



COMPUTER ASSISTED WAGERING: ANATOMY OF A DEAL



Del Mar grandstand | Benoit

by Dan Ross

A deal that Del Mar has made with a titan of Computer Assisted Wagering (CAW) provides a rare glimpse into the tremendous sway that individual players can wield over track and racing officials, the potentially lopsided economic ramifications of such deals, and the tremendous pressures that California executives are under with competing jurisdictions that enjoy purse subsidies not available in the Golden State.

It also turns a spotlight onto a world largely hidden from the public eye—one that industry leaders are generally loathe to discuss publicly, and in which just a few anonymous gamblers can have an outsized impact on the financial fitness or ill health of the sport.

Last year, Del Mar continued a deal with a player identified as Elite 17 that saw them enjoy a noticeably more favorable rate of play than other high-volume players that wager through the CAW platform, Elite Turf Club, according to detailed wagering reports obtained by the *TDN* and background conversations with racing officials and figures within the CAW world, along with publicly available data.

At the enormous volumes at which CAW gamblers play, such deals can give individual players a significant financial edge.

Cont. p3

1/ST RACING SAYS IT MAY SELL OR CLOSE SANTA ANITA by Bill Finley

1/ST Racing, the owner of Santa Anita, has threatened to close or sell the “Great Race Place,” making the threats on the eve of a critical meeting of the California Horse Racing Board (CHRB) in which the future of racing in the northern half of the state will be decided. Santa Anita has been calling for racing to shut down in the north, which, it believes, will help strengthen racing at Santa Anita and the other Southern California tracks.

The story was **first reported** by John Cherwa in the *Los Angeles Times*.

With 1/ST set to close Golden Gate Fields June 9, the future of Northern California racing is very much up in the air. Hoping to save racing in that part of the state, Pleasanton, a fair track, will ask the CHRB to approve a 10-week meeting that would run from Oct. 19 to Dec. 15.

Cont. p10

IN TDN EUROPE TODAY

O'BRIEN HAS SARATOGA AIM FOR CITY OF TROY AFTER CLASSIC BIDS

City Of Troy (Justify) is possible for the GI Travers S. after competing in the G1 2000 Guineas and G1 Derby. Brian Sheerin was onsite at Ballydoyle..



LEXITONIAN

Speightstown - Riviera Romper, by Tapit



**(G1) WINNING SON OF SPEIGHTSTOWN
COVERED 136 MARES IN FIRST TWO SEASONS AT STUD
FIRST YEARLINGS 2024!**

CALL AND BOOK TODAY!

Bryna Reeves | Bryna@CalumetFarm.com | 706.825.3998

PUBLISHER & CEO

Sue Morris Finley @suefinley
suefinley@thetdn.com

SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT

Gary King @garykingTDN
garyking@thetdn.com

EDITORIAL

editor@thetdn.com

Editor-in-Chief

Jessica Martini @JessMartiniTDN

Senior Contributing Editor

Alan Carasso @EquinealTDN

Senior Racing Editor

Steve Sherack @SteveSherackTDN

Senior Editor & Staff Training Supervisor

Christina Bossinakis @CBossTDN

Assistant Editor

Jill Williams @JillWilliamsTDN

Staff Writers

Patrycja Szpyra @QueenOfSuites

Stefanie Grimm @SGrimmTDN

J.N. Campbell @campbellparlay

Contributor

Brian DiDonato @BDiDonatoTDN

News and Features Editor

In Memoriam: Ben Massam (1988-2019)

ADVERTISING

advertising@thetdn.com

Director of Advertising

Alycia Borer

Advertising Manager

Lia Best

Advertising Designers

Amanda Crelin

Amie Newcomb

Advertising Assistant/Dir. of Distribution

Kristen Zaidi

Advertising Assistant

Liz Fronczek

Photographer/Photo Editor

Sarah K. Andrew @SarahKAndrew
photos@thetdn.com

Associate Producer

Katie Petrunyak

Social Media Manager

Sara Gordon

Director of Customer Service

Vicki Forbes | customerservice@thetdn.com

Business Development Manager

Alayna Cullen Birkett @AlaynaCullen

Chief Financial Officer

Ray Villa
rayvilla@thetdn.com | accounting@thetdn.com

WORLDWIDE INFORMATION

European & International Editor

Emma Berry | emmaberry@thetdn.com

Managing Editor

Heather Anderson @HLAndersonTDN

European Sales Editor

Brian Sheerin @BrianSheerin91

Associate European Editor

Adam Houghton @hought94

Cafe Racing

Sean Cronin & Tom Frary
caferacing@thetdn.com

60 Broad Street, Suite 105

Red Bank, NJ 07701

732-747-8060 | www.TheTDN.com

Thursday, March 21, 2024



March 31, 2012. Before achieving GI Kentucky Oaks glory and becoming a graded-stakes-producing broodmare, Believe You Can (Proud Citizen) wins the 2012 GII Fair Grounds Oaks with Rosie Napravnik aboard. | Horsephotos

CARF ISSUES STATEMENT AFTER 1/ST ULTIMATUM

11

Ahead of a critical CHRB meeting Thursday, CARF outlines a plan for racing in Northern California that includes a 10-week meeting at Pleasanton.

OAKS FAVORITE IMPEL POINTING FOR ASHLAND

13

Unbeaten Juddmonte homebred and 'TDN Rising Star' Impel (Quality Road) is being aimed at the GI Central Bank Ashland S. on opening day at Keeneland.

TIMBERLAKE CONFIRMED FOR ARKANSAS DERBY

13

WinStar Farm and Siena Farm's 'TDN Rising Star' Timberlake (Into Mischief), winner of the GII Rebel S., will return to Oaklawn for the GI Arkansas Derby.

BREED TO A PA STALLION IN 2024
40% BREEDER AWARDS
UP TO 40% OWNER BONUS

ELIGIBLE FOR 2024 PA-SIRED PA-BRED STALLION SERIES

PENNSYLVANIA HORSE BREEDERS ASSOCIATION
 PABRED.COM   
 #PABRED ON SOCIAL MEDIA



Computer Assisted Wagering (cont. from p1)

The result was that this one player constituted nearly 47% of Elite Turf Club's total handle on Del Mar last year, according to the reports. Two years prior, Elite 17's play had constituted just over 36% of Elite Turf Club's total handle on Del Mar, according to publicly available California Horse Racing Board (CHRB) data.

At the same time, the amount of money another Elite Turf Club player (Elite 2) wagered on the track dropped off by over \$32 million between 2021 and 2023, the reports show--from around \$45 million in 2021 to around \$13 million last year. In 2021, Elite 2's play came to just over 27% of Elite Turf Club's total handle on Del Mar. Last year, that number had dropped to around 12%.

According to multiple sources familiar with the situation, Elite 2 received a deal similar to Elite 17 in prior years at Del Mar, but not last year.

An individual familiar with the situation--who spoke as a "California racing source" on condition of anonymity--said that, prior to the track's 2023 summer meet, Elite 2 declined such a deal, which would have necessitated paying a "substantial seven-figure up-front payment."

When asked if Elite 2 had changed their mind about the deal after the summer meet was underway, the source declined to answer, citing concerns about proprietary business information. "But you can't make an up-front payment after the meet has started," the source added.

Such arrangements have served as a pre-payment on host fees to be split between the track and the purse account, sources say.

The deals that Del Mar has struck with Elite Turf Club players over the years, while hardly an anomaly

among tracks nationally, nonetheless raises questions about the best approach to managing CAW play in a state where purse revenues are generated solely through betting. **Cont.**



Del Mar Thoroughbred Club | Horsephotos



ARCANGELO

Arrogate - Modeling, by Tapit



ECLIPSE AWARD
ARCANGELO
Three-Year-Old Male
2023

ECLIPSE CHAMPION

3YO MALE

G1 Belmont
G1 Travers
G3 Peter Pan

From the family of Broodmare of Year
BETTER THAN HONOUR

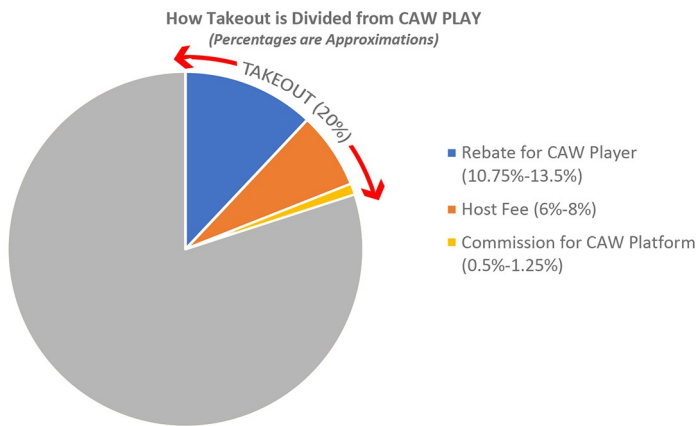


If purses fuel the sport, getting this equation right is an imperative.

Are deals between tracks and individual CAW players, therefore, a sustainable approach for growing the sport in California? Is CAW play now so vital to the economics of horse racing that every step must be taken to maximize their business? Or should California's tracks be much more focused on incentivizing play from the average punters who generally contribute the biggest slice to purses, rather than pandering to the whales of the betting seas?

While it's difficult to know exactly how such deals might have impacted Del Mar's purse account revenues, the bare numbers illustrate a track facing tough economic headwinds, with serious implications for the horsemen and women in the state.

Purses last fall at Del Mar were reduced by over 10% due to a purse account overpayment reportedly to the tune of \$2.1 million. All-source handle at the track's flagship summer meet declined nearly 11% from 2022 to 2023, according to the DRF. Wagering through Elite Turf Club on the track's product has declined from around \$167 million in 2021 to around \$113 million last year, according to the CHRB.



How takeout is divided from CAW play

“As a track with no subsidies from alternative forms of gaming that depends exclusively on handle for purse generation, promoting handle from all segments of the betting market is very important to us. On an annual basis we sit down with the [Thoroughbred Owners of California] TOC to both establish purse levels and to discuss how we best promote wagering on our simulcast signal,” wrote Del Mar Thoroughbred Club president, Josh Rubinstein, in response to a series of questions.

Before the start of each meet in California, the tracks present the TOC with a list of individual host fees charged to each location that receives its simulcast signal. For that track's meet to proceed, the TOC must first sign this document. **Cont.**

TONALIST
Tapit - Settling Mist, by Pleasant Colony

A Leading Sire by AEI
THE ONLY STALLION standing for less
\$200,000 with an AEI over 2.00

*With an AEI of 2.05 and a CI of 1.32,
he continues to improve his mares*

LANE'S END
Fee: \$10,000
lanesend.com | t: 859.873.7300

COLLECTED

CITY ZIP - HELENA BAY (GB)



“ AND HERE IS TAXED!
TAXED IS BACK! TAXED WITH
A SPARKLING 2024 DEBUT...
BIGGER AND BETTER THINGS
FOR HER LATER. ”

- MATT DINERMAN
OAKLAWN TRACK ANNOUNCER

GII BLACK-EYED SUSAN S.
WINNER **TAXED**
DOMINATES ON HER
4YO DEBUT

Already **10** Stakes Winners from his **FIRST TWO CROPS**
including **GI KENTUCKY OAKS** candidate **LEMON MUFFIN**

Think About It!

\$10,000 S&N

AIRDRIE
STUD INC.

859.873.7270
www.airdriestud.com

“We are proud of our racing product, which has been well received for the last several years, and confident that our host fees are fair and competitive with other major race tracks. We will continue to work with our partners to balance pricing considerations with the overall demands of the wagering markets,” Rubinstein added.

Background on Rates and Rebates

The debate around CAW players typically surrounds the major edge they wield over regular gamblers thanks to their use of sophisticated wagering technologies and the attractive rates and rebates offered to them--inducements not available to the average punter.

When “rates” are mentioned, what is meant are “host fees.” This is a charge wagering outlets pay to track operators for the contractual right to import a simulcast signal. A wagering outlet could be another racetrack, an ADW platform (like FanDuel), or a CAW platform (like Elite Turf Club).

Experts say that CAW host fees for the premium tracks typically vary between 6% and 8%. After breeders' premiums and other minor deductions have been removed, host fees are roughly split 50/50 between the track and the purse account in California.

The entities that pay the lowest host fee, therefore---like CAW players--contribute the lowest per-dollar amount to purses. At the same time, proponents of CAW argue how these inducements are warranted due to the vast amounts these players inject into the betting pools.

The amount CAW players are “rebated” can be broadly calculated with this simple equation:

Rebate = Takeout minus host fee (plus any other associated minor fees). The smaller the host fee and the larger the takeout, then the bigger the rebate.

Let's use the 20% blended takeout rate among the pools. And let's say the host fee (plus other associated fees) that the CAW player pays comes to 7%.

The rebated discount for the CAW players, therefore, could be a maximum 13% on every dollar wagered.

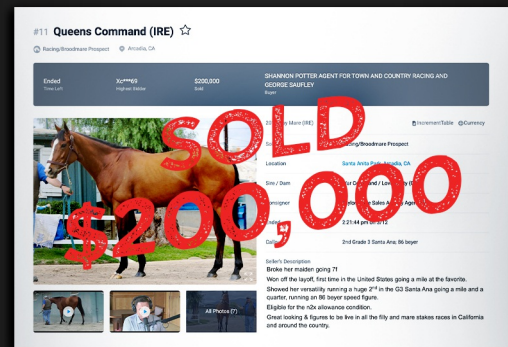
Experts recently told the *TDN* that the most successful CAW players can consistently win at an average rate of around 92%. At that win rate, a 13% rebate (for example) would see the player enjoy a 5% profit margin.

According to wagering reports reviewed by the *TDN*, that win rate is an undercount. These reports show how Elite Turf Club players can win at an average rate in excess of 105%, even before their rebate from Elite is factored in. At this rate, the profit margin would be much better than many investment accounts. **Cont.**

PROVEN PLATFORM for Horses of Racing Age

HORA SALES AS HIGH AS...

\$400,000
\$380,000
\$370,000
\$360,000, etc...



QUEEN'S COMMAND had **700 PAGE VIEWS** or “SHOWS” in recent March Digital Sale.

**NO NEED TO SHIP,
 SELL YOUR HORSES OF RACING AGE
 OUT OF THEIR OWN STALLS!**

April Digital Sale

April 4 - 9

**NOMINATIONS CLOSE
 MARCH 27**

It's also important to note how the numerical monikers given to Elite Turf Club players--a company majority owned by The Stronach Group (TSG)--don't relate to just one person.

These players employ a team of potentially dozens of people, including mathematical wizards who create sophisticated computer algorithms capable of analyzing the betting markets for exploitable weaknesses, as well as individuals who place the bets for them.

Insiders consulted for this story describe how these teams of experts can, over time, deduce through the betting markets and through other data sources if rival CAW players receive more favorable rates.

Given the money at stake, the competition can be cutthroat.

Elite 17's Deal

As CAW play has grown exponentially in recent years, track operators have cut deals like that between Del Mar and Elite 17 to attract their business. And the amount these gamblers wager is often so huge, just one player can make up a significant portion of a track's overall handle.

In 2019, when the renowned gambler "Dr. Nick" stopped wagering on Australian racing reportedly due to increased taxes on bookmakers, his exit was projected to trigger a 6% drop in turnover on racing across the board.

Multiple sources for this story said that Elite 17 and Elite 2 were both well-known Australian gamblers.

Scott Daruty, president of both TSG's Monarch Content Management and of the Elite Turf Club, declined to confirm or deny their identities, citing confidentiality agreements.



Scott Daruty | Horsephotos

According to detailed reports obtained by the TDN, Elite 17 wagered more than \$650 million on U.S. racing through Elite Turf Club alone last year. In 2021, Elite 17 wagered roughly \$60 million on Del Mar's product, according to the CHRB. Last year, Elite 17 wagered some \$53 million. Last summer at Del Mar, the

CONGRATULATIONS





Ba Dee Yah

Uncle Mo - Pearl Turn

ALLEN BLACK CAT LACOMBE
MEMORIAL STAKES AT FAIR GOUNDS

OWNER: Gold Standard Racing Stable, LLC

TRAINER: Thomas Amoss

JOCKEY: Edgar Morales

BREEDER: Anderson Farms

HODGES PHOTOGRAPHY


tip.ontarioracing.com

amount Elite 17 wagered was roughly 10% of the total handle at Del Mar, using the DRF's all-source handle figures as a baseline.

These numbers don't account for Elite 17's potential play on horse racing through other methods such as fixed-odds providers and exchange options like Betfair in other countries, or on other sports. Some CAW players also have accounts with different CAW platforms like Velocity, owned by Churchill Downs, which enables wagering on tracks whose simulcast signals are managed by Churchill.

At the same time, multiple sources say individual deals are still fairly prevalent among smaller tracks struggling financially, but that they're now unusual among the nation's top-tier tracks.

According to wagering reports reviewed by the TDN, the New York Racing Association (NYRA) offered the same host fee to Elite Turf Club players at Saratoga last year, irrespective of the betting pool. This included Elite 17. The host fee NYRA charged was slightly lower than Del Mar charged the same CAW players (outside of Elite 17), these reports show.

"NYRA cannot responsibly comment or opine on information never provided to our organization," wrote NYRA spokesperson Pat McKenna in response to questions about the wagering reports. The TDN provided to NYRA an overview of the figures in the reports, but not the raw data. NYRA's data was independently verified for the TDN. NYRA is a minority owner in Elite Turf Club. **Cont.**

McKenna did, however, stress the steps the organization has taken to manage CAW play, including barring CAW play in the Pick 6, Late Pick 5, and Cross Country Pick 5 pools, and requiring CAW players to place win bets on its races no later than two minutes to post.

California has also taken similar steps to moderate CAW play. Since Santa Anita's 2022 fall meet, the win pool has been closed to CAW players one minute to post, or else they must also pay a surcharge of around 3.5% on top of their normal rate if they want to bet to the close of the win pool. Last year, Del Mar followed suit. Both tracks have also reverted to the traditional Pick 6.

When it comes to Del Mar's deal with Elite 17, the agreement was incumbent upon the player making a substantial payment at the start of the meet, according to multiple sources. Once that up-front payment was made, Elite 17 paid a host fee almost half of that for other Elite Turf Club players, wagering reports show.

But multiple sources familiar with the situation explained how factoring in the up-front payment, Elite 17 paid a host fee on Del Mar's product last year around a percentage point or so lower than the other CAW players.

At the volume CAW gamblers play, just one percentage point difference in host fee can mean a significant edge for one CAW player over all others, along with possible residual effects on all other participants in the betting pools in terms of late odds movement.

TOC president and CEO Bill Nader explained that deals involving up-front payments incentivize the player to maximize the amount they wager on the track's product.

“For example, if the player bets over a certain threshold, the player benefits from a high-volume discount. If the player does not reach that wagering threshold, the effective rate would be higher than other CAW players,” wrote Nader. **Cont.**



Bill Nader | Horsephotos

QUALITY FIRST FOALS!



CORNICHE x Manaoag colt bred by Wilbert Tan



CORNICHE x Henny Jenney colt bred by Camas Park Stud

COOLMORE[®]
A M E R I C A

But could the deal that Del Mar struck with Elite 17 have prompted other CAW players--and Elite 2 in particular--to have curbed their play at the track last year?

The California racing source said that other CAW players were offered similar terms to Elite 17 last year. However, it should be noted that the other CAW players that wager through Elite Turf Club on Del Mar didn't bet to nearly the same volume as Elite 17 last year, and that Elite 2 was the only Elite Turf Club player to wager in the region of Elite 17's handle in 2021.

The California racing source also noted how CAW play is closely aligned with overall handle on a track's product, and that declines in total handle would invariably lead to decreases in CAW play.

"It's hard for us to say with any certainty why player A or B may have reduced his or her volume of play," the source said. "The best source for that is the player themselves."

The TDN reached out to a representative of the player believed to be Elite 2, who declined to discuss the situation.

Here, it should be noted that at least one Elite Turf Club player increased their play between 2021 and 2023. This was Elite 10, who wagered \$4.9 million in 2021 and \$6.7 million in 2023 on Del Mar's product.

The TDN does not have access to data showing individual CAW handle on Del Mar's product in 2022. That was the year the CHRB stopped making such data publicly available. Even so, California remains more transparent than other jurisdictions about what CAW data it makes publicly available.

Another wrinkle in this story is how Del Mar boasts an attractive wagering product with good field sizes and an impressive safety record. With that in mind, was the deal the right one to strike?

"With the benefit of hindsight, it has been the wrong deal for over 10 years and this is why we need a market correction," wrote Nader, in response to a series of questions. "We represent the owners and purses are paid to owners, trainers, and jockeys, and there is room for improvement. This is what the TOC hired me to do."

When asked why the TOC approved the deal last year, Nader wrote how 2023 "was my first full year with the TOC and we needed time to work with our board members and others, notably the tracks, to voice our reservations and allow for a period of adjustment. This entire exercise has been a work in progress."

Cont.

DUAL GRADE 1-WINNING CHAMPION 2YO BY QUALITY ROAD

CLICK HERE FOR MORE

“Corniche’s looks are incredible, his physicality was amazing and he’s got the pedigree to back it up”

PURCHASER MARETTE FARRELL

CORNICHE

OBS April Sale Topper at \$1,500,000. Unbeatable value at \$15,000.

COOLMORE®
A M E R I C A

G1
WINNERS

G1
PRODUCERS



**WON
OR PLACED IN
10 GRADED
STAKES**



BLUE-BLOODED,
CLASSIC SON OF TAPIT
TACITUS



TAYLOR MADE
STALLIONS

2024 FEE: \$10,000 S&N

TRAVIS WHITE 859.396.3508 | BROCK MARTIN 270.498.3722 | TAYLORMADESTALLIONS.COM

Why is This Important Right Now?

The issue of shrinking purse revenues amid declining economic benchmarks couldn't be a more pressing issue in California right now, where the industry attempts to piece together a revised racing framework in the wake of Golden Gate's impending closure in June.

At the end of the day, therefore, those arguably most impacted by decisions around managing CAW play are the industry stakeholders attempting to eke out a living from the sport.

When asked for comment on the story, the California Thoroughbred Trainers (CTT) wrote in a prepared statement how, "based on Del Mar's representations and the TOC's confirmation of how the purse account there has been managed, we can only say we're disturbed and confused. In January of 2021, at a CTT Board meeting, we attempted to question TOC leadership at the time about how purse levels were being funded, and were angrily rebuked by those in charge."



Scott Chaney | courtesy of the CHRB

At that point in time, Greg Avioli was TOC president. "Since purses are the lifeblood of our sport, and are fueled by the public's interest and its confidence in the integrity of pari-mutuel betting, the apparent lack of transparency we're hearing about now has to be remedied immediately," the CTT added.

According to CHRB Executive Director Scott Chaney, the agency is "keenly aware of the questions, importance and interest surrounding CAWs and plans to place the topic on our meeting agenda in the next month or so."

Chaney added how "the concepts of purse accounts and structure are also vitally important to racing in California, therefore in order promote understanding and transparency, we are in the process of amending our race meet license application to include additional questions in this area."

Cont.



"EVERY YEAR *it gets better and better.*
THERE IS PASSION AND A LOT OF LOVE FOR THE GAME AND THE HORSES."

- Donato Lanni, Lanni Bloodstock

The World's Yearling Sale

September Yearling Sale

Entries Open April 1

KEENELAND



[LEARN MORE](#)

All of which leads to this question: Will Elite 17 be offered the same deal this year?

“No. Negotiations are ongoing across the entire customer sector,” wrote Nader.

“High-volume players will agree that two key deliverables to make their business models more attractive are access and liquidity to commingled pools,” added Nader. “Our racetrack partners should also understand the collective upside and, if everyone can take a step back and look at this thing holistically, we can work it out.”

[Share this story](#) 

1/ST Racing Says it May Sell or Close Santa Anita *(cont. from p1)*

If those dates are approved, it may complicate Santa Anita’s efforts to reallocate revenue from simulcasting that is currently split between the northern and southern tracks. 1/ST is backing legislation that would reallocate simulcast money from Northern California to Southern California in the event that racing ceases to exist in the northern portion of the state. Santa Anita believes it needs the extra simulcast money to make racing viable in its part of the state.

Additionally, Santa Anita is hoping that, with Golden Gate shutting down, many horsemen from that area will relocate to Santa Anita. If that happens, Santa Anita management believes it can add a fourth day to its weekly racing schedule and will be able to card races with bigger fields.

On Tuesday, Craig Fravel, the executive vice-chairman of 1/ST Racing and Gaming, sent a three-page letter to the CHRB, urging the Board not to allocate the extra dates being sought by tracks that are members of the California Authority of Racing Fairs (CARF).

Fravel contended that if racing is approved at the CARF tracks “an analysis of alternatives for Santa Anita and San Luis Rey (training center) will be undertaken in short order. As noted, the current financial model and required capital expense make no sense and the consolidation of operations as discussed last year and at the January Board meeting is the only alternative that has been presented.”

Fravel also wrote that over the last five years Santa Anita has incurred operating losses in excess of \$31 million while investing over \$32 million in capital projects.

“The current model is simply unsustainable,” Fravel wrote.

Cont.



G1 WINNER
 by Horse of the Year
 and elite sire **CURLIN**

NTR-setter
 at Churchill as a 3YO

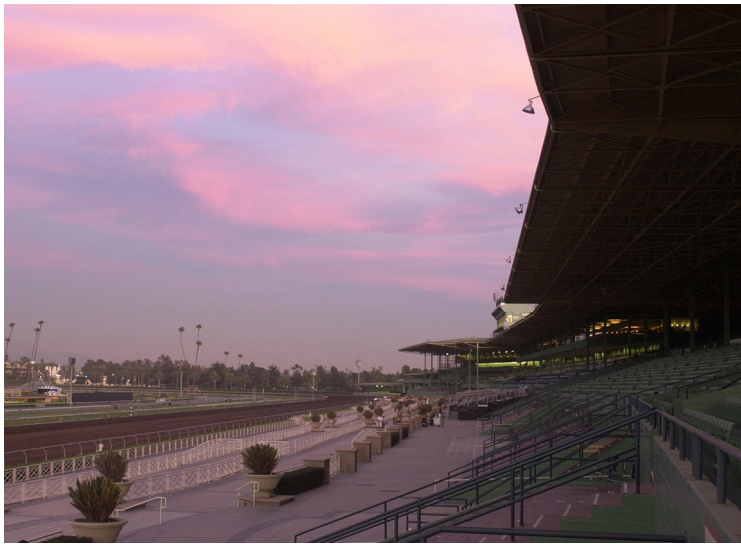
Full brother to **NEST**,
 Champion 3YO Filly

Out of the **A.P. INDY** mare
MARION RAVENWOOD

IDOL

CALL FOR A GREAT DEAL
REPOLE STABLE / TAYLOR MADE STALLIONS VENTURE
 TAYLOR MADE STALLIONS
 TaylorMadeStallions.com
 859.885.3345

TRAVIS WHITE: 859.396.3508 | BROCK MARTIN: 270.498.3722

1/ST Racing, cont.

Santa Anita grandstand | Horsephotos

Fravel also contended that the proposals being floated by the CARF tracks “is lacking in so much detail that it is difficult to understand what has been done over the last eight months and even more difficult to understand how the board can be asked to put the entire Thoroughbred industry in the state at risk by allocating dates on the basis of speculation.”

Fravel also said that allocating dates to the CARF tracks will lead to immediate purse cuts at Santa Anita and planned capital projects will be re-evaluated.

[Share this story](#) 

CARF ISSUES STATEMENT AFTER 1/ST ULTIMATUM ON NORCAL RACING DATES

by Dan Ross

Ahead of a critical California Horse Racing Board (CHRB) meeting Thursday to decide essentially whether or not to give Northern California stakeholders a fighting chance to build a circuit in the void left by the imminent closure of Golden Gate Fields, 1/ST Racing and Gaming set out their stall Tuesday in a letter to the regulator urging them to decline race dates to the North.

In a proposal to the state regulator, the California Association of Racing Fairs (CARF) **outlined** a 10-week meeting this year that would run from Oct. 19 to Dec. 15 at Pleasanton.

If the CHRB affords those dates to the north, 1/ST Racing and Gaming executive vice-chairman, Craig Fravel, **warned of several consequences**, including purse cuts at Santa Anita, reevaluation of planned investment projects at Santa Anita, and the “analysis of alternate uses” for Santa Anita and San Luis Rey.

“While this is understandably disconcerting to owners, trainers, and workers in the North the ultimate survival of the full ecosystem is at risk,” wrote Fravel.

On Wednesday, CARF issued a statement saying that while they did not have a great deal of time to put a plan together, “we did have an incredible depth of experience.”

“We brought together the best and the brightest of our sport. Our commitment was to develop a horse racing plan that is modern, enhances the economic and social health of the community, is safe for the horses and jockeys, fun for our fans and generates excitement in Northern California,” wrote Larry Swartzlander, CARF executive director, justifying the North’s plan in several bullet points, including how “Alameda provides a financially sound location.”

“We anticipate more dynamic racing fields—higher purses and betting opportunities that enhance the fun,” wrote Swartzlander.

“At the same time, we have adhered closely to ideas offered by experts as we continue focusing on the health of our horses and jockeys.”

In Tuesday’s letter to the CHRB, Fravel questioned one of the potential logistical hurdles standing in the way of CARF’s proposal: A golf course that operates on the Pleasanton infield.

“There is clearly a contractual issue with the golf operator that is not disclosed in the materials and extremely vague language regarding protocols that will be implemented,” wrote Fravel.

In a prior letter to CHRB chair, Greg Ferraro, members of the California Thoroughbred Trainers (CTT) and the Jockey’s Guild urged the board to support year-round racing in the North, arguing that issues with the infield golf course had already been addressed.

“Active play and access to the golf course will continue to be strictly prohibited during racing hours as has been done in the past,” the letter states.

“Horse racing and the golf course are both important to the community. It does no good to permanently close the golf course only to anger the community. Horse, rider, and personnel safety remains the single greatest priority; however, we firmly believe both can coexist—as has been successfully done for over 40 years,” the letter adds.

“Nets surrounding the golf course provide cover, and since they have been put in place, there have been no accidents. In addition, Alameda County Fair will actively manage and limit play and course activities during training to areas of the course that pose little risk to balls being hit on to the track. For example, these managed activities will include supervised youth programs like the First Tee,” the letter states. **Cont.**

CARF statement, cont.

In a brief call Wednesday with owner-breeder Justin Oldfield--part of a working group geared around cultivating the plan--he said that CARF has put forward a proposal that meets all the CHRB's required conditions.

"Tomorrow, it's absolutely imperative that the CHRB weigh in and award us dates based on the merits of that plan," he said.

"We have a lawful and tested racing association that's going to manage the meet. We have financing that's been put up as seed money that shows the strength of the 13 member fairs within CARF," said Oldfield.

"People want to stay here," Oldfield added. "There are families. Businesses. There's an agricultural component to this. Three-quarters of the horses in the North are Cal-Bred. Look, those horses aren't going to go south."

Outspoken owner-breeder Tom Bachman said Wednesday that 1/ST's letter to the CHRB comes after too many cuts to the industry by the company and too little investment.

"They should be trying to make the pie bigger rather than trying to take a bigger piece of a shrinking pie," said Bachman. "They do the opposite of what they should be doing."

As for potential purse cuts at Santa Anita, earlier this week the California Thoroughbred Breeders Association (CTBA) announced how purse bonuses paid to California-breds that win maiden races would be sliced when Santa Anita's spring meet begins on Apr. 19, as first reported by the DRF.

The bonuses--which are being cut from \$17,500 to \$15,000--are paid to maiden winners in open company or state-bred races at races at 4 1/2 furlongs or more.



Racing at Pleasanton | Vassar Photography

[Share this story](#)

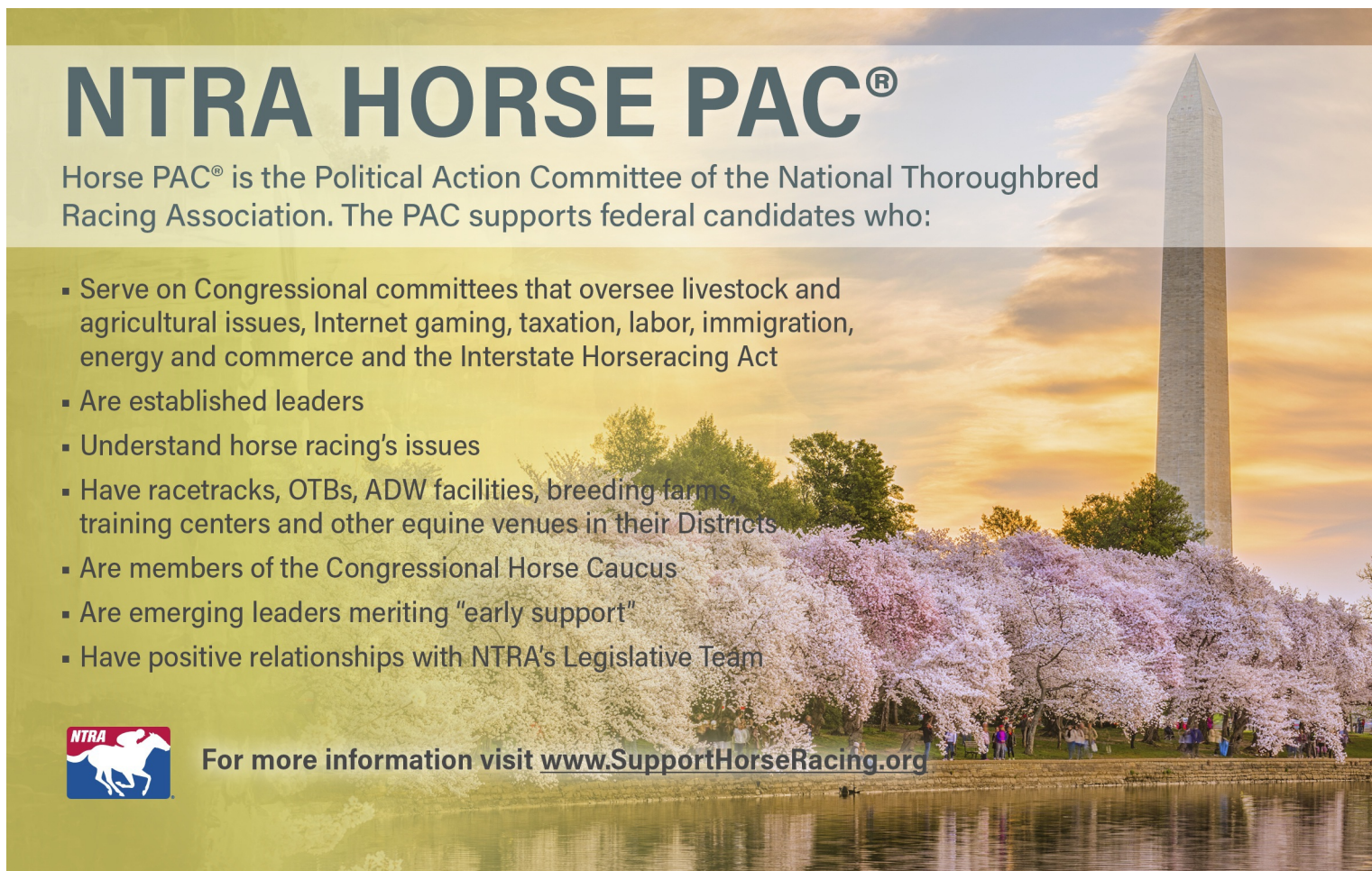
NTRA HORSE PAC[®]

Horse PAC[®] is the Political Action Committee of the National Thoroughbred Racing Association. The PAC supports federal candidates who:

- Serve on Congressional committees that oversee livestock and agricultural issues, Internet gaming, taxation, labor, immigration, energy and commerce and the Interstate Horseracing Act
- Are established leaders
- Understand horse racing's issues
- Have racetracks, OTBs, ADW facilities, breeding farms, training centers and other equine venues in their Districts
- Are members of the Congressional Horse Caucus
- Are emerging leaders meriting "early support"
- Have positive relationships with NTRA's Legislative Team



For more information visit www.SupportHorseRacing.org



KENTUCKY OAKS FUTURE WAGER FAVORITE IMPEL POINTING FOR ASHLAND

by Steve Sherack



Unbeaten 'TDN Rising Star' Impel closed as the 7-1 favorite in last weekend's lone Kentucky Oaks Future Wager | Coady

Unbeaten Juddmonte homebred and **'TDN Rising Star' Impel (Quality Road)**, favored at 7-1 in last weekend's lone Kentucky Oaks Future Wager pool, is being aimed to make her stakes debut in the GI Central Bank Ashland S. on opening day at Keeneland Apr. 5.

"Brad is saying that he wants to go to the Ashland with her next, which she would have to do and perform well there to get to the Oaks," Juddmonte USA General Manager Garrett O'Rourke said.

Brad, of course, is two-time GI Kentucky Oaks-winning trainer Brad Cox (Monomoy Girl 2018 and Shedaresthedevil 2020).

"If things don't go right, there's no pressure to keep moving forward," O'Rourke continued. "If they do go right, well, it sets her up, you know? We'll see what happens."

Betting on the Kentucky Oaks Future Wager totaled \$69,717 (\$48,334 in the win pool and \$21,384 in exactas). Last year's champion 2-year-old filly **Just F Y I (Justify)**, unraced since capping her perfect season with a win in the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies at Santa Anita, closed as the second choice at 8-1. Just F Y I was scratched due to a fever just hours before what was to be her much-anticipated 3-year-old debut for Bill Mott in the GII Davona Dale S. at Gulfstream Mar. 2.

"Obviously, look, I was a little surprised that's the way people bet it," O'Rourke said. "It puts the pressure on when I saw that she was favored."

O'Rourke added with a big laugh, "Also, remember, it wasn't a huge pool, so it only would've taken one or two of Brad's exercise boys to just put a few bets on her and ruin the price for the rest of us."

Impel earned her **'Rising Star'** badge with a visually impressive debut victory at a generous 7-2 sprinting at Fair Grounds Jan. 1. She aced her two-turn test with an explosive stalk-and-pounce 8 1/2-length victory in a deep optional claimer going 1 1/16 miles at Oaklawn Park Mar. 3. She earned a 91 Beyer Speed Figure in the latter.

Impel returned to the worktab with a four-furlong breeze in :49.80 (52/74) at Fair Grounds Mar. 15.

Impel's leading sire **Quality Road** is responsible for 15 Grade I winners worldwide, including 2017 Kentucky Oaks heroine Abel Tasman. Juddmonte acquired Impel's Claiborne Farm-bred and stakes-winning dam/GII Gallant Bloom H. runner-up Your Love (Flatter) for \$480,000 out of the ELITE consignment on behalf of the late Paul P. Pompa, Jr. and WinStar Farm at the 2019 Keeneland November sale.

Your Love, a half-sister to GSW & MGISP Well Monied (Maria's Mon); GSW & GISP Happy American (**Runhappy**); MSW & GSP Jimmy Simms (Lost Soldier); and a full-sister to GSW & GISP Economic Model, is also responsible for a yearling filly by **Curlin**. After losing her pregnancy to **Not This Time** this year, Your Love recently checked back in foal to the promising young Taylor Made stallion, per O'Rourke. Impel is her first foal.

"She's come along beautifully," O'Rourke said of Impel. "She's a lovely, big scopey filly. The well-bred ones that look good are the ones that are supposed to be good. It's nice when they are. I guess there was always a doubt in the back of mind about her staying. Her mother was a sprinter and the Quality Roads can go both ways. She was so impressive when she broke her maiden and also when she went the two turns so readily."

O'Rourke concluded, "But from here on in, she's gonna have to step it up to be confident that she's an Oaks winner."

[Share this story](#)

TIMBERLAKE CONFIRMED FOR ARKANSAS DERBY

WinStar Farm and Siena Farm's **'TDN Rising Star' Timberlake** (Into Mischief), winner of the Feb. 24 GII Rebel S., will return to Oaklawn Park for the Mar. 30 GI Arkansas Derby, trainer Brad Cox confirmed Wednesday.

"I like the timing," Cox said. "Obviously, he has the experience there now, that one run under him. I kind of thought the Rebel was the spot when we were getting started. At the beginning of the winter, we thought the Rebel was the spot. It worked out."

Timberlake worked five furlongs in 1:02.00 (18/30) at Cox's Fair Grounds base last Friday. The colt won last year's GI Champagne S. and second in the GI Hopeful S. The Rebel was his first start since finishing fourth in the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile.

Cont.

Timberlake, cont.



Timberlake | Cody Photography

Cox has won the last two renewals of the Arkansas Derby, with Cyberknife (**Gun Runner**) in 2022 and Angel of Empire (Pioneerof the Nile) in 2023. He could become the first trainer to win the race in three straight years.

Other horses pointing to the Arkansas Derby include **Mystik Dan** (Goldencents), **Liberal Arts** (Arrogate), **Just Steel** (**Justify**) and **Time for Truth** (Omaha Beach).

[Share this story](#)

OBS SPRING SALE CATALOGUE ONLINE

The catalogue for the Ocala Breeders' Sales Company's Spring Sale of 2-Year-Olds in Training is now available online at the company's website, obssales.com. A total of 1,207 juveniles have been catalogued for the four-day sale, which will be held Apr. 16-19. Bidding begins at 10:30 a.m. for each session. The auction's under-tack show will be held Apr. 7-13, beginning each day at 8 a.m.

Recent graduates of the Spring Sale include Grade I winners **Arabian Knight** (**Uncle Mo**); **Arabian Lion** (**Justify**); **Du Jour** (Temple City); **Practical Move** (**Practical Joke**); **Saudi Crown** (**Always Dreaming**); and **Carson's Run** (Cupid).

OBS will again offer online bidding during the Spring Sale. Buyers will be register for online bidding on the OBS website. For complete information on registration and online bidding, [click here](#).

[Share this story](#)

Seeing **RED**?

Click on a **stallion's name** to learn more about them on their page on the farm's website.

JAKE DELHOMME JOINS TDN WRITERS' ROOM PODCAST

He's best known as a former NFL quarterback who nearly beat Tom Brady in Super Bowl XXXVIII. But Jake Delhomme, who starred for the Carolina Panthers, is also a passionate horse owner who, along with his father Jerry and his brother Jeff, operates Set-Hut Stable LLC. The Delhomme clan focuses on Louisiana-breds and this year they have come up with one of the best ever. **Touchuponastar** (Star Guitar) is 11-for-14 lifetime and will run this weekend at Fair Grounds, either against open company in Saturday's \$500,000 GII New Orleans Classic or against state-breds the next day in the Star Guitar S.

To talk about Touchuponastar, his love affair with racing and even a bit about his NFL career, Delhomme joined this week's *TDN Writers' Room* podcast presented by **Keeneland**. He was this week's **Green Group** Guest of the Week.

The Delhommes bought Touchuponastar for \$15,000 at the Texas Thoroughbred Association Yearling sale, which has turned out to be quite the bargain as the horse has earned \$708,100.

"He's been a dream come true, to be quite honest," Delhomme said. "I was lucky enough to purchase him at the Texas yearling sale. He was one that I followed, along with the breeders, Coteau Grove Farms. They have done a marvelous job of bringing along some fine animals. Andrew Cary is their bloodstock advisor, and I've been involved with Andrew since 2007. The first time I went to Keeneland and bought my first mare there, off of Hill 'n' Dale Farms, he was the director of sales then. We developed a friendship over the years. We'll go to Coteau Grove and see the horses. There was something about this horse I always liked and I watched him grow up. He looks very much like his sire, Star Guitar, who was a great regional racehorse here in Louisiana." **Cont.**



Click on the image of Jake Delhomme to watch the podcast

Getty Images

Delhomme on Writers' Room podcast, cont.

He continued: "So this was one that I had my eye on. I try to buy a couple of yearlings every year, try to breed a couple. We're a fairly small stable, eight to 10 horses. So we went to the Texas sale and I bid just one time. I was watching the action and I was prepared to go a lot higher. It was just one of those good deals and we were lucky enough to get him."

While his brother Jeff is listed as the trainer, Jake is very hands-on and works right alongside his brother and father.

"I do pretty much anything and everything," Delhomme said. "I'd like to think we're a selfless stable, to be quite honest. Set-Hut is the owner and Dad and Jeff both train. But I'll be honest, it's all of us. We're there every day. It's a family affair. Had I not played sports, I have a pretty good inclination that I would have gone into racing right away."



Touchuponstar | Hodges Photography

Like many retired athletes that have gone into racing after their careers are over, Delhomme said that the sport fills a need in his life and keeps his competitive juices flowing.

"Racing helps fill that competitive void," Delhomme said. "I mean I retired when I was, what, 37 or 38 years old? But I retired from football, not from real life. At that age, you're just kind of getting started, so to speak. Racing has given me that avenue. I've never looked for anything else to do once I finished playing. You need something to do because you're used to just this lifestyle of work, work, work, work. I think anyone can attest that being in the horse racing business is just that, work, work, work. It's all the time."

In our breeding spotlight section we took a look at the **Coolmore stallion Jack Christopher** and the WinStar stallion **Global Campaign**.

Elsewhere on the podcast, which is also sponsored by the **Pennsylvania Horse Breeders' Association**, **Coolmore**, **1/ST**

Racing, **West Point Thoroughbreds**, **WinStar** and **XBTV.com**, the team of Randy Moss, Bill Finley and Zoe Cadman discussed the news that **Nyos (Nyquist)** has been sidelined and will probably miss all of the Triple Crown races and the latest developments in Maryland, where 1/ST Racing is donating Pimlico to the state. And they previewed the big weekend cards coming up at Fair Grounds and at Turfway Park, where 3-year-olds will vie for Derby points in the GII Louisiana Derby and the GIII Jeff Ruby Steaks S.

To watch the podcast, [click here](#). To listen to an audio of the podcast, [click here](#).

[Share this story](#) 

**WANAMAKER'S MARCH CATALOGUE ONLINE**

The catalogue for the Wanamaker's March Sale catalogue can now be viewed on the company's website, [wanamakers.com](#). The online auction includes offerings of yearlings, horses of racing age, open broodmares and stallion seasons.

Highlights of the catalogue include: the 5-year-old **Break Things (GB) (Siyouni {Fr})**, the Maryland-bred 3-year-old filly **Big Wanda (Mendelssohn)**; and a Louisiana-bred yearling colt from the second crop of Aurelius Maximus.

Bidding will open at 8 a.m. ET Mar. 28, with the first listing set to close at 5 p.m. Subsequent listings will close in three-minute increments. Detailed information on the buying process can be found at [wanamakers.com/buy](#).

[Share this story](#) 

JUVENILES SUPPLEMENTED TO TTA 2YO SALE

Six 2-year-olds have been supplemented to the catalogue for the Texas 2-Year-Olds in Training Sale, which is scheduled for Wednesday, Apr. 3, the Texas Thoroughbred Association (TTA) announced Wednesday.

Catalogued as hips 125-130, the juveniles are by Aurelius Maximus, Bradester, Competitive Edge, **Complexity**, **Frosted**, and Vekoma. A paper supplemental catalogue will be available Mar. 31, while the interactive catalogue at [TTAsales.com](#) has already been updated, as has the EquineLine iPad app.

The sale begins at 10 a.m. CT in the Lone Star Park Sales Pavilion with the breeze show set for Apr. 1.

[Share this story](#) 

TAA ON SITE AT TURFWAY FOR JEFF RUBY DAY

The Thoroughbred Aftercare Alliance (TAA) will be on-site at Turfway Park for the Jeff Ruby Steaks card Saturday. The Kentucky track will honor the TAA with a named race, race six, which has a post time of 3:13 p.m. Following the conclusion of the race, a presentation will be made to the winning connections, which will include a TAA blanket and gift bag with branded merchandise.

“Turfway Park is excited to welcome back Thoroughbred Aftercare Alliance for our Jeff Ruby Steaks Day,” said Turfway director of racing and racing secretary Tyler Picklesimer. “Raising awareness for accredited aftercare is crucial for the longevity and safety of horse racing.”

[Share this story](#) 

FIRST MARES IN FOAL FOR NEW STALLIONS AT PLEASANT ACRES

The four first-year stallions at Pleasant Acres Stallions in Florida--Verifying, Doppelganger, Simplification, and Chess Chief--as well as Bodexpress, who is new to Florida after standing three years in California, all have had multiple mares confirmed in foal to kick off their stud careers.

“Since the breeding shed opened this season, we have had a very active stallion barn,” said Christine Jones, the farm’s director of stallion services. “We have recently received confirmation that all five of our exciting new stallions have mares in foal, so we are off to a great start.”

The new stallions at Pleasant Acres were featured in a [TDN video](#) earlier this week.

[Share this story](#) 



**THE TRUSTED EXPERT
FOR QUALITY
KENTUCKY REAL ESTATE
SINCE 1994**

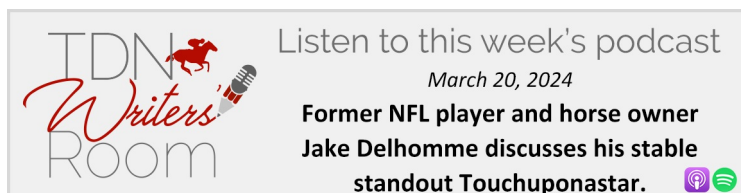
TOM BIEDERMAN
BIEDERMANREALESTATE.COM
CALL 859.277.2030

BIEDERMAN
REAL ESTATE • AUCTIONEERS


TDN SIRE LISTS

The best, most comprehensive sire lists in the industry, with complete earnings and lists you won't find anywhere else.

They're just
a click away



TDN Writers' Room

Listen to this week's podcast
March 20, 2024
Former NFL player and horse owner
Jake Delhomme discusses his stable
standout Touchuponastar. 



Saturday, Fair Grounds #12, post time: 6:42 p.m. EDT

TWINSPIRES.COM LOUISIANA DERBY-GII, \$1,000,000, 3yo, 1 3/16m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Triple Espresso 🍀	Omaha Beach	Repole Stable and St. Elias Stables LLC	Pletcher	Saez	122
2	Hall of Fame	Gun Runner	Mrs John Magnier, Michael B. Tabor, Derrick Smith, Asmussen Westerberg, Gandharvi LLC and Brook T. Smith		Santana, Jr.	122
3	Antiquarian 🍀	Preservationist	Centennial Farms	Pletcher	Velazquez	122
4	Agate Road 🍀	Quality Road	Repole Stable and St. Elias Stables LLC	Pletcher	Ortiz, Jr.	122
5	Catching Freedom 🍀	Constitution	Albaugh Family Stables LLC	Cox	Prat	122
6	Awesome Ruta	Mendelssohn	Tri-Star Racing, LLC and Cimarron TTT Farms LLC	Foster	Murrill	122
7	Honor Marie 🍀	Honor Code	Ribble Farms LLC, Michael H. Eiserman, Earl Silver, Kenneth E. and Daniel Fishbein	Beckman	Curtis	122
8	Next Level 🍀	Vino Rosso	Don't Tell My Wife Stables	Desormeaux	Riquelme	122
9	Real Men Violin 🍀	Mendelssohn	Tilted Shamrock Stables	McPeek	Lanerie	122
10	Common Defense 🍀	Karakontie (Jpn)	Tony Holmes	McPeek	Hernandez, Jr.	122
11	Tuscan Gold 🍀	Medaglia d'Oro	William Lawrence, Walmac Farm and Stonestreet	Brown	Gaffalione	122
12	Track Phantom 🍀	Quality Road	L and N Racing LLC, Clark Brewster, Jerry Caroom and Breeze Easy, LLC	Asmussen	Rosario	122

Breeders: 1-Ashview Farm & Colts Neck Stables, 2-Earle I. Mack LLC, 3-Brereton C. Jones, 4-CHC, Inc., 5-WinStar Farm, LLC, 6-Brian Levings, 7-Royce Pulliam, 8-White Fox Farm, 9-Newtown Anner Stud, 10-Tony Holmes, Norevale Farm & Union Dale, 11-Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC, 12-Breeze Easy, LLC

Saturday, Fair Grounds #9, post time: 5:04 p.m. EDT

NEW ORLEANS CLASSIC S. PRESENTED BY RELYNE GI BY HAGYARD-GII, \$500,000, 4yo/up, 1 1/8m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Red Route One	Gun Runner	Winchell Thoroughbreds LLC	Asmussen	Rosario	118
2	Gasoline	Curlin	Harrell Ventures, LLC and CHC INC.	Pletcher	Velazquez	120
3	Touchuponastar	Star Guitar	Set-Hut LLC	Delhomme	Thornton	122
4	Black Belt	Not This Time	EKB Stables LLC and P&L Thoroughbred Racing	Walder	Hernandez, Jr.	118
5	Money Supply 🍀	Practical Joke	Jordan V. Wycoff	Sharp	Gaffalione	122
6	Happy American 🍀	Runhappy	Neil L. Pessin	Pessin	Lanerie	118
7	Super Corinto (Arg)	Super Saver	Jet Set Racing Stable	Correas, IV	Ortiz, Jr.	118
8	Velocitor	Mor Spirit	Ulwelling, Al and Bill	Scherer	Cohen	118
9	Best Actor 🍀	Flatter	Steve Moger	Cox	Prat	120
10	Lure Him In	Khozan	C2 Racing Stable LLC, Double B Racing Stables, Paul Braverman, Timothy Pinch and Mach 1Stables	Joseph, Jr.	Gonzalez	122

Breeders: 1-Winchell Thoroughbreds, LLC, 2-China Horse Club International, LTD., 3-Coteau Grove Farms, 4-Springland Farm & Duncan Taylor, 5-Jeff Little, Teresa Little, Marilyn Little & William Lynn, 6-Claiborne Farm, 7-Firmamento, 8-Al Ulwelling & Bill Ulwelling, 9-E. H. Beau Lane, Gail McMichael Lane, J. B. Lane Orem & Michael Orem, 10-Stonehedge LLC



Saturday, Fair Grounds #11, post time: 6:08 p.m. EDT

FAIR GROUNDS OAKS PRESENTED BY FASIG-TIPTON-GII, \$400,000, 3yo, f, 1 1/16m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	V V's Dream 🌿	Mitole	MJM Racing and Magdalena Racing	McPeek	Hernandez, Jr.	122
2	Midsummer March 🌿	Mendelssohn	Walking L Thoroughbreds, LLC	McPeek	Gutierrez	122
3	Alpine Princess 🌿	Classic Empire	Full of Run Racing II, LLC and Madaket Stables LLC	Cox	Geroux	122
4	Lucy Got Game 🌿	Vino Rosso	Gregory Tramontin	Amoss	Morales	122
5	Tarifa	Bernardini	Godolphin, LLC	Cox	Prat	122
6	Intricate 🌿	Gun Runner	Bradley Thoroughbreds, Laura Leigh Stable, Scott Estes and Cambron Equine, LLC	Walsh	Gaffalione	122
7	Our Pretty Woman 🌿	Medaglia d'Oro	Courtlandt Farms	Asmussen	Rosario	122
8	Accommodate Eva 🌿	Munnings	Valene Farms LLC	Stewart	Lanerie	122

Breeders: 1-Mark Stansell, 2-Mountmellick Farm, LLC, 3-Betz/DJ Stables/Peter V.Lamantia/Classic Empire Syndicate, 4-Milfer Farm Inc., 5-Godolphin, 6-LBD Stable, LLC, 7-Woods Edge Farm, LLC & Godolphin, 8-Brad King & Todd Fincher

Saturday, Fair Grounds #10, post time: 5:36 p.m. EDT

MUNIZ MEMORIAL CLASSIC S. PRESENTED BY HORSE RACING NATION-GII, \$300,000, 4yo/up, 1 1/8mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Adhamo (Ire)	Intello (Ger)	Michael Dubb, Madaket Stables & Louis Lazzinnaro	Brown	Gaffalione	118
2	Strong Quality	Quality Road	Gary Barber and Kinsman Stable	Casse	Velazquez	122
3	Webslinger 🌿	Constitution	D. J. Stable LLC	Casse	Prat	118
4	Beatbox 🌿	Pioneerof the Nile	Rob Comestro and Jeff Ganje	DeVaux	Rosario	122
5	Irish Aces 🌿	Mshawish	Pocket Aces Racing LLC	Walsh	Hernandez, Jr.	120
6	Palazzi 🌿	Pioneerof the Nile	Gary Barber	Casse	Loveberry	118
7	Gigante 🌿	Not This Time	Diamond T Racing LLC and Iapetus Racing LLC	Asmussen	Morales	122
8	Point Proven 🌿	Gun Runner	Norman C. Miller IV	Cohn	Lanerie	118
9	Johny's Fireball 🌿	Tonalist	AJ Suited Racing Stable, LLC, D C Racing and Brilliant Racing, LLC	Casse	Santana, Jr.	120
10	Rising Empire 🌿	Empire Maker	Russell Welch and Ran M. Leonard	Walsh	Graham	118
11	Risk Manager	Lookin At Lucky	Case Chambers	Maker	Gutierrez	118
12	Woods N Water	Palace	Painter, Richard and Dewberry Farm	Thomas	Green	118
13	I'm Very Busy	Cloud Computing	Team Hanley, R. Schermerhorn & P Braverman	Brown	Ortiz, Jr.	120

Breeders: 1-Wertheimer et Frere, 2-Kinsman Farm, 3-Kenneth L. Ramsey & Sarah K. Ramsey, 4-Three Chimneys Farm, LLC, 5-Lynch Bages LTD, 6-HnR Nothhaft Horseracing LLC & Pioneerof the Nile Syndicate, 7-Ann Mudge Backer & Smitten Farm, 8-Three Chimneys Farm, LLC, 9-R. S. Evans, 10-Gainesway Thoroughbreds LTD., 11-Kenneth L. Ramsey & Sarah K. Ramsey, 12-Orange Grove Thoroughbreds, Inc. & Richard Painter, 13-Glenn E. Brok LLC & Mark Toothaker

FINISH STRONG

April Selected Horses of Racing Age Sale
After the Races | Friday, April 26

Entry Deadline for Print Catalog: April 1

ENTER NOW

KEENELAND

Saturday, Turfway #12, post time: 6:25 p.m. EDT

JEFF RUBY STEAKS-GIII, \$700,000, 3yo, 1 1/8m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Freedom Principle 🌿	Flameaway	Echo Papa Racing Corp.	Garoffalo	Beschizza	123
2	Dancing Groom 🌿	Vino Rosso	Alexandres, LLC	Sano	Dettori	123
3	Lucky Jeremy 🌿	Lookin At Lucky	Jeremy Ramsland	Morey	Corrales	123
4	Noted 🌿	Cairo Prince	Repole Stable	Pletcher	Saez	123
5	Agate Road 🌿	Quality Road	Repole Stable and St. Elias Stables LLC	Pletcher	Ortiz	123
6	Northern Flame	Flameaway	Jack Oxley, Harold Lerner LLC, AWC Stables and Magdalena Racing	McPeck	Leparoux	123
7	Woodcourt 🌿	Ransom the Moon	Contreras Stable Inc.	Contreras	Machado	123
8	Otello	Curlin	Siena Farm LLC and WinStar Farm LLC	Clement	Castellano	123
9	Seize the Grey	Arrogate	MyRacehorse	Lukas	Juarez	123
10	Endlessly	Oscar Performance	Amerman Racing LLC	McCarthy	Rispoli	123
11	Baytown Chatterbox 🌿	Street Sense	Baytown Partnership and Resolute Racing Alliance	McEntee	Jimenez	123
12	West Saratoga 🌿	Exaggerator	Harry L. Veruchi	Demeritte	Castanon	123
13	Circle P 🌿	Speightster	DeSales 85 LLC	Stites	Conner	123
14	Triple Espresso 🌿	Omaha Beach	Repole Stable and St. Elias Stables LLC	Pletcher	Ortiz	123

Breeders: 1-Lantern Hill Farm LLC, 2-Don Alberto Corporation, 3-Mr. & Mrs. Craig L Minten, 4-Brereton C. Jones, 5-CHC, Inc., 6-Debby M Oxley, 7-Michelle Lovell, 8-Siena Farms LLC, 9-Jamm, LTD., 10-Mrs. Jerry Amerman, 11-Alpha Delta Stables, LLC, 12-Two Hearts Farm II LLC, 13-Marathon Farms, Inc., 14-Ashview Farm & Colts Neck Stables

Saturday, Oaklawn #9, post time: 5:55 p.m. EDT

ESSEX H.-GIII, \$600,000, 4yo/up, 1 1/8m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Ain't Life Grand	Not This Time	RPM Thoroughbreds	Von Hemel	Garcia	117
2	Lure Him In	Khozan	C2 Racing Stable LLC, Double B Racing Stables, Braverman, Paul, Pinch, Timothy & Mach 1 Stables	Joseph, Jr.	Gonzalez	118
3	Wizard of Westwood 🌿	Tu Brutus (Chi)	Warren, Andrew N. and Warren, Rania	McCarthy	Vazquez	117
4	Great Escape 🌿	Midnight Storm	Bennewith, Arnold, Wiest, Rick, Clayton & Lana, Howg, R, R6 Stables, Kropp, Gary & Tremblay, N	Diodoro	Hernandez	118
5	Magic Tap 🌿	Tapit	Winchell Thoroughbreds LLC	Asmussen	Asmussen	118
6	War Campaign	Declaration of War	Jerry Namy	Sims	Esquivel	119
7	Time for Trouble 🌿	English Channel	Thorndale Stable LLC and Hiles, Jeff A.	Hiles	Bejarano	117
8	Seize the Night 🌿	Carpe Diem	Willis Horton Racing LLC	Milligan, Jr.	Torres	118
9	First Mission	Street Sense	Godolphin, LLC	Cox	Geroux	121

Breeders: 1-RPM Thoroughbreds, 2-Stonehedge LLC, 3-Pope McLean, 4-Usquebaugh Stables, LLC, 5-Don Alberto Corporation, 6-Jerry Namy, 7-Calumet Farm, 8-Cove Springs Farm LLC, 9-Godolphin



THE SIGN OF SUCCESS

Look for the  throughout the TDN graded stakes entries denoting Keeneland Sales Graduates.



FINISH STRONG

April Selected Horses of Racing Age Sale

After the Races | Friday, April 26

Entry Deadline for
Print Catalog: April 1

ENTER NOW

Saturday, Turfway #10, post time: 5:13 p.m. EDT

TWINSPIRES KENTUCKY CUP CLASSIC S.-GIII, \$300,000, 4yo/up, 1 1/8m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Surly Furious	Upstart	Novogratz Racing Stables Inc.	Wisner	Cedillo	124
2	Verstappen 🌿	War Front	Andrew Farm, For the People Racing Stable LLC and Windmill Manor Farm	Walsh	Cannon	120
3	Wolfie's Dynaghost	Ghostzapper	Woodslane Farm	Thomas	Ortiz	120
4	Harlan Estate 🌿	Kantharos	Graham Grace Stable	Beckman	Loveberry	120
5	Cellist	Big Blue Kitten	Calumet Farm	Arnold, II	Saez	120
6	Wentru 🌿	Tourist	Frank Taylor, BlackRidge Stables, Deters Company, James B. Keogh and Michael McCabe	Walden	Concepcion	120
7	Curlin's Malibu 🌿	Curlin	William Earl Atkins	Atkins	Lagunes	120
8	Atone	Into Mischief	Three Diamonds Farm	Maker	Castellano	120
9	Tio Magico	Uncle Mo	Agave Racing Stable and Sam-Son Farm	D'Amato	Machado	120
10	County Final 🌿	Oxbow	Ken Copenhagen	Joseph, Jr.	Dettori	120
11	Kitodan 🌿	Point of Entry	Foster Family Racing, Douglas Miller & W. Wargel	Foster	Rodriguez	120
12	Funtastic Again 🌿	Funtastic	Three Chimneys Farm	Ward	Corrales	120

Breeders: 1-Brereton C. Jones, 2-Frank Hutchinson, 3-Woodslane Farm, 4-Tall Oaks Farm, 5-Calumet Farm, 6-Don Alberto Corporation, 7-Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC, 8-Godolphin, 9-Sam-Son Farm, 10-Calumet Farm, 11-Flaxman Holdings Limited, 12-BHMFR, LLC

Saturday, Santa Anita #7, post time: 7:00 p.m. EDT

SAN LUIS REY S.-GIII, \$100,000, 4yo/up, 1 1/2mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Resultant 🌿	Frosted	H and E Ranch, Inc.	Hanson	Gonzalez	120
2	Offlee Naughty	Flashback	Daniell, James M. and Daniell, Donna	McCarthy	Hernandez	124
3	Balladeer	Distorted Humor	Nguyen, Calvin and Tran, Joey C.	Papaprodromou	Espinoza	124
4	Missed the Cut 🌿	Quality Road	Bee Zee LLC, Lanes End Racing, St. Elias Stables, LLC, Babington, Edward P., Hudson, Jr., Edward J. and Hudson, Lynne	Sadler	Fresu	124
5	Planetario (Brz)	Il Doge (Brz)	Red Rafa Stud, Inc	Mandella	Berrios	124

Breeders: 1-Sandra Sexton, 2-Gary & Mary West Stables Inc., 3-Bonne Chance Farm, LLC, 4-Framont LTD, 5-Stud Red Rafa

FINISH STRONG

April Selected Horses of Racing Age Sale
After the Races | Friday, April 26

Entry Deadline for
Print Catalog: April 1

ENTER NOW

KEENELAND

THURSDAY'S RACING INSIGHTS:

By J.N. Campbell



Stonestreet's Dreaming of Julia | Katie Petrunyak

WELL-BRED JUSTICE JULIA MAKES 3-YEAR-OLD DEBUT AT GULFSTREAM

2nd-GP, \$89K, Msw, 3yo/up, f, 1mT, 1:40 p.m. ET.

JUSTICE JULIA (**Medaglia d'Oro**) was a well-beaten fifth sprinting six furlongs in the Saratoga mud behind fellow Stonestreet hombred Emery (More Than Ready) and subsequent GIII Florida Oaks heroine Waskesiu (**American Pharoah**).

On the work tab since late January at trainer Todd Pletcher's Palm Beach Downs base, the 3-year-old is out of broodmare of the year Dreaming of Julia (A.P. Indy), who also produced champion 3-year-old Malathaat (**Curlin**) and her full-sister GSW Julia Shining.

Making her first start for trainer Riley Mott, is **Ms Lady de Vega** (Ire) (Lope de Vega), who was a 240,000gns purchase by Linda Juckette at the 2021 Tattersalls October Sale. **TJCIS PPS**

[Share this story](#) 

CAN'T WAIT TO GET YOUR
TDN BREAKING NEWS AND
RACE RESULTS?

[Click Here](#) to sign up for TDN Alerts

ALLOWANCE WINNERS

brought to you by
 **MUIRFIELD INSURANCE**
SECURITY • SOLUTIONS • SERVICE
Michael T. Levy • Bryce Burton • Del Pearson • Julie Moses • 859.253.1114
www.muirfieldinsurance.com

IN ORDER OF PURSE:

5th-Fair Grounds, \$58,000, Alw (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$100,000), 3-20, 3yo, f, 5 1/2fT, 1:04.49, fm, 3 1/4 lengths.

IMABOUTAGO (IRE) (f, 3, Calyx {GB}--Newtown Pippin {GB}, by Dubawi {Ire}) debuted with a front-running score at Gulfstream Dec. 8 and was installed the even-money favorite to make it two straight here. Sent straight to the fore again this time, she blazed through an opening quarter in :22.26.

Comfortably in command turning for home, the Irish-bred sophomore cruised under the wire a confident 3 1/4-length winner over Topsy Runner (Omaha Beach) with Intermittent Fast (**Tapwrit**) rounding out the trifecta. The winner's dam produced a colt by Cotai Glory (GB) last season. Sales history: €12,000 Wlg '21 GOFNO1; 105,000gns Ylg '22 TATOCT. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$70,800. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

O-e Five Racing Thoroughbreds; B-Ennistown Stud (IRE); T-Wesley A. Ward.

BBA Ireland — **Transport Purchase Insurance**



Calyx | Coolmore

MAIDEN WINNERS

Did You Know?  **LEGACY Bloodstock SOLD!**
3 Sessions Toppers
at Keeneland September since 2020!
 PROUD TO REPRESENT TOP HORSEMEN

IN ORDER OF PURSE:

7th-Fair Grounds, \$57,000, Msw, 3-20, 3yo, 1mT, 1:40.49, fm, 1 length.

NIGHT OUT (c, 3, More Than Ready--Carnival Lass, by Distorted Humor) hit the board in two of three starts over a mile, including a last-out third going a sixteenth farther in his turf bow here Feb. 15. Settled in a stalking position through moderate opening splits, the bay took over in the stretch and was a length-clear of Special Dispatch (**Mendelssohn**) at the wire. Carnival Lass is also responsible for a yearling by **Not This Time** and was bred back to **Nyquist**. She is most notably a granddaughter of Delta Princess (A.P. Indy), the dam of three-time champion and earner of over \$4.8 million Royal Delta (Empire Maker). Lifetime Record: 6-1-1-2, \$57,540. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

O-Godolphin, LLC; B-Godolphin (KY); T-Michael Stidham.

 **FIRST & SECOND-CROP RUNNERS**
 sponsored by **JUSTICE REAL ESTATE**

SECOND-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: THURSDAY, MARCH 21 2024 Stud Fees Listed

Catalina Cruiser (Union Rags), Lane's End Farm, \$10,000
 173 foals of racing age/19 winners/0 black-type winners
 1-Oaklawn, 1:30 p.m. EDT, Msw 1 1/16m, First of His Name, 12-1
 \$400,000 OBS APR 2yo

Catholic Boy (More Than Ready), Claiborne Farm, \$10,000
 161 foals of racing age/19 winners/1 black-type winner
 1-Oaklawn, 1:30 p.m. EDT, Msw 1 1/16m, Brio, 10-1
 \$40,000 FTD MAR 2yo

Coal Front (Stay Thirsty), Spendthrift Farm, \$5,000
 80 foals of racing age/13 winners/2 black-type winners
 3-Fair Grounds, 2:45 p.m. EDT, Msw 1m, In B. J.'s Honor, 5-1

Maximus Mischief (Into Mischief), Spendthrift Farm, \$25,000
 231 foals of racing age/41 winners/3 black-type winners
 3-Fair Grounds, 2:45 p.m. EDT, Msw 1m, Dr. Boo, 15-1
 \$37,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$50,000 OBS OPN 2yo
 6-Charles Town, 9:21 p.m. EDT, Alw 4 1/2f, Kristinachrysalis, 9-5
 \$50,000 RNA FTK FEB wnl


 **CLICK HERE**
 to view the largest selection of farms for sale in Kentucky's Bluegrass Region
www.kyhorsefarms.com | 859.255.3657 | LEXINGTON, KENTUCKY

 **ADDITIONAL RACING**

STAKES RESULTS:

ATBA THREE YEAR OLD SALES S., (NB) \$42,935, Turf Paradise, 3-19, 3yo, f, 6f, 1:11.78, ft.

1--**STORMYLUX, 122, f, 3, Sir Prancealot (Ire)--Tiz Goldilux, by Tizdejavu.** (\$8,000 RNA Ylg '22 FTCA YR; \$1,500 Ylg '22 ARZNOV). O-Alvarez Racing Stables, LLC; B-Regan Wright & Easterbrook Livestock Management (CA); T-Sergio Alvarez; J-Cerapio Figueroa. \$24,197. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$29,897.

2--**Ez Arizona, 122, f, 3, Ez Effort--Arizona Ranger, by U S Ranger.** (\$3,500 Ylg '22 ARZNOV). ***1ST-TIME STARTER.** O-Alvarez Racing Stables, LLC; B-fleming Thoroughbred Farm LLC, Bill Matthews, and Filippo Santoro (AZ); T-Sergio Alvarez. \$9,219.

3--**Tia Suzi, 122, f, 3, Lotsa Mischief--My Indy Kitty, by Tale of the Cat.** (\$1,500 Ylg '22 ARZNOV). O-Alvarez Racing Stables, LLC; B-Fleming Thoroughbred Farm LLC (AZ); T-Sergio Alvarez. \$4,659.

Margins: HF, NK, NK. Odds: 3.80, 15.10, 74.60.

Seeing **RED?**

Click on a **stallion's name** to learn more about them on their page on the farm's website.

ATBA THREE YEAR OLD SALES S., (NB) \$42,636, Turf Paradise, 3-19, 3yo, f, 6f, 1:09.88, ft.

1--**GREASE MISSILE, 122, f, 3, Clubhouse Ride--Midnighthush, by Midnight Lute.** O-Jeremy Ramsland; B-Dino & Josephine Bates (CA); T-Bart G. Hone; J-Geovanni Franco. \$24,198. Lifetime Record: 6-4-0-2, \$125,528.

2--**Calebs Lady, 122, f, 3, Caleb's Posse--Lady of Honor, by Algorithms.** O-Eugene Schroder, Larry C Porter. and Caleb Bullock; B-Leonard Eugene Schroder DVM, Larry Porter & Caleb Gene Bullock (OK); T-Kevin Eikleberry. \$9,219.

3--**Lotsa Steel, 122, f, 3, Lotsa Mischief--Spinning Steel, by Hard Spun.** (\$3,000 Ylg '22 ARZNOV). O-Alvarez Racing Stables, LLC; B-Fleming Thoroughbred Farm LLC (AZ); T-Sergio Alvarez. \$4,659.

Margins: 8 1/4, 3 1/4, 6. Odds: 0.05, 21.70, 39.30.

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

4th-Fair Grounds, \$59,000, (S), 3-20, (NW3L), 4yo/up, f/m, 1m 70y, 1:44.28, ft, 4 1/4 lengths.

OLIVIA G (f, 4, Strong Mandate--Adrienne G {MSP, \$346,012}, by Indygo Shiner) Lifetime Record: MSP, 14-3-6-2, \$195,260. O/B-Thomas M. Galvin (LA); T-Patricia G. West. *1/2 to A G's Charlotte (Mo Tom), MSW, \$458,410.

3rd-Fair Grounds, \$57,000, (NW2\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$50,000), 3-20, 4yo/up, 5 1/2ft, 1:04.17, fm, 3 1/4 lengths.

AMBIVALENT (h, 6, Constitution--Screwgie, by Smart Strike) Lifetime Record: GSP, 15-3-3-3, \$210,100. O-Gulliver Racing LLC; B-J Stephen McDonald (KY); T-Grant T. Forster. *\$95,000 Ylg '19 KEESEP; \$550,000 RNA 2yo '20 OBSMAR; \$45,000 5yo '23 FTCAYR. **1/2 to Spungie (Hard Spun), MSP, \$275,550.



9th-Parx Racing, \$52,800, (NW2X)/Opt. Clm (\$35,000), 3-20, 4yo/up, 1m 70y, 1:44.69, ft, 2 1/4 lengths.

COUNTERSPY (g, 4, Gun Runner--Simplify {SW & GSP, \$261,658}, by Pulpit) Lifetime Record: 12-4-3-0, \$150,117. O-Jack J. Armstrong; B-Winchell Thoroughbreds LLC (KY); T-Robert Mosco. *\$150,000 Ylg '21 KEESEP; \$47,000 3yo '23 KEENOV. **Full to Optionality, MSW, \$193,798; 1/2 to Simple Surprise (Cowboy Cal), SW, \$185,446.

STEVEN W. YOUNG HORA Purchase

10th-Turf Paradise, \$31,500, (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$12,500-\$16,000), 3-19, 3yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:37.34, ft, nose.

LORRAINE'S LEGACY (f, 4, Include--Loving Lorraine, by Bernstein) Lifetime Record: 11-4-3-0, \$81,570. O-Kenneth M. White; B-Lothenbach Stables Inc (KY); T-Lisa Gangidino.

6th-Mahoning Valley, \$28,900, 3-20, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 1m, 1:41.96, gd, 1/2 length.

DARK BARON (g, 4, Outwork--Baroness Juliette, by Speightstown) Lifetime Record: 12-2-2-0, \$45,038. O-Kristina M. Tumblin; B-MAMAS Thoroughbreds, LLC (IA); T-Andrew Tumblin. *1/2 to No More Time (Not This Time), GSW, \$226,780.

7th-Mahoning Valley, \$27,500, 3-20, (NW4L), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:14.46, gd, 3/4 length.

STAR ENTERTAINER (h, 5, Union Rags--Trendy Chic, by Giant's Causeway) Lifetime Record: 22-4-4-5, \$105,600. O-Irish Charm Thoroughbreds LLC; B-Gary & Mary West Stables Inc. (KY); T-Gary L. Johnson.

4th-Mahoning Valley, \$25,900, 3-20, (NW2L), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:13.46, gd, 3 3/4 lengths.

OUTSPOKEN (f, 3, Violence--Melody Lady {SW}, by Unbridled's Song) Lifetime Record: 6-2-1-0, \$62,164. O-Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners & Repole Stable; B-Whisper Hill Farm, LLC (KY); T-Patricia Trimble. *\$300,000 Ylg '22 KEESEP. **Full to Volatile, GISW, \$341,040; and Buy Sell Hold, SW & GSP, \$125,520.



ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Az We Speak, f, 3, Sharp Azteca--Speak No Evil, by Hear No Evil. Mahoning Valley, 3-20, (S), 6f, 1:15.77. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$19,080. B-Robert M. Gorham (OH). *1ST-TIME STARTER.

Cowboy Brody, g, 4, Brody's Cause--R Lady Hansen, by Hansen. Will Rogers Downs, 3-20, (S), 1m, 1:39.66. Lifetime Record: 5-1-2-0, \$29,529. B-Dale Schenian & Francisco Bravo (OK).

Mr Peloton, g, 4, Code West--Goodheartedgirl (SW, \$194,304), by Ellerton. Will Rogers Downs, 3-19, (S), 5 1/2f, 1:05.68. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$23,872. B-Robbin Caldwell (OK).

o o o

TODAY'S FEATURED REPLAY



FANDUEL TV

THE ONLY NETWORK THAT SHOWS RACING

365 DAYS A YEAR

Imaboutago (by Calyx {GB}) remains undefeated with her confident Fair Grounds victory Wednesday.

[\(click to watch\)](#)

Golden Rebal, g, 4, **Goldcents**--Ten Crowns (SW), by Tenpins. Will Rogers Downs, 3-20, 5 1/2f, 1:04.90. Lifetime Record: 6-1-2-1, \$34,411. B-Silent Grove Farms LLC & Mineola Farm II, LLC (KY). *\$16,500 Ylg '21 FTKOCT.

Gospel Fabulous, f, 4, **Gospel Tiz Key**--Gospel Arrow, by Purim. Will Rogers Downs, 3-20, (S), 1m, 1:41.08. Lifetime Record: 13-1-4-2, \$49,924. B-Steve Williams (OK).

Fortysixcounts, g, 4, **Khozan**--Fru Fru, by **Medaglia d'Oro**. Tampa Bay Downs, 3-20, 6f, 1:10.01. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$33,900. B-Stonehedge LLC (FL). *1/2 to Well Defined (With Distinction), GSW, \$779,267. **1ST-TIME STARTER.

Delovely, f, 4, **More Than Ready**--Delightful, by Bernardini. Mahoning Valley, 3-20, 6f, 1:14.78. Lifetime Record: 9-1-1-1, \$25,601. B-Helen C. Alexander (KY). *\$4,000 4yo '24 FTKFEB.

Consigned by  **GAINESWAY**

Malibu Springs, g, 4, **Quality Road**--Marquee Miss (MSW & GSP, \$373,516), by Cowboy Cal. Gulfstream, 3-20, 1 1/16mT, 1:39.84. Lifetime Record: 8-1-3-1, \$101,138. B-WinStar Farm, LLC (KY). *\$85,000 3yo '23 KEEAPR.

Fleetwood Bloodstock Recommended HORA Purchase



WINSTAR BRED



Typhoon Lagoon, g, 5, **Kitten's Joy**--My Typhoon (Ire) (GISW, \$1,308,361), by Giant's Causeway. Tampa Bay Downs, 3-20, 1mT, 1:34.70. Lifetime Record: 8-1-1-2, \$60,940. B-Live Oak Stud (FL).

Happy to Please, m, 5, **Runhappy**--Bartoletta, by Arch. Will Rogers Downs, 3-20, 5 1/2f, 1:06.39. Lifetime Record: 4-1-1-1, \$24,216. B-Claiborne Farm (KY). *\$25,000 Ylg '20 KEESEP.



FOR OVER 110 YEARS

ALL TDN WINNERS BY SIRE

sponsored by

IRT  **Your Horse. Our Passion.**

IRT USA: Tel +1 630 377 2300
Tel +44 1638 668 003

www.irt.com  

Brody's Cause, Cowboy Brody, g, 4, o/o R Lady Hansen, by Hansen. MSW, 3-20, Will Rogers

Calyx (GB), Imaboutago (Ire), f, 3, o/o Newtown Pippin (GB), by Dubawi (Ire). AOC, 3-20, Fair Grounds

Clubhouse Ride, Grease Missile, f, 3, o/o Midnighthush, by **Midnight Lute**. ATBA Three Year Old Sales S., 3-19, Turf Paradise
Code West, Mr Peloton, g, 4, o/o Goodheartedgirl, by Ellerton. MSW, 3-19, Will Rogers

Constitution, Ambivalent, h, 6, o/o Screwgie, by Smart Strike. AOC, 3-20, Fair Grounds

Goldcents, Golden Rebal, g, 4, o/o Ten Crowns, by Tenpins. MSW, 3-20, Will Rogers

Gospel Tiz Key, Gospel Fabulous, f, 4, o/o Gospel Arrow, by Purim. MSW, 3-20, Will Rogers

Gun Runner, Counterspy, g, 4, o/o Simplify, by Pulpit. AOC, 3-20, Parx Racing

Include, Lorraine's Legacy, f, 4, o/o Loving Lorraine, by Bernstein. AOC, 3-19, Turf Paradise

Khozan, Fortysixcounts, g, 4, o/o Fru Fru, by **Medaglia d'Oro**. MSW, 3-20, Tampa Bay

Kitten's Joy, Typhoon Lagoon, g, 5, o/o My Typhoon (Ire), by Giant's Causeway. MSW, 3-20, Tampa Bay

More Than Ready, Delovely, f, 4, o/o Delightful, by Bernardini. MSW, 3-20, Mahoning Valley

More Than Ready, Night Out, c, 3, o/o Carnival Lass, by Distorted Humor. MSW, 3-20, Fair Grounds

Outwork, Dark Baron, g, 4, o/o Baroness Juliette, by Speightstown. ALW, 3-20, Mahoning Valley

Quality Road, Malibu Springs, g, 4, o/o Marquee Miss, by Cowboy Cal. MSW, 3-20, Gulfstream

Runhappy, Happy to Please, m, 5, o/o Bartoletta, by Arch. MSW, 3-20, Will Rogers

Sharp Azteca, Az We Speak, f, 3, o/o Speak No Evil, by Hear No Evil. MSW, 3-20, Mahoning Valley

Sir Prancealot (Ire), Stormylux, f, 3, o/o Tiz Goldilux, by Tizdejavu. ATBA Three Year Old Sales S., 3-19, Turf Paradise

Strong Mandate, Olivia G, f, 4, o/o Adrienne G, by Indygo Shiner. ALW, 3-20, Fair Grounds

Union Rags, Star Entertainer, h, 5, o/o Trendy Chic, by Giant's Causeway. ALW, 3-20, Mahoning Valley

Violence, Outspoken, f, 3, o/o Melody Lady, by Unbridled's Song. ALW, 3-20, Mahoning Valley

TDN CRITERIA

The races covered in the TDN are as follows:

- Stakes: purses of \$40,000/up
- Allowance Races: purses of \$20,000/up
- Optional Claiming Races: purses of \$20,000/up
- Maiden Special Weight Races: purses of \$18,000/up
- Maiden Claiming Races: purses of \$18,000/up & a minimum claiming price of \$40,000

O'BRIEN HAS SARATOGA AIM FOR GUINEAS AND DERBY FAVOURITE CITY OF TROY



Aidan O'Brien and City Of Troy at home at Ballydoyle on
Wednesday | [Racingfotos.com](#)

By Brian Sheerin

Aidan O'Brien is busy preparing for what could turn out to be one of his boldest ever campaigns at Ballydoyle with plans in place for City Of Troy (*Justify*) to tackle the 2,000 Guineas and the Derby followed by an audacious tilt at the Travers S. on the dirt at Saratoga later this summer. [Cont. p3](#)

That's what they all say...
It's an absolute fact of stallion marketing that **all first-crop foals** are strong, correct, great movers and the best the mare's ever had. Does anyone ever believe a word of it?

YULONG'S VIA SISTINA AND PLACE DU CARROUSEL TO CLASH IN G1 RANVET

by Emma Berry

While Saturday ushers in the new turf season in Britain, there are almost as many European horses nominated to run at Rosehill in Sydney that same day.

In the G1 Ranvet S., six of the seven runners were bred in either Britain, Ireland or France, and they include two seven-figure purchases made by Yulong Investments last December.

Group 1-winning mares **Via Sistina (Ire)** (Fastnet Rock {Aus}), who was bought for 2.7 million gns at Tattersalls, and **Place Du Carrousel (Ire)** (Lope De Vega {Ire}), a €4.025 million Arqana purchase, are now trained respectively by Chris Waller and Anthony and Sam Freedman. They are set to go head to head in the 2,000-metre contest which also features **Buckaroo (GB)** (Fastnet Rock {Aus}), a former dual Listed winner in Ireland, French Listed winner **Bois d'Argent (GB)** (Toronado {Ire}), **Military Mission (Ire)** (Mastercraftsman {Ire}), and **Zeyrek (Fr)** (*Sea The Stars* {Ire}). Nine of the last 12 runnings of the race have been won by a horse bred in Europe.

Waller, who saddles both Via Sistina and Buckaroo for the A\$1 million race, told Australia's *Sky Racing World* that he has been following the example set by his British counterpart William Haggas, who has twice won the Ranvet, with Addeybb (Ire) and Dubai Honour (Ire). [Cont. p8](#)

IN TDN AMERICA TODAY

COMPUTER ASSISTED WAGERING: ANATOMY OF A DEAL

Dan Ross delves into a deal made between Del Mar and one of the biggest Computer Assisted Wagering (CAW) players in 2023.

So we asked breeders to tell us what they *really* think: Maurice Burns said, 'These two, they're proper foals.' Tom Goff 'couldn't take his eyes off' his filly. Tom Blain's 'looks extremely fast'. Ed Player confessed, 'I don't usually get this excited.' **CATURRA** Top breeders recommend him. No, really...

OVERBURY Stud

PUBLISHER & CEO

Sue Morris Finley @suefinley
suefinley@thetdn.com

SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT

Gary King @garykingTDN
garyking@thetdn.com

European & International Editor

Emma Berry @collingsberry
emmaberry@thetdn.com

Managing Editor

Heather Anderson @HLAndersonTDN

Business Development Manager

Alayna Cullen Birkett @AlaynaCullen
alaynacullen@thetdn.com

European Sales Editor

Brian Sheerin @BrianSheerin91

Associate European Editor

Adam Houghton @hought94

Cafe Racing

Sean Cronin & Tom Frary
caferacing@thetdn.com

Contributing Editors

Alan Carasso
Christina Bossinakis

Regular Columnists

Chris McGrath | John Berry | Paul Hayward

ADVERTISING

advertising@thetdn.com

Director of Advertising

Alycia Borer

Advertising Manager

Lia Best

Advertising Designers

Amanda Crelin
Amie Newcomb

Advertising Assistant/Dir. of Distribution

Kristen Zaidi

Advertising Assistant

Liz Fronczek

60 Broad Street, Suite 105

Red Bank, NJ 07701

732-747-8060 | www.TheTDN.com/europe

Thursday, March 21, 2024



Team Ballydoyle in action on the front gallop on Wednesday morning.

| Racingfotos.com

NEW 'RISING STARS' AT TOULOUSE/SOUTHWELL 5

*Puchkine (Fr) is the newest 'TDN Rising Star' For **Starspangledbanner (Aus)**, while Night Raider (Ire) (Dark Angel {Ire}) was crowned at Southwell.*

ROGUE MILLENNIUM POISED FOR BOLD CAMPAIGN 7

Joseph O'Brien gave an update on several of his stable stars including new recruit Rogue Millennium (Ire) (Dubawi {Ire}).

STRONG EUROPEAN CHALLENGE FOR HKCD 9

A strong team of European raiders have signed on for the FWD Champions Day at Sha Tin in Hong Kong.

Don't Miss!

Breaking News • Featured Videos
Podcasts & Features • Sire Lists & TDN Rising Stars
TDN Archives

thetdn.com/europe

Ballydoyle & City Of Troy Cont. from p1

Meanwhile, dual Derby and Breeders' Cup hero Auguste Rodin (Deep Impact {Jpn}), arguably the most important older horse to have been kept in training at Ballydoyle for many years, is set to get his campaign underway in next week's Dubai Sheema Classic.

Described by joint-owner Michael Tabor as "our **Frankel**" after he slammed his Dewhurst rivals last term, City Of Troy heads the Guineas and Derby betting at odds of 4-6 and 2-1 respectively.

With so much on the line for a horse who has commanded such praise, O'Brien could be forgiven for feeling the pressure. The truth couldn't be further from the case.

Speaking at a media morning at Ballydoyle on Wednesday, O'Brien said, "I don't feel pressure at all. All we can do is our best and whatever will be will be. But he [City Of Troy] looks a bit different at the moment anyway."

O'Brien added, "He has always been very special. He always looked a bit different--even from the time we worked him to when he ran in his maiden. All you can do is just keep turning up and running and see what is going to happen, but he does work very differently [to anything else]."

"Horses are working in very bad ground at the moment--it's deep. He shouldn't like that at all but he is just powering through it. We hope to get him to Naas on Sunday after racing. They'll all work together--him, Henry Longfellow (Ire) (Dubawi {Ire}), River Tiber (Ire) (**Wootton Bassett {GB}**), they'll all go together over seven or seven-and-a-half furlongs. The plan is to go straight to the Guineas with City Of Troy.

"If that went well, then he could go for the Derby, and if that

went well, there's a chance he could go to Saratoga for the Travers Stakes. That's very possible if things go well and it will be interesting."

O'Brien is no stranger to running top-class horses on the dirt. Johannesburg famously won the Breeders' Cup Juvenile in 2001 while Galileo (Ire), George Washington (Ire), Henrythenavigator and Duke Of Marmalade (Ire) are some of the more established names to have tackled the Breeders' Cup Classic, albeit the latter pair's efforts came on the Pro-Ride surface at Santa Anita in 2008.

Mendelssohn came closest to delivering O'Brien and the Coolmore team a breakthrough success in the Travers when second to **Catholic Boy** in the 2018 edition of the race. However, City Of Troy would rank as by far the most high-profile colt that connections have pointed towards the Travers, with O'Brien putting his confidence behind last year's European Champion Two-Year-Old's ability to handle the surface on breeding.

Speaking about the reasoning behind such ambitious campaigning, he explained, "It's just to expose him, really. Obviously he's by **Justify**, which makes **Justify** very exciting for us because he should be able to do dirt as easily as he does grass. That's what makes him unique, really.

"Every one of those Justifys are the same. They are long-striding and big horses. They are scopey and very genuine. They are all happy to go forward and you can't go hard enough in their races. It's going to be very exciting."

O'Brien added, "He's done very well over the winter. He's a medium-sized horse to look at, but when you stand into him he's much bigger than you think he is, which is the sign of a very well-proportioned horse. It will be exciting." **Cont. p4**

“ I remember him vividly as a yearling... a most unbelievable physical and obviously what he did on the racetrack was phenomenal. I'm a huge fan of the Scat Daddy line ”

Alex Elliott



LITTLE BIG BEAR

European Champion 2YO by NO NAY NEVER

COOLMORE

New for 2024 | Fee: €27,500

BAAEED

*The foals everyone
has been waiting for!*

OFFICIAL RATING:

135

TIMEFORM RATING:

137



“This Baaeed filly is an exceptional foal! She has size, strength and substance, is correct and moves effortlessly. There is tonnes of class and quality. We couldn’t be happier.”

Mike Ryan
on his filly out of Kamakura

“We are very happy with him. He is a strong, quality first foal being a good size, correct and athletic. I see a lot of Baaeed in him!”

Patrick Cosgrove
on his colt out of Lucilia



“He is a lovely, strong colt, probably the best the mare has had! We couldn’t be happier with him at this early stage.”

Sara Cumani on the colt out of Baisse bred by Imperium Syndicate Ltd

“I am delighted with Cloudy Dawn’s Baaeed filly who is a strong, well-made foal with lots of depth and good bone.”

James Wigan on his filly out of Cloudy Dawn

“We have a very nice colt. He is well put together, balanced with a lot of quality. He has been stamped by Baaeed! We are very happy and have used him again this year.”

Nicolas de Chambure on the colt out of Koubalibre bred by Sarl de Chambure et al.

£80,000 October 1st SLF

Standing at Beech House Stud, UK

Contact Will Wright:

+44 (0)7787 422901 | nominations@shadwellstud.co.uk





Henry Longfellow | Racingfotos.com

Ballydoyle & City Of Troy Cont.

He added, "When John [Magnier] and the lads are thinking like that, they are not afraid to push him out there and see what he is able to do. If it went well in the Guineas, we're happy to step up to a mile and a half in the Derby and then you could come back to a mile and a quarter on the dirt at Saratoga."

City Of Troy is likely to be O'Brien's sole runner in the Guineas while targets for Henry Longfellow, Diego Velazquez (Ire) (Frankel {GB}), River Tiber and Unquestionable (Fr) (Wootton Bassett {GB}) will be decided after they work at Naas this weekend.

O'Brien said, "I'd imagine if City Of Troy goes to the Guineas, he'll go himself. River Tiber always worked very well. He wasn't right in Deauville or in the Middle Park--he wasn't one hundred per cent, so there's a good chance there's more to come from him. I think he's a miler--he's fast. I couldn't see him getting much further.

"Unquestionable could go for the French Guineas. He's done very well. He'll go to Naas on Sunday to work and he could go for a trial in France before going back for the Guineas. He could be a French Derby horse. He's not as quick as the others, so he could get a bit further.

"When we went to America with them last year, River Tiber was five lengths better than the winner. He's not rated that way, but if you put the two of them together, that is what will happen."

O'Brien added, "Henry Longfellow could stretch out but he looks like a miler the way he's going, so how much further he'd get, I'm not sure. He could be a French Derby horse, as could Diego Velazquez--he might be more than a Guineas horse, but he'll go with them [to Naas] as well, so it will be interesting."

Asked for an under-the-radar three-year-old colt to follow for

the campaign, O'Brien put forward Grosvenor Square (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}), winner of the G3 Eyrefield S. at Leopardstown last term and no bigger than 20-1 for the Derby.

"Grosvenor Square could be a very interesting horse," he said. "I think he'd have no problem with better ground. He's not a heavy-framed horse, he's a good mover. He'll go for a Derby trial."

City Of Troy is not the only horse that O'Brien is exploring the idea of running on dirt this season as Dubai-bound Auguste Rodin could tackle the surface at some point this year. More immediately, races like the Tattersalls Gold Cup at the Curragh and the Prince Of Wales's S. at Royal Ascot will come under consideration for the four-year-old after Meydan.

O'Brien concluded, "Auguste Rodin has another bit of work to do before he goes on Saturday, but everything looks good at the moment. It's his first run of the year but we're very happy with him.

"The plan was he goes there, then he could go to the Curragh for the Tattersalls Gold Cup and then Ascot for the Prince of Wales's.

"After that, we could have a look at a dirt race with him. We'll see how that goes. He could go to Saratoga as well. His season will be split in two really, with a busy first half and then a break. As a rule, Deep Impacts are mainly turf horses, but we were surprised how well he worked on the dirt at the Breeders' Cup--he floated over it. He has an unusual action, so it will be interesting to see."

[Share this story](#)

'I LIKE HER A LOT' - O'BRIEN SAYS YLANG YLANG AN ABLE 1,000 GUINEAS DEPUTY

By Brian Sheerin

Ryan Moore would have faced a straightforward decision to ride Opera Singer (Justify) in the 1,000 Guineas had Ballydoyle arrived at Newmarket with a full strength squad, according to Aidan O'Brien, who hopes Ylang Ylang (GB) (Frankel {GB}) can prove an able deputy to the runaway Prix Marcel Boussac winner on May 5 .

O'Brien revealed on Monday that Opera Singer was unlikely to make the 1,000 Guineas after suffering a minor setback which resulted in Ylang Ylang's odds tumbling from 8-1 into as short as 7-2 in places. Speaking at a Ballydoyle media morning on Wednesday, he all but ruled the filly out of Newmarket.

While O'Brien described himself as a big fan of the G1 Fillies' Mile heroine Ylang Ylang, he remains in little doubt over the pecking order in the three-year-old fillies' brigade.

Asked if Moore would have faced a difficult decision if Opera Singer and Ylang Ylang were to line out against each other at Newmarket, O'Brien said, "I don't think so." [Cont. p5](#)

Ylang Ylang Cont.

O'Brien said, "If Opera Singer was going to make the Guineas, I don't think it would have been a difficult choice for Ryan. She [Opera Singer] is very good. What she did in the Boussac...she's another **Justify**, set her off in front and follow her if you want.

"The other filly [Ylang Ylang] is very good but you have to take your time with her. That's what makes the Justifys so good, they are so uncomplicated."



Ylang Ylang: the new 1,000 Guineas favourite | *Racingfotos.com*

He added on Ylang Ylang, "I like her a lot. She did very well to do what she did because everything went wrong with her the third day--she was too keen. She had to come back to Newmarket and relax but then to go back and do what she did in the Fillies' Mile, you'd have to like her a lot.

"She could get a mile and a half as she's out of a Shamardal mare, so there's every chance she could, and the way she likes to be ridden will help her.

"Opera Singer is cantering but missed a few weeks, so I imagine the Irish 1,000 Guineas would be the earliest we'll see her. We'd just have to rush her too much otherwise. The year is long."

Group 3 winner Content (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) is another filly that O'Brien holds in high regard with a view towards some of the fillies' Classics.

He said, "Content was impressive last year, she had a lovely run first time but then went to Ascot and lost her way, we had to slow her down and get her to relax.

"She won at the Curragh and came home very well [in fourth] in the Breeders' Cup. She could be a very nice filly, you just have to take your time with her, as she has plenty of speed."

[Share this story](#)

PUCHKINE A NEW RISING STAR AT TOULOUSE by *Tom Frary*

Spring is in the air at last and with it came the first of several Jean-Claude Rouget Classic hopefuls at Toulouse on Wednesday evening. Step forward the unbeaten Alain Jathiere homebred **Puchkine (Fr) (Starspangledbanner {Aus}--Vadyska {Ire}, by So You Think {NZ})**, whose Prix Torrestrella *tour de force* created an exciting opening verse to the Pau-based maestro's 2024 address.

"It's going to be a long season", he quipped in his post-race analysis on the *Equidia* channel, but if this impressive new **TDN Rising Star** is anything to go by it will be another highly profitable one.

Puchkine, whose juvenile campaign consisted of successful forays to La Teste, this track and Pau, was re-entering the scene in a five-runner affair over a mile and was keen anchored last of the quintet by Jean-Bernard Eyquem early. Quickening out wide to take control 300 metres from the line, the 2-5 favourite who holds entries in the G1 Poule d'Essai des Poulains and G1 Prix du Jockey Club drew away in impressive fashion to extend his tally by 3 1/2 lengths from Denisjonh (Fr) (Born To Sea {Ire}).

Rouget was on hand to witness the display and told *Equidia*, "He was fresh, but also a little bit tense, so this is encouraging. It wouldn't have been a big deal if he had been beaten today, because he was making his comeback. It's going to be a long season. The goal is to run the Poule d'Essai and before that, he will run the [Apr. 21 Listed] Prix Aymeri de Mauléon, as we can't let him go two months without racing. He has a lot of speed and I don't think he'll stay 2100 metres." **Cont. p6**



Starspangledbanner now has five 'TDN Rising Stars' to his credit *Coolmore*

Puchkine Cont.

Puchkine, who becomes the fifth TDN Rising Star for **Starspangledbanner** alongside the G1 Cheveley Park S. runner-up Flotus (Ire), is out of an unraced half-sister to the Listed Diana-Trial winner Romina Power (Fr) (Le Havre {Ire}). She is a daughter of Rockatella (Ire) (Rock Of Gibraltar {Ire}), who was a listed winner placed three times in pattern races including the G3 Prix de Lieurey. Descended from Meon Valley's great Reprocolor (GB) (Jimmy Reppin {GB}), whose latest flagbearer was last year's G3 Hoppings S. winner and G1 Nassau S. runner-up Zeyaadah (Ire) (Tamayuz {GB}), she is also responsible for the listed-placed filly Slevka (Fr) (Shalaa {Ire}). Her 2-year-old colt by Fas (Ire) is named Zvokokiev (Fr).

[Share this story](#) 

NEW TDN RISING STAR

4th-Toulouse, €30,000, Cond, 3-20, 3yo, 8fT, 1:37.60, sf.

PUCHKINE (FR), c, 3, by Starspangledbanner (Aus)

1st Dam: Vadyska (Ire), by So You Think (NZ)

2nd Dam: Rockatella (Ire), by Rock Of Gibraltar (Ire)

3rd Dam: Patrimony (GB), by Cadeaux Genereux (GB)

Lifetime Record: 4-4-0-0, €53,500. [Click for the free](#)

[Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree](#). [Video, sponsored by FanDuel TV.](#)

O/B-Alain Jathiere (FR); T-Jean-Claude Rouget.

DARK ANGEL'S NIGHT RAIDER SHOOTS TO RISING STARDOM AT SOUTHWELL *by Tom Frary*

Steve Parkin's Clipper Logistics have live Guineas contenders of both sexes in 2024 as the Karl Burke-trained **Night Raider (Ire) (Dark Angel {Ire}--Dorraar {Ire}, by Shamardal)** produced a sensational display to obtain **TDN Rising Star** status at Southwell on Wednesday evening. Off the mark in style by nine lengths this track and seven-furlong trip on debut in December, the 1-4 favourite tanked his way to the front under Danny Tudhope from the outset. Chased entering the straight by his only serious rival, last year's G3 Acomb S. fifth **Cogitate (Ire) (Churchill {Ire})**, the 155,000gns Tatts December Foal purchase simply extended away to score by five lengths, registering a penultimate split of :10.98 and a final three-furlong sectional of :34.12 in the process.

Burke, who is preparing the owner's G1 Moyglare Stud S. winner Fallen Angel (GB) (Too Darn Hot {GB}) for the May 5 G1 1000 Guineas, is planning on sending Night Raider for the previous day's Newmarket Classic.

"He's a horse of huge potential, we know that and he's not fully wound up by any stretch of the imagination," he said of the half-brother to Farhh's G3 Palace House S.-winning first-season sire Far Above (Ire).

"His weight was identical to first time out and all of ours improve for their first time. Nadir, who leads him up, said he has taken more of a blow tonight than he did the first time. He was a second-and-a-half faster this time and I don't know if that is down to ability or the track riding faster. The Guineas isn't the be all and end all for him and he's a horse with a big future."

"He may have been on grass at the beginning of his two-year-old career, but he certainly wouldn't have been on grass in the last 10 months or so. The idea was to go to the Guineas with a racecourse gallop at the Craven meeting--I don't want to go a mile or go for the Craven itself and if we went for the seven-furlong race at Newbury [the Greenham], that only gives us two weeks before the Guineas--or there is a seven-furlong conditions race for horses that haven't run more than twice. I have to speak to connections, but if we do go anywhere, I would be pointing that way."

"Danny [Tudhope] just said there he could do with another run. He's still green in front and was lugging away up the straight. Another run is probably the right way to go. Laurens was pretty good in her first two runs, but he's a lovely horse with a great temperament and there's a lot of scope there, so we've just got to look after him, do the right thing by him and hopefully he reaches his full potential."

Night Raider, who was one of colleague Adam Houghton's **Ten Three-Year-Olds To Follow**, is the sixth TDN Rising Star for Dark Angel. The grey's best so far is G1 Phoenix S. runner-up Dr Zempf (GB). The winner is out of a granddaughter of the G2 Ribblesdale S. scorer and G1 Oaks, G1 Irish Oaks and GI Flower Bowl Invitational-placed Bahr (GB) (Generous {Ire}). [Cont. p7](#)



Dark Angel | Yeomanstown Stud

Night Raider Cont.

That links him to the Group 1-winning mother and son Nahrain (GB) (Selkirk) and Benbatl (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}), with the latter also registering a wide-margin debut success before being thrown straight into the deep end. Also in the pedigree is the aforementioned talented sprinter Far Above, whose career was cut short by injury, and the precocious and tough Go Bears Go (Ire) (Kodi Bear {Ire}) who captured the G2 Railway S. and G3 Pavilion S. and was also placed in the G1 Phoenix S. and GII Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf Sprint. Dorraar's 2-year-old full-brother to the winner is catalogued in next month's Tattersalls Craven Breeze Up.

[Share this story](#) 

NEW
TDN RISING STAR

1st-Southwell, £11,400, Novice, 3-20, 3yo/up, 7f 14y (AWT), 1:26.77, st.

NIGHT RAIDER (IRE), c, 3, by Dark Angel (Ire)

1st Dam: Dorraar (Ire), by Shamardal

2nd Dam: Dorrati, by Dubai Millennium (GB)

3rd Dam: Bahr (GB), by Generous (Ire)

Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$12,306. O-Clipper; B-Linden Bloodstock Ltd (IRE); T-Karl Burke. *155,000gns Wlg '21 TADEWE. **1/2 to Far Above (Ire) (Farhh {GB}), GSW-Eng, SW-Fr. [Click for the free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree.](#)

EUROPEAN NEWS

ROGUE MILLENNIUM “EXCITING PROSPECT” FOR JOSEPH O’BRIEN

Group 2 winner **Rogue Millennium (Ire)** (Dubawi {Ire}), a winner of the Duke of Cambridge S. and second in the G1 Matron S. last term for Tom Clover, is an “exciting prospect” for 2024, according to new trainer Joseph O’Brien.

Formerly owned by the Rogues Gallery, who picked her up for 35,000gns at the Tattersalls Mare December Sale as an unraced 2-year-old in 2021, the 5-year-old bay mare was knocked down for 1.65 million gns at that same sale last December, with Lanigan/Durcan agent on the ticket on behalf of Heider Family Stables. Now trained by O’Brien, she was fifth in the G1 Queen Elizabeth II S. on QIPCO Champions Day last out in October.

“She gives the impression that she’ll always appreciate better

ground and she shows plenty of pace,” said O’Brien. “We won’t be shy about travelling her and have a long list of potential options for her in America where we think the style of racing will suit her. She’s a very exciting prospect to have in the yard.”

O’Brien also had updates on several other stable stars, among them G2 Blandford S. winner **Lumiere Rock (Ire)** (**Saxon Warrior {Jpn}**). A good third to Blue Rose Cen (Ire) (**Churchill {Ire}**) in the G1 Prix de l’Opera last October, she was not disgraced in the colours of Michael O’Flynn when sixth to Inspiral (GB) (**Frankel {GB}**) in the GI Breeders’ Cup Filly & Mare Turf a month later in California. The G1 Tattersalls Gold Cup in May is first on her assignment sheet this term.

“She had a busy campaign last season, but never let us down and kept improving,” said O’Brien. “We all got a real thrill from her win in the Blandford S., and it was great that her owner Michael O’Flynn was there on the day to enjoy it with us.

“We are looking at the Tattersalls Gold Cup as an early-season target and will drive on from there.”



Rogue Millennium | Scoop Dyga

Group 1-winning juvenile **Al Riffa (Fr)** (**Wootton Bassett {GB}**), a winner of the 2022 G1 National S., enjoyed a brief campaign at three in 2023. Second in the G3 International S. at the beginning of July, he filled that spot again in the wake of undefeated G1 Prix de l’Arc de Triomphe hero Ace Impact (Ire) (Cracksman {GB}) in the G2 Prix Guillaume d’Ornano in August. The 4-year-old entire is also pleasing O’Brien, and has been handed French targets, including the G1 Prix Ganay in April.

O’Brien said, “We are delighted with him. He was always a tall, rangy horse and has filled out into a magnificent athlete now.

“We were very sweet on him for the Irish Champion S., but a little issue the day before meant we couldn’t run. Everything has gone very smoothly with him this preparation and we are steadily stepping up his work.” [Cont. p8](#)

Joseph O'Brien's String Cont.

He added, "We are working him towards the Prix Ganay at ParisLongchamp in late April. Longer term, I could see him stepping up to a mile and a half.

"He won a Group 1 over seven furlongs as a 2-year-old and has never looked short of pace, but he has the most lovely, relaxed way of going and it will give him a great chance to carry his pace over further if we ask him to. I'd be very hopeful he can win another Group 1."

[Share this story](#) 

FRANCE

Wednesday's Results:

FIRST WINNER FOR SIRE

1st-Marseille-Borely, €23,000, Debutantes, 3-20, 2yo, 5fT, :58.95, sf.

EAGLE GATE (FR) (c, 2, Hey Gaman {GB}--Ekatea {Fr}, by Power {GB}), sent off at 17-2, raced keenly in fourth early. Finding plenty for the stretch run, the bay mastered Pastisse (Fr) (Stunning Spirit {GB}) 75 metres out en route to a length success. In doing so, he was providing his Haras du Taillis-based first-season sire (by New Approach {Ire}) with his first winner as his first runner. The winner is currently the last known foal out of the dam, a relative of the G3 Prix Greffulhe scorer Greenland (Ire) (**Saxon Warrior {Jpn}**) and the Listed Prix de Liancourt winner and GII Santa Ana S. third Sweet Charity (Fr) (Myboycharlie {Ire}). Sales history: €8,000 Ylg '23 OSASEP. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, €11,500. **Video, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

O-Ecuries Puglia; B-EARL Haras du Taillis (FR); T-Christophe Escuder.

5th-Marseille-Borely, €21,000, Mdn, 3-20, 3yo, f, 10fT, 2:09.87, sf.

ZANIAH (ITY) (f, 3, Lawman {Fr}--Zardaka {Ire} {SP-Ire}, by Zamindar), a 5-1 shot on this debut, was anchored in fourth early. Coaxed forward with hands and heels to take command 100 metres from the finish, the imposing bay readily asserted to score comfortably by half a length from Shastana (Ire) (**Bated Breath {GB}**). The listed-placed dam, a €120,000 Aga Khan cast-off at the 2014 Arqana December Sale, is a half-sister to the Listed Galtres S. winner and G2 Park Hill S. and G2 Lancashire Oaks-placed Set To Music (Ire) (Danehill Dancer {Ire}). The family includes the G1 Prix de Diane and G1 Prix Saint-Alary heroine Zainta (Ire) (Kahyasi {Ire}). Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, €11,500.

Video, sponsored by FanDuel TV.

O/B-San Paolo Agri-Stud SRL (ITY); T-Jerome Reynier.

CONDITIONS RESULTS:

4th-Marseille-Borely, €30,000, 3-20, 3yo, 10fT, 2:07.47, sf.
LOVERS DAY (FR) (c, 3, Recorder {GB}--Rethra {Ire}, by Elusive City) Lifetime Record: 11-3-3-2, €64,650. O-Abdelhafidh Dridi, Ecuries Jacques Piasco, Christophe Escuder, Ecuries Puglia & Steeve Puglia; B-S Urizzi, Mme S Brel, Mme H Urizzi & Ecurie Haras de Saint Vincent (FR); T-Christophe Escuder. *€18,000 Ylg '22 OSASEP.

6th-Marseille-Borely, €22,000, 3-20, 4yo/up, 8 1/2fT, 1:45.84, sf.

PIENSA EN MI (FR) (f, 4, Intello {Ger}--Queen Bubble {Ire} {SP-Fr, \$117,434}, by Layman) Lifetime Record: 8-3-2-0, €46,800. O/B-Jean-Claude Seroul (FR); T-Jerome Reynier. *1/2 to King Bubble (Ire) (Kendargent {Fr}), MSW-Fr, \$170,648.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Treize (Fr), c, 3, **City Light (Fr)**--Helen Fourment (GB), by Dutch Art (GB). Marseille-Borely, 3-20, 10fT, 2:07.31. B-SARL Jedburgh Stud & C Humphris (FR). *€6,000 Ylg '22 ARQOCT. **1/2 to Mon Ami L'Ecoissais (Fr) (Orpen), MSP-Fr, \$270,300.

Quasar (Fr), g, 3, **Showcasing (GB)**--Qatar Power Fr (SW-Fr), by Le Havre (Ire). Toulouse, 3-20, 8fT, 1:39.30. B-Ecurie des Monceaux, Lordship Stud, Ecurie Skymarc Farm & Qatar Bloodstock Limited (FR). *€38,000 RNA Ylg '22 ARQAUG.

Col Du Pre' (Fr), g, 3, **Taj Mahal (Ire)**--Claire Song (Ire) (MSP-Ity, \$100,843), by Singspiel (Ire). Toulouse, 3-20, 12fT, 2:35.10. B-Scuderia Lazzeri Marcello (FR). *€42,000 Ylg '22 ARQSEP.

WORLDWIDE NEWS

European Group 1 Winners Clash In Ranvet Cont. from p1

He said of Via Sistina, the winner of the G1 Pretty Polly S. and runner-up to King Of Steel in the G1 Champion S. for George Boughey last year, "We prepared her in Newmarket, I kept a close eye on what Mr Haggas has done with a few of his horses which have beaten Verry Elleegant a number of times. He just gets it right every year. Firstly he brings the right horse.

Secondly he prepares them well and thirdly they cope with the trip. So she looks like she's that type of horse."

Waller added, "She's thrived the last two weeks. She's just going on the right path forward and I've been impressed with her." **Cont. p9**



Via Sistina in the process of selling for 2.7 million gns to Yulong Investments | Tattersalls

European Group 1 Winners Clash In Ranvet Cont.

Some familiar names also make the cut for Saturday's 19-strong G1 George Ryder S.

The 2022 Irish 2,000 Guineas runner-up **New Energy (Ire)** (New Bay {GB}), whose move from Sheila Lavery to Ciaran Maher last year was not without controversy, makes his second start for Maher after finishing second in the G3 Liverpool City Cup at Randwick on his Australian debut.

He is set to face the former John and Thady Gosden trainee **Mighty Ulysses (GB)**, the winner of last season's G3 Sovereign S. at Salisbury who is now trained by Annabel Neasham. The Irish Listed winner **Cosmic Vega (Ire)** (Lope De Vega {Ire}), who changed hands for 100,000gns at Tattersalls last October, is also in the line-up along with **Cepheus (GB)** ([Sea The Stars \(Ire\)](#)) and **Unspoken (Ire)** (Territories {Ire}).

The G3 N E Manion Cup, run over 2,400 metres, is another race in which the European imports have dominated over the last decade. Haggas won the race with Young Rascal (Fr) (Intello {Ger}) in 2020 and this year fields **Post Impressionist (Ire)** (Teofilo {Ire}), who is now owned by Lloyd Williams.

"He's a nice horse and I think he's done enough to run to his best," said Haggas on Wednesday. "Bit of a wide draw but he's a good stayer. He just hits a bit of a flat spot but maybe first time out he'll be fresh enough not to do that. It's quite a competitive race but if he has any aspirations to win a better class of race then he needs to be running well on Saturday.

"The Manion Cup followed by the Sydney Cup has always been the plan. Let's just hope he's good enough. He'd have 50kg in the Sydney Cup so Tom [Marquand] wouldn't be able to ride him but let's just worry about one race first, and that's Saturday. It's a pretty inconvenient time for a Newmarket trainer because I think the race is off at ten to two in the morning but that's the

way it is. We'll look forward to it."

Post Impressionist is up against last year's Listed Feilden S. winner **Canberra Legend (Ire)** ([Australia {GB}](#)), who is another to have joined the Waller stable.

Another expensive Yulong acquisition to now be under the care of Sydney's champion trainer is **Gan Teorainn (Ire)** ([Saxon Warrior {Jpn}](#)), who is an interesting entrant for the G3 Epona S. Bought from Boherguy Stud for 1 million gns in 2022 after finishing runner-up to Blue Rose Cen (Ire) in the G1 Prix Marcel Boussac, she subsequently finished third in the G3 Lexus Archer S. at Flemington last November.

[Share this story](#)

STRONG EUROPEAN CHALLENGE FOR HONG KONG'S CHAMPIONS DAY

Group 1 winners **Regional (GB)** (Territories {Ire}) and **Dubai Honour (Ire)** (Pride Of Dubai {Aus}) head 12 European entries for the FWD Champions Day at Sha Tin on April 28. A strong international challenge also includes 25 potential runners from Japan, eight from Australia and three from the UAE, while there are 41 locally-trained entries.

Regional, now six, gave his trainer Ed Bethell a first Group 1 success in last year's Haydock Sprint Cup and he has been entered for the G1 Chairman's Sprint Prize, with prize-money totalling approximately £2.2 million. His fellow British-trained horses **Annaf (Ire)** (Muhaarar {GB}), **Believing (Ire)** (Mehmas {Ire}) and **Frost At Dawn (Frosted)** are also entered.

The William Haggas-trained Dubai Honour, a dual Group 1 winner in Australia, would be returning for a third run in Hong Kong. He was fourth in the 2021 G1 Longines Hong Kong Cup and third last year in the G1 FWD QEII Cup, which this time around is worth approximately £2.8 million. Haggas has also entered **Maljoom (Ire)** (Caravaggio) for the G1 FWD Champions Mile, which could also feature Middleham Park Racing's globetrotting **Brave Emperor (Ire)** ([Sioux Nation](#)), trained by Archie Watson, and **Fort Payne (Fr)** (Rio De La Plata) for French trainer Nicolas Caullery.

Three of the winners of last December's Hong Kong International Races – **Golden Sixty (Aus)** ([Medaglia d'Oro](#)), **Romantic Warrior (Ire)** (Acclamation {GB}) and **Lucky Sweynesse (NZ)** (Sweynesse {Aus}) – hold entries for the meeting, along with Japan's Fillies' Triple Crown winner **Liberty Island (Jpn)** (Duramente {Jpn}) and Godolphin's **Measured Time (GB)** ([Frankel {GB}](#)), winner of the G1 Jebel Hatta in January.

"We are excited by the spread and quality of international entries among the nominations for FWD Champions Day," said Andrew Harding, executive director of racing for the Hong Kong Jockey Club." [Cont. p10](#)



Regional bids for further Group 1 glory for Ed Bethell | Focus on Racing

Hong Kong Champions Day Entries Cont.

He added, "The potential return of Golden Sixty in the FWD Champions Mile after his stunning Longines Hong Kong Mile performance in December, along with Romantic Warrior in the FWD QEII Cup and Lucky Sweynesse in the Chairman's Sprint Prize, lays the foundation for another wonderful staging of our spring flagship meeting.

"We are delighted at the support we have received from overseas owners and trainers in Japan, England, France, Ireland, Australia and the United Arab Emirates, with the number of entries across our three Group 1 features rising from 71 last season to 89 this year."

[Share this story](#)

STEFANO CHERCHI INJURED IN AUSTRALIAN RACE FALL

Former Newmarket-based jockey Stefano Cherchi has been hospitalised in Australia following a mid-race fall at Canberra on Wednesday.

Racing was delayed while the 23-year-old was treated on the track for a head injury and internal bleeding before being taken to hospital. His mount, Hasime (Aus), trained by Robert Quinn, fell during the third race, bringing down two other runners whose riders, Shaun Guymer and Jeff Penza, both walked back to the weighing-room. None of the horses are believed to have been seriously injured.

In a post on Twitter, the NSW Jockeys Association said, "Stefano has been transported to Canberra Hospital, where doctors will assess the full extent of the injuries."

Born in Italy, Cherchi moved to England as a teenager and had his first ride there aboard Casina Di Notte (Ire) in August 2018. He partnered 106 winners in the intervening seasons before relocating to Australia at the beginning of this year.

The majority of his rides in the UK were for his former boss and countryman Marco Botti, who said on social media, "The whole yard is saddened by the news this morning. Stefano has sustained serious injuries in a race fall in Australia. Thoughts and prayers and with [Stefano] and his family."

[Share this story](#)

ASIA

Wednesday's Results:

FIRST STAKES WINNER FOR SIRE

KEIHIN HAI-Listed (Jpn-G2), ¥51,000,000, Oi, 3-20, 3yo, 1700m, 1:48.70, gd.

1--**SAINT HONORE (JPN)**, 126, c, 3, Epicharis (Jpn)

1st Dam: Lingus Uno (Jpn), by South Vigorous

2nd Dam: Lingus Laurel (Jpn), by Sakura Laurel (Jpn)

3rd Dam: Lingus Madonna (Jpn), by Tosho Boy (Jpn)

1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN. O-La Mere Inc.; B-Matsuura Farm (Jpn); T-Katsunori Arayama; J-Takafumi Hattori; ¥30,000,000.

Lifetime Record: 8-4-0-3, ¥61,950,000.

2--**Ammothyella (Jpn)**, 121, f, 3, Bricks And Mortar--Sand Queen (Jpn), by Gold Allure (Jpn). **1ST BLACK TYPE.** O-Hiroo Race; B-Kuwata Bokujo (Jpn); ¥10,500,000.

3--**Habire (Jpn)**, 126, c, 3, Henny Hughes--Tomo Tomo River (Jpn), by Black Tide (Jpn). O-Shinichi Koga; B-Akiba Farm (Jpn); ¥6,000,000.

Margins: 7, 3/4, 2. Odds: 5.70, 2.00, 0.90.

Also Ran: Secret Key (Jpn), Tintoretto (Jpn), Masherbrum (Jpn), Fujimasa Teio (Jpn), Passion Cry (Jpn), Black Butler (Jpn).

Click for the [NAR chart & video.](#)

Click [HERE](#) to read today's edition of



Highlights Include:

[Preview: Road To The Golden Slipper](#)

[Unpacking James McDonald's Path To Greatness](#)

[New Winner For Justify](#)

[Who Wants To Host The Cox Plate?](#)

[Melbourne Cup Winner Gold Trip Injures Tendon](#)