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'UNFINISHED BUSINESS'--CHAMPION NEST BACK IN TRAINING FOR 5-YEAR-OLD CAMPAIGN



Mike Repole and company lead Nest into Saratoga's winner's circle following the Alabama | Sarah Andrew

by Steve Sherack

After an abbreviated three-race campaign in 2023, Nest (Curlin) has returned to training for her 5-year-old season.

Mike Repole bought out his partners in the champion 3-yearold filly of 2022--Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners and Michael House--for a co-topping \$6 million at last fall's Fasig-Tipton November sale.

"When we put her in the sale, I really went there with a game plan of she might retire as a broodmare," Repole said. "The Japanese were bidding on her and I've seen so many of these horses go to Japan, and, honestly, I didn't want her to go. If it was Mandy Pope, Coolmore or Spendthrift bidding on her, I would've probably let her go. So, I now owned her 100 percent without partners and I thought, 'You know what? Let's race her.'"

Repole continued, "We gave her time and she's training now at Stonestreet in Ocala. She should be back to Todd (Pletcher) by May 1. I'm excited to watch her run at Saratoga and into the year." Cont. p3

THE KENTUCKY OAKS TOP 10 FOR MARCH 8

by Bill Finley

The GII Davona Dale S., run last Saturday at Gulfstream, was all about the return of Eclipse Award winner Just FY I (Justify). But she was scratched with a fever, delaying her 3-year-old debut. At Aqueduct, Jody's Pride (American Pharoah) won the Busher S., picking up enough points to guarantee her a spot in the GI Kentucky Oaks. It will be a relatively quiet weekend for the horses on the road to the GI Kentucky Oaks. The GIII Santa Ysabel at Santa Anita will be headlined by Kinza (Carpe Diem). She looks like the best 3-year-old filly in training, but will not be allowed to run in the Oaks because she is trained by Bob Baffert.

Here's a look at the fourth installment of our Oaks Top 10: 1) TARIFA (f, Bernardini--Kite Beach, by Awesome Again) O/B-Godolphin (KY); T-Brad Cox. Lifetime Record: 'TDN Rising Star', GSW, 4-3-0-0, \$278,925. Last start: WON Feb. 17 GII Rachel Alexandra S. Ky Oaks Points: 50. Next Start: GII Fair Grounds Oaks, FG, Mar. 23 or GI Ashland S., Kee, Apr. 5 Cont. p4

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EXCEED AND EXCEL RETIRES AFTER 'JOURNEY OF EXCELLENCE'

Darley reverse shuttle stallion Exceed And Excel (Aus) (Danehill) has been pensioned.



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Philadelphia Eagle. A bald eagle flaps its wings atop the infield flag at Parx Racing last week. | Barbara Weidl/Equi-Photo

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LARRY LEDERMAN DIES AT 67

Harness/Thoroughbred announcer Lawrence Brian Lederman passed away Mar. 5 at his home in East Windsor, New Jersey.



Nest, cont. from p1

APB STEVE SHERACK Tracks Down Top Horses on the Sidelines

Nest's sensational sophomore campaign was led by a trio of wins at the top level--the GI Central Bank Ashland S., GI Coaching Club American Oaks and GI Alabama S.--and also runner-up finishes in the GI Kentucky Oaks and GI Belmont S., respectively.

Fourth as the favorite in that term's GI Breeders' Cup Distaff at Keeneland, Nest kicked off her 4-year-old stand a bit later than anticipated due to a fever, but she showed no signs of rust with a stylish 2 1/4-length victory over MGISW Clairiere (Curlin) in the GII Shuvee S. at Saratoga July 23. She didn't look anything like herself in her next two attempts, however, beaten both times as the favorite behind future champion Idiomatic (Curlin), finishing a punchless third in the GI Personal Ensign S. at Saratoga Aug. 25 and a well-beaten fourth by 11 1/4 lengths in the GI Spinster S. at Keeneland last out Oct. 8.

"She started late last year," Repole said. "She ran a great first race and it was probably a little bit too much, too soon.

"We'll try to get her there a little bit earlier this year--maybe get a race into her in either June or July. We'll get her a nice spot and go from there. We're excited about bringing her back."

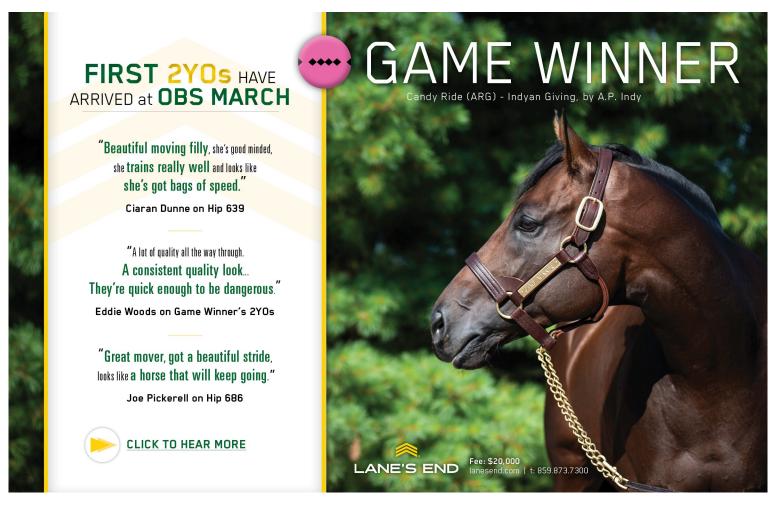


Nest brought a co-topping \$6 million at the 2023 Fasig-Tipton

November sale | Fasig-Tipton

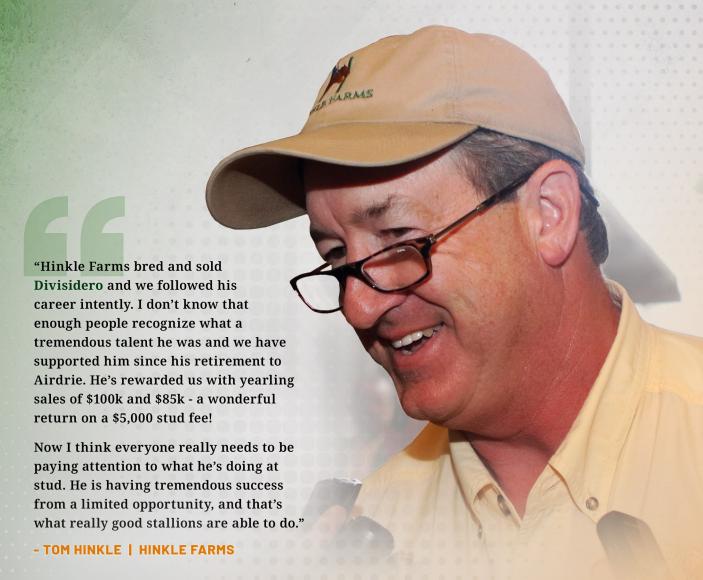
Were any issues discovered with the bay following her headscratching effort in Lexington last fall?

"Yeah, she was fourth," Repole replied with a laugh. "And Nest doesn't usually run fourth." *Cont.*



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Nest. cont.

"She had three races in like an eight-nine week period and it was just too much. "She's had a really good rest and I think we have some unfinished business."

One of 21 Grade I winners for the mighty Curlin, Nest was bred in Kentucky by Ashview Farm and Colts Neck Stables. She brought \$350,000 from Repole Stable and company as a yearling out of the Ashview Farm consignment at the 2020 Keeneland September sale.

Her stakes-winning A.P. Indy dam Marion Ravenwood--also responsible for 2021 GI Santa Anita H. winner Idol (Curlin); MSW & GSP Lost Ark (Violence); and MSP Dr Jack (Pioneerof the Nile)--brought \$2.6 million from Coolmore's M. V. Magnier in foal to Curlin at the 2022 Keeneland November sale.

Repole is also vested in Nest's aforementioned big brother Idol, who began his career at stud as a Repole Stable/Taylor Made Stallions Venture in 2023 after carrying the colors of Calvin Nguyen during his racing career.

As for Nest, Repole concluded, "She's healthy, happy and sound. And ready to race one more year and maybe make a run for champion older filly."

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Kentucky Oaks Top 10 (Tarifa), cont. from p1

Tarifa will have one more prep before the Kentucky Oaks and if she passes that test she will likely be the favorite come the first Friday in May. Trainer Brad Cox still hasn't decided between the GII Fair Grounds Oaks or the GI Ashland S. She has had her first workout since her win in the GII Rachel Alexandra S. presented by Fasig-Tipton, breezing a half-mile at Fair Grounds Mar. 3 in :49.80. Considering that the Rachel Alexandra was her stakes debut, this filly is good now and figures to only get better for Cox.



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2) JODY'S PRIDE (f, American Pharoah--Jody's Song, by Scat Daddy) O-Parkland Tbreds & Sportsmen Stable; B-Mr. Steve Weston (Ky); T-J Abreu. Lifetime Record: MSW & GISP, 4-3-1-0, \$590,250. Last start: WON Mar. 2 Busher S. Kentucky Oaks Points: 65. Next Start: GIII Gazelle S., AQU, Apr. 6.



Jody's Pride won the Busher Saturday Sarah Andrew

The connections of Jody's Pride, the runner-up in the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies, called an audible at the line of scrimmage and withdrew from the Davona Dale in order to run in the Busher S. at Aqueduct. It was a smart move. They knew they'd be the headliner against a weak field of competitors and that it was a good spot to pick up easy Oaks points. It worked out perfectly as she splashed her way over a sloppy track to win by 2 1/4 lengths with Jose Lezcano aboard. It was the third win in the race over a five-year span for trainer Jorge Abreu. She didn't have particularly good Beyer numbers coming into the race and, though she did improve, her Beyer was an 80. That means she's going to have to run faster in upcoming races. They will stay in New York and run next in the GIII Gazelle S. Her 65 Oaks points puts her at No. 1 on that list.

Cont.

Kentucky Oaks Top 10, cont.

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

MARGAUX Starting and Training Grad

Things had gone perfectly for this daughter of Justify through her championship campaign in 2023 and early 2024. She was primed for her return in the Davona Dale, but came down with a fever, forcing trainer Bill Mott to scratch her. Normally, that would be a minor setback, but Just F Y I will now likely go into the Kentucky Oaks with just one prep. That could be a problem. "Her temperature is back to normal," Mott said. "She looks bright and is eating well. Three races are possible if she recovers well, the Gulfstream Park Oaks, the Fantasy or the Ashland." A high-quality filly, but she can't afford to have another setback.

4) KOPION (f, Omaha Beach--Galloping Ami, by Victory Gallop) O-Spendthrift Farm; B-Tall Oaks Farm (Ky); T-Richard Mandella. Sales history: \$270,000 yrl '22 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: GSW, 3-2-1-0, \$116,600. Last start: 2nd Feb. 10 GIII Las Virgenes S. Ky Oaks Points: 20. Next Start:GIII Santa Ysabel S., SA, Mar. 9.

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Kopion is in an odd spot. She's not the best 3-year-old filly based in Southern California. Kinza is. But Kopion is California's top threat for the Kentucky Oaks. That's because Kinza is trained by Bob Baffert and will not be allowed to start in the Oaks. She's also not the best 3-year-old filly in the Richard Mandella barn. Tamara (Bolt d'Oro) is. But she has been sidelined and won't be making it to Churchill Downs.

According to the Santa Anita notes team, Kopion, a daughter of Omaha Beach, will face off against Kinza again in Saturday's Santa Ysabel S. In some respects, a second-place finish will seem like a win.

5) POWER SQUEEZE (f, Union Rags--Callmethesqueeze, by Awesome Again) O-Lea Farms, LLC; B-Forging Oaks Farm (KY); T-Jorge Delgado. Sales history: \$50,000 yrl '22 KEESEP; \$90,000 2yo '23 OBSAPR. Lifetime Record: MSW, 5-3-1-0, \$188,650. Last start: WON Feb. 10 Suncoast S. Kentucky Oaks Points: 20. Next Start: GII Gulfstream Park Oaks, GP, Mar. 30.

Halcyon Hammock Farm Graduate

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The real test for this filly will come in the GII Gulfstream Park Oaks, the final Kentucky Oaks prep run in Florida. *Cont.*



Kentucky Oaks Top 10 (Power Squeeze), cont.



Power Squeeze | Ryan Thompson

The connections have been running her in non-graded races and she has come through, winning the Cash Run S. at Gulfstream and the Suncoast S. at Tampa Bay Downs. How good is she? We don't know yet. Sold for just \$90,000 at last year's OBS June sale. She is trained by Jorge Delgado, who is not well known on the national scene, but is winning at a 30% clip on the year. For his career, his winning percentage is 22%.

6) INTRICATE (f, Gun Runner--Complex Analysis, by Distorted Humor) O-Bradley Thoroughbreds, Laura Leigh Stable, Scot Estes & Cambron Equine, LLC; B-LBD Stable, LLC (Ky); T-Brendan Walsh. Sales history: \$200,000 yrl '22 KEESEP; \$280,000 2yo '23 OBSAPR. Lifetime Record: GSW, 4-2-1-0, \$362,180. Last start: 2nd GII Rachel Alexandra S. Kentucky Oaks Points: 35. Next Start: GII Fair Grounds Oaks, FG, Mar. 23



Brendan Walsh will be looking to become the first trainer to win back-to-back runnings of the Kentucky Oaks since Wayne Lukas. Lukas won the 1990 Oaks with Seaside Attraction and the 1989 Oaks with Open Mind. Walsh enjoyed a terrific year last year with Pretty Mischievous (Into Mischief), who raised her

pprofile in her Oaks win and went on to win the 3-year-old filly championship. Intricate has more to prove before she can be compared to her illustrious stablemate, but there's no reason why she won't have a similar year. Took a bit of a hit when second behind Tarifa in the Rachel Alexandra, but she ran well and was beaten by a top-class filly.

7) LESLIE'S ROSE (f, Into Mischief--Wildwood Rose {Ire}, by Galileo {Ire}) 'TDN Rising Star' O-Whisper Hill Farm; B-John D. Gunther & Eurowest Bloodstock Services (Ky); T-Todd Pletcher. Sales history: \$1,150,000 yrl '22 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 'TDN Rising Star', GSP, 3-2-0-1, \$89,950. Last start: 3rd Mar. 2 GII Davona Dale S. Kentucky Oaks Points: 15. Next Start: TBD.

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A \$1.15-million purchase at Keeneland September, this daughter of Into Mischief faced her biggest challenge to date in the Davona Dale S. The results were mixed. She didn't run terribly in what was her stakes debut. She finished third as the 3-10 favorite and was beaten 2 1/4 lengths. The race came after she posted big Beyer numbers in her maiden win and in an allowance race. Trainer Todd Pletcher reports that her next start will either be in the Ashland or the Gulfstream Park Oaks. She deserves one more chance, but a defeat in her next start would mean the bloom is off this rose. *Cont.*



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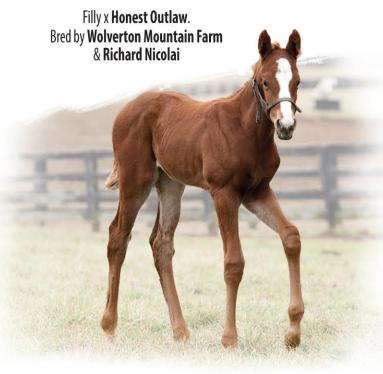
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Kentucky Oaks Top 10, cont.

8) WEST OMAHA (f, West Coast--Birthday Bash, by Medaglia d'Oro) O/B-Gary & Mary West Stables (Ky); T-Brad Cox. Lifetime Record: SW, 4-2-2-0, \$203,000. Last start: 3rd in Feb. 24 GIII Honeybee S. Kentucky Oaks Points: 40. Next Start: TBD.

Dam purchased by SCHUMER BLOODSTOCK

Brad Cox is always loaded with talent in the 3-year-old filly division. It looks like Tarifa is his best prospect, but her stablemate West Omaha is still in the mix. After a win in the Silverbulletday S. presented by Fasig-Tipton, she disappointed when third in the GIII Honeybee. S. at Oaklawn as the 11-10 favorite. A little bit on the erratic side, she wins every other race. There can't be any excuses next time...she needs a major

9) LEMON MUFFIN (f, Collected--Pelt, by Canadian Frontier)

win to prove she has what it takes to win the Kentucky Oaks.

O-Aaron Sones; B-Mr & Mrs Theodore R Kuster & Collected Syndicate (KY); T-D Wayne Lukas. Sales history: \$20,000 yrl '22 KEESEP; \$140,000 2yo '23 OBSAPR. Lifetime Record: GSW, 6-1-4-0, \$305,250. Last start: WON Feb. 24 GIII Honeybee S. Kentucky Oaks Points: 50. Next Start: GIII Fantasy S., OP, Mar. 30.

Selected by Mersad Metanovic Bloodstock Mersadmm@yahoo.com

The remarkable story of Hall of Famer Wayne Lukas just keeps going and going. He's now 88, but has shown the world he's still more than capable of competing at the highest levels of the sport and against the very best trainers.

He's also bold enough to do what few other trainers would. Prior to her win in the Honeybee, Lemon Muffin was still a maiden after five starts and had never run beyond six furlongs. On paper, she looked to be up against it in the Honeybee but scored the upset at 28-1. Was it a fluke? We'll find out in her next start. Having won the 2022 Oaks with Secret Oath (Arrogate), Lukas will be out to win his second Oaks in three years.

10) FIONA'S MAGIC (f, St Patrick's Day--Mollie's Magic, by Factum) O/B-Stonehedge, LLC (FL); T-Michael Yates. Lifetime Record: GSW, 5-3-2-0, \$250,910. Last start: WON Mar. 2 GII Davona Dale S. Kentucky Oaks Points: 60. Next start: GII Gulfstream Park Oaks, GP, Mar. 30.

When the entries came out for the Davona Dale, Fiona's Magic was completely overshadowed by Just F Y I and Leslie's Rose. But when the dust cleared, Just F Y I had been scratched and Leslie's Rose didn't live up to her billing. That left a void and it was filled by this Florida-bred daughter of St Patrick's Day (Pioneerof the Nile). *Cont.*



Kentucky Oaks Top 10 (Fiona's Magic), cont.

She was bred by and is owned by Marilyn Campbell's Stonehedge Farm South, the Florida Breeder of the Year in 1997, 2013, and 2016. Trainer Michael Yates is not well known outside of Florida, but he has won the Davona Dale in back-to-back years. His 2023 winner was Dorth Vader (Girvin).

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PAIR OF MCKINZIE COLTS, MUNNINGS FILLY SHARE FURLONG BULLET AT OBS OPENER

by Jessica Martini

A pair of colts from the first crop of McKinzie and a filly by Munnings shared the fastest furlong time of :9 4/5 during the first session of the under-tack show for the Ocala Breeders' Sales Company's March Sale of 2-Year-Olds in Training Wednesday in Central Florida.

Consigned by Niall Brennan Stables, the daughter of Munnings (hip 26) was the first to set the bullet mark some 15 minutes into the under-tack show. The bay is out of the unraced Ansaam (Bernardini), a half-sister to Grade I winner Denman's Call (Northern Afleet) and from the family of multiple Grade I winner Evening Jewel. She was a \$95,000 purchase at last year's Keeneland September sale.



Hip 26 | Photos by Z

The very next horse to work Wednesday, hip 17, a colt by McKinzie consigned by Raul Reyes's Kings Equine, also worked in :9 4/5.

"He did it the way I expected him to," Reyes said of the work. "He was superior up at the farm. He showed a lot of talent there and he stepped up to the plate today. He is just a big, stronglooking horse. He looks like the real thing." Cont.

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OBS under-tack opener, cont.

The dark bay is out of multiple stakes winner Altamura (Artie Schiller). He was purchased by Scott and Evan Dilworth for \$135,000 as a weanling at the 2022 Keeneland November sale before RNA'ing for \$125,000 back at Keeneland last September.

"Scott bought him as a weanling and he didn't sell him as a yearling," Reyes said. "They got lucky they didn't sell him because he really showed up today."

Asked how the colt had changed over the winter, Reyes said, "He just got more tucked up and muscled. I thought he was a good-looking horse when I got him, quite honestly."

An hour into Wednesday's session, hip 89, another son of Gainesway's McKinzie, worked the furlong in :9 4/5. Out of Breech Inlet (Holy Bull), the colt is a half-brother to multiple stakes winner and multiple graded placed Merveilleux (Paynter). Breech Inlet is a half-sister to graded winner Bauble Queen (Arch), dam of multiple graded winner Blitzkrieg.

The Ontario-bred was purchased by Ron Fein's Superfine Farm for \$205,000 at last year's Keeneland September sale. He is consigned by Wavertree Stables.

A four-time Grade I winner on the racetrack, McKinzie stands at Gainesway for \$30,000.

Reyes said he is a fan of the stallion based on the progeny he has seen so far.

"I love them," Reyes said. "They have a lot of talent. And they have a good mind. The two that I have experience with so far also have very nice bodies."



Hip 130 | *Photos by Z*

A filly by Bee Jersey (hip 130) turned in Wednesday's fastest quarter-mile when zipping the distance in :20 4/5 for consignor Tom McCrocklin. The juvenile is out of Christmas Cove (More Than Ready), a half-sister to graded winner Coal Play (Mineshaft), as well as to the dam of GI Travers S. winner Keen Ice.

McCrocklin purchased the filly on behalf of Michael Sucher's Champion Equine for \$110,000 at the Fasig-Tipton New Yorkbred Yearlings Sale in Saratoga last August.

The dispersal of the Lothenbach Stables of the late Bob Lothenbach, which produced a pair of million-dollar mares at the Fasig-Tipton Winter Mixed Sale in February, will continue at the OBS March sale. Fourteen juveniles from the dispersal galloped during the under-tack show Wednesday from the consignments of Brennan and McCrocklin, as well as deMeric Sales and Ocala Stud. An additional 26 juveniles from the dispersal will be on the track during the remaining three sessions of the under-tack show.

The under-tack show began at 8 a.m. Wednesday with temperatures in the upper 60's and, with an increasing headwind as the day wore on, concluded just after 3 p.m. with temperatures near 80 degrees.

"The track was great," Reyes said. "The only thing was the headwind was brutal. It changed later in the day, we experienced a very strong headwind, I would say."

The under-tack show continues through Saturday with sessions beginning daily at 8 a.m. The March sale will be held next Tuesday through Thursday with bidding beginning each day at 11 a.m.

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MATING PLANS, PRESENTED BY SPENDTHRIFT: WATERCRESS FARM

The TDN's popular annual series 'Mating Plans, presented by Spendthrift,' continues today in a conversation with Rob Tribbett, General Manager of Fred Hertrich's Watercress Farm.

Comic City (8, City Zip--Comic Marvel, by Distorted Humor) will be bred to Olympiad.

Comic City is a City Zip mare from a top Juddmonte family. Olympiad is the total package. He is a beautiful horse by a top sire, he was a Saratoga 2-year-old winner himself over some fantastic horses, then showed the ability to consistently dominate at the top levels at four.

Dance Awhile (6, Curlin--Dance Quietly, by A.P. Indy) will be bred to Not this Time.

This is a young Curlin mare from a terrific family. Cont.

Watercress Farm Mating Plans, cont.

Not This Time is off to an amazing start at stud, the team at Taylor Made has done a great job getting him mares, and his performance is incredible. He is an ideal sire for a young mare that we have high hopes for.

Delightof the Nile (5, Pioneerof the Nile--Delightfully, by Indian Charlie) will be bred to Liam's Map.

This is a filly we bred and recently bought back. She is a beautiful filly out of a favorite mare of ours. Sometimes matings don't have to be too hard. She is a half-sister to the very talented Dr Ardito that we bred, a New York stakes winner and graded-placed son of Liam's Map. We have had great success with Liam's Map, breeding Grade I winner Juju's Map, and we love him to get a mare started.

Desert Tempest (4, American Pharoah--Stormy B, by Cherokee Run) will be bred to Twirling Candy.

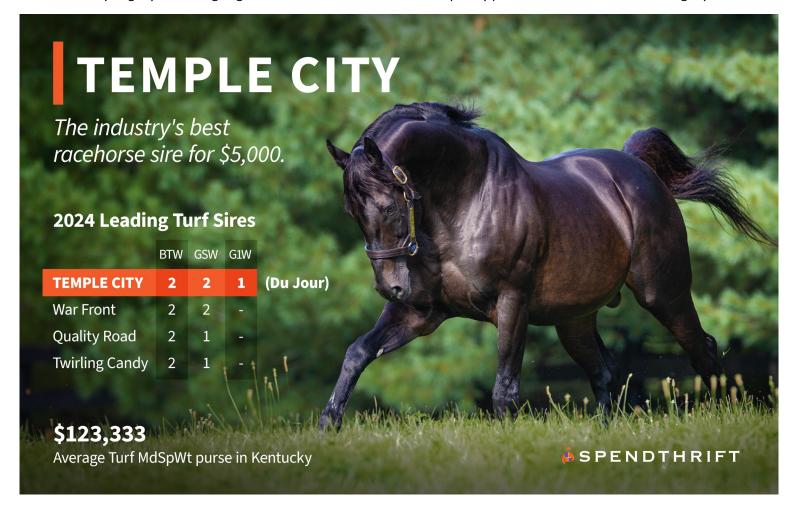
Another new mare to the fold, this is a young American Pharoah who displayed some ability on the track. We have been very fortunate with Twirling Candy, breeding a pair of Grade I winners by him. She is from a family that has shown the ability to consistently get stakes horses, and Twirling Candy is the best sire in Kentucky to get your mare going.



Pinehurst | Sarah Andrew

Giant Win (13, Giant's Causeway--Win's Fair Lady, by Dehere) will be bred to Good Magic.

Giant Win is the dam of Grade I winner Pinehurst, by one of our favorite broodmare sires, Giant's Causeway. Good Magic is a sire we have been a supporter of since the beginning. We love the speed and determination that his foals exhibit. They always show up and love their job. This is a great type-to-type mating that hopefully produces another Grade I-winning 2-year-old.



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Watercress Farm Mating Plans, cont.

Laughing Matters (9, Medaglia d'Oro--Hearty Laugh, by Distorted Humor) will be bred to Mage.

Another homebred mare, she is the dam of the super impressive Saratoga MSW winner last year Sugar Hi, and then sold a More Than Ready colt for \$310,000 last September. Mage's performance in the spring of his 3-year-old year was super impressive, he was willing to fight every fight and not back down. When I went to see him, I was blown away. We really love his sire and Mage is a great version of his father.

More Respect (14, More Than Ready--Search and Seizure, by War Chant) will be bred to Constitution.

She is the dam of multiple graded-placed High Opinion from one of our favorite families. We have been involved with Constitution since he went to stud and have so much respect for what he has accomplished. He has demonstrated what great stallions do--improve their mares and sire winners at various distances and surfaces.



Juju's Map | Coady Photography

Nagambie (11, Flatter--Charming N Lovable, by Horse Chestnut **(SAf)**) will be bred to Uncle Mo.

The dam of Juju's Map visits Uncle Mo this year. He keeps producing at the top level and we are excited for a colt or filly from her by Uncle Mo. She sold a really impressive Not This Time last year and has a Gun Runner we are really excited about for 2024.

Tulira's Star (12, Congrats--Tulira, by General Assembly) will be bred to Forte.

Tulira's Star is a graded-stakes placed filly in Saratoga, and has already produced the good Mullikin, a son of Violence. We are

excited about breeding to Forte. His 2- and 3-year-old form was very impressive and he is a great individual.

Zero to Sixty (7, American Pharoah--Cat Moves, by Tale of the Cat) will be bred to McKinzie.

Zero to Sixty is a young mare for us, she was a super impressive Saratoga first-time out winner herself, going short on the turf, and she is out of the sprint Grade I-winning Cat Moves. We are breeding her to McKinzie, who is a sire we were in love with from the beginning. Similar to the mare, he is out of a topclass speed mare himself, as his dam won the Alicibiades. Everything we are hearing from Ocala gives us a lot of confidence in the horse.





LARRY LEDERMAN, 67, DIES

by Frank Drucker, on behalf of the Lederman family

There can't possibly be another track announcer as unique as Larry Lederman.

Hell, there can't possibly be another human as unique as Larry Lederman.

Lawrence Brian Lederman died Mar. 5 at his home in East Windsor, New Jersey, weeks after his 67th birthday.

That Larry survived more than a dozen years with an inoperable brain tumor (winning that game of under/over) was a testament to his acerbic wit, unyielding faith, biting sense of humor and a shrewdness/stubbornness to realize the multitudes who loved him wanted him around (let's not forget his many medical friends).

A dear friend described Larry as 'a gentle and generous soul. His approach to the cancer treatment was to take it as far as he could, which is why he was able to sustain so long after the passing of his beloved wife and daughter.' Cont.



Larry Lederman | Bill Denver/Equi-Photo

Lederman, cont.

...and he brought pies to those who were taking care of him. Born and raised in Manhattan, Larry caught the track bug early, even before sharing a stand-up microphone with some guy named Robin Williams.

He was a three-decade-plus Harness/Thoroughbred announcer extraordinaire at New Jersey's Atlantic City Race Course, Freehold Raceway and Garden State Park, plus an in-demand guest at more venues than this space permits.

His calls were clear, concise, comical and, above all, correct. ...then, there were the voices.

Larry interjected so many spot-on impressions, and dropped so many names into the course of a race, you'd swear it was a fire hazard having that many people in the booth.

His Jackie Mason was so good, Jackie Mason wasn't sure if he, himself was indeed Jackie Mason.

The silver screen took notice, recruiting Larry to be the off-camera track announcer in 1993's 'A Bronx Tale.'

There was commercial voice-over work as well, but it was his equine passion, and his compassion toward others, that made Larry Larry.

As was mentioned, Larry was predeceased by his wife, Jodi, and their daughter, Leslie. Larry is survived by his brother, Alan, son, Scott and grandson, Cayden LoBianco.

Listing his extended family, both in and out of racing (shout-outs to the Christian Harness Horsemen's Association and the Meadowlands) would take way too long.

Here's the irony...anyone who tries to be the next Larry Lederman would be nothing more than a poor imitation of someone who never did a poor imitation.

TDN's Bill Finley, for 40 years a friend of Lederman, said: "Not only was Larry a great and colorful announcer, he was maybe the nicest guy on the planet. He cared more about others than himself. As announcers go, there was no one else like him. He was so clever and so creative that he could have you laughing after listening to his call of a \$5,000 claimer. I got to know him even better during the many years he was battling this terrible disease, which happened to concur with the loss of his wife and his daughter. He was truly dealt a horrible hand, but he stayed remarkably upbeat and optimistic through the entire ordeal. Cancer or not, he kept you laughing. This is a great loss and not just for horse racing but for mankind."

While Larry's services are private, those who desire honoring him might consider a donation to the Christian Harness Horsemen's Association or a cancer- or hospice-related charity.





Remembering Larry Lederman

"He was an outstanding race caller," said Dave Johnson, the longtime voice of the GI Kentucky Derby on ABC. "He had a unique sense of humor that he blended into his work. He was a very funny and decent guy. I had touched base with him through emails before he passed away on Tuesday and he was in a good mood. He's in a better place. It's such a shame."

"Larry was a creative, passionate, skilled race caller and an even better friend," Caton Bredar said in a tweet. "We got to spend time him during our Atlantic City days which were the best of times. Truly one of the good guys."

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SIBELIUS PREPS FOR GOLDEN SHAHEEN **DEFENSE AT PALM MEADOWS** by Alan Carasso



Sibelius winning last month's Pelican S. | SV Photography

Jun Park and Delia Nash's Sibelius (Not This Time) breezed a half-mile in an easy :49 flat at Palm Meadows the morning of Mar. 5 as he builds up to a defense of his title in the G1 Dubai Golden Shaheen at Meydan Racecourse Mar. 30.

Trainer Jeremiah O'Dwyer was in the irons for the move aboard the 6-year-old, who--like last year--enters the Golden Shaheen after winning the GIII Mr. Prospector S. at Gulfstream Dec. 23 and the Feb. 10 Pelican S. at Tampa Bay Downs.

"He went very well and he did everything we were looking for," the conditioner said. "He did a nice half in :49 with a nice gallop out. The track was in good condition after getting some rain the day before. He breezed very nicely and we're very pleased."

After just outbattling 2022 Golden Shaheen hero Switzerland (Speightstown) and Gunite (Gun Runner) last March, Sibelius failed to shine in three subsequent appearances before bouncing back to his best form this winter. Cont.

Sibelius, cont.

"It might be this time of year, it might be that the trip over there took a little bit more out of him than we anticipated," O'Dwyer offered when asked about the gelding's turnaround. "There are so many variables and factors, it's really hard to pinpoint it."

Junior Alvarado rode Sibelius to his neck success in the Pelican, but O'Dwyer has once again enlisted the services of Ryan Moore for this year's Golden Shaheen.

"Ryan brings a wealth of experience and knowledge to the table," O'Dwyer said. "He leaves no stone unturned, he knows every horse he rides inside and out. He can relate to the trainer and the horse very well. As a friend of mine told me once, I don't think there's a horse that hasn't been born yet that Ryan Moore doesn't suit."

And how does the 2024 version of Sibelius compare with the one of 12 months back?

"I think he's very similar, I think he's equally as good to how he was this time last year," O'Dwyer said. "Even Junior Alvarado, he breezed him before he went to Tampa and that's exactly what he said. He said, 'I don't know that he's better than he was last year, but he's just as good.'

"That gives us some confidence. I ride the horse a fair bit myself and I know he's doing great. He's a 6-year-old, he's good and strong. We're in a very good place with him and looking forward to going out to Dubai again. He really seemed to thrive out there, so hopefully he can run his race again this year."

O'Dwyer has penciled in one more half-mile breeze 'in eight or nine days' time.' Sibelius ships to the desert Mar. 19 and his trainer departs three days later.

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DANNY GARGAN JOINS TON WRITERS' ROOM PODCAST

The GII Fountain of Youth S. may have received a few key scratches that diminished the overall quality of the field, but Danny Gargan won't let that take anything away from the victory earned by his trainee **Dornoch** (Good Magic). As this week's Green Group Guest of the Week on the TDN Writers' Room podcast presented by Keeneland, Gargan recapped Saturday's Fountain of Youth score and made a case for why we still haven't seen the best from Dornoch.

"We've just gotta get someone fast enough to get next to him," Gargan explained. "If someone will get next to him, you're going to see a fast horse. I mean, he does explode working. But Luis [Saez] was just sitting there playing around. He'll wait on competition because he wants to play. He's a big boy and wants the competition."



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Sarah Andrew

While the goal was originally for Dornoch to get some experience coming from behind horses, the game plan changed after a late scratch from Todd Pletcher trainee Speak Easy (Constitution), who got loose behind the gate. Gargan had to break out his running shoes to get to Saez before the horses started loading.

"Right where the stand is where they do the interviews and they're on TV, I ran down to the track where the horses walk on and Luis was right around that area. We had to have a conversation again, but he knew what we wanted at that stage. He's a pretty smart kid...I had to change our game plan completely because I didn't want to be behind one of those horses and have them get in our way. So we went ahead and decided to just go to the lead."

The plan was a success as Dornoch, who is a full-brother to last year's GI Kentucky Derby winner Mage, wired a field of five and earned 50 points on the road to the Kentucky Derby. Gargan has said that he is considering either the GI Florida Derby or the GI Blue Grass S. for the colt's next start. On the show, he reported that he's leaning toward the Blue Grass, but should have a final decision at some point later next week.

Until then, he plans to soak up the experience of the Derby trail. A native of Louisville, Gargan has been to the Kentucky Derby once before in 2019 with Tax (Arch), who finished fourteenth, but this time around he said his outlook is a bit different.

"We're just going to enjoy where we're at right now," Gargan said. "We're lucky enough that we didn't have to run that hard to get the points. We're already probably in the race. I believe we have a horse that, if we get him in the gate on the first Saturday in May, he'd have a chance to win it. So it's a totally different ballpark and it's a fun thing to be a part of. Hopefully we get lucky and we're there." *Cont.*

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Gargan on TDN Writers' Room, cont.

Elsewhere on the podcast, which is sponsored by Coolmore's Epicenter, WinStar Farm's Global Campaign, the Pennsylvania Horse Breeders Association, 1/ST Racing, West Point Thoroughbreds, and XBTV.com, the team of Randy Moss, Zoe Cadman and T.D. Thornton reviewed all the major Kentucky Derby and Oaks prep races from coast to coast and questioned the implications the many scratches might have had on the weekend's results. They also took a look at the new Tapeta track at Santa Anita, as well as the announcement of 1/ST's new racing series and the GI Preakness S. purse increase.

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LIGHT UP RACING AIMS TO CHANGE INDUSTRY NARRATIVE by Sara Gordon



Crowd at Keeneland for Light Up Racing Tuesday | Sara Gordon

If the crowd at Light Up Racing's first community event in Lexington, held Feb. 26 at Fasig-Tipton, was any indication of the support behind the industry's new grassroots initiative, the number of attendees at their second event held Tuesday, Mar. 5 at Keeneland only solidified that.

Over 300 people, spanning across all aspects of the Thoroughbred industry, gathered in Keeneland's Limestone Café to learn about how their own voices and platforms can be used to collectively transform negative opinions about racing into positive messaging through accurate information, transparency, authenticity and professional language.

Building on what she shared during the inaugural event, which covered six critical concepts that can help industry members reshape the public's perception of horse racing, presenter Vicky Leonard discussed turning challenges into opportunities through strategic communication and social media engagement.

"We can use the collective insights of everybody here and the deep knowledge that you all have. You have amazing stories, you know the industry better than anybody, and we can use that to ensure that the content we're putting outside of the industry is more creative than it ever could be if you weren't living it and breathing it," said Leonard. "Of course, it's going to be more trusted. You guys have the voice that will be authentically representing the industry."

In 2022, Leonard's Australian-based marketing agency Kick Collective launched Kick Up For Racing. Inspired to establish something similar stateside, Price Bell, Roderick Wachman, Jason Litt and Dr. Jeff Berk spearheaded the launch of Light Up Racing late last year.

With a foundation based on four key pillars of transparency, awareness, community and accountability, Light Up Racing offers three levels of engagement: network, community and cohort.

Beginning at the first tier, members within the Light Up Racing network will have access to resources via email and the initiative's website that will equip them with essential resources, key messages and talking points to address any difficult questions.

Light Up Racing's website has culminated a bank of common questions from the public regarding aftercare, racetracks, racing and welfare, and answers to those questions based on scientific research and expert vet advice. The website's research hub also provides access to various relevant scientific studies that can help in these responses.

"We just need you to be an educated advocate for the industry, in person and online. We want you to be our eyes and ears out there. When you spot something and you're not comfortable responding, let us know. And we also need you to share our information," said Leonard.

From there, involvement would be expanded to the community level, which aims to bring together a social network of 1,000 industry members and supporters to combat misinformation about the industry with timely, educated responses, while also distributing positive racing content.

"Social media is where inflammatory content gets the most engagement, so people who are often quite irrational tend to get the most limelight and that's a little bit challenging and it's pretty scary. But you don't need to get in a tit-for-tat argument," said Leonard. "It's just about responding to things that are completely incorrect with what is correct. When you've done that once, or perhaps clarified something once more, you don't need to get involved again.

"It's really important that people who are only there for the comments do see that there's been an educated response to a piece of misinformation." *Cont.*

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Diving deeper into how best to handle any contentious conversations concerning the industry, Leonard encourages approaching from a mindset of curiosity, not defensiveness. She suggests using two important questions--'What makes you think that?' and then, 'Where does your information come from?'--in response to someone who poses a difficult question in order to discern what their value system is and how best to address the question.

Outside of those interactions, Leonard encourages every industry member to simply be more cognizant of the language they use when discussing the industry. Though many phrases or terms are easily understood internally, they can take on a whole new meaning when heard by someone outside of the industry.

"In the media too, we can also be a bit relaxed. We use terms like 'breaking its maiden' or 'breaking from the barriers,' and again, we don't realize that people that don't know the industry well, it's actually a poor way to be putting our sport out there," she said.



Light Up Racing's Vicky Leonard | Sara Gordon

Continuing on, the top tier would be the cohort, which Leonard explained would be the most time-consuming level of involvement. Within this level, Light Up Racing aims to establish a group of 100 people who have gone through official social media and media training.

The goal is to establish and support a team of people willing to become authentic influencers, forming a grassroots network of spokespeople for the industry.

"When a crisis happens, we don't just always have to turn to our CEOs. If we have the right people in the grassroots, you're always going to be far more trusted than somebody being told that they have to do that interview," said Leonard. "Our job is to empower you, but ultimately, you have to do it. Whilst we can give you all the tools in the world and the strategy, along with

giving you the support and the resources, we do need you, the people in this room, to make sure that it works."

Outside of providing the resources for those industry advocates to be able to address the media, Light Up Racing hopes to inspire all industry members to use their personal experiences and share that on social media, giving the public a 'behind-the-scenes' look at everyday life in the racing industry. Online content that 'pulls back the curtain' not only garners an audience, but educates that audience as well, which in turn organically improves public perception.

"The time of looking towards just the elite has passed. We really look for relatable people in everyday life. People who know someone in an industry, even if just on social media, are far more likely to trust that industry," said Leonard. "What's vital with social media is that authenticity trumps perfection. We need to stop worrying about being perfect and start being real."

Light Up Racing is developing a curriculum that will be released in the next couple of weeks as they bring together their first group of 20 people, based out of Kentucky, to go through the media training. They will do five of these training sessions over the next several months based in different areas.

A full recording of the two community presentations will be available online. To learn more about Light Up Racing and how you can get involved, visit LightUpRacing.com.

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WEEKLY STEWARDS AND COMMISSIONS RULINGS, FEB. 27 - MAR. 4

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 Daniel Franko has been suspended seven days after his trainee, Misty's Cat, tested positive for caffeine, when winning at Golden Gate Fields on Dec. 1 last year. He was also fined \$1,000. Caffeine is a Class B controlled substance under HISA. The case was resolved without a hearing.

NEW HISA/HIWU STEWARDS RULINGS

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



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Danny Gargan Recaps
Dornoch's Fountain of Youth Score



Resolved ADMC Violations

Resolution Date: 03/06/2024 **Licensee:** James Watkins, trainer

Penalty: 15-day period of Ineligibility for Covered Person, beginning on March 7, 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 2 Penalty Points. Final decision by HIWU.

Explainer: For the presence of Xylazine-Controlled Medication (Class B)-in a sample taken from Dennis's Pride, who finished fifth at Fanduel Sportsbook and Horse Racing on 11/11/23. This was a possible violation of Rule 3312-Presence of Controlled Medication Substance and/or its Metabolites or Markers (Post-Race/Vets' List).

Resolution Date: 03/28/2024 **Licensee:** Michael Simone, 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. Final decision by HIWU.

Explainer: For the presence of Phenylbutazone-Controlled Medication (Class C)-in a sample taken from Another Duke, who won at Tampa Bay on 1/28/24. This was a possible violation of Rule 3312-Presence of Controlled Medication Substance and/or its Metabolites or Markers (Post-Race/Vets' List).

Resolution Date: 02/29/2024 **Licensee:** Howard Love, trainer

Penalty: None. Equine controlled medication charges

withdrawn.

Explainer: For the presence of Phenylbutazone-Controlled Medication (Class C)-in a sample taken from Slender Slipper on 2/3/24. This was a possible violation of Rule 3312-Presence of Controlled Medication Substance and/or its Metabolites or Markers (Post-Race/Vets' List).

Resolution Date: 02/29/2024 Licensee: Daniel Franko, trainer

Penalty: 7-day period of Ineligibility for Covered Person, beginning on March 1, 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 2 Penalty Points. Admission.

Explainer: For the presence of Caffeine-Controlled Medication (Class B)-in a sample taken from Misty's Cat, who won at Golden

Gate on 12/1/23. This was a possible violation of Rule 3312-Presence of Controlled Medication Substance and/or its Metabolites or Markers (Post-Race/Vets' List).

Pending ADMC Violations

Date: 12/27/2023

Licensee: George Arnold II, trainer

Penalty: Pending

Alleged violation: Medication violation

Explainer: For the presence of Tramadol-Controlled Medication (Class B)-in a sample taken from Figgy, who won at Turfway Park on 12/27/23. This is a possible violation of Rule 3312-Presence of Controlled Medication Substance and/or its Metabolites or Markers (Post-Race/Vets' List).

Date: 01/28/2024

Licensee: Isidro Tamayo, trainer

Penalty: Pending

Alleged violation: Vet's list medication violation

Explainer: For the presence of Phenylbutazone-Controlled Medication (Class C)-in a sample taken from Silent Beauty on 1/28/24. This is a possible violation of Rule 3312-Presence of Controlled Medication Substance and/or its Metabolites or

Markers (Post-Race/Vets' List).

Date: 02/16/2024

Licensee: Patrick Biancone, trainer

Penalty: Pending

Alleged violation: Medication 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, Infinite Diamond. This was also a possible violation of Rule 4222-Intra-Articular Injections Within Seven (7) Days of Timed and Reported Workout.



Sarah Andrew

Date: 02/06/2024

Licensee: Patricia Farro, trainer **Penalty:** Interim suspension

Alleged violation: Medication violation

Explainer: For the presence of Cobalt Salts-a banned

substance-in a sample taken from Deplane, who won at Parx

Racing on 2/6/23. This is a possible violation of Rule

3212-Presence of a Banned Substance and/or its Metabolites or

Markers (Post-Race/Vets' List Workout).

Date: 02/02/2024

Licensee: Brandon Kulp, 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 Me Darlin Kathleen, who won at Penn National on 2/2/2024. This is also a possible violation of Rule 3313-Use of a Controlled

Method During the Race Period.

Date: 02/14/2024

Licensee: Jose D'Angelo, trainer

Penalty: Pending

Alleged violation: Vets' list medication violation

Explainer: For the presence of Omeprazole and Cimetidine-both Controlled Medications (Class C)-in a sample taken from Sun

Azteca on 2/14/24. This is a possible violation of Rule

3312-Presence of Controlled Medication Substance and/or its

Metabolites or Markers (Post-Race/Vets' List).

Date: 01/31/2024

Licensee: Jamie Ness, 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 Tops the Chart, who finished fourth at Parx Racing on 1/31/2024. This is also a possible violation of Rule 3313-Use of a Controlled

Method During the Race Period.

Violations of Crop Rule

One important note: HISA's whip use limit is restricted to six strikes during a race.

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Oaklawn Park

- Joe Bealmear violation date March 3; \$250 fine, no further details
- Rafael Jesus Bejarano violation date March 2; \$250 fine, no further details
- Joe Bealmear violation date March 1; \$250 fine, no further details

Santa Anita

 Tyler Baze - violation date March 1; \$250 fine and one-day suspension, 7 strikes

Sunland Park

 Larry Marquez - violation date Feb 29; \$250 fine and one-day suspension

Tampa Bay Downs

 Carlos Eduardo Rojas- violation date Feb 28; \$250 fine and one-day suspension

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: 03/01/2024

Licensee: Dale Brewer, owner

Explainer: Owner Dale Brewer, having satisfied a financial complaint filed by Farrier Kyle Baze for \$750.00, is restored to good standing and California Horse Racing Board LATS Ruling

#175 dated May 04, 2014, is set aside.

Track: Santa Anita Date: 03/01/2024

Licensee: Armando Ayuso, jockey **Penalty:** Three-day suspension **Violation:** Careless riding

Explainer: Jockey Armando Ayuso, who rode Takes Three in the tenth race at Santa Anita Park on February 25, 2024, is suspended for 3 racing days (March 8, 9, and 10, 2024) for crossing over without sufficient clearance going into the first turn, 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).

Track: Santa Anita Date: 03/03/2024

Licensee: Debbie Winick, trainer

Penalty: \$500 fine

Violation: Prohibited use of an electro-magnetic blanket on race

Explainer: Having violated the Horseracing Integrity and Safety Authority Rule #2271 (Prohibited Practices) Trainer Debbie Winick, who was scheduled to run Ghostly Act in the fourth race at Santa Anita Park on January 26, 2024, is fined \$500.00 for prohibited use of an electro-magnetic blanket on race day, necessitating a late declaration.

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affect performance, do not permit the athlete to perform beyond their natural ability.

"We have never discussed this topic and nothing is being proposed, but in an environment where our primary focus is on the health of our horses, are there issues here that we collectively have never considered?" he explained.

The ARCI will also elect Board Members for the coming year and Commissioner Doug Moore of Washington will assume the Chairmanship of the Association on Friday. The newly formed Board will also elect a Chair-elect who will automatically become Chair next year.

More information on the meeting can be found at the ARCI website.

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ARCI MEETING TO TACKLE EVOLVING, UNSETTLED ISSUES IN RACING

Edited Press Release

The Annual Meeting of the Association of Racing Commissioners International (ARCI) convened Wednesday in Columbus, Ohio, in the midst of an evolving regulatory structure for Thoroughbred racing and great uncertainty for what the future may hold.

Outgoing Chair Tom Sage, the retiring Executive Director of the Nebraska Racing and Gaming Commission, gaveled the meeting to order saying, "One thing is certain, change is inevitable. Whether the change is good or not so good, we shall see. Regardless, the agencies that regulate this sport will adapt and continue to be independent voices for animal welfare and integrity in sport."

A packed agenda will focus discussions on equine welfare and the work of the AAEP Racing Committee as well as HISA's racetrack safety program and what Dr. Sue Stover is learning from the data HISA collects. There will also be panels on challenges facing the testing labs, racing investigators, as well as the pressing need for equine aftercare.

The economic future of racing will be discussed in the context of a panel that will focus on how racing might benefit from the growth of sports betting. Projects currently in the works as well as ideas not yet tried will be discussed.

The attendees will be asked to explore the two distinctly different worlds of anti-doping in sport, those sports where Therapeutic Use Exemptions allow athletes to train and compete after being administered a medication that ARCI Model Rules (and the new HISA rules) do not allow and horse racing which does not permit TUE's.

"Human sports have decided that certain administrations are necessary to safeguard the health of their athletes with a documented medical need," ARCI President Ed Martin explained. "Those betting and participating in those sports are just as sensitive as to how they perform in competition as those in horseracing are. They claim these drugs, although they can



165TH KING'S PLATE HIGHLIGHTS WOODBINE'S '24 **STAKES SCHEDULE**

Anchored by the 165th running of the King's Plate, Woodbine's 2024 stakes schedule features 38 graded races, four of them Grade I events. The track's stakes schedule this year is missing the GI Canadian International, which was put on hiatus, "after review and consideration of industry and logistical challenges," according to a Woobine press release.

In another change to the track's traditional line-up of stakes, the \$750,000 GI E. P. Taylor S. will be moved up three weeks and will be run on a Sept. 14 card which also includes the \$1million GI Woodbine Mile, \$500,000 GI Johnnie Walker Natalma S. and \$500,000 GI bet365 Summer S.

The \$1-million King's Plate will be run Aug. 17, while the \$500,000 Woodbine Oaks will be held July 20. The Oaks is the first leg of the Canadian Triple Tiara, which is completed by the Aug. 10 \$250,000 Bison City S. and Sept. 8 \$250,000 Wonder Where S.

The Canada Day Racing Festival will be held June 29. The stakes-filled card includes the GII Highlander S., GII Nassau S., GIII Dominion Day S., GIII Selene S. and GIII Marine S.

To view the entire 2024 Thoroughbred stakes schedule, click here.

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The Thoroughbred Aftercare Alliance (TAA) has been named the official charity partner of the National Thoroughbred Racing Association's National Horseplayers Championship, which will take place at the Horseshoe Las Vegas Hotel and Casino Mar. 14-17. Throughout the weekend, TAA will have a booth set up where horseplayers are encouraged to stop by and learn more about accredited aftercare.

Branded merchandise will be available in exchange for a donation and there will be an opportunity to donate and enter for a chance to win various prizes. Winning prizes include a table for four at Maryland Million on Oct. 1, a private tour of Old Friends Equine Retirement with Michael Blowen, or exclusive TAA merchandise.

The TAA will also be on-site for NTRA's Last Chance First Chance NHC qualifier, which is held the Thursday of the event.

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GRADED STAKES ENTRIES



Saturday, Santa Anita #8, post time: 7:00 p.m. EST BEHOLDER MILE S.-GI, \$300,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 1m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Coffee in Bed 🖛	Curlin	Spendthrift Farm LLC	Mandella	Smith	120
2	Adare Manor	Uncle Mo	Michael Lund Petersen	Baffert	Hernandez	122
3	Green Up	Upstart	Team Valor International, LLC	Pletcher	Velazquez	120
4	Desert Dawn	Cupid	H and E Ranch, Inc.	D'Amato	Fresu	122
5	Interstatedaydream 🖛	Classic Empire	Repole Stable	Pletcher	Dettori	120
6	Sweet Azteca	Sharp Azteca	Pamela C. Ziebarth	McCarthy	Prat	120
7	Kirstenbosch	Midnight Lute	Keith Abrahams	Sadler	Berrios	120
8	Turnerloose 🖛	Nyquist	Abbondanza Racing, LLC, Medallion Racing,	D'Amato	Maldonado	120
			Thrash, Dawn and Thrash, Ike			
9	Window Shopping 🛪	American Pharoah	Bass II, Perry R. and Bass, Ramona S.	Mandella	Kimura	122

Breeders: 1-Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC, 2-Town & Country Horse Farms, LLC & GaryBroad, 3-Althea Richards, 4-H & E Ranch, 5-William D. Graham, 6-Pamela Cee Ziebarth, 7-Keith Abrahams, 8-William Humphries & Altair Farms LLC, 9-International Equities Holding, Inc.

Saturday, Oaklawn #9, post time: 5:55 p.m. EST AZERI S.-GII, \$400,000, 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	Esquivel	119
2	Bellamore 🛪	Empire Maker	Kaleem Shah, Inc.	Asmussen	Asmussen	121
3	Misty Veil 🖛	Tonalist	Resolute Racing	Maker	Vazquez	121
4	Comparative	Street Sense	Godolphin, LLC	Cox	Franco	124
5	Saddle Up Jessie 🛷	More Than Ready	Michael J. Ryan	Russell	Toledo	124
6	Hot and Sultry 🖛	Speightster	Lieblong, Alex and JoAnn	Casse	Santana, Jr.	121
7	Tiny Temper 🖛	Arrogate	Stanley, Mark H. and Stanley, Nancy W.	Stewart	Graham	117
8	Shotgun Hottie	Gun Runner	Aldabbagh, Omar and Ganje, Jeff	DeVaux	Torres	119

Breeders: 1-Westbrook Stables, LLC, 2-Gainesway Thoroughbreds LTD., 3-William Humphries & Altair Farms, LLC, 4-Godolphin, 5-Kinnickinnic Stables, 6-Cobalt Investments, LLC, 7-Alan S. Kline Revocable Trust, 8-Vincent Colbert



Saturday, Tampa Bay Downs #9, post time: 4:12 p.m. EST HILLSBOROUGH S.-GII, \$225,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/8mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Fluffy Socks	Slumber (GB)	Head of Plains Partners LLC	Brown	Ortiz, Jr.	119
2	Marketsegmentation <a>*	American Pharoah	Klaravich Stables, Inc.	Brown	Ortiz	119
3	Sparkle Blue	Hard Spun	Augustin Stable and Parke, Catherine	Motion	Ruiz	119
4	Aspen Grove (Ire)	Justify	Glen Hill Farm and Magnier, Mrs. John	Sisterson	Castellano	119
5	Beechnut Trophy	Real Solution	Ramsey, Kenneth L. and Sarah K.	Joseph, Jr.	Camacho	119
6	Embrace Me 🖛	Candy Ride (Arg)	Mark T. Anderson	Albertrani	Morales	119
7	Elusive Princess (Fr)	Martinborough (Jpn)	LNJ Foxwoods, Elusive LLC, NK Racing	Delacour	Alvarado	119
			and Church Street Stable			
8	Star Fortress (Ire)	Sea The Stars (Ire)	Gunther, John D. & Eurowest Bloodstock Services	DeVaux	Gaffalione	119

Breeders: 1-Head Of Plains Partners, 2-Marcus Stables LLC, 3-Catherine Parke, 4-Glen Hill Farm, 5-Kenneth L. Ramsey & Sarah K. Ramsey, 6-Stone Farm, 7-Mr. Jean-Philippe Dubois, 8-Sahara Group/Eurowest/Sunderland Hldgs

Saturday, Tampa Bay Downs #11, post time: 5:18 p.m. EST LAMBHOLM SOUTH TAMPA BAY DERBY-GIII, \$400,000, 3yo, 1 1/16m

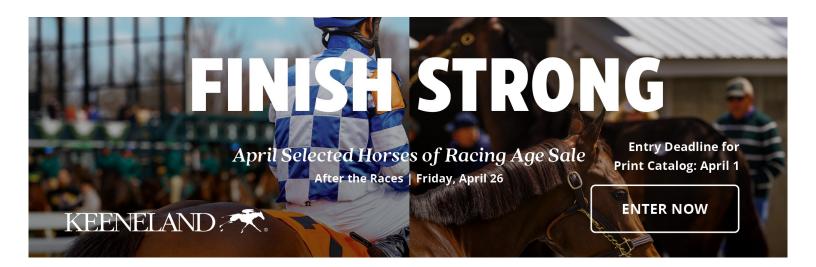
PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Heartened <a>**	Street Boss	St. Elias Stable, Langone, Ken, Duncker, C. Steven	Pletcher	Ortiz	120
			and Vicarage Stable			
2	Everdoit	Gary D	Donald L. Ming	Rice	Gallardo	120
3	Give Me Liberty 🖛	Constitution	Kenneth L. Ramsey	Diodoro	Morales	120
4	Good Money 🖛	Good Magic	Calumet Farm	Brown	Ortiz, Jr.	120
5	Domestic Product	Practical Joke	Klaravich Stables, Inc.	Brown	Gaffalione	120
6	Catire Vizcaya	Anchor Down	Hablan Los Caballos, LLC and Berne, Marco	Avila	Meneses	120
7	No More Time 🛪	Not This Time	Morplay Racing LLC	D'Angelo	Castellano	120
8	Crazy Mason 🛷	Coal Front	Wright, Donna and Reeves Thoroughbred Racing	Sacco	Sanchez	120
9	Grand Mo the First 🖛	Uncle Mo	Granpollo Stables LLC	Barboza, Jr.	Camacho	120
10	Sturdy 🛪	Mitole	Repole Stable and R. A. Hill Stable	Weaver	Alvarado	120

Breeders: 1-Knowles Farm, LLC, 2-Don Ming, 3-Don Alberto Corporation, 4-Hill N Dale Equine Holdings, Inc, 5-Klaravich Stables, 6-Singing Bridge Stable, 7-MAMAS Thoroughbreds, LLC, 8-Gmbracstables LLC, Mr. & Mrs. RamonRangel & Mr. & Mrs. Zachary Madden, 9-John D. Gunther, 10-ERJ Racing

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Saturday, Tampa Bay Downs #10, post time: 4:45 p.m. EST FLORIDA OAKS-GIII, \$200,000, 3yo, f, 1 1/16mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Poolside With Slim (Ire)	Churchill (Ire)	Bromagen, II, Glen S. and Lewis, Patrick	Arnold, II	Ruiz	119
2	A Primera Vista	Competitive Edge	Kerri Raven	Raven	Cedeno	119
3	Pharoah's Wine	American Pharoah	Delony, Nancy, Pacella, William, and Shoop, Frank	Romans	Centeno	121
4	Crevalle d'Oro 🛷	Constitution	Blue Crevalle Racing and	Casse	Camacho	119
			Quintessential Racing Florida LLC			
5	Waskesiu	American Pharoah	Chiefswood Stables Limited	Mott	Alvarado	119
6	Austere 🛪	Mendelssohn	Belmar Racing and Breeding LLC,	Walsh	Gaffalione	121
			Bradley Thoroughbreds, Cambron Equine LLC,			
			Tucci Stables, and Finder, Gary			
7	Style Points	Oscar Performance	Cheyenne Stable LLC	Clement	Castellano	119
8	Destiny Star 🖛	Catholic Boy	Hamm, Timothy E. and Siena Farm LLC	Hamm	Arroyo	119
9	Dancing N Dixie	Neolithic	Quintessential Racing Florida LLC,	Casse	Maldonado	121
			Rocky Top Stable and LEMB Stables			
10	Weigh the Risks	Mendelssohn	Klaravich Stables, Inc.	Brown	Ortiz, Jr.	119
11	Dynamic Pricing (Ire)	Night of Thunder (Ire)	Klaravich Stables, Inc.	Brown	Ortiz	119
12	Witwatersrand 🛪	Connect	Gary Barber	Casse	Gallardo	121

Breeders: 1-Kilweelran Ltd, 2-Mary & Eric VonSeggern, 3-Pacella Racing, Frank L. Jones & NancyDelony, Frank Shoop, 4-Sandra Sexton, 5-Chiefswood Stables Limited, 6-Summer Wind Equine LLC, 7-Candy Meadows, LLC, 8-Siena Farms LLC, 9-Freddie Hyatt, 10-Porta Pia Stables, LLC, 11-Epona Bloodstock Ltd, 12-G. Watts Humphrey Jr.

Saturday, Gulfstream #10, post time: 4:36 p.m. EST HURRICANE BERTIE S.-GIII, \$125,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2f

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Unifying 🖛	Union Rags	Greenberg, Sheri, Staghawk Stables,	Mott	Rosario	118
			Reiman, Tom and Johnson, Ronald			
2	Red Carpet Ready	Oscar Performance	Ashbrook Farm and Upland Flats Racing	Arnold, II	Saez	120
3	Dreamster	Jess's Dream	Mary Lightner	Lightner	Panici	118
4	Spirit Wind	Bahamian Squall	Miller Racing LLC	Joseph, Jr.	Zayas	124
5	Olivia Darling	Palace	Amo Racing USA	Delgado	Egan	124
6	Lady Radler	Kantharos	Mellon Patch, Inc.	Campbell	Gonzalez	124
7	Libban	Laoban	C2 Racing Stable LLC and Braverman, Paul	Joseph, Jr.	Conner	118
8	Cheetara (Chi) 🖛	Daddy Long Legs	Repole Stable	Pletcher	Lopez	120

Breeders: 1-Lynn B. Schiff, 2-Lynn B. Schiff, 3-Eric J. Wirth, 4-Jacks or Better Farm Inc., 5-Shalom Farm & Ramon Martinez, 6-Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC, 7-Southern Equine Stables, LLC, 8-No Registrado



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Saturday, Santa Anita #6, post time: 6:00 p.m. EST SANTA YSABEL S.-GIII, \$100,000, 3yo, f, 1 1/16m

HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
Ultimate Authority 🖛	Practical Joke	Amestoy, Leslie A., Amestoy, Pierre J.	Yakteen	Prat	120
		and Beasley, Roger K.			
Shiloh's Mistress 🛪	Vino Rosso	Resolute Racing	McCarthy	Velazquez	120
Pacific Rose 🛪	Not This Time	California Racing Partners, Ciaglia Racing LLC	O'Neill	Fresu	120
		and Savides, Domenic			
Kinza	Carpe Diem	Michael Lund Petersen	Baffert	Hernandez	124
She's a Tempest	Connect	Beerman Family Trust and Sayjay Racing LLC	Knapp	Pereira	120
Nay V Belle	Midshipman	Saints or Sinners	Glatt	Dettori	120
Where's My Ring 🖛	Twirling Candy	Michael McMillan	Brinkerhoff	Espinoza	120
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	Ultimate Authority Shiloh's Mistress Pacific Rose Kinza She's a Tempest Nay V Belle Where's My Ring	Ultimate Authority Practical Joke Shiloh's Mistress Vino Rosso Pacific Rose Not This Time Kinza Carpe Diem She's a Tempest Connect Nay V Belle Midshipman Where's My Ring Twirling Candy	Ultimate Authority Practical Joke Amestoy, Leslie A., Amestoy, Pierre J. and Beasley, Roger K. Shiloh's Mistress Vino Rosso Pacific Rose Not This Time California Racing Partners, Ciaglia Racing LLC and Savides, Domenic Kinza Carpe Diem Michael Lund Petersen She's a Tempest Connect Nay V Belle Midshipman Saints or Sinners Where's My Ring Twirling Candy Michael McMillan	Ultimate Authority Practical Joke Amestoy, Leslie A., Amestoy, Pierre J. and Beasley, Roger K. Shiloh's Mistress Vino Rosso Resolute Racing Pacific Rose Not This Time California Racing Partners, Ciaglia Racing LLC and Savides, Domenic Kinza Carpe Diem Michael Lund Petersen Baffert She's a Tempest Connect Beerman Family Trust and Sayjay Racing LLC Knapp Nay V Belle Midshipman Saints or Sinners Glatt Where's My Ring Twirling Candy Michael McMillan Brinkerhoff	Ultimate Authority Practical Joke Amestoy, Leslie A., Amestoy, Pierre J. Amestoy, Pierre

Breeders: 1-Romar Farm LLC & BRS, 2-Stoneway Farm, 3-Champion Equine, LLC, 4-JD Business Ventures LLC, Brushy HillStable & Carpe Diem Syndicate, 5-SAYJAY Racing, LLC & Beerman FamilyTrust, 6-Scott Clarke, Reynard Bloodstock, NickyDrion, S. Murat & Michael Banahan, 7-Don Alberto Corporation, 8-H & E Ranch

Saturday, Santa Anita #7, post time: 6:30 p.m. EST SAN SIMEON S.-GIII, \$100,000, 4yo/up, 6 1/2fT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Mynumerouno (Aus)	Vancouver (Aus)	Patrick Gallagher	Gallagher	Van Dyke	120
2	Irideo (Arg)	Easing Along	Pozo de Luna, Inc.	Polanco	Laprida	124
3	Mucho Del Oro	Mucho Macho Man	Purple Rein Racing	O'Neill	Hernandez	122
4	Dancing Buck	War Dancer	Diamond M Stables and J and N Stables LLC	Dutrow, Jr.	Maldonado	124
5	Sumter	War Front	Bass II, Perry R. and Bass, Ramona S.	Mandella	Rispoli	122
6	Ottoman Prince (Ire)	Zoffany (Ire)	Anthony Fanticola	D'Amato	Prat	120
7	Lane Way	Into Mischief	MyRacehorse	Mandella	Smith	124
8	Air Force Red	Air Force Blue	Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners and Golightly, Holly	Powell	Dettori	124
9	Daniel's Magic	Magician (Ire)	S. J. S. Stables and Diamond, Lindy S.	Harty	Kimura	120

Breeders: 1-Mr. M Schiavello, 2-Pozo de Luna, 3-BHMFR, LLC, 4-J & N Stables LLC, 5-Bass Stables, LLC, 6-Oxford Racing, 7-GWTW Horses LLC, 8-Stephen B. Weissman Living Trust, 9-SJS Stables

Saturday, Tampa Bay Downs #6, post time: 2:27 p.m. EST

\$100,000 MICHELOB ULTRA CHALLENGER S.-GIII, \$100,000, 4yo/up, 1 1/16m

F	P HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Mbagnick (Chi)	Practical Joke	Paola Stable and Stud Vendaval, Inc.	Sanchez	Meneses	119
2	Dynamic One 🛪	Union Rags	Repole Stable, Phipps Stable and St. Elias Stable	Pletcher	Ortiz, Jr.	119
3	Skippylongstocking <a>**	Exaggerator	Daniel Alonso	Joseph, Jr.	Gaffalione	123
4	Sherlock's Jewel	Lea	Wharton Connell Racing LLC	McGaughey III	Cheminaud	119
5	Dash Attack	Munnings	Catalyst Stable, Magdalena Racing,	McPeek	Alvarado	121
			Pollard, Kevin J. and Slevin, Patty			
6	Impacto	First Dude	Jim Tipps Racing, LLC and Winning Stables, Inc	Bennett	Castanon	119

Breeders: 1-Haras Paso Nevado, 2-Phipps Stable, 3-Brushy Hill, LLC, 4-Wharton Connell Racing, LLC., 5-Catalyst Stable & Magdalena Racing, 6-Jose Manuel Contreras





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ALLOWANCE WINNERS



IN ORDER OF PURSE:

7th-Gulfstream, \$74,800, Alw (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$75,000), 3-6, 3yo, 5f (AWT) (off turf), :55.60, ft, 1 1/2 lengths.

REFUEL (c, 3, Hard Spun--Quick Flip {SW}, by Speightstown) was a first-out winner going six furlongs over the Gulfstream turf Feb. 2 and was installed the 6-5 choice to repeat in this off-turf test. Gunning out of the gate, the chestnut assumed control through an opening quarter in :21.40. Still on top as 2-1 chance And Uwish (Mshawish) and Mackville (Speightster) took their best shots, Refuel had enough left in reserve to score by 1 1/2 lengths over And Uwish with Machville a close-up third. The \$550,000 KEESEP yearling purchase is the second highest priced auction purchase by his sire in 2022. He is a half to Gimmick (Into Mischief), GSP, \$175,504, in addition to GSW and MGISP Following Sea (Runhappy) (\$855,620), the latter also trained by Todd Pletcher. Quick Flip produced a colt by Authentic in 2022 followed by an Into Mischief colt last term. She was bred back to Spendthrift's premier sire. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$85,200.

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O-Repole Stable and St. Elias Stables LLC; B-Spendthrift Farm LLC (KY); T-Todd A. Pletcher.

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4th-Gulfstream, \$70,000, Msw, 3-6, 3yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:36.74, sy, 1 1/4 lengths.

DAZZLING MOVE (f, 3, Not This Time--Lady Liam, by Saint Liam) failed to hit the board in five prior sprint starts, including the most recent a fifth-place finish going six panels here Feb. 11, but was the nonetheless sent off the 8-5 second choice. Sent to the front by Paco Lopez, the Ontario-bred filly was prompted by Juddmonte homebred and race favorite Sidamara (Arrogate) through opening splits of :23.35 and :45.97. Turning for home, Lopez took a quick peek over both shoulders to make sure nobody new was coming, and urged his mount home, scoring by 1 1/4 lengths over the 6-5 choice. The well-bred Exhilarate (War Front) rounded out the trifecta. The winner's dam, Lady Liam, is also responsible for a juvenile filly by Army Mule. Sales history: \$85,000 RNA Ylg '22 KEESEP; \$135,000 2yo '23 EASMAY. Lifetime Record: 6-1-0-0, \$52,922.

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O-Sonata Stable; B-Jesse Korona (ON); T-Michael J. Trombetta.







SECOND-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: THURSDAY, MARCH 7 2024 Stud Fees Listed

Audible (Into Mischief), WinStar Farm, \$15,000
261 foals of racing age/34 winners/3 black-type winners
5-Aqueduct, 3:27 p.m. EST, Msw 1m, Call Her Bluff, 4-1
\$60,000 RNA SAR AUG yrl; \$22,000 EAS MAY 2yo
5-Aqueduct, 3:27 p.m. EST, Msw 1m, Calling an Audible, 9-2
\$165,000 FTK FEB wnl; \$85,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$115,000 RNA OBS
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8-Turfway, 9:25 p.m. EST, Aoc 6f, Modern Sound, 10-1 \$220,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$140,000 E '24 PED LOT 2-Penn National, 6:29 p.m. EST, Msw 6f, Pump It Up, 8-1 \$80,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$70,000 EAS MAY 2yo 5-Aqueduct, 3:27 p.m. EST, Msw 1m, Turnupthemusic, 6-1 \$85,000 FTN MIX wnl; \$100,000 SAR AUG yrl; \$45,000 OBS APR 2yo

Calyx (GB) (Kingman {GB}), Coolmore Stud, \$12,500 164 foals of racing age/29 winners/3 black-type winners 9-Gulfstream, 5:10 p.m. EST, Aoc 5fT, Imaboutago (Ire), 7-2 €12,000 GOF NO1 wnl; 105,000gns TAT OCT yrl

Coal Front (Stay Thirsty), Spendthrift Farm, \$5,000 80 foals of racing age/12 winners/2 black-type winners 8-Turfway, 9:25 p.m. EST, Aoc 6f, Lemorian, 12-1 \$42,000 FTK OCT yrl; \$60,000 OBS APR 2yo

Demarchelier (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}), Claiborne Farm, \$7,500 99 foals of racing age/20 winners/0 black-type winners 8-Turfway, 9:25 p.m. EST, Aoc 6f, High Fashion Kate, 20-1





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Enticed (Medaglia d'Oro), Darley, \$5,000

157 foals of racing age/30 winners/1 black-type winner 9-Gulfstream, 5:10 p.m. EST, Aoc 5fT, Demar's Legacy, 15-1 \$120,000 OBS APR 2yo

1-Aqueduct, 1:20 p.m. EST, Msw 6f, Mr. Papagiorgio, 20-1 \$24,000 RNA KEE NOV wnl; \$22,000 KEE SEP yrl

Flameaway (Scat Daddy), Darby Dan Farm, \$15,000 200 foals of racing age/28 winners/4 black-type winners 6-Turf Paradise, 5:30 p.m. EST, \$35K ATBA Three Year Old Sales S., 6f, Lindysnotobnoxious, 10-1 \$6,500 KEE JAN wnl; \$23,000 RNA FTC AYR yrl

Maximus Mischief (Into Mischief), Spendthrift Farm, \$25,000 231 foals of racing age/40 winners/3 black-type winners 9-Gulfstream, 5:10 p.m. EST, Aoc 5fT, Madness, 6-1 \$15,000 KEE NOV wnl; \$75,000 OBS OCT yrl

Mitole (Eskendereya), Spendthrift Farm, \$15,000 294 foals of racing age/45 winners/3 black-type winners 7-Fair Grounds, 4:45 p.m. EST, Alw 6f, Sister Ella, 4-1





ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

7th-Fair Grounds, \$59,000, (S), 3-6, (NW3L), 4yo/up, 1m, 1:39.87, ft, 1 1/4 lengths.

RANCH WATER (c, 4, Palace--J Lo's Halo, by Sunny's Halo) Lifetime Record: SP, 17-3-5-1, \$146,450. O-World War IV Racing; B-Love Partnership Interests, L. P. (LA); T-Allen Landry. *\$15,500 Ylg '21 LTBSYM.

8th-Tampa Bay Downs, \$49,900, (NW2X)/Opt. Clm (\$32,000), 3-6, 4yo/up, 6f, 1:09.88, ft, 1 length.

SPIKEZONE (g, 5, Speightster--Blameitontheice, by Stay Thirsty) Lifetime Record: 14-6-3-2, \$189,165. O-Johnson, Troy, Lo, Charles and Jagger, Inc.; B-Bishop Racing, Inc. (FL); T-Jamie Ness. \$2,500 Ylg '20 OBSWIN; \$19,000 Ylg '20 OBSOCT.

9th-Parx Racing, \$42,600, (S), 3-6, (NW1BX), 3yo/up, 6 1/2f, 1:18.64, sy, 1 length.

ALL AMERICAN ROD (g, 3, Rimrod--All American Blond, by Quiet American) Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$48,600. O-Isaiah 4031 Racing Stable; B-R H Breeding (PA); T-Dee Curry.

7th-Mahoning Valley, \$40,900, (S), 3-6, 3yo/up, 1m, 1:41.49, my, neck.

IT'S OFFICIAL (g, 7, Flat Out--Officially, by Officer) Lifetime Record: 34-8-7-5, \$264,698. O/T-Lorenzo Juarez; B-R Gorham (OH). *Full to Guacamole, GSP, \$171,805.



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4th-Turf Paradise, \$32,000, 3-6, (NW3L), 3yo/up, 1m, 1:36.52, ft, 2 1/2 lengths.

KEEN HEIR (g, 5, Keen Ice--Sheisinittowinit, by Student Council) Lifetime Record: 17-3-3-3, \$107,417. O-Mark Rose And Michael L. Dye; B-Millennium Farms (KY); T-Dan L. McFarlane. *\$34,000 RNA Wlg '19 FTKNOV; \$57,000 Ylg '20 FTKOCT; \$225,000 2yo '21 EASMAY.

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9th-Turf Paradise, \$31,500, (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$12,500-\$16,000), 3-5, 3yo/up, 1mT, 1:35.72, fm, 1/2 length.

SALINE RIVER (g, 4, Liam's Map--The Vapors, by Congrats)

Lifetime Record: 8-2-2-0, \$53,335. O-Charles Garvey; B-Shortleaf Stable (KY); T-Robertino Diodoro.

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8th-Will Rogers Downs, \$27,600, (S), 3-5, (NW2L), 3yo/up, 5 1/2f, 1:06.19, ft, 2 lengths.

OKIE SMOKE (g, 3, Caleb's Posse--Okie Smokey {MSW, \$215,194}, by Cavvy) Lifetime Record: SP, 6-2-0-2, \$50,904. O-Juan Padilla; B-Richter Family Trust (OK); T-Juan Padilla.

8th-Mahoning Valley, \$27,500, 3-6, (NW4L), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:14.44, my, 1/2 length.

GOING IN STYLE (g, 4, Mastery--Lope, by Arch) Lifetime Record: 24-4-5-3, \$130,871. O-Lion Palm Racing Stable and Sixth Gear, LLC; B-Claiborne Farm (KY); T-Ricardo Bailey. *\$10,000 Ylg '21 KEESEP.

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Higgins Boat, g, 3, Omaha Beach--Betty Draper, by Street Cry (Ire). Fair Grounds, 3-6, 5 1/2f (off turf), 1:05.39. Lifetime Record: 4-1-0-0, \$39,375. B-Breed First LLC (KY). *\$325,000 Ylg '22 KFFSFP.

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Musical Prayer, f, 4, Maclean's Music--River's Prayer (GISW, \$921,958), by Devon Lane. Fair Grounds, 3-6, 5 1/2f (off turf), 1:05.03. Lifetime Record: 4-1-1-1, \$72,937. B-Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC (KY). *\$65,000 Ylg '21 FTKOCT.

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Liam's Map, Saline River, g, 4, o/o The Vapors, by Congrats. AOC, 3-5, Turf Paradise

Maclean's Music, Musical Prayer, f, 4, o/o River's Prayer, by Devon Lane. MSW, 3-6, Fair Grounds

Mastery, Going in Style, g, 4, o/o Lope, by Arch. ALW, 3-6, Mahoning Valley

Munnings, Warwoman, m, 5, o/o Little River, by Exchange Rate. MSW, 3-6, Tampa Bay

Not This Time, Dazzling Move, f, 3, o/o Lady Liam, by Saint Liam. MSW, 3-6, Gulfstream

Omaha Beach, Higgins Boat, g, 3, o/o Betty Draper, by Street Cry (Ire). MSW, 3-6, Fair Grounds

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EXCEED AND EXCEL RETIRES AFTER 'JOURNEY OF EXCELLENCE'



Exceed And Excel | *Darley*

Former Australian champion sire and influential shuttle stallion **Exceed And Excel (Aus)** (Danehill), described as "an amazing horse from day dot", has been retired from stud duties by Darley at the age of 23.

The announcement came on the eve of the 20th anniversary of the sprinter's victory in the G1 Newmarket H. at Flemington. After that win for owners Nick Moraitis and Alan Osburg, he was bought by Sheikh Mohammed Al Maktoum as a stallion prospect and made one final start for Tim Martin in the July Cup in the UK. Cont. p3

'WE'RE UP AGAINST MONSTERS' - MOLONY ON ALEXANDER'S CHELTENHAM SQUAD

By Brian Sheerin

Peter Molony, racing manager to Kenny Alexander, says he cannot split the powerful owner's Jade De Grugy (Fr), Kargese (Fr) and previous Cheltenham Festival scorer

Telmesomethinggirl (Ire) when it comes to picking the

Telmesomethinggirl (Ire) when it comes to picking the operation's best chance of a winner at Prestbury Park next week.

The Rathmore Stud boss also provided a passionate riposte to some of the criticism being levelled at the mares' races at the Cheltenham Festival by stating that their horse of a lifetime Honeysuckle (GB) may never have seen a racetrack had it not been for the opportunities presented to mares through the heightened programme in recent years.

Following the high-profile defection of Constitution Hill (GB) in this year's Champion Hurdle, Willie Mullins and owner Rich Ricci have come under pressure to run last year's Triumph Hurdle scorer Lossiemouth (Fr), as short as 1-2 for the Mares' Hurdle, in the day one showpiece.

It's a situation Molony can relate to as similar pressure was being heaped on trainer Henry de Bromhead and Alexander to run the reigning Champion Hurdler Honeysuckle against the boys in the build-up to last year's festival despite the fact she clearly wasn't operating at her brilliant best throughout the campaign. Cont. p4

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Nest (Curlin) has returned to training for her 5-year-old season. Steve Sherack checks in with owner Mike Repole.



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Granny Budgie winning a Santa Anita allowance for Phil D'Amato on Monday.

The daughter of Massaat won three times for George Scott last year. | Benoit

ALYANAABI CONTINUES CLASSIC QUEST IN GREENHAM

Newbury's G3 Greenham S. is the likely next start for Classic prospect Alyanaabi (Ire) (Too Darn Hot {GB}).

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JAPANESE DWC NIGHT CHALLENGE GROWS BY TWO

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Both Matenro Sky (Jpn) (Maurice {Jpn}) and Ballon d'Or (Jpn) (New Year's Day) have joined the Japanese assault on Dubai World Cup night at Meydan.

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Exceed And Excel Cont. from p1

Exceed And Excel was crowned champion sprinter in Australia in 2003/04, with seven wins from 11 career starts, six of which came at Group level, including the G2 Todman S.

Since those days he has compiled a comprehensive record at stud both in his native Australia and during shuttle stints at both Dalham Hall Stud in England and Kildangan Stud in Ireland.

"We priced him at A\$50,000 in his first season (at stud) and that was aggressive back then. He was immediately very popular, he covered a really good book first year and they sold very well," said Darley Australia's Head of Stallions Alastair Pulford.

"His first crop was absolutely outstanding so he really announced himself as a stallion immediately. Exceedingly Good (Aus) won the first two-year-old race of the season at Flemington and we thought, 'We're in business here'.

"A few months later he quinellaed both the divisions of the Blue Diamond Preludes. He got the Blue Diamond winner in his second crop, Reward For Effort (Aus), who went on to a career at stud himself.

"His sixth crop was an exceptional crop; we sent a lot of high-class mares of our own to him that year. The level of mares he was getting was high and that crop included the Golden Slipper winner Overreach (Aus), Guelph (Aus) and Sidestep (Aus)."

One of the few reverse shuttlers to properly make a mark in Europe, Exceed And Excel's Northern Hemisphere Group/Grade 1 winners include Margot Did (GB), Excelebration (Ire), Outstrip (GB) and Mischief Magic (Ire). Most recently he was represented by a British Classic winner when the homebred Mawj (Ire) won last year's 1,000 Guineas for Godolphin and Saeed Bin Suroor. He is also the broodmare sire of Derby winner Anthony Van Dyck (Ire) (Galileo (Ire)) and, through Outstrip, features as the grandsire of Melbourne Cup winner Gold Trip (Fr).

Bred by the Ascot Breeding Partnership, Exceed And Excel is a son of Patrona (Lomond) and was bought for A\$375,000 at the 2002 Inglis Australian Easter Yearling Sale.

As he embarks on his retirement he is the sire of 18 Group/Grade 1 winners worldwide and is the only Australian-bred horse to have sired more than 200 stakes winners. The elite group of seven stallions to have achieved that feat is completed by his own sire Danehill, Sadler's Wells, Galileo, Dubawi (Ire), More Than Ready and Deep Impact (Jpn).

Along with the aforementioned Anthony Van Dyck, Exceed And Excel's record as a broodmare sire in Europe is extended by the Group 1 winners Ten Sovereigns (Ire) (No Nay Never) and Vandeek (GB) (Havana Grey {GB}). His sons remaining at stud in Ireland include Cotai Glory (GB), Bungle Inthejungle (GB) and Kuroshio (Aus). Cont. p4



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Mawj en route to winning the GI Queen Elizabeth II Challenge Cup S. at Keeneland | Coady Photography

Exceed And Excel Cont.

Godolphin Australia's bloodstock manager Jason Walsh also paid tribute to the horse. He said, "He's been the most reliable source of early speed for so many seasons in both hemispheres, and his effect on the breed, and certainly on our organisation, globally has been profound.

"The other thing that makes him remarkable is the number of seasons he would have shuttled consecutively, just amazing.

"He's been a pleasure to have around, from a personality perspective he's a true gentleman and has been a statesman in our stallion complex for so long. He's got some outstanding young stock coming through from some of our best-performed young mares."

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Molony On Alexander's Cheltenham Squad Cont. from p1

In the end, Honeysuckle bypassed the Champion Hurdle in favour of the Mares' Hurdle, and delivered one of the standout performances of the meeting when bowing out with a hard-fought victory over Love Envoi (Ire).

While Molony agrees that change is needed in order to drive competition at the Cheltenham Festival, he says the three mares' races--the Mares' Novices' Hurdle, Mares' Hurdle and Mares' Chase--are hugely important lures for people to buy and race mares.

He said, "The mares' races have been under attack recently but, what people don't seem to realise is that none of these mares would be in training at all if it wasn't for these mares' races. Honeysuckle, Annie Power (Fr), Quevega (Ire)--none of those mares would have been kept in training if it wasn't for the mares' races. Before these races came about, there was zero trade for National Hunt fillies. Zero. That's what people don't

seem to realise.

"For me, we need to step back and appreciate how these mares' races are enhancing the game. I don't understand the criticism levelled at these races. Now, I do agree that changes need to be made at Cheltenham, but I am firmly of the belief that these mares' races are adding to the programme and that they are not part of the problem. In actual fact, they are part of the solution."

Molony added, "One pundit, I can't even remember who it was, described the Mares' Hurdle as the worst race at the Cheltenham Festival. Whoever he was, he clearly wasn't watching last year's edition. These races add a huge amount of colour. Okay, last year's race was run in exceptional circumstances and there was huge emotion surrounding the whole thing. However, according to most people who were there and a lot of people watching it on television, it was one of their most amazing experiences in racing when Honeysuckle won."

The Mares' Novices' Hurdle is shaping up to be one of the races of next week. Gordon Elliott has gone on the record in saying that Brighterdaysahead (Fr) compares favourably with anything he has ever trained before. While Molony is full of respect for Brighterdaysahead, he is also confident that Jade De Grugy can give a good account.

He said, "Great friends of mine, the Bleahens, sold Brighterdaysahead so I have known about her for a long time. She was the most beautiful three-year-old and she has a serious pedigree. She's clearly a very good racemare and we have lots of respect for her."

Molony added, "Our lady has done everything very easily, though. When Brian Hayes got off her at Fairyhouse, he said he thought he was in loads of trouble at one point in the race, because he thought he wasn't going fast enough." Cont. p5



Peter Molony | Tattersalls

Molony On Alexander's Cheltenham Squad Cont.

He said, "As it transpired, she was just going so easy and he said he'd never sat on anything like her before. Willie seems to be quite bullish about Jade De Grugy so we will find out who is the best mare on the day."

Alexander will be doubly-represented in the Mares' Hurdle with Gala Marceau (Fr) and Tellmesomethinggirl. Molony says that he is quietly confident that the latter can out-run her general odds of 20-1.

He explained, "I think the two-and-a-half miles will really play to Gala Marceau's strengths. She was very disappointing the last day but Willie seems pretty confident that that was just a blip. We're actually quietly confident about Telmesomethinggirl. We know she loves the place--she won the Mares' Novice very impressively three years ago and she was running a huge race in the Mares' Hurdle itself two years ago before she got brought down.

"Rachael [Blackmore] came in afterwards and was absolutely sick--she thought she was going to win. At her best, I think she'd give everything in the race something to think about. We had a waste of a year over fences last year with her. She didn't really take to it. Henry seems to be confident that she's coming right back to her best so we're quite hopeful."

Alexander will take on another short-priced favourite on Friday when Kargese bids to get the better of the hugely impressive Sir Gino (Fr) in the Triumph. Kargese, a Grade 1 winner at the Dublin Racing Festival, is said to be improving with racing, and Molony gives the filly a big chance getting weight from the opposite sex.

Molony said, "Everywhere we look, we seem to be running against a monster. Telmesomethinggirl has Lossiemouth to contend with, Jade De Grugy has Brighterdaysahead and now Kargese has Sir Gino to worry about in the Triumph. She is a beautiful-looking mare. The first day she ran for us, she just didn't settle at all and did remarkably well to finish second. Then she went and won the Grade 1 at the Dublin Racing Festival where she settled much better. If she settles in the Triumph, she'll run a big race getting weight from the geldings."

On the rest of their festival squad, he added, "We'd love Doddiethegreat (Ire) to run well and win some money for the Doddie [Weir] foundation. He'll be declared for the Coral Cup and, if he gets in, he'll run. If he doesn't, he'll go for the Martin Pipe but we're hoping he gets into the Coral Cup.

"We also have Miss Manzor (GB) in the Boodles. We like her a lot and she ran a blinder at Christmas. She must have a little bit of a squeak." Cont. p6



Jade De Grugy in action | Racingfotos.com

Molony On Alexander's Cheltenham Squad Cont.

Asked to nominate Alexander's best chance of the week, Molony said, "Tellmesomethinggirl, Jade De Grugy and Kargese all have great chances but they're all running up against monsters. If one of them happened to win, we'd be delighted."

Meanwhile, four-time Festival winner and dual Champion Hurdler Honeysuckle is due her first foal by Walk In The Park (Ire) in the coming weeks.

Providing an update on the legendary racemare, Molony concluded, "Honeysuckle is still in Scotland. Kenny was very keen that she foaled over there and it's all good so far, touch wood. She is due in about three weeks' time now. Kerry, who looks after her so well over there, is under strict instruction to call me whenever she foals--I don't care if it's two o'clock in the morning!

"Fingers crossed, everything will go well and we will have a healthy foal. Everything going well, she will come back to us when the foal is about three weeks old and we will be visiting Blue Bresil (Fr) this year."

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handles the Rowley Mile well by the look of it.

"We're a long way off and, like most people, we've not been able to do much on the grass as yet. It would be nice for it to dry out a little bit so we can get a bit of work on the grass into him, but we're happy that he might just go to Newbury and have a run before the Guineas. City Of Troy is the standout at the minute, but you can't run away from one and we'd like to think that we'll be up there with a few of the others, so we shall see."

Burrows has a second entry for the 2000 Guineas in the shape of **Deira Mile (Ire)**, last seen finishing fourth in the G1 Futurity Trophy S. at Doncaster in October, but the trainer considers it unlikely that the son of Camelot (GB) will take his chance at Newmarket.



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"I'll be honest, I've got him in the English Derby and the French and the Irish [Derbys] and we've just put him in the Guineas in case for whatever reason he doesn't stay," Burrows added. "I'd be amazed if he doesn't because that's all he did in the Futurity and obviously that was over a mile in heavy ground.

"The Guineas entry is just a speculative entry, but the owner was happy to cover all bases and he's going to be treated like a Derby horse, who will start over a mile and a quarter at the beginning of April and then we'd be expecting to hopefully look at a Derby trial with him after that."



EUROPEAN NEWS

ALYANAABI LIKELY TO PUT CLASSIC CREDENTIALS TO THE TEST IN GREENHAM

The G3 Greenham S. at Newbury on Saturday, April 20, has been identified as a likely starting point for Alyanaabi (Ire) (Too Darn Hot {GB}) as he prepares to embark on his three-year-old campaign.

Trained by Owen Burrows, Shadwell's Alyanaabi proved himself a smart juvenile in 2023 when he won the G3 Tattersalls S. at Newmarket before going on to fill the runner-up spot behind City Of Troy (Justify) in the G1 Dewhurst S. over the same course and distance.

City Of Troy is a short-priced favourite to maintain his unbeaten record when, all being well, he lines up in the G1 Qipco 2000 Guineas back at Newmarket on Saturday, May 4, but Burrows is not shirking the rematch should Alyanaabi come through his preparation for the opening Classic of the season in good shape.

"I'm very pleased with him," Burrows said of the talented colt. "He's done well [over the winter] and we've just started faster work with him. We might give him a run [in a Guineas trial]. If he goes anywhere he'll probably go to the Greenham at Newbury. It just sort of makes sense as it's just up the road for us and luckily he had a couple of runs at Newmarket last year, so he

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FIRST MARES IN FOAL FOR NEW STALLION **RECRUITS AT HARAS DE BONNEVAL**

The two newcomers to the stallions ranks at Haras de Bonneval, Vadeni (Fr) and Erevann (Fr), have both had their first mares scanned in foal, the operation announced on Wednesday.

Trained by Jean-Claude Rouget and carrying the colours of the Aga Khan, Vadeni was among the leading three-year-olds in Europe in 2022 when his wins included the G1 Prix du Jockey Club at Chantilly and G1 Eclipse S. at Sandown. He also filled the runner-up spot behind Alpinista (GB) (Frankel (GB)) in the G1 Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe on his final start of the campaign.

Vadeni is set to receive 10 mares from the Aga Khan Studs in his debut season, including Candara (Fr) (Barathea {Ire}), the dam of the Group 1-placed Candarliya (Fr) (Dalakhani (Ire)), as well as the Group 1 winners Ridasiyna (Fr) (Motivator {GB}) and Shareta (Ire) (Sinndar {Ire}).

G2 Prix Daniel Wildenstein winner Erevann is also set to receive 10 mares from the homebred broodmare band, including the G1 Hong Kong Vase winner Daryakana (Fr) (Selkirk), already the dam of the G1 Prix Ganay winner Dariyan (Fr), who has moved from Haras de Bonneval to Haras du Mont Goubert for 2024.

Over in Ireland, Capital Stud announced on Wednesday that new recruits Castle Star (Ire) and Authorized (Ire) have also had their first mares confirmed in foal.

"We're delighted with how Castle Star has been received and he is proving exceptionally fertile," Capital Stud's Ger O'Neill said of the G3 Marble Hill S. winner.

"Fast sons of Starspangledbanner at stud are a scarce commodity and one of the few others there has been, The Wow Signal, only sired a handful of foals but managed to get a Classic



Vadeni | Scoop Dyga

winner in Coeursamba among them. We're very excited about Castle Star, providing access to the Danehill line which is becoming more and more scarce, and we think he offers tremendous value standing at €5,000."

Derby winner Authorized--who is perhaps best known as the sire of Tiger Roll (Ire), one of the most famous jumps horses of the modern era--is also reported to have taken everything in his stride as he stands his first season at Capital Stud in 2024, having arrived from Turkey in January.

O'Neill added, "Authorized has settled in great here at Capital Stud. He's a very quiet horse and is lovely to deal with. We had been told he's slow in the shed, and it's taking him about an hour to cover one mare, but he's doing it well. He's getting his mares in foal, that's the most important thing."

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The 10th edition of the Thoroughbred Breeders' Association National Hunt Breeders' Awards, sponsored by Goffs, will be held on Monday, May 20, the eve of the Goffs Doncaster Spring Store Sale. Doncaster's Hilton Garden Inn has been selected for the awards show, with Nick Luck signed on to host again.

The event celebrates the achievements of British-based breeders and British-bred horses across the 2023-24 National Hunt season. During the event there is a champagne reception, and dinner is followed by the awards ceremony. A total of 14 awards will be presented, including the Queen Mother's Silver Salver.

Simon Cox, chairman of the National Hunt committee and TBA trustee said, "We are very grateful to Goffs for their ongoing support of this event, as well as the individual award sponsors. We are looking forward to celebrating the event's 10-year anniversary in May and when you look at the list of previous winners, the quality of horses that British breeders have and continue to produce really stands out. The evening will be a celebration of this season's achievements, as well as a nod to past winners.

"I would encourage not only breeders, but trainers, agents and owners who are attending the Goffs Spring Store Sale to make sure that they add the awards evening into their diary and secure their tickets."

Tickets are available for £65 until midnight on Mar. 31, and will be priced at £70 from Apr. 1. To purchase tickets and for more information, please visit the TBA website's events page.

BRITAIN

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Brodie's Boy (Fr), c, 3, Cloth Of Stars (Ire)--On The Rocks (Fr), by Verglas (Ire). Kempton, 3-6, 11f 219y (AWT), 2:33.24. Lifetime Record: 5-1-2-0, \$11,288. B-SCEA du Haras des Sablonnets, Valentin Berouard & Bruno Aderno (FR). *€9,000 RNA Wlg '21 ARQDEC; €11,000 Ylg '22 ARQDOY; 14,000gns RNA 2yo '23 TATBRG.

FRANCE

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Dream Whisper (Ire), f, 3, **Exceed And Excel (Aus)**--Chapelli (GB) (MSP-Eng), by Poet's Voice (GB). Fontainebleau, 3-6, 6fT, 1:12.89. B-Godolphin (IRE).

Lixi (Fr), f, 4, Almanzor (Fr)--Ludiana (Fr) (SP-Fr), by Dalakhani (Ire). Fontainebleau, 3-6, 11fT, 2:28.06. B-Haras de la Mercerie, Paolo Gariboldi & Jack Newman (FR). *€23,000 Ylg '21 ARQOCT; €10,000 2yo '22 ARQNOV.

WORLDWIDE NEWS

JAPANESE DWC NIGHT TEAM CONTINUES

TO GROW by Alan Carasso

An already stiff Japanese challenge for the Dubai World Cup program at Meydan Mar. 30 was further fortified Wednesday when it was announced that Mikio Matsunaga-trained duo of Matenro Sky (Jpn) (Maurice {Jpn}), upset winner of the G2 Nakayama Kinen Feb. 25, and the 3-year-old colt Ballon d'Or (Jpn) (New Year's Day) have accepted invitations to the G1 Dubai Turf and G2 UAE Derby, respectively. Netkeiba was first to report the news.

The 5-year-old Matenro Sky broke through at the stakes level in the Listed Rigel S. going a mile at Hanshin last December and was posting a career-high in the Nakayama Kinen (video, SC 8), besting \$4.3-million 2-year-old in training purchase Dobune (Jpn) (Deep Impact {Jpn}), with G1 Satsuki Sho (Japanese 2000 Guineas) winners Geoglyph (Jpn) (Drefong, 2022) and Sol Oriens (Jpn) (Kitasan Black {Jpn}, 2023) third and fourth.

Past winners of the Nakayama Kinen that have gone on to

international glory include Victoire Pisa (Jpn), Nuovo Record (Jpn), Neorealism (Jpn), two-time victor Win Bright (Jpn) and Panthalassa (Jpn). The outstanding Duramente (Jpn) won the 2016 Nakayama Kinen.

Shadai Farm's Ballon d'Or was beaten five lengths into third by recent G3 Saudi Derby winner **Forever Young (Jpn)** (Real Steel {Jpn}) on Kyoto debut last October and has since won two of four starts on the dirt. A six-length maiden winner at second asking, the \$650,000 JRHA Select Foal purchase won a Hanshin allowance in December before finishing third in the valuable Bluebird Cup at Funabashi in January. He exits a sixth behind Ramjet (Jpn) (Majestic Warrior) in the 1600-metre Listed Hyacinth S. Matsunaga won the 2016 UAE Derby with the American-bred Lani (Tapit).

According to *Netkeiba*, the veteran Norihiro Yokoyama will ride both horses.

The deep Japanese contingent also includes defending champion **Ushba Tesoro (Jpn)** (Orfevre {Jpn}) and 2023 UAE Derby hero **Derma Sotogake (Jpn)** (Mind Your Biscuits) for the G1 Dubai World Cup; **Liberty Island (Jpn)** (Duramente {Jpn}) and 2022 winner **Shahryar (Jpn)** (Deep Impact {Jpn}) for the G1 Dubai Sheema Classic; **Do Deuce (Jpn)** (Heart's Cry {Jpn}) in the Dubai Turf; Forever Young in the Derby; and G3 Riyadh Dirt Sprint hero **Remake (Jpn)** (Lani) for the G1 Dubai Golden Shaheen.

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Wednesday's Result:

Diolite Kinen-Listed (Jpn-G2), ¥76,500,000, Funabashi, 3-6, 4yo/up, 2400m, 2:33.90, sy.

1--SERAPHIC CALL (JPN), 121, c, 4, by Henny Hughes

1st Dam: Chant de l'Ange (Jpn), by Manhattan Cafe (Jpn)

2nd Dam: Halwa Song, by Nureyev

3rd Dam: Morn of Song, by Blushing Groom (Fr)

O-Carrot Farm; B-Northern Farm (Jpn); T-Ryo Terashima; J-Bauyrzhan Murzabayev; ¥45,000,000. Lifetime Record: GSW-Jpn, 7-6-0-0, ¥134,188,000.

- 2--Teleos Bell (Jpn), 119, m, 7, Kizuna (Jpn)--Early Spring (Jpn), by Kurofune. (¥6,480,000 Ylg '18 JBBAAUG; ¥10,260,000 2yo '19 JRABUS). O-Mieko Suzuki; B-Nozaka Farm (Jpn); ¥15,750,000.
- 3--Hagino Alegrias (Jpn), 123, h, 7, Kizuna (Jpn)--Tanino Charis (Jpn), by Generous (Ire). (¥16,000,000 Ylg '18 JRHAJUL). O-Yoshie Hinokuma; B-Okada Stud (Jpn); ¥9,000,000.

Margins: 4, 3, HD. Odds: 1.40, 6.20, 2.90.

Also Ran: Diktaean (Jpn), Another Truth (Jpn), Mangan (Jpn), Lord Regalis (Jpn), Koei Souschef (Jpn), Tosen Bull (Jpn), Ailes Du Courage (Jpn), Sammaru Empire (Jpn).

A winner of his first five races, including the G3 Miyako S. in November, the colt bit off more than he could chew when facing Japanese Champion Dirt Horse Lemon Pop (Lemon Drop Kid) in the Dec. 3 G1 Champions Cup, and duly finished 10th. Returned to softer company on Wednesday, it was another victory in the win column for the newly turned 4-year-old.

A step slow from his rail draw, the chestnut rushed up to race midfield as Ailes Du Courage (Jpn) (Kurofune) got loose on the lead. Plugging along leaving the first bend and with four foes to pass as they cruised past the winning post for the first time, Seraphic Call raced by his lonesome, with Teleos Bell cutting out fractions while shadowed by Ailes Du Courage. Asked for his run on the final of three turns, Seraphic Call gobbled up ground with every stride and draw even with Teleos Bell by the furlong pole. He galloped home a stylish winner, with Hagino Alegrias taking third in the strung-out field.

His dam placed during her racing career, and Seraphic Call is her best foal. She also produced the winning Sunrise Earth (Jpn) (Rey De Oro {Jpn}), and has 2-year-old filly Teleos La La (Jpn) (Siskin). In 2023, she was covered by Danon Smash (Jpn).

The second dam Halwa Song (Nureyev) produced a staggering 12 winners from 16 foals, with the best of those multiple group winner and sire Martinborough (Jpn) (Deep Impact {Jpn}), who

stands for €3,000 at Haras de la Baie this year, and group winner Frere Jacques (Jpn) (Deep Impact {Jpn}). Another halfsister to Chant de l'Ange, Halwa Sweet (Jpn) (Machiavellian), foaled Japanese champion and multiple Group 1 winner Vivlos (Jpn) to the cover of Deep Impact, G1 Japan Cup winner and sire Cheval Grand (Jpn) to the cover of Heart's Cry (Jpn), and dual G1 Victoria Mile heroine and Japanese Triple Tiara runner-up Verxina (Jpn) when returned to Deep Impact. The last-named mare is doing her part to keep the family in lights, as two of her foals are already Japanese group winners--Bravas (Jpn) (King Kamehameha {Jpn}) and Divinia (Jpn) (Maurice {Jpn}). Bluehen Glorious Song (Halo), a champion in Canada and the U.S., is a full-sister to influential sires Devil's Bag, Saint Ballado, et. al., and is Seraphic Call's fourth dam. Click for the NAR chart and video.



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Thursday, Lingfield, Britain, post time: 15:20

BETMGM SPRING CUP S.-Listed, £55,000, 3yo, 7f 2y

SC HORSE		SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Orne (Ire)	Acclamation (GB)	Al Shaqab Racing	John & Thady Gosden	Robert Havlin	135
2	Aljezur (Ire)	Galileo Gold (GB)	The Sussex Syndicate	Luke Dace	Kyle Strydom	130
3	Blown Away (GB)	Invincible Spirit (Ire)	lmad Alsagar	John & Thady Gosden	Hollie Doyle	130
4	Habrdi (Ire)	Calyx (GB)	Ahmad Alotaibi	Jane Chapple-Hyam	Laura Pearson	130
5	Lessay (Ire)	Churchill (Ire)	Michael Payton	Andrew Balding	David Probert	130
6	Watch My Tracer (Ire)	Dandy Man (Ire)	Victorious Racing & Fawzi Nass	George Scott	Callum Shepherd	130
7	Ahlain (GB)	Too Darn Hot (GB)	Sultan Ali	James Tate	Rossa Ryan	125
8	Betties Bay (GB)	Cable Bay (Ire)	Clear Racing	Georgina Nicholls	Joshua Bryan	125
9	Queen Of Zafeen (Ire)	Ten Sovereigns (Ire)	Jaber Abdullah	Richard Hughes	William Buick	125
10	Star Mind (GB)	Advertise (GB)	S Goodwin	Jack Jones	Dylan Hogan	125

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PRIX ROSE DE MAI-Listed, €55,000, 3yo, f, 10fT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	1	Simada (GB)	Le Havre (Ire)	Graffard	Pasquier	125
2	5	Keen Approach (Fr)	Herald The Dawn (Ire)	Pontoir	Demuro	125
3	4	Itsy Bitsy (Ire)	Belardo (Ire)	Sogorb	Barzalona	125
4	6	Fun With Flags (Ire)	Zoffany (Ire)	Reynier	Guyon	125
5	2	Harmony Grey (Fr)	The Grey Gatsby (Ire)	Pantall	Piccone	125
6	3	Darkilla (Fr)	Bated Breath (GB)	C Head	Lemaitre	125

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