 Irish Oaks third Passion (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}), Group 3 winner Cypress Creek (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) and the dam of 2022 G1 Fillies' Mile heroine Commissioning (GB) (Kingman {GB}). *B-Mishima Bokujo*



Justify | Sarah Andrew

4th-NKY, ¥11,850,000 (\$82k), Newcomers, 3yo, 1800m ERIKA VENEZIA (f, 3, Curlin--First Passage, by Giant's

Causeway), a \$370,000 Keeneland September graduate, is out of a Grade III-winning dam who is also responsible for Grade III winner Berned (Bernardini) and MGSP First to Act (Curlin). The dual stakes-winning second dam Win's Fair Lady (Dehere), who twice fetched seven figures as a broodmare, was a full-sister to MGSW/GISP Graeme Hall and a half to Grade I winner Harmony Lodge (Hennessy) and GSW Win McCool (Giant's Causeway). Win's Fair Lady's half-sister Giant Win (Giant's Causeway) bred GISW Pinehurst (Twirling Candy). B-AR Enterprises LLC (KY)

Sunday, January 14, 2024

3rd-KYO, ¥11,850,000 (\$82k), Newcomers, 2yo, 1400m
DISTANT SKY (c, 3, Uncle Mo--Elisheva, by Smart Strike) is the second foal out of a daughter of champion Believe (Jpn) (Sunday Silence), whose notable produce includes G1 Sprinters' S. winner Gendarme (Kitten's Joy) MSW & G1SP Faridat (Kingmambo) and SW & GSP Fiducia (Medaglia d'Oro). Third dam Great Christine (Danzig) was a half-sister to Horse of the Year Lady's Secret (Secretariat). B-North Hills Co Ltd (KY)

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Notable US-Bred & -Sired Runners in Japan cont. 5th-KOK, ¥11,850,000 (\$82k), Newcomers, 2yo, 2000mT ALFHEIMR (f, 3, Arrogate--Duff One, by Harlan's Holiday),

whose Grade II-placed dam was sold for \$60,000 carrying this filly at the 2020 Keeneland November Sale, was a \$125,000 purchase as a foal at the same event 12 months later and fetched \$80,000 at Keeneland September in the fall of 2022. This is the deep Alexander family that traces back to champion Althea, and Alfheimr's stakes-winning third dam Amelia (Dixieland Band) is responsible for MGSW/GISP Rainha Da Bateria (Broken Vow) and Japanese Group 2 winner Rabbit Run (Tapit), whose 3-year-old daughter Bunny Hop (Jpn) (Isla Bonita {Jpn}) makes her second career start Saturday at Kyoto. Duff One was bought back on a bid of \$40,000 at Keeneland January this past week when offered in foal to Maclean's Music. B-Theta Holdings 1 Inc (KY)

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ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

7th-Aqueduct, \$88,000, (C)/Opt. Clm (\$80,000), 1-12, 4yo/up, 6 1/2f, 1:16.65, ft, 1 1/4 lengths.

TWENTY FOUR MAMBA (g, 5, Classic Empire--Oh Maybe Baby, by Harlan's Holiday) Lifetime Record: MSP, 25-6-8-1, \$392,916. O-PlayingTheField Racing, Final Turn Racing Stable, LLC, WLIR Racing Stables and Acqua Nova Stable; B-Respite Farm, Inc (KY); T-Charlton Baker. *\$55,000 Wlg '19 KEENOV.

8th-Turfway, \$78,000, (NW2\$X), Opt. Clm (\$40,000), 1-11, 4yo/up, f/m, 6f (AWT), 1:11.09, ft, neck.

AWESOME TREAT (m, 6, Awesome Patriot--Tiz a Treat, by Tiz Wonderful) Lifetime Record: GSP, 19-3-4-1, \$214,913. O-Rakesh S & Kumud S Sikand; B-Kumud S Sikand (KY); T-Justin Wojczynski.

5th-Aqueduct, \$72,000, (S), 1-12, (NW1\$X), 4yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2f, 1:19.03, ft, 3/4 length.

HARLAN'S BOND (f, 4, Good Samaritan--Discreet Woman, by Discreet Cat) Lifetime Record: 14-2-2-3, \$134,499. O-Sean Carney, David G Donk & Douglas R Mackay; B-Apache Farm LLC (NY); T-David G Donk. *\$22,000 RNA Ylg '21 SARAUG; \$45,000 Ylg '21 EASOCT.

Yearling recommendation by Marette Farrell

8th-Laurel, \$54,010, (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$50,000-\$62,500), 1-12, 3yo, f, 1m, 1:39.16, ft, 1 1/2 lengths.

SHEILAHS WARCLOUD (f, 3, Madefromlucky--Sky Lani, by Sky Mesa) Lifetime Record: MSP, 5-2-3-0, \$131,230. O/T-Justin J. Nixon; B-Dr. Megan Kerford DVM & Justin J. Nixon (MD).

3rd-Gulfstream, \$54,000, (S), 1-12, (NW1X), 3yo, 5 1/2f (AWT), 1:02.78, ft, 1/2 length.

GENERAL LEDGER (c, 3, Summer Front--Twice by Sunday, by Sky Mesa) Lifetime Record: 5-2-1-0, \$89,830. O/B-All In Line Stables LLC (FL); T-Saffie A Joseph Jr. *1/2 to Merseyside (Maclean's Music), SP, \$172,162.

3rd-Sunland, \$40,100, (S), 1-12, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 5 1/2f, 1:05.25, ft, neck.

NO GAIN N NO WILL (g, 4, Punctuate--Colors of Pompeii {SP, **\$122,875**}, by Tricky Creek) Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-1, \$62,560. O/B-Terry B Adams (NM); T-Joel H Marr.

3rd-Penn National, \$40,000, (S), 1-11, (NW1BX), 4yo/up, 6f, 1:10.16, ft, 5 lengths.

KEEPING IT COUNTRY (g, 5, Freud--Lemon Drop's Love, by **Lemon Drop Kid)** Lifetime Record: 16-4-6-3, \$87,272. O-Bush Racing Stable; B-Blackstone Farm LLC (PA); T-Timothy C Kreiser. *\$29,000 Ylg '20 KEESEP. **Full to Lovely Syn, MSW, \$202,200; and Mentality, SW, \$299,534.

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7th-Delta Downs, \$38,900, 1-11, (NW2L), 4yo/up, 5f, :59.05, ft, 4 lengths.

BRAZEN BULL (g, 4, Munnings--Rose Again, by Curlin) Lifetime Record: 6-2-0-0, \$44,900. O-Bryon Seymore; B-Theta Holding I Inc (KY); T-Justin R Evans. *\$30,000 Wlg '20 KEENOV; \$47,000 Ylg '21 FTKFEB; \$80,000 Ylg '21 KEESEP; \$15,000 3yo '23 FTCAYR.

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ODAY'S FEATURED REPLAY



Silent Heart (Heart to Heart) goes back-to-back at Gulfstream (click to watch)

9th-Tampa Bay Downs, \$37,600, (NW2X)/Opt. Clm (\$32,000), 1-12, 4yo/up, 7f, 1:23.44, ft, neck.

THOUGHT (h, 5, Street Sense--Critikal Reason {SP}, by Aptitude) Lifetime Record: 18-6-3-3, \$149,846. O-Larry Gourneau Jr.; B-Farfellow Farms Ltd (KY); T-Laura Cazares. *1/2 to Virtual Machine (Drosselmeyer), GSP, \$200,755; and Bajan (Speightstown), MSW & GISP, \$251,949.

4th-Sunland, \$32,000, 1-12, (NW2L), 4yo/up, 5 1/2f, 1:04.58, ft, head.

NEIMAN (g, 4, Munnings--Tizacity, by Tizway) Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-1, \$54,240. O-Mike Abraham and Leslie Amestoy and Pierre J. Amestoy, Jr.; B-Three Lyons Racing, LLC & HTH Enterprises (KY); T-Dallas J. Barton. *\$210,000 Ylg '21 FTKOCT; \$50,000 2yo '22 OBSAPR.

CANDY MEADOWS SALES GRADUATE

7th-Charles Town, \$28,400, 1-11, (NW2LX), 3yo/up, 1 1/16m, 1:48.02, ft, 1/2 length.

I'M THE MONEY MAN (g, 4, Windsor Castle--Candy Man's Girl {SW, \$291,113}, by Charitable Man) Lifetime Record: SP, 15-4-0-4, \$94,521. O/T-Ronald G Sigler; B-Taylor Mountain Farm (WV).

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Raspberry Wine, f, 3, Cat Burglar--Given Star, by Any Given Saturday. Sunland, 1-12, 5 1/2f, 1:05.90. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-0, \$28,050. B-Richard Barton Enterprises (CA). *1/2 to One in Vermillion (Army Mule), GISW, \$653,840.

Giacomo Casanova, g, 3, **Creative Cause**--My Darling Lily, by Street Sense. Charles Town, 1-11, (S), 6 1/2f, 1:21.54. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, \$17,469. B-O'Sullivan Farms LLC (WV).

Game Misconduct, g, 3, Flameaway--Danalake (SW), by Friends Lake. Aqueduct, 1-12, (C), 6f, 1:12.88. Lifetime Record: 6-1-0-0, \$29,954. B-Moreau Bloodstock International Inc (KY). *\$36,000 Wlg '21 KEENOV; \$45,000 Ylg '22 KEESEP; \$35,000 RNA 2yo '23 OBSMAR.

Honor Cat, f, 3, **Honor Code**--Sense of War, by Street Sense. Oaklawn, 1-12, 1m, 1:41.83. Lifetime Record: 5-1-1-0, \$98,551. B-Veloce LLC (KY). *\$85,000 Ylg '22 KEESEP.

LANE'S END SALES GRADUATE

Break the Chains, g, 3, Midshipman--Said in Silence, by Bernstein. Charles Town, 1-11, (S), 7f, 1:28.51. Lifetime Record: 6-1-1-0, \$22,929. B-Maurice F Casey (WV). *\$30,000 Ylg '22 KEEJAN; \$45,000 2yo '23 EASMAY.

IN THE ®DARBY DAN TRADITION

Twenty to Park, g, 3, **Speightster**--Spirit Line, by Indian Charlie. Oaklawn, 1-12, (S), 6f, 1:12.58. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$69,000. B-McDowell Farm (AR). *1/2 to Sassy Kitten (Kitten's Joy), MSW, \$232,790. **1ST-TIME STARTER.

Pip Squeek, f, 3, **Whence**--Little Face, by Magna Graduate. Delta Downs, 1-11, (S), 7 1/2f, 1:36.60. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$34,400. B-Gerald L Averett (LA).

Southern Dream, g, 4, Bernardini--Kissesformymissus, by Broken Vow. Gulfstream, 1-12, (C), 6 1/2f, 1:17.78. Lifetime Record: 11-1-3-2, \$76,500. B-Alfred H. Nuckols Jr., Leigh Nuckols, Hurst Nuckols & Godolphin (KY). *\$12,000 Ylg '21 KEESEP.

Tensas Lu Lu, f, 4, **Cloud Computing**--Princess Lu Lu, by Harlan's Holiday. Delta Downs, 1-11, (S), 5f, 1:00.02. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$34,400. B-David Leake (LA). *\$15,000 Ylg '21 TTAYHR.

Bronko Nagurski, g, 4, **Grazen**--Sunday Rules (MSW & GSP, \$579,580), by Tribal Rule. Santa Anita, 1-12, (S), 6fT, 1:09.48. Lifetime Record: 7-1-0-4, \$72,160. B-Nick Alexander (CA).

Whisper's Mark, f, 4, Marking--Whisper's Sister (SW), by Ghostly Moves. Sunland, 1-12, (S), 5 1/2f, 1:05.84. Lifetime Record: 5-1-0-2, \$31,071. B-Joe Milam (NM).

Ladan, f, 4, Unified--Jill's Firebird, by Birdstone. Turfway, 1-11, (C), 1m (AWT), 1:40.33. Lifetime Record: 12-1-0-2, \$60,644. B-Hughes Bloodstock, Steel Gate Hollow and TK Stables LLC (KY). *\$3,500 RNA Wlg '20 KEENOV; \$10,000 Ylg '21 FTKOCT.

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Awesome Patriot, Awesome Treat, m, 6, o/o Tiz a Treat, by Tiz Wonderful. AOC, 1-11, Turfway

Bernardini, Southern Dream, g, 4, o/o Kissesformymissus, by Broken Vow. MOC, 1-12, Gulfstream

Bolt d'Oro, Mind Bolt, c, 3, o/o Gwithian, by Street Sense. MSW, 1-12, Fair Grounds

Cat Burglar, Raspberry Wine, f, 3, o/o Given Star, by Any Given Saturday. MSW, 1-12, Sunland

Classic Empire, Twenty Four Mamba, g, 5, o/o Oh Maybe Baby, by Harlan's Holiday. AOC, 1-12, Aqueduct

Cloud Computing, Tensas Lu Lu, f, 4, o/o Princess Lu Lu, by Harlan's Holiday. MSW, 1-11, Delta Downs

Creative Cause, Giacomo Casanova, g, 3, o/o My Darling Lily, by Street Sense. MSW, 1-11, Charles Town

Flameaway, Game Misconduct, g, 3, o/o Danalake, by Friends Lake. MCL, 1-12, Aqueduct

Freud, Keeping It Country, g, 5, o/o Lemon Drop's Love, by Lemon Drop Kid. ALW, 1-11, Penn National

Good Samaritan, Harlan's Bond, f, 4, o/o Discreet Woman, by Discreet Cat. ALW, 1-12, Aqueduct

Grazen, Bronko Nagurski, g, 4, o/o Sunday Rules, by Tribal Rule. MSW, 1-12, Santa Anita

Heart to Heart, Silent Heart, c, 3, o/o Mega Monster, by Silent Name (Jpn). AOC, 1-12, Gulfstream

Honor Code, Honor Cat, f, 3, o/o Sense of War, by Street Sense. MSW, 1-12, Oaklawn

Madefromlucky, Sheilahs Warcloud, f, 3, o/o Sky Lani, by Sky Mesa. AOC, 1-12, Laurel

Marking, Whisper's Mark, f, 4, o/o Whisper's Sister, by Ghostly Moves. MSW, 1-12, Sunland

Medaglia d'Oro, Golden Ghost (GB), f, 3, o/o Villa Marina (GB), by Le Havre (Ire). AOC, 1-12, Gulfstream

Mendelssohn, Midnight Concerto, f, 3, o/o Midnight in Giada, by Midnight Lute. MSW, 1-12, Aqueduct

Midshipman, Break the Chains, g, 3, o/o Said in Silence, by Bernstein. MSW, 1-11, Charles Town

Munnings, Brazen Bull, g, 4, o/o Rose Again, by Curlin. ALW, 1-11, Delta Downs

Munnings, Neiman, g, 4, o/o Tizacity, by Tizway. ALW, 1-12, Sunland

Punctuate, No Gain N No Will, g, 4, o/o Colors of Pompeii, by Tricky Creek. ALW, 1-12, Sunland

Speightster, Twenty to Park, g, 3, o/o Spirit Line, by Indian Charlie. MSW, 1-12, Oaklawn

Street Sense, Thought, h, 5, o/o Critikal Reason, by Aptitude. AOC, 1-12, Tampa Bay

Summer Front, General Ledger, c, 3, o/o Twice by Sunday, by Sky Mesa. ALW, 1-12, Gulfstream

Unified, Ladan, f, 4, o/o Jill's Firebird, by Birdstone. MCL, 1-11, Turfway

Whence, Pip Squeek, f, 3, o/o Little Face, by Magna Graduate. MSW, 1-11, Delta Downs

Windsor Castle, I'm the Money Man, g, 4, o/o Candy Man's Girl, by Charitable Man. ALW, 1-11, Charles Town

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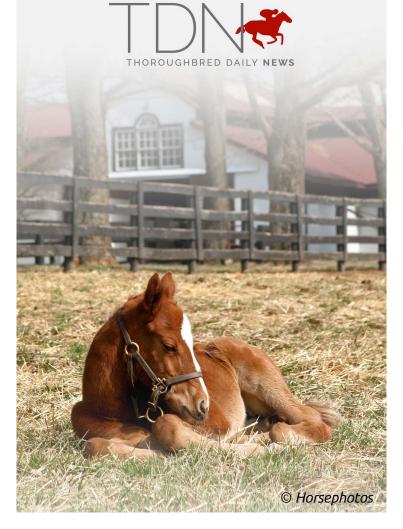
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VALUE SIRES PART II: UNDER 10,000



Without Parole takes gold in this sector and has his first runners this season | Amy Lynam

By Emma Berry

Having started with the new stallions for 2024, we are continuing the series with those in the lower price tier beneath the fee of 10,000, whether in euros or sterling. For the benefit of this piece we are treating them as one and the same, despite the current exchange rate of $\mathfrak{L}1 = \mathfrak{L}1.16$.

This is the territory inhabited by many small breeders, and in plenty of cases the margins between operating at a profit and a loss are very tight indeed.

I am reminded here of a particularly interesting quote from Paul Thorman in the interview with Brian Sheerin which appeared in these pages earlier this week.

Thorman said, "Fashion has never been stronger. We used to be able to sell yearlings by unpopular stallions. If they were good-looking horses out of reasonable mares, they'd find a level and sometimes that level was quite good. Sir Mark Prescott, Peter Makin, the likes of those people would always buy a good-looking horse by an unfashionable sire. Now, if you have picked the wrong sire, there is nobody for it. Stallions are never as good or bad as fashion says they are."

This does rather underline just why first-season sires are so popular, with their stock often given plenty of benefit of doubt at their first few rounds of sales. It can also be of benefit to breeders to have hit upon the 'right sire' in his second or third crop if his first-crop runners make an impression. **Cont. p3**

MILLIONAIRES CONTINUE AT GOLD COAST ON DAY FOUR by Jesse Dart, TTR AusNZ

Momentum at the top end of the market showed no signs of stalling on Day 4 of the Magic Millions Gold Coast Yearling sale, with a further five lots reaching seven-figure final bids.

At A Glance:

- For the second day in succession five yearlings smashed through the seven-figure ceiling, headlined by a A\$1.7 million filly by I Am Invincible (Aus) out of Widden Stud's multiple stakes-winning mare Madam Rouge (Aus).
- Another continuing trend on Thursday was a decline in the average to A\$282,298, which is marginally below the A\$297,259 average at the same point during last year's sale. The median also dropped a point to A\$210,000, A\$10,000 below the figure 12 months prior.
- The current gross at the conclusion of Day 4 sits at A\$205,230,500, a slight decline when compared with the 2023 figure of A\$207,784,000, while the clearance rate of 85.63% is down from 88.15% at the corresponding juncture last year.

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Friday's topper: a filly by I Am Invincible | Magic Millions

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VALUE SIRES FOR 2024 PART 7: THE BIG GUNS

In this series, Chris McGrath examines the stallions at the top of the pyramid in Kentucky with stud fees north of \$60,000.

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Camille and Guillaume Vitse, breeders of the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf winner Unquestionable, with his sire Wootton Bassett at Coolmore during the Irish Stallion Trail. | Normandie Breeding

IN THE HOT SEAT: KATE SIGSWORTH

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West Moor Stud's Kate Sigsworth is the latest subject of the TDN series.

AFFORDABILITY CHECK DEBATE SET FOR FEBRUARY

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A debate on the proposed implementation of affordability checks in the UK has been scheduled for Feb. 26.

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Value Sires Cont. from p1

Look how well some breeders have done from using Havana Grey (GB) in the seasons in which he was £6,000 before he shot up to £55,000, or Ardad (Ire) at his lowest price of £4,000 in the year that his first runners took to the track.

There are educated guesses to be had if this is your modus operandi and if you've seen enough of a young stallion's stock at the sales to have given you a favourable impression of how well his runners might fare. But even the finest minds and best stockmen have been flummoxed by the unpredictability of the soaraway success for some stallions and perceived failures of others. It's all part of the beauty--and the frustration--of the breeding industry.

Take Your Chance

These selections mean that you are spinning the wheel of chance with stallions who have runners this year or in the next two years. We will start with Lope Y Fernandez (Ire), who is at the National Stud at a fee of £8,500. Lope he's called and lope he does, this good-walking son of the highly successful Lope De Vega (Ire) who had 40 first-crop foals sell for an average just shy of £22,000. He also has a strong syndicate behind him, with the National Stud teaming up with Coolmore and Whitsbury Manor Stud. He

covered 134 mares in his first crop, followed by 152 in 2023, so should have a decent representation of runners next year.

Some sons of Kodiac have been quick to make an impression and it will be interesting to see if the Flying Childers winner **Ubettabelieveit (Ire)**, who stands at Mickley Stud for £5,000, will follow suit. He has first yearlings this year from an initial season in which he covered 96 mares, a figure which increased slightly to 105 in 2023. Breeding a mare to him this year means you will have a foal in the year of his first runners. Richard Kent and his family support their stallions, and that has been the case again with this horse. They breed plenty of winners at Mickley Stud, and it would be no surprise to see Ubettabelieveit represented by some early sorts.

In A'Ali (Ire) and Caturra (Ire) we find two more winners of the Flying Childers, both of whom were bred by Tally-Ho Stud by their home stallions Society Rock (Ire) and Mehmas (Ire)

respectively (and don't forget that this was also the team behind Ardad and his son Perfect Power). They are a year apart in their retirement to stud with **A'Ali** having joined Newsells Park Stud in 2022. He also won the G2 Norfolk S., G2 Prix Robert Papin and G2 Sapphire S., and there were favourable comments and results for his first foals, which averaged £23,200 for the 14 sold.

Caturra is now alongside the aforementioned Ardad at Overbury Stud and, like A'Ali, stands for £5,000. He covered 109 mares in his first season and his foals will be appearing in the coming months. Mehmas's sons are appearing thick and fast, with Minzaal (Ire), Persian Force (Ire) and Supremacy (Ire) all at stud in Ireland, and Lusail (Ire) new to France. Caturra is his sole representative in Britain.

Ballyhane Stud's **Sands Of Mali (Fr)** is a horse with a very interesting profile. He was the co-second top lot at the

now-defunct Tattersalls Ireland Ascot Breeze-up Sale and his unheralded sire Panis had a few people scratching their heads. But he had impressed a notable judge in Con Marnane at the Osarus Yearling Sale and then Matt Coleman took a chance on him as a breezer when buying him for the Cool Silk Partnership for £75,000. It was money well spent. He won the G2 Gimcrack S. and the next year followed up with victories in the G1 QIPCO Champion Sprint, G2 Sandy Lane S. and G3 Prix Sigy (the race named after the champion



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sprinter who appears in the fourth generation of his pedigree), as well as being a close second in the G1 Commonwealth Cup.

Sands Of Mali is a good-looking horse with a lot more scope than some sprinters. Through his grandsire Miswaki he brings in a different strand of the Mr. Prospector sire-line than that more readily seen in these parts now through Dubawi (Ire), and his is a pedigree which should be open to plenty of mares. Indeed, plenty did visit him in his first book, but that 152 dropped to 74 and 56. His first runners this year could help to put him back on a similar upward curve to Ardad and at a fee of €5,000.

Don't You Forget About Me

It is hard to believe that **Holy Roman Emperor (Ire)** is now 20, and don't policemen look young these days? **Cont. p4**

PROVEN YOUNG SIRES, FROM €12,500

CALYX

3 Group-winning 2YOs from his first crop, bettering the start made by his own sire **KINGMAN**. His % of GSHs/runners is significantly better than that of **BLUE POINT** and **TOO DARN HOT**.

CHURCHILL

Sire of Classic winners and Champions Vadeni and Blue Rose Cen from his first two crops. Europe's leading third crop sire of 2023 with earnings of almost €2m more than **ZARAK.**

SAXON WARRIOR

4 Group winners from his first crop including Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf-Gr.1 winner Victoria Road and the only second crop sire in Europe of 2023 with 4 Gr.1 performers to date.

SIOUX NATION

Europe's leading second crop sire of 2023 by Group winners (7), ahead of **HAVANA GREY** (4). His foal average at Tattersalls December also bettered that of **HAVANA GREY**.

TEN SOVEREIGNS

11 Blacktype horses from his first 2YO crop, more than any other first crop sire including **BLUE POINT** (9) and **TOO DARN HOT** (6).



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MORE PROVEN GROUP 1 SIRES, FROM €17,500

AUSTRALIA

6 Group winners in 2023, the equal of **NIGHT OF THUNDER**, **KODIAC** and **SIYOUNI** and more than **NEW BAY**, **MEHMAS**, **SHOWCASING** etc.

CAMELOT

Two Group 1 winners in 2023 viz unbeaten Classic prospect Los Angeles and Luxembourg (also a Group 1 winner at 2 & 3).

GLENEAGLES

9 Group winners in 2023. Only **FRANKEL**, **DUBAWI**, **KINGMAN**, **SEA THE STARS** and **GALILEO** had more!

NO NAY NEVER

Europe's Champion 2YO Sire for the second year in succession. He led by earnings, Stakes winners (9) and Group winners (5).

STARSPANGLEDBANNER

9 Group winners in 2023 including two stars in Hong Kong and two juveniles in Europe.

WOOTTON BASSETT

9 Group winners in 2023 including three Group 1 winners viz King of Steel (3YO), Bucanero Fuerte (2YO) and Unquestionable (2YO).



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Value Sires Cont.

He's a grand horse, who in my mind is still that neat two-year-old who went down valiantly and so narrowly to the prize fighter Teofilo (Ire) in the Dewhurst, having already won the G1 Prix Jean-Luc Lagardere. His stud entrance was hastened by the poor fertility of George Washington (Ire), so we only saw Holy Roman Emperor at two, and in his now-lengthy stud career he has assembled an impressive portfolio that makes his current fee of €8,000 very enticing.

It feels like **Dream Ahead** has spent most of his stud career being quietly good and not really gaining the recognition and support he deserves. He has two sons at stud in France, where he stood himself for four years after spending his first five seasons at Ballylinch Stud. Now he is at the speed-orientated Bearstone Stud, a sensible place for this top sprinter to be, and the farm is also home to his best daughter, the treble Group 1 winner Glass Slippers (GB). At £6,500, he is at his lowest fee yet and he is far better-credentialed than many younger sprinters at stud. If you have a fast, young mare, why wouldn't you take a chance on a horse who was an excellent racehorse and who has already shown that he can get a good one?

Mayson (GB) is in a similar boat. A July Cup winner who has sired a July Cup winner, he is standing in Ireland for the first time this year at Springfield House Stud for €4,250. Mayson has never covered big books--90 in his first year, dropping down to 71, 54 and 41 in the last three seasons--but he has the potential to give you a speedy two-year-old who will train on and, as Oxted (GB) and Rohaan (Ire) have shown, he can get a classy individual too.



Holy Roman Emperor | *Coolmore*



Iquitos's first runners have been high on quality with both of his winners going on to strike in stakes races

Gestut Rottgen

Owner-Breeder Selections

If you have the luxury of being an owner-breeder with a penchant for middle-distance and staying horses then there is plenty of value to be found by the top-class gallopers who have been recruited by National Hunt studs but could very clearly do a good dual-purpose job. I'd include former Horse of the Year **Crystal Ocean (GB)** in this bracket at \in 8,000, along with Haras de la Hetraie's gorgeous liver chestnut G1 Prix Ganay winner **Mare Australis (Ire)** at \in 4,500, and the Adlerflug (Ger) full-brothers **In Swoop (Ger)** and **Ito (Ger)**, at The Beeches Stud and Yorton Farm respectively for \in 3,500 and £3,000.

And let's not forget an old favourite, **Sixties Icon (GB)**, at Norman Court Stud, with his first-class pedigree and value fee of $\mathfrak{L}3,000$. He's far from one-dimensional as a stallion and gets winners across the distance range.

Interesting First Impression

Talking of Adlerflug, his son **Iquitos (Ger)** made a notable impression last year with only five runners from a total of seven foals in his first crop. His two winners from that set were both stakes winners, including the Group 2 winner and Group 1-placed Mr Hollywood (Ire), a TDN Rising Star who is worth following again this season. Iquitos, a treble Group 1 winner over 10 and 12 furlongs, covered a larger book of 32 mares in 2023 and has subsequently moved from Gestut Graditz to Gestut Rottgen, where he stands for €6,000 and should gain some extra support.

Breeder Perspective: Fiona Denniff



Fiona Denniff | Tattersalls

Fiona and Mick Denniff of Denniff Farms have focused their attentions on breeding speedily-bred horses with notable success, much of which has stemmed from the purchase of Hill Welcome (GB) (Most Welcome {GB}), ancestress of Beat The Bank (GB), Chil Chil (GB), and Kachy (GB) among a raft of decent winners.

Typically, Fiona provides a pragmatic approach in considering this year's mating plans and admits that she has reduced her broodmare numbers.

She says, "I always add on £20,000 to the stud fee to think about whether I will break even. So if you're using a stallion at, say, £10,000, they've got to make £30,000 before I've made a profit selling them as a yearling, so really to make money and call them good value they've got to make £40,000.

"GBB has been fantastic for improving the lot of fillies but you still have to think very carefully about whether you would get £40,000 if your mare produced a filly.

"There will come along another Havana Grey at some point and those who are astute enough to use that stallion will make their money but you have to consider the flipside. I have sat outside stables waiting for people to come and I know what it's like when nobody does come. Last year was very difficult. I feel that the bottom market has gone and the middle has slipped down.

"Hopefully in this new year some of the factors which affected the sales in 2023 will go, but they won't all go. I'm pulling back on breeding because it's not as commercial at the moment, and I have always been very much in the commercial field."

Denniff adds,"The reason I never went for middle-distance horses is firstly that I love the look of a sprinter, I love the shape of them. Secondly, when I first started, I couldn't get into a middle-distance pedigree for £3,000, which is what I bought Hill

Welcome for. It wouldn't have bought me a good enough pedigree to get going, but for a sprinter it was a good enough pedigree."

"I am sure among this group of stallions there will be another Havana Grey lurking there, but quite which one it will be is hard to say.

"I don't want to put people off breeding, because we need young blood coming in, and there is nothing better than the feeling of having bred a winner. I'd say that money can't buy that feeling, though of course money does buy it, but it is the best feeling in the world."

TDN Value Podium

Bronze: Awtaad (Ire), Derrinstown Stud, €5,000

Awtaad remains one of the best value sires in Europe. The son of Cape Cross (Ire) had five black-type winners last year, putting some other much more expensive stallions to shame, and these included G1 Prix d'Ispahan winner Anmaat (Ire) and dual Grade I winner Anisette (GB). His global reach was extended by two Group 3 wins in Sydney for Diamil (Ire).

His Listed-winning daughter Primo Bacio (Ire) sold for 1.1 million gns at Tattersalls in 2023 and while he had only a handful of yearlings sold last year, the previous season the returns had been decent enough, with 28 sold for an average just over £40,000.

Having dropped to 38 mares covered in 2022, Awtaad was back up to 79 last year, so someone loves him, and rightly so.

Silver: Intello (Ger), Haras de Beaumont, €8,000

Intello spent his early years at stud alternating between Cheveley Park Stud and Haras du Quesnay, and he is just about to embark on his second season across the road from the latter at Haras de Beaumont. Cont. p6



Intello | *Haras du Quesnay*

Looking for your next *Classic winner?*



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Poule d'Essai des Poulains
Poule d'Essai des Pouliches x 2
Irish 2000 Guineas
Irish 1000 Guineas
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Prix de Diane
Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe
St James's Palace Stakes
Coronation Stakes x 2
Prix Ganay

Prix Saint-Alary Eclipse Stakes x 2

Prix Rothschild x 2

Sussex Stakes

Prix Jean Romanet

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Matron Stakes x 2

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Prix du Moulin de Longchamp

Sun Chariot Stakes

Dewhurst Stakes

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Consistently siring elite Classic and Group 1 winners



Value Sires Cont.

From his initial feel of £25,000 he has been at \le 8,000 for three seasons and that of course tells its own story, but he is clearly a capable sire, and while he may fall more into the owner-breeder category his yearling prices weren't too shabby last year: the 12 sold from 13 offered at Arqana October returned an average of \le 43,417 and a top price of \le 135,000.

That may have been helped by Intello's five black-type winners last year, with Junko (GB) ending his year on a high with victory in the G1 Hong Kong Vase.

Gold: Without Parole (GB), Newsells Park Stud, £8,000

There is a growing surge of Frankel's stallion sons in the pipeline but Newsells Park Stud's Without Parole (GB) was among the first and the fastest, as the winner of the St James's Palace S. in 2018. He's now at £8,000 having opened at £10,000, and he has physical refinement to match his lovely pedigree. His half-brother Tamarkuz (Speightstown) preceded him at stud and won the GI Breeders' Cup Dirt Mile, while his dam, who brings some Lemon Drop Kid blood to the equation, was a half-sister to the GI Travers S. winner Stay Thirsty (Bernardini).

Thirty of Without Parole's first yearlings sold for an average of £35,700. His book size actually rose to 92 last year, after he covered 83 then 75 mares in his first two seasons. That is hopefully a sign that breeders were encouraged by his youngsters. He could surprise a few people this year and if he does, his fee would likely rise again. It could be a good time to jump aboard.

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WITHOUT PAROLE (GB)

Newsells Park Stud | £8,000



INTELLO (GER)

Haras de Beaumont | €8,000



AWTAAD (IRE)

Derrinstown Stud | €5,000



IN THE HOT SEAT

Kate Sigsworth

Next to answer our questions is breeder, pinhooker and TBA vice-chair **Kate Sigsworth**, who manages her family's West Moor Stud in Yorkshire.

What are your goals for 2024?

Professionally: Happy, healthy horses and owners. Good, healthy foals and mares back in foal.

Personally: To get my house built--a sealed shell by the end of the year would be great.

Give us a horse to follow...

Nemov (GB) (Blue Point {Ire}--Barynya {GB}). A big horse, trained by Clive Cox, who made a very promising debut in an above-average all-weather race. Looks an exciting sort.

And a young person in the industry to keep an eye on...

Finn Kent of Mickley Stud.



Kate Sigsworth, right, with Gill Richardson | Racingfotos.com

Who do you think will be champion first-season sire in 2024?

Pinatubo (Ire). A brilliant two-year-old himself, a son of Shamardal like this year's leading first-season sire in Blue Point, and he should have plenty of horses to run for him.

And the best value stallion in Ireland, England, and France?
Calyx (GB), Study Of Man (Ire) and Bay Bridge (GB).

Your best buy/sale of 2023?

A strong, good-looking colt by Space Blues (Ire) out of Jameerah (GB) (Dansili {GB}) at the Tattersalls December Foal Sale. Cont. p7

"The BHA will therefore continue to push for changes to the

protect the sport's financial future and limit the impact on racing

Gambling Commission's proposals on affordability checks to

In The Hot Seat Cont.

Who is or was the perfect Thoroughbred?

I'm still searching but Urban Sea (Miswaki) would have to come pretty close.

Biggest professional regret?

No regrets, keep learning and looking forward, tomorrow will be better.

If you could be someone else in the industry for a day who would it be, and why?

Paul McCartan, the warmest, nicest person you could come across and second to none at selecting broodmares and breeding. I'd love to know what he sees and how he interprets what he's seeing.

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ITBF WEBINAR FEATURES RAUSING DOCUMENTARY

bettors."

The International Thoroughbred Breeders' Federation (ITBF) will be hosting a webinar on Thursday, January 18, which features a film documenting the career of successful owner-breeder Kirsten Rausing of Lanwades Stud.

A former British TBA Chairman and EFTBA Chairman, Rausing is currently chair of the ITBF. She is also the founder of the Alborada Trust. Following the film, webinar attendees can participate in a live Q&A session with the breeder of the 2022 Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe winner Alpinista (GB).

The webinar also features a veterinary focus on Equine Grass Sickness, presented by Dr Richard Newton, director of Epidemiology & Disease Surveillance, and Dr Beth Wells, principal research scientist at Edinburgh's Moredun Institute.

You can register for the fourth annual ITBF global webinar via this link.

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EUROPEAN NEWS

AFFORDABILITY CHECK DEBATE WILL TAKE PLACE IN LATE FEBRUARY

After the required 100,000-signature mark was reached on a petition to review the proposed implementation of affordability checks on gamblers, a debate on the subjecte will be held on Feb. 26, the British government's Petitions Committee announced. The petition was originally launched by Jockey Club chief executive Nevin Truesdale.

British Horseracing Authority (BHA) chief executive Julie Harrington said in a statement, "We are pleased that the important issue of affordability checks will now be subjected to proper levels of parliamentary scrutiny.

"The fact that our survey reached the required 100,000 signatures threshold in just 27 days is powerful testament to the strength of feeling shared by bettors over the proposed checks. This has today been recognised by the Petitions Committee.

"No other form of leisure activity is subjected to the kinds of restrictions being proposed by the Government and so it is right that MPs have the chance to forensically debate this issue.

"The BHA and other racing stakeholders will work with MPs on both sides of the House to ensure that the views of British racing and those who bet on the sport are properly represented within the debate.

"While we support the need to protect individuals from the risk of gambling-related harm it remains the case that millions of people enjoy betting on horseracing without suffering any ill effects.

GYPSY GOLD AND SEVERAL BREEDING RIGHTS ADDED TO ARQANA JANUARY ONLINE CATALOGUE



Gypsy Gold | Argana Online

The Siyouni (Fr) filly **Gypsy Gold (Fr)**, who was rated 91 at her highest, is one of several late additions to the Arqana January Online Sale. **Cont. p8**

Paddington Visits Coolmore











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Argana Online Cont.

Bidding will open at 3 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 25 and last until 5 p.m. that evening.

Consigned as lot 6, the 4-year-old is offered out-of-training and is a daughter of the Classic-placed mare Glorious Sight (Ire) (Singspiel {Ire}). A two-time winner, Gypsy Gold is a half-sister to Group 2 winner Glycon (Fr) (Le Havre {Ire}) and a full-sister to the multiple stakes-placed Glaer (GB) (Siyouni {Fr}).

Other lots include a breeding right to young sire **Victor Ludorum (GB)** (lot 9) and a half-share in Group 1 winner **Wooded (Ire)**. There are also several lots on off from Haras des
Coudraies, as they are downsizing. For the full catalogue, please
visit the Argana Online website.

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FRANCE

Friday's Results:

8th-Deauville, €27,000, Mdn, 1-12, 3yo, c/g, 6 1/2f (AWT), 1:19.26, st.

AGAT (IRE) (c, 3, Wootton Bassett {GB}--Ayelet {GB}, by Hat Trick (Jpn)), who ran fifth going 7 1/2 furlongs at this track in his Dec. 15 debut last time, tanked along under a firm hold in fifth for the most part. Shaken up when fanning wide into the home straight, the 6-5 favourite quickened to the fore approaching the final furlong and ran on strongly in the closing stages to easily outpoint Sabroso (Fr) (Nathaniel {Ire}) by 1 3/4 lengths. Agat, kin to a 2-year-old colt by Sottsass (Fr), is the second and scorer produced by an unraced daughter of the dual stakes-winning G3 Prix de Lieurey third Dream Clover (GB) (Oasis Dream (GB)). His second dam is a half-sister to elite-level winners Call The Wind (GB) (Frankel {GB}), With You (GB) (Dansili {GB}) and We Are (Ire) (Dansili {GB}). Dream Clover is also a full-sister to the stakes-winning dam of last year's G1 Prix de la Foret heroine Kelina (Ire) (Frankel {GB}). Sales history: €190,000 Wlg '21 ARQDEC. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, €14,250. Video, sponsored by FanDuel TV.

O-Nurlan Bizakov; B-Langlais Bloodstock, Euro Limousin & SCEA de Marancourt (IRE); T-Jean-Claude Rouget.

CONDITIONS RESULTS:

1st-Deauville, €19,000, Cond, 1-12, 4yo/up, 17f (AWT), 3:42.17. st.

YEMASKA (FR) (g, 6, Martinborough {Jpn}--Yemaya {Fr}, by Teofilo {Ire}) Lifetime Record: 27-5-3-4, €67,750. O-Gilbert Lenzi; B-Guy Cherel & Mlle Anne-Sophie Pacault (FR); T-Daniela Mele.

8th-Pau, €18,000, Cond, 1-12, 4yo/up, 8f (AWT), 1:35.20, st. IT'S ALL A DREAM (FR) (g, 8, Elusive City--Kataragama {GB}, by Hawk Wing) Lifetime Record: 49-11-2-6, €181,840. O-Jean-Christophe Daoudal & Nicolas Tournier; B-Gestut Zur Kuste AG (FR); T-Benjamin Legros. *€35,000 Ylg '17 ARQOCT.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Clanitha (Fr), f, 3, Almanzor (Fr)--Pursuit Of Glory (Ire) (G1SP-Eng), by Fusaichi Pegasus. Deauville, 1-12, 6 1/2f (AWT), 1:18.48. B-Haras d'Etreham & SF Bloodstock SC (FR). *€50,000 2yo '23 ARQMAY. **1/2 to Tactical Pursuit (Ire) (Tiznow), SP-US, \$172,930.

IRELAND

Friday's Results:

4th-Dundalk, €**12,000, Mdn**, 1-12, 3yo, 8f (AWT), 1:42.12, st. WESTERN CITY (c, 3, Kitten's Joy--You Go West Girl {MSW & MGSP-US, \$637,043}, by Mr. Greeley) settled into a comfortable rhythm off the tempo in rear through the initial fractions of this debut. Taking closer order on the home turn, the 6-1 chance was scrubbed along out wide at the top of the straight and stayed on relentlessly under continued rousting to usurp Hoover Dam (Ire) Western Frontier) by a neck in the dying strides. "First-time out he was green early on, as I suspected," said winning rider Danny Sheehy. "As soon as he got organised in the straight, he did well to win from where he was. It was very good run, I liked the way he did it and I think he won snug in the end." Western City is the sixth of seven live foals and second scorer produced by GIII Regret S. and GIII Cardinal H. runner-up You Go West Girl (Mr. Greeley), herself a daughter of GIII Beaugay H. and GIII Boiling Springs H. victrix Careless Heiress (Runaway Groom). The April-foaled dark bay is a full-brother to GII Hollywood Turf Cup victor Chicago Style and a 2-year-old colt. You Go West Girl was bred to Kantharos last year. Sales history: \$75,000 Ylg '22 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$7,901.

O-Fergus Galvin & Marc Detampel; B-Glen Hill Farm (KY); T-Joseph O'Brien.

5th-Dundalk, €12,000, Mdn, 1-12, 3yo, f, 8f (AWT), 1:41.82, st. **BEAUTIFUL DAWN (IRE) (f, 3, Starspangledbanner {Aus}--Balakera {Ire}, by Dansili {GB})**, a Dec. 1 debut fifth tackling six furlongs at this venue in her only prior start, accepted a tow in third after breaking on the lead here. Looming large on the outside off the home turn, the 6-5 chalk inched ahead soon after passing the two pole and was ridden out inside the final furlong to prevail by 1 1/4 lengths from Timana (Ire)

(Footstepsinthesand {GB}). "She had a lovely prep run up here the first day over six furlongs and it sharpened her up plenty for today," reflected winning rider Nathan Crosse. "She really tries really hard, her head was on the floor there trying so hard, and it was a nice performance. She's not the biggest, but what she lacks in size she gains in heart, and she skips across that surface. Hopefully, she can strengthen up and go on to better things." Beautiful Dawn is the latest of four live foals, each a winner, out of an unraced half to G2 Brisbane Cup victir Bashiyr (Ire) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}) and G3 Leopardstown 1000 Guineas Trial runner-up Balansiya (Ire) (Shamardal). Balansiya, in turn, is the dam of Listed Owenstown Stud S. third Baraniya (Ire) (Iffraaj {GB}). The April-foaled chestnut's second dam is G3 Derrinstown Stud 1000 Guineas Trial victrix Baliyana (Ire) (Dalakhani {Ire}), herself kin to G2 King Edward VII S.-winning sire Balakheri (Ire) (Theatrical {Ire}) and to the dam of GI Secretariat S. hero Bayrir (Fr) (Medicean {GB}). Sales history: €82,000 Wlg '21 GOFNO1; €330,000 Ylg '22 GOFOR. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$8,228. O-John C Oxley; B-Sebastian Curran (IRE); T-Joseph O'Brien.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Dawn Rider (Ire), f, 4, Galileo (Ire)--Roca Rojo (Ire) (MGSW & MGISP-US, \$594,542), by Strategic Prince (GB). Dundalk, 1-12, 10f 150y (AWT), 2:19.60. Lifetime Record: 4-1-1-0, \$9,932. B-White Birch Farm SC (IRE).

BRITAIN

Friday's Results:

3rd-Wolverhampton, £7,300, Mdn, 1-12, 3yo/4yo, 8f 142y (AWT), 1:53.14, st.

KALIDASA (GB) (c, 3, Frankel {GB}--So Mi Dar {GB} {GSW-Eng & G1SP-Fr, \$242,742}, by Dubawi {Ire}) hit the heights when knocked down to Godolphin for a sale-topping 2.8-million guineas at 2022's Tattersalls October Book 1 fixture, but missed his intended debut at Kempton last month with a foot infection. Bowling along in handy third after an alert getaway, the 1-3 lock turned for home in second and kept on powerfully under whipless cajoling in the straight to defeat Alvesta (GB) (Study Of Man (Ire) by an ultimately comfortable 1 1/2 lengths. Kalidasa is the third of four foals and first scorer from two runners out of G3 Musidora S.-winning G1 Prix de l'Opera third So Mi Dar (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}), herself a full-sister to MG1SW sire Too Darn Hot (GB), multiple Group 1-placed distaffer Lah Ti Dar (GB) and Listed River Eden S. runner-up Darmoiselle (GB). So Mi Dar, who is a daughter of MG1SW distaffer Dar Re Mi (GB) (Singspiel {Ire}), is also kin to multiple group-placed sire De Treville (GB) (Oasis Dream (GB)). The March-foaled bay is a full-brother to

the 2-year-old filly So Dar Licious (GB). Sales history: 2,800,000gns Ylg '22 TATOCT. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$5,031. **VIDEO.**

O-Godolphin; B-Watership Down Stud (GB); <u>T-Charlie Appleby</u>.

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Kalidasa as a yearling | Tattersalls



IN SAUDI ARABIA:

Mazyuna (Ire), f, 4, Sioux Nation--Sharp Relief (Ire), by Galileo (Ire). King Abdulaziz, 1-12, Prince Sultan Ben A/Aziz Cup (KSA-G2, NBT) (£147k), 2000m. B-Edgeridge Ltd & Glenvale Stud. *Defeated Direct Security (Ire) (Sioux Nation) by 3 3/4 lengths. **1/2 to Sasa (GB) (Makfi {GB}), Ch. 2yo Filly-Cze. ***£15,000 Ylg '21 TATSEP; 60,000gns 2yo '22 TATAPR. VIDEO (SC 4)

IN BAHRAIN:

Metahorse (GB), g, 4, Havana Grey (GB)--Highly Spiced (GB), by Cadeaux Genereux (GB). Sakhir, 1-12, Hcp., 1600mT, 1:35.15. B-Al-Baha Bloodstock. *First start in Bahrain. **£21,000 Ylg '21 GOFAUG; €58,000 2yo '22 TATMAY; 48,000gns HRA '23 TATAUT. VIDEO (SC 9)

Illuminated (GB), h, 5, Muhaarar (GB)--Wowcha (Ire), by Zoffany (Ire). Sakhir, 1-12, Hcp., 2000mT, 2:04.60.

B-Chasemore Farm. *1/2 to Breege (GB) (Starspangledbanner {Aus}), MGSP-Eng, \$126,731. **62,000gns Ylg '20 TATOCT.

VIDEO (SC 5)

Zagato (GB), g, 6, Frankel (GB)--Izzi Top (GB) (G1SW-Fr & Ire, MGSW & G1SP-Eng, \$734,076), by Pivotal (GB). Sakhir, 1-12, Al Adiyat Cup (Cond.) (Bahrain Turf Series) (\$80k), 1800mT, 1:49.03. B-Meon Valley Stud. *Horse of the Year, Ch. Grass Horse & SW-Bhr. **1/2 to Prince Eiji (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}), GSW-UAE, MGSP-Eng, \$181,741. ***725,000gns RNA Ylg '19 TATOCT; 55,000gns HRA '21 TATSEP. VIDEO (SC 2)

Brazen Bolt (GB), g, 7, Brazen Beau (Aus)--Gladys' Gal (GB), by Tobougg (Ire). Sakhir, 1-12, Al Wasmiya Cup (Cond.) (Bahrain Turf Series) (\$80k), 1000mT, :57.63. B-Fishlake Commercial Motors Ltd. VIDEO (SC 3)

IN THE UAE:

Star Of Mystery (GB), f, 3, Kodiac (GB). See "Dubai".

Changing Colours (GB), g, 4, Dubawi (Ire). See "Dubai".

Vespasian (Ire), g, 5, Acclamation (GB)--Lady Livius (Ire), by
Titus Livius (Fr). Meydan, 1-12, Hcp., 1000mT, :57.49, gd.

B-Ballylinch Stud (Ire).*1/2 to Brown Sugar (Ire) (Tamayuz
{GB}), MGSW-Eng, \$106,800; and Burnt Sugar (Ire) (Lope De
Vega {Ire}), GSW-Eng, \$494,986. **125,000gns Wlg '19
TATNOV; 300,000gns Ylg '20 TATOCT. VIDEO.

Webinar (Fr), g, 5, Dubawi (Ire). See "Dubai". Border Edge (Ire), g, 5, Shamardal. See "Dubai".

Ouzo (GB), g, 8, Charm Spirit (Ire)--Miss Meltemi (Ire) (G1SP-Ity), by Miswaki Tern. Meydan, 1-12, Hcp., 1800mT, 1:47.55, gd. B-Equine Breeding, Ltd. (GB). *82,000gns Wlg '16 TATNOV; 95,000gns Ylg '17 TATOCT; 62,000gns HRA '21 TATOCT. **1/2 to Don't Dili Dali (GB) (Dansili {GB}), SW & GSP-Eng, MSP-UAE, \$216,068; Ada River (GB) (Dansili {GB}), MSP-Eng; and Balducci (GB) (Dansili {GB}), SP-Eng, \$184,465. VIDEO.



IN BAHRAIN:

Galatia (Bhr), f, 4, Sioux Nation--Alaskan Breeze (Ire), by Fastnet Rock (Aus). Sakhir, 1-12, Cond. (Bhr-bred), 1600mT, 1:37.27. B-n/a. *Won by 13 lengths. VIDEO (SC 1)

WORLDWIDE NEWS

Magic Millions Cont. from p1

- Gai Waterhouse and Adrian Bott, in partnership with Kestrel Thoroughbreds, rocketed to the top of the buyers' charts on Friday, having purchased 22 yearlings at a total gross of A\$8,370,000 at the conclusion of four days of selling.
- Day 4 also saw a change at the top of the leading vendors by gross pile, with Segenhoe Stud now taking over from Newgate Farm. Segenhoe, who has sold seven-figure lots on behalf of the likes of John Camilleri and Peter Walsh this week, now sits atop the gross sales figure with A\$16,075,000, while also maintaining a high average of A\$574,107, an ultra-impressive metric given 28 of their 29 offered lots have found buyers.
- I Am Invincible retained his grip on the leading sire by gross standings, which was greatly helped by the sale of one of his daughters for A\$1.7 million on Day 4. Extreme Choice (Aus), while being down the order for sires by gross, holds an impressive average of A\$709,500 from his 10 lots sold, behind only Northern Hemisphere-based stallion Frankel (GB).
- Coolmore's Wootton Bassett (GB) continues to impress with his first crop of Southern Hemisphere yearlings, improving his total gross to A\$14,300,000 while commanding an average of A\$461,290. The shuttle stallion is also still responsible for the current sale topper at A\$2.1 million.

Lot 900 - I Am Invincible (Aus) x Madam Rogue (Aus) (Zoustar {Aus}), filly, A\$1.7 million

Having been upstaged by a barrage of bids for sons and daughters of Northern Hemisphere-bred stallions, I Am Invincible hit (Aus) back hard on Day 4, with a A\$1.7 million filly out of elite racemare that caused fervent bidding around the auditorium.

Despite the sire not boasting international influence, the buyers certainly did, with the conglomerate of Jes Sikura, Hill 'n' Dale Farm, Gai Waterhouse and Adrian Bott, William Johnson Bloodstock (FBAA) and Kestrel Thoroughbreds all joining forces to secure one of the richest fillies to pass their way through these grounds. **Cont. p11**

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Offered by Widden Stud, the beautiful filly is the first progeny of the G2 Tristarc S. winner Madam Rouge (Aus) (Zoustar {Aus}), who collected a total of six victories across her stellar career on the track.

Her grandam, Cabernet (Aus) (Al Maher {Aus}) also enjoyed a sextet of successes when in work, headlined by taking out the Listed Summond S. The strength of the damline doesn't end there, with great-grandam Golden Weekend (Aus) (Nine Carat {Aus}) a talented 2-year-old performer and a producer of three foals to race for as many winners.

Jes Sikura, who is the son of Hill 'n Dale Stud owner John Sikura, was quick to praise all the parties involved in making the dream happen, and emphasised his excitement for what is to come with this quality filly.

"Being by I Am Invincible out of a graded stakes-winning mare by Zoustar, she really ticked all the boxes and we thought if there was some point to get involved, she was the one to do it with.

"We're beyond excited for the future to come.

"It was a pretty big thrill. We knew we were going to have to pay something, we weren't sure of the exact number.

"They [the auctioneer] were definitely fighting for the A\$1.8 million up there and we were shaking a little bit, so we were happy to get it at A\$1.7 million.

"She was worthy of every dollar and we're excited for the future."

Lot 786 - Snitzel (Aus) x In Times Of War (Aus) (Street Cry {Ire}), filly, A\$1.4 million

Baramul Stud enjoyed another superb result across the first half of the sale, this time with their Snitzel (Aus) filly being knocked down to TFI and the Peter Moody and Katherine Coleman operation for A\$1.4 million, one of the highest prices so far seen in the first four days.

The filly was destined to be well sought after on the back of the recent strengths of her half-brother Espionage (Aus) (Zoustar {Aus}), who fought doggedly to win the G3 Breeders' Plate on debut back in September, stamping his case to be one of the more promising pre-Christmas 2-year-olds of the crop.

Both this filly and Espionage are out of In Times Of War (Aus) (Street Cry {Ire}), who was a three-time winner in Australia. Their other half-sibling, the Redoute's Choice (Aus) gelding Thorsby (Aus), has also been successful on the ractrack, giving her a so far unblemished record as a producer.

Her grandam, Military Rose (Aus) (General Nediym {Aus}), was a star juvenile herself, winning five races in her 2-year-old season, including success in the G2 Reisling S. and the R. Listed Magic Millions Gold Coast 2YO Classic.

Moody told *The Thoroughbred Report* that the final price of A\$1.4 million might have been a shade higher than the original plan, saying, "It was too much money, but we hope she can run and justify it.

"She has handled the day very well. She paraded terrific out the back. It got a bit warm out there and great to see their attitude when they're presented to a foreign environment, and she coped with it really well.

"Doesn't make them run but it makes you feel better particularly when you have to pay that amount for them.

"She is from a lovely family and Gerry [Harvey] and the team at Baramul have done a great job and we're hoping Katherine and I and the team can have a bit of luck with her at Pakenham."



Sally Williams, Peter Moody & Katherine Coleman | Magic Millions

Lot 795 - Justify x Invincible Star (Aus) (I Am Invincible {Aus}), colt, A\$1.3 million

Boasting one of the most exciting 2-year-olds in the country currently in the form of Storm Boy (Aus) (Justify {USA}), it should be no surprise that Gai Waterhouse and Adrian Bott went back to the well for the Triple Crown-winning stallion Justify, securing his colt out of Invincible Star (Aus) (I Am Invincible {Aus}) for A\$1.3 million in partnership with Kestrel Thoroughbreds.

In another strong result for Coolmore Stud, who have thrown enormous amounts of faith behind Justify, the first living foal for their resident mare Invincible Star attracted sweeping interest across the auditorium, with Waterhouse and Bott able to continue on a legacy from the damline.

They trained Invincible Star in her racing career, in which she won the G3 Ottawa S. as a 2-year-old and would go on to place in the G1 Coolmore Stud S. as a 3-year-old. Cont. p12

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Also decorating his page is the G1 Flight S. winner Unearthly (Aus) (Zabeel {NZ}), who went on to produce a further six winners herself, and the G2 Sandown Cup winner Royal Snack (Aus) (Lunctime {GB}), who won 15 races across his career from 1200 metres all the way up to 2400 metres, including as a 2-year-old.

Co-trainer Adrian Bott has plenty of belief in the ability of the colt to live up to his lofty purchase price, saying, "We know mum very well and we're starting to get to know a little bit about the progeny of dad as well with Storm Boy obviously going into the Magic Millions.

"This colt seemed the profile that we were looking to going for into the sale.

"Invincible Star was such a sharp horse, we had her and she won first time out of asking up the straight at Flemington, she

was so quick, and we had her lined up for an Everest at one point and she just went down a nose in the Coolmore.

"She was the fastest filly of her generation and we've seen what Justify is starting to do down here, so it deemed a nice mix and he was a nice physical.

"We're going to give him the chance to (perform as a 2-year-old). We're always looking for horses that can potentially get us back here next year with the ultimate aim being looking for Golden Slipper winners with colts out of this sale.



Gai Waterhouse and Adrian Bott | Magic Millions

"In saying that, he's a colt with some nice scope about him and I think there's a lot more options for him. We're going to see a lot more from him going past his 2-year-old career as well."

Lot 838 - Zoustar (Aus) x Lady Cosmology (Aus) (Universal Ruler {Aus}), colt, A\$1.3 million

Veteran Western Australian owner-breeder Peter Walsh, whose multi-faceted Amelia Park operation is well known across the state, achieved his biggest ever result as a seller on Friday, with a Zoustar (Aus) colt out of his star mare Lady Cosmology (Aus) (Universal Ruler {Aus}) going to the James Harron Colt Partnership for A\$1.3 million.

Bidding escalated rapidly as the colt purposefully strutted around the ring, with bidding furiously blasting past the A\$1-

million mark, with plenty more still to come.

Ultimately it was Harron with the desire and the pockets, coming out on top of a titanic battle across the auditorium to ensure he races in the distinctive dark green and gold colours of his partnership.

Lady Cosmology enjoyed a stellar career as a filly in Western Australia, and had it not been for running into Arcadia Queen (Aus) (Pierro {Aus}) throughout her 3-year-old season, she would have taken out a treble of some of the most valuable filly's races in the state.

She ran second in the G2 WA Guineas and the G3 Champion Fillies S., but did manage to get one over on the darling in cerise and white, getting the win in the Listed Burgess Queen S., before going on to take out the G3 Proud Miss S. in South Australia.

Her half-brother, Outspoken Lad (Aus) (Awesome Rock {Aus}) is a three-time winner, and has placed at listed level on two

occasions.

Speaking to *The*Thoroughbred Report following the sale, Walsh told of his delight at a banner result for his Amelia Park operation.

"She [Lady Cosmology] was probably my second-best horse that I've ever owned, she ran second to Arcadia Queen in the (WA) Guineas and the Champion Fillies and she beat her in the Burgess Queen so she only raced in group races and black type and she always performed very well and she was a tough, tough mare."

As for James Harron, he experienced glee on the other side of the settling sheet, with high hopes around the future of Lady Cosmology as a producer.

"She [Lady Cosmology] was a super-fast mare, she had great form around the likes of Arcadia Queen etc, etc., a household name in the west, and he was a cracking colt; a beautifully-balanced horse who handled the sale very well and we were very keen to get him.

"She's just getting going, a young mare and it's very exciting. I'm pleased to get him, he was born and raised at Segenhoe and we've had a lot of luck off that particular farm."

"Zoustar is going great. He just keeps going from strength to strength. I quite like this colt on the dam side and he was a nice, medium size, well balanced and lot of quality, so hopefully he's fast." Cont. p13



Stephen Heath & James Harron | Magic Millions

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Lot 768 - Farnan (Aus) x I Am Excited (Aus) (Snitzel {Aus}), colt, A\$1.2 million

Outside of the gigantic success of Wootton Bassett (GB), Farnan (Aus) has been right up amongst the top of the locally raced first-season sires, with a A\$1.2 million colt being bought in partnership of his former trainers Gai Waterhouse and Adrian Bott, his current landlord Kia Ora Stud, and the appropriately named Farnan Partnership from the draft of Bell River Thoroughbreds.

He is the second foal from the superb daughter of Snitzel (Aus), I Am Excited (Aus), who achieved success at the highest level in the G1 Galaxy H., the most notable of her seven victories when competing as a racemare.

There is plenty of quality throughout his page away from his superstar dam, including one of the greatest equine athletes of



Gai Waterhouse & Shane Wright | Magic Millions

the 21st century, Atlantic Jewel (Aus) (Fastnet Rock {Aus}), as well as the G3 Frances Tressady S. winner Flippant (Aus) (Hinchinbrook {Aus}) and the revered Russian Emperor (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}), who claimed the G1 Hong Kong Gold Cup and the G1 Champions & Chater Cup.

For Kia Ora Stud, they now have the opportunity to throw support behind the stallion that helped them push forward into a new era with one of his most glamorous colts, and Bloodstock Manager Shane Wright is very excited that the operation will have an interest in him as he embarks on his racing career.

"He's the best horse by the stallion here and he made his money.

"There were a lot of syndicates on him, I reckon we beat Henry [Field, Newgate] in the bidding, and I know a lot of other stud farms liked him.

"We're happy to support out stallions and we're thrilled to have such a nice prospect going forward.

"We're all trying to get our Blue Diamond and Golden Slipper winners, so he will be put on that target.

"Gai Waterhouse will train him and she knows how to win a Golden Slipper."

DUBAI

Friday's Results:

6th-Meydan, AED210,000, Hcp., 1-12, NH & SH 4yo/up & SH 3yo, 2000m, 2:05.51, ft.

KABIRKHAN (c, 4, California Chrome--Little Emily {SW-US, \$132,572}, by Castledale (Ire) was picked up for just \$12,000 at the 2021 Keeneland September Yearling Sale, before being shipped to Kazakhstan, where he won a trio of juvenile races in 2022 before moving on to the Russian circuit at three. In that new country, he rattled off five consecutive victories ranging from 1800 metres up to 2400 metres before running second behind Hero Mo (Mo Town) for the first time in September at the latter distance in the Russian Derby. Making his first start at Meydan, the colt, who strongly resembles his Japan-based dual American Horse of the Year sire who was second in the 2015 edition of the G1 Dubai World Cup and won in 2016 in addition to taking the first two legs of the American Triple Crown among other popular victories, found Dubai to his taste, swooping past all comers in the lane to win by four lengths. It was not a cutand-dried journey, however, as Kabirkhan hopped at the break and shifted over to the inside near the back portion of the field the first time past the wire. Keyed up and tossing his head, he clearly wanted to do more, but the chestnut's run was shut down entering the backstretch and jockey Pat Dobbs had his hands full reestablishing his mount's rhythm. Cont. p14



Kabirkhan led home a Russian one-two on Friday | Dubai Racing Club

6th-Meydan Cont.

Forced to race four wide on the turn behind stablemate Hero Mo, he finally enjoyed an open passage and mirrored that rival's drive toward the front. Shifting out into the center of the track, he bounded past all bar Hero Mo in the middle of the stretch, and those two matched strides before Kabirkhan prevailed with a superior turn of foot. Hero Mo was relegated to second. "His times at home have been very good," said Dobbs. "For me, he's got everything you want in a racehorse; he's genuine, tough and he's got a bit of character, which most of the good ones do." Added Watson, "I could do very little with them for two weeks and they could do well in the [G1] Maktoum Challenge [Jan. 26]. I know what is here and coming over and I think they can compete well." The winner has a 3-year-old half-brother by Yoshida (Jpn), and a 2-year-old half-brother by Global Campaign. His dam, who won the Las Madrinas H., was bred to Lookin At Lucky last spring. Sales history: \$12,000 Ylg '21 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 10-9-1-0, AED354,860. Click for the ERA chart and video.

O-Tlek Mukanbetkaliyev. B-Kehner Thoroughbreds, LLC (KY). T-Doug Watson.

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3rd-Meydan, AED190,000, Hcp., 3yo/up, 1400mT, 1:22.66, gd. CHANGING COLOURS (GB) (g, 4, Dubawi {Ire}--Blossomtime {GB} {SW-Fr}, by Shamardal) made five starts for Godolphin, with a second-up win at Haydock in June of 2022 the best result. His final start in the royal blue was a seventh-place effort at Newmarket this past May, before he was sent through the Tattersalls July Sale where he brought 56,000gns on the bid of Sheikh Abdul Aziz bin Humaid Al Nuaimi, his current owner. Changing Colours was unplaced in his first start in the Middle East at Jebel Ali last month, but was a different animal on Friday.

In charge shortly after the bell, he motored the whole way around on an uncontested lead. Entering the stretch, he quickened again, with the final margin two lengths over Molagab (GB) (Zoustar {Aus}). "All the praise for the horse," said jockey Sandro Paiva after his only ride of the evening. "When I asked him to go he gave me more and more. He had a very good break, different from Jebel Ali when he missed the break." The second foal and winner for his dam, the winner is a half-brother to 3-year-old filly Flowering (Ire) (Masar {Ire}) and a 2-year-old colt by Night Of Thunder (Ire). Blossomtime is a half-sister to G1 Grosser Dallmayr Bayerisches Zuchtrennen winner Danceteria (Fr) (Redoute's Choice {Aus}), as the duo are out of French Group 3 winner Bal De La Rose (Ire) (Cadeaux Genereux {GB}). Third dam Lady Vettori (GB) (Vettori {Ire}) is both a group winner, and the dam of Classic winner and Group 1 sire Lope De Vega (Ire) (Shamardal). Sales history: 56,000gns HRA '23 TATJUL. Lifetime Record: 7-2-2-0, AED182,822. Click for the ERA chart and video.

O-Sheikh Abdul Aziz bin Humaid Al Nuaimi. B-Godolphin (GB). T-Musabbeh Al Mheiri.



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9th-Meydan, AED190,000, Hcp., 1-12, NH & SH 4yo/up & SH 3yo, 2410mT, 2:30.42, gd.

WEBINAR (FR) (g, 5, Dubawi {Ire}--Blond Me {Ire} {Hwt. Older Mare-Eng at 9 1/2-11f, GISW-Can, GSP-US, GSW & G1SP-Eng, GSW-Tur, \$1,019,799}, by Tamayuz {GB}) sported two wins in seven starts prior to Friday, the first a victory in heavy ground at Vichy for Sheikh Mohammed bin Khalifa Al Thani and Francis-Henri Graffard. Knocked down to BBA Ireland during the Arqana Autumn Mixed Sale in 2022, the bay won a Jebel Ali handicap last March and lined up for this on the back of a seventh going a mile on the main track at Jebel Ali two starts later on Dec. 2. Boxed in and a bit keen, the gelding eventually relaxed against the fence after hitting the backstretch. Cont. p15

9th-Meydan Cont.

Still sitting in midfield as the pack fanned out into the home straight, Webinar had to wait, but a gap opened with less than 300 metres left to travel and he charged through with gusto. Splitting rivals with authority at the 200-metre pole, he drew even with several others and moved back to the inside, fighting gamely with Ahesta Bero (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}) all the way to the line. The final margin was a short head. "He enjoyed being back on the turf," said rider Tadhg O'Shea. "Because of his pedigree we tried the dirt but that didn't work out too well. He's a strong-travelling horse and I had a willing partner when it counted." Webinar is followed by the placed 4-year-old filly Allee Fortunee (Ire) (Dubawi (Ire)), and colts by Siyouni (Fr) and Frankel (GB) born in 2022 and 2023, respectively. His dam did her best work with a victory in the GI E. P. Taylor S. in Canada, and she was also second in the GI Nassau S. Under the third dam is G1 Mackinnon S. winner Glass Harmonium (Ire) (Verglas (Ire)), and champion Conduit (Ire) (Dalakhani (Ire)) is also found in this female family. Sales history: €68,000 HRA '22 ARQNOV. Lifetime Record: 8-3-1-1, AED233,421. Click for the ERA chart and video.

O-Abdulrahman Salah Al Rashed. B-Al Shahania Stud (Fr). T-Bhupat Seemar.

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Webinar (right) | Dubai Racing Club

8th-Meydan, AED175,000, Hcp., 1-12, NH & SH 3yo/up, 1400m, 1:26.59, ft.

BORDER EDGE (IRE) (g, 5, Shamardal--Emirates Rewards {GB}, by Dubawi {Ire}), who won at Nottingham in his second start at three in 2022, was unplaced in a Kempton affair later that summer, and left the Godolphin fold when secured for AED250,000 by Satish Seemar on behalf of Michael Burke. The gelding made two starts in 2023, with his most recent effort a ninth over this strip last February. He has been benched since. Pressing from second, the gelding kept the heat on his opponent

on the bend, and stuck his neck in front by the 600-metre mark. Setting sale for home, a host of challengers were making their bids down the straight, but, under firm handling, Border Edge remained resolute to the wire to win by three-quarters of a length. Nyaar (Munnings) took a good run at the winner, but was second in a bunched finish. "We went through the race this morning and we hoped to have the box seat," said Slattery. "We got that and it was all very easy from there." Border Edge is a half-brother to multiple listed winner Naval Power (GB) (Teofilo {Ire}). His dam is a half-sister to GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf hero and sire Outstrip (GB) (Exceed And Excel (Aus)), as that duo are progeny of GI Spinster S. heroine Asi Siempre (El Prado {Ire}). Sales history: AED250,000 HRA '22 ERASEP. Lifetime Record: 6-2-0-0, AED130,260. Click for the ERA chart and video. O-Michael Hilary Burke & Negar Burke. B-Godolphin (Ire). T-Bhupat Seemar.

5th-Meydan, AED300,000, Cond., 1-12, NH & SH 3yo, 1200mT, 1:09.62, gd.

STAR OF MYSTERY (GB) (f, 3, Kodiac {GB}--Mistrusting {Ire} **(SW-Eng, \$120,206), by Shamardal)** won Newmarket's Listed Empress Fillies S. in July, and went on to run a good second in the G2 Duchess Of Cambridge S. there later that month. Her final juvenile start was a sixth-place effort in the G2 Lowther S. behind Relief Rally (Ire) (Kodiac {GB}) on Aug. 24. She broke poorly and settled at the tail of the field in her 3-year-old bow yesterday. Despite racing with cover, the bay remained stirred up, but eventually began to make inroads toward the front leaving the chute. Going through the gears as she wove through the pack and took a closer look at the vanguard with less than 400 metres to travel, her finishing burst saw her hit the front just over 100 metres from home. Star Of Mystery eventually won by a length over the well-regarded GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf Sprint third Starlust (GB) (Zoustar {Aus}), who was also prominent in the final stages. "She did jump slow but she was in there [the stalls] for a while and she hadn't run for a while," said Buick. "She's a strong traveller and managed to find the horses that we had to beat. I was quite taken with how she travelled through the race. She has plenty of energy and is a really good filly." The winner is a half-sister to Dark Angel (Ire)'s Althiga (GB), a winner of the G2 Cape Verdi at Meydan and both the GI Just A Game S. and GI Diana S. in the U.S.; as well as Mysterious Night (Ire), who did his best work in Canada when taking the GI Summer S. Mistrusting's latest foal is a 2-year-old by Dubawi (Ire). Second dam Misheer (GB) (Oasis Dream (GB)) won the G2 Cherry Hinton S., and was also second in the G1 Cheveley Park S. and G2 Queen Mary S. Lifetime Record: SW & GSP-Eng, 6-3-2-0, AED437,397. Click for the ERA chart and video.

O/B-Godolphin (GB). T-Charlie Appleby.

2nd-Meydan, AED175,000, NW, 1-12, NH & SH 3yo, 1600m, 1:39.84, ft.

MILITARY ARTIST (c, 3, Munnings--Separate Forest {GSW-US, \$206,525}, by Forestry), off the mark at second asking at Kempton for Roger Varian in September, never made an impact when last of 10 making his desert debut here on Dec. 8. An encouraging third to the undefeated Ma Yetal (Flameaway) in the UAE 2000 Guineas Trial over 1400 metres just seven days ago, the colt streaked straight to the head of affairs. Passed by Million Doro (Bolt d'Oro) to his inside, Military Artist was content to track the loose-on-the-lead rival in second. Given a quiet time of it on the bend by Adrie de Vries, the colt collared that foe with less than 500 metres to travel and dropped the hammer on the field to win with plenty more to come. Tokyo Tower was 1 1/4 lengths back in second after making up some late ground. "He broke really well and had to with that draw [12]," said De Vries. "He was the best horse in the race and I made use of him. My only concern was backing him up so quickly, but he is a big horse and he needed it last time after not having a race [stumbling and eased] first time out. I think a mile is a far as he would like." Out of the GIII Las Cienegas H. heroine Separate Forest, who was also third in the GIII Monrovia S., the blaze-faced chestnut is a half-brother to Hendy Woods (Uncle

Mo), MSW & MGSP, \$609,131. His dam, herself a daughter of G1 Premio Arturo Lyon Pena winner Separata (Chi) (Sam M.), was covered by Uncle Mo last spring. Sales history: \$150,000 Ylg '22 KEESEP; 360,000gns HRA '23 TATAPR. Lifetime Record: 5-2-0-1, AED168,988. Click for the ERA chart and video. O-Victorious. B-Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings, LLC (KY). T-Fawzi Nass.

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