

DESPITE CHURCHILL BAN, KEY OWNERS KEEP THEIR HORSES WITH BAFFERT



Nyos | Benoit

by Bill Finley

With Churchill Downs having ruled that any horse that remained in the Baffert barn as of Jan. 29 would be ineligible to run in the GI Kentucky Derby, Monday was decision day for Baffert's owners. In 2022 and 2023, several moved their horses into the barn of former Baffert assistant Tim Yakteen prior to the Derby, but that may not turn out to be the case this year. At least four owners who have Derby candidates with Baffert have said their horses will remain under the care of their Hall of Fame trainer.

Owners Jack Liebau, Tom Ryan and Mike Pegram told the *TDN* that they will not be taking their horses away from Baffert, even though that means they cannot run in the Derby. **Cont. p3**

MATING PLANS, PRESENTED BY SPENDTHRIFT: CHIP MONTGOMERY

The TDN's popular annual series 'Mating Plans, presented by Spendthrift,' continues today in a conversation with Haymarket Farm's Chip Montgomery.

"I've always been enamored with the deep pedigrees of the stalwarts of the industry and have gravitated recently to granddaughters, etc., of Personal Ensign, My Flag and Storm Flag Flying. About once a quarter, I will put on the video of the 1988 GI Breeders' Cup Distaff to hear Tom Durkin's call of Personal Ensign's nose win against Winning Colors to retire undefeated. It's an honor to own several fillies and mares with this royal blood in their veins, and makes me proud to be a Kentuckian!"

BLESSING THE FLAG (6, Distorted Humor--Fly the Flag, by Giant's Causeway) to be bred to **Medaglia d'Oro**.

We bought her as a yearling and made \$130,000, but couldn't win a race! As a maiden, we will breed her to **Medaglia d'Oro** as this cross works very well, not only in the population in general, but also within her family (Vigilantes Way and Major Dude, among others).

FLY THE FLAG (17, Giant's Causeway--My Flag, by Easy Goer) to be bred to **Upstart** or **Annapolis**.

Honoring our investment in stallion shares here as she's in foal to **Upstart** (bred like Zandon and Trademark) and will likely go back to **Upstart** or possibly **Annapolis**. **Cont. 4**

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BREEZE-UP INSPECTIONS IN FULL SWING

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Max Player visits with Jeannette Hall and Coco on a snowy morning at Annetes Farms in Middletown, NJ. The GI-winning son of Honor Code will stand his first season at stud in 2024. See page 6 for story. | Sarah Andrew

F-T DIGITAL LOTHENBACH DISPERSAL OPENS

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Bidding for the Fasig-Tipton Digital sale of the Lothenbach Dispersal of Horses of Racing Age opened Monday afternoon.

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In addition, Ed Nevins, the director of the Baoma Corp, the owner of the highly-regarded 3-year-old Nysos (**Nyquist**), told Horse Racing Nation that the undefeated colt will also remain in Baffert's care.

The TDN reached out to other owners who have Derby prospects with Baffert, including Amr Zedan, but, at deadline for this story, had not received a response from them. Baffert has had little to say about his situation and was unavailable for comment Monday.

The New York-bred Wynstock (Solomini) is entered in Saturday's GIII Southwest S. at Oaklawn. The winner of the GII Los Alamitos Futurity, he is co-owned by Liebau and Dr. Edward Allred, the owner of Los Alamitos.

"When Wynstock won the Los Alamitos Futurity, Dr. Allred, who is the majority owner, said that the horse was not going to go to the Kentucky Derby because he thought Churchill was treating Baffert unfairly," Liebau said. "I guess we will look at the Preakness, but who knows what the status of the horse will be by Preakness time and how good the horse is. Dr. Allred calls the shots."

Ryan is the managing partner of SF Bloodstock, which partners with Starlight Racing and Madaket Stables, a group that is among Baffert's biggest owners.

"Our horses will be in their own stalls tomorrow morning, and that says it all, doesn't it?" said Ryan.

Jack Wolf, the managing partner of Starlight Racing, added: "Tom Ryan is the managing partner and I agree with the decision he has made, which is we're not changing trainers. We just feel like it is the right thing to do and not just from a loyalty standpoint. We have nothing against Tim Yakteen. We think he is a very good trainer and this has nothing to do with him. It can be very destructive to these horses at this young age to go to a different barn and change conditioners, change their feed, change everything."

Pegram, who has had horses with Baffert ever since he switched over to Thoroughbreds and has a Derby candidate this year in Wine Me Up (Vino Rosso), responded to a text from the TDN, writing: "We're doing the same as we have the last two years, staying with Bobby."

Nysos has won his two starts by a combined margin of 19 1/4 lengths and may prove to be the best of Baffert's 3-year-olds.

"Unfortunately, our country is devolving into a nation where excluding the top competition is considered a legitimate way to win," Nevins told Horse Racing Nation's Ron Flatter. "Bob Baffert is our trainer, and we stand with him and any decisions he makes regarding our horses."

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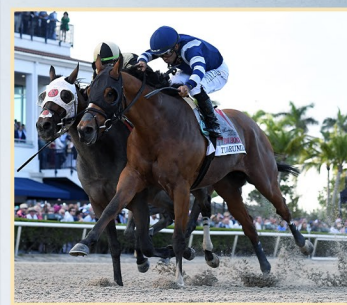
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After Medina Spirit (Protonico) tested positive for the medication betamethasone following the 2021 Derby, Churchill banned Baffert from its tracks. The suspension initially was for two years but Churchill later amended that and included 2024 to the ban. In addition, in 2023, it gave owners until the end of February to move their horses from Baffert in order to be eligible for the Derby. This year decision day was moved up by one month.

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STAND FOR THE FLAG (8, Super Saver--Raise the Flag, by Awesome Again) to be bred to Proxy.

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Fly the Flag | Sarah Andrew



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WYCHWOOD (8, Tale of the Cat--Queens Wood, by Tiznow) to be bred to **Street Sense.**

A daughter of a Grade I-producing mare, she has already produced our homebred stakes winner Cats in the Timber (Honor Code) as her first foal. Barren this year, she will be bred to **Street Sense**, needing that size and two-turn power.



Stand for the Flag | Coady

QUEENS WOOD (16, Tiznow--Salon Prive, by Private Account) to be bred to Forte.

The queen herself, currently in foal to Jackie's Warrior, will be bred to Forte, a proper cross and a powerful two-turn hopeful.

CTIMENE (15, Consolidator--Persimmon Hill, by Conquistador Cielo) to be bred to Mitole.

A half-sister to Grade I producer Once Around, she had a breakthrough stakes winner this past year with Katonah (Klimt) and is being bred to Mitole. A big, course mare, she will benefit from Mitole's sprinter physique.

GOOD TO HAVE AROUND (4, **Good Samaritan--Ctimene, by Consolidator) to be bred to Yaupon.**

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MAX PLAYER BRINGS A TOUCH OF CLASS TO NEW JERSEY BREEDING PROGRAM



Max Player frolics at Annestes Farm | Sarah Andrew

by Bill Finley

MIDDLETOWN, NJ--The Kentucky breeding industry didn't bite on 2021 GI Jockey Club Gold Cup winner **Max Player** (Honor Code--Fools in Love, by Not for Love), not exactly a surprise considering he was overshadowed during his career by stars such as **Flightline** (Tapit), **Tiz the Law** (Constitution), Authentic (Into Mischief), **Epicenter** (Not This Time) and others. When that happens, it usually means that the horse will land in one of the stronger regional markets, like New York or Pennsylvania. Not Max Player. He's been retired to owner George Hall's Annestes Farm in New Jersey. He will represent the first stallion ever to stand at Hall's farm.

It is a bit of a gamble. Monmouth Park is set to run for just 51 days this year and there will be 10 days of turf racing at the Meadowlands after that. New Jersey-breds do run for good money. At the 2023 Monmouth meet, the purse for a New Jersey-bred maiden race was \$72,000. But with so few

opportunities for Jersey-breds to run in restricted state-bred races, it's a constant struggle for the New Jersey breeding industry to convince people to breed in the state.

"I know breeding is important to people in this state," Hall said. "It's just a matter of finding a way to get all the pieces to fit together."

Could Max Player be one of those pieces?

In 1987, when there was year-round racing in the state, the New Jersey foal crop numbered 1,075. In 2023, it was all the way down to 110. Nine stallions stood in the state in 2023. The hope for Max Player is that his status as a Grade I winner will set him apart from the rest and that he will be the first choice among breeders and owners who remain interested in the New Jersey program.

Max Player is the first Grade I winner to stand in the state since 2004, the last year Evening Kris, the winner of the 1988 GI Jerome H., stood at Wainford Stud.

"Any time you bring a Grade I winner to your state it is a big deal, especially here because we have not had many," said Mike Campbell, the executive director of the Thoroughbred Breeders' Association of New Jersey. "It shows that George Hall and his partners have faith, not only in New Jersey racing, but also New Jersey breeding. We're happy he's here and hope he does well."

Max Player had talent, but what he lacked was consistency. In just his third career start, he won the GIII Withers S. during the COVID year of 2020. He then ran third in both the GI Belmont S. and the GI Travers S. before finishing fifth in the GI Kentucky Derby, run in September because of the pandemic. It was more of the same when he finished off the board in the GI Preakness S. and, the following year, the Saudi Cup and the GIII Pimlico Special.

And then he turned into a star, at least for two months. He won the 2021 GII Suburban S. by a neck over G1 Dubai World Cup winner **Mystic Guide** (Ghostzapper) and came back two months later to win the Gold Cup over 2020 Gold Cup winner **Happy Saver** (Super Saver) in his next start.

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Max Player in the Jockey Club Gold Cup | Sarah Andrew

“Winning a Grade I, especially one at Saratoga, is very tough,” Hall said. “You know you’re going to be facing the best competition. To win that race, it was an amazing experience.”

After the Gold Cup win, Max Player again finished out of the money in his next four starts. His final appearance on the racetrack came in a Feb. 25, 2023 allowance race at Oaklawn in which he lost his action and had to be vanned off the track.

He was sent to Rood and Riddle Equine Hospital in Lexington after the Oaklawn race and was treated for an infection. He then spent time at Spy Coast Farm in Lexington for rehabilitation, and made a full recovery.

It was already too late for the 2023 breeding season, so Hall took a step back while deciding what to do. In the end, he owned a farm in New Jersey and thought there was an opening in the state for a Grade I-winning stallion.

“In terms of New Jersey, New Jersey-breds get bonuses and I have the farm here,” Hall said. “If I didn’t have the farm, we probably wouldn’t be here. It was pretty easy to just bring him up here and stand him here. If a stallion farm in Kentucky said they really wanted Max and were going to support him, I would have considered that. In the absence of that, I wanted to bring him up here. Hopefully, New Jersey breeding will get better now that Max is here and, hopefully, some other strong sires will come to New Jersey.”

Max Player’s stud fee is \$5,000, which, Hall hopes, people will come to realize is a bargain.

“He’s got a Grade I, two thirds in Grade I races, he won graded stakes as 3-year-old and as a 4-year-old,” Hall said. “And the Grade I’s were not run of the mill Grade I’s. They are some of the biggest races on the calendar. That’s our pitch.”

Hall’s goal is for Max Player to attract 25 mares this year, a number he believes will increase once his foals hit the track and find some success.



Sarah Andrew

“If he hits a home run, we will keep him in New Jersey,” Hall said. “That would be great and would mean more mares will come into the state. I’m not going to move him. He’s here. It would be great if New Jersey racing and breeding could advance because of Max.”

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Among the horses in the catalogue with recent updates are the 4-year-old **Earl of Dassel** (**Cairo Prince**), who broke his maiden at Fair Grounds last Thursday and **Happy American** (**Runhappy**), who finished third in the GIII Louisiana S. Jan. 20.

Horses are located at Fair Grounds Race Course and Delta Downs in Louisiana; Palm Meadows Training Center in Boynton Beach, Florida; Grace Full Oaks Training Center in Ocala, Florida; and in Kentucky at Skylight Training Center, Turfway Park, and Chesapeake Farm in Lexington.

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Jimmy Creed (Distorted Humor)	23	6
<i>(Tiz Considered--Gexa Groovy S.)</i>		

Justify (Scat Daddy)	21	14
<i>(Alpha Bella--La Prevoyante S.-GIII)</i>		

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Leofric (Candy Ride {Arg})	2	---
<i>(Roanan Goddess--Xtra Heat S.)</i>		

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Liam's Map (Unbridled's Song)	23	9
<i>(Bergen--Jimmy Winkfield S.)</i>		

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Oscar Performance (Kitten's Joy)	6	4
<i>(Tumbarumba--Fred W. Hooper S.-GIII)</i>		
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Runhappy (Super Saver)	14	4
<i>(Guanare--Spectacular Bid S.)</i>		

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Temple City (Dynaformer)	31	14
<i>(Dynadrive--John B. Connally Turf Cup S.-GIII)</i>		

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

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	The Alys Look 	Connect	Thrash, Ike and Thrash, Dawn	Walsh	Bejarano	119
2	Ice Orchid	Super Saver	Shortleaf Stable, Inc.	Ortiz	Landeros	119
3	Misty Veil 	Tonalist	John P. Stewart	Maker	Vazquez	121
4	Just Katherine 	Justify	R.T Racing Stable	Jimenez	Diaz	119
5	Butterbean 	Klimt	Magdalena Racing and Klimashousky, William	McPeek	Leparoux	119
6	Comparative	Street Sense	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	Gun Runner	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	Tapiture	Brinley Enterprises LLC	Fires	Hernandez	117
3	Magic Grant 	Good Magic	Willis Horton Racing LLC	Milligan, Jr.	Landeros	117
4	Otto the Conqueror 	Street Sense	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 	Karakontie (Jpn)	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 	Justify	BC Stables, LLC	Lukas	Vazquez	117
12	Awesome Road 	Quality Road	Albaugh Family Stables LLC and Donegal Racing	Cox	Geroux	117

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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-Al 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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Rank	Stallion	BTW	BTH	GSW	GSH	G1SW	G1SH	Starters	Wnrs	Highest Earner	Earnings
1	Liam's Map (2011) by Unbridled's Song Crops: 6	1	4	--	1	--	--	18	5	55,000	281,733
										Bergen	
2	Into Mischief (2005) by Harlan's Holiday Crops: 13	1	2	--	--	--	--	48	10	60,760	597,431
										Into Champagne	
3	Constitution (2011) by Tapit Crops: 6	2	2	--	--	--	--	40	8	162,000	568,047
										Catching Freedom	
4	Hard Spun (2004) by Danzig Crops: 14	1	2	--	--	--	--	26	5	82,500	333,007
										Drum Roll Please	
5	Smiling Tiger (2007) by Hold That Tiger Crops: 8	1	2	--	--	--	--	21	7	110,000	290,410
										Grand Slam Smile	
6	Omaha Beach (2016) by War Front Crops: 2	1	2	1	1	--	--	26	5	60,000	287,704
										Kopion	
7	Justify (2015) by Scat Daddy Crops: 3	--	2	--	1	--	--	22	3	54,000	283,720
										Just Steel	
8	Quality Road (2006) by Elusive Quality Crops: 11	1	2	1	1	--	--	21	4	120,000	253,929
										Track Phantom	
9	Runhappy (2012) by Super Saver Crops: 5	1	2	--	--	--	--	18	4	60,000	233,483
										Guanare	
10	Audible (2015) by Into Mischief Crops: 2	1	2	--	--	--	--	40	2	55,000	196,241
										My Mane Squeeze	
11	West Coast (2014) by Flatter Crops: 3	1	2	--	--	--	--	19	3	90,000	173,040
										West Omaha	
12	Take Charge Indy (2009) by A.P. Indy Crops: 8	--	2	--	--	--	--	19	2	30,000	128,528
										El Grande O	
13	Enticed (2015) by Medaglia d'Oro Crops: 2	--	2	--	1	--	--	21	2	24,700	126,054
										Blue Heavenly	
14	War Front (2002) by Danzig Crops: 15	--	2	--	--	--	--	9	1	42,000	110,926
										Joyful Lass	
15	Jimmy Creed (2009) by Distorted Humor Crops: 8	1	2	--	1	--	--	11	2	67,500	105,703
										Tiz Considered	

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9th-Santa Anita, \$67,500, Msw, 1-28, 3yo, f, 6 1/2ft, 1:15.77, fm, 1 length.

GIRL OF MY DREAMS (f, 3, **Kantharos--Naples Dream, by **Uncle Mo**)** placed once from three starts on the main track to begin her career and had completed the exacta in her two two tries, at five-eighths at Del Mar Dec. 1 and going six panels at this venue on New Year's Day. Adding a touch more ground for this as the 5-2 favorite, Girl of My Dreams set a pressured, if not especially fast pace, edged away in upper stretch and went on to prevail by a length over 63-1 Motet (**Mo Town**). The winner gave her jockey Antonio Fresu his 100th riding victory in the U.S. Naples Dream is a half-sister to GII Davona Dale S. winner Live Lively (**Medaglia d'Oro**) and to Broodmare of the Year Indian Miss (Indian Charlie), the dam of champion MGISW and leading 2023 freshman sire Mitole (Eskendereya) and GISW sire Oxbow (Awesome Again). Naples Dream is due to Known Agenda this season. Sales history: \$60,000 Ylg '22 FTKOCT. Lifetime Record: 6-1-3-0, \$84,760. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

O-Helm Racing Stable, Barbara Evenson & Jeffrey Lambert;
 B-Brookstone Farm & Lee Mauberret (KY); T-Doug F O'Neill.



IN JAPAN:

Sonic Star, c, 3, Into Mischief. See '*US-Bred & -Sired Winners in Japan*'

Bright Again, f, 3, **Practical Joke--Yankee Bright, by Elusive Quality.** Kochi, 1-23, Allowance, 1400m. Lifetime Record: 6-1-0-2, \$45,377. O-Insel Racing; B-George E Bates Trustee (KY); T-Hideyuki Mori. *\$67,000 Wlg '21 KEENOV.

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Mystic Lore, c, 4, **Arrogate--Folklore (Ch. 2yo Filly, MGISW, \$945,500), by Tiznow.** Kyoto, 1-28, Allowance, 1800m, 1:53.9. Lifetime Record: 7-3-3-0, \$307,570. O-DMM Dream Club; B-Lewis Thoroughbred Breeding LLC (KY); T-Yoshito Yahagi. *1/2 to Rhodochrosite (Unbridled's Song), dam of Horse of the Year and Triple Crown winner Contrail (Jpn) (Deep Impact {Jpn}). **\$500,000 Ylg '21 KEESEP.



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Lucks At There, f, 4, **Kantharos--Come Sunday (SW, \$270,845), by Repent.** Tokyo, 1-28, Allowance, 1400m, 1:25.2. Lifetime Record: 8-3-3-1, \$302,008. O-Masanori Taki; B-The Estate of Tommy G Ligon (KY); T-Makoto Saito. *1/2 to Someday Soon (Proud Citizen), SW, \$292,098; and Let's Be Clear (**Munnings**), SP, \$358,015. **\$45,000 Ylg '21 KEESEP.

Bahir Dar, h, 5, **Pioneerof the Nile--Llanarmon (GSW-Can, \$378,954), by **Sky Mesa**.** Kyoto, 1-27, Allowance, 1900m, 1:58.5. Lifetime Record: 18-4-4-2, \$580,035. O-G1 Racing; B-Shadai Corporation (KY); T-Yasutoshi Ikee.

IN SOUTH KOREA:

East Jump, f, 3, **Creative Cause--Table Jumper (MSP), by Jump Start.** Seoul, 1-28, Hcp. (C4), 1300m. B-John Williams (KY). *\$50,000 2yo '23 OBSAPR. **VIDEO (SC 8)**

Yeongung Buhwal, c, 3, **West Coast--Bay River, by Pioneerof the Nile.** Seoul, 1-27, Hcp. (C3), 1200m. B-Stoneriggs Farm (KY). *\$40,000 Ylg '22 FTKOCT. **VIDEO (SC 7)**



Saturday's Results:

4th-Tokyo, ¥14,880,000 (\$100,752), Allowance, 3yo, 1600m, 1:38, ft.

SONIC STAR (c, 3, Into Mischief--Carolina Bertie, by Speightstown) validated 13-10 favoritism to open his account at first asking going 1800 meters at Hanshin Sept. 24 and was making his first start since finishing 11th to the promising Amante Bianco (Jpn) (Henny Hughes) in the Cattleys S. (allowance), the first step on the Japan Road to the Kentucky Derby over this course and trip Nov. 25. Drawn widest in a field of 14 as the 31-10 second betting choice, the \$300,000 Keeneland September yearling bounced away alertly and found a position ahead of midfield, though was forced to sit wide owing to the awkward barrier.

American-Bred & -Sired Winners in Japan cont.

Ridden along from about sixth and deep on the turn, Sonic Star came calling for the lead four off the fence with less than 400 meters to travel and held off favored Godolphin homebred Unquenchable (Jpn) (Discreet Cat) by two lengths. The dark bay colt is out of an unraced daughter of Bashful Bertie (Quiet American), a full-sister to MGSW Allamerican Bertie and the dam of US MGISW turf star Beach Patrol (Lemon Drop Kid), who now stands in Japan. Carolina Bertie's last listed produce is a 2-year-old filly by **American Pharoah**. Sales history: \$300,000 Ylg '22 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, \$101,181.

O-Kazutaka Hosaka; B-Nancy C Shuford (KY); T-Tetsuya Kimura.



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MSW, 1-28, Golden Gate

Kantharos, Girl of My Dreams, f, 3, o/o Naples Dream, by **Uncle Mo**. MSW, 1-28, Santa Anita



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231 foals of racing age/37 winners/3 black-type winners
3-Mahoning Valley, 1:40 p.m. EST, Msw 6f, Beautiful Charade, 6-1

9-Parx Racing, 3:41 p.m. EST, Aoc 6 1/2f, Kelly's Kidz, 5-1

9-Parx Racing, 3:41 p.m. EST, Aoc 6 1/2f, Maximus Meridius, 5-2



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Union Express, g, 4, **Accelerate**--I'm a Flake, by **Mineshaft**.

Golden Gate Fields, 1-28, 1m (AWT), 1:39.34. Lifetime Record:
2-1-0-0, \$14,850. B-Dixiana Farms LLC (KY). *\$300,000 Ylg '21
KEESEP. **1/2 to Express Train (**Union Rags**), GISW,
\$1,443,800.

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'MANAGING NUMBERS AND EXPECTATIONS' - BREEZE-UP INSPECTIONS IN FULL SWING



Simon Kerins: says entries for the breeze-up sales are "through the roof." | Tattersalls

by Brian Sheerin

Never has the demand to get horses into the breeze-up sales in Europe been higher. It begs the question; how do the big sales companies limit their catalogues?

Inspectors from Tattersalls, Arqana and Goffs have been out in force in recent weeks trawling through the breeze-up consignors' barns to come up with their shortlists.

According to Harry Fowler, one of the main inspectors at Goffs, entries for the company's only breeze-up sale have sky-rocketed this year. With most of the viewing done at this stage, the Goffs inspectors will meet in the coming weeks before calling on vendors to make up their mind on Valentine's Day at the latest. By the end of February, the 210 slots for Goffs will be finalised and the catalogue will be sent off to be printed.

Explaining the process, Fowler said, "You will have definite yeses, some maybes and then straight nos. With the nos, you would discuss them there and then with the consignor so that there are no surprises later on.

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DUBAI WORLD CUP ENTRIES RELEASED

Defending G1 Dubai World Cup winner **Ushba Tesoro (Jpn)** (Orfevre {Jpn}) features among 868 individual horses from 19 countries nominated to run at the \$30.5-million Dubai World Cup meeting on Saturday, March 30.

In total, more than 1,400 entries have been received across the nine races and Ushba Tesoro is one of 200 from Japan as he tries to become only the second dual winner of the \$12-million Dubai World Cup (Sponsored by Emirates Airline) after Thunder Snow (Ire) (Helmet {Aus}) in 2018 and 2019. Incidentally, Thunder Snow also won the G2 UAE Derby in 2017 and last year's winner of that race, **Derma Sotogake (Jpn)** (Mind Your Biscuits), is another of the Japanese contingent entered in the showpiece event having ended 2023 with an excellent second in the GI Breeders' Cup Classic.

White Abarrio (Race Day), who was gaining the third Grade I victory of his career when beating Derma Sotogake at Santa Anita, is another star name among the Dubai World Cup entries, along with GI Preakness and GI Pegasus World Cup Invitational S. winner **National Treasure (Quality Road)** and local hope **Kabirkhan** (California Chrome), the recent winner of the G1 Al Maktoum Challenge which gained an automatic entry. [Cont., p6](#)

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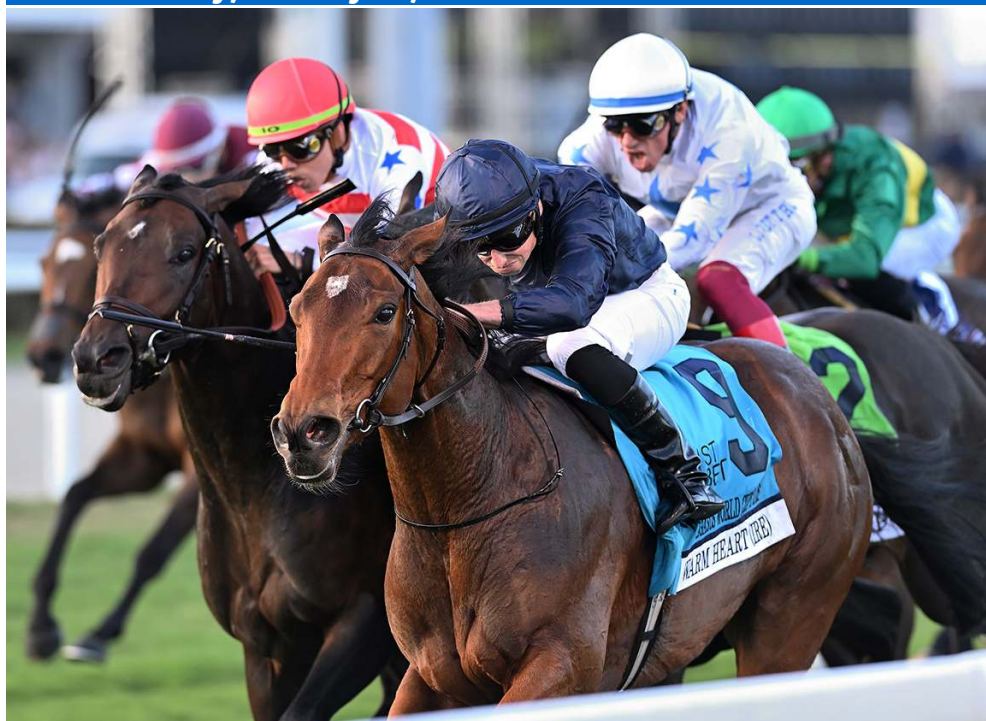
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Bloodstock agent Ed Sackville, a graduate of the Godolphin Flying Start and Highclere Stud, joins in the conversation for the running series.

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After an 18-month stint at Limerick Racecourse as General Manager, Tom Rudd has been reappointed to the Tattersalls Ireland bloodstock department

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A strong renewal of the Karaka Yearling Sale continued on Monday as a heady mix of domestic and international players clashed over the progeny of proven heavyweight sires.

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Breeze-Ups, cont. from p1

“We get all of our inspections done by the end of January and then have a meeting and go through things on a horse-by-horse basis. We can’t have any more than 210 horses in the sale. In the current economic climate that we are in, it’s important that we keep it tight and it seemed to work well last year, as the sale leapt forward by 30 per cent on average and over 50 per cent on turnover. It was a rocking sale.”

He added, “The results on the track proved buyers right as well. So we want to keep it tight and, by doing this, we basically allocate vendors a certain number and try to keep them to that number unless they have an exceptional bunch. In that case, we might give them a couple more slots. The same might be the case if, say, they didn’t perform last year, we might cut them back a couple of spots. By Valentine’s Day, we will have asked vendors to commit about who is going where and then we will send the catalogue off to get printed by the end of February.”

The bonus with the breeze-ups is, if you have a horse by a sire who is just about acceptable from a commercial perspective, they can surpass what they would ever make as yearlings if they go and breeze very well.

Simon Kerins

It may seem a little soon to be making these calls. The Goffs UK Breeze-Up Sale is the earliest of them all yet it doesn’t take place until April 23 and 24. That’s over two months of galloping to be done between making a decision about where you are going with a horse and the fall of the hammer. A lot of time for

some to turn a corner and bob their heads above the parapet and, unavoidably, others to go the wrong way. Therein lies the risks.

Tattersalls Ireland boss Simon Kerins is in a unique position in that, not only are he and his team of inspectors searching for that Royal Ascot two-year-old for the Craven Sale in mid April, but there are also slots to be filled for the Guineas Sale in early May and

the Tattersalls Ireland Breeze-Up Sale later that month. Without a deep trust and strong working relationship with the vendors, Kerins explains, making these calls in February would be close to impossible.

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He said, "So much of it is down to the trust that we, as inspectors, have with the vendors. The guys who have been doing this a while will be able to tell you if they really think something is good or not. The bonus with the breeze-ups is, if you have a horse by a sire who is just about acceptable from a commercial perspective, they can surpass what they would ever make as yearlings if they go and breeze very well. The same can be said for a horse who is not one hundred per cent correct or if one is a little bit small.

"From getting out and seeing a lot of the horses over the past few weeks, many of the vendors have done very little with them, and wouldn't have tested them in a way that would determine their ability. A lot of it is faith between the vendor and the inspector."

Kerins admitted that while some horses who are just about acceptable in terms of pedigree and conformation get into breeze-up sales provided they are showing the right signs to their respective handlers, the margin for error has become even narrower such is demand for sale slots.

Kerins added, "The standard is rising. Certainly with our own Tattersalls Ireland Breeze-Up Sale, the standard is rising exponentially. The challenge that we can sometimes face is we have some people who have been stalwart supporters of us down through the years and always sent us a similar type of horse. Now there are newer people on the scene with a better calibre of horse they want to send us and we have to just marry the loyalty and the quality. It can be very challenging managing numbers and managing expectations as well. We are ultimately delivering bad news to some vendors given there are only a certain number of slots up for grabs. Entries are through the roof but we do have the option in June for those horses who don't get into the Craven, Guineas or Tattersalls Ireland sales, to breeze at Dundalk and then sell online afterwards. That is an option." **Cont.**



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What breeders, foal buyers and agents think of Frankel's G1 Queen Anne winner

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Matt Coleman
Stroud Coleman

NEW £10,000 Oct 1, SLF Dalham Hall Stud, UK

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Shane Power | *Tattersalls*

One man who has had more good news than bad in recent times is Shane Power of Tradewinds Stud. It was his Beautiful Diamond (GB) (Twilight Son {GB}) who lit up the breeze-up circuit when selling for £360,000 at the Goffs UK Breeze-Up Sale just seven months after being sourced for 30,000gns as a yearling. Those are the types of results that earn a hungry young consignor some clout by the time it comes to inspections.

"It's like anything, when you turn up and get the results, they repay you the following year and the relationship grows," Power explains. "We sold our first breezer five years ago at Donny. It was a little horse by Arcano (Ire) and he went and won a couple of races for Michael Dods. A couple of years ago we had only two breezers, last year we had five and this year we have 11, so we are trying to up our game the whole time. We've had all of the sales companies out already this year and you'd have a fair idea about where they are all going at this stage."

He added, "But, if you have sold a few good horses the previous year, it's definitely a big help to the sales companies coming back to you because, at the end of the day, that's what they want. We obviously want to get paid as well but the sales companies really need to sell the good horses year in year out to be able to compete with their rival sales companies. In fairness to the inspectors, they do use their imagination and they are well aware that the breeze-ups, in particular, are designed to produce racehorses, and not just sales horses."

Power also went on to pour cold water on the theory that it's too early to make a prediction on what horse should go where in January and February.

He explained, "You'd probably have half an idea about who would be likely to go where at the yearlings sales. And, in fairness to the inspectors, they are nearly always on the same page as you when they do come out. The earlier bunch will end up in the Craven or at Donny and, those who need a bit more time, you have the Guineas Sale or Tattersalls Ireland. The horse

tells you more so than anything else."

Power added, "It definitely helps when they have cost a few quid as yearlings. It's probably the most obvious barometer for which people can judge the horses on. It's the same for the foals to yearlings, the first thing a sales inspector can go off is what the market thought of the horse four or five months ago."

It was Fowler who inspected Beautiful Diamond this time 12 months ago. They don't always stick out like she did, but the Goffs scout recalled what drew him to Beautiful Diamond and how she encapsulates everything that the sale company searches for when out and about in the winter months.

He said, "We understand that, for an earlier sale, our buyers are coming in search of Royal Ascot horses. In the past eight years, we have had nine Royal Ascot winners, and not all of those have been two-year-olds, many have trained on as well.

"Perfect Power (Ire) and Bradsell (GB) are brilliant examples of top-class Goffs graduates who have not only gone on and won at Royal Ascot, but become stallions as well. Buyers come to Goffs looking for horses who will be early but it's not just the whizzbang two-year-old they are looking for, they want the horses who can train on, just like Perfect Power and Bradsell did."

He added, "I remember walking into Shane Power's yard last year and being taken by two lovely horses. Both were inexpensive yearlings but they had a lot of quality. One of them turned out to be Beautiful Diamond who, not only breezed very well and made £360,000 to Blandford Bloodstock, but she won first time out and then went on to finish third in the Queen Mary. That's your perfect Donny horse. She has her whole three-year-old career ahead of herself and, in the meantime, she paid for a new barn at Shane Power's yard. That's what we're all hoping for. We were just lucky enough that Shane wanted to bring her to us. He knew exactly what he had from an early stage." **Cont.**



Beautiful Diamond | *Racingfotos.com*



Harry Fowler | Goffs

"The flip side of that is there are plenty of examples of when it doesn't work out but Beautiful Diamond was one who just hit you right between your eyes. You've got to rely on your instincts doing this job and, generally, the ones who look as though they might be a little bit chancy at this stage, they are the ones who need a lot of luck."

They say it's the talented breeze-up men and women who will know quicker than anyone else in the industry who will make it and who will drift away when it comes to the freshman sires. After all, these are the people who are separating the wheat from the chaff. But what do the inspectors think?

Fowler mused, "You would get a fair feel at the yearling sales and again when going around and speaking with all of the breeze-up consignors. Pinatubo, for example, is the favourite for the first-season sires' championship but I have only seen a couple of those so far. A lot of the first-season sires, their progeny look as though they will make up into two-year-olds. I've seen plenty of Shamans and they look like they'll be two-year-olds. The Sergei Prokofievs are big horses so, whether the power of those horses will make them two-year-olds or not, I don't know."

He added, "I've seen a few sharp and early types by Sands Of Mali, some by Far Above who look to be big and powerful horses like he was and then a few nice Mohaathers. I think they have plenty of quality about them. Arizona is another stallion who I have seen a few nice two-year-olds by. They look to be very powerful horses. There are plenty of good reports on Earthlight but they look to be horses for later on in the season. They look as though they'll train on. The same could be said about Ghaityath. They look to be more three-year-old types."

Like Fowler, Pinatubo and Earthlight were nominated as the more obvious young sires to keep the right side of by Kerins, who admitted that the progeny of younger stallions can often be an easier sell at public auction.

He concluded, "I have only seen a couple of Pinatubos and they were very nice. The same with Earthlight. I've seen a couple of those that were quite nice but that's quite obvious. It's the same with the foals and years, the progeny of the first-season sires sell like hot cakes, and the breeze-ups are no different. With the two-year-olds, if they can gallop and they look the part, they will be an easy sell if they are by any of the first-season sires. Again, it's buying that dream that appeals to so many people."

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Dubai Entries, cont. from p1

Aidan O'Brien's multiple Group 1 winner **Luxembourg (Ire)** (**Camelot {GB}**) has also been nominated for the Dubai World Cup, though he's unproven on the dirt and perhaps more likely to take up his entry in the G1 Longines Dubai Sheema Classic. That tees up the prospect of another clash with stablemate **Auguste Rodin (Jpn)** (Deep Impact {Jpn}), the dual Derby and G1 Breeders' Cup Turf hero who had Luxembourg back in second when also winning the G1 Irish Champion Stakes at Leopardstown.

Emily Upjohn (GB) (**Sea The Stars {Ire}**), an impressive winner of the G1 Coronation Cup in 2023, is another notable European-based entry, while **Liberty Island (Jpn)** (Duramente {Jpn}) also brings star quality to the table having won the Japanese Triple Tiara before chasing home the great Equinox (Jpn) (Kitasan Black {Jpn})—a breathtaking winner of last year's Dubai Sheema Classic—in the G1 Japan Cup at Tokyo on her final start of 2023.

Do Deuce (Jpn) (Heart's Cry {Jpn}) finished a good fourth in the Japan Cup and went on to win the G1 Arima Kinen at Nakayama, identifying him as a leading contender for the G1 Dubai Turf (sponsored by DP World). **Voyage Bubble (Aus)** (Deep Field {Aus}), a Group 1 performer in Hong Kong, is another to look out for from the Far East. [Cont.](#)



Ushba Tesoro | Dubai Racing Club

Charlie Appleby holds a strong hand with GI Breeders' Cup Mile winner **Master Of The Seas (Ire)** (Dubawi {Ire}) and **Measured Time (GB)** (**Frankel** {GB}), a rapidly progressive four-year-old who took the step up in grade in his stride with a decisive success in the G1 Jebel Hatta last time.

Appleby is still seeking a first victory in the Dubai Turf and standing in his way once again will be John and Thady Gosden's stable stalwart **Lord North (Ire)** (Dubawi {Ire}), who will be bidding for an unprecedented fourth win in the race. Already just the second horse after Thunder Snow to win three times on Dubai World Cup night, Lord North will certainly be one of the most popular winners on the card should he prevail again in 2024, while **Danyah (Ire)** (Invincible Spirit {Ire}) and **Sibelius (Not This Time)** will also have their supporters as they try to repeat their 2023 victories in the G1 Al Quoz Sprint (Sponsored by Azizi Developments) and G1 Dubai Golden Shaheen (Sponsored by Nakheel) respectively.

The full list of entries for all nine races is available [here](#).

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IN THE HOT SEAT

Ed Sackville

Bloodstock agent Ed Sackville, a graduate of the Godolphin Flying Start and Highclere Stud, is hedging his bets by choosing "a son of Shamardal" to be leading first-season sire.

Proudest moment of 2023?

Attending the Godolphin Flying Start 20-year anniversary event. I think I had completely failed to acknowledge what an amazing course the Flying Start is. It wasn't until I looked around the room and saw my fellow graduates that I appreciated the legacy the Flying Start has created within the Thoroughbred industry.

What is your biggest ambition for the new year?

To convert from my paper catalogue to an iPad. I think it will make lists and time management at the sales more streamline.

Give us one horse to follow and why?

River Tiber (Ire) (**Wootton Bassett** {GB}). I don't think we ever really saw the best of him. He had a setback before the Morny and couldn't run in the Breeders' Cup. However, he looked very good at Ascot and ran with credit in the Middle Park having taken a strong hold.

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

I'm going to go with young people. I am consistently impressed by the yearlings sold by Tradewinds, Evergreen and Aughamore.



Ed Sackville | *Laura Green/Tattersalls*

I think the young lads behind these studs do a fantastic job and have a great understanding of the industry.

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

It's very open this year and could be any one of them, so I'm going to choose a son of Shamardal.

And the best value stallion in Europe?

Chaldean (GB). He's a Guineas winner, a Dewhurst winner, a son of **Frankel (GB)** and an absolute beauty. What's not to like?

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

Big Evs (Ire) is a horse that really captured my imagination. He was so cool and consistent and capped the year in such fine style in the Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf Sprint. The Juvenile Turf Sprint has added a whole new dimension to the Breeders' Cup two-year-old races and is something I'd love to win.

Biggest regret?

I wish I had spent a year working with a vet. I'd then spend less time asking them to translate vet reports into layman's terms.

Biggest influence on your career?

I spent 11 years working for John Warren and he put a tremendous amount of time and effort into educating me. I will be forever grateful to both John and Carolyn for giving me so much of their time.

If you could sit down for dinner with three people (dead or alive) who would they be and why?

Richard, Duke of York. I'd like to be able to ask him who killed him and his elder brother whilst they were imprisoned in the Tower of London. Everyone assumes it was their uncle, Richard III, but the jury is out. [Cont.](#)

My second choice would be Ayrton Senna. I've just re watched the Senna documentary film and I'm fascinated by him and his success. My third choice would be a member of the Tattersalls staff. I generally find they are incredibly generous with their hospitality allowance and if I'm going out with a murdered Prince and a dead Formula 1 star I imagine they are going to want to go somewhere fancy, so it'd be nice for someone else to pick up the tab.

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EUROPEAN NEWS

AUCTAV RECRUITS VINCENT LE ROY

Vincent Le Roy has joined the French sales company Auctav as a new member on its team of bloodstock agents.

Born in Brittany, Le Roy previously worked at Haras de Gouffern, where, under the guidance of Jean-Pierre de Gasté, he trained Arabians for Sheikh Sultan of Abu Dhabi and Sheikh Mohammed of Dubai. He later spent five years training in the Middle East.

Switching his focus to National Hunt, Le Roy has had stints working with Guillaume Macaire, Willie Mullins, Paul Nicholls, David Pipe and the Reveley family before settling back in Brittany to work as a pre-trainer.

At Auctav, he will work alongside Toby Jones, Jacob Pritchard Webb, and Anthony Grueau for trotting.

"At Auctav, I find a team of enthusiasts where I can leverage my experiences and continue to grow in my expertise. I have a strong network and solid experience with Arabians as well as National Hunt," said Le Roy.



Vincent Le Roy | Courtesy Auctav

"At Auctav, I see myself as the one who must provide solutions and facilitate connections between producers and breeders on one side and future investors, developers, and buyers on the other."

Arnaud Angeliaume, CEO of Auctav, added, "I am delighted with Vincent Le Roy's arrival in the Auctav team. We have common values. His diverse experiences make him a versatile polyglot with cross-cutting expertise in all horse races. I am confident that our current and future clients will also be won over by Vincent's enthusiasm and professionalism."

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TOM RUDD REJOINS TATTERSALLS IRELAND

After an 18-month stint at Limerick Racecourse as General Manager, Tom Rudd has been reappointed to the Tattersalls Ireland bloodstock department, announced the auction house via press release on Monday.

A 20-year veteran of the company prior to his departure for Limerick, Rudd also rode for the late Michael O'Brien until 2002 and counts victory in the 1999 Irish Grand National to his career tally as a jockey.

On the reappointment, Tattersalls Ireland CEO Simon Kerins said, "Tom rejoining could not have been timelier, with the Andy and Gemma Brown Dispersal Sale scheduled for next Monday [Feb. 5]. We also have nominations for the 50th Derby Sale closing on Friday [Feb. 2], and Tom will form an integral part of the inspection team tasked with putting together our National Hunt and Flat sales catalogues later in the year."

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BRITAIN

Monday's Results:

3rd-Wolverhampton, £7,300, Novice, 1-29, 3yo/up, f, 7f 36y (AWT), 1:29.66, st.

RACE THE WIND (IRE) (f, 3, Too Darn Hot {GB}--Falls of Lora {Ire} {GSW-UAE, SW-Eng, \$246,417}, by Street Cry {Ire}), a half-sister to the operation's G1 Doncaster Mile, G1 Australian Cup and G1 All Aged S. hero Cascadian (GB) (New Approach {Ire}) and GI Summer S. hero Albahr (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}) who was last seen winning at Newmarket's July Festival, enjoyed the perfect early tow under cover behind the leading pair. Driven to reel in the long-time leader Spiritual Pursuit (Ire) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}) inside the last half a furlong, the 11-8 favourite stayed on to score by 1 1/2 lengths. The dam, who also has a 2-year-old colt by Night Of Thunder (Ire) and a yearling colt by Too Darn Hot's sire Dubawi (Ire), enjoyed her finest hour when winning the G3 UAE Oaks. [Cont.](#)

She is one of a quartet of black-type winners out of the G1 Poule d'Essai des Poulisches runner-up Firth Of Lorne (Ire) (Danehill), with the pick being last year's GI Breeders' Cup Mile and GI Woodbine Mile hero Master Of The Seas (Ire) also by Dubawi. Other half-siblings include the G1 St James's Palace S. runner-up Latharnach (Iffraaj {GB}) and the dam of the G1 Metropolitan winner Just Fine (Ire) (**Sea The Stars {Ire}**). Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, \$16,415. O/B-Godolphin (IRE); T-Charlie Appleby.



IN JAPAN:

World Series (Ire), c, 3, **No Nay Never**--Elysea's World (Ire) (MGSW & GISP-US, \$721,924), by Champs Elysees (GB. Kokura, 1-27, Maiden, 1200mT, 1:09.8. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$44,643. O-Silk Racing; B-Northern Racing; T-Mitsumasa Nakauchida.

Yakushima (GB), c, 4, **Havana Grey (GB)**--Satsuma (GB), by Compton Place (GB). Kokura, 1-28, Cond., 1200mT, 1:09. Lifetime Record: 13-3-0-2, \$420,711. O-Godolphin; B-Whitsbury Manor Stud; T-Ryo Terashima. *1/2 to Good Vibes (GB) (Due Diligence), GSW-Eng, \$126,592. **SW-Jpn. ***130,000gns Wlg '20 TATDEF.

WORLDWIDE NEWS

825k SNITZEL COLT HEADS TO TE AKAU

by James Thomas/TTR AusNZ

A strong renewal of the New Zealand Bloodstock (NZB) Karaka Yearling Sale continued on Monday as a heady mix of domestic and international players clashed over the progeny of proven heavyweight sires.

At A Glance:

- The aggregate after two days is NZ\$58,903,500, which is far superior to the same time last year (NZ\$46,425,000) and 2022 (NZ\$41,142,500).
- The average dipped from NZ\$195,704 on Day 1, but finished up at a healthy NZ\$176,893, which is greater than 2023 (NZ\$154,236) and 2022 (NZ\$146,415).



The session topper - Lot 360 | New Zealand Bloodstock

- The median also dipped from Sunday, going from NZ\$150,000 to NZ\$140,000. This year's Day 2 figure is up on last year (NZ\$135,000) and 2022 (NZ\$100,000).
- So far, 430 lots have been offered, with 331 selling at a clearance rate of 77 per cent. That is marginally up on 2023 (76 per cent) and 2022 (74 per cent).
- The top-seller on Day 2 was Lot 360 - a Snitzel colt from the Ocean Park mare Rondinella. Offered by Haunui Farm, he was secured by David Ellis for NZ\$825,000. Haunui also had the most expensive filly, with Lot 442 making NZ\$650,000. She was bought by Sheamus Mills of Sheamus Mills Bloodstock (FBAA).
- Leading the way in terms of vendors by aggregate is Waikato Stud, who have sold 39 yearlings for a combined NZ\$6,645,000.
- Hallmark Stud is currently sitting atop the vendor table by average, with six yearlings sold at an average price of NZ\$406,700.
- Savabeel is the leading sire by aggregate, with 32 lots sold for a total of NZ\$8,615,000.
- Snitzel heads the sires' list by average. He has had three yearlings average NZ\$475,000.
- As has become customary at Book 1 of Karaka, Te Akau's David Ellis had spent the most, having bought 23 yearlings, including two with Fortuna Racing and one with TAB Racing Club.



David Ellis | NZ Bloodstock

Lot 360 - Snitzel x Rodinella (NZ) (Ocean Park {NZ}), colt, NZ\$825,000

The day's most expensive offering was knocked down to arguably the busiest man on the sales ground, David Ellis CNZM (BAFNZ), who gave NZ\$825,000 for Lot 360.

Haunui Farm's well-related Snitzel colt is the first foal out of Rondinella (NZ), a daughter of Ocean Park (NZ) who won four races and reached the podium in three Group 1 contests, including when runner-up to Selino in the Sydney Cup.

Although the dam improved with time and distance, Ellis was already dreaming about next year's Karaka Million and beyond.

"We're absolutely over the moon to be able to take a Snitzel colt of that quality home," he said. "We thought he was one of the best colts that we've seen at Karaka in five or six years. The Karaka Million here we come! We've trained a lot out of the family and they're 2-year-olds. That's what appealed to us. He's got beautiful size and balance and looks like he's got a good temperament."

Gesturing to his catalogue notes, Ellis continued: "You can see in my book, 'real 2-year-old type, Karaka Million winner'. There was a lot of competition on him, but there is on all these really good colts. Snitzel is one of the best sires we've had in this part of the world in the last 50 years. He's that good. To buy a colt with his quality, that's the sort of money that you have to pay. We bought one on the Gold Coast for \$1.3 million."

The buyer also drew favourable comparisons between the colt and a former Te Akau colour bearer from the same sireline who won no less than five Group 1s.

"He's like a horse called Darci Brahma," said Ellis. "He was the Champion 2-Year-Old, Champion 3-Year-Old and Champion 4-Year-Old. He won a Group 1 in Australia at two (the TJ Smith S.). After the Karaka Million, I could just see us turning this colt out for a week and then getting him ready for the Golden

Slipper. He'll be in a standalone syndicate and I'm sure there'll be a lot of breeders that'll want to be in because he has a future at stud, this colt."

The Snitzel colt was one of 23 purchases made by Ellis during the first two sessions, a haul that also included Lot 358, a well-related Savabeel colt from Cambridge Stud who was bought for NZ\$300,000 in conjunction with the TAB Racing Club.

"We're thrilled because we've also just bought a nice Savabeel colt for the TAB Racing Club," said Ellis. "That was a big thrill for us because it's the first time that they've asked us to buy a horse. It's great to see the effort they're putting in and promoting racing in this country. For somebody that's been working in this industry for a lifetime, it's such a thrill to see it being run by an organisation that is putting so much back into it."

Lot 442 - Savabeel x Stolen Gem (Snitzel), filly, NZ\$650,000

Agent Sheamus Mills made a couple of ultimately fruitless plays at the head of the market on Day 1, having been among the underbidders on Lot 21, the NZ\$1.6 million Proisir filly bought by Peter Moody, and the NZ\$900,000 Satono Aladdin (Jpn) full sister to Japanese Emperor who went the way of Chris Waller and Guy Mulcaster.

However, Mills atoned for those reversals when successfully bidding NZ\$650,000 for Lot 442, a daughter of Savabeel and Stolen Gem (Snitzel) from Haunui Farm. The youngster is a half-sister to To Catch A Thief (U S Navy Flag {USA}) who has reached the frame in Group 1 company when third in both the Manawatu Sires' Produce S. and the New Zealand 2000 Guineas.

The agent said he had already enjoyed success with the progeny of Savabeel, despite only limited involvement.

"She's a real sharp Savabeel," said Mills.

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Lot 442 - Savabeel filly | New Zealand Bloodstock

“He’s one of those stallions that can get you a sharp 2-year-old or a Guineas horse. I’ve only ever bought one Savabeel before, which was You’re So Good, who ran second in an Australian Guineas for us. I just haven’t seen one that I really liked since then, until this filly. It’s been a few years between drinks but I’m happy to have another.”

Mills said his purchase would be trained in Australia by Mick Price but that a return trip for the Karaka Million was very much the ambition.

“We were underbidder on the top two yesterday, which was a little painful, I’ve got to say,” he continued. “Those two, plus this filly, were the three that I identified as ones that would suit our job, which is to race and then to breed. She’s a different style of horse to those two yesterday, who are probably going to get out over a mile at least.

“This filly will, hopefully, be back here for the Karaka Millions next year. When you look at the brother and her physical make up, I think that’s the style of horse she is. There’s obviously a heap of buzz around the New Zealand industry at the moment and we were pretty keen to get involved in all that hype.

“She’ll go to Mick Price, who’s pretty adept with 2-year-olds, and we’ll put a circle around the Karaka Millions date. With most we’d try to head towards a Blue Diamond Prelude but we’d love to bring her back and get involved in the day next year.”

Lot 409 - Savabeel x Simply You (NZ) (O'Reilly {NZ}), colt, NZ\$620,000

The Hong Kong Jockey Club continued its talent search for the 2026 International Sale with seven more purchases, the priciest of which was the Savabeel colt out of the O'Reilly (NZ) mare Simply You (NZ) from Waikato Stud. The dam has bred two winners, most notably this colt's full brother Forgot You (NZ), whose two Group 2 successes came in the Bill Stutt S. and the Moonee Valley Vase.

“We bought this Savabeel colt for the Hong Kong Jockey Club, so he’ll join our team and head to the International Sale in a couple of years’ time,” said Craig Rounsefell. “He was one of our main targets after inspections. Just on physical, he was top of the pops for us. In terms of pedigree, it’s a beautiful cross that’s already proven and a great family. And the farm is the best-producing farm in New Zealand, so there weren’t many negatives there at all.

“I think he’s a horse that’s going to improve with time, which is what we’re looking for--those horses that continue to get better with age. He looks very clean-limbed and vetted very clean as well, so he looks sound and hopefully he does well for the trainer he ends up with in Hong Kong.”

Waikato Stud’s kingpin stallion Savabeel has eight New Zealand Champion Sire crowns to his name and 32 top-flight winners on his record. He also claimed the leading sire title in Hong Kong for the 2018/19 season.

“He’s had a few good horses in Hong Kong,” added Rounsefell. “We’ve got a good one up there right now, M Unicorn, who we bought out of this sale and has won four this season. But at the end of the day, he’s a champion stallion, and this horse looks spot on for what we’re looking to buy. He was one of our targets. We got our colt last night (Lot 210, NZ\$650,000 Kingman colt) and we’ve had some really great value purchases today that have made up our crew, but this guy was one of our main ones on the hit list.”



Craig Rounsefell | Bronwen Healy

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