

## NATIONAL TREASURE COULD BE ON HIS WAY TO STARDOM



**National Treasure** | Coglianese

*The Week in Review, by Bill Finley*

I wasn't a **National Treasure** (*Quality Road*) fan. He got one of the easiest trips you'll ever see in a Triple Crown race when he was allowed to walk on the lead in the GI Preakness S., winning by a head over soft group of challengers. Which is why it came as no surprise that he couldn't so much as finish in the money in any of his next three starts, the GI Belmont S., the GI Travers S. and the GI Awesome Again S. He looked like a horse who had to set the pace to prevail and he didn't find himself on the lead in any of those races.

Yes, he turned in a big effort in the GI Breeders' Cup Dirt Mile when losing to eventual Horse of the Year Cody's Wish by a nose. But maybe Cody didn't run his best. He never did show an affinity for two turns. And maybe National Treasure's effort was a bit of a fluke. So I didn't like him one bit in Saturday's GI Pegasus World Cup Invitational S. at Gulfstream. As the 5-2 favorite, he was an easy toss. I was wrong. Was I ever.

Yes, this was the weakest field ever to assemble for the Pegasus and he did win by only a neck over the hard-trying blue-collar type **Senor Buscador** (*Mineshaft*). But take a deeper dive into this race and you'll likely conclude, as I did, that this was a very strong performance from National Treasure, one in which he served notice that he might be on a path to a Horse of the Year title.

## NEW DETAILS EMERGE ON CALIFORNIA CROWN *by Bill Finley*

Coming off a highly successful Pegasus World Cup Day at Gulfstream, which handled \$47.3 million, \$3.4 million more than last year, the 1/ST Racing team will now set its sights on creating a similar afternoon of racing at Santa Anita. 1/ST Racing CEO Belinda Stronach announced on NBC's broadcast of the GI Pegasus World Cup Invitational S. that a day similar to the Pegasus is being created for Santa Anita and will be held Sept. 28.

The event will be called the California Crown and the premier race on the afternoon will be a revamped GI Awesome Again S. It was previously reported that the Awesome Again would be restricted to 3-year-olds, but that will not be the case. It will remain a race for 3-year-olds and older. **Cont. p4**

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### CHEER UP, IT MIGHT NEVER HAPPEN AGAIN

Depending on if you're a glass half-full or half-empty kind of person, apparently things have never been so bad...at least, not since the 1960s, when things were the worst since the early 1940s. Emma Berry explains in her Op/Ed.

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became her sire's newest black-type winner, capturing her sophomore debut by 2 ¼ lengths in the **\$100,000 Xtra Heat S.** going six furlongs at Laurel Park.

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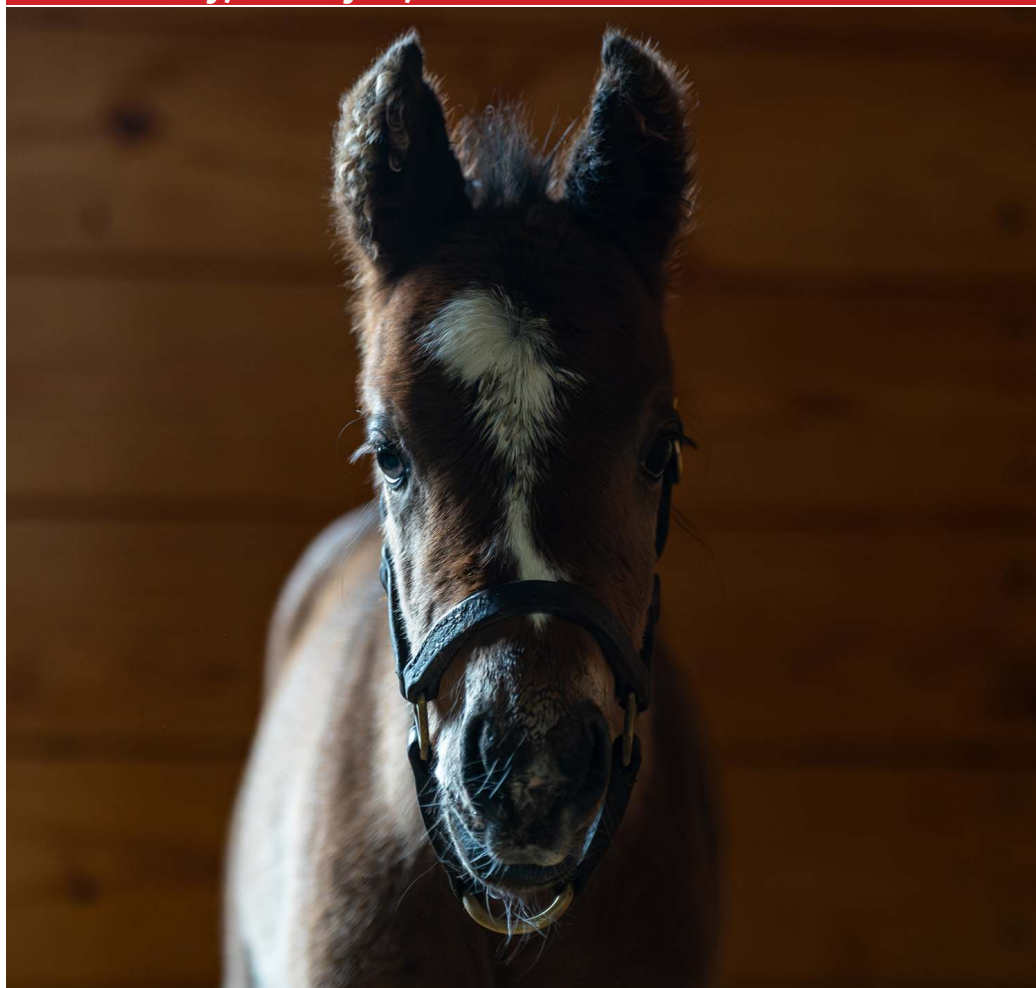
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*Graded stakes winner Moonlight d'Oro produced her first foal, a filly by Into Mischief, at Spendthrift Farm Jan. 24. | Nicole Finch/Spendthrift Farm*

## BOOK'EM DANNO ON TO SAUDI AFTER WORK

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*Connections confirm Book'em Danno (**Bucchero**) will be heading to the G3 Saudi Derby following the gelding's five-furlong work at Tampa Bay Downs Sunday.*

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## The Week in Review (cont. from p1)

As soon as the gate opened, both National Treasure and **Hoist the Gold (Mineshaft)** left there with a purpose, to get to the lead. With Hoist the Gold narrowly in front, they battled through early fractions of :23 and :46. For National Treasure, this was supposed to be the worst trip possible. He didn't make the lead and was engaged in a battle that resulted in fast fractions.

Trainer Bob Baffert, watching from California, wasn't worried.

"I knew there was going to be a hot pace and [Flavien] Prat and I talked about it," Baffert said. "You can't take his speed away. You can't be worried about one horse. Just let him do his thing and he did. That's why he won."

With about five furlongs to go, Prat made the move that might have won the race for him. He backed off of Hoist the Gold, ever so slightly but enough to give his horse a quick breather. With three furlongs left, Prat called on National Treasure and he responded and went right back at Hoist the Gold. By mid-stretch he had put away Hoist the Gold and had clear sailing to the wire. But then Senor Buscador decided to make a race out of it and closed relentlessly. Another two or three jumps, he probably would have won the race. But National Treasure had enough left to hold him off.

"He's very brave," Prat said of National Treasure.

Meanwhile, Hoist the Gold, the winner of the GII Cigar Mile H., was cooked in the stretch. He finished fourth, beaten 11 lengths.

Baffert was non-committal when asked about National Treasure's next race, but you have to think that the \$20-million G1 Saudi Cup is on his radar. If so, he would meet **White Abarrio** (Race Day), which would mean an early season showdown between the two best older dirt males in training.

With so many top horses being retired at the end of 2023, it looked like there would be very little star power when it came to the older male dirt division this year. Maybe National Treasure can change that.

## Ryan Moore Does It Again

European-based rider Ryan Moore turned in the ride of the day when he guided **Auguste Rodin (Ire)** (Deep Impact {Jpn}) to victory in the GI Breeders' Cup Turf. He saved ground every step of the way and burst through the hole that opened up at the top of the stretch when **Balladeer** (Distorted Humor) drifted ever so slightly off the fence and then held off eventual Eclipse Award winner **Up to the Mark (Not This Time)**. Moore was the reason Auguste Rodin won the race.

On Saturday at Gulfstream, he gave a carbon-copy ride to **Warm Heart (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}) to win the nine-furlong Pegasus World Cup Turf Invitational S.



Ryan Moore aboard Warm Heart | Nichole Thomas

On a horse whose biggest wins had come at a mile-and-a-half, Moore knew he couldn't afford to drop too far off the pace, so he had her positioned in third in the early going. She was third at the top of the stretch on the rail and it looked like Moore had nowhere to go. There never really was a hole, but when **Maine Event** (Bernardini) came out a half-path or so, Moore burst through the narrow opening and then held off a late bid from **I'm Very Busy** (Cloud Computing).

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Just as was the case in the Breeders' Cup, the horse probably doesn't win unless guided to a perfect trip by Moore.

"Ryan obviously gave her an incredible ride and has done such an incredible job," winning trainer Aidan O'Brien said.

And give credit to the Coolmore team. When so many others find reasons not to run in races, this was Warm Heart's second start after she finished second in the GI Breeders' Cup Filly & Mare Turf. When it was determined that she was going to have to be in the U.S. anyway so that she could be bred to **Justify**, they figured why not head a ways down the road and go after the \$1-million purse at Gulfstream. The win netted them \$531,000. It was the perfect way to end Warm Heart's career.

By the way, how did Warm Heart go off at 2.4-1, while **Integration (Quality Road)** was 1.2-1? Yes, Integration looked like he had a lot of potential, but had never faced older horses in a stakes race and his biggest win came in the GII Hill Prince S. Yes, Warm Heart was a filly facing boys, but her record towered over that of anyone else in the field. She was a two-time Group I winner in Europe and missed by just a neck when second in the GI Breeders' Cup Filly & Mare Turf. She should have been the favorite.



Kirstenbosch | Benoit

## Eclipse Awards

It's always fun to see every year what was the dumbest vote when it comes to the Eclipse Awards. The winner this year goes to the person who voted for **Kirstenbosch (Midnight Lute)** in the female sprinter category. Kirstenbosch went 2-for-9 on the year and both wins came in Grade III races. That also means that someone voted for her ahead of **Goodnight Olive (Ghostzapper)**, won two Grade I's during the year, including the GI Breeders' Cup Filly & Mare Sprint, and **Echo Zulu (Gun Runner)** who was 3-for-3 and based on some speed figures was the fastest horse to race during the year.

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## New Details Emerge on California Crown (cont. from p1)

1/ST Racing President Aidan Butler said that the company is looking to include the GII Eddie D. S., run at 6 1/2 furlongs on the downhill turf course, and the GII John Henry Turf Championship S., run at a mile-and-a-quarter on the turf, as part of the California Crown series. Other races traditionally run that weekend at Santa Anita include the GII Santa Anita Sprint Championship S., the GII City of Hope Mile S., the GII Zenyatta S., the GIII Tokyo City Cup and the \$100,000 Unzip Me S.

The key detail that has yet to be announced is what will the purses for the races be. When announcing Saturday on NBC the formation of the California Crown, 1/ST CEO Belinda Stronach said it would be the richest non-Breeders' Cup Day of racing in the history of Southern California racing. The purse of the 2023 Awesome Again was just \$300,000, one tenth the amount given away in the Pegasus.

With so much uncertainty in California racing right now, including how simulcasting revenue in the state will be divided up once Golden Gate Fields closes in June, Butler said it's too early to announce purses.

"We still have a lot of work out there to figure out what the purses will be," he said. "There are a lot of decisions that have to be made. We are hoping we can get everything sorted out soon. But we don't want to jump the gun and announce purses when we don't know exactly what is going to happen with the CHRB, with the Northern circuit and with the Southern circuit. There are a lot of things we still have to work on."


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## FIRST FOALS IN 2024...

### **CORNICHE** (QUALITY ROAD)

OBS April Sale Topper at **\$1.5m**, unbeaten Champion 2YO with back-to-back Grade 1 wins in the **American Pharoah S. [G1]** and **Breeders' Cup Juvenile [G1]**

### **JACK CHRISTOPHER** (MUNNINGS)

6f MSW at Saratoga (by 8¾ lengths) and **Champagne S. [G1]** winner at 2 before adding two more Grade 1 wins at 3

## FIRST 2YOS IN 2024...

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As is the case with the Pegasus, the California Crown will be about more than racing. 1/ST has turned Pegasus Day into a party that attracts a younger crowd and many people who are not regular racing fans.

“The intent is to create a great experience for anyone who is currently a racing fan and for potential new customers,” Butler said. “There will be entertainment, things to elevate the customer experience. Los Angeles is such a huge market to draw from. People are used to a level of experience at sporting events with lots of entertainment and that’s what we will try to replicate. Everybody thoroughly enjoyed the Pegasus. It was a really cracking day and people had a lot of fun. We want to do the same at Santa Anita. The good thing about Santa Anita is that it is such a big venue you can create an even bigger day. At Gulfstream, we struggle with how many people we can get in the building. We won’t have that issue at Santa Anita.”

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## BOOK'EM DANNO BREEZES, SAUDI DERBY CONFIRMED

Atlantic Six Racing LLC's **Book'em Danno** (**Buccheri**) breezed five furlongs in 1:02 Sunday morning at Tampa Bay Downs, the quickest of 12 moves at the distance, and connections have confirmed that they are moving forward with plans to contest the \$1.5-million G3 Saudi Derby on the Saudi Cup undercard Saturday, Feb. 24.

The work was the first for the New Jersey-bred gelding since a 12 1/2-length victory in the seven-furlong Pasco S. Jan. 13.

“It was an easy breeze and he finished well by himself,” part-owner Jay Briscione texted. “We have accepted the invitation [for the Saudi Derby] and we are on track to go.”



Book'em Danno | SV photography

Following the Pasco, Book'em Danno's third win at stakes level, trainer **Derek Ryan** told TDN's **Bill Finley** that he harbored “no Derby dreams,” making the Saudi option--a one-turn, 1600-meter contest, a logical alternative.

Briscione said that he and his Atlantic Six partners have been approached about selling Book'em Danno.

“We have fielded some offers, there has been interest, but we have not sold any part of him,” Briscione texted.

Book'em Danno, whose lone defeat to date was in his juvenile finale in the Nashua S., also a one-turn mile, has amassed earnings to date of \$260,625.

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## FOALING NEWS

**HOT N HECTIC**, 9, Henny Hughes--Wicked Wish, by Gold Case  
Foal born Jan. 24, a filly by **Maxfield**.

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## Friday, Oaklawn #9, post time: 5:50 p.m. EST

**BAYAKOA S.-GIII, \$250,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	The Alys Look	<b>Connect</b>	Thrash, Ike and Thrash, Dawn	Walsh	Bejarano	119
2	Ice Orchid	Super Saver	Shortleaf Stable, Inc.	Ortiz	Landeros	119
3	Misty Veil	<b>Tonalist</b>	John P. Stewart	Maker	Vazquez	121
4	Just Katherine	<b>Justify</b>	R.T Racing Stable	Jimenez	Diaz	119
5	Butterbean	Klimt	Magdalena Racing and Klimashousky, William	McPeek	Leparoux	119
6	Comparative	<b>Street Sense</b>	Godolphin, LLC	Cox	Franco	121
7	Hot and Sultry	Speightster	Lieblong, Alex and JoAnn	Casse	Santana, Jr.	119
8	Skratch Kat	Arrogate	Rigney Racing, LLC	Bauer	Rosario	124
9	Shotgun Hottie	<b>Gun Runner</b>	Aldabbagh, Omar and Ganje, Jeff	DeVaux	Torres	119

**Breeders:** 1-G. Watts Humphrey Jr., 2-Shortleaf Stable, 3-William Humphries & Altair Farms, LLC, 4-Boyd Brooks, Louis Brooks Ranch Limited Partnership, Hugh Owen, et al., 5-Woodgate Farm, 6-Godolphin, 7-Cobalt Investments, LLC, 8-Fred W. Hertrich III & John D. Fielding, 9-Vincent Colbert

## Saturday, Oaklawn #11, post time: 5:50 p.m. EST

**SOUTHWEST S.-GIII, \$800,000, 3yo, 1 1/16m**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Maycocks Bay	Speightstown	Godolphin, LLC	Stidham	Arrieta	119
2	Charleston	<b>Tapiture</b>	Brinley Enterprises LLC	Fires	Hernandez	117
3	Magic Grant	<b>Good Magic</b>	Willis Horton Racing LLC	Milligan, Jr.	Landeros	117
4	Otto the Conqueror	<b>Street Sense</b>	Three Chimneys Farm	Asmussen	Rosario	119
5	Wynstock	Solomini	Allred, Edward C. and Liebau, Jack	Baffert	Frey	119
6	Liberal Arts	Arrogate	Ferraro, Evan and Ferraro, Stephen	Medina	Torres	119
7	Carbone	Mitole	Heiligbrodt, L. W & C & Flurry Racing Stables LLC	Asmussen	Santana, Jr.	119
8	Common Defense	<b>Karakontie (Jpn)</b>	Bernsen, D, Holmes, T & M and Norevale Farm	McPeek	Leparoux	117
9	Linebacker	Bolt d'Oro	Novogratz Racing Stables Inc.	Blair	Esquivel	117
10	Mystik Dan	Goldencents	Gasaway, Lance, 4 G Racing, and Hamby III, Daniel	McPeek	Hernandez, Jr.	117
11	Just Steel	<b>Justify</b>	BC Stables, LLC	Lukas	Vazquez	117
12	Awesome Road	<b>Quality Road</b>	Albaugh Family Stables LLC and Donegal Racing	Cox	Geroux	117

**Breeders:** 1-Godolphin, 2-Twin Creeks Farm, 3-Hill N Dale Equine Holdings, Inc, 4-Hoolie Racing Stable, LLC, 5-Empire Equines, LLC, 6-Stephen Ferraro & Evan Ferraro, 7-William & Corinne Heiligbrodt, 8-Tony Holmes, Norevale Farm & Union Dale, 9-Frederick C. Wieting, 10-Lance Gasaway, Daniel Hamby & 4GRacing, LLC, 11-Summerhill Farm, 12-Claiborne Farm



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**Saturday, Gulfstream #12, post time: 5:48 p.m. EST****HOLY BULL S.-GIII, \$250,000, 3yo, 1 1/16m**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Hades	Awesome Slew	D. J. Stable LLC and Cotran, Robert	Orseno	Lopez	118
2	Inveigled 🦟	Enticed	Mark B. Grier	Cibelli	Ortiz, Jr.	120
3	Otello	Curlin	Siena Farm LLC and WinStar Farm LLC	Clement	Saez	122
4	Dancing Groom 🦟	Vino Rosso	Alexandres, LLC	Sano	Alvarado	118
5	No More Time 🦟	Not This Time	Morplay Racing LLC	D'Angelo	Ortiz	118
6	Domestic Product	Practical Joke	Klaravich Stables, Inc.	Brown	Gaffalione	118
7	Fierceness	City of Light	Repole Stable	Pletcher	Velazquez	124
8	Sea Streak	Sea Wizard	Holly Crest Farm	Owens, Jr	Panici	118

**Breeders:** 1-Ocala Stud, Joseph M. O'Farrell III, David O'Farrell, et al., 2-St. Simon Place LLC, 3-Siena Farms LLC, 4-Don Alberto Corporation, 5-MAMAS Thoroughbreds, LLC, 6-Klaravich Stables, 7-Repole Stable, Inc., 8-Holly Crest Farm

**Saturday, Gulfstream #8, post time: 3:38 p.m. EST****SWEETEST CHANT S.-GIII, \$175,000, 3yo, f, 1 1/16mT**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Life's an Audible 🦟	Audible	Repole Stable	Pletcher	Ortiz, Jr.	118
2	Madame Mischief 🦟	Into Mischief	Amo Racing USA	Delgado	Alvarado	118
3	Style Points	Oscar Performance	Cheyenne Stable LLC	Clement	Gaffalione	118
4	Pharoah's Wine	American Pharoah	Delony, Nancy, Pacella, William, and Shoop, Frank	Romans	Saez	118
5	Macanga	American Pharoah	Imaginary Stables and Sonny Stables	Dobles	Velazquez	118
6	Dynamic Pricing (Ire)	Night of Thunder (Ire)	Klaravich Stables, Inc.	Brown	Ortiz	118
7	Milliat (Ire)	Kodiac (GB)	Qatar Racing LLC	Sisterson	Murphy	118
8	Golden Ghost (GB) 🦟	Medaglia d'Oro	D. J. Stable LLC	Casse	Lopez	120

**Breeders:** 1-Susan Moulton, 2-Champion Equine, LLC, 3-Candy Meadows, LLC, 4-Pacella Racing, Frank L. Jones & Nancy Delony, Frank Shoop, 5-Fred W. Hertrich III, 6-Epona Bloodstock Ltd, 7-AI Mohamediya Breeding, 8-Alpha Delta Stables LLC

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**Saturday, Gulfstream #11, post time: 5:08 p.m. EST****KITTEN'S JOY S.-GIII, \$175,000, 3yo, 1 1/16mT**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Hammerstein	Oscar Performance	Amerman Racing LLC	Lynch	Alvarado	118
2	Edgartown 🦋	Quality Road	Wathnan Racing	Motion	Murphy	118
3	Tocayo	Always Dreaming	Lugamo Racing Stable LLC	Klesaris	Saez	122
4	Agate Road 🦋	Quality Road	Repole Stable and St. Elias Stables LLC	Pletcher	Ortiz	124
5	Deadpan 🦋	Distorted Humor	D. J. Stable LLC	Casse	Velazquez	118
6	First World War 🦋	War Front	Qatar Racing LLC and Hunter Valley Farm	Walsh	Gaffalione	118
7	Quokka 🦋	Noble Mission (GB)	Don Alberto Stable	Albertrani	Zayas	118
8	Freedom Principle 🦋	Flameaway	Echo Papa Racing Corp.	Garoffalo	Reyes	122
9	Noted 🦋	Cairo Prince	Repole Stable	Pletcher	Ortiz, Jr.	122

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**Saturday, Gulfstream #10, post time: 4:38 p.m. EST****FORWARD GAL S.-GIII, \$125,000, 3yo, f, 7f**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Kissedbyanangel	Golden Lad	Rodolfo Sanchez-Salomon	Sanchez-Salomon	Saez	120
2	Fiona's Magic	St Patrick's Day	Stonehedge LLC	Yates	Gaffalione	120
3	Chi Chi	Audible	Ernest C. Frohboese	Wilensky	Alvarado	120
4	R Harper Rose	Khozan	Averill Racing LLC and Two Eight Racing LLC	Joseph, Jr.	Zayas	120
5	Nikitis 🦋	Audible	Schermerhorn, R, Team Hanley & Thirty Year Farm	Brown	Ortiz, Jr.	118
6	Scalable 🦋	Speightstown	Repole Stable	Pletcher	Ortiz	118
7	Witwatersrand 🦋	Connect	Gary Barber	Casse	Lopez	123

**Breeders:** 1-Super C Racing Inc, 2-Stonehedge, LLC, 3-France Weiner, 4-Sally J. Andersen, 5-Tony Holmes, Norevale Farm & Union Dale, 6-Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC, 7-G. Watts Humphrey Jr.

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**SAY FLORIDA SANDY S.**, \$100,000, Aqueduct, 1-28, (S), 4yo/up, 7f, 1:27.19, sy.

1--**ROTKNEE, 124, h, 5, Runhappy--In Spite of Mama, by Speightstown.** O/B-William Butler (NY); T-Michael J. Maker; J-Jose Lezcano. \$55,000. Lifetime Record: 17-9-3-1, \$582,955. \*1/2 to My Mane Squeeze (**Audible**), MSW, \$238,960; and Lookin for Trouble (Into Mischief), MSP, \$170,220.

2--**Aggregation, 118, g, 5, Flatter--Emotional Words, by Curlin.** (\$270,000 Ylg '20 KEESEP). O-Klaravich Stables, Inc.; B-Graceville Breeding (NY); T-Chad C. Brown. \$20,000.

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3--**Andiamo a Firenze, 118, c, 4, Speightstown--My Every Wish, by Langfuhr.** O-Race Point Stables, LLC; B-Mr Amore Stables (NY); T-David P. Duggan. \$12,000.



Margins: 4, NK, NK. Odds: 1.85, 1.90, 13.60.

Also Ran: General Banker, Disarmed, Ocean's Reserve.

Rotknee has proven himself highly effective when facing Empire-bred competition and underscored the point Sunday with an emphatic win in the Big A's Say Florida Sandy S. Taking it to 7-1 chance Disarmed (**Maclean's Music**) through a :23.15 quarter, the 5-year-old poked his head briefly in front but was confronted by Andiamo a Firenze, who held the advantage through a :46.78 half mile.



**Roknee** | *Susie Raisher*

Armed with a ton of horse, Jose Lezcano let Roknee loose, and despite drifting out wide on the home turn, the gelding scooted clear in the stretch and was all alone crossing the wire four lengths ahead of Aggregation.

"He broke very good today and I worried a little bit about the seven-eighths, a little more distance for a three-quarters horse," said Lezcano. "But, he was relaxed the whole way and when I asked him, he was gone. The track helped with it being a sealed track to carry him through to the wire."

A three-time black-type winner in 2022, the homebred added another victory at the stakes level in last October's 6 1/2-panel Hudson S. before a third-place effort in the GIII Fall Highweight H. over six furlongs Nov. 24. In his latest start, he weakened late to finish second after setting the early pace in a muddy renewal of the six-furlong Gravesend S. Dec. 30.

The New York bred hails from the family of Grade I winner Haynesfield (Speightstown).

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**REGO PARK S.**, \$97,000, Aqueduct, 1-28, (S), 3yo, 6 1/2f, 1:19.76, sy.

1--**MISCHIEF JOKE, 120, c, 3, by Practical Joke--**

**Shesabitdistorted, by Distorted Humor.** (\$6,500 Ylg '22 KEEJAN; \$150,000 RNA 2yo '23 FTDAUG). **1ST BLACK TYPE WIN.** O-Paradise Farms Corp., Parkland Thoroughbreds, Fowler, Barry and Carlesimo, Angelo; B-Pine Ridge Stables LTD (NY); T-Michael J. Maker; J-Dylan Davis. \$55,000. Lifetime Record: 10-2-5-2, \$204,595.



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2--**Antonio of Venice, 122, c, 3, Laoban--Stella Performance, by Trappe Shot.** (\$35,000 Ylg '22 FTKOCT; \$35,000 2yo '23 OBSMAR). O-Imperio, Michael, Cotrone, Robert, Hibiscus Stables LLC and Rodriguez, Rudy R.; B-Cypress Creek Equine LLC (NY); T-Rudy R. Rodriguez. \$20,000.



## IT'S IN THE WATER

3--**Detective Tom, 120, c, 3, The Factor--Roman Ceres, by Roman Ruler.** (\$90,000 Ylg '22 SARAUG). O-Blue Lion Thoroughbreds; B-Twin Farms, LLC, Thomas N Mina & Walter S Borisenok (NY); T-Michelle Nevin. \$12,000.



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Margins: 1, 5, 9HF. Odds: 1.95, 0.95, 6.10.

Also Ran: Thirteen Red Flags, Always a Warrior. Scratched: Allied Attack.

Mischief Joke broke through with a career-first stakes victory going wire-to-wire in Sunday's Rego Park S. Sent to the front from jump, the dark bay showed the way through :23.47 and :47.54 splits.



**Mischief Joke** | *Susie Raisher*

Fanned out several paths wide turning for home, the colt spurted clear and had enough left in reserve to hold on to a length score over favored Antonio of Venice.

Hitting the board in his first four career starts against empire breds, Mischief Joke broke through going 6 1/2 panels at the Big A in September before coming home third in a sloppy edition of the New York Stallion Series Breeders' Futurity at Finger Lakes Oct. 16. Catching an off track again in the one-mile Sleepy Hollow S. Oct. 29, he came home fifth and rounded out the year with a close-up second cutting back against optional claiming company Dec. 15.

"Last time, I broke him well and once I got him to the outside he kept running--so he was more of a steady moving type," explained Dylan Davis. "Today, I just wanted to break well so he could get into his stride. After that, I found myself on the lead which I was happy with--I would have taken second or third. Turning for home, I just wanted to get his stride going because I knew I had a lot of horse to finish up with based off his last effort."

The winner's dam Shesabitdistorted is a full sister to GSW and GISP Sharp Humor (Distorted Humor).

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**JENNINGS S.**, \$75,000, Laurel, 1-28, (C), 4yo/up, 1m, 1:36.73, sy. 1--**POST TIME**, 120, c, 4, **Frosted**--Vielsalm (SW & GSP, \$329,285), by Fairbanks. (\$85,000 Ylg '21 EASOCT). O-Hillwood Stable LLC; B-Dr. & Mrs. Thomas Bowman, Dr. Brooke Bowman & Milton P Higgins III (MD); T-Brittany T. Russell; J-Sheldon Russell. \$45,000. Lifetime Record: 7-6-0-1, \$297,910.



2--**Seven's Eleven**, 122, g, 4, Bandbox--Senorita Siete, by Senor Swinger. O/B-Cottonwood Stable LLC (MD); T-Carlos A. Mancilla. \$15,000.

3--**All Threes**, 122, g, 6, Great Notion--After All, by Olmodavor. (\$57,000 Ylg '19 EASOCT). **1ST BLACK TYPE**. O-Donald Willier; B-Walter Vieser (MD); T-Hamilton A. Smith. \$7,500.

Margins: 6HF, 2HF, 4HF. Odds: 0.70, 2.60, 14.30.

Also Ran: Double Crown, Dee Jay, Holy Synchronicity. Scratched: Dolice Vita, Joe.

Post Time, beaten just once in six previous trips to the post, was much the best in his first attempt at one mile in the Jennings S. at Laurel Sunday. The heavy 3-5 favorite was unhurried out of the gate and trailed the field early. He rolled into contention on the far turn, split foes in upper stretch and powered to the lead with a furlong to run before drawing away effortlessly to the wire.

Post Time went three-for-three in his juvenile campaign, culminating with a 3 3/4-length victory in the 2022 Maryland Juvenile S. Off 9 1/2 months after that effort, the gray colt returned with a Pimlico optional-claimer victory Sept. 22. He suffered his first loss when third in the Perryville S. at Keeneland last October, but returned home to Maryland to battle out a narrow win the Nov. 25 City of Laurel S. last time out.

Vielsalm has a 2-year-old **McKinzie** filly and, with no reported foal in 2023, was bred by to **Nyquist**. Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#), sponsored by [FanDuel TV](#).



**Post Time** | *Jim McCue*

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## IN ORDER OF PURSE:

**8th-Oaklawn, \$140,000, Alw (NW2L)/Opt. Clm (\$100,000),**  
 1-28, 3yo, 1m, 1:40.76, gd, neck.

**NORTHERN FLAME (c, 3, Flameaway--Darling's Darling, by Bernardini)** broke his maiden at third asking in mid-September at Churchill Downs, and then finished off the board in the GI Claiborne Breeders' Futurity at Keeneland in October and in the GIII **Street Sense** S. later that month under the Twin Spires. Fourth against optional claimers in Hot Springs Dec. 31, the bay was given a 7-2 shot while getting Lasix for the first time. The colt powered to the lead into the first turn, but was shadowed closely by Market Street (**Street Sense**). The pair traded blows up the backstretch and into the far turn. At the top of the lane, the Fasig-Tipton grad gained the advantage, but was joined in the final strides by surging longshot Mena (**Hard Spun**), who just came up short by a neck. The winner is a half to GSP On Alert (**Medaglia d'Oro**), purchased for \$500,000 by Courtlandt Farm at the Fasig-Tipton Select Yearling Sale in 2020. Dam Darling's Darling produced a full-sister to Northern Flame last year. Second dam MGISP Darling My Darling (Deputy Minister) is responsible for GII Santa Ynez S. victress Forever Darling (Congrats), dam to Japanese MSW Forever Young (Jpn) (Real Steel {Jpn}), and GI Darley Alcibiades S. heroine Heavenly Love (Malibu Moon). Under Northern Flame's third dam we find Japanese Horse of the Year Zenno Rob Roy (Jpn) (Sunday Silence). Sales History: \$425,000 Ylg '22 FTSAUG. Lifetime Record: 7-2-0-1, \$206,075. **Click for the Equibnot keease.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

O-Jack Oxley, Harold Lerner LLC, AWC Stables and Magdalena Racing (Sherri McPeck); B-Debby M. Oxley (KY); T-Kenneth G. McPeck.

**10th-Gulfstream, \$83,970, Alw (NW1\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$25,000),**  
 1-28, 4yo/up, 5fT, :54.20, fm, 1 3/4 lengths.

**BRING THEBAND HOME (g, 4, Into Mischief--Tizatude, by Street Cry {Ire})** won as a juvenile at second asking at Saratoga. The gelding's latest form cycle includes a third-place finish against open optional claimers at Tampa in late November and later won facing state-breds at a similar level in Hallandale Dec. 29. Off at odds of 9-1 for his first try on grass, the bay broke alertly and made the lead toward the end of the backstretch.

The homebred arrived at the top of the lane in the driver's seat and was a clear winner by 1 3/4 lengths over Xy Speed (**First Samurai**). His dam's first foal, the gelding has an unraced 3-year-old half-sister named Tiz Tiz Tiz (**Curlin**) and yearling half-brother Souper Power **Tapit** (**Tapit**). Tizatude, who visited **Constitution** for this year, was acquired by Live Oak for \$800,000 at the Fasig-Tipton Fall Mixed Sale with this horse in utero. Previously, she brought \$1.05 million, the eighth highest price, by Mandy Pope at the 2015 Keeneland September Sale. The gelding's second dam, Tizso (Cee's Tizzy), is a full-sister to Horse of the Year Tiznow and the dam of GI Haskell Invitational S. Paynter (Awesome Again). Lifetime Record: 6-3-1-1, \$162,590. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.** O/B-Live Oak Stud (FL); T-Mark E. Casse.

**7th-Turfway, \$77,723, Alw (NW2\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$40,000), 1-27,**  
 4yo/up, 6 1/2f (AWT), 1:17.97, ft, neck.

**ANTARES (g, 4, American Pharoah--Alpha Centauri, by Dynaformer)** cleared the allowance ranks as the favorite in Florence Dec. 1. While finishing first by a neck facing optional claimers at the end of that month over the same surface, he drifted out and was demoted to fourth after being disqualified. Trailing from the rail up the backstretch, the 3-2 choice started his run at the top of the lane, but was in dire need of running room along the inside at the eighth pole. The 4-year-old switched to the three-path, he came under a drive late and got up in time over Graphic Detail (**Practical Joke**). Out of an extended female family which includes G1 Dubai World Cup hero Country Grammar (**Tonalist**) and his younger half-sister MGSP Joyful Cadence (**Runhappy**), the winner is a half-brother to Reversethedecision (Scat Daddy), SP, \$155,020.

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Alpha Centauri is responsible for a 2-year-old colt by **War of Will** and was bred to **Tonalist** for this spring. Sales History: \$95,000 RNA Wlg '20 KEENOV; \$70,000 Ylg '21 FTKOCT. Lifetime Record: 9-3-1-0, \$145,964. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

O-Mathiesen Racing, LLC, Latham Williams, Lorne Polger and Barry Hall; B-Overbrook Farm (KY); T-William E. Morey.

**7th-Fair Grounds, \$59,000, Alw (NW2\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$50,000), 1-28, 4yo/up, 5 1/2f (off turf), 1:04.33, ft, 1 1/2 lengths.**

**GILCREASE (g, 4, More Than Ready--Indian Brava {SP}, by Bernardini),** a winner going six furlongs over the Churchill Downs dirt last September, closed out the season with a fourth at Keeneland in October followed by a sixth in his latest in the Thanksgiving Classic S. Nov. 23. Given a 3-1 chance in this 2024 bow, the gelding stalked :22.53 and :46.34 splits, gained control in the stretch and was 1 1/2 lengths ahead of Crew Dragon (Exaggerator). Indian Brava produced a filly by **Runhappy** in 2023 and was bred back to **Candy Ride (Arg)**. Lifetime Record: 9-3-1-0, \$192,170. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

O-Columbine Stable LLC.; B-Columbine Stable, LLC (KY); T-Albert M. Stall, Jr.



**7th-Fair Grounds, \$58,120, Alw, 1-27, (NW1X), 4yo/up, 1 1/16m, 1:44.97, my, 2 1/4 lengths.**

**PYRENEES (c, 4, Into Mischief--Our Khrysty {GSW, \$313,260}, by Newfoundland)** attempted unsuccessfully to break his maiden on four occasions as a juvenile, before being sidelined for almost a year. Returning to the races in New Orleans Dec. 15, the colt won by 4 1/2 lengths, convincing bettors to support him at the windows as the 8-5 choice here. The homebred tracked outside of Brigade Commander (**Hard Spun**) into the first turn and continued to hold that spot until the far turn. Ranging up on his rival at the quarter pole, Pyrenees skimmed the mud to win by 2 1/4 lengths over the pacesetter. The winner is a half-brother to Grace Adler (**Curlin**), GISW, \$258,800. A half-sister to GI Whitney H. hero Bullsbay (Tiznow), Our Khrysty was acquired by Blue Heaven Farm for \$600,000 at the 2011 Fasig-Tipton Fall Mixed Sale while in foal to Tiznow. She foaled a filly by **Gun Runner** last April and was bred back to **Life Is Good** for this term. Sales History: \$350,000 RNA Wlg '20 KEENOV; \$380,000 RNA 2yo '22 OBSAPR. Lifetime Record: 6-2-1-1, \$98,246. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

O/B-Blue Heaven Farm (KY); T-Cherie DeVaux.

**6th-Fair Grounds, \$58,000, Alw, (S), 1-28, (NW2L), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:11.30, ft, 4 3/4 lengths.**

**SWEET DARLIN (f, 4, Can the Man--Speights' Colony, by Speightstown)** circled the field en route to a 6 3/4-length romp while facing state-bred foes in her 5 1/2-furlong debut Nov. 25. Sent off at 9-2, the bay filly rated just off favored Freeburn (Mitole) in third and began inching closer as the favorite scampered clear approaching the stretch. Sweet Darlin reeled in the pacesetter inside the furlong marker and strode clear to an easy 4 3/4-length victory. Sweet Darlin, a \$47,000 TTAYHR yearling, is a half-sister to Who Took the Money (Street Boss), MSW, \$521,177. Breeder Paul Sita purchased Speights' Colony, with the winner in utero, for \$1,500 at the 2019 Louisiana Mixed Sale. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.** Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$66,000.

O-Allied Racing Stable, LLC; B-Paul J. Sita (LA); T-W. B Calhoun.

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**5th-Fair Grounds, \$56,260, Alw, 1-28, (NW1X), 4yo/up, 1m 70y (off turf), 1:44.65, ft, 4 3/4 lengths.**

**UNCLE JAKE (r, 4, Uncle Mo--Tasha's Miracle {MGSW & GISP, \$398,452}, by Harlan's Holiday)** transferred from Brittany Russell's barn where he was last seen running a well-beaten fourth against optional claimers at Parx in mid-October. After seven scratches when his race was taken off the grass, the ridgling went off as the 6-5 second choice here. The two-time Keeneland Sales grad took the field into the first turn until he was joined by Simple Logic up the backstretch. Putting away his rival, the 4-year-old sped off around the far turn and never looked back as he won by 4 3/4 lengths over favorite Quaternion (**Union Rags**). The winner's dam is responsible for 2-year-old filly **Frosted** Miracle (**Frosted**), who Ken McPeck bought for \$160,000 at last year's Keeneland September Sale. Tasha's Miracle, who brought \$525,000 at the 2009 Keeneland November Sale when she was purchased by Kathryn Nikkel while in foal to **Medaglia d'Oro**, was booked to Yaupon for this spring. Sales History: \$675,000 Ylg '21 KEESEP; \$42,000 3yo '23 KEENOV. Lifetime Record: 7-2-1-0, \$82,700. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

O-JKX Racing and Michael Vaccarezza; B-Budget Stable (KY); T-Carlo Vaccarezza.

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**5th-Oaklawn, \$115,000, Msw, 1-28, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:12.46, gd, 1 length.**

**MR. KEATING (g, 4, Carpe Diem--Tweeterdini, by Bernardini)** missed by a neck as the favorite in his debut at Keeneland last spring, then was third stretching out at Churchill Downs in early June. After a break, the chestnut ran an improved third cutting back to six furlongs in the mud at Oaklawn Dec. 16. Facing a field which included Olivier (**Tapit**), the full-brother to Horse of the Year **Flightline**, the 9-5 choice set up shop mid-pack up the backstretch and began his charge around the far turn. The homebred fanned to the outside at the top of the lane and with strong encouragement cleared late by a length over Simovic (More Than Ready). Out of an extended female family which includes champion 3-year-old filly Bird Town (Cape Town), the winner's unraced dam produced Tweetster (**Practical Joke**), who has yet to make her first start as a 3-year-old, and a colt by **Spun to Run**--now a 2-year-old. Lifetime Record: 4-1-1-2, \$110,750. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

O/B-Marylou Whitney Stables LLC (KY); T-Norm W. Casse.



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**5th-Aqueduct, \$80,000, Msw, 1-28, 3yo, 1m, 1:40.42, sy, 8 1/4 lengths.**

**CAPITAL IDEA (c, 3, Classic Empire--Rever de Vous {SP}, by Distorted Humor)**, a close-up third in his debut over this track and trip Dec. 31, went off the 2-1 second choice to take a step forward while getting Lasix for this soggy return. Settled in a stalking third by Trevor McCarthy as favored J D Factor (**The Factor**) led through :24.16 and :48.95 opening splits, the bay mounted his challenge three wide approaching the quarter pole, took over in early stretch and strode clear to triumph by 8 1/4 lengths over Sardis (Into Mischief). Rever de Vous, a daughter of GSW Dreaming of Liz (El Prado {Ire}), produced a colt by **McKinzie** last term and was bred back to **Mandaloun**. Sales history: \$260,000 Ylg '22 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, \$54,200. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

O-Reeves Thoroughbred Racing; B-Steven & Brandi Nicholson (KY); T-Christophe Clement.



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**2nd-Gulfstream, \$72,090, Msw, 1-28, 3yo, f, 7f, 1:25.73, ft, 1 1/4 lengths.**

**FLOWER MOUND (f, 3, Practical Joke--Beyond Ambition, by Tapit)** missed by a length at third asking over the strip in Hallandale Dec. 31. With Lasix and as a 7-1 shot here, the chestnut vied for the lead before backing off the speed up the backstretch. Keen to take on the pair of pacesetters, the filly took control around the far turn, cruised down the lane and won by 1 1/4 lengths over first time starter Do Gooder (**Good Samaritan**). The third highest price during the 2017 OBS March Sale when she was purchased for \$1.1. million by OXO Equine, the winner's dam foaled a filly by **Instilled Regard** last year and she visited **Rowayton** for this season. Flower's Mound's third dam is Horse of the Year and multiple Eclipse Award winner Azeri (Jade Hunter), who is responsible for MGSW Wine Princess (**Ghostzapper**), the dam of GSW Smokin T (**War Front**). Sales History: \$47,000 Ylg '22 KEESEP; \$250,000 2yo '23 OBSMAR. Lifetime Record: 4-1-1-0, \$55,450. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

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**6th-Santa Anita, \$65,500, Msw, 1-28, 3yo, 1m, 1:37.49, ft, 1/2 length.**

**CORNELL (c, 3, Into Mischief--Banree {MGSP, \$164,610}, by Macho Uno)** finished off the board in his debut going 6 1/2 furlongs at Del Mar Nov. 25 before showing some improvement when third over this track and trip on New Year's Day. Overlooked at 7-1 here, the gray prompted Malibu Rocks (Malibu Moon) through :22.65 and :46.75 opening splits, gained control at the top of the stretch and refused to give up late, holding on to a half-length victory over the pacesetter. Favored New King (Into Mischief), also the winner's stablemate, rounded out the trifecta. Sales history: \$675,000 Ylg '22 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-1, \$47,300. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

O-SF Racing LLC, Starlight Racing, Madaket Stables LLC, Stonestreet Stables LLC, Dianne Bashor, Robert E. Masterson, Waves Edge Capital LLC, Catherine Donovan & Tom Ryan; B-Pippa's Hurricane LLC (KY); T-Bob Baffert.

**4th-Santa Anita, \$65,390, Msw, 1-28, 4/5yo, f/m, 6f, 1:10.85, ft, 2 1/2 lengths.**

**PRINCESS OF TIME (f, 4, Not This Time--Movie Star Magic, by The Cliff's Edge)** had not been seen since finishing a thoroughly beaten eighth in her one-mile debut over the Santa Anita lawn last April. The 7-1 shot rushed up to take the early lead and was pressed through an opening quarter in :22.29. She was overtaken on the far turn, took over heading into the stretch after a half in :45.40, and reported home a 2 1/2-length winner. Favored Well Funded (Good Magic) was second. Princess of Time was a \$170,000 KEENOV weanling and RNA'd for \$200,000 as a KEESEP yearling. Her dam, the unraced Movie Star Magic, is a half-sister to multiple graded stakes winner Tapiture (Tapit). **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.** Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$39,500.

O-Mike G. Rutherford; B-Tim Thornton (KY); T-M McCarthy.



## TODAY'S FEATURED REPLAY



**Capital Idea** (by Classic Empire) posts a gaudy debut win at Aqueduct Sunday.

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**3rd-Santa Anita, \$65,500, Msw, 1-28, 4/5yo, f/m, 1mT, 1:35.81, fm, 1 length.**

**MIRARI (f, 4, Uncle Mo--Chat {SP}, by Dynaformer),** nosed out for the win in her debut going a mile at Keeneland Oct. 26, went off the 4-5 choice to go one better here. Sent to the front early, the homebred led throughout, graduating by one length over Dancing Mo (Outwork). Mirari has an unraced 3-year-old full sister named Mo Chat and a juvenile brother by Palace Malice. The winner is a half to Lilac Girl (Quality Road), SP, \$221,746. A \$200,000 Keeneland September yearling purchase, Chat sold for \$23,000 in foal to Oscar Performance at that venue last November. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$57,250. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

O-Augustin Stables; B-George Strawbridge, Jr (KY); T-J Thomas.



**3rd-Laurel, \$48,305, Msw, 1-28, 3yo, 6f, 1:12.17, sy, 1 length.** **STARTSWITHADREAM (c, 3, Always Dreaming--Aspen Whisper, by Mr. Greeley)** went off for his debut with Lasix and as a 10-1 shot here. The dark bay led from the bell, continued to set the fractions around the far turn and the colt confidently splashed home a winner by a length over Petingas Twin (Take Charge Indy). Out of an extended female family which includes GI Kentucky Derby longshot Mine That Bird (Birdstone), his half-brother MGISW Dullahan (Even the Score) and the versatile GI Shoemaker Mile S. victor Bolo (Temple City), the winner is his unraced dam's last recorded progeny. Sales History: \$40,000 Ylg '22 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$28,200. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

O-Norman Stables, LLC; B-Phil & Judy Needham, B. Halecky & Always Dreaming Syndicate (KY); T-James L. Lawrence, II.



**Always Dreaming** | Sarah Andrew

## Maiden winners cont.

**10th-Turfway, \$39,956, Msw, 1-27, 3yo, f, 6 1/2f (AWT), 1:18.15, ft, 2 lengths.**

**MUSICAL NOTE** (f, 3, **Mendelssohn**--Blonde Bomber {SW & GISP, \$293,540}, by Fort Larned) debuted as a 7-2 shot with Lasix here. The grey was shuffled towards the rear of the field up the backstretch, but started to get in gear to the outside around the far turn. Making a strong statement down the lane, the 3-year-old donned cap and gown after a two-length win over favorite Heavenly Dream (Palace Malice). The winner is a half-sister to Bling (**American Pharoah**), MGSP, \$430,823. Blonde Bomber counts among her recent offspring a 2-year-old filly Tickin Time Blonde (**Not This Time**) and a yearling colt by **Nyquist**. She visited Authentic for this coming season. Sales History: \$25,000 Ylg '22 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$23,501. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

O-Miacomet Farm (William Harrigan); B-Clarkland Farm LLC (KY); T-Brad H. Cox.

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## STAKES RESULTS:

**WISHING WELL S.**, \$123,349, Turfway, 1-27, 4yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2f (AWT), 1:17.32, ft.

1--**B G WARRIOR**, 120, f, 4, **Run Away and Hide**--**Biogio's Gift**, by **Any Given Saturday**. O-Keith Grass; B-Lou Dunn Diekemper Trust (KY); T-Hugo Andrade; J-Albin Jimenez. \$74,814. Lifetime Record: 21-4-5-3, \$407,252. \*1/2 to Tap Dancing Lady (**Tapiture**), MSP, \$191,383.

2--**Baby No Worries**, 120, m, 5, Mr Speaker--Pajama Bottom, by Include. (\$20,000 Wlg '19 KEENOV). O-Chan E Brook Stables; B-Cave Brook Farm (KY); T-Tim Girtten. \$24,424.

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3--**Ravella**, 120, m, 5, **Liam's Map**--Dancing Raven, by Tomahawk. (\$130,000 Wlg '19 KEENOV; \$140,000 Ylg '20 FTKSEL). **1ST BLACK TYPE**. O-Mathiesen Racing, LLC, Polger Holdings, Williams Family Trust, Barry Hall and John Haines; B-Southern oak farm (KY); T-William E. Morey. \$12,212.

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**CLOCKER'S CORNER S.**, \$101,500, Santa Anita, 1-28, (C), 4yo/up, 6 1/2ft, 1:12.12, fm.

1--**IRIDEO (ARG)**, 124, g, 8, **Easing Along--Infiltrada (Arg)** (Ch. Older Mare-Arg, Ch. Miler-Arg, **G1SW-Arg, \$304,877**), by **Footstepsinthesand (GB)**. O-Pozo de Luna, Inc.; B-Pozo de Luna (ARG); T-Marcelo Polanco; J-Jeremy Laprida. \$60,000. Lifetime Record: G1SW-Arg, GISP-US, 23-6-5-0, \$394,344.

2--**Mucho Del Oro**, 124, g, 6, **Mucho Macho Man--Repeta**, by Broken Vow. (\$35,000 2yo '20 OBSAPR). O-Purple Rein Racing; B-BHMFR, LLC (KY); T-Doug F. O'Neill. \$20,000.

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3--**Sumter**, 124, g, 5, **War Front--A Little Bit Sassy**, by More Than Ready. O-Bass II, Perry R. and Bass, Ramona S.; B-Bass Stables, LLC (KY); T-Richard E. Mandella. \$12,000.

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**GEISHA S.**, \$75,000, Laurel, 1-28, (C), 4yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:40.08, sy.

1--**MALIBU MOONSHINE**, 120, f, 4, **Bourbon Courage--Sunday in Malibu (SP, \$119,558)**, by **Malibu Moon**. (\$97,000 RNA 2yo '22 EASMA). O-Happy Face Racing Stable; B-Ronald Harris Parker (MD); T-Charlton Baker; J-Angel Cruz. \$45,000. Lifetime Record: 7-4-0-1, \$218,400. \*1/2 to Faze the Nation (Cal Nation), SP, \$226,295.

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2--**Northern Glow**, 120, f, 4, **Union Rags--Love's Blush**, by Not For Love. 1ST BLACK TYPE. O-Sycamore Hall Thoroughbreds, LLC; B-Sycamore Hall Thoroughbreds, LLC (MD); T-Brittany T. Russell. \$15,000.

3--**Royal Whisper**, 120, m, 5, **Palace Malice--Discreet Star**, by Discreet Cat. (\$62,000 Ylg '20 KEEJAN; \$90,000 Ylg '20 KEESEP). 1ST BLACK TYPE. O-Steeplechase Farm; B-Barak Farm (MD); T-Michael E. Gorham. \$7,500.

Margins: NK, HD, HF. Odds: 6.90, 3.30, 2.60.

#### ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

**9th-Oaklawn, \$140,000**, 1-28, (NW2L), 4yo/up, 1 1/16m, 1:45.92, gd, 3 1/4 lengths.

**BOLZY (h, 5, Gun Runner--She's All In {GSW & GISP, \$1,102,489}, by Include)** Lifetime Record: 7-2-0-0, \$156,017. O/B-Robert H. Zoellner (KY); T-Donnie K. Von Hemel. \*1/2 to She's All Wolfe (Magna Graduate), MSW & MGSP, \$755,260.

**8th-Fair Grounds, \$60,000**, (S), (C)/Opt. Clm (\$35,000), 1-28, 4yo/up, 6f, 1:10.37, ft, 3 1/4 lengths.

**SWOT ANALYSIS (g, 6, Anchor Down--Solo Buena, by Half Ours)** Lifetime Record: MSP, 23-6-7-1, \$306,463. O-West Point Thoroughbreds; B-Clear Creek Stud LLC (LA); T-Mark E. Casse. \*\$50,000 Ylg '19 OBSOCT; \$70,000 RNA 2yo '20 OBSAPR; \$62,000 2yo '20 OBSOPN. \*\*1/2 to Free Drop Maddy (Free Drop Billy), MSW, \$289,570.

**4th-Laurel, \$56,840**, (C)/Opt. Clm (\$44,000-\$55,000), 1-28, 4yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:12.21, sy, 4 1/2 lengths.

**PRODIGY DOLL (m, 6, Shanghai Bobby--Hi Lili, by Silver Deputy)** Lifetime Record: 24-5-5-2, \$315,520. O-HnR Nothhaft Horse Racing; B-Tolo Tbreds & Michael A. Spirito (KY); T-P Schoenthal. \*\$24,000 RNA Wlg '18 KEENOV; \$40,000 RNA 2yo '20 FTKHRA. \*\*1/2 to Conquest Bigluck E (Lookin At Lucky), SP, \$307,787.

**6th-Laurel, \$55,190**, (NW2X)/Opt. Clm (\$32,000-\$40,000), 1-28, 4yo/up, 1 1/16m, 1:44.94, sy, 9 1/4 lengths.

**BOB MARCO (g, 5, Arrogate--Astray, by Bernardini)** Lifetime Record: SP, 22-7-5-2, \$224,580. O-Helen Marshall; B-Machmer Hall (KY); T-Kieron Magee. \*\$250,000 Ylg '20 KEESEP.

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**7th-Laurel, \$54,445**, 1-28, (NW1X), 4yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:39.06, sy, 2 1/4 lengths.

**BAY STREET (f, 4, Mosler--Zister, by City Zip)** Lifetime Record: 5-2-1-1, \$83,130. O/B-Greycross Stable LLC (MD); T-M. Voss.

**1st-Sam Houston Race, \$40,000**, (S), 1-28, (NW2X), 4yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:13.58, ft, 1 1/2 lengths.

**DIAMONDS N ACES (m, 5, Tale of Ekati--Bling's Ace, by Too Much Bling)** Lifetime Record: SP, 19-3-6-3, \$125,641. O-Tony Wilson; B-Larry S. Huntsinger (TX); T-George Allan Bryant.

**7th-Sam Houston Race Park, \$40,000**, (S), 1-28, (NW2X), 4yo/up, 6f, 1:12.43, ft, 2 1/4 lengths.

**WILL THE THRILL (g, 5, Speightster--Secret Source, by Mineshaft)** Lifetime Record: 20-5-5-5, \$124,733. O-Blackjack Racing (Caldwell); B-Brad King (TX); T-J. R. Caldwell. \*\$19,000 Ylg '20 FTKOCT; \$55,000 2yo '21 OBSOPN.

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**6th-Tampa Bay Downs, \$35,550**, (NW2X)/Opt. Clm (\$32,000), 1-28, 4yo/up, f/m, 1m 40y, 1:41.48, ft, neck.

**SOUL OF AN ANGEL (m, 5, Atreides--Factor One, by The Factor)** Lifetime Record: SW, 33-3-5-4, \$224,175. O-Gerald James and Hall Performance LLC; B-Westbrook Stables LLC (KY); T-Gerald James. \*\$3,000 RNA Ylg '20 FTKOCT.

**8th-Sam Houston Race Park, \$34,500, 1-28, (NW1X), 4yo/up, 1m, 1:40.41, ft, 1 length.**

**TEJAS (c, 4, **Gun Runner**--Taxable {GSP, \$223,561}, by **Tapit**)** Lifetime Record: 8-2-0-0, \$81,786. O/B-Winchell Thoroughbreds LLC (KY); T-Steven M. Asmussen.

**8th-Charles Town, \$29,400, (S), 1-27, (NW3L), 3yo/up, 1 1/16m, 1:49.00, my, 1/2 length.**

**DON'TCALLTOOEARLY (g, 5, Real Estate--Cedar Run's Emblem {SW, \$211,808}, by Our Emblem)** Lifetime Record: 26-3-4-5, \$97,061. O-Richard J. Freer; B-Karen Michelle Freer (WV); T-Michael G. Atkins.

**7th-Charles Town, \$27,400, 1-27, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2f, 1:20.94, ft, neck.**

**JUBA'S PARADE (f, 4, Juba--Mummers Parade, by **Street Sense**)** Lifetime Record: MSP, 15-5-3-1, \$131,759. O-KP Racing Stables, LLC; B-Taylor Mountain Farm (WV); T-Kristy Petty.

#### ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

**On the Nile, f, 3, **Cairo Prince**--Titanium Jo, by Bernstein.** Gulfstream, 1-28, (C), 1mT, 1:35.43. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$26,309. B-Alpha Delta Stables, LLC (KY). \*\$57,000 Ylg '22 FTKOCT; €160,000 2yo '23 ARQMAY.

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**Roman Candle, f, 3, **Capo Bastone**--Roman Charity, by Roman Ruler.** Charles Town, 1-27, (S), 6 1/2f, 1:22.08. Lifetime Record: 4-1-0-1, \$19,609. B-Huntertown Farm LLC (WV).

**Contour, f, 3, **Copper Bullet**--Untapped, by **Tapit**.** Sam Houston Race, 1-28, 1m 70y, 1:46.34. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-0, \$26,502. B-Winchell Tbreeds LLC (KY). \*\$75,000 2yo 23 TTAAPR.

**Mel's Baby Sister, f, 3, **Cross Traffic**--Childhood Dream, by Freud.** Aqueduct, 1-28, (S), 7f, 1:29.11. Lifetime Record: 4-1-2-0, \$67,063. B-Windhorse Thoroughbreds, LLC (NY). \$60,000 Ylg '22 SARAUG; \$110,000 2yo '23 EASMAY.

**Where It's At, g, 3, **Goldencents**--Bella Luma (MSW, \$239,824), by Ministers Wild Cat.** Golden Gate Fields, 1-28, 6f (AWT), 1:10.99. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$17,550. B-Linda J. Brown & Thomas W. Bachman (CA). \*1ST-TIME STARTER.

**Sweet Mimi, f, 3, **Good Magic**--Rivercane, by Awesome Again.** Gulfstream, 1-28, 7 1/2fT, 1:31.18. Lifetime Record: 6-1-1-1, \$67,110. B-Calvin Crain (KY). \*\$17,000 Wlg '21 KEENOV; \$75,000 Ylg '22 OBSOCT; \$300,000 2yo '23 OBSMAR.

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**Break Out, c, 3, **Good Samaritan**--Afternoon Tango (MSW, \$350,030), by Afternoon Deelites.** Gulfstream, 1-28, 7 1/2fT, 1:28.52. Lifetime Record: 5-1-2-1, \$63,400. B-Autry Lowry Jr. & Big Aut Farms & Spruceton Farm LLC (KY). \*\$12,000 Ylg '22

KEESEP; \$35,000 2yo '23 OBSMAR.

**Buraq's Reflection, g, 3, **Stay Thirsty**--Smiling Tigress (SP, \$176,583), by Smiling Tiger.** Santa Anita, 1-28, (S), (C), 1m, 1:40.46. Lifetime Record: 7-1-1-3, \$53,800. B-Naseer Fasihuddin (CA).

**Crystal Quest, c, 3, **Uncle Mo**--Giant Crystal, by Giant's Causeway.** Gulfstream, 1-28, (C), 1mT, 1:35.83. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$30,430. B-Live Oak Stud (FL). \*1/2 to American Giant (More Than Ready), MSW, \$143,550.

**Sisyphus, g, 3, **West Coast**--Back Road Bellamy, by Bellamy Road.** Charles Town, 1-27, 7f, 1:26.93. Lifetime Record: 8-1-3-3, \$40,854. B-Pope McLean, Marc McLean & Pope McLean Jr. & W.S. Farish (KY). \*\$10,000 Ylg '22 FTKOCT.

**Caldo Candy, g, 4, **Candy Ride (Arg)**--Tanglewood Tale, by Tale of the Cat.** Aqueduct, 1-28, (S), 6f, 1:12.58. Lifetime Record: 4-1-1-1, \$65,100. B-Avanti Stable (NY).

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**No Way It's Today (GB), f, 4, **Showcasing (GB)**--Way To My Heart (Ire), by Galileo (Ire).** Santa Anita, 1-28, (C), 1mT, 1:38.71. Lifetime Record: 4-1-0-1, \$24,968. B-Rifa Mustang Europe Ltd (GB). \*27,000gns Wlg '20 TATFOA; 40,000gns RNA Ylg '21 TADEY.

**Miracle On Ice, h, 5, **Dialed In**--Magical Victory (SP), by Victory Gallop.** Turfway, 1-27, 1 1/16m (AWT), 1:46.28. Lifetime Record: 12-1-4-2, \$102,435. B-Bo Hirsch LLC (KY). \*\$70,000 RNA Ylg '20 KEESEP. \*\*1/2 to Hot Springs (**Uncle Mo**), GSW, \$272,343.

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**Always Dreaming, Startswithadream, c, 3, o/o Aspen Whisper, by Mr. Greeley.** MSW, 1-28, Laurel

**American Pharoah, Antares, g, 4, o/o Alpha Centauri, by Dynaformer.** AOC, 1-27, Turfway

**Anchor Down, Swot Analysis, g, 6, o/o Solo Buena, by Half Ours.** AOC, 1-28, Fair Grounds

**Arrogate, Bob Marco, g, 5, o/o Astray, by Bernardini.** AOC, 1-28, Laurel



**Atreides**, Soul of an Angel, m, 5, o/o Factor One, by **The Factor**.

AOC, 1-28, Tampa Bay

**Bourbon Courage**, Malibu Moonshine, f, 4, o/o Sunday in Malibu, by Malibu Moon. Geisha S., 1-28, Laurel

**Cairo Prince**, On the Nile, f, 3, o/o Titanium Jo, by Bernstein. MOC, 1-28, Gulfstream

**Can the Man**, Sweet Darlin, f, 4, o/o Speights' Colony, by Speightstown. ALW, 1-28, Fair Grounds

**Candy Ride (Arg)**, Caldo Candy, g, 4, o/o Tanglewood Tale, by Tale of the Cat. MSW, 1-28, Aqueduct

**Capo Bastone**, Roman Candle, f, 3, o/o Roman Charity, by Roman Ruler. MSW, 1-27, Charles Town

**Carpe Diem**, Mr. Keating, g, 4, o/o Tweeterdini, by Bernardini. MSW, 1-28, Oaklawn

**Classic Empire**, Capital Idea, c, 3, o/o Rever de Vous, by Distorted Humor. MSW, 1-28, Aqueduct

**Copper Bullet**, Contour, f, 3, o/o Untapped, by **Tapit**. MSW, 1-28, Sam Houston

**Cross Traffic**, Mel's Baby Sister, f, 3, o/o Childhood Dream, by Freud. MSW, 1-28, Aqueduct

**Dialed In**, Miracle On Ice, h, 5, o/o Magical Victory, by Victory Gallop. MSW, 1-27, Turfway

**Easing Along**, Irideo (Arg), g, 8, o/o Infiltrada (Arg), by

**Footstepsinthesand (GB)**. Clocker's Corner S., 1-28, Santa Anita

**Flameaway**, Northern Flame, c, 3, o/o Darling's Darling, by Bernardini. AOC, 1-28, Oaklawn

**Frosted**, Post Time, c, 4, o/o Vielsalm, by Fairbanks. Jennings S., 1-28, Laurel

**Goldencents**, Where It's At, g, 3, o/o Bella Luma, by Ministers Wild Cat. MSW, 1-28, Golden Gate

**Good Magic**, Sweet Mimi, f, 3, o/o Rivercane, by Awesome Again. MSW, 1-28, Gulfstream

**Good Samaritan**, Break Out, c, 3, o/o Afternoon Tango, by Afternoon Deelites. MSW, 1-28, Gulfstream

**Gun Runner**, Bolzy, h, 5, o/o She's All In, by Include. ALW, 1-28, Oaklawn

**Gun Runner**, Tejas, c, 4, o/o Taxable, by **Tapit**. ALW, 1-28, Sam Houston

**Into Mischief**, Bring Theband Home, g, 4, o/o Tizatude, by Street Cry (Ire). AOC, 1-28, Gulfstream

**Into Mischief**, Cornell, c, 3, o/o Banree, by Macho Uno. MSW, 1-28, Santa Anita

**Into Mischief**, Pyrenees, c, 4, o/o Our Khrysty, by Newfoundland. ALW, 1-27, Fair Grounds

**Juba**, Juba's Parade, f, 4, o/o Mummers Parade, by **Street Sense**. ALW, 1-27, Charles Town

**Mendelssohn**, Musical Note, f, 3, o/o Blonde Bomber, by Fort Larned. MSW, 1-27, Turfway

**More Than Ready**, Gilcrease, g, 4, o/o Indian Brava, by Bernardini. AOC, 1-28, Fair Grounds

**Mosler**, Bay Street, f, 4, o/o Zister, by City Zip. ALW, 1-28, Laurel

**Not This Time**, Princess of Time, f, 4, o/o Movie Star Magic, by The Cliff's Edge. MSW, 1-28, Santa Anita

**Practical Joke**, Flower Mound, f, 3, o/o Beyond Ambition, by **Tapit**. MSW, 1-28, Gulfstream

**Practical Joke**, Mischief Joke, c, 3, o/o Shesabitdistorted, by Distorted Humor. Rego Park S., 1-28, Aqueduct

**Real Estate**, Don'tcalltooeary, g, 5, o/o Cedar Run's Emblem, by Our Emblem. ALW, 1-27, Charles Town

**Run Away and Hide**, B G Warrior, f, 4, o/o Biogio's Gift, by Any Given Saturday. Wishing Well S., 1-27, Turfway

**Runhappy**, Rotknee, h, 5, o/o In Spite of Mama, by Speightstown. Say Florida Sandy S., 1-28, Aqueduct

**Shanghai Bobby**, Prodigy Doll, m, 6, o/o Hi Lili, by Silver Deputy. AOC, 1-28, Laurel

**Showcasing (GB)**, No Way It's Today (GB), f, 4, o/o Way To My Heart (Ire), by Galileo (Ire). MCL, 1-28, Santa Anita

**Speightster**, Will the Thrill, g, 5, o/o Secret Source, by **Mineshaft**. ALW, 1-28, Sam Houston

**Stay Thirsty**, Buraq's Reflection, g, 3, o/o Smiling Tigress, by Smiling Tiger. MCL, 1-28, Santa Anita

**Tale of Ekati**, Diamonds N Aces, m, 5, o/o Bling's Ace, by Too Much Bling. ALW, 1-28, Sam Houston

**Uncle Mo**, Crystal Quest, c, 3, o/o Giant Crystal, by Giant's Causeway. MOC, 1-28, Gulfstream

**Uncle Mo**, Mirari, f, 4, o/o Chat, by Dynaformer. MSW, 1-28, Santa Anita

**Uncle Mo**, Uncle Jake, r, 4, o/o Tasha's Miracle, by Harlan's Holiday. ALW, 1-28, Fair Grounds

**West Coast**, Sisyphus, g, 3, o/o Back Road Bellamy, by Bellamy Road. MSW, 1-27, Charles Town



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We've never had it so bad, apparently. That of course depends on whether you're a glass-half-full or half-empty kind of person. Mine has been mostly empty so far in 2024, of the good stuff at least, but the swapping of a decent claret for chai tea has not lowered the spirits as much as might have been imagined at the start of January. In fact, optimism levels are running high in this very small corner of Newmarket at present.

For a start we have made it through storms Isha and Jocelyn with the loss of only one roof tile and a fence panel. There were no loose horses or fallers, and there has been no ice under the hooves of the fresh horses just back from their winter holidays. These sound like minor considerations, but in a small stable, when the horses who live below and the staff who come in every day to ride them feel like family members, every day that passes without dramatic incident is a good day.

Don't get me wrong, I don't skip around every minute of the day being irritatingly upbeat. I have grave concerns over the way racing is heading in some areas, particularly that so many people seem willing to gamble on trading horses but have no interest in racing them.

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## A FILLY FIRST FOR BAAEED

The first reported foal for **Baaeed (GB)**, the top-rated turf horse in the world in 2022, has been born at Haras de la Perelle in Normandy.

The filly is out of the Shadwell-bred Exceed And Excel (Aus) mare Mejthaam (Ire), a dual winner and half-sister to Group 2 winner Alflaila (GB), who was bought in December for 260,000gns.

"We are delighted with her. She is a strong, good-sized foal, full of energy and has a great temperament. She is doing everything right. It is very exciting to have had the first foal of the brilliant champion Baaeed," said William Rimaud, manager of Haras de la Perelle.

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## IN TDN AMERICA TODAY

### THE WEEK IN REVIEW, BY BILL FINLEY

After a busy weekend in Florida at the Pegasus World Cup festival, Bill Finley takes stock of the week that was, including a recap of the GI Pegasus World Cup Invitational S., won by a horse he admits he was not a fan of in any way on paper.

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## FIRST FOALS BY THUNDER MOON ARRIVE

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*The first reported Thunder Moon (Ire) foal was born at Haras de Montaigu during Stallion Route weekend with three additional fillies making an appearance during the last week.*

## RECORDING-BREAKING PROISIR FILLY AT KARAKA

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**Cheer Up, cont. from p1**

With little acknowledgement of their importance to the Levy, the paltry level of funding for lower-tier races is making it increasingly unsustainable for many of the sport's smaller participants to continue and is in part deterring others to get involved. It is becoming harder not to conclude that there is now no place for the small breeder, the small owner or the small trainer with their lesser horses. That would be a shame.

In the long history of sport, fans have deified the very best, and rightly so. We all need a Pele, a Piggott, a Klopp or a Cecil to sprinkle a little magic. But the sporting public also loves an underdog. Only recently, the exploits of Hewick on Boxing Day reminded us of this. And I long to see another horse of the ilk of Sergeant Cecil or Speciosa in the hands of trainers whose talents lack only the supply of horses.

For a start, what a story. Fresh faces, a new narrative. And then there's the knock-on effect; the hope brought to others in a similar situation, that encouragement to roll the dice.

Racing has always been built on dreams. People come and people go, and new people replace them with that same old dream. Retention is important, of course, and it is hard not to look upon last week's announcement from Andrew and Gemma Brown of Caldwell Construction with anything other than concern. Here are owners who have enjoyed major success, with some exciting young National Hunt prospects on their hands, withdrawing from racing and dispersing their stock, apparently following three recent fatalities among their string. One can sympathise with the Browns while wondering how long jump racing will be tolerated by the general public, particularly in Britain.

Among the other issues of the day are prize-money, concerns over Britain and Ireland becoming nurseries for other racing nations with deeper pockets, and the hoovering up of top-class stallion prospects by our friends in Japan. Well, guess what. None of this is new.

'No Racing and no Money as 1968 comes in' ran the cheery headline on the editorial leader in the February 1968 edition of Stud And Stable. Britain was then in the grip of a foot-and-mouth epidemic which had halted racing during the previous December (the same disease later caused the cancellation of the Cheltenham Festival of 2001). Remarkably, the December Sales of 1967 had been permitted to go ahead by the government under strict protocols and they recorded some notable returns despite some epidemic-enforced withdrawals. Sound familiar?

Vaguely Noble sold for a record 136,000 guineas, and he was far from the only high-priced lot to fall into the hands of owners from overseas.

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# Bated Breath

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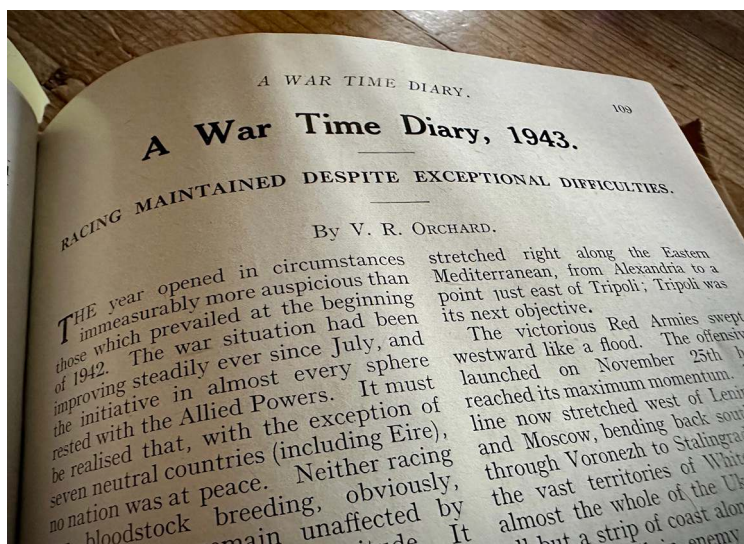
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# SHADWELL





**The Bloodstock Breeders' Reviews of the early 1940s included war diaries which make for sober reading**

The gloomy leader stated, "Already supported by racing programmes that justified the payment of high prices, French and American buyers were afforded a field day."

It continued, "Throughout the century, England and Ireland have acted as a storehouse from which to supply the world's Thoroughbred requirements. This year's December Sales raised more dramatically than ever the question of how long we shall

be able to go on doing so unless we can increase our prizes and keep the best at home."

These words, written 56 years ago, could so easily have been penned today.

Elsewhere in the same magazine there was a short report on the sale of the stallions Larkspur and Hard Ridden to Japan, which began, "Following on from the rather alarming foreign purchases of the top lots at the Newmarket December Sales comes news of the export to Japan of two Derby winners." Again, this has a familiar ring of recency to it (as did an advertisement in the same edition for Rathduff Stud's promising young stallion by the name of Cracksman).

In fact, the only thing that felt a little different in this edition of Stud And Stable from 1968 was a photograph of the packed stands at the Curragh in an advert for the Irish Sweeps Derby which boasted of the higher average prices of yearlings with Irish Derby entries. Just don't tell Patrick Cooper or he might write another letter.

Over the years we have had epidemics of the human and bovine variety temporarily halt racing in its tracks. It would have felt catastrophic at the time, and the worry of the months of April and May 2020 in particular is still fresh in the mind. Somehow, though, this industry bounces back, often stronger than ever. [Cont.](#)

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Racing limped on, restricted and reduced, through the far graver years of the Second World War. The Derby and the Oaks were run at Newmarket, but at least they took place. It must be said that the influential owner-breeders of the day played a major role in persuading the government that a certain amount of racing must continue for the morale of the people, not to mention the important continuation and testing of the breed on the racecourse.

And yet even in those desperate times we find in the Bloodstock Breeders' Review similar buoyancy at the sales, which is quite staggering considering what was taking place in the real world. A report written in the sixth year of war concluded, "Bloodstock Sales in 1944 showed the highest aggregate ever known...The December Sales results alone beat all hitherto established records...The same story is to be recorded regarding the Dublin Sales. All records were surpassed by the results in 1944."

I've lost track of the times I've reported on a "record-breaking" sale over the last decade. Of course the vitality of the bloodstock market should not be confused with the overall health of racing. As stated, an increased number of people treat the sales like the stock market and are not involved beyond that, while plenty of money that changes hand comes from foreign investors.

That's not all bad though. We have always needed international interest in our bloodstock market, and the breed itself needs it. Many of those investors hail from countries which are not conducive to the breeding and rearing of horses, and the fact that the green and pleasant lands of Britain and Ireland are ideally suited to that pursuit has not gone unnoticed by those from overseas who have decided to establish their own breeding operations in this part of the world.

And yes, to a degree, it is facetious to imply that little has changed. Glancing through those old books and magazines, the

most telling difference is that there were once so many small, independent studs that each stood a stallion or two. Now, many have been subsumed by those major investors whose breeding operations have become empires. Whether that is good or bad is almost a moot point. It's different, but we still have the choice of a large range of stallions, with many of the best in the world standing in these isles.

None of this means that we can simply think all is well and turn to complacency. Those quickly expanding racing programmes in the Middle East will need more and more horses to meet their

demands, at a rate and standard which exceeds the potential of their local breeding industries. In part that is good news for European breeders, but it may well prove detrimental to racing here.

A personal gripe is how much owners appear to be

encouraged to sell on a horse as soon as it shows a glimmer of talent. Obviously lucrative offers are hard to turn down, and horses can suddenly be lame in the blink of an eye, so this isn't pointing the finger of blame at anyone who has cashed in. But what happened to that dream? Isn't it what drew people in in the first place, the chance to race a top horse?

There really is nothing like the thrill of being connected to a winner, whether in a syndicate or as a sole owner-breeder. That's the dream we should be selling, for no get-rich-quick scheme can equal that high.

The politics of racing can certainly detract from our enjoyment of the sport if we let it. So it's time to stop doom-scrolling. Put down your phone and get yourself out to a paddock or a racecourse to marvel at the beauty of the Thoroughbred. The start of the Flat turf season is now but two months away and the foaling barns are once again filling up with the stars of the future.

**But what happened to that dream? Isn't it what drew people in in the first place, the chance to race a top horse?**

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First foal for Baaeed out of Mejthaam | Courtesy Shadwell

#### Filly first for Baaeed, cont. from p1

Among the other mares set to produce a foal from the first crop of Baaeed this year are the Group 1 winners Deirdre (Jpn), Eshaada (GB), Nazeef (Ire), Persuasive (GB), Queen's Trust (GB), Seal Of Approval (GB), Search For A Song (Ire), Star Of Seville (GB), The Fugue (GB) and Wavering (Ire), as well as the dams of Group 1 winners Accidental Agent (GB), Best Of Days (Ire), Native Trail (GB), Persian King (Ire), Siyarafina (Fr) and **Ten Sovereigns (Ire)**.

Breeders in Newmarket this week for the Tattersalls February Sale can view Baaeed and his fellow Shadwell stallions Mostahdaf (Ire) and Mohaather (GB) at Beech House Stud on Thursday and Friday between 12pm and 3.30pm.

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## FIRST FOALS BY THUNDER MOON ARRIVE

The first reported Thunder Moon (Ire) foal was born at Haras de Montaigu during Stallion Route weekend with three additional fillies making an appearance during the last week, announced standing stud Haras de Bouquetot via press release on Sunday.

The first, a colt out of Eterea (Fr) (Kendargent {Fr})--herself a winning half-sister to multiple Group-placed Munsef (GB) (Zafonic) and Italian stakes runner Danzaya (GB) (**Oasis Dream**

{GB})--hailing from the extended family of multiple Group 1-placed Hamish McGonagall (GB) (Namid {GB}), brought praise from Haras de Montaigu's Erwan de Chambord.

"We are very pleased with this first offspring of Thunder Moon with a maiden mare. He is well-built with good bone, great limb conformation, and a very good temperament so far!"

The fillies arrived in Ireland and France--the Irish-bred is a daughter of G2 Prix de Malleret winner Al Wathna (GB) (Nayef) while the French fillies arrived at Mrs. Elisabeth Ribard's Haras de la Cauviniere to SP Sporty Doll (Itly) (Pounced) and at Haras de Bourgeauville for breeder Philip Lybeck, who described her as, "A balanced filly with scope and very elegant, very much in the image of her sire."

Thunder Moon will stand his second season at stud in 2024 for €6,000 Live Foal.

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## WORLDWIDE NEWS

### \$1.6-MILLION PROISIR FILLY TOPS KARAKA

by James Thomas/TTR AusNZ

History was made during the first hour at a strong opening session of the New Zealand Bloodstock (NZB) Karaka Yearling Sale on Sunday when Lot 21, the full sister to champion middle distance runner Prowess (NZ) (Proisir), fetched an unprecedented NZ\$1,600,000.

[Cont.](#)



**The top lot, a full-sister to champion Prowess | NZ Bloodstock**

### At A Glance:

- The Day 1 aggregate of NZ\$30,725,5000 is a record for New Zealand Bloodstock, and is far superior to last year (NZ\$22,420,000). This year, 215 yearlings were catalogued, whereas in 2023 it was 192. The aggregate in 2022 was NZ\$20,042,500.
- Sunday's average (NZ\$195,704) is significantly better than the previous two years (NZ\$160,143 in 2023, NZ\$159,067 in 2022).
- The median finished at a healthy NZ\$150,000, which is slightly up on last year (NZ\$147,500) and much better than 2022 (NZ\$125,000).
- At the conclusion of Sunday's trade, the clearance rate for 155 lots sold sat at 73 per cent, which is the same as 12 months ago and up on 2022 (69 per cent).
- Moody Racing won a spirited bidding war for the Day 1 sale-topper, going to NZ\$1.6 million for Lot 21 - a Proisir filly out of Donna Marie, which was consigned by Hallmark Stud. She will be raced by John Camilleri of Fairway Thoroughbreds.
- The top-selling colt made NZ\$725,000. Consigned by Elsdon Park as Lot 55, he is by Zoustar from Evalina.
- Te Akau's David Ellis CNZM (BAFNZ) was the leading buyer by aggregate on Day 1, spending NZ\$3.4 million on 14 yearlings at an average of NZ\$242,900.
- The leading buyer by average (three or more) was Chris Waller/Guy Mulcaster; they averaged NZ\$460,900 on six yearlings.
- The leading vendor by aggregate was Waikato Stud. It sold 21 lots for a gross of NZ\$3,445,000 at an average of NZ\$164,000.
- The leading sire by aggregate is Savabeel, he had 16 yearlings make NZ\$3,975,000, while the leading sire by average (three or more sold) is Proisir, with seven yearlings averaging NZ\$441,428.

Virtually every major player in the Southern Hemisphere was on hand when Hallmark Stud presented the filly by sire sensation Proisir out of Donna Marie (NZ) (Don Eduardo {NZ}), and after a marathon round of bidding it was Victoria-based trainer Peter Moody who held the winning hand at NZ\$1.6 million.

The dam is a perfect four winners from four runners, although by far the most significant of those is the champion Prowess (NZ), whose eight career victories include Group 1 successes in the Bonecrusher New Zealand S. and the Vinery Stud S.

"It's a big dive into the ocean but she's a bloody nice filly," said Moody. "Obviously a lot of people were on her. She presented well and paraded well all week, and she's a full (sibling) to a Group 1 winner, so she's always got that residual ticket. She's got two fulls following her through with the mare. Proisir's had six individual Group 1 winners this season. She was just one hell of a nice filly. I would've loved to have bought her for NZ\$800,000 but she was just an outstanding filly."

He continued: "When you look at the catalogue and see a full sister to what I thought was an absolute superstar and a filly I thought would've won the Cox Plate last season, obviously things went against her, but that pricks your interest. It's very seldom you come to a sale and look at a horse like that and they're a full to a Group 1 winner and arguably a better type."

On the marathon bidding battle, Moody added: "It was a grind but thankfully we won out. The justification will be in 12 or 18 months' time, but I'm really looking forward to having her home in the yard. This time next year you might start to get an idea as to what she's got but I wouldn't think it'll be anything before that."

The seven-figure youngster becomes the most expensive yearling filly ever sold in New Zealand, dethroning the Zabeel (NZ) filly Shower Of Roses (NZ) who went on to win the G1 Arrowfield Stud S. for Gai Waterhouse after selling to Gooree Stud for NZ\$1.45 million back in 2001.

The filly's price also comfortably eclipsed that of her illustrious older sibling as Prowess sold to Roger James and Robert Wellwood for NZ\$230,000 at the NZB Karaka Yearling Sale in 2021.

Proisir, who stands at Rich Hill Stud, has sired 16 stakes winners, including six who have struck in Group 1 company. Prowess is joined at the head of her sire's stud record by Dark Destroyer (NZ), Legarto (NZ), Levante (NZ), Pier (NZ) and Waitak (NZ).

The close of the 2022/23 season not only saw the son of Choisir end Savabeel's eight-year reign as champion sire of New Zealand, he also broke that stallion's progeny earnings record in the process. During the 2023 breeding season Proisir covered a full book at a fee of NZ\$70,000 (plus GST).





**Guy Mulcaster** | *NZ Bloodstock*

### **Lot 144: Satono Aladdin (Jpn) x Inthespotlight (NZ) filly, NZ\$900,000**

Proisir's popularity was not the only cause for celebration for Rich Hill Stud enjoyed on the day, as the farm also consigned the Satono Aladdin (Jpn) full sister to Australian Guineas third Japanese Emperor (NZ). The NZ\$900,000 filly was the most expensive purchase among a six-strong haul collected by Chris Waller and Guy Mulcaster of Mulcaster Bloodstock.

"That's the most money for a Satono Aladdin and the most we've ever sold a filly for at Karaka," said Rich Hill's Managing Director John Thompson. "We had our suspicions (she'd sell well) because up to this morning she'd had 144 parades. She never turned a hair the whole time; people just loved her and kept coming back.

"She's got a really good temperament, which the sire is known for, everyone says that about the Satonos. She had beautiful conformation and just looks like a racehorse. She belonged to a guy called Trevor Luke, who raced Alamosa, and his health isn't the best at the moment so this'll be a big boost for him."

Satono Aladdin shuttles between Rich Hill and his Japanese base at the Breeders Stallion Station. While the son of Deep Impact (Jpn) hasn't taken a completely linear path to Southern Hemisphere success, Thompson said there was plenty more to look forward to from the sire of Group 1 winners Pennyweka (NZ) and Tokyo Tycoon (NZ).

"It was a little tough when Satono didn't come back (because of COVID) because then the next year you're out of sight and out of mind," he said. "This crop is certainly not his biggest crop but he's got two big crops coming through as he's served 170 mares in the last couple of seasons. Obviously his fee has gone up and it'll probably continue to go up. When you're a studmaster you need your stallions' progeny to go to those sorts of trainers. (Chris Waller) gets the best out of horses and he's got that Kiwi

patience, which is tremendous."

Mulcaster added of the NZ\$900,000 filly: "We identified her early in the week and I realised there was going to be a fair bit of competition on her. We had a good go on the Proisir filly, the full to Prowess, this morning and we got blown out of the water, but I spoke to our clients and we agreed we'd have a good go at this filly. They were very happy to have purchased her."

### **Lot 55: Zoustar x Evalina colt, NZ\$725,000**

Jamie Richards is no stranger to success in New Zealand and returned to a happy hunting ground at Karaka to secure Elsdon Park's Zoustar colt for NZ\$725,000. The Hong Kong-based trainer's name appeared on the docket alongside Andrew Williams Bloodstock (FBAA).

The six-figure youngster is the first foal out of Evalina, a daughter of I Am Invincible whose three wins were capped by success in the Listed Levin S. at Otaki. She also ran third, beaten just 1.25l by Julius (NZ), in the 2020 running of the G1 Railway S. There is more top-flight form further back in the pedigree as Group 1-winning siblings Shogun Lodge (Grand Lodge {USA}) and Singing The Blues appear beneath the colt's fourth dam.

Although the four-time champion trainer in New Zealand is now plying his trade in Hong Kong, Richards said his purchase could remain in situ to begin his racing career, potentially being pointed towards the lucrative Karaka Millions.

"He's by a champion sire and out of a very good mare," said Richards. "She was by I Am Invincible and those champion sires usually go on and be very good broodmare sires. He's just a real racy, running type of horse. I've bought him for a Hong Kong client who's not 100 per cent sure what he's going to do yet. He could well stay here and hopefully be aimed towards the Karaka Million. We'll just get him home and reassess and work it all out."

The latest running of the Karaka Million was won by the Stephen Marsh-trained Velocious (Written Tycoon), a NZ\$190,000 purchase by Go Racing 12 months ago. Richards expanded on the appeal of having such a valuable prize to aim at, saying: "I think it gives everybody confidence in the way the industry is going. Obviously there's not a lot of 2-year-old racing in Hong Kong but what NZTR and NZB are doing for New Zealand racing, sitting back in Hong Kong watching on from afar, it's very exciting. To be back on the sale ground and see the buzz, it's great for the industry. I'm looking forward to seeing how everything unfolds."

Asked about the overall strength of this year's Karaka catalogue, Richards added: "In previous years I've been around with Te Akau and looked at all the fillies. I haven't done that this year but I thought there were some really good colts here and some nice horses that will suit everywhere, really." **Cont.**



**Lot 55 - Zoustar colt | NZ Bloodstock**

"I thought it was a good catalogue and you know when you come here the horses have been well raised and I think that's a big benefit for the young horses going forward into their racing careers."

Richards will forever be associated with multiple Group 1 winners like Gingernuts (NZ) (Iffraaj {GB}), Melody Belle (NZ) (Commands) and Te Akau Shark (NZ) (Rip Van Winkle {Ire}), although he endured a somewhat frustrating start to his time in Hong Kong. However, he has hit better form of late and enjoyed a double at Sha Tin on Wednesday as Magniac (Lucky Street) and G Liner (GB) (**Siyouni {Fr}**) took his tally to 16 winners for the campaign.

He said: "We're trying to build up a bit of momentum and we've got a stable full of young horses. We're just waiting for them to acclimatise and come on. Hong Kong is a very challenging place but when you're winning it's also very rewarding so you've just got to keep your chin up and keep working hard and hopefully we can see things improve for the rest of the season."

#### **Lot 146: Super Seth x Irion (NZ) colt, NZ\$700,000**

Also buying on behalf of a Hong Kong-based client was Mike Kneebone. The Patella Bloodstock man went to NZ\$700,000 for Pencarrow Stud's well-bred Super Seth colt. The youngster is out of the Group 2-placed Danroad mare Irion (NZ), making him a sibling to three winners. They include the Group 2-winning juvenile Zourion (NZ) (Zoustar), who struck in the Matamata Breeders' S., and the G3 Cuddle S. scorer Pearl Of Alsace (NZ) (Tavistock {NZ}).

"I started the inspections when I first got over to New Zealand last Saturday and as soon as I saw this colt come out of the box I was very, very keen on him," said Kneebone. "I thought he was going to be around the four to five hundred (thousand) mark, so

my people were really strong on him in the end. They said if you like him, keep going.

"We're not in any rush with him. We'll send him out to the farm and get him broken in (race educated) then decide on a trainer as we go forward. We haven't really thought too much about that at this stage, we just wanted to get him. We were looking for a colt that had a stallion's pedigree, and as you saw, the mare produces a really nice type."

Given his client's stallion ambitions, Kneebone said the initial plan had been to race any acquisitions in Australia. However, the surge in investment in New Zealand, with betting company Entain committing NZ\$900 million to the industry over the next five years, has given connections pause for thought.

"It was always going to be Australia but since the announcements from Entain and all the positivity in New Zealand, all of a sudden that's a big possibility for us now," he said. "That's one of the reasons why we're not discounting New Zealand, although ultimately if he goes really good then we'll probably be heading over to Australia like everybody else."

The buyer also offered a positive assessment of Waikato Stud resident Super Seth, whose first runners are reaching the track this season.

"I think Super Seth is one of those sires on the rise," said Kneebone. "He had good sales all the way through and all the really good judges have bought them previously. I think he's got another really nice line of horses this year. With the backing of Waikato Stud, I think he's a good punt."

#### **Lot 210: Kingman (GB) x Marsden Cross (Ire) colt, NZ\$650,000**

The influx of Hong Kong investment continued when the Hong Kong Jockey Club made a late move to secure this six-figure youngster from Sir Peter Vela's elite breeding operation at Pencarrow Stud.

The sole offering by **Kingman (GB)** in the catalogue, the colt is the first foal out of the mare, who remained a maiden after eight starts in Britain for Sir Mark Todd but boasts an eye-catching European pedigree.

Marsden Cross (Ire) (**Camelot {GB}**) is a sibling to the Listed-winning Many Colours (GB), who in turn is the dam of 1000 Guineas and Prix Rothschild heroine Mother Earth (Ire) (Zoffany {Ire}). Many Colours has also bred the Italian Group 2 winner Night Colours (Ire) (Night Of Thunder {Ire}) and the G3 Ballycorus S. scorer Ocean Jewel (Ire) (**Sioux Nation {USA}**).

"He was one of my main targets at this sale on type," said Boomer Bloodstock (FBAA) agent Craig Rounsefell, who was on duty for the Hong Kong Jockey Club. "Obviously, **Kingman's** a fast young stallion over in Europe and there's no reason why he's not going to do well in Hong Kong." **Cont.**





David Ellis | NZ Bloodstock

"This horse had a great temperament and he's a rock-solid horse from a good farm. On type, he's just a smashing horse I thought. We had a go at a few others earlier at lower prices that we missed out on but he was our top pick of the day, and one of our top picks of the sale."

The Hong Kong Jockey Club also made six purchases at the recent Magic Millions Gold Coast Yearling Sale for an outlay totalling \$3,165,000. Rounsefell reported the Karaka buy would head into the same program before shipping to Hong Kong in due course.

"They'll head to Limitless Lodge with Tim Boland to join the team," he said. "We've got the crew going up there fairly soon, the 3-year-olds, for the sale in March and the 2-year-olds are all going well, so they will join our team from Magics and hopefully we'll build on that over the next few days and next few months."

"There's some different families and different stallions over here that we're looking at, and across a whole range of budgets. We've got a good shortlist after vetting, so we'll see how we go. It's been a fairly strong sale today (Sunday), so it's good to put that one on the board."

Marsden Cross was bred by Lynch Bages and Clarecastle Farm and bought for Sir Peter by Hubie de Burgh at the 2019 Arqana August Yearling Sale, where she cost €130,000 (AU\$214,700).

## VICTOR THE WINNER GOES ALL THE WAY IN THE CENTENARY SPRINT CUP *by Alan Carasso*

Perennial leading jockey Zac Purton fired in a six-timer Sunday at Sha Tin, his best day in 15 months, but he was unable to sweeten the deal in the G1 Centenary Sprint Cup. **Lucky Sweeney (NZ)** (Sweeney {Aus}), the newly crowned world's best sprinter, was the \$1.35 jolly to follow up on his victory in the G1 Longines Hong Sprint Dec. 10, but he was slow through the early stages and it ultimately spelled doom, as Derek Leung

walked the dog astride **Victor the Winner (Aus)** (Toronado {Ire}) en route to a \$38 boilover.

Having defeated the champion sprinter in the traditional opening-day Class 1 feature over Sunday's course and distance back in September--a race run at a snail's pace in wet conditions--Victor the Winner was an on-pace fourth in December's Group 1 contest and was exiting a seventh to **Whizz Kid (Aus)** (Shalaa {Ire}) in Group 3 company up the 1000-metre straight Jan. 7.

Accordingly sent off at rough odds Sunday, Victor the Winner nearly beat the gate and was immediately in front and was able to run leisurely sections in the lead, going the first 400 metres in :24.30 (standard :23.50) with Whizz Kid doing the chasing and Lucky Sweeney buried back in the latter third of the field. Still traveling supremely easily on the turn, Victor the Winner got the opening 800 metres in :47.25 (standard :45.80), meaning he had plenty left when the real running started and he was never in any sort of danger in the run to the line. Hong Kong Sprint runner-up **Lucky With You (Aus)** (Artie Schiller) earned another top-level placing in second, while former champion **Wellington (Aus)** (All Too Hard {Aus}) acquitted himself well in third. Despite a final sectional clocking of a race-fastest :21.98, Lucky Sweeney could do no better than sixth, beaten 4 1/4 lengths.

"It feels great. Thank you for the opportunity from the owner and the trainer," said homegrown rider Derek Leung, annexing his first Group 1 since guiding Beauty Generation (NZ) in the 2017 Hong Kong Mile. "We drew an outside gate, but we flew out of the gate, so (we) took advantage and just went forward--he was quite relaxed after that and at the 500m, I knew he was going to kick very strong. Very lucky, it was a win."

Winning trainer Danny Shum, who sent Romantic Warrior (Ire) (Acclamation {GB}) to Australia to land the G1 Cox Plate last October, has a potential overseas target in mind for Victor the Winner, namely the G1 Takamatsunomiya Kinen at Chukyo Mar. 24. **Cont.**



Victor the Winner | HKJC photo

"I entered him in Japan over 1200m, so I will see how he pulls up and then decide if I keep him in Hong Kong or send him to Japan in March," Shum said. "I've considered Japan for a long time, because it's a left-hand turn. In the morning, his left-hand turn is better than his right-hand turn, so we have to give him a chance overseas."

Of the beaten favourite, Purton told South China *Morning Post*: "He just couldn't get going early and that's his Achilles' heel. Some days he just can't show any gate speed, which was the case today. Once all the horses got their spot, they just slammed on the brakes and he was back in a bad spot. There is not much you can do about it."

### Pedigree Notes

Victor the Winner is the 35th stakes winner and 13th group/graded winner for Swettenham Stud shuttler Toronado, now the sire of five elite-level scorers worldwide.

Swettenham purchased the stakes-placed Noetic for A\$100,000 from the Patinack Farm dispersal in September 2013 and the mare produced her first foal for Adam Sangster about a month later. A half-sister to the dual stakes-placed Starlight Lady (Aus) (Fantastic Light), Noetic is the dam of three winners from five to the races and her most recent produce is a yearling filly by Swettenham's I Am Immortal (Aus), who was purchased for A\$5,500 in utero from the 2022 Inglis June Online Sale. The filly was s bought back on a bid of A\$150,000 at the Inglis Great Southern Sale last June.

Victor the Winner's fourth dam, Big Dreams (Great Above), produced two-time American champion sprinter Housebuster (Mt. Livermore) and the family also includes Nutella Fella (*Runhappy*), winner in the US of the 2023 GI Hopeful S.

According to the Australian Stud Book, Noetic passed away Mar. 2, 2023.

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### Sunday, Sha Tin, Hong Kong

**CENTENARY SPRINT CUP-G1**, HK\$13,000,000, Sha Tin, 1-28, 3yo/up, 1200mT, 1:09.43, gd.

1--**VICTOR THE WINNER (AUS)**, 126, g, 5, by Toronado (Ire)

1st Dam: Noetic (Aus) (SP-Aus), by Cape Cross (Ire)

2nd Dam: Dancing Starlight, by Atticus

3rd Dam: Night and Dreams, by Fappiano

**1ST STAKES WIN, 1ST GROUP WIN, 1ST GROUP 1 WIN.**

(A\$180,000 Ylg '20 INGMAR). O-Chu Yun Lau; B-Adam Sangster (Vic); T-Danny Shum; J-Derek Leung; HK\$7,280,000. Lifetime Record: 14-7-2-0, HK\$19,744,025. **Werk Nick Rating: A+++**

**\*Triple Plus\***. Click for the [eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree](#) or the [free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree](#).

2--**Lucky With You (Aus)**, 126, g, 6, Artie Schiller--Heredera (Aus), by Northern Meteor (Aus). (A\$130,000 Ylg '19 INGMAR). O-Vincent Leung Man Him; B-Emirates Park Pty Ltd (NSW); T-Frankie Lor; J-Andrea Atzeni; HK\$2,730,000.

3--**Wellington (Aus)**, 126, g, 7, All Too Hard (Aus)--Mihiri (Aus), by More Than Ready. (A\$70,000 Ylg '18 MMGCYS). O-Mr & Mrs Michael Cheng Wing On & Jeffrey Cheng Man Cheong; B-Kia Ora Stud Pty Ltd, David Paradise, Steve McCann (NSW); T-Jamie Richards; J-Hugh Bowman; HK\$1,495,000.

Margins: 1 3/4, 3/4, 3/4. Odds: 37-1, 19-1, 6-1.

Also Ran: Son Pak Fu (Aus), Flying Ace (NZ), Lucky Sweeney (NZ), Taj Dragon (Ire), Whizz Kid (Aus), Packing Treadmill (Aus), Courier Wonder (NZ), Duke Wai (NZ), Sight Success (Aus), Super Wealthy (Aus). Click for the [HKJC chart](#), [PPs](#) and [sectional timing](#). **VIDEO**.

### Sunday, Kyoto, Japan

**SILK ROAD STAKES-G3**, ¥78,210,000, Kyoto, 1-28, 4yo/up, 1200mT, 1:07.70, fm.

1--**LUGAL (JPN)**, 127, c, 4, by Duramente (Jpn)

1st Dam: Atab (Ire), by New Approach (Ire)

2nd Dam: Moon's Whisper, by Storm Cat

3rd Dam: East of the Moon, by Private Account

**1ST GROUP WIN.** O-Yoshimasa Ema; B-Mishima Bokujo; T-Haruki Sugiyama; J-Atsuya Nishimura; ¥41,637,000. Lifetime Record: 11-3-4-1, ¥121,500,001. **Werk Nick Rating: B.** Click for the [eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree](#). Click for the [free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree](#).

2--**Aguri (Jpn)**, 128, h, 5, Caravaggio--Old Time Waltz, by War Front. (¥105,000,000 Ylg '20 JRHJUL) O-Masahiro Miki; B-Northern Farm; ¥16,182,000.

◆ **Dam purchased by Narvick Int'l / Riki Takahashi** ◆

3--**Eternal Time (Jpn)**, 119, m, 5, Lord Kanaloa (Jpn)--Magic Time (Jpn), by Heart's Cry (Jpn). **1ST BLACK-TYPE, 1ST GROUP**

**BLACK TYPE.** O-Sunday Racing; B-Northern Farm; ¥10,079,000.

Margins: 3, HF, 1 1/4; Odds: 2.30, 1.90, 4.30.

Also Ran: Sunrise Ronaldo (Jpn), Shonan Hakuraku (GB),



Travesura (Jpn), Sunrise Honest (Jpn), Meisho Sorafune (Jpn), Birth Cry (Jpn), Kawakita Reverie (Jpn), Satono Ramses (Jpn), June Orange (Jpn), Divination (Jpn), T M Spada (Jpn), Hopeful Sign (Jpn), Otaru Ever (Jpn), Rivara (Jpn), Kaiser Melange (Jpn).

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#### Sunday, Tokyo, Japan

**NEGISHI STAKES-G3**, ¥76,800,000, Tokyo, 1-28, 4yo/up, 1400mD, 1:24.10, gd.

1--**EMPEROR WAKEA (JPN)**, 123, c, 4, by Lord Kanaloa (Jpn)

1st Dam: Kara's Match Point, by **Curlin**

2nd Dam: Home Court, by Storm Cat

3rd Dam: Jewel Princess, by Key to the Mint

**1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN, 1ST GROUP WIN.** (¥30,000,000 Ylg '21 JRHJUL). O-Tsunefumi Kusama; B-Shimokobe Farm; T-Haruki Sugiyama; J-Yuga Kawada; ¥40,560,000. Lifetime Record: 7-5-1-0, ¥93,716,000. **Werk Nick Rating: B+.** Click for the [eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree](#). Click for the [free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree](#).

2--**Arms Reign (Jpn)**, 123, c, 4, Copano Rickey (Jpn)--Arms Tosho (Jpn), by Coronado's Quest. **1ST BLACK-TYPE, 1ST GROUP BLACK TYPE.** O-Tadakuni Sugiyama; B-Meiji Farm; ¥16,160,000.

3--**Sunrise Flame (Jpn)**, 123, c, 4, Drefong--Must Buy Item (Jpn), by Afleet. **1ST BLACK-TYPE, 1ST GROUP BLACK TYPE.** O-Life House Inc.; B-Shimokobe Farm; ¥10,080,000.

Margins: 2HF, HF, 3/4; Odds: 1.50, 13.10, 2.90.

Also Ran: Helios (Jpn), Hulm (Jpn), Verdad Imeru (Jpn), Shamal (Jpn), Alpha Mom (Jpn), Paraiba Tourmaline, Lyra Bond (Jpn), Iolite (Jpn), Omatsuri Otoko (Jpn), Tagano Beauty (Jpn), Pier Chic, Eclogite (Jpn), Kenshinko (Jpn). Click for the [JRA chart & video](#).

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