

BREEDING DIGEST: A FAMILY THAT JUST GETS SWEETER



Sweet Azteca | Benoit

by Chris McGrath

Quite a few horses have lately nourished the illusion that we might, collectively, actually know what we're doing. **Sierra Leone** (Gun Runner), for instance, is threatening to make sense of the second-highest price paid for an American yearling in 2022; while **Newgate** (Into Mischief) is steadily working off a \$850,000 debt of his own, while similarly bringing closer the real payday at stud.

But last weekend we were given yet another reminder of the genetic powder-keg lit by a mating strategy that can only have prompted a supercilious smile in any professional analyst who happened to notice it at the time. Certainly it feels safe to assume that Cecilia "Cee" Straub-Rubens required none of the systems or software being expensively peddled today in order to decide that Cee's Tizzy loves Cee's Song.

Straub-Rubens had bought both as yearlings, Song for \$50,000 in 1987 and Tizzy for \$72,000 the following year. After their serial matings produced first Budroyale and then the mighty Tiznow, the sire was given little credit by those who in 2001 gave the Straub-Rubens estate \$2.6 million for Cee's Song. Instead they repeatedly "upgraded" the mare to Storm Cat.

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'SKY'S THE LIMIT' – CLAIRIERE'S FULL- BROTHER JUDGE MILLER NOMINATED TO A PAIR OF GRADED STAKES

by Steve Sherack

Trainer Mark Glatt is weighing his options for the promising **Judge Miller** (Curlin).

The lightly raced 4-year-old, a jaw-dropping winner while making his route debut in an optional claimer at Santa Anita Feb. 24, has been nominated to Oaklawn's \$600,000 GIII Essex H. and the \$500,000 GII New Orleans Classic at Fair Grounds. Both races will be contested at 1 1/8 miles and are slated for Saturday, Mar. 23.

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GALOPIN DES CHAMPS SEALS GOLDEN WEEK FOR MULLINS, AGAIN

Galopin Des Champs (Fr) (Timos (Ger)) won his second G1 Cheltenham Gold Cup crown for Willie Mullins on Friday. Adam Houghton reports from Prestbury Park on the fourth and final day of the stand.

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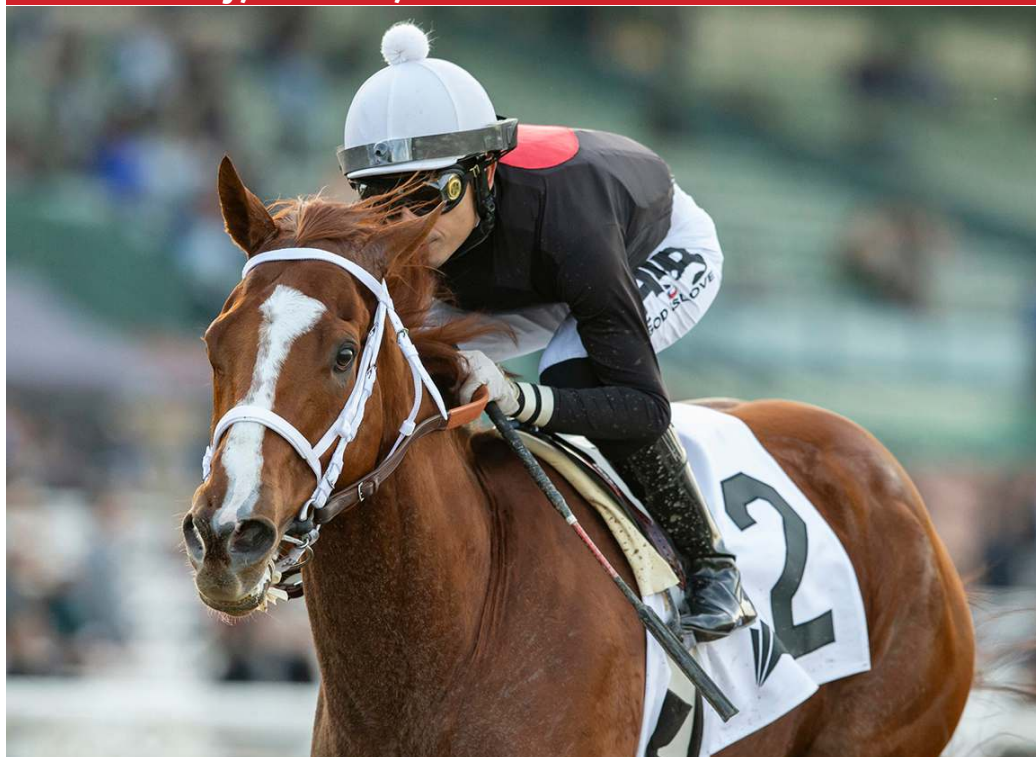
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SUCCESSION: CRAIG BANDOROFF, DENALI STUD 7

In the latest installment of the TDN series Succession, Chris McGrath details the strong family ties between Denali Stud's Craig Bandoroff and the next generation

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Tarifa | Hodges Photography

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Luckily two of these \$500,000 covers were funded by the sale of the final Tizzy-Song yearling, who had been acquired in utero. That filly would go on to produce Oxbow; another Tizzy-Song sibling meanwhile came up with Paynter; while still another is now granddam of GI Kentucky Oaks fancy **Tarifa** (Bernardini).

Happily a parallel line persists between this amazing dynasty and its founder, whose daughter Pamela Cee Ziebarth retained

another of the Tizzy-Song crew, Tizsweet, long enough to breed (with Michael Cooper) an El Prado (Ire) filly named Sweetitiz. She never made the track but Ziebarth retained her to breed half-dozen named foals--much the best of whom was So Sweetitiz (Grand Slam), whose four wins in Ziebarth's silks included a couple in stakes company.

And now So Sweetitiz has restored to elite participation the program that launched her family, through the success of her daughter **Sweet Azteca** (Sharp Azteca) in the GI Beholder Mile.

That was a remarkable performance on only her fourth start, beating five-time graded scorer **Adare Manor** (**Uncle Mo**). For Tarifa and now Sweet Azteca to be simultaneously elaborating the legacy--with siblings respectively figuring as their second and third dams--confirms the Tizzy-Song "marriage" as one of the happiest quirks of the modern breed.

Nonetheless we owe a footnote to Sweet Azteca's sire, who had just embarked on his second year at stud when his former trainer was arrested. The shocking revelations about Jorge Navarro surely hastened a slump in support for a stallion who had amassed no fewer than 194 other mares, besides So Sweetitiz, in his debut book in 2019. By 2021, he was down to 36, and it was a similar story in 2022--the year he launched his first runners.

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Well, not even **Justify**, Bolt d'Oro or **Good Magic** (all working from similarly large crops) could match Sharp Azteca's 35 individual winners as a freshman. Unfortunately, this evidence of an authentic genetic prowess appears to have come too late. Although his book revived to 113 last year, in the fall it was announced that the son of Freud was off to Shizunai Stallion Station.

While Sweet Azteca is his first graded stakes winner, we know that emigration to Japan often proves the prelude to a transformation in fortune. And remember that two of the four foals Halo gave blue hen Ballade (Herbager {Fr}) eye each other across Sharp Azteca's pedigree: Saint Ballado as sire of his damsire Saint Liam, and Glorious Song as dam of Freud's damsire Rahy.

In the meantime, it's fun to note that Sweet Azteca's grandsire Freud and third dam Tizsweet are respectively siblings to Giant's Causeway and Tiznow, joint authors of one of the great modern races. Moreover the contrast in their parentage--Storm Cat-Mariah's Storm vs. Cee's Tizzy-Cee's Song--reproves us that we remain an awfully long way from figuring it all out.

Will We See the Joke Come Derby Day?

Both his sophomore starts having turned into such messy races, he's yet to be dignified by flashy numbers. But don't underestimate **Domestic Product** (**Practical Joke**) after he scrambled home in the GIII Tampa Bay Derby.

In the GIII Holy Bull S., everybody was so preoccupied with the disappointing comeback of the champion juvenile that few gave adequate heed to the way Domestic Product finished for second, despite absolutely everything going wrong through the race (involved in bumping early, battled his rider against the slow pace, wide on the turn). Now he has somehow overcome another cortege of a race, summoning amazing late splits to collar a useful rival who had been much better positioned.



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For now, however, his longest race remains the nine-furlong maiden he won at Belmont last fall. And while it has obviously turned out that he had a class edge there, it still feels paradoxical that he was equal to such a searching test as a juvenile.

His sire flattened into fifth in his own Derby bid, and duly returned to the GI Hopeful course and distance for the GI Allen Jerkens. Since retiring to Ashford in 2018, **Practical Joke** has been treated primarily as a conduit of Into Mischief speed, and even his tragic son Practical Move appeared to approach the limit of his stamina when himself on the Classic trail last spring. **Practical Joke** has had good performers over longer trips in Chile, but domestically the likes of Skelly and Tejano Twist have branded him as a speed influence.

We know how Into Mischief himself has managed to stretch out his stock with the upgrading of his mares, and conceivably that may yet happen for **Practical Joke** as his own fee moves rapidly north--now \$65,000, after he covered a staggering 252 mares at \$25,000 last year. He has maintained monster books throughout and, given the sheer volume of his commercial output, his ratios have held up very respectably. But his dam was a talented sprinter by Distorted Humor out of a Gilded Time mare, and overall the family appears to offer little latent stretch.

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Domestic Product himself is out of an unraced mare by Paynter, who may well have put some fuel in the tank. But her own mother (albeit sister to a nine-furlong graded stakes winner on turf) was a stakes sprinter by Cherokee Run, who won the GI Breeders' Cup Sprint in the colors of J. Mack Robinson's daughter. The Atlanta businessman—who helped to launch a young fashion designer named Yves Saint Laurent--bred the second, third and fourth dams of Domestic Product and collectively they suggest limited foundation for a second turn.

Domestic Product must have been a fairly ordinary weanling, as owner-breeder Klaravich Stables sold his dam--plus a **Complexity** filly in utero--at Keeneland that November for just \$37,000. With her brother's timely update (plus a **:10 flat breeze**) behind her, the **Complexity** filly made \$220,000 from Louis Dubois, agent for Wesley Ward, when offered by Sequel Bloodstock at OBS on Tuesday.

Poignantly, however, this is the bargain mare's final foal: she aborted her next one, and has since succumbed to laminitis. What a strange, marvelous, head-wrecking game this is!

Drummer Finally in Rhythm

The emergence of **Kinza** (Carpe Diem) among the leading fillies of her crop was pretty timely, with her GIII Santa Ysabel S. success coming on the eve of a new 2-year-old sales cycle.

She was an inspired pinhook by Grassroots Training and Sales, from \$30,000 OBS October yearling to \$350,000 Timonium 2-year-old last year. Her sire had by then been given a new lease of life in Louisiana, having been reduced to just 11 mares in 2021, his final spring in Kentucky.

We have long become familiar, however, with the ability of Bob Baffert--not forgetting the reciprocal genius of Donato Lanni--to discover elite caliber in left-field horses that had often, somewhere along the line, fallen within reach of many a humble barn. Those achievements, over the years, have naturally earned the support of bigger spenders, not least the gentleman who signed the docket for Kinza.

For quite a while Michael Lund Petersen could have been forgiven for thinking that the \$850,000 he gave for a colt from the debut crop of **Gun Runner** at OBS April in 2021 was not going to pay off quite as well as the likes of Gamine (Into Mischief). **Flying Drummer** (**Gun Runner**) was the outsider of three Baffert runners when duly only fifth of seven behind **Corniche** in the GI **American Pharoah** S. and, though he did break his maiden on the last day of the year, he then disappeared for 17 months. After resurfacing briefly last summer, he was again sidelined until an impressive comeback at Santa Anita in January.



Flying Drummer | Benoit

Having posted a 94 Beyer there, last weekend Flying Drummer doubled down for a 9 1/2-length romp that confirmed his connections are now being rewarded for their perseverance. Admittedly they will have to keep reaping the rewards on the track, as the 5-year-old has meanwhile been gelded.

Obviously we're not going to run short of sons of **Gun Runner** at stud, but it would have been nice to see damsire Successful Appeal retain some tenuous influence on the breed. His daughters also gave us the mare Letruska (Super Saver) and the gelded C Z Rocket (City Zip), which may leave only **Tapwrit** to recycle some of that Florida zip on any scale.

Absolutely His Fault

The most precocious broodmare sire in town these days is clearly **Blame**, whose latest star in that role is thriving GII Azeri S. winner **Tiny Temper** (Arrogate).

Her dam Don't **Blame** Me only won a maiden, but she was placed in her only start in graded company and Brookstone Farm did well to buy her for \$120,000 at the same Keeneland November Sale in 2020 where the weanling Tiny Temper herself was found by Hunter Valley Farm for \$240,000.

At the time Don't **Blame** Me was carrying a filly by **Gun Runner**, who made \$350,000 as a yearling. Nice work, but Tiny Temper herself is very much a tribute to the long game. For she and her dam were both sold only following the death that summer of their breeder Alan S. Kline, who had bought Tiny Temper's fourth dam for \$17,000 back in 1983. At the time she was carrying a Dr. Blum filly, who went on to be stakes-placed herself before producing perhaps the Kline program's two most accomplished graduates, stakes winner Forestier (Forestry) and graded stakes winner Unbridled Hope (Unbridled).



Tiny Temper | Coady Photography

Kline, whose Maryland farm bore the charming name of Honey Acres, sent Forestier to **Blame** in 2011 and the result was Don't **Blame** Me. That was the stallion's first year at Claiborne, so the mating can only go down as a successful guess. But the evidence is now out there for all to see. If your broodmare band is lacking a little something, then perhaps it's high time you, too, took the **Blame**.

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"He's nominated to a couple of stakes coming up, but I don't know what we're doing with him yet for certain," Glatt said. "We're on the fence as to whether we take the next little step before we jump into the bigger stuff or whether or not it's time to go ahead and step into bigger and better things."

Glatt added, "He's doing terrific."

Judge Miller, a \$550,000 Keeneland September yearling purchase by Muir Hut Stables and a full-brother to MGISW Clairiere, has been perfect in a pair of attempts since kicking off his career belatedly with a second-place finish as the 3-2 favorite going six furlongs at Del Mar Nov. 19.

The blaze-faced chestnut ran hard every step of the way and graduated in game fashion at second asking going seven furlongs at Santa Anita Dec. 26. He equaled the year's top Beyer Speed Figure of 105 (Nysos, National Treasure, Saudi Crown, Senor Buscador and Skelly) while putting on a show winning by 11 lengths going a two-turn mile in Arcadia last time.

The Stonestreet-bred Judge Miller, a son of leading sire **Curlin** produced by three-time Grade I winner Cavorting (Bernardini), returned to the worktab with a four-furlong move in :50.40 (88/102) Mar. 10.

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Judge Miller earned a 105 Beyer in this 11-length romp at Santa Anita | Benoit

"I think the sky's the limit," Glatt said. "He would've gotten started earlier than he did had it not been for a foot abscess that took quite some time to get right last summer. He probably would've debuted in the summer at Del Mar versus the fall. For his age and everything, he's a little bit behind the eight ball from a seasoning standpoint, but he's a very talented horse that's gonna run as far as they ever want to go."

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They say that life is what happens to us when we're busy making other plans. But even in a game where so much turns on chance, for better or worse, you can't just throw your hands up and leave it all to fate. After all, the countervailing dynamic to life on a horse farm is unchangingly cyclical: foaling, mating, breaking, prepping, to everything there is a season. Within those patterns, sure, we know to expect much unpredictability. But that's how horses teach us the long game, to be patient and wait until you can see the whole picture.

Few in our community knows all this better than Craig Bendoroff. His whole life has turned on fleeting episodes of good and bad luck, from the terrible spill that ended his career as a jockey to the serendipitous encounters at university-with a professor from another program, for instance, who reconciled him to a changed relationship with horses; and, above all, with his future wife-that ultimately adapted his gifts to the foundation of Denali Stud. At the same time, Bendoroff and his wife Holly have had many years to think about and plan for the transfer of responsibility for the business they built from scratch to their son Conrad.

As has quickly become apparent in this series, there's seldom a formal and specific moment of transition. But for the past couple of years Bendoroff has progressively backed into semi-retirement, with the combined benefit of expert counsel and his own reflection. **Cont. p8**

"I think the one thing I've learned in the process is that there's a reason a lot of successions don't work out," he says. "And the reason is...because it's really hard to do! You need the right balance on both sides. The father has to be of the right mindset. And the son or daughter a) has to be capable; and b) has to be given the time to come into the position and become ready to take over. It's like a relay race. When you're starting out, the successor is the one waiting in the block. And eventually you get there and hand on the baton, and first they're one step away, then they're 10 steps away, and then they're gone."

In the meantime, however, there's that critical moment when you might easily drop the baton and, to avoid that, for a few strides you both have to be flat out and in step.

"Exactly," agrees Bendoroff. "Now we did hire a family consultant, to help us through it, and that was invaluable. But at the end of the day you have to do it your way because everybody's different, and every successor is different. So you just figure out the balance. But there are some real caveats. Really everybody says the same thing: at some point you have to give up the control, you can't hover over them. And the ones that don't make it are the fathers that didn't get out of the way, that just wouldn't vacate."

Bendoroff didn't really have that problem, in that he was positively eager to gear down.

"What happened with me I've learned to be very common," he says. "You just hit a wall. I was doing it all myself, there are a lot of moving parts, and you just reach the point where you say, 'Man, I'm not 40 anymore, I just can't keep going at the same pace.'"

Again, they were lucky in that Conrad had long manifested both desire and eligibility to take the legacy forward. Neither of those, of course, are ever guaranteed. Neither of Conrad's sisters had ever evinced any interest, instead discovering vocations that put the horse business in due perspective. One, for instance, is nursing at the prestigious Cincinnati Children's Hospital.

"Like I say: we sell horses, she saves lives," Bendoroff says proudly. "And the other daughter works in government policy for an investment bank, really keeping track of the political stream. We joke that the girls obviously got the brains. But they didn't get the horse gene, and Conrad definitely did."

And what if he hadn't?

"I guess then you just sell, you take the money and move on," Bendoroff says with a shrug. "And, in all honesty, that's pretty much what I always expected to happen. But at a pretty early age Conrad showed that this was the direction he wanted to go. And after urging, pleading, begging him to do something else, once we made the commitment to him, it was, 'Okay, if you want to do this, then let's see if you can jump through all the hoops.'"

Over the years Bendoroff has seen plenty of people fail to meet this kind of challenge, and he put corresponding groundwork into the succession.



Craig and Conrad Bendoroff | Keeneland

"I took it on with a sense that I had to do this right," he says. "I was dealing with something that took Holly and me 30-plus years to build. That's a lot of sweat equity. And I'm dealing with my son. So we set out on a plan to give him the tools we thought he'd need to be successful. And he embraced everything we ever suggested."

Both father and son acknowledge a huge debt to the Godolphin Flying Start program, which broadened Conrad's horizons so generously. Even those raised to the best standards at home can only benefit from seeing how other horsemen, in other environments, meet the universal challenges of the Thoroughbred. And Bendoroff, for his own part, not only consulted esteemed peers to borrow lessons learned in parallel situations; he even took a course at Harvard that included a module on succession and family business.

"Thirty years might not be nearly as long as some, but it's still a long time, especially when you've started from ground zero," he says. "I think if you make the judgment that the successor is not capable, then you need a Plan B. But in our case I saw very clearly that the successor had all the tools. That doesn't mean it's easy. And of course you can think that, and then it doesn't happen. But in this case I feel it's happening. I see it."

So how about those moments, in the transition, when there were the inevitable disagreements? You've renounced control, but this could be some question of strategy vital to the future of a business that involves everybody in the clan.

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"Honestly, or maybe remarkably, Conrad and I have had very few lock-horn moments," Bendoroff says. "But, yes, that's where you say to yourself, 'Look, I can't screw this up. Because if I do, not only am I screwing up the business that we built, but I'm screwing up my family.' I was never one to sit there and say, 'Oh gosh, look what I did and how wonderful it is.' But you want to keep this thing going. Which is harder: to build the business, or to keep it up there? And the answer is that both are hard. No question, whether it's Conrad or Walker Hancock or Bret Jones, they definitely had a big head start-but it's still really hard."

The privileges of succession certainly come with commensurate burdens. The clients who lose their favorite mare, for instance: that call is now Conrad's to make.

"Yes it is!" Bendoroff exclaims with relief. "After a storm last year, we had a real bad call that had to be made. And I just sat there and said to myself, 'Well, I'm glad I don't have to pick up that phone.' I still have clients I'm closely involved with. But I've told Conrad, 'Look, you have to be the rainmaker now. I never enjoyed that part of it and I'm not going to do it anymore.' And he gets that. But that's where the pressure comes.

"Every once in a while there'll be something where you say to yourself, 'Hey, this is going to be a bumpy landing.' There was one time I could see from a distance it probably wasn't going to end well. But I made some big mistakes along the way, that cost me a lot, and I know that you don't forget those. The good news is that you're only ever a phone call away. There's going to be a day, hopefully quite a few years from now, where you're not. But at this stage I think we just try not to let the boat drift too far off course at any point. You're never going to let it crash, obviously. But in the end it's going to be harder for them to learn from mistakes, if you're not going to let them make any."



The Bendoroff men at Keeneland November | *Keeneland*

All that said, when your life and your work have so long been conflated, you can't just sever yourself from decades of routine overnight. Bendoroff still starts every day with *TDN*, albeit nowadays a winter sanctuary in Bald Head Island, N.C., is embraced with a clearer conscience.

"At first, this word 'retirement' is out there like some panacea or some oasis in the desert," he says. "And then you get there and, well, there's lots that's great, but you also realize how some of the stuff you're leaving behind is really important to you, too. So what makes handing off nice is that I had the opportunity to say, 'Look, I still do want to be involved in certain things and not in others.' I get to do what I want to do, when I want to do it; or what I have to do, when I have to do it. The good part is when the 'have to' is over, I go back to the 'want to' and that's the whole key. But as opposed to a CEO who retires from some company and it's over, I was able to do it on my terms. And that's working out great. That's still being able to go into the ring and buy a mare that could down the line maybe become a foundation type for us."

Certainly Bendoroff is at pains to keep looking forward, and not to dwell on his own past, remarkable as it has been.

"Look, I think everybody knows the story about how my arm was paralyzed," he says. "And yeah, there were a couple of years after that happened, it was a tough road and a long one. And thank God I had family to support me and help me get through it. And then by happenstance, at the University of Virginia I met this couple who had a farm and hunters and went out to visit them one day. And they said, 'Oh, come on, why don't you get on a horse?' And I did. That gene had gone dormant, but they got it reignited and then it all went in a different direction. And it's a crazy thing to say, but maybe it was the best thing that ever happened to me."

Having glimpsed a path, he came to Kentucky for direction. His first mentor here was the "awesome" Fred Seitz; and then the man who was transforming the whole business, Lee Eaton. On top of that, it was transferring to college here that had enabled him to meet Holly.

"I always said that for me it was love at first sight, it just took her a little longer to be convinced," he says with a grin. "If you don't like Holly, you don't like human beings. She's one of those angels without wings. But once we started our own operation, she had to learn the horse business or she was going to be a very lonely woman. Because it is all-consuming: not a lifestyle, but a life. So Holly embraced that, and became integral to everything that we were able to do. I can tell you, without Holly, there wouldn't have been a Denali Stud to hand off because I would just have just pissed somebody off and that would have been the end of it!" **Cont. p10**

Succession cont.

Apart from anything else, of course, Holly has been a priceless pivot between her husband and son during this whole process of transition; and, moreover, she never let them forget that Conrad also has sisters.

"And rightly so," Bendoroff says. "Conrad and I spend a lot of time together, do a lot of things together, but his sisters obviously have to be part of the equation. And we're very fortunate that the accountant that set it all up did so in such a way that everybody in the family was tied to the success of Denali Stud."

One way or another, then, that split-second of disaster at Garden State Park in 1974 ultimately opened the door to a whole new life. Bendoroff impatiently dismisses pointless retrospection. What would have happened, had he renounced horses as intended when going to the University of Virginia? Or, before that, how far might he have gone as a jockey but for what happened?

"Who knows? Who cares, right?" he says with a shrug. "People said I had talent and, looking at the pictures, I look pretty good on a horse. Doesn't matter. Look, it's a good story and it turned out good."

"I'm not going to be arrogant and say we have pulled this off, but I will say that I couldn't be happier with where we are. Conrad has grown into the role as the leader of the company in every way I could hope. That gives me a sense of pride I can't really describe."

That was enhanced by a note Bendoroff received from one of the great achievers of the global business, remarking that Conrad had clearly inherited his values.

"It's always been really important to me to raise horses in the manner that they have a chance to go on and be good horses," he reflects. "And I think when people think of us, they associate us with quality. We've always wanted a person to walk up to that barn and say, 'I really like this horse-and these people have sold good horses before.'"

Bendoroff feels that our walk of life makes a rather better job of succession than most others.

"The statistics tell you that in the 'real' world a large percentage fail," he says. "I think the success rate in our cottage population is very high. I think what makes it different, for us, is the land. There's something about both the land and the horse that's a little different from inheriting machines that push out widgets."

"One of the real joys now is that we can both be at the barn and, instead of somebody coming up to me, they go up to Conrad. Maybe for some people that would hurt their feelings. But, to me, it's the greatest feeling in the world. It took a long time to get to that spot."

"Conrad started with me eight years ago, which is honestly hard to believe. In many ways, he has the baton now and he's moving farther away on his own. I feel like he and Claire are the faces of Denali Stud now. It's their company. As I look out at the ocean, that's a wonderful thing to be able to say."

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JUNIOR ALVARADO WINS 2024 GEORGE WOOLF MEMORIAL JOCKEY AWARD



Junior Alvarado | *Horsephotos*

After a nationwide vote among his peers, Junior Alvarado has won the 2024 George Woolf Memorial Jockey Award, Santa Anita Park announced via press release Friday.

Presented annually at the Great Race Place since 1950, the award honors riders whose careers and personal character earn esteem individually as well as for the sport. Alvarado garnered national attention in 2023 as the regular rider of Horse of the Year Cody's Wish and more recently spoiled Japan's hopes in the world's richest race, the G1 Saudi Cup, aboard G1SW-KSA & MGISP Senor Buscador (**Mineshaft**). Going into March, Alvarado has 2,117 career victories with his top mounts also including the likes of champion MGISW Just F Y I (**Justify**), GISW **Olympiad** (Speightstown), and MGISW Art Collector (Bernardini).

The George Woolf Memorial Jockey Award is named for the late Hall of Fame rider who won the inaugural Santa Anita Handicap Feb. 23, 1935 and later piloted Seabiscuit to victory over Triple Crown winner War Admiral in the great match race at Pimlico in 1938. A date for the presentation ceremony has not been announced yet but will be held in the spring.

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REMI BELLOCQ ORIGINAL FEATURED AMONG JOCKEY BAR BARREL ART AUCTION

An auction of 10 original hand-painted bourbon barrels by Lexington, Ky. artists will raise funds for the Fayette Alliance at The Jockey Bar at 131 Cheapside in downtown Lexington. 'Art, Ales, and Advocacy' is a charitable event hosted by The Jockey on May 10, where the 10 horse racing-themed, hand-painted barrels will be auctioned. The proceeds will benefit the Fayette Alliance, a nonprofit dedicated to sustainable and equitable growth in Lexington-Fayette County through advocacy, education, and research. The event is presented by the Lexington Event Company, with support from Alltech Brewing and Longwood Antique Woods, and promises an evening brimming with art, entertainment, and philanthropy.



Remi Bellocq's bourbon barrel will be auctioned off May 10 at The Jockey Bar to benefit the Fayette Alliance | Remi Bellocq

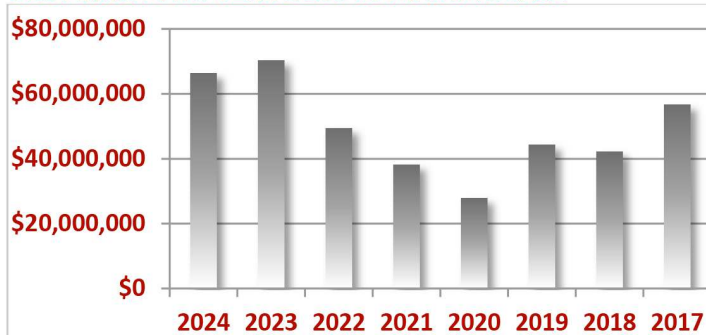
The 10 barrels will be unveiled at the bar March 15 at 5 p.m. at an event where the artists will be on hand to discuss their work.

TDN cartoonist Remi Bellocq is one of the artists chosen to participate.

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OBS MARCH TWO YEAR OLDS IN TRAINING SALE



“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. 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.”

- Jessica Martini

YEAR	CAT	RING	SOLD	% W/D	% S/R	% S/C	GROSS	AVE
2024	853	597	446	30.0%	74.7%	52.3%	\$66,437,600	\$148,963
2023	833	585	449	30.0%	76.8%	53.9%	\$70,399,500	\$156,792
2022	635	430	371	22.3%	86.3%	58.4%	\$49,498,000	\$133,418
2021	563	397	326	29.5%	82.1%	57.9%	\$38,265,000	\$117,377
2020	681	485	291	28.8%	60.0%	42.7%	\$27,902,500	\$95,885
2019	577	409	309	29.1%	75.6%	53.6%	\$44,422,500	\$143,762
2018	573	363	257	26.7%	70.8%	44.6%	\$42,275,000	\$164,494
2017	677	414	304	38.8%	73.4%	44.9%	\$56,765,000	\$186,727

Barrel Art Auction cont.

"Just when I thought I'd drawn or painted on every conceivable surface, an old bourbon barrel found its way to my home studio needing a paint job!" said Bellocq. "I'm very honored to have been selected as one of 10 Lexington-area artists commissioned."

Tickets for the May 10 event, where the winning bidders will be announced, go live at 4 a.m. Friday, March 15, coinciding with the day of the art unveiling, and [may be purchased online here](#). The barrel auction is a live auction, with no online bidding. Bidders must be present at The Jockey Bar on May 10 to bid.

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NYRA SEEKS PARTNERSHIP WITH CORNELL THAT WOULD ENHANCE EQUINE SAFETY



Cornell University campus | Bruce Yuanyue Bi/Getty Images

by Bill Finley

The annual state budget proposed by the New York State Assembly includes an initiative that would establish a new partnership between Cornell University and the New York Racing Association, Inc (NYRA) to enhance equine safety through the use of advanced imaging technology.

The budget calls for NYRA to make an initial investment of \$2 million to purchase the necessary equipment. The ongoing project will be funded by assessing the most successful out-of-state ADW platforms.

The racing, pari-mutuel wagering and breeding law will be amended by adding a new section 902-a to read as follows: "Equine screening and advanced imaging expenses. 1. In order to assure the public's confidence and continue the high degree of integrity in racing at the pari-mutuel betting tracks, clinical services related to screening and advanced imaging shall be conducted by a land grant university within this state at a location proximate to a race-track owned by the state."

The machinery will be located at the Cornell Ruffian Equine Specialists adjacent to Belmont Park. According to NYRA, the cost to horsemen to use the imaging equipment will "be reasonable to encourage use."

Budget negotiations will take place between the NYS Assembly, Senate and Governor's Office in the coming weeks.

"This investment would dramatically expand the availability of highly-advanced imaging technology used to identify pre-existing conditions before they result in serious equine injuries," said NYRA spokesperson Pat McKenna. "In addition to diagnosing the types of issues that may have gone unnoticed in the past, the partnership between NYRA and Cornell University will ensure the technology is located just outside the gates of Belmont Park and available to trainers and owners at a reasonable cost. In addition, the partnership will generate important academic research around the biomechanics and veterinary treatment of thoroughbreds in training. NYRA has embraced a wide variety of equine safety enhancements rooted in science and technology, and we strongly support this initiative."

The agreement with Cornell is the latest step taken by NYRA to improve horse safety. Over the past year, NYRA has partnered with Arioneo Equine Technology to monitor heart rate and movement patterns of horses during more than 3,000 timed workouts; opened a research study on electrocardiograms with equine cardiologists and data science experts at Cornell and Carnegie Mellon University; incorporated Sleip, an AI-based equine gait diagnostic tool, into NYRA's daily regulatory veterinary exams; continuously monitored and tested various emerging applications and technologies and instituted an additional level of veterinary scrutiny for all horses seeking to compete at the NYRA venues.

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'TDN RISING STAR' FIERCENESS DRILLS FOR FLORIDA DERBY

Repole Stable's **Fierceness** ([City of Light](#)), who was named a 'TDN Rising Star' after he broke his maiden at first asking at Saratoga last August, [breezed five furlongs Friday morning at Palm Beach Downs](#) in preparation for the GI [Curlin](#) Florida Derby Mar. 30 at Gulfstream Park, the track said in a release late Friday afternoon.

The 2023 Eclipse Award 2-year-old champion, who finished third in the Feb. 3 GIII Holy Bull S., breezed in company with Spendthrift Farm's **Tuscan Sky** (Vino Rosso).

The Todd Pletcher-trained duo was timed in 1:01.3 with Fierceness galloping out six furlongs in 1:13.82 and seven furlongs in 1:28.19 with a lot of energy.



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presented by Rood & Riddle

4YO&UP, 1 1/2m (T)

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G3 ORCHID S.

4YO&UP F&M, 1 1/2m (T)

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G3 GHOSTZAPPER S.

4YO&UP, 1 1/16m

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APPLETON S.

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4YO&UP, 7f

\$125,000

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Fierceness drills with John Velazquez aboard at Palm Beach Downs
Ryan Thompson

"He went really, really well, as he always does," said Pletcher. "He's a very impressive horse to watch breeze. He finished strong and galloped out great."

Hall of Fame jockey John Velazquez was aboard Fierceness, who breezed outside Tuscan Sky and Luis Saez.

"The horse gives you a lot of confidence watching him breeze," the Hall of Fame trainer said. "It seems like he's in really good form, so we're expecting a good performance from him."

Fierceness currently sits in sixth place with 36 points on the Kentucky Derby Leaderboard.

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HALL OF FAMER WALTER BLUM DIES

Hall of Fame jockey and long-time Florida steward Walter Blum died early Thursday, Mar. 14 due to complications of lung disease, announced his son Walter Blum Jr. on social media. He was 89. The story was first reported by the *Daily Racing Form* (DRF).

The Brooklyn, N.Y. native started his racing career young as a hotwalker before launching into riding in 1953 at 19, and leading the country in wins in both 1963 and 1964. While largely riding in New York and New Jersey, Blum did travel for high-profile rides. Despite having only one Triple Crown series victory--in 1971 when Pass Catcher denied Canonero II the Triple Crown in the Belmont--he'd counted a victory in nearly every major New York stakes, including the Whitney, Frizette, Prioress, Brooklyn, Metropolitan, Test, etc. as well as finding the winner's enclosure

in the Santa Anita and Florida Derbys.

He also tallied the notable achievement of beating two equine Hall of Famers when his charges defeated five-time Horse of the Year Kelso and the great Buckpasser. Blum was named the George Woolf Memorial Award winner in 1964 and served as president of The Jockeys' Guild for five years starting in 1969.

Upon retirement from the saddle in 1975, Blum had 4,382 wins from 28,673 starts, and at that time, only four other jockeys could claim more victories. From there, he secured his first tenure as a steward at Atlantic City Race Course before taking the state steward position in Florida in 1978, where he served until his retirement in 2004.

"The world lost a star last night," said Walter Blum Jr. in his Facebook post. "I love you with all my heart dad. I'm going to miss you so much. I can't believe you're gone. I've lost my best friend."

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Walter Blum | Horsephotos

WOOLFORD NAMED HEAD OF DONOR ENGAGEMENT AT THE THOROUGHBRED RETIREMENT FOUNDATION

The Thoroughbred Retirement Foundation has appointed Meredith Woolford as the organization's new Director of Donor Engagement, the non-profit said in a release late Friday.

She will spearhead initiatives to cultivate and expand relationships with donors and further TRF's mission to provide a lifetime sanctuary for retired racehorses.

Woolford brings extensive experience and a passion for non-profit work. Before joining the TRF, she served the Saratoga Hospital Foundation as the manager of institutional advancement and later as its executive director.

Meredith Woolford cont.

"I am honored to join The Thoroughbred Retirement Foundation and contribute to the vital work of ensuring a dignified retirement for these racehorses and supporting the TRF Second Chances Program," Woolford said. "I look forward to engaging with our generous donors and stakeholders to advance TRF's mission."

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2024 NATIONAL HORSEPLAYERS CHAMPIONSHIP OFFICIAL PRIZE STRUCTURE RELEASED, LEADERBOARD LINKS AVAILABLE

With \$800,000 and the Horseplayer of the Year Eclipse Award to the winner, the official prize structure of this weekend's 25th National Horseplayers Championship in Las Vegas was posted in a Friday release by the host of the contest, the NTRA.

At the conclusion of the Final Table on Sunday, total cash prizes offered over the three days come to \$3,013,550. The top 77 are guaranteed money with that final finisher receiving \$10,150.

The top five payouts are:

First Place--\$800,000

Second Place--\$250,000

Third Place--\$200,000

Fourth Place--\$150,000

Fifth Place--\$125,000

Along with following the leaderboard action through [At the Races with Steve Byk](#), new to the NHC will be a Final Table livestream, co-hosted by Byk and Rick Hammerle, that can be found on the NTRA's [X handle](#), [YouTube channel](#) and on their [website](#) for the final seven races of the contest.

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Leading 2024 Sires of 2-Year-Olds

by cumulative average price for stallions standing in North America (through OBS March)

Rank	Name	FYr	Loc	2021 Fee	Ring	Sold	Avg	Median
1	Win Win Win	F22	FL	\$5,000	4	2	\$965,000	\$965,000
2	Tapit	F06	KY	\$185,000	2	2	\$900,000	\$900,000
3	Into Mischief	F10	KY	\$225,000	2	1	\$700,000	\$700,000
4	Justify	F20	KY	\$125,000	2	1	\$700,000	\$700,000
5	Not This Time	F18	KY	\$40,000	4	4	\$645,000	\$505,000
6	Authentic	F22	KY	\$75,000	8	4	\$480,000	\$380,000
7	Shancelot	F22	KY	\$7,500	3	2	\$432,500	\$432,500
8	Bernardini	F08	Dead	35,000	6	4	\$410,000	\$327,500
9	Uncle Mo	F13	KY	\$175,000	10	8	\$407,500	\$400,000
10	Flatter	F05	KY	\$35,000	7	5	\$392,000	\$225,000
11	American Pharoah	F17	KY	\$100,000	2	2	\$387,500	\$387,500
12	Gun Runner	F19	KY	\$50,000	3	3	\$341,666	\$200,000
13	Twirling Candy	F13	KY	\$40,000	11	8	\$310,000	\$230,000
14	Medaglia d'Oro	F06	KY	\$150,000	4	4	\$306,250	\$287,500
15	Laoban	F18	Dead	25,000	4	2	\$295,000	\$295,000

Leading 2024 Freshmen Sires of 2-Year-Olds

by cumulative average price for stallions standing in North America (through OBS March)

Rank	Name	Sire's Sire	Loc	2021 Fee	Ring	Sold	Avg	Median
1	Win Win Win	Hat Trick (Jpn)	FL	\$5,000	4	2	\$965,000	\$965,000
2	Authentic	Into Mischief	KY	\$75,000	8	4	\$480,000	\$380,000
3	Shancelot	Shanghai Bobby	KY	\$7,500	3	2	\$432,500	\$432,500
4	Promises Fulfilled	Shackleford	KY	\$10,000	1	1	\$230,000	\$230,000
5	Tiz the Law	Constitution	KY	\$40,000	9	6	\$220,833	\$122,500
6	McKinzie	Street Sense	KY	\$30,000	13	9	\$209,444	\$85,000
7	Game Winner	Candy Ride (Arg)	KY	\$30,000	9	7	\$198,571	\$150,000
8	Improbable	City Zip	KY	\$40,000	12	10	\$173,500	\$97,500
9	Tom's d'Etat	Smart Strike	KY	\$17,500	2	2	\$132,500	\$132,500
10	Complexity	Maclean's Music	KY	\$12,500	16	10	\$131,700	\$100,000
11	Vekoma	Candy Ride (Arg)	KY	\$20,000	16	9	\$115,333	\$120,000
12	Honest Mischief	Into Mischief	NY	\$6,500	5	4	\$108,000	\$52,500
13	War of Will	War Front	KY	\$25,000	6	4	\$100,250	\$100,000
14	Honor A. P.	Honor Code	KY	\$15,000	6	4	\$99,250	\$42,500
15	Global Campaign	Curlin	KY	\$12,500	14	11	\$99,181	\$100,000

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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, Tauber, Mark, Johnston, Keith & LaPenta, Robert	Moquett	Leparoux	121
2	Tejano Twist	Practical Joke	JD Thoroughbreds LLC and Davis, Joey Keith	Hartman	Landeros	124
3	Ryvlt	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, Fetkin, Robert S. and Thornburgh, Richard	Kruljac	Berrios	124
2	Elwood Blues 🦟	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, Sandra 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 & Sandra Kirkwood, 5-Edward Allred, 6-Austramore Pty. Ltd, 7-Equine Formula 1, LLC/Eric Yohan Knipe

2024 Keeneland Sales Dates

April Selected Horses
of Racing Age Sale | April 26

September Yearling Sale | Sept. 9-21

November Breeding Stock Sale | Nov. 5-13

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Saturday, Oaklawn, post time: 4:10 p.m. EDT

PURPLE MARTIN S., \$200,000, 3yo, f, 6f

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Xtreme Smoke Show	Frosted	Xtreme Racing Stables, LLC	Robertson	Arrieta	121
2	Blue Squall	Tapwrit	Patterson, Randy, Vogel, Sam M and Morgan, Joe	Morse	Torres	117
3	Brooklynn Drew	Army Mule	JD Thoroughbreds, Joey Keith Davis & L. Romero	Hartman	Bejarano	117
4	Tx Women for Arts	Practical Joke	J. Kirk and Judy Robison	Asmussen	Santana, Jr.	121
5	Asternia	Astern (Aus)	Randy Patterson, Sam Vogel and Randy Morse	Morse	Esquivel	117
6	Xtreme Diva	Coal Front	Xtreme Racing Stables, LLC	Robertson	Vazquez	124

Breeders: 1-Coffee Pot Stable, 2-H. Allen Poindexter, 3-St. Elias Stables, LLC, 4-Frank Garrison & NATO et al, 5-Joe B. Mulholland Jr. & John P. Mulholland, 6-Scott Pierce

Saturday, Santa Anita, post time: 4:59 p.m. EDT

PASADENA S., \$100,000, 3yo, 1mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Uncle Truly	Uncle Mo	Augustin Stables	Thomas	Kimura	120
2	Stay Hot	Summer Front	Burns Racing, Exline-Border Racing, SAF Racing, The Estate of Brereton C. Jones & William Hudock	Eurton	Fresu	124
3	Guy Named Joe	American Pharoah	My Way Racing LLC, West Coast Stables, LLC, Evenson, Barbara, John O'Keefe & T. O'Keefe	O'Neill	Hernandez	120
4	Lord Bullington	Lord Nelson	Colbart Stables & Michael McCarthy Racing Stable	McCarthy	Rispoli	124
5	Island Cruiser	Catalina Cruiser	Hronis Racing LLC	Sadler	Berrios	120

Breeders: 1-George Strawbridge Jr., 2-Brereton C. Jones, 3-Emory A. Hamilton, 4-Veloce LLC, 5-Frisco Ventures LLC



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SATURDAY'S RACING INSIGHTS:

by Stefanie Grimm



MGISW Bast is represented by her first foal to race Saturday
Benoit

FIRST FOAL OUT OF MGISW BAST DEBUTS AT SANTA ANITA

4th-SA, \$65K, MSW, 3yo, f, 6f, 5:32 p.m.

QUICK BROWN FOX (Justify), the first foal out of MGISW Bast, debuts Saturday for owner/breeder Spendthrift Farm and trainer Richard Mandella. Spendthrift went to \$4.2m, a top-four price, at FTKNOV in 2020 for the daughter of **Uncle Mo** who earned over \$850,000 on the track for trainer Bob Baffert. Bast herself is out of \$1.5m Eaton Bloodstock broodmare buy Laffina (Arch) and the family has plenty of graded-stakes caliber runners led by GISW and \$1.2m FTKNOV broodmare Fault (**Blame**) and SW/MGSP South Bennd (Algorithms). Quick Brown Fox fired a best-of-five bullet in her most recent work, going six furlongs in 1:13 Feb. 29 for Mandella who puts Joel Rosario aboard on the debut. **TJCIS PPS**

1st-GP, \$89K, MSW, 3yo, 1m, 1:10 p.m.

Repole Stable and St. Elias Stable went to \$360,000 to secure **Whiskey N Soda** (Vino Rosso) as a yearling at Keeneland in 2022 and the Triple Crown-nominated colt debuts Saturday with trainer Todd Pletcher. Dam Bible Belt has already produced several stakes horses including MSP Gospel Way (Brody's Cause), SP Happy Boy Rocket (**Runhappy**) and GSP Hardworkcleanlavin (Colonel John). **TJCIS PPS**

8th-FG, \$57K, MSW, 3yo, 1 1/16m, 5:15 p.m.

Making his second start, **Gun Party (Curlin)** was a \$1.7m yearling at Keeneland in 2022 and ran a good second at 10-1 odds over a sloppy Fair Grounds track behind next-out GIII Gothan S. runner up Just a Touch (**Justify**). The Steve Asmussen trainee, who posted an 80 Beyer Speed Figure in that loss, lines up on the rail inside another son of **Curlin** looking for redemption in **Cornishman**. That Godolphin homebred, starting for the third time Saturday off a pair of seconds, keeps Florent Geroux aboard for Brad Cox and also hopes for a dry track off catching the slop at 1 1/16 miles over the local course Feb. 17.

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IN ORDER OF PURSE:

ARIZONA OAKS, \$60,000, Turf Paradise, 3-14, 3yo, f, 1m, 1:37.44, ft.

1--**SAKURA BLOSSOM**, 122, f, 3, **Classic Empire**--Mott N Hester, by **Super Saver**. (\$85,000 Ylg '22 KEESEP). **1ST BLACK TYPE WIN**. O-California Racing Partners, Ciaglia Racing LLC, Kevin F. O'Donnell and Richard C. Pearson; B-Small Batch Thoroughbreds & Robert Fetkin (KY); T-Leonard Powell; J-Armando Ayuso. \$36,000. Lifetime Record: 6-3-0-1, \$83,640. *1/2 to B Dawk (Gormley), MSP, \$267,362.

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2--**Pink Whitney**, 122, f, 3, **Liam's Map**--Madame Mayra, by Scat Daddy. (\$100,000 Ylg '22 KEESEP). **1ST BLACK TYPE**. O-Superfecta King Stable (Margolis); B-Rockingham Ranch (KY); T-Doug F. O'Neill. \$12,000.

3--**Madison Rae**, 122, f, 3, **Pavel**--Taffeta, by Scat Daddy. (\$38,000 2yo '23 OBSAPR). O-John Rochfort, Rafter JR Ranch LLC, STD Racing Stable and Michael Nentwig; B-Reddam Racing, LLC (CA); T-Peter Miller. \$6,000. Margins: NO, 2HF, 1HF. Odds: 2.10, 2.00, 1.70.

Also Ran: Where Is Zizi, Lady Mary Lou, Pop Chart, Zorina.

Since breaking her maiden in the \$40,000 claiming ranks at Santa Anita last October, Sakura Blossom has never been off the board and made her stakes debut off another win at Santa Anita in optional claiming company Feb. 11. Always in a good spot from the middle of the pack, the 2-1 third choice hugged the rail turning for home and was able to get through a gap to prevail narrowly over late leader Pink Whitney. **Cont.**

The 14th stakes winner for Classic Empire, Sakura Blossom has a 2-year-old **Tiz the Law** half-brother and another half-brother by **Silver State** born last year. Her dam is due to **Olympiad** for 2024. [Click for the Equibase.com chart.](#)

TURF PARADISE DERBY, (NB) \$60,000, Turf Paradise, 3-14, 3yo, 1 1/16m, 1:43.80, ft.

1--E J WON THE CUP, 122, c, 3, Omaha Beach--Firsthand Report (MSW, \$331,395), by Blame. (\$150,000 Wlg '21 KEENOV; \$95,000 Ylg '22 KEESEP). O-Superfecta King Stable (Margolis); B-Hoolie Racing Stable, LLC (KY); T-Doug F. O'Neill; J-Armando Ayuso. \$36,000. Lifetime Record: 8-2-3-1, \$116,440. *1/2 to Somebody's Problem (**Runhappy**), SW, \$137,335.

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2--Last Call London, 122, g, 3, Stay Thirsty--Zo Lo's Lov, by Empire Way. (\$37,000 Ylg '22 FTCAYR). O-Tom London, Terry C. Lovingier and Eugene Zondlo; B-Terry C. Lovingier (CA); T-Peter Miller. \$12,000.

3--Norwegian Callum, 122, g, 3, Not This Time--Sarah Cataldo, by Smarty Jones. (\$65,000 Ylg '22 KEESEP). O-J. Ramsland; B-A. Francis & B. Vanlangendonck (FL); T-D. Cappellucci. \$6,000.

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Margins: 3HF, HF, 1. Odds: 0.10, 3.80, 24.70.

Also Ran: Meeking, General Crook, Freeze 'Em, Ferrari Red. Scratched: Arizona Davin.

E J Won the Cup broke his maiden last out as the heavy favorite facing restricted maiden optional claimers at Santa Anita Feb. 23. Slammed into 1-9 favoritism Thursday, he took the field gate to wire, leading at every point of call and only holding off a brief challenge turning for home from Meeking (**Nyquist**) before drawing off to win convincingly. From his sire's first crop, E J Won the Cup has a 2-year-old **Frosted** half-sister, a yearling half-brother by **Silver State** and a newborn half-brother by **Hard Spun**. [Click for the Equibase.com chart.](#)



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IN ORDER OF PURSE:

5th-Gulfstream, \$80,820, Alw (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$75,000), 3-15, 3yo, f, 7f, 1:23.73, ft, 1/2 length.

STAR OF SATURN (f, 3, The Big Beast--Marathon Lady {MGISP, \$282,825}, by Graeme Hall) broke her maiden on debut facing state-bred rivals last summer but made only one other start before taking a four-month break, returning a winner over the local course Jan. 25. Stepping back into open company, the 5-1 shot did well to get into stride after an awkward beginning and stayed in touch with pacesetter Khozall (Khozan) from third through a half in :45.40. Angled out turning for home, she came wide with a good closing kick to get up by a half-length over Sing a Little Song (Bird Song). Marathon Lady foaled a Mitole colt last year and was bred back to Jackie's Warrior for 2024. Sales History: \$40,000 2yo '23 OBSAPR. Lifetime Record: 4-3-1-0, \$134,080. [Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO,](#) sponsored by **FanDuel TV**.

O-Wendy Ouriel Racing LLC; B-Alex & JoAnn Lieblong (FL); T-Bobby S. Dibona.

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6th-Oaklawn, \$115,000, Msw, 3-15, 3yo, 6f, 1:10.53, sy, 6 1/2 lengths.

THIS IS USCAR (c, 3, Oscar Performance--Journey On {GSP, \$259,878}, by Good Journey) drifted up from his 5-1 morning line to jump as a 9-1 longshot in this debut spot. Up on the pace from the break, he stayed right outside of pacesetter Capital Connection (**Connect**) and dueled that rival nearly the entire way around the track. The pair traded blows through fractions of :21.97 and :46.00 over the sloppy surface but, as they swung off the turn, This Is Uskar showed his class with a strong late kick to clear the field and romp home by 6 1/2 lengths as his rival held on for second. Journey On has a 2-year-old **Blame** colt,

foaled a **Honor A.P.** colt last year and was bred back to **Karakontie (Jpn)** for 2024. Sales History: \$90,000 Ylg '22 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$69,000. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

O-Table 38 Racing LLC; B-KatieRich Farms (KY); T-Jordan Blair.

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8th-Oaklawn, \$115,000, Msw, 3-15, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:10.49, sy, 1 1/2 lengths.

CASTLEWARDEN (c, 4, Into Mischief--Calm Water, by Empire Maker) ran twice as a 3-year-old, going off as the beaten favorite but went to the sidelines off his second start at Keeneland last April. The full-brother to G1 Dubai World Cup contender Laurel River, GSW-USA, GSW-UAE, \$510,676, Castlewarden kept pressure on Pineland (**Collected**) from second, engaged that leader around the far turn and dispatched him late to cruise to a 1 1/2-length win. Out of a full-sister to MGISW Emollient and a half to SW/MGISP Hofburg (**Tapit**), Castlewarden has a pair of half-siblings both by **Constitution** while his dam reported a full-sister this year. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-2, \$86,500. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

O/B-Juddmonte Farms Inc (KY); T-Brad H. Cox.

2nd-Gulfstream, \$72,800, Msw, 3-15, 3yo/up, f/m, 5fT, :55.99, fm, neck.

ANTIQUE SILVER (f, 3, Twirling Candy--Cauy's Humor {SP, \$103,993}, by Distorted Humor) broke from an inside slot and enjoyed a rail-hugging trip around the far turn. The 4-1 shot continued up the fence inside the final sixteenth and got up in the final jumps to score by a neck over 13-1 shot Street Charity (**Army Mule**) in a driving finish. A half-sister to Kelly's Humor (**Midnight Lute**), SW & GISP, \$259,771, Antique Silver has a 2-

year-old **City of Light** half-sister while her dam reported a colt by **Good Magic** this year. Sales History: \$70,000 Ylg '22 KEESEP; \$110,000 RNA 2yo '23 OBSAPR. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$42,000. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

O-Three Diamonds Farm; B-Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC (KY); T-Keri Brion.

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1st-Santa Anita, \$66,500, Msw, 3-15, 3yo, f, 1 1/8mT, 1:49.25, fm, 1 1/2 lengths.

CIRCLE OF TRUST (f, 3, Union Rags--Open House, by Tapit) hit the wire first in her second start last October over the local grass but was disqualified from that effort and placed eighth. Overmatched in the GIII Jimmy Durante S. at Del Mar to end her year, she was last fourth beaten just 2 1/2 lengths over course and distance Jan. 20. The 2-1 favorite chased from mid pack and had to handle traffic trouble as Tahini (**American Pharoah**) made the running. Looming with a three-wide bid past the quarter pole, Circle of Trust spurted past to lead and held on for the 1 1/2-length win over Runyon Canyon (**City of Light**). Out of a half-sister to GISW West Will Power (Bernardini), Circle of Trust has aa 2-year-old **Munnings** half-brother and a yearling **Maximum Security** half-sister while her dam is due to **Game Winner** this year. Lifetime Record: 5-1-0-0, \$47,560. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

O-James E. Downey; B-Gary & Mary West Stables Inc. (KY); T-Philip D'Amato.

9th-Tampa Bay Downs, \$32,000, Msw, 3-15, 3yo, f, 1mT, 1:35.57, fm, 1/2 length.

MISS MOTTLEY (f, 3, Speightstown--Kasbach, by Medaglia d'Oro), the 5-2 second choice, broke from the rail and stayed against the fence and out of trouble up the backstretch. Racing from fourth, she tipped out to come after even-money favorite Time Stone (**American Pharoah**) turning for home and nailed that leader in the final jumps to get the half-length win. Kasbach, herself a half to GSW and G1 Longines Hong Kong Vase runner up Zeffiro (Jpn) (Deep Impact {Jpn}), reported a More Than Ready filly last year and foaled a colt by **Maclean's Music** this spring. Sales History: \$180,000 Ylg '22 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$18,880. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

O-First Row Partners and Team Hanley; B-Anderson Farms Ont. Inc. (ON); T-Chad C. Brown.



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**IN SAUDI ARABIA:**

Allah Yahfazik, c, 3, **Curlin**--Paige (SW & GSP, \$316,819), by **Sky Mesa**. King Abdulaziz, 3-14, Maiden, 1600m. B-Candy Meadows LLC (KY). *1ST-TIME STARTER. **\$260,000 Ylg '22 KEESEP. **VIDEO (SC 6)**

CANDY MEADOWS BRED, RAISED & SOLD

Golden Line, c, 4, **Cross Traffic**--Blues Corner, by Bluegrass Cat. King Abdulaziz, 3-14, Allowance, 1600m. B-Kathie Maybee (KY). *\$20,000 2yo '22 OBSJUN. **VIDEO (SC 5)**

IN SOUTH KOREA:

Wolf's King Man, c, 3, **Great Surprise**--Italy Girl, by Sweetsouthernsaint. Busan, 3-15, Hcp. (C4), 1400m. B-A Stanchieri & Farm III Enterprises (FL). *\$15,000 Ylg '22 OBSOCT; \$52,000 2yo '23 OBSAPR. **VIDEO (SC 6)**

IN ITALY:

Er Faina, h, 8, **Justin Phillip**--Escape To Victory, by Salse. Rome, 3-15, Vdr., 1000mT, :57.61. B-Castleton Lyons (KY). *\$42,000 Ylg '17 FTKFEB; 38,000gns RNA HRA '18 TATMAY. **1/2 to Captain Colby (Bernstein), SP-Eng, \$179,296; and Benbaun (Ire) (Stravinsky), Hwt. Older Horse-Eng at 5-7f, 2x Hwt. Older Horse-Ire at 5-6f, Hwt. Older Horse-Fr at 5-7f, G1SP-Eng, MGSW-Ire, G1SW-Fr, GSP-Ity, G1SP-HK, \$1,495,382.

**SECOND-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: SATURDAY, MARCH 16***2024 Stud Fees Listed*

Audible (Into Mischief), WinStar Farm, \$15,000
261 foals of racing age/35 winners/3 black-type winners
7-Gulfstream, 4:07 p.m. EDT, Msw 6f, Countryboysurvive, 12-1
\$110,000 RNA KEE SEP yrl; \$95,000 RNA OBS APR 2yo

Bondi (Pioneerof the Nile)

1 foal of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
6-Sam Houston Race, 4:30 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2f, Paris Garters, 20-1

Catalina Cruiser (**Union Rags**), Lane's End Farm, \$10,000

173 foals of racing age/18 winners/0 black-type winners
8-Fair Grounds, 5:15 p.m. EDT, Msw 1 1/16m, Cascade Cruiser, 12-1
\$125,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$105,000 I '24 PED LOT
7-Golden Gate Fields, 7:53 p.m. EDT, Msw 1m, Catalina Cocktail, 9-2
\$100,000 OBS APR 2yo
4-Laurel, 1:58 p.m. EDT, Aoc 1 1/16m, Formal Affair, 7-2
\$22,000 EAS OCT yrl; \$40,000 EAS MAY 2yo
3-Santa Anita, 4:59 p.m. EDT, \$100K Pasadena S., 1mT, Island Cruiser, 5-2
\$130,000 KEE NOV wnl; \$300,000 FTS AUG yrl; \$400,000 OBS MAR 2yo

Catholic Boy (More Than Ready), Claiborne Farm, \$10,000

161 foals of racing age/19 winners/1 black-type winner
8-Fair Grounds, 5:15 p.m. EDT, Msw 1 1/16m, Patriarchal, 8-1

Coal Front (Stay Thirsty), Spendthrift Farm, \$5,000

80 foals of racing age/12 winners/2 black-type winners
8-Oaklawn, 4:45 p.m. EDT, Alw 6f, Haulin Ice, 3-1
11-Oaklawn, 6:30 p.m. EDT, Msw 6f, Q's Your Mama, 7-2
7-Oaklawn, 4:10 p.m. EDT, \$200K Purple Martin S., 6f, Xtreme Diva, 2-1
\$35,000 MNS AUG yrl

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

231 foals of racing age/40 winners/3 black-type winners
1-Gulfstream, 1:10 p.m. EDT, Msw 1m, Come to Papa, 10-1
\$35,000 FTK NOV wnl; \$62,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$24,000 RNA OBS OPN 2yo
7-Gulfstream, 4:07 p.m. EDT, Msw 6f, Unequivocally, 6-1
\$60,000 FTK JUL yrl; \$60,000 OBS MAR 2yo

Mitole (Eskendereya), Spendthrift Farm, \$15,000

294 foals of racing age/45 winners/3 black-type winners
7-Gulfstream, 4:07 p.m. EDT, Msw 6f, Marche, 7-2
\$140,000 KEE SEP yrl
4-Santa Anita, 5:32 p.m. EDT, Msw 6f, Ms Bo J, 5-2
\$70,000 KEE NOV wnl; \$120,000 RNA FTK JUL yrl; \$350,000 OBS MAR 2yo

Om (**Munnings**), Harris Farms

91 foals of racing age/3 winners/0 black-type winners
5-Santa Anita, 6:02 p.m. EDT, Aoc 6 1/2fT, Can't Sleep, 5-2

Pavel (Creative Cause), Ocean Breeze Ranch

29 foals of racing age/6 winners/1 black-type winner
5-Santa Anita, 6:02 p.m. EDT, Aoc 6 1/2fT, Recalcitrant, 8-1

Preservationist (Arch), Airdrie Stud, \$5,000

103 foals of racing age/21 winners/1 black-type winner
6-Sam Houston Race, 4:30 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2f, Holiday Presence, 12-1

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

309 foals of racing age/37 winners/2 black-type winners
7-Fair Grounds, 4:45 p.m. EDT, Msw 6f, Chocolatechocolate, 5-1
\$77,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$325,000 OBS MAR 2yo
8-Fair Grounds, 5:15 p.m. EDT, Msw 1 1/16m, Elephants Ear, 8-1
\$50,000 FTK NOV wnl; \$180,000 FTK JUL yrl
1-Gulfstream, 1:10 p.m. EDT, Msw 1m, Whiskey N Soda, 4-1
\$115,000 KEE NOV wnl; \$360,000 KEE SEP yrl

Yoshida (Jpn) (Heart's Cry {Jpn}), Darley Japan, \$1,500,000

164 foals of racing age/20 winners/0 black-type winners
4-Laurel, 1:58 p.m. EDT, Aoc 1 1/16m, Desvio, 9-5
\$60,000 KEE JAN wnl; \$70,000 FTK OCT yrl



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**STAKES RESULTS:**

COTTON FITZSIMMONS S., \$60,000, Turf Paradise, 3-14, 3yo/up, 1 1/16mT, 1:40.77, fm.

1--**FUERTEVENTURA, 122, g, 5, Summer Front--Casanova Striker, by Smart Strike.** (\$190,000 Ylg '20 KEESEP). O-Robert V. LaPenta and The Estate of Brereton C. Jones; B-Brereton C. Jones (KY); T-Jonathan Thomas; J-Kazushi Kimura. \$36,000. Lifetime Record: GSP, 13-6-3-0, \$354,194. *1/2 to Midnight Soiree (Include), SW, \$217,976, Silver Time (Indian Charlie), SW, \$159,932 and Ciguaraya (Latent Heat), SW, \$186,998.



2--**War At Sea, 122, h, 5, War Front--Serene Melody, by Street Cry (Ire).** (\$525,000 2yo '21 OBSMAR). O-Doubledown Stables,

Inc.; B-Lewis Thoroughbred Breeding (KY); T-Ronald W. Ellis. \$12,000.

3--**Low Expectations, 120, g, 4, Nyquist--Eloquent Tribute, by Tapit.** (\$192,000 Ylg '21 FTKOCT; \$17,000 RNA 2yo '22 OBSOPN). O-Reddam Racing LLC; B-Mount Riga Bloodstock (KY); T-Antonio C. Garcia. \$6,000.

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Margins: HD, 7 3/4, 2. Odds: 1.00, 0.90, 9.00.

PHOENIX GOLD CUP S., \$60,000, Turf Paradise, 3-14, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:08.16, ft.

1--**LOVE MY JIMMY, 120, g, 6, Tapiture--Clemency, by Shackleford.** (\$7,500 RNA Wlg '18 KEENOV; \$13,000 Ylg '19 KEESEP). **1ST BLACK TYPE WIN.** O-Rosette Ranch, LLC (Wyatt Rosette) and Chase Aidan Goodnight; B-Brad Tanner (KY); T-Robertino Diodoro; J-Karlo Lopez. \$34,800. Lifetime Record: 30-12-5-3, \$262,109.



2--**Truth Seeker, 124, g, 8, Into Mischief--For Royalty, by Not For Love.** O-Hole-In-One Racing Stables, LLC; B-WinStar Farm, LLC (KY); T-Rafael S. Barraza. \$10,800.



3--**Tulane Tryst, 120, h, 6, Into Mischief--Desire Street, by Congrats.** (\$310,000 Ylg '19 KEESEP; \$125,000 5yo '23 FTKHRA). O-Jeremy Ramsland; B-Machmer Hall (KY); T-Miguel L. Hernandez. \$5,400.



Margins: 1 3/4, 1 1/4, NK. Odds: 5.10, 4.20, 6.30.

QUEEN OF THE GREEN S., \$60,000, Turf Paradise, 3-14, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16mT, 1:42.31, fm.

1--**YANKEE DOLLAR, 124, m, 5, California Chrome--Red Neck Song, by Unbridled's Song.** (\$7,000 RNA Wlg '19 KEENOV). **1ST BLACK TYPE WIN.** O/B-Crossed Sabres Farm, LLC (KY); T-Marcus J. Vitali; J-Karlo Lopez. \$35,400. Lifetime Record: 19-8-5-1, \$240,262.

2--**Pepper Mill, 120, f, 4, Strong Mandate--A P Pepper, by A. P. Warrior.** O/B-Roys Mansur (KY); T-Edward J. Kereluk. \$11,400.

3--**Delusively, 120, f, 4, Good Magic--Nicksappealinglady, by Successful Appeal.** (\$75,000 Ylg '21 KEESEP). O-Edward A. and Theresa DeNike; B-SF Bloodstock LLC (KY); T-Robert Baze. \$5,400.

Margins: 1 3/4, 3 1/4, HF. Odds: 1.70, 6.40, 59.30.



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ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

9th-Oaklawn, \$140,000, (S), 3-15, (NW2L), 3/4yo, 6f, 1:10.13, sy, 7 lengths.

MIDNIGHT TAXES (g, 4, Midnight Lute--Include Katherine, by Include) Lifetime Record: 12-2-3-2, \$240,630. O-S NY BOR, LLC, Doug Gans, Gary Jacobs, Larry M. Katz and Kevin Riggs; B-McDowell Farm (AR); T-Chris A. Hartman. *\$170,000 2yo '22 OBSAPR. **1/2 to Amalfi Coast (Tapizar), Ch. Female Sprinter-Can, MGSW, \$641,855, Afleet Katherine (Afleet Alex), MSP, \$259,450, Why Katherine (Whywhywhy), MGSP-Can, GSP-USA, \$281,829 and Chris' Brew (Milwaukee Brew), MSP, \$233,391.

8th-Aqueduct, \$74,000, (S), Alw (NW2\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$45,000), 3-15, 4yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:38.31, ft, 1/2 length.

MIDTOWN LIGHTS (f, 4, Redesdale--Miz Midtown, by Exchange Rate) Lifetime Record: MSP, 12-3-2-3, \$299,440. O-Clay Scherer, Carson McCord, Gregory M. Hoffman, Harriette Waldron and Sonny Dotson; B-Windylea Farm-New York, LLC (NY); T-Brad H. Cox. *\$30,000 Ylg '21 EASOCT; \$70,000 RNA 2yo '22 OBSAPR; \$150,000 2yo '22 OBSOPN.

6th-Laurel, \$61,880, (C)/Opt. Clm (\$44,000-\$55,000), 3-15, 4yo/up, 6f, 1:10.26, ft, nose.

BUMP N RUN (c, 4, Tapiture--Trish's Wish {MSP, \$228,900}, by Smoke Glacken) Lifetime Record: 10-4-2-0, \$135,400. O-Alicia Morgan; B-Timothy J Shaw & Alicia Morgan (MD); T-Timothy J. Shaw.

3rd-Gulfstream, \$59,000, (S), (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$50,000), 3-15, 3yo, 6f, 1:10.04, ft, 2 1/2 lengths.

BIG EFFECT (g, 3, The Big Beast--Holiday Flare, by Harlan's Holiday) Lifetime Record: SP, 8-2-1-2, \$105,346. O-Leon Ellman, Glassman Racing LLC and Laurie Plesa; B-Ocala Stud (FL); T-Edward Plesa, Jr. *\$160,000 2yo '23 OBSAPR. **1/2 to Restofthestory (Jess's Dream), MSP, \$309,554.

9th-Fair Grounds, \$58,000, (S), 3-14, (NW2L), 3yo, f, 6f, 1:11.01, ft, 2 3/4 lengths.

LIL CHILLY (f, 3, Half Ours--Wind Chill Factor {MSW, \$316,449}, by Successful Appeal) Lifetime Record: 4-2-0-0, \$72,600. O-AI and Bill Ulwelling and Gary M. Scherer; B-Clear Creek Stud LLC & Gary Scherer (LA); T-Gary M. Scherer.

8th-Laurel, \$50,770, 3-15, (NW1X), 4yo/up, 1 1/16m, 1:45.56, ft, 6 lengths.

MARGIN OF AIR (g, 5, Mineshaft--Chase Me Now, by Tiznow) Lifetime Record: 31-6-3-4, \$208,250. O-Charles Lo, Troy Johnson and John M. Lee; B-Everest Stables Inc. (PA); T-Jamie Ness.

4th-Sunland, \$42,100, (S), 3-15, (NW3L), 3yo/up, 5 1/2f, 1:03.39, ft, neck.

FLAGS FINALE (g, 4, G G Flag--Crafty Finale, by Crafty C. T.) Lifetime Record: 16-3-6-3, \$156,705. O/B-Denton Crozier (NM); T-Hermenegildo G. Aldavaz.

5th-Penn National, \$40,000, (S), 3-14, (NW1BX), 4yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:09.46, ft, 1 length.

ALWAYS MIA (m, 5, Flat Out--Goodwood Gal, by Grand Slam) Lifetime Record: 20-5-2-3, \$141,693. O-Robert Photos; B-Brunacini Stables Inc (PA); T-Bonnie Lucas. *\$1,200 Ylg '20 EASOCT; \$32,000 2yo '21 OBSOPN.

8th-Sunland, \$35,100, 3-15, (C), 3yo/up, 6 1/2f, 1:14.03, ft, 3 1/2 lengths.

PERFECT DUDE (g, 8, Majesticperfection--Gadget Queen {MSW, \$309,030}, by Flying With Eagles) Lifetime Record: SW, 23-7-3-6, \$183,461. O-HX3 Incorporated; B-Todd & Shawn Hansen (WA); T-Todd W. Fincher.

4th-Charles Town, \$28,400, (S), 3-14, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m, 1:48.88, ft, 7 1/2 lengths.

MISS LAUREN (m, 5, Fort Larned--Bench Ruling, by Successful Appeal) Lifetime Record: 22-6-0-5, \$87,734. O-Robert L. Cole, Jr.; B-Tim & Judy Grams (WV); T-Stephen Murdock.

7th-Charles Town, \$28,400, 3-14, (NW2LX), 3yo/up, 1 1/16m, 1:47.63, ft, 4 3/4 lengths.

PAYMENGOLD (g, 4, Golden Lad--Loves to Glance, by Not For Love) Lifetime Record: SW, 16-4-4-2, \$146,055. O/B/T-Dewayne C. Johnson (WV). *1/2 to Limited View (Freedom Child), MSW, \$401,141.

6th-Charles Town, \$27,400, (S), 3-14, (NW2L), 3yo/up, 1 1/16m, 1:49.89, ft, neck.

MOON FALL (g, 4, Tapwrit--Miss Henny Penny {SP}, by Half Ours) Lifetime Record: 10-2-1-1, \$34,427. O-Top Notch Racing; B-Catherine K Jennings & Scott Mallory (WV); T-Michael E. Jones, Jr. *\$82,000 Ylg '21 EASOCT. **1/2 to Door Buster (Speightster), MSW, \$254,981 and The Sky Is Falling (Cupid), MSW, \$308,714.

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ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Perfect in Gray, f, 3, Graydar--Picture Perfect (Ire), by Danehill Dancer (Ire). Santa Anita, 3-15, (S), (WC), 5 1/2f, 1:04.89. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$22,200. B-Linda Madsen & Joy Seifert (CA). *\$15,000 Ylg '22 FTCAYR. **1ST-TIME STARTER.

Rundoft, g, 3, Hard Spun--Gracious Me, by Into Mischief.

Sunland, 3-15, 6f, 1:09.74. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$16,800.

B-Todd & Shawn Hansen (WA). *1ST-TIME STARTER.

Strike Ridge, g, 3, **Street Strategy**--Megyns Gold, by Zensational.

Oaklawn, 3-15, (S), 6f, 1:11.40. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$69,719. B-James Driver (AR).

Marmalade Skye, f, 4, **Danza**--Dawn Before Dawn (SW & GSP, \$164,605), by High Yield. Turfway, 3-14, 6 1/2f (AWT), 1:17.62. Lifetime Record: 5-1-2-1, \$79,660. B-Redge Clarke & Carl Mathieu (KY).

Riley G, f, 4, **Flatter**--Wicked Ride, by **Candy Ride (Arg)**. Laurel, 3-15, 7f, 1:26.77. Lifetime Record: 6-1-2-1, \$61,860. B-Robert & Lawana Low (KY). *\$95,000 Ylg '21 KEESEP; \$625,000 2yo '22 OBSOPN; \$160,000 3yo '23 KEENOV.

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Mr Works, g, 4, **Outwork**--Ramsanelli, by Tenpins. Oaklawn, 3-14, (S), (C), 1 1/16m, 1:48.35. Lifetime Record: 10-1-2-1, \$54,101. B-Massanelli Racing Stables, LLC & Jerry Ramsey (AR).

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California Chrome, Yankee Dollar, m, 5, o/o Red Neck Song, by Unbridled's Song. Queen of the Green S., 3-14, Turf Paradise

Classic Empire, Sakura Blossom, f, 3, o/o Mott N Hester, by Super Saver. Arizona Oaks, 3-14, Turf Paradise

Danza, Marmalade Skye, f, 4, o/o Dawn Before Dawn, by High Yield. MSW, 3-14, Turfway

Flat Out, Always Mia, m, 5, o/o Goodwood Gal, by Grand Slam. ALW, 3-14, Penn National

Flatter, Riley G, f, 4, o/o Wicked Ride, by **Candy Ride (Arg)**. MSW, 3-15, Laurel

Fort Larned, Miss Lauren, m, 5, o/o Bench Ruling, by Successful Appeal. ALW, 3-14, Charles Town

G G Flag, Flags Finale, g, 4, o/o Crafty Finale, by Crafty C. T.. ALW, 3-15, Sunland

Golden Lad, Paymengold, g, 4, o/o Loves to Glance, by Not For Love. ALW, 3-14, Charles Town

Graydar, Perfect in Gray, f, 3, o/o Picture Perfect (Ire), by Danehill Dancer (Ire). WMC, 3-15, Santa Anita

Half Ours, Lil Chilly, f, 3, o/o Wind Chill Factor, by Successful

Appeal. ALW, 3-14, Fair Grounds

Hard Spun, Rundoft, g, 3, o/o Gracious Me, by Into Mischief. MSW, 3-15, Sunland

Into Mischief, Castlewarden, c, 4, o/o Calm Water, by Empire Maker. MSW, 3-15, Oaklawn

Majesticperfection, Perfect Dude, g, 8, o/o Gadget Queen, by Flying With Eagles. ALW, 3-15, Sunland

Midnight Lute, Midnight Taxes, g, 4, o/o Include Katherine, by Include. ALW, 3-15, Oaklawn

Mineshaft, Margin of Air, g, 5, o/o Chase Me Now, by Tiznow. ALW, 3-15, Laurel

Omaha Beach, E J Won the Cup, c, 3, o/o Firsthand Report, by **Blame**. Turf Paradise Derby, 3-14, Turf Paradise

Oscar Performance, This Is Usar, c, 3, o/o Journey On, by Good Journey. MSW, 3-15, Oaklawn

Outwork, Mr Works, g, 4, o/o Ramsanelli, by Tenpins. MCL, 3-14, Oaklawn

Redesdale, Midtown Lights, f, 4, o/o Miz Midtown, by Exchange Rate. AOC, 3-15, Aqueduct

Speightstown, Miss Mottley, f, 3, o/o Kasbach, by **Medaglia d'Oro**. MSW, 3-15, Tampa Bay

Street Strategy, Strike Ridge, g, 3, o/o Megyns Gold, by Zensational. MSW, 3-15, Oaklawn

Summer Front, Fuerteventura, g, 5, o/o Casanova Striker, by Smart Strike. Cotton Fitzsimmons S., 3-14, Turf Paradise

Tapiture, Bump N Run, c, 4, o/o Trish's Wish, by Smoke Glacken. AOC, 3-15, Laurel

Tapiture, Love My Jimmy, g, 6, o/o Clemency, by Shackleford. Phoenix Gold Cup S., 3-14, Turf Paradise

Tapwrit, Moon Fall, g, 4, o/o Miss Henny Penny, by Half Ours. ALW, 3-14, Charles Town

The Big Beast, Big Effect, g, 3, o/o Holiday Flare, by Harlan's Holiday. AOC, 3-15, Gulfstream

The Big Beast, Star of Saturn, f, 3, o/o Marathon Lady, by Graeme Hall. AOC, 3-15, Gulfstream

Twirling Candy, Antique Silver, f, 3, o/o Cauby's Humor, by Distorted Humor. MSW, 3-15, Gulfstream

Union Rags, Circle of Trust, f, 3, o/o Open House, by **Tapit**. MSW, 3-15, Santa Anita

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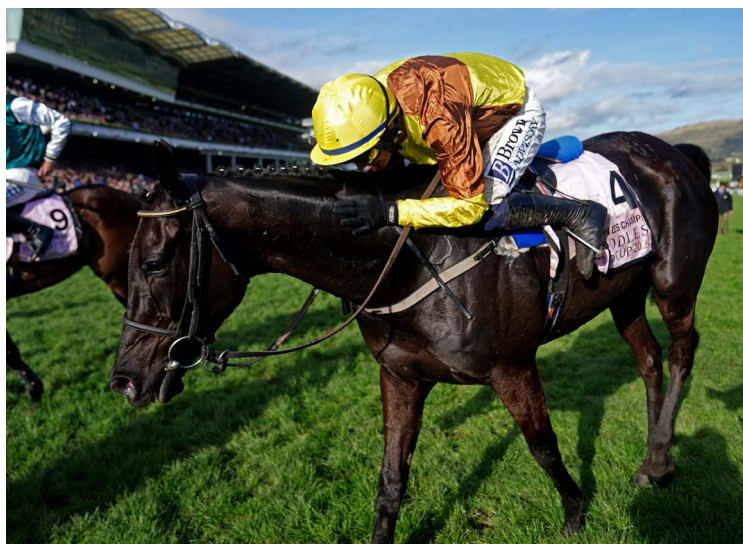


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GALOPIN DES CHAMPS SEALS GOLDEN WEEK FOR MULLINS, AGAIN



Gold Cup hero Galopin Des Champs receives a hug from jockey Paul Townend | PA Media

by Adam Houghton

CHELTENHAM, UK--Believe it or not, Willie Mullins drew a blank on day three of the 2024 Cheltenham Festival, with Capodanno (Fr) (Manduro {Ger}) and Jade De Grugy (Fr) (Doctor Dino {Fr}) faring best of their trainer's 11 runners on that card when finishing fourth in their respective races.

Twenty-four hours without a winner at the Festival is a long time in Willie's world, the one in which he hit the target six times across the first two days of the meeting. Thankfully for him after Thursday's 'drought', there was a strong case to be made that the team he'd assembled for day four was his most formidable yet, certainly numerically as his 25 runners on the card surpassed the 20 he saddled on Wednesday. It also took the total number of horses he ran this week to a scarcely believable 75.

There was a time when having 75 runners at the Cheltenham Festival in a lifetime would have been a notable achievement for a trainer, but Mullins has a habit of making the extraordinary look ordinary, with no better example than the milestone he celebrated on Wednesday when saddling his 100th winner at the meeting. [Cont. p3](#)

STARSPANGLED BANNER GELDING TOPS HONG KONG INTERNATIONAL SALE

by Alan Carasso

The successful dual-hemisphere stallion **Starspangledbanner** (Aus), the sire of recent G1 Queen's Silver Jubilee Cup winner and G1 Al Quoz Sprint aspirant California Spangle (Ire), supplied the HK\$5.4 million (£541,837/US\$690,352) top price as the last of 14 horses through the ring during Friday's Hong Kong International Sale in the parade ring at Sha Tin Racecourse.

Lot 20 was purchased by the Hong Kong Jockey Club from the draft of Chasemore Farm for 550,000gns during Book 2 at Tattersalls October in 2022. The British-bred 3-year-old is a full-brother to the treble Group 3-placed galloper Breege (Ire) and offered further pedigree appeal, as his dam Wowcha (Ire) (Zoffany {Ire}) is a half-sister to six winners, including **Starspangledbanner's** champion The Wow Signal (Ire), G2 Airlie Stud S. winner Matrika (Ire) (**No Nay Never**) and Japanese multiple group winner and Group 1-placed Unicorn Lion (Ire) (**No Nay Never**). The successful bidder was Cheung Kwok Wing sitting alongside Danny Shum, who trains the most prolific graduate of the HKIS, the outstanding six-times Group 1 winner Romantic Warrior (Ire) (Acclamation {GB}). [Cont. p7](#)



Lot 20 tops the HKIS | HKJC photo

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BREEDING DIGEST: A FAMILY THAT JUST GETS SWEETER

Chris McGrath examines the pedigree of GI Beholder Mile winner **Sweet Azteca** (Sharp Azteca).

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Amo Racing's King Of Steel (*Wootton Bassett*) enjoying a pick of grass with Raul Da Silva on Friday. | *Ellie Rance*

WINNER FOR DUBAWI AT NEWCASTLE

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Crown Estate (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}) won at Newcastle on Friday.

TOO DARN HOT'S JAKAJARO WINS AGAIN

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MRC International's Jakajaro (Ire) (Too Darn Hot {GB}) won for the second time in nine starts at Dundalk.

FILLY BY TEN SOVEREIGNS SHINES IN FRANCE

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*Dalkava (Fr) (*Ten Sovereigns {Ire}*) graduated at Lyon La Soie.*

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Cheltenham Festival Wrap Cont. from p1

As for extraordinary equine talent, there are few better examples around at present than Galopin Des Champs (Fr), who led the Mullins battalions into war on Friday when tasked with trying to defend the G1 Cheltenham Gold Cup crown he won so impressively in 2023.

It looked a deep Gold Cup on paper with six other top-level winners featuring in an 11-strong field but, just like his trainer, Galopin Des Champs is capable of making remarkable feats of brilliance look rather routine, arriving at Cheltenham this year with eight Grade 1 wins to his name already and being backed into odds-on favouritism as if a ninth was in no doubt whatsoever.

Any punters who took the short odds wouldn't have had too many anxious moments in the race itself, bar the presence of the loose Fastorslow (Fr) (Saint Des Saints {Fr})—who unseated J. J. Slevin early on the final circuit—as the field kicked for home on the run from four out.

From there Galopin Des Champs gradually moved up to press L'Homme Presse (Fr) (Diamond Boy {Fr}) at the head of affairs and it was all but over as a contest when he moved to the front with a typically fluent jump two out, ultimately winning by three and a half lengths from Gerri Colombe (Fr) (Saddler Maker {Ire})

having drawn right away on the approach to the last.

“I just think he put himself in the superstar category, to do what he did in the way that he did it,” Mullins said of the winner afterwards. “I think we have to say, we're coming back next year to try to win a third one if we can. He has the ability to do it—he just has to stay sound, I think.”

The eight-year-old was providing both Mullins and jockey Paul Townend with their fourth Gold Cup victories apiece, having matched the two wins of the stable's Al Boum Photo (Fr) (Buck's Boum {Fr}) in 2019 and 2020. Mullins is also unique now as the only trainer to have saddled two different multiple winners of the sport's blue riband.

As for Galopin Des Champs, he too is totally unique in being the only progeny of any real note produced by the late Timos (Ger), who put up one of his best efforts as a racehorse when filling the runner-up spot in the 2010 G2 Grand Prix de Chantilly for trainer Thierry Doumen.

Doumen stood Timos himself as a stallion before selling him to Tunisia at a time when Galopin Des Champs was yet to arrive on the scene to put his sire's name in lights. Timos later moved to Libya where he sadly died, with the circumstances of his death being described as “shady” by Doumen when speaking to *The Nick Luck Daily Podcast* in March last year. [Cont. p4](#)



Paul Townend and Willie Mullins hoist the Cheltenham Gold Cup trophy | PA Media

"A gorgeous horse, very good-looking, very laid back. A lovely horse and a proper stallion prospect." John Gosden

"He's got great depth, he's got great presence, he's a really good, strong, deep physical with a bold eye and lovely head." Lord Grimthorpe

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Cheltenham Festival Wrap Cont.

Galopin Des Champs might well be the first and last Cheltenham Festival sired by Timos, but the winner of the St. James's Place Festival Challenge Cup Open Hunters' Chase that followed, Sine Nomine (GB), came from a much more familiar source in the shape of Haras de la Tuilerie resident Saint Des Saints (Fr).

Already twice on the scoreboard on Thursday with Monmiral (Fr) and Protektorat (Fr), Saint Des Saints's tally of three winners saw him share bragging rights among the leading stallions at this year's Festival with Flemensfirth, who was represented by the Grade 1 winners Ballyburn (Ire) and Grey Dawning (Ire), plus Ben Pauling's TrustATrader Plate Handicap Chase hero Shakem Up'Arry (Ire).

Dual champion sire Flemensfirth was a big loss to the Coolmore National Hunt ranks when he died in May 2023, having been retired from active stud duties in 2020, and so too Milan (GB) when he passed in 2022. Champion National Hunt sire himself in the 2019/20 season, Milan added to his list of Festival winners in this year's finale as Better Days Ahead (Ire)--a £350,000 purchase at the 2022 Tattersalls Cheltenham Festival Sale--ran out a determined winner of the Martin Pipe Conditional Jockeys' Handicap Hurdle for Gordon Elliott and promising young rider Danny Gilligan.

G1 Stayers' Hurdle-winning trainer Elliott finished the meeting with three winners having also struck in the G1 Albert Bartlett Novices' Hurdle earlier on Friday's card with Stellar Story (Ire). By Shantou--the leading sire at last year's Festival with two winners--the Gigginstown House Stud-owned Stellar Story was another six-figure purchase at the 2022 Tattersalls Cheltenham Festival Sale when selling for £310,000.

Grange Stud's Walk In The Park (Ire) is the standout name

among the stallions still plying their trade on the Coolmore National Hunt roster and his two winners at this year's Festival were notable for both being out of the same mare, Sway (Fr) (Califet {Fr}), who was a Listed winner over hurdles at Auteuil as a three-year-old.

Having subsequently raced in Britain in the familiar silks of J. P. McManus, Sway is now proving herself a prolific producer for her powerful owner with five winners from six foals to have raced. Inothewayurthinkin (Ire) looked potentially the pick of them so far when running away with Thursday's Fulke Walwyn Kim Muir Challenge Cup Amateur Jockeys' Handicap Chase, though his full-sister Limerick Lace (Ire) might have something say about after she led home a one-two for McManus when seeing off

Dinoblu (Fr) (Doctor Dino {Fr}) to win the G2 Mrs Paddy Power Mares' Chase on Friday's card. Both winners were trained by Gavin Cromwell.

McManus also won the G1 JCB Triumph Hurdle which kicked off the final day of the meeting with the Mullins-trained Majborough (Fr). Like Timos, Majborough's sire, Martinborough (Jpn), might be a new name to many National Hunt enthusiasts,

a Japanese Group 3 winner who is based at Haras de la Baie in France. He's certainly thrown up a good one in Majborough, though, a four-year-old who had previously been described as a Gold Cup horse of the future by Mullins and certainly looked a horse with plenty of talent when overhauling stablemate Kargese (Fr) (Jeu St Eloi {Fr}) to win the premier Grade 1 event for juveniles.

"He's a chaser, isn't he?" said Mullins after the victory. "When he came into the yard and they said he was our Triumph Hurdle horse, I said I thought he was a

Gold Cup horse, a three-mile chaser. He's very 'trained' at the moment, a bit angular, like all the French horses. But when he comes in from a summer's grass, he will be some beast." [Cont. p5](#)



Sine Nomine and John Dawson winning the St. James's Place Festival Challenge Cup Open Hunters' Chase | PA Media



Danny Gilligan and Better Days Ahead after winning the Martin Pipe Conditional Jockeys' Handicap Hurdle | PA Media



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Great Britain: 9

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Ireland: 12

France: 11

Germany: 2

Great Britain: 2

Cheltenham Festival Wrap Cont.

That, of course, was winner number 101 at the Festival for Mullins, who wasted no time adding to his unprecedented tally in the BetMGM County Handicap Hurdle as Absurde (Fr) (Fastnet Rock {Aus}) finished best of all to deny Dan Skelton's L'Eau Du Sud (Fr) (Lord Du Sud {Fr}).

It was a rare moment of agony in an otherwise jubilant week for Skelton and it was rather fitting that it should be provided by Mullins. The pair topped the training charts at the end of the

Festival with nine wins for Mullins to Skelton's four, a British stable fighting back but just not able to match the might of the Closutton machine which has now churned out 103 Festival winners--and counting--with few better than the exceptional dual Gold Cup hero Galopin Des Champs.

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BRITAIN

CONDITIONS RESULTS:

3rd-Wolverhampton, £11,400, Cond, 3-15, 4yo/up, 9f 104y (AWT), 2:00.58, st.

AEROSPACE (IRE) (g, 5, *Sea The Stars* {Ire}--Talent {GB} {G1SW-Eng, \$765,222}, by New Approach {Ire}) Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-1, \$9,635. O-Hambleton Racing Ltd XVIII & Partner; B-Ashbrittle Stud & M H Dixon (IRE); T-Archie Watson. *300,000gns Ylg '20 TADEYG; 16,000gns 4yo '23 TATAHI. **1/2 to Ambition (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}), MGSW & G1SP-Fr, \$266,613.



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Limerick Lace winning the G2 Mrs Paddy Power Mares' Chase | PA Media

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5th-Newcastle, £7,000, Cond, 3-15, 4yo/up, 6f (AWT), 1:14.73, st.

FIRCOMBE HALL (GB) (g, 6, Charming Thought {GB}--Marmot Bay {Ire}, by Kodiak {GB}) Lifetime Record: 49-6-9-5, \$48,963. O-RedHotGardogs; B-Ace Bloodstock Ltd (GB); T-Philip Kirby. *£8,000 RNA Ylg '19 GOFFPR.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Crown Estate (GB), g, 3, Dubawi (Ire)--Castle Lady (Ire) (G1SW-Fr & GISP-US, \$497,431), by Shamardal. Newcastle, 3-15, 8f 5y (AWT), 1:45.39. Lifetime Record: 4-1-0-0, \$8,277. B-The Queen (GB).

IRELAND

CONDITIONS RESULTS:

7th-Dundalk, €17,500, Cond, 3-15, 3yo, 6f (AWT), 1:13.83, st. JAKAJARO (IRE) (g, 3, Too Darn Hot {GB}--Summer Flower {Ire}, by Oasis Dream {GB}) Lifetime Record: 9-2-2-1, \$52,149. O-MRC International; B-Godolphin (IRE); T-David Marnane. *€38,000 Ylg '22 GOFSP.

FRANCE

CONDITIONS RESULTS:

1st-Fontainebleau, €15,000, Cond, 3-15, 4yo/up, 11fT, 2:22.32, vsf. LONDON ROYAL (IRE) (g, 6, Territories {Ire}--Miss Raven {Ire}, by Raven's Pass) Lifetime Record: 14-3-3-2, €58,965. O-Anoj Don, Daniel MacAuliffe & Matthew Coleman; B-Haras du Logis St Germain (IRE); T-Gavin Hernon. *€90,000 Ylg '19 ARQOCT; £50,000 RNA 2yo '20 GOFJUL. **1/2 to Brentford Hope (GB) (Camelot {GB}), MGSP-Fr & GSP-Itly, \$148,895.

2nd-Fontainebleau, €14,000, Cond, 3-15, 4yo/up, 11fT, 2:22.99, vsf.

BONNIE HOPPS (FR) (m, 6, Captain Marvelous {Ire}--New Style {Ger}, by Tertullian) Lifetime Record: 42-5-3-4, €76,070. O-Antoine Morteo, Anne-Sophie Allard, Daniel Allard, Aurelien Lavarda & Walter Polisini; B-Larissa Kneip & Mme Sandrine Grevet (FR); T-Anne-Sophie & Daniel Allard.

3rd-Fontainebleau, €23,000, Cond, 3-15, 3yo, 11fT, 2:21.04, vsf.

MAKE A WISH (FR) (f, 3, Morandi {Fr}--Adhere, by Mizzen Mast) Lifetime Record: 11-3-3-2, €52,850. O-Hugues Rousseau & Christophe Escuder; B-Hugues Rousseau (FR); T-Christophe Escuder.

8th-Fontainebleau, €27,000, Cond, 3-15, 4yo/up, 6fT, 1:06.93, vsf.

LESSLEPASSER (FR) (g, 5, Penny's Picnic {Ire}--Ekatea {Fr}, by Power {GB}) Lifetime Record: 35-5-10-7, €159,640. O-Stal Vie En Rose; B-Haras du Hoguenet (FR); T-Sofie Lanslots. *€24,000 Ylg '20 ARQOCT.

9th-Fontainebleau, €27,000, Cond, 3-15, 4yo/up, 15fT, 3:14.13, vsf.

SOMBRERO (IRE) (g, 7, Dylan Thomas {Ire}--Serenata {Ger} {SP-Ger}, by Lomitas {GB}) Lifetime Record: 18-6-4-1, €46,725. O-Mme Annette Christina Bolte; B-Hans Klobner (IRE); T-Andreas Bolte. *1/2 to Santiago (Ger) (Highest Honor {Fr}), MGSW-Ger & GSW-Itly, \$380,784; and Sordino (Ger) (Samum {Ger}), G1SP-Ger, \$166,325.

2nd-Lyon La Soie, €16,000, Cond, 3-15, 4yo, 10 3/4f (AWT), 2:15.38, st.

SIYOUCHKA (GB) (f, 4, Siyouni {Fr}--Venturous Spirit {Fr} {MSP-Fr}, by Arch) Lifetime Record: 19-2-2-8, €49,555. O-Stall Liberty Leaf; B-Dayton Investments Ltd (GB); T-Markus Geisler. *€12,000 Wlg '20 ARQDEC.

8th-Lyon La Soie, €16,000, Cond, 3-15, 4yo/up, 16f (AWT), 3:34.33, st.

LOR BLANC (FR) (g, 8, Air Chief Marshal {Ire}--Bianca Neve {Fr}, by Muhtathir {GB}) Lifetime Record: 51-12-2-10, €134,360. O-Stall Liberty Leaf; B-Ecurie du Sud (FR); T-Markus Geisler. *1/2 to Neige Blanche (Fr) (Anodin {Ire}), MGSW & GISP-US & GSW-Fr, \$636,512.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Rollercoaster (Fr), c, 3, Guignol (Ger)--Caja (Fr), by Touch Down (Ger). Lyon La Soie, 3-15, 10 3/4f (AWT), 2:16.80. B-Gestut Eulenberger Hof (FR). *€14,000 RNA Ylg '22 BBAGS.

Dalkava (Fr), f, 3, Ten Sovereigns (Ire)--Zahiya (GB), by Invincible Spirit (Ire). Lyon La Soie, 3-15, 9f (AWT), 1:54.06. B-Al Shaqab Racing & Ecurie de Castillon (FR). *€30,000 RNA Wlg '21 ARQDEC; €33,000 Ylg '22 ARQSEP.

Talk Show (Fr), g, 4, Lope De Vega (Ire)--Eversmile, by Theatrical (Ire). Fontainebleau, 3-15, 11fT, 2:21.89. B-SF Bloodstock SC (FR). *€48,000 3yo '23 ARQFEB. **1/2 to Coil (Point Given), MGISW-US, \$1,154,360; Chiropractor (Kitten's Joy), GISW-US, \$280,145; Decorating (Galileo {Ire}), MGSP-US, \$132,768; and Ellyb (Pioneerof the Nile), MSP-US & SP-Can, \$126,919.

Marzouk (Fr), g, 4, Zarak (Fr)--Anoodah (KSA), by Siege (Ire). Fontainebleau, 3-15, 8fT, 1:43.95. B-Fuad Mohammed Bingheshayan (FR).



IN AUSTRALIA:

Ashrun (Fr), g, 8, **Authorized (Ire)**--Ashantee (Ger) (GSW-Ger, \$119,085), by Areion (Ger). Pakenham, 3-15, Listed Pakenham Cup, 2500mT, 2:37.06, gd. B-Hans Wirth (Fr). *€28,000 RNA Ylg '17 ARQOCT. **1/2 to Ashiana (Ger) (Mastercraftsman {Ire}), GSW-Ger, \$112,644. ***Hwt. 3yo-Ger at 14f+, SW & G1SP-Ger, GSW-Fr & Aus.

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So Wing Keung signed the winning ticket at HK\$4.2 million (£421,429/US\$536,940) on **lot 7**, a New Zealand-bred son of Savabeel (Aus) and Kona (Aus) (New Approach {Ire}), also the dam of the multiple listed-placed Hilo (Aus) (Lonhro {Aus}). A September-foaled 3-year-old gelding, the bay was hammered down to the HKJC team for NZ\$290,000 at the 2022 NZB Premier Yearling Sale.

From a statistical standpoint, the 2024 renewal of the HKIS was significantly down on the same event from 12 months ago. Turnover of HK\$46.3 million (£4.65 million/US\$5.92 million)

declined by 35.3%, while the average of HK\$3.31 million (£331,389/US\$422,795) represented a drop of 30.7%. The median price of HK\$3.2 million (£321,088/US\$409,097) dropped by 27.3%.

"We have a lot of confidence in the horses that we have offered and what we're probably seeing is that when we bought these horses two years ago is that we were operating in a very intense yearling market, so we've bought these horses at the very top of the market and we're seeing a softening in horse sales around the world, which we've seen tonight, we've also seen a softening in our wagering turnover and also in the local stock market," offered Danny Rolston, the Hong Kong Jockey Club's executive manager, International Sale/Owners Advisory Services.

"I think the story of the night is that the sale has seen a bit of a drop in average, but with that comes an opportunity that we were able to give forward to our permit holders with some really nice horses."

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Saturday, Saint-Cloud, France, post time: 15:50

PRIX EXBURY-G3, €80,000, 4yo/up, 10fT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	1	Horizon Dore (Fr)	Dabirsim (Fr)	Cottier	Demuro	130
2	6	Haya Zark (Fr)	Zarak (Fr)	Fouassier	Soumillon	126
3	5	Marquisat (Ire)	Zarak (Fr)	Fabre	Barzalona	126
4	4	American Flag (Fr)	Wootton Bassett (GB)	Barberot	Crastus	126
5	2	Mujtaba (GB)	Dubawi (Ire)	Haggas	Crowley	126
6	3	Gryphon (Ire)	Vadamos (Fr)	Karkosa	Boisseau	126

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Saturday, Saint-Cloud, France, post time: 13:23

PRIX FRANCOIS MATHET-Listed, €55,000, 3yo, 10 1/0fT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	5	Calandagan (Ire)	Gleneagles (Ire)	Graffard	Pasquier	128
2	1	Georgian Star (Fr)	Cloth Of Stars (Ire)	C Head	Bazire	128
3	3	Trafalgar Square (Fr)	Kendargent (Fr)	Cottier	Barzalona	128
4	2	Holy See (Ire)	Night Of Thunder (Ire)	C Head	Lemaitre	128
5	4	Lord Of War (Fr)	Ruler Of The World (Ire)	Perret	Ruis	128
6	6	Bright Picture (Fr)	Intello (Ger)	Fabre	Guyon	128

Saturday, Saint-Cloud, France, post time: 13:58

PRIX OMNIUM II-Listed, €55,000, 3yo, c/g, 8fT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	1	Ramadan (Fr)	Le Havre (Ire)	C Head	Lemaitre	128
2	4	Goway (Fr)	Goken (Fr)	Vermeulen	Guyon	128
3	5	Rock The Kasbah (Fr)	City Light (Fr)	Chappet	Planque	128
4	3	Grey Man (Fr)	Wootton Bassett (GB)	Cottier	Grandin	128
5	2	Estonia Moon (Ire)	Churchill (Ire)	Dumont	Bachelot	128

Saturday, Saint-Cloud, France, post time: 14:33

PRIX LA CAMARGO-Listed, €55,000, 3yo, f, 8fT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	6	Sparkling Plenty (Fr)	Kingman (GB)	Cottier	Grandin	126
2	7	Nevercry (Fr)	Almanzor (Fr)	C Head	Lemaitre	126
3	5	Shiffrin (Ire)	Olympic Glory (Ire)	Le Roch	Soumillon	126
4	4	Chic Colombine (Fr)	Seahenge	Boughey	B Loughnane	126
5	1	Darling Darling (Fr)	Dabirsim (Fr)	Perret	Piccone	126
6	2	Eclaire La Vie (Fr)	Trade Storm (GB)	Gavilan	Demuro	126
7	3	Sans Voix (GB)	Saxon Warrior (Jpn)	Monfort	Guyon	126

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