

WITH BREEDING SEASON RIGHT AHEAD, FASIG-TIPTON WINTER MIXED SALE OPENS MONDAY



Newtown Paddocks | Fasig-Tipton photo

by Jessica Martini

The Fasig-Tipton Winter Mixed Sale, which gives breeders one last chance to buy mares at auction before the breeding season opens later this month, begins its two-day run at Newtown Paddocks Monday morning with the first of 300 catalogued hips scheduled to head into the sales ring at 10 a.m. A further 235 head have been catalogued for Tuesday's second session, which is largely dominated by supplemented offerings from the dispersal of the late Robert Lothenbach's Lothenbach Stables.

The auction added some late fire power to its catalogue Sunday when **Zetta Z** (Bernardini) (**hip 536**) was supplemented to the catalogue a day after her sophomore son Nysos (**Nyquist**) dominated the GIII Robert B. Lewis S. at Santa Anita. The 14-year-old broodmare, who is in foal to Cyberknife, will be offered through the Grovendale Sales consignment.

"Nysos has been brilliant in each of his starts," said Fasig-Tipton President Boyd Browning.

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NYSOS ROCKETS TO DERBY RELEVANCE, UNAWARE HIS TRAINER IS DIS-INVITED FROM THE BIG BASH

The Week in Review by T.D. Thornton

Undefeated 'TDN Rising Star' Nysos (**Nyquist**) uncorked the type of "Wow!" performance in the GIII Robert Lewis S. on Saturday that rightfully should be the big story out of a weekend that featured four prep stakes for the GI Kentucky Derby.

This 3-for-3 son of 2016 Derby winner **Nyquist** from trainer Bob Baffert's barn has now won at six, seven and eight furlongs by a combined 26 3/4 lengths while earning upward-trending Beyer Speed Figures of 96 and 97 (at age two), plus a sizzling 105 for his sophomore debut.

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IN TDN EUROPE TODAY

'I WANTED TO BE IN A NICHE WHERE NOBODY ELSE WAS'

French trainer David Menuisier explains why patience is everything in his approach to horses as well as why he fell in love with British racing despite all of its problems.

3YO Filly
ROANAN GODDESS
became her sire's newest black-type winner, capturing her sophomore debut by 2 1/4 lengths in the **\$100,000 Xtra Heat S.** going six furlongs at Laurel Park.

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MHPitts '24

Foaled on January 29, a filly by **Gun Runner** and out of **Shedaresthedevel** poses for photos on Saturday. She is her MGISW dam's first foal. | Michelle Pitts/Whisper Hill Farm

PESSIN LOOKS TO REGROUP AFTER DISPERSAL 7

For nearly 20 years, trainer Neil Pessin didn't have to worry about filling up his barn. His principal owner, Bob Lothenbach, kept sending horses his way.

FIERCENESS COMES OUT OF HOLY BULL IN GOOD ORDER 9

'TDN Rising Star' Fierceness (**City of Light**), a disappointing third in his 3-year-old debut in Saturday's GIII Holy Bull S., exited the race in good order, reports owner Mike Repole.

TEST CONFIRMS EHV CASE AT BELMONT 9

Cornell University returned a positive test result for EHV out of Barn 15 at Belmont Park, the New York Racing Association announced Sunday.

Well Done! **PA-BRED G3 WINNER**

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"His numbers lead all 3-year-old colts and his potential is unlimited," Browning continued. "We are thrilled to have the opportunity to offer his dam, who is in foal to the exciting first-year stallion Cyberknife."

The Winter Mixed sale brings a close to a season of breeding stock auctions which featured plenty of money for top offerings and a mixed reception for horses under that level. Consignors expect those same trends to continue this week in Lexington.

"I think it will be the same as all of them," said Vinery Sales' Derek MacKenzie. "The top will be strong, the bottom probably not so much and the middle, probably a little polarized back and forth. The catalogue is smaller than it has been and with this big group of Lothenbach horses getting added, thinking positively, I think it will be a good sale."

Vinery and Taylor Made Sales Agency will each be consigning horses as part of the dispersal, which will bring increased interest to the winter catalogue.

"It's been a few years now and not quite this quality, but when we had the Rockin' Z dispersal a few years ago at this sale, I remember, it really drew a lot of people in," MacKenzie said.

"And this one should bring even more."



Zetta Z | Fasig-Tipton photo

Taylor Made's Marshall Taylor agreed the buying bench at Fasig-Tipton might be deeper this year due to the dispersal.

"Anytime there is a dispersal, the first thing that people think of is 'no reserve' and opportunity is the first word that comes to your mind as a buyer, especially when you look at the type of roster that Mr. Lothenbach and his team accumulated and what they've got on the roster. That drives people to the sale. So I think you're going to see a lot more people at the sale than traditionally come to the February sale because of the dispersal."

Selling at Fasig-Tipton KY Winter Mixed

Hip 408

Colt (Midshipman—Divine Diamond, by Storm Cat)

1st dam

Full

DIVINE DIAMOND, by Storm Cat. Unplaced in 1 start. Sister to **Stormin Maggy**. Dam of 7 foals of racing age, including a 2-year-old of 2024, four to race, 3 winners, including--
Tiz a Diamond (f. by Tiznow). Winner at 4, \$94,190.

➡ **Diamond Tap** (f. by Tapit). Winner at 3, \$48,845.

➡ **The Doorman** (g. by Frosted). 2 wins at 3 (2023), \$37,280.

2nd dam

MAGGY HAWK, by Hawkster. Winner at 2, \$15,080. Dam of 3 winners--

AFLEET ALEX (c. by Northern Afleet). 8 wins at 2 and 3, \$2,765,800, champion, Preakness S. [G1] (PIM, \$650,000), Belmont S. [G1] (BEL, \$600,000), Hopeful S. [G1] (SAR, \$150,000), Arkansas Derby [G2] (OP, \$600,000), Sanford S. [G2] (SAR, \$90,000), Mountain Valley S. (OP, \$30,000), 2nd Breeders' Cup Juvenile [G1] (LS, \$300,000), Champagne S. [G1] (BEL, \$100,000), 3rd Ky. Derby [G1] (CD, \$200,000). Sire.

UNFORGETTABLE MAX (c. by Northern Afleet). 5 wins, 2 to 5, \$384,079, Shecky Greene S. (DEL, \$32,340), 2nd General George H. [G2] (LRL, \$40,000), Discovery H. [G3] (AQU, \$22,360), Salvator Mile H. [G3] (MTH, \$20,000), Jim McKay Breeders' Cup H. [L] (PIM, \$30,000), 3rd Tom Fool H. [G2] (BEL, \$15,000). Sire.

Stormin Maggy (f. by Storm Cat). Winner, 2nd E. L. Gaylord Memorial S. (RP, \$10,000). Dam of **HOW DID HE DO THAT** (c. by Good Magic) to 3, 2023, \$562,553, Oklahoma Derby [G3], RP, \$240,000, etc.

Jolie Hawk. Unraced. Dam of **CASH'S GIRL** (f. by Northern Afleet) \$317,492; **Wynns Nighthawk** (c. by Northern Afleet). Granddam of **NAME CHANGER** (c. by Uncle Mo) 8 wins, \$567,080, Monmouth Cup S. [G3], MTH, \$90,000, Queens County S., AQU, \$68,750, etc.

Quiet Maggy. Unraced. Dam of **TOPIC** (f. by Discreet Cat) \$170,083; **Mutamakkin** [G3] (g. by Redoute's Choice). Granddam of **JACK THE LAD** (g. by I Am Invincible) 5 wins to 6, 2023, Total: \$207,001.

Curlin Hawk. Unpl./1 start. Dam of **SEABHAC** [G3] (c. by Scat Daddy). Awesome Fleet. Unplaced. Dam of **Fleet Dude** (f. by First Dude) \$81,875.

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Its placement directly ahead of the opening of the breeding season gives the Winter sale a pivotal spot on the calendar.

"If you look at the February sale from the past, it's always a really solid, good sale," Taylor said. "I think every year, you see these young fillies selling well, young fillies with page or a little bit of race record. They tend to really sell well because I think everyone is looking for a nice young mare to breed."

MacKenzie said, "I think it is good timing. A lot of these mares that are empty are maidens that can go straight to the breeding shed almost. So, they don't have carrying costs. The timing is probably perfect." **Cont.**



Derek MacKenzie | Fasig-Tipton photo

During last year's Winter Mixed sale, 402 horses sold for \$14,105,200 for an average of \$35,088 and a median of \$15,000. The broodmare prospect Lemieux (**Nyquist**) topped the auction when selling for \$400,000 to Nice Guys Stables. Bred to **Not This Time** just after the auction, she produced her first foal, a colt, Jan. 26.

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In addition to those impressive metrics, this Baoma Corporation (Susan and Charles Chu) colorbearer has displayed an on-track flair and a powerful fluidity that not only passes the eye test, but dwarfs the visual aesthetics of any efforts we've seen from his next-closest competitors on the Triple Crown trail.

All this, by the way, from a colt who won't reach his actual third birthdate until four days after this year's Derby.

Nysos's 7 1/2-length blowout in the Lewis overwhelmingly whets the appetite for what he'll be capable of delivering in subsequent starts. But like it or not, it's impossible to look too far into the future without coupling this colt's potential for brilliance with last week's news that no top sophomores out of Baffert's stable were transferred to other conditioners in time to meet a Jan. 29 deadline imposed by Churchill Downs, Inc. (CDI). Such a move would have allowed those horses to earn Derby qualifying points and compete in the 150th edition of the race.

After Medina Spirit (Protonico) tested positive for the medication betamethasone following the 2021 Derby, CDI banned Baffert from its tracks. The corporate suspension was separate from Medina Spirit's Derby disqualification and a fine and suspension imposed upon Baffert by the Kentucky Horse Racing Commission. **Cont.**



HIP 279 FASIG-TIPTON KY
WINTER MIXED - BARN 9

GRADE 2 WINNER

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- ⚓ First 3yo since 2006 to win **Coolmore Turf Mile (G1)**, while setting a new stakes record.
- ⚓ Out of My Miss Sophia, GSW on dirt & 2nd in KY Oaks **(G1)**
- ⚓ Family incl. winners of the Florida Derby, Alabama, & Travers

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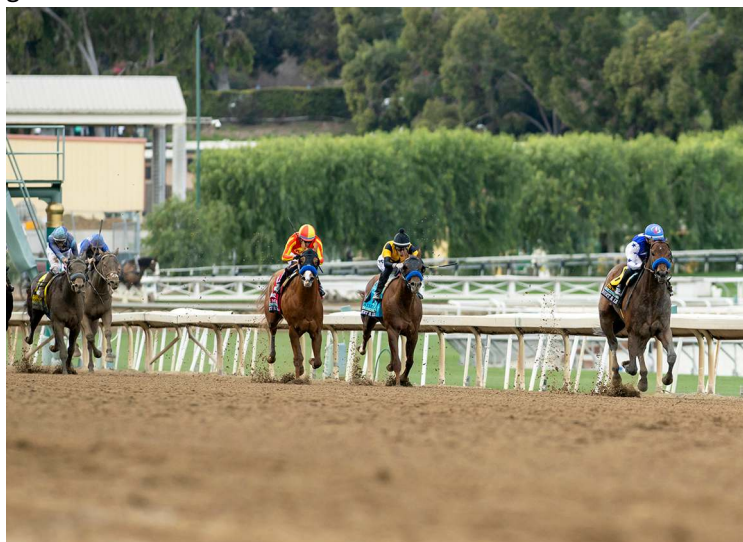


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CDI's exclusion initially was supposed to last only for two years. But on July 3, 2023, the corporation announced it would be **extending the ban** through at least 2024, citing "continued concerns regarding the threat to the safety and integrity of racing [Baffert] poses to CDI-owned racetracks" by allegedly "continu[ing] to peddle a false narrative concerning the failed drug test of Medina Spirit."

The timing of that announcement was curious, and for the most part unexpected. Reading between the lines, it almost seemed like CDI executives suddenly realized that Baffert's return would coincide with the big 150th anniversary celebration the corporation is planning for the 2024 Derby, and that they didn't want his presence to overshadow the festivities.

The press release announcing Baffert's extended ban was rolled out in the middle of last summer's long Independence Day weekend. Holiday weekends are an extremely slow time of the news cycle that news-issuing entities have long tried to leverage as opportunities to "bury" announcements they think might generate adverse headlines.



Nysos | Benoit

The racing world took notice though, and the news of Baffert's dis-invitation to Derby 150 simmered through last summer and deep into the Breeders' Cup season.

On Jan. 22, 2024, the script was flipped when Baffert made his own announcement via social media: The Hall-of-Fame trainer said he had instructed his attorneys to **dismiss any remaining legal actions** related to the 2021 Derby disqualification appeal, adding that he has "decided that it is best to positively focus on the present and future that our great sport offers."

As TDN colleague Bill Finley wrote at the time, "It was not clear why [Medina Spirit's owner, Amr] Zedan and Baffert apparently changed their minds and decided to drop their case. It is possible that their dropping the case was a peace offering in what has been an ugly battle between Churchill Downs and Zedan and Baffert that at times took on a personal tone."

ANOTHER 'NICE' GRADED STAKES WIN



KY October Yearlings grad **NYSOS**
wins the **Robert B. Lewis S. (G3)**
by **7 1/2 lengths!** Now 3-for-3
with 2 Graded Stakes victories.



*Congratulations to owner Baoma Corp.,
trainer Bob Baffert; yearling buyer Best A Luck Farm;
consignor Bluewater Sales.*

LATE SUPPLEMENT HIP 536

ZETTA Z - the dam of NYSOS - i/f Cyberknife
Groendale Sales, agt.

Kentucky Winter Mixed
February 5 - 6 | Lexington, KY



DAM OF NYSOS SELLING TUESDAY

Fasig-Tipton Kentucky Winter Mixed Sale
Late addition to the catalog - HIP 536



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Leading 3YO | Highest 3YO Beyer (105) in 2024
Undefeated Winner of the GIII Robert B. Lewis S. & GIII Bob Hope S.!



David Aragona
@HorseToWatch



Nysos gives off the vibe that he's something pretty special. He now rates like a seasoned veteran, and that turn of foot is just spectacular. Even with the Derby off the table, he figures to be pretty formidable in some major 3YO races down the road.

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A huge talent we'll be hearing a whole lot more about!

Nysos is a beast!



Brad Free
@BradFree1



Nysos = 105 Beyer dazzling win 7+ lengths G3 Robert Lewis on Sat at SA, Bob Baffert trainee country's top 3yo and early favorite Preakness. Other SA graded-stakes Beyers on Sat: Three Witches-94 Santa Monica, Bellabel-87 Megahertz, Goliad-96 Thunder Road. (Nysos, Benoit Photo)



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Massive performance. Smooth as silk. 105 Beyer. NYSOS is serious. [#FasigGrad](#) pic.twitter.com/XLmJWgsSfJ

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Hip No.
536

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Barn 12

NYSOS

105 Beyer
in the Robert
Lewis **G3**, the
Highest Beyer
for any 3YO in
America 2024



Zetta Z...
Bay mare;
foaled 2010

Zetta Z

Bernardini	A.P. Indy	Seattle Slew
	Cara Rafaela	Weekend Surprise
Seressa's Spirit (2003)	Rahy	Quiet American
	Unbridled Elaine	Oil Fable
		Blushing Groom (FR)
		Glorious Song
		Unbridled's Song
		Carols Folly

By BERNARDINI (2003), [G1] \$3,060,480, champion. Sire of 15 crops, 86 black type wnsr, \$116,959,592, including Ruud Awakening [G1] (\$636,-168, champion), Art Collector [G1] (\$4,231,290), Boban [G1] (\$2,434,628), Cavorting [G1] (\$2,063,000), Stay Thirsty [G1] (\$1,936,000), Alpha [G1] (\$1,815,667), To Honor and Serve [G1] (\$1,798,840), West Will Power [G1].

1st dam

SERESA'S SPIRIT, by Rahy. Unraced. Dam of 6 foals of racing age, 4 to race, 3 winners, including--
Charlie A (f. by Curlin). 3 wins at 3 and 4, \$77,877. Dam of--
Charles Chrome (g. by California Chrome). 2 wins at 2, placed at 5, 2023, \$99,996, 3rd James W. Murphy S. [L] (PIM, \$10,000).

2nd dam

UNBRIDLED ELAINE, by Unbridled's Song. 6 wins in 11 starts at 2 and 3, \$1,770,740, Breeders' Cup Distaff [G1], Monmouth Breeders' Cup Oaks [G2], Iowa Oaks [L] (PRM, \$90,000), etc. Dam of 3 winners--
ETCHED (c. by Forestry). 7 wins, \$575,086 in N.A., Meadowlands Cup S. [G2] (MED, \$180,000), Monmouth Cup S. [G2] (MTH, \$180,000), Nashua S. [G3] (AQU, \$64,680), etc. Total: \$587,586. Sire.
Other black type winners: EMOTIONLESS [G2] (g. by Shamardal) Total: \$199,312; OUT OF BOUNDS [G3] (c. by Discreet Cat) Total: \$139,700.

3rd dam

CAROLS FOLLY, by Taylor's Falls. 5 wins at 2, \$32,756, Airdrie S. (BIR, \$12,-000), etc. Half-sister to Heroe Silencioso. Dam of 3 winners, including--
UNBRIDLED ELAINE. Black type winner, see above.
GLITTER WOMAN. 10 wins, \$1,256,805, Ashland S. [G1], Bonnie Miss S. [G2], Sixty Sails H. [G3], Davona Dale S. [G3], Forward Gal S. [G3], 2nd Apple Blossom H. [G1], Hempstead H. [G1], etc. Dam of POLITICAL FORCE (4 wins, \$607,232, Suburban H. [G1], 2nd Metropolitan H. [G1], Nashua S. [G3], 3rd Jockey Club Gold Cup S. [G1], etc., sire).

Race Record: Unraced.

Produce Record: 2015 foal born dead.

2014 Citizen Z, c. by Proud Citizen. Unraced (died 2016).

2016 Bandon Woods, c. by Uncle Mo. Winner at 3, \$52,640.

2017 Mr. Axel, g. by Palace Malice. Winner at 3 and 4, \$46,670.

2018 Anna Z, f. by Exaggerator. Unraced.

2019 Distorted Effort, c. by Distorted Humor. Placed at 4, 2023 in U.A.E.

2020 Attabe, f. by Distorted Humor. Winner at 3, 2023, \$122,880 in Canada. 3rd Ruling Angel S. [L] (WO, \$11,000). Total: \$92,042.

2021 NYSOS, c. by Nyquist. 3 wins in 3 starts at 2 and 3, 2024, \$216,600, Robert B. Lewis S. [G3] (SA, \$120,000), Bob Hope S. [G3] (DMR, \$60,000).

2022 f. by Street Sense; 2023 c. by Yaupon.

Last mated May 16, 2023 and BELIEVED TO BE PREGNANT to--
CYBERKNIFE (2019) (Gun Runner--Awesome Flower), \$2,137,520, Arkansas Derby [G1], Haskell S. [G1]-ntr, Matt Winn S. [G3], 2nd Travers S. [G1], Breeders' Cup Dirt Mile [G1], etc. Son of Gun Runner [G1], horse of the year, \$15,988,500. His first foals are weanlings of 2024.

12-23

BMS of 106 SW,
incl. the dams of
19 G1 Wnrs:
Clairiere,
Serengeti Empress,
Maxfield, Matareya,
Dunbar Road

IFT War of Will

103 Beyer

104 Beyer

99 Beyer

109 Beyer

TF 122

108 Beyer

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ONE COVER

NYSOS
Undeclared in
three starts by
a combined
26 lengths

\$450,000
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Highest Priced
Yaupon weanling

CDI stood firm, countering with an immediate rebuttal that stated Baffert's dismissal of his appeal "does not change the current suspension or deadline to transfer horses for the upcoming 150th Kentucky Derby."

One week later, as the Jan. 29 owners deadline to transfer horses to another trainer **came and went without a single reported defection** among Baffert's top clients, the narrative shifted substantially.

Now CDI's anti-Baffert strategy could backfire. The corporation is facing the prospect of Baffert appearing to have offered an olive branch, his owners lining up behind him in solidarity and his top 3-year-old rocketing to the top of the totem pole among Derby contenders. The very story line that CDI wanted to avoid for Derby 150 will now likely become the focal point of pre-Triple Crown coverage.

For the next three months, you can expect an ever-intensifying stream of stories about the prospect of another "Dysfunctional Derby" in which a corporate edict might keep the best colt(s) from competing in America's most important horse race.

In the last five editions of the Derby, we've seen one DQ of a winner for an in-race foul, another for a post-race drug violation, and one Derby moved from May to September because of the pandemic. At this rate, we'll soon run out of asterisks to affix to the history of our nation's most iconic race.

Despite not budging from Baffert, some of his clients are still holding out hope for a change in CDI's policy. Zedan, who owns **'TDN Rising Star' Muth (Good Magic)**, another top sophomore, is one of them.

"Would we love to run in the Derby? Absolutely, yes," Zedan told DRF.com's David Grening last week. "Would we love to run, especially this being the 150th Derby? Absolutely, yes. Are we hoping to run in the Derby? Absolutely, yes. Do we think we will be there? It's in God's hands."

Barring the unlikely prospect of CDI reversing its stated course, the courts--again--are another option.

Even though Baffert in '22 and '23 failed to persuade judges to grant him injunctions that would have allowed him to compete in the Derby, and even though he has dropped his current legal appeal, that doesn't preclude any of his clients from going to court on their own to try and overturn CDI's ban on behalf of their horses.

Remember, it only takes one judge to say yes to an injunction request, and the closer any potential plaintiff waits until the May 4 Derby itself, the more of a wild card that scenario becomes from "time is of the essence" type of pressure.

Our nation's courts typically listen long and hard when

properly licensed individuals allege that private entities are unfairly keeping them from plying their chosen professions, so it's not out of the question that some aggrieved owner of a Baffert-trained Derby prospect might try that avenue.

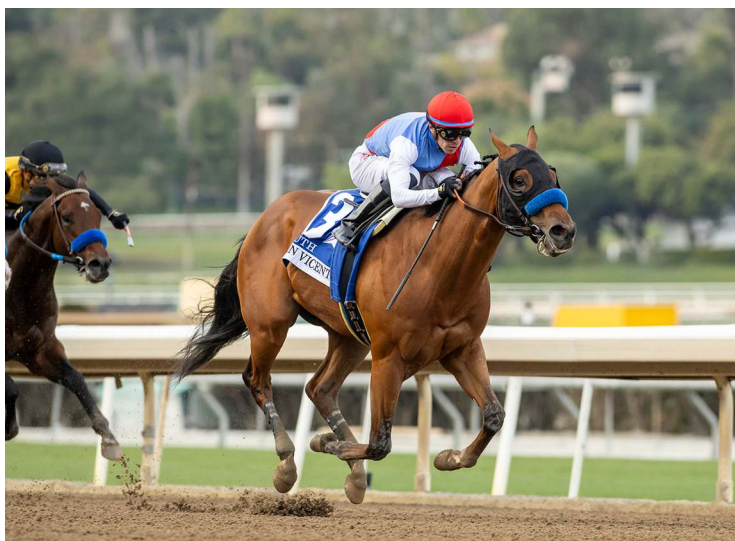
Even more fascinating is what to expect in terms of race targeting from Baffert's stable. Will he point his top sophomores to the final late March/early April round of coast-to-coast Grade I preps and then have an arsenal of top-notch stock ready for the

GI Preakness S. after being forced to sit out the Derby with all of them?

The Preakness has been the weak link in the Triple Crown over the past few seasons, and would certainly benefit from the infusion of horsepower.

But this scenario, too, could produce unwanted downstream effects. The Preakness already has trouble luring any other Derby entrants besides the winner. How many also-rans from the Derby are going to be keen on heading to Baltimore knowing a handful of fresh Baffert trainees have been specifically pointing for the middle jewel of the series?

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Hip	Booked Stallion for 2024
218 Screamin' By	Flameaway Darby Dan
240 Sparklingromance	Jack Christopher Ashford Stud
270 Themischievousone	Liam's Map Lane's End
290 Vapor Cloud	Two Phil's WinStar
302 Wild Success	Arcangelo Lane's End
342 Astern Affairs	Tiz the Law Ashford Stud
451 Ambusher	Two Phil's WinStar
452 Bet She Wins	Arabian Lion Spendthrift
453 Hollidazzle	Zandon Spendthrift
454 No Retreat	Arabian Lion Spendthrift
455 Nobody's Fault	Proxy Darley
456 Single Solution	Blame Claiborne
457 Abundant Flurry	Pappacap Walmac
458 Alittlebitof Clare	Blame Claiborne
459 Appealing Audrey	Street Sense Darley
460 Choragus	Pappacap Walmac
461 Distorted Music	Into Mischief Spendthrift
462 Eden Prairie	Pappacap Walmac
463 Emily's Oasis	Constitution WinStar
464 Lovers Quarrel	Life Is Good WinStar
465 Loving Lorraine	Corniche Ashford Stud
466 Madison Mayhem	Blame Claiborne
467 No Fault of Mine	Jackie's Warrior Spendthrift
468 Sales Call	Bolt d'Oro Spendthrift
469 Scatter Gun	Arcangelo Lane's End
470 Sharp Current	Proxy Darley
471 Streaming Fire	Audible WinStar
472 Valya's Vengeance	Jackie's Warrior Spendthrift
473 Winning Envelope	Jackie's Warrior Spendthrift
474 Audrey's Time	Constitution WinStar
475 Mischevious Mel	Zandon Spendthrift
476 Bell's the One	Gun Runner Three Chimneys
477 Mom's Red Lipstick	Cyberknife Spendthrift

Hip	Booked Stallion for 2024
478 Bedassler Maker	Audible WinStar
479 Fine Cotton	Bolt d'Oro Spendthrift
480 Kathaan	Street Sense Darley
481 Lola's Master	Fulsome Walmac
482 Mo Clare's	Constitution WinStar
483 One Time Mo	Flightline Lane's End
484 Ready for Change	Practical Joke Ashford Stud
485 She Can't Sing	Justify Ashford Stud
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AFTER LOTHENBACH DISPERSAL, PESSIN LOOKS TO REGROUP *By Bill Finley*



Neil Pessin | Sarah Andrew

For nearly 20 years, trainer Neil Pessin didn't have to worry about filling up his barn. His principal owner, Bob Lothenbach, kept sending horses his way. That included a Grade I winner in **Bell's the One** (Majesticperfection) and several useful allowance horses. Pessin was training a 22-horse stable and 19 of them were owned by Lothenbach.

"Bob was an excellent owner," Pessin said. "He knew our field of expertise was training horses and his was the paper business. Anytime I asked for anything that involved the welfare of the horse he was on board for it."

Everything changed in November when **Lothenbach died** suddenly at the age of 64. **With the Lothenbach horses headed to a dispersal sale**, Pessin was down to three horses and faced with the task of having to rebuild his stable, practically from scratch.

The only thing he knew for certain was that panicking was not the answer.

"I'm not nervous about my future," Pessin said. "You can't worry about stuff you can't control. You just do what you can and hope for the best. I've learned that worrying doesn't do a whole lot except give me ulcers. Just take it in stride and see what happens. More people are worried about this than I am. We'll just see what happens. If an opportunity arises we'll take it. If it doesn't we'll see what the future holds. I'm not sure at the moment. Hopefully, we can survive. If not, we'll do something else."

It doesn't look like Pessin will have to "do something else." Out of the dispersal sale, which was done digitally by Fasig-Tipton, Pessin signed for five horses. **Cont.**



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They ranged in price from the \$340,000 paid for Grade III stakes winner **Happy American** (Runhappy) to the \$18,000 paid for maiden **Hogslayers R I P** (Union Rags). The horses will be owned by a five-member syndicate that Pessin put together in order to buy some horses out of the dispersal sale.

"Buying Happy American was pretty self explanatory," he said. "There's a race coming up here at the Fair Grounds, the **Mineshaft** Stakes. The purse is \$250,000 and the winner gets \$150,000. He'll be one of the favorites. The \$150,000 the winner will get would pay for almost half of him. He's worth it. He can compete in all the stakes around here. He can't beat the top horses, but if you spot him around he can be a very useful horse all year long."

He also retained the gelding **Kiss The Moon** (Malibu Moon), who was bought by Anthony Spinazzola, who decided to keep the horse with Pessin.

That has left Pessin with nine horses.

The Lothenbach 2-year-olds will sell at OBS March.

"It's possible that I might buy some of the 2-year-olds," he said. "If anyone is interested I'll go take a look at them. I bought 14 of them myself at the yearling sales. But if I don't have the money behind me to do it then I'm not going to be able to buy anything."

He's had some feelers from owners interested in giving him horses and hopes some new horses will come his way from owners looking to compete at the Keeneland spring meet. But he's not going to go begging.

"I've never asked anybody for any horses and I'm not going to start now," Pessin said. "Right now we have these five horses that we bought and three others in barn. I'll just have to go forward and see what happens. One way or another I'll be fine. You can't worry about what you can't change."

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SATURDAY'S DERBY PREP RUNNERS LOOK AHEAD

All of the major runners in Saturday's GI Kentucky Derby preps have come out of their respective races well according to releases by Aqueduct, Oaklawn and Gulfstream Park.

GIII Holy Bull S. winner **Hades** (Awesome Slew) still had his connections flying high the morning after his upset win over 'TDN Rising Star' and Eclipse champion **Fierceness** (City of Light).

"He galloped out really strong [yesterday]," trainer Joe Orseno told Gulfstream Park media Sunday morning. "I don't think we got to the bottom of him yet. We're real happy with him, especially the way he looked this morning."

As for future starts, Orseno added, "There's no question it will be the Fountain of Youth or the Florida Derby. I think it will be only one, but I don't know which one it will be yet. He's lightly raced. He's only run 5 1/2 [furlongs] and 7, and [Saturday] two turns. I think that being said, we have the opportunity to have a fresh horse on the first Saturday in May."

In New York, the Pennsylvania-bred **Uncle Heavy** (Social Inclusion), winner of the GIII Withers S., also responded well following his efforts Saturday.

"He came out of it very well, and I'm very happy with him," said trainer Butch Reid, Jr. "He was very sharp and bouncing around the barn last night. He'll get a few days of rest on the farm, which will be nice."

Reid Jr. indicated that, while future plans regarding a next start are still up for discussion, connections are considering the GI Wood Memorial S. April 6.

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At Oaklawn Park, the GIII Southwest S. winner **Mystik Dan** (Goldencents) is, per trainer Kenny McPeck, already being pointed at the GI Arkansas Derby after previously finishing fifth in the Smarty Jones S. Jan 1.

"We had a good feeling before the race," said owner/breeder Lance Gasaway. "He wasn't ready for the long race, the Smarty Jones. He needed the race, so we felt pretty confident coming into the race. He [McPeck] can do it."

Southwest runner up **Just Steel** (Justify) will make his next start in the GII Rebel S. Feb. 24 according to his trainer D. Wayne Lukas.

"He's still carrying a little weight," Lukas said. "He's a big, powerful horse and I think with racing, he'll drop some of that weight and he'll be a little bit better at finishing. I look forward to the next one [Rebel]. That one should be starting to get us where we want to be. I think he needs racing."

Trainer Robert Medina noted that Saturday's third-place finisher **Liberal Arts** (Arrogate) will join Mystik Dan in bypassing the Rebel and likely going straight to the Arkansas Derby.

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FIERCENESS COMES OUT OF HOLY BULL IN GOOD ORDER

by Bill Finley

'TDN Rising Star' **Fierceness** (City of Light), a disappointing third in his 3-year-old debut in Saturday's GIII Holy Bull S., exited the race in good order, reports owner Mike Repole.

"He's perfectly fine," Repole said in a text message.

Fierceness, the 2023 2-Year-Old male Eclipse champion, was coming off an overpowering win in the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile and most believed he would pick up right where he left off in the Holy Bull, where he was the 1-5 favorite. Instead, he finished third, beaten 3 1/2 lengths.

When asked why he thought Fierceness came up short, Repole pointed to his trip.

"It was nothing more than the obvious," Repole wrote. "Hit on both sides coming out of the gate. Wide. Bumped again at the top of the stretch. Flattened out. Last time he ran bad [when seventh in the Champagne], his next race was pretty good."

When asked if the GI Florida Derby was still the next target for Fierceness, Repole replied: "Can't say for sure. Plenty of options on the table."

The race was won by 9-1 shot **Hades** (Awesome Slew). A Florida-bred, he is undefeated in three starts and won the Holy Bull by two lengths under Paco Lopez.

"He came out of the race great," said trainer Joe Orseno. "No decision on our next race but I am leaning towards the Florida Derby."

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'TDN RISING STAR' LOCKED TO MISS SATURDAY'S SAM F. DAVIS

'TDN Rising Star' and GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile third **Locked** (Gun Runner) will miss an expected start in Saturday's GIII Sam F. Davis S. due to a temperature, according to a report from the Daily Racing Form's David Grening.

"We felt like if we breezed him and spiked a more significant temperature that could set us back a couple of weeks or so," trainer Todd Pletcher told Grening. "One of the good things about being ready for some of the early preps is it gives you a window on the other side to call an audible."

Last year's GI Claiborne Breeders' Futurity winner has yet to make a start as a 3-year-old for Pletcher and owners Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners and Walmac Farm.

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TEST CONFIRMS EHV CASE AT BELMONT; BARN QUARANTINE EXTENDED TO 21 DAYS

Cute Curls (Tapiture), a filly trained by Danny Gargan, was euthanized Saturday after displaying acute neurological symptoms. Cornell University has since returned a positive test result for EHV in Barn 15 at Belmont Park, the New York Racing Association announced Sunday. Barn 15 is now under a 21-day quarantine but no other horses have thus far presented symptoms. NYRA's veterinary department, headed by Dr. Sarah Hinchliffe, will oversee quarantine procedures and the 24 horses stables in Barn 15 will continue to be monitored.

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IN ORDER OF PURSE:

8th-Aqueduct, \$81,480, Alw (NW2\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$62,500), 2-4, 4yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:13.62, gd, 2 3/4 lengths.

LEELOO (m, 5, *Practical Joke*--Ribbon Cutter, by Elusive Quality), who recorded her most recent victory in December of 2022, finished eighth trying the turf at Colonial last August following a barn switch from David Duggan to Ignacio Correas IV. Third in a Churchill optional claimer Sept. 30, she came up just a neck short of the win in a muddy renewal of the Iroquois S. against state-breds Oct. 29. Sent off the 7-5 choice following another runner-up effort in the mud facing optional claiming company at Oaklawn Dec. 16, the New York-bred pressed Proud Foot (*First Samurai*) through a :23.10 opening quarter, was narrowly ahead following a :47.28 half and increased her advantage from there, winning by 2 3/4 lengths. From the family of MGISW *McKinzie (Street Sense)*, Ribbon Cutter is also responsible for a yearling colt bu *Catalina Cruiser* and was bred back to *Keepmeinmind*. Sales history: \$150,000 Ylg '20 KEEJAN. Lifetime Record: SP, 17-5-4-2, \$366,370. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuelTV.** O-Kingsport Farm; B-Sequel Stallions NY & Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings, LLC (NY); T-Ignacio Correas, IV.



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6th-Fair Grounds, \$60,000, (S), Alw (C)/Opt. Clm (\$35,000), 2-4, 4yo/up, 1m 70y, 1:42.73, ft, 3 1/4 lengths.

JACK HAMMER (g, 4, Jimmy Creed--Lipstick Junky, by Flatter) reeled off three consecutive state-bred wins to launch his racetrack career, including the six-furlong Louisiana Futurity at this oval followed by the Louisiana Bred Premier Prince S. going a mile at Delta Downs last winter. In more recent times, the gelding finished eighth in the six-panel Larry D. Robideaux Memorial S. in November before bouncing back to score while sprinting against optional claiming company here on New Year's Day. Sent off the 2-1 second choice while stretching out again, the chestnut bounced to the front, led throughout and was 3 1/4-lengths clear of Budrow Talking (*Tale of Ekati*) at the wire. The winner is a half to Davidic Line (Line of David), SP, \$286,791 and Winning Romance (*First Samurai*), MSW, \$341,696. Lifetime Record: MSW, 7-5-0-0, \$231,255. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuelTV.** O/B-Allied Racing Stable, LLC (LA); T-W. Bret Calhoun.

8th-Laurel, \$51,205, Alw (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$50,000-\$62,500), 2-4, 3yo, 6f, 1:10.72, ft, 3 1/2 lengths.

POINT DUME (c, 3, Into Mischief--Maya Malibu {MGISP, \$177,500}, by Malibu Moon) was well-beaten for trainer Bob Baffert in both of his maiden attempts at Del Mar last August and posted a similar result in November at the seaside oval. Transferring to Brittany Russell's shedrow and facing maiden claimers at Laurel Dec. 31, the bay won by 11 lengths and was then claimed from his ownership group which included SF, Starlight and Madaket. The 3-year-old went off with Lasix for the first time and as the 9-5 second choice here. Chasing from the fourth position up the backstretch, Point Dume began to build up a head of steam into the far turn, ranged up on the leaders and blew by them down the lane to win by 3 1/2 lengths over Catahoula Moon (Golden Lad). The winner's dam is responsible for a 2-year-old colt named Tuscaloosa (*Candy Ride {Arg}*), who was purchased for \$700,000 at last year's Keeneland September Sale by CHC/Maverick Racing/Siena Farm. She foaled a filly by *Charlatan* last year. Maya Malibu, herself a \$575,000 Keeneland November buy in 2018 for Sea Horse Breeders, visited *Life Is Good* for this spring. Second dam and GI Acorn S. hero Island Sand (Tabasco Cat) produced the dam of GI Belmont S. victor Mo Donegal (*Uncle Mo*) and recent \$1.6 million Keeneland January sales topper Prank (Into Mischief). Sales History: \$450,000 Ylg '22 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 5-2-0-0, \$52,500. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

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5th-Sam Houston Race Park, \$36,500, Alw (NW26MX)/Opt. Clm (\$50,000), 2-4, 4yo/up, 6f, 1:11.22, ft, 3 1/4 lengths.

WILDATLANTICSTORM (c, 4, Stormy Atlantic--Imsortaspecial, by Big Brown) took a break until last fall after winning the Remington Park Springboard Mile as a 15-1 longshot. During his latest cycle, the homebred finished third against fellow state-breds in the Iowa Breeders' Derby at Prairie Meadows in late September, fourth in the Zia Park Derby in New Mexico Nov. 28 and subsequently won against optional claimers over the same surface a month later. Sent off as the 2-1 favorite here, the chestnut tracked a pacesetter up the backstretch, launched his bid around the far turn and was firmly in control to win by 3 1/4 lengths over Empire of Gold (Goldencents). His dam's first foal, the winner has a 2-year-old half-sister in Imamidnightspecial (**Midnight Lute**). A half-sister to SW Factorofwon (**The Factor**), Imsortaspecial was bred to **Charlatan** for this season. Lifetime Record: MSW, 10-6-2-1, \$450,448. [Click for the Equibase.com chart.](#)

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7th-Fair Grounds, \$57,000, Msw, 2-4, 3yo, f, 5 1/2f (off turf), 1:04.53, ft, 5 1/4 lengths.

BROOKLYNN DREW (f, 3, Army Mule--Lulu Bains, by Constitution) debuted in ninth over Fair Grounds's turf course Dec. 29. Well-backed as the 9-5 second choice here, the 3-year-old rode the rail to the lead up the backstretch, continued to hold sway around the far turn and sailed home a winner by 5 1/2 lengths over Helen's Little Sis (Arrogate). The winner is her dam's first registered produce. Lulu Bains went for \$13,000 to Carlos S.E. Moore at last month's Keeneland January Sale while in foal to Known Agenda. She is a half-sister to GI Breeders' Cup Dirt Mile champ Tapizar (**Tapit**) and to highly-productive dam Tamboz (**Tapit**), who herself is responsible for GI Preakness S. third-place runner Creative Minister (Creative Cause). Sales History: \$23,000 Ylg '22 KEESEP; \$60,000 2yo '23 TTAAPR. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$34,200. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#) or **VIDEO**, sponsored by **FanDuel TV**.

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LA BRED PREMIER CHAMPIONSHIP S., \$150,000, Delta Downs, 2-3, (S), 4yo/up, 1 1/16m, 1:45.03, my.

1--**TOUCHUPONASTAR**, 125, g, 5, **Star Guitar--Touch Magic (SW & GSP, \$243,871)**, by **Lion Heart**. (\$15,000 Ylg '20 TTAYHR). O-Set-Hut LLC; B-Coteau Grove Farms, LLC (LA); T-Jeff Delhomme; J-Timothy Thornton. \$90,000. Lifetime Record: GSP, 14-11-2-1, \$708,100.

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2--**Play Mo**, 118, g, 5, Mo Tom--My Queen Olivia, by Half Ours. (\$8,500 Ylg '20 OBSWIN; \$25,000 2yo '21 OBSOPN). **1ST BLACK TYPE**. O-Set-Hut LLC; B-Brandon Adcock (LA); T-Jerry Delhomme. \$30,000.

3--**Wise Verdict**, 116, g, 6, Court Vision--Up a Notch, by Lone Star Sky. O-Sandy Badeaux; B-Michael Martin LLC (LA); T-Eduardo Ramirez. \$15,000.

Margins: 6 3/4, 1 1/4, 4 3/4. Odds: 0.05, 17.00, 33.50.

FOREGO S., \$125,000, Turfway, 2-3, 4yo/up, 6 1/2f (AWT), 1:17.08, ft.

1--**SURLY FURIOUS**, 120, g, 6, **Upstart--Perfect Prediction (SW)**, by **Majesticperfection**. (\$15,000 Ylg '19 FTKOCT). O-Novogratz Racing Stables Inc.; B-Brereton C. Jones (KY); T-Glenn S. Wismer; J-Luan Machado. \$75,410. Lifetime Record: MGSP, 26-7-3-4, \$504,679.

2--**Arrest Me Red**, 120, g, 6, Pioneerof the Nile--Maraschino Red, by **Medaglia d'Oro**. O-Lael Stables; B-M. Roy Jackson (KY); T-Wesley A. Ward. \$24,616.

3--**Bourbon Heist**, 122, g, 5, **Practical Joke--Elusive One**, by Elusive Quality. (\$100,000 Ylg '20 KEESEP). **1ST BLACK TYPE**. O-Bourbon Lane Stable (J. Hill, M. McMahon); B-Mueller Thoroughbred Stable, LTD. (KY); T-Ian R. Wilkes. \$12,308.

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LA BRED PREMIER STARLET S., \$100,000, Delta Downs, 2-3, (S), 3yo, f, 1m, 1:40.77, my.

1--**LIGHTOFMAINE**, 118, f, 3, by **Tapwrit--Pontiana**, by **Deputy Minister**. (\$45,000 Ylg '22 KEESEP). **1ST BLACK TYPE WIN**. O-Maury Harrington and Christopher K. Harrington; B-Baronne Farms, LLC (LA); T-W. Bret Calhoun; J-Jansen Melancon. \$60,000. Lifetime Record: 6-3-0-1, \$115,940. *1/2 to Addibel Lightning (Colonel John), MSP, \$197,128.

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2--**Magnolia Avenue**, 115, f, 3, **Tapiture--Quicaria**, by Unbridled's Song. (\$15,000 Ylg '22 TTAYRL; \$45,000 2yo '23 TTAAPR). O-Pat Heinsen, Kevin Knuckley, Michael Lynn Clary and Kaden Michael Clary; B-Respect the Valleys, LLC (LA); T-Jaylan Renay Clary. \$20,000.

3--**Emily's Bullet**, 115, f, 3, Gormley--Bessie's Bullet, by Wando. (\$8,000 Ylg '22 TTAYRL; \$9,000 RNA 2yo '23 TTAAPR). O-Gerald Bruno, Jr., Chasey Deville Pomier and Our Blue Streaks Stable; B-Jeannie T Carrere (LA); T-Chasey Deville Pomier. \$10,000.

Margins: NK, 2HF, 5 3/4. Odds: 16.00, 8.00, 10.40.

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LA BRED PREMIER PRINCE S., \$100,000, Delta Downs, 2-3, (S), 3yo, 1m, 1:40.28, my.

1--**EL DINERO, 117, g, 3, by El Deal--Money for Makeup (SP), by Forestry.** (\$25,000 Ylg '22 LTBSYM; \$36,000 2yo '23 TTAAPR).

O-Tav Enterprises LLC; B-J. Adcock & Hume Wornall (LA); T-Patrick Devereux, Jr.; J-Juan P. Vargas. \$60,000. Lifetime Record: 7-3-2-2, \$198,990.

2--**Good and Stout**, 115, c, 3, Coal Front--Ready Witted, by More Than Ready. (\$55,000 Ylg '22 OBSOCT; \$75,000 2yo '23 OBSAPR). O-Whispering Oaks Farm LLC; B-Adcock's Red River Farm, LLC & Hume Wornall (LA); T-Carrol Castille. \$20,000.

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3--**Spinning Aces**, 115, g, 3, Hard Aces--Just Alex, by Afternoon Deelites. O-Lynne M. Boutte; B-Gerald L. Averett (LA); T-Allen Landry. \$10,000.

Margins: 2, 4, HF. Odds: 2.00, 3.10, 1.70.

LA BRED PREMIER SPRINT S., \$100,000, Delta Downs, 2-3, (S), 4yo/up, 5f, :58.81, my.

1--**BRON AND BROW, 123, g, 5, Gormley--Changing Vista, by Changeintheweather.** (\$35,000 Ylg '20 ESLYRL; \$200,000 2yo '21 OBSAPR). O-Gary Barber; B-J. Adcock & Hume Wornall (LA); T-Mark E. Casse; J-Reylu Gutierrez. \$60,000. Lifetime Record: 17-7-4-3, \$444,370.

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2--**Autumns Strong Man**, 123, g, 5, Strong Mandate--Thescreenisred, by Van Nistelrooy. O/T-Gary Husak; B-Autumn Hill Farms Racing Stables, Inc. (LA). \$19,000.

3--**My Pal Mattie**, 116, g, 6, My Pal Charlie--Materialist, by Brahms. **1ST BLACK TYPE.** O-Elite Thoroughbred Racing LLC; B-Michele Rodriguez (LA); T-Lee Thomas. \$10,000.

Margins: 1 3/4, HF, NK. Odds: 0.70, 22.10, 5.30.

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

8th-Oaklawn, \$143,000, (S), Alw (NW1\$6MX)/Opt. Clm (\$40,000), 2-4, 4yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:11.41, my, 1 length.

CONNIE K (m, 6, Street Strategy--Indian Clarkie, by Indian Charlie) Lifetime Record: SW, 20-6-4-2, \$488,695. O/B-Randy Patterson & Randy Morse (AR); T-Randy L. Morse.

9th-Oaklawn, \$142,000, (NW2\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$62,500), 2-4, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m, 1:44.82, my, 4 1/2 lengths.

ONE MORE KELLY (m, 5, Not This Time--Kelly Mac, by Thunder Gulch) Lifetime Record: SW, 25-6-4-5, \$305,171. O-Jeff Ramey; B-Warrior's Reward LLC (PA); T-Kenneth G. McPeck. *\$95,000 RNA Ylg '20 KEESEP. **1/2 to Keystone Kelly (Bernstein), SP, \$206,082; Kelly Rock (Rock Hard Ten), SP, \$265,012; Castletown

(Orientate), MSP, \$295,789.

9th-Gulfstream, \$88,200, (C)/Opt. Clm (\$62,500), 2-4, 4yo/up, 5f (AWT) (off turf), :54.89, ft, 2 lengths.

YES I AM FREE (g, 8, Uncaptured--Yes It's Valid, by Yes It's True) Lifetime Record: MGSW, 33-13-6-3, \$751,874. O-Golden Kernel Racing Stable; B-Sherry R. Mansfield & Kenneth H. Davis (FL); T-Laura Cazares. *\$135,000 2yo '18 OBSOPN. **1/2 to Nikee Kan (**Kantharos**), SP, \$341,993.

5th-Aqueduct, \$72,000, (S), 2-4, (NW1\$X), 4yo/up, 1 1/8m, 1:58.42, gd, 1 length.

UNCLE MARTY (r, 4, Uncle Mo--Possessive, by Bernardini) Lifetime Record: 11-2-1-1, \$105,123. O-Martin Zaretsky; B-Pine Ridge Stables LTD (NY); T-Michael J. Maker. *\$160,000 Ylg '21 KEESEP; \$170,000 RNA Ylg '21 OBSOCT; \$195,000 RNA 2yo '22 OBSAPR.

10th-Santa Anita, \$71,304, (NW1\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$50,000), 2-3, 4yo/up, 1mT, 1:34.54, gd, 1/2 length.

HULA CANDY (g, 6, Twirling Candy--Kinsley, by Pulpit) Lifetime Record: 8-2-0-1, \$78,140. O-Dorothy Ingordo, Jeffrey R. Jones and James F. Jones; B-Candy Meadows LLC (KY); T-John A. Shirreffs. *\$290,000 Ylg '19 KEESEP.

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8th-Gulfstream, \$59,000, (S), (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$50,000), 2-4, 3yo, f, 5f (AWT), :56.34, ft, neck.

EPONA'S HOPE (f, 3, Adios Charlie--Alotofappeal, by Trippi) Lifetime Record: MSP, 6-2-1-2, \$105,148. O-Leon Ellman, Glassman Racing LLC and Laurie Plesa; B-Ocala Stud & Edward Wiest & William J. Terrill (FL); T-Edward Plesa, Jr. *\$295,000 2yo '23 OBSMAR. **1/2 to Talk Logistics (High Cotton), MGSP, \$278,120; B C's Train (Silver Train), SW, \$104,835, Schivarelli (Montbrook), GSP, \$429,498; King Cab (Noble Bird), SW, \$214,057.

5th-Fair Grounds, \$58,440, 2-4, (NW1X), 4yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2f (off turf), 1:05.22, ft, 3 lengths.

ROCKETS SISTER (m, 5, Jafmil--Pulpinit, by Pulpit) Lifetime Record: 11-3-3-2, \$126,464. O-Mercy Man Racing; B-Joseph Robson Thoroughbreds (IA); T-Shane Wilson. *Full to Naughty Shirley, SW, \$224,090.



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4th-Fair Grounds, \$58,000, (S), 2-4, (NW2L), 3yo, f, 1m, 1:40.51, ft, head.

PLATINUM MINIT (f, 3, Givemeaminit--Platinum Lady {SW, \$171,102}, by Half Ours) Lifetime Record: SP, 6-1-1-1, \$61,525. O/B-Valene Farms, LLC (LA); T-Dallas Stewart.

7th-Laurel, \$49,735, 2-4, (NW1X), 4yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2f, 1:04.77, ft, 3 1/4 lengths.

MYSTIC SEAPORT (f, 4, Midshipman--Sketch Book, by Stormy Atlantic) Lifetime Record: 15-7-1-3, \$174,750. O-Madison Avenue Racing Stable, Inc. and Jagger, Inc.; B-Daybreak Stables, Inc. (VA); T-Jamie Ness.

2nd-Sam Houston Race Park, \$40,000, (S), Alw, 2-4, (NW1X), 4yo/up, 1m, 1:40.63, ft, 3/4 length.

PICKINGUPSTRANGERS (g, 5, Too Much Bling--Write When Ready, by More Than Ready) Lifetime Record: SP, 26-2-3-8, \$89,955. O-Farmers Fillies Racing; B-Douglas Scharbauer (TX); T-J. R. Caldwell. *\$5,200 Ylg '20 TTAYHR.

8th-Sam Houston Race, \$36,500, (C)/Opt. Clm (\$50,000), 2-4, 4yo/up, 1m, 1:38.85, ft, 2 1/4 lengths.

DON'TCROSSTHEDEVIL (g, 5, Cross Traffic--The Devil Is Mine {SP}, by Devil His Due) Lifetime Record: 15-5-1-1, \$112,466. O-Kevin Knuckley & Pat Heinsen; B-Jaylan Renay Neatherlin (KY); T-Jaylan Renay Clary. *1/2 to Eurodevilwoman (Euroears), SP, \$217,408.

7th-Sam Houston Race Park, \$35,000, 2-4, (NW2X), 4yo/up, 5 1/2f, 1:04.79, ft, 2 lengths.

JACKMAN'S RIDE (g, 7, Maclean's Music--Heart Tee {SP, \$125,943}, by Lil E. Tee) Lifetime Record: 23-6-4-2, \$147,952. O-Save Dupy and Randy Chelf; B-Jim Plemmons (KY); T-J.R. Caldwell.

4th-Charles Town, \$27,400, (S), 2-3, (NW2L), 3yo/up, f/m, 4 1/2f, :53.79, ft, 5 lengths.

O K SMARTY PANTS (m, 5, Smarty Jones--Over You, by Overanalyze) Lifetime Record: MSP, 9-2-4-1, \$79,231. O/B/T-Michael Eugene Sterling (WV).

6th-Charles Town, \$27,400, 2-3, (NW2LX), 3yo/up, 4 1/2f, :52.63, ft, 4 1/2 lengths.

EL LUCERITO (g, 4, Golden Lad--La Jessica, by Ecclesiastic) Lifetime Record: 15-4-1-2, \$93,330. O-Marshall T. Campbell and Donald L. Bentley; B-Pedro Chavez Arellano (WV); T-Marshall T. Campbell.



7th-Golden Gate Fields, \$24,900, (NW2\$Y+X)/Opt. Clm (\$62,500), 2-3, 4yo/up, 1 1/16m (AWT), 1:44.28, ft, head.

BLETCHLEY PARK (g, 5, Nyquist--Spinning Wheel, by Smart Strike) Lifetime Record: 10-3-1-1, \$95,620. O-Golden Bear Racing; B-G. Watts Humphrey (KY); T-Save M. Sherman. *\$160,000 Ylg '20 FTKSEL; \$2,600,000 2yo '21 FTFMAR.



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ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Tour Guide, c, 3, **Accelerate**--Alpaca Fina (MSP, \$158,910), by Big Brown. Gulfstream, 2-4, (C), 1m, 1:38.18. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$26,050. B-David Menard (KY). *\$18,000 Ylg '22 KEESEP. **1/2 to Armando R (**Blame**), MSW, \$409,820.



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U Lite Up My Life, f, 3, **City of Light**--Dido (GSP-Can, MSP-USA, \$165,592), by Bernstein. Tampa Bay Downs, 2-4, (C), 1m 40y, 1:44.23. Lifetime Record: 4-1-0-0, \$17,720. B-Jack Swain (KY). *\$210,000 Wlg '21 KEENOV; \$245,000 Ylg '22 FTKOCT; \$30,000 2yo '23 OBSAPR.

Kentucky Angel, f, 3, **Klimt**--Noche de Versos, by Corinthian. Sam Houston Race Park, 2-4, 1mT, 1:42.45. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-0, \$24,200. B-Troy Reed (KY). *\$6,000 Ylg '22 FTKOCT; \$5,000 RNA 2yo '23 TTAAPR.

Next On Stage, f, 3, **Liam's Map**--Daddy Issues, by Scat Daddy. Aqueduct, 2-4, (C), 7f, 1:30.12. Lifetime Record: 7-1-3-2, \$61,150. B-Bridlewood Farm (FL). *\$60,000 Ylg '22 KEESEP.



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Coastal Brink, c, 3, **West Coast**--Brinkley (SP), by City Zip. Sam Houston Race, 2-4, 1mT, 1:40.82. Lifetime Record: 9-1-2-0, \$52,490. B-Douglas Scharbauer (KY). *\$70,000 2yo '23 TTAAPR. *1/2 to Bobby Brinkley (Shanghai Bobby), MSP, \$172,755.



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Magic Chrome, f, 4, **California Chrome**--Seaside Magic, by **Hard Spin**. Golden Gate Fields, 2-3, 6f (AWT), 1:10.83. Lifetime Record: 4-1-0-1, \$24,375. B-California Chrome Syndicate, Harry K Keshian, Cheryl Keshian & Paul K Girdner (CA). *\$10,000 Ylg '21 FTKOCT. **1/2 to Beach Getaway (Run Away and Hide), SW, \$134,324.



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Now That I can Rock, c, 4, **Flintshire (GB)**--Westside Singer, by Gone West. Turfway, 2-3, 6f (AWT), 1:11.56. Lifetime Record: 10-1-1-1, \$82,606. B-Alan Tennenbaum (KY). *1/2 to Secret Message (Hat Trick {Jpn}), GSW & GISP-Can, MGSW-USA, \$566,413.

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Adios Charlie, Epona's Hope, f, 3, o/o Alotofappeal, by Trippi. AOC, 2-4, Gulfstream

Army Mule, Brooklynn Drew, f, 3, o/o Lulu Bains, by Constitution. MSW, 2-4, Fair Grounds

California Chrome, Magic Chrome, f, 4, o/o Seaside Magic, by Hard Spun. MSW, 2-3, Golden Gate

City of Light, U Lite Up My Life, f, 3, o/o Dido, by Bernstein. MCL, 2-4, Tampa Bay

Cross Traffic, Don'tcrossthedevil, g, 5, o/o The Devil Is Mine, by Devil His Due. AOC, 2-4, Sam Houston

El Deal, El Dinero, g, 3, o/o Money for Makeup, by Forestry. LA Bred Premier Prince S., 2-3, Delta Downs

Flintshire (GB), Now That I can Rock, c, 4, o/o Westside Singer, by Gone West. MSW, 2-3, Turfway

Givemeaminit, Platinum Minit, f, 3, o/o Platinum Lady, by Half Ours. ALW, 2-4, Fair Grounds

Golden Lad, El Lucerito, g, 4, o/o La Jessica, by Ecclesiastic. ALW, 2-3, Charles Town

Gormley, Bron and Brow, g, 5, o/o Changing Vista, by Changeintheweather. LA Bred Premier Sprint S., 2-3, Delta Downs

Into Mischief, Point Dume, c, 3, o/o Maya Malibu, by Malibu Moon. AOC, 2-4, Laurel

Jafmil, Rockets Sister, m, 5, o/o Pulpinit, by Pulpit. ALW, 2-4, Fair Grounds

Jimmy Creed, Jack Hammer, g, 4, o/o Lipstick Junky, by Flatter. AOC, 2-4, Fair Grounds

Klimt, Kentucky Angel, f, 3, o/o Noche de Versos, by Corinthian. MSW, 2-4, Sam Houston

Liam's Map, Next On Stage, f, 3, o/o Daddy Issues, by Scat Daddy. MCL, 2-4, Aqueduct

Maclea's Music, Jackman's Ride, g, 7, o/o Heart Tee, by Lil E. Tee. ALW, 2-4, Sam Houston

Midshipman, Mystic Seaport, f, 4, o/o Sketch Book, by Stormy Atlantic. ALW, 2-4, Laurel

Not This Time, One More Kelly, m, 5, o/o Kelly Mac, by Thunder Gulch. AOC, 2-4, Oaklawn

Nyquist, Bletchley Park, g, 5, o/o Spinning Wheel, by Smart Strike. AOC, 2-3, Golden Gate

Practical Joke, Kentucky Joker, g, 4, o/o Lisvernane, by Arch. STR, 2-4, Aqueduct

Practical Joke, Leeloo, m, 5, o/o Ribbon Cutter, by Elusive Quality. AOC, 2-4, Aqueduct

Ransom the Moon, Luna Moth, f, 4, o/o Paladin Bay, by Sligo Bay (Ire). STR, 2-4, Oaklawn

Smarty Jones, O K Smarty Pants, m, 5, o/o Over You, by Overanalyze. ALW, 2-3, Charles Town

Star Guitar, Touchuponastar, g, 5, o/o Touch Magic, by Lion Heart. LA Bred Premier Championship S., 2-3, Delta Downs

Stormy Atlantic, Wildatlanticstorm, c, 4, o/o Imsortaspecial, by Big Brown. AOC, 2-4, Sam Houston

Street Strategy, Connie K, m, 6, o/o Indian Clarkie, by Indian Charlie. AOC, 2-4, Oaklawn

Tapwrit, Lightofmaine, f, 3, o/o Pontiana, by Deputy Minister. LA Bred Premier Starlet S., 2-3, Delta Downs

Too Much Bling, Pickingupstrangers, g, 5, o/o Write When Ready, by More Than Ready. ALW, 2-4, Sam Houston

Twirling Candy, Hula Candy, g, 6, o/o Kinsley, by Pulpit. AOC, 2-3, Santa Anita

Uncaptured, Yes I Am Free, g, 8, o/o Yes It's Valid, by Yes It's True. AOC, 2-4, Gulfstream

Uncle Mo, Uncle Marty, r, 4, o/o Possessive, by Bernardini. ALW, 2-4, Aqueduct

Upstart, Surly Furious, g, 6, o/o Perfect Prediction, by Majesticperfection. Forego S., 2-3, Turfway

West Coast, Coastal Brink, c, 3, o/o Brinkley, by City Zip. MSW, 2-4, Sam Houston



Trainer J.R. Caldwell (third from the left) celebrated his 1,000th victory as Jackman's Ride won race 7 at Sam Houston Race Park on Sunday afternoon | Coady Photographer

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David Menuisier and Classic hope Sunway | Emma Berry

By Paul Hayward

One test of a visit to a racing yard is whether you come away wishing you owned a horse to send there. David Menuisier's set-up is one such place. If you like patient trainers with strong opinions who pride themselves on being self-made while displaying a virtuoso's touch, Dancing Brave's old home near Pulborough in West Sussex could be for you.

Menuisier, a Frenchman in love with British racing - despite the inferior prize-money - is L'Etranger of the training ranks. One translation of that label is somebody who isn't part of a community or organisation. Menuisier, who started in 2014 with one raceable horse, largely avoids bloodstock agents and isn't impressed by privilege. It hasn't stopped him becoming an assured and intuitive trainer of Group-race winners.

In the Arcadia of Guy Harwood's old domain - Coombelands, with its radiant South Downs views - Menuisier watches his best hope for 2024, the three-year-old colt Sunway (Fr), trot through cold winter air before laying out, back in his office, his training manifesto, which is a mix of traditionalist and radical.

The story blends tough beginnings and a strong vein of pride in being an underdog.

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BREEDERS ROW IN BEHIND MINZAAL ON THE STRENGTH OF FIRST FOALS

Top industry judges David Cox, Derek Veitch Mark Dreeling and Paschal Kellaghan have put on record their support for Derrinstown Stud-based stallion Minzaal (Ire) off the back of the arrival of his first foals.

Minzaal's foals have come in for high praise from their breeders, including Rosetown Bloodstock's filly [pictured] out of the winning Exceed And Excel (Aus) mare, Loquace (Ire), a granddaughter of champion two-year-old, Pas De Reponse.

"I'm very happy with her," reported David Cox of Baroda Stud, where the mare and foal are boarding. "She's a very strong first foal with great bone; correct and very sharp-looking. She's the spitting image of her sire."

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IN TDN AMERICA TODAY

FASIG-TIPTON WINTER MIXED SALE OPENS MONDAY AHEAD OF BREEDING SEASON

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David Menuisier's string gearing up for the new season at the historic Coombelands training establishment in Sussex | Emma Berry

KEAGAN KIRKBY DIES AFTER POINT-TO-POINT FALL 6

Trainer Paul Nicholls led the tributes to Keagan Kirkby, the amateur rider who tragically died after a fall at Charing point-to-point on Sunday.

DEAR MY FRIEND TAKES TANDRIDGE AT LINGFIELD 7

Dear My Friend traveled to Lingfield to defend his unbeaten record on the all-weather and was in an uncompromising mood from the outset, winning convincingly.

HELIOS EXPRESS STYLISH IN HONG KONG FEATURE 8

Helios Express was crunched into \$1.30 (3-10) favourite for Sunday's HK\$13-million Hong Kong Classic Mile, and raced away in convincing fashion Sunday afternoon at Sha Tin. Alan Carasso reports.

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Menuisier, Cont. from p1

"I'm not fashionable - and you have to realise I'll never be," he says. "It's fine. It will always be harder for me than those young trainers in Newmarket, because I don't belong to those circles. I'm happy with it. Very little in racing works with merit. Probably 20% of it."

If this sounds like disillusionment, Menuisier delivers it wryly, and enjoys his work too much to be bitter. And this Flat season brims with promise. His best horses so far have been the dual Group 1-winning filly Wonderful Tonight (Fr), Thundering Blue and Danceteria (Fr). Last year he bucked his own trend of being a cautious starter by winning the Lincoln Handicap with Migration (Ire) - and finished the campaign with a flourish. There were two-year-old stakes wins in France for Tamfana (Ger), War Chimes (Fr) and Sunway (the Group 1 Criterium International), and a Group 3 win for Caius Chorister (GB) - all in the space of five days.

No wonder he feels vindicated in working with the natural development cycle of horses, rather than against it, as some

trainers do in search of faster gratification.

"It's always been my line of thinking. I wanted to be in a niche where nobody else was - but it's also what I love," he tells TDN. "I'm different to some others. I don't criticise others. But I would find it a little bit boring to be someone who only trains sprinters or only trains sharp two-year-olds. It's not really my cup of tea."

"Some of my best clients chuck it in my face every now and then that I can't train two-year-olds. What they mean by two-year-olds is sharp ones, in the first few months of the year. I would always prefer the ones who come through in October and make three-year-olds and four-year-olds."

"If you want a really good three-year-old they have to be good as a two-year-old as well because the talent gets them through that. Like Sunway. You can't say Sunway is a real two-year-old but he's always found life easy. You'd like to believe or hope his best seasons are ahead of him rather than last year. He's bred to be more of a three-year-old slash four-year-old. If you want a top three-year-old, obviously they'll be top two-year-olds as well - but I don't mind one that takes more time, and gets better at four or five."

Even at a trot, Sunway floats up Menuisier's gallops with noticeable fluency in his action. And though Menuisier is a true adopted Sussex man, he's also prodigal.

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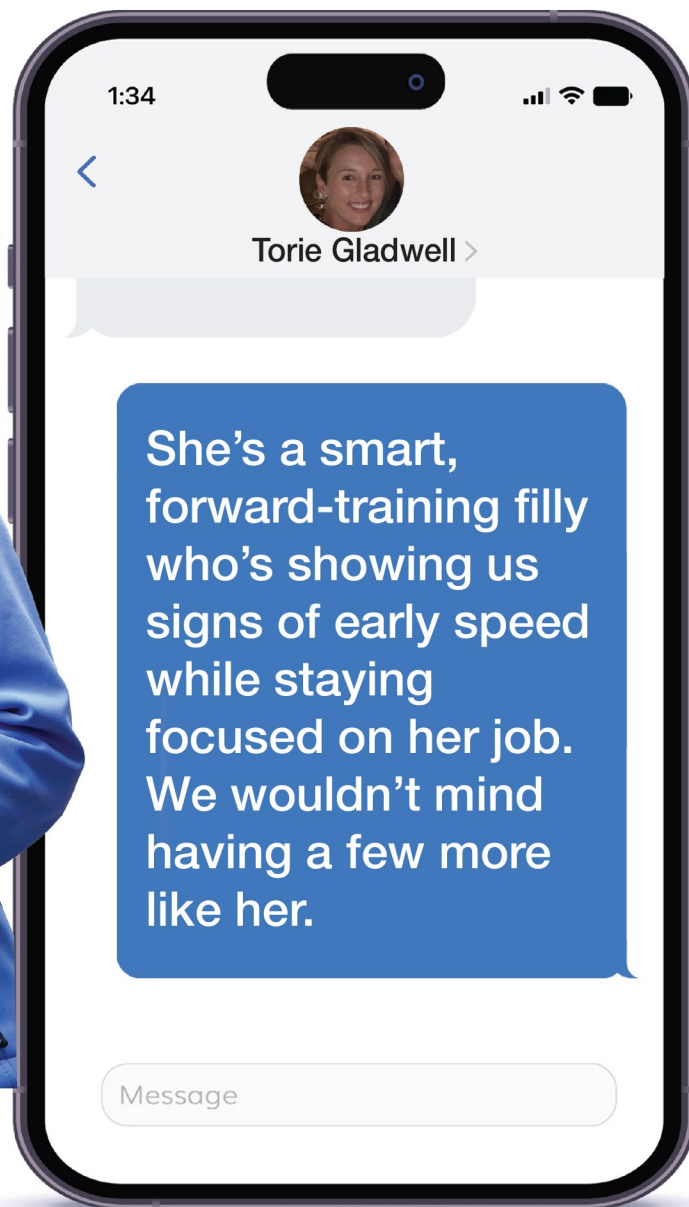
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Group 1 winner Sunway on the gallops at Coombelands
Emma Berry

Many of his biggest wins were landed in France and Sunway's targets are the Poule d'Essai des Poulains and Prix du Jockey Club, ideally on good or slightly softer ground.

You can't help wondering though why he trains in England rather than France, where prize-money is higher and political paralysis in racing less evident. He says: "It makes me unique. When I came back from America to work for John Dunlop I think I just fell in love with the area, fell in love with English racing.

"I've been lucky enough to compete in nine different countries and I've not seen a better jurisdiction than this one. The prize-money could be better, this or that could be better, recruitment...

You could make the same comment for any jurisdiction. Owners want to be in England. The next big owner is more likely to start in England than America or Australia, or France or Germany. It's the right place to be.

"We are blessed with a good programme on the whole. The handicap system allows you a chance to go up step by step."

"In terms of the management of British racing I think there are too many entities. It's better when people sit down and discuss

things than pull the sheet to their side. I don't think there's enough unity in British racing. Who is in charge of what and what do they do? I have no idea. That makes British racing have too many middlemen, and each middleman is going to take his little chunk of money. People are putting a veto here and a veto there, and everything is at a standstill the whole time.

"I feel that some of the entities in racing are more than happy to carry on the way it is because they make enough money. Not everybody sees the situation as desperate. We do, but it's only one branch of British racing."

In his debut year, England might have felt very much like the wrong place to be. Menuisier and his partner Kim Johnstone took the plunge in 2014 with four horses (three borrowed) and a £60,000 fighting fund.

"If I had to do it again, I don't think I would. Or, if I had to do it now, starting in 2024, I'm not sure I would," Menuisier says.

"In those days we were 10 years younger but things were a little easier than they are now. Even though it was a difficult start we never thought we could fail. It was a weird impression because we had absolutely nothing and nobody on our side. But despite all, it never felt like a risky thing to do. These days things are a lot more expensive. It would be extremely difficult now to start the way we did. We were meant to be wiped out in the first few months."

Instead a horse bred by his parents in France - Slunovrat (Fr) - scored a breakthrough win at Newcastle and enticed Clive Washbourn to become the yard's first major owner. "Not many trainers would start with one runnable horse, a middle-distance horse, an unbroken horse. This very first winner showed the trademark of the yard," Menuisier says.

"I knew Clive from John Dunlop's. He said, 'all my horses are allocated but if you prove you can train a winner I'll back you.' I won my first race on 25 August 2014. The very next day he said - 'I said I'll back you and I will.'

"All the people I have here are people who have decided to be with me. I have never picked up the phone to get anybody in here." **Cont.**



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All the owners I have, have come here because they've seen our results and decided to be here. That's another thing I'm really proud of.

"Most of my owners are self-made people. They are not people who've inherited. So they know what it takes and we can speak on the same level. Clive is a mate now. We've become friends. There's nothing to hide from him. He's always been here for me and I've always been here for him. I don't need to change my tone when we speak. It's the same with Guy Pariente [Sunway's part-owner and breeder] from France. He's a very successful businessman but he's not part of the jet set. He's a grounded person. I think grounded people suit me."

Menuisier's high regard for Oisin Murphy is based only partly on Murphy telling him Sunway was the best two-year-old he sat on last year: a review that will have featured in Qatar racing's part-purchase of the full brother to Sealiway (Fr), a G1 Champion S. winner. Both were bred by Pariente, the owner of Haras de Colleville, and they are by his stallion Galiway (GB) from the Kendargent (Fr) mare Kensea (Fr).

"Oisin Murphy was an integral part of the team." Menuisier says. "Last year he came down on a regular basis. Oisin kept on saying - with the bunch of two-year-olds you have, you'll be fine."

"He's a nice person. You can easily build a lovely work relationship with him. When he comes here he's part of the team. He doesn't think of himself as a superstar, he makes his own coffee, he gives a hand to the staff - even sweeping, or whatever. He's just the simplest person. I'm a simple guy as well. We just get on. His opinion is invaluable. I use Jamie Spencer as well for the same reason. He's a really good worker. He's interesting - and interested, in what we're doing. He's another jockey I have a lot of time for."

Murphy's enthusiasm for Sunway had to be taken on trust because Menuisier is not one to mistake a training ground for a racecourse: "We thought he was special but you can only compare him to the other horses. And in the morning we don't really test the V12. So it's hard to be confident you definitely have a world beater. When an outsider who's a superstar jockey comes down and tells you that, it does comfort you."

Menuisier may lean on jockeys for insights but bloodstock agents and fixers are consulted less frequently: "I have nothing in particular against any of them. I feel as a trainer I would

rather go and buy the horses I want to train rather than use somebody to buy horses I may not like.

"I'd rather do it myself because I'm going to live with them for two or three years. As I don't rub anyone's back, they don't have to rub mine. I've built this yard not relying on them. They were not here when I started in 2014, so I don't need them now."

He relies instead, at the sales, on his own eyes and instincts. Two years ago he spotted a filly who had won at Newbury but was now surplus to requirements at a big yard. He takes up the story: "I noticed she probably wasn't running over the right ground and probably needed a bit of time."

"I rang Kim and said, 'If this filly makes 25 grand we might buy her as a project. She's well bred, she's a winner as a

two-year-old, I'd like to bring her back later in the season and hopefully give her a bit of black type.' She was only rated 72. Sometimes you feel she's going to be lucky or...it's an intuition. I work a lot with intuition."

"I bought the filly for 26 grand - I went above my budget - turned her out, identified a little infection in her throat - nothing too bad. She basically needed time."

"Anyway I never saw the best of her in the morning, so we trained her to sit on the tail of somebody else and not move an



David Menuisier's string returning from exercise | Emma Berry

eyelid. I didn't know whether she'd improved. I sold half to my loyal client Clive, a quarter to one of his mates, a Spanish guy. I ran her at Saint-Cloud in a Listed race, rated 72."

"Everything else was above 100, including Tribalist, who was third in the Guineas. She ran second in the race beaten a whisker. A stride after the line she would have beaten the winner."

"We sold her in December for 385 grand. The guy that bought her decided he knew better and sent her to a good trainer." But less than a year later the filly's owner asked Menuisier to take her on again. "I said, look, I've done it once, I'll have her back because I love her, and I know how she works, but I can't guarantee I can do it twice. She came back here. She was placed in a Group 3 at the end of the year, rated 102."

"Something I learned at Criquette [Head's] is that some people over-train them. You have to be careful not to over-train. Always try to under-train rather than over-train. Because if you under-train you get fitter as you run, which is fine, but they keep their sanity in the meantime. This filly - you didn't need to do anything, She was more than happy to hack every morning."



Caius Chorister and her loyal owner-breeder Clive Washbourn, second left | Scoop Dyga

"If you tried to go a stride quicker her head would be in the air."

This brings him on to the perils of trying to train too many horses. "If I were Number 1 at the BHA I would put a number on the size of the yard. Above 70 or 80, you should have a cap. Then you would see the best people. With 300, you can't go wrong, obviously. Whether you're good or not doesn't matter. The wastage is huge."

In his outlook Menuisier manages to blend passion and ambition with a bit of Zen. "My intention is not to be champion trainer. I'm happy with the life I have, getting good horses every year," he explains. "My yard's a bit bigger this season. We've had the back-up of really nice people."

"I'm old fashioned. Nowadays if I have to have 300 horses I have to admit that 50% of my staff would not be at the level I want, so I'm writing off half the staff already because those guys won't work to the level. If it's radical to say that, I'm sorry, but it's a fact. We have core staff. I only have 70 horses. If I have four times that number I will have at least 10 people who won't be able to get to our level. I don't want to be in that situation."

And to conclude he tries to articulate why he works in such a precarious, stressful, unstable and yet sometimes sublime profession (this particular morning at Coombelands it feels like a celestial calling).

"My aim is not to become a millionaire. My aim is to carry on doing what I do, educate my daughter for her to have a good life, and be happy, and for people around me to be happy, and have enough good horses to run in lovely races."

"We start the season with 72 horses. I have three older horses who are black type, we have five three-year-olds with black type. So that's eight already, out of 40, with 32 two-year-olds on top. Why should I envy anybody - including those big yards? I can't, because I'm living my best life."

"I know where I come from, I know how I started, I know I don't owe anything to anybody apart from the people who helped us - and that's that."

"My aim is to be happy in life. That's all."

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Minzaal Foals, cont. from p1

Mark Dreeling was full of praise for his colt out of Laciredeski (Ire), a multiple winning Toronado (Ire) half-sister to Flying Five S. runner-up Erosandpsyche (Ire) (Sepoy {Aus}) and Listed scorer Some Respect (Ire) (**Gleneagles {Ire}**).

Dreeling said, "He's an absolute belter of a foal. He really is something else. He's exactly what we hoped for; big, strong and compact, with great width and bone. He's very correct and a lot like his sire."

Paschal Kellaghan and Brian Gravin have welcomed a filly out of highly-rated three-time winner Dilawara (Fr), a Dream Ahead half-sister to three winners and related to Capri (Ire) and Commissioning (GB) (**Kingman {GB}**).

"She's an absolutely stunning filly," said Kellaghan. "Just pure class, with great strength and depth. This speedy-looking filly is one for the future."

Ringfort Stud, where Minzaal was bred, welcomed a filly out of Shenoya (Fr) (Zoffany {Ire}), a winning and Listed-placed half-sister to classy filly Like A Charm (Fr) from the family of Group 1 winner Bay Bridge (GB).

The operation's Derek Veitch commented, "She's a big strong foal and a lovely bay colour. She's very correct, with great bone. She looks very much like her sire. We're absolutely thrilled with her."

Minzaal, the top-rated produce of Mehmas, won the Group 2 Gimcrack S. at two before developing into the best sprinter of his generation, winning the Group 1 Sprint Cup at four.

Cont.



Rosetown Bloodstock's filly foal by Minzaal | Shadwell

He covered 161 mares in his first season at stud, with 16% of his opening book stakes winners, the highest percentage of any first-season sire standing in Ireland last year.

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EUROPEAN NEWS

KEAGAN KIRKBY DIES AFTER FALL AT CHARING POINT-TO-POINT IN KENT



Paul Nicholls led the tributes to Keagan Kirkby after the confirmation of his passing was released on Sunday
The Jockey Club

Trainer Paul Nicholls has led the tributes to Keagan Kirkby, the amateur rider who tragically died after a fall at Charing point-to-point on Sunday.

In a statement released by the Injured Jockeys Fund, the 14-time Champion National Hunt trainer, with whom Kirkby was based, described Kirkby as “one of our best, hardworking lads.”

Nicholls said, “Life is so hard sometimes, winners totally insignificant compared to what has happened today. Sadly, Keagan Kirkby, one of our best, hardworking lads lost his life today riding in a point-to-point. All at Team Ditcheat are mortified. Thoughts with all his friends and family.”

According to the IFJ, the incident occurred on the second circuit of the final race, when the rider’s mount ran out through the wing of a fence. Despite immediate attention by the on-course medical team as well as additional support from a 999 Helicopter Emergency Services crew, Kirkby could not be saved.

Kirkby joined Nicholls’s operation in 2019 and had been awarded employee of the month in December 2021. He was also shortlisted for the Thoroughbred Industry Employee Awards

in the Rider/Groom category for 2024.

“We are devastated to hear the tragic news regarding the fatal injuries sustained by Keagan Kirkby. Our thoughts are with his family and friends, and everyone at the yard of Paul Nicholls. The entire Racing industry will be in mourning at the loss of someone so young and with such potential,” said British Horseracing Authority (BHA) Chief Executive Julie Harrington.

“The esteem in which he was held is clear from the fact that he was nominated for the Rider/Groom category of the 2024 Thoroughbred Industry Employee Awards, and made it through to the final 10 in his category. The nomination spoke of Keagan’s qualities as a thoughtful rider who develops a personal bond with his horses, understands their characters and adapts his riding accordingly, as well as his affable, helpful nature and popularity on the yard. We call on everyone to respect the privacy of Keagan’s family and the Paul Nicholls yard.”

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HOW THEY FARED

18.30 Newcastle, Novice, £16,000, 3yo/up, 8f (AWT)

Waleefy (Ire) (Night Of Thunder {Ire}), the half-brother to **Sea The Stars** high-class siblings Baaeed (GB) and Hukum (Ire), was run down late by the promising newcomer Las Ramblas (GB) (Lope De Vega {Ire}), looking like a middle-distance prospect as he rallied near the line.

BRITAIN

Sunday’s Results:

BETUK KACHY S.-Listed, £50,000, Lingfield, 2-4, 4yo/up, 6f 1y (AWT), 1:08.75, st.

1--DILIGENT HARRY (GB), 128, g, 6, Due Diligence--Harryana To (GB), by Compton Place (GB). 1ST BLACK TYPE WIN. (£38,000 Ylg ‘19 GOFFPR). O-The Diliquents; B-Whitsbury Manor Stud (GB); T-Clive Cox; J-Ryan Moore. £28,355. Lifetime Record: MGSP-Eng, 22-6-5-1, \$298,569. *1/2 to Harry Three (GB) (Adaay {Ire}), SW-Fr, \$159,537.

2--Annaf (Ire), 133, h, 5, Muhaarar (GB)--Shimah, by Storm Cat. (16,000gns 2yo ‘21 TATAHI). O-Fosnic Racing; B-Shadwell Estate Company Limited (IRE); T-Michael Appleby. £10,750.

3--Willem Twee (GB), 131, g, 5, Ribchester (Ire)--Paulinie (GB), by Royal Applause (GB). (72,000gns Wlg ‘19 TATFOA; 50,000gns RNA Ylg ‘20 TATOCT; 37,000gns Ylg ‘20 TADEYG).

O-Chris van Hoorn Racing; B-Plantation Stud (GB); T-James Fanshawe. £5,380.

Margins: 1, 2, NK. Odds: 1.75, 2.00, 3.30.

Also Ran: Coachello (Fr), Summerhand (Ire), The X O (Ire).

Scratched: Clearpoint (GB).

Runner-up twice in Newbury's G3 Hackwood S. and in the G3 Chipchase S. at Newcastle, Diligent Harry boasted five wins from nine prior starts on artificial surfaces including the All-Weather Sprint Championships Conditions S. back at Newcastle in April. Allowed to impose himself from the outset by Ryan Moore from his inside draw, he dominated from the front and was beyond recall by the time last year's winner Annaf emerged under his stopping five-pound penalty as a result of his G3 Bengough S. success in the autumn.

The dam, whose year-younger Harry Three (GB) (Adaay {Ire}) captured the Listed Prix Kistena, also has a 2-year-old full-sister to Diligent Harry and a yearling filly by Showcasing (GB). She is a half-sister to the G2 Mill Reef S. scorer Temple Meads (GB) (Avonbridge {GB}) and to the dam of another classy all-weather performer and G2 Sandy Lane S. winner El Caballo (GB) (Havana Gold {Ire}), the Italian listed winner Avengers Queen (GB) (Brazen Beau {Aus}) and the G2 Lowther S. third Symbology (GB) (Havana Grey {GB}).

BETMGM TANDRIDGE S.-Listed, £50,000, Lingfield, 2-4, 4yo/up, 8f 1y (AWT), 1:35.49,.

1--**DEAR MY FRIEND (GB), 128, g, 4, Pivotal (GB)--Dusty Red (GB), by Teofilo (Ire)**. (35,000gns RNA Wlg '20 TATFOA; £40,000 Ylg '21 GOFFUK). O-Middleham Park Racing XXV & Michael Lai; B-Bartlett, Beever & Cheveley Park Stud (GB); T-Charlie Johnston; J-Joe Fanning. £28,355. Lifetime Record: GSP-Eng & SP-Fr, 12-5-0-2, \$180,268.

2--**Nine Tenths (Ire), 123, f, 4, Kodiak (GB)--Covetous (GB), by Medaglia d'Oro. 1ST BLACK TYPE**. (300,000gns Ylg '21 TATOCT). O-St Albans Bloodstock Limited; B-Tally Ho Stud (IRE); T-William Haggas. £10,750.

3--**Diderot (GB), 128, g, 6, Bated Breath (GB)--Modern Look (GB), by Zamindar. 1ST BLACK TYPE**. (90,000gns HRA '21 TATTJU). O-Owners Group 091; B-Juddmonte Farms Ltd (GB); T-James Ferguson. £5,380.

Margins: 1 3/4, HF, 1 3/4. Odds: 1.38, 1.25, 7.00.

Also Ran: Bopedro (Fr), Maysan (Fr).

Successful in Newcastle's Listed Burradon S. in April and in a handicap over that mile trip and track on New Year's Day, Dear My Friend who had also finished third in the G3 Zetland S. as a juvenile was here to defend his unbeaten record on the all-weather and was in uncompromising mood from the outset. Sent straight to the front by Joe Fanning, the chestnut had his rivals out of their comfort zone before turning for home and galloped strongly to the line for an emphatic score.

The dam, who is also responsible for the listed-placed Pink Carnation (GB) (Territories {Ire}), also has a 2-year-old full-brother to that useful performer who was a 78,000gns purchase by Dermot Farrington at the Tatts Book 2 Sale. She is a daughter of the G3 Prix de la Nonette winner Dust Dancer (GB) (Suave Dancer), responsible for the GII Lake Placid H. winner Spotlight (GB) (Dr Fong) who in turn produced the G3 Bengough S. scorer Projection (GB) (Acclamation {GB}). Also connected to the Ballydoyle stars Zoffany (Ire), Broome (Ire) (**Australia {GB}**) and Point Lonsdale (Ire) (**Australia {GB}**), her yearling colt by Expert Eye (GB) was sold for 13,000gns to CTS Bloodstock at the Tatts December Foal Sale.



Lope de Vega | Ballylinch

4th-Newcastle, £16,000, Novice, 2-4, 3yo/up, 8f 5y (AWT), 1:46.79, st.

LAS RAMBLAS (GB) (c, 3, Lope De Vega {Ire}--Yummy Mummy {GB}, by Montjeu {Ire}), a half-brother to the G1 1000 Guineas heroine Legatissimo (Ire) (Danehill Dancer {Ire}), was keen early restrained in the wake of the leaders. Reeling in Waleefy (Ire) (Night Of Thunder {Ire}) inside the final 50 yards, the 100-30 favourite held on to prevail by a head from that half-brother to **Sea The Stars'** Baaeed (GB) and Hukum (Ire). Alongside Legatissimo, who also captured the G1 Nassau S. and G1 Matron S. and was placed in three other top-level contests including the Oaks and Breeders' Cup Filly and Mare Turf, the dam is also responsible for the stakes scorer Sifting Sands (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}) who was a \$200,000 purchase by RRR Racing at 2022 Keeneland November and for the listed-placed Yummylicious (GB) also by Dubawi. A half to the G1 Irish Derby-winning champion Fame And Glory (GB) from the esteemed family of Grimpola (Ger) (Windwurf {Ger}) which features Farhh (GB), her yearling filly is by **Siyouni (Fr)**. Sales history: 250,000gns Ylg '22 TATOCT. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$10,913. O-Ballylinch Stud; B-Newsells Park Stud (GB); T-Roger Varian.

FRANCE

Sunday's Results:

6th-Pau, €22,000, Cond, 2-4, 3yo, 10f (AWT), 2:04.50, st.
CHARLUS (IRE) (g, 3, Churchill {Ire}--Nobilis {GB} {MGSP-Fr}, by Rock Of Gibraltar {Ire}), off the mark over this course and distance in December, stealthily made his way into third under cover against the rail. Delivered on the inner to gain the advantage approaching the furlong marker, the 8-5 second favourite asserted to score by 1 1/4 lengths from Swing City (Fr) (City Light {Fr}). Nobilis, who was placed in the G2 Prix de Malleret and G3 Prix Minerve, is the second dam of the Listed Prix Panacee scorer and G3 Prix Fille de l'Air runner-up Winema (Fr) (Le Havre {Ire}). From the family of the former Ballydoyle heavyweights Sholokhov (Ire) and Soldier Of Fortune (Ire) and the G1 Dewhurst S.-winning fellow sire Intense Focus, her 2-year-old colt and yearling filly are by **Camelot (GB)**. Sales history: €95,000 Ylg '22 ARQAUG. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, €21,500.

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O-Sophie Midy, Free Man Racing, Linda Shanahan & Emily Magnier; B-RJB Bloodstock (IRE); T-Jean-Claude Rouget.

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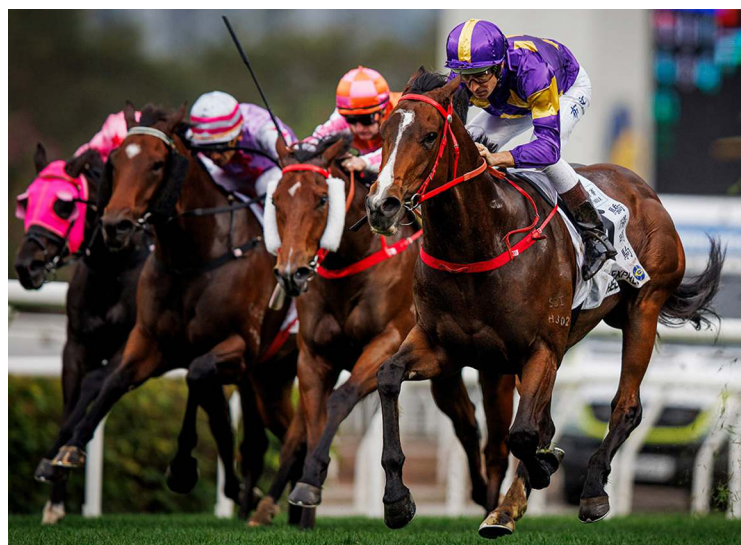
Jakima (GB), f, 3, Kodiak (GB)--Dream Clover (GB) (MSW & GSP-Fr, \$163,406), by **Oasis Dream (GB)**. Pau, 2-4, 8f (AWT), 1:35.70. B-George Strawbridge (GB). *42,000gns HRA '23 TATHRA.

Spielman (GB), g, 3, Saxon Warrior (Jpn)--Pennywhistle (Ire), by Iffraaj (GB). Pau, 2-4, 8f (AWT), 1:36.60. B-R Watts (GB). *52,000gns Wlg '21 TATFOA; 90,000gns Ylg '22 TATOCT.

settled in the ideal spot while a fraction keen through the early exchanges. Poised to strike nearing the entrance to the straight, Helios Express eased out into the three path to deliver his challenge, gathered up Helene Feeling--who had taken over from Chancheng Glory just outside the 200 metres--and kicked home a comfortable winner. **Star Mac (Aus)** (Heroic Valour {Aus}), rated some 38 points inferior to the winner on 64, ran home gamely for third ahead of a troubled **Speed Dragon (NZ)** (Darci Brahma {NZ}).

"It was a slow-run race and he was able to adapt to a very slow tempo, which is a good thing in a racehorse," said Size. "He was able to overcome that and still win the race. Of this generation of horses, he seems to be the quality horse amongst the ones he's competing against, and it was a very convincing win."

Size confirmed that Helios Express would move on to the second leg of the series, the Hong Kong Classic Cup over 1800 metres Mar. 3 and believes his charge will handle the step up in trip without issue.



Helios Express | HKJC photo

"There's always some concern because the circumstances of the races can change dramatically from one race to the next," said Size. "The good horses overcome a different style of running and they win. He has to do that--he has that in front of him."

For his part, Bowman--who now begins a five-meeting suspension--considers Helios Express an unfinished product.

"The critical side of me says I would have liked for him to settle a bit better in the run, but it was a very sedate tempo which encouraged him to travel the way he did--but that's the sign of an exceptional horse--and when I gave him room and asked him for an effort, that's exactly what we all saw. I'm excited to be riding such a magnificent individual," Bowman said.

WORLDWIDE NEWS

HELIOS EXPRESS MAKES LIGHT WORK OF HONG KONG CLASSIC MILE *by Alan Carasso*

Helios Express (Aus) (Toronado {Ire}) was crunched into \$1.30 (3-10) favourtism for Sunday's HK\$13-million Hong Kong Classic Mile, sat a perfect trip beneath Hugh Bowman and raced away late to take the first leg of the 4-year-old series in convincing fashion Sunday afternoon at Sha Tin.

Alertly away from barrier six and carrying the number one saddlecloth signifying the highest-rated runner in the event, the John Size trainee allowed **Chancheng Glory** (Mor Spirit) and **Helene Feeling (Ire)** (**Sioux Nation**) do the heavy lifting and

Pedigree Notes:

Helios Express was providing his sire with yet another big result in Hong Kong a week after Victor the Winner (Aus) caused an upset in the G1 Centenary Sprint Cup. One of 18 winners in the jurisdiction for the stallion, Helios Express--who was victorious in a single Australian appearance for trainer Jamie Edwards at Benalla in Victoria while racing as Tex Mex (Aus)--is a third to succeed at stakes level (Senor Toba {Aus}). Helios Express is the fourth black-type winner produced by a daughter of Hinchinbrook (Aus) (Fastnet Rock {Aus}).

Paris Texas passed away in September 2021 according to the Australian Stud Book, but has left behind Helios Express's unraced 3-year-old full-sister Isolation Ridge (Aus), who is in training with Lindsey Smith at Linton in Victoria.

Sunday, Sha Tin, Hong Kong

HONG KONG CLASSIC MILE-LR, HK\$13,000,000, Sha Tin, 2-4, NH/SH4yo, 1600mT, 1:34.44, gd.

1--**HELIOS EXPRESS (AUS)**, 126, g, 4, by Toronado (Ire)

1st Dam: Paris Texas (Aus), by Hinchinbrook (Aus)

2nd Dam: Hialeah Star (Aus), by Luskin Star (Aus)

3rd Dam: Hialeah Gold (Aus), by Sovereign Red (NZ)

1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN. O-Andy Yung Ming Tai; B-C Wells (WA); T-John Size; J-Hugh Bowman. Lifetime Record: 8-6-1-1, HK\$16,001,660. *Formerly Tex Mex (Aus).

2--**Helene Feeling (Ire)**, 126, g, 4, **Sioux Nation**--Cynthia Calhoun (Ire), by Exceed and Excel (Aus). (€15,500 Wlg '20 GOFDEC; 40,000gns Ylg '21 TATOCT). O-Helene Syndicate; B-A Sherwood & P Connell; T-Danny Shum; J-Zac Purton; HK\$2,730,000.

3--**Star Mac (Aus)**, 126, g, 4, Heroic Valour (Aus)--Marma Got Style (Aus), by Wicked Style. (A\$15,000 Ylg '21 MMMAR). O-Adrian Hassan; B-D Reynolds (Qld); T-David Hayes; J-Karis Teetan; HK\$1,495,000.

Margins: 1 3/4, NK, 3/4. Odds: 3-10, 73-10, 45-1.

Also Ran: Speed Dragon (NZ), Beauty Crescent (Ire), Chancheng Glory, Fallon (Ire), Howdeepisyourlove (Aus), Moments In Time (Chi). **Click for the HKJC chart, PPs and sectional timing. VIDEO.**

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Sunday, Sha Tin, Hong Kong

CENTENARY VASE H.-G3, HK\$4,200,000, Sha Tin, 2-4, 3yo/up, 1800mT, 1:47.40, gd.

1--**NIMBLE NIMBUS (NZ)**, 115, g, 6, by Sacred Falls (NZ)

1st Dam: Marahau (NZ), by Pins (Aus)

2nd Dam: Pyjamas (NZ), by Centaine (Aus)

3rd Dam: Cats (GB), by Dance in Time

1ST GROUP WIN, 1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN, 1ST BLACK-TYPE.

(NZ\$100,000 Ylg '19 NZBJAN). O-Jason Chan Kam Kwan;

B-Waikato Stud Ltd; T-Ricky Yiu; J-Andrea Atzeni;

HK\$2,352,000. Lifetime Record: 27-6-4-6, HK\$10,768,050.

Werk Nick Rating: A+++ *Triple Plus*. Click for the

eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree or the free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree.

2--**Five G Patch (Ire)**, 115, g, 6, **Camelot (GB)**--Uliana, by Darshaan (GB). O-Lam Wai Ying; B-Newstead Breeding; T-Tony Cruz; J-Matthew Chadwick; HK\$882,000.

3--**Straight Arron (Aus)**, 135, g, 5, Fastnet Rock (Aus)--Imperial Lass (NZ), by Tavistock (NZ). (A\$270,000 Ylg '20 INGEAS). O-Karen Lo Ki Yan; B-Torryburn Stud (NSW); T-Caspar Fownes; J-Hugh Bowman; HK\$483,000.

Margins: HD, HF, HF. Odds: 69-10, 37-5, 83-10.

Also Ran: La City Blanche (Arg), Champion Dragon (Ire), Fantastic Treasure (Aus), Happy Together (Ire), Encountered (Ire), Spirited Express (Aus), Sword Point (Aus), Tourbillon Diamond (Aus), Super Sunny Sing (Aus), Senor Toba (Aus), Money Catcher (NZ).

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Sunday, Tokyo, Japan

TOKYO SHIMBUN HAI-G3, ¥78,110,000, Tokyo, 2-4, 4yo/up, 1600mT, 1:32.10, fm.

1--**SAKURA TOUJOURS (JPN)**, 126, h, 7, by Neo Universe (Jpn)

1st Dam: Sakura Reine (Jpn), by Symboli Kris S

2nd Dam: Sedan Forever (Jpn), by Maruzensky (Jpn)

3rd Dam: Sakura Sedan (Jpn), by Sedan (Fr)

1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN, 1ST GROUP WIN. O-Sakura Commerce; B-Tanioka Farm; T-Noriyuki Hori; J-Rachel King; ¥41,567,000.

Lifetime Record: 24-6-7-1, ¥165,928,000. **Werk Nick Rating: A+++ *Triple Plus*. Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree. Click for the free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree.**

2--**Win Carnelian (Jpn)**, 128, h, 7, Screen Hero (Jpn)--Cosmo Crystal (Jpn), by Meiner Love. O-Win Inc.; B-Cosmo View Farm; ¥16,162,000.

3--**Ho O Biscuits (Jpn)**, 126, c, 4, Mind Your Biscuits--Ho O Sabrina (Jpn), by Rulership (Jpn). O-Yoshihisa Ozasa; B-Okada Stud; ¥10,081,000.

Margins: 1, NK, NS; Odds: 32.80, 7.40, 34.30.

Also Ran: Ask Konnamonda (Jpn), Matenro Sky (Jpn), Masked Diva (Jpn), Avverare (Jpn), Rouge Lignage (Jpn), Umbrail (Jpn), Tudo de Bom (Jpn), Hrimfaxi (Jpn), Justin Cafe (Jpn), Dolce More (Jpn), Sound Vivace (Jpn), Danon Touchdown (Jpn), Kona Coast (Jpn). **Click for the JRA chart & video.**

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1--**BYZANTINE DREAM (JPN)**, 126, c, 3, by Epiphaneia (Jpn)

1st Dam: Japoni Chara (Jpn), by Jungle Pocket (Jpn)

2nd Dam: Glitter Chara (Jpn), by French Deputy

3rd Dam: Fusaichi Airedale (Jpn), by Sunday Silence

1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN, 1ST GROUP WIN. O-Kazumi Yoshida; B-Northern Farm; T-Tomoyasu Sakaguchi; J-Rene Piechulek; ¥41,420,000. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, ¥48,620,000. **Werk Nick Rating: A.** Click for the **eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.** Click for the **free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree.**

2--**Water Licht (Jpn)**, 126, c, 3, by Drefong--Water Peony (Jpn), by Victoire Pisa (Jpn). O-Masato Yamaoka; B-Fushikida Farm; ¥16,120,000

3--**Shivers (Jpn)**, 126, c, 3, Maurice (Jpn)--Vivlos (Jpn), by Deep Impact (Jpn). **1ST BLACK-TYPE, 1ST GROUP BLACK TYPE.**

O-Kazuhiro Sasaki; B-Northern Farm; ¥10,060,000.

Margins: NS, NS, NK; Odds: 1.30, 27.10, 18.30.

Also Ran: In the Moment (Jpn), Justin Earth (Jpn), Fervent (Jpn), Buena Onda (Jpn), Regalo del Cielo (Jpn), T M Listed (Jpn), Namura Ahab (Jpn), Piena Orfe (Jpn). DNF: Velociraptor (Jpn).

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