

WONG SUSPENDED TWO YEARS AND FINED \$25,000, SAYS HE WILL APPEAL



Jonathan Wong | Benoit

by Dan Ross

Trainer Jonathan Wong has been suspended for two years and fined \$25,000 for a post-race metformin positive from last June after a Jan. 9 hearing before the Horseracing Integrity and Safety Authority's arbitration panel.

The two-year period of ineligibility retroactively starts July 1, 2023, when Wong's initial provisional suspension was first imposed.

He will also pay \$8,000 of HIWU's share of the arbitration, in addition to his own arbitration fees. As the maximum possible sentence for such a violation, the ruling marks the latest twist in a case that became entangled in the evolving rules of the Horseracing Integrity and Safety Act's enforcement efforts.

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MATING PLANS, PRESENTED BY SPENDTHRIFT: BLUE DIAMOND'S STONEREATH MARES

As we approach the opening of the 2024 breeding season, the TDN staff is once again sitting down with leading breeders to find out what stallions they have chosen for their mares, and why. Today we caught up with Imad Al Sagar of Blue Diamond Stud, who added a Kentucky base, Stonereath Farm, in August.

"The acquisition of *Stonereath Farm in Kentucky* last summer has allowed us great opportunity to diversify," Al Sagar said. "A handful of Blue Diamond mares already resided in Kentucky but with the addition of Stonereath, which covers 252 acres near Paris, we have increased that number; several have been sourced specifically with an eye on breeding and racing in the U.S. while others will continue to switch to and from our base in Newmarket in order to take advantage of the differing bloodlines available in Kentucky. We are lucky to have an excellent team of people overseeing Stonereath, including farm manager Jenn Laidlaw, office manager Erin Dilger and Walter Nathaniel Lobato."

DAWN OF HOPE (IRE) (11, Mastercraftsman {Ire}--Sweet Firebird {Ire}, by Sadler's Wells), in foal to Lope De Vega (Ire) and visits *Justify*

Dawn Of Hope was a high-class filly for us, winning the Listed Prix Petite Etoile, and her first three foals are winners.

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Wong Suspended, Will Appeal *(cont. from p1)*

While the arbitrator rejected that this was contamination, **several other Metformin** cases have called into question whether or not possible environmental contamination should be treated the same way that other positives are treated.

The case also appears far from over. In a short statement, Wong wrote that he had appealed the ruling to the Federal Trade Commission, and, if denied, he would appeal to federal court. Wong also explained that he would seek a temporary injunction against the ban.

"By the time this new story breaks, we will have already filed or will be filing our appropriate appeal, whether in Federal Court or with an Administrative Law Judge through the Federal Trade Commission. It is entirely possible we will dual-path this situation and file in both. In all instances, we will seek an Emergency Order with Injunctive Relief. The facts and merits of the case will be heard," Wong wrote, in a joint statement with his long-time owner, Brent Malmstrom.

Wong-trainee **Heaven and Earth** (Gormley) broke her maiden at Indiana Grand June 1 but subsequently tested positive for the prescription drug Metformin, a type 2 diabetes treatment that HISA has classified as a banned substance.

As a matter of protocol at that time, **HIWU initially provisionally suspended Wong** at the beginning of June when the A sample returned a positive finding for Metformin.

The HISA Authority subsequently **announced that it had modified the rules surroundig provisional suspensions**. Under the revised provisions, responsible parties who request B Sample confirmation following a positive test for a banned substance would no longer face a provisional suspension until the B sample findings are returned.

In Wong's case, **he was notified** Aug. 9 that the B Sample confirmed the Metformin positive.

Though Wong was technically permitted to return to training for a brief period while the B sample was being processed, **he explained at the time** that his owners did not wish to transfer the horses back with the B Sample results expected imminently, and effectively has not trained since July 2.

Metformin ranks as the nation's third-most-prescribed human medicine, according to the consumer healthcare website Healthgrades, with more 20 million patients taking it. As a banned substance under HISA, a metformin positive comes with a possible two-year suspension and \$25,000 fine.

Because of the possible severity of the sanctions and its ubiquity in the environment, metformin has been **at the heart of several cases** since HISA's anti-doping and medication control program went into effect that have led some to question whether HIWU is deploying too strict an enforcement approach to the drug.



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Furthermore, in October HIWU announced that internal reviews of its **six contracted laboratories** uncovered different limits of detection in blood for metformin, triggering a process of testing harmonization in blood across the labs for the drug. **Until that point**, all the metformin positives originated from just the one lab.



Lisa Lazarus | *Jockey Club photo*

The Horseracing Integrity and Welfare Unit (HIWU) has posted a **detailed explainer of the ruling on its website**.

The report details how the A sample was sent to the HIWU-accredited Industrial Laboratories in Denver Colorado, while the B sample was sent to the Chicago Analytical Forensic Testing Laboratory in Chicago, Illinois, for confirmatory analysis.

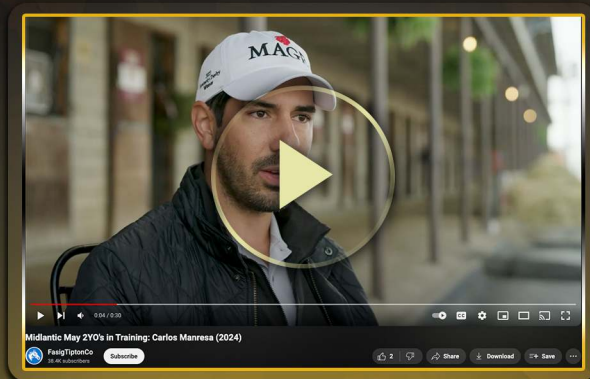
According to the report, the Kenneth L. Maddy Equine Analytical Chemistry Laboratory at the University of California, Davis, conducted "Further Analysis" on the A blood sample "received from Industrial," and on the "remainder of the B urine sample" received from the Chicago lab.

"Apparently, they can swing till they're happy," said Malmstrom, when asked about that development.

Wong's legal team presented several defenses during the hearing, including that Heaven and Earth had a groom who urinated in the stall and frequently touched the horse on the mouth. They said that the groom was on Metformin, and had fled to Mexico after the finding, for fear he had contaminated the horse, and could not be found. He argued that the sample being sent to the Maddy lab for further testing--a third laboratory--suggested questionable conduct on the part of HIWU. The samples at all three labs were positive.

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"There is, unfortunately, the simple fact that Mr. Wong has been untruthful in this proceeding. I find that Mr. Wong has not met his threshold burden of establishing the source of the contamination and thus there is no mitigation that might possibly be considered for Wong, and his sanction should be two years of Ineligibility," wrote arbitrator Nancy Holtz in her finding.

"There is no doubt that Mr. Wong is an experienced, highly successful trainer who has climbed the ranks of this industry from the bottom up. His conduct and performance as a trainer presents a mixed bag: He has submitted numerous letters of support and praise from a constellation of highly regarded people in the horse racing industry. There is also no doubt that Mr. Wong has suffered financially, professionally, and emotionally from the Provisional Suspension and this will no doubt continue during the balance of the Ineligibility period. Balanced against these facts, however, is a record which does not support that Mr. Wong did much to prevent this contamination from occurring. If Mr. Wong was engaged in routine, frequent trainings of his staff regarding not urinating in the stalls, keeping hands clean and so on--which I do not believe--he certainly did not couple this with any level of monitoring, enforcement, or deterrence such as through imposing consequences for violators. Mr. Wong is no doubt a decent person who, in his own way, has tried to put the safety and welfare of his horses first. But despite his best intentions, the evidence is clear that Mr. Wong has abdicated his obligation as a Covered Person to protect the safety and welfare of the horses under his care consistent with ADMC Rules."

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BLACKER HANDED THREE-MONTH SUSPENSION, \$15,000 FINE

The Santa Anita stewards on Sunday issued trainer Dan Blacker a 90-day suspension and a \$15,000 fine for 527 separate incidents of failing to undertake the necessary pre-workout veterinary examination reporting process for horses in his care.

The three-month suspension is scheduled to run from Feb. 26, 2024, to May 25, 2024. During that time, Blacker will be denied access to all licensed premises in California.

Last October, the California Horse Racing Board (CHRB) charged Blacker with failing to comply with regulations requiring

that a horse undergoes a veterinary exam within 72 hours of a workout and that the work is entered into a CHRB database. The 527 incidents occurred over a period of a year and a half. In a statement last October, Blacker took "**full responsibility**" for the rules violations.

The issue came to light when an unraced Blacker-trainee named Animae (Speightstown) suffered a fatal injury after a July 1 workout at Santa Anita.

The CHRB investigated and found that no pre-workout report on Animae had been filed within three days of the work and that veterinary reports were also not filed for two of three of the filly's workouts prior to the July 1 work.

"During a horse-fatality investigation for the horse Animae, it was found the horse did not have an examination by his attending veterinarian entered into EquiTAPS database during the 72 hours immediately preceding an official workout," the CHRB complaint read. "Three out of the four official workouts listed for Animae did not have a veterinarian exam listed, including the official workout when the horse suffered the fatality."

As part of a subsequent broader investigation, the CHRB discovered that from Jan. 1, 2022--when the rule requiring horses to undergo a vet's inspection prior to a workout went into effect--to July 1, 2023, Blacker-trained horses worked 789 times but veterinary reports were not filed for 527 of those workouts.

In his October statement posted on social media, Blacker wrote that he had always been careful to make sure his horses were properly examined before working.

"I want to make it clear that I am in contact with my veterinary team daily," Blacker wrote. "We jog up every horse, every day before they go to the track. The horses in training are thoroughly evaluated by myself, my team and my veterinarian on a daily basis."

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BLUE DIAMOND'S STONEREATH MARES

Dawn of Hope's first foal, Kind Gesture (GB) (Decorated Knight {GB}), came close to gaining black type in Britain and is currently running well in Australia, and we are hopeful there is more to come from her 3-year-old Blown Away (GB) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}) with John and Thady Gosden. We have retained her 2-year-old **Sea The Stars (Ire)** filly Gaugamela (GB), who goes to Andre Fabre.

Like everyone else, we have been impressed with what **Justify** has achieved with his first two crops--we bred one of his early stakes winners, Wonderful Justice (GB). It is notable how well he has done with Danehill-line mares, particularly in Australia--Storm Boy (Aus), Learning To Fly (Aus) and Legacies (Aus) spring to mind.

Dawn Of Hope's family goes back to Native Street via the Fire The Groom branch, so it has had its share of success in America as well. With so much currently going on in the family and her own talent to take into account, we took the decision to ship Dawn Of Hope over from Newmarket specifically to send to **Justify**.

Also going to **Justify** is **Floret (Ire)**, a Galileo (Ire) half-sister to Moonlight Cloud (GB) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}) from the Doff The Derby family. She is in foal to **Blame** and by sending her to **Justify**, we are repeating the Galileo cross responsible for City Of Troy, Unless, and Buchu among others.



Dawn Of Hope and her '23 Pinatubo (Ire) colt | Equus Images

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FREE LOOK (4, **Tapit**--Wild Mint, by Medaglia d'Oro) to be bred to **Gun Runner**

Tapit is such a good broodmare sire and we were trying for some time to add a daughter to our broodmare band. Free Look was second in the GII Miss Grillo S. and fifth in the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies' Turf as a 2-year-old, plus she's a very good-looking individual from the immediate family of **Violence**. So we were delighted to buy her at the Fasig-Tipton July Sale and she went on to win on her first start for us on dirt.

We were keen to start her off with a proven stallion at the highest level and **Gun Runner** fits the bill with his immense success with **Tapit** in mind--even allowing for the level of opportunity given the fact both are Winchell horses, it's very notable that **Gun Runner** already has six stakes winners out of **Tapit** mares.



Free Look | Amy Lanigan

I'M WONDERFUL (8, Giant's Causeway--Rebridled Dreams, by Unbridled's Song), had a colt by **Blame** and visits **Tapit**

I'm Wonderful is out of Coffee Pot Stable's excellent producer Rebridled Dreams and therefore a sister to Carpe Diem. One of our first mares to be based in Kentucky, her first foal, Wonderful Justice (**Justify**), won last year's Black Gold S. for us at Fair Grounds. She just foaled a colt by **Blame** as part of our strategy to tap into Roberto blood and now heads to **Tapit**. This mating produces inbreeding to Unbridled, similar to the pattern found in the backgrounds of **Tapit**'s Grade I winners Unique Bella, Sweet Loretta, Valiance and **Tapit** Trice. However, the key here is to also make use of **Tapit**. He's become such an important influence, both through his sons and daughters, and we are keen to utilise him while we can.



I'm Wonderful with Wonderful Justice as a foal | Equus Images

MANASAROVA (11, More Than Ready--Manaahil, by Mr. Greeley), in foal to **Not This Time** and visits **Blame**

From the Ballade family, Manasarova was listed-placed as a 2-year-old and has already produced a really good filly in France called Sicilian Defense (GB) (Muhaarar {GB}), who won a pair of listed races and was Group 2-placed. We have retained her 3-year-old filly by Zoustar (Aus), Yusra, and she is with Andre Fabre. Manasarova is one of three mares we are sending to **Blame** this season. We hold the Roberto line, with its propensity for throwing sound and talented horses, in high regard. So one of the ideas behind using **Blame** is to tap into one of the remaining Kentucky-based representatives of that sire line and hopefully produce some fillies for the broodmare band down the line.

Also heading to **Blame** is **Jousi (GB)**, a homebred Dubawi (Ire) granddaughter of Irish 1000 Guineas winner Classic Park (GB) who won an Ascot maiden as a 2-year-old for us, and **Star Of Bristol**, a Speightstown half-sister to Mastercraftsman (Ire). Star Of Bristol's first two foals have both won and we have retained her **Wootton Bassett (GB)** 2-year-old filly, who goes to Christopher Head. Given **Blame**'s affinity with mares carrying Mr. Prospector, we hope that she will be a good fit.

OCEAN SAFARI (5, Temple City--Media Access, by Devil's Bag) to be bred to **Not This Time**

One of two stakes-winning Temple City mares we bought last November, Ocean Safari won the Honey Ryder S. **Not This Time** has been extremely impressive to date and his progeny seem versatile as well, which suits an operation like Blue Diamond that races on turf and dirt. We have two mares due to foal to him this year in Grade I winner Abscond, who is back in Newmarket ahead of a visit to **Frankel (GB)**, and Manasarova.

In the case of this mare, **Not This Time** has already been effective with the Hail To Reason/Roberto line, to whom Ocean Safari is inbred; Cogburn, Simplification, Midnight Stroll, Howling Time being examples. The cross also produces inbreeding to Ballade, a pattern which we've seen behind several stakes winners by Giant's Causeway and his brother Freud. **Not This Time** is very much on the rise, with his versatility in the mould of his sire Giant's Causeway; all things considered, he should be a very good starting point for a young mare like Ocean Safari.



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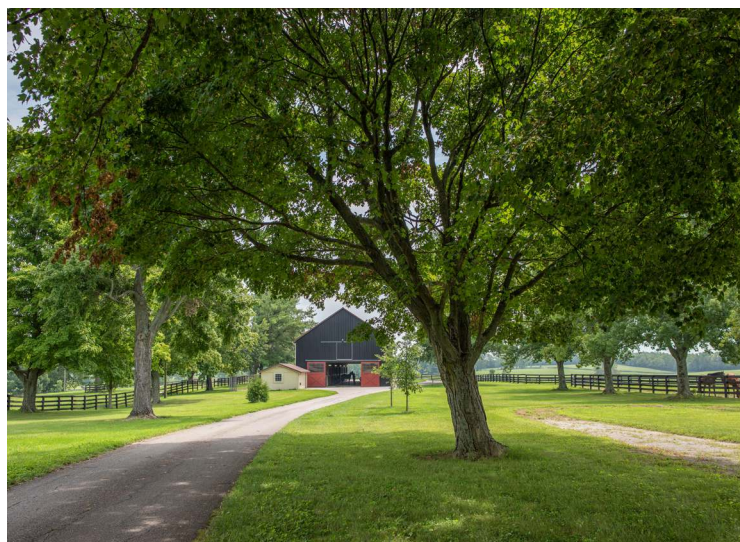
QUEEN OF THE TEMPLE (6, Temple City--Queennameina, by Read The Footnotes) to be bred to **Uncle Mo**

Another hard-knocking daughter of Temple City who won the Santa Barbara S. and was multiple graded stakes-placed. Like Ocean Safari, we were keen to start her off with a proven sire. **Uncle Mo** is so reliable, he's a good option for starting off a young mare, and he's also versatile when it comes to dirt and turf. Although he's out of an Arch mare, he's had good results when bred back to the Hail To Reason/Roberto line--runners like Bast, Bye Bye Melvin, Mo Ready and Royal Mo for example.

ANGLE OF ATTACK (7, Maclean's Music--Bourbon Warfare, by Colonel John) to be bred to Bolt d'Oro

It's hard not to be impressed by Bolt d'Oro's early results, especially his statistics. Angle Of Attack, a young stakes-winning mare who is owned in partnership with Kuwait Racing Syndicate, already has a yearling filly by him and we've decided to send her back; Bolt d'Oro's early success with the mares from the Distorted Humor line, highlighted by Major Dude, certainly adds weight on paper.

Joining Angle Of Attack on a return trip to Bolt d'Oro is **New Jazz**. She is a winning daughter of Scat Daddy and that particular cross has already produced Bobby O.



Stonereath Farm in Kentucky is the new base for Al Sagar's American mares | [Blue Diamond Stud](#)

ARWA (IRE) (10, **Holy Roman Emperor {Ire}**--Another Storm, by Gone West) to be bred to **Elite Power**


Arwa is a winning half-sister to six stakes horses including Order Of St George (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) and out of a daughter of Storm Song so it's a versatile family with championship form on dirt and turf under the first two dams. For us, **Elite Power** is an extremely appealing package; a brilliant sprinter who retired sound with the looks and pedigree to support his talent. We are looking forward to supporting him at Juddmonte.

DANCING KIKI (7, **Blame**--Justenufappeal, by Exchange Rate), in foal to Medaglia d'Oro and visits **Violence**

A tough stakes-winning daughter of **Blame** who was effective on dirt and turf. She is in foal to Medaglia d'Oro and we are staying on the same theme by sending her to **Violence**, who of course sired Forte out of a **Blame** mare.


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"It's a good incentive," David Clancy, a long-time owner and breeder, and owner of Toronto-based accounting firm Clancy CPA & Co, said of the Mare Purchase Program. "Some of my better mares are getting a bit older now, so I was looking to upscale my mares a bit with some younger stock, so that's why I decided to [make use of the program] this year."

Clancy purchased three mares in two Kentucky sales, with help from the Mare Purchase Program.

He acquired **Carta de Oro** (**Medaglia d'Oro**) for \$170,000 and **Marge Takes Charge** (Empire Maker) for \$92,000 at the 2023

Keeneland November Breeding Stock Sale, and **Daddy Issues** (Scat Daddy) for \$48,000 at last week's Fasig-Tipton Kentucky Winter Mixed Sale.

Owners from across North America shipped mares to Ontario to foal as part of the Mare Recruitment Program, taking advantage of the "Ontario Bred" status foaling in the province confers.

"Ontario, I think, is a good place to breed," said Clancy. "And, ultimately, the horse will run at Woodbine, and Woodbine has pretty good purses overall, I think."

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A halter worn by Triple Crown winner **Justify** is one of the items available during the 2024 Bourbon and the Bayou online silent auction, which benefits CASA of Lexington. Also available are halters worn by champions **Gun Runner** and **Monomoy Girl**. Bidding on the halters is open at bandb2024.givesmart.com.

CASA of Lexington is a non-profit organization that provides advocacy for hundreds of abused and neglected children in central Kentucky every year.

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Sarah Delany Martinez Medical Recovery Fund



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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The auction, which concludes with an in-person gala, closes at 9:45 p.m. Feb. 23. Buyers do not have to attend the gala and items will be available for pick-up at the CASA of Lexington office, 3245 Loch Ness Drive, beginning 10 a.m. Feb. 26 or may be shipped at buyer's expense.

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Illinois horse racing tracks still on a slow path to racinos

Representatives from both Hawthorne Race Course and Fairmount Park presented in-progress reports to the Illinois Gaming Board on Thursday regarding plans to build casinos on both sides of the state, but the two horse racing tracks were still lacking clear-cut timelines to open their respective venues. Hawthorne, located in the south Chicago suburb of Stickney, was declared "preliminary suitable" by the IGB for a racino in July 2020, while Fairmount Park--near St. Louis and the Missouri border--received that designation a few months later. Both tracks offer retail sports betting, with Hawthorne also operating sportsbooks at the maximum three off-track betting locations allowed by state law via PointsBet (soon to be Fanatics Sportsbook) and Fairmount Park rebranded to FanDuel Sportsbook & Horse Racing when its sportsbook opened in March 2021. **Chris Altruda, USBets.com, Feb. 9, 2024**



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Claiborne Farm's **Catholic Boy** was represented by his first stakes winner over the past weekend | *EquiSport*

Sire (Sire's Sire)	#SWs	#GSW
Catholic Boy (More Than Ready) (<i>El Catolico--Clasico Jorge Washington S.-L</i>)	1	---
STANDING AT CLAIBORNE FARM • CLICK HERE FOR MORE NOMINATE A MARE • EMAIL BERNIE SAMs		
Into Mischief (Harlan's Holiday) (<i>Coppola--Gulfstream Park Turf Sprint S.-L</i>)	145	68
Not This Time (Giant's Causeway) (<i>No More Time--Sam F. Davis S.-GIII</i>)	32	14
STANDING AT TAYLOR MADE STALLIONS • CLICK FOR MORE NOMINATE A MARE • EMAIL TRAVIS WHITE		
Tapiture (Tapit) (<i>Nice as Pie--Valdale S.</i>)	25	2
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2024 YTD Leading Fourth-Crop Sires by Graded Stakes Winners

Standing NA - Worldwide Earnings - NH Foals											
Rank	Stallion	BTW	BTH	GSW	GSH	G1SW	G1SH	Starters	Wnrs	Highest Earner	Earnings
1	Cupid (2013) by Tapit	1	2	1	1	--	--	45	7	\$60,000	\$211,431
		FYR: 2019		Crops: 4	Stands: Atlanta Hall Farm MD				Fee: 8,000		Desert Dawn
2	Practical Joke (2014) by Into Mischief	3	6	--	1	--	--	137	26	\$87,750	\$1,376,285
		FYR: 2019		Crops: 4	Stands: Coolmore Ashford KY				Fee: 45,000		Skelly
3	Gun Runner (2013) by Candy Ride (ARG)	--	3	--	2	--	--	95	20	\$85,167	\$1,056,184
		FYR: 2019		Crops: 4	Stands: Three Chimneys Farm KY				Fee: 250,000		Bolzy
4	American Freedom (2013) by Pulpit	--	1	--	--	--	--	52	9	\$56,280	\$395,531
		FYR: 0		Crops: 4	Stands: AR				Fee: 3,500		Good Skate
5	Unified (2013) by Candy Ride (ARG)	--	1	--	--	--	--	61	15	\$39,600	\$356,920
		FYR: 2019		Crops: 4	Stands: Lacer at Aztec Equine LA				Fee: 3,500		Beach Boy Al
6	Connect (2013) by Curlin	--	1	--	1	--	--	83	7	\$51,000	\$353,420
		FYR: 2019		Crops: 4	Stands: Lane's End Farm KY				Fee: 15,000		She's a Tempest
7	El Deal (2012) by Munnings	1	2	--	1	--	--	32	8	\$94,800	\$348,240
		FYR: 0		Crops: 4	Stands: LA				Fee: 2,500		Free Like a Girl
8	Keen Ice (2012) by Curlin	--	--	--	--	--	--	69	9	\$41,400	\$300,142
		FYR: 2019		Crops: 4	Stands: Calumet Farm KY				Fee: 7,500		Shezz Koldazice
9	Mo Tom (2013) by Uncle Mo	1	3	--	--	--	--	21	4	\$78,300	\$287,510
		FYR: 0		Crops: 4	Stands: LA				Fee: 2,000		Wholelottamo
10	Danzing Candy (2013) by Twirling Candy	--	--	--	--	--	--	31	9	\$46,800	\$267,228
		FYR: 0		Crops: 4	Stands: CA				Fee: 5,000		Sand to Sea
11	Neolithic (2013) by Harlan's Holiday	--	--	--	--	--	--	34	10	\$39,750	\$244,514
		FYR: 0		Crops: 4	Stands: FL				Fee: 5,000		Jordi's Dream
12	Bal a Bali (BRZ) (2010) by Put It Back	--	1	--	--	--	--	36	6	\$85,800	\$236,036
		FYR: 2019		Crops: 4	Stands: Calumet Farm KY				Fee: 5,000		Thrill of It
13	Divining Rod (2012) by Tapit	--	--	--	--	--	--	33	11	\$33,600	\$236,019
		FYR: 0		Crops: 4	Stands: MD				Fee: 4,000		Liquidator
14	Midnight Storm (2011) by Pioneerof the Nile	--	--	--	--	--	--	35	9	\$28,800	\$212,961
		FYR: 0		Crops: 4	Stands: CA				Fee: 4,000		Phenom
15	Stanford (2012) by Malibu Moon	--	--	--	--	--	--	46	11	\$53,820	\$199,013
		FYR: 2019		Crops: 4	Stands: Harris Farms CA				Fee: 5,000		Carmen Miranda

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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



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

Breeders: 1-R. S. Evans, 2-Mikhail Yanakov, 3-Kinsman Farm, 4-Gainesway Thoroughbreds LTD., 5-HnR Nothhaft Horseracing LLC & Pioneerof the Nile Syndicate, 6-Machmer Hall, 7-Jeff Little, Teresa Little, Marilyn Little & William Lynn, 8-Bret Jones, 9-Tall Oaks Farm, 10-Three Chimneys Farm, LLC, 11-Ann Mudge Backer & Smitten Farm, 12-Dr. Charles H. Huber & English Channel Co-Owners

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
9	Imonra	Violence	Vegso Racing Stable	Joseph, Jr.	Zayas	118
10	Libban	Laoban	C2 Racing Stable LLC and Braverman, Paul	Joseph, Jr.	Gonzalez	118
11	Nostalgic	Medaglia d'Oro	Godolphin, LLC	Mott	Alvarado	120

Breeders: 1-Westbrook Stables, 2-R. G. Lundock, 3-Whitham Thoroughbreds, LLC, 4-Haras Lizzie, 5-Westrock Stables LLC, 6-William Harrigan & Mike Pietrangelo, 7-Colin Mouttet & Paul Mouttet, 8-Rose Hill Farm & John Trumbulovic, 9-Vegso Racing Stable, 10-Southern Equine Stables, LLC, 11-Godolphin

Sunday, Sunland #9, post time: 6:17 p.m. EST**SUNLAND PARK DERBY-GIII, \$400,000, 3yo, 1 1/16m**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	No Trouble 🦿	World of Trouble	Jim Volk	Marr	Tohill	122
2	Surroundedbyangels	Smiling Tiger	Jeremy Ramsland	Hone	Medellin	122
3	Curlin's Kaos	Clubhouse Ride	Zephyr Racing LLC and Pais, Alfred	Garcia	Herrera	122
4	Lucky Jeremy 🦿	Lookin At Lucky	Jeremy Ramsland	Morey	Ramos	122
5	Stronghold	Ghostzapper	Waller, Eric M. and Waller, Sharon	D'Amato	Fresu	122
6	Alotaluck	Sir Prancealot (Ire)	Eleanor Martin	Garrett	Ceballos	122
7	Da Ringo 🦿	Union Rags	Cecil Peters	Gonzalez, Jr.	Juarez, Jr.	122
8	Informed Patriot 🦿	Hard Spun	Robison, J. Kirk and Robison, Judy	Asmussen	Rosario	122

Breeders: 1-Hill 'n' Dale Syndicated Stallions, Inc. & Sheltowee Farm, 2-Willow Tree Farm & G. W. Thomas, 3-James Shenouda & Alfred Pais, 4-Mr. & Mrs. Craig L Minten, 5-Eric Waller & Sharon Waller, 6-Eleanor Martin, 7-WinStar Farm, LLC, 8-Gainesway Thoroughbreds LTD & WhisperHill Farm

NORTH AMERICAN RACING



IN ORDER OF PURSE:

CLASICO JORGE WASHINGTON S., \$41,040, Camarero, 2-11, 3yo, 1 1/16m, 1:46.42, ft.

1--**EL CATOLICO**, 120, c, 3, by **Catholic Boy**

1st Dam: **Parade of Roses (SW)**, by **New Year's Day**

2nd Dam: **Rose and Shine**, by **Mr. Sekiguchi**

3rd Dam: **Yellowenglishrose**, by **Colonial Affair**

(\$32,000 Ylg '22 FTKOCT; \$26,000 2yo '23 OBSOPN).

1ST BLACK TYPE WIN. O-Denian Stable; B-KatieRich Farms (KY); T-Eric A. Betancourt; J-Edwin Castro. \$23,803. Lifetime Record: 6-3-1-2, \$59,519.

2--**Frannys Son**, 120, c, 3, Get Stormy--Frannys Last Dance, by Spring At Last. (\$9,000 RNA Ylg '22 FTKFEB; \$25,000 Ylg '22 FTKOCT; \$20,000 2yo '23 OBSAPR). **1ST BLACK TYPE.** O-LM Stable PR; B-James Keogh & Charles Muth (KY); T-Alexis Rivera. \$8,208.

3--**Coleccionista**, 120, c, 3, **Collected**--Miss Katie Bug, by Point of Entry. (\$20,000 Ylg '22 KEESEP; \$52,000 2yo '23 OBSMAR). O-Sonata Stable; B-Theresa Shone & Galway Bloodstock (KY); T-Ramon Morales. \$4,104.

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Margins: 1 3/4, HF, 1 1/4. Odds: 1.30, 10.90, 1.20.

Also Ran: Thiago, Barrendero, **Frosted Moment**.

Never off the board in five prior starts including a last-out victory over course and distance Jan. 11, El Catolico picked up his first black type Sunday with a win in the Clasico Jorge Washington S. After breaking mid pack from the inside slot, the second choice in the wagering stalked off Frannys Son and had to come with a wide move to challenge off the far turn. Up to lead inside the final furlong, he was able to clear off for the win. The first stakes winner for Claiborne stallion **Catholic Boy**, El Catolico is out of a half to champion 2-year-old filly and GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies winner **British Idiom (Flashback)**. **Parade of Roses** has an Authentic 2-year-old, foaled a filly by **Cairo Prince** last year and visited **Twirling Candy** for 2024.

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2nd-Mahoning Valley, \$24,300, Msw, 2-12, 3yo, 1m, 1:45.47, ft, 3 1/2 lengths.

VIA DELLA SPIGA (c, 3, Street Sense--Madame Milan, by Bernardini) took on just two rivals in this scratched-down debut and held a clear lead at each point of call. Despite racing greenly down the stretch, he was able to draw off convincingly for the 3 1/2-length win as the 3-5 favorite. You Kuuipo (**The Factor**) came home second. Out of a half-sister to GI Kentucky Derby winner **Barbaro (Dynaformer)**, Via Della Spiga has a yearling full-brother while his dam visited **Curlin** for 2024. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$17,010. **Click for the Equibase.com chart.**

O-Lael Stables; B-M. Roy Jackson (KY); T-Wesley A. Ward.



IN JAPAN:

In Your Palace, c, 3, **Palace Malice**--Queen's Turf (Jpn), by Deep Impact (Jpn). Kyoto, 2-11, Maiden, 1200m. Lifetime Record: 4-1-0-1, \$51,019. O-Eiichi Kobayashi Holdings; B-Winchester Farm (KY); T-Naosuke Sugai. *First start on dirt.

Hardwired, c, 4, **Hard Spun**--Season Maker, by Pioneer of the Nile. Tokyo, 2-11, Allowance, 1400m. Lifetime Record: 7-3-1-1, \$234,913. O/B-Godolphin (KY); T-Yukihiro Kato.

Air Sage, h, 6, **Point of Entry**--Nokaze, by Empire Maker. Kyoto, 2-10, Allowance, 2000mT. Lifetime Record: 11-4-3-1, \$592,380. O-Lucky Field Inc; B-Winchester Farm (KY); T-Manabu Ikezoe. *1/2 to Air Almas (Majestic Warrior), GSW-Jpn, \$1,928,997; and Air Fanditha (Hat Trick {Jpn}), MSW-Jpn, \$1,230,701.

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IN JAPAN:

Ueo Muite Goran (Jpn), f, 3, **Justify**--All in Fun (SP, \$311,480), by **Tapit**. Tokyo, 2-10, Maiden, 1600m. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$36,839. O-Masaru Shimada; B-Mishima Bokujo; T-Kiyoshi Hagiwara.



SECOND-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13

2024 Stud Fees Listed

Audible (Into Mischief), WinStar Farm, \$15,000
261 foals of racing age/26 winners/3 black-type winners
7-Fair Grounds, 4:45 p.m. EST, Aoc 6f, Cats by Five, 8-1
\$575,000 KEE SEP yrl

Catholic Boy (More Than Ready), Claiborne Farm, \$10,000
160 foals of racing age/17 winners/1 black-type winner
6-Fair Grounds, 4:15 p.m. EST, Msw 5 1/2fT, Patriarchal, 7-2

Flameaway (Scat Daddy), Darby Dan Farm, \$15,000
200 foals of racing age/24 winners/4 black-type winners
7-Fair Grounds, 4:45 p.m. EST, Aoc 6f, Bear River, 12-1
\$67,000 KEE NOV wnl; \$65,000 RNA KEE SEP yrl; \$50,000 OBS
OPN 2yo



Catholic Boy picked up his first stakes winner Sunday
Sarah Andrew

Heart to Heart (English Channel), Crestwood Farm
60 foals of racing age/6 winners/0 black-type winners
6-Fair Grounds, 4:15 p.m. EST, Msw 5 1/2fT, Baltimore Heart,
12-1

Maximus Mischief (Into Mischief), Spendthrift Farm, \$25,000
231 foals of racing age/37 winners/3 black-type winners
9-Fair Grounds, 5:45 p.m, Msw 1 1/16m, Mischievousness, 9-2
\$60,000 KEE NOV wnl; \$120,000 KEE SEP yrl

Omaha Beach (**War Front**), Spendthrift Farm, \$40,000
291 foals of racing age/29 winners/3 black-type winners
6-Fair Grounds, 4:15 p.m. EST, Msw 5 1/2fT, Higgins Boat, 4-1
\$325,000 KEE SEP yrl





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ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

6th-Fair Grounds, \$59,800, (NW2\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$50,000), 2-12,
4yo/up, 1m 70y, 1:42.34, ft, neck.

**VELOCITOR (g, 4, Mor Spirit--Polar Plunge {MSW, \$287,174},
by Successful Appeal)** Lifetime Record: MSW, 13-5-1-1,
\$483,526. O/B-Al & Bill Ulwelling (ON); T-Gary M. Scherer.

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7th-Fair Grounds, \$58,000, 2-12, (NW1X), 4yo/up, 1 1/16m
(off turf), 1:45.09, ft, 3 lengths.

BABA VOSS (g, 4, Empire Maker--Siempre Mia, by Scat Daddy)
Lifetime Record: 7-2-1-1, \$126,094. O-X-Men Racing 2 LLC and
SF Racing LLC; B-Forging Oaks Farm LLC (KY); T-Brendan P.
Walsh. *\$85,000 RNA Wlg '20 KEENOV; \$120,000 Ylg '21
KEESEP. **1/2 to Consumer Spending (More Than Ready),
MGSW & GISP, \$744,866.

5th-Turf Paradise, \$32,000, 2-12, (NW3L), 3yo/up, 1m, 1:37.33, ft, 2 3/4 lengths.

DESHAMBEAU (g, 4, Lea--Aliquippa, by Yes It's True) Lifetime Record: SP, 12-3-2-2, \$76,200. O-Mike Hill; B-E. H. Beau Lane (KY); T-Frank Lucarelli. *\$20,000 Ylg '21 KEESEP.

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8th-Mahoning Valley, \$29,400, 2-12, (NW2X), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:13.39, ft, 1 3/4 lengths.

KINGDOM QUEEN (m, 5, Exaggerator--Fortune Queen, by Lear Fan) Lifetime Record: 36-7-7-5, \$217,952. O/T-Elliot Sullivan; B-Emerald Q Partners, Inc., TCR Ranch & Haras Dona Icha de Ocala LLC (KY). *\$12,000 Ylg '20 KEESEP. **1/2 to Runfor Ro (Afleet Alex), GSP-Can, SP-USA, \$211,042.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Kingscote, c, 3, **Audible**--Up At Dawn, by **Uncle Mo**. Fair Grounds, 2-12, (C), 1m 70y (off turf), 1:45.85. Lifetime Record: 4-1-0-0, \$19,050. B-Siena Farms LLC (KY). *\$19,000 RNA 2yo '23 OBSOPN.

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Audible, Kingscote, c, 3, o/o Up At Dawn, by **Uncle Mo**. MCL, 2-12, Fair Grounds

Catholic Boy, El Catolico, c, 3, o/o Parade of Roses, by New Year's Day. GIII Clasico Jorge Washington S., 2-11, Camarero **Empire Maker**, Baba Voss, g, 4, o/o Siempre Mia, by Scat Daddy. ALW, 2-12, Fair Grounds

Exaggerator, Kingdom Queen, m, 5, o/o Fortune Queen, by Lear Fan. ALW, 2-12, Mahoning Valley

Lea, Deshambeau, g, 4, o/o Aliquippa, by Yes It's True. ALW, 2-12, Turf Paradise

Mor Spirit, Velocitor, g, 4, o/o Polar Plunge, by Successful Appeal. AOC, 2-12, Fair Grounds

Street Sense, Via Della Spiga, c, 3, o/o Madame Milan, by Bernardini. MSW, 2-12, Mahoning Valley

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NOEL MEADE: 'THE OAKS WOULD BE A DREAM WITH CAUGHT U LOOKING'



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By Brian Sheerin

Noel Meade has provided an upbeat bulletin on Classic hope Caught U Looking (Ire) and said it would "be a dream" if the daughter of Harzand (Ire) proved herself good enough to compete in the Oaks this season.

Caught U Looking, winner of the G3 Weld Park S. at the Curragh last year, will get her campaign underway in the G3 Irish 1,000 Guineas Trial at Leopardstown on April 7.

Owned by Tally-Ho Stud's Tony O'Callaghan and popular bloodstock agent Peter Kelly's wife Sabina, Caught U Looking was bought for just €27,000 by Peter Nolan and Meade at the Goffs Autumn Sale in 2022. She can be backed at odds as big as 50-1 for the Oaks.

Meade said, "She didn't do a lot wrong as a two-year-old. We probably shouldn't have brought her to Newmarket for the Fillies' Mile because she was far from the finished article at the time. Even though she didn't run her race, she wasn't beaten that far [just over eight lengths], but I am still inclined to forgive her that effort."

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RICHEST RACE EVER RUN AT GOWRAN PARK HEADLINES NEW SPRING SERIES

A new Spring Series of median sires races has been added to the Irish Flat racing calendar for 2024 and beyond in what is a significant boost to the three-year-old programme for middle-distance horses. In an announcement made by Horse Racing Ireland (HRI), the Irish European Breeders' Fund (Irish EBF) and Gowran Park Racecourse on Monday, the Spring Series will conclude with the €200,000 Irish Stallion Farms EBF Gowran Classic--the richest race ever held at Gowran Park--on Bank Holiday Monday, June 3.

Three-year-olds with a median price of no more than €75,000 will be able to take part in the Irish Stallion Farms EBF Gowran Classic, with entries for the race, run over nine and a half furlongs, set to close on Wednesday, Mar. 13.

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WONG TO APPEAL TWO-YEAR SUSPENSION, FINE

Conditioner Jonathan Wong has been suspended for two years and fined \$25,000 for a post-race metformin positive from last June by the Horseracing Integrity and Safety Authority's arbitration panel, and has immediate intents to appeal. Dan Ross reports.

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Asked if he thought Caught U Looking could develop into an Oaks candidate, Meade added, "That would be a dream. You'd love to think she could run in the Oaks at Epsom or even the Irish Oaks.

"There is a lot of water left to go under the bridge but we live in hope that she could be that good. We are lucky to have her and to have Tony [O'Callaghan] and Peter [Kelly] involved in her ownership. The two of them are getting a great kick out of her so hopefully she can go on and do something for them this year."

Caught U Looking is not the only filly Meade has Classic aspirations for. Impressive Curragh maiden winner Letherfly (Ire) (Churchill {Ire}) is also entered in the Oaks but the trainer revealed that he views the €30,000 Tattersalls Ireland yearling

purchase as more of a miler.

He explained, "We put her in the Oaks as well as Caught U Looking but it's probably a mistake--we should have put her in the 1,000 Guineas. She has plenty of pace and obviously has plenty of ability. Even though it was only an auction maiden that she won on debut at the Curragh, she was quite impressive. She's a big, tall and leggy filly with a good back pedigree."

Older horses Layffayette (Ire) (French Navy {GB}) and Helvic Dream (Ire) (Power {GB}) will form part of what is becoming an increasingly Flat-orientated string at Meade's famous Castletown base in County Meath. The multiple champion national hunt trainer in Ireland and dominant force of his era, Meade expects to have only "a handful" of runners at this year's Cheltenham festival. Meanwhile, Group 1 hero Helvic Dream, a winner over hurdles at Navan on Sunday, could step up in trip on the Flat.

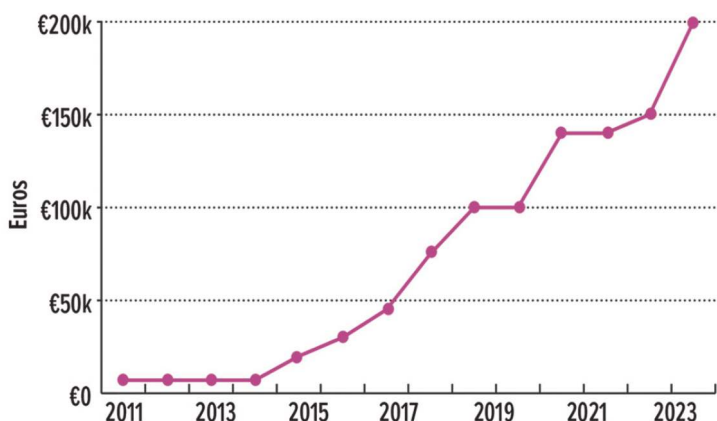
"Layffayette and Helvic Dream will continue on the Flat. We have come to the conclusion that going a bit further might suit Helvic Dream better. Both horses like an ease in the ground and are two nice horses to have. We could stretch Helvic Dream out to a mile-and-a-half. I'm not sure if many Group 1 winners have won over hurdles so he's kind of unusual in that respect but he'll definitely go back on the Flat this year."

The theory that Meade's stable has become better stocked with Flat horses compared to jumpers is backed up by the stats. The trainer sent out 35 winners on the level last year from 322 runners while last season's tally over jumps stood at 23 wins from 179 runs.

"It has happened almost by accident," Meade said. "We have 30 two-year-olds in training and, it's the same story as always, none of them cost a fortune." **Cont.**

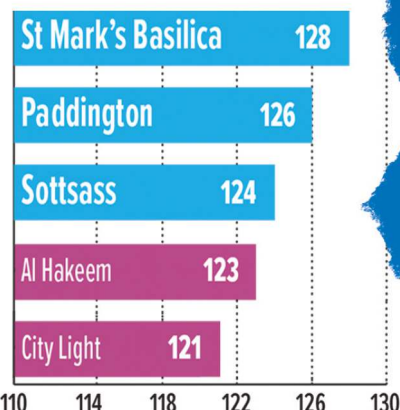
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"We sold a lot of horses last year. We sold Majestic Speed (Ire) (Churchill {Ire}) to Hong Kong for example. Happy Together (Ire) (Dragon Pulse {Ire}) is another horse we sold to Hong Kong and he's done very well out there--he's won over a million out there. We've sold a good few."

He added, "I saw HRI have a new Spring Series for those middle-distance horses and that's a great initiative but, it's funny, this year we have a few speedier-bred horses to what I'd

usually buy. I am delighted to have them. We have a couple of Far Aboves and they go well. I have one very nice horse by Circus Maximus (Ire) as well."

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Gowran Classic, cont. from p1

The winner will receive an automatic free entry into the G1 Dubai Duty Free Irish Derby at the Curragh on Sunday, June 30. This applies to both colts and fillies.

Six races, each worth at least €25,000, make up the series which offers total prize-money of €330,000. The Curragh, Navan and Cork will host four maiden races between them--two for fillies only--and each of these races will be restricted to three-year-olds whose sires achieved a median price of not more than €50,000 in 2022.

A median price of €75,000 will apply to runners in the €30,000 Irish Stallions Farms EBF 3yo Spring Series Race held at Roscommon on Monday, May 13. The same median price restriction will apply to runners in the €200,000 series finale.

There will be free entry, sponsored by Irish Stallion Farms, for all racegoers at Gowran Park on Bank Holiday Monday, June 3 and the racecourse's manager, Eddie Scally, said, "Gowran Park are really excited to host the inaugural €200,000 Irish Stallion Farms EBF Gowran Classic, the region's richest Flat race." [Cont.](#)

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Joe Foley, chairman of the Irish EBF, added, "Irish Stallion Farms already sponsor two successful series for two-year-olds,

the auction and median series with 27 races in each and a combined value of nearly €850,000.

"We felt it important to develop a similar series for later developing middle-distance three-year-olds; hence the Spring Series was initiated with the valuable €200,000 race at Gowran as its centrepiece. We look forward to seeing this three-year-old series grow and develop and are delighted to support Gowran Park racecourse in particular, who are investing heavily in their facilities."

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BAKER AIMS FOR ST MORITZ SUCCESS WITH AMERICAN OWNERSHIP GROUP

George Baker is set to saddle two runners in the Grosser Preis von St Moritz--the feature race on the final day of the White Turf meeting at St Moritz on Sunday, Feb. 18--including **Cumulonimbus (Ire)** (Night Of Thunder {Ire}), who will be having just his second start for the trainer and a new American ownership group which includes Kentucky Derby-winning owner Ramiro Restrepo.

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The jet-setting Baker will fly to Switzerland from Bahrain after supervising his team of runners at Rashid Equestrian and Horseracing Club on Friday, Feb. 16, headed by recent Turf Series winner Lucander (Ire) (**Footstepsinthesand {GB}**) when he lines up in the His Highness Shaikh Nasser Bin Hamad Al Khalifa Cup.

Baker, who memorably won the 2020 running of the Grosser Preis von St Moritz with Wargrave (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}), is excited to return to the White Turf meeting on Sunday when **Cemhaan (GB)** (Muhaarar {GB}) joins Cumulonimbus in a two-pronged attack on the race.

"St Moritz has been a part of our racing plans for many years," said Baker. "We won with a horse called Ancient Greece around 10 years ago. He won at all three race meetings on the White Turf which was the first time any horse had ever done that."

"We then went back a few years ago with Wargrave who managed to win the Grosser Preis von St Moritz, which was a great thrill. It's always been on our radar and going back with two horses is exciting."

Going on to talk about the ownership group involved in Cumulonimbus, Baker said, "Cumulonimbus is a new addition to the team. He is a horse that my wife Candida and I loved when we saw him at the Tattersalls Autumn Horses-in-Training Sale in October but he went for 150,000gns so we thought he was gone on to other pastures.

"But we were called that night by Ramiro Restrepo, who is involved in the syndicate that won the Kentucky Derby last year with **Mage**. Ramiro had noted our exploits on the frozen lake at St Moritz and the call was a lovely one to get as it was to ask us if we were interested to train the horse and prepare him for St Moritz.

"It's a great thrill to have owners like this on board. The syndicate that Ramiro and his other partners have put together



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"It is a wonderful contingent of racing minds and there is going to be over 80 of them flying over to make the most of the White Turf experience."

Restrepo, who is new to ownership in Britain, added, "We are very excited for this new adventure. This has been the plan since Martin Buick bought him for us at Tattersalls in October. The Grosser Preis von St Moritz is a unique race and George Baker knows how to win it. We just can't wait to get there now and see Cumulonimbus do his thing. We'd love to win it!"

"After his race in St Moritz, we are looking forward to an action-packed campaign in the UK. He has a rating that could see him line up at Royal Ascot, so it should be a fun year!"

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CROSS COUNTER'S BROTHER A NEW RISING STAR by Tom Frary



Cross Counter (pictured)'s full-brother Endless Victory stylishly graduated against novice company on Monday and earned 'TDN Rising Star' honours in the process | [Racingfotos.com](https://www.racingfotos.com)

Introduced as Charlie Appleby's second-string in Monday's novice at Wolverhampton, Godolphin's 3-year-old **Endless Victory (GB)** (Teofilo {Ire}--Waitress {SP-Fr}, by Kingmambo) emerged clear best with a striking debut display to earn instant 'TDN Rising Star' status.

A full-brother to the operation's G1 Melbourne Cup hero Cross Counter (GB), the 7-4 second favourite was able to follow the moderate pace set by **Cupid's Dream (GB)** (Dubawi {Ire}) without any issue and when asked to tackle that stablemate turning for home really turned it on for Danny Tudhope. In command approaching the furlong pole, the homebred hit the line strong having completed the final two furlongs in 23.10. Cupid's Dream, who had shown useful form on his debut in November, wilted to be third, beaten 7 1/4 lengths in total with the Karl Burke-trained unraced colt **Ancient Myth (Ire)** (Camelot {GB}), a 425,000gns Tatts Book 1 purchase, 4 3/4 lengths in

arrears of the impressive winner.

"That was a lovely performance--he was a bit green and it's probably a bit sharp for him around here, but he got away with it and hit the line well," Tudhope said of Teofilo's fifth TDN Rising Star, with the multiple group winner West Wind Blows (Ire) the pick so far. "He'll be better when he goes up in trip."

The listed-placed dam Waitress, whose 2-year-old filly is by **Frankel (GB)**, is out of the G3 Prix de Meautry winner Do The Honours (Ire) (Highest Honor {Fr}) who is in turn a daughter of the well-connected Persian Secret (Fr) (Persian Heights {GB}). Kin to the top-class sprinter Cassandra Go (Ire) (Indian Ridge {Ire}) and the ill-fated sire of note Verglas (Ire), she links to the Classic heroine and stellar broodmare Halfway To Heaven (Ire) (Pivotal {GB}) and therefore to Galileo's Magical (Ire) and Rhododendron (Ire) and last year's Derby-winning sensation Auguste Rodin (Ire) (Deep Impact {Jpn}).

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NEW TDN RISING STAR

3rd-Wolverhampton, £11,400, Nov, 2-12, 3yo, 9f 104y (AWT), 2:01.24, st.

ENDLESS VICTORY (GB), c, 3, by Teofilo (Ire)

1st Dam: Waitress (SP-Fr), by Kingmambo

2nd Dam: Do The Honours (Ire), by Highest Honor (Fr)

3rd Dam: Persian Secret (Fr), by Persian Heights (GB)

Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$7,772. O/B-Godolphin (GB); T-Charlie Appleby. [Click for the free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree.](#)



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MICHAEL O'HAGAN LAUNCHES NEW BUSINESS



Michael O'Hagan | *Courtesy of Michael O'Hagan*

Michael O'Hagan, the former CEO of Irish Thoroughbred Marketing (ITM), announced on Monday the launch of his own business, MOH Consultancy.

Following a long career in the racing and bloodstock industries spanning various different roles--latterly spending nine and a half years as international advisor and representative to the Dubai-based Al Basti Equiworld--O'Hagan is now embarking on a new venture which will see him offer his experience and expertise to not only the thoroughbred industry worldwide, but also the wider business community.

O'Hagan said, "In the unique positions I have held over the years, I feel that I am fortunate to have accrued the experience required to tackle the constant global challenges facing the racing and other industries.

"I am excited with the launch of MOH Consultancy and look forward to taking on new projects with new people while drawing on past experiences with a solid base of friends, family and established industry professionals."

O'Hagan started his professional career with stints working in France and America before taking up a position as assistant manager at Coolmore Stud in Ireland. He went on to become CEO of the Irish Thoroughbred Breeders' Association (ITBA) and later took on the role which saw him head up ITM.

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WILL LAMBE ANNOUNCED AS MANAGING DIRECTOR OF GVS EQ

Will Lambe, who served as executive director at the end of nearly 20 years with the British Horseracing Authority (BHA), was named on Monday as the managing director of GVS Equestrian Consulting Ltd (GVS EQ).

Lambe, who left his role at the BHA in August 2021, was vice chair of the European and Mediterranean Horseracing Federation and sat on a number of international committees under the auspices of the International Federation of Horseracing Authorities (IFHA). Now based in Australia, he is also one of the founding partners of GVS EQ, which offers specialist consulting services for the global equestrian and gaming sectors.

GVS EQ has also appointed Anna Powell as business development manager, with David Thorpe, Stephen Wallis, Josh Tuthill and Amanda Piggot being added to an expanding network of associates.

Simon Bazalgette, founding chair of the business, said, "GVS EQ is rapidly becoming known as the go-to global specialist in all aspects of horseracing, equestrian sports, betting and gaming.

"Having Will Lambe as managing director and Anna Powell as business development manager marks a key step in ensuring a high quality service for our expanding client base. The addition of David Thorpe, Stephen Wallis, Josh Tuthill and Amanda Piggot further enhances the depth of top level experience we can offer to our international clients."

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Will Lambe | *Courtesy of Will Lambe*



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BLUE POINT HALF-BROTHER TO PALACE PIER DEBUTS AT NEWCASTLE

17.30 Newcastle, Mdn, £11,400, 3yo, 7f 14y (AWT)

MY CLOUD (IRE) (Blue Point {Ire}) is a notable newcomer for the Roger Varian stable as a half-brother to **Kingman's** five-times group 1 winner Palace Pier (GB) and last year's G3 Bahrain Trophy winner Castle Way (GB) (Almanzor {Fr}). KHK Racing's €325,000 Arqana May Breeze-Up graduate is forecast to be a warm order as the only newcomer in a 12-runner line-up.

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FRANCE

Monday's Results:

3rd-Cagnes-sur-Mer, €23,000, Mdn, 2-12, 3yo, c/g, 2150mT, 2:27.89, hy.

ZWEIG (IRE) (c, 3, Churchill {Ire})--Euthenia {GB}, by Winker Watson {GB}), nosed out of a first success over 10 furlongs at Pau last month, broke enthusiastically to race in the front line. Getting to the stand's rail first to eke out a lead at the top of the straight, the 13-10 favourite steadily asserted to score by 1 1/2 lengths from Meautis (Fr) (Sea The Moon {Ger}). The dam, whose 2-year-old colt Mac An Luin (Ire) by Blue Point (Ire) was a €200,000 purchase by Katsumi Yoshida at the Goffs November Foal Sale, is a half-sister to the G2 Prix de Sandringham scorer and G1 Sun Chariot S. third Laugh Out Loud (GB) (Clodovil {Ire}) whose son Platinum Warrior (Ire) by Churchill's sire Galileo (Ire) captured the GII San Marcos S. and G3 Gallinule S. Also a half to the dam of the G2 Criterium de Maisons-Laffitte winner Plainchant (Fr) (Gregorian {Ire}), her yearling is a full-brother to the winner. Sales history: €80,000 Wlg '21 GOFNOV; €130,000 Ylg '22 ARQAUG. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-1, €19,150. **Video, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

O-Ecurie B Weill, Susan Magnier, Daniel-Yves Treves, Laurent Dassault & Free Man Racing; B-Knocktartan House Stud (IRE); T-Jean-Claude Rouget.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Bonny Way (Fr), f, 3, Galiway (GB)--La Boheme (Swi), by Brother's Valcour (Fr). Cagnes-sur-Mer, 2-12, 2150mT, 2:27.58. B-A Krauliger (FR).



IN JAPAN:

Off Trail (GB), c, 3, Farhh (GB)--Rose Trail, by Kingmambo.

Kyoto, 2-10, Cond., 1600mT. Lifetime Record: 4-2-1-1, \$147,231. O/B-Godolphin; T-Keiji Yoshimura. *1/2 to Rosental (GB) (Pivotal {GB}), SW & GSP-Fr, SP-Eng, \$150,158; Rosa Imperial (Ire) (Pivotal {GB}), GSW-Fr, \$210,602.

Sonshi (Ire), c, 3, Night of Thunder (Ire)--Afdhaad (GB), by Nayef. Tokyo, 2-10, Cond., 1400mT. Lifetime Record: 3-2-1-0, \$131,150. O-Susumu Fujita; B-Shadwell Estate Company Limited; T-Mitsumasa Nakauchida. *€125,000 Ylg '22 GOFFEB; 200,000gns RNA Ylg '22 TATOCT; \$300,000 2yo '23 OBSAPR.

Entanglement (GB), m, 5, Shamardal--Regency Romance (GB), by Diktat (GB). Kyoto, 2-11, Cond., 1600mT. Lifetime Record: 6-2-0-0, \$140,233. O/B-Godolphin; T-Mitsugu Kon. *1/2 to Agathonia (Street Cry {Ire}), SW-Ger, SP-Fr.

IN HONG KONG:

California Voce (Ire), g, 4, Bated Breath (GB)--Caption (GB), by Motivator (GB). Sha Tin, 2-12, Hcp. (C3), 1600mT, 1:34.59. B-Whisperview Trading Ltd. *Formerly Voce del Palio (Ire). **€14,000 RNA Ylg '21 GOF OCT. **VIDEO**

Red Lion (Ire), g, 5, Belardo (Ire)--Crystal Idea (Ire), by Namid (GB). Sha Tin, 2-12, Hcp. (C1), 1400mT, 1:21.42. B-P Harney. *Formerly Fiach McHugh (Ire). *€7,000 Ylg '20 TATDEC; £240,000 RNA HRA '22 GOF LON. **VIDEO**

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YLP SNAPS UP TOO DARN HOT FILLY FOR \$600K

by James Thomas & Jesse Dart/TTR

Trade went up a gear on Day 2 of the Inglis Classic Yearling Sale on Monday as the progeny of some up-and-coming young sires drew a series of clashes between the industry's major players.

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At A Glance

- At the close of trade after Day 2 the sale company reported that 397 (83 per cent) sold for an aggregate of \$38,626,000, a dip from the corresponding junction 12 months ago, which rested at an aggregate of \$45,632,000 (454 sold). The clearance rate has risen slightly on last year, where it sat at 82 per cent.
- The average at the end of Day 2 stood at \$97,295, a drop of just over \$10,000 from this day in 2023, where it rested at \$107,369.
- The median on Day 2 settled at \$80,000, an identical number to the figure on this day in the last two installments of this sale.
- Domeland Racing continued their concerted effort to buy into Day 2, taking their total spend to \$1,220,000 across a total of 11 individual lots so far.
- Too Darn Hot is leading all stallions by gross, accumulating a total of \$1,490,000 from his seven lots to sell. It's an alumnus of this sale, Extreme Choice, who has the highest average for stallions to have three or more lots sell, with a \$273,750 average of his four yearlings to sell.
- Sledmere Stud have had a successful two days of trade, 20 yearlings selling for a total of \$2,700,000. On average (with three or more sold), The Chase have made a strong start to their classic account, going at \$223,333 for their three to sell.

Lot 325 - Too Darn Hot (GB) x Hell It's Hot (Zeditave), filly, \$600,000

The top lot arrived when YLP Racing went to \$600,000 for Lot 325, a daughter of Too Darn Hot (GB) from a family the

operation knows plenty about.

Consigned by North, the six-figure youngster is a sibling to seven winners, most notably In Her Time, whose nine victories include the 2018 running of the G1 The Galaxy H. and the following year's Lightning S. Yulong went to \$2.2 million to add In Her Time (Time Thief) to Yuesheng Zhang's broodmare band at the 2021 Inglis Chairman's Sale. The outfit has gone a long way to recouping that investment as In Her Time's progeny have appeared at the last two renewals of the Magic Millions Gold Coast Yearling Sale.

In 2023 Matt Laurie Racing signed at \$800,000 for her first foal, a son of I Am Invincible, while just last month Coolmore's Tom Magnier went to \$750,000 for the mare's Written Tycoon colt. Moreover, Yulong also owns this filly's full-sister, Flame Of Hestia.

The \$280,000 Magic Millions Gold Coast Yearling Sale purchase was an eye-catching winner of her first trial for trainer Kris Lees.

"We own the full sister, which is well known," said Vin Cox, general manager of YLP.

"She won her trial very impressively the other day for Kris Lees. We obviously own In Her Time, which is a mare that we've invested very heavily in. We're well vested in the family and, in some respects, we liked this filly better than the full sister so she was an obvious play for us. We probably had to dig a little deeper than we anticipated, but congratulations to the breeders."

European Champion 2- and 3-Year-Old Too Darn Hot has made a fine start to his stallion career in both hemispheres. His seven black-type performers are headed by G1 Moyglare Stud S. heroine Fallen Angel (GB), while in Australia he is the sire of Magic Millions Ballarat 2YO Classic scorer Arabian Summer, who also finished third in the G3 Ottawa S. Cox knows plenty about the Darley shuttle sire having spent close to six years as managing director of Godolphin Australia.

"I think she's a little bit more scopey than the sister," he continued.

"And that's not being critical of the sister, she looks like being pretty smart. Obviously, the stallion is doing a good job, he's got off to a good start here in Australia and he's one I know well from my previous life. Hopefully this turns out to be a good investment for us. We had to dig pretty deep to get her."

There is plenty going on beneath the filly's second dam too, as her dam is a sibling to the Group 3-winning Hot As Hell (County) and the Listed scorers Craig's Dragon (Catbird) and Flaming Hot (County). Another half-sister, Sin Sin Sin (Fantastic Light {USA}), is the dam of Champion 3YO Yes Yes Yes.

On the state of trade, Cox added: "The market is what it is. With these high-profile, well-related lots and the good individuals, you've got to take a deeper breath." [Cont.](#)



Bryce Heys with Sebastian Hutch | Inglis

Lot 366 - **Justify (USA) x Islay Inlet (Can) (Lemon Drop Kid {USA})**, filly, \$420,000

Another stallion compiling a hugely promising international profile is Coolmore's **Justify (USA)**, and those exploits prompted Bryce Heys to go to \$420,000 for Lot 366 from the Mullaglass Stud draft. The filly is the second foal out of Islay Inlet (Can), a Canadian-bred daughter of Lemon Drop Kid (USA) and a half-sister to the Listed-winning Merveilleux (USA) (Paynter {USA}).

"She's an outstanding filly and she certainly made her money," said Heys.

"We have to back our judgement and the stallion needs no speaking for in terms of what he is and what he might be. Physically, we couldn't fault her in terms of how we assess a yearling, where we think they're at and where they might get to. Just her physical presence in terms of how she carried herself was impressive.

"We thought she was gorgeous. We'll see if that means anything, but I thought she was the nicest horse I've seen this year. We knew it would be hard to get a **Justify** so we felt we'd try and be strong on her. We'd love to have anyone involved in what's an outstanding filly, and hopefully we'll get her done quickly."

US Triple Crown hero **Justify** has emerged as one of the hottest young sires on the planet, with his six elite winners including four 2-year-olds. He is the sire of European champion juveniles City Of Troy and Opera Singer, while at last year's Breeders' Cup

he was represented by Just F Y I and Hard To **Justify**, who struck in the Juvenile Fillies and Juvenile Fillies Turf respectively.

His Australian record includes G2 Reisling S. scorer Learning To Fly and the G3 BJ McLachlan S. and Magic Millions R. Listed 2YO Classic victor Storm Boy. The latter named is not only favourite for the Golden Slipper but it was recently revealed a majority interest had been sold to Coolmore in a big-money deal.

Monday, Saga, Japan

SAGA KINEN-Listed (Jpn-G3), ¥51,000,000, Saga, 2-12, 4yo/up, 2000mD, 2:08.20, gd.

1--**NOTTURNO (JPN)**, 130, h, 5, by Heart's Cry (Jpn)

1st Dam: Sheikh's Serenade, by Unbridled's Song

2nd Dam: Desert Stormer, by Storm Cat

3rd Dam: Breezy Stories, by Damascus

(¥43,000,000 Ylg '20 JRHJUL) O-Makoto Kaneko Holdings; B-Shimokobe Farm; T-Hidetaka Otonashi; J-Yutaka Take; ¥30,000,000. Lifetime Record: G1SP-Jpn, 18-4-4-0, ¥205,050,000. **Werk Nick Rating: A. Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree. Click for the free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree.**


2--**Kirinji (Jpn)**, 121, c, 4, by Kizuna (Jpn)--Timepiece (Jpn), by Rulership (Jpn). O- Koji Oka; B-Sunday Hills; ¥9,600,000.

3--**Meisho Funjin (Jpn)**, 123, h, 6, Hokko Tarumae (Jpn)--Sinister Queen (Jpn), by Sinister Minister. (¥8,100,000 Ylg '19 JBBJUL). O-Yoshio Matsumoto; B-Miyauchi Farm; ¥5,400,000.

Margins: 4, NK, HF; Odds: 2.10, 7.30, 7.40.

Also Ran: Grand Bridge (Jpn), Falcon Wing (Jpn), Tagano Fagiolo (Jpn), History Maker (Jpn), Brave Amore (Jpn), Meiner Naipes (Jpn), Mandarin Hero (Jpn), Keiai Purple (Jpn), A Shin Vision.

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