

## IT'S NOT JUST THE DERBY; NOW BAFFERT HAS TOP OAKS CANDIDATE AS WELL



The Kentucky Oaks trophy | Coady

*The Week in Review, by Bill Finley*

Saturday's GIII Las Virgenes S. at Santa Anita was a big test for the Bob Baffert-trained filly and 'TDN Rising Star' **Kinza** (Carpe Diem). She was coming off a scintillating maiden win in which she got a 96 Beyer, but was facing a much stronger challenge in the one-mile stakes. Not only did she have to prove she could go two turns, but she was facing another potential star in the undefeated **Kopion** (Omaha Beach), the winner of the GIII Santa Ynez S.

On paper, this was a match race. But Kinza turned it into a one-horse show. She only won by two lengths, but at no point did it look like Kopion could pass the front-running Baffert filly. Kinza got a 93 Beyer to cement her status as the fastest 3-year-old filly in training.

Under normal circumstances, this performance would have stamped Kinza as the clear early favorite for the GI Kentucky Oaks. But there is nothing normal about this year's Oaks or, for that matter, the GI Kentucky Derby.

Kinza, a New York-bred, won't be allowed to run in the Oaks because Baffert was banned by Churchill Downs shortly after Medina Spirit (Protonico) tested positive for betamethasone after crossing the wire first in the 2021 Derby. The same goes for his colts. **Cont. Pg. 3**

## JESS'S DREAM, SON OF RACHEL ALEXANDRA, SUCCUMBS TO LAMINITIS

**Jess's Dream** (Curlin), the first foal out of Hall of Fame mare Rachel Alexandra, succumbed to laminitis Sunday at the age of 12. The news, reported by his owner and breeder Stonestreet Farm, was posted to social media. A maiden special weight winner and 'TDN Rising Star' at Saratoga in his first and only start, Jess's Dream entered stud in 2017 and stood for several years at Ocala Stud in Florida. He was pensioned from stud for reasons unrelated to the laminitis in Oct. 2023 and was being pointed towards a third career under saddle as a track pony for Stonestreet Farm. From 230 foals of racing age, he sired 102 winners, seven stakes winners and one graded stakes winner, the 2021 GIII Kitten's Joy S. winner **Chess's Dream**. His progeny include Suncoast S. winner **Dreaming of Snow** and stakes winners **Beth's Dream** and **Intrepid Daydream**.

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*Big City Lights (Mr. Big), under jockey Flavien Prat, comes home a winner in Saturday's GIII Palos Verdes S. | Benoit Photo*

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A week earlier, the Baffert-trained **Nysos (Nyquist)** looked like Triple Crown-winning material when crushing his opposition in the GIII Robert B. Lewis S. Baffert also has 'TDN Rising Star' **Muth (Good Magic)**, the winner of the GII San Vicente S. and runner-up in last year's GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile. Nysos and Muth are one-two in the NTRA's 3-Year-Old poll. He also has 'TDN Rising Star' **Maymum (Frosted)**, an impressive maiden winner who was entered in Sunday's sixth race at Santa Anita.

In past years, most of Baffert's owners turned their horses over to other trainers, most notably Tim Yakteen, which made them eligible to run at Churchill. But this year, in a surprising display of loyalty, not one Baffert owner took a horse away from him. They put their loyalty to Baffert over their dreams of winning the Kentucky Derby.



Nysos, Flavien Prat and Bob Baffert | Benoit

This wasn't supposed to happen. Baffert's Churchill ban was originally for two years, which meant he was supposed to be free and clear to run horses there this year. But on July 3, 2023, out of the middle of nowhere, the company announced that it was extending Baffert's ban at least through the end of 2024. It was a shocking development and it was unfair. Baffert's original penalties, which also included a 90-day suspension from the Kentucky Horse Racing Commission and a one-year ban from NYRA, were extremely harsh as it was considering the worst thing Baffert had done was to have positives that stemmed from overages of medications that in no way could be considered performance-enhancing. Since being handed the various suspensions and bans, Baffert has done nothing wrong. He has not had any more positives. He even went so far as to **announce on Jan. 22 that he and Medina Spirit's owner Amr Zedan had dropped all legal actions regarding the Derby disqualification.** It was an obvious peace offering, but one that was quickly and decisively dismissed by Churchill, which announced that the

## More Midlantic Magic



Midlantic 2YO grad **KINZA** wins Las Virgenes S. (G3) to remain undefeated.

Congratulations to owner Michael Lund Peterson, trainer Bob Baffert, agent Donato Lanni, and consignor Grassroots Training & Sales

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dropping of the lawsuits changed nothing. Baffert was still banned for, at the very least, all of 2024.

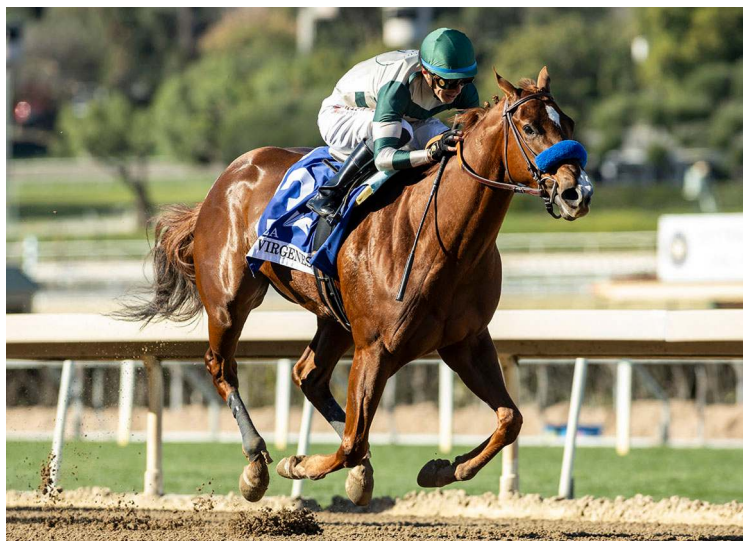
This time, Churchill had gone too far. There's no doubt that their battle with Baffert had turned personal and when that happens, fairness and reason get tossed out the window. Punishing the trainer remained the priority.

But now the script has flipped. That no Baffert horses, no Kinza, no Nysos, no Muth, no Maymum, will appear in Derby week stakes at Churchill will hurt Churchill a lot more than it will hurt Baffert. These will be races that will require asterisks because they did not include some of the best 3-year-old talent in the country.

One theory was that the ban was extended because Churchill didn't want Baffert's return to overshadow the festivities being planned to celebrate the 150th running of the race. It looks like Churchill never imagined that the Baffert owners would effectively boycott the Derby. But that's exactly what has happened. And one of the results of that is the very situation Churchill had hoped to avoid is now going to happen. The major storyline all week will not be the 150th renewal of the race or whoever emerges as the main contenders. It will be all about the missing stars from the Baffert barn, the impact that will have on the race and how it has weakened this Kentucky Derby and this Kentucky Oaks.

There's nothing anyone can do about it now. It's too late for Churchill to reconsider, not that they ever had any intention of doing so. The shot has been fired and it hit squarely in the corporate foot of Churchill Downs Inc. This was all so unnecessary. All they had to do was let Baffert back after the two-year ban ended. Instead, they kept moving the goal posts and double downed on what was a dubious punishment in the first place. This Derby and this Oaks will not be what they should be and Churchill has no one to blame but itself.

Oh, well. At least it should be a good GI Preakness S.



Kinza | Benoit

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### John Pimental Doesn't Get a Break

HISA/HIWU resolved its case against small-time trainer John Pimental last week. **He has been handed a 15-month suspension and a fine of \$10,000 for possession of banned thyroid medication, Thyro-L.** Pimental also has an outstanding case against him for a methamphetamine positive. So he may be facing still more serious penalties.

You can read more about his story and his case by clicking [here](#).

Yes, the rules are the rules and Pimental was not careful and did not properly dispose of the thyroid medication, even though he had a prescription to administer it to a stable pony. As for the methamphetamine positive, it almost has to be the result of human contamination. The bottom line is that the punishment does not come anywhere close to fitting the crime. John Pimental is not a cheat or a horse doper. At the very worst, he's guilty of not being careful when it came to the Thyro-L.

Yes, HISA/HIWU is a work in progress and since HIWU got off and running last May, they have altered some of their policies and have been less draconian when it comes to catching and penalizing people for drug violations.



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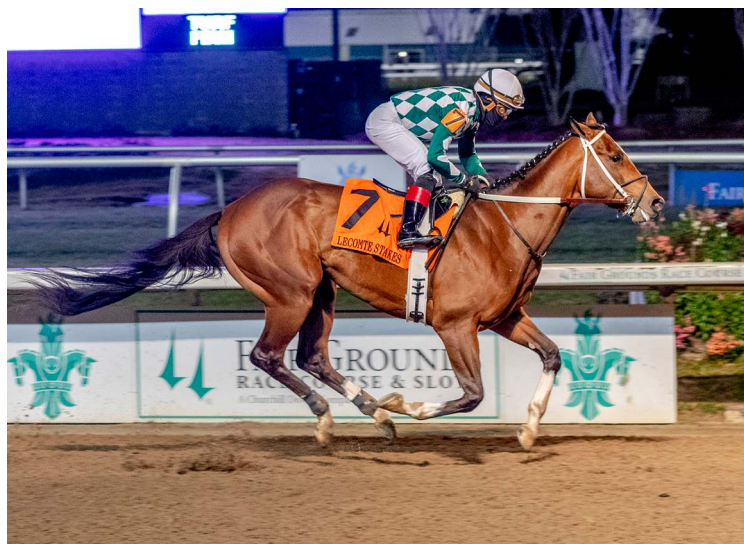
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But they haven't come far enough and the Pimental case is a prime example. By no means did he do anything to warrant a 15-month suspension and a \$10,000 fine.

HISA needs to hire a Vice President of Common Sense, someone who understands racing, understands what is cheating and what is not, and can put the brakes on the organization when they go after people like John Pimental.



Track Phantom | Hodges Photography

## A Loaded Risen Star

With the exception of **Mandaloun** (Into Mischief), who was awarded the win in the Kentucky Derby after Medina Spirit was disqualified, the GII Risen Star S. at the Fair Grounds has never produced a Kentucky Derby winner. That could easily change this year as the 2024 edition is loaded with talent. Trained by Chad Brown, **Sierra Leone** (**Gun Runner**) is a \$2.3 million Fasig-Tipton Saratoga purchase and will be favored. He was last seen closing from last to just miss by a nose in the GII Remsen S. He is clearly Brown's best chance yet to add a Derby win on to his record.

He'll have to come into New Orleans ready to run as the competition includes **Hall of Fame** (**Gun Runner**), also bought at Saratoga as a yearling for \$1.4 million, who is coming off an impressive maiden win for Steve Asmussen. Then there's GII Kentucky Jockey Club winner **Honor Marie** (Honor Code); Smarty Jones winner **Catching Freedom** (**Constitution**) and GIII Lecomte S. winner **Track Phantom** (**Quality Road**).

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## WHITE ABARRIO, NATIONAL TREASURE TO DEPART SANTA ANITA FOR SAUDI CUP TUESDAY

GI Breeders' Cup Classic winner White Abarrio (Race Day) and GI Pegasus World Cup victor National Treasure (**Quality Road**) will depart Santa Anita for Riyadh, Saudi Arabia Tuesday in advance of their expected next start in the G1 Saudi Cup Feb. 24.

Per Santa Anita Stable Superintendent Jeff Metz, Richard Mandella will send Forbidden Kingdom (**American Pharoah**) and potentially Planetario (Brz) (Il Doge {Brz}) for starts on the Saudi Cup undercard.

After spending nearly 12 hours in the holding barn at Santa Anita, the Saudi-bound contingent will leave for Los Angeles International Airport at 4 a.m. Wednesday morning. They will go first to Miami via Mersant International where they will be joined by a group of Eastern-based horses for the 13-hour trip to Riyadh.

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## SENIOR BUSCADOR BREEZES IN ADVANCE OF SAUDI CUP START

GI Pegasus World Cup runner up Senior Buscador (**Mineshaft**) got in his final Gulfstream preparation Sunday ahead of an expected start in the G1 Saudi Cup. The release noted that the 6-year-old worked four furlongs in :50.41 under jockey Junior Alvarado who will be aboard the Todd Fincher runner for the Saudi Cup as well.

"It went just the way Todd and I wanted," said Alvarado. "He went out there and stretched his legs. We wanted to keep him happy. He went around the track very happy, enjoying his workout and gallop out on his own."

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## Saturday, Fair Grounds #14, post time: 7:17 p.m. EST






### RISEN STAR S.-GII, \$400,000, 3yo, 1 1/8m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Tizzy Indy	Take Charge Indy	Calumet Farm	Desormeaux	Graham	122
2	Awesome Ruta	Mendelssohn	Tri-Star Racing, LLC & Cimarron TTT Farms LLC	Foster	Murrill	122
3	Honor Marie 	Honor Code	Ribble Farms LLC, Eiserman, Michael H., Silver, Earl I., Fishbein, Kenneth E. and Fishbein, Daniel	Beckman	Bejarano	122
4	Sierra Leone	Gun Runner	Magnier, Mrs. John, Tabor, Michael B., Smith, Derrick, Westerberg, Smith, Brook T. & Brant, Peter	Brown	Gaffalione	122
5	Moonlight	Audible	Town and Country Racing & Madaket Stables LLC	Pletcher	Geroux	122
6	Real Men Violin 	Mendelssohn	Tilted Shamrock Stables	McPeck	Hernandez, Jr.	122
7	Hall of Fame	Gun Runner	Magnier, Mrs. John, Tabor, Michael B., Smith, Derrick, Westerberg, Gandharvi & Smith, Brooke T	Asmussen	Santana, Jr.	122
8	Catching Freedom 	Constitution	Albaugh Family Stables LLC	Cox	Saez	122
9	Cardinale	Speightstown	Stonestreet Stables LLC	Pletcher	Prat	122
10	Resilience	Into Mischief	Bushnell, Emily and Waldman, Ric	Mott	Velazquez	122
11	Track Phantom 	Quality Road	L and N Racing LLC, Brewster, Clark O., Caroom, Jerry and Breeze Easy, LLC	Asmussen	Rosario	122
12	Bee Dancer	Bee Jersey	Charles E. Fipke	Stewart	Lanerie	122

**Breeders:** 1-Calumet Farm, 2-Brian Levings, 3-Royce Pulliam, 4-Debby M. Oxley, 5-Peter E. Blum Thoroughbreds, LLC, 6-Newtown Anner Stud, 7-Earle I. Mack LLC, 8-WinStar Farm, LLC, 9-Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC, 10-Pam & Martin Wygod, 11-Breeze Easy, LLC, 12-Charles E. Fipke

## Saturday, Fair Grounds #13, post time: 6:48 p.m. EST

### RACHEL ALEXANDRA S. PRESENTED BY FASIG-TIPTON-GII, \$300,000, 3yo, f, 1 1/16m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Tarifa	Bernardini	Godolphin, LLC	Cox	Prat	122
2	Pennick 	Hard Spun	Ulwelling, Al and Bill	Scherer	Loveberry	122
3	Perfect Shot 	Gun Runner	Whisper Hill Farm, LLC	Asmussen	Rosario	122
4	Intricate 	Gun Runner	Bradley Thoroughbreds, Laura Leigh Stable, Estes, Scott and Cambron Equine, LLC	Walsh	Gaffalione	122
5	Alpine Princess 	Classic Empire	Full of Run Racing II, LLC & Madaket Stables LLC	Cox	Geroux	122
6	V V's Dream 	Mitole	MJM Racing and Magdalena Racing	McPeck	Hernandez, Jr.	122
7	West Omaha	West Coast	Gary and Mary West	Cox	Saez	122

**Breeders:** 1-Godolphin, 2-Anderson Farms Ont. Inc., 3-Sierra Farm, 4-LBD Stable, LLC, 5-Betz/DJ Stables/Peter V.Lamantia/Classic Empire Syndicate, 6-Mark Stansell, 7-Gary & Mary West Stables, Inc.



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**Saturday, Fair Grounds #11, post time: 5:50 p.m. EST****MINESHAFT S. PRESENTED BY RELYNE GI BY HAGYARD-GIII, \$250,000, 4yo/up, 1 1/16m**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Red Route One	Gun Runner	Winchell Thoroughbreds LLC	Asmussen	Rosario	118
2	Hayes Strike	Connect	Dixiana Farms LLC	McPeck	Cohen	118
3	Best Actor 🦋	Flatter	Gary and Mary West	Cox	Prat	120
4	Gasoline	Curlin	Harrell Ventures, LLC and CHC INC.	Pletcher	Velazquez	120
5	Notary 🦋	Street Sense	Antonio Donato	Hernandez	Gutierrez	120
6	Dubyuhnell 🦋	Good Magic	West Paces Racing LLC & Stonestreet Stables	Gargan	Saez	120
7	Money Supply 🦋	Practical Joke	Jordan V. Wycoff	Sharp	Gaffalione	120
8	Happy American 🦋	Runhappy	Neil L. Pessin	Pessin	Loveberry	118
9	Smile Happy 🦋	Runhappy	Lucky Seven Stable	McPeck	Hernandez, Jr.	118

**Breeders:** 1-Winchell Thoroughbreds, LLC, 2-Dixiana Farms, LLC, 3-E. H. Beau Lane, Gail McMichael Lane, J. B. Lane Orem & Michael Orem, 4-China Horse Club International, LTD., 5-John Gardiner & Frank McEntee, 6-Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC, 7-Jeff Little, Teresa Little, Marilyn Little & William Lynn, 8-Claiborne Farm, 9-Moreau Bloodstock Int'l Inc. & White Bloodstock LLC

**Saturday, Laurel #8, post time: 4:02 p.m. EST****BARBARA FRITCHIE S.-GIII, \$200,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 7f**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Last Leaf 🦋	Not This Time	Monarch Stables, Inc.	Kenneally	Cruz	122
2	Prodigy Doll 🦋	Shanghai Bobby	HnR Nothhaft Horse Racing, LLC	Schoenthal	Barbosa	122
3	Freccia d'Argento 🦋	Liam's Map	Lugamo Racing & J R Sanchez Racing Stable	Sanchez-Salomon	Cruz	122
4	Disco Ebo	Weigelia	Cash is King LLC and LC Racing LLC	Reid, Jr.	Pennington	122
5	Apple Picker	Connect	Michael Dubb	Russell	Russell	122
6	Intrepid Daydream	Jess's Dream	Miller Racing LLC	Joseph, Jr.	Toledo	122
7	Bluefield	Field Commission	Edward A. Seltzer	Joseph, Jr.	Rodriguez	122
8	Continentalcongres	Constitution	R. Larry Johnson	Trombetta	Karamanos	122
9	Beneath the Stars	Connect	Team Gaudet, David Bernsen & Susanna Wilson	Gaudet	Lyapustina	122

**Breeders:** 1-Khalid Mishref Alkahtani, 2-Tolo Thoroughbreds & Michael A. Spirito, 3-Rusty Roberts, 4-St. Omer's Farm, 5-Michael Dubb, 6-Paul L. Fowler, Jr., 7-Ed Pendray & Edward A. Seltzer, 8-R. Larry Johnson, 9-Sparks View Farm LLC

**Saturday, Laurel #9, post time: 4:33 p.m. EST****GENERAL GEORGE S.-GIII, \$200,000, 4yo/up, 7f**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	No Cents	Goldencents	de Tomaso, Isabelle and Hope Jones	Lynch	Lopez	122
2	Cowan 🦋	Kantharos	Built Wright Stables, LLC.	Ginter, Jr.	Barbosa	122
3	Post Time	Frosted	Hillwood Stable LLC	Russell	Russell	122
4	Nimitz Class	Munnings	Qatar Racing, Black Type Thoroughbreds, Swinbank Stable, Steve Adkisson & Campeche Stable	Weaver	Toledo	124
5	Seven's Eleven	Bandbox	The Cottonwood Stable LLC	Mancilla	Cruz	122
6	Greeley and Ben	Greeley's Conquest	DEA Thoroughbred Racing LLC	De Paz	Rodriguez	122
7	Tenebris 🦋	Violence	Thoroneck Corp and Floresta	Tessore	Barbosa	122

**Breeders:** 1-Hope Jones & Isabelle de Tomaso, 2-Hill 'n' Dale Equine Holdings, Inc., 3-Dr. & Mrs. Thomas Bowman, Dr. Brooke Bowman & Milton P. Higgins III, 4-Arrowwood Farm, 5-Cottonwood Stable LLC, 6-Millard R. Seldin Rev. Trust, 7-ERJ Racing, LLC

**Saturday, Fair Grounds #12, post time: 6:19 p.m. EST****FAIR GROUNDS S. PRESENTED BY HORSE RACING NATION-GIII, \$175,000, 4yo/up, 1 1/8mT**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Johnny's Fireball 🦋	Tonalist	AJ Suited Racing Stable, D C Racing & Brilliant Racing	Casse	Santana, Jr.	120
2	Chasing the Crown	Skipshot	Paradise Farms Corp., Staudacher, David &			

3	Strong Quality	Quality Road	Carlesimo, Angelo	Maker	Loveberry	118
4	Rising Empire 🌿	Empire Maker	Barber, Gary and Kinsman Stable	Casse	Geroux	122
5	Palazzi K	Pioneerof the Nile	Welch, Russell and Leonard, Ran M.	Walsh	Saez	118
6	Duke of Carthania 🌿	Constitution	John C. Oxley	Casse	Gaffalione	122
7	Money Supply 🌿	Practical Joke	Yovani Munoz	Munoz	Pedroza, Jr.	118
8	Camp Hope 🌿	Summer Front	Jordan V. Wycoff	Sharp	Ashton	118
9	Harlan Estate 🌿	Kantharos	Walking L Thoroughbreds, LLC	McPeck	Hernandez, Jr.	118
10	Beatbox 🌿	Pioneerof the Nile	Graham Grace Stable	Beckman	Cannon	122
11	Gigante 🌿	Not This Time	Comestro, Rob and Ganje, Jeff	DeVaux	Rosario	118
12	English Tavern 🌿	English Channel	Diamond T Racing LLC and Iapetus Racing LLC	Asmussen	Morales	122
			Romans, Jr., Jerry and Smith, Hamilton A.	Lovell	Torres	120

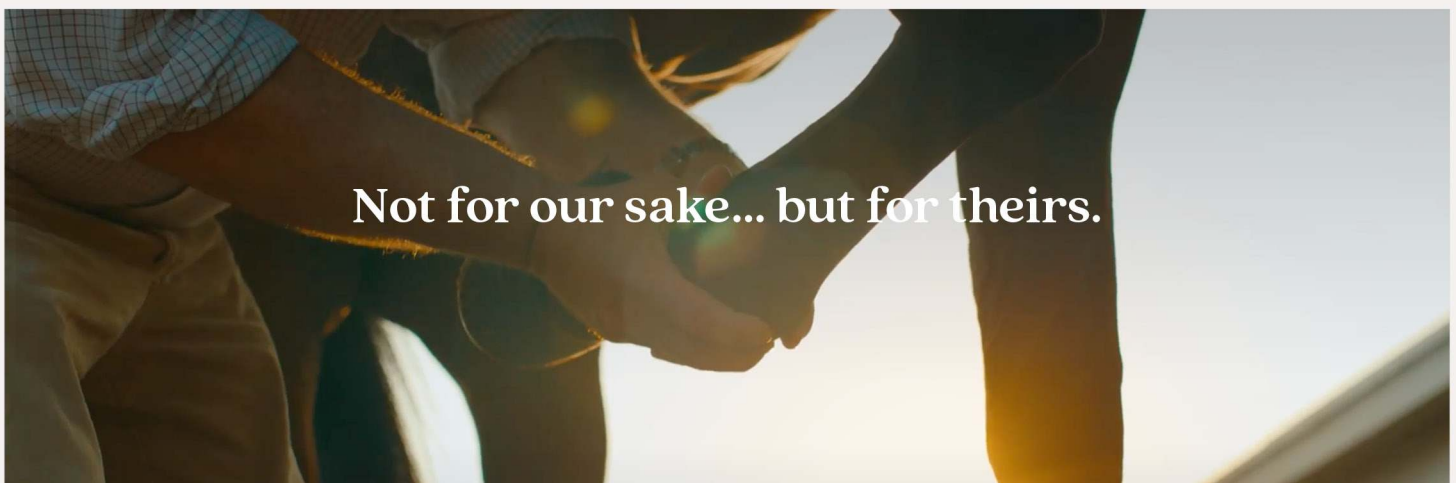
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### Saturday, Gulfstream #11, post time: 5:07 p.m. EST

**ROYAL DELTA S.-GIII, \$150,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Soul of an Angel	Atreides	James, Gerald and Hall Performance LLC	James	Lopez	120
2	Maryquitecontrary	First Dude	Rodney G. Lundock	Plesa, Jr.	Panici	120
3	Magical Lute	Maclean's Music	Whitham Thoroughbreds LLC	Wilkes	Egan	118
4	Yuki (Chi)	The Lumber Guy	Haras Lizzie, Inc.	Sanchez	Reyes	120
5	Tizzy in the Sky	Sky Kingdom	KimDon Racing, LLC	Pletcher	Ortiz, Jr.	118
6	Honor D Lady 🌿	Honor Code	Final Furlong Farm and Madaket Stables LLC	Joseph, Jr.	Ortiz	123
7	Rosie's Halo	Jess's Dream	Sean Defreitas	Joseph, Jr.	Castellano	118
8	Opus Forty Two	Mendelssohn	Mark B. Grier	Delacour	Centeno	120
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## DAUGHTER OF LIAM'S MAP SPEEDS TO 'TDN RISING STARDOM' AT GULFSTREAM



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Sporting the distinctive gold square on the front and back of Luis Saez's silks, it was first time starter Amor Fati (**Liam's Map**) who loved the lead and never relinquished it en route to becoming a 'TDN Rising Star' at Gulfstream Park on Sunday afternoon.

The \$375,000 Keeneland September grad posted a number of sharp works for trainer Brittany Russell over the past two months at her Palm Meadows base. Debuting as the 2-1 favorite here, the gray rocketed to the lead up the backstretch. Setting a strong pace up front with a quarter-mile of :21.43, the 3-year-old continued to hold sway around the far turn and she opened up down the lane to win by 5 1/2 lengths over Tinki Abarrio (**Runhappy**).

The winner is a half-sister to Accretive (**Practical Joke**), MGSP, \$323,393. Mallory Street was purchased during the 2020 Keeneland November Sale by Hidden Brook for \$100,000 with Amor Fati in-utero. She was her final offspring before passing away in 2022.

This is the sixth 'Rising Star' for **Liam's Map**.



## NEW TDN RISING STAR

6th-Gulfstream, \$70,000, Msw, 2-11, 3yo, f, 6f, 1:10.43, ft, 5 1/2 lengths.

AMOR FATI, f, 3, by **Liam's Map**

1st Dam: Mallory Street (SP, \$111,837),

by **Street Sense**

2nd Dam: Mayfield, by Exploit

3rd Dam: Ahpo Hel, by Mr. Leader

Sales History: \$375,000 Ylg '22 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$42,000. O-Gold Square LLC; B-Hidden Brook Farm & Dan Quickel (KY); T-Brittany T. Russell.

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**IN ORDER OF PURSE:**

**VALDALE S.**, \$125,000, Turfway, 2-10, 3yo, f, 6 1/2f (AWT), 1:17.57, ft.

1--**NICE AS PIE**, 122, f, 3, by **Tapiture**

1st Dam: **How Nice**, by **Include**

2nd Dam: **Gracility**, by **Known Fact**

3rd Dam: **Kuma**, by **Naevus**

**1ST BLACK TYPE WIN.** O/B-Dede McGehee (KY); T-Kelsey Danner; J-Adam Beschizza. \$73,624. Lifetime Record: 4-3-0-0, \$159,159. \*1/2 to Smokin' Jay (**Cairo Prince**), SW, \$292,942.

2--**Cozee Rags**, 120, f, 3, **Union Rags**--Rosee Is Cozee, by Cozzene. (\$45,000 RNA Ylg '22 KEESEP; \$15,000 Ylg '22 FTKOCT). **1ST BLACK TYPE.** O-Twin Oaks Bloodstock, LLC; B-Kim Nardelli, Rodney Nardelli & W.S. Farish (KY); T-Brian D. Michael. \$24,040.

3--**Vicountess**, 120, f, 3, Lord Nelson--On the Beach, by Any Given Saturday. (\$25,000 Ylg '22 KEESEP; \$87,000 2yo '23 OBSAPR). **1ST BLACK TYPE.** O-Commonwealth New Era Racing; B-Monticule (KY); T-Tim Girtten. \$12,020.

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Also Ran: Indian Ink, Pipit, Ma Rae's Girl, Mairead, Summerintahoe, What's Crackin, Party.

Nice as Pie continued to show her affinity for the Tapeta in Florence as she won her third race in a row over that surface and in the process collected her first black-type win.

The homebred donned cap and gown at second asking over next-out maiden breakers Poolside With Slim (Ire) (**Churchill {Ire}**) and Fantastical (Air Force Blue) at Turfway Jan. 3. Then, the bay torched a field of optional claimers by 7 1/4 lengths Jan. 26.

Ready for her stakes debut, the 1-2 choice here sat towards the rear of the field up the backstretch, but at the 3/8ths marker she received her cue. Nice as Pie ranged up on the pacesetter around the far turn, opened up into the lane and won in geared down fashion.

The winner is her dam's last registered foal. A half-sister to SW House of Grace (Limehouse), How Nice visited Cairo Price for this season.

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**LADIES' TURF SPRINT S.**, \$115,000, Gulfstream, 2-11, 4yo/up, f/m, 5fT, :54.56, fm.

1--**STONE SILENT**, 120, f, 4, **Adios Charlie**--Travelator (**MSW & MGSP, \$647,672**), by **A. P Jet**. (\$410,000 2yo '22 OBSMAR; \$170,000 3yo '23 KEENOV). O-Victoriam Farm LLC; B-William J. Terrell & Frank De Savino (FL); T-Brian A. Lynch; J-Junior Alvarado. \$71,140. Lifetime Record: 10-4-2-1, \$290,838. \*1/2 to Hollywood Jet (Uncaptured), SW, \$303,430.

LANE'S END SALES GRADUATE

2--**Choose Joy**, 120, m, 7, **Munnings**--Elegantly, by Arch. (\$35,000 2yo '19 OBSOPN). O/T-Steven Dwoskin; B-Colts Neck Stables LLC (KY). \$19,400.

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3--**Fulminate**, 118, m, 5, Get Stormy--E Built This City, by City Zip. (\$12,000 Ylg '20 OBSOCT). **1ST BLACK TYPE.** O-Road Trip Racing, Inc. and Past The Wire Racing, Inc.; B-D'Oyen Thoroughbreds LLC (FL); T-Laura Cazares. \$13,700.

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Margins: 2 1/4, 1, NK. Odds: 1.00, 4.60, 3.50.

Also Ran: Shasta Star, Baby Steps, Glitter Up, Canadiansweetheart, The Arcadian Way. Scratched: Boo Boo Kitty.

Florida-bred Stone Silent took home her second straight piece of hardware from an open company Gulfstream Park black-type race. Last seen winning the Abundantia S. over this same Hallandale course Dec. 31, the bay was rewarded as the 1-1 choice here.

The 4-year-old chased Fulminate from the rail up the backstretch and quickly moved into a striking position around the far turn. Taking over the lead at the top of the lane, the filly ran on unopposed. **Cont. p3**



### Ladies' Turf Sprint cont.

"I was a little concerned about the one hole today, but she certainly seemed to overcome that," said trainer Brian Lynch. "It seems like she's trying to get good, and it's a nice time a year for a filly trying to get good."

The winner's dam is responsible for a yearling colt by **Girvin** and visited Colonel Liam for the spring. Stone Silent is a half-sister to the dams of MGSW Last Judgement (Congrats) and to MSW Isolate (Mark Valeski).

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Stone Silent | Lauren King

**SWEET LIFE S.**, \$103,000, Santa Anita, 2-11, 3yo, f, 6 1/2ft, 1:12.91, fm.

1--**ANTIFONA (FR)**, 122, f, 3, by Reoletos (Fr)

1st Dam: **Survived (GB)** (SP-Eng), by Kyllachy (GB)

2nd Dam: **Regina (GB)**, by Green Desert

3rd Dam: **Dazzle (GB)**, by Gone West

(€18,000 RNA Ylg '22 ARQDOY). **1ST BLACK TYPE WIN.**

O-Hronis Racing LLC; B-SARL Darpat France (FR); T-John W. Sadler; J-Hector Isaac Berrios. \$60,000. Lifetime Record: 10-3-2-0, \$120,867.

2--**Zona Verde (Ire)**, 124, f, 3, **Calyx (GB)**--Namibie (GB), by Dark Angel (Ire). (30,000gns RNA Ylg '22 TATOCT). O-Benowitz Family Trust, CYBT, McLean Racing Stables and Michael Nentwig; B-Knockainey Stud (IRE); T-Philip D'Amato. \$20,000.

3--**Visually**, 120, f, 3, **Enticed**--Eye Candy Annie, by **Candy Ride (Arg)**. (\$15,000 Ylg '22 KEEJAN; \$23,000 Ylg '22 OBSOCT; \$20,000 2yo '23 OBSAPR). **1ST BLACK TYPE.** O-California Racing Partners, Ciaglia Racing LLC, Fick Brothers Racing Inc., Dario Bernardi and George P. Monty; B-ThoroughBred by Design LLC (KY); T-Librado Barocio. \$12,000.

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Margins: 2, 1HF, 1. Odds: 10.00, 7.10, 49.80.

Also Ran: Dial a Friend, Sea Dancer, Granny Budgie (GB), Voodoo Magic (Fr), Girl of My Dreams, Elegant, Alluring, Julias Dream.

French-bred Antifona took her inaugural voyage down the Hillside Turf Course at Santa Anita and conquered it as she won her first black-type for Hronis Racing.

After breaking her maiden at first asking as a juvenile in Le Mans, France last May for trainer Carlos Laffon-Parias, the filly was a well-beaten fifth to '**TDN European Rising Star**' Ramatuella (**Justify**) in the GIII Prix du Bois Longines S. at Chantilly in mid-June.

Over the next five races, the bay turned in a pair of runner-up finishes at Dieppe and Deauville, and then got to the winner's circle in the Prix de Sautre S. by way of the provinces at Lion-D'Angers.

Sent to John Sadler last fall, Antifona was fourth in the GIII Jimmy Durante S. at Del Mar Dec. 2 and finished in fifth place in the Blue Norther S. at Santa Anita Dec. 29.

Overlooked as a 10-1 shot here, the Sadler trainee conserved her strength and ran second to last in the early stages. Gobbling up turf along the rail towards the bottom, Antifona tipped to the outside while crossing the dirt, geared up with a sixteenth left and her turn of foot was best.

"She was waiting for this kind of a set up," said Sadler. "Her first trip, she got a slow pace and was wide, the second trip she was blocked, so she just needed to get a clear run which she got today."



Antifona | Benoit

"She had a lot of experience in Europe, I'm sure she's run left, right and uphill, so I thought that might have been to our advantage today."

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### Sweet Life S. cont.

"It's the first time that she got a chance to run, she's been blocked the last two times," said owner Kosta Hronis. "After her last race Hector [Berrios] got off the horse and said, 'My fault we should have won, I'll win the next one.' So he actually predicted this, so good for Hector."

The winner has a yearling full-brother and his dam was not reported as bred for this year.

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**EL CAMINO REAL DERBY**, \$101,350, Golden Gate Fields, 2-10, 3yo, 1 1/8m (AWT), 1:50.68, ft.

1--**ENDLESSLY**, 122, c, 3, by **Oscar Performance**

1st Dam: Dream Fuhrever, by Langfuhr

2nd Dam: Society Dream (Fr), by Akarad (Fr)

3rd Dam: Society Bride, by Blushing Groom (Fr)

O/B-Jerry Amerman (KY); T-Michael W. McCarthy; J-Umberto Rispoli. \$60,000. Lifetime Record: MGSW, 5-4-0-0, \$299,200.

2--**Tapalo**, 122, r, 3, **Tapiture**--Agent Romanoff, by Empire Maker. (\$40,000 Ylg '22 OBSWIN; \$20,000 Ylg '22 SARAUG; \$55,000 2yo '23 OBSMAR). **1ST BLACK TYPE**. O-Hronis Racing LLC; B-Saratoga Glen Farm, LLC (NY); T-John Sadler. \$20,000.

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3--**Guy Named Joe**, 122, c, 3, **American Pharoah**--Hungry Island, by More Than Ready. (\$280,000 Ylg '22 KEESEP; \$100,000 2yo '23 OBSOPN). **1ST BLACK TYPE**. O-My Way Racing LLC, **West Coast Stables**, LLC, Barbara Evenson, John O'Keefe and Timothy F. O'Keefe; B-Emory A. Hamilton (KY); T-Doug F. O'Neill. \$12,000.

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Margins: 1 1/4, 1 3/4, 4. Odds: 0.70, 3.70, 3.60.

Also Ran: Old Triangle, Grogu, Come Out Fighting, Arctic Breeze, Wild Jewels.

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**3rd-Oaklawn, \$140,000, Alw (NW1\$X), Opt. Clm (\$100,000), 2-11, 3yo, 6f, 1:10.81, sy, 4 1/4 lengths.**

**BOOTH (c, 3, Mitole--Sophia's Song {SW & GSP, \$155,892}, by Bellamy Road)** earned the 'TDN Rising Star' badge with a towering 5 1/4-length debut success at Keeneland Oct. 7, good for a 96 Beyer that was a few points faster than the one posted by Locked (**Gun Runner**) in the GI Claiborne Breeders' Futurity two races earlier, the different distances notwithstanding. The chestnut was accordingly sent off at 62 cents on the dollar to take the next step in the Nov. 25 Ed Brown S. at Churchill, but he dropped away in the final furlong to finish fifth behind Just Steel (**Justify**). The barn elected to send Booth to the Fair Grounds to train in an effort to avoid the wintry weather that plagued Hot Springs last month, but he was returning here as the 3-5 chalk with Lasix on for the first time.



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Booth was not the quickest away, but Keith Asmussen was content to take the trail on the back of the pacesetter into the turn. Momentarily short of room in upper stretch, he shifted across heels into the three path at the three-sixteenths and was in a race of his own from there. A half-brother to last year's GI Jockey Club Gold Cup hero Bright Future (**Curlin**), \$836,940; and to Musical Mischief (Into Mischief), \$145,384, third in the 2023 GI American Oaks, Booth was a \$120,000 KEESEP yearling

and \$225,000 OBS March breezer. Hailing from the deep female family of two-time Eclipse Award winner Housebuster (Mt. Livermore), Booth has a 2-year-old half-brother by **Tiz the Law** and a yearling half-brother by **Maxfield**. Sophia's Song was purchased by Shadai Farm for \$1.35 million in foal to Jackie's Warrior at last year's Fasig-Tipton November Sale. Sales history: \$120,000 Ylg '22 KEESEP; \$225,000 2yo '23 OBSMAR. Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, \$147,942. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV. @EquinealTDN**

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**3rd-Gulfstream, \$77,180, Alw (NW1\$X), Opt. Clm (\$25,000), 2-11, 4yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:10.82, ft, 1/2 length.**

**AMERICAN ROCKETTE (f, 4, American Pharoah--Rocket Twentyone {GSW, \$136,149}, by Indian Charlie)** won her maiden at first asking at Saratoga in the summer of 2022, then--somehow--managed to run on for fourth in the GI Spinaway S. despite veering all the way to the outside rail after the start (**video**), costing her a good 10 lengths. Fourth in a sloppy renewal of the GI Frizette S. at Aqueduct that October, the homebred had been missing since a distant seventh in the GII Golden Rod S. the following month. Favored here at 2-1 despite the 443-day absence, the bay was beaten for speed and raced at the back of a tightly bunched field into the turn. Able to swing out widest for the drive, she hit the front with a bit less than a furlong to travel and went on to post a cozy half-length victory over Olga (Brethren). Frank Fletcher acquired the winner's dam for \$300,000 at the 2011 OBS March Sale and she went on to take the GIII Arlington-Washington Lassie S. later that fall. Rocket Twentyone is the dam of four winners from five to race, including 'TDN Rising Star' Frank's Rockette (Into Mischief), MGSW & MGISP, \$1,509,733, and two other black-type placers. Also responsible for the 3-year-old colt Top Gun Rocket (Into Mischief), she produced another full-brother to Frank's Rockette in 2023 and is due to **Gun Runner** this season. Lifetime Record: 5-2-0-0, \$146,950. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

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**7th-Gulfstream, \$73,540, Alw (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$75,000),** 2-11, 3yo, f, 7 1/2ft, 1:26.93, fm, 2 1/4 lengths.

**POUNCE (f, 3, Lookin At Lucky--Bouncy, by **Twirling Candy**)** won on dirt at first asking while facing auction-restricted company at Churchill Downs in mid-November. The filly was then a well-beaten sixth trying two turns against optional claimers at Turfway a month later. Adding Lasix as a 14-1 shot here, the bay showed speed from the outside gate, which helped her secure the lead into the first turn. The 3-year-old was expertly handled up the backstretch, as Javier Castellano steadily let out the throttle around the far turn. Cut loose down the lane, the Mark Casse trainee stole the show by 2 1/4 lengths over Kin's Concerto (**Mendelssohn**). Bouncy was purchased for \$37,000 at the 2020 Keeneland November Sale by Joshua Deets with the winner in utero. Pounce is her last registered foal, but she was bred to **Hard Spun** for this spring. Sales History: \$22,000 RNA Ylg '22 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, \$96,044. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.** O-Quintessential Racing Florida LLC and Hat Creek Racing; B-Rankin Bell, VanMeter & Hancock (KY); T-Mark E. Casse.

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**6th-Santa Anita, \$68,206, Alw (NW1\$X), Opt. Clm (\$100,000),** 2-11, 3yo, 1m, 1:36.65, ft, neck.

**MAYMUN (c, 3, **Frosted**--Handwoven, by Indian Charlie)** was a



**Maymun (inside) | Benoit**

no-brainer '**TDN Rising Star**' when streaking home to a 7 1/2-length graduation as a 1-2 mortal going 6 1/2 furlongs Jan. 20 and was trying two turns for the first time on Super Bowl Sunday. The 93 Beyer he received for that effort towered over his four rivals, and at 3-10, the Zedan runner won the break, but

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Sarah Delany, who trains along with her husband Benny Martinez, was injured Wednesday morning at Delta Downs when she was kicked by a horse in the back of her neck. The local Lake Charles, Louisiana hospital sent her via CareFlight to Houston, where she underwent emergency surgery.

"She was kicked in the back of the neck, and had spinal surgery, as well as fusion," said family friend Brian Poppenberg, "and luckily enough, she has feeling in all extremities, but recovery will be lengthy. Let me express that she and her husband are a small barn outfit, and absolutely love the horses, and this will be a difficult time for her as the trainer and her husband."

Delany had a second surgery Sunday morning, and it is expected to be a long road back for her. Please consider a donation, no matter how big or small, to help this wonderful woman and her family.



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bore out badly into the first turn, bothering stablemate Imagination (Into Mischief). The pace was moderate at best--the opening quarter was up in :23.91 and the half in :48.07--and Flavien Prat launched something of a sneak attack aboard Imagination, drawing even with a flat-footed Maymun at the three-eighths pole. The duo quickened away from their three rivals nearing the stretch, but the favorite appeared to be in deep water down at the inside, as Imagination stuck his head in front nearing the eighth pole going the better of the two. The margin was as much as a half-length with time ticking away, but Juan Hernandez extracted that little bit extra and Maymun was up in the final few strides. A \$50,000 Keeneland September yearling, Maymun turned heads at last year's OBS April Sale, ultimately hammering to Zedan for \$900,000. Bred on a variant of the cross responsible for Horse of the Year **Flightline** (**Tapit**), Maymun has a 2-year-old half-brother by **Kantharos** and his dam was most recently covered by **Violence**. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$79,200. Sales history: \$50,000 Ylg '22 KEESEP; \$900,000 2yo '23 OBSAPR. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV. @EquinealTDN**

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**1st-Oaklawn, \$115,000, Msw, 2-11, 3yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:39.82, sy, 3 lengths.**

**MERASOL SUGAR (f, 3, Constitution--Chanel Number Mine, by Value Plus)** put in a solid final work Feb. 3 (:48, 4f, 1/63) in preparation for her debut with Lasix here. As a 6-1 shot, the lone first timer in the field cruised to the lead heading into the first turn, and continued to set all the fractions up the backstretch and around the far turn. The homebred had plenty in reserve down the lane and she splashed home by three lengths over Happy Happy (**Uncle Mo**). The winner is a half-sister to Chanel's Legacy (Dominus), MSW & GSP, \$413,144, and is her dam's last registered foal. Chanel Number Mine visited both Lookin At Lucky and **McKinzie** for the spring. Sales History: \$95,000 RNA Ylg '22 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$69,000. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by**

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**6th-Aqueduct, \$80,000, Msw, 2-11, 3yo, f, 6 1/2f, 1:18.64, ft, 1 length.**

**DAUGHTER OF TIME (f, 3, Not This Time--Paradise Bird, by Summer Bird)** was one of two in a field of seven with prior racetrack experience, having shown good early speed before weakening to be third on her six-furlong debut Jan. 14. The Maryland-bred, drawn widest, was one of the first to break the line, but drifted back to sit a wide fifth and handy through the opening exchanges. Three wide and poised to challenge on the turn, the 14-5 second betting choice hit the front a furlong and a half from the wire and went on to take it by a length despite failing to switch her leads. Favored Sarir (**American Pharoah**) cut out the running, but faded in the lane to finish sixth. Daughter of Time was adding to a monster weekend for her sire, who accounted for GIII Sam F. Davis winner No More Time and Sibelius, who defended his title in the Pelican S. Paradise Bird was most recently covered by the Maryland-based **Divining Rod**. Sales history: \$100,000 Ylg '22 EASOCT; \$190,000 2yo '23 OBSOPN. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, \$53,600. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

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**9th-Aqueduct, \$70,000, (S), Msw, 2-11, 3yo, 1m, 1:39.59, ft, 6 1/2 lengths.**

**SAINT GAUDENS (c, 3, Into Mischief--Artemis Agrotera {MGISW, \$943,800}, by Roman Ruler)** had an adventurous trip from a high draw when making his first racetrack appearance Jan. 18, finishing fifth as the 7-5 favorite, and was adding blinkers for this stretch out in distance. The immaculately bred bay broke inward at the start, exchanging bumps with a rival, then chased the pace from well out into the track down the backstretch. Saint Gaudens, named for an American sculptor, dropped down further towards the inside, led with a bit less than a half-mile to travel and proved a facile winner. The exceptionally talented Artemis Agrotera, also the dam of the OBS March sales-topping Chestertown (**Tapit**), SW, \$428,045, is a daughter of the Bromans' SW & MGSP Indy Glory (A.P. Indy), a full-sister to GISW sire Stephen Got Even and also the dam of a sales-topper (2006 Keeneland April) in the form of the stakes-placed Time Squared (Fusaichi Pegasus). Artemis Agrotera did not produce a foal in either of the last two seasons and was covered by **Munnings** and **Life Is Good** for her 2024 produce. Sales history: \$450,000 Ylg '22 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$41,300. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

O-Peter M Brant; B-Chester & Mary R Broman (NY); T-Chad C Brown.

**2nd-Gulfstream, \$70,000, Msw, 2-11, 3yo, f, 1mT, 1:35.28, fm, head.**

**VIVE VEUVE (f, 3, Collected--Candy Store {Ire} {GSW-Itly, SP-USA, \$237,200}, by Lope de Vega {Ire})** began her juvenile year under the care of Emmet Mullins in Ireland where she raced on three occasions, which included a well-beaten fifth in the G3 Irish EBF S. at The Curragh in late August. Transferring to Jack Sisterson's shedrow, the chestnut was third over the Tapeta in Hallandale Nov. 19. With Lasix for the first time and as a 5-1 shot here, the filly settled mid-pack along the rail into the first turn and saved all the ground up the backstretch. At the top of the lane, the 3-year-old tipped to the four path, uncorked a rally and was up to nip by a head Royal Wintour (**Demarchelier {GB}**). Her dam's first offspring, the winner has a pair of younger full-sisters. Candy Store was bred to Roadster for this spring. Sales History: \$30,000 Ylg '22 KEESEP; 45,000gns RNA 2yo '23 TATBRE. Lifetime Record: 5-1-0-1, \$47,637. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

O-Sterling Stables, LLC; B-Speedway Stables LLC (KY); T-Jack Sisterson.



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## IN AUSTRALIA:

**Wings of Song (Aus), f, 3, Mendelssohn--Tortoni (Aus), by Strategic (Aus).** Hobart, 2-11, Strutt S.-Listed, 2100mT, 2:11.70. B-Mr O P Tait & J G Nivison (NSW). \*1/2 to Cherry Tortoni (Aus) (Night of Thunder {Ire}), GSW & G1SP-Aus, \$721,376; and Jenny Jerome (Aus) (**Churchill {Ire}**), SP-Aus, \$197,332.



## ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

**8th-Oaklawn, \$140,000, 2-11, (NW1\$X), 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m, 1:46.34, sy, 1 1/4 lengths.**

**STORY HOUR (m, 5, Creative Cause--Magic Hour {MSW & GSP, \$203,676}, by Awesome Again)** Lifetime Record: 15-4-2-2, \$272,674. O-Ruthie's Ride, LLC and Lancaster House Thoroughbreds; B-Whitham Thoroughbreds, LLC (KY); T-Robert Medina.



**8th-Gulfstream, \$87,780, (NW1\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$25,000), 2-11, 4yo/up, 6f, 1:11.17, ft, head.**

**DANGEROUS RIDE (g, 4, Lord Nelson--Ride a Wave, by Medaglia d'Oro)** Lifetime Record: SW, 19-4-2-2, \$258,712. O/B-Palm Beach Racing III, LLC (FL); T-Carlos A. David.

**8th-Aqueduct, \$82,000, (NW1\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$50,000), 2-11, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/8m, 1:53.25, ft, 5 1/4 lengths.**

**COPPA GIRL (f, 4, Constitution--Hallie Gay, by Summer Bird)** Lifetime Record: 9-2-3-1, \$166,490. O-Save Landers; B-WinStar Farm LLC (KY); T-Brad H Cox. \*\$200,000 Ylg '21 KEESEP.



**2nd-Aqueduct, \$72,000, (S), 2-11, (NW1\$X), 4yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:39.97, ft, 5 3/4 lengths.**

**RACING COLORS (m, 5, Race Day--Rhetorical Colors, by Afleet Alex)** Lifetime Record: 26-3-3-5, \$137,695. O-Alex Kazdan; B-Carl Bennett (NY); T-Norman C. Follett. \*\$7,500 Wlg '19 KEENOV; \$9,000 Ylg '20 OBSOCT.



**5th-Aqueduct, \$69,840, (S), 2-11, (NW1\$X), 4yo/up, 7f, 1:25.59, ft, neck.**

**KAZ SUGAR BANK (h, 5, Bank Heist--Spun Sugar {MGISW, \$929,171}, by Awesome Again)** Lifetime Record: 25-6-4-6, \$173,435. O-Peter Kazamias; B-Kaz Hill Farm (NY); T-Dimitrios K. Synnefias. \*1/2 to Cairo Sugar (**Cairo Prince**), SW, \$228,342.

**9th-Laurel, \$58,370, (NW2X)/Opt. Clm (\$32,000-\$40,000), 2-11, 4yo/up, 6f, 1:11.61, ft, 2 1/4 lengths.**

**ROMINSKI (g, 5, Great Notion--Undisputed Legend, by Domestic Dispute)** Lifetime Record: 16-6-4-2, \$213,504. O-Timothy N. Hopkins; B-David H. Wade (MD); T-Kieron Magee. \*\$28,000 Ylg '20 EASOCT. \*\*1/2 to Whereshetoldmetogo (El Padrino), MSW & GSP, \$967,795.

**MASON SPRINGS GRADUATE**

**8th-Sam Houston Race Park, \$36,500, (NW1R6M)/Opt. Clm (\$50,000), 2-11, 4yo/up, 1mT, 1:38.86, fm, 1 1/4 lengths.**

**COTTONWOOD (g, 5, Street Boss--Colarful Song, by Songandaprayer)** Lifetime Record: 16-4-2-2, \$93,630. O-Chad and Josh; B-Charles H. Deters (KY); T-Steven M. Asmussen. \*\$35,000 Ylg '20 KEEJAN; \$135,000 Ylg '20 FTKSEL.

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**7th-Laurel, \$53,300, (NW2X)/Opt. Clm (\$32,000-\$40,000), 2-11, 4yo/up, 6f, 1:11.26, ft, 1/2 length.**

**TENEBRIS (g, 6, Violence--Starless Night {SW, \$179,204}, by Grand Slam)** Lifetime Record: 19-7-4-3, \$251,541. O-Thoroneck Corp & Floresta; B-ERJ Racing LLC (KY); T-Bruno Tessore. \*\$100,000 Ylg '19 KEESEP.

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**7th-Charles Town, \$31,300, 2-10, 3yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2f, 1:19.70, ft, 1 3/4 lengths.**

**AZZURRA (m, 8, Capo Bastone--Wild in Manila, by Wild Rush)** Lifetime Record: MSP, 58-14-7-13, \$359,711. O-Timothy Freitag; B-Antonio Scotto Di Carlo (WV); T-Donald C. Barber.

**3rd-Golden Gate Fields, \$29,760, (NW2\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$62,500), 2-11, 4yo/up, 5 1/2f (AWT), 1:03.98, ft, 3/4 length.**

**PROOF HE RIDES (g, 6, Idiot Proof--Ride the World, by Tiz Wonderful)** Lifetime Record: 8-4-2-0, \$104,130. O/B-Victory Rose Thoroughbreds, Inc. (CA); T-Alberto Ruvalcaba.

**6th-Golden Gate Fields, \$29,194, 2-10, (NW1\$X), 4yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2f (AWT), 1:03.41, ft, 1 1/4 lengths.**

**BERRY VALLEY (m, 5, Curlin to Mischief--Noe Valley, by Royal Academy)** Lifetime Record: 7-3-2-1, \$80,028. O-Barbara DeLima; B-Clifford DeLima, Barbara De Lima & Dennis Patterson (CA); T-Clifford DeLima.

**6th-Charles Town, \$27,400, (S), 2-10, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 4 1/2f, :52.85, ft, 2 1/4 lengths.**

**MISS BEE BOP (f, 3, Golden Years--Kenzie, by Graydar)** Lifetime Record: 5-3-1-0, \$47,223. O-Patricia Becraft; B-Mark Becraft (WV); T-Timothy C. Grams.

#### ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

**Speedtail, c, 3, Mastery--Skipping, by Stroll. Oaklawn, 2-11, 1 1/16m, 1:47.43. Lifetime Record: 6-1-1-1, \$107,995. B-Stone Farm (KY). \*\$65,000 Ylg '22 KEESEP. \*\*1/2 to Plum Ali (**First Samurai**), GSW, \$817,042.**

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**Oobubbakakayo, g, 3, Smiling Tiger--Lovefromafar, by Pleasantly Perfect. Santa Anita, 2-11, (S), 6 1/2fT, 1:17. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, \$46,800. B-Premier Thoroughbreds LLC (CA). \*\$10,000 Ylg '22 FTCAYR. \*\*1/2 to Hotitude (Heat Shield), MSP, \$300,562.**

**Workislife, c, 3, Speightster--Nodoubtabouthier, by Bernardini. Laurel, 2-11, 7f, 1:26.16. Lifetime Record: 7-1-1-1, \$51,184. B-James McIngvale (KY).**

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**Desvio, g, 3, Yoshida (Jpn)--Fitzrovia, by Uncle Mo. Laurel, 2-11, 1m, 1:39.67. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-0, \$32,360. B-Eliza St George & Lee Mauberret (KY). \*\$60,000 Ylg '22 KEEJAN; \$70,000 Ylg '22 FTKOCT. \*\*Won by nine lengths.**

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**Player B, r, 4, American Pharoah--Ballette (Ire), by Giant's Causeway. Santa Anita, 2-11, 6 1/2fT, 1:15.40. Lifetime Record: 9-1-2-0, \$62,540. B-Magnolia Mares LLC, Athens Woods LLC, D. Brown & L. Brown (KY). \*\$100,000 RNA Ylg '21 KEEJAN; \$50,000 Ylg '21 FTKOCT; \$160,000 2yo '22 EASMAY. \*\*1/2 to Sachem Spirit (Mr. Greeley), SP, \$215,018; Cerro (Ire) (Mr. Greeley), SW, \$504,785.**

**Country Caper, g, 4, Excaper--Team One, by Oratory. Sam Houston Race, 2-11, 1 1/16mT, 1:45.96. Lifetime Record: 7-1-0-2, \$31,486. B-Lori Bravo Lynn Chleborad / (OK).**

**Lucky Combination, f, 4, Ghostzapper--Lucky Number, by Smart Strike. Tampa Bay Downs, 2-11, 1 1/16mT, 1:42.23. Lifetime Record: 4-1-0-1, \$25,558. B-WinStar Farm LLC (KY). \*\$300,000 Ylg '21 KEESEP.**

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**Gold Memories, f, 4, My Golden Song--Flight Queen (MSP), by Early Flyer. Sam Houston Race Park, 2-11, (S), 1 1/16m, 1:50.70. Lifetime Record: 16-1-3-4, \$50,863. B-Douglas Scharbauer (TX). \*\$41,000 Ylg '21 TTAYHR.**

**Additional Maiden Winners cont.**

**Disobey**, h, 5, **Mineshaft**--Obey (SW, \$150,132), by Desert Code. Santa Anita, 2-11, (S), (C), 5 1/2f, 1:04.15. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-1, \$31,100. B-Woodbridge Farm LLC, Sam Scolamieri & Ted Serna (CA).

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**American Pharoah**, American Rockette, f, 4, o/o Rocket Twentyone, by Indian Charlie. AOC, 2-11, Gulfstream

**American Pharoah**, Player B, r, 4, o/o Ballette (Ire), by Giant's Causeway. MSW, 2-11, Santa Anita

**Bank Heist**, Kaz Sugar Bank, h, 5, o/o Spun Sugar, by Awesome Again. ALW, 2-11, Aqueduct

**Capo Bastone**, Azzurra, m, 8, o/o Wild in Manila, by Wild Rush. ALW, 2-10, Charles Town

**Collected**, Vive Veuve, f, 3, o/o Candy Store (Ire), by Lope de Vega (Ire). MSW, 2-11, Gulfstream

**Constitution**, Coppa Girl, f, 4, o/o Hallie Gay, by Summer Bird. AOC, 2-11, Aqueduct

**Constitution**, Merasol Sugar, f, 3, o/o Chanel Number Mine, by Value Plus. MSW, 2-11, Oaklawn

**Creative Cause**, Story Hour, m, 5, o/o Magic Hour, by Awesome Again. ALW, 2-11, Oaklawn

**Curlin to Mischief**, Berry Valley, m, 5, o/o Noe Valley, by Royal Academy. ALW, 2-10, Golden Gate

**Excaper**, Country Caper, g, 4, o/o Team One, by Oratory. MSW, 2-11, Sam Houston

**Frosted**, Maymun, c, 3, o/o Handwoven, by Indian Charlie. AOC, 2-11, Santa Anita

**Ghostzapper**, Lucky Combination, f, 4, o/o Lucky Number, by Smart Strike. MSW, 2-11, Tampa Bay

**Golden Years**, Miss Bee Bop, f, 3, o/o Kenzie, by Graydar. ALW, 2-10, Charles Town

**Great Notion**, Rominski, g, 5, o/o Undisputed Legend, by Domestic Dispute. AOC, 2-11, Laurel

**Idiot Proof**, Proof He Rides, g, 6, o/o Ride the World, by Tiz Wonderful. AOC, 2-11, Golden Gate

**Into Mischief**, Saint Gaudens, c, 3, o/o Artemis Agrotera, by Roman Ruler. MSW, 2-11, Aqueduct

**Liam's Map**, Amor Fati, f, 3, o/o Mallory Street, by **Street Sense**. MSW, 2-11, Gulfstream

**Lookin At Lucky**, Pounce, f, 3, o/o Bouncy, by **Twirling Candy**. AOC, 2-11, Gulfstream

**Lord Nelson**, Dangerous Ride, g, 4, o/o Ride a Wave, by **Medaglia d'Oro**. AOC, 2-11, Gulfstream

**Mastery**, Speedtail, c, 3, o/o Skipping, by Stroll. MSW, 2-11, Oaklawn

**Mineshaft**, Disobey, h, 5, o/o Obey, by Desert Code. MCL, 2-11, Santa Anita

**Mitole**, Booth, c, 3, o/o Sophia's Song, by Bellamy Road. AOC, 2-11, Oaklawn

**My Golden Song**, Gold Memories, f, 4, o/o Flight Queen, by Early Flyer. MSW, 2-11, Sam Houston

**Not This Time**, Daughter of Time, f, 3, o/o Paradise Bird, by Summer Bird. MSW, 2-11, Aqueduct

**Oscar Performance**, Endlessly, c, 3, o/o Dream Fuhrever, by Langfuhr. El Camino Real Derby, 2-10, Golden Gate

**Race Day**, Racing Colors, m, 5, o/o Rhetorical Colors, by Afleet Alex. ALW, 2-11, Aqueduct

**Recoletos (Fr)**, Antifona (Fr), f, 3, o/o Survived (GB), by Kyllachy (GB). Sweet Life S., 2-11, Santa Anita

**Smiling Tiger**, Oobubbakakayo, g, 3, o/o Lovefromafar, by Pleasantly Perfect. MSW, 2-11, Santa Anita

**Speightster**, Workislife, c, 3, o/o Nodoubtabouter, by Bernardini. MSW, 2-11, Laurel

**Street Boss**, Cottonwood, g, 5, o/o Colarful Song, by Songandaprayer. AOC, 2-11, Sam Houston

**Violence**, Tenebris, g, 6, o/o Starless Night, by Grand Slam. AOC, 2-11, Laurel

**Yoshida (Jpn)**, Desvio, g, 3, o/o Fitzrovia, by **Uncle Mo**. MSW, 2-11, Laurel

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by Paul Hayward

The growing supremacy of the Willie Mullins stable in National Hunt racing begs the question: is it damaging anybody or anything?

Dominance is the *raison d'être* of elite sport. When Rafa Nadal was winning 14 French Open tennis titles it never entered his head that what he was doing might be harmful to the game. Manchester City won't be thinking that five Premier League title wins in six seasons is quite enough, thank you very much, and that to make it six in seven would be detrimental. If you're preaching against reigns and dynasties, you might as well chastise the tide for going in and out.

But the issue raised by the Mullins operation's brilliant scouting and training of jump racers isn't about his right to annex the sport. The small flares of disquiet relate more to the effect it might have on public enjoyment, other trainers and owners, betting turnover and the sport's profile at a time when National Hunt racing is bedevilled by small fields and worrying economic indicators.

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## LETTER TO THE EDITOR: MIDDLE-DISTANCE FOCUS IS A BREEDER'S BEST BET

Following from the excellent feature by Emma Berry in discussion with Harry Sweeney in Thursday's *TDN*, I felt compelled to write in. I, like many breeders and fans alike, was disappointed when the news of Adayar, Hukum and Westover's departures filtered through. Through various debates/heated discussions with my colleagues and fellow industry members, the usual argument was thrown back - would you use them yourself? Are they commercial?

Harry Sweeney's comments sparked a different debate in my mind. Theoretically we are all supposed to be breeding with the aim of producing top-class horses. By breeding for speed and the commercial market, are we really giving ourselves the best chance of achieving that goal? The *Return of Mares* suggests the majority believes it is, however the statistics suggest the opposite is true. [Cont., p5](#)

## IN TDN AMERICA TODAY

### BAFFERT HAS TOP OAKS/DERBY HORSES...BUT NO ENTRY

In his Week in Review, Bill Finley laments the headline that Churchill Downs had likely hoped to avoid: the lack of any Baffert horses becoming the talk of the 150th GI Kentucky Derby festivities. He explains why the omissions are now a glaring problem.

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*Oversubscribed (GB) (inside), a 400,000gns yearling at Tattersalls October in 2022, deadheats for the win on unveiling at Tampa Bay Downs with Belle of Rights (outside) last Saturday. | SV Photography*

## HOOKING 'KING OF THE RIVIERA' IN SAONNOIS

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*Emulating his 2023 feat in winning the Prix Saonois and Grand Prix de la Riviera Cote d'Azur, the gelding wrapped up a second Polytrack Challenge and a €30,000 bonus.*

## BLUE POINT COLT DOMINATES FRENCH RIVALS

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*Keran drew away in a canter to win unextended by 4 1/2 lengths at Cagnes-sur-Mer, and pick up a second career tally for H H The Aga Khan.*

## JUSTIN MILANO SPRINGS THE UPSET IN TOKYO

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*In against a field which included Japanese champion 2-year-old colt Jantar Mantar, the son of Kizuna claimed the G3 Kyodo News Service Hai by an open margin on the wire. TDN has results.*

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Let's lay out the stats.

- Mullins is even money to train more winners at this year's Cheltenham Festival than Great Britain (one trainer versus a whole country)
- He has 14 ante-post favourites for the 28 races at next month's meeting
- At the recent Dublin Racing Festival he won all eight Grade 1 races and saddled 29 of the 48 Grade 1 runners
- Ten of the last 13 Cheltenham Festival leading trainer's titles have made their way back to his base in County Carlow
- Entries for this year's Supreme, Ballymore, Albert Bartlett and Triumph revealed a total of 80 names from the Mullins yard

Nobody disputes the skill (and wealth) required to spot, buy, train and deliver horses capable of overwhelming Henry de Bromhead, Nicky Henderson, Paul Nicholls and Gordon Elliott. Henderson, it should be said, has the best horse in National Hunt training - **Constitution** Hill. The Mullins numbers are powerless to negate that reality. The hard part is knowing when success becomes weaponised - and starts to do harm.

Dissenting voices are few. Richard Johnson, the former champion jockey, is an admirer of Mullins, but sounded an ominous note in a recent discussion with BoyleSports bookmakers. Johnson said: "It definitely is not good for racing. It is not good for competitive sport. When you are looking at the racing at Dublin last weekend people were saying Irish racing is so strong. It's not Irish racing. It's Willie Mullins who is so strong."

Johnson's belief that Mullins is distorting the Anglo-Irish balance of power is contradicted by this year's Grand National entries. Astonishingly: 61 of the 94 are trained in Ireland (54 was the previous high).

Another part of Johnson's lament is the repetitive nature of the storyline, which you could also sometimes diagnose in Flat racing, with Aidan O'Brien and Coolmore. "Looking at more of the same isn't great and doesn't encourage new people into our sport," Johnson said. [Cont.](#)



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# Coventry winners at Castlehyde!

## FIRST TWO-YEAR-OLDS OF 2024

Coventry Stakes winner **Arizona** was certainly a high-class juvenile, with his Royal Ascot victory being supplemented by placings in the Gr.1 National Stakes and Dewhurst behind exceptional 2YO Pinatubo.

Another son of the champion 2YO sire No Nay Never on Coolmore's roster, the seven-year-old is advertised at an unchanged fee of €5,000 and holds plenty of appeal for commercial breeders looking to produce quick and early types... could easily be one of the quickest freshman sires out of the gate.



*"Goes very well, definitely a Group horse, 6f to 7f. Joseph has a good Arizona also"*

Aidan O'Brien, who trained **Arizona**, on the colt ex. **Princess Theodora**

## ★ STAR VALUE ★

## FIRST THREE-YEAR-OLDS OF 2024

**Calyx**, being a beautifully bred son of Kingman from one of Juddmonte's great families, had the background to make his mark as a stallion and he did just that with his first runners...

He has passed on his speed and talent to his progeny, headed by Gr.2 winners Classic Flower and Persian Dreamer, Del Mar Gr.3 scorer Zona Verde and Dewhurst third Eben Shaddad.... upgraded to €12,500 off the back of a successful debut campaign... 2024 could prove equally, if not more, fruitful for the young sire.



Breeding On A Budget, Racing Post, 8th Feb

# COOLMORE





**Willie Mullins had nine winners at the Dublin Racing Festival, eight at Grade 1 level | *Racingfotos.com***

Is this true? Plenty on the other side point to Tiger Woods and Usain Bolt and ask whether interest dipped when golf and Olympics sprinting felt like pageants.

In his *Daily Mail* column at the weekend, ITV Racing's Ed Chamberlin wrote: "Of course, true sport relies on competition but does the might of Mullins threaten to ruin Cheltenham? Not for one second. The archetypal racegoer to Cheltenham, or ITV

viewer, simply wants a good time and a bet, especially an each-way one."

Evidence to prove an exodus by punters put-off by odds-on favourites constantly 'going in' for Mullins would be hard to find, given the other possible socio-economic explanations for betting turnover fluctuations. And so far rival trainers are understandably wary of graffitiing the Mullins legend with accusations of unfairness.

Mullins is only six short of a century of Cheltenham Festival winners and we can expect the 100 to be reached next month at a course where, in 2022, he won a record 10 of the 28 races. Having 29 of the 86 entries for the Baring Bingham Novices' Hurdle is only one illustration of his power to swarm the biggest targets.

In football and other team sports, when a trophy is being raised and the tickertape is falling, a journalistic reflex prompts us to ask: is this the start of a dynasty, should everyone else panic, is a new age of dominance upon us? With Liverpool in the 1970s and 80s - yes. With Manchester United subsequently - yes. With Manchester City now - yes.

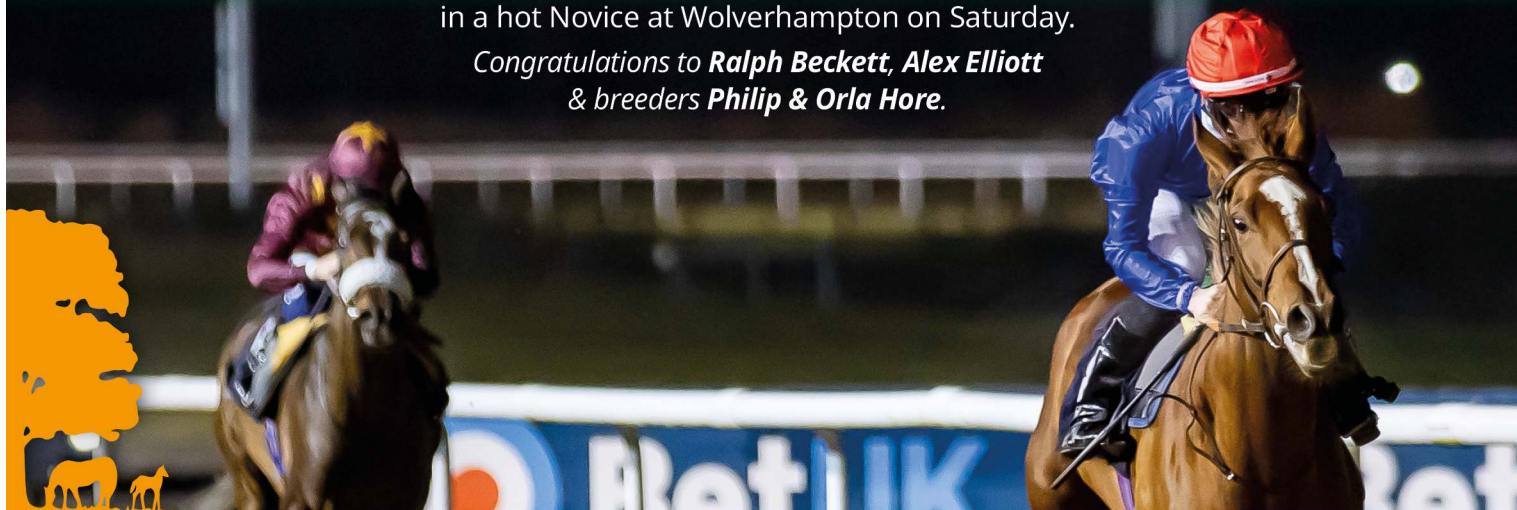
Often dominance entrances us. Sometimes it suggests imbalance, repetition, staleness, even injustice, if money is the real dominating force.

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# THE BEST **GALILEO** SINCE **FRANKEL** **WALDGEIST.** IMPRESSIVE 3YO DEBUT WINNER

**FOREST FAIRY** outclasses her rivals with a **6 length** victory on debut in a hot Novice at Wolverhampton on Saturday.

*Congratulations to **Ralph Beckett, Alex Elliott**  
& breeders **Philip & Orla Hore.***



The shadow debate in jump racing around the Mullins numbers hasn't shed much light on the effect on other good yards of owners taking the easy option of sending horses to Closutton, or on the polarisation of wealth in National Hunt racing, or whether racegoers and punters care who saddled the winner.

One thing, we know: being too polite to even discuss those aspects is a quiet form of harm.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Laura Joy, cont. from p1

In 146 runnings of the Group 1 sprints in Europe over the past 30 years, 71% (103) have been won by older horses with just 29% (43) won by three-year-olds and under.

Let me make it clear that this is not to blame the connections of Hukum, Adayar and Westover who have simply looked for the best opportunity for their middle-distance stars in Japan. Only a fool would argue that these horses would be given a better chance at stud in Europe than they are going to enjoy in Japan. We all seem to know it's wrong so the question is why does it keep happening?

Harry Sweeney rightly pointed out that there are only two Group 1 races at sprint distances in Japan in the JRA. Are today's breeders aware that there is only one Group 1 sprint for three-year-olds only in Europe? There are 11 Group 1 races over 10f-plus restricted to three-year-olds. If that's not enough to encourage breeders to move away from cheap speed and precocity, add in races over a mile or further and the number of age-restricted Group 1s for your three-year-old is 17. And if that's still not enough, what about the following:

- The only Group 1 sprint for three-year-olds only is over six furlongs so if your three-year-old sprinter is a 5f specialist, he/she will be taking on older horses from the day they turn three.

- In 2023, Bradsell and Shaquille were the only three-year-olds to win one of 14 Group 1s over 5f-6f in Europe.
- In the past 20 years, only three three-year-olds have won the King's Stand Stakes.
- Four three-year-olds won the Queen Elizabeth II Jubilee Stakes in the 20 years prior to it becoming restricted to four-year-olds and older in 2015 following the formation of the Commonwealth Cup (the only G1 sprint for three-year-olds only).
- Eight three-year-olds have won the July Cup in the past 20 years.
- Five three-year-olds have won the Prix Maurice de Gheest in the past 20 years.
- Four three-year-olds and one two-year-old have won the Nunthorpe in the past 20 years.
- Nine three-year-olds have won the Haydock Sprint Cup in the same period.
- In six runnings as a Group 1, the Flying Five Stakes has been won twice by three-year-olds.
- The Prix de l'Abbaye has been won six times by three-year-olds and once by a two-year-old in the past 20 years.

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Shaquille (hood) at Royal Ascot | Horsephotos

Granted it may not be quite as black and white as Japan's lone pair of Group 1 sprints. However, that's at JRA tracks only versus the entirety of the Pattern in Europe. If the perceived time and patience, and thus extra cost, is your deterrent from breeding middle-distance horses the evidence suggests a change of direction. The best chance of striking at the highest level is undoubtedly with middle-distance horses and if you're not trying to give yourself the best chance of being the best then what's the point? Harry's reasons behind Japan's key focus seem equally applicable here in theory but for some unfortunate reason, not in practice.

Sincerely,  
Laura Joy, Ireland

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## BRITAIN

### ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

**Sovereign Knight (GB)**, g, 3, **Ten Sovereigns (Ire)**--Whatabird (Ire), by **Gleneagles (Ire)**. Lingfield, 2-11, 6f 1y (AWT), 1:12.86. Lifetime Record: 4-1-1-1, \$11,824. B-Haras de Hus (GB). \*€18,000 RNA Ylg '22 ARQDOY; €24,000 2yo '23 ARQJUL.

## FRANCE

### Sunday's Results:

**PRIX SAONNOIS-Listed**, €52,000, Cagnes-sur-Mer, 2-11, 4yo/up, 8f (AWT), 1:34.50, st.

1--**HOOKING (GB)**, 129, g, 8, **Lope De Vega (Ire)**--**Quanzhou (Fr)** (SW-Eng), by **Dubawi (Ire)**. (€97,000 Ylg '17 ARQOCT). O-Ecurie Griezmann; B-Haras de la Perelle (GB); T-Philippe Decouz; J-Ronan Thomas. €26,000. Lifetime Record: GSP-Fr, 39-11-6-2, €315,101.

2--**Fast Raaj (Fr)**, 129, g, 6, **Iffraaj (GB)**--**Interesting (Ire)**, by Raven's Pass. O-Alain Jathiere, Ecurie du Parc Monceau, Haras d'Etreham, Y Barberot & Riviera Equine S.A.R.L; B-Haras d'Etreham, Riviera Equine S.A.R.L & Ecurie du Parc Monceau (FR); T-Yann Barberot. €10,400.

3--**Wally (Ire)**, 125, g, 7, **Siyouni (Fr)**--**Full Of Beauty (GB)**, by Motivator (GB). (€130,000 Ylg '18 ARAUG; €140,000 RNA HRA '20 ARQARC). O-Ecurie Jean-Pierre Barjon; B-Ecurie Haras du Cadran, Sas I.E.I. & Lerner (S) (IRE); T-Jean-Claude Rouget. €7,800.

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Margins: 3/4, NO, 1HF. Odds: 3.30, 9.00, 1.10.

Also Ran: Kovrov (Fr), Tempus (GB), Perle Rouge (Fr), Precious Sea (GB). **Video, sponsored by TVG.**

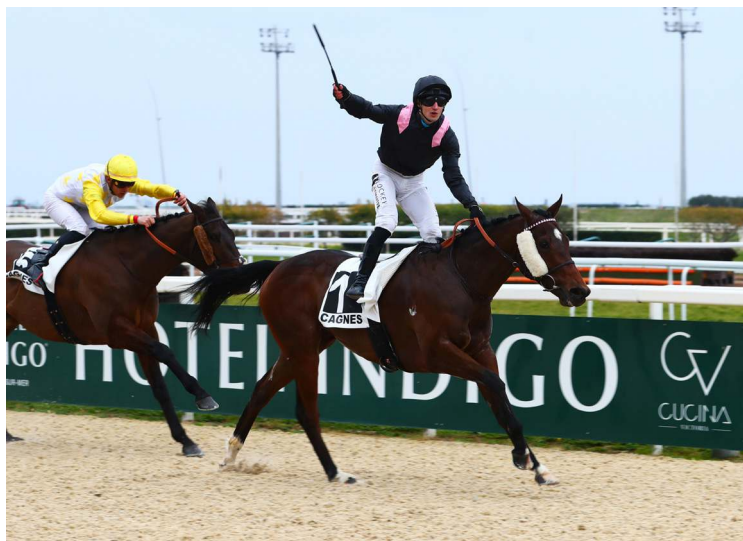
Emulating his feat of 2023 in winning this and the track's 10-furlong Listed Grand Prix de la Riviera Cote d'Azur, Hooking crowned himself the official "King of the Riviera" to wrap up a second Polytrack Challenge and the €30,000 bonus. The first purchase by the French footballer of international renown Antoine Griezmann, the evergreen veteran excels on the all-weather but had also shown a smart level of form on turf last summer when second in the G3 La Coupe at ParisLongchamp. Travelling with intent throughout the early stages with Ronan Thomas exercising restraint close to the pace, he was launched approaching the furlong pole and soon had control at his happiest hunting ground.

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**Hooking** (pictured winning in 2023) defends his Prix Saonois crown in the 2024 edition to wrap the Polytrack challenge as well as his claim to the title 'King of the Riviera' | *Scoop Dyga*

The listed-winning dam, who has also produced the Polish bigwig Le Destrier (Ire) (Le Havre {Ire}) and whose 2-year-old colt Quiet Sea (Fr) (**Oasis Dream {GB}**) was an €80,000 acquisition by Loko Trans S.R.O at Arqana Deauville October, is kin to the G1 Prix du Cadran hero Mille Et Mille (GB) (Muhtathir {GB}) and the G3 Prix de Conde-placed Capo Maximo (GB) (Cape Cross {Ire}). The third dam is the G1 Deutschland-Preis and G2 Preis der Diana-placed Quezon City (Ger) (Law Society).

**1st-Cagnes-sur-Mer, €26,000, Cond, 2-11, 3yo, 6 1/2f (AWT), 1:16.90, st.**

**KERAN (FR) (c, 3, Blue Point {Ire}--Kerasona {Fr} {SW-Fr}, by **Oasis Dream {GB}**)**, who was restricted to just two outings as a juvenile, the latest of which was a second in a six-furlong conditions event at Toulouse in October, was dropped out last of the quintet throughout the early stages. Powering to the head of affairs approaching the furlong pole, the homebred drew away in a canter to win unextended by 4 1/2 lengths from Nova Ken (Fr) (Kendargent {Fr}). The listed-winning dam, who is a half-sister to the G3 Prix du Bois winner Keratiya (Fr) (Iron Mask), was a €30,000 cast-off at the 2022 Arqana December Sale. She has a 2-year-old filly by Hello Youmzain (Fr) and a yearling daughter of Wooded (Ire), who sold for €52,000 to WH Bloodstock at the Goffs November Foal Sale. Lifetime Record: 3-2-1-0, €29,900. **Video, sponsored by FanDuel TV.** O-H H The Aga Khan; B-H H The Aga Khan's Studs SC (FR); T-Jean-Claude Rouget.

#### ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

**Fashion Grey (Fr)**, c, 3, **The Grey Gatsby (Ire)**--Lady Speedy (Ire), by Speedmaster (Ger). Cagnes-sur-Mer, 2-11, 10f (AWT), 2:02.27. B-Mme Y Pantall & H-A Pantall (FR).

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### Sunday, Kyoto, Japan

**KYOTO KINEN-G2**, ¥119,700,000, Kyoto, 2-11, 4yo/up, 2200mT, 2:12.10, fm.

1--**PRADARIA (JPN)**, 128, h, 5, by Deep Impact (Jpn)

1st Dam: Chasse' Roll (Jpn), by Kurofune

2nd Dam: Poporus (Jpn), by Forty Niner

3rd Dam: Little Audrey (Jpn), by Groom Dancer

O-Nagoya Yuho Inc.; B-Orient Farm; T-Manabu Ikezoe; J-Kenichi Ikezoe; ¥62,840,000. Lifetime Record: 15-4-2-2, ¥258,026,000. **Werk Nick Rating: A+++**. \*Triple Plus\*. **Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree. Click for the free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree.**

2--**Bellagio Opera (Jpn)**, 126, c, 4, Lord Kanaloa (Jpn)--Air Routine (Jpn), by Harbinger (GB). O-Shorai Hayashida; B-Shadai Farm; ¥25,240,000.

3--**Babbitt (Jpn)**, 126, h, 7, Nakayama Festa (Jpn)--Art Ryoko (Jpn), by Taiki Shuttle. (¥1,620,000 Ylg '18 HOKOCT; ¥5,400,000 2yo '19 HOKMAY). O-Naoya Miyata; B-Taihoku Farm; ¥16,120,000.

Margins: 3/4, 2, NK; Odds: 3.00, 1.20, 81.90.

Also Ran: Chevalier Rose (Jpn), Ravel (Jpn), Brave Rocker (Jpn), Platina Treasure (Jpn), Rouge Eveil (Jpn), Matenro Leo (Jpn), African Gold (Jpn), Naimama (Jpn), Jet Motion (Jpn).

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### Sunday, Tokyo, Japan

**KYODO NEWS SERVICE HAI-G3**, ¥77,810,000, Tokyo, 2-11, 3yo, 1800mT, 1:48.00, fm.

1--**JUSTIN MILANO (JPN)**, 126, c, 3, by Kizuna (Jpn)

1st Dam: Margot Did (Ire) (Hwt. Filly-Eng at 5-7f, G1SW-Eng, \$425,664), by Exceed And Excel (Aus)

2nd Dam: Special Dancer (GB), by Shareef Dancer

3rd Dam: Caraniya (Ire), by Darshaan (GB)

O-Masahiro Miki; B-Northern Farm; T-Yasuo Tomomichi; J-Keita Tosaki; ¥41,357,000. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, ¥48,557,000. \*Half to Mission Impassible (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}), GSW & G1SP-Fr, GISP-NA, \$311,814; Magic Attitude (GB) (Galileo {Ire}), GSW & G1SP-Fr, GISW-NA, \$439,402. **Werk Nick Rating: C+**. **Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree. Click for the free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree.**

2--**Jantar Mantar (Jpn)**, 126, c, 3, by Palace Malice--India Mantuana, by Wilburn. O-Shadai Race Horse; B-Shadai Farm; ¥16,102,000.

3--**Power Hall (Jpn)**, 126, c, 3, Suave Richard (Jpn)--Strawberries (Jpn), by Commands (Aus). O-NICKS Inc.; B-Hirano Farm;

¥10,051,000.

Margins: 1HF, 1, 1 3/4; Odds: 5.60, 1.50, 150.20

Also Ran: Dee My the Kid (Jpn), Ecoro Walz (Jpn), Bellagio Bond (Jpn), Mr G T (Jpn), Foster Bond (Jpn), Enya Love Faith (Jpn), Showman Fleet (Jpn). **Click for the JRA chart & video.**

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