

TDN KENTUCKY OAKS TOP 10 FOR FEB. 8



Just F Y I | Benoit

by Bill Finley

Churchill Downs' ban of Bob Baffert and the decision by his owners to keep their horses with the trainer, even though that means they cannot run at Churchill, will affect not just the Derby. Though Baffert's group of 3-year-old fillies is not as deep or as impressive as his collection of 3-year-old colts, he does have some fillies that, in a normal year, would be Oaks candidates. He has GII Starlet S. winner **Nothing Like You** (Malibu Moon). But his best filly may be **Kinza** (Carpe Diem), who rocketed to a 7 1/2-length win in her debut, earning a 96 Beyer figure. Both Baffert fillies were entered in the GIII Las Virgenes S., which has been rescheduled due to the rains in California. It is now set to be run this Saturday.

Here's a look at the second installment of our Kentucky Oaks Top 10:

1) JUST F Y I (f, **Justify**--Star Act, by **Street Cry** {Ire}) O/B-George Krikorian (Ky); T-Bill Mott. Lifetime Record: Ch. 2yo filly, GISW, 3-3-0-0, \$1,317,750. Last start: WON Nov. 3 GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies. Kentucky Oaks Points: 40. Next Start: GII Davona Dale S., GP, Mar. 2.

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MATING PLANS, PRESENTED BY SPENDTHRIFT: DENALI STUD

The TDN's popular annual series 'Mating Plans, presented by Spendthrift,' continues today in a conversation with Denali Stud's Conrad Bendoroff.

FLAG DAY (8, Giant's Causeway--Sense to Compete, by Street Sense) to be bred to Good Magic.

This mare's first foal, Hall of Fame, broke his maiden in very impressive fashion and was tabbed a 'TDN Rising Star' for his effort. The son of **Gun Runner** and Flag Day's first foal has been a special horse from the day he was born. He was just one of those foals that, when they stand for the first time, you find yourself saying, "We might have something here." He was nice from day one and turned into a \$1.4-million Saratoga yearling.

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March 2, 2013. Champion and future hall of famer Beholder wins the GI Las Virgenes S. under a hand ride by Garrett Gomez. | Horsephotos

TWO-TIME CHAMPION GOODNIGHT OLIVE RETIRES

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Goodnight Olive (*Ghostzapper*), who sold for \$6 million at the 2023 Fasig-Tipton November Sale, will be retired and bred to *Not This Time*.

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Trainer Kenny McPeck won a prep for the GI Kentucky Derby and a prep for the GI Kentucky Oaks at Oaklawn over the weekend.

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Senior Racing Editor Steve Sherack catches up with the connections of the promising sophomore colt Cornishman (*Curlin*), one to keep on your radar.

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Oaks Top 10: Just F Y I, cont. from p1

It's well known that winners of the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile have had a difficult time winning the Kentucky Derby. It's happened only twice in the 40 years that the Breeders' Cup has been around. The record of GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies winners in the GI Kentucky Oaks is just as bad. Only two have turned the trick--1999 Oaks winner Silverbulletday and 1989 Oaks winner Open Mind.

Can Just F Y I become the third? That remains to be seen, but she still deserves to be No. 1 in this poll or any similar polls. It looks like she will get an early test as trainer Bill Mott reports that she will make her 3-year-old debut in the GII Davona Dale S. Mar. 2 at Gulfstream. She didn't exactly blow away the

competition last year, but her win in the Juvenile Fillies showed that she was the best of her division.



2) CANDIED (f, Candy Ride {Arg}--Toni Tools, by Roaring Fever) O-Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners; B-Buck Pond Farm, Inc. (Ky); T-Todd A Pletcher. Sales history: \$165,000 yrl '22 FTJUL. Lifetime Record: GISW, 3-2-0-1, \$595,800. Last start: 3rd Nov. 3 GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies. Kentucky Oaks Points: 19. Next Start: TBD.

Sold for the bargain price of \$165,000 at Fasig-Tipton July, GI Alcibiades winner Candied just missed in the Juvenile Fillies, finishing third, beaten just three-quarters of a length.

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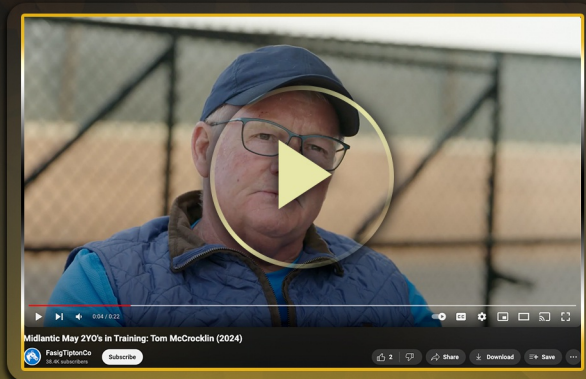
Oaks Top 10: Candied, cont.**Candied** | Sarah Andrew

It looks like trainer Todd Pletcher may have to play a game of catch-up with her as, through Wednesday, her only published workout was a three-furlong breeze on Feb. 2 in which she went in :39.73 at Palm Beach Downs. Owner Aron Wellman explained the strategy, which will likely include just one prep for the Oaks. “We wanted to freshen her up after the Breeders’ Cup,” Wellman said. “It was a huge performance and she was unlucky not to win it. In her work, she went an easy three-eighths by herself and that should move her forward. She doesn’t necessarily need two preps to get ready. She tends to get herself fit pretty quickly.”

3) JODY'S PRIDE (f, **American Pharoah--Jody's Song, by Scat Daddy)** O-Parkland Thoroughbreds & Sportsmen Stable; B-Mr. Steve Weston (Ky); T-Jorge R Abreu. Lifetime Record: SW & GISP, 3-2-1-0, \$480,250. Last start: 2nd Nov. 3 GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies. Kentucky Oaks Points: 15. Next Start: GII Davona Dale S., GP, Mar. 2.

Trainer Jorge Abreu has confirmed to the *Daily Racing Form* that his Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies runner-up will make her 2024 debut in the Davona Dale, which would produce a rematch of the first two across the wire in the Juvenile Fillies. He told the *DRF* that one of the reasons he chose the Davona Dale is that he has lined up Irad Ortiz, Jr. for the mount. So far as Jody's Pride's run in the Juvenile Fillies, here is what Abreu had to tell the *DRF*: “Great effort, especially going from six furlongs to two turns. It didn't faze her at all, needed one more jump.” Interesting that the connections originally wanted to turn her into a turf horse, which makes sense since she is by **American Pharoah** (Pioneer of the Nile). Her first two races, a Saratoga maiden and the Matron S., were washed off the turf. She won both before her solid effort in the Breeders' Cup. **Cont.**

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4) INTRICATE (f, Gun Runner--Complex Analysis, by Distorted Humor) O-Bradley Thoroughbreds, Laura Leigh Stable, Scot Estes & Cambron Equine, LLC; B-LBD Stable, LLC (Ky); T-Brendan Walsh. Sales history: \$200,000 yrl '22 KEESEP; \$280,000 2yo '23 OBSAPR. Lifetime Record: GSW, 3-2-0-0, \$302,180. Last start: WON Nov. 25 GII Golden Rod S. Kentucky Oaks Points: 10. Next Start: GII Rachel Alexandra S., FG, Feb. 17.

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If you believe in the Beyer figures, this may be the horse for you. She earned an 85 when winning the GII Golden Rod S. at Churchill. That's better than Just F Y I, whose career best was the 79 she ran winning the Juvenile Fillies. It looks like trainer Brendan Walsh is starting to turn the screws on her as her Feb. 3 workout, five furlongs in 1:00.20 at Fair Grounds, was her best so far this year. Walsh has her on the same path that he had 2023 Oaks winner Pretty Mischievous (Into Mischief) on, the GII Rachel Alexandra S. followed by the GII Fair Grounds Oaks. The last trainer to win back-to-back runnings of the Kentucky Oaks is Wayne Lukas, who won in 1989 with Open Mind and in 1990 with Seaside Attraction.

5) KOPION (f, Omaha Beach---Gallop Ami, by Victory Gallop) O-Spendthrift Farm; B-Tall Oaks Farm (Ky); T-Richard Mandella. Sales history: \$270,000 yrl '22 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: GSW, 2-2-0-0, \$96,600. Last Start: WON Jan. 7 GIII Santa Ynez S. Kentucky Oaks Points: 10. Next Start: GIII Las Virgenes S., SA, Feb. 10.

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She has had to wait a week, but Kopion will get the biggest test of her career when she goes in Saturday's rescheduled Las Virgenes S. She's coming off a win in the GIII Santa Ynez S., in which she scored a 5 3/4-length wire-to-wire win. She still has to prove she can win when stretching out and around two turns. But if she can carry speed for nine furlongs she will be very dangerous. She is a half-sister to Ami's Flatter (Flatter), the Canadian champion 3-year-old male in 2016. Has been so highly regarded by the bettors that she went off at 3-10 when winning her debut and at 1-5 in the Santa Ynez. **Cont.**



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6) LIFE TALK (f, **Gun Runner--Touchy Feely, by Bernardini)**
 O-Repole Stable; B-**Gun Runner** Syndicate, Mulholland Springs, LLC & Tom Grether Farms, Inc. (Ky); T-Todd A Pletcher. Sales history: \$160,000 wnlg '21 KEENOV; \$335,000 yrl '22 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: GSW & GISP, 5-2-1-1, \$364,250. Last start: WON Dec. 2 GII Demoiselle S. Kentucky Oaks Points: 19. Next Start: Suncoast S., Tam, Feb. 10.

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Will owner Mike Repole win a Kentucky Oaks before he wins a Kentucky Derby? Life Talk could make that possible. We'll know more after this weekend's Suncoast S. at Tampa Bay Downs, a race that Pletcher often points for with 3-year-old fillies making their first start of the year. It doesn't appear that the competition will be that stiff, so expect this filly to kick off her 3-year-old season with a win. She didn't show a lot when third in the Frizette and fourth in the Juvenile Fillies, but a different horse showed up for the GII Demoiselle at Aqueduct. Sent off at even-money, she led every step of the way on her way to a 3/4-length win.



Life Talk | Sarah Andrew

7) LESLIE'S ROSE (f, Into Mischief--Wildwood Rose {Ire}, by Galileo {Ire}) 'TDN Rising Star' O-Whisper Hill Farm; B-John D. Gunther & Eurowest Bloodstock Services (Ky); T-Todd Pletcher. Sales history: \$1,150,000 yrl '22 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$89,950. Last start: WON Jan. 11 AOC at Gulfstream Park. Kentucky Oaks Points: 0. Next Start: GII Davona Dale S., GP, Mar. 2.

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Oaks Top 10: Leslie's Rose, cont.

Say this much about Mandy Pope, she's not afraid to spend her money in search of a good horse. Leslie's Rose was a \$1,150,000 purchase at Keeneland September. She's earned just \$89,950, but there's little doubt that the best has yet to come. She's 2-for-2 with her last win coming in a seven-furlong allowance at Gulfstream. Slated to go next in the Davona Dale, that race will give her the chance to prove that she is an upper echelon filly. She's had five half-mile works since mid-December.

8) ALPINE PRINCESS (f, Classic Empire--Le Moine, by Curlin)

O-Full of Run Racing, LLC & Madaket Stable LLC; B-Betz/DJ Stable/Peter Lamantia/Classic Empire Syndicate (Ky); T-Brad Cox. Sales history: \$190,000 yrl '22 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: SW, 5-3-0-1, \$210,810. Last Start: WON Dec. 23 Untapable S. Kentucky Oaks Points: 10. Next Start: TBD.

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The Brad Cox-trained filly is coming off a win in the Untapable S., which has turned into a key race. Runner-up West Omaha (West Coast) went on to win the Silverbulletday S. and fifth-place finisher Band of Gold (Preservationist) won last Saturday's Martha Washington S. at Oaklawn Park. She was beaten 28 1/4 lengths in the Alcibiades after acting up at the gate. Since then, she's been perfect, winning an allowance and the Untapable. Florent Geroux is the rider. He and Cox have teamed up to win the 2020 Oaks with Shedaresthedevil (Daredevil) and the 2018 Oaks with Monomoy Girl (Tapizar).

9) WEST OMAHA (f, West Coast--Birthday Bash, by Medaglia d'Oro) O/B-Gary & Mary West Stables (Ky); T-Brad Cox. Lifetime Record: SW, 4-2-2-0, \$203,000. Last start: WON Jan. 20 Silverbulletday S. Kentucky Oaks Points: 25. Next Start: GII Rachel Alexandra S, FG, Feb. 17 or GIII Honeybee S., OP, Feb. 24.

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She won the Silverbulletday, but will still have to answer some questions as the field for that race came up light. She was the 9-10 favorite. Cox will surely try to keep her and Alpine Princess apart, choosing between the Oaklawn and Fair Grounds routes to the Oaks. Cox also has Busanda S, winner Gin Gin (Hightail), who will take the New York route to the Oaks. West Omaha will try to give owner-breeder Gary and Mary West their first Oaks win.

10) BAND OF GOLD (f, Preservationist--Play for Gold by Cairo Prince) O-Dixiana Farms LLC; B-Brereton C. Jones (Ky); T-Kenneth G. McPeck. Sales history: \$70,000 wnlg '21 KEENOV. Lifetime Record: SW, 3-2-2-0, \$206,000. Last start: WON Feb. 3 Martha Washington S. Kentucky Oaks Points: 20. Next Start: GIII Honeybee S., OP, Feb. 24. **Cont.**





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The only newcomer to the list this week, she scored an upset win in the Martha Washington at odds of 24-1. Just a \$70,000 purchase at Keeneland September, she rebounded off a poor effort in the Untapable where she was fifth. "In the Untapable, she never really figured out what she was supposed to do out there," trainer Ken McPeck said. She got an 86 Beyer in the Martha Washington. Will need to improve to take the next step, but trainer McPeck is never afraid of a challenge.

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MATING PLANS

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Mating Plans: Denali, cont. from p1

Flag Day is a fourth-generation homebred for Ambassador Earle Mack. She is a big, scopey daughter of Giant's Causeway that imparts a lot of size, bone and leg into her foals. This year she goes to a stallion that is rapidly rising through the ranks and looks to be a force to be reckoned with for years to come in **Good Magic**. I love the balance and athleticism **Good Magic** imparts in his progeny and this is a mating that works really well physically with the mare. The Smart Strike-Giant's Causeway cross is a good one, producing the likes of Grade I-winning Tom's d'Etat.

FLOWERING PEACH (8, Galileo {Ire}--Naples Bay, by Giant's Causeway) to be bred to Justify.

This is a young mare that has gotten off to a great start in her broodmare career. Her first foal, Buchu (**Justify**), won the GII Jessamine S. at two and we hope she will have a big year for owner/breeder Richard Rigney and trainer Phil Bauer.

Flowering Peach has an **Uncle Mo** yearling colt this year that we like a lot. This was as easy a mating as it comes and unsurprisingly Flowering Peach returns to **Justify** this year--the magic **Justify**/Galileo cross! **Justify**'s two Breeders' Cup-winning 2-year-olds, as well as City of Troy in Europe and Storm Boy in Australia, capitalized his sensational run and what an important stallion he looks to be.



Flag Day, dam of 'TDN Rising Star' Hall of Fame, and Nickel enjoy the snow at Denali Stud | Grace Clark

LIAM'S PROMENADE (5, Liam's Map--Promenade Girl, by Carson City) to be bred to Nyquist.

Liam's Promenade is a young mare that we have high hopes for. She is a half-sister to the MGISW Cavorting (Bernardini), who is the dam of over \$3 million-earning MGISW Clairiere (**Curlin**). She is currently in foal to **Curlin** and we cannot wait to see the foal that is produced as it is a cross that has proven to be so prolific in the family.

We have chosen to breed her to **Nyquist**, who we think was tremendous value this year. **Nyquist** was on a tear at the end of the year and has some seriously talented horses working for him for this year. He has a loaded pipeline and a lot of momentum behind him. It is a cross that has worked well in the family before, producing GII Penn Mile S. winner Moon Colony (**Uncle Mo**).

HARD NOT TO LIKE (15, Hard Spun--Like a Gem, by Tactical Cat) to be bred to Cody's Wish.

Hard Not to Like is awaiting the arrival of a **Life Is Good** foal any day now--a mating that we highlighted last year. The multiple Grade I-winning mare will visit Cody's Wish this year. Hard Not to Like's 4-year-old son Faustin (**Curlin**) has returned to the worktab for Bob Baffert and Michael Lund Peterson. He was second in the GII San Vicente S. and we hope to see him back competing at the graded stakes level this year. **Cont.**



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Mating Plans: Denali, cont.

Cody's Wish is a horse we are so excited to breed to for many reasons, but he just pulls on your heartstrings in so many ways with his fantastic, fairytale-esque story. He also happens to be a very good physical match for Hard Not to Like, who benefits from some size and scope which Cody should provide. It repeats the **Curlin** cross that produced Faustin as well as the **Curlin-Hard Spun** cross that is responsible for the likes of **Good Magic**. We also love that it inbreeds back to Ruby Slippers (Nijinsky II) deeper in the pedigree.

PLAYED HARD (6, Into Mischief--Well Lived, by Tiznow) to be bred to Gun Runner.

We are very excited to welcome Played Hard to Denali Stud to begin the next chapter of her career. It was an incredible Oaks Day watching her hold off Secret Oath (Arrogate) to win the GI La Troienne S. and become the first Grade I winner for trainer Phil Bauer in the Rigney Racing colors.

Played Hard is a gorgeous mare with a deep family. She has all the credentials to become a foundation mare. We will start her off strongly by sending her to **Gun Runner**. It's a great physical match and we love the pedigree blend. **Gun Runner** over Storm Cat-line mares has proven to be one of his most productive crosses. **Gun Runner** over Tiznow has produced the likes of

Early Voting, and you also have MGISW Cyberknife under the second dam.

LOVE THEWAY YOUARE (16, Arch--Diversa, by Tabasco Cat) to be bred to Elite Power.

Love Theway Youare is a Grade I-winning, graded-stakes producing mare that we own with our good friend Lincoln Collins. This mating goes by the old adage of breed your proven mare to an unproven stallion and your unproven mare to a proven stallion. Love Theway Youare is the dam of Grade III winner Summer in Saratoga (**Hard Spun**). She is a big, pretty Arch mare who throws nice, leggy, good-looking foals. She goes to one of the most visually impressive stallions retiring to stud this year in **Elite Power**. He looks like what a \$900,000 yearling should look like and we thought that at \$50,000, he still was one of the best values in town for this year.

DREAM TREE (9, Uncle Mo--Afleet Maggi, by Afleet Alex) to be bred to Constitution.

Dream Tree is a young, Grade I-winning mare that we have high hopes for. Her first three foals have been striking individuals that have all looked the part. Her newly turned 3-year-old first foal, Wimberly (**Curlin**), was a \$700,000 yearling purchase by David Ingordo and is in training with John Sadler out in California. **Cont.**

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Her 2-year-old son of Into Mischief is doing very well in his early paces at Payton Training Center in Ocala, and she has a very promising **Gun Runner** yearling filly that has been nice since day one.

Dream Tree will go to a stallion we are big believers in: **Constitution**. We think you will be reading his name a lot this

year and he is currently represented by three colts in the TDN's Top 12 Derby List. **Tapit** over Indian Charlie is the cross that produced generational talent **Flightline**.

NICKEL (11, Unbridled's Song--Consider It Done, by Green Dancer) to be bred to Twirling Candy.

This mare is a favorite of ours--I know we aren't supposed to say that but she is just one of those mares that you have a soft spot for. She is a gorgeous Unbridled's Song mare and the expression black cats throw black kittens could not be more appropriate when it comes to her foals. All of them are big, pretty and athletic.

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GOODNIGHT OLIVE RETIRES, TO BE BRED TO NOT THIS TIME

Goodnight Olive (**Ghostzapper**--Salty Strike, by Smart Strike), the Eclipse Award-winning Champion Female Sprinter of 2022 and 2023, who sold for \$6 million at the 2023 Fasig-Tipton November Sale, will be retired and bred to **Not This Time**, according to a press release from John Stewart's Resolute Farm.

Goodnight Olive earned \$2.196 million on the racetrack, winning nine of 12 races while never finishing out of the money. She won back-to-back editions of the GI Breeders' Cup Filly & Mare Sprint.

Following her Breeders' Cup win, Goodnight Olive returned to Payson Park in Florida under the guidance of trainer Chad Brown, where she was set to race in 2024. Instead, the decision was made to retire her.

Chad Brown expressed mixed emotions about her retirement. "Olive had a legendary career on the track, and she has been a fixture at Payson Park for the last four years," he said. "I can't wait to see her career continue as a broodmare at Resolute Farm."

Gavin O'Connor, General Manager of Resolute Farm, said, "We purchased Olive at Fasig-Tipton as a broodmare prospect and had hoped to continue her racing career. At the end of the day, these athletes are used to performing at the highest level and unless Chad and his team thought she could continue to compete at that level, we always knew this was a likely path for her."

O'Connor continued: "She really doesn't have anything else to prove. We are so thankful for the opportunity to play a part in such a wonderful horse's career." **Cont.**



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Goodnight Olive, cont.

Noel Murphy, the newly appointed farm manager at Resolute Farm, and former farm manager for Helen Alexander at Middlebrook Farm added, "Olive is settling on our farm in Midway with some good company. Esteemed Breeders' Cup champions Caravel and Pizza Bianca are in adjoining paddocks. Every day when I go to the barn, I am amazed by the presence of the incredible mares on our farm such as Puca, Queen Caroline, Goddess Pele, and many other high-quality mares joining these three Breeders Cup champions."

"After months of meticulous research and decision making, the team believes this pairing holds immense potential to produce a standout racehorse with an exceptional pedigree [and has] already produced some great racing horses like **Epicenter** and the 2023 Eclipse winner **Up To The Mark**," said Chelsey Stone, Resolute Breeding Director, of the mating to **Not This Time**. "The Taylor family and the team at Taylor Made Farm are exactly the type of partnership we want to have in the industry. Last year, we purchased fellow broodmare Goddess Pele from them at Fasig-Tipton and a great More Than Ready filly in a private sale who we named Virgin Colada and will start her training for the track later this year. Breeding Olive to **Not This Time** brings the relationship full circle."

Steve Laymon of First Row Partners, who campaigned Goodnight Olive, said, "We are pleased with the team at Resolute Farm acquiring Olive and their dedication to keeping high-quality racehorses like Olive within the United States, as there is a tendency for them to be acquired by foreign buyers. **Not This Time** has emerged as a prominent stallion in North America and with top-quality mares like Olive I expect an exceptional racing prospect."

In 2023, Resolute Farm acquired the former Shadwell Stud property in Midway, Kentucky, and has since resumed horse operations on the farm as of January, 2024.

Goodnight Olive's name is a nod to the salutation used by workers and performers at the renowned New Amsterdam Theatre in New York City, paying homage to the legendary Broadway Flapper ghost, Olive Thomas, according to the press release.

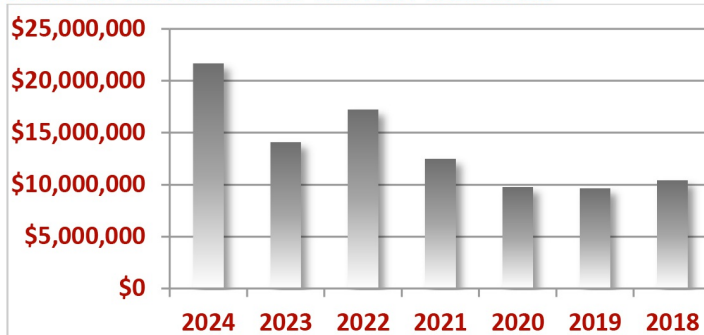
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YEAR	CAT	RING	SOLD	% W/D	% S/R	% S/C	GROSS	AVE
2024	536	433	372	19.2%	85.9%	69.4%	\$21,687,000	\$58,298
2023	594	467	402	21.4%	86.1%	67.7%	\$14,105,200	\$35,088
2022	608	487	431	20.0%	88.5%	70.9%	\$17,245,500	\$40,013
2021	675	524	425	22.4%	81.1%	63.0%	\$12,506,700	\$29,428
2020	651	490	368	24.7%	75.1%	56.6%	\$9,777,100	\$26,568
2019	531	411	327	22.6%	79.6%	61.6%	\$9,659,400	\$29,593
2018	574	471	364	18.0%	77.3%	63.4%	\$10,436,800	\$28,673

KENNY MCPEEK JOINS TDN WRITERS' ROOM PODCAST

No one was hotter last week than trainer Kenny McPeck, who won two stakes at Oaklawn over the weekend, one a prep for the GI Kentucky Derby, the other a prep for the GI Kentucky Oaks. McPeck scored with the filly **Band of Gold (Preservationist)**, who, at 24-1, won the Martha Washington S. Two races later, it was the colt **Mystik Dan** (Goldencents), who was an impressive eight-length winner of the GIII Southwest S. at odds of 11-1. That meant there was plenty to talk about when McPeek joined this week's TDN Writers' Room podcast presented by **Keeneland**. McPeek was the **Green Group** Guest of the Week.

Though **Mystik Dan** had been a bit inconsistent during his brief career, McPeek said he always knew the colt had ability.

"This horse is really fast," McPeek said. "He has been from the beginning. Initially, I ran him twice in sprint races and afterward I kind of regretted it a little bit because we had to retool him a little bit. He's so quick, but you had to kind of re-teach him and he needed to learn how to go longer. What he did this past weekend was pretty special in the sense that we've been teaching him to sit off horses. Let him just go easy and then learn to utilize that speed. The last three furlongs, it looked like he was shot out of a cannon."

McPeek has won the GI Preakness S. and the GI Belmont S., but a Derby win has eluded him. He came close with his first-ever runner **Tejano Run** (Tejabo), who was second in 1995. But, overall, he is 0-for-9 in America's greatest race. How badly does he want to add a Derby win to his resume?

"For me, being from Kentucky, it is a big deal," McPeek said. "I think any horse trainer wants to win a race like that. But it's got to come together on its own. If it happens, it happens. If it doesn't, it doesn't. I'm not going to put all my eggs in the one basket and say I haven't won the Derby so I haven't had a full career."

Band of Gold was a badly beaten fifth in the Untapable S., but McPeek wasn't about to give up on her after she won her debut, a maiden race at Churchill Downs.

"Any filly that wins first time out like she did at Churchill Downs is obviously talented," he said. "I think that she got a little confused in her second start at the Fair Grounds. We ran her in the Untapable, but she never really figured out what she was

supposed to do out there. She was the one that we somewhat had to regroup with."

In the stallion spotlight segments, the podcast featured **Coolmore's Tiz the Law (Constitution)**, who stands for a fee of \$20,000. The focus was also on **Audible** (Into Mischief), who stands at WinStar Farm for a fee of \$15,000.

Elsewhere on the podcast, which is also sponsored by **the Pennsylvania Horse Breeders Association**, **1/ST Racing**, **West Point Thoroughbreds**, and **XBTV.com**, the team of Randy Moss, Bill Finley and Zoe Cadman reviewed the ultra-impressive win by

Nysos (Nyquist) in the GIII Robert B. Lewis. Because he is trained by Bob Baffert, who remains under a ban at Churchill Downs, he cannot run in the Derby. The panel agreed that the absence of Nysos and the other Baffert runners could turn into the type of controversy that could overshadow the race itself. The discussion also included the GIII Holy Bull S., in which the heavily favored champion **Fierceness (City of Light)** didn't have the best of trips on his way to a third-place

finish. All agreed that it was a subpar race from a horse who shows signs that he can't handle adversity. The podcast closed with a look at **the story of trainer Jeffrey Englehart**, who is facing a two-year suspension for **Clenbuterol**, which he insists was administered to the horse before it came into his barn.

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SECOND CHANCES: CORNISHMAN 'COULD BE A HORSE THAT WE CAN BE TALKING

ABOUT THROUGH THE SEASON' *by Steve Sherack*

In this continuing series, TDN's Senior Racing Editor Steve Sherack catches up with the connections of promising maidens to keep on your radar.

Cornishman (c, 3, **Curlin**--Penwith, by Bernardini) came flashing home to finish a bang-up second sprinting on debut on the GIII Lecomte undercard **at Fair Grounds Jan. 20**.

Off as the 3-1 second choice with his Brad Cox-trained stablemate **Exploration (Curlin)** receiving the bulk of the action at 3-2, the Godolphin homebred was bumped from both sides after exiting from post nine and trailed the field of 11 through an opening quarter in :22.40. **Cont.**

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Second Chances: Cornishman, Cont.**Cornishman** | Katie Tolbert

Cornishman caught the eye as he began to wind up from far back with a four-wide sweep beneath Florent Geroux on the far turn and was tipped out to the seven path as they straightened. He continued to motor powerfully down the center in the stretch and was clocked in a field-best final furlong of :11.97 to cross the line a length behind the Dallas Stewart-trained newcomer Bee Dancer (**Bee Jersey**). The aforementioned Exploration, a \$900,000 Keeneland September graduate, just got tagged on the line by his stablemate for runner-up honors.

The final time for the six-furlong affair was 1:10.92. Cornishman earned a 75 Beyer Speed Figure for the effort.

"He's a horse that we've liked all along," Godolphin USA Director of Bloodstock Michael Banahan said. "Just little juvenile stuff last year and we had to give him some time off. Once Brad (Cox) got him back in there, he was going well for him and he really liked him. We were very much looking forward to his debut and thought that he was a horse that showed plenty of potential in the morning."

He continued, "He breaks good out of the gate, but that day, Florent (Geroux) said that he couldn't get him settled well enough. He was the last one in the gate, and when they pulled

the latches, he wasn't ready for it. Taking all that into consideration--breaking last, having to go wide, etc.--we were extremely happy with the way he ran and how well he finished up with the trip that he had. And that was a race to get him started going three quarters. That's nothing of what he wants to do."

Cornishman returned to the worktab with a four-furlong move in :49 (23/74) in New Orleans Feb. 2. He could see additional distance in his next start later this month, per Banahan.

"We're very excited about him going forward," Banahan said. "Hopefully, we get to run maybe in mid-February--maybe Risen Star weekend if they have a one mile and a sixteenth or something (similar) down there. Very much looking forward to stretching him out and seeing what he could do. Very hopeful that he could be a horse that we can be talking about through the season."

Hailing from a very active and deep female family, Cornishman is out of GSW & MGISP Penwith, a daughter of MGISW and GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies runner-up Composure (Touch Gold). The latter brought \$3.6 million from Sheikh Mohammed's operation at the 2003 Keeneland November sale.

Penwith is a full-sister to the unraced dam of last Friday's GIII Bayakoa S. winner Comparative (**Street Sense**) and MGSW Shared Sense (**Street Sense**); a half-sister to MGISP Centring (A.P. Indy), the dam of last term's GI Frizette S. runner-up Central Avenue (**Street Sense**); and a half-sister to GISP Tranquil Manner (A.P. Indy).

The **Curlin** x Bernardini cross has produced standouts such as MGISW Clairiere, GISW Paris Lights, MGSW Cezanne and GSW & MGISP Point of Honor. Cornishman is also bred similarly to **Curlin**-sired champions Stellar Wind, Malathaat and Nest.

Cont.**Penwith** | Kenny Martin

Second Chances: Cornishman, Cont.

Godolphin, of course, also bred and raced **Curlin's** recently crowned Horse of the Year **Cody's Wish**, who is set to begin his first season at stud for a fee of \$75,000 at Jonabell Farm.

"He has the pedigree that if he goes on and progresses like we think he will, he'll have a shot at hopefully some nice races down the road," Banahan said. "But let's get him there first. He has to break his maiden first."

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SECOND CHANCES HONOR ROLL

- **Cody's Wish** (**Curlin**), Horse of the Year & Ch. Older Dirt Male, 2x GI Breeders' Cup Dirt Mile winner, MGISW, \$3,106,030. *Standing at Darley's Jonabell Farm.
- **Golden Pal** (**Uncle Mo**), 2x Breeders' Cup winner, GISW, \$1,825,131. *Standing at Ashford Stud.
- **Honor A. P.** (Honor Code), GISW, \$532,200. *Standing at Lane's End.
- **Speaker's Corner** (**Street Sense**), GISW, \$739,963. *Standing at Darley's Jonabell Farm.
- **Paradise Woods** (**Union Rags**), MGISW, \$1,123,890.
- **A Mo Reay** (**Uncle Mo**), GISW, \$862,775.
- **Spielberg** (**Union Rags**), GSW & MGISP, \$546,900.
- **Backyard Heaven** (Tizway), GSW, \$386,240.
- **Moonlight d'Oro** (**Medaglia d'Oro**), GSW, \$222,670.

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- **Skinner** (**Curlin**), MGISP, \$287,300.
- **Creative Minister** (Creative Cause), GISP, \$574,094.
- **Sheriff Bianco** (Speightster), MSP, \$628,173.
- **Marsalis** (**Curlin**), SP, \$359,170.

The Friday races will be offered back next Thursday. Per CHRB rules, they will be re-drawn when entries are taken this Saturday.

"With training suspended for the last four days, per the CHRB protocols only joggers will be allowed on Thursday and we return to regular training Friday morning," said Nate Newby, Santa Anita Senior Vice President and General Manager. "Many of our trainers and horse owners have conveyed they would prefer an extra day for their horses to resume training before we race this weekend."

"Dennis Moore and his maintenance team have done a terrific job taking care of the track. We got over 10 inches of rain since Sunday afternoon, but the forecast looking forward is very good. We're confident that the main track and the turf course, especially with the improved drainage that was installed last year, will be in excellent condition ready when racing resumes on Saturday."

With a favorable weather forecast, Saturday's races, which are being drawn Wednesday morning, will include a trio of Grade III stakes: the \$100,000 Las Virgenes S., the \$100,000 San Marcos S. and the \$100,000 Palos Verdes S.

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FIRST FOAL FOR SIR WINSTON

Sir Winston (Awesome Again--La Gran Bailadora, by Afleet Alex), winner of the 2019 GI Belmont S., was represented by his first foal, a filly out of Pretty Clever (**Hard Spun**). The foal was bred by Tracy Farmer and born at his Shadowlawn Farm in Midway, Ky. Jan. 30. Pretty Clever is a half-sister to Saratoga stakes winner Can You Diggitt (Tiznow). Sir Winston stands at Pope McLean's Crestwood Farm for \$7,500 LFSN.

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**SANTA ANITA'S FRIDAY PROGRAM CANCELED**

With training suspended since Sunday due to historic rainfall from a series of storms, Santa Anita Park, in consultation with its horsemen, postponed Friday's nine-race card to give time for horses to return to a normal routine before this weekend's races.

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Saturday, Tampa Bay Downs #10, post time: 5:15 p.m. EST

SAM F. DAVIS S.-GIII, \$250,000, 3yo, 1 1/16m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	El Principito	Accelerate	Michael V. Laurato	Laurato	Maldonado	120
2	Tireless 	Not This Time	St. Elias Stable, Repole Stable and LNJ Foxwoods	Pletcher	Gallardo	120
3	Patriot Spirit 	Constitution	Mellon Patch, Inc.	Campbell	Camacho	120
4	Crazy Mason 	Coal Front	Donna Wright and Reeves Thoroughbred Racing	Sacco	Sanchez	120
5	No More Time 	Not This Time	Morplay Racing LLC	D'Angelo	Lopez	120
6	Agate Road 	Quality Road	Repole Stable and St. Elias Stables LLC	Pletcher	Ortiz	124
7	Copper Tax	Copper Bullet	Rose Petal Stables	Capuano	Marquez	122
8	Everdoit	Gary D	Donald L. Ming	Rice	Villa-Gomez	120
9	Change of Command 	Into Mischief	Courtlandt Farms	McGaughey III	Gaffalione	120
10	West Saratoga 	Exaggerator	Harry L. Veruchi	Demeritte	Castanon	122
11	Fulmineo	Bolt d'Oro	Starlight Racing and Mark B. Grier	Delacour	Centeno	120
12	Elysian Meadows 	City of Light	Team Penney Racing	Mott	Alvarado	120

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Saturday, Santa Anita #2, post time: 4:00 p.m. EST




PALOS VERDES S.-GIII, \$100,000, 4yo/up, 6f

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	The Big Wam	Mr. Big	Michael Bello LLC and Charles Bartlett	O'Neill	Fresu	122
2	Mystification 	Good Magic	Roadrunner Racing, West Coast Stables, LLC, Barbara Evenson, and Jeffrey Lambert	O'Neill	Rosario	120
3	Big City Lights	Mr. Big	William R. Peeples	Mandella	Prat	122
4	See Through It	Curlin to Mischief	Belico Racing LLC and Lizbeth Medina	Vallejo	Pereira	122
5	Hopkins 	Quality Road	SF Racing LLC, Starlight Racing, Madaket Stables LLC, Stonestreet Stables LLC, Golconda Stable, Siena Farm LLC and Robert E. Masterson	Baffert	Hernandez	124

Breeders: 1-Keith E. Marks, 2-Fred W. Hertrich III, John D. Fielding& Robert L. Tribbett, 3-Bar C Racing Stables, Inc., 4-Edward Allred, 5-Nursery Place

Saturday, Santa Anita #5, post time: 5:30 p.m. EST

LAS VIRGENES S.-GIII, \$100,000, 3yo, f, 1m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Nothing Like You 	Malibu Moon	Georgia Antley Hunt, Jeff Giglio, and John L. Rogitz	Baffert	Dettori	124
2	She's a Tempest	Connect	Beerman Family Trust and Sayjay Racing LLC	Knapp	Pereira	120
3	Kinza	Carpe Diem	Michael Lund Petersen	Baffert	Hernandez	120
4	Kopion 	Omaha Beach	Spendthrift Farm LLC	Mandella	Prat	120
5	Great Forty Eight 	Constitution	Firebird Racing LLC	Yakteen	Kimura	120

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Saturday, Santa Anita #8, post time: 7:00 p.m. EST

SAN MARCOS S.-GIII, \$100,000, 4yo/up, 1 1/4mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Missed the Cut 	Quality Road	Bee Zee LLC, Lanes End Racing, St. Elias Stables, LLC, Edward P. Babington, Edward J. Hudson, Jr., and Lynne Hudson	Sadler	Rosario	124
2	Irish Prophet	Irish Surf	Thor-Bred Stables, LLC	Drysdale	Hernandez	120
3	Balladeer	Distorted Humor	Calvin Nguyen and Joey C. Tran	Papaprodromou	Espinoza	124
4	Eastern Ocean	Stormy Atlantic	Abbondanza Racing, LLC & David A. Bernsen, LLC	Eurton	Fresu	120
5	Planetario (Brz)	Il Doge (Brz)	Red Rafa Stud, Inc	Mandella	Berrios	124
6	Shortman	Prince of Love	Zepeda Racing, Inc	Vallejo	Pereira	120

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by Alan Carasso



Pretty Liam | Lauren King

8th-GP, \$91K, Alw/Opt. Clm., 3yo, f, 5f (AWT), 3:39 p.m. ET

St. Elias homebred **PRETTY LIAM** (**Liam's Map**) opened her account in outstanding fashion at first asking, firing home to take a course-and-distance maiden by a widening 3 3/4 lengths Jan. 11, good for a lofty 85 Beyer Speed Figure. Irad Ortiz, Jr. has a return call aboard the bay, whose year-old half-sister Danse Macabre (**Army Mule**) was a leading turf female of her generation in 2023, winning this track's GIII Herecomesthebride S. and three other stakes around one turn, including the valuable Untapable S. at Kentucky Downs. The winning dam Sylphide (**Blame**) is a half-sister to three-time graded winner and multiple Grade I-placed Cambodia (**War Front**) and the deeper female family includes the U.S.-bred three-time champion sprinter in South Africa Overarching (Arch), herself responsible for Grade 1 winner Lady of the House (SAf) (Dynasty {SAf}).

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8th-Gulfstream, \$86,940, Alw (NW1X), Opt. Clm (\$75,000), 2-7, 3yo, 5fT, :54.64, fm, 3/4 length.

REEF RUNNER (c, 3, The Big Beast--Paradise Bay, by **Blame**) was making his first start on the turf as the 15.90-1 longest shot in a field of seven and outspinted a luckless 3-5 Valiant Force (Malibu Moon) to upset that one's seasonal debut. Ridden along from fourth by Paco Lopez, with the hot favorite underneath him, the Lieblong homebred was sent along three wide on the turn and had dead aim on pacesetting Esperon (Chitu) as they hit the top of the lane. Racing on his incorrect lead, Reef Runner nevertheless hit the front with time ticking away and went on to score by three-parts of a length. While the winner had a clear run throughout, the same cannot be said for Valiant Force. Winner of the G2 Norfolk S. at 150-1 and runner-up in the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf Sprint when last seen in November, the AMO Racing runner was shuffled back nearing the turn and just when it looked possible that he might get off the inside, he was kept in by Mackville (Speightster) with 2 1/2 furlongs to race.



Reef Runner | Lauren King

Valiant Force finally found daylight five wide off the home corner and he kicked on nicely, but had too much to overcome and settled for second. Valiant Force covered his final eighth of a mile in a race-fastest :10.94 per *DRF* Formulator.

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8th-Gulfstream, cont.

The winner's dam, a half-sister to dual Grade I-winning '**TDN Rising Star**' Paradise Woods (**Union Rags**) and SW Forest Chatter (Dixie Chatter), produced a **Street Sense** filly in 2023. Lifetime Record: 5-2-1-1, \$103,180. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

O/B-Alex & JoAnn Lieblong (FL); T-David Fawkes.

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**IN AUSTRALIA:**

Disputed River, g, 5, **American Pharoah**--Border Dispute, by Boundary. Eagle Farm, 2-7, Hcp., 1845mT, 1:54.68. B-Paget Bloodstock (KY). *1/2 to Mythical Border (Johannesburg), GSP-Eng; Long Lashes (Rock Hard Ten), GSW-Eng, \$146,395; Bordini (Bernardini), SP, \$296,775; Combatant (Scat Daddy), GISW, \$1,062,915. **\$225,000 Ylg '20 KEESEP.

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IN ITALY:

Marches Warrior, f, 3, **Mohaymen**--Here's To Life, by Into Mischief. Napoli, 2-7, Mdn., 1800mT, 1:50.80. B-Ernest Frohboese (KY). *\$15,000 Ylg '22 FTKOCT; €27,000 HRA '23 TATMAY. **VIDEO (SC 6)**



SECOND-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8 2024 Stud Fees Listed

Calyx (GB) (**Kingman {GB}**), Coolmore Stud, \$12,500
164 foals of racing age/28 winners/3 black-type winners
8-Gulfstream, 3:39 p.m. EST, Aoc 5f, Imaboutago (Ire), 8-1
€12,000 GOF NO1 wnl; 105,000gns TAT OCT yrl

Catholic Boy (More Than Ready), Claiborne Farm, \$10,000
160 foals of racing age/16 winners/0 black-type winners
7-Fair Grounds, 4:45 p.m. EST, Msw 5 1/2fT, Rock'n a Halo, 8-1
\$100,000 KEE SEP yrl

Demarchelier (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}), Claiborne Farm, \$7,500
99 foals of racing age/18 winners/0 black-type winners
8-Gulfstream, 3:39 p.m. EST, Aoc 5f, San Pantaleo, 5-1
\$16,000 KEE NOV wnl; \$230,000 OBS APR 2yo

Dreamliner (More Than Ready), CI-The Speedhorse Farm
9 foals of racing age/2 winners/0 black-type winners
6-Mahoning Valley, 3:04 p.m. EST, Alw 1m, Living the Dream, 2-1

Enticed (Medaglia d'Oro), Darley, \$5,000
157 foals of racing age/25 winners/1 black-type winner
8-Gulfstream, 3:39 p.m. EST, Aoc 5f, Demar's Legacy, 8-1
\$120,000 OBS APR 2yo

Heart to Heart (English Channel), Crestwood Farm
60 foals of racing age/6 winners/0 black-type winners
7-Fair Grounds, 4:45 p.m. EST, Msw 5 1/2fT, Baltimore Heart, 20-1

Maximus Mischief (Into Mischief), Spendthrift Farm, \$25,000
231 foals of racing age/37 winners/3 black-type winners
7-Fair Grounds, 4:45 p.m. EST, Msw 5 1/2fT, Radical Mischief, 8-1
\$50,000 KEE NOV wnl; \$40,000 FTK JUL yrl; \$73,000 RNA EAS MAY 2yo
5-Penn National, 7:57 p.m. EST, Alw 6f, Velvet Vixen, 10-1
\$45,000 RNA KEE SEP yrl; \$45,000 OBS APR 2yo

Mitole (Eskendereya), Spendthrift Farm, \$15,000
293 foals of racing age/39 winners/2 black-type winners
8-Gulfstream, 3:39 p.m. EST, Aoc 5f, Scootaloo, 30-1
\$52,000 KEE NOV wnl; \$85,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$90,000 OBS MAR 2yo

Omaha Beach (War Front), Spendthrift Farm, \$40,000
291 foals of racing age/29 winners/3 black-type winners
7-Fair Grounds, 4:45 p.m. EST, Msw 5 1/2fT, Higgins Boat, 4-1
\$325,000 KEE SEP yrl
7-Fair Grounds, 4:45 p.m. EST, Msw 5 1/2fT, Redeposit, 3-1
\$30,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$200,000 FTK OCT yrl

One Sided (Quality Road), R. A. Rowe Farms
14 foals of racing age/3 winners/0 black-type winners
6-Mahoning Valley, 3:04 p.m. EST, Alw 1m, One Step Aside, 5-1
\$5,000 OTB OMX yrl

Second-Crop Sires With Runners cont.

Solomini (Curlin), McMahon of Saratoga Thoroughbreds, \$7,500
142 foals of racing age/15 winners/3 black-type winners
4-Charles Town, 8:25 p.m. EST, Alw 6 1/2f, Brown Suga Babe,
6-1
\$1,200 EAS OCT yrl

Sporting Chance (Tiznow), A & A Ranch
45 foals of racing age/3 winners/0 black-type winners
3-Sunland, 3:17 p.m. EST, Msw 5 1/2f, Shug's Rocket, 8-1

World of Trouble (Kantharos), Hill 'n' Dale at Xalapa, \$5,000
129 foals of racing age/19 winners/1 black-type winner
7-Fair Grounds, 4:45 p.m. EST, Msw 5 1/2f, Gordito Hermoso,
8-1
\$21,000 EAS OCT yrl; \$35,000 OBS APR 2yo

Yoshida (Jpn) (Heart's Cry {Jpn}), Darley Japan
164 foals of racing age/15 winners/0 black-type winners
7-Fair Grounds, 4:45 p.m. EST, Msw 5 1/2f, Takethefifth, 20-1
\$29,000 RNA FTI DEC wnl; \$30,000 EAS OCT yrl



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2nd-Mahoning Valley, \$33,700, (S), 2-7, (NW2L), 3yo/up, f/m,
1m, 1:43.68, ft, 4 3/4 lengths.

OH GLORIOUS DAY (f, 3, Dynamic Racer--Catch the Waves, by Pacific Waves) Lifetime Record: SP, 8-2-4-0, \$74,837. O/B-John F Graver (OH); T-Ivan Vazquez.

7th-Turf Paradise, \$31,000, (C)/Opt. Clm (\$15,000-\$20,000),
2-6, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:08.83, ft, 3/4 length.

COOL PAPA G (g, 5, Maclean's Music--Trusty Temper {SW, \$188,374}, by Successful Appeal) Lifetime Record: SP, 10-2-0-3, \$114,563. O-Rockingham Ranch; B-Larry D Williams (KY); T-Justin R Evans. *\$20,000 Ylg '20 KEEJAN; \$87,000 Ylg '20 KEESEP.

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3rd-Mahoning Valley, \$29,500, (NW3X)/Opt. Clm (\$25,000),
2-7, 3yo/up, 1m, 1:41.10, ft, 1 length.

ONE TEN (g, 5, Atreides--Electric Venus {SP, \$111,631}, by Flatter) Lifetime Record: SP, 35-5-5-4, \$239,150. O-James C Wolf; B-Barak Farm (MD); T-Anthony Farrior.

7th-Mahoning Valley, \$29,400, 2-7, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 6f,
1:12.26, ft, 2 1/4 lengths.

INSIDE STUNT (g, 5, Greenpointcrusader--Ravens Fifty Five, by Aikenite) Lifetime Record: 15-7-2-1, \$126,440. O-Rivera Racing Stables (Nestor R Rivera); B-John C Davison (MD); T-Nestor Rivera. *\$8,000 4yo '23 FTIDEC.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Dylan's Ruby, g, 3, Classic Empire--Halo Hollie, by Halo's Image.
Parx Racing, 2-7, (C), 6f, 1:13.47. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$26,880. B-Four Bucks Racing (PA). *1/2 to Midnight Poker (Smarty Jones), SW, \$225,890; and Midnight Obsession (Overanalyze), MGSP, \$287,160. **1ST-TIME STARTER.
***Won by 5 1/2 lengths.

Moment in the Dark, g, 4, Dark Kestrel--Love First Sight, by Alke. Mahoning Valley, 2-7, (S), 6f, 1:15.08. Lifetime Record: 5-1-2-0, \$32,817. B-Donald Bookman (OH).

Eyes of Gold, f, 4, Goldcents--Ms Trish S., by Smoke Warning.
Tampa Bay Downs, 2-7, 1m 40y, 1:42.18. Lifetime Record: 13-1-2-7, \$122,975. B-BHMFR LLC (KY). *\$8,000 Ylg '21 KEESEP.



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Ivory Sky, g, 6, **Sky Kingdom**--Ivory Treasure, by Runaway Groom. Mahoning Valley, 2-7, (S), 1m 70y, 1:49.26. Lifetime Record: 16-1-1-0, \$44,860. B-Steven E Chumney (OH).
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Classic Empire, Dylan's Ruby, g, 3, o/o Halo Hollie, by Halo's Image. MCL, 2-7, Parx Racing

Dark Kestrel, Moment in the Dark, g, 4, o/o Love First Sight, by Alke. MSW, 2-7, Mahoning Valley

Dynamic Racer, Oh Glorious Day, f, 3, o/o Catch the Waves, by Pacific Waves. ALW, 2-7, Mahoning Valley

Goldencents, Eyes of Gold, f, 4, o/o Ms Trish S., by Smoke Warning. MSW, 2-7, Tampa Bay

Greenpointcrusader, Inside Stunt, g, 5, o/o Ravens Fifty Five, by Aikenite. ALW, 2-7, Mahoning Valley

Maclean's Music, Cool Papa G, g, 5, o/o Trusty Temper, by Successful Appeal. AOC, 2-6, Turf Paradise

Sky Kingdom, Ivory Sky, g, 6, o/o Ivory Treasure, by Runaway Groom. MSW, 2-7, Mahoning Valley

The Big Beast, Reef Runner, c, 3, o/o Paradise Bay, by **Blame**. AOC, 2-7, Gulfstream

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LONGEVITY IS KEY AS ADAYAR AND HUKUM JOIN JAPAN'S STALLION RANKS



Adayar is one of four sons of **Frankel** now at stud in Japan, along with Westover, Mozu Ascot and Grenadier Guards | *Racingfotos.com*

By Emma Berry

The Japanese stallion studs are in the midst of hosting their annual parades in Hokkaido and there will doubtless be plenty of interested onlookers at Darley Japan, where the stallion yard has been boosted by a quartet of new recruits for the 2024 season.

Two of the four are brand new to stud and have arrived from Britain with pretty lofty reputations, and rightly so. Both Adayar (Ire) and Hukum (Ire) are winners of the G1 King George VI and Queen Elizabeth S., while Adayar, more pertinently, is a Derby winner. Hukum also triumphed over a mile and a half at Epsom, but in the G1 Coronation Cup as a five-year-old. While that may--unfathomably--count against him in Europe, such longevity is a badge of honour in Japan, so the fact that Hukum's King George win came when he was six is yet another feather in his cap. In addition to their race records, Adayar and Hukum are sons of two of the most celebrated racehorses and successful stallions of the modern era in **Frankel** (GB) and **Sea The Stars** (Ire) respectively. **Cont. p3**

HAVANA GREY TO THE FORE ON DAY ONE OF GOFFS FEBRUARY SALE *By Brian Sheerin*

Commercial weanlings were in demand on day one of the Goffs February Sale as a Havana Grey (GB) colt [lot189] consigned by Kellsgrange Stud led home proceedings at €85,000 to Yeomanstown Stud as turnover dropped 30% compared to last year.

The day one sale-topper is out of the unraced Danehill Dancer (Ire) mare How High The Sky (Ire), who has produced eight winners from 10 foals, including the highly-rated sprinter Up Above (GB) (**Bated Breath** {GB}).

David O'Callaghan of Yeomanstown Stud commented, "A great model. By a very good stallion and a good dam to back him up. He could come back here next autumn and we are delighted to get him. He could go anywhere."

One of the big stories to emerge from Wednesday was the excellent trade enjoyed by rookie operators Aisling Noone and Simon Kavanagh of Drumloose Stables. Despite not being in business a full 12 months, the Mullingar-based couple built on some solid results posted in 2023 by selling their colts by Havana Grey (GB) and Galiway (GB) for a combined sum of €114,000.

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Aisling Noone of Drumloose Stables | *Goffs*

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Godolphin's Classic winner Mawj (Ire) (Exceed And Excel {Aus}) has been retired for broodmare duty.

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Former trainer Milton Harris will appeal the BHA Licensing Committee's ruling that resulted in a suspension and later withdrawal of his licence.

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Darley Japan's New Recruits Cont. from p1

"It's going to be a big week for them and for us," says Harry Sweeney, the Irish-born president of Darley Japan in anticipation of welcoming visitors to this week's parades. "Breeders don't make mating plans too soon here in Japan. They take their time about it. We have an open house that extends for six days. And over that period we have 600 people booked in to look at our new stallions."

He adds, "Hukum and Adayar have been here for a little while, they came in last year. So they're well settled in and both of them are being well received."

There was some gnashing of teeth from those followers of the sport in Europe who still value high-level middle-distance form at the departure of not just

Adayar and Hukum but also another son of **Frankel**, the Irish Derby winner and Arc runner-up Westover (GB). He has joined the Yushun Stallion Station.



Harry Sweeney, president of Darley Japan | *Tattersalls*

In regard to the respective owner-breeders of these three horses--Darley, Shadwell and Juddmonte--there are of course legitimate reasons for standing them overseas when their British-based operations have each welcomed a new son of

Frankel this season in Triple Time (Ire), Mostahdaf (Ire) and **Chaldean (GB)**, and Shadwell already has Hukum's year-younger full-brother Baaeed (GB) at Beech House Stud. Still, such a power-packed trio leaving these shores all at once should be a source of consternation, even though it is not a new development. In the 1990s in particular, Japan recruited a run of Derby winners when the export of Dr Devious (Ire) was followed by Commander In Chief (GB), Lammtarra, High-Rise (Ire) and Oath (Ire). A little over a

decade later another Juddmonte homebred, Workforce (GB), started his stud career in Japan. Adayar is the first to leave since 2011. [Cont. p4](#)

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Darley Japan's New Recruits Cont.

"Of course, **Frankel** is a world force," says Sweeney, emphasising the appeal of Adayar, who became Charlie Appleby's second Derby winner for Godolphin, and a deserved first Classic winner for jockey Adam Kirby.

"Interestingly, **Frankel**'s very early success actually came in Japan from his first crop. Mozu Ascot won the Yasuda Kinen and Soul Stirring won the [Japanese] Oaks. So from **Frankel**'s very first crop, he had two Group 1 winners in Japan, and subsequently he's had Grenadier Guards. So **Frankel** has had three Group 1 winners here in Japan and he needs no introduction at all."

He continues, "Adayar and Hukum are both outcrosses to Sunday Silence and we have so much dominance of Sunday Silence in Japan that to have stallions that can be outcrossed is very welcomed by breeders."

"Interestingly, in relation to Adayar, some breeders were explaining to me recently that, of course, the Holy Grail for Japan is to win the Arc, and it's something that Japan has gone close to doing once or twice. Someone pointed out to me that since about the last 12 Arcs have all been won by horses from the Northern Dancer line, they were going to breed Sunday Silence-line mares to a son of Galileo, like **Frankel**, with the hook that they might run well in Europe in addition to Japan."

The reverse of that idea has also been seen to good effect in European Classics of late, with Coolmore's Derby and Oaks winners Auguste Rodin (Ire) and Snowfall (Jpn), as well as 2,000 Guineas winner **Saxon Warrior** (Jpn) all being by Deep Impact (Jpn) out of Galileo (Ire) mares.

There has however been a growing trend, which is both mystifying and depressing, for breeders to eschew winners of the races which regularly produce some of the world's top-rated racehorses. It will not come as a surprise to hear that in Japan, which is currently an impressively dominant force in world racing, this is not the case.

"Derby winners have kudos here, and the major races in Japan are largely middle-distance and staying races," says Sweeney, who is now in his 35th year in the country. "Our 2,000 Guineas, the Satsuki Sho, is over 10 furlongs. So this is unlike other places in the world. A horse that is an out-and-out sprinter really has nowhere to go in Japan because there are only two Group 1 races at sprint distances in Japan in the JRA. So we want horses that are mile-and-a-half, 10-furlong horses, and that's an incentive to people to use them here in Japan. Even the great Deep Impact, the shortest distance he won over was 10 furlongs. And he won a 10-furlong race at two, that was his introduction. And he never went shorter, but was a brilliant race horse and a very good sire." [Cont. p5](#)



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Darley Japan's New Recruits Cont.

While the wheel is turning in this part of the world, as it has already done in Australia, towards the whisking off to stud of precocious, sprint-orientated stallions, Sweeney says that there is not a desire to follow that example in Japan.

"There is no real move to change," he says. "The idea of a horse coming out and winning a Group 1 race at two and then going to stud, that really couldn't happen in Japan because breeders want to see soundness, they want to see longevity. And I mean that's one thing that's interesting for both of these horses. Adayar won races at two, three, four and five, but actually Hukum was one step better: a winner at two, three, four, five and six. Japanese breeders appreciate that, because we need soundness."



Hukum is greeted by his owner-breeder Sheikha Hissa at Ascot after the King George | [Racingphotos.com](https://www.racingphotos.com)

He adds, "Japan has a great programme for running older horses. A horse like Ushba Tesoro, for example, who won the Dubai World Cup last year, he stays in training at seven. So we like longevity, and that's one thing that the Japanese breeders will appreciate regarding these horses. They were sound and won over many seasons. There is no rush here to win a big race like the Golden Slipper, or the equivalent, and send them off to stud, absolutely not."

While Adayar has the 'Frankel factor', Hukum has a number of attributes in addition to his race record that are likely to be of interest to breeders in his adopted country.

"We appreciate the success of Baaeed and I have noticed that a number of mares that have been imported to Japan are in foal to Baaeed, so Baaeed's star is high here," says Sweeney.

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Darley Japan's New Recruits Cont.

He adds, "Hukum, of the two full-brothers, was perhaps a little bit less celebrated as a racehorse, I think that would be fair to say. But there's an interesting precedent here in Japan, which has been quite topical recently, and that was between Deep Impact and his full-brother who is one year older, Black Tide. And Black Tide was less celebrated as a racehorse, but now through Kitanasan Black, Equinox, Sol Oriens and Wilson Tesoro, he is making a huge impact."

Hukum's broodmare sire Kingmambo is also a name with star appeal in Japan. His son King Kamehameha (Jpn) in particular has left a lasting legacy through his own sons, such as Lord Kanaloa (Jpn) and Duramente (Jpn), and also as a broodmare sire, with his daughters crossing well with Sunday Silence-line stallions.

"It's led to Wagnerian, who's a Derby winner, and it's also the same cross as Ushba Tesoro," Sweeney notes. "So that's something yet again that breeders will be very conscious of, and of course, both Baaeed and Hukum come from the family of Deep Impact, so it's easy to relate to all that."

He adds, "Hukum remains the property of Shadwell and we are very humbled that Sheikha Hissa has entrusted Hukum to us. We're looking forward, hopefully, to Sheikha Hissa coming to visit him in Japan sometime."

The illustrious additions to the Darley Japan roster don't end there, for the operation has in the last week welcomed the arrival of two stallions from America. The 14-year-old GI Belmont S. and GI Metropolitan H. winner Palace Malice, a son of **Curlin**, has a growing reputation in his new home country, while for Yoshida (Jpn), named in honour of his breeder Katsumi Yoshida of Northern Farm, it is essentially a homecoming. The son of Heart's Cry (Jpn) was bought as a yearling at the JRHA Select Sale for the equivalent of roughly \$750,000 by John McCormack on behalf of WinStar Farm, who raced him with the China Horse Club and Head of Plains Partners. Yoshida stood his first four seasons for WinStar in Kentucky after a racing career which included victories in the GI Woodward S. on dirt and the GI Old Forester Turf Classic. **Cont. p7**



Belmont winner Palace Malice | Equi-Sport Photos



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--Harry Sweeney

Darley Japan's New Recruits Cont.

"Because he's a winner in America on turf and on dirt, we felt that he would have appeal in Japan," says Sweeney of the 10-year-old. "He's a very attractive, correct horse and he's by Heart's Cry, who's doing very well."

Extra encouragement is drawn from the fact that the late Heart's Cry provided the leading first-season sire in Japan last year in Suave Richard (Jpn). He is also the sire of Coolmore's St Leger winner Continuous (Jpn).

The signing of Palace Malice is looking something of a coup. Not only did his half-brother Justin Palace (Jpn) (Deep Impact {Jpn}) win the G1 Tenno Sho (Spring) last year, but the former Three Chimneys resident is the sire of Japan's champion two-year-old colt of 2023, Jantar Mantar (Jpn), as well as Noble Roger, who won the G3 Nikkan Sports Sho Shinzan Kinen in January to remain unbeaten.

"So we have two graded stakes winners by Palace Malice, both three-year-olds, both unbeaten, and both will run in the Classics," says Sweeney. "That is exciting too. We have a very exciting line-up of stallions this year."

Outside the walls of Darley, the situation across the Japanese breeding industry appears to be similarly rosy. Stallion fees are on the rise, and the word's top-rated horse of last year, Equinox (Jpn), retired to stand at a fee of ¥20 million (€124,000), which is a record for a first-season sire in the country. As soon as he was announced on the roster at Shadai Stallion Station, his book was full.

"That's a big price in any market, and [his sire] Kitanasan Black has gone up to that price as well," says Sweeney. "There is no contraction here. Bloodstock sales were good last year. There is still an enormous appetite for horses. Betting turnover was up again last year, and the number of people applying for owners' licences is on the increase as well. So things are good in Japan, I have to say. It's a very good industry here and the racing aspect is well managed by the JRA, and that makes a huge difference."

"To have the leading horse in the world in Equinox and also to have the leading race in the world last year, which was the Japan Cup, Japan should be proud. Japan is proud."

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Goffs February Sale Cont. from p1

Such results came after Drumloose Stables secured €95,000 for a son of Blue Bresil (Fr) at last year's Arkle Sale, confirming the theory that Goffs is a lucky place for the pair.

Speaking after selling the Havana Grey weanling colt [Lot 91] to Amy and Con Marnane for €46,000 and the Galiway colt [Lot 201] to Yeomanstown Stud for €68,000, Noone said, "It was a brilliant day and Goffs is becoming very lucky for us. Our operation isn't even up and running 12 months yet. We moved back to Mullingar, where we are based, last April. Since then, everything has gone well and we have got some fantastic clients and friends who are backing us all the way."

She added, "The horses we had today, they were beautiful. The Galiway was very easy to prepare and is a very athletic horse. He walked very well and the sire was a big help to us. The Galiway and Kendargent (Fr) cross has already produced a Group 1 winner. I'm not sure what Yeomanstown Stud are planning on doing with him but I am assuming we might see him back at a yearling sale in the autumn." [Cont. p8](#)



A grey colt by Havana Grey topped the first session | Goffs

Goffs February Sale Cont.

She added, "The Havana Grey has gone to Con Marnane, a very good friend of ours. It is about seven or eight years since I did a season with Con at Maisons-Laffitte in France so it's great for things to come full circle. Hopefully both horses will be lucky for both purchasers."

Tally-Ho Stud is famous all over the world for its association with fast horses on the level but old habits clearly die hard and the master of the County Westmeath outfit, Tony O'Callaghan, went to €75,000 to secure top-notch jumps prospect by No Risk At All (Fr) [lot 148] from Railstown Stud. No Risk At All needs no introduction as a jumps stallion, being the sire of Allaho (Fr), Epatante (Fr) and more. O'Callaghan signed for the colt alongside Hamish Macauley.

Of the 188 lots offered [down from 216 this day last year], 111 were sold, which represents a clearance rate of just 59%. Turnover dropped from €2,081,750 to €1,452,600 while the average fell 18% to €13,087 and the median stayed the same at €9,000.

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her final racecourse appearance when finishing last of the nine runners in last month's G1 Jebel Hatta at Meydan.

Trained by Saeed bin Suroor, Mawj was a high-class juvenile when her victories included the G2 Duchess Of Cambridge S. at Newmarket's July Festival. Last season, she won twice in Dubai before gaining the most prestigious success of her career when defeating the hitherto unbeaten Tahiyra (Ire) (**Siyouni {Fr}**) in the 1,000 Guineas, ultimately getting the verdict by half a length following a sustained duel between the pair.

That Classic victory on the Rowley Mile was followed by a five-month spell on the sidelines due to a setback, but Mawj proved all her ability remained intact when returning with two good efforts Stateside in the autumn, first winning the GI Queen Elizabeth II Challenge Cup S. at Keeneland before suffering a narrow defeat to Master Of The Seas (Ire) (Dubawi {Ire}) in the GI Breeders' Cup Mile at Santa Anita.

Mawj's Keeneland win was the 500th in Group company for bin Suroor, who paid tribute to his stable star on Wednesday.

He said, "Mawj is a very special filly, who showed her brilliance throughout her racing career. It was a fantastic day when she won the 1,000 Guineas and I was especially pleased that it was her who provided me with my 500th Group race victory out in Keeneland.

"She proved herself against the best horses across the world, winning in Dubai, the UK and the United States as well as finishing second in a Breeders' Cup Mile. Everyone at Al Quoz and Godolphin Stables is going to miss her but we look forward to the next stage of her life as a broodmare."

Mawj joins her dam Modern Ideals (GB) (New Approach {Ire}), who is proving a notable broodmare for Godolphin having also produced the Listed winner/Group 3-placed Modern News (GB) (Shamardal) and the five-time Group 1 winner Modern Games (Ire) (Dubawi {Ire}). **Cont. p9**



Mawj (right) wins the 1,000 Guineas | Racingfotos.com



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• Clearance Rate	59%	61%
• High Price	€85,000	€115,000
• Gross	€1,452,600	€2,081,750
• Average (% change)	€13,087 (-18%)	€15,892
• Median (% change)	€9,000 (NC)	€9,000

EUROPEAN NEWS

GODOLPHIN'S CLASSIC HEROINE MAWJ RETIRED FROM RACING

Last year's brilliant G1 1,000 Guineas winner **Mawj (Ire)** (Exceed And Excel {Aus}) has been retired, Godolphin announced on Wednesday. She will now join the operation's broodmare band having failed to sparkle on what proved to be

Mawj Cont.

Modern Games, who notably won at the Breeders' Cup in successive years when landing the GI Juvenile Turf in 2021 and GI Mile in 2022, stands for £30,000 in his first year at Dalham Hall Stud in 2024.

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FORMER TRAINER MILTON HARRIS TO APPEAL RULING



Milton Harris | *Racingfotos.com*

Former trainer Milton Harris, **whose licence was suspended in November and withdrawn in January**, will appeal the decision of the British Horseracing Authority's Licensing Committee, a BHA spokesperson confirmed on Wednesday evening.

The BHA Licensing Committee's verdict stated in January that he was not a "fit and proper person" to hold a training licence. Originally, his licence was suspended by the BHA in November pending January's hearing, with the BHA's stance, "a result of a breach of the conditions on his licence and related matters".

A spokesperson for the BHA said on Wednesday, "The BHA can confirm that Mr. Harris has formally notified the BHA of his intention to appeal against the recent decision of the Licensing Committee. We will provide further details regarding the appeal in due course and will make no further comment at this time."

Harris told PA Sport, "I have appealed. I need to respect the Licensing Committee's decision, which I do, but some of the information they have been given was not correct."

Some of the BHA's concerns surrounded "the nature and extent of Harris's admitted breaches of the conditions which already exist on his licence, which were imposed in 2018 and Harris's failure to be candid in his dealings with the BHA in respect of those breaches, particularly when the BHA was seeking to provide opportunities for Harris to remedy those

breaches", "misconduct in his dealings with others, including fellow licence holder Mr. Simon Earle" and "in respect of safeguarding arising out of Harris's conduct with young persons employed at his racing yard".

Harris began training in 2001 and was absent from the training ranks from 2011 to 2018 due to financial issues.

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JUDDMONTE STALLIONS TAKE TOP HONOURS AT TBA FLAT STALLION AWARDS

Juddmonte stallions **Frankel (GB)** and **Kingman (GB)** have been announced as the big winners in the Thoroughbred Breeders' Association (TBA)'s annual Flat statistical-based awards. The awards take into account British and Irish statistics for British-based stallions for 2023.

Frankel took the BBA Silver Cigar Box for the second time in three years as Britain's leading sire by total earnings in 2023 with £7,143,651. **Frankel**, who was crowned champion sire in Britain and Ireland, sired 11 individual Group 1 winners in 2023, with his notable runners on home soil including the Classic winners **Chaldean (GB)** and Soul Sister (Ire), plus G1 Gold Cup hero Courage Mon Ami (GB) and the G1 Prince of Wales's S. and G1 Juddmonte International winner Mostahdaf (Ire).

Kingman led all British-based sires by number of winners in 2023 and earned the Barleythorpe Stud Silver Cup for the first time. **Kingman's** representatives in Britain and Ireland last year included the dual Group 2 winner Kinross (GB), G3 Jersey S. winner Age Of Kings (Ire) and G3 Thoroughbred S. winner Epictetus (Ire), while Feed The Flame (GB) (Grand Prix de Paris) and Sauterne (Fr) (Prix du Moulin de Longchamp) both won Group 1 races in France.

Too Darn Hot (GB) earned the Tattersalls Silver Salver as leading British-based first-season sire by Flat earnings with £865,571, boosted by the victory of Fallen Angel (GB) in the G1 Moyglare Stud S., while **Havana Grey (GB)** won the British European Breeders' Fund's Stallion Special Merit Award in a year when his G1 Prix Morny and G1 Middle Park S. winner Vandeeek (GB) also featured among the leading juveniles.

Voted for by an industry panel, the Stallion Merit Award recognises British-based stallions who reward breeders through value for money, accessibility and performance, without, necessarily, the advantages of large books of mares or the high fees such popularity commands.

The Queen's Silver Cup for leading British-based Flat breeder was awarded to Shadwell, who enjoyed notable success in 2023 with the homebred Mostahdaf, plus Al Husn (Ire) (Dubawi {Ire}) and Hukum (Ire) (**Sea The Stars {Ire}**), who won the G1 Nassau S. and G1 King George VI and Queen Elizabeth S., respectively.

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Frankel | Bronwen Healy

TBA Awards Cont.

European bloodstock manager for Shadwell, Stephen Collins, said, "We are delighted to be the recipient of the Queen's Silver Cup for leading British-based breeder in 2023.

"It's a testament to Sheikh Hamdan's vision and legacy which is being carried on by Sheikha Hissa with great success and we are very much looking forward to this prestigious event [the TBA Flat Breeders' Awards Evening held at Chippenham Park on Wednesday, July 10] later in the year. Last year is going to be hard to follow but hopefully Shadwell will have a successful 2024 with some promising horses coming through."

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ITBA BREEDING SEMINAR PLAYS HOST TO INDUSTRY EXPERTS AT GOFFS



Panelists Cathal Beale, Dermot Cantillon, Kevin Blake, Helena Burns, Matt Coleman and Barry Mahon | ITBA

Over 200 people attended a breeding seminar held by the Irish Thoroughbred Breeders' Association (ITBA) and its junior wing, the ITBA Next Generation, on the eve of the Goffs February Sale on Tuesday, February 6.

The event was hosted by Kevin Blake, a well-known racing analyst and broadcaster as well as being a reputable breeder in his own right. He was joined on the panel by former ITBA chairman Dermot Cantillon, the breeder of multiple Group 1 winners at Tinnakill House Stud, plus Irish National Stud CEO Cathal Beale, Helena Burns of Anglesey Lodge Equine Hospital and Loughtown Stud, bloodstock agent Matt Coleman and Barry Mahon, Juddmonte's general manager in Ireland and European racing.

A variety of themes were up for discussion as the panel talked all things breeding, from what they look for when buying a mare to the general health of the industry and where it might be years from now.

A recording of the event will be available through the ITBA in the coming weeks. The ITBA will also soon be launching their 'Ask The Expert' series which will take place online during March, April and May, providing the opportunity to hear from different figures in the industry on a wide range of topics.

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BRITAIN

Wednesday's Results:

2nd-Kempton, £7,000, Novice, 2-7, 3yo/up, 7f (AWT), 1:24.54, st/sl.

NEWSREADER (IRE) (g, 3, Prince Of Lir {Ire}--Kaplinsky {Ire}, by Fath), off the mark over course and distance ast month, tracked the leading trio early. Tackling Lessay (Ire) (**Churchill {Ire}**) with a furlong remaining, the 11-2 shot was in command soon after en route to a 1 3/4-length success. The dam, whose 2-year-old filly is by Elzaam (Aus), is also responsible for that sire's G3 Ballysax S. runner-up Indicative Vote (Ire). Sales history: €23,000 Wlg '21 GOFNO1; 45,000gns Ylg '22 TATSOM. Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, \$12,317.

O-News Team; B-John R Jeffers (IRE); T-Kevin Philippart De Foy.

FRANCE

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Cheri Man (Fr), c, 3, Cracksman (GB)--Cherisy (Fr) (SW-It), by Le Havre (Ire). Cagnes-sur-Mer, 2-7, 6 1/2f (AWT), 1:21.84. B-J-P-J Dubois (FR). *€45,000 RNA Ylg '22 ARQOCT.

Dari River (Fr), f, 3, **Dariyan (Fr)**--River Plate (Fr), by Kamsin (Ger). Cagnes-sur-Mer, 2-7, 8f (AWT), 1:37.02. B-Mme R Shepard (FR).



IN HONG KONG:

Romantic Fantasy (Ire), g, 4, **Fascinating Rock (Ire)**--Ataahua (Ger), by Tertullian. Happy Valley, 2-7, Hcp. (C4), 2200mT, 2:18.64. B-Ataahua Partnership. *€17,000 Ylg '21 GOFJAN. **VIDEO**

IN QATAR:

Goldingreatstore (Ire), c, 3, **Ten Sovereigns (Ire)**--Munajaah (GB), by Dubawi (Ire). Al Uqda, 2-7, Maiden, 1200m. B-Ennistown Stud. *€16,000 Wlg '21 GOFNOV; €30,000 Ylg '22 TATSEP; £70,000 RNA 2yo '23 GOFAPR; 20,000gns HRA '23 TATAUT. **VIDEO (SC 8)**

WORLDWIDE NEWS

COOLMORE AUSTRALIA ACQUIRES JUSTIFY'S STORM BOY

by Trent Masenhelder/TTR AusNZ

Confirmed after speculation last month, outstanding 2-year-old **Storm Boy (Aus)** (**Justify**--Pelican {NZ}), by Fastnet Rock {Aus}) has been purchased by Coolmore for an undisclosed sum and will remain in training with Tulloch Lodge trainers Gai Waterhouse and Adrian Bott.

Storm Boy has developed a huge reputation during his fledgling career, posting three wins from as many starts, and he is all the rage for the world's richest race for juveniles, the Mar. 23 G1 Golden Slipper S., which Coolmore won last year with Shinzo (Aus) (Snitzel {Aus}).

Following two impressive trial victories, Storm Boy saluted by 2.28l on debut at Rosehill in early December, before scoring a 2.4l triumph in the G3 BJ McLachlan S. at Eagle Farm three weeks later. The colt was sent out a warm favourite for the R. Listed Magic Millions 2YO Classic at the Gold Coast on Jan. 13, and, after a sluggish getaway and doing some work early, he dashed away from his rivals to notch a stunning 2.5l victory (**video**).



Storm Boy | Coolmore Australia

Storm Boy clocked 1:08.00 for the 1200-metre Millions journey, which was quicker than the time the 5-year-old, Group 3-winning sprinter King Of Sparta (Aus) (I Am Invincible {Aus}) ran in winning the Magic Millions Snippets on the same program.

Coolmore Australia boss Tom Magnier said the acquisition of the exceptional colt is a huge coup.

"We are extremely excited to secure Storm Boy with a great group of clients and friends from all over the world. His performance in the Magic Millions had to be seen to be believed. He had to do the work at both ends and broke his opponents' hearts in a similar way to what **Justify** himself did in his own racing career," Magnier said.

"We have had a close eye on this colt since his first trial and he has raised the bar each time he has been seen in public."

Not only is Storm Boy a top-quality racehorse, he boasts a stallion's pedigree.

The colt is by Coolmore's shuttle star **Justify**, whose progeny have won 39 stakes, and he has six Group 1 winners to his credit. Storm Boy is out of Pelican, a two-time winner at two. She is a daughter of Fastnet Rock. He is one of Coolmore's all-time great stallions with 43 elite-company victories on his CV.

Pelican is a half-sister to the three-time scorer and Group 3 placegetter Divan (NZ) (Zabeel {NZ}). The colt's granddam, Seachange (NZ) (Cape Cross {Ire}), was a superstar, chalking up 14 wins, half of them at the top level. She earned the titles of New Zealand Horse of the Year in 2006/07 and 2007/08 and Champion Sprinter in New Zealand in 2007/08.

Storm Boy was bred by Rob and Barbara McClure's Morning Rise Stud, along with Coolmore partners. He was foaled and raised at Coolmore, before it offered the colt at the 2023 Magic Millions Gold Coast Yearling Sale. **Cont. p12**

Storm Boy Cont.

The colt was knocked down to Gai Waterhouse and Adrian Bott Racing/Kestrel Thoroughbreds for A\$460,000.

“We want to be involved in **Justify**’s best sons globally, but given that Storm Boy was raised and grazed at Coolmore makes him even more special for us to be part of,” Magnier commented.

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ASIA

Wednesday’s Result:

QUEEN SHO-Listed (Jpn-G3), ¥51,000,000, Funabashi, 2-7, 4yo/up, f/m, 1800m, 1:53.10, hy.

1--**ATER ASTRAEA (JPN)**, 125, m, 5, by **Reach the Crown (Jpn)**

1st Dam: **Stars in Heaven (Jpn)**, by **Workforce (GB)**

2nd Dam: **Hundred Score (Jpn)**, by **White Muzzle (GB)**

3rd Dam: **Sunday Acorn (Jpn)**, by **Sunday Silence**

(¥10,000,000 Ylg ‘20 JRHJUL). O-Field Racing; B-Shiraoi Farm (Jpn); T-Shinsuke Hashiguchi; J-Yuji Hishida; ¥30,000,000.

Lifetime Record: 18-7-1-2, ¥166,483,000.

2--**Teleos Bell (Jpn)**, 125, m, 7, Kizuna (Jpn)--Early Spring (Jpn), by Kurofune. (¥6,480,000 Ylg ‘18 JBBAUG). O-Mieko Suzuki; B-Nozaka Farm (Jpn); ¥10,500,000.


3--**Carrick a Rede (Jpn)**, 119, f, 4, Kizuna (Jpn)--Irish Sea (Ire), by Galileo (Ire). **1ST BLACK TYPE**. (¥15,000,000 Wlg ‘19 JRHJUL).

O-Silk Racing; B-Northern Farm (Jpn); ¥6,000,000.

Margins: 1HF, 5, HF. Odds: 2.30, 3.20, 3.60.

Also Ran: **Riot Grrrl (Jpn)**, **Grace Ruby (Jpn)**, **Made It Mum (Jpn)**, **Fuku Angel (Jpn)**, **Salsa Leia (Jpn)**, **Golden Hind (Jpn)**, **A Shin Remy (Jpn)**.

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2	13	Home Brew	Street Sense	Coen	Costa	125
3	11	In Crowd (GB)	Dubawi (Ire)	Ffrench	bin Ghadayer	125
4	3	Justice Protecol (GB)	Time Test (GB)	Malune	Mohammed	125
5	7	Laasudood	War Front	Crowley	Seemar	125
6	4	Marshall Plan (GB)	Golden Horn (GB)	Pinheiro	Al Shemali	125
7	5	Monaadah	Giant's Causeway	O'Shea	Seemar	125
8	8	Mr Raj	Bold d'Oro	Dobbs	bin Harmash	125
9	9	Qareeb	Speightstown	Mullen	Al Mheiri	125
10	10	Secret Victory (GB)	Dubawi (Ire)	Beasley	bin Harmash	125
11	6	Swing Vote (GB)	Shamardal	Buick	S. & E. Crisford	125
12	2	Tenbury Wells	Medaglia d'Oro	Ziani	bin Ghadayer	125
13	1	Down On Da Bayou	Super Saver	Santiago	bin Ghadayer	121

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