



## THE JOCKEY CLUB OF SAUDI ARABIA TAKES STEPS TO DISQUALIFY MAXIMUM SECURITY



Maximum Security | Jockey Club of Saudi Arabia

by Bill Finley

Nearly four years after Maximum Security (New Year's Day) crossed the wire first in the inaugural Saudi Cup and six months after his trainer Jason Servis was given a four-year prison sentence for doping horses under his care, the Jockey Club of Saudi Arabia (JCSA) announced Tuesday that it has concluded its own investigation into the matter and will recommend to a Stewards Committee that it should sanction Servis and disqualify Maximum Security.

The final decision will be made by the Stewards Committee, but in the press release it issued Tuesday, the JCSA made a strong case that Maximum Security should be disqualified and Servis should be sanctioned. At stake is the \$10 million that is paid out to the winner of the \$20-million race. Should Maximum Security be disqualified, Midnight Bisou (Midnight Lute) would presumably be declared the winner.

Maximum Security did not test positive for a prohibited substance before or after the Saudi Cup, but Servis was caught on wiretapped phone calls bragging that he gave the banned substance SGF-1000 to nearly every horse in his barn.

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**RACING** by Joe Scurto

It is often espoused at business management seminars that having access to people smarter than you is a blessing and not a threat. We also know that having access to communities that share a common interest fosters social collaboration and belonging. But did you know having access to a guy affectionately nicknamed the "Italian Yoda" can lead to a graded stakes victory as a racehorse owner?

This type of access has been thoughtfully curated by the powerhouse team at Belladonna Racing Partnership, which includes Paul Manganaro (the Italian Yoda), David Ingordo, trainer Cherie DeVaux and recent addition Casey Klein. This team, along with their inaugural partners, launched Belladonna in 2019 with the purchase of over \$1.5 million in 2-year-olds, who happened to all be fillies.

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Racing officials from JCSA have maintained that it is within their power to strip Maximum Security of the win if it was proven that Servis had been illegally drugging Maximum Security in the months surrounding the race.

The statement from the JCSA read, in part: "Following the conclusion of that investigation and pursuant to the Racing Rules of the JCSA (Rules) [2] and the Horseman's Guide (Guide) [3], the JCSA has now authorised charges to be brought against Jason Servis,

the former trainer of the horse Maximum Security.

"The Charges allege substantial breaches of the Rules and the Guide and relate to the administration of Prohibited Substances to Maximum Security and failures to comply with the entry requirements for the Race.

"The JCSA will contend that the Stewards Committee should



Midnight Bisou (right) in the Saudi Cup | Jockey Club of Saudi Arabia

sanction Jason Servis and disqualify Maximum Security."

The statement said that the inquiry to be held by the Stewards

Committee will take place "in due course."

The inquiry will be held in private and members of the media will not be permitted to attend. The decision of the Stewards Committee will be published at the conclusion of the inquiry. Until the Stewards Committee has made its final decision, the JCSA will issue no further statements.

At deadline for this story, Jeff Bloom, who heads the syndicate that campaigned Midnight Bisou, was

unavailable for comment.

Gary West, who owned Maximum Security with his wife Mary, also could not be reached for comment. However, in December, 2022, West issued a statement saying he would be supportive of a decision to disqualify Maximum Security and redistribute the purse money. *Cont.* 

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#### Maximum Security, cont.

"We believe in the justice system and have patiently waited for the legal prosecution to take its course," West said. "Now that Jason Servis has entered a guilty plea, we want to make it clear that if the Saudi Cup decides to redistribute the purse, we would support that decision. Hopefully, that action will prevent future conduct of this nature. We believe the decision to take the Saudi Cup purse from Maximum Security and redistribute it is the correct one."

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#### Belladonna Racing, cont. from p1

Belladonna, which means "pretty woman" in Italian, set out in 2019 to foster a partnership approach that provides the opportunity to buy, race, and network at the highest levels of the Thoroughbred industry.

"We wanted to bring people into the industry, people who would enjoy the journey, learn, and share the experience with us," said Manganaro.



Paul Manganaro | Christina Bossinakis

The partnership calling card is simple.

"We want to provide action at a high level while also spreading the risk," explained Ingordo. "We are all involved in each partnership group and thus have skin in the game. Providing hands-on concierge-level attention and opportunities is unique to Belladonna." **Cont.** 



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Creating this type of access for new owners is made easier when you already operate in the top echelon, not only in

Equibase statistics but in the relationships built throughout the racing world. Paul Manganaro is one of those people. A third-generation horse owner who grew up in the New England area, Manganaro was raised in a proud Italian-American family where hard work, loyalty, and intelligence were cornerstones. View a *TDN* profile on Paul Manganaro.

It was in the summer of 1986 when Manganaro and his college roommate decided they would spend their break in

Kentucky. Reflectively, it was a trip that sealed the fate for both UMass undergrads, as Manganaro and roommate Ned Toffey, now General Manager of Spendthrift Farm, manifestly found their futures in Thoroughbred horseracing. The Manganaro

family took root in Kentucky in 2007 when Paul's uncle Anthony Manganaro founded Siena Farm in Paris, Kentucky along with Ignacio Patino and David Pope. Siena Farm, in partnerships, campaigned superstars

Flightline, Always Dreaming, and Catholic Boy, among others.

Though Manganaro's football days are behind him, competitiveness is something that remains in his veins today. His admiration for Coach John Wooden's pyramid of success, and his own experience being coached on the field, branded him with the knowledge that building a team of professionals who exhibit intentness, integrity, and clarity of thought was to be the foundation of his pyramid of success for Belladonna.



Cherie DeVaux and David Ingordo | courtesy Cherie DeVaux

Manganaro couldn't find a more professional and experienced first partner than David Ingordo (Read Taking Stock--David Ingordo) who has become integral to the success of Belladonna's selection of 2-year-olds. *Cont.* 



The son of jockey agent Jerry Ingordo, who managed Hall of Fame riders Laffit Pincay, Jr., Sandy Hawley, and Patrick Valenzuela, and mother Dottie, who was the racing manager for Jerry Moss, young David always knew he wanted to be around horses. He started out in none other than Bobby Frankel's barn at age 14 and within four years was one of his assistant trainers.

As a bloodstock agent, Ingordo is well known for his selection of the Horse of the Year Zenyatta in the 2005 Keeneland September Yearling sale for \$60,000. Zenyatta went on to win over \$7.3 million for Jerry and Ann Moss. He added to his resume with the purchase of a second GI Breeders' Cup Classic winner in Accelerate for \$380,000 for the Hronis Family at the 2014 Keeneland September Sale. Ingordo scored a Breeders' Cup Classic hat trick and Horse of the Year double when Flightline crossed the finish line first at Keeneland in 2022. Ingordo was an instrumental part of the purchasing team that bought Flightline for \$1 million at the Fasig-Tipton Saratoga Sale for Hronis, West Point, Woodford Racing, et.al.

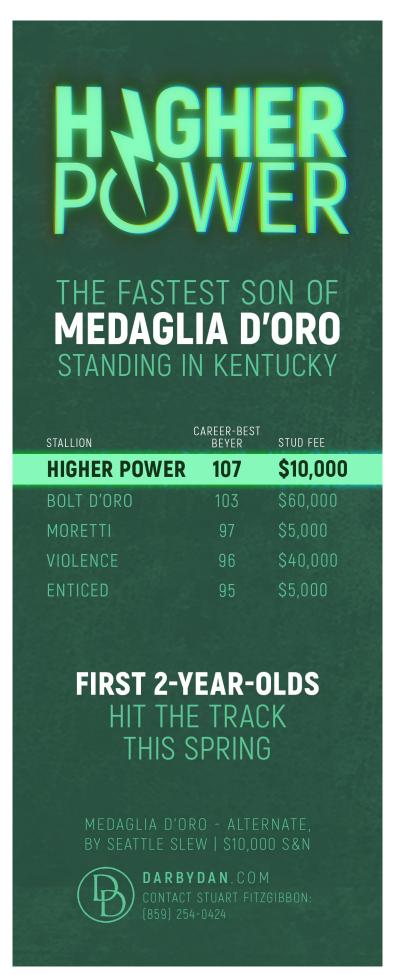


Vahva | Coady Photography

Ingordo's top draft picks for Belladonna include standouts Bayerness (Bayern), Coastana (Kitten's Joy), and Grade II winner Vahva (Gun Runner). Belladonna partner and professional physician recruiter Kelly Bownes understands what it takes to find talent.

"Seeking out talent isn't just using your gut instinct," said Bownes. "It takes experience and deep research, something Ingordo and the Belladonna team employs."

The University of Kentucky graduate's resume reads like a who's who of top-tier bloodstock professionals and his eye for exceptional individuals extends beyond the sale ring. In 2018, he married trainer Cherie DeVaux.









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The team at Belladonna added another hard-working, experienced, and talented professional to their team in trainer DeVaux. DeVaux, who has amassed over \$12 million in purse earnings since graduating from the Chad Brown barn in 2018, has already conditioned a Grade I winner in She Feels Pretty (Karakontie {Jpn}). She also has trained multiple graded stakes runners for Belladonna, including the 3-year-old filly Vahva, who won the GII Lexus Raven Run S. back in October, and Legalize (Constitution), who recently scored a black-type victory in the Sugar Bowl S. at Fair Grounds.

Looking toward the future is always top of mind as the Belladonna team looks to ascend its Racing Program Goal Pyramid. Recent addition Casey Klein, who brings a master's degree in Sports Management from the University of Michigan and has worked alongside Ingordo for the last year, brings a fresh prospective to the group. Though young, Klein's roots run deep in Kentucky horse racing. The Klein family, led by Casey's father Richard, have amassed over 110 stakes victories since 1998. When you are in the business of bloodlines, Klein brings profound pedigree to Belladonna.

How does someone looking to get into Thoroughbred racehorse ownership get access to a team such as what

Belladonna has assembled? Easier than you might think, and surprisingly without any of the mark-ups you see in similar operations.

Belladonna partner Bruce Fenimore, who met Ingordo at Saratoga, knew this was a well-run team and wanted to be a part of it immediately.

"It became obvious that joining a group with more buying power would give me more ability to be successful at the races. I also wanted to win the big races," he said.

Each year Belladonna puts together a group that raises the capital needed for what is their equivalent to any professional sports team's draft. By purchasing multiple top-tier horses/yearlings, the entire group, which now stands at over 60 individuals, can attain diversity, opportunity, and the dream of finding another Zenyatta.

"The structure itself is partner-friendly and we have created a family with our partners," said Manganaro. "We go to the races together, we have dinner together, and partners become part of a tight-knit group, just like a family."

Partner Bownes agrees.

"Paul Manganaro and the entire team are so down to earth and are happy to spend time with you. They have an open-door policy and have an admirable appreciation for the horse," he said. **Cont.** 



Belladonna partner Scott Runnels reflects on his experience with Belladonna.

"The best part I would say is the fellowship I've experienced with other partners. We are all like-minded people who all love horses. When we get together it is an absolute blast," Runnels said.

The partnership does set aside funds for general administration and professional services to provide for the needed contracts, tax filings, and licensing support. Ingordo collects the standard 5% bloodstock agent fee on horses purchased, but directs 20% of

those proceeds back into partner retention and social events for the partners. All expenses related to the training and racing of the partnership are billed at cost.

There are no commissions taken on purse earnings aside from the standard trainer and jockey commissions. Due to the amount of business a group like this brings to the industry, they also benefit their partners by accessing elite services at

competitive prices. Belladonna proudly provides aftercare of all their horses via a network of people and farms who also possess the same commitment to the horse as the Belladonna team does while the horses are racing.

"Frequently, partnerships are forced to choose either quantity or quality. We have built a partnership that delivers a quantity of quality," Ingordo said, with evident pride. "I'm a believer in the process that Paul has developed."

Belladonna partner Fenimore

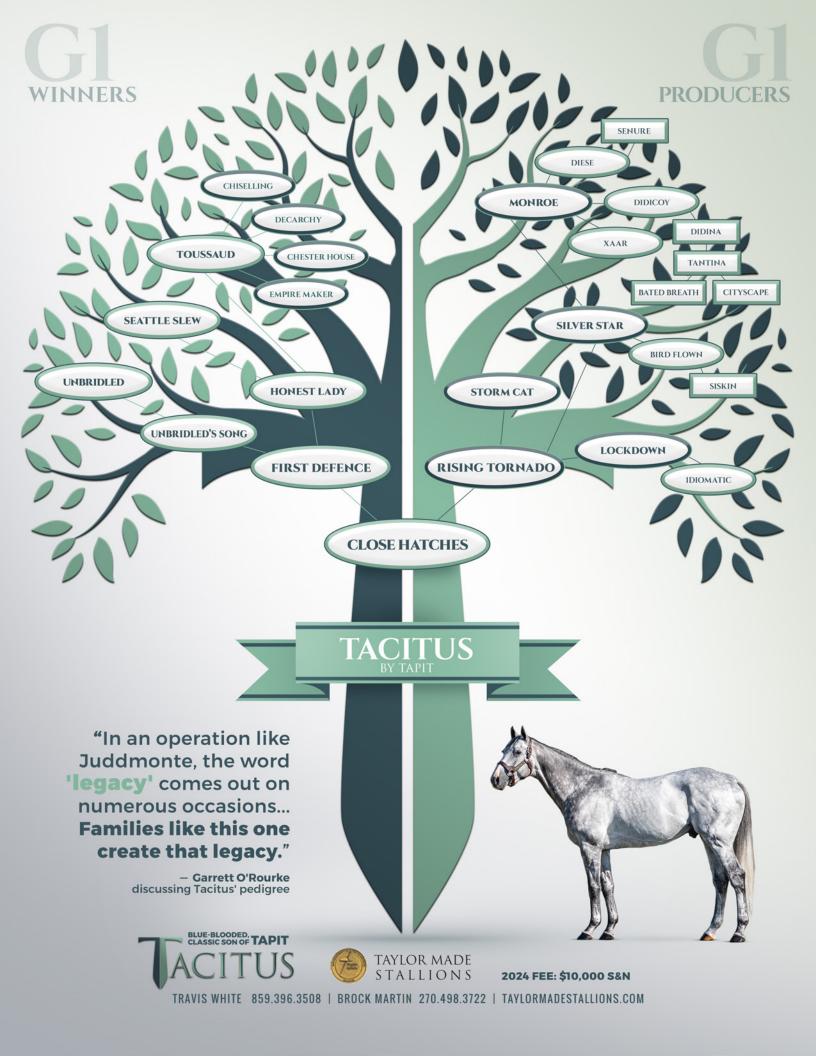
said he was also confident in what Belladonna could deliver. "We are going to be making a lot of noise over the next few years."

Making an investment in Belladonna is more sizable than an average punter's bankroll on a Saturday at Keeneland. *Cont.* 



Raven Run winner's circle at Keeneland | Coady Photography





"Our partners invest five, six, and even seven figures into our partnerships," said Ingordo.

Yet Manganaro quickly retorts, "There are ways to gain this type of access to the biggest races and biggest names and that is accomplished by creating a smaller partnership on your own that buys into a 2.5% or 5% stake in one of our offerings. We treat everyone the same, regardless of their investment."

When you have a partnership that delivers not only access to the best in the Thoroughbred racing industry, but also fellow partners that are doctors, recruiters, and C-suite executives, you are part of a network few can achieve on their own.

Manganaro explains that Belladonna is a partnership not of just horse owners but of good people who have become family.

"We want to grow the industry and get more people involved in the sport we love. Let's have a conversation. We can find a way to get just about anyone involved."

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#### MITOLE COLT TOPS OBS JANUARY SALE **TUESDAY**

A short yearling by Mitole (hip 87) brought top price of \$95,000 from Calumet Farm during the first session of the Ocala Breeders' Sales Company's January Winter Mixed Sale Tuesday. Bred by Kathie Maybee, the colt was consigned by Danielle Loya's Silver Oaks Farm. He is out of Wild Hickory (Terrell), a half-sister to multiple graded winner Alert Bay (City Zip). The colt RNA'd for \$45,000 at last year's Fasig-Tipton November sale.

During Tuesday's consignor preferred section, 75 horses grossed \$1,738,400 for an average of \$23,179 and a median of \$16,000. Cont.



Hip 87 | Judit Seipert



#### OBS Tuesday, cont.

Those figures were down from the 2023 section which saw 99 horses sell for \$2,696,700 for an average of \$27,239 and a median of \$20,000.

With 30 horses from the consignor preferred section not sold, the buy-back rate was 28.6%.

In the horses of racing age section, 26 horses sold for \$505,000. The average was \$19,423 and the median was \$11,000. The top-priced racing age offering was an unnamed 3-year-old filly by Enticed (hip 227), who sold as a racing/broodmare prospect for \$70,000 to Emerald Sales as agent for K E M Stables. Consigned by Gutierrez Sales, the dark bay is out of Pyrite Storm (Formal Dinner). Richard Gutierrez purchased her for \$32,000 at the 2022 Fasig-Tipton October sale.

The OBS Winter sale concludes with an open session beginning at noon Wednesday.

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#### GOKHAN KOCAKAYA, LEADING RIDER IN TURKEY, LOOKING TO MAKE IT IN NEW

**YORK** by Bill Finley

Gokhan Kocakaya understood that this would be a challenge. In his native Turkey, he has won 2,910 races, was the leading rider for four straight years starting in 2019. He was riding in all of the major races and making a good living. But here he was on a chilly Monday morning galloping horses at Belmont Park, some 5,000 miles from home and in a place where almost nobody knows who he is.

"I am new here," the 37-year-old jockey said through an interpreter. "I am not expecting to ride the best horses. I will try my best. But I know I am starting from the bottom. I think I will build my business little by little."

He doesn't have much to lose. If things don't work out, he can always go back to Turkey. But that's not what he wants. He wants to prove to people that he belongs here and can compete against what is, even in the winter, a very good riding colony at Aqueduct. He's hoping to make New York his new home base.

Kocakaya, who began his career in 2006, got the idea of riding in the U.S. when he came here to visit trainers Ilkay and Mertkan Kantarmaci, brothers who also emigrated from Turkey to New York. *Cont.* 





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#### Gokhan Kocakaya, cont.



Gokhan Kocakaya got his first winner of 2024 on Jan. 4 at Aqueduct | Coglianese photo

He has also ridden in Macau, Dubai, France and Germany. "I made the decision to come here because I like how the racing is here," he said. "I think that it's as good as anywhere in the world."

He said he also wanted his children, who are six and 12, to have the chance to get an education in the U.S.

"I always wanted to raise my kids in a different country and I chose here," he said. "That has nothing to do with Turkey. I just wanted them to see other parts of the world."

Kocakaya spent a few weeks here last winter and failed to win a race in from 10 mounts. He returned in December and has gone 1-for-7 since. His win came on Jan 4. with Bustin Shout (Bustin Stones), who is trained by Rudy Rodriguez. Rodriguez's son, Rudy Jr., is Kocakaya's agent. It is believed that he became the first Turkish-born jockey to win a race in the U.S.

"I won around 3,000 races when you include other countries I rode in," he said. "But I'm new here. No one knows me and I don't get many chances. So I was happy to win that race and am still excited about it. It was a special win."

It is Rodriguez's job to find him mounts. He will get some from his father and will ride for the Kantarmaci brothers. He also picked up a mount from John Kimmel.

"It has been tough, especially because we're here in New York, one of the premier jockey colonies in the country," Rodriguez, Jr. said. "It's definitely not easy. People have been very kind to him. They want him to work horses in the morning. I do understand there are some issues, including him still learning English. He's trying. He's taking English courses. I think he's starting to gain people's trust."

Over the last five years, Kocakaya has averaged 246 winners a year in Turkey, tops among all riders. *Cont.* 

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#### Gokhan Kocakaya, cont.

There's very little chance he'll reach those numbers here in the U.S. But his goals are far more modest. He just wants to be given a chance.

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#### MONMOUTH PARK UNVEILS HASKELL WEEKEND TRAINER BONUS

Monmouth Park will offer a weekend-long trainer bonus totaling \$150,000 around the track's signature race, the GI Haskell S. Trainers will accumulate points covering races from July 19 through 21, with \$75,000 awarded to the winning

"This is a great way to expand Haskell Day into Haskell Weekend and provide our fans with an amazing racing experience for three straight days," said Monmouth Park director of racing and racing secretary John Heims. "While Haskell Day is already circled on many conditioners' calendars, this new bonus will hopefully attract more of the nation's top Thoroughbreds to the Jersey Shore this summer."

The \$150,000 in total bonuses will be awarded as follows: \$75,000 (1st); \$25,000 (2nd); \$20,000 (3rd); \$10,000 (4th); \$7,500 (5th); and \$2,500 (6th-10th).

With over \$4 million in purses for the three days, the Haskell Weekend Trainer Challenge will feature eight stakes races: the July 19 Jersey Shore S.; July 20 Haskell, GII United Nations S., GIII Molly Pitcher S., GIII Monmouth Cup, GIII WinStar Matchmaker S., and Wolf Hill S.; as well as the July 21 Regret S.

Points will be awarded based on the race, led by 25 points to the winner of the Haskell, 20 to the runner-up, 15 to third-place finisher, 10 to fourth-place finisher and seven for fifth to lastplace finishers.

For all other graded races, points will be awarded to first through last finishers: 18, 15, 10, 8, and 5. All other stakes will offer points of: 12, 9, 7, 5, 4.

Maiden special weights, allowances and handicaps will offer points of: 8, 6, 4, 2 and all other races will offer points of: 5, 3, 2, 1.

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#### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### 'ABSOLUTE INSURE RULE IS A FARCE'

I appreciated Bill Finley's conversation with Alan Foreman on TDN Writers' Room. Your question to him about trainers who are not guilty of cheating hit home for me. As a trainer who is dealing with this same issue prior to HISA in the state of Florida, I was hoping to make a brief comment.

The banned substances provisions are more complicated than they want it to be in an era where the testing has become so fine any trainer can get a banned substance positive at any time no matter what precautions and provisions have been implemented. Nanogram results can pick up any contamination that occurs in places that the trainer cannot protect the horse from. Inadvertent touching by anyone between the morning of the race up to and in the test barn can cause a positive. Receiving barns where horses are housed prior to racing are notorious for contamination (see testing at Charles Town).

This issue of "Testing" becoming so fine was not addressed in your conversation with Mr. Foreman. He and HISA still blame the trainers. Not their protocols. The trainer still spends many thousands of dollars defending themselves from something they cannot control. The absolute insure rule is a farce in this regard. No one at HISA wants to discuss this aspect of the problem.

Sincerely, Donald L. Brown

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#### HARDY JOINS HISA HORSEMEN'S ADVISORY GROUP

Veterinarian Dr. Michael Hardy has joined the Horseracing Integrity and Safety Authority (HISA)'s Horsemen's Advisory Group, the organization announced in a release Tuesday. The advisory group of racing industry participants was formed by HISA in 2022 to provide formal feedback to HISA's executive team and standing committees on the implementation and evolution of its Racetrack Safety and Anti-Doping and Medication Control (ADMC) regulations.

"The Horsemen's Advisory Group continues to provide HISA with invaluable input, and we're thrilled to have Dr. Michael Hardy join the group," said HISA CEO Lisa Lazarus. "In recent months, the group has been having significant conversations revolving around veterinary protocols and scratches, and we believe it would be beneficial to include a regulatory veterinarian in these critical discussions. Having Dr. Hardy's voice as a former regulatory veterinarian with a strong understanding of everything that entails is important to us. We strive to build a program that is fair and considers the perspectives of all stakeholders. We welcome Dr. Hardy to participate and share his insights."

Hardy, a graduate of Purdue University School of Veterinary Medicine, began his career as a racing regulatory veterinarian for the Kentucky Horseracing Commission in 2008. For 11 years, he served as the Chief Association Veterinarian, then transitioned to the role of Safety Director for Horseshoe Indianapolis. He is currently serving as the Executive Director of the Racetrack Medication & Testing Consortium (RMTC).



Dr. Michael Hardy

He is also a member of the Breeders' Cup Veterinary Panel, and has served on the Horseracing Testing Laboratory Committee and RegVets Continuing Education Program's Committee for the RMTC.

"It's certainly an honor to be asked to serve the racing industry in this capacity. It goes without saying the role of the equine veterinarian is critical to the success of horse racing," said Hardy. "I look forward to sharing perspective and insight into the unique responsibilities of the racing regulatory veterinarian. Relentless pursuit of a clean and safe sport for our equine and human athletes demands the collaborative efforts of all involved."

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#### SECOND STRIDE KICKS OFF '24 FUNDRAISING WITH OAKS/DERBY BOX RAFFLE

Second Stride, which rehabs, retrains and rehomes retired Thoroughbred racehorses, will open its 2024 fundraising efforts with twin raffles for third-floor boxes for six people, one box each for Kentucky Derby and Oaks Day donated by Churchill Downs. In the spirit of May 3-4 being the 150th runnings of America's favorite race and its filly counterpart, only 150 tickets will be sold at \$150 apiece for the Derby and for \$125 apiece for the Oaks. Buy raffle tickets for the all-inclusive boxes (including food and alcoholic beverages) here.

The drawings will be Feb. 15 at 5 p.m. ET and streamed via Facebook Live.

Second Stride, which was founded in 2005, rehomed 169 horses in 2023 and directly assisted a total of 197, up from the 124 adoptions in 2022, when the facilities expanded to include Chorleywood Farm in Prospect, according to a release from the organization. The former racehorses, as well as broodmares and unable-to-race bloodstock, came from 49 tracks, training centers and farms and went to new homes in 26 states and Canada this past year. The average stay at Second Stride for horses being rehabbed and/or retrained before adoption was 57 days, covering more than 2,500 training sessions.

"We spent 2022 working on expansion so we could take care of and find second careers and forever homes for more retired racehorses," said Second Stride founder and executive director Kim Smith. "Aftercare for horses coming off the track is a race without a finish line. So now we look to build on 2023, which across the board was our most successful in terms of horses served, rehabbed and adopted as well as financial growth including fundraising and grants and volunteer hours. And just to put the 197 horses we assisted last year in perspective, that number is slightly more than the 1% of North America's 2023 foal crop. Cont.

#### Second Stride, cont.

"We can't thank Churchill Downs enough for donating a prime box to these historic runnings of the Derby and Oaks. Every dollar raised will go toward the horses. This will get our fundraising off to a great start and hopefully make more people aware of Second Stride, how the horse donation process works and how our staff and volunteers prepare each donated horse individually for a second career, whether that be eventing, in the show ring, trail riding or as a wonderful, loving companion."

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#### THE JOCKEY CLUB, ED BROWN SOCIETY LAUNCH PARTNERSHIP

The Jockey Club has become an Ed Brown Partner and under its partnership with the Ed Brown Society (EBS), will be working collaboratively to provide exposures and experiential growth opportunities to Ed Brown scholars and fellows across the various companies and initiatives it operates.

"We are excited to embark upon this critical work with The Jockey Club. Because The Jockey Club's operations touch virtually every aspect of our industry, this partnership opens up many more professional opportunities for our scholars and fellows to explore. So, we salute The Jockey Club for demonstrating this commitment to our mission. Undoubtedly, this partnership will lead to a more inclusive future for our industry," said EBS Chairman Greg Harbut.

Named in honor of Edward Dudley Brown, who was born into slavery in Lexington, Kentucky and went on to become one of the most accomplished horsemen in the history of Thoroughbred racing, and founded by Living The Dream Racing & Stables, the Ed Brown Society celebrates the rich history of African-Americans in the equine industry, while creating opportunities for young people of color to gain industry



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exposure, training, and experience, through internships and scholarships. EBS focuses on identifying and qualifying students of color, with demonstrated interest, skills and commitment, to become successful professionals in all aspects of the Thoroughbred industry.

"The Ed Brown Society shares The Jockey Club's commitment to bringing talented young people into the Thoroughbred industry," said James L. Gagliano, president and COO of The Jockey Club. "This partnership is an excellent example of how collaboration among industry groups can help grow the sport."

For more information about EBS visit

www.EdBrownSociety.org.

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#### **HEADRICK JOINS WOODBINE EXECUTIVE TEAM**

Lisa Headrick has been appointed executive vice president, finance, strategy and operations at Woodbine Entertainment.

"Lisa brings incredible depth and experience to the Woodbine leadership team," Woodbine Entertainment CEO Michael Copeland shared. "We are excited to have her join our team and help lead our business and the horse racing industry to ambitious new heights."

Formerly a Vice President of Finance at Loblaw Companies Limited, Headrick led Finance for the Discount Grocery Retail Division and prior to that, the E-Commerce and Loyalty (PC Optimum) segments. She spent over 20 years at Celestica, an international design, manufacturing, and supply chain solutions company and most recently served as the Chief Financial Officer, Connectivity and Cloud Solutions, a \$4-billion segment of Celestica.

"I am excited to start my new role at Woodbine," Headrick said. "My family and I experienced the magic of Woodbine during a race day--the warm welcome, amazing atmosphere and thrilling horse racing made it an unforgettable experience. I'm looking forward to being a part of this welcoming community and contributing to its bright future ahead."

#### NADINE SECKMAN WINS DERBY MUSEUM ART PRIZE

Nadine Seckman, a junior at Atherton High School, has been named the grand prize winner of the 38th annual Horsing Around With Art (HAWA) competition, presented by WinStar

The HAWA Grand Prize is awarded to the artist whose work best captures the spirit of the Kentucky Derby. Churchill Downs Racetrack President Mike Anderson said Seckman's piece embodied the emotion of Derby. *Cont.* 



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#### Horsing Around With Art competition, cont.



Chami Weeratunga, KDM Educator & Program Coordinator;
Nadine Seckman, 2024 HAWA Grand Prize winner;
Patrick Armstrong, KDM President & CEO

"For 149 years, it's been about the horse. And for Derby 150, this portrait of the horse in front of the Twin Spires captures the very spirit of the Kentucky Derby," said Anderson.

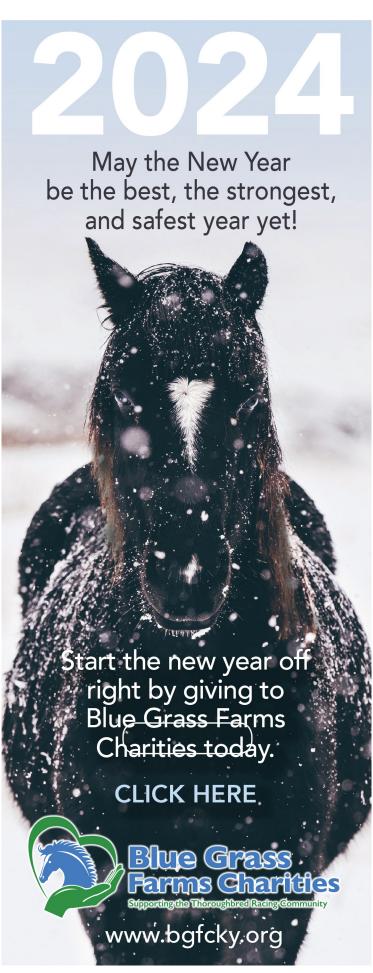
The winning artwork will be professionally framed and put on display in the Museum for the next year. Seckman also received a Spring Race Day Experience prize package sponsored by Churchill Downs, and the Museum awarded Atherton High School's art department with a \$500 prize for art supplies.

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#### **GRADED STAKES** ENTRIES



#### Saturday, Gulfstream #13, post time: 5:40 p.m. EST

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1	Nimitz Class	Munnings	Qatar Racing, Black Type Thoroughbreds,	Weaver	Zayas	123
			Swinbank Stables, Adkisson, S & Campeche Stables	S		
2	O'Connor (Chi)	Boboman	lavarone, Michael& Julia C. & Ode, Fernando Vine	Joseph, Jr.	Lopez	123
3	Dynamic One 🖛	Union Rags	Repole Stable, Phipps Stable and St. Elias Stable	Pletcher	Ortiz, Jr.	123
4	Hoist the Gold 🖛	Mineshaft	Dream Team One Racing Stable	Stewart	Velazquez	123
5	Trademark 🛪	Upstart	BBN Racing, LLC	Oliver	De La Cruz	123
6	Senor Buscador	Mineshaft	Joe R. Peacock, Jr.	Fincher	Alvarado	123
7	National Treasure	Quality Road	SF Racing, Starlight Racing, Madaket Stables,	Baffert	Prat	123
			Masterson, R, Stonestreet Stables, Schoenfarber, J			
			Waves Edge Capital LLC and Donovan, Catherine			
8	First Mission	Street Sense	Godolphin, LLC	Cox	Saez	123
9	Grand Aspen	Dialed In	PRO Thoroughbred Enterprises	Pletcher	Ortiz	123
10	Il Miracolo 🖛	Gun Runner	Alexandres, LLC	Sano	Castellano	123
11	Crupi 🖛	Curlin	Repole Stable and St. Elias Stables LLC	Pletcher	Dettori	123
12	Skippylongstocking 🖛	Exaggerator	Daniel Alonso	Joseph, Jr.	Gaffalione	123
13	Castle Chaos (AE)	Palace Malice	Goldfarb, S, Nice Guys Stables & Falcone, Jr., R	Falcone, Jr.	Gaffalione	123

**Breeders:** 1-Arrowwood Farm, 2-Haras Carioca, 3-Phipps Stable, 4-Dream Team Racing, 5-Brereton C. Jones, 6-Joe R Peacock Sr. & Joe R Peacock Jr., 7-Peter E. Blum Thoroughbreds, LLC, 8-Godolphin, 9-PRO Thoroughbred Enterprises, 10-Willow Oaks Stable LLC, 11-Claiborne Farm, 12-Brushy Hill, LLC, 13-Dragon Slayer Stable

#### Saturday, Gulfstream #12, post time: 4:55 p.m. EST 1/ST BET PEGASUS WORLD CUP TURF INVITATIONAL S.-GI, \$1,000,000, 4yo/up, 1 1/8mT

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PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Atone	Into Mischief	Three Diamonds Farm	Maker	Murphy	123
2	Jerry the Nipper 🖛	Liam's Map	Repole Stable	Pletcher	Ortiz	123
3	Integration	Quality Road	West Point Thoroughbreds & Woodford Racing	McGaughey III	Gaffalione	123
4	I'm Very Busy	Cloud Computing	Team Hanley, Schermerhorn, R & Braverman, P	Brown	Ortiz, Jr.	123
5	Webslinger 🛪	Constitution	D. J. Stable LLC	Casse	Zayas	123
6	Kingmax (Ire)	Kingman (GB)	Amo Racing USA	Delgado	Egan	123
7	Adhamo (Ire)	Intello (Ger)	Louis Lazzinnaro, Madaket Stables, Caruso, M &	Brown	Prat	123
			Dubb, Michael			
8	Master Piece (Chi)	Mastercraftsman (Ire)	lavarone, Michael & Jules, Zoumas, N & Argano, F	Dutrow	Lezcano	123
9	Warm Heart (Ire)	Galileo (Ire)	Westerberg, Magnier, S, Smith, D &Tabor, M	O'Brien	Moore	118
10	Shirl's Speight	Speightstown	Charles E. Fipke	Attfield	Saez	123
11	Main Event 🖛	Bernardini	Harrell Ventures, LLC	Weaver	Castellano	123
12	Catnip	Kitten's Joy	Moore, Susan and John	Stidham	Dettori	123
13	Grand Sonata 🖛 (AE)	Medaglia d'Oro	Whisper Hill Farm, LLC	Pletcher	Gaffalione	123
14	Anglophile (AE)	English Channel	Michael Thomas Paradis	Lynch	Velazquez	123

**Breeders:** 1-Godolphin, 2-St. Elias Stable, LLC & Peta Ryan, 3-Larkin Armstrong, 4-Glenn E. Brok LLC & Mark Toothaker, 5-Kenneth L. Ramsey & Sarah K. Ramsey, 6-Sunderland Holding Inc., 7-Wertheimer et Frere, 8-Haras Don Alberto, 9-Coolmore, 10-Charles Fipke, 11-Godolphin, Eric Buckley & ElizabethBuckley, 12-John Moore & Susan Moore, 13-Whisper Hill Farm, LLC, 14-Upson Downs Farm & Louie W. Wright

#### Saturday, Gulfstream #10, post time: 3:45 p.m. EST

#### TAA PEGASUS WORLD CUP FILLY AND MARE TURF INVITATIONAL S.-GII, \$500,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Cairo Consort	Cairo Prince	Repole Stable and Town and Country Racing, LLC	Pletcher	Moore	120
2	Chili Flag (Fr)	Cityscape (GB)	Madaket Stables, Dubb, Michael & Kisber, Michael	Brown	Prat	118
3	Accomplished Girl 🛪	Street Boss	Gentry Farms	Joseph, Jr.	Zayas	118
4	Star Fortress (Ire)	Sea The Stars (Ire)	Gunther, John D. & Eurowest Bloodstock Services	DeVaux	Saez	120
5	Full Count Felicia 🖛	War Front	Gold Square LLC	Russell	Castellano	120
6	Ruby Nell 🖛	Bolt d'Oro	Spendthrift Farm LLC	Mandella	Dettori	120
7	Fluffy Socks	Slumber (GB)	Head of Plains Partners LLC	Brown	Ortiz, Jr.	120
8	Queen Goddess	Empire Maker	Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners and Barber, Gary	McCarthy	Gaffalione	120
9	Didia (Arg)	Orpen	Merriebelle Stable	Correas, IV	Ortiz	120
10	Sister Lou Ann	Frosted	Kenneth L. Ramsey	Joseph, Jr.	Lopez	118
11	Mission of Joy	Kitten's Joy	RyZan Sun Racing, LLC and Madaket Stables LLC	Motion	Velazquez	120
12	Surprisingly 🛪	Mastery	Repole Stable	Pletcher	Murphy	120
13	Be My Sunshine 🖛	Frosted	Kenneth L. Ramsey	Joseph, Jr.	Lopez	118

**Breeders:** 1-Frankfort Park Farm, 2-Finanza Locale Consulting SRL, 3-Jack Swain III, 4-Sahara Group/Eurowest/Sunderland Hldgs, 5-Joseph Allen, LLC, 6-Solana Beach Sales, 7-Head Of Plains Partners, 8-Tolo Thoroughbreds, 9-La Manija, 10-Kenneth L. Ramsey & Sarah K. Ramsey, 11-Sam-Son Farm, 12-Phipps Stable, 13-Kenneth L. Ramsey & Sarah K. Ramsey

#### Saturday, Gulfstream #9, post time: 3:13 p.m. EST INSIDE INFORMATION S. PRESENTED BY DON JULIO TEQUILA-GII, \$200,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 7f

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Bluefield	Field Commission	Edward A. Seltzer	Joseph, Jr.	Prat	118
2	Two Item Saver	Super Saver	Charles E. Fipke	Correas, IV	Alvarado	118
3	Intrepid Daydream	Jess's Dream	Miller Racing LLC	Joseph, Jr.	Gaffalione	120
4	She's Outta Here	Run Away and Hide	Hacienda Real Racing LLC	Perez	Vasquez	118
5	Music City Star 🖛	Tapiture	Mark Cherry	Antonucci	Castellano	118
6	Dreamster	Jess's Dream	Mary Lightner	Lightner	Zayas	118
7	Sassy Nature	Straight Fire	C T R Stables LLC	Sisterson	Murphy	118
8	Gerrymander 🖛	Into Mischief	Klaravich Stables, Inc.	Brown	Ortiz	120
9	Maryquitecontrary	First Dude	Rodney G. Lundock	Plesa, Jr.	Panici	120
10	Olivia Darling	Palace	Amo Racing USA	Delgado	Ortiz, Jr.	120

**Breeders:** 1-Ed Pendray & Edward A. Seltzer, 2-Charles Fipke, 3-Paul L. Fowler, Jr., 4-Hurstland Farm, Inc., 5-Echo Valley Horse Farm, Inc., 6-Eric J. Wirth, 7-Straight Fire, LLC, 8-Town & Country Horse Farms, LLC & Pollock Farms, 9-R. G. Lundock, 10-Shalom Farm & Ramon Martinez

#### 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

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 <a> </a>	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, Gulfstream #8, post time: 2:41 p.m. EST WILLIAM L. MCKNIGHT S. PRESENTED BY FLORIDA THOROUGHBRED BREEDERS & OWNERS ASSOCIATION-GIII,

\$20	\$200,000, 4yo/up, 1 1/2mT						
PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT	
1	Francesco Clemente (Ire)	Dubawi (Ire)	Peter M. Brant	Brown	Ortiz, Jr.	122	
2	Marwad (GB)	Intello (Ger)	Rachid Racing Inc.	Moubarak	Egan	118	
3	Stone Age (Ire)	Galileo (Ire)	Westerberg, Brant, P, Magnier, S, Smith, D &	Brown	Moore	118	
			Tabor, Michael B.				
4	Value Engineering 🖛	Lemon Drop Kid	Hui, Michael M. and Forte, Phil	Maker	Ortiz	122	
5	California Frolic 🛪	California Chrome	Julian J. De Mora Jr.	De La Cerda	Gonzalez	120	
6	Palazzi 🛪	Pioneerof the Nile	Gary Barber	Casse	Zayas	124	
7	Verstappen 🖛	War Front	Andrew Farm, For the People Racing Stable &	Walsh	Dettori	122	
			O'Connor, Debra L				
8	Cellist	Big Blue Kitten	Calumet Farm	Arnold, II	Garcia	122	
9	Grand Sonata 🛪	Medaglia d'Oro	Whisper Hill Farm, LLC	Pletcher	Gaffalione	120	
10	Rockemperor (Ire)	Holy Roman Emperor (Ire)	Madaket Stables, Dubb, M, Wonder Stables,	Brown	Prat	122	
			Kisber, Michael E. and Caruso, Michael J.				
11	Anglophile	English Channel	Michael Thomas Paradis	Lynch	Velazquez	124	
12	Red Run	Gun Runner	Jordan V. Wycoff	Maker	Lopez	118	
13	Starting Over (AE)	Liam's Map	Nice Guys Stables	Maker	Murphy	122	
14	Catch That Party (AE)	More Than Ready	Michael Dubb	Maker	Castellano	118	
15	Shawdyshawdyshawdy (AE)	Summer Front	Goichman, Lawrence and Goichman, Jennifer	Maker	Lezcano	118	
16	F Five 🖛 (AE)	Not This Time	Ferro Family Trust, Connor, Larry & Deberdt, Bruno	Lynch	Saez	122	

**Breeders:** 1-White Birch Farm, SC, 2-Shadwell Estate Company Limited, 3-White Birch Farm, SC, 4-D. J. Stable, LLC, 5-Steven Friedfertig & Taylor Made SalesAgency, 6-HnR Nothhaft Horseracing LLC & Pioneerof the Nile Syndicate, 7-Frank Hutchinson, 8-Calumet Farm, 9-Whisper Hill Farm, LLC, 10-Haras du Mezeray, 11-Upson Downs Farm & Louie W. Wright, 12-Winchell Thoroughbreds LLC, 13-George Strawbridge Jr., 14-Fifth Avenue Bloodstock, 15-Larry Goichman, 16-Woods Edge Farm, LLC

#### 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

#### Saturday, Gulfstream #6, post time: 1:33 p.m. EST

#### LA PREVOYANTE S. PRESENTED BY KETEL ONE ESPRESSO MARTINI-GIII, \$150,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/2mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Romagna Mia (GB)	Mastercraftsman (Ire)	Team Valor International, LLC	Motion	Velazquez	123
2	Viva La Red 🖛	Texas Red	WLT Investments, LLC	Biancone	Cheminaud	118
3	R Calli Kim 🖛	Revolutionary	Averill Racing LLC and Two Eight Racing LLC	Walsh	Ortiz	123
4	Alpha Bella	Justify	Don Alberto Stable	Pletcher	Saez	118
5	Anatolian 🖛	Not This Time	Jordan V. Wycoff	Maker	Gaffalione	118
6	Sister Otoole	Amira's Prince (Ire)	Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners	Motion	Murphy	120
7	Sensitivity	Street Sense	Tami Bobo	D'Angelo	Ortiz, Jr.	118
8	Tass	Temple City	Flying P Stable	Abreu	Castellano	118
9	Highland Grace	American Pharoah	Joyce B. Young	Tagg	Prat	120

**Breeders:** 1-Cavendish Bloodstock, 2-Erich Brehm & Charles Hovitz, 3-Upson Downs Farm, 4-Don Alberto Corporation, 5-Springland Farm, 6-Helen Barbazon & Joseph Barbazon, 7-Southern Equine Stables, LLC, 8-Spendthrift Farm LLC

#### Saturday, Gulfstream #11, post time: 4:20 p.m. EST FRED W. HOOPER S. PRESENTED BY WHISPERING ANGEL-GIII, \$150,000, 4vo/up, 1m

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PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Hejazi	Bernardini	Zedan Racing Stables, Inc.	Baffert	Prat	120
2	Expressman 🛷	Liam's Map	St. Elias Stable	Pletcher	Velazquez	120
3	Steal Sunshine	Constitution	Brogden, Carrie L., lavarone, Michael & Julia C.	Dibona	Lopez	120
4	Cyclone Mischief 🖛	Into Mischief	Albaugh Family Stables LLC and Castleton Lyons	Romans	Dettori	120
5	Dreaming of Kona 🛷	Fast Anna	Aldana Gonzalez Racing, Ballou, Lisa & Steve	Spieth	Spieth	120
6	Gilmore 🛪	Twirling Candy	SF Racing LLC, Starlight Racing, Madaket Stables,	Walsh	Ortiz	120
			Masterson, R, Stonestreet Stables, Schoenfarber, J,			
			Waves Edge Capital & Donovan, Catherine			
7	Castle Chaos	Palace Malice	Goldfarb, S, Nice Guys Stables & Beast Mode Rcng	Falcone, Jr.	Gaffalione	120
8	Accretive <a>**</a>	Practical Joke	Klaravich Stables, Inc.	Brown	Ortiz, Jr.	120
9	Giant Game	Giant's Causeway	West Point Thoroughbreds & Albaugh Family Stbls	Romans	Garcia	122

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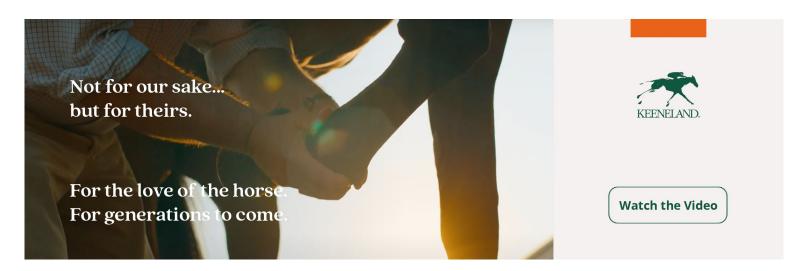
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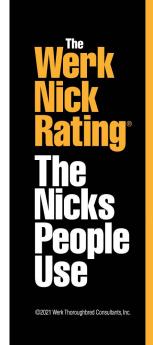
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#### **EQUINOX CROWNED LONGINES WORLD'S BEST RACEHORSE**



Christophe Lemaire, Masahashi Yonemoto and Tetsuya Kimura accept Equinox's award | Emma Berry

#### By Emma Berry

LONDON, UK -- Japan stole the show at the Longines World Racing Awards in London, with Silk Racing's Equinox (Jpn) (Kitasan Black {Jpn}) named the Longines World's Best Racehorse for 2023 while the G1 Japan Cup claimed the title of Longines World's Best Horse Race. The top-rated three-year-old filly in the world was Japan's Triple Tiara winner Liberty Island (Jpn) (Duramente {Jpn}).

Equinox's top rating of 135 - the highest ever awarded to a Japanese horse - was achieved in his four-length romp in the Japan Cup, his final appearance on a racecourse, which on Tuesday was hailed by his jockey Christophe Lemaire as Equinox's "masterpiece". With Liberty Island and her fellow Classic winners Stars On Earth (Jpn) and Do Deuce (Jpn) filling the minor places, such a strong first four meant that the 2023 running of the Japan Cup was awarded a rating of 126.75.

Trainers, jockeys, owners and breeders from across the racing world attended the ceremony at the Savoy to celebrate the 11th time that Longines and the International Federation of Horseracing Authorities (IFHA) had joined forces to celebrate the best in the sport. Cont. p3

#### JUSTIFY'S CITY OF TROY TOPS 2YO **CLASSIFICATION** By Adam Houghton

Aidan O'Brien hailed City Of Troy as the most exciting 2-yearold he's trained as the son of Justify was named Europe's champion juvenile for 2023 when the classification was released on Tuesday. He becomes the 13th European champion 2-yearold to have been trained by O'Brien, with only Johannesburg (126) achieving a higher rating among the previous 12. A Coolmore homebred out of the G1 Fillies' Mile winner Together Forever (Ire) (Galileo (Ire)), City Of Troy went unbeaten in three starts as a 2-year-old, culminating with a dominant display when winning the G1 Dewhurst S. at Newmarket by three and a half lengths. It was that effort which earned him his rating of 125, five pounds clear of the next best juvenile, G1 Phoenix S. winner Bucanero Fuerte (GB) (Wootton Bassett (GB)).

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#### MAXIMUM SECURITY MOVES CLOSER TO SAUDI CUP DO

Jockey Club of Saudi Arabia will recommend the disqualification of 2020 Saudi Cup top finisher Maximum Security in addition to a sanction for the colt's trainer, Jason Servis.



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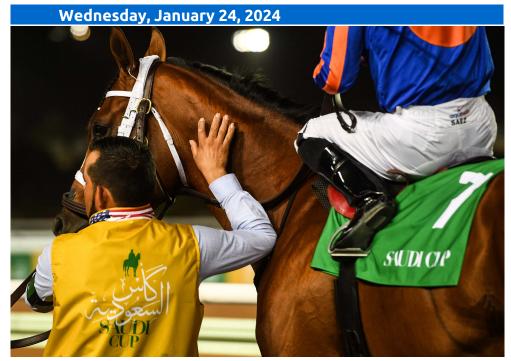
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Nearly four years after Maximum Security crossed the line first in the inaugural Saudi Cup, the Jockey Club of Saudi Arabia (JCSA) has concluded its own investigation and will recommend to a Stewards Committee that it should sanction Jason Servis and disqualify Maximum Security. | Jockey Club of Saudi Arabia

#### PINATUBO, SERGEI PROKOFIEV TOP FSS BETTING

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Group 1 winners Pinatubo and Sergei Prokofiev weigh in as co-betting favorites at 6-4 in Paddy Power's first-season sire's championship for 2024.

#### HAVANA GREY TOPS PROFITABILITY INDEX

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Havana Grey earns top honors for the most profitable British- and Irish-based yearling sire of 2023, according to the Weatherbys Bloodstock Sales Review.

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## EQUINOX

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The Tetsuya Kimura-trained Equinox was the second Japanese horse to receive the accolade after Just A Way (Jpn) in 2014. Ridden throughout his career by Christophe Lemaire, he was

unbeaten in 2023, with his other victories coming in the G1 Longines Dubai Sheema Classic, G1 Takarazuka Kinen (G1), and G1 Tenno Sho (Autumn).

"To be honest it was quite enjoyable," said Lemaire with no little understatement of his association with Equinox as he accepted his award on Tuesday.

"Each time he ran there was a big expectation but on that horse I had such confidence. I tried to do my job as well as possible and I will miss him a lot. Like most top athletes he had a

combination of physical strength and mental strength. His physical strength allowed him to run fast and use his beautiful stride. Also he was very clever, is he understood very quickly what he had to do to win."

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Joint-highest rated European horse, Ace Impact | ScoopDyga

"My job was just to get a good start and put him in a good position to let him express his talent."

He added, "He was nearly the perfect racehorse and we have to congratulate the breeder for producing such a beautiful horse

> and the trainer for allowing him to mature and getting the best out of him.

"Equinox was something special. He had an aura. Most of the people first discovered him in Dubai but in Japan he was already a rising star."

Masashi Yonemoto, the CEO of Equinox's 500-strong ownership group Silk Racing, was in London to collect his award along with Kimura and Lemaire. A strong Japanese contingent was bolstered by the presence of Masayoshi Yoshida, the

president of the Japan Racing Association (JRA), and Masayuki Goto, the JRA's executive adviser of international affairs, who received the trophy for the world's best race, which was a first for the Japan Cup in its 43-year history.

## WHAT ELITE SPEED CAN DO...

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#### PERFECT POWER

Three 6f G1s earlier in his career than any horse since Scat Daddy's sire.





Yoshida said, "I'm delighted to have received such a prestigious award and it is a collective effort from everyone working in Japanese racing over 160 years to have got to this

stage."

Equinox was rated 7lbs clear of last year's Prix de l'Arc de
Triomphe winner, the unbeaten
Ace Impact (Fr) (Cracksman
{GB}), who was joint-second in
the ratings with the G1 Prince of
Wales's S. and Juddmonte
International winner Mostahdaf
(Ire) (Frankel {GB}) on 128. They
were thus Europe's top-rated
runners for 2023, a pound clear
of G1 Queen Elizabeth S. winner
Big Rock (Ire) (Rock Of Gibraltar
{Ire}) and the G1 King George VI
and Queen Elizabeth S. winner



Mostahdaf | Steven Cargill

Hukum (Ire) (Sea The Stars {Ire}) who were joint fourth on 127. Hukum's runner-up at Ascot, Westover (GB) (Frankel {GB}), and Hong Kong's champion Golden Sixty (Aus) were next on 126, while the dual Derby winner Auguste Rodin (Ire) was awarded a

mark of 125 for his victory in the G1 Longines Breeders' Cup Turf, the same as Lucky Sweynesse (NZ), who was judged to have run to that mark on three occasions at Sha Tin and was the

top-rated sprinter in the world.

There was a five-way tie for tenth place with a rating of 124 having been awarded to White Abarrio (Race Day), Cody's Wish (Curlin), Do Deuce (Jpn) (Heart's Cry {Jpn}), Titleholder (Jpn) (Duramente {Jpn}) and Paddington (GB) (Siyouni {Fr}). In total, 36 horses achieved a rating in excess of 120. Of these, nine were trained in Britain, seven in Japan, seven in the USA, four in Hong Kong, and three each in France, Ireland and Australia. Frankel was the sire of

four of the top 15 horses in Europe--Mostahdaf, Westover, Onesto (Ire) and Triple Time (Ire)--and grandsire of the co-top-rated Ace Impact, who was also the highest-rated three-year-old in the world.

## WHAT ELITE SPEED LOOKS LIKE...







#### **NAVAL CROWN**

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It was a particularly good year for European three-year-old colts, with Ace Impact being joined by Big Rock, Auguste Rodin, Paddington and King Of Steel among the top 20 horses globally. Three of the four top-rated fillies or mares in the world were also trained in Europe and all hail from the Newmarket stable of John and Thady Gosden. Emily Upjohn (GB) (Sea The Stars {Ire}) was awarded a mark of 121 for her G1 Dahlbury Coronation Cup win, while Inspiral (GB) (Frankel (GB)) was on 120 for her success in the G1 Prix Jacques Le Marois, the same mark given to Nashwa (GB) (Frankel {GB}) for her G1 Falmouth S. win. The aforementioned Liberty Island tied with Emily Upjohn on a mark

Also on 121 was the top-rated stayer, Sheikh Mohammed Obaid's Melbourne Cup winner Without A Fight (Ire) (Teofilo {Ire}), who started his career with Simon and Ed Crisford in Britain before switching to the Australian stable of Anthony and Sam Freedman. With Lucky Sweynesse leading the way for the older sprinters, the top three-year-old sprinter in the world for 2023 was the G1 Commonwealth Cup and G1 July Cup winner Shaquille (GB) (Charm Spirit {Ire}) on 120.

Four of the top ten races in the world in 2023 were staged in Japan, with the Takarazuka Kinen in fifth spot, the Tenno Sho (Autumn) joint-sixth and the Arima Kinen in eighth. The Equinox factor had a firm say in the rankings of the races, with the

Longines Dubai Sheema Classic ranked second with an average rating of 126.50. The Qatar Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe, a regular winner of this title, was third on 124.75, just ahead of the King George VI and Queen Elizabeth S. on 124.50. The Royal Bahrain Irish Champion S was co-sixth, while the Prix du Haras de Fresnay-le-Buffard Jacques Le Marois was ninth and the Juddmonte International tenth.

The official rankings are compiled by the Longines World's Best Racehorse Rankings Committee, which is co-chaired by Nigel Gray and Dominic Gardiner-Hill, and they are published by the IFHA.

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## THE BREEDERS WHO



Among those who sent mares to **Naval Crown** or **Perfect Power** – or **both** – in 2023: NEWS HM The King, Godolphin, Rabbah, Sheikh Isa Al-Khalifa, Jim Bolger, Meon

Volcan Valley Stud, Overbury Stud, Cheveley Park Stud, Yeomanstown, Tara Stud, Highclere Stud, Mohammed Al Attiyah, Chasemore Farm, Nick Bradley, Haras d'Etreham, Ringfort Stud, Thierry de la Heronniere, Forenaughts Stud, James Hanly, Craig Bernick, Ballylinch Stud, John Tuthill, Corduff Stud, Houghton Bloodstock, Team Hogdala, Littleton Stud, Denniff Farms, Dukes Stud, Bearstone Stud, Kirtlington Stud, Copgrove Hall Stud, Powerstown Stud, Mount Coote, Cobhall Court Stud, New England Stud, Dunchurch Lodge Stud, Gerry Mullins, Petches Farm, Sam Hoskins, Carisbrooke Stud, Eddie O'Leary, Thurso, Carmel Stud, Glidawn Stud, W&R Barnett, Langton Stud 

## STUDY OF MAN



66 One of the best-bred stallions in Europe, STUDY OF MAN, son of **DEEP IMPACT** (Jpn) made a really promising start with his first two-year-olds last year . . . an obvious Classic prospect from his nine winners at a strike-rate of 35% is **DEEPONE** (Ire), winner of the Gr.2 Beresford Stakes . . . others who could well step up on impressive performances last season include the French-trained **BIRTHE** (Ire) and Newmarket winner **SONS AND LOVERS** (GB) . . . expect his stock to be progressive and there's a number of well-bred youngsters yet to make an appearance . . . ? ?

Emma Berry, TDN on 17th January 2024

Fee: £12,500 (1st October SLF)

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"We've probably never had a horse as exciting as City Of Troy as a 2-year-old," said O'Brien. "I suppose from the first time he

ran he looked like he was something different. What makes him different is the tempo he's able to go in a race and then he just kicks into another gear at halfway."

Noting the differences between City Of Troy and Johannesburg, O'Brien added, "Johannesburg was more of a 2-year-old. He was a small horse, but City Of Troy is a bigger horse with a massive, long stride. He looks like he'll have no problem going up in distance and he's a horse who should go forward from two to three."



**Dewhurst winner City Of Troy** | Racingfotos.com

The Irish Horseracing Regulatory Board (IHRB) handicapper Mark Bird said of the champion juvenile, "City Of Troy proved himself the cream of the 2-year-old crop in Europe with three impressive performances between July and October. His rating

of 125 places him alongside high-class horses such as Zafonic and Fasliyev at the same stage of their careers and behind only four-time Group 1-winning juvenile Johannesburg (126) among

his own stable's illustrious roll call of European champion 2-year-olds."

Two of the top four colts were trained at Ballydoyle by O'Brien. Henry Longfellow (Ire) (Dubawi {Ire}) was just behind Adrian Murray's Bucanero Fuerte with a rating of 119 having emulated City Of Troy by winning each of his three starts as a 2-year-old, including an impressive fivelength victory in the G1 National S. at the Curragh. He looks another leading Classic contender for his stable as a 3-

year-old, with a trip to France reportedly first on the agenda.

O'Brien said, "Obviously, it can all change, but we're thinking of starting City Of Troy at Newmarket [in the G1 2000 Guineas] and we're thinking of maybe starting Henry Longfellow in France [in the G1 Poule d'Essai des Poulains]."



G1 Prix Morny and G1 Middle Park S. winner Vandeek (GB) (Havana Grey {GB}) was ranked joint-third with Henry Longfellow. He also emerged as the best of the British-based two-year-olds ahead of three other top-level winners, namely Rosallion (Ire) (Blue Point {Ire}), who earned a rating of 117 for his victory in the G1 Prix Jean-Luc Lagardere at Longchamp; Fallen Angel (GB) (Too Darn Hot {GB}), rated 116 after her win in the G1 Moyglare Stud S. at the Curragh; and Ancient Wisdom (Fr) (Dubawi {Ire}), who was awarded a rating of 115 after his wins in the G3 Autumn S. at Newmarket and G1 Futurity Trophy at Doncaster.

Fallen Angel was rated highest of all juvenile fillies trained in Britain, but she had to settle for the runner-up spot in Europe behind the 118-rated Opera Singer (Justify), the emphatic winner of the G1 Prix Marcel Boussac on whom O'Brien also issued a positive bulletin ahead of her 3-year-old campaign.

"Opera Singer was a filly who improved with every run as the year went on and she got better as she went up in trip," said O'Brien. "We were very happy with her last two runs and we haven't seen the best of her at all. She's done well physically and we're thinking she'll probably start in the G1 1000 Guineas."

The 114-rated Ramatuelle, another daughter of Justify, was the standout 2-year-old of either sex in France having won three of her first four starts for Christopher Head, including the

G2 Prix Robert Papin at Chantilly by four lengths, before being narrowly beaten by Vandeek when stepping up to the top level in the Prix Morny at Deauville. The 113-rated Vespertilio (Fr) (Night Of Thunder {Ire}), runner-up to Fallen Angel in the Moyglare, and G1 Fillies' Mile winner Ylang Ylang (GB) (Frankel (GB)), rated 112, were the pick of the other juvenile fillies in Europe.

The Breeders' Cup was a happy hunting ground for the European raiders, with Unquestionable (Fr) (Wootton Bassett) and Big Evs (Ire) (Blue Point) both achieving notable ratings in winning the G1 Juvenile Turf and G1 Juvenile Turf Sprint respectively. With a rating of 114, Unquestionable shares jointninth with Dewhurst runner-up Alyanaabi (Ire) (Too Darn Hot) and Ramatuelle, while Big Evs sits just outside the top ten on 113, together with G2 Champagne S. winner Iberian (Ire) (Lope De Vega (Ire)), G1 Criterium International hero Sunway (Fr) (Galiway {GB}) and Vespertilio.

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#### **EUROPEAN NEWS**

#### PINATUBO AND SERGEI PROKOFIEV HEAD FIRST-SEASON SIRES' BETTING



Pinatubo | Scoop Dyga

Paddy Power have had their say on the first-season sires' championship and the betting giants are unable to separate Pinatubo (Ire) and Sergei Prokofiev at the head of the market at odds of 6-4.

It was Blue Point (Ire) who dominated the first-season sires' championship last year in recording 50 individual winners in Europe including two Group 1 scorers. According to Paddy Power, Darley are in a strong position to scoop the prize for the second successive year as, not only can the powerful operation call on joint-favourite Pinatubo, but Earthlight (Ire) is also prominent in the betting at 2-1.

Whitsbury Manor Stud, where Sergei Prokfiev is based, has a good reputation for getting young sires up and running with their first crop and famously landed this prize in 2022 with sire sensation Havana Grey (GB).

The Starfield Stud-based Far Above (Ire) is another stallion that the betting firm seemingly gives a chance to while Mohaather (GB) is frictionally bigger at odds of 10-1. Ballyhane Stud resident Sands Of Mali (Fr), whose stock has caught the attention of trainers Richard Fahey, Johnny Murtagh, Michael Dods and more, is one of the more interesting outsiders at odds of 33-1.

Paddy Power's Paul Binfield commented, "We are unable to separate Pinatubo and Sergei Prokofiev at the front of the market. The former was a revelation as a 2-year-old with his National Stakes victory a joy to behold and while he didn't quite live up to expectations during his Classic season, he still won a Group 1 and was placed in three others."

He added, "While he was never beaten over seven furlongs and was a very decent miler, Sergei Prokofiev brings electrifying speed to the table-he won three times as a juvenile, including a comfortable success in the Group 3 Cornwallis S., and was a gallant third in the Coventry S. over six furlongs."

Pinatubo won three times at the highest level. His brilliant juvenile campaign culminated with a spellbinding performance in the Goffs Vincent O'Brien S. at the Curragh followed by the Dewhurst at Newmarket while he won the Prix Jean Prat at Deauville as a 3-year-old.

He stands at Dalham Hall Stud for £35,000 and, of 49 yearlings sold in Britain and Ireland in 2023, they averaged £146,488 and included a £380,000 colt and a £500,000 filly.

Meanwhile, Sergei Prokofiev stands for just £6,000 and, of the 97 yearlings of his to sell at public auction last year, they averaged £37,203.

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#### HAVANA GREY TOPS PROFITABILITY INDEX **CALCULATED BY WEATHERBYS**

Havana Grey (GB) was the most profitable British- and Irishbased yearling sire of 2023 according to the newly-published Weatherbys Bloodstock Sales Review. Havana Grey topped the standings with a profitability index of 10.75, comfortably ahead of the next best stallion, Sioux Nation, on 6.61. Those figures were calculated by dividing each sire's 2023 yearling average by their covering fee of 2021, when the offspring in question were conceived. It was another successful year on the racecourse for the progeny of Havana Grey, with the G1 Prix Morny and G1 Middle Park S. winner Vandeek (GB) emerging as the star of his second crop of 2-year-olds.



Havana Grey | Whitsbury Manor Stud

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The sire's burgeoning reputation was later reflected at the sales where his 65 yearlings sold for an average of 90,951gns/€107,914, a significant return on their investment for any breeders who sent mares to him in 2021 when his fee was just £6,000. His fee has been increased to £55,000 (from £18,500 in 2023) for his sixth season at Whitsbury Manor Stud in 2024.

Sioux Nation has also been given a fee increase by Coolmore (from €17,500 to €27,500) having built on the success of his juveniles in 2022 when he was second only to Havana Grey among that year's first-season sires. Several members of that crop became group winners in 2023, headed by G2 Challenge S. heroine Matilda Picotte (Ire), and those who invested in one of his 30 yearlings to sell last year will be hoping for more of the same. They made an average of 55,676gns/€66,060 having been conceived at a fee of just €10,000.

Cotai Glory (GB) and Twilight Son (GB) both operated at basement fees in 2021--€5,000 and £5,000, respectively. Tally Ho Stud resident Cotai Glory had a 2023 yearling average of 25,914gns/€30,747 from 54 lots, giving him a profitability index of 6.15, while Cheveley Park Stud's Twilight Son wasn't far behind on 6.00 having seen his 25 yearlings make an average of 28,595gns/€33,928.

The top five was completed by Sergei Prokofiev (Can), who joined Havana Grey at Whitsbury Manor at a fee of £6,500 in 2021 and will be represented by his first runners in 2024. Those 2-year-olds shouldn't be underestimated if the way they performed at the sales last year is anything to go by, making an average of 34,624gns/€41,081 from 84 lots sold.

With a profitability index of 5.59, Sergei Prokofiev was one of only two first-season sires to make the top ten along with Ghaiyyath (Ire) on 4.68, the multiple Group 1 winner who stood at the much higher fee of €30,000 when covering his first mares at Kildangan Stud in 2021. Big things are expected from his first runners in 2024 after his 65 lots caught the eye in a big way at the yearling sales, fetching an average of 118,457gns/€140,549.

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#### LITTLE LODGE STUD OFFERS TOP TWO AT **GOFFS UK JANUARY SALE**

A pair of colts led the proceedings with £68,000 final bids at Tuesday's Goffs UK January Sale in Doncaster. Little Lodge Farm was responsible for the leading colts, headed by lot 91, a May 17 foal by Vadamos (Fr) out of Banjaxed Girl (GB) (King's Theatre). Purchased by Brook Lodge Farm, the bay is a half-brother to Grade 3-winner Le Milos (GB) (Shirocco {Ger}) and listed scorer and graded-placed Kid Commando (GB) (Robin des Champs {Fr}).



Tuesday's co-topping colt by Walk In The Park Goffs UK

Later in the session, Rathmore Stud also offered £68,000 for lot 140, a colt by Walk In The Park (Ire). The Apr. 23 foal is out of unraced Native Sunrise (Ire) (Definite Article), who is also responsible for Grade 2 winner Guard Your Dreams (GB) (Fame And Glory (GB)).

At the conclusion of Tuesday's session, a total of 81 head sold for a total of £1,183,300. During the opening session last season, 115 head realized £1,584,500. The average was up from £13,779 in 2023 to £14,609 this term, while the median held steady at £7,000 from one year ago.

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#### THE JOCKEY CLUB, ASTON MARTIN EXTEND **PARTNERSHIP**

Aston Martin has extended its relationship as the official High-Performance Partner of The Jockey Club, the luxury-car manufacturer announced Tuesday. The British brand, which marked its debut with The Jockey Club as High-Performance partner of The Derby Festival at Epsom Downs in 2023, will extend its presence to include The Cheltenham Festival, the Randox Grand National Festival at Aintree, Newmarket's QIPCO Guineas Festival as well as the Betfred Derby Festival.

Aston Martin will continue to proudly sponsor the Aston Martin Dash at Epsom Downs, with the Heritage H. taking place on Derby Day.

At The Cheltenham Festival in March, Aston Martin will unveil its DBX707 and DB12 models, in addition to displaying other iconic models. Supporting all of The Jockey Club's major events, Aston Martin's DBX707 will transport racegoers, owners and VIP guests from helipad terminals into the racecourses.



**3rd-Southwell,** £**7,300, Mdn**, 1-23, 3-5yo, 8f 13y (AWT), 1:42.44, st.

SWORDSTICK (IRE) (c, 3, Zoffany {Ire}--Miss Margarita {GB}, by Scat Daddy), a 6-1 chance, tracked the leading duo throughout the early stages. Coaxed to the head of affairs passing two out, the newcomer was pushed out to prevail by half a length from Mon Etoile (GB) (Magna Grecia {Ire}). The dam, who also has a yearling daughter of Saxon Warrior (Jpn), is connected to the G3 Denny Cordell Lavarack & Lanwades Stud S. winner Paris Peacock (Ire) (Muhaarar {GB}) from the family of the GI Arkansas Derby-winning sire Archarcharch. Sales history: €20,000 Ylg '22 TATIRY. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$5,010. O-More Turf Racing; B-Grange & Manister House Studs (IRE); T-Hugo Palmer.

#### Cont.

"Having become High-Performance Partner of The Derby Festival last summer, we are delighted to now extend our partnership with The Jockey Club," said Oliver Turner, Regional President of Aston Martin in the UK and South Africa. "We look forward to working with The Jockey Club to tell our story, commencing with the Cheltenham Festival in March, through to the Epsom Derby Festival in June, where we are delighted to return as the title sponsor of the Aston Martin Dash, the world's fastest horse race over five furlongs."

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#### **FRANCE**

#### **ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**

Welcome Charly (Fr), c, 3, Zelzal (Fr)--Marmarah (GB), by Invincible Spirit (Ire). Cagnes-sur-Mer, 1-23, 8f (AWT), 1:37.34. B-E Lemaitre & J V Toux (FR). \*€13,000 Ylg '22 ARQSEP.

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#### **Tuesday's Results:**

**2nd-Southwell, £7,300, Mdn**, 1-23, 3-5yo, 8f 13y (AWT), 1:42.15, st.

PATH TO DUBAI (GB) (c, 3, Masar {Ire}--Carlanda {Fr}, by Lando {Ger}), sent off at 11-2, was settled in mid-division early. Cajoled to the front passing the furlong pole, the homebred asserted to score comfortably by 1 3/4 lengths from Who's Glen (Fr) (Gleneagles {Ire}). The dam, who also has a 2-year-old filly by Postponed (Ire) and a yearling filly by Cracksman (GB), hails from the esteemed family of Bosra Sham (Woodman). Sales history: 8,000gns RNA Ylg '22 TATOCT. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$5,010.

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Clarendon House (GB)

#### Friday, Meydan, UAE, post time: 20:25p.m. AL MAKTOUM CHALLENGE-G1, AED3,680,000, NH/SH4vo/up, 1900m SC PP **HORSE** SIRE **JOCKEY TRAINER** WT 1 12 Atletico El Culano (Uru) da Silva 126 Alcorano (Brz) Olascoaga 2 11 Celtic Prince (GB) Shamardal Mobian 126 Bouresly 3 6 Brethren Fresu Summers 126 Clapton 4 2 Desert Wisdom (GB) Dubawi (Ire) de Vries Al Shemalli 126 5 8 Everfast < 126 Take Charge Indy Chavez Watson 7 6 First Constitution (Chi) Constitution Al Mheiri 126 Beasley 7 10 126 Franz Strauss (GB) Golden Horn (GB) Mullen Seemar 8 4 Made in Dubai More Than Ready Barzalona bin Ghadayer 126 9 9 Military Law (GB) Dubawi (Ire) Demuro Al Mheiri 126 1 O'Shea 10 Walk of Stars (GB) Seemar 126 Dubawi (Ire) 3 126 Kabirkhan <a>\*</a> California Chrome Dobbs Watson 11 5 **Ffrench** 120 12 Mimi Kakushi (f) City of Light bin Ghadayer Friday, Meydan, UAE, post time: 21:00p.m. JEBEL HATTA-G1, AED1,850,000, NH/SH4yo/up, 1800mT SC PP **HORSE** SIRE **JOCKEY TRAINER** WT 4 da Silva 126 1 El Patriota (Uru) Ecologo (Arg) Olascoaga 2 2 126 Erzindjan (Ire) Lope de Vega (Ire) Beasley bin Harmash 3 1 Highland Avenue (Ire) Dubawi (Ire) Mullen Appleby 126 4 7 Ottoman Fleet (GB) Sea The Stars (Ire) Barzalona Appleby 126 5 8 Dobbs 126 San Donato (Ire) Lope de Vega (Ire) Watson 6 9 Spirit Dancer (GB) Frankel (GB) Orr Fahev 126 Measured Time (GB) 7 6 Frankel (GB) Buick Appleby 125 8 3 Silawi (Ire) Dubawi (Ire) Soumillon de Mieulle 125 5 9 120 Mawj (Ire) (f) Exceed and Excel (Aus) Murphy bin Suroor Friday, Meydan, UAE, post time: 18:40p.m. AL FAHIDI FORT-G2, AED850,000, NH/SH4yo/up, 1400mT SC PΡ **HORSE** SIRE **TRAINER JOCKEY** WT 1 10 Danyah (Ire) Invincible Spirit (Ire) Crowley Al Mheiri 130 2 6 130 King Gold (Fr) Anodin (Ire) Pasquier Caullery 3 4 de Vries Al Badwawi 126 Al Salt (Ire) Mukhadram (Ire) 4 3 Demain More Than Ready Stott Graffard 126 5 2 Majestic Pride (GB) Barzalona Appleby 126 Shamardal 6 9 126 Marbaan (GB) Oasis Dream (GB) Marquand Costa 7 1 126 Mysterious Night (Ire) Dark Angel (Ire) Buick Appleby 8 8 126 Real World (Ire) Dark Angel (Ire) Murphy bin Suroor 9 7 Rusumaat (Ire) Arcano (Ire) Chavez Bouresly 126 10 12 Exceed and Excel (Aus) Demuro bin Suroor 126 Shining Blue (Ire) 11 126 11 Tamborrada (GB) Dubawi (Ire) Beasley bin Harmash 5 Vafortino (Ire) 126 12 New Bay (Ire) Soumillon Philippart De Foy Friday, Meydan, UAE, post time: 19:50p.m. BLUE POINT SPRINT-G2, AED850,000, NH/SH3yo/up, 1000mT SC PP HORSE SIRE **JOCKEY TRAINER** WT

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4	12	Equilateral (GB)	Equiano (Fr)	Crowley	Hills	132
5	9	Logo Hunter (Ire)	Brazen Beau (Aus)	O'Shea	Seemar	132
6	3	Ponntos (Ire)	Power (GB)	Fresu	Nieslanik	132
7	2	Tajalla (Ire)	Kessaar (Ire)	Marquand	Costa	132
8	1	Thunder of Niagara (Ire)	Night of Thunder (Ire)	Beasley	bin Harmash	132
9	4	Urgent Appeal (Ire)	Showcasing (GB)	Salas	Bouresly	132
10	13	Seven Questions (Ire)	Kodiac (GB)	Shepherd	Scott	121
11	6	Zorken (Fr)	Goken (Fr)	Demuro	Kopilova	121
12	8	Zoulu Chief (GB)	Zoustar (Aus)	Murphy	Main	121
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2	8	Echo Point (Ire)	Dubawi (Ire)	Demuro	Al Mheiri	126
3	5	Hypothetical (Ire)	Lope de Vega (Ire)	Barzalona	bin Ghadayer	126
4	9	Imperial Ace (Ire)	Lope de Vega (Ire)	Ffrench	bin Ghadayer	126
5	4	Make Me King (Fr)	Dark Angel (Ire)	Soumillon	Al Jehani	126
6	1	Quality Humor	Distorted Humor	Beasley	bin Harmash	126
7	10	Royal Mews (Fr)	Siyouni (Fr)	Slattery	Seemar	126
8	7	Saleymm (Ire)	Dubawi (Ire)	Marquand	Costa	126
9	2	Southern Artist	Munnings	Fresu	Seemar	126
10	6	Thegreatcollection	Saint Anddan	de Vries	Watson	126
11	11	Western Symphony (Ire)	Shamardal	O'Shea	Seemar	126
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1	9	Beolmaui Star (Kor)	To Honor and Serve	Ffrench	Bark	126
2	5	Colour Up (Ire)	Mehmas (Ire)	Dobbs	Watson	126
3	6	Freedom Fighter 🛪	Violence	Mullen	Seemar	126
4	7	Laurel River	Into Mischief	O'Shea	Seemar	126
5	8	Leading Spirit (Ire)	Exceed and Excel (Aus)	Cosgrave	Seemar	126
6	4	Magic Petition 🛪	Good Magic	Beasley	bin Harmash	126
7	2	Mouheeb	Flatter	Marquand -	Costa	126
8	1	Rawy 🛪	Frosted	Fresu	Al Mheiri	126
9	3	Wirko (Ger)	Kingman (GB)	Mobian	Bouresly	126
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1	8	Oasis Boy (Arg)	Asiatic Boy (Arg)	Soumillon	Olascoaga	131
2	1	Quartier (Uru)	Matterhorn	da Silva	Olascoaga	131
3	7	Killer Collect	Collected	O'Shea	Seemar	121
4	6	Mendelssohn Bay 🛪	Mendelssohn	Cosgrave	Seemar	121
5	3	Military Artist 🛪	Munnings	de Vries	Nass	121
6	4	Nezeeh (Ire)	Profitable (Ire)	Murphy	bin Suroor	121
7	2	Rasas 🛪	World of Trouble	Beasley	bin Harmash	121
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