



# CHRB UNANIMOUSLY APPROVES PLAN TO MAKE PLEASANTON NEW CENTER OF NORCAL CIRCUIT



**Tiago Pereira aboard Katonah (Klimt), winner of the 2023 Pleasanton Mile | Vassar Photography**

by T.D. Thornton

The California Horse Racing Board (CHRB) voted 6-0 on Thursday to approve a dates package for the back half of 2024 that will establish the current fairs-meet-only track at Pleasanton as the new crux of a Northern California circuit.

The entire state has been trying to come to grips with the looming June 9 closure of Golden Gate Fields, the lone commercial track in the region, and the Mar. 21 vote by the CHRB was viewed as a NorCal racing lifeline by the estimated 250 supporters in attendance.

Those very vocal and at times emotional NorCal racing advocates greatly outnumbered proponents of a plan that would have instead consolidated all commercial-track racing in the state in Southern California.

The NorCal supporters consisted of horsemen who have called the circuit home for decades, plus a contingent of statewide breeding interests.

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**DAVID SCANLON** by Jessica Martini

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Ocala horseman David Scanlon is not just a leading 2-year-old consignor, but he has also built an impressive list of training graduates for leading owners like Godolphin, Coolmore, Don Alberto, and Calumet Farm. In both capacities, Scanlon's operation is well represented on this year's GI Kentucky Derby trail. He was in charge of the early training of leading Derby contender **Sierra Leone (Gun Runner)** and his Scanlon Training & Sales pinhooked GIII Gotham S. runner-up **Just a Touch (Justify)**.

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**NorCal circuit, cont. from p1**

Those individuals had the group backing of the California Authority of Racing Fairs (CARF), which will operate the expanded Oct. 16-Dec. 25 Pleasanton meet under the auspices of a new management entity called Golden State Racing.

The California Thoroughbred Trainers (CTT), whose board of directors had unanimously voted to back the initiative that also calls for three other fairs venues to pick up other dates that will be abandoned by Golden Gate's closure, was also behind the Pleasanton idea.

1/ST Racing and Gaming--which owns both the closing Golden Gate and the financially struggling Santa Anita Park--had teamed with Del Mar Thoroughbred Club and the Thoroughbred Owners of California (TOC) to try and convince the CHRБ that its alternate plan would be in the best long-term interests of the state as a whole.

That SoCal concept instead focused on redirecting simulcast revenue from the northern circuit to the southern tracks. It was further based on a premise that would have attempted to accommodate displaced Golden Gate outfits by creating more opportunities for lower-level horses to race at Los Alamitos Race Course, dropping the "claiming floors" at both Santa Anita and Del Mar, and establishing "relocation allowances" for stables that had to pack up and move while only short summer fairs

meets were conducted in NorCal.

In the middle were the CHRБ commissioners, who repeatedly expressed frustrations during the Mar. 21 meeting that because the NorCal and SoCal factions couldn't cooperate to come up with a joint plan, they had been placed in the unenviable position of having to choose one option over the other while knowing that they'd be making some constituents unhappy no matter how they voted on the measure.

Yet while the CHRБ did ask pointed questions about CARF's plans for Pleasanton and how the new operation would be funded, commissioners saved their most barbed criticisms for 1/ST Racing's executive vice-chairman Craig Fravel, who only 48 hours before the meeting had **penned an open letter** that warned of potential consequences that might occur if the CHRБ voted against the SoCal plan.

In his Mar. 19 letter--which backers of the Pleasanton plan clearly took as an ultimatum--Fravel had written that "should the Board allocate dates in the north per the CARF proposal Santa Anita will immediately meet with the TOC to implement purse cuts for the balance of 2024."

Fravel also wrote that "Further planned investments in capital projects at Santa Anita will be reevaluated [and] further operation of Santa Anita and San Luis Rey [Downs] as training and stabling facilities may be in jeopardy." **Cont.**



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In response, CHRB commissioner Damascus Castellanos openly called out 1/ST Racing during Thursday's meeting for being too coercively demanding and for making an already complicated situation more difficult.

Castellanos said over the past two days since Fravel's letter was made public, the CHRB has been inundated with calls from concerned constituents.

"I'm not upset because of the calls," Castellanos told Fravel. "I'm upset because I don't do well with bullies. That's the problem. I'm upset that you [put this burden on] the CHRB. And that's not right. But, if that's the way you felt [you needed to] play the game, then that's what you're going to do.... You want to be the bully? You want to take your ball and run? Then that's up to you. I'm not advocating that. But what I'm saying is don't put that burden on us.... Everybody in this room has a responsibility to take care of



Craig Fravel | Courtesy of The Stronach Group

themselves and each other. And I believe that that hasn't been done."

CHRB commissioner Wendy Mitchell told Fravel that she was bothered by 1/ST Racing announcing Golden Gate's closure, not working constructively with NorCal interests to present a workable alternative, then responding with threats of closure when 1/ST Racing didn't like the concept that CARF came up with.

"That's not fair and that's not right," Mitchell said. "And that's not a good business strategy.... You can't just throw out all these threats to us and say the industry is going to collapse in California [if you don't get your way]."

Mitchell continued: "We're expected, as regulators, to pick sides. To pick north against south. To pick fairs, versus, you know, the Southern California tracks. I don't like the way this was handled. I don't appreciate it." **Cont.**

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Mitchell added: "I think we need to have a different attitude and strategy for how to save horse racing in the state of California versus what we have seen so far."

Fravel then attempted to explain what he meant in the letter using a more moderate tone while underscoring that 1/ST Racing's chairwoman and chief executive officer, Belinda Stronach, remains fully committed to making sure Santa Anita doesn't suffer the same sold-for-development fate as Golden Gate.

"The letter didn't say we're shutting down," Fravel said. "The letter said we have to sit down and figure out what we're going to be able to invest with the prospect of continuing to lose money. I can say one thing: I was on the phone with Belinda yesterday. She does not want to close Santa Anita. We've had offers over and over again from people wanting to [buy it], but [upper management's response has consistently been] 'not for sale.' So the commitment is to continue racing. To make racing thrive at Santa Anita, and to try and reinvest our efforts in this product."

According to plans for the Pleasanton proposal submitted by CARF that were included in the CHRHB meeting packet, "In order to provide for the additional horses expected to run at this meet, more than 300 portable stalls will be moved to [Pleasanton's] Alameda County Fairgrounds. No other improvements to the

facilities are needed at this time. However, future investments could include additional permanent stalls, improvements to the grandstand and the installation of a turf course."

Larry Swartzlander, the executive director for CARF, later put an approximate \$7-million projected price tag on the turf course, noting that it wouldn't be undertaken until at least year two of the Pleasanton phase-in.

CARF's plan further called for other dates formerly run at Golden Gate to be reallocated this year between Sonoma County Fair (July 31-Aug. 20), Humboldt County Fair (Aug. 21-Sept. 17) and the Big Fresno Fair (Sept. 18-Oct. 15).

CARF and Alameda County Fair have drafted a licensing agreement that will cover five years, the written materials stated.

Back in January, the TOC had **previously articulated in front of the CHRHB** that even though it was in support of any "feasible and viable" plan to keep year-round racing afloat in NorCal, a danger existed in the form of that move increasing economic pressures in the south that the TOC believes would erode the overall California product.

On Thursday, Bill Nader, the TOC's president and chief executive officer, said that while agreement among its board members wasn't unanimous about not backing the Pleasanton plan, "in terms viability, there just wasn't enough assurance that this was a viable plan." **Cont.**

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Nader said the TOC had difficulty with the extended Pleasanton meet using the higher California takeout structure that applies to fairs (instead of the lower commercial takeout scheme that Golden Gate would have been required to use), because, he explained, that form of bet pricing would be burdensome to horseplayers.

Nader also said that he wasn't sure CARF's proposed daily purses (which are still a work in progress) reflected an accurate projection, because Pleasanton would basically have to match what the better-established, lower-takeout Golden Gate meet generated in betting handle to achieve it. The TOC, he said, has come up with slightly different and lower figures.

Nader made it clear that he wasn't arguing which projection was right and which was wrong. But he did state concerns that within a few months, the CHRB will have to make decisions on 2025 dates allocations, and that even then, the Pleasanton meet won't yet be completed, so no one will have "the real truth" on whether the numbers make sense or not.

"The TOC does represent the north. It does represent the south," Nader said, which elicited catcalls and boos from many in attendance who have accused the TOC of not being representative of the NorCal interests. "What we want is just reliable, accurate information to understand what puts California in the best position going forward."

Nader continued: "No matter what we do, no matter what decisions are made, there's going to be some pain, and there's going to be some who are going to walk away disappointed. And unfortunately, that's inevitable. I don't care what decision is made--no matter what we do, it's going to have impact to the detriment of some. Frankly, I just think it's unavoidable."

Alan Balch, the executive director of the CTT, explained prior to the CHRB's vote why his organization backed the NorCal plan.



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**NorCal circuit, cont.**

"Our board, nine people south and north, are unanimous in supporting the effort to keep Northern California racing going," Balch said. "We believe that racing in California is not going to survive in any meaningful, important way without California breeding, [and] we just need to have a chance to keep breeders interested and motivated to breed, and to provide hope for the future.

"We can all disagree about the viability of any particular northern plan," Balch said. "But with no plan and no racing in the north, there is very little incentive for California breeders to continue."

Balch said that his constituents have heard too much rhetoric from the TOC and 1/ST Racing along the lines of, "If this northern money doesn't come to the south, we'll have to cut purses in the south."

But, Balch postulated, "Do these people realize that if there is no Northern California racing, the Northern California purses will be cut to zero? Does that make sense? Not if we're all in the same state. We have to work together."

Prior to the CHRB's unanimous vote in favor of the NorCal plan, CHRB chairman Gregory Ferraro, DVM, pointed out that, "This is a serious fiduciary responsibility that the board is taking on here, [and] it's increasingly clear to me that if racing is going to survive in California at all, we can't make two circuits. We have to make one circuit [in which tracks] are not conflicting with each other, where you're benefitting each other."

CHRB vice-chair Oscar Gonzales added that even if the NorCal interests get what they want out of the vote, they, too, must realize that SoCal does need some form of cooperation and financial help.

"I believe that this [vote] should be an opportunity to reset, [and] the start of mending fences," Gonzales said. "And [then] let's get on with making California racing the best in the nation."

Castellanos concurred.

"We need to work together. We need to figure out how to keep racing in California. Not just northern, not just southern--in California. Because if we keep on going at this rate, we're going to implode. There's no reason for us to cannibalize each other," Castellanos said.

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**X-Ray Files/David Scanlon, cont. from p1**

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Whether he is training a horse for a client to race or one of his own destined for resale, Scanlon said they all start with the same training regimen.

"When we go through the breaking and basic training, pretty much everyone is on the same schedule," Scanlon said. "Everybody goes through getting acquainted with the rider, getting ridden, from small round pens to paddocks, to big fields, to the racetrack. So that's usually our technique that we use and that's pretty much standard for all of our horses."

Eventually the sales calendar forces the two groups to diverge in their training.

"With a lot of these racehorses, especially for my higher-end clients, these horses who are going to be late summer or Saratoga classic horses, we will plan their work schedules to start much later. Whereas, with the 2-year-olds, I will look at a sales date and then I start to work backwards from the breeze show dates. I want to start a couple of months away and say I am going to start my light schedules here and at this point, we need to be doing this with him and going this fast."

But plotting out a course for his pinhook prospects necessarily begins in the fall when Scanlon and his team are shopping at the yearling sales. Without the seemingly limitless budget of some of those high-end clients, he has learned what corners he can cut while still finding success the following spring in the sales ring.

"It's really hard to get everything for us," Scanlon said. "The old saying, checking all the boxes, if they have a real high-end fancy pedigree, and they also have a great body and conformation, that's usually going to be hard for a pinhooker to buy. You are usually going to get beat by an end-user." **Cont.**

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**X-Ray Files/David Scanlon, cont.**



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Buying on a budget over the years has led Scanlon to accept certain conformational flaws, but always in the context of the entire horse.

“The one thing we always look for, say a horse’s conformation isn’t perfect, they may toe in, they may toe out or they are a little offset in the knees, you still want them to have a big, athletic walk and see how they walk through it,” Scanlon said. “Maybe we are going to buy a horse that is a little bit off-set in the knees, but he ends up walking through it really well. If I am looking at a horse and he is toed in, but he walks really well through it, I may forgive that horse. But if he comes at me and he has a lot of action in his walk--like a wing, as they say--that’s not good. That horse may not be a good mover or a galloper, too. If they don’t walk through it well, then they don’t move as well.”

That winnowing process that pinhookers are forced to use at the yearling sales in the fall makes for outstanding offerings at the 2-year-old sales, according to Scanlon.

“Some of the best horse people I know have basically gone through and already short-listed horses,” he said of the pinhookers. “We look at thousands of yearlings all year and go ahead with what we’ve discovered as athletes. Year in and year out, you always see at the top of the standings, horses that the top 10 pinhookers have picked out. I don’t think it’s a coincidence that they are, every year, some of the best 2-year-olds in the country. It’s our job and what we’ve done for a long time. We have done this so many times, we know what really works and what doesn’t. Sometimes when you just have an open check book, maybe it means a little bit more to us, it’s how we make our living. It’s very important to know what works and what doesn’t.”

While innuendo and speculation continue to swirl around the 2-year-old sales, Scanlon said he thinks the sales companies have made impressive progress in regulating both the horses and their sellers.

“I think the sales companies are really doing a good job, especially in the last two years,” he said. “I don’t think people are actually highlighting enough how far the sales companies have come with their medication rules. It was really a little more open a few years ago, but in the last two years, they have really tried to adopt rules that come along a little bit more in line with what HISA is trying to tell the racing public. Can you always do a little bit more? I am sure you can. And I think that is what they are working on. I do believe there is a lot of disclosure in the sale.

“With some of the stuff they’ve been talking about, like Clenbuterol, I just feel like that is something that doesn’t have a place anymore. We don’t even keep that on the farm anymore, for any use. It’s one of those things that, with the way the world is now, it’s just something we don’t need to have around here knowing it’s frowned upon and the penalties.”

Asked if there were any changes he would like to see, Scanlon said, “I think the sales companies not being so lenient on some of the guys who do have violations. Enough slaps on the wrist, if you have this many, that’s it. You’re not going to be able to sell. I do feel like some of the rules with people who have multiple violations will need to be more stringent in the future, just to give people a little more confidence going forward.”

And what advice would he give to potential buyers at the juvenile sales?

“I think the buyers need to educate themselves,” he said.

**Cont.**



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**X-Ray Files/David Scanlon, cont.**

"I think buyers need to realize, when they come to these sales, they need to do a little bit of homework, too, on the people they are doing business with. Spend some time, go through the results. To me, when you go ahead and open the *TDN*, or if you see guys who are selling multiple winners, guys who have been around for a long time and have sold a lot of winners, they have been established. Ask around and know who you are dealing with. Those are the kind of people I think you want to do business with. I'm not saying everybody doesn't deserve a shot to start a business, but some of these guys can be fly by night. You want to take your time with that."

Despite the issues that still need to be confronted, Scanlon stressed it was important to appreciate the gains that have already been made.

"I think sometimes in this sport, we are facing a lot of challenges right now, but I don't think we always stop to look at how far we've actually come in the last few years," he said. "I do think the 2-year-old sales companies are really trying to work together to improve the sport as far as medication and how it all comes together."

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**UK HIRES DR. CYNTHIA COLE AS ACTING LAB DIRECTOR**

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Dr. Cynthia Cole has been named the acting laboratory director of the UK Equine Analytical Chemistry Laboratory (EACL), effective Mar. 15, 2024, according to a press release from the University of Kentucky Martin-Gatton College of Agriculture, Food and Environment.

Cole brings over 30 years of experience to the role, with a diverse background spanning academia, industry and research, according to the UK release. Previously, Cole served as an associate clinical professor and director of The Racing Laboratory at the University of Florida from 2002-2006 and again from 2018-2023 when the laboratory closed.

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

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

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

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

Cole was one of the founding faculty members of the KL Maddy Equine Analytical Chemistry Laboratory at the University of California, Davis (1995-2002). She holds a D.V.M., Ph.D. and completed a postdoctoral fellowship at the University of Florida and is recognized as a Diplomate in the American College of Veterinary Clinical Pharmacology.

Cole has also made significant contributions in her industry roles at Mars Petcare, Novartis Animal Health, IDEXX and Piedmont Pharmaceuticals.

In her role as acting director, Cole will oversee all operations of the laboratory, including reviewing procedures from sample receiving to results and ensuring compliance with all applicable accreditation criteria.

"With the resources, energy and support that UK, the racing industry, elected policymakers and other stakeholders have invested in the Equine Analytical Chemistry Laboratory, it is poised to be an industry leader in forensic drug testing," said Dr. Cole.

"Moving forward, and working with the Horseracing Integrity and Safety Authority, the Horseracing Integrity and Welfare Unit and regulators of sport horse competitions, I am confident that we can achieve that vision." **Cont.**



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**UK hires Cole, cont.**

Leveraging her background in veterinary medicine and pharmacology, Cole will also provide guidance on chemistry and sample analysis to ensure the accuracy and reliability of testing procedures. Additionally, she will supervise daily laboratory activities, offering leadership and support to staff members to maintain the highest standards of performance.

"We warmly welcome Dr. Cole to the college," said Nancy Cox, vice president of land-grant engagement and dean of Martin-Gatton CAFE. "Her extensive experience and proven leadership will be instrumental in advancing the EAFL's history of providing drug testing that meets the highest industry standards. She will also be instrumental in upholding the integrity of the equine industry, advancing the health and welfare of the horse."

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**CHAMPION MARE IDIOMATIC POSTS THIRD WORK OF YEAR, TARGETING LA TROIENNE ON KENTUCKY OAKS DAY** *by Steve Sherack*



**Idiomatic** | *Horsephotos*

Last year's champion older female and GI Breeders' Cup Distaff heroine **Idiomatic** (*Curlin*), sportingly put back in training for a 5-year-old campaign, could potentially kick off her season in the GI La Troienne S. on the GI Kentucky Oaks undercard May 3.

The Juddmonte homebred posted her third workout of 2024 for trainer Brad Cox at Fair Grounds Thursday morning, stopping the clock for four furlongs in :49 (17/43).

"For starters, (the late Juddmonte founder) Prince Khalid (bin Abdullah) was never afraid to run horses, colts or fillies," Juddmonte USA General Manager Garrett O'Rourke said.

"He did it with **Frankel** and he did it with Enable. You look at a lot of our really great horses over here, the Sightseeks and all of those types, as well. If you are enjoying them number one and they're being productive, there's every reason to go on with them."

O'Rourke continued, "All options were open when we decided to bring her back after the Breeders' Cup. We just turned her out for 60 days and she grew some hair and let down. Then we started legging her back up again (at Juddmonte) and sent her back to Brad. He says she's doing super, no hiccups, touch wood so far. Coming back, the timing of it, obviously you've got the (GI) Apple Blossom (H. at Oaklawn Park Apr. 13) or something like that, but I think that will essentially come too soon for her. More than likely it will be the La Troienne on Oaks day."

Unraced at two, Idiomatic had just a Turfway Park maiden win to show for from three starts at three. The big mare put it all together and won a remarkable eight of nine starts last season, capping a five-race winning streak at the Championships at Santa Anita. A finalist for Horse of the Year, her brilliant 2023 campaign also included wins in the GI Juddmonte Spinster S. at Keeneland, the GI Personal Ensign S. at Saratoga and the GI Delaware H. Idiomatic currently boasts a career record of 12-9-1-2 and earnings of \$2,456,840.

"We did all of the right things with her," O'Rourke said. "Huge, big mare as everyone knows. Wasn't any sense in rushing her. We actually turned her out until April of her 2-year-old year and let her grow up a little bit and brought her along slowly. She ran early the next year, needed some time off afterwards, and got all the time and I think all that patience worked to her advantage. She had a tough year last year and got the time off she deserved. She's still relatively fresh and the type of build of a racehorse that should get better with age. Hopefully, she'll continue to do so."

One of three Breeders' Cup winners for the mighty **Curlin** last year, Idiomatic is the first foal out of the stakes winner and 2017 GI Kentucky Oaks third-place finisher Lockdown (First Defence), a full-sister to Juddmonte's champion Close Hatches.

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## WHO WILL BE THIS YEAR'S LEADING FRESHMAN SIRE? WE'VE ASKED THE EXPERTS *by Bill Finley*

It's that time again. The first major 2-year-old sale, the March OBS sale, is in the books and the buyers, sellers and bloodstock agents have had their chance to evaluate this year's freshman sires. So who do they like? We asked the experts listed below to give us their pick for leading freshman sire and an under-the-radar stallion they expect will have a big 2024.

**Liz Crow:** "I really liked the Improbables at the OBS March breeze show. It's very sad that he passed away. I thought he had, overall, the most impressive breeze show. That doesn't always indicate who's going to be the leading freshman sire, but I have found in the past that it's a good model that tells you the horse is going in the right direction and that they have some 2-year-old speed. Overall, I was very impressed with his horses.

**Volatile** is my sleeper pick. He had, overall, a good breeze show as well. And he bred a lot of mares, something around 180. I landed on quite a few of them that had nice works and he was speedy himself and, being by **Violence**, comes from a good line of 2-year-olds. With the number of mares he had and with the solid breeze show he had I rank him high on the list."

**Phil Hager:** "In terms of the quality that I've seen so far it's a toss-up between Authentic and **McKinzie**. A lot of the Authentics I have seen look really nice. Some look like they could be early, but a lot of them look like horses that can go on and go two turns. The McKinzies look like they might develop a little later in the year, but they seem to have a lot of quality. Both were well supported and will go to a lot of good trainers. My sleeper is Caracaro. That horse could run. I used to work at Crestwood, so I knew the horse's story. He had quite a few that worked really well at the March sale. I don't know if that was a surprise, but they were consistent."

**Mike McMahon:** "McKinzie is my pick. I've owned three or four already. Not only were they in demand at the sales but they were all good-looking horses. I haven't had a bad one yet. The one we bought to go racing with, if all is right, he will be pretty exceptional. I feel like I have a good group of McKinzies and have a good feel for them. His 2-year-olds breezed just as well

as they were supposed to. My sleeper is Vekoma. It's a tough choice because I like several stallions that stand for \$10,000 or less and are real bargains. Vekoma has the speed to be a sire, the sire line and the pedigree. I've loved the ones we have been around."

**Jon Green:** "I was most impressed with the Improbables. His passing is unfortunate. He had a couple of horses who were on our short list for the 2-year-old sale and last year we saw 10 to 12 of his yearlings that we liked at the yearling sales. I think he will be an outstanding freshman sire. The sleeper is Tom's d'Etat. We bought two of his yearlings and I got outbid on one at the March sale. He won't be a juvenile stallion that throws precocious 2-year-olds. Just like him, as they get older. I think you'll see them hitting the winner's circle in graded stakes. They will get better with age."

**Connor Foley:** Based on what I saw at the OBS sale, my pick for leading freshman sire would be **Tiz the Law**. They breezed well enough as a group and I thought they all had a lot of race-horse characteristics to them. Horses can breeze fast, but you still have to

ask yourself the question, are they going to go on to be good race horses? They had that look to me. For my sleeper pick, I was impressed by the horses by Thousand Words."

**Zoe Cadman:** "Volatile is my pick for leading freshman sire. Like last year's freshman sire Mitole, **Volatile** was also brilliantly fast and trained by one of the masters of the game in Steve Asmussen. How he ever paid \$20 to win on debut is just beyond me. He was brilliantly fast and being out of an Unbridled's Song mare I see no reason why his babies won't go two turns. They made a great showing at the recently concluded OBS 2-year-old sales showing not only class, which is so important, but also some stretch and athleticism. Marette Farrell, who I work closely with at the sales, scooped one up out of the Lothenbach dispersal who we absolutely love. My under-the-radar pick was going to be Vekoma. But his 2-year-olds are no longer a secret. They were incredibly well received at both the yearling sales and at OBS March. The Farrell team bid on and secured several. So, I'm going with **Complexity** who stands for \$12,500 at Airdrie stud, as my sleeper. He has it all. He was a Grade I winner at two and also the Kelso winner at four. His 2-year-olds looked great skipping over the OBS surface and I am looking forward to seeing them hit the racetrack soon." **Cont.**



Gainesway's **McKinzie** featured frequently among predictions  
*Sarah Andrew*

**Freshman sire picks, cont.**

**Mark Casse:** "I have to go with **War of Will**, who I trained. I have something like 20 of his offspring and they're training very well. They're going to be very versatile. He was a versatile horse who could run on dirt or grass. My sleeper is Win Win Win. The horses by him have been very impressive on the track."

**David Ingordo:** "I have to go with **Game Winner**. He was 2-year-old champion and he got a good book of mares. They look the part. We got a bunch of them that we bought to race that act precocious, but also high class, not cheap. He's my No. 1 pick. My sleeper is **Honor A.P.** I don't think they'll win going 4 1/2 furlongs by any means, but you have the A.P. Indy line that is not **Tapit**. He was precocious enough, but I think he'll be a source of Classic-type blood. I can see him getting a horse in the Breeders' Cup Classic or, earlier on, him getting a 2-year-old in races like the **American Pharoah** and the Breeders' Futurity."

**Terry Finley:** We have a couple of Game Winners we like and I know people liked him in Ocala. The McKinzie look like they have a lot of quality to them. I was very impressed with him at the yearling sales and at Ocala, where they sold well. He's got a good shot to come up with a big one and a horse who is going to slant those stats. I like them both but I'll go with **Game Winner** as my top pick and **McKinzie** as my sleeper.

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## OLD FRIENDS WELCOMES 2012 KENTUCKY DERBY AND PREAKNESS WINNER I'LL HAVE ANOTHER

Dual Classic winner and champion 3-year-old colt **I'll Have Another** (Flower Alley) has been donated to Old Friends by owner Paul Reddam. The 14-year-old former stallion arrived to the Thoroughbred retirement farm Wednesday.

"Welcoming I'll Have Another is an auspicious and historic moment for Old Friends," said John Nicholson, president and CEO of Old Friends. "We are deeply grateful to Paul Reddam and Doug O'Neill for choosing Old Friends to care for this great champion and to celebrate his magnificent legacy with thousands of our annual visitors. Being able to welcome our fourth Kentucky Derby winner to retire at Old Friends is further tribute to the vision and values of our founder and my friend, Michael Blowen."

Reddam added, "It is fantastic that he will have a permanent home at Old Friends where everyone can visit him. There was a lot of concern when he went to Japan for stud duty and that is permanently put to rest with his return to Kentucky."

I'll Have Another is the fourth GI Kentucky Derby and GI Preakness S. winner to be retired to the farm. The other three are Silver Charm, War Emblem, and Charismatic.



**John Nicholson, President and CEO of Old Friends, left, and Michael Blowen, founder of Old Friends, right, welcome 2012 Kentucky Derby winner I'll Have Another to the farm for his retirement | Laura Battles/Old Friends**

"I'll Have Another is an amazing horse--very blue collar, workmanlike," O'Neill said. "He was so naturally competitive. He meant and still means so much to us around the barn. He took us on the ride of a lifetime winning the Santa Anita Derby, Kentucky Derby and the Preakness. We're so grateful for his brilliance and being able to work alongside him during his amazing career."

Upon his retirement, I'll Have Another was sold for \$10 million to the Hokkaido-based Big Red Farm in Japan and began his stud career there in 2013. He remained there through 2018, then returned to the United States and stood at Ballena Vista Farm in Ramona, Calif. from 2019 to 2020, before moving to Reddam's Ocean Breeze Ranch in Bonsall, Calif. from 2021 to 2024.

He was pensioned in 2024.

"We are so grateful to Mr. Reddam and to Doug for trusting us to give their Derby and Preakness winner a safe, healthy, and fun retirement," said Michael Blowen, founder and past president of Old Friends. "We're planning to put I'll Have Another in the paddock adjacent to Lava Man's. How cool is that?"

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## WEEKLY STEWARDS AND COMMISSIONS RULINGS, MAR. 15-21

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

Among this week's rulings, an independent arbitration panel suspended trainer Jason DaCosta for 15 days (starting on Mar. 22) and fined him \$1,000 after his trainee, Poker Partner, tested positive for Gabapentin when winning at Presque Isle Downs on July 18 last year.

Gabapentin is a class B controlled medication under HISA that is an FDA human-approved anticonvulsant used to treat conditions like epilepsy, postherpetic neuralgia and in the treatment of partial onset seizures.

Trainer Carla Morgan has also been suspended for seven days and fined \$1,000 after her trainee, River City Rocker, tested positive for the presence of the sedative, Xylazine, for a vet's list workout on Jan. 2 this year.

### NEW HISA/HIWU STEWARDS RULINGS

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

#### Resolved ADMC Violations

##### **Resolution Date: 03/14/2024**

**Licensee:** Leon Minott, trainer

**Penalty:** A fine of \$500; imposition of 1.5 Penalty Points. Admission.

**Alleged violation:** Vet's list medication violation

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

##### **Resolution Date: 03/15/2024**

**Licensee:** Carla Morgan, trainer

**Penalty:** 7-day period of Ineligibility, beginning on March 16, 2024; a fine of \$1,000; imposition of 2 Penalty Points. Admission.

**Alleged violation:** Vet's list medication violation

**Explainer:** For the presence of Xylazine-Controlled Medication (Class B)-in a sample taken from River City Rocker on 1/2/24. This was a possible violation of Rule 3312-Presence of Controlled Medication Substance and/or its Metabolites or Markers (Post-Race/Vets' List).

##### **Resolution Date: 03/15/2024**

**Licensee:** Jose D'Angelo, trainer

**Penalty:** A written reprimand

**Alleged violation:** Vets' list medication violation

**Explainer:** For the presence of Omeprazole and Cimetidine-both Controlled Medications (Class C)-in a sample taken from Sun Azteca on 2/14/24. This was a possible violation of Rule 3312-Presence of Controlled Medication Substance and/or its Metabolites or Markers (Post-Race/Vets' List).

##### **Resolution Date: 03/18/2024**

**Licensee:** Isidro Tamayo, trainer

**Penalty:** A fine of \$500; imposition of 1.5 Penalty Points. Final decision by HIWU.

**Alleged violation:** Vet's list medication violation

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

##### **Resolution Date: 03/18/2024**

**Licensee:** Jose Jimenez, trainer

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

**Alleged violation:** Pre-workout joint injection violation

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



Sarah Andrew

**Resolution Date: 03/19/2024****Licensee:** John Shirreffs, trainer**Penalty:** A written reprimand.**Alleged violation:** Vet's list medication violation**Explainer:** For the presence of Omeprazole (ulcer paste)-Controlled Medication (Class C)-in a sample taken from Sully on 2/12/24. This was a possible violation of Rule 3312-Presence of Controlled Medication Substance and/or its Metabolites or Markers (Post-Race/Vets' List).**Resolution Date: 03/20/2024****Licensee:** Alejandro Gomez, trainer**Penalty:** A fine of \$500; imposition of 1.5 Penalty Points.**Alleged violation:** Vet's list medication violation**Explainer:** For the presence of Flunixin-Controlled Medication (Class C)-in a sample taken from Tamanrassett on 1/25/24. This was a possible violation of Rule 3312-Presence of Controlled Medication Substance and/or its Metabolites or Markers (Post-Race/Vets' List).**Resolution Date: 03/21/2024****Licensee:** Jason DaCosta, trainer**Penalty:** A period of Ineligibility of fifteen (15) days, starting March 22, 2024; disqualification of Covered Horse's Race results, including forfeiture of all purses and other compensation, prizes, trophies, points, and rankings and repayment or surrender (as applicable); a fine of \$1,000; imposition of 2 Penalty Points. Final decision by independent arbitration panel.**Explainer:** For the presence of Gabapentin-Controlled Medications (Class B)-in a sample taken from Poker Partner, who won at Presque Isle Downs on 7/18/23. This was a possible violation of Rule 3312-Presence of Controlled Medication Substance and/or its Metabolites or Markers (Post-Race/Vets' List).Pending ADMC Violations**Date: 02/10/2024****Licensee:** Jonathan Maldonado, trainer**Penalty:** Pending**Alleged violation:** Medication violation**Explainer:** For the presence of Capsaicin-Controlled Medication (Class B)-in a sample taken from Kapadokya, who won at Laurel Park on 02/10/24. This is a possible violation of Rule 3312-Presence of Controlled Medication Substance and/or its Metabolites or Markers (Post-Race/Vets' List).**Date: 03/02/2024****Licensee:** Sally Rivera, trainer**Penalty:** Pending**Alleged violation:** Vet's list medication violation**Explainer:** For the presence of Phenylbutazone-Controlled Medication (Class C)-in a sample taken from Stormy Joe on 3/2/24. This is a possible violation of Rule 3312-Presence of Controlled Medication Substance and/or its Metabolites or Markers (Post-Race/Vets' List).**Date: 02/20/2024****Licensee:** Elliott Sullivan, trainer**Penalty:** Pending**Alleged violation:** Pre-workout joint injection violation**Explainer:** A possible violation of Rule 3314-Use or Attempted Use of a Controlled Medication Substance or a Controlled Medication Method-on the horse, My d'Valentine. This was also a possible violation of Rule 4222-Intra-Articular Injections Within Seven (7) Days of Timed and Reported Workout.**Date: 02/29/2024****Licensee:** Riley Tucker Mott, trainer**Penalty:** Pending**Alleged violation:** Pre-workout joint injection violation**Explainer:** A possible violation of Rule 3314-Use or Attempted Use of a Controlled Medication Substance or a Controlled Medication Method-on the horse, Brian. This was also a possible violation of Rule 4222-Intra-Articular Injections Within Seven (7) Days of Timed and Reported Workout.**Date: 03/01/2024****Licensee:** Philip Serpe, trainer**Penalty:** Pending**Alleged violation:** Pre-workout joint injection violation**Explainer:** A possible violation of Rule 3314-Use or Attempted Use of a Controlled Medication Substance or a Controlled Medication Method-on the horse, Itsallcomingtogetha. This was also a possible violation of Rule 4222-Intra-Articular Injections Within Seven (7) Days of Timed and Reported Workout.**Date: 02/20/2024****Licensee:** Randy Preston, trainer**Penalty:** Pending**Alleged violation:** Medication violation**Explainer:** For the presence of Flunixin-Controlled Medication (Class C)-in a sample taken from Sharp Life, who finished fourth at Mahoning Valley on 02/20/24. This is a possible violation of Rule 3312-Presence of Controlled Medication Substance and/or its Metabolites or Markers (Post-Race/Vets' List).



**Date: 02/28/2024****Licensee:** Patricia Farro, trainer**Penalty:** Provisionally suspended**Alleged violation:** Medication violation**Explainer:** For the presence of Cobalt Salts (eg CoCl<sub>2</sub>)-a banned substance-in a sample taken from Knockout Win, who won at Parx Racing on 2/28/23. This is a possible violation of Rule 3212-Presence of a Banned Substance and/or its Metabolites or Markers (Post-Race/Vets' List Workout).**Date: 02/19/2024****Licensee:** Michelle Nevin, trainer**Penalty:** Pending**Alleged violation:** Vet's list medication violation**Explainer:** For the presence of Betamethasone-Controlled Medication (Class C)-in a sample taken from Everlys Girl on 02/19/24. This is a possible violation of Rule 3312-Presence of Controlled Medication Substance and/or its Metabolites or Markers (Post-Race/Vets' List).**Date: 02/21/2024****Licensee:** Michael Simone, trainer**Penalty:** Pending**Alleged violation:** Vet's list medication violation**Explainer:** For the presence of Phenylbutazone-Controlled Medication (Class C)-in a sample taken from The Bearrish One on 02/21/24. This is a possible violation of Rule 3312-Presence of Controlled Medication Substance and/or its Metabolites or Markers (Post-Race/Vets' List).**Date: 02/25/2024****Licensee:** Adan Farias, trainer**Penalty:** Pending**Alleged violation:** Vet's list medication violation**Explainer:** For the presence of Dexamethasone-Controlled Medication (Class C)-in a sample taken from Misty Rain on 02/25/24. This is a possible violation of Rule 3312-Presence of Controlled Medication Substance and/or its Metabolites or Markers (Post-Race/Vets' List).**Date: 01/19/2024****Licensee:** Blaine Wright, trainer**Penalty:** Pending**Alleged violation:** Vet's list medication violation**Explainer:** For the presence of Betamethasone-Controlled Medication (Class C)-in a sample taken from Wodeton, who won at Golden Gate on 01/19/24. This is a possible violation of Rule 3312-Presence of Controlled Medication Substance and/or its Metabolites or Markers (Post-Race/Vets' List).**Date: 02/18/2024****Licensee:** Arnold Torres, trainer**Penalty:** Pending**Alleged violation:** Vet's list medication violation**Explainer:** For the presence of Methocarbamol-Controlled Medication (Class C)-in a sample taken from Its Thievery on 02/18/24. This is a possible violation of Rule 3312-Presence of Controlled Medication Substance and/or its Metabolites or Markers (Post-Race/Vets' List).Violations of Crop Rule

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

**Oaklawn Park**

Ramsey Howard Zimmerman - violation date March 15; \$250 fine and one-day suspension

**OTHER KEY RULINGS**The *TDN* also publishes a roundup of key official rulings from the primary tracks within the four major racing jurisdictions of California, New York, Florida and Kentucky.[Here's a primer](#) on how each of these jurisdictions adjudicates different offenses, what they make public (or not) and where.California**Track:** Santa Anita**Date:** 03/16/2024**Licensee:** Robert Henie, owner**Penalty:** Restoration of good standing**Violation:** N/A**Explainer:** Owner Robert Henie, having satisfied a financial complaint filed by Linda Madsen (aka Milky Way Farm) for \$6,450.00, is restored to good standing and California Horse Racing Board LATS Ruling #42 dated March 8, 2024, is set aside.**Track:** Santa Anita**Date:** 03/16/2024**Licensee:** Gary Hartunian, owner/Peter Miller, trainer**Penalty:** Payment of fees, surrender of ownership percentage**Violation:** Financial responsibility**Explainer:** Following a formal hearing held at Santa Anita Park on March 7, 2024, pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1876 (Financial Responsibility - farm, training and hauling fees), it is ordered that Owner Gary Hartunian (dba Rockingham Ranch) pay Owner/Trainer Peter Miller the amount of \$128.50 by April 1, 2024, whereby Peter Miller must surrender his 25% ownership of "Chasing Conquest" or pay \$7,371.50 for farm,

training and hauling fees to M Gary Hartunian by April 7, 2024, to retain 25% ownership. Failure to do so will result in the suspension of all licenses held by Gary Hartunian and/or Peter Miller.

**Track:** Santa Anita  
**Date:** 03/17/2024  
**Licensee:** Steve Knapp, owner-trainer  
**Penalty:** 15-day suspension, \$1,000 fine  
**Violation:** Training soundness examination violation  
**Explainer:** Owner/Trainer Steve Knapp, who trained Truest of True on January 18, 2024, at Santa Anita Park, is suspended for 15 days (April 1, 2024, thru April 15, 2024) and fined \$1,000 for violation of California Horse Racing Board rules #1846.3 (Veterinary and Training Records for Horses Requiring Training Soundness Examination) and #1846.2 (Training Soundness Examination - no ninety-day examination).

**Track:** Santa Anita  
**Date:** 03/17/2024  
**Licensee:** Steve Knapp, owner-trainer  
**Penalty:** \$500 fine  
**Violation:** Training soundness examination violation  
**Explainer:** Trainer Steve Knapp, who trained Nickle Nickle Nine on September 21, 2023, at Santa Anita Park, is fined \$500 for violation of California Horse Racing Board rules #1846.3 (Veterinary and Training Records for Horses Requiring Training Soundness Examination) and #1846.2 (Training Soundness Examination - no ninety-day examination).

**Track:** Santa Anita  
**Date:** 03/17/2024  
**Licensee:** Tiago Pereira, jockey  
**Penalty:** Three-day suspension  
**Violation:** Careless riding  
**Explainer:** Jockey Tiago Pereira, who rode Sketchy in the seventh race at Santa Anita Park on March 16, 2024, is suspended for 3 racing days (March 24, 29 and 30, 2024) for failure to maintain a straight course in the stretch and causing interference; a violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1699 (Riding Rules - careless riding).

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### AQUEDUCT MOVES SATURDAY CARD TO SUNDAY

With a strong coastal storm predicted to impact the New York metropolitan area Friday evening and into the majority of Saturday, Aqueduct has moved the Saturday card to Sunday, officials at the New York Racing Association, Inc. (NYRA) announced Thursday.

Highlighted by the \$100,000 Biagio's Rose S., Saturday's eight-race card will move in its entirety to Sunday, while the original Sunday races will be carded as extras beginning Thursday, Mar 28. First post Sunday will be 1:20 p.m. EDT.

Aqueduct Racetrack will remain open for simulcasting on Saturday.

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### TINA BOND IS NEW THA PRESIDENT

Tina Marie Bond, **recently elected** president of the New York Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association (NYTHA), added the office of president of the Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association (THA) to her duties after the THA's annual meeting and election Mar. 19-20 in Florida.


"It's an honor to be elected president of such an esteemed collective," said Bond, who is the first woman ever to helm the organization. "THA is at the forefront of collaborative decision-making and policy implementation on issues such as racehorse aftercare, equine safety and welfare, and protecting the integrity of our sport. I look forward to leading the organization as it addresses the challenges that horsemen and women face on local, regional, and national levels."


In other THA officer elections, Chris Block and David Richardson were named vice presidents; Michael Musto was named treasurer; and Bessie Gruwell will serve as secretary.

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### KENTUCKY DERBY STYLE GUIDE RELEASED FOR 150TH ANNIVERSARY

The first-ever Kentucky Derby Style Guide has been released in celebration of the 150th Kentucky Derby. The guide, created in partnership with fashion, beauty and entertainment journalist Zanna Roberts Rassi, honors the cultural tradition with a collection of looks that pay homage to Derby fashion from the past 150 years. **Cont.**



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**Derby style guide, cont.**

The guide features classic couture dresses and bowties, colorful hats and timeless accessories, including longstanding fashion partners and brands like vineyard vines, Longines, Radley London and Brackish.

“There is truly nothing like the fashion found at the Kentucky Derby,” Roberts Rassi said. “It’s a feast of popping colors, new trends and unique looks which are all elevated by the ever-fabulous headwear--its influence is engrained in American culture. Created with more than a century’s worth of trends in mind, I hope fans feel inspired by the history found in the Kentucky Derby Style Guide when pulling together their outfits to wear for this year’s race.”

Official milliners for this year's Derby are: Christine A. Moore Millinery (Christine Moore), Formé Millinery (Jenny Pfanestiel) and The Hat Girls (Kate Smith and Rachel Bell).

To view the official style guide, click [here](#).

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**IROQUOIS STEEPLECHASE INTRODUCES GROOM'S BONUSES** *Edited Press Release*

A new Groom’s Bonus for the first-place winner of every race has been introduced by the Iroquois Steeplechase. A \$1,000 bonus will be awarded for the Iroquois Steeplechase and a \$500 bonus given for all other races at the race meet. The 2024 Iroquois Steeplechase will run May 11 at Percy Warner Park in **Nashville, Tenn.**

“It’s our way of saying thank you and acknowledging the hard work and passion that grooms bring to our beloved sport,” said event sponsor Don Gill. “Without them, we would be at a significant disadvantage and would not be able to properly care for the horses.”

Sara Jo Gill, daughter of the late Steeplechase owner Calvin Houghland, served as the honorary co-chair in the 2010 and 2019 Steeplechase events and was the first female Steeplechase Trustee.

“The Iroquois Steeplechase has branded itself as one of the greatest horse racing events in the equine industry, and we are honored to be a part of something so special,” said Gill. “We are thankful for everyone who contributes to this wonderful race and are very optimistic and delighted for this year’s Steeplechase.”

Steeplechase is run by the 501c3 organization, the Volunteer State Horsemen’s Foundation (VSHF). Through the VSHF, the Steeplechase supports charitable organizations throughout the community, including the Monroe Carrell Jr. Children’s Hospital, Friends of Warner Parks, and The Foundation for the Horse. The Steeplechase attracts around 25,000 racegoers annually.

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**BELMONT STAKES DAY PICNIC PADDOCK TABLES TO BE MADE AVAILABLE THROUGH RANDOM DRAWING**

Reserved tables in the Saratoga Race Course picnic paddock will be sold exclusively through a random drawing for Belmont Stakes Day on Saturday, June 8, the New York Racing Association, Inc. (NYRA) announced Thursday.

As is the case during the 40-day summer meet, the vast majority of Saratoga’s backyard picnic tables--approximately 700--will be available on a first-come, first-served basis throughout the four-day Belmont Stakes Racing Festival.

Fans may enter the picnic paddock random drawing at BelmontStakes.com beginning Monday, Mar. 25. Approximately 100 picnic tables will be available for purchase through the random drawing (limited to one entry per person, one picnic table per winner). Winners will be notified shortly after the conclusion of the drawing on Friday, Apr. 5, and will have up to 48 hours to complete the ticket purchase through a NYRA sales representative.

Picnic paddock tables accommodate six guests at \$75 per person or a total of \$450, which includes the price of admission.

After the conclusion of the random drawing for Belmont Stakes Day, fans may secure tables in the reserved picnic paddock for the other three days of the Festival, June 6, 7 and 9, via Ticketmaster.com.

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**ROAD TO THE KENTUCKY DERBY CONTINUES WITH LIVE COVERAGE SATURDAY ON CNBC AND PEACOCK**

NBC Sports will present live coverage of the \$1-million GII Louisiana Derby, a key prep race ahead of the 150th GI Kentucky Derby, this Saturday, Mar. 23, live at 6 p.m. ET on CNBC and Peacock from Fair Grounds Race Course. The hour-long program will also feature the \$700,000 GIII Jeff Ruby Steaks at Turfway Park and the GII Fair Grounds Oaks.

Six weeks ahead of the running of the Kentucky Derby on Saturday, May 4, the Louisiana Derby and Jeff Ruby Steaks will both award Kentucky Derby qualification points, with 100 going to the winners of each race. The Fair Grounds Oaks will award GI Kentucky Oaks qualification points, with the winner of the race earning 100 points. Also, the Bourbonette Oaks from Turfway Park will be highlighted on Saturday’s show.

Britney Eurton will host Saturday’s coverage alongside analysts Jerry Bailey and Randy Moss.

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## THOROUGHBRED AFTERCARE ALLIANCE TO BE PRESENT FOR FLORIDA DERBY DAY

Thoroughbred Aftercare Alliance (TAA) will be present at Gulfstream Park for Florida Derby Day Saturday, Mar. 30. Thoroughbred Aftercare Alliance has partnered with 1/ST RACING to have a variety of on-site activations during the day.

Thoroughbred Aftercare Alliance will be honored with a named race on the Florida Derby Day undercard. Following the running of the race, a presentation will be made to the winning connections, including a Thoroughbred Aftercare Alliance branded blanket and gift bag branded merchandise. 1/ST RACING will promote accredited aftercare throughout the day.

A representative from Thoroughbred Aftercare Alliance will be on-site to host the winners of the "Off to the Races" VIP Experience online benefit auction. 1/ST RACING has donated the Florida Derby Day VIP Experience where the winners will enjoy premium dining, access to the paddock, and more.

Additionally, Thoroughbred Aftercare Alliance is also the co-beneficiary for the Florida Derby Charity Golf Tournament alongside the Permanently Disabled Jockeys Fund. The charity golf tournament, hosted by 1/ST RACING, will be held Monday, Mar. 25, at the Plantation Preserve Golf Course & Club.

"1/ST RACING and Gulfstream Park are thrilled to have Thoroughbred Aftercare Alliance return for Florida Derby Day," said Steve Screnci, President of Racing and Business Development, 1/ST RACING. "We take great pride in supporting accredited aftercare and aim to further raise awareness and aid in the care of retired Thoroughbred racehorses."

"Thoroughbred Aftercare Alliance is honored to count supporters like 1/ST RACING and Gulfstream among our allies in advancing our mission," said Emily Dresen, Director of Funding & Events at Thoroughbred Aftercare Alliance. "We eagerly anticipate a day filled with exciting races and the opportunity to enlighten racing fans about the importance of accredited aftercare."

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## 2024 Leading All-Weather Sires by Earnings

Year-to-Date - Standing NA - Worldwide Earnings - NH Foals

Rank	Stallion	BTW	BTH	GSW	GSH	G1SW	G1SH	Starters	Wnrs	Highest Earner	Earnings
1	Into Mischief (2005) by Harlan's Holiday	--	--	--	--	--	--	47	10	\$86,312 Fee: 250,000	<b>\$565,275</b> Victorious
2	Kantharos (2008) by Lion Heart	--	1	--	--	--	--	43	11	\$114,726 Fee: 15,000	\$447,031 Shefflin
3	Bolt d'Oro (2015) by Medaglia d'Oro	--	1	--	--	--	--	28	9	\$58,833 Fee: 60,000	\$409,228 Anthem King
4	Nyquist (2013) by Uncle Mo	<b>1</b>	1	--	--	--	--	23	8	\$128,509 Fee: 85,000	\$392,770 Encino
5	Twirling Candy (2007) by Candy Ride (ARG)	--	1	--	--	--	--	37	<b>14</b>	\$57,374 Fee: 60,000	\$379,843 Santorini
6	Mendelssohn (2015) by Scat Daddy	--	--	--	--	--	--	<b>59</b>	11	\$25,452 Fee: 15,000	\$375,591 Musical Note
7	Uncle Mo (2008) by Indian Charlie	--	--	--	--	--	--	25	10	\$46,714 Fee: 150,000	\$349,575 Nom de Plume
8	Tapiture (2011) by Tapit	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	--	--	--	--	28	6	<b>\$158,159</b> Fee: 7,500	\$344,690 Nice as Pie
9	Cairo Prince (2011) by Pioneerof the Nile	--	1	--	--	--	--	33	6	\$66,753 Fee: 15,000	\$314,586 Efficacious
10	Kitten's Joy (2001) by El Prado (Ire)	--	--	--	--	--	--	48	9	\$41,731 Fee: N/A	\$313,531 Catmint
11	Candy Ride (Arg) (1999) by Ride the Rails	--	--	--	--	--	--	28	10	\$60,000 Fee: 75,000	\$305,645 Candy Light
12	Goldencents (2010) by Into Mischief	--	--	--	--	--	--	36	11	\$40,941 Fee: 10,000	\$305,065 Best Kiss Yet
13	Justify (2015) by Scat Daddy	--	1	--	--	--	--	25	4	\$85,791 Fee: 200,000	\$304,321 Tennessee
14	Frosted (2012) by Tapit	<b>1</b>	1	--	--	--	--	28	7	\$87,122 Fee: 10,000	\$296,883 Icicles
15	Speightstown (1998) by Gone West	--	--	--	--	--	--	22	11	\$46,830 Fee: N/A	\$295,519 Admissible

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**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	<b>Gun Runner</b>	Mrs John Magnier, Michael B. Tabor, Derrick Smith, Asmussen Westerberg, Gandharvi LLC and Brook T. Smith		Santana, Jr.	122
3	Antiquarian 🍀	<b>Preservationist</b>	Centennial Farms	Pletcher	Velazquez	122
4	Agate Road 🍀	<b>Quality Road</b>	Repole Stable and St. Elias Stables LLC	Pletcher	Ortiz, Jr.	122
5	Catching Freedom 🍀	<b>Constitution</b>	Albaugh Family Stables LLC	Cox	Prat	122
6	Awesome Ruta	<b>Mendelssohn</b>	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 🍀	<b>Mendelssohn</b>	Tilted Shamrock Stables	McPeek	Lanerie	122
10	Common Defense 🍀	<b>Karakontie (Jpn)</b>	David A. Bernsen LLC, Tony Holmes, Michael Holmes, and Norevale Farm	McPeek	Hernandez, Jr.	122
11	Tuscan Gold 🍀	<b>Medaglia d'Oro</b>	William Lawrence, Walmac Farm and Stonestreet	Brown	Gaffalione	122
12	Track Phantom 🍀	<b>Quality Road</b>	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	<b>Gun Runner</b>	Winchell Thoroughbreds LLC	Asmussen	Rosario	118
2	Gasoline	<b>Curlin</b>	Harrell Ventures, LLC and CHC INC.	Pletcher	Velazquez	120
3	Touchuponastar	Star Guitar	Set-Hut LLC	Delhomme	Thornton	122
4	Black Belt	<b>Not This Time</b>	EKB Stables LLC and P&L Thoroughbred Racing	Walder	Hernandez, Jr.	118
5	Money Supply 🍀	<b>Practical Joke</b>	Jordan V. Wycoff	Sharp	Gaffalione	122
6	Happy American 🍀	<b>Runhappy</b>	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

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**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



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**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

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Metro tops the 2022 Keeneland September Yearling Sale  
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## KEENELAND SALES TOPPER DEBUTS ON GRASS AT SANTA ANITA

1st-SA, \$65K, MSW, 3yo, 6ft, 4:00 p.m.

The partnership of Stonehaven Steading, Talla Racing, West Point Thoroughbreds, Woodford Racing and Charles Sonson went to a sales-topping \$2,500,000 at Keeneland September in 2022 to secure **METRO** (*Quality Road*). A son of Gill Schuylerville S. third True Feelings, he is a half to SW Feeling Mischief (Into Mischief) and GSP Royal Act (*American Pharoah*). True Feelings is herself a half to the dam of champion 3-year-old filly Wait A While (Maria's Mon) and this is also the family of dual champion and sire Lookin At Lucky (Smart Strike).

"He's grown up and is improving every week," trainer John Sadler said told media at Santa Anita Thursday morning. "It's time to get him to the races. We had a couple of starts and stops with him, but the last 45 days he's really been doing good."

Metro is one of two starters in the race for Sadler who also debuts **Western Power** (*Liam's Map*), a \$350,000 Fasig-Tipton Kentucky Fall yearling for Bee Zee, Hronis Racing and Lane's End Racing. He is a half to GSW Chanteline (Majesticperfection) and MSW Kell Paso (Divine Park). His dam's half-sister produced GI Three Chimneys Hopeful S. winner Currency Swap (High Cotton).

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**7th-Aqueduct, \$88,000, Alw (C)/Opt. Clm (\$80,000), 3-21, 4yo/up, 1 1/8m, 1:50.13, ft, head.**

**OLYMPIC DREAMS (g, 5, Medaglia d'Oro--Kirov, by Distorted Humor)** was beaten twice by GSW/GISP Law Professor (*Constitution*) earlier this year in optional claimers at the Big A. Without his rival present, the 8-5 choice took the field into the first turn and continued to hold sway despite being shadowed up the backstretch by Tabeguache (Into Mischief). The hooded gelding fended off a challenge from his pursuer down the lane and won by a head. The winner is a half-brother to Frost Me (*Frosted*), SP, \$206,670. Kirov is responsible for a 2-year-old filly by *Frosted* and a yearling colt by *Essential Quality*. She visited *Jack Christopher* for this season. Sales History: \$145,000 RNA Ylg '20 FTKSEL. Lifetime Record: SP, 15-6-2-3, \$379,755. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.** O/B-Gallagher's Stud (NY); T-Patrick J. Quick.

**7th-Turfway, \$78,000, Alw (NW2\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$40,000), 3-20, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f (AWT), 1:09.86, ft, 2 1/2 lengths.**

**NOM DE PLUME (f, 4, Uncle Mo--Casting Director, by Bernardini)** was last seen routing over the Churchill turf Nov. 1 where she finished in third against optional claimers. Off the break, the 9-5 favorite here tracked a pair of leaders from the second flight up the backstretch. The homebred tipped to the three path before the top of the lane, took control at the eighth pole and won by 2 1/2 lengths over longshot Frango Electrico (*Tourist*). The winner is a half-sister to Movie Moxy (*Street Sense*), SP, \$437,108. Casting Director is responsible for 2-year-old colt Metrics Matter (*Nyquist*), who was purchased by John Ballantyne/NBS Stable for \$250,000 at last year's Keeneland September Sale. She foaled a filly in 2023 by *Munnings* and was bred to *Liam's Map* for this term. Nom de Plume's second dam Shadow Cast (Smart Strike)--a \$2.3 million graduate of the 2008 Keeneland November Sale--won the GI Personal Ensign S. Sales History: \$535,000 RNA Ylg '21 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 5-3-1-1, \$159,834. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

O/B-Bonne Chance Farm LLC (KY); T-Paulo H. Lobo.



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**6th-Fair Grounds, \$58,000, Alw, 3-21, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16mT, 1:46.05, fm, 6 1/4 lengths.**

**WAY TO BE MARIE (f, 3, ~~Not This Time~~--Woman of the World, by Henrythenavigator)** broke her maiden at third asking by a length while traveling nine furlongs on Fair Grounds's turf course in mid-December. Taking a month and a half off, the filly was the runner-up against optional claimers over the same grass Feb. 1. Backed as the 9-5 choice here, the 3-year-old was in tight quarters passing the grandstand, but she came away owning the front into the first turn. The bay slowed the pace to :49.15 for the first half mile as she continued to lead into the far turn. Given her cue at the eighth marker, Way to Be Marie turned up the pressure and won going away by 6 1/4 lengths over She's On the Rocks (California Chrome). The winner's unraced dam produced filly Woman **Enticed (Enticed)**, who is now a yearling, and she was bred to **Tapwrit** for the spring. Sales History: \$75,000 Ylg '22 KEESEP; \$95,000 2yo '23 OBSAPR. Lifetime Record: 5-2-2-0, \$98,200. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

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**1st-Oaklawn, \$115,000, Msw, 3-21, 3yo/up, 1 1/16m, 1:44.78, ft, 4 3/4 lengths.**

**MACKMAN (c, 4, ~~Union Rags~~--Silverpocketsfull {GISP, \$137,671}, by Indian Charlie)**, in what was his first start in over a year, finished third by two lengths at second asking in Hot Springs Feb. 15. Off the barn switch from Gerald Romero, the 3-2 choice sat just behind Crossing (Cross Traffic) into the first turn and continued to bide his time from that spot up the backstretch. The 4-year-old launched his bid around the far turn, took over the lead at the top of the lane and sealed the deal over the pacesetter by 4 3/4 lengths. The winner's dam produced a colt by **Liam's Map** who was purchased for \$270,000 by Lauren Carlisle at last year's Keeneland September Sale. Bred back to **Essential Quality** for this spring, Silverpocketsfull is out of MGSP Unforgotten (Northern Afleet) who is also responsible for SW/MGSP Audrey's Time (**Uncle Mo**).



**Mackman | Coady Photography**

Sales History: \$135,000 Ylg '21 KEESEP; \$160,000 2yo '22 OBSAPR. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-2, \$87,270. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.** O-T. C. Stable LLC (Shipley) and Hickory Stables; B-Sierra Farm (KY); T-Greg Compton.

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**2nd-Gulfstream, \$70,000, Msw, 3-21, 3yo/up, f/m, 1mT, 1:33.74, fm, 4 1/4 lengths.**

**LOOKINFORBARGAINS (f, 4, ~~Practical Joke~~--Mixed Up Kid, by Lemon Drop Kid)** has endured a pair of long layoffs in her short career, checking in nine months apart in New York and facing another six months between starts leading up to being denied by a head over the local course Feb. 23. Much improved on the grass in what was her third-straight attempt over it, the 2-5 favorite was held back off the early speed of Galileo's Jewel (Ire) (**Kingman {GB}**) on the backstretch but was well-positioned into the turn to make a wide bid past the quarter pole. Just the Sky (**Justify**) rallied late for second but Lookinforbargains was an easy winner by 4 1/2 lengths. Mixed Up Kid has a 2-year-old **Take Charge Indy** colt and foaled a filly by Gunnevera last year before visiting Roadster for 2024. Sales History: \$85,000 2yo '22 OBSAPR. Lifetime Record: 4-1-1-1, \$67,700. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.** O-Louis Lazzinaro LLC, Michael Dubb and Michael Caruso; B-Gregory Alan Wheeling (KY); T-Chad C. Brown.

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**SECOND-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: FRIDAY, MARCH 22**

*2024 Stud Fees Listed*

**Audible** (Into Mischief), WinStar Farm, \$15,000  
 261 foals of racing age/35 winners/3 black-type winners  
 4-Laurel, 1:58 p.m. EDT, Aoc 1 1/16m, Call Another Play, 6-1  
 4-Laurel, 1:58 p.m. EDT, Aoc 1 1/16m, Salty Girl, 15-1  
 \$43,000 RNA OBS APR 2yo  
 3-Laurel, 1:27 p.m. EDT, Msw 1 1/16m, Work Hard, 6-1  
 \$42,000 KEE NOV wnl; \$77,000 KEE SEP yrl

**Catalina Cruiser** (Union Rags), Lane's End Farm, \$10,000  
 173 foals of racing age/19 winners/0 black-type winners  
 6-Sam Houston, 10:00 p.m. EDT, Msw 1mT, Dinero de La Casa, 7-2  
 \$6,000 FTK OCT yrl; \$26,000 OBS OPN 2yo

**Catholic Boy** (More Than Ready), Claiborne Farm, \$10,000  
 161 foals of racing age/19 winners/1 black-type winner  
 6-Sam Houston, 10:00 p.m. EDT, Msw 1mT, Bishop Creek, 12-1  
 2-Sam Houston, 8:00 p.m. EDT, Alw 1mT, Marquette Warrior, 20-1  
 \$40,000 KEE SEP yrl

**Copper Bullet** (More Than Ready), Darby Dan Farm, \$7,500  
 53 foals of racing age/10 winners/1 black-type winner  
 4-Sam Houston, 9:00 p.m. EDT, Alw 1m, Copper Kan, 12-1  
 \$15,000 TTA APR 2yo

**Enticed** (Medaglia d'Oro), Darley, \$5,000  
 157 foals of racing age/30 winners/1 black-type winner  
 8-Fair Grounds, 5:15 p.m. EDT, Msw 1m, Doolgaroux, 6-1  
 \$100,000 KEE SEP yrl

**Flameaway** (Scat Daddy), Darby Dan Farm, \$15,000  
 200 foals of racing age/32 winners/4 black-type winners  
 3-Cross Country P5, 5:02 p.m. EDT, Msw 7f, Inflammabelle, 30-1

**Force the Pass** (Speightstown)  
 37 foals of racing age/5 winners/0 black-type winners  
 8-Laurel, 4:04 p.m. EDT, Aoc 6f, Had to Have Him, 8-1  
 \$36,000 FTJ UNE 2yo  
 8-Laurel, 4:04 p.m. EDT, Aoc 6f, Neil to the King, 6-1  
 \$4,500 RNA WAN DEC wnl; \$15,000 EAS OCT yrl

**Maximus Mischief** (Into Mischief), Spendthrift Farm, \$25,000  
 231 foals of racing age/41 winners/3 black-type winners  
 3-Cross Country P5, 5:02 p.m. EDT, Msw 7f, Dolce Veloce, 8-1  
 \$35,000 SAR AUG yrl; \$70,000 EAS MAY 2yo

**Mitole** (Eskendereya), Spendthrift Farm, \$15,000  
 294 foals of racing age/47 winners/3 black-type winners  
 4-Sam Houston, 9:00 p.m. EDT, Alw 1m, Antifreeze, 2-1  
 \$40,000 TTA YRL yrl

**Omaha Beach** (War Front), Spendthrift Farm, \$40,000  
 291 foals of racing age/33 winners/4 black-type winners  
 6-Fair Grounds, 4:15 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2ft, Notice Me Too, 5-1

**Pavel** (Creative Cause), Ocean Breeze Ranch  
 29 foals of racing age/6 winners/1 black-type winner  
 2-Santa Anita, 4:29 p.m. EDT, Aoc 6f, Petit Filet, 10-1  
 \$1,500 FTC AYR yrl

**Solomini** (Curlin), McMahon of Saratoga Thoroughbreds, \$7,500  
 142 foals of racing age/18 winners/3 black-type winners  
 3-Cross Country P5, 5:02 p.m. EDT, Msw 7f, Brooklyn Dantz, 30-1  
 \$6,000 RNA FTN MIX wnl; \$18,000 OBS OCT yrl; \$37,000 RNA  
 EAS MAY 2yo

**World of Trouble** (Kantharos), Hill 'n' Dale at Xalapa, \$5,000  
 129 foals of racing age/23 winners/1 black-type winner  
 3-Cross Country, 5:02 p.m. EDT, Msw 7f, Troubled Luck, 30-1  
 \$32,000 FTN MIX wnl; \$40,000 SAR AUG yrl; \$25,000 EAS MAY  
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 1-Santa Anita, 4:00 p.m. EDT, Msw 6ft, We're in Trouble, 4-1  
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**7th-Fair Grounds, \$60,000, (S), Alw, 3-21, (NW4L), 4yo/up, 6f, 1:10.04, ft, 3/4 length.**

**CLEAR AS A BELE (g, 4, Clearly Now--My Friend Bele {SW, \$145,980}, by My Friend Max)** Lifetime Record: 9-4-1-1, \$151,580. O-Pendleton Larsen, Jr.; B-Delmar Caldwell (LA); T-Courtney Dandridge Jr. \*1/2 to Hunker Down (Musket Man), MSP, \$250,275 and Beleout (Flat Out), MSP, \$286,430.

**8th-Fair Grounds, \$57,800, (NW2\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$50,000), 3-21, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16mT, 1:47.21, fm, head.**

**BLISSFUL (m, 5, Empire Maker--Belleski {MGSW, \$374,586}, by Polish Numbers)** Lifetime Record: 11-3-0-3, \$158,055. O-Belladonna Racing, LLC, Manganaro Bloodstock and Hudson, Jr., Edward J.; B-Thoreau, LLC & Empire Maker Syndicate (KY); T-Cherie DeVaux. \*\$155,000 Ylg '20 FTKOCT; \$350,000 2yo '21 OBSAPR. \*\*Full to Keri Belle, GSW, \$323,140.

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**8th-Sunland, \$51,800, (S), 3-21, 4yo/up, 1m, 1:37.34, ft, 1 1/2 lengths.**

**I'MAGAMBLER (g, 5, King Bull--Gamblers Odyssey, by El Corredor)** Lifetime Record: 24-9-4-1, \$200,298. O-Alfred Alvarado; B-Greg Green, David Ehmann & Mark Miller (NM); T-Martin Valdez-Cabral, Jr.

**6th-Sunland, \$45,500, (S), (NW2Y+)/Opt. Clm (\$12,500), 3-21, 3yo/up, 6 1/2f, 1:17.28, ft, head.**

**DAUX (g, 8, Abstraction--Thibodaux {MSP}, by Early Flyer)** Lifetime Record: 19-5-1-6, \$126,235. O-Marr, Teresa K., Sours, Jim and Foote, Tim; B-Michael C. Stinson (NM); T-Joel H. Marr. \*Full to Evacuee, MSP, \$376,739.

**4th-Sunland, \$42,100, (S), 3-21, (NW3L), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:10.40, ft, 1 1/4 lengths.**

**BIKINILESS (m, 5, Marking--My Bikini Fell Off {MSP, \$404,032}, by Elusive Jazz)** Lifetime Record: 17-3-7-2, \$132,472. O/B-Brian Mundell (NM); T-Bart G. Hone.



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**5th-Turf Paradise, \$32,500, Alw (NW2X)/Opt. Clm (\$20,000-\$25,000), 3-20, 3yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2f, 1:02.61, ft, 3 3/4 lengths.**

**TWELVE STARS (m, 5, Bal a Bali {Brz}--Wild Roan, by Wild Rush)** Lifetime Record: 17-5-2-0, \$95,187. O-Brent Stapley, Kelly Hatch, Paul Mangum; B-BHMFR; T-Esteban Martinez. \*\$2,500 Ylg '20 FTKFEB; \$15,000 Ylg '20 OBSOCT; \$40,000 2yo '21 OBSAPR. \*\*1/2 to Wild Louis (Louis Quatorze), MSP, \$236,871.

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**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**

**Anna's Got Style, g, 3, Fast Anna--Decoratedwithstyle (SP, \$107,312), by Rockport Harbor.** Penn National, 3-20, 5 1/2f, 1:06.52. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$20,400. B-Dr. Stephen G. Jackson & Debbie Jackson (KY).

**B Fifty Two, c, 3, Flatter--Stormy B, by Cherokee Run.** Fair Grounds, 3-21, (C), 6f, 1:10.47. Lifetime Record: 4-1-1-1, \$35,280. B-Knapp Hill Breeders & Kindred Stables, Inc (KY). \*\$80,000 Wlg '21 KEENOV; \$105,000 RNA Ylg '22 KEESEP; \$47,000 Ylg '22 FTKOCT. \*\*1/2 to Storm Power (Tiz Wonderful), SW, \$253,871 and Itsaknockout (Lemon Drop Kid), GSW, \$398,010; Full to Hot Sean, GSP, \$431,440.

(DH) **Margarita Sunset, f, 3, Golden Years--Daiquiri, by Rock Slide.** Charles Town, 3-20, (S), 4 1/2f, :54.16. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-0, \$15,954. B-Ollie Larry Figgins (VA).

(DH) **Symptomatic, f, 3, Midshipman--Ideal Thoughts (MSP, \$217,421), by Not For Love.** Charles Town, 3-20, (S), 4 1/2f, :54.16. Lifetime Record: 7-1-1-1, \$22,880. B-Jill N. Daniel (WV). \*1/2 to Hypothesis (Algorithms), MSW, \$427,910.

**Grafiq, f, 3, Munnings--Cosmic Emergency (SP), by Any Given Saturday.** Fair Grounds, 3-21, (S), 1m, 1:40.29. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-0, \$37,320. B-Coteau Grove Farms (LA). \*\$150,000 Wlg '21 KEENOV. \*\*1/2 to Cosmic Train (Klimt), SW, \$211,080.

**C** **Dam purchased/mating by Cary Bloodstock** **C**

**Chasenuinmydreams, f, 3, Punctuate--Chasenthisdream, by Tale of the Cat.** Sunland, 3-21, (S), 6f, 1:12.67. Lifetime Record: 4-1-0-0, \$24,410. B-Bryan Petty & Dr. Megan Petty (NM).

**Ava's Uncle Billy, c, 3, Uncle Mo--Ava K. (MSW & GSP, \$201,467), by Dixie Union.** Aqueduct, 3-21, (S), (C), 1m, 1:38.81. Lifetime Record: 4-1-0-0, \$29,600. B-Sugar Maple Farm & H. Lewis Rapaport (NY).

**Flip's Dream, g, 4, Bellamy Road--Laura Can Disco, by Disco Rico.** Aqueduct, 3-21, (S), 1m, 1:38.91. Lifetime Record: 4-1-0-0, \$43,050. B-C. Robert Valeri (NY).

**Lone Mountain Girl, f, 4, Gallant Son--Quick Glory, by Swiss Yodeler.** Sunland, 3-21, 5 1/2f, 1:04.01. Lifetime Record: 8-1-2-1, \$40,490. B-Daehling Ranch (CA).



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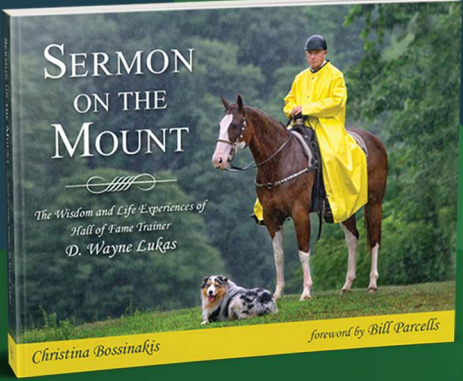
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- Bellamy Road**, Flip's Dream, g, 4, o/o Laura Can Disco, by Disco Rico. MSW, 3-21, Aqueduct
- Clearly Now**, Clear as a Bele, g, 4, o/o My Friend Bele, by My Friend Max. ALW, 3-21, Fair Grounds
- Empire Maker**, Blissful, m, 5, o/o Belleski, by Polish Numbers. AOC, 3-21, Fair Grounds
- Fast Anna**, Anna's Got Style, g, 3, o/o Decoratedwithstyle, by Rockport Harbor. MSW, 3-20, Penn National
- Flatter**, B Fifty Two, c, 3, o/o Stormy B, by Cherokee Run. MOC, 3-21, Fair Grounds
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- Marking**, Bikiniless, m, 5, o/o My Bikini Fell Off, by Elusive Jazz. ALW, 3-21, Sunland
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- Midshipman**, Symptomatic, f, 3, o/o Ideal Thoughts, by Not For Love. MSW, 3-20, Charles Town
- Munnings**, Grabiq, f, 3, o/o Cosmic Emergency, by Any Given Saturday. MSW, 3-21, Fair Grounds
- Not This Time**, Way to Be Marie, f, 3, o/o Woman of the World, by Henrythenavigator. ALW, 3-21, Fair Grounds


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- Uncle Mo**, Nom de Plume, f, 4, o/o Casting Director, by Bernardini. AOC, 3-20, Turfway
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## PRINCE OF WALES'S STAKES THE "PRIMARY TARGET" FOR KING OF STEEL

The G1 Prince of Wales's S. at Royal Ascot has been put forward as the main objective for **King Of Steel** (**Wootton Bassett** {GB}) by his trainer Roger Varian.

Last year's G1 Champion S. hero thrived at the Berkshire venue during his three-year-old campaign, with both of his victories coming at the track.

He followed up his brave second to Auguste Rodin (Ire) (Deep Impact {Jpn}) in the Derby by winning the G2 King Edward VII S. at the royal meeting and, although having to settle for third in the G1 King George in July, he recorded an emotional triumph under Frankie Dettori on British Champions Day.

The Amo Racing-owned colt finished his campaign with a fifth-placed effort in the GI Breeders' Cup Turf at Santa Anita and, after a well-earned winter break, is back at Carlburg Stables tuning up for the season ahead.

Varian said, "He's in great form and has wintered very well. He looks a picture and we're very happy with him. He looks stronger and he's entitled to be--he's a big horse with low mileage so he's entitled to be getting stronger. It looks that way and hopefully with strength comes some improvement, so we will see." [Cont. p7](#)

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### THE X-RAY FILES, SEASON 2: DAVID SCANLON

Jessica Martini speaks with Ocala horseman David Scanlon, who is a leading 2-year-old consignor, as well as sporting an impressive list of training graduates for leading owners.

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**Owners Anoj Don and Daniel McAuliffe celebrate with Lemos De Souza (middle) after Convo (Kodiac) won first time out at Saint-Cloud for Amy Murphy. [Replay.](#) | Scoop Dyga**

**SHUWARI OUT OF GUINEAS CONTENTION**

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*A setback has ruled Shuwari (Ire) (New Bay {GB}) out of consideration for the G1 QIPCO 1000 Guineas.*

**VALE DERBY WINNER NORTH LIGHT**

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*2004 G1 Derby winner North Light (Ire) (Danehill) was euthanised at the age of 23 on Wednesday.*

**PADDINGTON WILL SHUTTLE TO WINDSOR PARK STUD**

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*Top miler Paddington (GB) (Siyouni {Fr}) will shuttle to Windsor Park Stud in New Zealand later this year.*

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**Resolute Farm's John Stewart Cont. from p1**

Stewart's most costly recruits included the second-top lot at the Keeneland September Yearling Sale, an **Uncle Mo** half-sister to the multiple Grade I winner Shedaresthedevil (**Daredevil**) who sold for \$2.5 million. He then rolled into the Fasig-Tipton Kentucky November Sale where a pair of Breeders' Cup winners headlined his seven purchases, splashing out \$6 million on the dual Filly & Mare Sprint heroine Goodnight Olive (**Ghostzapper**) and \$3 million on the Juvenile Fillies Turf winner Pizza Bianca (Fastnet Rock {Aus}).

More recently, Stewart purchased five two-year-olds at the OBS March Sale, notably spending \$1 million on an Authentic colt, while the three-year-old Pounce (Lookin At Lucky) was bought for \$370,000 at the Fasig-Tipton February Digital Sale and made the perfect start for her new owner when winning the GIII Herecomesthebride S. at Gulfstream Park earlier this month. He also privately purchased the filly Sweet Rebecca (**American Pharoah**) after she broke her maiden at the same track eight days later and was named a 'TDN Rising Star'.

Certainly, nobody can accuse Stewart of not putting his money where his mouth is. It was only around 18 months ago that he teamed up with Gavin O'Connor to buy his first horse, Shiloh's Mistress (Vino Rosso), for \$235,000 at the 2022 Keeneland September Yearling Sale. Now, he has designs on becoming one

of the most influential owner-breeders in the sport.

A lifelong racing fan, Stewart might have bided his time before getting his hands dirty at the coal face, but there's seemingly no limit to his ambition now that he's there.

Speaking about the decision to significantly increase his stake in the industry, Stewart explains, "I met Chelsey [Stone], my girlfriend, in the spring of last year, early summer. Gavin and I were planning on buying a couple more horses, and Chelsey has been around horses her whole life. She rides Saddlebreds and she worked at Gainesway, so she knows horses a lot.

"We got talking more and more about what the opportunities were and I told them, 'Something you should know about me is that I don't ever do anything halfway--I'm probably not going to be that person who has just two or three horses.'

"We went to the Keeneland Sale and Chelsey and Gavin had looked at 160 horses to try to recommend two. I was so impressed by that because it would have been very easy just to pick two horses. And so, as we started going through the sale, we had an eye on a couple and then some others came up and I thought the prices were kind of reasonable.

"Somehow, we ended up spending \$8.5 million. I go to car auctions all the time and I do the same thing. I'd just been to a car auction and bought nine cars a month earlier--people that know me know that's totally not out of character." **Cont. p4**

# MINZAAL *First foals receive rave reviews!*



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David Cox on Rosetown Bloodstock's bay filly out of Loquace



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**Resolute Farm's John Stewart Cont.**

Altogether, Stewart came away from the Keeneland September Yearling Sale with 13 horses, including a second seven-figure purchase when he forked out \$1 million for the full-brother to the multiple top-level winner **Practical Joke** (Into Mischief). That group is set to spearhead Stewart's racing operation, called Resolute Racing, in 2024.

In the meantime, Stewart's priority was finding a place his burgeoning broodmare band could call home. That next step in the process was ticked off late last year when he completed the purchase of Shadwell's Shadayid Stud in Midway, since renamed Resolute Farm.

"I used to live back behind Shadwell in Fishers Mill in Midway," says Stewart, the founder and managing partner of MiddleGround Capital, a private equity firm. "I lived there for around 10 years, and I've always admired this property and thought it was beautiful. There hadn't been horses on this

property since [Sheikh Hamdan] had passed away, but they took such good care of it that it was really just turnkey. We could just come in and start, so we put an offer in, they accepted it, and we bought the farm."

Said farm now has a handful of Grade I-winning mares--not to mention dams of Grade I winners or siblings to Grade I winners--grazing its lush paddocks following Stewart's spending spree last autumn.

As well as Goodnight Olive and Pizza Bianca, Stewart paid a total of \$5.9 million for the dams of GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile and GI Florida Derby winner **Forte** (**Violence**) and GI Kentucky Derby winner **Mage** (**Good Magic**). The Listed-winning Queen **Caroline** (**Blame**), the dam of **Forte**, was bought for \$3 million at the

Fasig-Tipton November Sale, before the Grade II-placed **Puca** (**Big Brown**) was secured for \$2.9 million post-RNA at the Keeneland November Sale having originally been reported as unsold. **Cont. p5**



**Happen and Dramatically with Chelsey Stone | Sara Gordon**

**ANOTHER GR.1 PROSPECT**

Unbeaten in 3 starts at 2 years, **PUCHKINE** earned a **TDN Rising Star** on Wednesday winning a Class 1 race by 3½ lengths. Trained by Jean-Claude Rouget for owner/breeder Alain Jathiere.

“I saw what I wanted to see and more... The goal is to run in the Poule d'Essai and before that, he will run in the [Apr. 21 Listed] Prix Aymeri de Mauléon”

Jean-Claude Rouget



**CALIFORNIA SPANGLE** won the **HK\$13 million Queen's Silver Jubilee Cup-Gr.1** on March 10th and runs in the **Al Quoz Sprint-Gr.1** at Meydan next Saturday.

**STARSPANGLED BANNER**

Sire of 9 Group/Stakes performing 2YOs in 2023 including Group winners **CARLA'S WAY & LAULNE**.

**COOLMORE**

His biggest and best-bred crops by far are yearlings and foals of 2024!



**Resolute Farm's John Stewart Cont.**

Another mare who went unsold when offered for \$2.4 million at Keeneland was the GI Breeders' Cup Turf Sprint heroine Caravel (Mizzen Mast), but she too ended up with Stewart following a private sale conducted early in 2024.

Telling the story of how he came to buy Caravel, Stewart says, "Chelsey was very interested in Caravel from the beginning, as I was, and I had talked to Sheikh Fahad [Al Thani, chairman of Qatar Racing] at the Breeders' Cup about her. We went to Keeneland after the sale and ended up buying Puca. We found out that Caravel had RNA'd and we were so shocked, so we reached out to them directly and said, 'Hey, we'll buy the horse.'

"There's a lot of people in the industry that don't want to sell privately because they think it's going to take away from the value of the horse. But coming after the Fasig-Tipton sale where I had bought some of the most expensive horses there and paid really premium prices, I said, 'Guys, nobody's ever going to know what I pay for the horse and they're all going to assume I paid a ridiculous price, because look at what I just paid for all these other horses.' So, they agreed to sell her to us."

As for the next steps for Caravel and Puca—who is the dam of another colt on the Triple Crown trail this year in the GII Fountain of Youth S. winner Dornoch (Good Magic)—Stewart

adds, "We knew all along that we wanted to breed Caravel to Frankel and I've used that with the team to convince them to let me send Puca to Frankel. We're going to send Puca to Into Mischief this year and then she's going to join Caravel over there and she's going to be bred to Frankel next year."

The prospect of having a homebred colt or filly by Frankel (GB) on the ground is a tantalising one for Stewart, though it won't be the first offspring of the unbeaten world champion to have graced the turf at Resolute Farm. Instead, that honour belongs to the colt out of the G1 Oaks runner-up Pink Dogwood (Ire) (Camelot {GB}) who receives rave reports from farm manager Noel Murphy. "I love the Frankel foal," he says. "He's big and strong and looks like a Frankel should."

Pink Dogwood, a full-sister to the G1 Irish Derby winner Latrobe (Ire), was carrying said foal when she became one of four Coolmore mares acquired by Stewart during last year's Thanksgiving trip to Tipperary at the invitation of MV Magnier. That quartet also includes the impeccably-bred Champagne (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}), a full-sister to the GI Breeders' Cup Turf and G1 Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe winner Found (Ire); Dramatically (War Front), who is out of the G1 Oaks runner-up Wonder Of Wonders (Kingmambo); and G3 Athasi S. winner Happen (War Front), a daughter of the dual Classic heroine Alexandrova (Ire) (Sadler's Wells). **Cont. p6**

# ONLINE SALE

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**Resolute Farm's John Stewart Cont.**

"Pink Dogwood and Champagne are just different," Murphy says of two of the new recruits. "When you have them in your hand and when you're around them, they're just different. Those two, in particular, there's something very unique about them. There's a presence that you don't find all the time--it's rare."

Stewart, too, freely admits that it was the uniqueness of the opportunity offered to him by the Coolmore team that made it so difficult to turn down. "When you start to look at the pedigrees of the horses, the depth is just something that you don't see," he sums up. "I'm trying to get the families that are really deep and I think one of the things you see in Europe that you don't see in America is more concentration of families."

"We were able to buy these [mares] all in foal and so we had

three colts and one filly expected out of these horses. To have a **Frankel** on the ground now, which is a huge, 140-pound foal, is super exciting. You just don't see that on every farm here. And we have a **Siyouni** filly [out of Champagne], you don't see that a

lot. They were a couple of stallions I was really interested in and Coolmore gave us a big step in that direction, kind of creating the foundation for what's going to be the future of the farm."

Closer to hand, Stewart can look forward to one of the biggest days in his relatively brief time as a racehorse owner when unbeaten two-year-old Storm Boy (Aus) (**Justify**) runs in Saturday's G1 Golden Slipper, the world's richest race for juveniles. Favourite Storm Boy was purchased by Coolmore and a group of their clients and

friends, including Stewart, for an undisclosed sum after winning the Listed Magic Millions 2YO Classic in January. [Cont. p7](#)



The **Siyouni** filly out of Champagne | Sara Gordon

**John Stewart**  
Owner, Resolute Farm



**Resolute Farm's John Stewart Cont.**

Stewart has travelled to Australia to enjoy the occasion, hoping to make another big statement on another continent--and with Europe unlikely to be far behind.

"I'm international with my business," he explains. "I just opened an office in Amsterdam and I spend a lot of time over there. It's actually pretty efficient for me to go to Europe and I'm there probably three or four times a quarter. Again, I respect the bloodlines over there and I respect a lot of the farms that are over there. I would envisage, in the future, the next place we'll be racing horses will be over in Europe. There's not an immediate plan for that, but I would expect that in the future."

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wasn't he was a fine third in the King George."

Varian also provided an update on star stayer **Eldar Eldarov (GB)** (Dubawi {Ire}), who is set to reappear in the G2 Dubai Gold Cup at Meydan next week.

The trainer said, "He's scheduled to ship on Saturday and has done all his work now. He's training well and looks a picture and we're looking forward to getting his season started out there.

"James Doyle will ride him and a lot of our horses this year when available and when it works out for us and for him. He will be riding Eldar at Meydan and we're looking forward to that."

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**SETBACK DERAILS SHUWARI'S GUINEAS CHANCES**



Shuwari | PA Media

Listed winner **Shuwari (Ire)** (New Bay {GB}) has sustained a setback that rules her out of the G1 QIPCO 1000 Guineas, trainer Ollie Sangster announced on Thursday. Second in the G2 Rockfel S. in September and the G1 Fillies' Mile a month later, the chestnut had reportedly strengthened up over the winter.

"She's had a setback and there will be no Guineas," said Sangster of the filly who is co-owned by the Ballylinch Partnership and his mother, Lucy Sangster. "She was training great and had wintered well. She had grown and strengthened up and her work had been very good this spring. She was in very good shape and we were looking forward to it [the Guineas].

"I'm not sure on a timescale, we will just have to see how the rehab goes in the next few weeks and then we will have a better guide on it."

Sangster also provided an update on Wathnan Racing's **Per Contra (Ire)** (Footstepsinthesand {GB}), who is two-for-three.

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**King Of Steel Cont. from p1**

He added, "We will be very much looking at the Prince of Wales's S. at Royal Ascot with one run before, either in Ireland or here. That will be his primary target for the first half of the season.

"We wouldn't be looking to get him started before May and I guess closer to the time we will make a decision between going to Ireland for the Tattersalls Gold Cup or staying closer to home and going for the Brigadier Gerard at Sandown.



King Of Steel | PA Media

"The Prince of Wales's S. is the obvious early season race for him, he's been successful twice at the track and the only time he

**Shuwari Cont.**

After winning a Chepstow maiden last July, the colt made his first start in his new colours when running out a 4 3/4-length winner in a Ffos Las novice. He most recently ran fifth in the G3 Autumn S. in October.

“He’s in good form, he’s going galloping tomorrow and Monday and then we will begin plotting a bit of a route for him,” added Sangster.

“I think he will go up in trip this year. I don’t think he will be a big stayer but he will go up to 10 furlongs anyway. I think he is off quite a nice mark, so we will see.”

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**LA GROTTTE THEN FRENCH 1000 GUINEAS  
PENCILLED IN FOR CHIC COLOMBINE**



Chic Colombine | Scoop Dyga

Fresh off her victory in the Listed Prix La Camargo last Saturday, **Chic Colombine (Fr)** (Seahenge) has been tasked with the Apr. 14 G3 Prix La Grotte followed by the G1 Poule d’Essai des Pouliches on May 12, according to trainer George Boughey.

The Highclere Thoroughbred Racing colourbearer was fourth in the G3 Oh So Sharp S. in October, and was making her eighth start on Mar. 16.

“She was good, I think the fashion of her win was a bit surprising but it didn’t surprise me that she won,” he said of the six-length winner.

“She’s done as well as anything over the winter, she was a frame of a horse last year and she’s going to go back to France for the French 1000 Guineas trial--the Prix de la Grotte at ParisLongchamp.

“She’s come out of her race really good, she’s eligible for French premiums and I didn’t put her in the English Guineas intentionally as we’re working back for the French Guineas.”

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**DERBY WINNER NORTH LIGHT DIES AT 23**

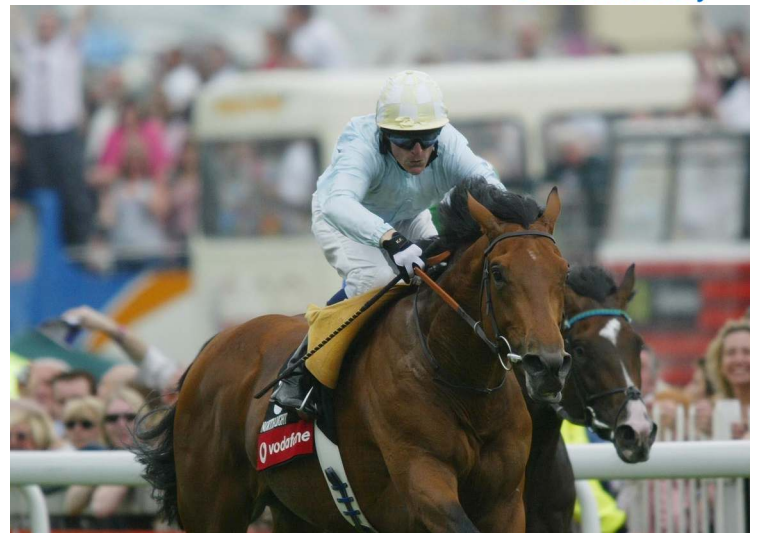
Derby winner **North Light (Ire)** (Danehill) was euthanized on Mar. 20 due to complications from laminitis, The Stronach Group announced on Thursday. The 23-year-old stallion had been pensioned since 2020 and will be laid to rest at Adena South in Ocala Florida.

Bred and raced by Ballymacoll Stud and trained by Sir Michael Stoute, the son of G1 Prix du Cadran heroine Sought Out (Ire) (Rainbow Quest) won one of two starts at two, and added the G2 Dante S. and G1 Derby in succession during the spring of 2004. A half-brother to multiple group winner Cover Up (Ire) (Machiavellian), he then found only Grey Swallow (Ire) (Daylami {Ire}) too good in the G1 Irish Derby and ended his season with a fifth in the G1 Prix de l’Arc de Triomphe. At four, he was second in the G3 Brigadier Gerard S., and ended his career with a mark of 7-3-3-0 and \$1,989,577 in earnings.

Upon retirement, a majority interest in North Light was purchased by Frank Stronach, who stood the bay at his Adena Springs in Kentucky beginning in 2006. Moved to Adena North in Canada for his fifth season in 2010, he was leased to Kirsten Rausing’s Lanwades Stud in England for one season in 2014. Repatriated to Canada beginning in 2015, he was pensioned in October of 2019 and lived out the rest of his days at Adena South.

Among his nine worldwide stakes winners were G1 St Leger hero Arctic Cosmos, who also was placed in three other group races, GII Del Mar H. hero Celtic New Year, Grade III winners Chips All In and Go Forth North, and Brazilian Group 2 winner Gol Tricolor (Brz). His daughters have produced five stakes winners, three of them Grade/Group 1 scorers--triple top-level winner War Like Goddess (English Channel), G1 Coolmore Classic heroine Lighthouse (Mizzen Mast), and Olympic Jolteon (Brz) (Elmustanser {GB}).

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## STALLION STUDS BOOST UK PRIZE-MONEY BY £2M THROUGH BRITISH EBF

The British wing of the European Breeders' Fund (EBF) has announced its contribution of more than £2 million towards prize-money in Britain for 2024. The funds are raised through contributions made annually by British stallion owners.

Along with its backing of more than 700 races on the Flat, the British EBF will lend extra support in certain areas this year, including an injection of £325,000 for novice and maiden races for two- and three-year-olds as part of a wider project with the BHA, Levy Board, Darley, Juddmonte and Tattersalls. The High-Value Development Series of 84 races commences this Saturday with the £40,000 British Stallion Studs EBF Brocklesby S.

"The contribution from British stallion owners continues to be a vital and much appreciated source of funding for racing," said the BHA's chief operating officer Richard Wayman. "The BHA are pleased to be working with the British EBF and two of its major donors in Darley and Juddmonte, alongside Tattersalls, in expanding the development race initiative for two-year-olds and three-year-olds this year."

The £100,000 British EBF Two-Year-Old Finals will return for a third year, run at Goodwood and York for colts and fillies respectively.

Chester's Lily Agnes S. and Beverley's Hilary Needler and Two-Year-Old Trophy (Beverley) will each be run for £50,000 thanks to support from the stallion studs and join the list of juvenile conditions races supported by the British EBF along with Epsom's Woodcote S. and Alice Keppel at Goodwood, each of which has a prize fund of £75,000.

Furthermore, the British EBF Future Stayers' programme of sire/dam-restricted races will also return. This year it features 12 races worth between £20,000 and £40,000 for juveniles with staying pedigrees. Previous winners from this series include the Group 1 stars Stradivarius (Ire), Hukum (Ire) and Cracksman (GB), as well as recent G3 Winter Derby winner Military Order (Ire).

British EBF chairman Simon Sweeting said, "British stallion owners have made valuable and visible contributions totalling £40 million to prize-money over the last 40 years through the British EBF. Their continued support means we can contribute £1.9 million to Flat races this season. With our National Hunt activities considered, the contribution is over £2 million, directly to racing's prize-money. It's a genuine enhancement of the value of the programme, with a particular focus this year on developmental races, juvenile stayers and enhanced prize-money for Conditions races.

"My thanks, and that of the British EBF Trustees, goes to our British stallion studs and owners. The support domestic stallions

provide for racing's prize money is hugely important to the sport."

Sally Iggulden, CEO of Beverley Racecourse, outlined the importance of the British EBF backing of two key juvenile conditions races at the Yorkshire track. She said, "The Hilary Needler Trophy at Beverley is our flagship race, and the longest private sponsorship in the country, due to the amazing commitment and generosity of the Needler Family. To join forces with the British EBF in 2024 further adds to the credibility and importance of the race as a recognised stepping stone to Royal Ascot for two-year-old fillies. Its partner, the Two-Year-Old Trophy for colts and geldings, also benefits from British EBF support this year, and we very much look forward to seeing the best juveniles start at Beverley and progress through the ranks. We are immensely grateful to the EBF for recognising the gravity of these races and supporting independent racecourses in this way."

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## TORONADO FILLY ONE OF EIGHT IN ARQANA ONLINE CATALOGUE

A select **eight-lot catalogue** for the Arqana Online March Sale was released on Thursday. Set for Thursday, Mar. 28 from 3-5 p.m. French time, the sale features debut winner **Chiaraniya (Fr)** (Tornado {Ire}) (lot 7), who is related to Group 1 winners Going Global (Ire) (Mehmas {Ire}) and Tiggy Wiggy (Ire) (Kodiac {GB}).

The remaining lots all hail from the National Hunt sphere with six horses-in-training including the listed-placed **Kantagua Du Large (Fr)** (Great Pretender {Ire}) (lot 6) and the winning AQPS **Joyeux Coco (Fr)** (Cokoriko {Fr}) (lot 8). Broodmare prospect **Trheligonne (Fr)** (Saint Des Saints {Fr}) (lot 3) is out of a half-sister to Grade 1-winning jumper Srelighonn (Fr) (Martaline {GB}).

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## BRITAIN

### ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

**Invincible Aura (GB)**, g, 3, **Invincible Army (Ire)**--Bright Approach (Ire) (SP-Eng), by New Approach (Ire). Southwell, 3-21, 8f 13y (AWT), 1:40.43. Lifetime Record: 7-1-2-1, \$14,626. B-Rabbah Bloodstock Limited (GB). \*22,000gns Ylg '22 TATOCT.

## FRANCE

### Thursday's Results:

**PRIX DE LA PORTE DE MADRID-Listed**, €52,000, Saint-Cloud, 3-21, 4yo/up, 12fT, 2:47.60, hy.

1--**HOMO DEUS (FR)**, 129, g, 6, **Intello (Ger)**--**Cubiste (Fr)**, by **Fastnet Rock (Aus)**. (€19,000 Ylg '19 ARQOCT). O-Jacques Liscia & Gerard Steibel; B-R Baguenault De Puchesse (FR); T-Francois Monfort; J-Anthony Crastus. €26,000. Lifetime Record: 35-10-2-2, €210,780.

2--**Rashford (Fr)**, 128, c, 4, **Zarak (Fr)**--Radium (Fr), by Sinnidar (Ire). O/B-Friedrich Hodel (FR); T-Yann Barberot. €10,400.

3--**Mika D'O (Fr)**, 129, g, 6, Martinborough (Jpn)--Allez Hongkong (Ger), by Sakhee. (€3,000 Ylg '19 OSASEP). O-Frau Karin Brieskorn; B-C Jouandou (FR); T-Stefan Richter. €7,800.

Margins: 5HF, 3HF, 4. Odds: 2.00, 1.80, 5.80.

Also Ran: Harry Way (Fr), Always Welcome (Fr), Diamond Vendome (Fr). Scratched: Amneris (Fr).

Coming of age this term, the 2022 Listed Prix Max Sicard winner Homo Deus had captured the Listed Grand Prix du Departement 06 at Cagnes-Sur-Mer last month and followed up with a command performance here. Happy to sit off the overly-strong tempo early, he was sent to the front two out and powered clear in emphatic style.

"He is presently unstoppable," trainer Francois Montfort declared. "He loves the heavy ground, or maybe it is easier for him than for most of the others. He will also be better over further. We will now run him once more before sending him to the farm before targeting the third part of the season from the autumn onwards."

The dam, who also has the unraced 3-year-old filly Mouda (Fr) (Donjuan Triumphant {Ire}) and 2-year-old colt Guitar Hero (Fr) (Robin Of Navan {Fr}), hails from the Wertheimer family of Nureyev's dual GI Eddie Read H. winner Special Ring and the successful sire Poliglote (GB). **Video, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

**2nd-Saint-Cloud**, €30,000, **Debutantes**, 3-21, 2yo, 4 1/2fT, :55.29, hy.

**CONVO (IRE)** (f, 2, **Kodiak (GB)**--**Quick Chat**, by **First Defence**), representing the same connections of Myconian (Ire) (**Magna Grecia (Ire)**) who had captured this Prix du Debut 12 months earlier, chased the clear leader Herrenchiemsee (Fr) (Goken {Fr}). Catching that rival approaching the furlong pole, the 6-5 favourite drew away to win by five lengths. "She's a lovely filly who we've liked for a long time," trainer Amy Murphy said. "We wanted to pick the right one to come here, as we'd won this last year and she's done nothing but please us. She's never come off the bridle at home, so she'll improve." The dam, whose yearling filly is by Space Blues (Ire), is connected to Juddmonte's G1 Criterium de Saint-Cloud hero Epicuris (GB) (Rail Link {GB}) and Mr. Prospector's G2 Richmond S.-winning sire Pyrus. Sales history: €60,000 Wlg '22 GOFNOV. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, €15,000. **Video, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

O-Daniel Macauliffe & Anoj Don; B-Coseda Ltd (IRE); T-Amy Murphy.

**3rd-Saint-Cloud**, €27,000, **Debutantes**, 3-21, 3yo, c/g, 10fT, 2:22.39, hy.

**KALET (FR)** (c, 3, **Le Havre (Ire)**--**Karsabruni (Fr)** {**GSW-Ger**}, by **Speedmaster (Ger)**), sent off at 7-1, tanked along at the head of affairs from the outset. Tackled by Babakool (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}) approaching the furlong pole, the homebred was headed soon after and looked held but dug deep to get back up in the final strides and prevail by a head, with the pair five lengths clear of the remainder. The Group 3-winning dam is responsible for the useful stayer Karlarina (Fr), also by Le Havre, who was successful in the Listed Prix de la Porte de Madrid that was the feature on this card. **Cont. p11**



Kalet was game to the end | Scoop Dyga



### 3rd-Saint-Cloud Cont.

She also has a 2-year-old full-sister to the winner named Karla Jet (GB). Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, €13,500. **Video, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

O-Chevotel Racing; B-Chevotel De La Hauquerie (FR); T-Jean-Claude Rouget.

**4th-Saint-Cloud, €27,000, Debutantes, 3-21, 3yo, f, 10fT, 2:24.32, hy.**

**BEAUTIFOAL (IRE) (f, 3, Motivator {GB}--Notion Of Beauty, by Harlan's Holiday),** sent off at 13-1, was full of enthusiasm tracking the early leaders. Staying on to gain a narrow advantage a furlong from home, the imposing bay asserted to score in game fashion by a neck from Zarakiva (Fr) (**Zarak {Fr}**). The dam, whose 2-year-old colt by **Sioux Nation** was a €90,000 purchase by Amanda Skiffington at Arqana Deauville October, is a half to the G3 Albany S. and G3 Summer S. winner La Chunga (More Than Ready). Her daughter Roheryn (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) scored at listed level and was placed in the G2 Blandford S. before producing the dual listed winner and multiple group-placed Buckaroo (GB) (Fastnet Rock {Aus}) and last year's Listed Noel Murless S. winner Middle Earth (GB) (Roaring Lion). Sales history: €33,000 Ylg '22 ARQOCT. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, €13,500. **Video, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

O-Ecurie Tygaly, La Fleche Racing, Chauvigny Global Equine SASU, Seror Racing Management, Etienne Durand & M Brasme; B-Mme J Verkerk (IRE); T-Mathieu Brasme.

## WORLDWIDE NEWS

### PADDINGTON TO SHUTTLE TO NEW ZEALAND'S WINDSOR PARK STUD

**Paddington (GB) (Siyouni {Fr})** will shuttle to New Zealand to stand at Windsor Park Stud, which was also the former Southern Hemisphere home of his broodmare sire Montjeu (Ire).

Currently covering his first book of mares at Coolmore Stud in Ireland, the four-time Group 1 winner will become the first son of the Aga Khan Studs' **Siyouni** to join the stallion ranks in New Zealand. His former champion two-year-old son **St Mark's Basilica (Fr)** has shuttled to Coolmore's base in the Hunter Valley. Though **Siyouni** has remained in France throughout his stud career, he has been represented by four stakes winners in Australia, most notably Amelia's Jewel (Aus), whose seven Group wins include the G1 Northerly S.

Windsor Park Stud has had a long-running association with Coolmore and also previously stood High Chaparral (Ire), who

enjoyed significant success in Australasia. Its current roster of seven stallions includes the treble Group 1-winning miler Circus Maximus (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}), whose first European crop will hit the track this season.

Windsor Park Stud's co-owner Rodney Schick said of **Paddington's** planned arrival at the farm later this year, "We had a launch day for him here today and are confident that he is going to attract a good book of mares as he has done in the Northern Hemisphere.

"He is a history-making horse, exceptional from the beginning, being a top-drawer yearling and he was a champion miler by an exceptional stallion."

He added, "I was also lucky enough to see both **Siyouni** and his sire Pivotal race and I think **Paddington** has thrown very nicely to the sireline."

Coolmore's Tom Magnier said that he was looking forward to continuing the "great relationship" his operation has with Windsor Park Stud.

He added of **Paddington**, "We believe that he is the most exciting horse to go to stud in New Zealand in a very long time."

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### FORMER STEINHOFF INTERNATIONAL CHIEF EXECUTIVE MARKUS JOOSTE DIES AT 63

Former Steinhoff International Chief Executive Markus Jooste has died at the age of 63, the *Financial Times* reported on Thursday. Jooste, who was at one point heavily involved on the worldwide racing scene through his Mayfair Speculators, died of an apparent self-inflicted gunshot wound, the *FT* reported.

He was fined R475 million (£19,937,078/€23,234,382/\$25,229,382) for accounting fraud--due on or before Apr. 19--by South Africa's Financial Sector Conduct Authority (FSCA) on Wednesday, **Reuters reported.**

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The regulator found that Jooste had published “false or misleading financial statements” following an investigation into the matter. Jooste was also ordered to pay R10 million to reimburse the FSCA for their expenses incurred during their investigation into Steinhoff.

Originally, Jooste **resigned from his Steinhoff role in December of 2017**, following an investigation by the retail holding company into accounting irregularities. The company lost the majority of its value following his departure. However, in 2023 Steinhoff did start a debt restructuring plan to avoid bankruptcy, among other initiatives.

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