



NEW RECRUITS IN DEMAND AT SPENDTHRIFT



Click here for our visit with three-time Grade I winner Taiba and his new studmates Zandon and Arabian Lion | Sarah Andrew

by Katie Petrunyak

The TDN team barely had time to stop in at Spendthrift Farm to visit Forte this past November before the champion was booked full for 2024. [Here's our video feature on the son of Violence](#). But Forte is just one of the four in-demand newcomers at Spendthrift, where the breeding shed is sure to be busy as ever this year as Into Mischief continues his reign as the leading sire in North America and the top four freshman sires of 2023 take on their fifth season at stud. To learn more about the other new kids on the block at Spendthrift, we sat down with Mark Toothaker.

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AFTER ROMPING IN PASCO, JERSEY-BRED STAR BOOK'EM DANNO ON HIS WAY TO SAUDI DERBY by Bill Finley

Bred in New Jersey, **Book 'em Danno** (**Bucchero**) is a 3-year-old, has been beaten only once in five starts, has won three stakes and is coming off a career-best effort when beating up on five inferior rivals in the Jan. 13 Pasco S. at Tampa Bay Downs. With most owners and trainers, to have a horse like that would mean they'd be hyper-focused on getting to the GI Kentucky Derby. But not trainer Derek Ryan or the partnership that races under the name of Atlantic Six Racing LLC. They're headed to Saudi Arabia for the \$1.5-million G3 Saudi Derby on Feb. 24. The Kentucky Derby is not under consideration.

"The Saudi Derby is a one-turn mile, he's a gelding, there's a lot of money," Ryan said. "I have no Derby dreams. I've been down that road before and it didn't do me any good. I think the Derby is overrated, but that's just me. We were never really considering the Derby trail. The Derby trail, you always have to make works, make races. You put the horse under a lot of pressure."

Atlantic Six Racing LLC is made up of six friends who reside on the Jersey Shore. They are Frank Camassa, Jeff Resnikoff, Mark Rubenstein, James Rubenstein, Jim Scappi and Jay Briscione.

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Yearlings by (from left) *Blame*, *Runhappy*, *Omaha Beach*, and *Rock Your World* at Brownstead Farm in Versailles, KY get their first taste of winter weather for the year on Monday morning. | Jen Roytz

TAMARA WON'T MAKE KENTUCKY OAKS

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'TDN Rising Star' Tamara (Bolt d'Oro), the beaten favorite in the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies, is not being pointed for the GI Kentucky Oaks, reports Hall of Fame trainer Richard Mandella.

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Spendthrift Stallions Cont. From Pg. 1**TAIBA (5, **Gun Runner** – Needmore Flatter, by Flatter)**

*Standing for an introductory fee of \$35,000, this son of **Gun Runner** trained by Bob Baffert and campaigned by Zedan Racing Stables was a leading 3-year-old in 2022 with three Grade I victories on his resume.*

KP: A seven-figure 2-year-old and a **TDN Rising Star** in his debut, it's fair to say that expectations were high for Taiba from the start. How did he rise to those?

MT: Taiba certainly got the whole racing world on edge when he brought \$1.7 million at the 2-year-old sales. Being by **Gun Runner** out of a Flatter mare, he is a gorgeous horse. He probably has more bone and body than any **Gun Runner** that I've seen.

Taiba got off to such a start as a TDN Rising Star. It was just one of those races that gives you chill bumps. He won so effortlessly and so easily that day and then to come back in start two in the GI Santa Anita Derby, doing something he'd never done before going a mile and an eighth, and be able to win the way he did just lets you know right off the bat that this horse is as talented as maybe anything we've seen in a while.

From there, he would go on to win the GI Pennsylvania Derby in impressive fashion and he closed out his 3-year-old year with a win in the GI Malibu S. He was a very talented horse to be able to do what he did early on, but still be good late in the year. It was asking a lot of him, but it tells you how mentally tough that horse was.

KP: You said he stands out from other progeny of **Gun Runner** physically. How so?

MT: I think it's just his body. He's got a great way of moving, but he's got a lot of bone and a lot of muscle. I've had many people out here tell me that they've not seen another **Gun Runner** with a body like that.

His dam was in the Night of the Stars Sale. She was a mare that had tons of bone and tons of substance to her. Anybody out there that got a chance to peek at her can see what Taiba got.

KP: Last year you added dual Grade I winner Cyberknife to your roster and now this year you have Taiba. What has the demand been like in offering two new sons of **Gun Runner** to breeders within two years?

MT: Well we say around here that you can't have too much Into Mischief blood, but you also can't have too much **Gun Runner** blood.

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When we had a chance to go get these two horses, we bought them both during the same year. We knew they wanted to run Taiba again as a 4-year-old and so that fit our program fine with them doing that. We were able to get Cyberknife 223 mares last year. He was a great breeder, a very fertile horse. Now we have Taiba standing for \$35,000 and he sold out in about an hour. It was crazy, the demand for him. We've got him at 180 mares. We'll get to mid-April and see how he's breeding and if it's going well, we'll slide some more in.

ARABIAN LION (4, **Justify** – Unbound, by Distorted Humor)

*This speedy son of **Justify** was his sire's first Grade I winner when he edged away to win the 2023 GI Woody Stephens. Another TDN Rising Star for Bob Baffert and Zedan Racing Stables, Arabian Lion will stand for \$30,000 in his debut season.*

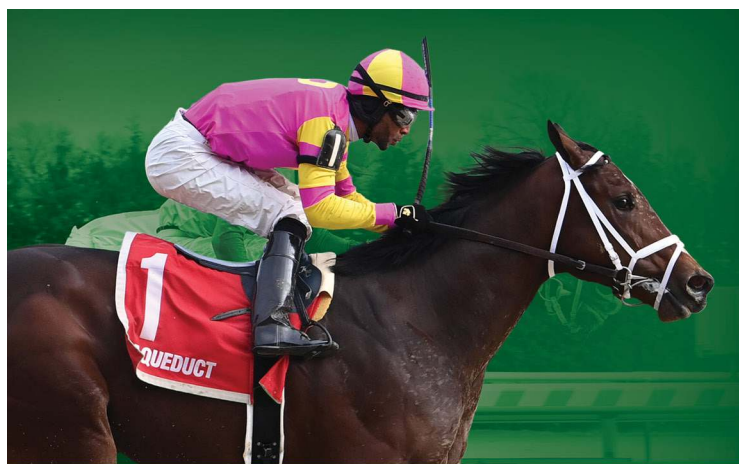
KR: Speaking of red hot stallions, this year you have the first son of **Justify** to retire in Kentucky.

MT: We were so excited to be able to get Arabian Lion because of him being a son of **Justify**. We have Bolt d'Oro here that was in a great battle with **Justify** and **Good Magic** for leading freshman sire in 2022. We were thrilled that Bolt wound up coming out on top and then in 2023, it was all just **Justify**, **Justify**, **Justify**. So you tip your hat to that horse on the year that he's had that culminated with what he did out at the Breeders' Cup.

For us to be able to go out and get a Grade I-winning son of one of the hottest stallions here in North America—plus the success he's had in Europe and Australia—it's a very cool thing. But what makes him even more special is that his female family is all a Phipps family. His mother is a Distorted Humor mare that was stakes placed. **Cont.**



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KR: That 109 Beyer Speed Figure was one of the best numbers on the year in 2023. How does that speak to Arabian Lion's talent?

MT: He was always one that Bob had at the top of his list as a horse with tremendous talent. He ran a very good race at Keeneland when he was second in the GIII Lexington S. and Bob decided to go the conservative route and run him in the Sir Barton S. on Preakness day. He came out of that weekend with the fastest Beyer of anything that ran that weekend [103]. Bob said he probably should have run him in the Preakness and I think if they would have, he would have been a tough customer in there. To bounce out of that race and come back three weeks later on Belmont Day in the GI Woody Stephens, the horse just left there running and was in a great spot all the way around. When he made the lead, he was gone.

KR: This guy is built a bit differently than his sire. What type of horse do you expect him to throw?

MT: What's funny about Arabian Lion is that he looks very much like a Distorted Humor. He looks like his mother's side of the family. We have Jimmy Creed, who is a Distorted Humor, and Arabian Lion reminds me a little bit like Jimmy with the really good body and great hip. He looks like he would throw a precocious, fast, early horse—just like he was.

It'll be interesting to see what he throws when we start seeing the foals on the ground. We'll have to see when that chapter comes up in his career, but we're trying to breed mares to him with a little bit more stretch. I think that will suit him.



GI Blue Grass S. winner Zandon at Spendthrift | Sarah Andrew

ZANDON (5, **Upstart – Memories Prevail, by Creative Cause)**

About as consistent as they come, this Brereton C. Jones-bred placed in all but two of his 14 lifetime starts for trainer Chad Brown and owner Jeffrey Drown. Zandon was a leader on the Kentucky Derby trail as the winner of the 2022 GI Blue Grass S. and this year at four, he claimed the GII Woodward S. The \$2.2 million earner will stand for \$12,500.

KR: Zandon always caught my eye in the mornings, whether it was at Churchill Downs ahead of the Derby or this summer up in Saratoga. How have his looks factored into his resume as he launches his stud career?

MT: Well Zandon is Black Beauty. From the first time we saw him, he was a big, scopey, stretchy horse. He's an **Upstart** out of a Creative Cause mare. Mike Ryan, one of the best eyes of anybody in the horse business, bought him as a yearling out of the Airdrie consignment. It's an Airdrie family that Governor Jones and his son Brett have really cultivated for many generations. We're excited that they are doing the Share The Upside on the horse with us and so it's fun to have them involved. **Cont.**

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KR: When you look back on his career, what do you think of as his best race?

MT: I think his best race was probably when he won the GI Blue Grass. He worked his way through horses in the stretch and when he finally found daylight, he was gone. I thought he showed a great turn of foot that day and it was an impressive trip to be able to work it out the way he did. Any time you win a Grade I right here in front of all the breeders at our home track, that gets your attention.

KR: He was on the board in 12 of 14 starts--all of those were graded after his debut win and half of his placings came in Grade I contests. For him to be so consistent at the top of the game at two, three and four, what does that indicate about his potential ability as a sire?

MT: Zandon was a very good 2-year-old and he had a great 3-year-old year--not only winning the GI Blue Grass S., but he ran a very good third in the GI Kentucky Derby. He's a horse that danced all the dances--on the board in the GI Travers and the GI Pennsylvania Derby. He's had a very good 4-year-old year. He was second in the GI Met Mile and the GI Whitney. He won the GII Woodward. We had big hopes for him out on Breeders' Cup weekend and unfortunately we didn't get the Cinderella ending we were hoping for. It was a tough track to close ground on out there on both days, but he ran hard. He always tries hard and so we were very proud of the horse to make \$2.2 million. He was an extremely consistent horse that always gave his all. That's something that you can hang your hat on as a breeder. You know the horse had a lot of try in him and he was always going to come out there and compete as hard as he could.

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Book'em Danno Cont From Pg. 1

It was Mark Rubenstein who came up with the name Book'em Danno, which is what Steve McGarrett said at the end of each episode of the television show "Hawaii Five-O" after nailing a guilty criminal.

The group never had the type of money needed to buy a highly rated horse at the sales, but did have some luck with a high-priced claimer named Counterfeitcurrency (Currency Swap), who made nearly \$200,000. That gave them enough money to look around for some younger horses and an advisor pointed them in the direction of Book 'em Danno, who was being shopped around by his breeders, Greg Kilka and Christine Connelly of Bright View Farm. There was not a lot to go on. Book 'em Danno is the second foal out of Adorabella ([Ghostzapper](#)) who never raced. The first foal had just broken her maiden when Atlantic Six privately purchased Book 'em Danno and did so by just a half length in a slow time. But she turned out to be a runner. Named Girl Trouble (Fast Anna), she has won two stakes, the Future Stars Filly Division S. and the Parx Futurity.

So the team was optimistic when Book'em Danno made his first start and won a maiden race for Jersey-breds by 9 1/2 lengths. **Cont.**



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“He always acted like a nice horse,” Ryan said. “I don’t crank horses up to win first time out because unless you really have a superstar, there’s no place to run them. Nowadays, if you break your maiden the only races available to you are stakes race. I only had him 70% right for that first race, which told me I had a good one.”

He returned a month later and beat open company in the Smoke Glacken S. at Monmouth and followed that up with a win in the Futurity at the Belmont at Aqueduct meet. He then ran well in defeat when second in the Nashua S. at Aqueduct.

Atlantic Six and Ryan weren’t the only ones cheering Book’em Danno along. Kilka bought Adorabella for \$14,000 at the 2020 Keeneland January Sale. They sold Girl Trouble for just \$15,000 and probably didn’t break the bank when selling Book’em Danno. But their rewards were about to come. They sold the third foal, a colt by Classic Empire, at the Fasig-Tipton Midlantic Fall Yearlings sale for \$135,000. They then sold Adorabella for \$550,000 at Fasig-Tipton November. She was believed to be in foal to Medaglia d’Oro at the time, but the foal was aborted.

After the defeat in the Nashua, Ryan and the owners began to formulate their plans for Book’em Danno’s 3-year-old campaign.

Ryan confirmed that he wanted no part of the Derby. He had started one horse in the race in Musket Man (Yonaguska), who finished third in 2009.

With Book’em Danno being a gelding and possibly a horse who would prefer one turn, Ryan wanted to pick out spots with big purses that would fit the gelding’s style. Even before the Pasco, he had set his sights on the Saudi Derby.

But first the Pasco. It was not a particularly strong field and Book’em Danno was sent off at odds on 1-10. Soft spot or not, he could not have won any easier. With Samuel Marin aboard, he inched up to the leaders while four wide on the turn. Marin never seemed to ask his horse for his best run, but he nonetheless drew off in the stretch to win by 12 1/2 lengths.

“After the race I had to pinch myself,” Briscione said. “It would have been one thing if he won by a length or something, but for

him to draw off the way he did and win so easily. That was something. He moves somewhat effortlessly. It’s very exciting for all of us. We thought he’d run good but that was crazy what he did.”

At the invitation of the Jockey Club of Saudi Arabia, Ryan was planning to hop on a plane to Riyadh Jan. 17 so that he could get the lay of the land before sending the horse over.

“This is a great position to be in,” Briscione said. “We’re a little group and we don’t have

the experience some of the big groups have had, but we’re always trying to figure out what’s best for the horse. There are rewards and risks. The reward in Saudi is the money. The distance seems to suit him. The only issue is that once you come back, you’ll probably need about three months before you’re ready to race. That’s ok if you run good. If you don’t, it can be a problem. But who would have thought we’d ever be going to Saudi Arabia. It’s a once-in-a-lifetime chance. It’s a lot of fun. It’s also a little nerve-wracking. We couldn’t be more excited about this.”

The Saudi Derby won’t be easy. Horses from 10 countries have been nominated and an American contingent could include horses from the stables of Christophe Clement, Brad Cox, Ken



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McPeck, Rick Dutrow, Brendan Walsh, Steve Asmussen, John Sadler, Bob Baffert and Todd Pletcher. All have at least one horse nominated.

But Book'em Danno is not to be underestimated.

"You can never take anything for granted in this sport," Ryan said. "But we think we're in a great position."

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TAMARA WON'T MAKE KENTUCKY OAKS

by Bill Finley

'TDN Rising Star' Tamara (Bolt d'Oro), the beaten favorite in the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies, is not being pointed for the GI Kentucky Oaks, reports Hall of Fame trainer Richard Mandella. The beautifully bred daughter of Beholder (Henny Hughes) finished seventh in the Breeders' Cup and came out of the race with a crack in a splint bone.

"She's out of training," Mandella said. "It was a small crack in the splint bone, but it needed time to heal up. She'll start training again in about a week, but that won't give us enough time to make the Oaks. She'll be ready when she's ready."

Mandella, however, has developed a worthy replacement in **Kopion** (Omaha Beach), who was an impressive winner of the GIII Santa Ynez S. on Jan. 7. Mandella said the Feb. 4 GIII Las Virgenes S. will be her next target.

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AMERICA'S TALE (9, Gio Ponti – America's Friend, by Unusual Heat) to be bred to Taiba

She's in foal to Jackie's Warrior and she's a Grade II winner. We thought Taiba was good value. He's a very attractive son of **Gun Runner** that won three Grade I races.

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GRAND AVE GIRL (6, Runhappy – One More, by Holy Bull) to be bred to Jackie's Warrior

This multiple stakes winner is carrying her first foal by Jack Christopher.

LADY BRIELLE (6, Tapit – Tabarin, by El Prado {Ire}) to be bred to Gunitite

This daughter of Tapit is in foal to Cyberknife. She had a nice update in the family with her half-sister producing the GII Golden Rod winner Intricate (Gun Runner). We are breeding her on the same cross.

LAYLA (10, Union Rags – I'm a Flake, by Mineshaft) to be bred to Constitution

Layla had a mention last year [See those 2023 mating plans [here](#)]. She's the full-sister to GISW Express Train. Her first foal, Gran Orca (Liam's Map), has now had two impressive wins in Japan. He was the highest-priced Liam's Map in 2022, selling for \$625,000. She is due to have a Flightline foal at the end of February.

SACRED LUNA (12, Maliby Moon – Sacred Feather, by Carson City) to be bred to Uncle Mo

This half-sister to MGSW Taareef (Kitten's Joy) produced an Oscar Performance colt that sold last September Keeneland for \$310,000.

SOLD IT (8, The Factor – Charade, by Maliby Moon) to be bred to Cody's Wish

The farm has a very nice Quality Road yearling filly out of this stakes-winning mare. She's in foal to Not This Time.



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Sire (Sire's Sire)	#SWs	#GSW
Cairo Prince (Pioneerof the Nile) (Honey Pants--Las Cienegas S.-GIII)	30	9
Frosted (Tapit) (Icicles--Likely Exchange S.)	21	5
Hightail (Mineshaft) (Gin Gin--Busanda S.)	6	1
Midshipman (Unbridled's Song) (Midshipman's Dance--Mockingbird S.)	48	9
Mo Town (Uncle Mo) (Mystic Lake--Gasparilla S.)	6	3

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PARX, SAM HOUSTON CANCEL MONDAY RACING

Live racing at Parx was cancelled Monday. Temperatures in the Philadelphia area hovered in the upper 20's during the day with forecasted snow expected by the afternoon. Sam Houston Race Park also cancelled its Monday card due to inclement weather conditions. Live racing is expected to return at Parx Tuesday and at Sam Houston on Friday.

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NEW VOCATIONS SERVED OVER 600 RETIRED RACEHORSES IN 2023

New Vocations Racehorse Adoption Program, whose mission is to rehab, retrain and rehome retired Thoroughbreds and Standardbreds, saw 478 horses go through its program in 2023, with 143 horses remaining in the program at the end of the year--a 15% increase from 2022.

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"I'm very proud of the New Vocations team as they have done a phenomenal job providing much needed aftercare services to a huge number of horses with diverse backgrounds that come from various tracks around the country," said New Vocation's Thoroughbred Program Director Anna Ford. "We serve horses that are coming out of the \$5,000 claiming races to horses racing at the highest stakes levels and everything in between. We are very thankful for the continued support from the racing industry, including owners, trainers, breeders and fans, which provide us the necessary resources to fulfill our mission and reach as many horses as we can."

With facilities in Kentucky, Ohio, Pennsylvania, New York, Florida and Louisiana, the program received horses from 70 different racetracks which were then adopted out to homes in 36 different states last year.

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SEYMORE RETIRES, RUSTON PROMOTED AT ARAPAHOE

Bruce Seymore has retired from his position as Executive Director of Colorado Operations and Racing at Bally's Arapahoe Park and Shannon Ruston has been tabbed to replace him.

A familiar face in the Colorado horse racing scene for the past 29 years, Seymore has made significant contributions to the horse racing community, serving as the President of the Colorado Horse Council and actively participating in Colorado politics.

"I would like to thank Bruce for his years of service and wish him the best of luck in his retirement, which I'm sure will include some well-deserved time on his boat, at the golf course, hunting, and spending time with his wife, Kim, their five children, and soon-to-be 16 grandchildren," said George Papanier, President at Bally's Corporation.

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Ruston, a Colorado native who was born and raised in a horse racing family, joined the Bally's team in 2020 as the park's Racing Secretary and Director of Racing, bringing a wealth of experience having worked in every job on the backside of a horse track as well as managing family horse barns. He served as the Executive Director of the Colorado Horseracing Association from 1992 to 2020.

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An additional 33 supplemental entries have been added to the Fasig-Tipton Kentucky Winter Mixed Sale to be held Feb. 5 and 6 in Lexington, Kentucky. These entries, announced Monday by Fasig-Tipton, are catalogued as hips 417-450 and include Plenty of Vision (Pollard's Vision), Les Bon Temps (Laoban), More Than Vows (More Than Ready), Headland (Paynter), Ontheonesandtwos (Jimmy Creed) and Unjokable ([Practical Joke](#)). The entire catalog including the supplemental entries can be viewed [here](#).

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SUNLIT SONG HEADLINES 2023 TEXAS-BRED HONORS

Texas-bred 9-year-old gelding Sunlit Song (My Golden Song) was named the Texas Horse of the Year along with Champion Older Horse honors Monday by the Texas Thoroughbred Association after a season which saw him win four stakes races from six starts. His success also saw his dam, Fly So True (Early Flyer) owned by Carolyn Barnett and Becky Harding, honored with 2023 Texas Broodmare of the Year. The full list of winners, including Texas-bred money earner and TTA Member of the Year, can be found [here](#).

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AMPLIFY ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR 2024 MENTORSHIP PROGRAM

Amplify Horse Racing is accepting applications now through Jan. 31 for the spring 2024 intake of its mentorship program. The program provides an introductory step for youth and young adults who want to learn more about the Thoroughbred industry by matching them with experienced industry professionals who can offer career guidance. The spring session will run from March 1 through May 31. The program is also accepting potential mentors who have over 6 years of work experience in the Thoroughbred or broader equine industry, and can meet the program's minimum training requirements, background check, and time commitment. Interested parties should visit [the website](#) for more information on the program and its requirements.

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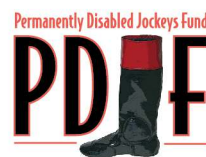


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LECOMTE S.-GIII, \$200,000, 3yo, 1 1/16m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Next Level 🐾	Vino Rosso	Don't Tell My Wife Stables 2022, LLC	Desormeaux	Cohen	122
2	Nash	Medaglia d'Oro	Godolphin, LLC	Cox	Geroux	122
3	Tizzy Indy	Take Charge Indy	Calumet Farm	Desormeaux	Graham	122
4	Can Group	Good Samaritan	D. J. Stable LLC and Cash is King LLC	Casse	Loveberry	122
5	Ethan Energy	Uncle Mo	Stonestreet Stables LLC	Cox	Saez	122
6	Lat Long 🐾	Liam's Map	Walking L Thoroughbreds, LLC	McPeck	Hernandez, Jr.	122
7	Track Phantom 🐾	Quality Road	L and N Racing, Clark Brewster, Jerry Caroom, and Breeze Easy, LLC	Asmussen	Rosario	122
8	Awesome Road 🐾	Quality Road	Albaugh Family Stables LLC and Donegal Racing	Cox	Concepcion	122

Breeders: 1-White Fox Farm, 2-Godolphin, 3-Calumet Farm, 4-Wynnstay Inc. & H. Allen Poindexter, 5-Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC, 6-Town & Country Horse Farms, LLC, 7-Breeze Easy, LLC, 8-Claiborne Farm

Saturday, Fair Grounds #12, post time: 6:30 p.m. EST

LOUISIANA S. PRESENTED BY RELYNE GI BY HAGYARD-GIII, \$175,000, 4yo/up, 1 1/16m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Red Route One	Gun Runner	Winchell Thoroughbreds LLC	Asmussen	Rosario	118
2	Smile Happy 🐾	Runhappy	Lucky Seven Stable	McPeck	Hernandez, Jr.	118
3	Saudi Crown 🐾	Always Dreaming	FMQ Stables	Cox	Geroux	124
4	Happy American 🐾	Runhappy	Lothenbach Stables, Inc.	Pessin	Loveberry	118
5	Five Star General 🐾	Distorted Humor	Elttaes Stable	Forster	Pedroza, Jr.	122
6	Confidence Game 🐾	Candy Ride (Arg)	Don't Tell My Wife Stables 2022, LLC	Desormeaux	Lanerie	118
7	Kupuna 🐾	Hard Spun	Sanders, Wayne and Hirsch, Larry	Calhoun	Gutierrez	118

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IN ORDER OF PURSE:

8th-Fair Grounds, \$54,000, Alw (NW2\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$50,000),
 1-15, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16mT, 1:46.58, fm, 1 3/4 lengths.

GIRL NAMED CHARLIE (f, 4, Maclean's Music--Dynarama, by Dynaformer), winner of last season's Allen Black Cat LaCombe Memorial S., hasn't hit the board in six subsequent starts for trainer Tom Amoss, including the most recent a 10th in a Keeneland allowance Oct. 7. Settled just back in second through opening splits of :24.14 and :50.33, the dark bay collared the pacesetter turning for home and inched clear down the lane to score by 1 3/4 lengths. The half to stakes winner Dominga (**Ghostzapper**) (\$293,036) also has a year-younger sister by Omaha Beach. Sales history: \$160,000 Ylg '21 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: SW, 12-3-1-0, \$141,074. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

O-Caroom, Jerry and Lambert, Jeffrey; B-Don Alberto Corporation (KY); T-Lindsay Schultz.



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6th-Santa Anita, \$73,432, Alw, (NW1\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$50,000),
 1-15, 4yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:39.68, ft, 1 1/2 lengths.

LISA'S NONNO (f, 4, Jimmy Creed--White Hart Lane, by Bernardini), fourth last time out going 7 1/2 furlongs in a Churchill Downs maiden in November, was given a 4-1 chance while stepping up here. Settled in a stalking position through sensible early splits, the dark bay took over in the stretch en route to 1 1/2-length success. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-1, \$53,520.

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O-Double L Racing; B-Bob Liewald (KY); T-Mark Glatt.

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7th-Fair Grounds, \$52,000, Msw, 1-15, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:09.70, ft,
 5 lengths.

CHAMPLIN (g, 4, Ransom the Moon--Now I Know {GSW, \$461,721}, by Pure Prize) was let go at 5-1 following a bullet Fair Grounds work of :47 2/5 Dec. 18 followed by the most recent a :47 4/5 move (3/127) Jan. 5. Rocketing to the front from post 6, the Calumet-bred showed the way through a brisk :22.18 opening quarter. Still moving confidently with just under three furlongs to run, the 4-year-old cut the corner with consummate ease and drove home a much-the-best five-length winner over Practically Dark (**Practical Joke**) in this belated debut. Sales history: \$37,000 Wlg '20 KEENOV; \$58,000 Ylg '21 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$31,200. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

O-House, Murray and House, Sherilynn; B-Calumet Farm (KY); T-Gregory D. Foley.

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2024 Stud Fees Listed

One Sided (Quality Road), R. A. Rowe Farms
13 foals of racing age/2 winners/0 black-type winners
1-Mahoning Valley, 12:45 p.m. EST, Msw 6f, One Step Aside, 7-2
\$5,000 OTB OMX yrl

Yoshida (Jpn) (Heart's Cry {Jpn}), Darley Japan, ¥1,500,000
164 foals of racing age/14 winners/0 black-type winners
4-Parx Racing, 1:26 p.m. EST, Msw 1m, Eff Thirty Five, 3-1
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IN JAPAN:

Pikari, f, 3, **Twirling Candy**--Laudation (SW, \$100,840), by
Congrats. Kyoto, 1-13, Maiden, 1200m, 1:13.6. Lifetime
Record: 5-1-0-1, \$54,012. O-Susumu Fujita; B-Woods Edge
Farm LLC (KY); T-Hideyuki Mori. *\$265,000 Ylg '22 KEESEP;
\$900,000 2yo '23 OBSMAR.

Distant Sky, c, 3, **Uncle Mo**--Elisheva, by Smart Strike. Kyoto,
1-14, Newcomers, 1400m, 1:26.3. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0,
\$42,796. O-North Hills; B-North Hills Co Limited (KY); T-Koichi
Tsunoda.

Guren, c, 4, **Union Rags**--Purely Hot (GSW-Can, SW-US,
\$426,905), by Pure Prize. Kyoto, 1-14, Allowance, 1800m,
1:53. Lifetime Record: 8-2-0-0, \$118,970. O-Kanayama
Holdings; B-Orpendale/Chelston/Wynatt (KY); T-Kenji Nonaka.
*1/2 to Eight Rings (Empire Maker), GISW, \$474,451.
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Worlds Collide, c, 4, **War Front**--Elizabeth Browning (Ire) (GSW-
Ire, \$125,542), by Galileo (Ire). Nakayama, 1-13, Allowance,
1200m, 1:10.8. Lifetime Record 6-4-1-0, \$382,017.
O-Godolphin; B-Lynch Bages Ltd & MacQuarie Bloodstock (KY);
T-Noriyuki Hori. *\$400,000 Wlg '20 KEENOV.



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IN JAPAN:

Danon K Two (Jpn), c, 2, **Justify--Enticed** (Ire), by Galileo (Ire).
Kyoto, 1-13, Newcomers, 1800mT, 1:55.2. Lifetime Record
1-1-0-0, \$42,783. O-Danox Inc; B-Mishima Bokujo; T-Ryo
Terashima. *1ST-TIME STARTER.

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4th-Fair Grounds, \$53,000, (S), (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$12,500),
1-15, 4yo/up, f/m, 1mT, 1:41.13, fm, 1 1/2 lengths.

VISIONISTA (f, 4, Court Vision--Miss Pitty Pat, by Data Link)

Lifetime Record: 13-2-3-1, \$88,580. O-Ismael Thoroughbreds, LLC; B-Charles Lynn Hicks (LA); T-Eduardo Rodriguez. *\$0 RNA Ylg '21 TTAYHR.

6th-Fair Grounds, \$53,000, 1-15, (NW1X), 4yo/up, 1mT,
1:39.80, fm, 1 1/4 lengths.

AGENT CREED (g, 6, Jimmy Creed--Our Year, by Grand Slam)

Lifetime Record: 21-4-5-3, \$269,147. O-Green With MV Stable; B-Joseph Calvo (NY); T-Thomas M. Amoss. \$37,000 RNA Wlg '18 KEENOV; \$100,000 Ylg '19 SARAUG; \$65,000 4yo '22 FTDAUG.

8th-Mahoning Valley, \$35,100, (S), 1-15, (NW3L), 3yo/up, 6f,
1:11.50, ft, 1 1/4 lengths.

G T THREE FIFTY (g, 5, Speightster--Ela Enta {GB}, by Royal

Applause {GB}) Lifetime Record: 11-3-1-1, \$68,492. O-Gene Burkholder; B-Peter J. Shepell (OH); T-Justin Radosevich. \$5,000 Ylg '20 KEESEP; \$33,000 2yo '21 OBSOPN.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Miss Springsteen, f, 3, Gormley--Melanie May, by Animal Kingdom. Mahoning Valley, 1-15, (S), 6f, 1:12.45. Lifetime Record: 10-1-1-3, \$40,059. B-Alec S. & James E. Townley (OH). *\$19,000 RNA Wlg '21 KEENOV.



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AOC, 1-15, Fair Grounds

Gormley, Miss Springsteen, f, 3, o/o Melanie May, by Animal Kingdom. MSW, 1-15, Mahoning Valley

Jimmy Creed, Agent Creed, g, 6, o/o Our Year, by Grand Slam.
ALW, 1-15, Fair Grounds

Jimmy Creed, Lisa's Nonno, f, 4, o/o White Hart Lane, by Bernardini. AOC, 1-15, Santa Anita

Maclean's Music, Girl Named Charlie, f, 4, o/o Dynarama, by Dynaformer. AOC, 1-15, Fair Grounds

Ransom the Moon, Champlin, g, 4, o/o Now I Know, by Pure Prize. MSW, 1-15, Fair Grounds

Speightster, G T Three Fifty, g, 5, o/o Ela Enta (GB), by Royal Applause (GB). ALW, 1-15, Mahoning Valley



TODAY'S FEATURED REPLAY



Champlin (by Ransom the Moon) score in his career debut at Fair Grounds Monday.

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'I WAS BORN COMPETITIVE': HOLLIE DOYLE BACK AND RARING FOR WINNERS



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Hollie Doyle has returned to her home country after a successful two-month stint in Japan, where she rode 13 winners from 101 mounts. The arrival of the new year means one thing: the number of winners was dialled back to zero, and the hard work behind the scenes begins again.

As someone who doesn't crave the limelight, Doyle is modest, reserved, and always the ultimate professional. It is fair to say that acknowledging her success doesn't come naturally, but since 2019 she has ridden more than 100 winners in each year, with a career high of 172 in 2021. [Cont., p3](#)

RACING TO CEASE IN MACAU FROM APRIL

Racing in Macau will end from April 1 of this year following an announcement on Monday by the Macau Horse Racing Company, operator of the Macau Jockey Club (MJC), that it is to terminate its contract with the Macau government.

A significant employer in Macau, the MJC in its present guise has been in existence since 1989, though racing on the peninsula on China's southern coast has a centuries-long history. The decision to cease racing in just over two months' time at Taipa racecourse will affect hundreds of employees of the MJC, which includes 12 trainers and stable staff, and around 200 horses. It comes in the wake of the Singapore Turf Club's announcement last June that racing will no longer take place in Singapore after October of this year.

A statement on the MJC website read, "Macau Horse Racing Company Limited regretfully announces that this morning the company signed an agreement with the Macau (SAR) government to terminate the 'Concession Contract for the Exclusion Operation of Horse Racing'."

It continued, "Macau Horse Racing Company Limited has been operating at a loss, accumulate in excess of 2.5 Billion (approximately £245m/€283m). Moreover, there has been limited room for development and growth of the horse racing industry in Macau over the years, and including the adverse effect brought about by pandemic over these last three years, it has become increasingly difficult to sustain the operations."

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Katie Petrunyak makes another visit to the Kentucky farm to speak with Mark Toothaker about the demand their four new sires are generating.



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An iconic shot of Johar, High Chaparral (dead heat), and Falbrav (third) in the 2003 Breeders' Cup Turf at Santa Anita. Sadly, Falbrav passed away in Japan on Friday | Horsephotos

NEWBURY PRIZE-MONEY INCREASED 6

Following last week's announcement of record prize-money across the Jockey Club's portfolio of racecourses, Newbury has followed suit for 2024 to a record £7 million.

DUBAI WORLD CUP RUNNER-UP ALGIERS RETIRED 7

The son of Shamardal was retired after his connections noted a change in enthusiasm toward his works in the lead up to the 2024 carnival.

WELL-BRED FUN WITH FLAGS STAYS UNBEATEN 9

The Zoffany filly denied any late challenges to keep her young record perfect at Cagnes-sur-Mer in France.

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Hollie Doyle, Q&A, cont. from p1

She finished in the top three jockeys in Britain between 2020 and 2022, and one of her closest rivals is her husband, Tom Marquand.

Doyle's former weighing-room colleague Georgia Cox catches up with the leading female rider, whose Group 1 wins in 2023 came aboard Bradsell (GB), Nashwa (GB) and Trueshan (Fr), and who has four winners on the board already this year.

The Japanese fans look like they could elevate any race day. How did it feel to be a part of that atmosphere?

The fans are unbelievable. It's quite incomparable to anywhere else I've been. Their love and respect for the horse is on a different level. The merchandise the JRA provides is incredible and the fans are able to purchase "turfs" which are replicas of their favourite horses. After you've ridden a winner, you spend a long time signing autographs and merchandise for them. If I was in the next race, I'd feel guilty that I had to go and couldn't sign everyone's, as they are so keen and passionate. I remember walking out of Nakayama on the last day and there were hundreds of people queued up for Tom and I to sign things. It's very sweet, the fans themselves are in it for the right reasons.

How were the local trainers in welcoming you as an overseas rider?

The local trainers are generally very good working with overseas riders. The trainer you're based with isn't necessarily your biggest supporter. This year I was associated with Hiroyasu Tanaka, the trainer of Lemon Pop (Lemon Drop Kid). He's a young and up-and-coming trainer who spent a lot of time in France. I have a really good relationship with him, and he threw as many rides as he could at me. However, they have their own jockeys as well, who they are very loyal to. I had to prove myself even more after last year, not getting that many winners, but this year back in June I picked up the ride on Italian 1,000 Guineas winner Shavasana (Ire) (**Gleneagles {Ire}**) to win the G2 Oaks d'Italia for trainer Stefano Botti and Katsumi Yoshida, who is also the owner of Northern Farms, which 12 of my 13 winners were for. It's like everything - it's all about building contacts. To be able to partner Vela Azul (Jpn) (**Eishin Flash {Jpn}**) in the G1 Japan Cup was a huge opportunity, as was winning on Vibraphone (Jpn) (**Drefong**) for Noboru Takagi, the trainer of 2023 Dubai World Cup winner Ushba Tesoro (Jpn) (**Orfevre {Jpn}**). It's a huge step forward on last year's results and I hope to keep building on that.

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3 first-crop 2YO Group winners in 2023, bettering the start of his own sire KINGMAN!

Kate Harrington, assistant trainer to her mother, Jessica Harrington.

And the best value stallion in Europe?

It has to be **Calyx (GB)**. He's operating at an impressive strike-rate with his first runners and had three Group-winning juveniles last year. He looks good value to me.

TDN, Sun 14th Jan

Breeder, pinhooker and TBA vice-chair **Kate Sigsworth**, who manages her family's West Moor Stud in Yorkshire.

And the best value stallion in Ireland, England, and France?

Calyx (GB)...

TDN, Sat 13th Jan

CALYX

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CLASSIC FLOWER: Criterium de Maisons Laffitte-Gr.2

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Tom was attached to Keisuke Miyata, who was the rider of Almond Eye (Jpn) (Lord Kanaloa {Jpn}) for many years, and he's been with him for two years now. He has always made us feel apart of his team and tried to support us as much as he could.

In the past few seasons, you've been able to sample racing in a variety of districts, from Australia to America, Japan, and Hong Kong. That must have been a huge eye-opener. If you could introduce something they do to racing over here, what would it be?

There is so much we could take from the way the Japanese have built their domain. We have a lot to envy when it comes to the logistics of racing in Japan, starting from how the betting turnover goes straight back into the prize-money. They don't cut corners and they appreciate the long game, investing in middle-distance horses, which they are now reaping the benefits from. For anyone who hasn't been it's one to put on the bucket list.

You've ridden in a variety of countries. Is there anywhere you haven't been to yet that you want to experience?

Since I started, I have always stuck around for the winters to

keep the ball rolling through the all-weather season, but the last two winters I've travelled and found it to be a realisation of what more racing has to offer. It's something that I want to explore further. I really enjoy adjusting to the different styles as you see with Ryan Moore, the way he seamlessly fits into anywhere when he is riding around the world. If the opportunity came up, I'd definitely like to go back and do a stint in Australia and Hong Kong at some point.

You've moved up the ranks within the weighing-room. Has much changed for you?

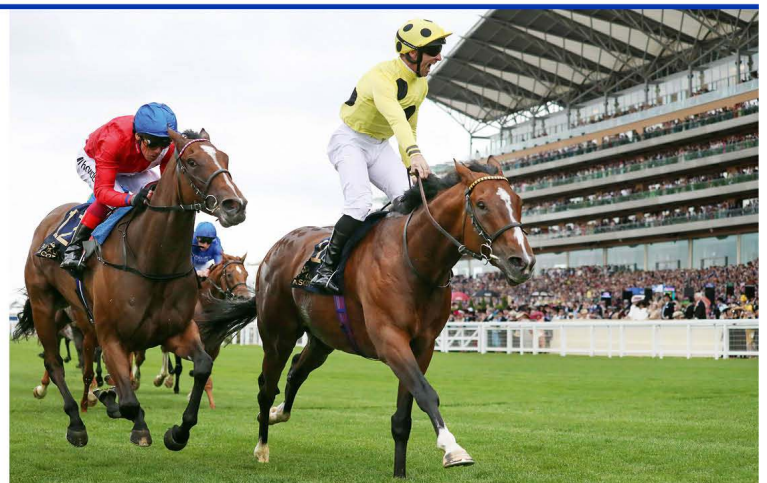
A lot has changed but my hunger and drive are bigger than ever. I suppose the only good thing about getting older is the experience you carry, which is worth so much, on and off the track. It's a fast-moving sport and it doesn't take much to fall by the wayside. The fear of that is what keeps me on the ball 24/7.

Can you give us an insight into your mindset?

I'm quite used to the manic lifestyle now. Chaos is my stability, and my stability is chaos. That state of mind is the norm for me. If I have a day off, I have to do something, whether that's a bike ride, gym session, or swimming. [Cont.](#)

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If not, I feel like I'm doing a disservice to the owners that I'm riding for the next day. It's just how it works in my mind. If I stopped, I think I'd become disorientated. Mentality and resilience are two of the biggest things that have got me to this stage.

Is bloodstock something you want to be more involved with?

I'm intrigued by the bloodstock side of things, and that's definitely amplified since being retained by Imad Al Sagar, owner of Blue Diamond Stud. Analysing their pedigrees, getting to know the families, and seeing the traits they pass down the generations. I really enjoy seeing them as foals and then what they grow into. Seeing it first-hand intensifies how much thought goes into it, and the attention to detail isn't wasted on me. I have a huge amount of respect for any owner-breeder; it's a long, expensive game, and they deserve all the success they get.

You have had much success with trainer Archie Watson: 228 winners and counting. We can see from the outside that he is driven and meticulous in placing his horses. What can you see on the inside that leads to the constant flow of winners?

When I started working alongside Archie, everything accelerated into a different stratosphere. I understand the way he trains, I understand his horses, and how to get the best out of them and do the best job for their owner. I think he is particularly good at getting their all-important black-type on their CV, or just getting the best out of every horse, whatever level that might be at.

Do you have championship dreams?

I think I was born competitive as it's all I can ever remember. I love a challenge, and the challenge of becoming a champion jockey is every jockey's dream, finishing joint-second and third in the table the last few years has meant a lot. I'm lucky to be supported by so many good outfits that train winners for fun. The simple question of 'will you be going for champion jockey this year?' can feel sometimes antagonising, as you never have your foot off the pedal, with permanent blinkers fixed on riding as many winners as possible. It's not like I'm holding back; this is full throttle.

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Group winners in 2023, only Frankel, Dubawi, Kingman, Sea The Stars, Dark Angel and Galileo had more.

*Also in 2023, **One Look** (PICTURED) was a brilliant winner of the **Goffs Million** on debut while yearlings sold for up to **€395,000***



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You've been around some of the best in the business. What's the best piece of advice you've been given?

Keep your head down and work hard.

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MACAU RACING CEASES, cont. from p1



Taipa Racecourse | Macau Jockey Club

"The Board of Directors has had to make a difficult decision, and commencing from April 1, 2024, the company will cease all racing related operations. However, the current member facilities will remain available to the Club's members."

The statement also notes that arrangements for the racehorses currently in Macau will be finalised by March 31, 2025. The horse population has dwindled significantly in recent years, and 202 horses are currently listed in training on the MJC website.

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NEWBURY PRIZE-MONEY UPPED TO RECORD £7M

Following last week's announcement of record prize-money across the Jockey Club's portfolio of racecourses, Newbury has followed suit by increasing its prize-money for 2024 to £7 million, which is also a record figure.

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Oasis Dream

Green Desert - Hope (Dancing Brave)

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The 13% increase in purses will be spread across 31 fixtures, 11 of which are denoted as 'premier' meetings and the other 20 as 'core' fixtures.

The G1 Al Shaqab Lockinge S. will this year be run for £400,000, up from £350,000, and again on a card which is one of the World Pool meetings in Britain. Also receiving a boost is the G3 Geoffrey Freer S., which is now worth £90,000, and the G2 Hungerford S., to £125,000, while the G3 Dubai International World Trophy and G2 Mill Reef S. receive prize-money boosts of £15,000 and £10,000 respectively, to £85,000 and £100,000. Furthermore, all Class 5 handicaps in Flat core fixtures are guaranteed to be run for a minimum of £11,000, up from £8,650 in 2023.

"We have been able to make two successive years of significant advances in our prize-money mainly due to our new media arrangements with Sky Sports Racing and our board are pleased to be able to do so at a time when the industry really needs such an investment," said Julian Thick, chief executive of Newbury Racecourse.

"It is well known there are significant headwinds facing racecourses and further prize-money increases in years to come

will be very much dependant on Newbury being able to navigate these and create increased commercial returns through other trading activities such as growing attendances, that can then be shared with our industry partners. Once again, my thanks must go to all our sponsors for their continued support and we very much look forward to the season ahead and welcoming horses, connections and racegoers back to Newbury to enjoy top-class racing action."

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DUBAI WORLD CUP RUNNER-UP ALGIERS RETIRED

After what his connections described in a [tweet on X](#) as 'works not showing the same sparkle' as in years prior, the 2023 G1 Dubai World Cup runner-up **Algiers (Ire)** (Shamardal) has been retired from racing.

A multiple Group winner in Meydan in addition to his second-place finish to multiple Group 1 winner Ushba Tesoro (Jpn) (Orfevre {Jpn}), he'd last been seen in Canada on Oct. 7, missing victory in Woodbine's GIII Durham Cup S. by half-a-length. A horse for Dubai's dirt courses, his first Group triumph came in 2022 when he took the G3 Jebel Ali Mile Sponsored by Shadwell and he won both rounds of the G2 Al Maktoum Challenge series as the lead up to that World Cup attempt. His career concludes with seven victories and lifetime earnings of over \$3-million.

"Unfortunately, Algiers is not showing the same sparkle in his work and we have decided to retire him," said co-conditioner Simon Crisford in that statement on X through the Gainsborough Thoroughbreds account. "He was a very consistent horse who loved Meydan. He showed his brilliance in Rounds 1 and 2 of the Maktoum Challenge before running a close second in the Dubai World Cup."

"He will now enjoy a happy retirement and I would like to thank his owners Sultan Ali and Hamdan bin Sultan Ali Alsaibousi for their support."

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AUCTAV'S FIRST 2024 SALE GOES LIVE TUESDAY

French online auction house Auctav will host their January sale starting Tuesday, Jan. 16 from 6:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. CET, and among the offerings are two flat runners, namely **Qantem (Fr)** (Anodin {Ire}) and **Sinnerman (Fr)** (Territories {Ire}). The former, a half-brother to MSP-Fr Layla (Fr) (Lope de Vega {Ire}), is out of a half-sister to multiple Group 1 winner Reliable Man (GB) (Dalakhani {Ire}) and multiple Group winner Imposing (GB). Sinnerman claims Peruvian champion grass mare GSP-Arg Sissy Chanel (Tapizar) as a half-sister and hails from the female line of Old Domesday Book (GB), whose daughters produced no less than three multiple Group and Grade I performers. Both offerings are winners on the Polytrack while Sinnerman also has a victory over 1200 metres on the turf.

The full catalog can be found on [their website](#).

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AT THE SENATE CAFE IN HEAVEN

Andrea Branchini provides a light-hearted response to the suggestion that the Irish Derby should be shortened, featuring an imagined conversation between two classic scholars in somewhat different fields. Yet while Cicero's questions are indeed imagined, Tesio's responses are direct quotes from his bloodstock bible *Breeding the Racehorse*.

Marcus Tullius Cicero: Senator Tesio, what do you think of this recent *querelle* started by Patrick Cooper's letter in the *TDN* about shortening the distance of that famous Classic race in Hibernia?

Federico Tesio: It is difficult to mathematically establish where speed ends and endurance begins. In other words, there is no specific point - a measured number of metres - where speed ends and endurance begins. It is all relative.

Cicero: What do you mean? Do you think that there is no quality difference between speed and endurance? You must know that, deep down, the whole argument about the Hibernian race is in fact about breeding for speed and/or breeding for endurance.

Tesio: Neither speed nor endurance will ever be integrally inherited because they are not integral or uniform characteristics but rather combinations of many original characteristics based on the law of probabilities.

Cicero: Yes, Senator, I understand, you are referring to those

Mendel theories that you liked so much. So, in your opinion, speed and endurance are not really equivalents to the green and yellow peas used by the German abbot to explain and predict inheritance?

Tesio: Endurance does not exist in itself. It is only a variation, a step or a facet, of speed.

Cicero: Senator, please give me an example I can relate to. Think of me as you would of a simple spectator at the Circus Maximus.

Tesio: I myself have bred and trained a good horse, by the name of Bellini, with which I won the St Leger (2,800 metres) and Braune Ban (2,400 metres) in Munich, Germany. Bellini was certainly not a horse with endurance, but he had a tremendous burst of speed. If the course was not too severe and the jockey waited to push it to its best effort in the last 50 metres, then Bellini was undefeated - such was his speed in the last 50 metres. However, one metre more and he was beaten.

Cicero: Senator, are you saying that endurance - or stamina, as they call it nowadays - is just the ability to manage speed over distance?

Tesio: To win a steeplechase a horse must have speed, rather than mere endurance.

Cicero: Senator, I think you are on to something. In fact, all this makes me think of the most talented human athletes of today. Could it be that they just operate in sport markets they have found themselves in? That is: Usain Bolt chose the sprints, while the "human locomotive" Emil Zatopek opted for long distance races - but they might have excelled elsewhere no matter what. Same for football. Legendary Italian left-back Giacinto Facchetti could (and did) play as centreforward at times, and I am sure Lionel Messi would be a terrific fullback if that position was assigned to him. Not to speak of the brilliantly speed-endowed Dutch runner Sifan Hassan, who has recently triumphed in races from the mile to the marathon. You see, I watch television quite a bit here in heaven.

Tesio: Distance is nothing more than a form of manifestation of time. Aptitudes are not inherited.

Cicero: So, my dear fellow senator, is it all a dream to breed for speed?

Tesio: Nothing is certain when dealing with speed and endurance. There are only probabilities.

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BRITAIN

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Biographer (GB), c, 3, **Oasis Dream (GB)**--Now You're Talking (Ire) (MSP-Ire), by Zoffany (Ire). Lingfield, 1-15, 6f 1y (AWT), 1:11.52. Lifetime Record: 5-1-0-1, \$7,147. B-Isa Salman Al Khalifa (GB).

FRANCE

Monday's Results:

1st-Cagnes-sur-Mer, €26,000, Cond, 1-15, 3yo, 7 1/2fT, 1:34.52, vsf.

FUN WITH FLAGS (IRE) (f, 3, **Zoffany {Ire}**--**Marie Celeste {Ire}**, by **Galileo {Ire}**), who notched an Oct. 31 debut success tackling 8 1/2 furlongs at Marseille-Borely in her only prior outing, was shuffled back through field to race in rear after an alert getaway in this return. Nudged along rounding the home turn, the 4-1 chance made continued progress out wide in the straight to go fourth passing the eighth pole and kept on strongly to deny Rose Academy (Fr) (Zelzal {Fr}) by 1 1/4 lengths in the dying strides. Fun With Flags is the fifth of six foals and one of four scorers produced by a full-sister to stakes-winning G3 Park Express S. second Gemstone (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}), herself the dam of stakes-winning G1 Doncaster Mile and G1 C F Orr S. third Nugget (GB) (**Siyouni {Fr}**) and Listed Newmarket S. victor UAE Jewel (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}). Her dam Marie Celeste (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) is also kin to the Group 3 winner Karamela (Ire) (Mastercraftsman {Ire}), G1 Jebel Hatta third Ursa Minor (Ire) (**Sea The Stars {Ire}**) and to the dam of G1 Irish St Leger hero Sonnyboyliston (Ire) (Power {GB}).



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The April-foaled bay is half to a 2-year-old colt Make Believe (GB). Sales history: €50,000 Ylg '22 GORORB; €62,000 2yo '23 GORMAY. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, €24,500. **Video, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

O-Mme Erika Gilliar; B-Mme Sonia Rogers (IRE); T-Jerome Reynier.

CONDITIONS RESULTS:

4th-Cagnes-sur-Mer, €26,000, Cond, 1-15, 4yo, 10 3/4fT, 2:17.83, vsf.

SPLENDINO (FR) (c, 4, **Anodin {Ire}**--**Splendido {Fr}** {SW-Fr, \$135,768}, by **Slickly {Fr}**) Lifetime Record: 9-3-2-1, €70,050. O/B-Jean-Claude Seroul (FR); T-Jerome Reynier.



IN JAPAN:

And I Love Her (Ire), f, 3, **No Nay Never**--Can't Buy Me Love, by **War Front**. Nakayama, 1-14, Maiden, 1600mT, 1:33.7. Lifetime Record: 3-1-2-0, \$72,895. O-Carrot Farm; B-Lake Villa Farm; T-Yasuhito Tamura. *330,000gns in utero '20 TATDEM.



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