



QUALITY ROAD COLT STAYS RIGHT ON 'TRACK' IN THE LECOMTE



Track Phantom | Hodges Photography

by Alan Carasso

Favored in the betting right up until the final bit of money poured into the pools, **Track Phantom** (Quality Road) took control of Saturday's GIII Lecomte S. at a chilly Fair Grounds Racecourse right from the opening bell and never looked like losing, leading past every pole to pick up 20 points on the Road to the Kentucky Derby. Having earned 10 points for his victory in the local **Gun Runner** S. at the tail end of 2023, Track Phantom now sits atop the leaderboard with GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile and likely Eclipse Award winner Fierceness (City of Light).

Ultimately off as the somewhat surprising 7-5 second favorite behind 11-10 **Nash** (Medaglia d'Oro)--the 'TDN Rising Star' whom he easily defeated into third in the Gun Runner--Track Phantom was once again ridden positively by the visiting Joel Rosario and managed to cross down to the rail without doing a bunch of work, as the first couple of furlongs was posted in :24:01. Nash was pulled out into the two path to prompt the pace, while **Lat Long** (Liam's Map) sat three deep in the breeze just off the leaders.

Track Phantom continued to enjoy a reasonably easy time of things on the lead--the half went in :48.36--and Florent Geroux began to get urgent atop Nash three furlongs out. **Cont. p3**

SAUDI CROWN PUNCHES TICKET TO SAUDI CUP IN LOUISIANA

FMQ Stables' **Saudi Crown** (Always Dreaming) bossed his five overmatched rivals from the front to take out Saturday's GIII Louisiana S. at the Fair Grounds, a perfect lead-up into the \$20-million G1 Saudi Cup at King Abdulaziz Racecourse in Riyadh in five weeks' time.

Appearing for the first time since weakening to 10th behind the Saudi Cup-bound White Abarrio (Race Day) in the GI Breeders' Cup Classic 11 weeks back, the odds-on pop won the break from gate three and set the pace into the first turn as Tenacious S. winner Five Star General (Distorted Humor) applied token pressure from the outside. The well-backed Smile Happy (Runhappy) and Red Route One (Gun Runner) raced as a team, with defending champion Happy American (Runhappy) and Confidence Game (Candy Ride {Arg}) the back markers. Cont. p4

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Despite the challenge of pancreatic cancer and undergoing chemotherapy, 81-year-old John Lovett emerged as the winner of the inaugural Thoroughbred Owners of California Horseplayer Tour to secure a seat at the National Horseplayers Championship in Las Vegas, where he'll play for a \$1 million bonus as the TOC Champion. His inspiring story was documented in this TOC video.

DESERT DAWN GETS HER REVENGE IN LA CANADA

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Arizona-bred Desert Dawn (Cupid) was given a patient ride by Flavien Prat and finished strongly to take the GII La Canada S. at Santa Anita.

APB'S: DISARM RELOADING FOR 2024

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In his popular APBs column, Steve Sherack catches up with Winchell Thoroughbreds' advisor David Fiske for an update on last year's GI Travers S. runner-up Disarm (Gun Runner).

FIERCENESS FIRES FIVE-FURLONG BULLET

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Likely 2-year-old champ and 'TDN Rising Star' Fierceness (City of Light) worked a fast five furlongs for the GIII Holy Bull S. Feb. 3.



Lecomte S. cont.

Despite being asked to quicken, the chalk was making no material impact, and Track Phantom turned them in as very much the one to run down. Finally asked for a bit of a kick by Rosario, the \$500,000 Keeneland September purchase carried an imposing advantage into the final eighth of a mile and was never in serious danger while remaining perfect in three starts around two turns. Nash's best was second best, and the two put some 8 1/2 lengths on Lat Long in third.

A debut third going Churchill's one-turn mile Oct. 1, Track Phantom improved one spot over that same course and trip four weeks later, then decisively defeated Lat Long in a mile-and-a-sixteenth maiden Nov. 25. No better than the third choice in the Gun Runner, the bay settled nicely off a much quicker early tempo, surged to the front nearing the lane and went on to score by 1 1/4 lengths, with Nash a further length and three-quarters away in third at 1-2.

"He is a very nice horse and we're fortunate to have him for such a great ownership group," said trainer Steve Asmussen, unsaddling the Lecomte winner for the fourth time. "I love how he's running here. I love the 3-year-old series at Fair Grounds and we plan on continuing in it. We couldn't be any more proud of the horse. He's won all three of his two-turn races, he's got a beautiful way of going and I think he's just going to get better. He's getting stronger all the time and we're just excited to be in this position."



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Pedigree Notes:

A 39th graded stakes winner for his sire, Track Phantom is the fifth such winner for Into Mischief as a broodmare sire.

Raced by Alan Klein and Phil Lebherz, California-bred Miss Sunset was trained by Jeff Bonde and recorded the most important victory of her career in the 2017 GII Lexus Raven Run S. at Keeneland. The bay added a further three black-type wins as a 4-year-old in 2018 and was knocked down to Breeze Easy for \$825,000 at that year's Fasig-Tipton November Sale.

Miss Sunset is the dam of the newly turned 2-year-old colt Crystal Pearl (Curlin), a \$1.1-million purchase by Lauren Carlisle at Keeneland September last fall, and the mare's yearling full-brother to Track Phantom was hammered down to Cavalier Bloodstock for \$335,000 at Fasig-Tipton last November. She is due to produce a foal from the first crop of Flightline this season.

Saturday, Fair Grounds

LECOMTE S.-GIII, \$194,000, Fair Grounds, 1-20, 3yo, 1 1/16m, 1:44.73, ft.

1--TRACK PHANTOM, 122, c, 3, by Quality Road 1st Dam: Miss Sunset (GSW & GISP, \$891,895), by Into Mischief

2nd Dam: Tuscan Sunset, by Trippi 3rd Dam: Icelandic Dancer, by Eskimo

1ST GRADED STAKES WIN. (\$500,000 Ylg '22 KEESEP). O-L and N Racing LLC, Clark O. Brewster, Jerry Caroom & Breeze Easy; B-Breeze Easy, LLC (KY); T-Steven M. Asmussen; J-Joel Rosario. \$120,000. Lifetime Record: 5-3-1-1, \$285,000. **Werk Nick**

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- 2--Nash, 122, c, 3, Medaglia d'Oro--Sara Louise, by Malibu Moon. 'TDN Rising Star'. 1ST GRADED BLACK TYPE.

 O/B-Godolphin (KY); T-Brad H. Cox. \$40,000.
- 3--Lat Long, 122, c, 3, Liam's Map--Amen Sista, by Street Cry (Ire). 1ST BLACK TYPE, 1ST GRADED BLACK TYPE. (\$160,000 Wlg '21 KEENOV; \$130,000 Ylg '22 KEESEP). O-Walking L Thoroughbreds, LLC; B-Town & Country Horse Farms, LLC (KY); T-Kenneth G. McPeek. \$20,000.

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Lecomte S. cont.

Margins: 2 3/4, 1 3/4, 8HF. Odds: 1.40, 1.10, 27.00.

Also Ran: Ethan Energy, Tizzy Indy, Can Group. Scratched:

Awesome Road, Next Level.

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Louisiana S. cont.

Saudi Crown galloped well within himself and under an easy Florent Geroux hold through a half-mile in a very manageable :47.93 and the French reinsman upped the tempo on the 2023 GI Pennsylvania Derby winner leaving the three-eighths marker. Firmly in front as they hit the long Fair Grounds stretch, Saudi Crown was shaken up a bit at the furlong grounds, but was taken in hand for the final 70 yards, strutting in a convincing winner. Red Route One rallied inside to beat Happy American out of second.

Winner of his first two starts over sprint trips, Saudi Crown was just touched off by Fort Bragg (Tapit) in the GIII Dwyer S. going Belmont's one-turn mile July 1 and took a similarly tough beat when just caught by Forte (Violence) trying a two-turn route for the first time in the July 29 GII Jim Dandy S.

Never truly threatened in the slop at Parx Sept. 23, Saudi Crown was part of a strong early tempo in the Classic and faded from about halfway to finish better than 12 lengths off White Abarrio.

And now it is off to the Middle East, where Team Cox will be looking for Saudi Crown to atone for subpar big-race efforts from Knicks Go in 2021 and 2022 Louisiana S. winner Mandaloun. Cont. p5



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Pedigree Notes:

One of three black-type winners for his Kentucky Derbywinning sire and the lone graded scorer, Saudi Crown is out of a daughter of Grade III turf winner New Economy who was sold to China Horse Club for \$500,000 at the Fasig-Tipton Saratoga Sale. But, after failing to make the races and having produced only a minor winner from her first two foals, New Narration was sold on to Harry Landry for \$17,000 in foal to Yoshida (Jpn) at Keeneland November in 2021.

Saudi Crown's run of success last season ensured that New Narration would be a hot commodity at the Fasig-Tipton November Sale last fall, and so it proved, as she was knocked down to Summer Wind Equine for \$850,000 while in foal to Nashville.

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Saturday, Fair Grounds

LOUISIANA S. PRESENTED BY RELYNE GI BY HAGYARD-GIII,

\$169,750, Fair Grounds, 1-20, 4yo/up, 1 1/16m, 1:43.20, ft.

1--SAUDI CROWN, 124, c, 4, by Always Dreaming

1st Dam: New Narration, by Tapit 2nd Dam: New Normal, by Forestry

3rd Dam: New Economy, by Red Ransom

(\$45,000 Ylg '21 KEEJAN; \$240,000 2yo '22 OBSAPR). O-FMQ Stables; B-Chc Inc. (KY); T-Brad H. Cox; J-Florent Geroux. \$105,000. Lifetime Record: GISW, 7-4-2-0, \$982,085. Werk Nick Rating: A+++. *Triple Plus*. Click for the eNicks report &

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- \$35,000.
- 3--Happy American, 118, g, 6, Runhappy--Queen of America, by Quiet American. (\$385,000 Ylg '19 KEESEP). O-Lothenbach Stables, Inc. (Jack Lothenbach); B-Claiborne Farm (KY); T-Neil L. Pessin. \$17,500.

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Margins: 5 3/4, HF, 1 1/4. Odds: 0.70, 4.30, 23.50.

Also Ran: Five Star General, Confidence Game, Smile Happy.

Scratched: Kupuna.

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Saturday, Santa Anita Park

LA CANADA S.-GIII, \$100,000, Santa Anita, 1-20, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m, 1:44.05, ft.

1--DESERT DAWN, 124, m, 5, by Cupid

1st Dam: Ashley's Glory, by Honour and Glory

2nd Dam: Ashley Secret, by Dr. Carter

3rd Dam: Whatever It Takes, by Hatchet Man

(\$32,000 RNA Ylg '20 OBSOCT). O/B-H & E Ranch (AZ); T-Philip D'Amato; J-Flavien Prat. \$60,000. Lifetime Record: MGISP, 19-3-5-5, \$956,525. Werk Nick Rating: B+. Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree. Click for the free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree.

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2--Coffee in Bed, 120, f, 4, Curlin--Sumptuous, by Hennessy.

1ST BLACK TYPE, 1ST GRADED BLACK TYPE. (\$500,000 Ylg '21 KEESEP). O-Spendthrift Farm LLC; B-Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC (KY); T-Richard E. Mandella. \$20,000.

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3--Midnight Memories, 124, m, 5, Mastery--Tiz Midnight, by Midnight Lute. O/B-Michael E. Pegram, Paul Weitman & Karl Watson (KY); T-Bob Baffert. \$12,000.

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Margins: 1, 3, 11HF. Odds: 1.90, 6.00, 0.80.

Also Ran: Musical Mischief, Signorina Merisi (GB). Scratched: Cliquish.

Bred in the Grand Canyon State, Desert Dawn finally turned the tables on her foe Midnight Memories in the GIII La Canada S. under overcast skies at Santa Anita Park.

An experienced runner who has built some strong class lines over the past three years, the homebred ran third to Secret Oath (Arrogate) in the 2022 GI Kentucky Oaks and she was fifth in last year's GI Breeders' Cup Distaff to Eclipse Award candidate Idiomatic (Curlin).

However, it was the Bob Baffert trainee, and her Grade I-winning stablemate Adare Manor (Uncle Mo), who always seemed to have the Arizona-bred's number. As recently the GIII Bayakoa S. at Los Alamitos Dec. 15, Desert Dawn drifted in the lane to eventually relinquish the lead to Midnight Memories who won by a length.



Desert Dawn | Benoit

This time, trainer Phil D'Amato's instructions to jockey Flavien Prat, who took over the riding duties from Hector Berrios, was to wait to uncork her up the backstretch. That is exactly what the Eclipse Award finalist did.

D'Amato said after the race, "I made it a point to tell Flavien, 'Just wait a smidge longer than you normally would.' And she was practically dragging him out of the saddle down the backside, and he timed it perfectly."

At the break, 9-5 second choice Desert Dawn was taken in hand while Midnight Memories tangled up front with Musical Mischief (Into Mischief). This forced the favorite to assume a tracking role from second. Prat, following D'Amato's plan to perfection, held his mount to the outside of Signorina Merisi (GB) (Caravaggio) and Coffee in Bed at the back of the field until it was time to give her the cue.

As Midnight Memories began to labor around the far turn, it was Desert Dawn who went on the attack, and she ranged up on the leader at the quarter pole and put her away past the eighth pole en route to the victory. Coffee in Bed closed for second.

"Elena and Hollie Crim have been great supporters of mine and have been very patient with this mare," said D'Amato. "I'm lucky we get to campaign her one more year, she is one of the barn favorites. My wife's favorite, she gallops her every morning, it is just a total family affair." **Cont. p7**



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La Canada S. cont.

"She was traveling super," said Prat. "She jumped well out of there and was able to get a good position. I felt like if the race would have turned into a sprint, I would have a good chance. I didn't know her, but I breezed her a few times and I was really impressed the way she was training."

Pedigree Notes:

The sire of four crops of racing age, Atlanta Hall Farm's Cupid (Tapit) counts this 5-year-old mare as his highest earner.

Ashley's Glory, a half-sister to MSW Grimm (Hansel) and SW Resolve (Future Storm), has produced four winners from six to the races. Desert Dawn has a yearling full-brother and her dam was bred to Tiz the Law for this season. Click for the Equibase.com chart and the TJCIS.com PPs. VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.



Desert Dawn with Flavien Prat | *Benoit*



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TRAVERS RUNNER-UP DISARM RELOADING

FOR 2024 by Steve Sherack



Disarm training for last year's Kentucky Derby | *Coady*

Disarm (c, 4, Gun Runner--Easy Tap, by Tapit), sidelined since finishing a closing second behind Arcangelo (Arrogate) in the GI Travers S. at Saratoga Aug. 26, has returned to training with Hall of Famer Steve Asmussen at the Fair Grounds.

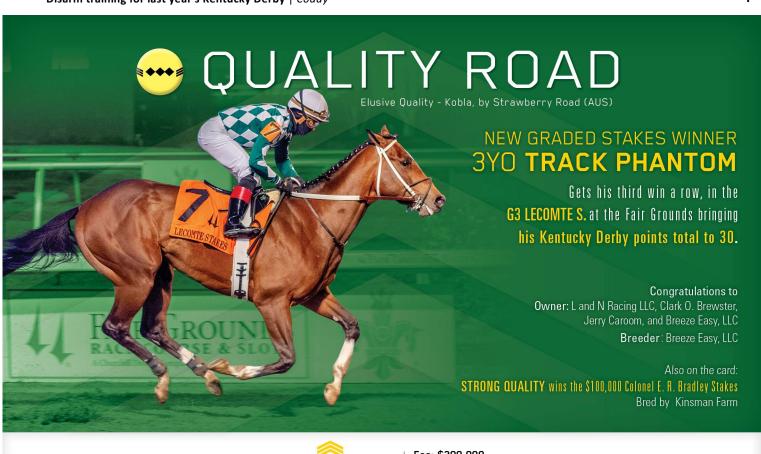
A respectable fourth at 27-1 in the GI Kentucky Derby, last term's GIII Matt Winn S. winner and GII Twinspires.com Louisiana Derby runner-up exited his second-place finish in the Travers with bone bruising, per David Fiske, longtime advisor to owner/breeder Ron Winchell.

"He was walking visibly off after the Travers," Fiske said. "Got him back to the barn and whipped out the X-ray machine. We were all standing there looking at the X-rays and everybody looked at one another and went, 'Do you see anything? I don't see anything.' So, that was a big relief that it wasn't anything more serious. We got him down to Lexington and he was diagnosed with some bone bruising."

He added, "We weren't gonna make any significant races at the end of the year, so we said, 'Let's just give him as much time off as he needs.'"

Following approximately nine weeks of recommended downtime, a positron emission tomography (PET) scan revealed that Disarm still "had some spots that lit up on him" and he was given an additional 30 days off before returning to training.

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Steve Sherack's APBs cont.

The 'TDN Rising Star' now has a pair of four-furlong breezes under his belt since returning to the worktab in New Orleans, stopping the clock in :53.80 (42/43) Jan. 8 and :50.80 (18/26) Jan. 18, respectively.

"We gave him some extra time and now he's back," Fiske said. "He looks great, travels great and has always been a greatlooking horse. Hopefully, we can make some noise with him this year."



Disarm | Sarah Andrew

Disarm recorded four straight triple-digit Beyer Speed Figures last year, beginning with his aforementioned effort on the first Saturday in May. He earned a career-high 103 Beyer over a muddy surface in the Travers, his first career start racing with blinkers. The handsome chestnut has posted a record of 9-2-3-2 and career earnings of \$1,000,200.

While acknowledging that it's still very early days, Fiske said that this summer's GI Whitney S. at Saratoga, a race won by his leading sire in 2017, could be in play for the Winchell Thoroughbreds homebred.

"Given the level at which he ran last year, if he can get back to that, then you'd expect to see him in some of the bigger or biggest races around," Fiske said. "It would be kinda cool if we could get him cranked up for the Whitney, but that's a long way off. We're gonna need to get some more works. He's still pretty early stages."

One of nine 'Rising Stars' for Gun Runner, Disarm is a half-brother to Venezuelan champion stayer Tap Daddy (Scat Daddy), who was also a stakes winner and graded-stakes placed on these shores. Disarm's dam Easy Tap, a \$300,000 FTKJUL yearling purchase, won one of five career starts.

The Gun Runner over Tapit cross, two of the best to ever carry the maroon-and-white Winchell silks, is already off to a flying start via GI Cotillion S. heroine Society; MGSW and GI Breeders' Cup Filly and Mare Sprint third Wicked Halo; GSW & GISP Red Route One; and GSW & GISP II Miracolo.

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FIERCENESS FIRES BULLET FOR HOLY BULL

Repole Stable's 'TDN Rising Star' Fierceness (City of Light), who is expected to be named champion of his generation at Thursday's Eclipse Awards ceremonies, worked five furlongs in :59.48 Saturday morning at Palm Beach Downs, the fastest of 12 moves at the distance. It was the sixth timed workout for Fierceness since taking the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Nov. 3. The homebred is expected to make his sophomore debut in the GIII Holv Bull S. at Gulfstream Park Feb. 3.

"Fierceness has trained super. He's such a terrific workhorse. He does everything effortlessly," trainer Todd Pletcher said. "I think with Fierceness we feel like the quality's there [and] the talent's there. Like everyone else we just need to keep moving forward and stay healthy."

Tentative plans call for Fierceness to use the Holy Bull as a steppingstone to the GI Florida Derby Mar. 31. Fellow 'Rising **Star'** Forte (Violence) won last year's GII Fountain of Youth S. and Florida Derby.

"So far it's worked out really well," Pletcher said. "We didn't have to let him down too much after the Breeders' Cup [and] kept him ticking over with the Holy Bull in mind. We kind of liked the spacing coming out of that to the Florida Derby and hopefully things continue on towards Kentucky."

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Fierceness | Benoit

FIRST MISSION COMPLETES PEGASUS PREPARATIONS IN BIG EASY



First Mission | Coady

'TDN Rising Star' First Mission (Street Sense) breezed five furlongs in 1:00.40 (2/52) Saturday morning at the Fair Grounds in preparation for next Saturday's \$3-million GI Pegasus World

Cup Invitational S. at Gulfstream Park. The 4-year-old colt, who was put through his paces by exercise rider Kevin Perez, was clocked in 1:13.60 for six furlongs, according to trainer Brad Cox.

"He's been doing very well week after week," Cox said of the Godolphin homebred, a latest second to the re-opposing **Trademark** (Upstart) in the GII Clark S. at Churchill Downs Nov. 24. "We're excited about giving him a shot at a Grade I. We weren't looking for anything really different than he'd done the last few weeks. We were just giving him an opportunity to go out there and stretch his legs, see how he's doing. And he's telling us he's doing as well as he ever has."

First Mission is due to arrive at Gulfstream Monday afternoon. Luis Saez retains the mount.

The Saffie Joseph, Jr.-trained duo of GIII Harlan's Holiday S. hero **O'Connor (Chi)** (Boboman) and **Skippylongstocking** (Exaggerator) got their final tune-ups during half-mile breezes up at Palm Meadows Saturday morning. Working on his own, O'Connor was timed in :48.55, while GI Breeders' Cup Dirt Mile runner-up Skippylongstocking went in the company of the stakes-winning Swirvin (Girvin) and was clocked in :47.55.

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WinStar had a historical moment Friday night as they foaled their first standardbred foal. The colt is by, World Champion Trotter,

Walner out of Grandma's Moni. He is owned by Lindy Farm. | Courtesy of WinStar Farm

Pegasus Workers cont.

Dynamic One (Union Rags), Crupi (Curlin) and Harlan's Holiday runner-up Grand Aspen (Dialed In) each turned in drills at Palm Beach Downs for trainer Todd Pletcher Saturday morning. Dynamic One and Crupi went in company, with Crupi going in :48.29 and Dynamic One :48.39. Dynamic One, who was equipped with blinkers for the first time, started two lengths ahead of Crupi, who finished the breeze 1 1/2 lengths behind his stablemate, who was ridden by Irad Ortiz, Jr. Grand Aspen went the same distance in :49.13.

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LAUREL CANCELS SUNDAY CARD

Having already lost the live racing program Saturday to wintry weather conditions, officials from the Maryland Jockey Club has also cancelled live racing for Sunday.

The next scheduled program is Friday, Jan. 26, which is set to featuer the \$100,000 What a Summer S. and the \$100,000 Fire Plug S., each of which was originally programmed for the Jan. 20 card.

The season's first 3-year-old stakes will take place next Saturday, Jan. 27, with the running of the \$100,000 Xtra Heat S. for fillies and the Spectacular Bid S. for males.

The Jennings S. and Geisha S., each restricted to Maryland-breds and offering prize money of \$75,000, will be brought back for Sunday, Jan. 28.

Laurel, Pimlico Race Course, Rosecroft Raceway and the MJC OTB network will remain open for simulcasting Sunday.

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TOM SAGE, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE NEBRASKA RACING AND GAMING COMMISSION, TO RETIRE



Tom Sage | Jennie Rees

Tom Sage, the executive director of the Nebraska Racing and Gaming Commission, will retire Mar. 12, the organization said in a statement which was first reported on Friday by the *Lincoln Journal Star*.

As the executive director of the Nebraska Racing Commission since 2008, Sage added oversight of casino gambling after voters approved a petition to allow casinos at the state's horse racing tracks in November 2020. He oversaw a staff that began with a single member to now having over two dozen employees.

Sage's career in horse racing began as a security officer in 1988 at Omaha's Ak-Sar-Ben Racetrack. He graduated in 1991 from the University of Nebraska at Omaha with a B.S. in criminal justice and started as an investigator for the Nebraska Racing Commission in 1993.

After graduating in 1995 from the Nebraska Law Enforcement Training Center, Sage became the commission's director of investigations in 2003. He was an instrumental board member for the Organization of Racing Investigators and currently is serving out his term as the chairman of the board of the Association of Racing Commissioners International.

In the *Lincoln Journal Star* article, Nebraska commissioner Tony Fulton called Sage a "good man" who is hard-working and diligent, and took on the task of regulating casino gambling in the state with vigor.

"This has been a very heavy lift, and he's done an admirable job," Fulton said.

The commission also voted Friday to make Casey Ricketts, its current director of compliance, the interim executive director.

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NYTB BOARD ELECTS AHLSCHWEDE AS PRESIDENT

Edited Press Release

The Board of Directors of New York Thoroughbred Breeders, Inc. (NYTB) held its first meeting of 2024 on Friday, Jan. 19. The newly seated board unanimously elected Dr. Scott Ahlschwede, D.V.M., to serve as Board President through 2026.

Current NYTB director Seth Gregory, owner of Innisfree Farm and Seth Gregory Bloodstock, was elected to the office of Vice President. The board also elected Lere Visagie, owner of Rockridge Stud, to serve as Secretary-Treasurer.

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Mystic Guide, Ghostzapper's fast-time **G1 Dubai World Cup** winner who also won the **G2 Jim Dandy** at three and took the **G3 Razorback by six lengths** earning a 108 Beyer. That is talent!

148 mares in his first book, including five G1 winners or their dams. Just imagine.

Ahlschwede cont.

Dr. Ahlschwede is a shareholder veterinarian with Rood and Riddle Equine Hospital and owner of River Valley Farm. He has previously served as an NYTB director since 2016 and succeeds Thomas J. Gallo, III, managing partner of Dream Maker Racing Stable, Thomas J. Gallo, III Sales Agency, and owner of Blue Stone Farm, who previously served as NYTB President since 2015.

"On behalf of our board of directors and membership, I want to thank Tom for his leadership of NYTB and am thankful he will remain a part of the board with his institutional knowledge and experience," said Dr. Ahlschwede. "As President, I want to ensure we continue to increase and promote the benefits of breeding and foaling in New York with our fellow stakeholders as we work to sustain the Thoroughbred industry in New York and nationwide."

"I am proud of the work our organization has accomplished under my tenure as President. I look forward to continue working with Scott and our newly elected officers to ensure NYTB remains the unified voice of Thoroughbred breeders in the state," said Gallo.



Dr. Scott Ahlschwede DVM | Courtesy Rood & Riddle

The 2024 NYTB Officers and Board of Directors for 2024 is as follows:

Officers:

- Dr. Scott Ahlschwede, D.V.M., shareholder with Rood and Riddle Equine Hospital and owner of River Valley Farm, President
- Seth Gregory, owner, Innisfree Farm and Seth Gregory Bloodstock, Vice President
 - Lere Visagie, owner, Rockridge Stud, Secretary/Treasurer

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Track Phantom (Quality Road) wires the GIII Lecomte S. (click to watch)



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January 17, 2024

Alan Foreman Talks Maryland Racing, **HISA Regulations and More**



TDN CRITFRIA

The races covered in the TDN are as follows:

- Stakes: purses of \$40,000/up
- Allowance Races: purses of \$20,000/up
- Optional Claiming Races: purses of \$20,000/up
- Maiden Special Weight Races: purses of \$18,000/up
- Maiden Claiming Races: purses of \$18,000/up & a minimum claiming price of \$40,000



GRADED STAKES ENTRIES



Saturday, Sam Houston Race #10, post time: 6:40 p.m. EST HOUSTON LADIES CLASSIC S.-GIII, \$300,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m

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PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Corningstone 🛷	Kantharos	Five Fillies Stable LLC and Balios Racing Stable	McPeek	Jara	118
2	Appropriated Funds	Arrogate	BKD Consulting, LLC	Clary	Diego	116
3	Dear Lady 🖛	Lord Nelson	Fowler, Barry and Magdalena Racing	McPeek	Cohen	116
4	Bellamore 🛷	Empire Maker	Kaleem Shah, Inc.	Asmussen	Elliott	116
5	Perfect Wish 🖛	Midshipman	Norman Stables, LLC	Gelner	Wethey Jr.	118
6	Free Like a Girl	El Deal	Bruno, Jr., Gerald, Pomier, Chasey Deville and	Pomier	Manrrique	118
			Caroom, Jerry			
7	Hidden Connection 🛪	Connect	Hidden Brook Farm & Black Type Thoroughbreds	Calhoun	Gutierrez	118

Breeders: 1-Deann Baer & Greg Baer DVM, 2-Spartan Team Investments, 3-Spendthrift Farm, LLC, 4-Gainesway Thoroughbreds LTD., 5-Stonehaven Steadings, 6-Kim Renee Stover & Lisa Osborne, 7-St. Simon Place

Saturday, Sam Houston Race #11, post time: 7:10 p.m. EST JOHN B. CONNALLY TURF CUP S.-GIII, \$200,000, 4yo/up, 1 1/2mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Catch That Party	More Than Ready	Michael Dubb	Maker	Cohen	120
2	Sword Zorro (Ire)	Zoffany (Ire)	Relentless Racing, Inc.	Keithan	Diego	116
3	Seductive U S A	El Kingdom	L and G Racing Stables	Govea	Goncalves	118
4	Summer Lover	Summer Front	L and G Racing Stables	Govea	Bracho	116
5	Palazzi 🛷	Pioneerof the Nile	Gary Barber	Casse	Manrrique	123
6	Street Ready 🖛	More Than Ready	Michael M. Hui	Maker	Alvarez	118
7	Singapore Flash	Shanghai Bobby	Triple V Racing, LLC.	Caldwell	Diaz	123
8	Dynadrive 🖛	Temple City	Three Diamonds Farm	Maker	Gutierrez	116
9	Paluxy 🛪	Brody's Cause	Blue and Gold Racing	Young	Wethey Jr.	123
10	Sunlit Song	My Golden Song	Barnett, Carolyn and Harding, Becky	Willis	Elliott	123
11	Ocelot 🛪	Big Blue Kitten	End Zone Athletics, Inc.	Broberg	Gonzalez	118
12	Red Run	Gun Runner	Michael J. Maker	Maker	Jara	118

Breeders: 1-Fifth Avenue Bloodstock, 2-Pigeon Park Stud, 3-Jose Luis Espinoza, 4-Nancy Vanier, 5-HnR Nothhaft Horseracing LLC & Pioneerof the Nile Syndicate, 6-Earle I. Mack, LLC, 7-Virginia Jago Elder, 8-Spendthrift Farm LLC, 9-Spendthrift Farm, LLC, 10-Carolyn R. Barnett, 11-Calumet Farm, 12-Winchell Thoroughbreds LLC



NORTH AMERICAN RACING

MAYMUN AS GOOD AS ADVERTISED IN 'RISING STAR' DEBUT



Maymun | Benoit

Maymun (Frosted), a \$50,000 KEESEP yearling pinhooked into a \$900,000 OBS April 2-year-old by Paul Neatherlin, and racing for trainer Bob Baffert and Zedan Racing Stables, absolutely rolled on the front end Saturday in his 6 1/2-furlong debut to become the latest 'TDN Rising Star'.

Maymun was an OBS April star, breezing in :9 3/5 and leaving no doubt in his now-trainer's mind of his ability.

"He was ridiculously fast," Baffert said of the colt shortly after the sale. "He worked beautifully and came out of it well. That's half the battle."

"This was one of the best horses in the sale, I thought," added bloodstock agent Donato Lanni in Ocala. "He deserved to bring that kind of money."

Entered Saturday off a best-of-65 drill Jan. 13, the betting public had plenty of confidence in Zedan Racing Stables colt, sending him off at 4-5 opposite his \$1.05m stablemate

Normandy Landing (Gun Runner). Driven to the lead right from the jump under Juan Hernandez, Maymun had things all his own way up front and proceeded to rocket through fractions of :21.72 and :43.91. Spinning for home, as the rest of the field was already strung out and under a drive, Hernandez tossed one look over his shoulder and unleashed his mount into the final furlong, opening up at will before gearing the son of Frosted down for the easiest of wins.

The third 'Rising Star' for Frosted, Maymun is out of a full-sister to MSP Auspicious, herself the dam of \$1.1m OBSAPR RNA and SP Bobby Bo (Speightster), and a half-sister GSP Flatter Than Me (Flatter). Maymun's own half-sister, Rivercame (Awesome Again), while not a winner herself, produced \$300,000 OBS

March grad Sweet Mini (Good Magic). Handwover has a 2-year-old Kantharos filly and is due to Violence this year.

────NEW ───── TDN**♂ RISING STAR**

1st-Santa Anita, \$66,500, Msw, 1-20, 3yo, 6 1/2f, 1:15.59, ft, 7 1/2 lengths.

MAYMUN, c, 3, by Frosted

1st Dam: Handwoven, by Indian Charlie 2nd Dam: Hannah's Doll, by Boston Harbor 3rd Dam: Power Doll, by Powder Horn

Sales History: \$50,000 Ylg '22 KEESEP; \$900,000 2yo '23

OBSAPR. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$39,000.

O-Zedan Racing Stables, Inc.; B-Vision Racing & Sales LLC (KY); T-Bob Baffert.

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GUN RUNNER COLT ROMPS TO 'TDN RISING STARDOM' AT FAIR GROUNDS

Hall of Fame (c, 3, Gun Runner--Flag Day, by Giant's Causeway), a \$1.4-million Fasig-Tipton Saratoga yearling purchase, ran to his lofty purchase price with a 'TDN Rising Star' performance for Hall of Famer Steve Asmussen at second asking at Fair Grounds Saturday.

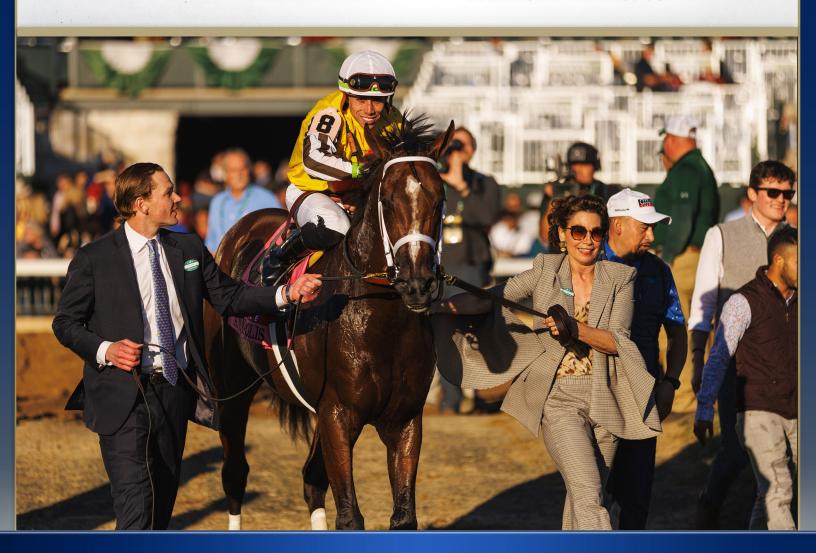
The 4-5 favorite was ridden early while passing the stands for the first time and secured a tracking trip in a joint second through a quarter mile in :23.30. He turned up the heat beneath Joel Rosario while racing on the inside of the leader heading into the far turn, hit the front approaching the quarter pole and opened daylight from there to win by 10 1/4 lengths over Sweetalkingbourbon (Twirling Candy). He becomes the 10th 'Rising Star' for Gun Runner.

Hall of Fame, one of seven by Gun Runner to bring seven figures at the 2022 yearling sales, finished second as the favorite on debut going seven furlongs at Churchill Downs Nov. 26. He was racing with first-time Lasix on Saturday.

The unraced Flag Day, a half-sister to MGSP Street Ready (More Than Ready), had a colt by Gun Runner in 2022 (\$725,000 RNA yrl '23 FTSAUG) and a colt by Constitution in 2023. She was bred to Justify for 2024. Hall of Fame is bred similarly to the recently retired MGISW Gunite (Gun Runner), who was produced by a daughter of Cowboy Cal (by Giant's Causeway).

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─────NEW ──── TDN**☆ RISING STAR**

5th-Fair Grounds, \$60,000, Msw, 1-20, 3yo, 1 1/16m, 1:44.27, ft, 10 1/4 lengths.

HALL OF FAME, c, 3, by Gun Runner



1st Dam: Flag Day, by Giant's Causeway 2nd Dam: Sense to Compete, by Street Sense 3rd Dam: Compete, by El Prado (Ire)

Sales history: \$1,400,000 Ylg '22 FTSAUG. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$60,000. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV. Click for the free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree.

O-Mrs. John Magnier, Michael B. Tabor, Derrick Smith, Westerberg, Gandharvi LLC & Rocket Ship Racing, LLC; B-Earle I. Mack LLC (KY); T-Steven M. Asmussen.



Another Saturday Afternoon Horse Raised and Sold by Denali

JAN. 21 INSIGHTS: FROM FLORIDA TO CALIFORNIA, BIG PEDIGREES GALORE

2nd-GP, \$89k, Msw, 3yo, f, 1 1/16mT, 12:39p.m. ET

RABDAH (Constitution), a half-sister to GSW-Eng Toro Strike (Toronado {Ire}), debuts here for Todd Pletcher and Al Shaqab Racing. Hailing from the immediate female line of Scarlet Tango (French Deputy), who tallies GISW Tara's Tango (Unbridled's Song), herself dam of GSW Capensis (Tapit); GISW Visionaire (Grand Slam); and the dam of SP Ignitis (Nyquist), among others, Rabdah has been given an 8-1 morning line appraisal with jose Ortiz in the irons.

To her outside is **Segesta** (Ghostzapper), a homebred for Juddmonte, who is out of GI Just A Game victress Antonoe (First Defense). Hailing from a busy European family, and trained by Chad Brown, the filly picks up the riding talents of Irad Ortiz Jr.. **TJCIS PPs**.

10th-GP, \$89k, Msw, 3yo, f, 1 1/16mT, 4:36p.m. ET

Racing in the colors of John Gunther and Eurowest Bloodstock, **TIME STONE** (American Pharoah) debuts for the Cherie DeVaux barn in the second of two turf maidens on the card. Out of an unplaced daughter of G1SW-Eng Timepiece (GB) (Zamindar), she's been working steadily at Palm Meadows and before that at Keeneland, albeit over the main track. Time Stone will break from the rail and is 12-1 on the morning line. This is the female family of European champion Twice Over (GB).

On the other end of the gate will go **Investment Process** (English Channel) for the powerhouse Klaravich-Chad Brown combination. A full-sister to SW Malleymoo, she was a \$210,000 FTKOCT yearling purchase in 2022, and her two other siblings to start on the turf have also been winners. This is the family of two-time European champion, and multiple Highweight New Approach (Ire) through his unraced half-sister Park Heiress (Ire). **TJCIS PPs**.

4th-SA, \$65k, Msw, 4-5yo, 6f, 5:05p.m. ET

Late for his debut, but on the cusp of finally getting his career started here, **PROSPER** (City of Light) will go to post for John Sadler and the ownership group of Talla Racing, West Point Thoroughbreds, and Woodford Racing. A \$1.7-million KEESEP pick up three years ago, the 4-year-old has a hefty worktab to his credit and all of them at this track. A half-brother to GSW Abaan (Will Take Charge) and GSP Chip Leader (Giant's Causeway), Prosper is 5-2 on the morning line. **Cont.**



A filly from the family of Malathaat will debut on Sunday at Santa Anita Park | Sarah Andrew

This is the family of MGSW & GISP Broken Vow, a leading broodmare sire in Korea since his export, and champion grass mare MGISW Forever Together (Belong to Me). TJCIS PPs.

7th-SA, \$65k, Msw, 3yo, f, 6f, 6:41p.m. ET

Carrying the colors of Natalie Baffert and trained by Bob Baffert, **BONAQUA** (Tonalist) will open her career in this main track dash. A \$250,000 KEESEP buy, the filly has been putting up noteworthy efforts in the morning with her most recent being a 4 panel work from the gate in :48 flat (4/91) with the notes describing it as 'handily'. Her dam Ma Mo (Uncle Mo) is a half-sister to MSW Swag Daddy (Scat Daddy) as well as GSP What a Tale (Tale fo the Cat) and SP Anjorie (A. P Jet), herself the dam of SW Fierce Lady (Competitive Edge) and SP Bluegrass Jamboree (Bluegrass Cat).

To the outside of that one will be **Show Card** (Into Mischief), the Juddmonte homebred hailing from the extended '**TDN Rising Star**' family of two-time champion MGISW Malathaat (Curlin) and her full-sister GSW & GISP Julia Shining. The second dam SP Dream Sweeper is a half-sister to Dream Rush, the start of that remarkable line, and Show Card's winning dam is herself a half-sister to MSP Dreams to Reality (Lookin at Lucky). Bookending the field is MyRacehorse or Platts's runner **Simply Enchanting** (Byquist), a \$475,000 KEESEP buy who is a half to MGSW & MGISP Envoutante (Uncle Mo). **TJCIS PPs**.

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IN ORDER OF PURSE:

SILVERBULLETDAY S. PRESENTED BY FASIG-TIPTON, \$145,500, Fair Grounds, 1-20, 3yo, f, 1m 70y, 1:43.48, ft.

1--WEST OMAHA, 122, f, 3, by West Coast

1st Dam: Birthday Bash, by Medaglia d'Oro 2nd Dam: Twisted Tale, by Tale of the Cat 3rd Dam: Call Now, by Wild Again

1ST BLACK TYPE WIN. O/B-Gary & Mary West Stables Inc. (KY); T-Brad H. Cox; J-Luis Saez. \$90,000. Lifetime Record: 4-2-2-0, \$203,000.

S Dam purchased by SCHUMER BLOODSTOCK

2--Perfect Shot, 122, f, 3, Gun Runner--Meister Legend, by Bodemeister. (\$135,000 Ylg '22 KEEJAN; \$285,000 Ylg '22 FTSAUG). **1ST BLACK TYPE.** O-Whisper Hill Farm, LLC; B-Sierra Farm (KY); T-Steven M. Asmussen. \$30,000.



3--Sistina Chapel, 122, f, 3, Liam's Map--Addae Do Jaguarete

(Brz), by Crimson Tide (Ire). O/B-Brownwood Farm (KY); T-Kenneth G. McPeek. \$15,000.

Margins: 5, 1HF, HD. Odds: 0.90, 2.00, 8.60.

Also Ran: Miss Code West, Accommodate Eva, Noriskit Nobiscuit. Scratched: Ma Rae's Girl, Play Good Pay Good.

Fresh off a second-place performance over course and distance in the Untapable S. Dec. 23, West Omaha managed to do one better and pick up an additional 20 points on the Road to the Kentucky Oaks Saturday with her win in the Silverbulletday S. With a total of 30 points, the homebred daughter of Gary and Mary West's young stallion West Coast now sits second behind GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies winner Just F Y I (Justify) on the 2024 Oaks leaderboard.

Never favored in any of her three prior starts, West Omaha finally earned the nod Saturday, breaking at 4-5 from the middle of the gate under Luis Saez. Despite lunging to the inside in her opening stride, the favorite quickly had her feet under her and was part of the speed into the first turn. Sitting just off pacesetters Accommodate Eva (Munnings) and Miss Code West (Code West), she tracked that pair while two wide up the backstretch through a half in :48.84. Given the cue from Saez midway around the turn, West Omaha responded readily and was up to challenge three wide as the top group swung into the stretch. With plenty of clear running room ahead of her into the final furlong, she kicked clear for home, leaving Perfect Shot to chase her to the wire while staying well clear for the win.

From the extended family of GI Breeders' Cup Dirt Mile winner and late sire Tapizar (Tapit), West Omaha is the fourth stakes winner for Lane's End-based stallion West Coast and the third winner from as many to run for her dam. Birthday Bash has a 2-year-old Bernardini filly in the pipeline and produced a filly by Lookin At Lucky last year. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.



West Omaha | Hodges Photography

COLONEL E. R. BRADLEY S., \$97,000, Fair Grounds, 1-20, 4yo/up, 1 1/16mT, 1:42.05, fm.

1--STRONG QUALITY, 118, h, 5, Quality Road--Tiz So Sweet (SP, \$211,100), by Tiznow. (\$500,000 Wlg '19 FTKNOV). 1ST BLACK TYPE WIN. O-Gary Barber and Kinsman Stable; B-Kinsman Farm (KY); T-Mark E. Casse; J-Florent Geroux. \$60,000. Lifetime Record: 16-5-4-3, \$473,545.

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2--Beatbox, 118, h, 6, Pioneerof the Nile--Magical World, by Distorted Humor. (\$2,100,000 Ylg '19 KEESEP; \$70,000 3yo '21 KEENOV). O-Rob Comestro and Jeff Ganje; B-Three Chimneys Farm, LLC (KY); T-Cherie DeVaux. \$20,000.

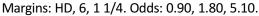
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3--Rising Empire, 118, h, 6, Empire Maker--Smart Farming, by Smart Strike. (\$275,000 Ylg '19 KEESEP; \$700,000 2yo '20 OBSAPR). O-Russell Welch and Ran M. Leonard; B-Gainesway Thoroughbreds Ltd. (KY); T-Brendan P. Walsh. \$10,000.

Bred & Consigned by GAINESWAY

Broken and Trained by Randy Bradshaw



Also Ran: Duke of Carthania, English Tavern, Protonic Power. Scratched: Brigadier General, Leave It to Kitten, Who Took the Money.

Strong Quality made his return to the grass a success as he picked up his first black-type victory in the Colonel E. R. Bradley S. at the Fair Grounds.

The dark bay switched to the turf last spring against optional claimers and won at Gulfstream Park, then repeated the feat against allowance types at Keeneland. Well-beaten in the GI Manhattan S. at Belmont Park and in the GI Arlington Million at Colonial Downs, the Mark Casse trainee was fourth in the Tapit S. at Kentucky Downs before winning an off-the-turf optional claiming race at Churchill Downs Nov. 18.

Last seen finishing third in the Tinsel S. at Oaklawn Park Dec. 16, the son of Quality Road went off as the 4-5 choice here. Handed an easy lead passing the grandstand and into the first turn, Strong Quality controlled the pace up the backstretch. The 5-year-old began to let out the throttle at the quarter pole and he had just enough left in the tank to find the wire over Beatbox.

The winner's dam is responsible for a 2-year-old colt by Constitution and a yearling colt by Maxfield. She visited City of Light for this season. Second dam GSW Sweet Fervor (Seeking the Gold) produced the dam of full-siblings by Quality Road-MSW Top Quality and SW Boston Post Road. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.



Strong Quality (inside) | Hodges Photography/Jan Brubaker

ALLOWANCE WINNERS



IN ORDER OF PURSE:

3rd-Santa Anita, \$67,000, Alw (NW1\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$100,000), 1-20, 3yo, f, 1mT, 1:38.35, fm, 3 1/4 lengths.

MO FOX GIVIN (f, 3, Mo Town--Givine {Fr} {SW & MGSP-USA, MSP-Fr, \$256,280}, by Blackdoun {Fr}), sixth in the GIII Jimmy Durante S. Dec. 2 and third in the Blue Norther S. Dec. 29, was receiving first-time Lasix here. The 3-5 favorite trailed the field of five while racing under a snug hold through fractions of :25.26 and :49.48, hit the gas a quarter of a mile from home and came rolling down the center to win by 3 1/4 lengths over She Is Romantic (Blame). Sales history: \$2,000 Ylg '22 FTKOCT. Lifetime Record: MSP, 6-2-1-2, \$132,100. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.

O-Woo Pig Stables; B-Liberty Road Stables (KY); T-Leonard Powell.

3rd-Fair Grounds, \$60,000, Alw (NW2L)/Opt. Clm (\$100,000), 1-20, 3yo, f, 1m 70y, 1:43.34, ft, 3/4 length.

TARIFA (f, 3, Bernardini--Kite Beach, by Awesome Again) broke her maiden by six lengths at Keeneland Oct. 25 to earn 'TDN Rising Star'-dom, but she finished a well-beaten fourth as the favorite against optional claimers at Churchill Downs Nov. 25. Going with blinkers off and first time Lasix here, the 3-5 choice worked her way over from the outside gate to run third into the first turn.

RECORD-BREAKING SPEED

Olympiad

Own: Grandview Equine Cheyenne Stable, LLC

B. c. 4 (Feb) KEESEP19\$700,000 Sire: Speightstown (Gone West)\$80,000 Dam: Tokyo Time (Medaglia d'Oro) Br: Emory A. Hamilton (Ky) Tr: Mott William I

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The 3-year-old tracked the longshot leader up the backstretch and ranged up on her around the far turn as Standoutsensation (Take Charge Indy) took the shorter route along the rail. As the pair separated themselves from the rest of the field, the homebred looked as though she was beginning to fade, but with a sharp move to the inside she powered ahead to win by three-quarters-of-a-length. Tarifa is the first foal out of the unraced Kite Beach, who also produced a yearling colt by Knicks Go and was bred to Lexitonian for this season. Second dam GSW Tizdubai (Cee's Tizzy), a full-sister to Horse of the Year Tiznow, is responsible for the dam of MGSW Cabo Spirit (Pioneerof the Nile). Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, \$98,925. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV. O/B-Godolphin (KY); T-Brad H. Cox.

7th-Fair Grounds, \$60,000, Alw (NW2\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$50,000), 1-20, 4yo/up, 1mT, 1:35.78, fm, 3/4 length.

CHASING THE CROWN (h, 5, Skipshot--La Belle Marquet, by Marquetry) finished as the runner-up against optional claimers during last year's latest form cycle at Belmont Park, Saratoga and Kentucky Downs. Looking to break through off the bench in New Orleans, the 3-5 favorite raced in the middle of the field along the rail into the first turn. The 5-year-old was boxed in up the backstretch, but he tipped to the three-path at the quarter pole. Taking aim at the pacesetter, Chasing the Crown's higher gear proved to be the difference as he won by three-quartersof-a-length over Point Proven (Gun Runner) and set a new course record. The winner is a full-brother to Vasilika, MGISW, \$1,882,595. His dam is responsible for a filly by Uncle Mo who is now a 2-year-old. She produced a yearling colt by Skipshot and was bred back to that same sire for this spring. Sales History: \$170,000 RNA Ylg '20 FTKSEL; \$285,000 2yo '21 FTFMAR. Lifetime Record: 10-3-3-3, \$280,670. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.

O-Paradise Farms Corp., David Staudacher and Angelo Carlesimo, Angelo; B-Mikhail Yanakov (KY); T-Michael J. Maker.



IN ORDER OF PURSE:

7th-Gulfstream, \$70,000, Msw, 1-20, 3yo, 1 1/16mT, 1:40.44, fm, 1 1/4 lengths.

TRIPLE ESPRESSO (c, 3, Omaha Beach--Natural Rush, by Indian Charlie) debuted at this distance in the Kitten's Joy S. at Colonial

last September, and closed from far out to run second to SW Tok Tok (Quality Road). Fifth in the GII Pilgrim S. at the Belmont Big A meeting and third in his first attempt at maiden company last out Nov. 11 at Aqueduct, he started his sophomore season on a winning note here as the 4-5 favorite on first-time Lasix. In no hurry early as he took up a spot in the rear of the field, he watched it all unfold in front of him as Artempus (Real Solution) assumed command passing the five-sixteenths marker. Triple Espresso, swung six wide and closing from the overland route, had lengths to make up in the stretch on that firster, but rallied well to overtake the longtime leader by 1 1/4 lengths on the wire. A half-brother to Wyatt's Town (Speightstown), MSW & GSP, \$236,921, Triple Espresso has a winning half-sister Jordan (Justify) as well as another multiple winning half-brother. Dam Natural Rush, a half-sister to MSW & MGSP Ravi's Song (Unbridled's Song), produced a 2-year-old Tiz the Law colt who was sent to Ireland last year as well as a yearling filly by Charlatan. She is due to Jackie's Warrior this year. This is the extended female family of MGISW Mshawish (Medaglia d'Oro). Sales history: \$325,000 RNA Wlg '21 KEENOV; \$350,000 Ylg '22 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: SP, 4-1-1-1, \$85,200. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.

O-Repole Stable and St. Elias Stables LLC; B-Ashview Farm & Colts Neck Stables (KY); T-Todd A. Pletcher.

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11th-Gulfstream, \$70,000, Msw, 1-20, 3yo, 1 1/16mT, 1:41.02, fm, neck.

ROYAL MAJESTY (GB) (c, 3, Frankel {GB}--Crown Queen {GISW, \$593,000}, by Smart Strike), fifth last October at Newmarket when making his debut for R. P. Varian over the turf straightaway, made the conditioner swap to Bill Mott after relocating to the States during his layoff, and left the blocks here with first-time Lasix for his American unveiling. Cont.



Royal Majesty | Coglianese

Well off the pace set by \$1.1-million KEESEP grad Coinvest (City of Light), he was patiently handled from the rear of the field until they hit the far bend, starting his relentless march to the lead while still on his left lead. Rallying under a full head of steam, Royal Majesty nailed the game longtime leader by a neck. Aptly named and with a purple catalog page, the winner is the most recent to get his picture taken for Grade I-winning dam Crown Queen, herself a half-sister to a fleet of accomplished racehorses including the late two-time champion MGISW Royal Delta (Empire Maker) and GISW Delta Prince (Street Cry (Ire)). By one of Europe's most sought-after sires, Royal Majesty also counts a placed elder half-sibling by Dubawi (Ire), and a 2-yearold half-sister by Kingman (GB) who was brought to the States as well. Their dam did not record any cover for 2023 and is due to Flightline for 2024. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$42,000. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV. O-Besilu Stables; B-Besilu Stables LLC (GB); T-William I. Mott.

6th-Fair Grounds, \$60,000, Msw, 1-20, 3yo, f, 6f, 1:10.81, ft, head.

GHALIA PRINCESS (f, 3, American Pharoah--Ghalia {SW, \$168,800}, by Medaglia d'Oro) debuted with Lasix as a 6-1 shot here. The 3-year-old raced along the rail in the second flight as first time starter Motown Dynamic (Mo Town) showed the way. The filly waited patiently for her cue around the far turn, was let loose as she tipped out at the top of the long stretch and got up with a bob over the pacesetter. A half-sister to GSP Lucrezia (Into Mischief), the winner's dam is responsible for a yearling colt by Constitution and she was bred to Not This Time for 2024. Sales History: \$575,000 RNA Ylg '22 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$36,000. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.

O-Sumaya U.S. Stable; B-International Equities Holding, Inc. (KY); T-Brad H. Cox.

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8th-Fair Grounds, \$60,000, Msw, 1-20, 3yo, 6f, 1:10.92, ft, 1 length.

BEE DANCER (c, 3, Bee Jersey--Dance Star {Fr}, by Sea The Stars {Ire}) went off at 9-1 for this unveiling, and was quick to push the leading pair from the inside as :22.40 and :46.31 early fractions went up. Splitting runners passing the three sixteenths marker, he established a narrow advantage while idling on the wrong lead heading into the lane but opened up his advantage to a length after swapping over inside the final sixteenth.

Cornishman (Curlin) got the best of the photo for place. Bee Dancer is the only registered offspring for Dance Star thus far, and she has no cover record since 2022. Sales history: \$14,000 RNA 2yo '23 OBSOPN. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$36,000. Click

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O/B-Charles E. Fipke (KY); T-Dallas Stewart.

1st-Gulfstream, \$50,000, Moc (\$50,000), 1-20, (C), 3yo, f, 5 1/2f (AWT), 1:03.56, ft, 1 1/4 lengths.

TRUE SPUN (f, 3, Hard Spun--April True, by Yes It's True) was well-backed at the windows for her first start as the 6-5 choice here. With Lasix, the bay battled a longshot up the backstretch and won that fight before separating herself from the rest of the field around the far turn. The filly cruised under a hand ride to win by 1 1/4 lengths over the late running Derby Hangover (Violence). The winner is a half-sister to Aquamarine (Gemologist), SP, \$202,412 and a full-sister to a yearling filly. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$30,000. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.

O-Anne D. Scott; B-H & A Stables LLC (FL); T-David Fawkes.

7th-Penn National, \$39,100, Msw, 1-19, 3yo, f, 6f, 1:13.18, ft, nose.

BACK FORTY (f, 3, Paynter--Raging Smoke {MSW, \$422,282}, by More Smoke), runner-up at first asking last season in October against state-bred maiden company and again two-back in Penn National's state-restricted Shamrock Rose S. behind MSW Carmelina (Maximus Mischief), wrapped her juvenile season in third Dec. 13 against open maiden company at this venue. Getting her 2024 rolling here in sideways snow fall, she kept the pace honest before putting away the debuting leader leaving the bend. In command, but with her gap closing as Goodnightgodblss (Enticed) grinded her way into late contention, the favorite prevailed in a photo on the line. The third winner from as many as the dam was able to produce, Back Forty is the most accomplished of the trio and the alst registered offspring thus far. Raging Smoke visited both Charlatan and Audible for 2024. Lifetime Record: SP, 4-1-2-1, \$55,421. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by TVG.

O/B-Harry C. Nye (PA); T-Michael W. Salvaggio, Jr..

1st-Delta Downs, \$35,000, Msw, 1-20, 3yo, 5f, 1:00.23, ft, 4 lengths.

MOTOR CITY (c, 3, Mo Town--Country Villa, by Gio Ponti) stayed in touch with early leader Way Out Front (Flameaway) and began steadily eating into the margin around the turn before striking the front with a quarter to run. Coming home alone, he defeated that early pacesetter by four lengths. The 7-2 third choice, his sire's 100th overall winner, has a 2-year-old Protonico half-brother and a yearling Uncle Chuck half-sister. Country Villa returned to Uncle Chuck for 2024. Cont.

Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$21,000. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.

O-Marablue Farm LLC and Pegasus Stud LLC; B-Marablue Farm LLC (KY); T-Brett A. Brinkman.

5th-Tampa Bay Downs, \$32,000, Msw, 1-20, 3yo, f, 1mT, 1:37.32, fm, nose.

GRECIAN GODDESS (f, 3, Constitution--Ammannati {Ire}, by Galileo (Ire)) made her first start as an 11-1 shot here. The bay settled mid-pack into the first turn, began to pick off rivals up the backstretch and intensified her attack to the outside around the far turn. Facing fellow first time starter Birdwatching (Karakontie {Jpn}) who was also just on the scene at the top of the lane, the pair drew off all the way to wire with Grecian Goddess winning the photo. Out of a strong extended female family which includes second dam GISW Acoma (Empire Maker) and third dam GSP Aurora (Danzig), who were both bred by Helen Alexander and her late mother, the winner is her unraced dam's first offspring. Ammannati produced a colt by Munnings who is now a 2-year-old. She was purchased by WinStar Farm for \$160,000 at the '22 Keeneland November Sale while carrying a filly by Caravaggio and she visited Justify for this year. Sales History: \$110,000 RNA Ylg '22 KEESEP; \$95,000 Ylg '22 FTKOCT. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$18,560. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.

O-Siena Farm LLC and WinStar Farm LLC; B-Alexander-Groves Thoroughbreds (KY); T-Christophe Clement.

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9th-Tampa Bay Downs, \$32,000, Msw, 1-20, 3yo, f, 1mT, 1:36.81, fm, 1 1/2 lengths.

WATCHTOWER (f, 3, Demarchelier {GB}--Zloty {MSP, \$131,634}, by Exchange Rate), third as the favorite last out over the Laurel grass Oct. 20, was adding Lasix for her sophomore debut here. The 9-5 favorite chased the leaders from third, cut into Mayfly (More Than Ready)'s imposing lead in the stretch and mowed that one down in the final furlong to win by 1 1/2 lengths. The winner's dam produced a colt by Basin in 2023 and

was bred back to Tap Back. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-1, \$29,060.

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O-Peter M. Brant; B-White Birch Farm, Inc. (KY); T-Chad C. Brown.



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IN SAUDI ARABIA:

Sail On Silverbird, f, 4, Twirling Candy--Cheval Blanche, by Stay Thirsty. King Abdulaziz, 1-20, Maiden, 1600m. B-Stratford Place Stud (KY). *\$50,000 RNA Ylg '21 KEESEP; 12,000gns HRA '23 TATAUT. VIDEO (SC 4)

B A **BUCKLAND** Sales Graduate

Cairama, h, 5, Cairo Prince--Sadie Be Good (MSP), by Big Drama. King Abdulaziz, 1-20, Allowance, 1400m. B-Namcook Stables (KY). *MSP-US. **Won by 10 3/4 lengths to score for the second time in three local starts. ***Holds entries for the G3 1351 Turf Sprint and G2 Neom Turf Cup Feb. 24. ****\$70,000 Wlg '19 KEENOV; \$110,000 RNA Ylg '20 FTKSEP; \$525,000 2yo '21 OBSMAR. VIDEO (SC 17)

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IN THE UAE:

Turjman, c, 3, **Mitole**--Best Present Ever (SW & GISP-US, \$247,624), by Unusual Heat. Jebel Ali, 1-20, Nov., 1200m, 1:12.34, ft. B-Haymarket Farm, LLC (KY). *\$170,000 Ylg '22 KEESEP. **Won by 7 1/4 Lengths. **VIDEO.**

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Rawy, h, 5, Frosted--Graceful Rage, by Tiznow. Jebel Ali, 1-20, Cond., 1000m, :59.12, ft. B-Spruce Lane Farm et al (NY). *\$75,000 Wlg '19 KEENOV; \$40,000 Ylg '20 KEESEP; \$240,000 2yo '21 OBSMAR. VIDEO.

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Colin Brennan Bloodstock Pinhook

Shanaghai City, h, 8, Shanghai Bobby--Anysaturdayinmay, by Any Given Saturday. Jebel Ali, 1-20, Hcp., 1200m, 1:12.97, ft. B-Jeanne Bruce (KY). *\$47,000 Ylg '17 KEESEP; £55,000 2yo '18 TATAPR. VIDEO.

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IN THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC:

El Exterminador D., c, 3, Bucchero--Bernie's Gold (MSP, \$254,441), by Hunting Hard. V Centenario, 1-20, Allowance, 1200m. B-Raymond Mamone Jr (FL). *Won by 9 1/2 lengths to take his record to three wins from three starts by better than a combined 40 lengths. **1/2 to Debbie's Passion (First Dude), SP; and Ray Arewethereyet (First Dude), SP, \$170,747. ***\$9,500 Ylg '22 OBSOCT; \$10,000 2yo '23 OBSJUN. VIDEO



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2024 Stud Fees Listed

Audible (Into Mischief), WinStar Farm, \$15,000 261 foals of racing age/22 winners/2 black-type winners 6-Sam Houston Race, 4:30 p.m. EST, Alw 1m, Singsational, 7-2 \$70,000 FTK JUL yrl; \$90,000 OBS APR 2yo

Coal Front (Stay Thirsty), Spendthrift Farm, \$5,000 79 foals of racing age/10 winners/2 black-type winners 9-Oaklawn, 5:22 p.m. EST, Msw 6f, Q's Your Mama

Demarchelier (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}), Claiborne Farm, \$7,500 99 foals of racing age/15 winners/0 black-type winners 3-Santa Anita, 4:33 p.m. EST, Msw 1 1/8mT, Bandwagon, 2-1 \$19,000 RNA KEE NOV wnl; \$40,000 OBS OCT yrl 9-Tampa Bay Downs, 4:27 p.m. EST, Msw 1mT, Gallic Charm, 5-2

Mitole (Eskendereya), Spendthrift Farm, \$15,000 293 foals of racing age/37 winners/2 black-type winners 7-Santa Anita, 6:41 p.m. EST, Msw 6f, Ms Bo J, 5-2 \$70,000 KEE NOV wnl; \$120,000 RNA FTK JUL yrl; \$350,000 OBS MAR 2yo

2-Gulfstream, 12:39 p.m. EST, Msw 1 1/16mT, Palmetto Fury, 30-1

\$34,000 RNA TTA YRL yrl

Omaha Beach (War Front), Spendthrift Farm, \$40,000 291 foals of racing age/26 winners/3 black-type winners 3-Fair Grounds, 2:45 p.m. EST, Msw 5 1/2fT, Tipsy Runner, 5-1 \$50,000 KEE NOV wnl; \$155,000 KEE SEP yrl

Preservationist (Arch), Airdrie Stud, \$5,000 103 foals of racing age/15 winners/0 black-type winners 1-Sam Houston Race, 2:00 p.m. EST, Msw 1m, Holiday Presence, 7-2

Too Darn Hot (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}), Dalham Hall Stud, \$65,000 245 foals of racing age/27 winners/4 black-type winners 9-Tampa Bay Downs, 4:27 p.m. EST, Msw 1mT, Take Your Seats (Ire), 6-1 50,000gns TAT OCT yrl

Vino Rosso (Curlin), Spendthrift Farm, \$20,000 309 foals of racing age/27 winners/2 black-type winners 7-Fair Grounds, 4:45 p.m. EST, Msw 1 1/16mT, Cabernaydo, 4-1 \$60,000 FTK OCT yrl

10-Gulfstream, 4:36 p.m. EST, Msw 1 1/16mT, Luna Love, 30-1 \$55,000 RNA KEE NOV wnl; \$50,000 KEE SEP yrl

Yoshida (Jpn) (Heart's Cry {Jpn}), Darley Japan, ¥1,500,000 164 foals of racing age/14 winners/0 black-type winners 2-Gulfstream, 12:39 p.m. EST, Msw 1 1/16mT, Grayosh, 12-1 \$25,000 FTK OCT yrl





STAKES RESULTS:

MARIE G. KRANTZ MEMORIAL S., \$99,000, Fair Grounds, 1-20, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16mT, 1:42.55, fm.

1--CREATIVE CAIRO, 118, m, 6, Cairo Prince--Let's Be Creative, by Creative Cause. (\$72,000 Wlg '18 KEENOV; \$47,000 RNA Ylg '19 KEESEP). 1ST BLACK TYPE WIN. O/B-Brereton C. Jones (KY); T-Lindsay Schultz; J-Florent Geroux. \$60,000. Lifetime Record: 18-3-3-3, \$256,651.

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2--Join the Dance, 118, m, 5, Shackleford--Moondancer, by Cuvee. (\$7,500 Ylg '20 KEESEP; \$70,000 2yo '21 OBSOPN; \$110,000 3yo '22 KEENOV; \$100,000 4yo '23 KEENOV). O-Gervais Racing, LLC; B-Mike Freeny & Pat Freeny (KY); T-Dallas Stewart. \$20,000.

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3--Lovely Princess, 122, m, 5, Twirling Candy--Princess Mariah, by Giant's Causeway. O/B-Gentry Farms (KY); T-Kenneth G. McPeek. \$10,000.

Margins: 1HF, NK, 3 3/4. Odds: 5.60, 14.00, 2.10.



It's a photo in the 71st Duncan F. Kenner as Sosua Summer (outside) noses out Just Might on the wire | Hodges Photography

DUNCAN F. KENNER S., \$96,000, Fair Grounds, 1-20, 4yo/up, 5 1/2fT, 1:02.29, fm.

1--SOSUA SUMMER, 118, h, 5, Summer Front--Honey Badger, by Stormy Atlantic. (\$1,000 Wlg '19 KEENOV; \$17,000 Ylg '20 FTKOCT). 1ST BLACK TYPE WIN. O-Wachtel Stable, Gary Barber, and R.T Racing Stable; B-Brereton C. Jones (KY); T-William I. Mott; J-Luis Saez. \$60,000. Lifetime Record: 21-4-4-5, \$386,098.

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- 2--Just Might, 122, g, 8, Justin Phillip--Dynamite Babe, by Dynameaux. O/B-Griffon Farms & Michelle Lovell (KY); T-Michelle Lovell. \$20,000.
- 3--Minnesota Ready, 118, g, 5, More Than Ready--Eden Prairie, by Mizzen Mast. O-Lothenbach Stables, Inc. (Jack Lothenbach); B-Lothenbach Stables Inc (KY); T-Neil L. Pessin. \$10,000. Margins: NO, HF, 1 3/4. Odds: 2.00, 0.70, 6.50.

SUNSHINE CLASSIC S., \$95,000, Gulfstream, 1-20, (S), 4yo/up, 1 1/16m, 1:43.22, ft.

- 1--LURE HIM IN, 120, g, 7, Khozan--Alluring Lady, by Indygo Shiner. O-Double B Racing Stables; B-Stonehedge LLC (FL); T-Herman Wilensky; J-Edwin Gonzalez. \$55,570. Lifetime Record: GSP, 41-8-8-7, \$468,658. *Full to Big Daddy Dave, MSP, \$282,340.
- 2--**Octane**, 122, g, 5, Brethren--Star Recruit, by Aldebaran. O/B-Arindel (FL); T-Juan Alvarado. \$20,700.
- 3--The Skipper Too, 122, h, 5, Brethren--Katira, by First Dude.

 1ST BLACK TYPE. O/B-Arindel (FL); T-Juan Alvarado. \$11,350.

 Margins: HD, 7HF, NK. Odds: 7.10, 0.50, 8.80.

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

7th-Santa Anita, \$88,500, 1-19, 4yo/up, 6f, 1:09.26, ft, 1 1/4 lengths.

SEE THROUGH IT (g, 7, Curlin to Mischief--Crystal House, by Chester House) Lifetime Record: SW, 30-8-7-5, \$351,712.

O-Belico Racing LLC and Lizbeth Medina; B-Edward Allred (CA); T-Salvador Naranjo.

10th-Gulfstream, \$84,400, (C)/Opt. Clm (\$62,500), 1-20, 4yo/up, 7f, 1:23.26, ft, 1 1/4 lengths.

TICKING (g, 4, Bolt d'Oro--Polyester, by Tiz Wonderful) Lifetime Record: 8-3-0-1, \$150,588. O-Leon Ellman, Glassman Racing LLC and Laurie Plesa; B-France and Irwin Weiner, Valery and Tristan deMeric (FL); T-Edward Plesa, Jr. *\$675,000 2yo '22 OBSAPR. **1/2 to Harpers First Ride (Paynter), GSW, \$699,664.

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6th-Santa Anita, \$67,500, (S), (NW1\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$20,000), 1-20, 4yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2f, 1:16.18, ft, 1 1/2 lengths.

SCARY FAST RIDE (m, 5, Clubhouse Ride--Scary Fast, by Congaree) Lifetime Record: SP, 6-2-2-1, \$114,740. O/B-Harris Farms, Inc. (CA); T-Sean McCarthy.

1st-Fair Grounds, \$60,000, (S), 1-20, (NW3L), 4yo/up, 6f, 1:11.16, ft, 1 3/4 lengths.

MYGLORYBEE (g, 4, Hard Aces--Platinum Kitty, by Forefathers) Lifetime Record: 11-3-4-0, \$103,560. O/B-Phyllis Hodges (LA); T-James E. Hodges.

8th-Gulfstream, \$53,850, (S), (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$20,000), 1-20, 4yo/up, 5 1/2f (AWT), 1:01.89, ft, 5 1/2 lengths.

CRUZIN MAN (c, 4, Chitu--Satan's Mistress {SP, \$238,825}, by Songandaprayer) Lifetime Record: 11-3-2-3, \$150,840. O-Mark Fletcher Taylor; B-Michael Frank (FL); T-Rohan Crichton.

2nd-Delta Downs, \$44,000, (S), 1-19, (NW2L), 3yo, f, 5f, 1:00.23, ft, 1 length.

SIX STRING (f, 3, Star Guitar--Oh Whata Holiday {MSP, \$157,291}, by Harlan's Holiday) Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$52,200. O/B-World War IV Racing & Rebel Tide Racing LLC (LA); T-Allen Landry.

6th-Sam Houston Race, \$42,000, (S), 1-20, 4yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:12.43, ft, head.

UPTOWNBLINGITHOME (m, 7, Too Much Bling--Island Artist, by Artie Schiller) Lifetime Record: MSP, 20-5-7-1, \$185,296. O/B-Jon Henningsgard & Dr. Marcus Hudka DVM (TX); T-Carlos A. Padilla.

8th-Tampa Bay Downs, \$35,550, (NW2X)/Opt. Clm (\$32,000), 1-20, 4yo/up, 1m 40y, 1:39.97, ft, 3/4 length.

SHERLOCK'S JEWEL (g, 4, Lea--Jewel Kat, by Indian Charlie) Lifetime Record: 9-3-1-1, \$144,439. O/B-Wharton Connell Racing LLC (KY); T-Claude R. McGaughey III.

8th-Sam Houston Race, \$35,000, 1-19, (NW2X), 4yo/up, f/m, 1mT, 1:38.42, fm, 1/2 length.

RIVERCREST GIRL (m, 5, Street Strategy--Everything Bling {SW, \$131,601}, by Too Much Bling) Lifetime Record: 15-5-2-2, \$179,329. O/B-Hall's Family Trust (AR); T-Danny Pish.

8th-Sam Houston Race, \$35,000, 1-20, (NW2X), 4yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:12.17, ft, 5 1/4 lengths.

MADAMOUSSEPOUSSE (m, 5, American Pharoah--In Full Compliance, by Smart Strike) Lifetime Record: 10-3-3-1, \$91,795. O-Linda & Michael J. Mazoch & Austin Gustafson; B-Springhouse Farm (KY); T-Austin Gustafson. *\$150,000 Ylg '20 KEESEP; \$10,000 4yo '23 KEEJAN.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Arctic Breeze, f, 3, Arrogate--Sweater Weather (MSW, \$545,726), by Milwaukee Brew. Golden Gate Fields, 1-20, 1m (AWT), 1:39.34. Lifetime Record: 6-1-1-2, \$31,160. B-Wilbert Tan (KY). *\$240,000 Ylg '22 KEESEP; \$375,000 2yo '23 OBSAPR.

Maximum Capacity, c, 3, Hard Spun--Camryn Kate, by Kafwain. Santa Anita, 1-20, (C), 1mT, 1:38.18. Lifetime Record: 6-1-0-0, \$30,640. B-Cannon Thoroughbreds LLC (KY).

Sea Dancer, f, 3, Mastery--Cuyathy (SP, \$107,923), by Congrats. Santa Anita, 1-20, 1 1/8mT, 1:50.79. Lifetime Record: 6-1-2-0, \$94,395. B-Cuyathy, Llc (KY). *1/2 to Johannes (Nyquist), MSW, \$183,859.

Sonofaship, g, 3, Midshipman--Cindy Says, by Elusive Quality. Fair Grounds, 1-20, (S), 6f, 1:11.71. Lifetime Record: 8-1-3-1, \$89,575. B-Brandon Adcock (LA). *\$80,000 Ylg '22 TTAYRL. **1/2 to Untitled (Khozan), GSP-USA, SP-Can, \$173,087.

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More Than Destiny, g, 3, More Than Ready--Heart of Destiny (GISP, \$242,089), by Lion Heart. Tampa Bay Downs, 1-20, (C), 6 1/2f, 1:18.69. Lifetime Record: 4-1-1-1, \$23,130. B-Hurstland Farm, Inc. & James H. Greene Jr. (KY). *\$3,000 Ylg '22 KEESEP.

Son of a Bling, g, 3, Too Much Bling--Um Melakeh, by Jump Start. Sam Houston Race, 1-20, (S), 1m, 1:42.39. Lifetime Record: 5-1-0-2, \$36,190. B-Joan Ellen Carlson (TX). *\$21,000 Ylg '22 TTAYRL. **SP.

Lady Emily Kathryn, f, 4, Frosted--Our Lady Kathern, by Hard Spun. Gulfstream, 1-20, 1mT, 1:34.78. Lifetime Record: 6-1-0-3, \$74,981. B-Kenneth L. & Sarah K. Ramsey (KY). *\$90,000 RNA Ylg '21 FTSAUG; \$47,000 RNA Ylg '21 FTKOCT.

Catchem If You Can, g, 4, Kantharos--Dina Gold, by Seeking the Gold. Sam Houston Race, 1-20, 5fT, :58.45. Lifetime Record: 6-1-1-0, \$28,024. B-Springhouse Farm & Maidenhead Bloodstock (KY). *\$72,000 Ylg '21 FTKOCT. **1/2 to Emerald Gold (War Front), GISP.

Runlikelanie, f, 4, **Mineshaft**--Cajun Heat, by Latent Heat. Delta Downs, 1-19, (S), 7f, 1:29.84. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$27,360. B-Blue Ridge Farm (LA).

Live Affair, g, 5, **Mister Dance**--Baileys Affair (MSW, \$213,921), by Mister Baileys (GB). Delta Downs, 1-20, (S), 7f, 1:30.10. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$25,800. B-Penny Scarberry (LA). *1ST-TIME STARTER.



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Always Dreaming, Saudi Crown, c, 4, o/o New Narration, by Tapit. GIII Louisiana S. Presented by Relyne GI By Hagyard, 1-20, Fair Grounds

American Pharoah, Ghalia Princess, f, 3, o/o Ghalia, by Medaglia d'Oro. MSW, 1-20, Fair Grounds

American Pharoah, Madamoussepousse, m, 5, o/o In Full Compliance, by Smart Strike. ALW, 1-20, Sam Houston Arrogate, Arctic Breeze, f, 3, o/o Sweater Weather, by

Milwaukee Brew. MSW, 1-20, Golden Gate

Bee Jersey, Bee Dancer, c, 3, o/o Dance Star (Fr), by Sea The Stars (Ire). MSW, 1-20, Fair Grounds

Bernardini, Tarifa, f, 3, o/o Kite Beach, by Awesome Again. AOC, 1-20, Fair Grounds

Bolt d'Oro, Ticking, g, 4, o/o Polyester, by Tiz Wonderful. AOC, 1-20, Gulfstream

Cairo Prince, Creative Cairo, m, 6, o/o Let's Be Creative, by Creative Cause. Marie G. Krantz Memorial S., 1-20, Fair Grounds Chitu, Cruzin Man, c, 4, o/o Satan's Mistress, by

Songandaprayer. AOC, 1-20, Gulfstream

Clubhouse Ride, Scary Fast Ride, m, 5, o/o Scary Fast, by Congaree. AOC, 1-20, Santa Anita

Constitution, Grecian Goddess, f, 3, o/o Ammannati (Ire), by Galileo (Ire). MSW, 1-20, Tampa Bay

Cupid, Desert Dawn, m, 5, o/o Ashley's Glory, by Honour and Glory. GIII La Canada S., 1-20, Santa Anita

Curlin to Mischief, See Through It, g, 7, o/o Crystal House, by Chester House. ALW, 1-19, Santa Anita

Demarchelier (GB), Watchtower, f, 3, o/o Zloty, by Exchange Rate. MSW, 1-20, Tampa Bay

Frankel (GB), Royal Majesty (GB), c, 3, o/o Crown Queen, by Smart Strike. MSW, 1-20, Gulfstream

Frosted, Lady Emily Kathryn, f, 4, o/o Our Lady Kathern, by Hard Spun. MSW, 1-20, Gulfstream

Frosted, Maymun, c, 3, o/o Handwoven, by Indian Charlie. MSW, 1-20, Santa Anita

Gun Runner, Hall of Fame, c, 3, o/o Flag Day, by Giant's Causeway. MSW, 1-20, Fair Grounds

Hard Aces, Myglorybee, g, 4, o/o Platinum Kitty, by Forefathers. ALW, 1-20, Fair Grounds

Hard Spun, Maximum Capacity, c, 3, o/o Camryn Kate, by Kafwain. MCL, 1-20, Santa Anita

Hard Spun, True Spun, f, 3, o/o April True, by Yes It's True. MOC, 1-20, Gulfstream

Kantharos, Catchem If You Can, g, 4, o/o Dina Gold, by Seeking the Gold. MSW, 1-20, Sam Houston

Khozan, Lure Him In, g, 7, o/o Alluring Lady, by Indygo Shiner. Sunshine Classic S., 1-20, Gulfstream

Lea, Sherlock's Jewel, g, 4, o/o Jewel Kat, by Indian Charlie. AOC, 1-20, Tampa Bay

Mastery, Sea Dancer, f, 3, o/o Cuyathy, by Congrats. MSW, 1-20, Santa Anita

Midshipman, Sonofaship, g, 3, o/o Cindy Says, by Elusive Quality. MSW, 1-20, Fair Grounds

Mineshaft, Runlikelanie, f, 4, o/o Cajun Heat, by Latent Heat. MSW, 1-19, Delta Downs

Mister Dance, Live Affair, g, 5, o/o Baileys Affair, by Mister Baileys (GB). MSW, 1-20, Delta Downs

Mo Town, Mo Fox Givin, f, 3, o/o Givine (Fr), by Blackdoun (Fr). AOC, 1-20, Santa Anita

Mo Town, Motor City, c, 3, o/o Country Villa, by Gio Ponti. MSW, 1-20, Delta Downs

More Than Ready, More Than Destiny, g, 3, o/o Heart of Destiny, by Lion Heart. MCL, 1-20, Tampa Bay

Omaha Beach, Triple Espresso, c, 3, o/o Natural Rush, by Indian Charlie. MSW, 1-20, Gulfstream

Paynter, Back Forty, f, 3, o/o Raging Smoke, by More Smoke. MSW, 1-19, Penn National

Quality Road, Strong Quality, h, 5, o/o Tiz So Sweet, by Tiznow. Colonel E. R. Bradley S., 1-20, Fair Grounds

Quality Road, Track Phantom, c, 3, o/o Miss Sunset, by Into Mischief. GIII Lecomte S., 1-20, Fair Grounds

Skipshot, Chasing the Crown, h, 5, o/o La Belle Marquet, by Marquetry. AOC, 1-20, Fair Grounds

Star Guitar, Six String, f, 3, o/o Oh Whata Holiday, by Harlan's Holiday. ALW, 1-19, Delta Downs

Street Strategy, Rivercrest Girl, m, 5, o/o Everything Bling, by Too Much Bling. ALW, 1-19, Sam Houston

Summer Front, Sosua Summer, h, 5, o/o Honey Badger, by Stormy Atlantic. Duncan F. Kenner S., 1-20, Fair Grounds

Too Much Bling, Son of a Bling, g, 3, o/o Um Melakeh, by Jump Start. MSW, 1-20, Sam Houston

Too Much Bling, Uptownblingithome, m, 7, o/o Island Artist, by Artie Schiller. ALW, 1-20, Sam Houston

West Coast, West Omaha, f, 3, o/o Birthday Bash, by Medaglia d'Oro. Silverbulletday S. presented by Fasig-Tipton, 1-20, Fair Grounds

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By Brian Sheerin

When Michelangelo sculpted David, you'd imagine he took the time to stand back, blow the dust off of his brow and marvel at his masterpiece, wouldn't you?

Like David, Tally-Ho Stud has taken years of hard chiseling but you must be living in Lalaland if you think Tony O'Callaghan is a man for slowing down and taking in all that has been achieved.

If there's one thing O'Callaghan hates more than arrogance it's idleness. With 200 mares on the farm, considerably more yearlings and foals coming through the system, a sizable breeze-up consignment and, of course, the bread and butter that are the stallions to tend to, there isn't a whole pile of time left over in a day for slacking.

But what drives a man, who has an uncanny knack of avoiding questions he doesn't want to answer--including those about his age--to attack each morning the same as his sons Roger, 43, and Henry, 41?

"I like action," he says, unapologetically. "I do. They say there are two chairs you should never sit in; the electric chair and the armchair. They're not putting me into a bin any time soon! Why do some people live to do nothing? I can never understand it."

VANDEEK EYEING SANDY LANE FOR SOPHOMORE BOW

Smart juvenile **Vandeek (GB)** (Havana Grey {GB}), who races for KHK Racing, Ltd. is likely to make his 3-year-old debut in the G2 Sandy Lane S. in May, according to co-trainer Simon Crisford.

A multiple Group 1 winner in 2023, the colt won the G1 Prix Morny and G1 Middle Park S. in August and September, respectively.

"He's looking super, he's trotting and we'll probably start him off in the Sandy Lane at Haydock at the end of May," Simon Crisford told *ITV Racing*. "One run before Royal Ascot.

"Commonwealth, July Cups--those sort of races we've got up our sleeve. The idea of not starting off in the Pavilion [S., at Ascot] is we'd have to start training him a month earlier. Quite frankly, with the weather we've got at the moment, we're wrapping him up in big, thick blankets."

Besides his Group 1 exploits, the Simon and Ed Crisford-trained grey was a debut winner at Nottingham last July, and added the G2 Richmond S. at second asking at the beginning of August prior to his Group 1 exploits. He is unbeaten in four starts to date.



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TRACK PHANTOM LANDS LECOMTE STAKES

Quality Road's **Track Phantom** scored in the GIII Lecomte S. at Fair Grounds on Saturday.

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Good Guess Cont. from p1

The O'Callaghans live for the game. When Kodiac, the horse Roger describes as being "the man who paid for the place" strides out of his box, the lads wear a smile that neither sex nor drugs could supply.

Apparently "there's a queue of breeders" wanting to use Kodiac's Group 1-winning son Good Guess, who is new to the roster for 2024, but it wasn't always like this. Before Kodiac, Mehmas, Cotai Glory, Inns Of Court, Persian Force, Starman and now Good Guess, there were tougher times at Tally-Ho.

Blues Traveller and Mac's Imp are some of the earliest hard luck stories. Both stallions met a premature end just as their stock were starting to get going. Danetime, too, was on the cusp of becoming a proper stallion when he died whilst covering on Southern Hemisphere time in Australia. Red Clubs and more recently Society Rock are others who never got a fair crack.

"Danetime was when things started to happen for us," Tony

explains. "Then we got a list of them. Society Rock was doing well when he died and Sir Prancealot did okay as well, but Kodiac was the one who really took off."

He added, "Danetime might have done the same thing, you know. He was only nine when he died. He had the winner of the Prix Morny two years running—Myboycharlie and then Bushranger. That was a shock when he died."

So you could say it has been a triumph of perseverance?

"Oh we've kept at it. We've

never changed direction. When the bad year comes, suck it up and move on."

For many people in this industry, 2023 will go down as a bad year. The smaller breeder, who has been a huge part of the success story here, struggled on the whole. But if it's sympathy you're after at the O'Callaghan family's kitchen table, or as Tony's wife Anne describes it, "the engine room," you've come to the wrong place.

"It's up to you as a breeder to correct things and not go around blaming everyone bar yourself," Tony says. "Some people will switch off and become disillusioned. I never get disillusioned no matter how bad the sales are. I never come home disillusioned. I come home blaming myself."

There may be a lack of sympathy on offer but there's no shortage of encouragement. The business model is simple; try to make everyone--big or small--a winner.

Henry explains, "We're in this for the long haul and we don't

take shortcuts. We try to treat people right and, if we both win, that's how you really succeed. There can be repeat business if that happens."

It is an honourable way of conducting business. And it is one of the reasons why Ger Lyons named Tony The Gent after the man himself. A Whatsapp message to the trainer confirmed as much.

"He was, because in the dictionary beside the word gentleman, you see a picture of Tony O'C," comes the reply from Lyons, swiftly followed by, "lovely family that."

There can be a price to be paid when only dealing in facts, though. Some will confuse the no-nonsense approach to business as being cold but the reality is the complete opposite.

It was this scribe's great pleasure to kill more than a few hours with Roger in Cincinnati Airport during a layover on the way home from the Breeders' Cup a couple of years back.

When a young couple across the bar endured a nightmare episode when both of their cards declined, it was Roger who

thought nothing of jumping into action to settle the bill of the two people he'd never set eyes on before in order to prevent further blushes.

'That's my good deed done for the year,' he chirped, before sitting back down at the table. A chip off the old block.

The similarities between Roger and his old man was clear to be seen at the Tattersalls Ireland September Yearling Sale last year as well. Less than 48 hours after Tally-Ho and Archie St George turned a \$550,000 Into Mischief colt foal purchase into a \$1.8-



Good Guess | Scoop Dyga

million yearling, O'Callaghan was back to the grindstone.

A simple, 'well done in America, Roger,' was met with a, 'now on to the next one,' in that inimitable droll tone. Insatiable.

Anne comments on what drives her boys, "We're the lucky ones. We're the ones who have something to achieve and to look forward to every day. Imagine grinding your way to work behind the wheel after having dropped your kids to creche. You're having your cup of coffee, or maybe a cigarette, and listening to the droning bad news on the radio. We get out of bed, roll down the hill, step out into the yard, and bingo. Light on. Let's get at it."

Henry concurs and provides his own insight into the motivation behind this winner-producing machine, when saying, "You have a chance of a bit of magic. That's the great thing about this business. When you're involved with a good horse, there's no better feeling." Cont. p4

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Good Guess Cont.

The hope is that Good Guess, who claimed the notable scalp of 2,000 Guineas winner Chaldean when storming to Prix Jean Prat glory at Deauville last summer, can be the latest good horse that the O'Callaghans will be associated with.

The horse had been on Tally-Ho's radar ever since Cheveley Park Stud flagged that they had a good Kodiac at the Tattersalls October Book 1 Yearling Sale in 2021. They were right.

Good Guess went on to make 420,000gns to Sebastien Desmontils and the O'Callaghans have been tracking his progression ever since. In fact, so sure they were that Good Guess would be a good fit at Tally-Ho, a deal was done not long after he had crossed the line in front in that Group 1.

"Sure he'd be whipped from underneath you," says Tony, explaining why there wasn't even time to hop on a plane to get the deal done. Instead, it was trashed out on the phone. "These things are done quickly."

It has been well-reported that, in order to secure Good Guess, a lot of money needed to change hands.

"You've got to try and win the lottery. Pay your money, take your chance," is how Roger sums up the transaction. Henry adds, "It's grand when you're right. There's never a bad time to buy a good horse but then there's never a good time to buy a bad horse. If you can buy a good horse, what you pay for it ultimately doesn't matter. The economics of this game, it's unique, isn't it?"

He adds, "Given how much stallions are costing at the moment, you need them to work in order for the whole thing to make economic sense. It's a big test of how bad you want a horse if you are prepared to send it a clatter of your own mares."

Good Guess, along with the rest of the stallion roster at Tally-Ho, won't be lacking in that department.

Tony explains, "When the stallions do well, it's huge. But, when the stallions do bad, it's an absolute nightmare. When they don't click, you suffer. There's a queue up for Good Guess but we'll support him as well. It's very simple; back your own.

"The way it works is, you look after everyone else first. Whenever we can get a slot for him, we'll send him a mare. We'll send him between 30 and 50 of our own mares but we won't know how many until the end of May."

On what makes Good Guess an attractive stallion proposition, he adds, "Sure you could see below, his action and his physique. The bone structure is there and he has a nice big eye and a nice head. He floats around the yard there. Those are his strong points. Everyone who has come to see him, they all love him."

Could he be the heir to the throne?

"Never," says Tony, half-insulted. "I don't think we'll ever get an heir to that horse. We'd love one. But I don't think we'll ever find another Kodiac."

And with that, the master of Tally-Ho leaves the table to tend to more pressing duties in the yard. He's not one for sitting, you know. But was he always like that?

"I'll never forget I was covering a mare with Dad," Roger recalls. "He was holding the mare and I had Danetime. When Danetime went to get up on the mare, she reared. Dad had the lead rope wrapped around his thumb and the thumb went with the lead rope. Severed it. Straight off.

"I'll never forget it. And then, when he went into the hospital, all he was telling me was, 'I'm really sorry.' I was saying, 'what are you sorry for?'

"Anyway, he did a night in hospital but was back in the yard the following morning. He had a big bandage on his hand out cleaning water troughs that day. But what happened next? Didn't the f**king bucket fall over and of course he went to grab it. Bang. It bounced off the thumb.

"Oh Jesus, I'll never forget it. The poor f**ker nearly died with the pain. But as soon as he could get back going, he was out in that yard. You can count the number of days on one hand that Dad has taken off work in his life. Seriously. He just loves it."

And that, ladies and gentleman, is the difference. Cont. p5



Tony O'Callaghan: "When the bad year comes, suck it up and move on." | Tattersalls

Tony O'Callaghan On......

Caught U Looking

I'd been watching her going around the back ring at the Goffs Autumn Yearling Sale and was wondering whether or not I should bid for her. Next thing, she went into the ring and Peter Nolan bought her for Noel Meade. I said I'd take her. They told me the most I could have was a half, so I took half. She's a nice filly. I'm hoping she will go on this season but we'll see, won't we? I'm hoping she'll stay a mile plus. We could have sold her 10 times over but we'll roll the dice. I'd be hoping she can stay a mile-and-a-half. That's what I'd like. She has plenty of size and scope. It would be nice to have a runner in the Oaks.

Working the Sales

There are people giving out about the industry but, when they go to the sales, they are fiddling around and they wouldn't do any homework. A lot of the trainers are like that. Willie Mullins started with eight or nine horses. Gordon Elliott started with one or two. When you go to the sales, do you go to zone in or you go to be sociable for the day? You can only do one or the other. You can't do both. If you want to buy something, you have to pay attention, not be in and out of the bar. I've nothing against that but it's gone a bit like that. The sales are competitive. We're

there to work.

National Hunt

We always had National Hunt horses going back years ago. I quite like National Hunt horses. As the fella says, what do you do in January? I always felt the first day of Spring was Thyestes Day. Long ago, when we were young, Thyestes Day marked the start of Spring.

Polarisation

It is gone polarised but you can always sell a nice horse. It's always been the model first for me. If you can get the sire as well, then you are away. The model will always get you out of trouble, though.

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Caught U Looking (Ire) (Harzand {Ire}) sports two wins from four starts, including the G3 Weld Park S. | Racingfotos.com

IN THE HOT SEAT

Diego Dias

The questionnaire series continues with trainer **Diego Dias** in the spotlight.

Proudest moment of 2023?

Mansa Musa (Ire) (Ten Sovereigns {Ire}) winning at Goodwood. It was a great day, the owners were there and everyone was very excited. It worked out as we planned and it was a great day.

What is your biggest ambition for the new year?

I'd like to win a Group race this year.

Give us one horse to follow and why?

I have to say Gaenari (Ire) (Inns Of Court {Ire}). She ran really well for us last year and, while she has not won yet, I think she's a filly to follow. She looks a different filly this year.

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

Danny Sheehy. He rides a good bit for me. He's a very good rider but just needs the opportunities. I think he'll ride plenty of winners for us this year.

Who do you think will be champion first-season sire this year?

It's very hard to say but I liked the Pinatubos at the sales. The look like they are really sharp horses and, if I had to guess, I'd give Pinatubo (Ire) a big chance.

And the best value stallion in Europe?

I would say Arizona (Ire). He's a son of No Nay Never and, at only five thousand, I think he's good value. I have a nice filly by him. She goes very well.



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What's the one horse you wish you'd bought in 2023?

It was a filly foal by Blue Point (Ire) at Goffs. I was the underbidder but I wish I bought her.

Biggest regret?

I don't have any regrets. I feel very lucky about where I am now and the hard work that me and my team is doing is paying off. Hopefully we'll keep the results going in 2024.

Biggest influence on your career?

I have to say my Dad. He was a jockey and a trainer and I always wanted to be like him.

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Vandeek Cont. from p1

He added, "He was a little bit on the leg as a 2-year-old. He was tall and lanky and never really looked like a sprinter physically. But now he's beginning to take shape as a sprinter. His temperament is great and there's so much to love about him.

"He's done exceptionally well over the winter and fingers crossed he's got a big season ahead."

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Saturday's Results:

6th-Lingfield, £100,000, Hcp, 1-20, 4yo/up, f, 10f 1y (AWT), 2:04.89, st.

OH SO GRAND (GB) (f, 4, Postponed {Ire}--Lady Zonda {GB}, by **Lion Cavern)**, sent off the 11-8 favourite for this Winter Oaks Fillies' H., having won the official trial over course and distance last month, raced towards the rear early. Unleashed to grab the lead at the furlong marker, the homebred soon had the race in safe keeping and was pushed out to comfortably beat Queen Regent (GB) (Roaring Lion) by 1 1/2 lengths. "I think she's still improving," Simon Crisford said. "Hopefully she can be a group filly for the summer when we get her on turf. I would be inclined to keep her over this trip, a mile and a quarter that suits her well, but she's nimble and light on her feet--she's not one of these galumphers, she's got something about her. Obviously you've got [All-Weather] Finals Day and stuff like that--we've just got to work it all out." Cont. p7

6th-Lingfield Cont.

The winner is a half-sister to the G1 Fillies' Mile and GI Yellow Ribbon S. heroine Hibaayeb (GB) (Singspiel {Ire}), whose daughter Wuheida (GB) by Postponed 's sire Dubawi (Ire) captured the G1 Prix Marcel Boussac and GI Breeders' Cup Filly and Mare Turf. The last known foal out of the dam, she is also kin to the listed-placed May Meeting (GB) (Diktat {GB}) and to the dam of the multiple group-placed South African runner Victoria Paige (SAf) (Captain Al {SAf}). Lifetime Record: 8-5-1-1, \$117,933.

O-Mr Mohammed Al Nabouda; B-Rabbah Bloodstock Limited (GB); T-Simon & Ed Crisford.



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3rd-Wolverhampton, £**7,300, Nov.**, 1-20, 3-5yo, 7f 36y (AWT), 1:29.07, st.

ROMAN CROWN (IRE) (c, 3, Mehmas {Ire}--My Henrietta, by Henrythenavigator), off the mark over this track and trip in November, was a touch free tracking the leader Marmaduke Lemon (GB) (Sioux Nation) throughout the early stages. In command approaching the final furlong, the 30-100 favourite asserted to score by 3/4 of a length. The unraced dam, whose yearling colt is by Galileo Gold (GB), is connected to the G1 Futurity Trophy-placed Western Australia (Ire) (Australia {GB}), the G1 Prix de la Foret-winning sire Toylsome (GB) and the G1 St Leger and G1 Gold Cup-winning sire Leading Light (Ire) (Montjeu {Ire}). Sales history: €48,000 2yo '23 TATGOR. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$10,680.

O-Edelle Logan; B-Lynn Lodge Stud & Pier House Stud (IRE); T-Eve Johnson Houghton.

HANDICAP RESULTS:

5th-Lingfield, £50,000, 1-20, 4yo/up, 5f 6y (AWT), :57.08, st. ONE NIGHT STAND (GB) (g, 7, Swiss Spirit GB--Tipsy Girl GB,

by Haafhd (GB) Lifetime Record: SW-Eng, 44-8-3-2, \$141,787. O-Chappell & Dixon; B-Mr S Hoskins & Trickledown Stud (GB); T-Scott Dixon. *20,000gns Ylg '18 TAOCT; 45,000gns HRA '21 TATAHI.

FRANCE

Saturday's Results:

4th-Cagnes-sur-Mer, €23,000, Mdn, 1-20, 3yo, c/g, 2150m (AWT), 2:23.15, st.

BELIEVER (FR) (c, 3, Make Believe {GB}--Bravaya {Fr}, by Mastercraftsman {Ire}), runner-up on debut at Fontainebleau in November, was steadied in rear early. Gaining the stand's rail and the advantage 300 metres out, the 9-1 shot extended to score by 2 1/2 lengths from Col Du Pre' (Fr) (Taj Mahal {Ire}). The unraced dam, who also has a 2-year-old filly by New Bay (GB), is a granddaughter of the Wertheimers; G2 Prix de Royallieu winner Balladeuse (Fr) (Singspiel {Ire}) who produced the G1 Prix Vermeille heroine Left Hand (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}). Sales history: €15,000 Wlg '21 ARQDEC; €42,000 Ylg '22 ARQOCT. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, €17,500. Video, sponsored by FanDuel TV.

O-MAG Horse Racing SRL; B-R Shaykhutdinov & Noir Et Or Elevage S.A. (FR); T-Gianluca Bietolini.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

City Girl (Fr), f, 3, City Light (Fr)--Nimpheas, by Smart Strike.

Cagnes-sur-Mer, 1-20, 2150m (AWT), 2:25.00, B-Herald

Bloodstock Ltd, Mme V Dubois & N Baudron (FR). *€17,000

RNA Ylg '22 ARQOCT; €22,000 RNA 2yo '23 ARQJUL.

Almiro (Fr), g, 4, Almanzor (Fr)--Hunza Dancer (Ire), by Danehill Dancer (Ire). Cagnes-sur-Mer, 1-20, 2150m (AWT), 2:25.31. B-Haras de Montaigu (FR). *€150,000 Ylg '21 ARQAUG.



IN THE UAE:

Swing Vote (GB), g, 4, Shamardal--Qualify (GB) (GSW-Ire, G1SW-

Eng, \$485,356), by Fastnet Rock (Aus). Jebel Ali, 1-20, Cond., 1600m, 1:37.99, ft. B-Godolphin (GB). **VIDEO.**

Cosmic Desert (GB), g, 5, New Approach (Ire)--Blossomtime (GB) (SW-Fr), by Shamardal. Jebel Ali, 1-20, Hcp., 1950m, 1:59.76, ft. B- (GB).*£100,000 HRA '23 TATMAR. VIDEO.

IN QATAR:

Soldier's Gold (Ire), c, 3, Soldier's Call (GB)--Copperbeech (Ire) (G1SP-Fr, MSP-Eng, \$112,517), by Red Ransom. Al Rayyan, 1-20, Cond. (\$50k), 1500mT. B-Bernard & Eugene Heary (Ire). VIDEO (SC 8)

Come Quick (Ire), g, 5, Es Que Love (Ire)--In Seconds, by Giant's Causeway. Al Rayyan, 1-20, Cond. (\$50k), 1200mT. B-Newhall Properties Ltd. *1/2 to Carving (Any Given Saturday), MSW, \$197,171. **32,000gns HRA '21 TATAUT. VIDEO (SC 2)

Band Width (Ire), g, 5, Gutaifan (Ire)--Party Whip (Ire), by Whipper. Al Rayyan, 1-20, Cond. (\$50k), 1400mT.

B-Bridgetown Stud. *1/2 to Nations Alexander (Ire) (Dark Angel {Ire}), GSW-Eng, GSP-Fr, \$103,302. **£22,000 Ylg '20 GOFSEP; 60,000gns HRA '22 TATAUT. VIDEO (SC 2)

Simca Mille (Ire), h, 5, Tamayuz (GB)--Swertia (GB), by Pivotal (GB). Al Rayyan, 1-20, Cond. (\$100k), 2200mT. B-Haras de la Perelle. *G1SW-Ger, MGSW & MG1SP-Fr. *€68,000 RNA Ylg '20 ARQSEP. VIDEO (SC 6)

IN SAUDI ARABIA:

Year of The Dragon (Ire), g, 6, Dragon Pulse (Ire)—Poplar Close (Ire), by Canford Cliffs (Ire). King Abdulaziz, 1-20, Cond., 2100mT. B-T J Adams. *Holds an entry for the \$500k Saudi International H. (54kg) Feb. 24. **€9,000 Wlg '18 GOFNOV; €8,000 Ylg '19 GOFOCT; £8,400 RNA 2yo '20 TATJUN; 60,000gns HRA '22 TATJUL. VIDEO (SC 8)



IN NEW ZEALAND:

Sudbina (NZ), f, 3, Almanzor (Fr)--Destined (GB), by Danehill. Trentham, 1-20, G3 Desert Gold S., 1600mT, 1:36.75, sf. B-Frantic Bloodstock, Ltd. & Haunui Bloodstock, Ltd. (NZ). *1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN. 1ST GROUP WIN. **1/2 to Galileo's Destiny (NZ) (Galileo {Ire}), MG1SP-SAf; \$127,522; and Fix (NZ) (Iffraaj {GB}), MGSW & G1SP-NZ, \$373,168.

WORLDWIDE NEWS

STEWARDS' CUP OFFERS 'GOLDEN' OPPORTUNITY by Alan Carasso

Death, taxes and Hong Kong winners by Deep Field (Aus). Of life's surest eventualities, the latter is definitely worthy of inclusion, and **Voyage Bubble (Aus)** will look to add to the

stallion's stylish local record when he goes in search of a maiden Group 1 success in the G1 Stewards' Cup Sunday at Sha Tin.

The chances of Voyage Bubble--and those of his seven rivals--have been done no damage by the absence of G1 Longines Hong Kong Mile hero Golden Sixty (Aus) (Medaglia d'Oro), who is on the mend and in slow work after suffering a minor injury. He has three months to get ready for the G1 FWD Champions Mile in late April, but in the meantime, the spotlight is there to be stolen--at least temporarily.

The upset winner of last year's age-restricted Hong Kong Classic Mile and BMW Hong Kong Derby, Voyage Bubble was fourth to the reigning Horse of the Year in last year's Champions Mile and has run well without winning in two starts this term. A first-up third to **Beauty Eternal (Aus)** (Starspangledbanner {Aus}) and **Beauty Joy (Aus)** (Sebring {Aus}) in the G2 Jockey Club Mile Nov. 19, he outran a quote of \$31 to finish closest to Golden Sixty on international day. James McDonald jets back into the SAR for trainer Ricky Yiu.

"Let's see how much this horse can give," said Yiu. "The impression I have is there is another level. I would say (I am) optimistic. He will definitely perform again."

Deep Field is the runaway leading sire in Hong Kong by number of winners (16) and progeny earnings (HK\$36.7 million).

A good run Sunday could translate into a first start on foreign soil for Voyage Bubble.

"We'll see how he goes on Sunday and then we can definitely think about possible races for him to run overseas. Dubai and one of the races in Australia, maybe--there are a few options there," said Yiu, who has entered Voyage Bubble for the G1 Dubai Turf at Meydan Mar. 30.

Beauty Eternal could not repeat the dose in the Hong Kong Mile, finishing an even sixth as a \$4.60 (18-5) chance. He will attempt to give trainer John Size a record-extending eighth win in the Stewards' Cup. Cont. p9



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G1 Stewards' Cup Preview Cont.

"Beauty Eternal's trials have looked good," said Purton, who carried the Patrick Kwok silks to victory aboard Beauty Generation (NZ) in 2019. "He seems to have come through his run in December in good shape and it'll be good to be back on him--hopefully he can produce his best."

Straight Arron (Aus) (Fastnet Rock {Aus}) was beaten 3/4 of a length into fourth--with some trouble--by Romantic Warrior (Ire) (Acclamation {GB}) in the G1 Longines Hong Kong Cup and is using this as a prep for either the G1 Citi Hong Kong Gold Cup (2000m) or potential overseas targets in Qatar and/or Dubai. The same applies for Russian Emperor (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}), who was sixth here before taking the Amir Trophy last February in Doha.

California Spangle (Ire) (Starspangledbanner {Aus}) was third to Golden Sixty in last year's Stewards' Cup, but needs to lift on his current form, which includes a 13th in the Hong Kong Mile last time.

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PUNTURA THUNDERS TO GROUP 1 GLORY

IN NZ by Keely Mckitterick

It was a rare Saturday in Australia with no stakes races across the states. However, across the Tasman Sea, New Zealand's Trentham racetrack held its 63rd edition of the G1 Thorndon Mile, which saw the Robbie Patterson-trained Puntura (NZ) (Vespa {NZ}) rocket to Group 1 glory.

His stablemate One Bold Cat (NZ) (The Bold One {NZ}) ran gamely to finish fourth over the unsuitable distance.

Puntura has been a star for Patterson. The son of Vespa (NZ) has 11 races, with the Thorndon Mile being his first Group 1 success. The Thorndon Mile brings his undefeated run to three, claiming the G2 Manawatu Challenge S. and the G3 Coupland's Bakeries Mile before Saturday.

Finishing second was **El Vencedor (NZ)** (Shocking {Aus}), while Lady Telena (NZ) (Vespa {NZ}) ran third. Star mare Campionessa (NZ) (Contributer {Ire}) held on to finish seventh, having been in arguably the wrong part of the track. The ex-Chris Waller-trained pair No Compromise (NZ) (Pins {Aus}) and Skyman (GB) (Mukhadram {GB}) finished fifth and eighth, respectively.

Pedigree Notes

Puntura was bred by his owners, Carole and John Lynskey. He is from the dual-winning Magic Of Sydney mare Mumzahoney (NZ). She won over 1600 and 2100 metres and has produced three other winners. Two of whom have been successful at metropolitan level--Margherita Veloce (NZ) (also by Vespa) and Four Degrees (NZ) (Shocking {Aus}).

The gelding is one of the five stakes winners (and the first at the elite level) for his Mapperley Stud-based Group 1-winning sire--a son of Elusive City.

Retired from stud duties with her final foal being a full-brother to Puntura foaled in 2022, Mumzahoney hails from the family of the stakes winners Foxbay (NZ) (Zephyr Bay {Aus}), Ellakapella (NZ) (Pompeii Court), Warrentherooster (NZ) (Savabeel {Aus}) and Jason Belltree (NZ) (Ferlax {NZ}).

Saturday, Trentham, New Zealand **THORNDON MILE-G1**, NZ\$400,000, WRC, 1-20, Open Set Weight, 1600mT, 1:36.05, sf.

1--PUNTURA (NZ), 57.0, g, 6, by Vespa (NZ)

1st Dam: Mumzahoney (NZ), by Magic of Sydney (Aus) 2nd Dam: Sylvee Tee (NZ), by Zabeel (NZ) 3rd Dam: Fontana (NZ), by Pompeii Court

1ST GROUP 1 WIN. O-Carole & John Lynskey; B-Mrs C J & P J Lynskey, Central, (NZ); T-R J Patterson; J-C J Grylls; NZ\$230,000. Lifetime Record: 33-11-4-0, A\$659,214. Click for the free Arion.co.nz catalogue-style pedigree. Werk Nick Rating: A+. Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.

2--El Vencedor (NZ), 56.0, g, 5, Shocking (Aus)--Strictly Maternal (NZ), by O'Reilly (NZ). 1ST GROUP 1 BLACK TYPE. O-M W Freeman & D G Price; B-M W Freeman & D G Price, Central, (NZ); T-S B Marsh; J-Joe Doyle; NZ\$74,000.

3--Lady Telena (Aus), 53.0, m, 6, Vespa (NZ)--Langara (Aus), by

Street Cry (Ire). 1ST BLACK TYPE. 1ST GROUP BLACK TYPE. 1ST **GROUP 1 BLACK TYPE**. O-P Young & Est Late J H Scott; B-Mr KJ Hickman (NSW); T-Kennedy Moore; J-U A Holmquist; NZ\$36,000. Margins: 1 1/4, HF, 1 1/4. Odds: 4.30, 8.00, 124.00. Also Ran: One Bold Cat (NZ), Skyman (GB), Lingjun Xiongfeng (Aus), Bad 'n' Bouj (Aus), Our Echo (NZ), Campionessa (NZ), Lightning Jack (NZ), Diss is Dramatic (NZ), No Compromise (NZ), Habana (Aus), Harlech (NZ). Click for the NZ Racing chart. VIDEO.

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Pike Out Of Action With Broken Heel

Mickaelle Michel Rides A Winner At Flemington

Sunday, Sha Tin, Hong Kong, post time: 4.05 p.m.

STEWARDS' CUP-G1, HK\$13,000,000, 3yo/up, 1600mT (PPs)

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	2	California Spangle (Ire)	Starspangledbanner (Aus)	Bowman	Cruz	126
2	3	Voyage Bubble (Aus)	Deep Field (Aus)	McDonald	Yiu	126
3	1	Straight Arron (Aus)	Fastnet Rock (Aus)	Но	Fownes	126
4	6	Russian Emperor (Ire)	Galileo (Ire)	Atzeni	Whyte	126
5	8	Beauty Eternal (Aus)	Starspangledbanner (Aus)	Purton	Size	126
6	5	Beauty Joy (Aus)	Sebring (Aus)	Leung	Cruz	126
7	7	Healthy Happy (Aus)	Zoustar (Aus)	Badel	Lor	126
8	4	Fantastic Treasure (Aus)	Written Tycoon (Aus)	Teetan	Hayes	126

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