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\$1.8M WIN WIN WIN FILLY LEADS THE WAY AS TOP OF THE MARKET DRIVES STRONG MARCH SALE



Hip 788, topper of the OBS March sale | Photos by Z

by Jessica Martini & Christina Bossinakis

OCALA, FL - With a \$1-million Authentic colt early in the session and a \$1.8-million Win Win Win filly late in the day, the Ocala Breeders' Sales Company's March Sale of 2-Year-Olds matched its 2023 number of five seven-figure juveniles and the auction concluded its three-day run Thursday with another strong renewal.

"Overall, it was a terrific sale and we are looking forward to April," said OBS Director of Sales Tod Wojciechowski.

Through three sessions, 446 horses sold for \$66,437,600. The average of \$148,963 dipped 5.0% from 2023 and the median of \$75,000 was down 6.3%. The buy-back rate was 25.3%. It was 23.2% at the close of bidding last year.

In its ninth renewal as an open sale, the March auction has now produced back-to-back competitive editions and multiple seven-figure offerings for the third straight year.

"I think consignors are probably more comfortable and feel more confident that they can put a horse in either March or April and do well," Wojciechowski said. "It doesn't have to be either/or. It can be both."

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KEENELAND BREEDER SPOTLIGHT: IN RESPONSE TO EVOLVING LANDSCAPE, WOODS EDGE BUILDS REPUTATION AS A

BREEDER by Katie Petrunyak

We know it as a tried-and-true consignment that has been making headlines at the Keeneland September Sale for over 20 years now. And we know its figurehead Peter O'Callaghan as one of the sharpest pinhookers in the game--flipping a \$400,000 American Pharoah colt into a \$2.2-million Keeneland September yearling in 2018 and before that, pinhooking a \$180,000 War Front weanling into a \$2.5-million yearling at the same sale back in 2013.

But what's relatively new for us, when considering Woods Edge Farm, is finding the operation listed as the breeder of a growing number of accomplished racehorses.

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Dan Skelton saddled a pair of Grade 1 winners at Cheltenham on Thursday. Adam Houghton reports from Prestbury Park.



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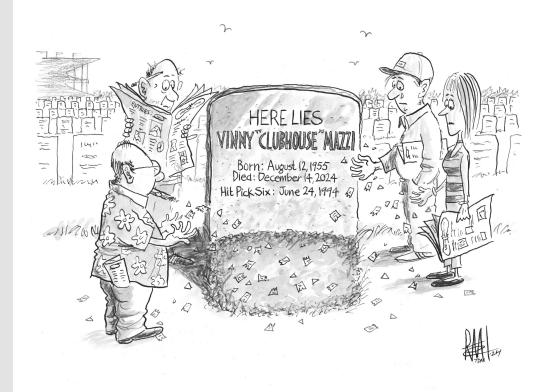
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Ocala Stud's sale-topping Win Win Win filly | Photos by Z

Wojciechowski continued: "And the way we set these sales up, if you have a horse that is ready now, he is March-type of horse and if he needs just a little more time, he is an April horse, and if he needs even more time than that, he is a June horse. I think when we opened this sale up there were probably some reservations and concerns and there was a little bit of a sit-back-and-watch attitude, but I think that comfort level is there now. The consignors who have brought those type of horses the last couple of years have been rewarded and the rest of the consignors have seen that."

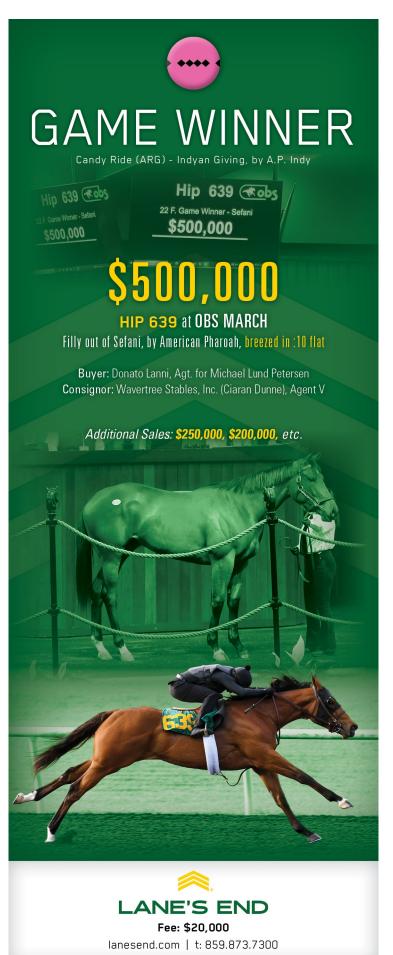
Bloodstock agent Marette Farrell saw the results of that increased confidence in the March market on the OBS sales grounds this week.

"I thought the sale was deep with good horses and there were a lot of very athletic horses to choose from," Farrell said. "I think the consignors did a good job bringing early, athletic horses here. Horses who were forward, they weren't afraid and didn't feel like they had to wait for the April sale. One consignor said to me, 'If it's a good horse, it will be found.' If it's showing a little more precocity, they are happy to bring it to this sale because they are going to find the real athletes."

A Florida-bred filly by first-crop sire Win Win Win became the sale's highest-priced offering when selling to Amr Zedan for \$1.8 million. The filly was the highest-priced horse ever sold by the O'Farrell family's historic Ocala Stud.

"They are a legacy consignor here at OBS," said Wojciechowski. "Their history and reputation within the industry is important to both OBS and to the industry. So to see them do well was very gratifying."

The sale topper provided an exclamation point on a strong showing for the Florida breeding and racing industry, with a pair of seven-figure juveniles set to join the barns of trainers based in the state. *Cont.*





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"I think what it shows is that Florida is still loaded with quality horses and quality horsemen," Wojciechowski said.

It was the second year in a row that Zedan has walked away

with the top-priced horse at the March sale. The Saudi businessman purchased subsequent Grade I winner Muth (Good Magic) for \$2 million last year.

The end results of the March sale continued to show a polarization in the market.

"This year, we had a lot of horses in that middle market over the first couple of days and it's been a little tough," admitted consignor David Scanlon. "Overall, the market has been a little bit challenging.

When everything lines up, you get rewarded. Really rewarded. But the other ones that you need \$100,000 for, it's been a struggle. You have to be realistic and set your reserves right. It keeps you humble."

Marette Farrell | Photos by Z

Farrell speculated buyers in the middle market may be taking a wait-and-see approach to the juvenile sales season.

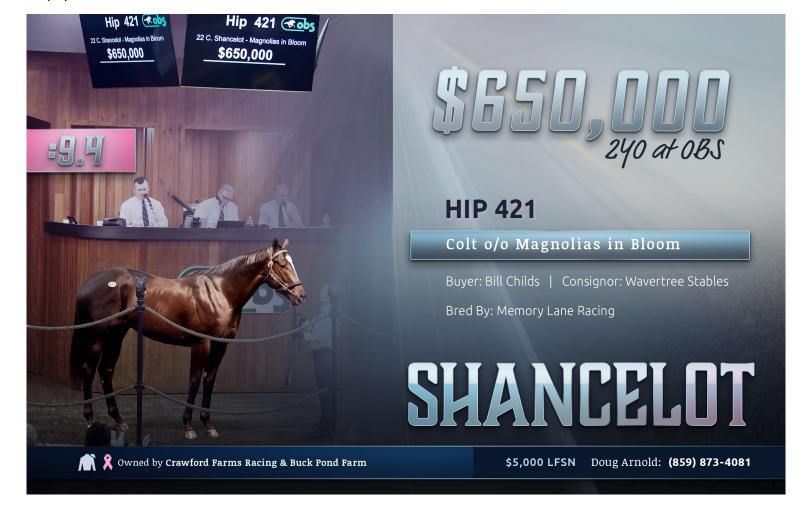
"It's becoming increasingly the same," she said. "The top horses are definitely gathering momentum and there is a little

bit of a dearth in the rest of the market. But I think it's also because it is the first sale of the season, so some people are sitting on their hands a little bit for a lower-level horse now. They are saying, 'Well, April is coming up and there are 1,200 horses, maybe we could find the same for less.' But maybe they won't. I think that is the dilemma that everyone is facing."

De Meric Sales was the leading consignor at the March sale, with 40 sold for \$6,595,100, followed by Wavertree Stables with 14

sold for \$4,960,000.

Hideyuki Mori was the sale's leading buyer. The Japanese trainer signed for 10 horses for \$2,695,000. *Cont.*



Homebred Success for Ocala Stud

"I am absolutely speechless," Ocala Stud's David O'Farrell said after watching the operation's homebred filly (hip 788) from the first crop of Win Win Win sell for a sale-topping \$1.8 million to Amr Zedan Thursday at OBS. "I don't know whether to laugh or cry. It's incredible."

O'Farrell knew the filly was special even before the striking bay turned in her track-record equaling :20 1/5 work during last week's under-tack preview.



David O'Farrell | Photos by Z

"We weren't totally surprised," O'Farrell said after watching the filly sell.

"She prepped extremely well, all completely on her own. I didn't tell people what the prep time was because I don't think they would believe me. But I was super excited coming into the breeze show because I knew she was special and we were expecting that kind of breeze from her."

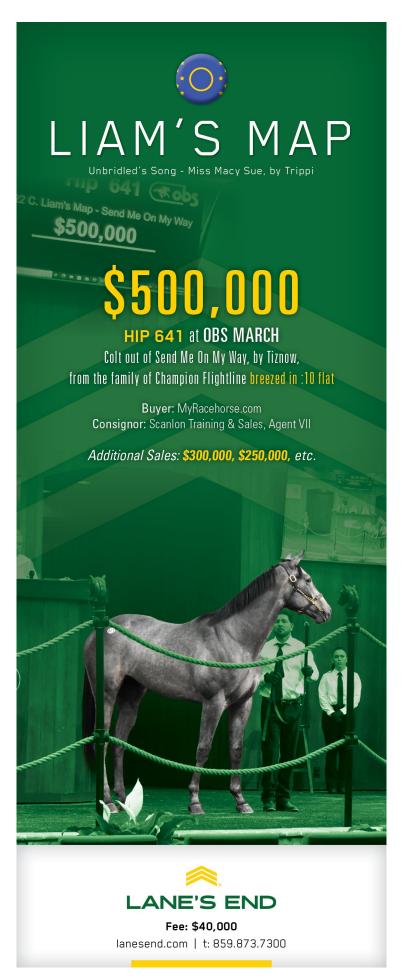
O'Farrell continued, "She is just a special filly. The fastest that we've had and we've been doing these 2-year-old sales a long time.

"She has just been a spectacular filly. She performed every time that we sent her out to the racetrack and she came back beautifully and the sky is the limit for her."

Bred and campaigned by Live Oak Plantation, Win Win (Hat Trick {Jpn}) won the 2020 GI Forego S. He stands at Ocala Stud for \$5,000.

"We are super excited about the stallion," O'Farrell said. "We love what we are seeing. We have more to come in the later sales and later crops and we think he has a huge future."

Ocala Stud has grown a reputation as launching pad for stallions to begin their careers in Central Florida before making the trek north to Kentucky. Recent stallions to take that path include Girvin and Kantharos. *Cont.*



OBS March Thursday, cont.



The topping Win Win Win filly | Photos by Z/Joe DiOrio

"To recruit the stallion [Win Win] and bring on great partners in Live Oak, who bred and raced the horse, and also Airdrie Stud is a partner and to support him heavily and to carry him all the way to the 2-year-old sales for our own crop, is super rewarding," O'Farrell said. "And to get him off to a great start, we couldn't be happier about his prospects."

Asked what he was seeing in the stallion's first crops, O'Farrell said, "Just a ton of athleticism, super versatile, good-looking horses with big rear ends. Very smart, very quick and very athletic."

The \$1.8-million juvenile is from the same family that has put her breeder on the GI Kentucky Derby trail this year with GIII Holy Bull S. winner **Hades** (Awesome Slew). Ocala Stud purchased the filly's second dam, Lady Discreet (Boundary), for \$45,000 from the E. P. Robsham dispersal at the 2004 OBS October sale.

Lady Discreet produced The Shady Lady (Quality Road) in 2013 and that unraced mare is the dam of Hades. Two years later, the mare produced Unanimity (Union Rags), the dam of hip 788, who RNA'd for \$65,000 at the 2017 OBS March sale and was winless in three starts for the O'Farrells.

Unanimity produced a colt by Gretzky the Great this year. She also has a yearling colt by Win Win. @JessMartiniTDN

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Wow Wow Wow

Moments before Hip 788 was to stroll into the OBS sales ring, the buzz began to intensify. Ocala Stud's daughter of Win Win Win was certainly no secret following a sparkling quarter-mile display in :20.1 last Saturday. With the bids coming hard and fast

from several points in the pavilion, the price quickly surpassed the seven-figure mark and the volleys didn't seem to be slowing down any time soon. When the dust had settled, it was Donato Lannibidding on behalf of Amr Zedan--who held the hot draw, securing the filly for \$1.8 million.

"Nothing surprises me at these sales anymore," said Lanni. "Everyone knew she was the best. I'm just happy we got her."

Donato Lanni | Photos by Z

He continued, "You come to a sale like this every year and you never know what you are going to see. That's what's great about the 2-year-old sales, there are some horses that just do things

that are out of the ordinary. Everyone witnessed that she had a breeze that was unbelievable. And she did the same thing the week before."

According to Lanni, the Florida-bred filly will head west to join Zedan's regular trainer, Bob Baffert.

'She is a cool filly," Lanni said.
"Every time I saw her, she was
out of her stall. She just took it all
in stride. She was easy to like."

A member of the first crop of the Ocala Stud-based sire Win Win Win, the Mar. 9 foal is a daughter of the unplaced mare Unanimity (Union Rags), herself out of Lady Discreet (Boundary)--a half-sister to Grade I winners Discreet Cat and Discreetly Mine. The juvenile's 9-year-old dam, who is a half-sister to SW and GSP Courtesan (Street Sense) and SW Chary (Montbrook), RNA'd for \$65,000 at this venue in 2017.

"We always come to the sales and look at horses by sires that are a bit obscure or haven't had a runner yet," explained Lanni.



OBS March Thursday, cont.

"What's great is that you never know where the good ones will come from."

With Ocala Stud's influence running through the March sale's topper top and bottom, Lanni was clearly impressed with the operation.

"She comes from a great outfit and they are honest people and I trust them," he underscored. "And when they breeze one, you never really see one like that. She was special."

When asked if this was his first Win Win Win purchase, Lanni quipped, "I hope she's a win win win." @CBossTDN

Authentic Colt Brings a Cool Million

A colt from the first crop of GI Kentucky Derby winner Authentic (hip 601) provided a jolt to the early stages of Thursday's final session of the OBS March sale when selling for \$1 million to an online bid from John Stewart's Resolute Bloodstock. Consigned by Hartley/DeRenzo Thoroughbreds, the chestnut worked a furlong last week in :9 4/5. Randy Hartley and Dean DeRenzo's operation purchased the colt for \$260,000 at last year's Keeneland September sale.

"Absolutely stunning physical," Resolute's Gavin O'Connor said. "His breeze was so fluent and he looked fantastic going a fast time."

The juvenile is out of stakes-placed Ruby Trust (Smart Strike), a daughter of graded winner Queen of the Catsle (Tale of the Cat).

"The cross through Authentic with Into Mischief over Smart Strike and his overall physical would make him a standout in any stallion barn in Kentucky," O'Connor said.

Resolute Bloodstock purchased five juveniles during the OBS March sale, including a \$525,000 daughter of American Pharoah (hip 370) and a \$500,000 filly by Munnings (hip 453).



Hip 601 | Photos by Z

The result was the first million-dollar sale for Authentic, winner of the 2020 Derby and GI Breeders' Cup Classic. The Spendthrift stallion was represented by a \$900,000 colt at last year's Keeneland September sale, as well two \$875,000 sons at that sale and a third at the Fasig-Tipton Saratoga sale.

Hartley and DeRenzo, who sold the \$1.5-million Not This Time colt during Wednesday's session of the March sale, came back later Thursday to sell a filly by Uncle Mo (hip 681) for \$600,000 to Seth Morris, as agent for Hit the Bid Stables. The bay was a \$290,000 Fasig-Tipton July purchase last summer.

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Bernardini Filly to Speedway



Hip 613 | Photos by Z

A filly by Bernardini (hip 613) will be joining Peter Fluor and K.C. Weiner's Speedway Stables after bloodstock agent Marette Farrell went to \$875,000 to acquire the juvenile from the de Meric Sales consignment early in Thursday's final session of the OBS March sale.

"She's a beautiful filly," Farrell said. "Both Peter Fluor and K.C. Weiner were here themselves and they really liked her. And we love the fact she is by Bernardini. She traces to a really good family."

The juvenile is out of graded-placed Salamera (Successful Appeal) and from the family of Grade I runners Piedi Bianchi and Outadore. She was bred by the Eisamans' Eico Ventures, which purchased the mare for \$300,000 at the 2016 Keeneland November sale.

"She looks super athletic and we think she will come around quickly and they will have a lot of fun with her," Farrell said of the filly who worked a furlong last week in :10 flat.

During Wednesday's second session of the auction, Farrell purchased a colt by Mitole for \$725,000 on behalf of Speedway. Both juveniles will be trained by Bob Baffert. @JessMartiniTDN

Mori Extends to \$800k for Constitution Colt

Ever present at North America's major sales in his trademark red jacket, Hideyuki Mori landed a son of Constitution for \$800,000 early in Thursday's session at OBS. Consigned by Scanlon Training and Sales, Hip 617 breezed an eighth of a mile in :9.4 last week.

"He liked the build of the horse and of course, the most important factor was his performance on the track," said Hideyuki Mori through an interpreter. "You get good value for the horses here. They are nice and inexpensive. In Japan, the horses are nice too, but expensive. They are also very nice here, but more affordable. That's why he keeps coming back."



Hideyuki Mori | Photos by Z

Bred by Don Alberto, the chestnut is out of Argentine multiple group winner Sand Puce (Arg) (Footstepsinthesand).

"The intention is to get these horses to the races as early as possible. His horses usually make their debuts early, which is why they can go on to be successful. They're ready to return at three and then target group company. That's how he likes to train the horses he buys here."

The Mar. 23 foal RNA'd for \$385,000 at the Fasig-Tipton Saratoga Select Sale last summer. A full-brother to the colt, Burden of Proof, sold for \$700,000 in Saratoga in 2022.

"He was training really well coming in here," said David Scanlon. "Constitution has also been doing really well, his horses have been doing well. He has proven to show horses getting ready for Classic races. Based on the pedigree and the strength of his work, he was rewarded.

"He walked well, he breezed well and is out of a hard-knocking mare. There was a lot of interest in him from all the right parties, so everything lined up."

Also during Thursday's session, Scanlon sold Hip 641, a colt by Liam's Map, for \$500,000 to MyRacehorse. @CBossTDN





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No. Sold	125	143		
• RNAs	53	43		
• % RNAs	29.8%	23.1%		
High Price	\$1,800,000	\$1,000,000		
• Gross	\$18,912,600	\$23,412,961		
Average (% change)	\$151,301 (-7.6%)	\$163,727		
Median (% change)	\$80,000 (n/c)	\$80,000		
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SESSION TOPPERS

OBS MARCH SALE THURSDAY'S TOP FILLIES

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PRICE (\$)

788 Win Win Win--Unanimity

1,800,000

Breeder: Ocala Stud, Joseph M. O'Farrell, III,

David O'Farrell et al (Fl) Consignor: Ocala Stud

Purchaser: Donato Lanni, agent for Zedan Racing

613 Bernardini--Salamera

875,000

Breeder: EICO Ventures (Ky) Consignor: De Meric Sales, Agent II Purchaser: Speedway Stables LLC

681 Uncle Mo--Social Call

600,000

(\$290,000 yrl '23 FTKJUL)

Breeder: Repole Stable (Ky)

Consignor: Hartley DeRenzo Thoroughbreds LLC, agent Purchaser: Seth Morris, Agent for Hit the Bid Stables



832 Uncle Mo--West Coast Chick

600,000

641 Liam's Map--Send Me On My Way

500,000

(\$280,000 yrl '23 KEESEP)

(\$75,000 yrl '23 FTKJUL) Breeder: Don Alberto Corp. (Ky)

Breeder: Repole Stable (Ky) Consignor: King's Equine, Agent II

Consignor: Scanlon Training & Sales, Agent Vii

Puchaser: Amo Racing

Purchaser: MyRacehorse.com

639 Game Winner--Sefani

500,000

325,000

(\$140,000 yrl '23 FTKJUL)

(\$235,000 RNA yrl '23 KEESEP)

Breeder: Machmer Hall (Ky)

668 Curlin--Simply Sunny

Consignor: Wavertree Stables Inc. (Ciaran Dunne), Agent V

Consignor: De Meric Sales, Agent V

Purchaser: Donato Lanni, agent for Michael Lund Petersen

Breeder: Seclusive Farm, Chester & Anne Prince (Ky)

Purchaser: Taproot Bloodstock, Agent

745 Uncle Mo--Take Charge Paula (\$325,000 yrl '23 KEESEP)

500,000

275,000 **824** Mitole--Warrior's Way (\$190,000 In Utero '21 KEENOV; \$75,000 yrl '23 FTKJUL)

Breeder: WinStar Farm (Ky)

Breeder: D.C. Goff (Ky)

Consignor: Top Line Sales Llc, Agent XI

Consignor: L. G. Agent I Purchaser: Hideyuki Mori

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Consigned by Wavertree Stables, Inc. (Ciaran Dunne), Agent V Purchased by Donato Lanni, Agent for Michael Lund Petersen Paul Reddam and Ciaran Dunne's Red Wings pinhooking partnership picked up this filly for \$140,000 at last year's Fasig-

Tipton July sale.



Thursday's top colt | Photos by Z/Joe DiOrio

THURSDAY'S TOP COLTS

HIP SIRE | DAM

PRICE (\$)

601 Authentic--Ruby Trust

1,000,000

(\$260,000 yrl '23 KEESEP)

Breeder: Gainesway Thoroughbreds (Ky)

Consignor: Hartley / De Renzo Thoroughbreds, Agent II

Purchaser: Resolute Bloodstock

617 Constitution--Sand Puce (Arg) (\$375,000 RNA yrl '23 FTSAUG)

800,000

Breeder: Don Alberto Corp. (Ky)

Consignor: Scanlon Training & Sales, Agent X

Purchaser: Hideyuki Mori

641 colt Liam's Map

Send Me On My Way Consigned by Scanlon Training & Sales, Agent VII

Purchased by MyRacehorse

Scanlon Training & Sales acquired this colt for \$75,000 at the 2023 Fasig-Tipton July sale.

670 colt Catalina Cruiser Sing Sing Dixie

200,000

500.000

Consigned by Coastal Equine LLC (Jesse Hoppel), Agent I A \$40,000 Keeneland November buy, the colt was purchased for \$25,000 at that venue last September. He worked in a session-topping: 9 4/5 last weekend.



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The OBS March sale for 2024 concluded Thursday | Photos by Z

824 colt Mitole Warrior's Way 275,000 Consigned by L. G., Agent I

With this colt in utero, Warrior's Way was purchased by Dash Goff for \$190,000 at Keeneland November in 2021. Goff brought the bay to market the following season, selling to Gina Fennell for \$75,000 at the Fasig-Tipton July Sale.

832 filly Uncle Mo West Coast Chick 600,000

Consigned by Kings Equine, Agent X

Bred by Repole Stable, who also campaigned Coolmore sire Uncle Mo during his racing career, the Apr. 11 foal was picked up by Scott and Evan Dilworth for \$280,000 at last year's Keeneland September sale.

DAVID HANLEY ON IMPROBABLE'S ENCOURAGING START by Sue Finley

WinStar will launch four new stallions with first 2-year-olds in 2024: Global Campaign, Improbable, Promises Fulfilled, and Tom's d'Etat, and it's Improbable who has come out swinging first at the sales. At OBS March, four of his colts brought six figures, selling for \$475,000, \$400,000, \$300,000, and \$250,000, and a first-crop filly fetched \$140,000. The \$400,000 colt, out of Libby's Tail, who breezed in :9.4 for Eddie Woods--one of three Improbables to hit that mark--was purchased in partnership by David Hanley, the Senior Vice President of Bloodstock Services at WinStar Farm, which stands Improbable. We talked to Hanley about the young sire.



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Improbable at WinStar | Sarah Andrew

TDN: What has the reaction to Improbable's first 2-year-olds been like at the sale this week?

DH: People have liked them. We're extremely bullish on this horse because he was such a sound, top racehorse, having won four Grade Is over three years of training. He was also second in the Arkansas Derby and in the Breeders' Cup Classic. So he was a really exceptional athlete. The thing about him was how sound and how good a mover he was on the racetrack. He ran for three years and had 85 works in between all those races, and he never came back to the farm except to be freshened on one occasion. So he was an extremely sound and tough racehorse. He wasn't the biggest horse. But once we got him under tack, his athleticism on the racetrack was incredible. And when you looked at his works, every one was a carbon copy of the previous one. He worked five furlongs in a minute, and was so consistent. So we were waiting to see if he transferred that athleticism to his 2-year-olds. And we're very happy to see that out of the ones he had here, there were four or five of them that really showed up as very, very athletic horses. So we're really excited about the future with them.

TDN: You bought one yourself.

DH: We gave \$400,000 for one (hip 395) and we were under-bidder on another one. This horse was a leggy horse with a lot of scope and his breeze was really, really exceptional. His gallop out was spectacular. I was on the backside and he went by me like he could go around again after going in :9 4/5. And that's really what impressed us. I had seen him at Eddie Woods's and I was impressed with how he breezed out there. He had that tremendous bounce off his back end, and he did his breeze with ease. He wasn't under stress to do it. So, what we felt when we saw him was that he was very, very athletic and looked like he'd go two turns. **Cont.**

Improbable, cont.



Improbable (#2) rears in the Whitney starting gate Sarah Andrew

TDN: What is Improbable like himself, and is he stamping these 2-year-olds?

DH: He wasn't the biggest horse himself in being by City Zip. What is very encouraging is that he seems to be throwing progeny with leg and stretch and with his motion and his athleticism. He got a great book of first mares. On the class performance index, his first book of mares was second only to what Authentic got. So these are the 2-year-olds we're seeing now. The way the stallion business is right now, people wait and see. So, at \$15,000 (from an initial stud fee of \$40,000), I think he's great value right now and based on what his 2-year-olds are

Yearlings

like, we're really excited about what runners he's going to have. Obviously, he's in that third year and people are just waiting to see what happens.

TDN: He won Grade Is at two and four. What does that say to

DH: He was a very good, undefeated 2-year-old, winning the Los Al Futurity, and also the Street Sense at Churchill on the Breeders' Cup undercard, as well as his maiden. And then at three, guite honestly, he lost his way a little bit. He was second in the Arkansas Derby, but he had an incident in the gate in the previous race, the Rebel. That was in the spring of his 3-year-old year. He was always an uptight horse, and after that, he was a little bit tentative in the gate and I think it affected his performance. But then he matured and relaxed and really showed just how good a horse he was as a 4-year-old. So I think that was kind of how his career developed. It wasn't through any unsoundness or ability. But then we really saw what he was when he overcame all of that as a 4-year-old, winning the Hollywood Gold Cup, Whitney, and Awesome Again and running second in the Breeders' Cup Classic to Authentic. Bob Baffert, the incredible horseman that he is, did such a good job getting him back to his best form.

All the trainers were saying these 2-year-olds were beautiful movers. But we had to wait and see if they were going to show you that speed and, and he's answered that question with these :9 4/5 breezers. So that's very encouraging.

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Woods Edge, cont. from p1

In recent years as Woods Edge has turned its focus toward selling its own foals, more and more of their six and even seven-figure Keeneland September scores are coming from their own homebreds. The results are showing up on the racetrack too. Just this month, Woods Edge celebrated its first Grade I winner.

Du Jour (Temple City) had been knocking at the door of Grade I status for some time before his victory in the GI Frank E. Kilroe

Mile S. He came on the scene with a win in the GII American Turf S. in 2021 and since then has been a competitive turfer first in New York and then back in California, but the Bob Baffert trainee finally earned his breakthrough victory in his 6-year-old debut in the Kilroe on Mar. 3.

It was almost a Grade I double for the farm that day because in the next race at Santa Anita,

Reincarnate (Good Magic) came up only a few lengths short in the GI Santa Anita H., finishing third behind fellow Baffert trainee

Newgate (Into Mischief).

The winner of the 2023 GIII Sham S., Reincarnate was Woods Edge Farm's first Kentucky Derby starter. He didn't perform as hoped at Churchill Downs, but came back to win the Los Alamitos Derby later last summer.

O'Callaghan picked Reincarnate's dam Allanah (Scat Daddy) out of the back ring at Keeneland in 2018. She was in foal to Street Boss and he bought her for \$105,000.

"She was a nice Scat Daddy mare, a big, strong gray mare and a good walker," O'Callaghan recalled. "She was a stakes winner herself and she had a bit of family. She's the kind of mare we're looking for in Book 2--in our budget but has some credentials. \$105,000 was about the top of what we would give that year."

O'Callaghan sent Allanah back to first-crop sire Good Magic and the resulting foal was Reincarnate, who was a show-stopper from the start and sold for \$775,000 at Keeneland September to the partnership of SF Bloodstock, Starlight Racing and Madaket Stables.

"He was a killer," the Irishman said proudly. "Really just an absolute stunner, this big, beautiful gray horse. Every time you looked at him he was better. He looked like a horse who would win a Grade I, so I hope he can eventually get it done."

While Reincarnate was a knockout for Woods Edge, Du Jour proved to be a bit of a head-scratcher.

O'Callaghan bought his dam Guiltless (Bernardini) at the 2015 Tattersalls December Mares Sale. He tried to flip the maiden

mare in the U.S. the following spring, but ended up buying her back for \$60,000.

"She was a Bernardini and she was from the family of Ghostzapper, but she was small," he recalled. "If you're small at Tatts, you're definitely small for here."

The horseman wasn't all that sorry about keeping the young mare and just two years later, she produced Du Jour. He was a big, strong-looking colt and O'Callaghan had high hopes for him, but an injury that had left a scar in a joint kept him off



Peter and Jenny O'Callaghan at Woods Edge Farm | Sara Gordon

many buyers' lists come September.

"I remember coming back down from the ring after selling him for \$19,000 thinking, 'How the hell did I just sell that horse for \$19,000? What's going on here?' He had a clean sheet and he was a great-looking animal. But Carlos Morales and Joe Appelbaum bought him in the back ring and they were rewarded."

Du Jour would go on to sell for \$280,000 the following spring as a 2-year-old, but looking back now, O'Callaghan doesn't mind being on the unprofitable end of the deal. He's been on the other side of a good pinhook many a time and as a consignor, understands the importance of being practical when it comes to his clearance rate.

"It's important to peg it right," he said. "You don't have to give 'em away, but you can't be looking for the last penny either. Set them where you think they'll sell and just go on with it. Let people bid for them." *Cont.*

Woods Edge, cont.

"If you're in the selling game, I believe it's important to be known as a seller."

O'Callaghan, a trusted source for many buyers at the

Keeneland September Sale, has long been regarded for his eye for horseflesh and the record of his yearling program. Graduates include the likes of future Grade I-winning stallions Knicks Go, Drefong, Eskendereya and Street Boss.

The variation in focus from pinhooks to homebreds was slow at first, but it gained momentum after positive early results. The commercial operation is now up to foaling out 40 of their own mares this spring.

The reasoning behind the shift? O'Callaghan noticed the market's

demand for quality increasing and knew the pinhooking game at the level he hopes to compete at would only become more challenging as the trend continues.



Du Jour scores in the GI Frank E. Kilroe Mile S. | Benoit

"We don't want to be too one dimensional," he explained. "It's a quicker turnaround with the pinhooks and a slightly better cash flow situation, but it's just becoming a very high risk, expensive game to play with the way the market is going. I'm

not trying to criticize the market. There's a lot of money out there and a lot of demand for quality, but the buyers want it all. When you have a lot of those expensive foals, some of them won't quite finish out like you maybe thought they would and then you'll always come up with a few veterinary issues so all of a sudden you're in trouble with a quarter-million dollar foal. Your back is to the wall."

O'Callaghan is still busy buying weanlings every November, but the homebreds growing up back at the farm give him the

flexibility to find the right additions for their program.

Cont.



Woods Edge, cont.

"We were giving yearling prices year on year for these foals and a couple would work, but then you'd have to eat a couple that really hurt you," he said. "We were under too much pressure to have to fill the barns with bought foals. At least this way we have 20 or 30 homebreds at home and we can be a bit more selective on what we're buying and more disciplined on what we spend. We don't have to chase them as hard."

One of the early success stories as O'Callaghan began making a pointed effort to develop his own broodmare band was the

Speightstown mare Nefertiti, whom he bought in foal to Into Mischief for \$125,000 in 2014. That resulting foal was Engage, who sold for \$200,000 as a yearling and became a two-time graded stakes winner and earner of over \$800,000.

But O'Callaghan found it difficult to work the breeding stock sales shopping for both mares and pinhook prospects, trying to catch mares in the back ring while also chasing down weanlings. Luckily he soon obtained a secret weapon of sorts in his wife Jenny.



Reincarnate as a yearling ahead of the Keeneland September Sale Thorostride

A graduate of the Godolphin Flying Start program who also hails from Ireland, Jenny was working at WinStar Farm when the pair got to know each other. They were married in 2017 at Woods Edge.

Jenny began helping O'Callaghan at the November Sale each fall, focusing on finding mares that would fit their program. There were several years where she herself was pregnant, due right after the first of the year, so she planted a chair in the back ring at Keeneland and did her shopping from there.

"We called it the mare chair," Jenny recalled with a laugh. "I would sit in the back ring and Peter would be back and forth chasing after foals going to the barn. I'd be in the mare chair and call him every time there was a nice mare in the back ring. Later on when I wasn't pregnant, we wanted to make it a priority. So I would go look at the mares and create a shortlist. That made it much tidier and we were able to stretch a little bit more because we had done our homework."

The results from the team's new sales strategy are starting to show. In 2021 when Reincarnate brought 775,000, they had two more homebreds sell for half a million in September. A City of Light colt out of Miss Mo Kelly (Congrats) brought \$500,000 and another colt by the same sire and out of Ghostslayer (Ghostzapper) sold for \$1.05 million. Ghostslayer, a \$110,000

Keeneland November buy for Woods Edge in 2018, also produced a \$700,000 Arrogate colt in 2022.

Their numbers are growing too. In 2013, nine of the 50 yearlings Woods Edge sold at Keeneland September were homebreds. Last year, there were 18 homebreds from 51 sold. Also last year, Woods Edge purchased eight mares out of Keeneland November.

"We've been getting more aggressive the last two or three years," Jenny noted. "We stay within our budget and we can compromise on most things, but we never compromise on

looks. We always try and get the sire line, the race record, the family and the looks, but that's a million-dollar mare.
We'll never sacrifice the looks, so sometimes we have to go all the way down to the maidenwinning fillies in the racehorse section."

"I think everybody is migrating toward that," O'Callaghan added in reference to making the physical aspect a priority. "All the people who used to flip mares and cover them, they've all learned that too. Unless the mares are good-

looking, those guys really don't get much profit on them now. If they are good-looking, they get well-paid for them. I think the game has changed in that direction."

O'Callaghan had plenty of experience developing his eye for a good physical long before Woods Edge opened its doors. Back home in Ireland, his parents Gay and Annette O'Callaghan own Yeomanstown Stud, home of the ultra-successful sire Dark Angel (Ire). When O'Callaghan was growing up, his father would travel to Keeneland every year to shop for mares and pinhooks. After finishing school and spending three seasons at Ballydoyle, O'Callaghan came to the U.S. upon his father's suggestion. He worked a season at Nick de Meric's and then came up to Lexington to learn from his father's longtime friend Gerry Dilger.

In 2001, O'Callaghan was set to come back home. But his father proposed that he stay an extra week or two to look around for a farm to lease. Gay joined him when he got to town for the November Sale and they went searching for properties with realtor Arnold Kirkpatrick.

"They were all quite nice, but it was difficult to find anything particularly outstanding," O'Callaghan recalled. "Then Arnold said he was going to show us one more place, but that it was not for lease. So we drove to Woods Edge and did a handshake deal with him on the spot to buy the place. *Cont.*

Woods Edge, cont.

"It was a stunning farm and a great location. Everything came with it; it was absolutely turnkey. So all of a sudden we were going from leasing a hundred acres to owning 350."

Woods Edge quickly grew from there. They purchased an annex to the property on Old Richmond Road a few years later and then added a 300-acre location next to Juddmonte Farm on

Jacks Creek Pike.

With Woods Edge now foaling over 60 mares each year between their own broodmare band and client mares, the ample space of the farm's sprawling pastures provides an ideal setup to raise their foals on open, rested pasture space.

O'Callaghan jokes that the farm is "horse heaven" because any member of the equine species that resides on the property far outlives their life expectancy. When he purchased the original Woods Edge acreage, the farm came with two ponies. He was

Peter and Jenny with Ghostslayer's 2024 filly by Flightline Sara Gordon

told not to worry about them because they were already quite old. One pony lived for another 15 years and the other, Misty, still resides on the farm today at the age of 34. The tiny old mare earns her keep as an excellent babysitter for the weanlings and a reliable source for snail-paced pony rides for the O'Callaghan

The O'Callaghans have three boys ages five, four and two and they also have a daughter on the way.

Balancing a hectic schedule with three young kids and a business with several dozen employees is no easy task, but the O'Callaghans appreciate the family aspect of their chosen industry.

"I think we work really well together," Jenny said. "We do all our matings together and we make major decisions together. Peter is the day-to-day and definitely the talent, but I learn from him every day. I think with this industry, you just have to live for it. It's all-consuming. We're on the farm every day and the kids love it. We hope that they can enjoy it as much as we do. When we go past Keeneland on the way to school they ask if we can go to the sales. They associate Buckles the Keeneland mascot with Santa."

"Every year after we finish up the November Sale, we go to the farm and go through the homebreds," she continued. "We're so proud of the stock that we have and just pinch ourselves because of the job that Peter and his team do every day. [Our farm] is just huge, open fields. All day, every day, the horses come up for a couple of hours in the morning just to be checked and handled and then they go straight back out again. They are big and strong

> and fluffy and everything a beautiful horse should be. We go through the stock and think, 'This is just the dream.' Not everything is perfect, but on the whole we're really pleased with where our program is going and what we're producing."

There's plenty to look forward to as the year progresses. While Du Jour continues to make a name for himself in the turf division and Reincarnate searches for that Grade I victory, a pair of Woods Edge-bred sophomore fillies have bright futures ahead. Midshipman's Dance (Midshipman) won the

Mockingbird S. early this year and was fifth in the GIII Honeybee S. while Our Pretty Woman (Medaglia d'Oro) is two for two for Courtlandt Farms and Steve Asmussen and is pointing for the GII Fair Grounds Oaks.

While their strategies may evolve, the foundation that Woods Edge was built on hasn't cracked. The philosophies that were set in place more than 20 years ago, when Woods Edge first hung its banner out at Keeneland, still hold firm today.

"I've always been very forthright and honest with all the clientele that buy off Woods Edge for the last 20-plus years," said O'Callaghan. "It's important to feel that they know that they can trust what we're offering and trust what we tell them."

"It's a small business, but it's also a relationship business," he continued. "We've kind of stood the test of time, but it's only because we have good relationships with people. We are as straight as a gun barrel with anyone that asks us anything about any of the animals. We're not going to sell anyone a horse with an issue. We just won't. We want to come back the next year and be able to look whoever it is in the eye and know that we did right by them."

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BREEDERS' CUP LIMITED SEEKS DIRECTOR OF NOMINATIONS & SALES

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Qualified candidates should send cover letter, resume, and salary requirements to: Tim Schram, Vice President of Human Resources at tim@breederscup.com.

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RMTC SUSPENDS ACCREDITATION OF UK LABORATORY by Dan Ross

The Racing Medication and Testing Consortium (RMTC) has suspended its accreditation of the University of Kentucky's Equine Analytical Chemistry Laboratory, according to the RMTC's executive director, Michael Hardy.

This follows news last week that the Horseracing Integrity and Safety Authority (HISA) and Horseracing Integrity and Welfare Unit (HIWU) have opened an investigation into the UK Laboratory's performance, and that the agencies were cooperating with the university's own investigation into the matter.

The university is also conducting an ongoing personnel investigation relating to former lab director Scott Stanley and that "Dr. Stanley was not permitted to be in direct communication with the other staff at the laboratory," HISA and HIWU wrote in a joint statement last week.

According to Stanley, he stepped down as the UK Lab's director at the beginning of March and has been reassigned within the university. *Blood-Horse* reported that he had been "removed" from the position.

HIWU stopped sending samples to the UK Lab on Feb. 16. Prior to that, the laboratory had been one of six drug testing facilities used under HISA's Anti-Doping and Medication Control (ADMC) program. According to the RMTC's Hardy, his organization alerted the University of Kentucky to the RMTC's laboratory accreditation suspension on Mar. 11.

When asked what specific developments had prompted the RMTC to take this action, Hardy pointed to the RMTC's laboratory code of standards, section 2.4.9.2.

The document outlines 10 possible considerations that may prompt the RMTC to suspend its accreditation of a laboratory:

- Accreditation suspensions by international lab oversight bodies.
- Failure to take appropriate corrective action after unsatisfactory performance either in routine Analytical Testing or in proficiency testing.
- Failure to comply with any of the requirements or standards listed in an international laboratory accreditation cooperation document.
- Failure to cooperate with the RMTC or the relevant State Horse Racing Authority in providing requested documentation.
- Lack of compliance with the RMTC Laboratory Code of Ethics
- Major changes in key staff without proper and timely notification to RMTC.
- Failure to cooperate in any RMTC enquiry in relation to the activities of the Laboratory.

- Non-compliances identified from laboratory on-site assessments.
- Loss of financial and administrative support jeopardizing the quality and/or viability of the Laboratory.
- Material breach of contractual obligation to a State Horse Racing Authority.

Hardy declined to elaborate on the nature and severity of the issues identified by the RMTC with operations at the UK Lab. Hardy wrote, however, that "the Horserace Testing Laboratory Committee (HTLC) will, upon receipt, review the laboratory's response and associated corrective actions. Accreditation will not be restored until the laboratory is in full compliance with the Code."

According to the RMTC's code of standards, the "period and terms" of the suspension shall be proportionate to the "seriousness of the non-compliance(s) or lack of performance and the need to ensure accurate and reliable drug testing of Horses."

The RMTC can suspend accreditation for a period of up to six months, according to the code of standards, during which time any problems must be "corrected, documented and reported" to the RMTC at least six weeks before the end of the suspension period.

"Delay in submitting the proper corrective actions may lead to an extension of the Suspension period," the code of standards explains. If the problems are not rectified, laboratory accreditation will be revoked, the document states, "unless an extension, not to exceed two (2) months, is granted by the RMTC."

In a brief phone interview with the *TDN*, Hardy added that the RMTC has been "very pleased with the response and communication with executive staff at the University of Kentucky regarding the laboratory and have been assured that they are proactively seeking to redeem those requirements."

Since Feb. 16, all samples collected in Kentucky and Florida that previously would have been analyzed by the UK Lab have been redirected to Industrial Laboratories in Colorado.

The *TDN* has reached out to the University of Kentucky for comment. The story will be updated as necessary.

According to a HIWU spokesperson, both agencies were "not party" to the RMTC's decision to suspend its accreditation of the UK Lab.

"Pending implementation of the HISA Equine Analytical Laboratory (HEAL) accreditation standards, a laboratory must be accredited by the RMTC to be eligible for consideration as one of the ADMC Program labs," the HIWU spokesperson wrote.

Lab accreditation is only one prong of the RMTC, which is also involved in the research, education and advocacy of horse racing's anti-doping and medication control programs.

REPORT: THE STRONACH GROUP AGREES TO DONATE PIMLICO TO STATE OF MARYLAND

The Stronach Group has entered into a 'binding commitment' to donate Pimlico Race Course to the state of Maryland, a move that will allow the state to take over operations at the track, the Baltimore Banner reported Thursday afternoon.

According to the report, the transfer could occur as early as this summer, per state officials, with the state taking over racing operations in 2025.

The report says that the transfer will enable the state of Maryland to earmark hundreds of millions of dollars toward modernizing the track as well as the construction of a new training center at a location yet to be determined. On Thursday, a bill was introduced in the Maryland General Assembly that would pave the way for the construction and for the state to run racing in the state on a daily basis.

"This is a new day ... We get to bet on ourselves. We're going to control our own destiny," said Baltimore attorney Greg Cross, who heads a state authority that came up with the plan and negotiated the deal with The Stronach Group, to the Banner.

The Stronach Group and The Maryland Jockey Club issued the following statement from Craig Fravel, Executive Vice-Chairman, 1/ST RACING & GAMING.

"Since the announcement in early January, which outlined a framework for an agreement in principle between The Stronach Group, The Maryland Jockey Club (MJC), and the Maryland Thoroughbred Racetrack Operating Authority (MTROA), the parties have engaged in extensive negotiations directed at finalizing a comprehensive agreement. That agreement aims to secure a sustainable future for the Maryland Thoroughbred racing industry and ensure the successful operation of Pimlico Race Course and the Preakness in Baltimore.

"We thank Greg Cross and the MTROA board. We look forward to the legislative consideration process and collaborating with the MTROA and Maryland stakeholders to usher in a new era for racing in the State."

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RESOLUTE RACING ACQUIRES 'TDN RISING STAR' SWEET REBECCA by Alan Carasso



Sweet Rebecca | Ryan Thompson

Resolute Racing has finalized a deal to acquire 'TDN Rising Star' Sweet Rebecca (American Pharoah), the operation's owner John Stewart said on X late Wednesday evening. The filly will now be trained by Chad Brown.

Sweet Rebecca is bred by Greg Goodman's Mt. Brilliant Farm & Ranch, who purchased the filly's stakes-winning and Grade IIplaced dam Sweet N Discreet (Discreet Cat) for \$1.6 million in foal to Liam's Map at the 2019 Fasig-Tipton November Sale. Herself a \$250,000 Keeneland September purchase by Cobble View Farm, Sweet Rebecca is a full-sister to Sweet Melania, a three-time winner at the graded level and third in the 2019 GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies' Turf.

Sent off as the 17-5 third choice as the only first-time starter in a field of nine in the Sunday finale at Gulfstream Park, Sweet Rebecca did not have the smoothest beginning and was taken up soon after the start, then became headstrong rounding the first turn. Well off the speed down the backstretch, the Brendan Walsh-trainee swung out about five wide for the drive and motored home impressively to score by a length, with a final quarter-mile in :22.34 according to DRF Formulator. Sweet Rebecca debuted in the colors of Mike Ryan, who raced her in partnership with Mt. Brilliant for the debut.

"I think American Pharoah is one of the most significant broodmare [sires] around," Stewart told the TDN. "We have several of his fillies. After watching that race and looking at her pedigree, we think she will fit right in with the Resolute program. We can't wait to see what Chad Brown does with her."

Resolute Bloodstock purchased five 2-year-olds at the justconcluded OBS March Sale, including an American Pharoah filly out of the well-related Grade III winner La Cloche (Ghostzapper) for \$525,000. *Cont.*

Sweet Rebecca, cont.

Stewart burst onto the scene during last fall's breeding stock sales, acquiring two-time champion Goodnight Olive (Ghostzapper) for a sales-topping \$6 million and Queen Caroline (Blame) and Pizza Bianca (Fastnet Rock {Aus}) for \$3 million each at Fasig-Tipton November. Stewart also purchased Puca (Big Brown), the dam of GI Kentucky Derby winner Mage (Good Magic) and the latter's full-brother Dornoch, for \$2.9 million at Keeneland November. Dornoch has since gone on to win the GII Remsen S. and GII Coolmore Fountain of Youth. S.

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NATIONAL TREASURE AND SENOR BUSCADOR ATOP THE LONGINES WORLD'S BEST RACEHORSE RANKINGS

Edited Press Release

Now sitting atop the Longines World's Best Racehorse Rankings on 121, **National Treasure** (Quality Road) and **Senor Buscador** (Mineshaft) both began their 2024 campaigns in the GI Pegasus World Cup Invitational S. in January, which saw the former defeat Senor Buscador by a neck.

Following that effort, they both traveled to the Middle East to compete in the G1 Saudi Cup. Senor Buscador raced in the back of the field before rallying to defeat **Ushba Tesoro (Jpn)** (Orfevre {Jpn}) by a head, who was weighted on 120 for this week's list. **Saudi Crown** (Always Dreaming), who was three-quarters of a length back in third, came next on 119, while National Treasure finished fourth.

Ushba Tesoro shares the joint-second position in the rankings, along with G1 Citi Hong Kong Gold Cup winner **Romantic**



National Treasure (inside) and Senor Buscador (outside) Coglianese

Warrior (Ire) (Acclamation {GB}) and Rebel's Romance (Ire) (Dubawi {Ire}), who won the Listed HH The Amir Trophy in Qatar Feb. 17.

Joining them with 120 points is **Private Eye (Aus)** (Al Maher {Aus}). He finished second by a head in the G1 Black Caviar Lightning S. to **Imperatriz (Aus)** (I Am Invincible {Aus}), who made the list with 119.

Click here for the full list of ranked horses.

FOLLOWING FAIR GROUNDS WORK

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CATNIP ON COURSE FOR DUBAI TURF

by Alan Carasso



Catnip | Ryan Thompson

John and Susan Moore's **Catnip** (Kitten's Joy), beaten less than a length into third by Warm Heart (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) in the GI Pegasus World Cup Turf Jan. 27, breezed six furlongs in 1:13 at Fair Grounds Thursday morning in advance of his next appearance in the G1 Dubai Turf at Meydan Mar. 30.

"He broke off behind another horse and went on by, finished well and galloped out nicely. Very pleased with the way he went," said trainer Mike Stidham.

The 5-year-old is a four-time winner from his 10 trips to the post, including a victory in the GIII Monmouth S. last summer followed by a narrow runner-up effort in the GI United Nations S. at the Jersey Shore oval. The half-brother to five-time graded winner and five-time GI/G1SP Princess Grace (Karakontie {Jpn}) was returning from a 5 1/2-month layoff in the Pegasus, having finished down the field in the GI Arlington Million last August.

Connections could easily have opted for a far easier test in the GII Muniz Memorial S. Mar. 23, but have elected to shoot for the stars in the desert. **Cont.**

Catnip, cont.

"We felt like he stepped up in the Pegasus, only got beat 3/4 of a length behind Warm Heart," Stidham said. "This is a \$5-million race and it's another Grade I and although he's a gelding, the Moores still own the mare. So it was kind of an exciting race to consider. We kind of let him tell us based on how he's been doing since the Pegasus.

"In my opinion, the horse has moved forward off the Pegasus, he ran a 4 1/2 on the Ragozin sheets, a huge lifetime top for him, and we just kind of felt, 'hey, he's earned a shot,'" the trainer continued. "Going over there and challenging the top horses in the world from Japan and Britain and Hong Kong, that's asking a lot, but he just got beat to Warm Heart and she would be considered one of the favorites for a race like this."

The Stidham barn is one-for-one from their trips to Dubai. having been represented by 'TDN Rising Star' and G1 Dubai World Cup winner Mystic Guide (Ghostzapper) three years ago.

"This will be our second try over there," Stidham said. "The only difference is this time we won't have to wear a mask. We got to go right in the middle of COVID and it was empty and everyone had masks on."

Japanese ace Christophe Lemaire has the call in the Dubai Turf.

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HISA INVITES APPLICATIONS TO JOIN HORSEMEN'S ADVISORY GROUP

Edited Press Release

The Horseracing Integrity and Safety Authority (HISA) is now accepting new applications for experienced industry experts to join HISA's Horsemen's Advisory Group. The Advisory Group was formed by HISA in 2022 to provide formal feedback to HISA's executive team and standing committees on the implementation and evolution of its Racetrack Safety and Anti-Doping and Medication Control (ADMC) regulations. The Advisory Group has been responsible for recommending a number of substantive modifications to the HISA Rules that were ultimately approved by the HISA Board.

Now that 18 months have passed since the Advisory Group's establishment, HISA is beginning the process of rotating members off to allow new perspectives to join. Five members will rotate off on May 1, 2024, and another five will rotate off on Nov. 1, 2024.

HISA is inviting all racing participants who wish to be considered for membership in the Advisory Group to email horsemensadvisory@hisaus.org indicating their interest and qualifications by Friday, Apr. 5, 2024. Applicants should also

indicate whether they would like to be considered for the next round of openings in November 2024, should they not be selected to join in May 2024.

The Advisory Group's membership includes trainers, owners, veterinarians, backstretch employees and representatives of racing offices and aftercare initiatives who collectively represent a wide variety of viewpoints across racing. Advisory Group members are expected to join monthly virtual (and occasionally in-person) meetings with HISA leadership to provide feedback on HISA's rules and processes, as well as be available to weigh in on time-sensitive issues affecting horsemen as needed.

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WEEKLY STEWARDS AND COMMISSIONS **RULINGS: MAR. 5-14**

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

Among this most recent set of rulings, by far the most portentous was the 15-year ban doled out to trainer Milton Pineda, who trained seven different horses that tested positive post-race for the banned substance Diisopropylamine between June 2 and July 4 last year. The seven horses started at Los Alamitos and Santa Anita. Pineda was also accused of program training during the period of his provisional suspension.

The Horseracing Integrity and Welfare Unit (HIWU) classifies Diisopropylamine as a vasodilator, which is a substance that dilates the blood vessels to allow blood to flow more freely through them. Diisopropylamine is also found in several everyday items like tobacco and beauty products, and hand sanitizer.

The arbitrator in Pineda's case fined the trainer \$180,000 and ordered him to pay an additional \$15,000 toward HIWU's share of the legal costs for the proceedings. A more detailed account of the case can be read here.

NEW HISA/HIWU STEWARDS RULINGS

The following rulings were reported on HISA's "rulings" portal and through HIWU's "pending" and "resolved" cases portals.

Resolved ADMC Violations

Resolution Date: 03/14/2024 Licensee: Milton Pineda, trainer

Penalty: 15-year-ban, \$180,000 fine and \$15,000 toward HIWU's

share of the arbitration costs of the proceedings.

Explainer: Read more on the story here.

Resolution Date: 03/11/2024

Licensee: Dr. Donald J. McCrosky (currently unclear in what

specific role McCrosky is a responsible party)

Penalty: 30-day period of Ineligibility, beginning on March 12,

2024; a fine of \$2,500. Admission.

Explainer: For the possible breach of Rule 3510(a)—Disruptive or Offensive Conduct that does not rise to Tampering. The ruling involves the horse Madelyn Attack, whom McCrosky bred. HIWU has not yet publicly posted a more detailed explainer of the ruling.

Resolution Date: 03/11/2024 Licensee: Carlos Morales, trainer

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

Admission.

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

Resolution Date: 03/11/2024 Licensee: Patrick Biancone, trainer

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

Admission.

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

Resolution Date: 03/08/2024 Licensee: Juan Guerrero, 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. Explainer: For the presence of Dexamethasone—Controlled Medication (Class C)—in a sample taken from Crypt, who won at Parx Racing on 11/13/23. This was a possible violation of Rule 3312—Presence of Controlled Medication Substance and/or its Metabolites or Markers (Post-Race/Vets' List).

Resolution Date: 03/08/2024 Licensee: Frank Santillana, 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 Flunixin—Controlled Medication (Class C)—in a sample taken from Mi Gusto Es, who finished tenth at Tampa Bay on 1/26/24. 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: 03/08/2024 Licensee: Peter Walder, trainer

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

Admission. Final decision by the internal adjudication panel.

Explainer: A possible violation of Rule 3314—Use or Attempted
Use of a Controlled Medication Substance or a Controlled

Medication Method—on the horse, Hello Jack. This was also a
possible violation of Rule 4222—Intra-Articular Injections Within

Seven (7) Days of Timed and Reported Workout.

Resolution Date: 03/07/2024 Licensee: George Arnold II, trainer

Penalty: 7-day period of Ineligibility for Covered Person, beginning on March 8, 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 Tramadol—Controlled Medication (Class B)—in a sample taken from Figgy, who won at Turfway Park on 12/27/23. This was a possible violation of Rule 3312—Presence of Controlled Medication Substance and/or its Metabolites or Markers (Post-Race/Vets' List).

More on the story here.

Pending ADMC Violations

Resolution Date: 02/14/2024 Licensee: Efren Loza Jr., trainer

Penalty: Pending

Alleged violation: Medication violation

Explainer: For the presence of Clenbuterol—a banned substance—in a sample taken from Mexicoffee, who finished second at Gulfstream Park on 2/14/24. This was a possible violation of Rule 3212—Presence of a Banned Substance and/or

its Metabolites or Markers.

Date: 02/06/2024

Licensee: Robert Fiesman, 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 Zipsy Rose Lee, who finished second at Mahoning Valley on 2/6/24. This is a possible violation of Rule 3312—Presence of Controlled Medication Substance and/or its Metabolites or Markers (Post-Race/Vets' List).

Date: 02/11/2024

Licensee: Gary House, trainer

Penalty: Pending

Alleged violation: Medication violation

Explainer: For the presence of Dexamethasone—Controlled Medication (Class C)—in a sample taken from Callas, who won at Tampa Bay on 2/11/24. This is a possible violation of Rule 3312—Presence of Controlled Medication Substance and/or its Metabolites or Markers (Post-Race/Vets' List).

Date: 01/25/2024

Licensee: Alejandro Gomez, trainer

Penalty: Pending

Alleged violation: Vet's list medication violation

Explainer: For the presence of Flunixin—Controlled Medication (Class C)—in a sample taken from Tamanrassett on 1/25/24. This is a possible violation of Rule 3312—Presence of Controlled Medication Substance and/or its Metabolites or Markers

(Post-Race/Vets' List).

Date: 02/24/2024

Licensee: Jose Jimenez, trainer

Penalty: Pending

Alleged violation: Pre-workout joint injection violation Explainer: A possible violation of Rule 3314—Use or Attempted Use of a Controlled Medication Substance or a Controlled Medication Method—on the horse, Just Katherine. This is also a possible violation of Rule 4222—Intra-Articular Injections Within Seven (7) Days of Timed and Reported Workout.

Date: 02/12/2024

Licensee: John Shirreffs, trainer

Penalty: Pending

Alleged violation: Vet's list medication violation

Explainer: For the presence of Omeprazole—Controlled Medication (Class C)—in a sample taken from Sully on 2/12/24. This is a possible violation of Rule 3312—Presence of Controlled

Medication Substance and/or its Metabolites or Markers

(Post-Race/Vets' List).

Date: 01/30/2024

Licensee: Curt Ferguson, trainer

Penalty: Pending

Alleged violation: Medication violation

Explainer: For the presence of Dexamethasone—Controlled Medication (Class C)—in a sample taken from Cidstayinurlane, who won at Turf Paradise on 01/30/24. This is a possible violation of Rule 3312—Presence of Controlled Medication Substance and/or its Metabolites or Markers (Post-Race/Vets' List).

Date: 02/21/2024

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 Seeking the Dream, who finished third at Penn National on 2/21/2024. This is also a possible violation of Rule 3313—Use of a Controlled Method During the Race Period.

Date: 02/19/2024

Licensee: Monte Gelrod, trainer

Penalty: Pending

Alleged violation: Medication violation

Explainer: For the presence of Cobalt Salts—a banned substance—in a sample taken from Ratified, who won at Parx Racing on 2/19/23. This is a possible violation of Rule 3212—Presence of a Banned Substance and/or its Metabolites

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

More on the story here.

Date: 02/03/2024

Licensee: Leon Minott, 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 Slender Slipper on 2/3/24. This is a possible violation of Rule 3312—Presence of Controlled Medication Substance and/or its Metabolites or

Markers (Post-Race/Vets' List).

HIWU had previously listed trainer Howard Love as the responsible party in this case.

Date: 01/06/2024

Licensee: Derek Ryan, trainer

Penalty: Pending

Alleged violation: Medication violation

Explainer: For the presence of Dexamethasone—Controlled Medication (Class C)—in a sample taken from Charging Aero,

who finished second at Tampa Bay on 01/06/24. This is a possible violation of Rule 3312—Presence of Controlled Medication Substance and/or its Metabolites or Markers (Post-Race/Vets' List).

Date: 12/29/2023

Licensee: Sergio Morfin, trainer Penalty: Provisionally suspended Alleged Violation: Medication violation

Explainer: For the presence of Methamphetamine—a banned substance—in a sample taken from Wishtheyallcouldbe, who finished second at Santa Anita on 12/29/23. This is a possible violation of Rule 3212—Presence of a Banned Substance and/or

its Metabolites or Markers.

Violations of Crop Rule

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

Aqueduct

Jose Gomez – violation date March 9; \$250 fine and one-day suspension

Santa Anita

Diego Agustin Herrera - violation date March 8; \$390 fine and one-day suspension, 7 strikes

Drayden James VanDyke – violation date March 9; \$250 fine and one-day suspension, 7 strikes

Turfway Park

Juan Gabriel Lagunes - violation date March 6; \$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: 03/08/2024

Licensee: Robert Henie, owner

Explainer: Owner Robert Henie having failed to respond to written notice to appear before the Board of Stewards at Santa Anita Park on or before March 7, 2024, is suspended for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1547 (Failure to Appear) pending an appearance at a hearing before the Board of Stewards to answer to charges alleging violation of CHRB rule #1876 (Financial Responsibility). Suspension to commence on March 15, 2024.

New York

Track: Aqueduct Date: 03/09/2024

Licensee: Jose Gomez, jockey

Explainer: For having waived his right to an appeal Jockey Mr. Jose (Antonio) Gomez is hereby suspended 3 NYRA racing days March 16th 2024, March 17th 2024, March 21st 2024 inclusive. This for careless riding during the running of the 3rd race at

Aqueduct Racetrack on March 8th 2024.

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RETIRED RACEHORSE PROJECT LAUNCHES FUNDRAISING INITIATIVES

The Retired Racehorse Project (RRP) will launch two fundraising initiatives supporting the 2024 Thoroughbred Makeover and National Symposium, Presented by Thoroughbred Charities of America, the non-profit said in a Thursday release.

The Make the Makeover campaign is a trainer-driven fundraiser, allowing supporters to make a donation to the RRP pledged in the name of a participating Makeover trainer. All trainers who raise \$1,000 or more will have their entry fees refunded (or applied to a 2025 application).

The Fund-a-Need campaign is a renewal of the RRP's annual Makeover fundraiser and works as entry-level sponsorship, allowing supporters to contribute to the cost of producing the Thoroughbred Makeover.

"Each year, there are more demands on our resources than we can meet, and we can see how much more work there is to be done to better serve the Thoroughbred and its industries," said RRP executive director Kirsten Green.

To support the Make the Makeover campaign, please click here. To support Fund-a-Need, please click here.

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SECOND STRIDE'S CHAMPIONS NIGHT FUNDRAISER RELOCATES

Second Stride's Champions Night fundraiser will convene at The Manhattan Project, 2101 Frankfort Ave. in Louisville from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on Monday, Apr. 29, the retired racehorse organization said in a release Thursday.

An admission donation is set at \$25, while the restaurant is giving 10% of its bar business during the Derby Week event to Second Stride. Also, there will be the Smoke Easy Cigar Lounge, along with both live and silent auctions of racing memorabilia and experiences.

As in the past, the centerpiece will be the Kentucky Derby and Oaks handicapping panel, which this year includes Byron King, Andie Biancone, Steve Byk and Doug Nachman.

"Aftercare is no longer an afterthought, as the industry has embraced its obligation to take care of the horses who take care of so many of us at the track and breeding farm," said Kim Smith, Second Stride's founder and executive director. "Every dollar raised on Champions Night will go to helping off-the-track racehorses and other Thoroughbreds in need such as broodmares and horses that never made it to the races.

Click here for more information.

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TICKETS ON SALE FOR HORSE RACING WOMEN'S SUMMIT

Tickets are now on sale for the 2024 Horse Racing Women's Summit (HRWS) Annual Summit and HRWS Events. Events at Keeneland (Apr. 18) and at Saratoga (July 23) kick off the year, all leading up to the third annual Horse Racing Women's Summit at Santa Anita Sept. 25-26. There will be another gathering prior to the Breeders' Cup at Del Mar Oct. 31. Attendance at each event is limited and it is expected that events will sell out. Click here to purchase tickets.

"Coming into our third year of the HRWS, it is incredible with the encouragement of our supporters, sponsors, and volunteers that we can expand our reach nationally," said Jodie Vella-Gregory, HRWS executive committee member. "With a tremendous lineup of events from California to Kentucky to New York, the momentum is palpable and we are excited to bring robust programming and a sense of community to multiple jurisdictions."

Programming for the regional events at Keeneland and Saratoga includes featured speakers, panel discussions, workshops, and networking opportunities on topics relevant to the region and the HRWS community as a whole. Attendees at the Keeneland event will have the option to 'stay and play' on Apr. 19 for special farm tours in conjunction with Visit Horse Country, and Saratoga attendees are invited to 'stay and play'

for a day of racing in the 1863 Club on July 24. Each event has been planned in conjunction with regional representatives to allow for authentic expansion and connection within the HRWS community.

The third annual Horse Racing Women's Summit Sept. 25-26 will be highlighted by a powerful keynote in addition to robust panel discussions, workshops and a celebration of the 2024 Jane Goldstein Award winner. In addition to a full day of programming on Sept. 26, attendees will gather at Santa Anita Park for a welcome reception and networking activity the evening of Sept. 25 and have the opportunity to 'stay and play' on Sept. 27 for opening day of the autumn meet.

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2-year-olds at OBS March this week | Photos by Z



2024 Leading Fifth-Crop Sires Year-to-Date by Earnings

- Standing NA - Worldwide Earnings - NH Foals -											
Rank	Stallion	BTW	BTH	GSW	GSH	G1SW	G1SH	Starters	Wnrs	Highest Earner	· Earnings
1	Frosted	4	9	2	4			122	29	\$228,732	\$1,874,495
	(2012) by Tapit	:		FYR: 20	018/Crop	os: 5/Star	nds: Darl	ey KY		Fee: 10,000	Frost At Dawn
2	Not This Time	3	6	1	4			107	30	\$194,380	\$1,655,887
	(2014) by Giant	t's Cause	way	FYR: 20	018/Crop	os: 5/Star	nds: Tayl	or Made Far	m KY	Fee: 150,000	No More Time
3	Runhappy	4	6		2			99	23	\$169,600	\$1,418,503
	(2012) by Supe	r Saver		FYR: 20	018/Crop	os: 5/Star	nds: Claik	orne Farm l	<Υ	Fee: 10,000 F	Happy Is a Choice
4	Nyquist	3	5	1	1			111	24	\$128,509	\$1,397,518
	(2013) by Uncle	e Mo		FYR: 20	018/Crop	os: 5/Star	ds: Darl	ey KY		Fee: 85,000	Encino
5	Exaggerator	1	2	1	2			114	33	\$60,000	\$886,686
	(2013) by Curlin	n		FYR: 0,	/Crops: 5	S/Stands:	LA			Fee: 5,000 Sk	cippylongstocking
6	Outwork							75	20	\$100,000	\$810,812
	(2013) by Uncle	e Mo		FYR: 20	018/Crop	os: 5/Star	ds: Win	Star Farm KY	′	Fee: 10,000	Haayeet
7	Upstart	2	3		1		1	65	18	\$165,096	\$736,389
	(2012) by Flatte	er		FYR: 20	018/Crop	os: 5/Star	nds: Aird	rie Stud KY		Fee: 30,000	Surly Furious
8	Marking							40	11	\$120,000	\$584,350
	(2012) by Berna	ardini		FYR: 0,	/Crops: 5	S/Stands:	NM			Fee: 6,000 Pa	yingoffmymarker
9	Uncle Lino							59	19	\$42,000	\$555,790
	(2013) by Uncle	e Mo		FYR: 0,	/Crops: 5	S/Stands:	MD			Fee: 4,000	Dropline
10	Street Strategy	1	2					32	6	\$168,210	\$510,637
	(2011) by Stree	et Sense		FYR: 0,	/Crops: 5	S/Stands:	AR			Fee: 1,500	Kantex
11	Brody's Cause		1					42	15	\$62,670	\$458,720
	(2013) by Giant	t's Cause	way	FYR: 0,	/Crops: 5	S/Stands:	PA			Fee: 3,500	Hay Chief
12	Anchor Down							31	9	\$200,000	\$410,666
	(2011) by Tapit	:		FYR: 20	018/Crop	os: 5/Star	nds: Iowa	State Univ.	IA	Fee: 3,000	Ibn Toulon (KSA)
13	Mosler							30	10	\$43,410	\$341,506
	(2011) by War	Front		FYR: 0,	/Crops: 5	S/Stands:	MD			Fee: 3,500	Bay Street
14	Peace and Justice	e	1					32	11	\$46,500	\$320,085
	(2010) by War	Front		FYR: 0,	/Crops: 5	S/Stands:	PA			Fee: 5,000	Respirator
15	Social Inclusion	1	1	1	1			21	5	\$137,500	\$294,683
	(2011) by Pione	eerof the	Nile	FYR: 0,	/Crops: 5	S/Stands:	FL			Fee: Private	Uncle Heavy

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GRADED STAKES ENTRIES



Saturday, Oaklawn #9, post time: 5:23 p.m. EDT WHITMORE S.-GIII, \$250,000, 4yo/up, 6f

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Osbourne	Tapiture	Southern Springs Stables, Floyd Sagely Properties,	Moquett	Leparoux	121
			Tauber, Mark, Johnston, Keith & LaPenta, Robert			
2	Tejano Twist	Practical Joke	JD Thoroughbreds LLC and Davis, Joey Keith	Hartman	Landeros	124
3	Ryvit	Competitive Edge	Heiligbrodt, L. William and Corinne	Asmussen	Asmussen	124
4	Surveillance 🛷	Constitution	Big Chief Rcg, Rocker O Ranch & Desormeaux, J K	Desormeaux	Graham	121
5	Ninja Warrior 🖛	Speightstown	John Holleman	Diodoro	Torres	121
6	Jaxon Traveler 🖛	Munnings	West Point Thoroughbreds	Asmussen	Prat	124
7	Cowan 🖛	Kantharos	David Jacobson	Jacobson	Vazquez	121

Breeders: 1-Amy Boulton, 2-Tom Durant, 3-Curt Leake, 4-Kendall E. Hansen, M.D. Racing, LLC, 5-John D. Gunther, 6-Dr. & Mrs. A. Leonard Pineau, 7-Hill 'n' Dale Equine Holdings, Inc.

Saturday, Santa Anita #8, post time: 7:30 p.m. EDT SAN CARLOS S. PRESENTED BY FANDUEL TV-GIII, \$100,000, 4yo/up, 7f

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	The Chosen Vron	Vronsky	Sondereker Racing LLC, Kruljac, J. Eric,	Kruljac	Berrios	124
			Fetkin, Robert S. and Thornburgh, Richard			
2	Elwood Blues <a>	Justify	Pegram, Michael E., Watson, Karl & Weitman, Paul	Baffert	Hernandez	120
3	I'm A Gambler (Ire)	No Nay Never	Red Baron's Barn LLC and Rancho Temescal LLC	Glatt	Boulanger	122
4	Ghost of Midnight	Ghostzapper	Kirkwood, Allan K. and Kirkwood, Saundra S.	Glatt	Fresu	120
5	See Through It	Curlin to Mischief	Belico Racing LLC and Medina, Lizbeth	Vallejo	Pereira	122
6	McLaren Vale 🖛	Gun Runner	Hronis Racing LLC	Sadler	Rosario	120
7	Super Chief	Awesome Again	Mia Familia Racing Stable	Barocio	Frey	120

Breeders: 1-Tiz Molly Partners, 2-Woodford Thoroughbreds, LLC, 3-Fullbury Ltd, 4-Al Kirkwood & Saundra Kirkwood, 5-Edward Allred, 6-Austramore Pty. Ltd, 7-Equine Formula 1, LLC/Eric Yohan Knipe



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IN ORDER OF PURSE:

3rd-Gulfstream, \$70,000, Msw, 3-14, 3yo/up, 5fT, :55.19, fm, 1 1/2 lengths.

CHAPLIN (g, 4, City of Light--Classy Dancer (MSP), by **Speightstown)** was runner-up over this course at second asking in Hallandale last April, then was last seen finishing a wellbeaten sixth over the same course in mid May. Returning to work in early December, the first-time gelding and 3-1 shot here broke alertly, moved to the rail and held sway into the far turn. The 4-year-old turned back a brief challenge past the eighth pole from Readier (More Than Ready) and went on to graduate by 1 1/2 lengths. The winner's dam was purchased for \$335,000 at the 2019 Keeneland November Sale by West Bloodstock with Chaplin, her first registered foal, in utero. Classy Dancer is also responsible for 2-year-old colt Gunmetal (Gun Runner), who went to CHC/Maverick Racing/Siena Farm for \$410,000 at the 2021 Keeneland September Sale. She visited Life Is Good for this spring. Chaplin's third dam Tizso (Cee's Tizzy) is a full-sister to Horse of the Year Tiznow and produced the late GISW Paynter (Awesome Again). Sales History: \$250,000 Ylg '21 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 4-1-1-0, \$52,160. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.

O-R. A. Hill Stable, Gatsas Stables & Greg Swick; B-Andrew N. Warren (KY); T-George Weaver.



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5th-Turfway, \$69,896, Msw, 3-13, 3yo, f, 6 1/2f (AWT), 1:17.14, ft, 4 1/4 lengths.

BEST KISS YET (f, 3, Goldencents--Top Kisser {GSW, \$407,100}, by Old Topper) was pressed through fractions of :22.53 and :45.25 and drew clear in the stretch to graduate by 4 1/4 lengths at odds of 5-1. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$40,941. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV. O/B-Tommy Town Thoroughbreds, LLC (KY); T-Wayne M. Catalano.

6th-Fair Grounds, \$57,000, Msw, 3-14, 3yo, f, 1 1/16m, 1:44.94, ft, 43/4 lengths.

YES INDEED (f, 3, Bolt d'Oro--Creative Contessa, by Creative Cause) debuted a well-beaten seventh while sprinting in New Orleans Jan. 20 before being installed at odds of 5-2 here. The dark bay tracked Gourmet (Constitution) into the first turn and continued to do so through the far turn. Given her cue at the top of the lane, the 3-year-old dropped the hammer and sealed the deal by 4 3/4 lengths. Her dam's first registered foal, Yes Indeed has a pair of full siblings in a 2-year-old colt and a yearling filly. A half-sister to SW Amiable Grace (Alphabet Soup), Creative Contessa was not bred for this season. Sales History: \$150,000 RNA Wlg '21 FTKNOV; \$350,000 Ylg '22 FTSAUG; \$850,000 2yo '23 OBSAPR. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$34,200. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV. O-Lael Stables; B-Ruis Racing LLC (KY); T-Cherie DeVaux.

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ODAY'S FEATURED REPLAY



YES INDEED (f, 3, Bolt d'Oro) takes care of business at FG. (click to watch)



IN QATAR:

Meraj, c, 4, Army Mule--Star Pearl (MSW, \$186,883), by Tapit. Al Rayyan, 3-13, Maiden, 1200m. B-Eisaman Farms NY LLC (KY). *Won by six lengths. **\$60,000 Ylg '21 KEESEP; \$100,000 2yo '22 OBSAPR. VIDEO (SC 5)

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SECOND-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: FRIDAY, MARCH 15 2024 Stud Fees Listed

Baffin (Justin Phillip)

3 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners 5-Sam Houston Race, 9:30 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2f, Baffin's Best Shot, 30-1

Catholic Boy (More Than Ready), Claiborne Farm, \$10,000 161 foals of racing age/19 winners/1 black-type winner 5-Sam Houston Race, 9:30 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2f, Carry the Flag, 50-1

\$65,000 KEE SEP yrl

1-Sunland, 2:25 p.m. EDT, Msw 6f, Young Pope, 8-1 \$300,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$9,000 I '23 KEE NOV

Coal Front (Stay Thirsty), Spendthrift Farm, \$5,000 80 foals of racing age/12 winners/2 black-type winners 6-Oaklawn, 4:18 p.m. EDT, Msw 6f, Charbon, 10-1 \$27,000 RNA OBS OCT yrl; \$37,000 RNA OBS OPN 2yo 4-Penn National, 7:28 p.m. EDT, Alw 6f, Dewey Doit, 7-2 \$9,000 FTI DEC wnl; \$25,000 OBS OCT yrl; \$85,000 OBS OPN 2yo 1-Sunland, 2:25 p.m. EDT, Msw 6f, Right in Front, 5-2 \$25,000 FTK OCT yrl; \$40,000 OBS APR 2yo

Copper Bullet (More Than Ready), Darby Dan Farm, \$7,500 53 foals of racing age/10 winners/1 black-type winner 9-Sam Houston Race, 11:30 p.m. EDT, Msw 5fT, Copperdrop, 3-1

Dreamliner (More Than Ready), CI-The Speedhorse Farm 9 foals of racing age/2 winners/0 black-type winners 6-Charles Town, 9:32 p.m. EDT, Alw 7f, Living the Dream, 12-1

Enticed (Medaglia d'Oro), Darley, \$5,000 157 foals of racing age/30 winners/1 black-type winner 1-Fair Grounds, 6:00 p.m. EDT, Aoc 5 1/2fT, Darkroom, 8-1 \$25,000 KEE SEP yrl

Flameaway (Scat Daddy), Darby Dan Farm, \$15,000 200 foals of racing age/31 winners/4 black-type winners 4-Penn National, 7:28 p.m. EDT, Alw 6f, Glowing Humor, 6-1

Maximus Mischief (Into Mischief), Spendthrift Farm, \$25,000

231 foals of racing age/40 winners/3 black-type winners 3-Gulfstream, 2:10 p.m. EDT, Aoc 6f, For Some Reason, 9-5 \$62,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$50,000 OBS APR 2yo 9-Tampa Bay Downs, 4:34 p.m. EDT, Msw 1mT, Princess Gladys, 30-1

\$32,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$37,000 RNA OBS APR 2yo; \$50,000 OBS OPN 2yo

Mitole (Eskendereya), Spendthrift Farm, \$15,000 294 foals of racing age/45 winners/3 black-type winners \$130,000 OBS WIN wnl; \$250,000 FTK JUL yrl 9-Tampa Bay Downs, 4:34 p.m. EDT, Msw 1mT, Rozay Summer, 8-1 \$160,000 SAR AUG yrl

Omaha Beach (War Front), Spendthrift Farm, \$40,000 291 foals of racing age/32 winners/3 black-type winners 5-Sam Houston Race, 9:30 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2f, Delta Front, 20-1 \$35,000 FTK OCT yrl 2-Gulfstream, 1:40 p.m. EDT, Msw 5fT, Far and Few, 7-5 \$90,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$100,000 RNA OBS MAR 2yo

Pavel (Creative Cause), Ocean Breeze Ranch 29 foals of racing age/6 winners/1 black-type winner 7-Santa Anita, 7:08 p.m. EDT, Msw 6f, Drive for Show, 15-1 \$19,000 RNA FTC AYR 2yo

5-Gulfstream, 3:10 p.m. EDT, Aoc 7f, Hot Beach, 3-1

\$160,000 KEE NOV wnl; \$400,000 FTS AUG yrl

Sporting Chance (Tiznow), A & A Ranch 45 foals of racing age/3 winners/0 black-type winners 4-Sunland, 3:43 p.m. EDT, Alw 5 1/2f, Higher Ed, 5-2

Vino Rosso (Curlin), Spendthrift Farm, \$20,000 309 foals of racing age/36 winners/2 black-type winners 2-Penn National, 6:29 p.m. EDT, Msw 1m, Take the Pledge, 5-2







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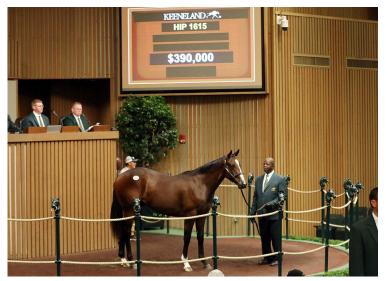
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In this continuing series, Alan Carasso takes a look ahead at US-bred and/or conceived runners entered for the upcoming weekend at the tracks on the Japan Racing Association circuit, with a focus on pedigree and/or performance in the sales ring. Here are the horses of interest for this weekend running at Nakayama and Chukyo Racecourses:



La La Monstre at Keeneland in 2022 | Keeneland photo

Sunday, March, 17, 2024 2nd-CKO, ¥10,480,000 *(\$71k)*, Maiden, 3yo, 1400m LA LA MONSTRE (c, 3, Mitole--Speightastic, by

Speightstown), a \$390,000 KEESEP acquisition, was unplaced in a couple of tries on the grass last November and switches to the dirt for his sophomore debut. The colt's dam, a full-sister to three-time stakes winner and Grade III-placed Bayerd, was purchased by Cove Springs for \$65,000 at KEENOV in 2017, and her now 2-year-old colt by Not This Time was hammered down to Repole Stable and Spendthrift Farm for \$725,000 at last year's Fasig-Tipton Saratoga sale. *B-Cove Springs LLC (KY)*

1st-NKY, ¥10,480,000 *(\$71k)*, Maiden, 3yo, 1800m

AMERICAN RUNNER (c, 3, Gun Runner--Acqua Fresh (Uru), by Ecclesiastic) was a debut ninth going a mile over the Tokyo dirt last November but improved to be second with a stretch out to this trip at this venue Feb. 25. The January foal, a \$125,000 Keeneland September purchase, is out of the Uruguayan champion 3-year-old filly of 2016 who changed hands for \$45,000 at the 2017 Keeneland November sale. This is also the female family of Repent and Canadian champion King Ruckus.

Christophe Lemaire has the call. *B-Michael J Snyder & Winchell Thoroughbreds LLC (KY)*

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ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

8th-Oaklawn, \$140,000, 3-14, (NW2L), 4yo/up, 6f, 1:09.51, ft, 3 1/4 lengths.

ZAMBEZI (c, 4, Candy Ride {Arg}--Sahara Wind, by A.P. Indy)
Lifetime Record: 11-2-4-2, \$270,044. O-Susan Moulton;
B-William Harrigan (KY); T-Steven M. Asmussen. *\$155,000 Wlg
'20 KEENOV; \$200,000 Ylg '21 KEESEP.



7th-Oaklawn, \$140,000, 3-14, (NW1\$X), 4yo/up, 1 3/16m, 1:57.55, ft, 1/2 length.

ARCHIE THE GIZA (g, 5, Cairo Prince--Gloria S, by Tapit) Lifetime Record: 9-2-1-0, \$179,471. O-Harvey A. Clarke Racing Stables, LLC; B-Estate Of Harvey A. Clarke (KY); T-Robert Medina. *1/2 to Harvey's Lil Goil (American Pharoah), GISW, \$899,172.

7th-Aqueduct, \$84,000, (NW2\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$62,500), 3-14, 4yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:36.95, ft, 1 3/4 lengths.

BUSTIN BAY (m, 6, Bustin Stones--Frosty Bay {MSW, \$237,529}, by Frost Giant) Lifetime Record: MSP, 41-12-8-6, \$679,240. O-Winning Move Stable; B-Robert D. & Peter Rosenthal & Martin Greenberg (NY); T-Adam Rice.

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8th-Gulfstream, \$76,060, (NW1\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$25,000), 3-14, 4yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2f, 1:17.12, ft, 3/4 length.

GUNESH (m, 5, Declaration of War--Dynamite Lass {GSW, \$241,608}, by Dynaformer) Lifetime Record: 16-2-3-3, \$129,015. O-Maria Sol Aller; B-Fedai Kahraman (KY); T-Murat Sancal. *\$6,000 RNA Ylg '20 KEESEP; \$17,000 2yo '21 KEENOV.

7th-Turfway, \$74,000, (NW1\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$25,000), 3-13, 3yo/up, f/m, 1m (AWT), 1:37.58, ft, 3 lengths.

UNDER THE BED (f, 4, Strong Mandate--Bombay Bridgett, by Go for Gin) Lifetime Record: 7-4-1-1, \$108,422. O/B-PTK, LLC (KY); T-William D. Cowans.

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4th-Aqueduct, \$72,000, (S), (NW1\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$80,000), 3-14, 3yo, f, 1m, 1:38.65, ft, 2 1/4 lengths.

MUNNY GRAB (f, 3, Munnings--Another World (SW, \$189,503), by Maria's Mon) Lifetime Record: SP, 6-2-1-1, \$108,980.

O-Magic Cap Stables & Hayden Racing; B-EKQ Stables Corp. (NY); T-Horacio De Paz. *\$75,000 Ylg '22 SARAUG.

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8th-Fair Grounds, \$60,000, (C)/Opt. Clm (\$80,000), 3-14, 4yo/up, 6f, 1:08.56, ft, 4 1/4 lengths.

MR. WIRELESS (g, 6, Dialed In--Voussoir, by Arch) Lifetime Record: MGSW, 18-7-4-3, \$1,051,457. O-Lapczenski, Jon & JIL Stable; B-John & Iveta Kerber (KY); T-W. Bret Calhoun. *1/2 to Ain't No Elmers (Goldencents), MGSP, \$322,785; Full to Ain't Broke, SP, \$344,875.

7th-Fair Grounds, \$59,000, (S), (NW2X)/Opt. Clm (\$20,000), 3-14, 4yo/up, 1mT, 1:39.74, fm, 2 3/4 lengths.

MI SOLUTION (g, 5, Real Solution--Mi Isabella {MSW, \$195,725}, by Twilight Agenda) Lifetime Record: 9-4-2-0, \$126,740. O-South Central Stables; B-Cypress Bend Farms (LA); T-Keith G. Bourgeois. *1/2 to Pont Du Gard (Liaison), GSP, \$221,820.

7th-Mahoning Valley, \$36,400, 3-14, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2f, 1:06.12, my, 1 1/2 lengths.

NEECHI (f, 4, Not This Time--La Nina Bronca (MSP, \$207,820), by Cactus Ridge) Lifetime Record: 11-5-2-1, \$132,066. O/B-Hillburn Racing Stable LLC (OH); T-Robert M. Gorham.

8th-Mahoning Valley, \$36,200, (S), 3-14, (NW4L), 3yo/up, 1m 70y, 1:46.42, my, 1 1/2 lengths.

HIDDEN ACCESS (g, 4, Mobil--Preservation Hall, by Dixieland Band) Lifetime Record: 15-4-2-2, \$109,605. O-Blazing Meadows Farm LLC and Ella D Racing Stable; B-Mapleton Thoroughbred Farm (OH); T-Timothy E. Hamm. *\$9,000 Ylg '21 OTBOMX. **Full to Happy as You Go, MSW, \$176,967.

6th-Mahoning Valley, \$33,700, (S), 3-14, (NW2L), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:14.03, my, 1/2 length.

CAVALETTO (g, 4, Midshipman--Cavalleria {SW, \$237,870}, by Langfuhr) Lifetime Record: 12-2-3-3, \$76,662. O-Mast Thoroughbreds LLC; B-R. Gorham & Mast Thoroughbreds LLC (OH); T-Robert M. Gorham.

7th-Sunland, \$32,000, 3-14, (NW2L), 3yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2f, 1:02.57, ft, 8 lengths.

BRASHANKNOWIT (f, 4, Shaman Ghost--Bold Birdie {SP, **\$128,971}, by Birdstone)** Lifetime Record: 5-2-1-0, \$54,465. O-Richard Lueck; B-Matalona Thoroughbreds, LLC (FL); T-Vaughn Long. *\$40,000 2yo '22 OBSAPR.

5th-Turf Paradise, \$31,500, (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$12,500-\$16,000), 3-13, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:08.70, ft, 3 1/2 lengths. SOL DEL SUR (g, 6, Medaglia d'Oro--Snow Fall (MSW, **\$197,443}, by War Front)** Lifetime Record: 24-5-3-4, \$165,990. O-Ron Glatt; B-Don Alberto Corporation (KY); T-Vann Belvoir. *\$235,000 RNA Ylg '19 KEESEP; \$17,000 3yo '21 KEEAPR.

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4th-Charles Town, \$27,400, 3-13, (NW2L), 3yo/up, f/m, 4 1/2f, :53.11, ft, 1 1/2 lengths.

ASUE (m, 5, Astern {Aus}--My Sister Sue {MSW, \$207,883}, by Broken Vow) Lifetime Record: 21-2-3-5, \$77,186. O/B-Dr. Steve & Debbie Jackson (KY); T-Flint W. Stites.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Caffeinennicotine, g, 3, **Blofeld**--All That Beauty, by Fiber Sonde. Charles Town, 3-13, (S), 6 1/2f, 1:22.04. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$17,225. B-Elizabeth E. Meehan (WV).

Quiet Wisdom, c, 3, Into Mischief--Whisper Wisdom, by Rockport Harbor. Aqueduct, 3-14, (S), 1m, 1:37.12. Lifetime Record: 7-1-2-3, \$101,100. B-Pine Ridge Stables LTD (NY). *\$275,000 Ylg '22 KEESEP. **1/2 to Curlin's Wisdom (Curlin), SP, \$446,533. ***Won by 10 3/4 lengths.

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Indianquest, c, 3, **Nyquist**--Caxambas Pass, by Tiznow. Aqueduct, 3-14, (C), 1m, 1:38.41. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$24,750. B-Dixiana Farms LLC (KY). *\$160,000 Ylg '22 KEESEP; \$47,000 2yo '23 OBSAPR. **1ST-TIME STARTER.

Spirit of Seattle, g, 3, Seattle Serenade--Sans Doubte, by Take Charge Indy. Mahoning Valley, 3-14, 6f, 1:14.05. Lifetime Record: 9-1-0-2, \$24,830. B-Sheldon Pettle (ON).

Shame On Whiskey, g, 3, Shame On Charlie--Drink Mo Hennessy, by Roll Hennessy Roll. Sunland, 3-14, (S), 5 1/2f, 1:04.48. Lifetime Record: 8-1-3-0, \$58,561. B-Mary W. Balch (NM).

Holding the Line (Ire), g, 3, Soldier's Call (GB)--Street Kitty (Ire), by Tiger Hill (Ire). Turfway, 3-13, (C), 6f (AWT), 1:10.95. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$19,297. B-GHS Bloodstock (IRE). *62,000gns Ylg '22 TATOCT. **1/2 to Sir Busker (Ire) (Sir Prancealot (Ire)), GSW & MG1SP-Eng, \$750,027.



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1	121	National Treasure (USA)	USA
1	121	Senor Buscador (USA)	USA
3	120	Private Eye (AUS)	AUS
43 *	120	Rebel's Romance (IRE)	UAE
-3	120	Romantic Warrior (IRE)	HK
-3	120	Ushba Tesoro (JPN)	JPN



Senor Buscador and National Treasure ©Racingfotos.com



Love Is Wicked, g, 3, Wicked Strong--Loves to Glance, by Not For Love. Charles Town, 3-13, (S), 6 1/2f, 1:21.87. Lifetime Record: 13-1-2-3, \$44,897. B-Dewayne C. Johnson (WV). *1/2 to Paymengold (Golden Lad), SW, \$129,177; Limited View (Freedom Child), MSW, \$401,141.

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Astern (Aus), Asue, m, 5, o/o My Sister Sue, by Broken Vow. ALW, 3-13, Charles Town

Blofeld, Caffeinennicotine, g, 3, o/o All That Beauty, by Fiber Sonde. MSW, 3-13, Charles Town

Bolt d'Oro, Yes Indeed, f, 3, o/o Creative Contessa, by Creative Cause. MSW, 3-14, Fair Grounds

Bustin Stones, Bustin Bay, m, 6, o/o Frosty Bay, by Frost Giant. AOC, 3-14, Aqueduct

Cairo Prince, Archie the Giza, g, 5, o/o Gloria S, by Tapit. ALW, 3-14, Oaklawn

Candy Ride (Arg), Zambezi, c, 4, o/o Sahara Wind, by A.P. Indy. ALW, 3-14, Oaklawn

City of Light, Chaplin, g, 4, o/o Classy Dancer, by Speightstown. MSW, 3-14, Gulfstream

Declaration of War, Gunesh, m, 5, o/o Dynamite Lass, by Dynaformer. AOC, 3-14, Gulfstream

Dialed In, Mr. Wireless, g, 6, o/o Voussoir, by Arch. AOC, 3-14, Fair Grounds

Goldencents, Best Kiss Yet, f, 3, o/o Top Kisser, by Old Topper. MSW, 3-13, Turfway

Into Mischief, Quiet Wisdom, c, 3, o/o Whisper Wisdom, by Rockport Harbor. MSW, 3-14, Aqueduct

Medaglia d'Oro, Sol Del Sur, g, 6, o/o Snow Fall, by War Front. AOC, 3-13, Turf Paradise

Midshipman, Cavaletto, g, 4, o/o Cavalleria, by Langfuhr. ALW, 3-14, Mahoning Valley

Mobil, Hidden Access, g, 4, o/o Preservation Hall, by Dixieland Band. ALW, 3-14, Mahoning Valley

Munnings, Munny Grab, f, 3, o/o Another World, by Maria's Mon. AOC, 3-14, Aqueduct

Not This Time, Neechi, f, 4, o/o La Nina Bronca, by Cactus Ridge. ALW, 3-14, Mahoning Valley

Nyquist, Indianquest, c, 3, o/o Caxambas Pass, by Tiznow. MCL, 3-14, Aqueduct

Real Solution, Mi Solution, g, 5, o/o Mi Isabella, by Twilight Agenda. AOC, 3-14, Fair Grounds

Seattle Serenade, Spirit of Seattle, g, 3, o/o Sans Doubte, by **Take Charge Indy**. MSW, 3-14, Mahoning Valley

Shaman Ghost, Brashanknowit, f, 4, o/o Bold Birdie, by Birdstone. ALW, 3-14, Sunland

Shame On Charlie, Shame On Whiskey, g, 3, o/o Drink Mo Hennessy, by Roll Hennessy Roll. MSW, 3-14, Sunland **Soldier's Call (GB)**, Holding the Line (Ire), g, 3, o/o Street Kitty (Ire), by Tiger Hill (Ire). MCL, 3-13, Turfway

Strong Mandate, Under the Bed, f, 4, o/o Bombay Bridgett, by Go for Gin. AOC, 3-13, Turfway

Wicked Strong, Love Is Wicked, g, 3, o/o Loves to Glance, by Not For Love. MSW, 3-13, Charles Town

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Trainer Andres Cambray saddled his first career winner, Bump in the Night, in Thursday's first race at Oaklawn. Bump in the Night was the seventh career starter for Cambray, according to Equibase. Bump in the Night was ridden by Cambray's wife, jockey Lindsey Hebert | Coady



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CHELTENHAM, UK--St Patrick's Thursday at the 2024 Cheltenham Festival could turn out to be a pivotal day in the career of Dan Skelton, with the prize-money pocketed by his two winners--taking his overall tally for the week to four--seeing him leapfrog his long-time mentor Paul Nicholls in the battle to be crowned champion trainer in Britain. Cont. p3

HIGHFIELD PRINCESS RETIRED WITH 'SERIOUS AND CONCERNING' INJURY

John Fairley's top sprinter **Highfield Princess (Fr)** (Night Of Thunder {Ire}) has been retired from racing with immediate effect after suffering a "very serious and concerning" injury in her stable on Tuesday morning.

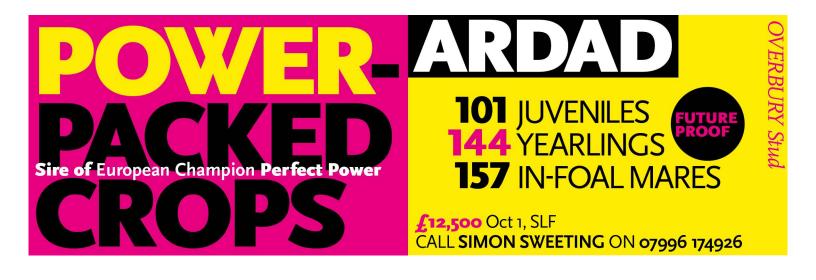
The mare's trainers John and Sean Quinn, via a statement issued on social media on Thursday, said, "That morning she was transferred to Rainbow Equine Hospital and has been in their care ever since. Her progress over the past few days has been encouraging and whilst she still has a way to go to make a full recovery we are hopeful that with time and care she will be OK."

The seven-year-old was bred by Fairley from the Danehill mare Pure Illusion (Ire). Unraced at two, Highfield Princess plied her trade in handicaps as a three-year-old before shooting up the ranks in the ensuing seasons. She claimed her first black-type success in the Listed Queen Charlotte Fillies' S. at Chelmsford at four before a standout season as a five-year-old when she posted back to-back Group 1 victories in three different countries in the Prix Maurice de Gheest, the Nunthorpe and the Flying Five. She claimed another top-level success last year in the Prix de l'Abbaye. In total, her 14 wins from 39 starts included six Group victories. Cont. p6

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WIN WIN FILLY MAKES \$1.8 MILLION AT OBS

A filly by Win Win Win, who breezed the fastest quarter-mile of the OBS March Sale, brought a sale-topping \$1.8 million from Donato Lanni who was bidding on behalf of Amr Zedan.



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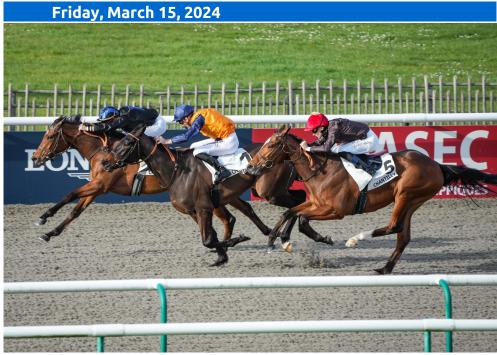
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Goa winning the Prix de la Pistole (conditions) at Chantilly on Thursday. The daughter of No Nay Never is a €120,000 Argana August graduate. | Scoop Dyga

FLAXMAN RUNNER DIES FROM A HEART ATTACK

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The Classic-placed Piz Badile (Ire) (Ulysses (Ire)) died fro m a heart attack while cantering last Monday.

ARQANA BREEZE-UP CATALOGUE REVEALED

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The catalogue for the Arqana Breeze-Up Sale was released on Thursday.

DAUGHTER OF DOYEN TOPS CHELTENHAM SALE

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Echoing Silence (Ire) (Doyen {Ire}) topped the Tattersalls Cheltenham Festival Sale at £410,000 on Thursday evening.

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Cheltenham Festival Wrap Cont. from p1

Skelton had been the one man to put up any resistance to the Irish on Wednesday's card when winning the Coral Cup Handicap Hurdle with Langer Dan (Ire) (Ocovango {GB}) and the Johnny Henderson Grand Annual Chase with Unexpected Party (Fr) (Martaline {GB}). Those two wins took Skelton's career tally at the Festival to eight, no mean feat for a trainer in just his eleventh full season with a licence.

It's days like this one which Skelton has been longing for, though. Few would argue that he's one of the best around when it comes to priming a horse for a Festival handicap, but in the Grade 1 races at the meeting, the contests every trainer wants to be involved in, he'd been resigned to little more than a bit-part role in his career thus far.

That was until the Turners Novices' Chase which kicked off Thursday's card, featuring the best novices chasers over an intermediate trip that Britain and Ireland had to offer and a sparkling winner in Grey Dawning (Ire). He gained his first win at the top level at the expense of Ginny's Destiny (Ire) (Yeats {Ire}) and Djelo (Fr) (Montmartre {Fr}), with a shocking turn of events seeing the home team complete a clean sweep of the podium places having trailed the Irish 10-3 on the scoreboard after the

first two days.

With the trainers' championship on the line, it won't have been lost on Skelton that the runner-up was trained by Nicholls, the 14-time champion to whom he was assistant during the glory years when the Ditcheat stable won three successive renewals of the Cheltenham Gold Cup courtesy of Kauto Star (2007 and 2009) and Denman (2008).

Now, Skelton has his sights set on Nicholls's crown, not to mention the 2025 Gold Cup with the dashing Grey Dawning, a son of the late Flemensfirth--Coolmore's dual champion National Hunt sire who has already produced one Gold Cup winner in Imperial Commander (Ire), the horse who memorably toppled Kauto Star and Denman in 2010.

"He's a lovely horse, isn't he?" Skelton said of Grey Dawning.
"We had such hopes for him. When you go and win two
bumpers at the start of your life and you're destined to be a
chaser, you just want it to happen. To win a Grade 1 novice here
is great. It gives us all that future to look forward to and, being
that colour [grey], he might get a following."

Bred at Grange Stud, Grey Dawning was bought for €40,000 at the Tattersalls Ireland June Derby Sale as a three-year-old and now carries the colours of Robert Kirkland, no doubt at the envy of John Hales. Cont. p4



Monmiral and Harry Cobden win the Pertemps Network Final for owners Sir Alex Ferguson and John Hales | Racingfotos.com

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LITTLE BIG BEAR

(European Champion 2Y0)

- 1st Phoenix S.-Gr.1
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- 1st Anglesey S.-Gr.3
- 2nd Commonwealth Cup-Gr.1

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ARIZONA

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Cheltenham Festival Wrap Cont.

After all, nobody covets a top-class jumping grey quite like Hales, the proud owner of star performers in that image such as Al Ferof (Fr), Neptune Collonges (Fr), Politologue (Fr) and, of course, his beloved One Man (Ire).

It remains Hales's dream to win the Gold Cup, one of the few major steeplechases in Britain to have eluded him, and it was that lifetime ambition which fuelled his decision to partner with Sir Alex Ferguson, Ged Mason and Peter Done in the €740,000 purchase of the exciting Caldwell Potter (Fr) (Martaline {GB}) at last month's Caldwell Construction Dispersal at Tattersalls Ireland.

The fact Caldwell Potter was grey might also have had something to do with it, though Hales hasn't been afraid to diversify his interests, as the two races which followed Grey Dawning's victory in the Turners showed.

Envy quickly turned to joy for Hales as his own yellow colours with a red star were first carried to victory in the Pertemps Network Final Handicap Hurdle by the black Monmiral (Fr) and then in the G1 Ryanair Chase by the bay Protektorat (Fr), who was gaining a deserved first success at the Festival having finished third in 2022 and fifth in 2023 when bidding to deliver

his owner's Gold Cup dream.

The victory of the Nicholls-trained Monmiral was a timely reminder that he won't be giving up his champion trainer crown without a fight, but Protektorat's defeat of defending Ryanair champion Envoi Allen (Fr) (Muhtathir {GB}) was enough to take Skelton to the top of the current standings. Master and apprentice look set to be locked in a titanic battle for the rest of the season, but on St Patrick's Thursday they combined to provide a red-letter day for Hales, plus fellow owners Ferguson and Mason.

"I've been in racing now for 25 years and it's the first time I've ever done a double at Cheltenham," said an elated Hales. "To win once is a privilege; to do it twice is just unbelievable. He [Protektorat] was brilliant today and I can't speak highly enough of the two trainers and our two winners, because they are a dream come true."

The dream run Ferguson and Mason have enjoyed in recent months shows no signs of slowing down. Thursday's double follows hot on the heels of two notable Flat wins on the international stage with Ferguson's progressive homebred Spirit Dancer (GB) (Frankel {GB}), successful in Bahrain and Saudi Arabia from his last three starts.

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Protektorat & Harry Skelton take the Ryanair Chase at Cheltenham on Thursday | Racingfotos.com



John Hales, Sir Alex Ferguson and Ged Mason celebrate Protektorat's victory | Racingfotos.com

Cheltenham Festival Wrap Cont.

Not to be outdone, Ferguson's former sparring partner in the Premier League managerial ranks, Harry Redknapp, was also among the owners celebrating on St Patrick's Thursday after the Ben Pauling-trained Shakem Up'Arry (Ire) had run out an emphatic winner of the TrustATrader Plate Handicap Chase.

"To have a winner at the Cheltenham Festival has been my dream," said Redknapp before being asked about his relationship with Ferguson. "Me and Alex have had some great days," he added. "Going to Old Trafford I used to go in his office at 2.15pm when the teams had been sent out and we would then watch a bit of racing for 15 minutes. We both loved the racing and we both loved the football. It is great to see him have two winners today."

The win of Shakem Up'Arry was a third at the meeting for Flemensfirth after those of Ballyburn (Ire) and Grey Dawning, putting him one ahead of Haras de la Tuilerie stalwart Saint Des Saints (Fr), who was responsible for both Monmiral and Protektorat. Already that pair have at least matched the feat of Shantou last year when he was the only stallion to sire more than one winner at the meeting.

Elsewhere, Kapgarde (Fr) was expected to open his account at the 2024 Festival when his impeccably-bred daughter
Brighterdaysahead (Fr) lined up as the odds-on favourite for the G2 Ryanair Mares' Novices' Hurdle, trying to add another illustrious chapter to the tale of Francois-Marie Cottin's brilliant broodmare Matnie (Fr) (Laveron {GB}).

Already the dam of five Graded winners from as many foals, including the multiple Grade 1 hero Mighty Potter (Fr) (Martaline {Fr}) and the aforementioned Caldwell Potter, Matnie looked to have produced another star in the shape of

Brighterdaysahead, who came into the race unbeaten in five starts under Rules having been bought by Gordon Elliott for €310,000 at the Tattersalls Ireland Derby Sale as a three-year-old.

This time, however, Brighterdaysahead was forced to settle for the runner-up spot as she was unable to match the turn of foot shown by Jeremy Scott's Flat-bred winner, Golden Ace (GB). She was making it five on the day for Britain and became a first Festival winner for Golden Horn (GB), the G1 Derby and G1 Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe hero who relocated to Overbury Stud to stand his first season as a National Hunt sire in 2023.

Golden Ace is out of the Listed-winning Dubawi (Ire) mare Deuce Again (GB) but made only 12,000gns when selling as an unraced three-year-old at the Tattersalls July Sale. Yet to taste defeat in three starts over hurdles, Golden Ace is proving quite the bargain for owner Ian Gosden, not to mention a flagbearer for Scott.

He was celebrating a first Festival success following a couple of near-misses in a training career spanning more than two decades, notably with Dashel Drasher (GB) (Passing Glance {GB}) in last year's G1 Paddy Power Stayers' Hurdle.

"It's an emotional moment," said Scott. "I thought last year coming second with dear old Dashel Drasher was something, but this is very, very, very special. I'm so thrilled for the yard and for my family, who are all involved. It's a super moment."

Dashel Drasher could manage only eighth in the latest edition of the Stayers' Hurdle behind old rival Teahupoo (Fr) (Masked Marvel {GB}), who finished a controversial third in 2023 having met late interference at the hands of the runner-up. The stewards on the day promoted Teahupoo to second before Dashel Drasher was reinstated on appeal. Cont. p6



Jack Kennedy celebrates Teahupoo's score in the Paddy Power Stayers
Hurdle | Racingfotos.com





Winners By Country Trained (Day 3):

Ireland: 12 Great Britain: 8

Winners By Country Bred (Day 3):

Ireland: 9 France: 8 Germanv: 2 Great Britain: 1

Cheltenham Festival Wrap Cont.

This year it was all rather routine for Teahupoo, who gradually asserted after being produced to lead on the approach to the last, always doing enough from there to land the spoils by three and three-quarter lengths from the 2021 and 2022 winner Flooring Porter (Ire) (Yeats {Ire}).

Knocking on the door earlier in the week and again with Brighterdaysahead in the Dawn Run, Elliott cut a relieved figure afterwards, safe in the knowledge that he won't be leaving

Cheltenham empty-handed.

"It's just great to get a winner--we've hit the crossbar all week," Elliott summed up. "The horses are running well and there are no excuses and no hard-luck stories either, but to win the Stayers' Hurdle is just unbelievable. It's been a long couple of days, but no horse didn't win that should have won. We've one on the board now, so we are happy."

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Fairley said, "What a fantastic mare she has been. An Australian owner commented last year that she was probably the fastest mare in the world. To have bred and raced a mare to win three Group 1 races in five weeks in 2022 was fantastic. We hope that she will make a full recovery and be fit to take up broodmare duties next year."

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Highfield Princess has been retired | Scoop Dyga

PIZ BADILE SUFFERS FATAL HEART ATTACK

Classic-placed **Piz Badile (Ire)** (Ulysses {Ire}) has died after suffering a heart attack while cantering last Monday. Alan Cooper, the Niarchos family's racing manager, confirmed the news to *TDN Europe* on Thursday. The G3 Ballysax S. winner and G1 Irish Derby runner-up was five.

"Very sadly he had a heart attack last Monday doing a regular canter under Gavin Ryan who landed safely on his feet," Cooper said. "No previous indications that this would be likely to happen. He was a lovely individual who everyone liked."

A Flaxman Stables homebred, the Donnacha O'Brien trainee was also placed in the G1 Tattersalls Gold Cup and the G2 Mooresbridge S. and made his final start a winning one in Dundalk's Listed Dubai Diamond S. in September. His record stands at 9-3-2-2 and \$334,337 in earnings.

Piz Badile's dam That Which Is Not (Elusive Quality), a listed winner in France who ran second in the G2 Prix Corrida, has also foaled the G3 Anglesey S. second Yosemite Valley (GB) (Shamardal). She was sold for €3.3 million to Coolmore at Goffs last November. His second dam Shiva (Jpn) (Hector Protector) won the 1999 Tattersalls Gold Cup, and her Kingmambo half-sister Light Shift triumphed in the 2007 edition of the G1 Oaks before foaling Piz Badile's dual Group 1 winning sire Ulysses to the cover of Galileo (Ire).

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Piz Badile | Racingfotos.com

ARQANA RELEASE CATALOGUE FOR BREEZE-UP SALE

The catalogue for Arqana's annual Breeze-up Sale, set to be held May 9-11 at Deauville, is now available online.

This year 207 two-year-olds are on offer, including the

progeny of leading European stallions such as Dubawi (Ire), Frankel (GB), Sea The Stars (Ire) and Siyouni (Fr), as well as top US-based sires such as Gun Runner and Justify. More than 80 stallions are represented altogether.

The breezes will take place on the grass at Deauville-La Touques Racecourse on Thursday, May 9, followed by a day of inspections on Friday, May 10. The sale takes place on Saturday, May 11, beginning at 11am.

All horses offered at the Breeze-up Sale are eligible for the Arqana Series which boasts guaranteed minimum prize-money of €1.2 million. Four races will be run at Deauville on the Thursday evening before the August Sale starts, including three two-year-old races and one three-year-old race. Another contest for juveniles will be run on the Saturday of the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe weekend.

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Argana Breeze-up Sale | Zuzanna Lupa

ECHOING SILENCE TOPS TATTERSALLS CHELTENHAM FESTIVAL SALE

by Adam Houghton

Gordon Elliott was the key player at last year's Tattersalls Cheltenham Festival Sale when going to £420,000 to secure the joint top lots, Jalon D'Oudairies (Fr) (No Risk At All {Fr}) and Romeo Coolio (GB) (Kayf Tara {GB}), two names that will be familiar to National Hunt enthusiasts following the running of the G1 Champion Bumper back at the track on Wednesday.

Having shared top billing 12 months earlier, this time it was Romeo Coolio who got the better of the argument, two and a half lengths ahead of stablemate Jalon D'Oudairies, albeit both horses had to settle for a minor role as they completed a clean sweep of the podium places behind the Willie Mullins-trained winner, Jasmin De Vaux (Fr) (Tirwanako (Fr)). Cont. p8

Tattersalls Cheltenham Cont.

Romeo Coolio and Jalon D'Oudairies both look capable of winning good races over obstacles when the time comes, promising to add to what is already an impressive roll of honour for the Cheltenham Festival Sale since its inception in 2016.

Previous graduates include Festival winners Telmesomethinggirl (Ire) (Stowaway {GB) and Love Envoi (Ire) (Westerner {GB}), successful in the G2 Dawn Run Mares' Novices' Hurdle in 2021 and 2022, respectively, while Bravemansgame (Fr) (Brave Mansonnien (Fr)) filled the runner-up spot in last year's G1 Cheltenham Gold Cup after being bought for £370,000 at this sale in 2019.

Bravemansgame will be tasked with trying to go one place better in the latest edition of the Gold Cup on Friday and he won't be the only graduate from the Cheltenham Festival Sale in the line-up. He's joined by Elliott's multiple Grade 1 winner Gerri Colombe (Fr) (Saddler Maker {Ire}), who made £240,000 when up for auction in 2020.

Just shy of £20 million changed hands in the first seven years of this boutique event, raised through the sale of 133 horses. Another 27 horses (93%) were sold on Thursday evening, for a record total of £3,563,000 and an average of £131,963.

The top lot was the four-year-old filly Echoing Silence (Ire) (Doyen {Ire}) (lot 12), a half-sister to the Grade 2 winner Deafening Silence (Ire) (Alkaadhem {GB}) consigned by Sam Curling on behalf of owner Correna Bowe.

Echoing Silence won a mares' maiden on her point-to-point debut at Ballycahane and will now go into training with Henry de Bromhead having been bought by Peter Molony's Rathmore Stud for £410,000.



Echoing Sillence | Tattersalls

"I never imagined this could happen," said an emotional Bowe, who is the niece of the prolific point-to-point trainer and consignor Colin Bowe. "I said to Mum a couple of months ago that if I was to ever own a horse and bring it to the Cheltenham Festival Sale that would be the dream--to do this on the very first time is absolutely amazing."

Malony--who also went to £120,000 to secure The Big Westerner (Ire) (Westerner {GB}) (lot 10), a half-sister to the G1 Albert Bartlett Novices' Hurdle winner Stay Away Fay (Ire) (Shantou)--said, "I was there when she won at Ballycahane point-to-point as it is just 10 minutes away from home; The Big Westerner won on the same day.

"I had been told about her [Echoing Silence] about a month before she ran. She is just beautiful, just stunning, so we said that we will have to have a go."

Malony added of The Big Westerner, "She is a lovely scopey mare and has been bought on spec. She will probably be turned away now."

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BRITAIN

CONDITIONS RESULTS:

1st-Southwell, £11,200, Cond, 3-14, 4yo/up, 8f 13y (AWT), 1:42.56, st.

HEADSHOT (GB) (g, 6, Awtaad {Ire}--Kesara {GB}, by Sadler's Wells) Lifetime Record: 37-3-6-2, \$30,466. O-Lycett Racing Ltd; B-Kirsten Rausing (GB); T-Tony Carroll. *70,000gns Ylg '19 TATOCT; £8,000 2yo '20 GUKDEC. **1/2 to Zaaki (GB) (Leroidesanimaux {Brz}), MG1SW-Aus & MGSW-Eng, \$7,904,215; and Kirks Ryker (GB) (Selkirk), SP-Sin, \$313,793.

2nd-Southwell, £11,200, Cond, 3-14, 4yo/up, 8f 13y (AWT), 1:42.13, st.

STAR OF ST LOUIS (FR) (h, 7, Style Vendome {Fr}--Momix {GB} **(SW-lty), by Selkirk)** Lifetime Record: 45-6-4-4, \$47,361. O-Wayne Lukas; B-Mohammed Abdulla Al Mannai (FR); T-Matt Crawley. *€3,500 Ylg '18 ARQFEB; €14,500 Ylg '18 TIRSEP; £7,500 2yo '19 TATABR. **1/2 to Summer Fall (Mizzen Mast), GSP-Ity, \$157,976.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Federal Envoy (Ire), g, 3, Bated Breath (GB)--Caped Lady (Ire), by Cape Cross (Ire). Southwell, 3-14, 7f 14y (AWT), 1:29.54. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$7,878. B-Domenico Fonzo & Maria Teresa Matouani (IRE). *€100,000 Ylg '22 TATIRY.

Eleftheria (Ire), f, 3, Mehmas (Ire)--Khajool (Ire), by Haafhd (GB). Chelmsford City, 3-14, 7f (AWT), 1:25.98. Lifetime Record: 6-1-0-0, \$11,100. B-Wardstown Stud Ltd (IRE). *€37,000 RNA Wlg '21 GOFNO1; €38,000 Ylg '22 GOFOR; €60,000 2yo '23 ARQMAY.

Stroxx (Ire), g, 7, Camacho (GB)--Labisa (Ire), by High Chaparral (Ire). Chelmsford City, 3-14, 5f (AWT), 1:00.17. Lifetime Record: 49-1-6-8, \$33,093. B-Labisa Partnership (IRE). *£14,000 Ylg '18 GOUKPR.

FRANCE

Thursday's Results:

2nd-Chantilly, €**28,000, Cond**, 3-14, 3yo, c/g, 8f (AWT), 1:36.59, st.

CELESTIAL (FR) (c, 3, City Light {Fr}--Faithfilly {Ire} {SW-Fr}, by Red Clubs {Ire}), who notched a Dec. 15 debut success over 7 1/2 furlongs at Deauville in his only prior start, raced along the rail in a handy fourth after an alert getaway from the inside stall here. Nudged along approaching the quarter-mile marker, the 11-5 second choice went third passing the furlong pole and kept on well under continued urging to deny Clavus (Fr) (City Light {Fr}) by a head in the dying strides.



Celestial (right) | Scoop Dyga

Celestial is the sixth of eight foals and one of four scorers produced by Listed Prix de la Vallee d'Auge victrix Faithfilly (Ire) (Red Clubs {Ire}), herself kin to the dual stakes-placed Lisa's Strong (Ire) (Kalanisi {Ire}) from the family of dual Group 1-winning sire Rainbow Quest (Blushing Groom {Fr}). The February-foaled bay is full to a yearling colt and a half to the 2-year-old filly Dream Filly (Fr) (Dream Ahead). Sales history:

€42,000 Ylg '22 ARQOCT. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, €29,000. Video, sponsored by FanDuel TV.

O-Peter Savill, Peter Kandiah, Rodney Fitzroy, Stephane Wattel, Sir Mark Hudson, Martin Cruddace & Mme Renata Coleman; B-EARL Haras de l'Hotellerie & Haras de Sainte Gauburge (FR); T-Stephane Wattel.

CONDITIONS RESULTS:

5th-Chantilly, €35,000, Cond, 3-14, 3yo, f, 9 1/2f (AWT), 1:59.59, st.

GOA (IRE) (f, 3, No Nay Never--Music In My Heart (GB) Galileo {Ire}) Lifetime Record: 4-2-1-0, €38,350. O-Ecurie Francky Defosse & Frederic Sauque; B-Lynch-Bages Ltd (IRE); T-Nicolas Clement. *€120,000 Ylg '22 ARQAUG. **1/2 to Muzyka (Aus) (Danehill Dancer {Ire}), GSP-Aus.

3rd-Chantilly, €28,000, Cond, 3-14, 3yo, f, 8f (AWT), 1:37.34, st.

CETERA (IRE) (f, 3, Nathaniel {Ire}-Impassable {Ire} {MGSW-Fr, \$269,064}, by Invincible Spirit {Ire}) Lifetime Record: 5-2-2-0, €44,500. O/B-Wertheimer & Frere (IRE); T-Carlos Laffon-Parias.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Rose Of The City (Fr), f, 3, City Light (Fr)--Pink Opaque (GB), by Nayef. Marseille-Pont de Vivaux, 3-14, 10f (AWT), 2:13.05. B-Aliette & Gilles Forien (FR). *€9,000 Ylg '22 ARQOCT.

Rose D'Ete (Ire), f, 3, Dark Angel (Ire)--Lastroseofsummer (Ire), by Haafhd (GB). Marseille-Pont de Vivaux, 3-14, 13f (AWT), 2:54.96. B-Yeguada Centurion SLU (IRE). *€160,000 Ylg '22 ARQAUG. **Full to Melesina (Ire), GSW-Fr & SP-Eng; and 1/2 to White Mocha (Lope De Vega {Ire}), GSP-Eng & SP-Fr.

Astra Dream (Fr), f, 3, Dream Ahead--Zavallya (Fr), by Elusive City. Marseille-Pont de Vivaux, 3-14, 7 1/2f (AWT), 1:29.95. B-Jacky Thomas (FR).

Obsess (Fr), f, 3, Siyouni (Fr)--Aurora Gold (GB), by Frankel (GB). Chantilly, 3-14, 6 1/2f (AWT), 1:18.10. B-Samuel de Barros (FR). *€215,000 Ylg '22 ARQAUG; €300,000 2yo '23 ARQMAY.

Antico (Ire), c, 3, War Front--Fiesta Dorada (Arg) (GSW-Arg), by Jump Start. Chantilly, 3-14, 6 1/2f (AWT), 1:19.78. B-Wertheimer & Frere (IRE).

Bursard (GB), g, 4, **Pivotal (GB)**--Blow My Mind (GB), by Holy Roman Emperor (Ire). Marseille-Pont de Vivaux, 3-14, 10f (AWT), 2:10.48. B-EARL Haras de Cisai & Mme Christina von Leithner (GB). *€35,000 Ylg '21 ARQAUG; €5,000 3yo '23 ARQNOV.



WORLDWIDE NEWS

HELIOS EXPRESS TOPS SELECTED RUNNERS FOR BMW HONG KONG DERBY by Alan Carasso



Helios Express (right) | HKJC photo

Helios Express (Aus) (Toronado {Ire}), winner of the Hong Kong Classic Mile and Hong Kong Classic Cup in his two most recent appearances, leads a field of 14 selected runners for the HK\$26 million (£2.6 million/US\$3.3 million) BMW Hong Kong Derby to be held at Sha Tin Racecourse Sunday, Mar. 24. The John Size trainee will look to join the likes of the late Rapper Dragon (Aus) (Street Boss) and Golden Sixty (Aus) (Medaglia d'Oro) as horses to sweep the series.

Helios Express (rated 102) has been supplanted at the top of the local rankings by Galaxy Patch (Aus) (Wandjina {Aus}), who has climbed to a rating of 103 after finishing a bold second in last weekend's G1 Queen's Silver Jubilee Cup (1400m). Connections have supplemented him to the Derby for HK\$260,000.

Massive Sovereign (Ire) (No Nay Never), who won two of five starts as Broadhurst for Aidan O'Brien, exploded into Derby calculations by accomplishing the rare feat of winning first-up in Hong Kong over the Derby distance of 2000 metres Mar. 3 while critically earning a 10-pound penalty which qualified him for the race.

American-breds Chancheng Glory (Mor Spirit) and Ensued (Lemon Drop Kid) press on to the Derby and booked their spots by finishing second and third, respectively, in the Classic Cup. **Unbelievable** (Justify), the former O'Brien-conditioned London Gold Cup H. winner Bertinelli, was well-beaten on Hong Kong debut Feb. 12, but finished under five lengths behind Helios

Express in the Classic Cup and the step up in trip should suit.

"The BMW Hong Kong Derby is one of the most prestigious races on the calendar--a race that every owner aspires to have a runner in, or better still, win," said Andrew Harding, Executive Director of Racing for the Hong Kong Jockey Club. "The 2024 edition is shaping as yet another remarkable edition with a host of incredible talents sourced from around the world to race for glory with owners and fans alike are looking forward to the contest with eager anticipation."

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