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# IN SIERRA LEONE, BROWN MAY HAVE BEST CHANCE YET TO WIN A DERBY



Sierra Leone (outside) battles Dornach in Remsen | Sarah Andrew

by Bill Finley

Chad Brown's barn includes a lot of fillies and is dominated by turf horses, which makes winning the GI Kentucky Derby more challenging than it is for trainers like Todd Pletcher, Brad Cox and Bob Baffert, who seem to have an almost endless supply of ammunition. The future Hall of Famer has started just seven horses in the Derby and the best he has to show for it is a second-place finish in 2018 with **Good Magic** (**Curlin**). But that doesn't mean the right horse won't come his way, and this year may be the year.

Brown may have the favorite in Saturday's GII Risen Star S. at Fair Grounds in 'TDN Rising Star' **Sierra Leone** (**Gun Runner**), who checks a lot of boxes. Sold for \$2.3 million, he was the sales topper at the 2022 Fasig-Tipton Saratoga Sale and has since given every indication that he can compete at the highest level of the sport. He broke his maiden in November at Aqueduct and then ran second in the GII Remsen S., losing by just a nose. The Risen Star will mark his 3-year-old debut.

"The Derby, it's one of the few races we haven't won and it's definitely right there at the top of the list," Brown said. "We have a very diverse group of horses to work with. There's a big split between fillies and colts and within those groups are the turf horses." **Cont. p3**

## FUEGO THE VIRAL CLAIMER LANDS HIS FOREVER HOME by Katie Petrunyak

Assistant trainer Nikki Kaye was not exactly thrilled when she learned that **Fire King** (Palace Malice) was joining her barn. According to her best friend, jockey Madison Olver, the 2-year-old was appropriately named. Olver rode for Christophe Clement in the mornings and knew that Fire King had a big attitude and a major stubborn streak.

The colt lived up to that reputation when he arrived at Jose Camejo's barn at Aqueduct.

"He comes in and he's just shiny, gorgeous and muscular, but he was so mean," Kaye recalled. "He didn't want anyone to come near him."

At this point Fire King was unplaced in three starts. What could Camejo and Kaye try that hadn't worked for a top operation like Clement's? **Cont. p5**

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*Beholder (Henny Hughes) and her filly by Jackie's Warrior soak up the sunshine at Spendthrift Farm on Wednesday. The filly shares the same February 13 foaling date as her sire. | Nicole Finch/Spendthrift Farm*

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## Sierra Leone May be Brown's Best Chance Yet to Win a Derby *(cont. from p1)*

Brown continued, "What it boils down to is we don't have many horses in that division. I have plenty of nice horses to work with. I'm not complaining by any means. Any one would love to have the horses I get sent. Once you start paring them down, to see what dirt colts you have that can run two turns and have ability, well, for us, the group isn't huge. If we end up with two or three horses that are on the trail by the first of the year, we are lucky."

Brown will probably always focus primarily on turf horses, but that obviously didn't bother the Coolmore team. They arrived at the 2022 Saratoga sale eager to spend money. Not only did they buy Sierra Leone, they also paid \$1.4 million for **Hall of Fame** (**Gun Runner**), who will also start in the Risen Star for trainer Steve Asmussen. If Coolmore continues to support Brown with expensive yearling purchases that will make his chances of winning a Derby all that much easier.

"Will Coolmore keep supporting me, I think that has to be determined," Brown said. "A lot depends on how these relationships unfold and how successful we are or aren't with this particular horse. I've had horses from them in the past. Not many, but nice horses. Minorette (Smart Strike) was one of the first horses they sent me and we won the Belmont Oaks on the turf with her. I've done a lot of business with Coolmore. I have several stallions standing there: **Jack Christopher**, **Practical Joke**, **Early Voting**. I've always had a great business relationship with them and, occasionally, they have sent a horse or two my way. They like to spread things out and use top trainers all over the country. I'm just happy I'm in that group of trainers."

After the maiden win, Brown thought Sierra Leone was ready for a challenge. He entered him in the Remsen, knowing the competition would include Dornoch (**Good Magic**), the full-brother to 2023 Derby winner **Mage**. For Sierra Leone, it was an odd run race. On what was a speed-favoring track, he dropped far back early, trailing the field for most of the way before he started to roll on the far turn and set his sights on Dornoch. Inside the sixteenth pole, he put his head in front of Dornoch and it looked like race was over. But Dornoch came again and came back for the win.

"I was a little disappointed," Brown said. "I thought the second time out he'd show a little more speed. You also have to factor in that sloppy track. He had never been on a track like that and maybe he was caught off guard by that. He was the only horse that day that made up any ground and that's an important thing to note. He really wasn't unlucky. He had every chance to win. He just lost some focus and allowed that other horse, who is a nice horse in his own right, to re-rally on him. I was pleased with the effort though disappointed by the outcome."



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Because Sierra Leone appeared to lose his focus in the Remsen in deep stretch, Brown will equip him with blinkers on Saturday.

With Brown based in Florida over the winter, the most logical spots for Sierra Leone's return may have been the GIII Holy Bull S. or the GII Fountain of Youth S. But Brown feels that the Gulfstream racing surface is a bad fit for Sierra Leone and that's why he has shipped him to Fair Grounds.



Chad Brown | Sarah Andrew

"I didn't like the short distance and short stretch of those two races at Gulfstream," he said. "I had Blazing Sevens (**Good Magic**) for example. He was a nice horse and nearly won the Preakness, but he ran terrible at Gulfstream. He didn't like the kickback. The kickback at Gulfstream, according to a couple of jockeys I really trust, is that it is a very challenging kickback for a horse to run through. That probably contributes to the appearance that it is a speed-favoring track. Even if they slow the track down, so to speak, it still seems like it's dominated more by front-running horses. I think the kickback has something to do with that. It's just not anything I'm interested in putting this horse through."

The Risen Star will be the first step in what Brown hopes is a progression that will have his horse at his very best come Derby Day.

"We decided to use just two preps, which is always risky," Brown said. "I thought, all things considered, like his running style, I feel like his third race of the year will be his best race. And that is a big if because there is a lot of training and racing to still overcome."

Brown's best two Derby horses have been **Good Magic** and Zandon (**Upstart**), who was third in the 2022 Derby. Does Sierra Leone represent his best chance yet?



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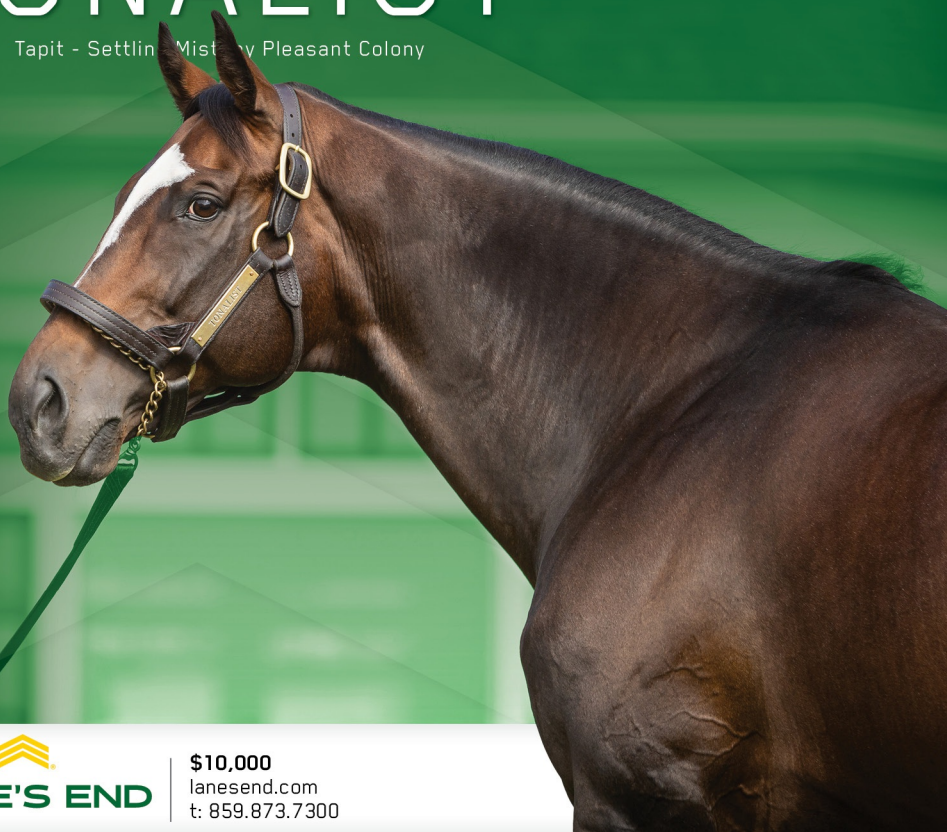
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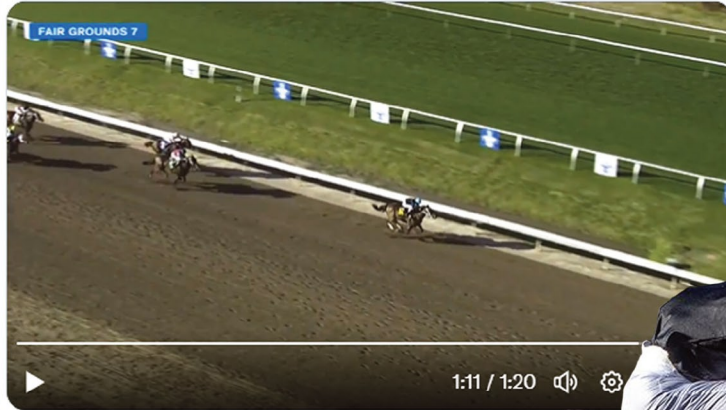
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Brown has a few other horses that could get him to the Derby. **Domestic Product** (**Practical Joke**) was second in the Holy Bull. **Good Money** (**Good Magic**) broke his maiden at Tampa Bay Downs in his lone start. **Tuscan Gold** (Medaglia d’Oro) is coming off a maiden win at Gulfstream. But none, at least at this point, compare to Sierra Leone.

“When they give you a horse that cost \$2.3 million at the sales, yes, there’s a little bit more pressure,” Brown said. “The expectations are certainly high, being that he was a sale-topping yearling at the prestigious Saratoga sale, and rightfully so. The expectations should be high.”

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## Fuego the Viral Claimer *(cont. from p1)*

Gelding him was the first step, but as Kaye watched Fire King in the mornings, she noticed how sensitive he was in the mouth. In the bay’s fifth career start early last year, she and Camejo removed most of his equipment and put him in a simple rubber bit. They told jockey Manny Franco not to mess with his face during the race. Fire King took the lead early and won wire to wire in a New York-bred maiden claimer on Jan. 8.

While Fire King was working toward that maiden win, he started to come out of his shell.

“At first he would hide in the back of the stall with his ears pinned back,” said Kaye. “I started to entice him to come to the front of the stall. I would give him balls and salt rocks and he started to come forward. Clement obviously does a fantastic job, but I only had 10 horses at this point so I was able to hang out with him all day every day. He became the biggest beggar and you had to pay the treat toll every time you walked by. He started doing goofy things. He would pick up his polos and wrap them around his head. He would destroy his toys. You couldn’t walk by with a baseball hat or it was gone. He was just so quirky.”



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Kaye wasn't the only one who fell in love with him. She posted a video to TikTok showcasing a day in the life of Fire King and to her surprise, it received 330,000 views and over 62,300 likes. Nicknamed 'Fuego' by his groom Julio, Fire King continued to amuse his social media following through his hat-stealing exploits, an obsession with his "emotional support jolly ball," and his ongoing efforts to win over his stablemate, an Into Mischief filly who "cost 400,000 carrots."

"I had no idea it would take off," Kaye admitted. "I really did it to show people what kind of life racehorses had. It enlightened so many people to the sport who had a negative connotation with it before, but then realized that these horses are treated like kings."

Kaye answered questions from viewers like if Fuego ever got turned out and how they could tune in for his next race. She showed footage of Fuego relaxing in his ice boots, getting a massage and rolling around in the round pen—all things that aren't worth a glance for track regulars, but are beyond fascinating to those on the outside looking in.



Kaye prepares to give her good friend Madison Olver a leg up before Fire King runs fourth at Aqueduct on 2-9-23 | courtesy Nikki Kaye

Fuego's fame grew even on the backside.

"Everyone would come in the barn to see him and give him treats because he was this popular guy," Kaye said. "Even Javier Castellano came and was like, 'Oh my God, my kids are watching him on TikTok.' I took a picture of Javier and Fuego thinking, 'Are you kidding me? This guy just won the Kentucky Derby and he wants a picture with this claimer.'"

One day, the steady stream of videos with Fuego came to an end. Fire King had been claimed. He bounced from the Meadowlands to Mountaineer to Mahoning Valley, oftentimes making weekly starts but never getting to the winner's circle. Kaye kept in touch with the gelding's connections, letting them know that she had a home ready for him when his racing career was over.

On the day before Christmas Eve, she got a call from his trainer at Mountaineer. He was planning on sending the horse to Puerto Rico unless Kaye could offer up the same amount of money and have him picked up in the next 24 hours.

Fire King's co-breeder Lucas Stritsman had kept in touch with Kaye throughout the gelding's time in the Camejo barn and after. When he heard the news, he offered to pay the amount in full.

Fire King is special for Stritsman as well, being the first horse Stritsman ever bred and named after his father, who started up their family's fireplace company. Fire King raced in Stritsman's Corms Racing Stable silks until he was claimed last fall.

"It's been an adventure for sure," Stritsman said of the journey with the gelding. "I was talking to Nikki the whole time he was with Camejo. She would send me pictures and you could tell she was in love with that horse, which was great because as an owner you know he's getting taken care of. I couldn't be happier that he ended up in the right place and with the right person."

Finding a van driver that could get a horse from West Virginia to Kaye's home in New Jersey the day before Christmas Eve proved to be a challenge. After dozens of inquiries sent out and one failed attempt with a driver who committed but never showed, Kaye finally landed a van. Fuego arrived at his new home on Christmas Eve morning.

"It was the best Christmas gift," said Kaye. "He looked like he hadn't had a bath in three months, but the second the trailer arrived he had his head out the window with his ears up."

Kaye had just adopted her first horse. Even though her experience in the equine industry doesn't extend all that far back, for her it was a dream come true.

Kaye first got involved in racing in 2018, when she took on the role of assistant director of marketing at Monmouth Park. Her interest quickly sparked and she spoke with a trainer there, admitting that she had no experience with horses or racing, but he offered her a job anyways. She worked from four to eight every morning on the backside and then from nine to five on the front side.



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Her passion for racing blossomed and she eventually landed a full-time job with Camejo. She worked for him for several years, spent another stint with Danny Gargan, and then returned to Camejo to run his barn at Belmont.



From the trailer, Fuego checks out his new home | courtesy Nikki Kaye

"I'd never had my own string of 30 horses and that was when HISA was coming in so I was trying to learn all these new rules, but we did well. Those 60-hour weeks were so worth that minute and 20 seconds of pure happiness and joy after a win. I owe so much to Jose and to Danny and Carol Fisher [assistant trainer to Gargan]. I wouldn't know anything without the three of them."

Kaye recently took a step back from racing for a job as the marketing director at a large orthopedics company on the East Coast. The offer to utilize her two master's degrees was too good to turn down. Even so, she doesn't plan on leaving the sport any time soon and hopes to get involved in a bigger way again eventually.

She is currently working on a dissertation for her journalism degree examining the overall impact media has on society's perception of horse racing and she's now taking on another task of educating the public on Thoroughbred aftercare now that Fuego has returned to social media. Followers were enthusiastic about his reappearance as they were introduced to his new home and saw him trotting placidly around a riding ring. Fuego's latest success was accurately predicting the winner of the Super Bowl.

"There were so many people happy that he was back, people that were wondering where he was," Kaye said. "I gave him a lot of time off for the first two months. We did a lot of manners and groundwork. He's super intelligent to the point where he is almost too smart for his own good. He's very nosy and curious, but he has been an angel with me on his back."

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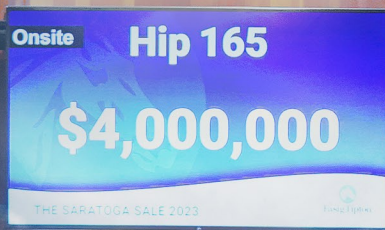
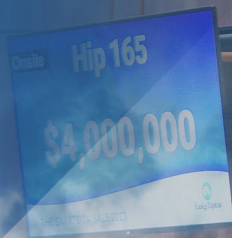
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Kaye has seen both the good and the ugly sides of horse racing and she has had her heart broken once before with a horse she hoped to adopt one day. When she was with Camejo at Monmouth, her favorite horse was Grade III winner Chublicious (Hey Chub), who had a similar personality to Fuego but tragically broke down at the quarter pole with Kaye looking on.



Nikki Kaye and Fuego | courtesy Nikki Kaye

"I wanted to take Chublicious when he was done but it didn't work out, so I think that Fuego came into my life for a reason. He was happy as a racehorse, but it was different. Now he doesn't have to be competitive and he can just relax. They call him lazy all the time at the farm."

Kaye said that she eventually hopes to travel to Kentucky with Fuego for the Thoroughbred Makeover, competing in either hunters or competitive trail.

"It is so special to have a horse that I have such an amazing bond with," she explained. "He is still his quirky self. He reminds me of a toddler that walks up and pokes you. We're taking our time to learn a second career and he has a spoiled life. All he does is eat, play with toys and run around his paddock all day, but he would go to battle for me, that's for sure."

And so the horse with one maiden claiming win from 17 lifetime starts was never meant to make headlines as a racehorse, but the role he'll play as an ambassador for the sport will hopefully continue long after his final start.

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Shedaresthedevil will be bred to Into Mischief in 2024

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The TDN's popular annual series 'Mating Plans, presented by Spendthrift,' continues today in a conversation with Whisper Hill Farm's Mandy Pope.

**Shedaresthedevil, 7, Daredevil--Starship Warspeed, by Congrats. To be bred to Into Mischief.**

When we planned Shedaresthedevil's first mating, we chose **Gun Runner** because we loved the physical match and we also liked the Storm Cat and A.P. Indy in her pedigree for him. She foaled Jan. 29 and the filly is everything that we had hoped and dreamed she could be! She is a big, strong chestnut filly with great bone, a big hip and tons of quality! For 2024, she is going to Into Mischief. Shedaresthedevil's size and scope will match up well with Into Mischief, we believe. And I think we may already have **Gun Runner** penciled in for 2025!

**Songbird, 11, Medaglia d'Oro--Ivanavalot, by West Acre. To be bred to Gun Runner.**

2023 was a great year for Songbird and everyone connected to her, as she was inducted into the Racing Hall of Fame! Currently, she is in foal to **Gun Runner** and is going back to **Gun Runner**. We think her high-cruising speed will complement his, as some of his best runners are out of mares with speed. We also think **Gun Runner** will add a bit of scope and stretch to the foals, which would be a nice addition.

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**I'll Take Charge, 12, Indian Charlie--Take Charge Lady, by Dehere. 2024 mating undecided.**

We bought her as a yearling (\$2.2 million, Keeneland September), and with her amazing pedigree we always hoped and planned for her to be a long-term broodmare play. Thankfully she has fulfilled her destiny, producing Grade II winner and Grade I-placed Charge It for us, as well as selling a \$1.7-million yearling (by into Mischief) this past September. She is in foal to Into Mischief on a late cover, so we have decided to see the foal and decide on her future mating at that time, with the main options being **Tapit**, Into Mischief, or **Gun Runner**.

**Graceful Princess, 8, Tapit--Havre de Grace, by Saint Liam. To be bred to Curlin.**

She is an important mare to us, being a Grade III winner out of Havre de Grace, who was so special to me. She is in foal to **Gun Runner**, and that was an easy choice with the success of **Tapit** mares and **Gun Runner**. She is scheduled to go to **Curlin** for 2024, both on the physical match being excellent, and the fact that he's done well with **Tapit** mares also, producing the likes of **Cody's Wish**.

**Magical World, 14, Distorted Humor--Pleasant Home, by Seeking the Gold. To be bred to Good Magic.**

Magical World is a mare we own in partnership with Three Chimneys Farm, and she was rested last season after having a late May foal. She is going to **Good Magic** for 2024, mainly because we all really liked the physical match there, since she should give plenty of size and substance to the equation. On the pedigree angle, the cross gives a 4x4 double to Danzig, which we found in three of his graded runners so far, including Kentucky Derby winner **Mage**.

**Hard Not To Love, 8, Hard Spun--Loving Vindication, by Vindication. To be bred to Tapit.**

We own this mare in partnership with Gainesway Farm. She is in foal to **Curlin** and is going to **Tapit** in 2024. As you know we love **Tapit**, and the only person who loves **Tapit** more is Antony Beck, so it was an easy choice! She also has a lovely **Tapit** yearling filly, which made the decision even easier.

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**Tap Gun, 9, Tapit--Quiet Giant, by Giant's Causeway. To be bred to Justify.**

As a half-sister to **Gun Runner**, she was another of those long-term broodmare plays when we bought her as a yearling. She is in foal to **Quality Road** and is booked to **Justify** for 2024. She is a mare who really appreciates a robust stallion who can throw some size like **Quality Road** and **Justify** can do. She has a lovely **Quality Road** yearling filly.

**Wicked Whisper, 7, Liam's Map--Zayanna, by Bernardini. To be bred to Curlin.**

What we loved about this mare when we purchased her was how precocious she was as a race filly. She won first out at Saratoga and followed it up by winning the GI Frizette. She is in foal to **Gun Runner** and scheduled to go back to **Curlin** for 2024. She has a very powerful and racy **Curlin** yearling filly, and the cross is doing well, especially with Eclipse Award-winning Idiomatic putting an exclamation point on it! She is a lovely mare who we have high hopes for.

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## FRANK TAYLOR JOINS TDN WRITERS' ROOM PODCAST



Frank Taylor | Sue Finley

Frank Taylor, the director of new business and development for Taylor Made, knew that there was an acute labor shortage in Kentucky, with farms unable to find reliable help. But Taylor thought he had a solution. Identify those who were struggling with substance abuse problems, put them into a recovery program and, when they are ready, teach them horsemanship skills that can make them candidates for jobs throughout the industry. Thus, Taylor created Stable Recovery, a rehabilitation program, and the Taylor Made School of Horsemanship.



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What he didn't know at the time was whether or not farms would be willing to take a chance on individuals that had been in prison and/or struggled with drug addiction. He soon found out. His programs have been embraced in the Lexington area and several graduates have landed steady jobs and have moved on to meaningful lives.

Taylor joined this week's *TDN Writers' Room* podcast presented by **Keeneland** to talk about his programs and their many success stories. He was this week's **Green Group** Guest of the week.

Taylor said he arrived at the idea of starting the program when confronting his own alcoholism.

"Once I did it and quit, I started feeling better," he said. "I was having more fun than I've ever had. It was that that kind of spurred me on to start the School of Horsemanship. It was going to be a 90-day program to teach the basics of horsemanship, to get people started off at, say, a groom level, either for Taylor Made or another farm. I had kind of a tough sales job. I went to my brothers and said, 'I've got this idea, I want to bring in a bunch of heroin addicts and alcoholics and felons in here to work with these horses.' They were looking at me like I had two heads. I just wanted a chance to make it work. They were reluctant because there were a lot of concerns. But here we are, 3 1/2 years into it. We have had a hiccup here or there, but not

many. I really think we have changed a lot of lives. We've introduced a lot of people to the horse business and trained a lot of people. The results have been amazing."

The program has been so successful that Taylor would like to expand, but, for now, it's a matter of one step at a time.

"If we wanted to have 500 people in this program by the end of the year, that wouldn't be a problem," he said. "We need the space, money and management. The need for something like this is way beyond what we can serve at this point and always will be. It's just such a crisis and a terrible situation. It's destroying society, is destroying families. It's just absolutely one of the worst epidemics in the history of mankind. The beautiful thing is, is we have that huge problem and that we have a huge problem with labor in this country. If you blend those two together, they can help solve each other."

It's been proven that working with horses can solve all kinds of problems for people, whether that be soldiers suffering from PTSD or individuals with drug issues. Taylor knows that the horses deserve a lot of the credit for the success of these programs.

"The horses, they are like the secret sauce for stable recovery," Taylor said. "That's something we have that other recovery places don't have. I was born into the horse business and I love horses and they're my passion." **Cont.**

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“ But I didn't really realize how therapeutic horses were or understand that part of it until I started seeing people that are broken interacting with those horses and seeing the peace and joy that comes to them immediately. It's just an amazing thing.”

In the stallion spotlight segments, the podcast featured **Coolmore's Corniche**, who stands for just \$15,000. The focus was also on **Improbable**, who stands at WinStar Farm for a fee of \$15,000.

Elsewhere on the podcast, which is also sponsored by the **Kentucky Thoroughbred Association**, **Coolmore**, the **Pennsylvania Horse Breeders Association**, **1/ST Racing**, **West Point Thoroughbreds**, and **XBTv.com**, the team of Randy Moss, Bill Finley and Zoe Cadman delved back into the Bob Baffert ban at Churchill Downs, which also extends to the GI Kentucky Oaks, which means the impressive winner of the GIII Las Virgenes S., **Kinza** (Carpe Diem), will be shut out. Moss agreed that the Derby week races might deserve an asterisk if Baffert's horses are all banned, but he argued that it's not too late for Churchill to change its mind and to lift the Baffert ban. The team took a look at the GII Risen Star S., to be run this Saturday at Fair Grounds and all agreed it will be by far the deepest Derby prep run so far this year.

For the podcast video, [click here](#). For audio only, [click here](#).

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## NYRA'S O'ROURKE CHAIRS ALL-WEATHER SURFACES COMMITTEE

The New York Racing Association (NYRA) has announced the formation of an All-Weather Surfaces Committee to study the impact of various racing surfaces on equine injury rates. According to a Wednesday NYRA press release, the committee, which first met last October, will evaluate safety metrics from tracks utilizing all-weather racing surfaces, as well as study the feasibility of broader adoption of all-weather surfaces nationally.

The committee, chaired by NYRA CEO and President David O'Rourke, was formed at the request of the Horseracing Integrity and Safety Authority (HISA), as part of HISA's **strategic response** to several clusters of equine fatalities in 2023.

In addition to O'Rourke, members of the committee also include Keeneland Vice President of Racing Gatewood Bell, Breeders' Cup President and CEO Drew Fleming, 1/ST Racing and Gaming Executive Vice Chairman Craig Fravel, and Del Mar Thoroughbred Club President Josh Rubinstein.

“Embracing science and technology will ensure the continued success of Thoroughbred racing in the United States,” said O'Rourke. “All-weather racing surfaces can play an important role in our collective efforts to improve safety, and I thank Lisa Lazarus and HISA for the opportunity to advance this discussion among decision makers in the sport.”



David O'Rourke | *Coglianesse*

The committee is expected to convene regularly in the coming months and will share its findings and recommendations with HISA's Racetrack Safety Committee and with other stakeholders across the sport when complete.

“HISA is grateful to NYRA and to David O'Rourke for leading this effort, and to all the members of the committee for their dedication to equine safety,” said HISA CEO Lisa Lazarus. “This committee's work will be essential in deepening our understanding of all-weather surfaces, and we look forward to reviewing the results when complete.”

NYRA is in the process of constructing a one-mile Tapeta track to serve as the fourth racing surface at the new Belmont Park. Previously, NYRA installed a Tapeta pony track at Belmont to provide an additional training option in inclement weather, while also providing NYRA with information on the performance of a synthetic surface in the Long Island climate.

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## RESEARCH ON REMAINING LAND INSIDE LEXINGTON'S USB TO BE PRESENTED MAR. 5

The Fayette Alliance will release two new research studies that analyze the remaining land inside of the Urban Services Boundary in Lexington, Kentucky at an open meeting Mar. 5.

"Grow Smart: Land Use Analysis and Recommendations" and "Lexington-Fayette County Housing Growth Analysis" will be presented on Tuesday, Mar. 5 at 5:30 p.m. ET. in Lexington's Central Library Branch's Farish Theatre at 140 E. Main Street.

Expanding development outside of the Urban Service Boundary--the circle around the downtown area of Lexington--has been a contentious issue for years in the city as some fight to preserve Lexington's historic horse farms while others argue that some need to be developed in order to accommodate a growing population. **Cont.**



The research studies will be presented and released at an event titled "Mapped: Analyzing Land and Housing Trends in Lexington." Attendees will hear from two different urban planning and land-use experts: Stan Harvey--Director of Urban Planning and Design at Lord Aeck Sargent, and Geoff Koski--President of KB Advisory Group, a real estate and economic development advisory firm.

The first presentation, titled "Grow Smart: Land Use Analysis and Recommendations," will provide a detailed map of the land left within the Urban Services Boundary and its current zoning and acreage. The second presentation, titled "Lexington-Fayette County Housing Growth Analysis," will focus on how the community might most efficiently utilize the land and reshape development patterns to better accommodate a growing population.

Fayette Alliance is a nonprofit dedicated to achieving smart, sustainable, and equitable growth in Lexington-Fayette County through land-use advocacy, education, and research,

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## WEEKLY RULINGS



### WEEKLY STEWARDS AND COMMISSIONS RULINGS, FEB. 6 - FEB. 12

Every week, the TDN posts a roundup of the relevant Horseracing Integrity and Safety Act (HISA)-related rulings from around the country.

Among this week's rulings, trainer Jonathan Wong has been suspended for two years and fined \$25,000 for a post-race metformin positive from last June.

Wong **told the TDN** he has appealed the ruling which could now go before the Federal Trade Commission, head to federal court, or both. He also said that he would seek a temporary injunction against the ban.

Trainer Kari Craddock was issued a seven-day suspension for a post-race Methocarbamol positive. Methocarbamol is a Class C controlled medication, a first offense for which comes a possible \$500 fine and loss of purse. This was Craddock's second Methocarbamol-related violation since HISA's Anti-Doping and Medication Control (ADMC) program went into effect.

Trainer Ismael Bahena has also been provisionally suspended after Bahena's trainee, Color Field, tested positive for methamphetamine--a banned substance under HISA and a ubiquitous drug of human abuse--when winning at Horseshoe Indianapolis on Oct. 30. HIWU has now brought 11 methamphetamine-related cases for adjudication since the ADMC program went into effect.

### NEW HISA/HIWU STEWARDS RULINGS

The following rulings were reported on HISA's "**rulings**" portal and through the Horseracing Integrity and Welfare Unit (HIWU)'s "**pending**" and "**resolved**" cases portals.

#### Resolved ADMC Violations

**Date:** 01/06/2024

**Licensee:** Monte Gelrod, trainer

**Penalty:** Written reprimand. Admission.

**Explainer:** For the presence of Omeprazole-Controlled Medication (Class C)-in a sample taken from Salto de Tigre. This was a possible violation of Rule 3312-Presence of Controlled Medication Substance and/or its Metabolites or Markers (Post-Race/Vets' List).

**Date:** 01/13/2024

**Licensee:** Jay Nehf, trainer

**Penalty:** A fine of \$3,000; imposition of 3 Penalty Points. Admission.

**Explainer:** A possible violation of Rule 3314-Use or Attempted Use of a Controlled Medication Substance or a Controlled Medication Method-on the horse, Customer List. This was also a possible violation of Rule 4222-Intra-Articular Injections Within Seven (7) Days of Timed and Reported Workout.

**Date:** 01/21/2024

**Licensee:** Fernando Abreu, trainer

**Penalty:** A fine of \$3,000; imposition of 3 Penalty Points. Admission.

**Explainer:** A possible violation of Rule 3314-Use or Attempted Use of a Controlled Medication Substance or a Controlled Medication Method-on the horse, Sugar N Spice. This was also a possible violation of Rule 4222-Intra-Articular Injections Within Seven (7) Days of Timed and Reported Workout.

**Date:** 01/07/2024

**Licensee:** Jose Delgado, trainer

**Penalty:** Disqualification of Covered Horse's Race results, including forfeiture of all purses and other compensation, prizes, trophies, points, and rankings and repayment or surrender (as applicable); a fine of \$500; imposition of 1.5 Penalty Points. Admission.

**Explainer:** For the presence of Dexamethasone-Controlled Medication (Class C)-in a sample taken from Buff Hello, who finished third at Gulfstream Park on 1/7/23. This was a possible violation of Rule 3312-Presence of Controlled Medication Substance and/or its Metabolites or Markers (Post-Race/Vets' List).





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**Date: 11/20/2023****Licensee:** Kari Craddock, trainer**Penalty:** 7-day period of Ineligibility, beginning on February 14, 2024; Disqualification of Covered Horse's Race results, including forfeiture of all purses and other compensation, prizes, trophies, points, and rankings and repayment or surrender (as applicable); a fine of \$1,000; imposition of 1.5 Penalty Points. Admission.**Explainer:** For the presence of Methocarbamol-Controlled Medication (Class C)-in a sample taken from Ekati's Hit, who finished second at Remington Park on 11/20/23. This was a possible violation of Rule 3312-Presence of Controlled Medication Substance and/or its Metabolites or Markers (Post-Race/Vets' List).**Date: 12/13/2023****Licensee:** Darien Rodriguez, trainer**Penalty:** Disqualification of Covered Horse's Race results, including forfeiture of all purses and other compensation, prizes, trophies, points, and rankings and repayment or surrender (as applicable); a fine of \$500; imposition of 1.5 Penalty Points. Admission.**Explainer:** For the presence of Dexamethasone-Controlled Medication (Class C)-in a sample taken from Charlotte the Brit, who finished second at Tampa Bay on 12/13/23. This was a possible violation of Rule 3312-Presence of Controlled Medication Substance and/or its Metabolites or Markers (Post-Race/Vets' List).**Date: 06/01/2023****Licensee:** Jonathan Wong, trainer**Penalty:** 2-year period of Ineligibility for Covered Person, beginning on July 1, 2023; Disqualification of Covered Horse's Race results, including forfeiture of all purses and other compensation, prizes, trophies, points, and rankings and repayment or surrender (as applicable); a fine of \$25,000; payment of \$8,000 of HIWU's arbitration costs. Final decision by arbitral body.**Explainer:** For the presence of Metformin-a banned substance-in a sample taken from Heaven and Earth, who won at Horseshoe Indianapolis on 6/1/23. This was a possible violation of Rule 3212-Presence of a Banned Substance and/or its Metabolites or Markers.More on [the story here](#).**Date: 01/05/2024****Licensee:** Carlos Gonzalez, trainer**Penalty:** A fine of \$3,000; imposition of 3 Penalty Points.**Explainer:** A possible violation of Rule 3314-Use or Attempted Use of a Controlled Medication Substance or a Controlled Medication Method-on the horse, Suertuda. This was also a possible violation of Rule 4222-Intra-Articular Injections Within Seven (7) Days of Timed and Reported Workout.**Date: 12/06/2023****Licensee:** Joel Gonzales, trainer (Desert Danger's trainer is listed on Equibase as Andres Gonzalez. In HIWU's **final decision posted online**, it appears that Joel Gonzales failed to respond to the agency's notices)**Penalty:** A fine of \$500; imposition of 1.5 Penalty Points. Final decision by HIWU.**Explainer:** For the presence of Phenylbutazone-Controlled Medication (Class C)-in a sample taken from Desert Danger. This was a possible violation of Rule 3312-Presence of Controlled Medication Substance and/or its Metabolites or Markers (Post-Race/Vets' List).

Sarah Andrew

**Date: 01/14/2024****Licensee:** James Tsirigotis, trainer**Penalty:** A fine of \$3,000; imposition of 3 Penalty Points. Admission.**Explainer:** A possible violation of Rule 3314-Use or Attempted Use of a Controlled Medication Substance or a Controlled Medication Method-on the horse, Melancholy Blues. This was also a possible violation of Rule 4222-Intra-Articular Injections Within Seven (7) Days of Timed and Reported Workout.**Date: 01/05/2024****Licensee:** Jose Delgado, trainer**Penalty:** A fine of \$3,000; imposition of 3 Penalty Points. Final decision by HIWU.



**Explainer:** A possible violation of Rule 3314-Use or Attempted Use of a Controlled Medication Substance or a Controlled Medication Method-on the horse, Justintimeforwine. This was also a possible violation of Rule 4222-Intra-Articular Injections Within Seven (7) Days of Timed and Reported Workout.

Pending ADMC Violations

**Date:** 01/27/2024

**Licensee:** Reynaldo Yanez, trainer

**Penalty:** Pending

**Alleged violation:** Pre-workout intra-articular injection violation

**Explainer:** A possible violation of Rule 3314-Use or Attempted Use of a Controlled Medication Substance or a Controlled Medication Method-on the horse, That Magic Moment. This is also a possible violation of Rule 4222-Intra-Articular Injections Within Seven (7) Days of Timed and Reported Workout.

**Date:** 01/27/2024

**Licensee:** Rohan Crichton, trainer

**Penalty:** Pending

**Alleged violation:** Pre-workout intra-articular injection violation

**Explainer:** A possible violation of Rule 3314-Use or Attempted Use of a Controlled Medication Substance or a Controlled Medication Method-on the horse, Fighter in the Win. This is also a possible violation of Rule 4222-Intra-Articular Injections Within Seven (7) Days of Timed and Reported Workout.

**Date:** 01/26/2024

**Licensee:** Robert Dibona, trainer

**Penalty:** Pending

**Alleged violation:** Pre-workout intra-articular injection violation

**Explainer:** A possible violation of Rule 3314-Use or Attempted Use of a Controlled Medication Substance or a Controlled Medication Method-on the horse, Surrogate. This is also a possible violation of Rule 4222-Intra-Articular Injections Within Seven (7) Days of Timed and Reported Workout.

**Date:** 12/31/2023

**Licensee:** Gerard Ochoa, trainer

**Penalty:** Pending

**Alleged violation:** Medication violation

**Explainer:** For the presence of Phenylbutazone-Controlled Medication (Class C)-in a sample taken from Unexpected Tiger, who finished second at Tampa Bay on 12/31/23. This is a possible violation of Rule 3312-Presence of Controlled Medication Substance and/or its Metabolites or Markers (Post-Race/Vets' List).

**Date:** 01/03/2024

**Licensee:** Jorge Diaz, trainer

**Penalty:** Pending

**Alleged Violation:** Medication violation

**Explainer:** For the potential breach of Rule 4221-Alkalinization or use/administration of an Alkalinizing Agent (TCO2)-on Melina's Dream, who finished seventh at Parx Racing on 1/3/2024. This is also a possible violation of Rule 3313-Use of a Controlled Method During the Race Period.

**Date:** 10/30/2023

**Licensee:** Ismael Bahena, trainer

**Penalty:** Provisionally suspended

**Alleged Violation:** Medication violation

**Explainer:** For the presence of Methamphetamine-a banned substance-in a sample taken from Color Field, who won at Horseshoe Indianapolis on 10/30/23. This is a possible violation of Rule 3212-Presence of a Banned Substance and/or its Metabolites or Markers.

**Date:** 12/19/2023

**Licensee:** Anthony Carango, trainer

**Penalty:** Pending

**Alleged violation:** Medication violation

**Explainer:** For the presence of Glycopyrrolate-Controlled Medication (Class C)-in a sample taken from Esor, who finished second at Parx Racing on 12/19/23. This is a possible violation of Rule 3312-Presence of Controlled Medication Substance and/or its Metabolites or Markers (Post-Race/Vets' List).

**Date:** 12/22/2023

**Licensee:** Angel Sanchez-Pinero, trainer

**Penalty:** Pending

**Alleged violation:** Out-of-competition medication violation

**Explainer:** For the presence of Phenylbutazone-Controlled Medication (Class C)-in a sample taken from Jersey Coast. This is a possible violation of Rule 3312-Presence of Controlled Medication Substance and/or its Metabolites or Markers (Post-Race/Vets' List).

**Date:** 01/19/2024

**Licensee:** Gustavo Delgado, trainer

**Penalty:** Pending

**Alleged violation:** Pre-workout intra-articular injection violation

**Explainer:** A possible violation of Rule 3314-Use or Attempted Use of a Controlled Medication Substance or a Controlled Medication Method-on the horse, Ocean Vision. This is also a possible violation of Rule 4222-Intra-Articular Injections Within Seven (7) Days of Timed and Reported Workout.



OTHER KEY RULINGS

The *TDN* also publishes a roundup of key official rulings from the primary tracks within the four major racing jurisdictions of California, New York, Florida and Kentucky.

[Here's a primer](#) on how each of these jurisdictions adjudicates different offenses, what they make public (or not) and where.

California

**Track:** Santa Anita

**Date:** 02/11/2024

**Licensee:** Dan Blacker, trainer

**Penalty:** Ninety-day suspension and \$15,000 fine

**Violation:** Failure to follow pre-workout examination reporting rules

**Explainer:** Trainer Dan Blacker is suspended for 90 days from February 26, 2024, to May 25, 2024, and fined the sum of \$15,000.00 for violations of California Horse Racing Board rule #1878 (Workouts - No seventy-two [72] hour pre-workout Veterinarian examinations [527 counts]) occurred between January 1, 2022, through July 1, 2023.

Read [more on the story here](#).

**Track:** Santa Anita

**Date:** 02/11/2024


**Licensee:** Joel Rosario, trainer

**Penalty:** Three-day suspension

**Violation:** Careless riding

**Explainer:** Jockey Joel Rosario who rode Exultation in the sixth race at Santa Anita Park on February 10, 2024, is suspended for 3 racing days (February 18, 19, and 23, 2024) for failure to make the proper effort to maintain a straight course in the stretch, causing interference resulting in the disqualification of his mount from first to second; a violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1699 (Riding Rules-careless riding).

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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	Dubyuhrnell 🦿	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	N 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	M Casse	Geroux	122
4	Rising Empire 🦿	Empire Maker	Welch, Russell and Leonard, Ran M.	Walsh	Saez	118
5	Palazzi 🦿	Pioneerof the Nile	John C. Oxley	M 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



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### 5th-GP, \$89K, MSW, 4yo/up, 7 1/2ft, 2:09pm EST

Trainer Todd Pletcher offers up a pair of seven-figure sales horses making their belated debuts. Victorious Racing LLC's **SWORDOFHONOR (IRE)** (*Siyouni {Fr}*) sports some pretty flashy credentials. The €1.5 million yearling purchase is a half-brother to the year-old Angel Bleu (Fr) (Dark Angel {Ire}), a two-time Group 1 winner as a juvenile who subsequently won last summer's G2 Celebration Mile S. at Goodwood. Consigned by Ecurie des Monceaux and purchased by Oliver St Lawrence, the bay was the second highest-priced yearling and the top-priced colt of the 2021 Arqana August Yearling Sale. His family also includes Group 1 scorers Elvstroem (Aus) and Haradasun (Aus).

The son of Cercle de La Vie (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}), sister to Group 1 winners Highland Reel and Cape of Good Hope, posted a pair of bullet works—including the most recent a 1:01 (1/5) move Feb. 8—at Pletcher's Palm Beach Downs base.

Also representing the Hall of Famer is Repole Stable and St Elias Stable's **STORM READY** (*City of Light*), a \$1.05 million Keeneland September buy. Selling in Session 2 of the 2021 edition of the sale, the colt was one of eight seven-figure offerings that day. The half to GSW Biddy Duke (Bayern) posted his latest breeze at Palm Beach Downs Jan. 31, covering five panels in 1:00 3/5 (1/2). The colts will be partnered by the Ortiz brothers, the former by Jose and the latter by Irad. **TJCS PPS**

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**7th-Gulfstream, \$72,000, Alw (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$75,000), 2-14, 3yo, f, 6 1/2f, 1:17.10, ft, neck.**

**LAUNCH (f, 3, Omaha Beach--Spark {MSP, \$119,443}, by Speightstown)**, third in the G3 Irish E.B.F Fillies Sprint S. last spring, kicked off her U.S. campaign with a gaudy 7 1/2-length victory at Delaware Oct. 23. Trying black-type company this side of the Atlantic for the first time in a soggy renewal of the Glitter Woman S. at Gulfstream Jan. 7, she finished a good second behind TDN Rising Star Into Champagne (Into Mischief). Installed the 5-2 second choice while getting Lasix for the first time here, she took charge soon after the start, held a solid advantage throughout, and despite the best efforts of favored Roswell (Into Mischief) late, was able to hold on for a neck victory. Out of a full-sister to Kentucky Derby hero Monarchos, Spark produced her last recorded live foal, a filly by Authentic, in 2022. This represents the family of GI Met Mile winner and sire **Silver State**. Sales history: \$50,000 Ylg '22 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: GSP-Ire, SP-US, 10-2-2-3, \$101,760. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

O-Amo Racing USA; B-Peter E. Blum Thoroughbreds LLC (KY); T-Jorge Delgado.

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**5th-Gulfstream, \$70K, Msw, 2-14, 3yo, f, 1mT, 1:35.34, fm, nk EXPATRIATE (f, 3, **Cairo Prince**--Exclude {GB}, by Include)** went off the 7-2 second choice after firing a four-furlong bullet at Payson in :48 2/5 (1/67) Feb. 3 followed by a maintenance move of :50 3/5 (20/28) Feb. 9. Hustled to the leading group from her far outside draw, she was floated wide into the first turn before settling in fourth as Fluid (**Blame**) cut out a :22.81 quarter with favored Candy Landy (**Candy Ride** {Arg}) in hot pursuit. Ranging up on the outside of those rivals following a half in :47.94, the Chad Brown trainee reached even terms with her rivals turning for home, inched into a clear advantage midstretch and had enough left in the tank to fend off stablemate Positive Carry (Ire) (Sea The Moon {Ger}) by a neck at the wire. The \$150,000 KEESEP yearling purchase is a half to Lady Scarlet (**Union Rags**), GSW, \$307,530. This is the family of two-time Canadian Horse of the Year L'Enjoleur and Canadian champions La Voyagueuse and Medaille d'Or. Dam Exclude, who produced a colt by **Volatile** in 2022, was bred to **Constitution** for the current season. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$42,000. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

O-First Row Partners & Team Hanley; B-Popato, LLC (KY); T-Chad C. Brown.

**B-W/CROW Yearling Purchase**

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**Elm Tree Farm Sales Graduate**



Expatriate | Lauren King



Kingman | Bronwen Healy

**2nd-Gulfstream, \$47,410, Moc (\$50,000), 2-14, (C), 3yo, f, 5f (AWT), :55.36, ft, 5 3/4 lengths.**

**TRUMPETS (f, 3, Neolithic--Summer Embrace, by Winslow Homer)** was runner up to Karaya (**Bucchero**)--winner of her last two starts--when facing similar company Dec. 23. Sent off the 4-5 choice to go one better, she took the lead early and led throughout, drawing off to win by 5 3/4 lengths over Retail Therapy (**Blame**). Dam Summer Embrace is a half-sister to Puerto Rican Champion Imported 3-year-old Analyze Your Life (Overanalyze). Sales history: \$8,000 Ylg '22 OBSOCT. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$40,430. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

O/T-Joseph C. Catanese, III; B-Matalona Thoroughbreds, LLC (FL).

**7th-Tampa Bay Downs, \$32,000, Msw, 2-14, 4yo/up, 1 1/16mT, 1:40.33, fm, neck.**

**GOING CONCERN (GB) (g, 4, **Kingman** {GB}--Newton's Night {Ire}, by Galileo {Ire})**, sent off the 6-5 choice for this unveiling, hesitated a beat at the start and was shuffled back to the rear through a speedy initial quarter in :21.96. Starting to work his way up approaching the far turn, the gelding appeared locked and loaded rounding the home turn, but was in desperate need of some running room down on the inside. Moving best of all late, he was stranded for a moment as Legitimize (**Justify**) cut to the inside for his run, momentarily hindering the favorite's forward momentum. Armed with nerves of steel, Antonio Gallardo sent the bay right on through, however, bulling his way a hard-fought neck score over Legitimize.

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Out of a sister to GSW Dress Rehearsal (Ire), Going Concern also has a sophomore sister by Advertise (GB) and a juvenile brother by **No Nay Never**. Sales history: €120,000 Ylg '21 ARQDOY. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$19,200. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

O-Klaravich Stables, Inc.; B-Monceaux/Lordship/Mc Alpin/Langlais (GB); T-Chad C. Brown.



## SECOND-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: THURSDAY, FEB. 15

2024 Stud Fees Listed

**Dreamliner** (More Than Ready), CI-The Speedhorse Farm

9 foals of racing age/2 winners/0 black-type winners

8-Mahoning Valley, 4:02p, Msw 6f, Dreamingabouttime, 20-1

**Dynamic Racer** (Run Away and Hide), R.C. Cline Tbred Farm

17 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners

8-Mahoning Valley, 4:02 p.m. EST, Msw 6f, C V Dynamic, 2-1

**Kentucky Wildcat** (Tapit)

23 foals of racing age/3 winners/0 black-type winners

4-Sunland, 3:43 p.m. EST, Alw 5 1/2f, Honky Tonk Honey, 9-2

4-Sunland, 3:43 p.m. EST, Alw 5 1/2f, Queen Hadassah, 7-2

4-Sunland, 3:43 p.m. EST, Alw 5 1/2f, Wildcat Reese, 4-1

**St Patrick's Day** (Pioneerof the Nile), Journeyman Stud, \$3,500

90 foals of racing age/11 winners/0 black-type winners

2-Mahoning Valley, 1:12 p.m. EST, Alw 6f, Sir Mason, 6-1

\$14,000 RNA OBS OCT yrl; \$15,000 RNA OBS OPN 2yo

**Vino Rosso** (Curlin), Spendthrift Farm, \$20,000

309 foals of racing age/28 winners/2 black-type winners

6-Fair Grounds, 4:15 p.m. EST, Msw 1 1/16mT, Cabernaydo, 4-1

\$60,000 FTK OCT yrl

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**Unique Diamond**, h, 9, **English Channel**--Diamond Dilemma

(Ire), by Sinndar (Ire). Napoli, 2-14, Hcp, 2250mT, 2:22.50.

O/T-Societa Al M.S. SRL Di Salvioni. B-Calumet Farm (KY).

\*\$1,500 Ylg '16 FTKOCT. \*\*MSW & GSP-Itly.

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## ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

**2nd-Mahoning Valley, \$36,200**, (S), 2-14, (NW4L), 3yo/up, 1m, 1:42.99, ft, 2 lengths.

**ONE MORE CHAPTER** (g, 6, **Unbridled Express**--Page Turner, by **Distorted Humor**) Lifetime Record: 10-4-0-3, \$64,364. O-Keys to Riches Stable; B-Reineman Bloodstock, LLC (OH); T-Shane Meyers. \*\$5,000 Ylg '19 FTKOCT.

**7th-Mahoning Valley, \$35,100**, (S), 2-14, (NW3L), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:14.94, ft, 1 1/4 lengths.

**CIRO THE BOSS** (g, 4, **Laoban**--Jade, by Colonel John) Lifetime Record: 10-3-2-0, \$73,245. O-Burnsworth, Richard and Ultra Championship Racing LLC; B-Mark Allen Toothaker & Gigi Chiandussi (OH); T-Anthony Farrior. \*\$70,000 Ylg '21 KEEJAN; \$75,000 RNA Ylg '21 KEESEP; \$27,000 RNA Ylg '21 EASOCT.

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**4th-Turf Paradise, \$35,000, (S), 2-14, 3yo/up, 5 1/2f, 1:03.54, ft, 2 1/4 lengths.**

**KATAR (c, 4, Rocky Bar--Openshaft, by Mineshaft) Lifetime Record: 11-6-1-2, \$96,960. O/B-Triple AAA Ranch (AZ); T-Ryan Kenney.**

**4th-Mahoning Valley, \$33,700, (S), 2-14, (NW2L), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:15.09, ft, 1 length.**

**I STRONG (g, 4, Wicked Strong--Rush to War, by Majestic Warrior) Lifetime Record: 20-2-3-6, \$87,649. O-Rivera Racing Stables (Nestor R. Rivera); B-Daniel J. & Patricia J. Yates (OH); T-Nestor Rivera.**

#### ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

**Nublada, f, 3, Tamarkuz--Cape Fog, by Cape Town. Mahoning Valley, 2-14, (S), 6f, 1:15.13. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$19,080. B-Hillburn Racing Stable LLC (OH). \*1/2 to The Great Caper (Albert the Great), SP, \$150,274. \*1ST-TIME STARTER.**

**Respirator, c, 4, Peace and Justice--La Padrina, by El Padrino. Parx Racing, 2-14, 6 1/2f, 1:18.59. Lifetime Record: 17-1-4-2, \$117,280. B-Dennis Johnson (PA).**

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**Cairo Prince**, Expatriate, f, 3, o/o Exclude (GB), by Include. MSW, 2-14, Gulfstream

**Kingman (GB)**, Going Concern (GB), g, 4, o/o Newton's Night (Ire), by Galileo (Ire). MSW, 2-14, Tampa Bay

**Laoban**, Ciro the Boss, g, 4, o/o Jade, by Colonel John. ALW, 2-14, Mahoning Valley

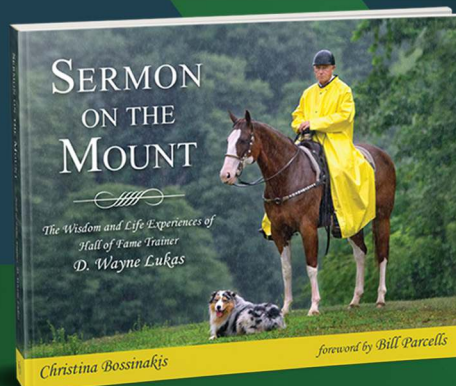
**Neolithic**, Trumpets, f, 3, o/o Summer Embrace, by Winslow Homer. MOC, 2-14, Gulfstream

**Omaha Beach**, Launch, f, 3, o/o Spark, by Speightstown. AOC, 2-14, Gulfstream

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**Peace and Justice**, Respirator, c, 4, o/o La Padrina, by El Padrino. MSW, 2-14, Parx Racing

**Rocky Bar**, Katar, c, 4, o/o Openshaft, by Mineshaft. ALW, 2-14, Turf Paradise

**Tamarkuz**, Nublada, f, 3, o/o Cape Fog, by Cape Town. MSW, 2-14, Mahoning Valley

**Unbridled Express**, One More Chapter, g, 6, o/o Page Turner, by Distorted Humor. ALW, 2-14, Mahoning Valley

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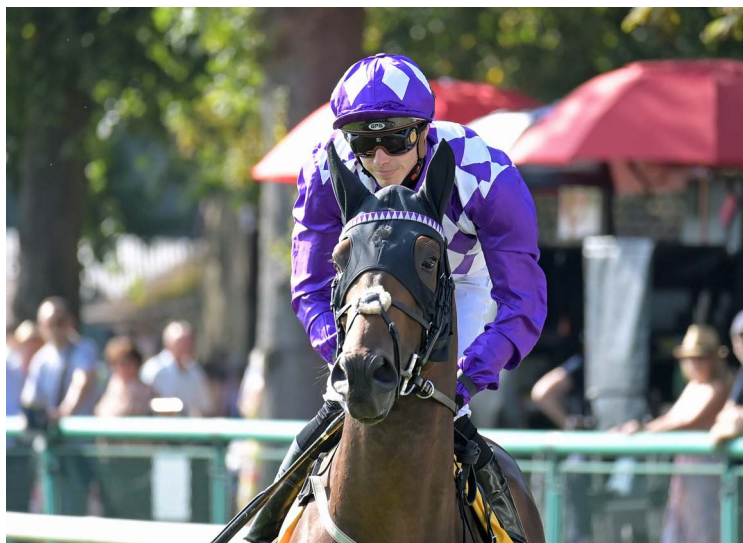
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## ENTHUSIASM IN THE AIR AS DULLINGHAM PARK EMBARKS ON FIRST SEASON



Shaquille embarks on his stallion career this season | *Racingfotos.com*

by Adam Houghton

"The grey colours, there's a big plan behind all that. Eventually my daughter will take over. I'm doing this for my family when I'm no longer here."

Those were the words of owner-breeder Steve Parkin in a **TDN interview** penned in September last year, revealing all about his ambition to stand stallions at Dullingham Park Stud, plus the succession plan which he hopes will guarantee the long-term future of a racing and bloodstock empire he's spent the last two decades building.

Five months on and the wheels are now firmly in motion when it comes to Britain's newest stallion operation, so too the immersion of Parkin's eldest child, Fabienne, in everything the business entails.

Previously described as "in love with the game" by Parkin, Fabienne is already no stranger to taking on responsibility when her father's absence demands it, such as on this cold Newmarket morning when she's tasked with accommodating the latest two members of the *TDN* team to have descended upon Dullingham Park during the Tattersalls February Sale.

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## ONE OF IRISH RACING'S MOST BELOVED FIGURES MAUREEN MULLINS DIES AGED 94

Maureen Mullins, Irish racing's great matriarch and the mother of the champion trainer Willie Mullins, has died at the age of 94 following a short illness.

Wife of the late Paddy Mullins, a multiple champion handler who managed the career of the great Dawn Run before passing away aged 91 in 2010, Maureen leaves an incredible legacy behind her.

She had four sons and a daughter--trainers Tom, Willie and Tony along with George and daughter Sandra--who have gone on to make the Mullins name a dominant force in Irish racing and beyond.

The remarkable tradition has been continued through Maureen's grandchildren. [Cont. p7](#)

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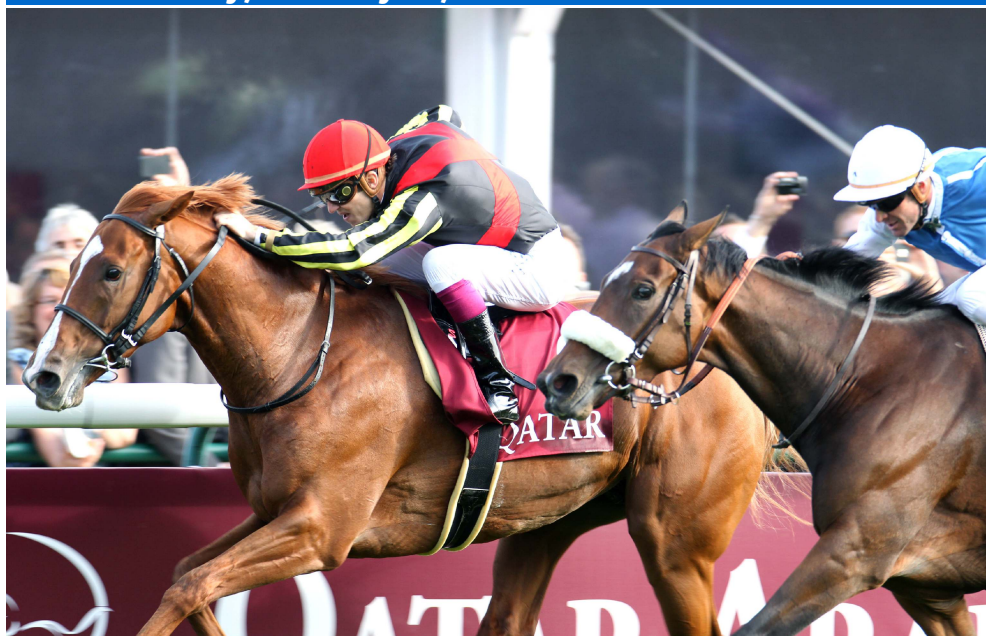
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*The Carlos Laffon-Parias trained Solemia overtaking Orfevre in the 2012 Qatar Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe. Laffon-Parias will retire from training at the end of the year. **Race replay.** | Scoop Dyga*

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### Dullingham Park Cont. from p3

The state-of-the-art facilities and the new stallions they've recently become home to certainly leave a lasting impression on this first-time visitor, thanks in no small part to the infectious enthusiasm for all of it shown by Fabienne.

In this most unforgiving of industries, only time will truly tell whether Fabienne has inherited her father's famed business acumen and work ethic, but the hunger for more success in the familiar all-grey colours of Clipper Logistics has clearly rubbed off in spades if the evidence of this one morning in her company is anything to go by.

"I'd love to win a Classic, personally," Fabienne begins when we start to discuss which races would be top of the bucket list for the Parkin family. "Fallen Angel is second favourite for the 1,000 Guineas which is beyond exciting. The Guineas for me is a huge thing and possibly the race I want to win the most. And York is our home track, so I'd love to win the Juddmonte International or the Nunthorpe.

"But I'm as excited for a Southwell maiden winner as I am for winning a race at Royal Ascot or the other big meetings. It's that passion that my family and my father bred into me. They raised me to love my racing and to love my breeding. I'm only young

and I'm only starting, but I've got great mentors around me and everyone has been really supportive in helping me learn."

Fabienne briefly looks starstruck when she recounts that renowned owner-breeder Kirsten Rausing is among those who have generously offered guidance or just a sympathetic ear, the pair having crossed paths when Rausing paid a visit to Dullingham Park during the Tattersalls December Sales.

At the helm of Lanwades Stud for more than four decades, Rausing knows more than a thing or two about standing stallions and was clearly as keen as the rest of us to cast her eye over the two additions to the Newmarket ranks for 2024, not to mention their impressive new digs.

"We purchased Dullingham last year and we've sort of revolutionised it," Fabienne says of the rapid development. "We've knocked a few things down and we've built a few new stallion boxes and a covering shed. We've turned it into our station down here which is really nice, to have a base in Newmarket and a very exciting new venture as a stallion farm.

"We've had a few stallions in Ireland that we've either invested in or raced and then stood at Ballyhane Stud with Joe [Foley]. It's fantastic to now be able to offer the English breeders a service over here. We are English owner-breeders and to support the English market is really exciting for us." [Cont. p4](#)



Adam Houghton and Alayna Cullen Birkett check in with Dullingham Park's Ollie Fowlston and Clipper Logistics's Fabienne Parkin about new stallions Shaquille (above) and Soldier's Call. | Adam Houghton





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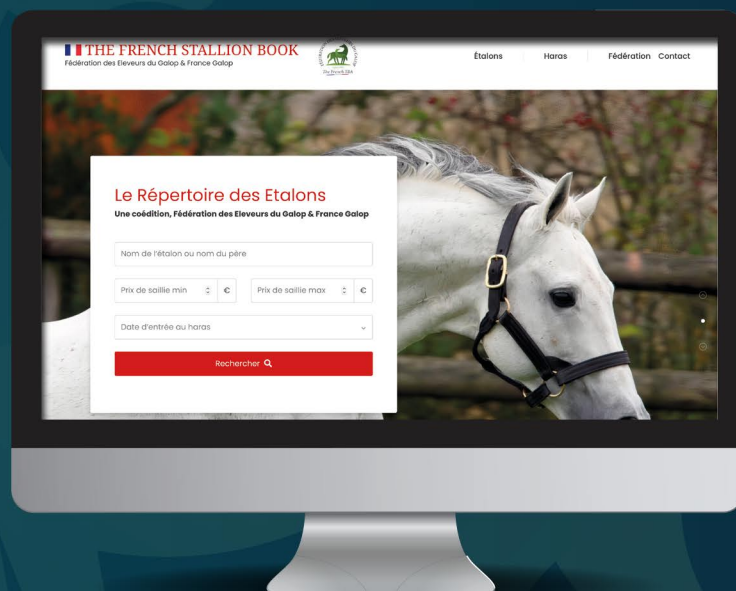
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### Dullingham Park Cont.

That excitement seems to be reciprocated by breeders who have flocked to see the two stallions on the Dullingham Park roster, headed by Shaquille (GB), who stands for a fee of £15,000 in his first year having taken the sprinting scene by storm in 2023.

Trained by Julie Camacho, Shaquille won seven of his nine career starts, notably becoming just the second horse after Muhaarar (GB) to win both the G1 Commonwealth Cup and G1 July Cup as a three-year-old on his way to being crowned Europe's top sprinter at the Cartier Awards.

Shaquille is also the highest-rated son of the four-time Group 1 winner Charm Spirit (Ire) who, like Muhaarar, is a grandson of the former Shadwell stalwart Green Desert, with the pair being by Invincible Spirit (Ire) and **Oasis Dream (GB)**, respectively.



Julie Camacho trained Shaquille with her husband Steve Brown for Martin Hughes | *Racingfotos.com*

Ollie Fowlston, quickly settling into his own new role as managing director of Dullingham Park, says of Shaquille, "He's been unbelievably well received. We've got all the right breeders on board that we'd hoped for and they're loving what they see.

"He's just a very good-looking horse. He's beautifully balanced and a great walker. He's very correct in front with lovely big feet on him. He's got a lovely head as well, a good shoulder and a lovely wide hip on him. If we can get the first crop of foals looking and walking like him, that will be the first big hurdle jumped."

Shaquille certainly cuts quite the figure as he calmly struts his stuff in the serene surroundings of Dullingham Park, taking everything in his stride and

looking anything but the character who threatened to throw away his two Group 1 wins by rearing as the stalls opened, forfeiting several lengths to the rest of the field. [Cont. p5](#)



**Darley**

# Too Darn Hot

It's rare for a stallion to sire two juveniles in Europe's official top 10. War Front and Wootton Bassett have done it, as have Justify and Scat Daddy.

Some have even had three on the list – Dubawi and Shamardal among the select few.

But **only one stallion this century has had a colt and a filly in the top 10 from his first crop.** Yes, that's right: think darn hot two-year-olds.



### Dullingham Park Cont.

Only a horse of immense talent would have been able to overcome such adversity on his way to beating the best sprinters Europe has to offer, the horse of a lifetime for Camacho and partner Steve Brown, as well as owner Martin Hughes, who co-bred the colt out of the unraced Galileo (Ire) mare Magic (Ire), herself a daughter of Cheveley Park Stud's multiple Group-winning sprinter Danehurst (GB) (Danehill).

Those closest to Shaquille always maintained that he was the consummate professional to do anything with at home and Fowlston confirms that the colt's temperament has been nothing but an asset since he arrived at Dullingham Park, before going on to consider the adjustment this new venture has been for him following 25 years at Tattersalls.

"It's been exceptional how he's settled in really, because we've had so much building work going on and diggers around the place," Fowlston explains. "He's not batted an eyelid at all and it's like he's lived here for a few years. Funnily enough, the first night he spent on the farm was the first night he'd ever spent away from the Camachos because he was born there as well.

"It's very exciting and quite surreal [to have Shaquille at Dullingham Park]. You go up to the stallion yard and when you see Shaquille's head sticking over the door you do have to pinch yourself a little bit.

"I'm really enjoying it. It's very different from my previous job at Tattersalls. It's selling but selling in a different capacity. It's been a great help my grounding at Tattersalls and having got to know all the breeders has made life a bit easier."

Having Soldier's Call (GB) join the roster at Dullingham Park should also make Fowlston's life a bit easier. With the speedy son of Showcasing (GB) breeders already have a pretty good idea of what they're going to get as he embarks on his fifth season at an increased fee of £8,500, the first four having come under the supervision of Joe Foley at Ballyhane Stud in Ireland.



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Bought by Foley for 85,000gns as a yearling, Soldier's Call was a notable success story for the Clippers Logistics team as a two-year-old when he carried the grey silks to a trio of high-profile victories in the G2 Flying Childers S., G3 Prix d'Arenberg and Listed Windsor Castle S., before going on to fill the runner-up spot in the G1 Nunthorpe S. at three.

Ranked third among the leading first-crop sires in Europe last year with 26 individual winners, Soldier's Call looks set for another big year in 2024 following a promising start, with a trio of three-year-old maiden winners in Britain already on the board.

"Joe's done a great job starting him off," Fowlston says of Soldier's Call. "He's got big numbers on the ground. I think he's got 105 two-year-olds to run for him this year and I think he's got bigger books to come. We couldn't be more excited and it's something for breeders to look forward to as well.

"There's a bit of a gap in the English market for a horse like him. Breeders can come here and they know that he'll start off a young mare. He'll get a good winner and you can go to the sales and get well paid if you have a nice one by him.

"He's going down very well at the moment and already he's had the three three-year-old winners this year. He'll no doubt have early two-year-old winners on the turf when the season starts and we'll be taking bookings I'm sure right up until mid-May." **Cont. p6**

## Dullingham Park Cont.

Dorothy Lawrence (GB) was one of the flagbearers for Soldier's Call's first crop of juveniles last year, producing her best effort when beaten just a short head in the G3 Dick Poole Fillies' S. at Salisbury. She should be competitive in more good races for the Clippers Logistics team in 2024 if training on as well as her sire did.

As for fellow homebred and Karl Burke trainee Fallen Angel (GB) (Too Darn Hot {GB}), she will be tasked with trying to deliver on Fabienne's dream of winning a Classic when, all being well, she lines up in the 1,000 Guineas at Newmarket on Sunday, May 5.

The form of her victory in last year's G1 Moyglare Stud S. would appear to put her in there with a leading chance, already having provided that memorable day at the Curragh which carried extra significance for the whole Parkin family.

"It really does," Fabienne agrees when it's suggested to her that it means more to win any race with a homebred. "When you see your foals born at home and then they go on to be successful on the racetrack, it's beyond exciting.

"We had Fallen Angel last year who obviously won the Moyglare and there was a lovely story behind that with us breeding her and then losing the dam. That was very poignant

and moving.

"I think we're lucky really. You have to have a bit of luck in this industry, as much as you can try and be clever about what you do. We're a very young operation in terms of our breeding and we've already been so successful. To have already bred Dramatised and Fallen Angel from the farm at home is really exciting."

G2 Queen Mary S. and G2 Temple S. winner Dramatised is now a member of the broodmare band which reportedly numbers around 30 at the Parkin family home in Yorkshire, the 300-acre Branton Court Stud near Harrogate, plus another 50-60 in Ireland. The hope is that Fallen Angel will one day follow in the footsteps of her late dam, Agnes Stewart (Ire) (Lawman {Fr}), by joining those ranks, even better if she does so as a Classic winner.

As for the four remaining empty stallion boxes at Dullingham Park, Fabienne confesses that she has already earmarked one for Night Of Thunder (Ire) colt Flight Plan (GB), who fittingly won last year's G2 Dullingham Park S. at Leopardstown and has the potential to make up into an even better four-year-old in 2024.

However, it's Foley who gets the last word--not unusual, I'm told--when it comes to the biggest and brightest prospects for the Clipper Logistics team this year, providing the inside track in his role as bloodstock advisor to the Parkin family. [Cont. p7](#)



Juvenile Group 1 winner Fallen Angel has Classic aspirations this year | [Racingfotos.com](#)



## "A future star? Unbeaten Queen Of Zafeen has Finley Marsh dreaming after striking success"

RacingPost.com, Feb 8th



**QUEEN OF ZAFEEN** remained unbeaten with a  $3\frac{3}{4}$ -length victory under a penalty at Lingfield last Thursday for Richard Hughes & Jaber Abdullah. Entered yesterday for the **Gr.1 French 1000 Guineas**, she steps up to Listed company next

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1	<b>TEN SOVEREIGNS</b>	<b>€17,500</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>13.92%</b>
2	Blue Point	€60,000	9	7.96%
3	<b>CALYX</b>	<b>€12,500</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>11.11%</b>
-	Too Darn Hot	£65,000	6	8.57%

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### Dullingham Park Cont.

"Who's he?" Foley asks when the name Night Raider (Ire) (Dark Angel {Ire}) is put to him during our conversation at the February Sale, briefly threatening to throw this interviewer off the scent of the nine-length Southwell winner before the twinkle in his eye reveals there is a big opinion there waiting to be unleashed.

"I remember buying him as a foal, I thought he was the best foal I'd ever bought," he soon delivers. "He was always a beautiful horse and he's always impressed the people who were around him. He's a big horse at 16.1hh and he's out of a Shamardal mare, out of a Dubai Millennium mare. There's a lot of Dubai Millennium in him.

"He doesn't look like his half-brother [G3 Palace House S. winner Far Above] at all. He'd lead you to think that there's a lot of speed in the pedigree, but it's a very classy family. He looks like a miler, he gallops like a miler and he wasn't stopping when he won at Southwell.

"Danny [Tudhope, jockey] adores him, he thinks he's a really high-class horse. He's just won a December maiden, so he has an awful lot to prove, but on our team he's the horse with the most potential.

"We're very excited to see what he does, but we've been disappointed in the past--we're hoping for the best and expecting the worst," he adds, betraying the same boundless optimism as Fabienne but the experience to know better.

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## EUROPEAN NEWS

### Obituary: Maureen Mullins Cont. from p1

Willie's son Patrick becoming the record-breaking Irish champion amateur, Tony's son Danny scooping multiple Grade 1s in the saddle and George's son Emmet, who also partnered many big-race winners as a rider, emulating his uncle Willie's achievements in winning the Grand National as a trainer with Noble Yeats in 2022. Six years previously, it was Tom's son David who partnered the Mouse Morris-trained Rule The World to win the Aintree showpiece.

On Tuesday, another one of her grandchildren, Charlie, led home a one-two-three for Willie in the bumper at Thurles.

Maureen was an ever-present figure on an Irish racecourse and was in attendance at her local track Gowran Park for its flagship Thyestes Chase fixture on January 25 where she was on hand to officially open the new weighroom.

At the Horse Racing Ireland Awards in 2016, she was presented with the Contribution to the Industry Award.

Willie commented at the time, "That was unexpected, and great for her and for everyone in the family. She enjoys her racing, enjoys life, and has an interest in everyone's horses--mine, Tony's, Tom's--and the careers of Danny, David and Patrick. It's a lot to keep her occupied."

She was also a winning rider herself, steering Razzo Forte to glory in a female riders' event at Gowran Park in 1982, a race which her daughter also rode in. She was involved as an owner and breeder down the years, with Kilcruit a recent feather in her cap having won the Grade 1 Punchestown bumper following his sale having initially raced in her colours. [Cont. p8](#)



Maureen Mullins | Racingfotos.com



## Obituary: Maureen Mullins Cont.

Requiem mass will take place at 12 o'clock on Friday in the Church of the Holy Trinity, Goresbridge, County Kilkenny, followed by burial in the new cemetery, Goresbridge.

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## LAFFON-PARIAS TO RETIRE AT THE END OF 2024



Carlos Laffon-Parias | [Racingfotos.com](#)

Carlos Laffon-Parias, the first Spanish trainer to win the G1 Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe, announced on Wednesday that he will retire from training at the end of the year.

Based in Chantilly, Laffon-Parias is best known as the trainer of Solemia (Ire) (Poliglote {GB}), who caused an upset when beating leading Japanese hope Orfevre (Jpn) (Stay Gold {Jpn}) in the 2012 running of Europe's premier middle-distance race. He also won the G1 Prix Marcel Boussac on the same card with Silasol (Ire) (Monsun {Ger}), while the likes of Laverock (Ire) (Octagonal {NZ}), Falco (Pivotal {GB}) and Recoletos (Fr) (Whipper) were other top-level winners for their trainer during a career in France spanning more than three decades.

In 2023, Laffon-Parias saddled two new Group 1 winners, including Prix de la Forêt heroine Kelina (Ire) (**Frankel {GB}**) who, the trainer confirmed, will race on as a four-year-old as he prepares to embark on his final season.

Explaining his decision to retire, Laffon-Parias told the *Nick Luck Daily Podcast*, "The last three years I've talked with my wife regarding the decision to stop and go back home [to Spain]. My sons are now working and have left the house, so it's time for me and my wife to change our lives.

"I'm healthy, I'll be 61 next month. I think when you're healthy is the right time to do it. I've worked all my life from Monday to Sunday and I want to do other things rather than to work 11 months a year, every single day. I think it's the right time to do

it, otherwise it might be too late.

"I see a lot of trainers finish their careers because they haven't got any more horses to train or they have financial problems. I don't want to have those problems. I want to stop and I don't need much to live with. We've got a house already in the south of Spain, I'm going to sell my yard, and this is enough for me and my wife."

Laffon-Parias added of Kelina, "The Wertheimer Brothers have decided to keep her in training and she's a very sound filly. There isn't a race for her until May 1, the Prix du Muguet. That is a Group 2 and then there is Royal Ascot or the Falmouth. We could run in the Lockinge against the colts, but I would prefer to take more time. There are a lot of races for her, but nothing before the middle of the year."

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## KENDARGENT MARE TOPS FINAL ARQANA SESSION

**Damkena (Fr)**, a daughter of Kendargent (Fr) in foal to Galiway (GB), took top honours with a bid of €62,000 as the Arqana February Sale drew to a close in Deauville on Wednesday.

Offered by Haras de Grandcamp, the eight-year-old mare is a sister to the Group 3 winner Kendam (Fr) who has already produced a Group 3 winner herself on this same cross in Kenway (Fr). The latter is a new recruit to the stallion ranks in Ireland at Coolagown Stud. Sold at lot 266, the mare was bought by Yellow Agency.

With 241 horses sold over the two days, which was just one fewer than last year, turnover dropped by 24% to €2,853,000, though the clearance rate remained steady at 78%. Following a quieter second session, the average was down by 23% at €11,722 and the median dropped to €5,000 from €6,500 in 2023.

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• Number Offered	161	160
• Number Sold	130	127
• Not Sold	31	33
• Clearance Rate	81%	79%
• High Price	€62,000	€315,000
• Gross	€1,155,500	€1,943,000
• Average (% change)	€8,888 (-42%)	€15,299
• Median (% change)	€4,000 (-27%)	€5,500
CUMULATIVE	2022	2021
• Catalogued	375	372
• Number Offered	309	307
• Number Sold	241	242
• Not Sold	68	65
• Clearance Rate	78%	79%
• High Price	€200,000	€315,000
• Gross	€2,837,000	€3,702,000
• Average (% change)	€11,772 (-23%)	€15,298
• Median (% change)	€5,000 (-23%)	€6,500

## SPIRIT DANCER CONFIRMED FOR NEOM TURF CUP

Bahraini group winner **Spirit Dancer (GB)** (**Frankel {GB}**) has been confirmed for the 2100-metre \$2-million G2 Neom Turf Cup on the Saudi Cup undercard on Saturday, Feb. 24.

Owned by the partnership of Done/Ferguson/Mason, the gelding won the G3 Strensall S. last August before taking the G2 Bahrain International Trophy two starts later in November. Given some time off, he made his 7-year-old bow in the G1 Jebel Hatta at Meydan on Jan. 26, running on to be fourth behind Measured Time (GB) (**Frankel {GB}**).

"I was delighted to get that run in Dubai into him," said trainer Richard Fahey.

"We were pleased with the run and we were probably just drawn a little bit wide--hopefully the run will put him 100% right for Saudi.

"We're going to run in the Neom. I was keen to go for the big one there [Saudi Cup], but I just felt nine furlongs on the dirt would be sharp enough for him. He's a horse I would probably want to go a mile and a half in Saudi rather than a sharp nine, if that makes sense."

"Barring problems I'm sure his owners are very keen," continued Fahey. "Peter Done and Ged Mason are both very keen and Sir Alex is keen as well, so it looks like they are booking and barring problems I would say they will probably be there.

"We certainly enjoyed Bahrain and anything now is a bonus, but we're expecting him to run a big race in Saudi."

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## GOFFS YORTON SALE SUSPENDED FOR ONE YEAR UNTIL 2025

The Goffs Yorton Sale will not take place in 2024, and will instead return on Sept. 4, 2025, Goffs and Yorton's David Futter confirmed on Wednesday.

The decision was made by Futter, who felt that although the quality of horses at Yorton was up to its usual high standard, the quantity did not justify the sale taking place this year. Yorton's aim is to assemble roughly 50 quality lots in time for the 2025 edition.

Futter said, "It has not been an easy decision to suspend the sale for 2024 but we feel it is in the best interests of the event given we don't have the numbers of horses required to ask potential buyers to make their way to Wales. We are grateful to Goffs for bringing their professionalism and sharing in our enthusiasm for this venture and together we have worked hard to establish a sale with a reputation for quality and performance. We still strongly believe in starting horses earlier and in producing 2-year-olds and will keep offering Yorton graduates, just in a different location in 2024. We will maintain our focus on sourcing a quality line-up of horses and look forward to working with Goffs and welcoming everyone back to Yorton in 2025." [Cont. p10](#)





A horse sells at Yorton Farm | Goffs

### Goffs Yorton Sale Cont.

Goffs UK Managing Director Tim Kent added, “With its first Grade 1 winner coming in 2023 courtesy of Inthepocket (GB) (Blue Bresil {Fr}), many outstanding pinhooking results for store and point-to-point buyers, and a new record top price set last year with a No Risk At All (Fr) 2-year-old selling for £165,000, the sale is performing in all sectors and it’s a credit to David and the Yorton team. We too look forward to seeing the sale return to the calendar in 2025 and working with Yorton to produce another successful sale.”

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### FIRST REPORTED FOALS FOR NAVAL CROWN

The first reported foals for G1 Platinum Jubilee S. hero **Naval Crown (GB)** have arrived, Darley Europe announced.

A chestnut colt out of A Touch Of Luck (Ger) (**Frankel {GB}**) arrived this week. He was bred by Robert Draper. His second dam is G1 Preis der Diana third Aigrette Garzette (Ire) (Peintre Celebre).

Another new arrival was a colt out of Thaleia (Ire) (Tagula {Ire}) from the extended family of multiple group winner Endless Drama (Ire) (Lope De Vega {Ire}). David Ryan of Kilfrush Stud said the colt had “size, scope and bone, a really good foal.”

A bay filly was born on Feb. 2 and bred by Gerrardstown House Stud. She is out of Fleur de Lui (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) and was described by Donie Fahy as having “good size and scope. Very correct filly with a lovely head.” She is a relative of the Group 1 winner The Revenant (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}).

Two other fillies have also been reported so far--a daughter of Golden Angel (Ire) (War Command) who arrived in late January at Hawes Stud and a filly out of Iffa Red (Ire) (Iffraaj {GB}) bred by Kilweelran, Ltd. Michael Gaffney described the former as “a fine, big foal with good bone. She has loads of quality and great

action.”

The son of Dubawi (Ire) stands at Darley’s Kildangan Stud in Ireland for €10,000.

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Naval Crown | Darley

### HARRIS WITHDRAWS APPEAL REGARDING LICENSING COMMITTEE’S RULING

After **appealing the British Horseracing Authority (BHA)’s** ruling regarding his licence last week, former trainer Milton Harris has now withdrawn that appeal, the BHA confirmed on Wednesday.

Harris had his **licence suspended in November and withdrawn in January** by the BHA’s Licensing Committee. The agency ruled he was not a “fit and proper person” to hold a training licence.

Regarding the BHA’s concerns, the Licensing Committee said, they surrounded “the nature and extent of MH’s admitted breaches of the conditions which already exist on his licence, which were imposed in 2018 and MH’s failure to be candid in his dealings with the BHA in respect of those breaches, particularly when the BHA was seeking to provide opportunities for MH to remedy those breaches”, “misconduct in his dealings with others, including fellow licence holder Mr Simon Earle” and “in respect of safeguarding arising out of MH’s conduct with young persons employed at his racing yard”.

Harris began training in 2001, but ceased training from 2011 to 2018 due to financial issues.

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The entry deadline for the Listed Grand Prix du Departement at Cagnes-sur-Mer (above) is Feb. 16 at 10:30 a.m. local time. The race, run over 2150m instead of 2500m this year, is worth €70,000. It is the first leg of the Defi du Galop. | *Scoop Dyga*

## BRITAIN

### Wednesday's Results:

**3rd-Kempton, £7,000, Mdn, 2-14, 3yo/up, 8f (AWT), 1:40.95, st/sl.**

**NATIVE APPROACH (GB) (c, 3, Too Darn Hot {GB}--Sperry {Ire} {SW-Eng}, by Shamardal)**, runner-up on debut over seven furlongs here last month, tracked the leading trio early. Sent up to take control two out, the 2-5 favourite asserted with relish to score impressively by 2 1/4 lengths from Calumet (Ire) (**Calyx {GB}**). The winner is currently the last known foal out of the listed-winning dam, responsible for the G3 Burj Nahaar scorer and G2 Al Maktoum Challenge Round 1 runner-up Discovery Island (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}) and a half-sister to the multiple listed scorer and multiple group-placed Dunelight (Ire) (Desert Sun {GB}). Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$7,012. O/B-Godolphin (GB); T-Charlie Appleby.

**4th-Kempton, £7,000, Mdn, 2-14, 3yo/up, 8f (AWT), 1:43.82, st/sl.**

**MUSICAL DANCER (GB) (c, 3, Dubawi {Ire}--Opera Comique {Fr} {GSP-Ire}, by Singspiel {Ire})**, fourth on debut over this course and distance last month, was allowed to stride to the front after the first two furlongs. In command from there, the 10-11 favourite was pushed out to register a comfortable 1 1/4-length

success from Rogue Encore (GB) (Kodiac {GB}). The winner is a full-brother to the G3 Princess Elizabeth S. scorer Laugh Aloud (GB), GSW-Eng, \$132,709 and a half to the GI Arlington Million hero Debussy (Ire) (Diesis {GB}) and the G2 Al Maktoum Mile-placed Celtic Prince (GB) (Shamardal). He is the last known foal out of the group-placed dam, whose other black-type performer by Dubawi is Cantilena (Ire) who was second in the G3 Grosser Preis der Landeshauptstadt Dusseldorf. Also the second dam of the G2 Herbert Power S. winner Saracen Knight (Ire) (**Camelot {GB}**), Opera Comique is a half to the G1 King George VI & Queen Elizabeth Diamond S. hero Belmez. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$5,324.

O/B-Godolphin (GB); T-Charlie Appleby.

## IRELAND

### Wednesday's Results:

**4th-Dundalk, €12,000, Mdn, 2-14, 3yo, 7f (AWT), 1:30.05, st.**

**ANDALUSIAN STAR (IRE) (f, 3, Invincible Spirit {Ire}--Faay {Ire}, by Dark Angel {Ire})**, not seen since finishing seventh on her sole start over this trip at Leopardstown in July, bounced out to lead running freely. Getting to the stand's rail in the straight, the 8-13 favourite stayed on to score by 1 1/4 lengths from Pepper Noir (Ire) (Outstrip {GB}). "It is not ideal sometimes when they are that green and you have to make the running," jockey Dylan Browne McMonagle said. "I always felt I had them covered, but it was just a case of keeping her up to her work and keeping her straight. She has galloped out through the line well and she is definitely a filly that is going to progress a lot from that." The dam is a full-sister to the dual G1 Nunthorpe S. heroine Mecca's Angel (Ire), whose daughter Content (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) captured last year's G3 Staffordstown Stud S., and to the G3 Criterion S.-winning sire Markaz (Ire). She has a 2-year-old colt by Ghaiyyath (Ire) and a yearling filly by Ardad (Ire). Sales history: 80,000gns Ylg '22 TATOCT. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$7,711. O-Shapoor Mistry; B-Rabbah Bloodstock Limited (IRE); T-Joseph O'Brien.

### ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

**The Shadow Lingers (Ire), g, 4, Dick Whittington (Ire)---Borris In Ossory (GB), by High Chaparral (Ire).** Dundalk, 2-14, 8f (AWT), 1:40.72. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$7,068. B-Luke Comer (IRE).



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## FRANCE

### Wednesday's Results:

**7th-Pau, €21,000, Mdn, 2-14, 3yo, f, 10f (AWT), 2:03.80, st.**

**KASPIA TRIP (FR) (f, 3, City Light {Fr}--Honeymoon Trip {Fr}, by Myboycharlie {Ire})**, seventh on her sole start at Bordeaux-le-Bouscat in September, was restrained early worse than mid-division. Allowed to stride forward passing halfway, the 11-2 shot was able to obtain the lead two out without major effort and draw into the clear to record an emphatic five-length verdict over Rayo De Luz (Fr) (Olympic Glory {Ire}). The dam, whose 2-year-old colt is by Dariyan (Fr), is out of a half-sister to the famed champion and leading sire Shamardal from the family of the also-celebrated Street Cry (Ire). Sales history: €10,000 Ylg '22 ARQSEP. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, €10,500. **Video, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

O-Philippe Sogorb & Stephen Lahmi; B-Comunidad Hereditaria Quereda H. (FR); T-Philippe Sogorb.

### ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

**Trefle Volant (Fr), c, 3, Almanzor (Fr)**--James Bond Girl, by Giant's Causeway. Pau, 2-14, 10f (AWT), 2:06.70. B-Ecurie La Boetie (FR). \*€40,000 Ylg '22 ARQAUG.

## WORLDWIDE NEWS

### WALLER AND WATERHOUSE DELIVER PASSIONATE CRITICISM AGAINST ROSEHILL SALE

by Keely McKitterick/TTR  
AusNZ

In a pivotal moment for the Australian racing community, the proposed sale of the iconic Rosehill Gardens Racecourse has stirred a whirlwind of debate and opposition, notably from two of racing's most respected figures, Gai Waterhouse and Chris Waller.

Their outspoken criticism came to a head during an emotionally charged club members' meeting on a recent Tuesday night, marking a significant move of

resistance within the industry to a proposal presented by Australian Turf Club (ATC) Chairman, Peter McGauran.

Chris Waller, a name synonymous with racing excellence over the past decade, broke his silence on the ATC's plans with a forthright critique: "Your designs have just been whipped up overnight, and they're not good enough for what's about to happen," he said, pointing out glaring oversights in the upgrade and training centre plans.

Waller's concern was not just about the immediate financials but the future of racing in Sydney.

"The negatives have barely been touched on... What does that do for the members? What does that do for the racing industry?" he questioned, challenging the ATC's operational and financial strategies and their impact on long-term industry viability.

"You said it's not for profit. Well, why is it not for profit? Why are you not running a business? Why are you losing money? You can't just continue to lose seven or eight million a year without being accountable for it."

### Tough Questions Asked

Gai Waterhouse, in her typically spirited manner, echoed Waller's sentiments, focusing her words on the ATC board's handling of the situation. Her disappointment was palpable, especially with the absence of key directors at such a crucial juncture.

"You've got the most important decision you're ever going to make in your life, the committee, and they can't turn up," she passionately told the forum, clearly annoyed that two of the seven directors had not attended.

Waterhouse questioned the board's financial management and strategic vision, which she saw as leading to a potential disposal of invaluable assets out of a short-sighted attempt to manage debts.

"You're flogging this (Rosehill) because you've got yourself into debt, and you should be ashamed of yourself. Why has prize-money continued to go up when the club clearly cannot afford it? You can't flog Randwick because you don't own it. Thank the Lord."

Waterhouse called out the influence of Peter V'landys, CEO of Racing NSW. McGauran is the godfather to V'landys's son, introducing a complex layer of personal relationships into the realm of corporate governance.



Peter McGauran | Australian Turf Club

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### Trainers Speak Against Rosehill Sale Cont.

"Your inefficiency as a committee has cost you A\$80 million. You've allowed Peter [V'Landys] to get you into a corner that you can't get out of. You should be ashamed."

Waller also directly referred to the unfair power balance Racing NSW held over the ATC, logically pointing out that the majority of the income generated by the administrator came from wagering on Sydney's metropolitan tracks.

"Mr V'Landys (Peter V'Landys, CEO of Racing NSW), you're the best administrator we've ever had, but this is not part of it. You're going to come down in a crashing heap," Waller warned.

### Historically Monumental Decision

The debate around the sale of Rosehill is not just a financial discussion; it's a pivotal moment that could define the future direction of racing in Sydney.

The proposal, which aims to transform Rosehill into a residential community, promises substantial financial returns, with ATC estimates suggesting a windfall of A\$5 billion. However, skepticism surrounds these valuations, with industry insiders pointing out the inflated nature of these figures and the significant risks involved.

A respected property developer highlighted to *The Thoroughbred Report* that the valuation could only be realised after development, which is first contingent on a series of bureaucratic and logistical

hurdles, and many more years of investment before a profit results. The land itself is suggested to have a more realistic pre-development valuation of around A\$1 billion.

A topic of conversation across all members was the responsibility the Board of the ATC carries to act in the best interests of its members, who have entrusted them with the governance and stewardship of the club. Waterhouse pushed for more dialogue and consultation, making it clear that decisions this big shouldn't just be about fixing financial issues but should also reflect what the members and the racing community really want and need.

Waller echoed similar sentiments, questioning the ATC board members' representation of the racing community's interests and accusing them of succumbing to politics.

"We need the next 200 years, not the next 20 years," Waller said. "We're one of the greatest cities, not only in Australia, but

the world. Are you representing us or just rolling over to political pressure?"

### Is It Actually Up To The Members?

One of the statements in the ATC press release regarding the Rosehill Sale mentioned that part of the proceeds are intended for a "new world-class racetrack in Sydney". This was not covered off in McGauran's presentation. Instead plans for a training centre were drawn up by dropping the layout of Cranbourne, declared by McGauran as "probably the gold star", onto a map of Horsley Park.

Of major concerns to members was both the clear lack of thought and consultation that had gone into the redevelopment, with McGauran struggling to answer pertinent questions around contamination of land, the processes adopted and logistics around the proposed upgrades.

When asked, McGauran insisted that a 50% member majority

vote would be required for the proposal to proceed. However, concerns over the validity of that claim have been voiced to *The Thoroughbred Report*, given that on the valuation claimed by the ATC, Rosehill is, by far, the ATC's most valuable asset.

"In that situation, where a key asset is sold, it typically warrants a Special Resolution vote with a 75% majority," said respected industry lawyer Hamish Esplin. "I would be very surprised if Sydney racing's biggest asset could be sold on one vote over 50%."



Chris Waller | Bronwen Healy

### So, Could Rosehill Be Sold Without Members Agreement?

If due process was followed, guided by the ATC constitution, then no; a majority vote (either 50% or 75%—remains to be seen) would be required. However, given the monumental impact that the sale of such a major asset would have on the future of Sydney racing, one must explore all possible eventualities.

If the ATC Board were seen unfit for the task of governing, either through insolvency or through an extraordinary general meeting removing the directors from their positions, then it's most likely Racing NSW would assume administrative control until a new board was appointed. In that instance, assets could possibly be sold to repay debts, without the due process of a member agreement. **Cont. p14**



## Trainers Speak Against Rosehill Sale Cont.

There's a lot of water to go under the bridge, but in the meantime, Waterhouse has reiterated the importance of the ATC's duty to listen to its members--and that the members turn up to the forums to be heard. Waterhouse told *The Thoroughbred Report*, "This is our industry, this is our racecourse, and this must be our decision. I implore everybody who is a member of the ATC--attend these forums and make sure you get up and speak. We need your voice to be loud and clear.


"This is not a decision that can be dictated to us by a group of people who so clearly do not have our best interests at heart. You must vote, we all must vote!"

## Upcoming Forums For ATC Members

The upcoming ATC Members forums present a vital opportunity for members to engage in the discussion on this pivotal issue.

The forums are scheduled as follows and require an RSVP to the ATC to attend, more than 24hrs before the event:

- 10:30a.m. Saturday, Feb. 17 at Royal Randwick
- 6 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 27 at Royal Randwick
- 11 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 28 at Rosehill Gardens

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