

WEEK IN REVIEW: FOSTER'S WORK ETHIC, KEEN EYE FOR BARGAINS PROPEL RISE



Everland goes from humble claimer to Kentucky Oaks qualifier
Coady

The Week in Review, by T.D. Thornton

Stop me if you've heard this one before: A horse gets claimed for a relatively cheap \$30,000, later scores qualifying points at Turfway Park in March to get into one of the sport's most prestigious races at Churchill Downs, then ends up winning a career-defining Grade I stakes at improbable odds on the first weekend of May.

That storyline describes the long-shot career of Rich Strike, who upset the GI Kentucky Derby at 80-1 back in 2022.

But it also could be the 2024 script for newly crowned stakes victress Everland (Arrogate), who was haltered for \$30,000 out of a trip-troubled win at Turfway three months ago, and on Mar. 23 captured the Bourbonette Oaks over the same Tapeta surface. The purse of that stakes was worth 10 times the gray filly's claiming price, and, just as importantly, the race awarded 50 qualifying points to get into the GI Kentucky Oaks.

Everland's trajectory is only part of the narrative. Her rise through the ranks is a testament to the upward arc of trainer and co-owner Eric Foster, 46, whose 15 wins are currently tops at the nearly concluded Turfway meet. **Cont., p3**

TDN Q & A: EMIRATES RACING AUTHORITY COMMENTATOR PAT COMERFORD

DUBAI, UNITED ARAB EMIRATES -- It has been a circuitous first three decades of life for Pat Comerford, from big city Melbourne to Alice Springs smack dab in the middle of Australia and from studying in Central Missouri to New Zealand to the bright lights of Dubai.

At age 28, Comerford is set to call his first Dubai World Cup meeting, having cut his teeth on the mic in the Northern Territories almost by accident. Called up into a similar role at the Singapore Turf Club--a job that has proved fertile ground for significant advancement into bigger and more glamorous positions--Comerford was selected last fall as the racecaller at the tracks of the Emirates Racing Association. That not only includes sprawling Meydan Racecourse, but also Jebel Ali, Sharjah, Abu Dhabi and Al Ain.

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IN TDN EUROPE TODAY

HIGHFIELD PRINCESS DIES AFTER STABLE ACCIDENT

Trainers John and Sean Quinn are mourning the loss of stable star Highfield Princess (Fr) (Night Of Thunder {Ire}) after she suffered an "inoperable fracture".

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Into Mischief have more Graded Stakes three-year-olds this year. At the weekend, **Nash** won the Hot Springs on his way to the G2 Pat Day on Derby Day; fellow TDN Rising Star **Tuscan Gold** ran third in the G2 Louisiana Derby; **Our Pretty Woman** was runner-up in the G2 Fair Grounds Oaks where **Delahaye** won a Listed race on the undercard. **Still time to breed to him in 2024.** Just imagine.

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Five contemptuous lengths: **First Mission's** supremely impressive winning margin in the G3 Essex. The son of **Street Sense** and a Medaglia d'Oro mare – he's Darley through and through – could be his sire's latest older horse hero, following in the hoofprints of Maxfield, Speaker's Corner and McKinzie. Just imagine.

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A three-day-old colt by *Ghostzapper* and out of *Front and Center* (Dynaformer) frolics alongside his dam last week at Buttonwood Farm in Rhinebeck, NY. | *Olivia Beer*

'RISING STARS' MUTH, TIMBERLAKE LEAD AK DERBY 10

In a field of 10, 'TDN Rising Stars' Muth and Timberlake have drawn the seven and two gate spots, respectively, and lead the charge in Oaklawn's feature GI Kentucky Derby prep race, the GI Arkansas Derby.

JAMIE RODRIGUEZ CLINCHES LAUREL RIDING TITLE 11

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Everland, cont. from p1

Foster's \$828,364 in earnings for the season there are second behind only perennial powerhouse conditioner Brad Cox.

Foster Family Stables has been in business for a decade. Eric runs a 16-acre farm with a training track in rural Utica out in western Kentucky, about 45 minutes southeast of Ellis Park. Eric trains, exercises and transports the horses to the races while his wife, Brooklyn, manages the barn. The couple tag-teams, along with some help from their children and an on-track team of assistants, on everything else.

"Me and my wife, we work together. We talk together all the time about [the business]," Foster told Jennie Rees in a post-win video interview for the Kentucky Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association (KHBPA).

"It's just exciting to win. I tell everybody, we're still happy to win a \$5,000 claimer. And to win these bigger races..." Foster's voice trails off in thought, and he has to take a moment to keep his emotions in check.

"I mean, we're leading this meet right now," Foster said. "It wasn't even something we had thought about going in [to the start of the season]. Of course, we would want to [be a top stable] if we could, [but] it seems that we've had a little bit better go here than we even expected."

As a kid, Foster excelled in barrel racing. Then by 17 he was galloping and exercising Thoroughbreds. He initially took out his training license in 2000, but his first foray as a conditioner at smaller tracks like Fairmount, the Woodlands, Ellis, and River Downs lasted only a year, with a 6-for-59 record and a hard-won appreciation for just how difficult a vocation training racehorses could be.

Foster then worked construction jobs as a welder, taking on whatever work he could, which eventually allowed the couple to buy their house and farm on Highway 431 outside of Owensboro.

According to a 2022 profile in The Gleaner that was written by Rees, Foster initially raised cattle, built a barn, and bought a Thoroughbred baby with the intent of re-selling at a subsequent auction. After determining that it might end up being more cost-effective to race the horse themselves, Foster constructed the training track, taking on most of the job himself.

As his training business grew from 2014 onward, Foster got financial backing from a diverse number of clients, including those who would eventually partner with him to own Everland (Bill Wargel, Sidney Karmia's Maxis Stable, and R.K. Eckrich Racing).

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Everland is being pointed to her secured spot in the GI Kentucky Oaks on the first Friday in May | *Coady*

Foster began honing a reputation as a trainer who could spot horses who could be acquired for comparatively short money via claims and at the sales, then get those Thoroughbreds to outrun their purchase prices.

Kitodan (Point of Entry) is a prime example. In a partnership with Douglas Miller, Foster Family Racing claimed that gelding for \$80,000 in May of 2022, and the 5-year-old has responded

with two grass stakes victories (one a Grade III), plus a handful of other stakes performances in which he was only beaten by a couple of lengths. Kitodan was named the KHBPA claimer of the year for 2022, his career earnings have since swelled to \$835,237, and is he still competing in graded stakes (he finished eighth on Saturday in the GIII Kentucky Cup Classic).

"Now, we have all the supplies, all the tools," Foster said. "We have the help now. We have the confidence. We have the [better] jockeys. You know, it's just a matter of everything coming together. We do the blankets and all the therapy that we can do on them to get the horses happy. But you've just got to have good horses, and I think we've just been blessed with some good horses lately."

When Foster spotted Everland entered for a \$30,000 tag on Dec. 30, 2023, he notified his partners to see who wanted in on what would eventually be a four-way deal. Bred by George Strawbridge Jr. and raced by Augustin Stable with trainer Jonathan Thomas, Everland to that point had been 0-for-3 in maiden special weight races at Kentucky Downs, Woodbine and Turfway. Her pedigree--by Arrogate out of a **Tapit** mare--stood out.

Off at odds of 6-5, Everland endured a horror trip to win, checking on the first turn of a mile race and then almost getting wiped off her feet in a far-turn scrum. **Cont.**

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After losing all momentum, she determinedly bulled her way between horses, then scooted up the rail to win by three-quarters of a length, with Turfway announcer Tony Calo exuding in his call about the filly's display of athleticism.

Everland next won a \$50,000 starter-allowance for her new connections by 3 1/2 lengths at 15-1 odds on Feb. 10. She was then fourth in the Mar. 1 \$150,000 Cincinnati Trophy S., a race won by stablemate Maxisuperfly (Optimizer), who was bought by the Fosters for \$18,000 as a Keeneland yearling.

In the Mar. 23 Bourbonette, Maxisuperfly set the pace while Everland got caught four wide around the clubhouse turn. Guided to the rail by Abel Cedillo, Everland threaded through on the inside. Turning for home, she briefly got caught on the heels of her tiring stablemate (who finished eighth), then freewheeled up the fence while fending off several fresh challengers, quickening nicely inside the final sixteenth to win by 1 1/4 lengths (82 Beyer Speed Figure).

Despite Everland's sky's-the-limit pedigree, Foster doesn't feel like he stole a hot prospect from the filly's former connections. In the winner's circle after the race, he expressed empathy for anyone faced with the difficult business decision of whether or not to drop a well-meant horse in class for a claiming tag.

"It's hard. You expect them to win, and when they don't you say, 'We've got to do something different,' and you give them three or four chances [before trying a spot that's] a little cheaper," Foster said. "We do it too. And a lot of time, we're happy that we didn't lose [a claiming dropdown]."

"I would have to think that they knew that they would probably lose her," Foster continued. "A couple of my good horses are claims, and [the outfits I claim from] are good. I wouldn't ever tell anybody that I'm a better trainer. [But I do] want to be that guy that has horses that run for a long time."

"It's usually the horse that does the running. I don't want to take a whole lot of credit," Foster said. "We take care of them. We do the best we can. We vet them deep. We feed them good. We do everything to make the health of the horse better. And then it's up to the horse."

Everland is now 3-0-1 with \$237,093 in earnings from seven starts, and with 54 qualifying points, she ranks fourth on the Oaks leaderboard. She is safely in the race, and Foster indicated post-win that his connections intend to run in that Grade I spot—even though Everland has never raced on the dirt. In fact, Foster has never personally witnessed her step onto a non-Tapeta surface.

"Now I'm going to have the same question everybody else has," Foster said. "If she can run on the dirt, they better look out. That's going to be the thing. We haven't trained her on the dirt. We've left her [at Turfway] since we claimed her."

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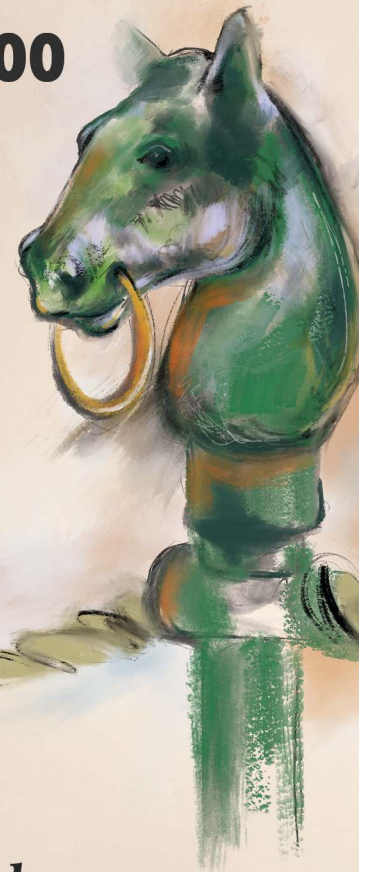


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"So we're going to move to Keeneland this week coming up and just see how everything goes, and get her on the dirt. And hopefully she loves it."

Even though Foster is a meet-leading trainer and on the cusp of breaking through in one of the most prestigious races in Kentucky, he is still facing some smaller-outfit business issues, like stabling.

"You know, I don't want to call out anybody, but we don't get the stalls we put in for," Foster said, alluding to the tight allotments at Churchill and Turfway. "We had the horses to put into them. I think we get taken advantage of a little bit for having our own farm and our own training center...."

"We're going into the Oaks here. We wanted some stalls at Churchill coming into this spring, and I was just certain we would get stalls. But you know what? You never know..."

Foster said he would have to "map out" a shipping or stabling strategy for Everland.

"I'm not going to take one horse up [to Churchill] and train up to the Oaks. It's going to be a bit of a challenge," Foster said.

In case you haven't already figured it out, Foster doesn't shy from challenges.

"I make three, four trips a week sometime," Foster said. "It's over a seven-hour round trip. A lot of those nights are back to back-to-back. I don't always get somebody to ride with me. I

have friends that I get to talk to on the phone. Somebody said, 'Well, how do you not get tired?' And I said, 'You know, I just think about my horses.'

"I just go," Foster added. "I don't start to complain."

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Pat Comerford, cont. from p1

Comerford graciously took time out of his frenetic schedule to field some questions from *TDN* Senior Contributing Editor Alan Carasso ahead of Saturday's Dubai World Cup meeting.

TDN: How did you become interested in Thoroughbred racing?

Pat Comerford: Grew up the northwest of Melbourne five minutes from Moonee Valley and 10 minutes from Flemington. Fair to say nine of every 10 people around that area loves a punt. My family weren't involved in racing, just avid racegoers and we loved heading to the races at a young age, especially throughout Melbourne Cup week. I turn 29 this year so I'd say I've been following it the best part of 20 years.

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TDN: What got you into commentating?

PC: It's not the usual entry to it. I always had a love for broadcasting and was involved in radio from a young age. After returning to Melbourne following a brief stint at the Missouri School Of Journalism, I graduated back in Australia and got a job in Alice Springs doing breakfast radio. By chance in one of the most remote towns in Australia, the commentator of over 10

years at the Alice Springs Turf Club departed in late 2017 and they were in need of a commentator for the 30-35 meetings each year. I'd never done it before, but being one of the radio presenters in town and heading to the track all the time, they probably thought it was something I could learn. After a few weeks with some help from the outgoing commentator Shane Green, I was calling around the country most weeks and that was my entry in commentating, it was a rough start believe me.

TDN: Australia is home to so many outstanding racecallers. Is there any one of them that you have sort of imitated or that has had a profound impact on you?

PC: Adam Olszanski in my early time in Alice was a great help, he also spent time as a young commentator flying up to Alice Springs to get opportunities. Ric McIntosh was also a great help. In recent times, for both racing and sports commentary advice, Matthew Hill has been a wealth of knowledge and a person I can call a friend. Always free for a call and happy to lend a hand to the young blokes in the game.

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TDN: How would you describe your style?

PC: It's a certainly a very Australian style that's for sure. I like to think with my time overseas, I have been able to keep some of the Aussie elements, but also continue adding international elements as I've gone on. A commentator I idolized as a younger person was David Raphael when he called in Hong Kong. He was proof that you can get excited, be a bold and loud voice but also do it with elegance. I've only be calling just over six years, but if I could get to his level and master that style of calling in the near future, I'll be doing well.

TDN: Talk about your experience in Singapore.

PC: Singapore was my first full time overseas calling opportunity, having only called part time during my couple years in New Zealand. Thousands of trials helped me fine tune many things that I never got the experience to do in central Australia and when Nick Child departed to Hong Kong, the Singapore job became available. George Simon, who was the last caller at Bukit Timah and first caller at Kranji was a great mentor during my time in NZ and was a big help in putting me forward for the role. I called my first 6-7 months behind closed doors [due to COVID], but to say it wasn't a massive opportunity would be

ridiculous. Getting a chance to start commentating domestic group features allowed me to start putting my name out there and if it wasn't for the chance they gave me, I wouldn't be here in Dubai today.

TDN: Commentating in Singapore been something of a conduit to bigger and better positions elsewhere. Ed Sadler, Brett Davis, Tom Wood, Nick Child, as you pointed out, and one of your predecessors at the ERA, Craig Evans. How did that experience prepare you for this grander stage?

PC: To even be in the line of succession with some of those names is crazy for me to even fathom. There has been some world-class callers come out of Singapore and although I wouldn't class myself anywhere near that bracket yet, all of them I'd say would agree that Singapore certainly improves you as a caller. I personally felt that the track taught me patience, especially long course racing on the turf. The run in at Kranji on the long course feels like it goes forever and so much can unfold in that 600m+. It was the first place where furlong splits and pace was an important element to focus on and include.

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TDN: I would be remiss if I didn't ask you for your thoughts on the sad demise of racing in Singapore.

PC: It is truly devastating that as of October, racing in Singapore will no longer exist. I am truly honored that I got the chance to call there, it is a world-class facility that will unfortunately go to waste. Like many racing fans, we all have so many great memories watching many international champions win at Kranji and it will be missed.

TDN: How daunting a task has it been calling the tracks of the ERA, Meydan especially, and how tricky has it been adapting to calling the Purebred Arabians?

PC: Meydan I found the easiest transition. Everything apart from the straight racing was very similar to Singapore. You are quite far away from the course, sitting up high in a big grandstand, so

it was quite an easy one to adapt to. The other tracks however were a challenge at first. Many require you to use the vision screens at certain points because you physically cannot see them through the glasses. Add to that the different style of names which from a recall perspective, took a little while to stick in the brain right away. The process is much easier now but you still get an interesting one every now and then. It certainly keeps you on your toes.

TDN: How have you grown into the role since your appointment?

PC: I'd like to think that I have seen further improvement in my calling this season. I'd like to hope that those listening on have enjoyed the races so far this season. It's a bit of a different sound to what they have heard in Dubai previously. All I can hope is that I can match the class of my predecessors who have called here in the past, some great callers have held this position and I certainly don't take the position for granted, I'm very lucky to be in this spot.

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TDN: Of all the races on World Cup night, is there a single race or a horse in particular you are most looking forward to seeing/calling?

PC: I'd say I'm tied for that. Hard to split the Auguste Rodin v Liberty Island battle in the Sheema and Kabirkhan in the Dubai World Cup. The Sheema once again is a very deep race and should be a great contest. As for Kabirkhan, if he can get the win for Kazakhstan and Doug Watson, it would be an amazing story.

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'RISING STARS' MUTH, TIMBERLAKE LEAD ARKANSAS DERBY FIELD

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Muth, 8-5 on the morning line, will attempt to give Bob Baffert his fifth win in the contest, but hasn't started since finding the winner's enclosure in the GII San Vicente S. Jan. 6 at Santa Anita. The colt is ineligible for the Derby points and to run in the GI Kentucky Derby owing to Baffert's much talked-about suspension by Churchill Downs.



The fields for the Arkansas Derby and Fantasy S., as drawn Sunday
Coady

Brad Cox, trainer of Timberlake (9-5 on the morning line), seeks his third consecutive victory in Oaklawn's fourth and final Kentucky Derby points race. Having already claimed the GII Rebel S. at this venue in February, the third offered qualifying race, the son of Into Mischief looks to pad an already sizeable tally here.

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Also drawn was the field for the GII Fantasy S., a 200 point race for the GI Kentucky Oaks, and Mike Maker's MSW **My Mane Squeeze** ([Audible](#)) has been tapped as the 3-1 program favorite. The New York-bred leads a field which includes the top three finishers of the GIII Honeybee S. in GSW **Lemon Muffin** ([Collected](#)), SW & GSP **Tapit Jenallie** ([Tapit](#)), and SW & GSP **West Omaha** ([West Coast](#)).

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JAMIE RODRIGUEZ NOTCHES FOUR-WIN SUNDAY, CLINCHES MEET TITLE

As the Heritage winter meet winds down with two racing days left on the calendar, Jamie Rodriguez enjoyed a four-win afternoon Sunday at Laurel Park and cemented his claim to the leading rider title.

In addition to his four wins on the day, Rodriguez claims 46 through the meet, 18 more than runner-up Jeiron Barbosa, and helped conditioner Jamie Ness move ahead of Brittany Russell in the race for leading trainer. All four of Sunday's wins were on Ness runners and the combo hit at a lofty 29 per cent for the meeting. Rodriguez also leads in purse earnings at more than \$1.6-million.

Since starting his 2024 season, he's recorded 12 multi-win days, six of which he visited the winner's enclosure on three or more occasions. Rodriguez is the three-time defending champion at Delaware Park as well.




The Puerto Rico native enjoyed a four-win Sunday and comfortably cemented his hold on the leading rider title
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"I have to thank all the owners and trainers that help me," Rodriguez said. "All the hard rides I give to Jamie Ness I'm going to give all my horses, whoever puts me on. We're going to keep working."


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Saturday, Oaklawn #12, post time: 7:47 p.m. EDT

ARKANSAS DERBY-GI, \$1,500,000, 3yo, 1 1/8m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Will Take It 🦄	Tapit	Willis Horton Racing LLC and Whisper Hill Farm, LLC	Milligan, Jr.	Arrieta	121
2	Timberlake 🦄	Into Mischief	Siena Farm LLC and WinStar Farm LLC	Cox	Prat	124
3	Dimatic	Gun Runner	Winchell Thoroughbreds LLC	Asmussen	Torres	121
4	Time for Truth	Omaha Beach	Harry T. Rosenblum, and Cheyenne Stable LLC	Moquett	Bejarano	121
5	Liberal Arts	Arrogate	Evan and Stephen Ferraro	Medina	Gaffalione	124
6	Informed Patriot 🦄	Hard Spun	J. Kirk and Judy Robison	Asmussen	Santana, Jr.	121
7	Muth 🦄	Good Magic	Zedan Racing Stables, Inc.	Baffert	Hernandez	124
8	Just Steel 🦄	Justify	BC Stables, LLC	Lukas	Asmussen	124
9	Mystik Dan	Goldencents	Lance Gasaway, 4 G Racing, LLC and Daniel Hamby III	McPeck	Hernandez, Jr.	124
10	Imperial Gun 🦄	Gun Runner	HRH Prince Sultan Bin Mishal Al Saud	Asmussen	Esquivel	121

Breeders: 1-Whisper Hill Farm, LLC, 2-St. Elias Stables, LLC, 3-Winchell Thoroughbreds LLC, 4-Dominique Damico, 5-Stephen Ferraro & Evan Ferraro, 6-Gaineway Thoroughbreds LTD & WhisperHill Farm, 7-Don Alberto Corporation, 8-Summerhill Farm, 9-Lance Gasaway, Daniel Hamby & 4GRacing, LLC, 10-Adrian Regan & Fergus Galvin

Saturday, Gulfstream #14, post time: 6:42 p.m. EDT

CURLIN FLORIDA DERBY PRESENTED BY HILL 'N' DALE FARMS AT XALAPA-GI, \$1,000,000, 3yo, 1 1/8m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Frankie's Empire	Classic Empire	Frank DeLuca	Yates	Vasquez	122
2	Hades	Awesome Slew	D. J. Stable LLC and Robert Cotran	Orseno	Lopez	122
3	Bail Us Out	Lookin At Lucky	Repole Stable	Pletcher	Ortiz, Jr.	122
4	Grand Mo the First 🦄	Uncle Mo	Granpollo Stable	Barboza, Jr.	Jaramillo	122
5	Real Macho 🦄	Mucho Macho Man	Reeves Thoroughbred Racing, Rohan Crichton, Daniel L. Walters and Dennis Smith	Crichton	Castellano	122
6	Le Dom Bro	Mucho Macho Man	Vicente Stella Stables LLC	Cordero	Gonzalez	122
7	Catalytic 🦄	Catalina Cruiser	Tami Bobo, Julie Davies and George G. Isaacs	Joseph, Jr.	Leparoux	122
8	Seminole Chief	Girvin	Brad Grady and David Grund	Sisterson	Rosario	122
9	Conquest Warrior 🦄	City of Light	Courtlandt Farms	McGaughey III	Ortiz	122
10	Fierceness	City of Light	Repole Stable	Pletcher	Velazquez	122
11	Iris's Dream	Jess's Dream	Iris Cotto	Winebaugh	Ruiz	122

Breeders: 1-Ralph Kinder & Erv Woolsey, 2-Ocala Stud, Joseph M. O'Farrell III, David O'Farrell, et al., 3-Hillcroft Farm, 4-John D. Gunther, 5-Poe Racing Stable, LLC, 6-Teneri Farms Inc, 7-Fred W. Hertrich III, 8-Brad Grady & Misty Grady, 9-Betz/B&K Canetti/J.Betz/CoCoEquine/D.J. Stables, 10-Repole Stable, Inc., 11-Iris Y. Cotto

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Saturday, Gulfstream #11, post time: 4:40 p.m. EDT**GULFSTREAM PARK OAKS PRESENTED BY FANDUEL TV-GII, \$250,000, 3yo, f, 1 1/16m**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Power Squeeze 🌿	Union Rags	Lea Farms, LLC	Delgado	Centeno	122
2	Do Gooder	Good Samaritan	Copper Thoroughbreds	Antonucci	Castellano	122
3	Neom City	Handsome Mike	Abdullateef Al Zeer	Moubarak	Bravo	122
4	Ways and Means	Practical Joke	Klaravich Stables, Inc.	Brown	Ortiz, Jr.	122
5	Into Champagne 🌿	Into Mischief	Six Column Stables, LLC, Randall L. Bloch, Jim Gladden, Mike Davis and Micheal Steele	Wilkes	Leparoux	122
6	Gun Song 🌿	Gun Runner	R. Lee Lewis	Hennig	Velazquez	122
7	America's Vow	Constitution	Patricia Pavlish	Hutchison-Hand	Lopez	122
8	Fiona's Magic	St Patrick's Day	Stonehedge LLC	Yates	Ruiz	122
9	Scalable 🌿	Speightstown	Repole Stable	Pletcher	Ortiz	122

Breeders: 1-Forging Oaks Farm, LLC, 2-Suzanne S. Masters & Michael W. Masters, 3-Judy Karlin, 4-Klaravich Stables, 5-Robert Low & Lawana Low, 6-Marianne Stribling, 7-Patricia Pavlish, 8-Stonehedge, LLC, 9-Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC

Saturday, Gulfstream #6, post time: 1:56 p.m. EDT**PAN AMERICAN S. PRESENTED BY ROOD & RIDDLE-GII, \$200,000, 4yo/up, 1 1/2mT**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Harry Hood	First Samurai	Mashnee Stable	Hennig	Velazquez	118
2	Kertez (GB)	Intello (Ger)	Michael Dubb, Morris Bailey, West Point Tbreds	Clement	Rosario	120
3	Lucky Curlin	Curlin	Michael M. Hui	Maker	Castellano	118
4	Street Ready 🌿	More Than Ready	Michael M. Hui	Maker	Ortiz	120
5	Candidate	Exaggerator	Mark B. Grier	Delacour	Ruiz	120
6	Tawny Port 🌿	Pioneerof the Nile	Peachtree Stable	Clement	Ortiz, Jr.	122
7	Public Sector (GB) 🌿	Kingman (GB)	Michael Iavarone, Jules Iavarone, Saffie Joseph	Joseph, Jr.	Lopez	120
8	Starting Over	Liam's Map	Nice Guys Stables	Maker	Zayas	124

Breeders: 1-Fifth Avenue Bloodstock, 2-Wertheimer et Frere, 3-John C. Oxley, 4-Earle I. Mack, LLC, 5-Rose Hill Farm & Thoroughbred Acadiana, 6-WinStar Farm, LLC, 7-The Kathryn Stud, 8-George Strawbridge Jr.

Saturday, Oaklawn #11, post time: 7:00 p.m. EDT**FANTASY S.-GIII, \$750,000, 3yo, f, 1 1/16m**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	My Mane Squeeze	Audible	William J. Butler and WinStar Farm LLC	Maker	Prat	122
2	In Just My Heels	Midnight Lute	Anita Ebert Racing LLC	Moquett	Bejarano	118
3	Midshipman's Dance 🌿	Midshipman	John Holleman and Randy Howg	Diodoro	Vazquez	122
4	All Things Go 🌿	Outwork	Daniel Micovic and Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners	Puhich	Bowen	118
5	Where's My Ring 🌿	Twirling Candy	Michael McMillan	Brinkerhoff	Arrieta	118
6	Ba Dee Yah	Uncle Mo	Bill Stone	Amoss	Morales	122
7	Recharge	Gun Runner	Winchell Thoroughbreds LLC	Asmussen	Torres	122
8	West Omaha	West Coast	Gary and Mary West	Cox	Gaffalione	122
9	Candy Aisle 🌿	Gun Runner	Randy Andrews, Jim Cone, Brad King, and Lee Lewis	Fincher	Santana, Jr.	122
10	Tapit Jenallie	Tapit	Willis Horton Racing LLC	Milligan, Jr.	Esquivel	122
11	Lemon Muffin 🌿	Collected	Aaron Sones and Julie Gilbert	Lukas	Asmussen	122
12	Thorpedo Anna	Fast Anna	Brookdale Racing, Inc., Mark Edwards, Judy B. Hicks and Magdalena Racing	McPeek	Hernandez, Jr.	118

Breeders: 1-William Butler, 2-Anita Cauley Breeding, LLC, 3-Woods Edge Farm, LLC, 4-Kenneth L. Ramsey & Sarah K. Ramsey, 5-Don Alberto Corporation, 6-Anderson Farms Ont. Inc., 7-Winchell Thoroughbreds, LLC, 8-Gary & Mary West Stables, Inc., 9-Gun Runner Syndicate & C. W. Swann, 10-Willis Horton Racing LLC, 11-Mr. & Mrs. Theodore R. Kuster & Collected Syndicate, 12-Judy Hicks

Saturday, Oaklawn #9, post time: 5:32 p.m. EDT**OAKLAWN MILE S.-GIII, \$500,000, 4yo/up, 1m**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Nautical Star	Dixie Chatter	C2 Racing Stable LLC	Hartman	Torres	119
2	Denington	Gun Runner	Fern Circle Stables and Magdalena Racing	McPeck	Hernandez, Jr.	117
3	Logical Myth 🌿	Data Link	George A. Sharp	Davis	Arrieta	117
4	Midnight Rising 🌿	Mendelssohn	Surfside Stables, LLC	Blair	Esquivel	124
5	Necker Island 🌿	Hard Spun	The Scherr Boys	Hartman	Bejarano	117
6	Last Samurai 🌿	Malibu Moon	Willis Horton Racing LLC	Milligan, Jr.	Eramia	117
7	Frosted Grace 🌿	Mark Valeski	Flying P Stable	Maker	Vazquez	117
8	Silver Prospector 🌿	Declaration of War	Ed and Susie Orr	Asmussen	Asmussen	124

Breeders: 1-Gedda M. Quinonez, 2-Fern Circle Stables LLC & Magdalena Racing, 3-Glendaleough LLC, 4-White Fox Farm, 5-Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC, 6-Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC, 7-Brereton C. Jones, 8-Hargus Sexton, Sandra Sexton & Silver Fern Farm, LLC

Saturday, Gulfstream #7, post time: 2:26 p.m. EDT**GHOSTZAPPER S.-GIII, \$150,000, 4yo/up, 1 1/16m**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Lure Him In	Khozan	C2 Racing Stable, Double B Racing Stables, Paul Braverman, Timothy Pinch, Mach 1 Stables	Joseph, Jr.	Gonzalez	120
2	The Skipper Too	Brethren	Arindel	Alvarado	Jaramillo	118
3	Il Miracolo 🌿	Gun Runner	Alexandres, LLC	Sano	Velazquez	122
4	XY Point 🌿	Dialed In	Gelfenstein Farm	Rodriguez	Ruiz	118
5	Tumbarumba	Oscar Performance	Amerman Racing LLC	Lynch	Ortiz	124
6	Steal Sunshine	Constitution	Carrie Brogden, Michael Iavarone, Julia Iavarone	Dibona	Lopez	124
7	Mbagnick (Chi)	Practical Joke	Paola Stable and Vendaval Inc	Sanchez	Leparoux	122
8	Donegal Forever 🌿	Pioneer of the Nile	Donegal Racing	Pletcher	Ortiz, Jr.	118

Breeders: 1-Stonehedge LLC, 2-Arindel, 3-Willow Oaks Stable LLC, 4-Don M. Robinson & Allen Schubert, 5-Coteau Grove Farms, LLC, 6-Machmer Hall, 7-Haras Paso Nevado, 8-Three Chimneys Farm, LLC

Saturday, Gulfstream #10, post time: 4:06 p.m. EDT**ORCHID S.-GIII, \$150,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/2mT**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	La Mehana (Fr)	Al Wukair (Ire)	LSU Stables	Clement	Rosario	120
2	Tower Bridge 🌿	Street Sense	John D. Gunther	DeVaux	Velazquez	117
3	R Calli Kim 🌿	Revolutionary	Averill Racing LLC and Two Eight Racing LLC	Walsh	Castellano	123
4	Surprisingly 🌿	Mastery	Repole Stable	Pletcher	Ortiz	120
5	Viva La Red 🌿	Texas Red	WLT Investments, LLC	Biancone	Lopez	117
6	McKulick (GB)	Frankel (GB)	Klaravich Stables, Inc.	Brown	Ortiz, Jr.	123
7	Creative Cairo 🌿	Cairo Prince	The Estate of Brereton C. Jones	Schultz	Leparoux	117
8	Anatolian 🌿	Not This Time	Jordan V. Wycoff	Maker	Zayas	117

Breeders: 1-S.A. Haras du Mezeray, 2-John D. Gunther, 3-Upon Downs Farm, 4-Phipps Stable, 5-Erich Brehm & Charles Hovitz, 6-Essafinaat UK Ltd, 7-Brereton C. Jones, 8-Springland Farm

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Three Chimneys Farm, William Lawrence and Walmac Farm went to \$1,200,000 to secure Cartucho (**Gun Runner**) as a yearling at the 2022 Keeneland September Sale and were quickly rewarded when their buy graduated on debut in 'TDN Rising Star'-style at Tampa Sunday. Favored at 6-5 as one of only three first-time starters in the field, Cartucho was slow from the gate and got squeezed back from the early frontrunners to be last in the opening jumps. Quickly into stride, Javier Castellano stayed along the rail inside of Faith's Spirit (**Violence**) as that pair began to gradually reel in the trio of leaders who were content to race three abreast through an opening quarter in :22.69. Tipped outside of Faith's Spirit heading into the far turn, Cartucho stayed covered up behind the widest of the three leaders but had a head of steam passing the quarter pole and was let loose by Castellano with a furlong to run. Up to take command with a sixteenth to run, the favorite ran up the score to win ridden out by 6 1/4 lengths.

The 11th 'TDN Rising Star' for **Gun Runner**, Cartucho is out of GI Ruffian Invitational H. winner Malibu Prayer who sold to Besilu Stables for \$2,000,000 at KEENOV in 2011. The second winner from his dam in as many to race, he is also a half to the dams of Japanese stakes winner Cros Parantoux (Jpn) (Kizuna {Jpn}) and stakes placed Awesome Ruta (**Mendelssohn**). Malibu Prayer is herself a half to MGSW/GISP Valid (**Medaglia d'Oro**), MGSP Grand Love (**Gun Runner**) and to the dam of Saturday's Tom Benson Memorial S. winner Delahaye (**Medaglia d'Oro**). Malibu Prayer has produced back to back colts by **Volatile** in 2022 and 2023 and is due to Early Voting this year.

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NEW TDN RISING STAR

3rd-Tampa Bay Downs, \$36,200, Msw, 3-24, 3yo, 7f, 1:23.95, ft, 6 1/4 lengths.

CARTUCHO, c, 3, **Gun Runner**

**1st Dam: Malibu Prayer {GISW, \$618,026},
by Malibu Moon**

2nd Dam: Grand Prayer, by Grand Slam

3rd Dam: Lyrical Prayer, by The Minstrel

Sales History: \$1,200,000 Ylg '22 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$19,200. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#), sponsored by [FanDuel TV](#) and for the [free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree](#).**

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OCALA BREEDERS' SALES SOPHOMORE S., \$110,000, Tampa Bay Downs, 3-24, (S), 3yo, 7f, 1:23.77, ft.

1--PURE CLASS, 122, c, 3, by The Big Beast

1st Dam: I'mclassyandsassy (SP), by Master Command

2nd Dam: Launch Site, by Relaunch

3rd Dam: Insight to Cope, by Copelan

1ST BLACK TYPE WIN. O/B-Alex & JoAnn Lieblong (FL); T-David Fawkes; J-Paco Lopez. \$70,000. Lifetime Record: 7-3-3-0, \$176,140. *Full to Big and Classy, GSP, \$355,920; and Sassy Beast, SW, \$297,110; 1/2 to Family Biz (Fed Biz), SP, \$439,120.

2--Sugar Boy**, 124, c, 3, Khozan--E B Ryder, by Bluegrass Cat.** (\$25,000 Ylg '22 OBSOCT; \$20,000 2yo '23 OBSAPR). O-Ignacio Vargas; B-Champion Equine, LLC (FL); T-Jose Francisco D'Angelo. \$20,000.

3--Everdoit**, 120, g, 3, Gary D--Jaggermama, by High Cotton.**

1ST BLACK TYPE. O/B-Donald L. Ming (FL); T-Kevin Rice. \$10,000.

Margins: 1 1/4, 1, 3. Odds: 7.10, 2.20, 11.40.

Also Ran: Saybrook, Jigsaw, Banded Rocket, Squints, Snowname.



Pure Class closed with a flourish to win his stakes debut Sunday at Tampa Bay Downs. The dark bay colt chased the pacesetters down the backstretch and improved his position on the far. He was squeezed back when rallying between foes into the stretch, but kicked into gear to take charge at midstretch and pulled clear to the wire.

Pure Class was runner-up against state-bred foes in three straight starts before graduating against open company going 6 1/2 furlongs at Gulfstream Dec. 3. A troubled fifth behind subsequent GIII Holy Bull S. winner Hades (Awesome Slew) in a Dec. 31 allowance contest, he returned to the winner's circle with a two-length allowance tally Jan. 26.

l'mclassyandsassy produced a full-sister to Pure Class in 2022 and a colt by **Violence** last year. She was bred back to **Girvin**.

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Pure Class | SV Photography

MELODY OF COLORS S., \$106,000, Gulfstream, 3-24, 3yo, f, 5f (AWT) (off turf), :56.22, ft.

1--**TWIRLING QUEEN**, 120, f, 3, by **Twirling Candy**
 1st Dam: **Adventurous Lady** (MSW, \$143,876), by **Kantharos**
 2nd Dam: **Ari the Adventurer**, by **Pioneerof the Nile**
 3rd Dam: **Wild Catseye**, by **Forest Wildcat**
 (\$15,000 Ylg '22 KEEJAN). **1ST BLACK TYPE WIN**. O-GU Racing Stable, LLC; B-Pursuit of Success LLC (KY); T-Jose Francisco D'Angelo; J-Luis Saez. \$60,760. Lifetime Record: 6-3-0-0, \$162,243.

2--**Karaya**, 120, f, 3, **Buccheri**--Jim's Lonesa, by Put It Back. (\$31,000 Ylg '22 OBSWIN; \$145,000 2yo '23 OBSOPN). **1ST BLACK TYPE**. O-M Racing Group, LLC; B-Shade Tree Thoroughbreds Inc (FL); T-Mark E. Casse. \$25,600.

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3--**Pretty Liam**, 118, f, 3, **Liam's Map**--Sylphide, by **Blame**. (\$240,000 RNA Ylg '22 KEESEP). **1ST BLACK TYPE**. O/B-St. Elias Stables, LLC (KY); T-Todd A. Pletcher. \$9,800.

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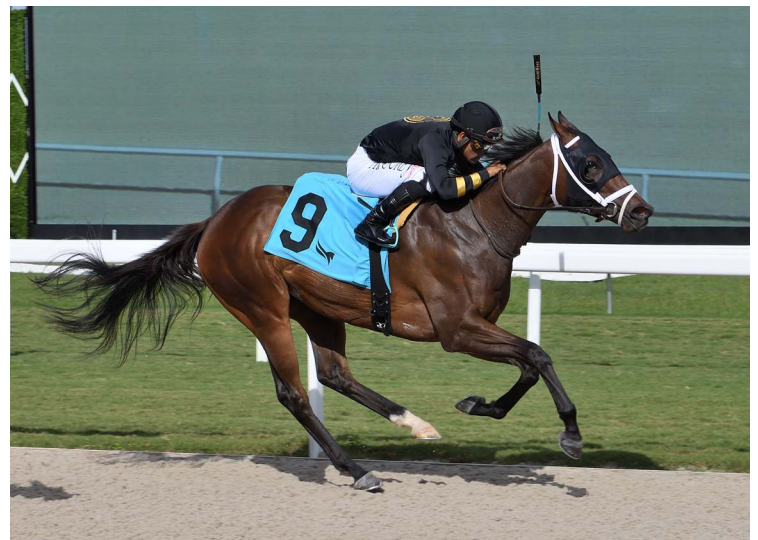
Margins: 3/4, 2 3/4, 5 1/4. Odds: 13.80, 7.10, 2.70.

Also Ran: **Tiger Belle** (Ire), **Let Them Watch**, **Dot**, **El Terreno**.
 Scratched: **Crimson Advocate**, **Fast Motion**, **Riparound**, **Trumpets**.

Starting her career in the barn of Norm Casse, **Twirling Queen** broke her maiden at first asking facing auction restricted company at Ellis Park last summer. However, she failed to hit the board in her next three races with the last coming at Keeneland in early October.

Changing to Jose D'Angelo's shedrow, the bay came off a break and cleared the optional claiming condition when she won by half a length while sprinting over the Tapeta in Hallandale Feb. 8. Overlooked at the windows at 13-1 here after the race was taken off the grass, the 3-year-old sat just off favorite **El Terreno** (**Speightstown**) up the backstretch. **Twirling Queen** powered to the lead around the far turn, set herself for the drive and found the wire before **Karaya** could catch her.

The winner is her dam's first registered foal. She has a 2-year-old half-sister named **Lady Crush** (**Liam's Map**) and a yearling half-sister by **Dialed In**. **Adventurous Lady** was bred to **Upstart** for this term. Click for the **Equibase.com** chart or **VIDEO**, sponsored by **FanDuel TV**.



Twirling Queen | Lauren King

EQUISTAFF SOPHOMORE TURF S., \$100,000, Tampa Bay Downs, 3-24, (S), 3yo, 1 1/16mT, 1:41.86, fm.

1--**CRYSTAL QUEST**, 122, c, 3, by **Uncle Mo**
 1st Dam: **Giant Crystal**, by **Giant's Causeway**
 2nd Dam: **Crystal Shard**, by **Mr. Prospector**
 3rd Dam: **Sulemeif**, by **Northern Dancer**

1ST BLACK TYPE WIN. O/B-Live Oak Stud (FL); T-Michael J. Trombetta; J-Javier Castellano. \$60,000. Lifetime Record: 4-3-0-0, \$122,830. *1/2 to American Giant (More Than Ready), MSW, \$143,550.

2--**Prevent**, 120, c, 3, Neolithic--Bossy Gal, by Pioneerof the Nile. (\$15,000 Ylg '22 OBSWIN). O-BC Racing LLC; B-Katia Perez Ozuna (FL); T-Juan Alvarado. \$20,000.

3--**Ninja Star**, 118, g, 3, Gary D--Samantha Samurai, by **First Samurai**. **1ST BLACK TYPE.** O-Donald L. Ming; B-Rebecca Ming (FL); T-Kevin Rice. \$10,000.

Margins: 3/4, 3/4, 3/4. Odds: 1.00, 3.60, 4.50.

Also Ran: And Uwish, Lord Knows, Lena's Jazz. Scratched: Everdoit.

Crystal Quest broke her maiden at second asking whilst facing maiden \$50,000 claimers over the local grass at a mile Jan. 28 as an 18-1 longshot following an unsuccessful debut over the Tapeta. Switched back to the all-weather track last out, she picked up a narrow win against Florida-breds March 9. Facing her four-straight surface change, the daughter of **Uncle Mo** got back on the turf as the even-money favorite and was held back to split the field through a half in :47.85. Kicking on for home outside pacesetter Prevent, Crystal Quest rallied the length of the stretch and just denied that rival in the final jumps. A benchmark 100th stakes winner for Coolmore's **Uncle Mo**, Crystal Quest is out of a half-sister to GISW and sire Gemologist (Tiznow). Giant Crystal has a 2-year-old full-brother to this winner along with a yearling **Quality Road** filly. She was barren on a **Twirling Candy** for this year. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

STONEHEDGE FARM SOUTH SOPHOMORE FILLIES S., \$100,000, Tampa Bay Downs, 3-24, (S), 3yo, f, 7f, 1:23.37, ft.

1--**MYSTIC LAKE**, 124, f, 3, by **Mo Town**

1st Dam: Salty Soul, by Itsmyluckyday

2nd Dam: Pyramyst, by Pyramid Peak

3rd Dam: Almost Mystical, by General Assembly

(\$3,500 Ylg '22 OBSOCT; \$130,000 2yo '23 OBSMAR). O-C2 Racing Stable and Stefania Farms; B-Peggy Costanzo (FL); T-Saffie Joseph, Jr.; J-Edgard Zayas. \$60,000. Lifetime Record: GSP-Can, 7-3-1-1, \$183,266.

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2--**Girvin's Princess**, 120, f, 3, **Girvin**--Dude's Princess, by **First Dude**. **1ST BLACK TYPE.** O/B-Jerry D. Campbell (FL); T-Kathleen O'Connell. \$20,000.

3--**Hopesndreams**, 120, f, 3, Ride On **Curlin**--Exchangeable, by Exchange Rate. **1ST BLACK TYPE.** O/T-Michael Dini; B-Helen Barbazon & Joseph Barbazon (FL). \$10,000.

Margins: 3HF, 5 1/4, 1 1/4. Odds: 0.60, 9.70, 10.00.

Also Ran: Miss Sayely, Gullfaxi, Evanora.

Mystic Lake returned to the strip where she won the Gasparilla S. Jan. 13. A consistent runner who broke her maiden at second asking at Woodbine in the early fall and finished third in the GIII Mazarine S. in early November, the dark bay was last seen finishing fifth while trying turf for the first time in the Herecomesthebride S. down south in Hallandale Mar. 2.

The 3-5 choice here, Mystic Lake sailed out of the gate to an early lead up the backstretch and continued to make every pole through the far turn. Entering the lane in charge, the 3-year-old lived up to the bettor's expectations and cruised for the win.

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Mystic Lake | SV Photography

BIOGIO'S ROSE S., \$97,000, Aqueduct, 3-24, (S), 4yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:36.51, ft.

1--**STONEWALL STAR**, 122, f, 4, **Flatter--Jonata, by Proud**

Citizen. O-Barry K. Schwartz; B-Stonewall Farm (NY); T-Horacio De Paz; J-Isaac Castillo. \$55,000. Lifetime Record: GSP, 12-5-1-4, \$353,198. *1/2 to Whatlovelookslike (English Channel), SW, \$416,350; Full to La Fuerza, MSW, \$261,610.

2--**Bustin Bay**, 120, m, 6, Bustin Stones--Frosty Bay, by Frost Giant. O-Winning Move Stable; B-Robert D. Rosenthal & Peter Rosenthal & Martin Greenberg (NY); T-Linda Rice. \$20,000.

3--**Venti Valentine**, 124, m, 5, Firing Line--Glory Gold, by **Medaglia d'Oro.** O-NY Final Furlong Racing Stable and Parkland Thoroughbreds; B-Final Furlong Racing Stable & Maspeth Stable (NY); T-Jorge R. Abreu. \$12,000.

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Margins: 1 1/4, 2HF, 1 1/4. Odds: 4.80, 2.50, 1.35.

Also Ran: Security Code, Sweetest Princess. Scratched: Bon Adieu, Lady Mine, Sweet Mystery.

After a third place finish in the Gill Beaumont S. at Keeneland last April, Stonewall Star during her latest form cycle battled optional claiming open company with mixed results. The bay was third in Ozone Park in late November, but she was a well-beaten sixth in her next two attempts over the same surface Jan. 11 and Feb. 19. The Horacio De Paz trainee dropped back into state bred stakes company as a 9-2 shot here--a spot where she delivered two wins prior in the Key Cents S. and Franklin Square S. Shedding the blinkers, the 4-year-old was close to the lead, but clearly allowed favorite Venti Valentine to show the way up the backstretch. Ready to make her move around the far turn, the filly poked her head in front, continued to pour on the pressure with a furlong left and she got her picture taken with a game effort.

"She was always a talented filly, we just had trouble bringing her back to form," said De Paz. "I think just letting the pace be a little easier back in New York-bred company [helped] and I figured she could stretch out.

Jonata is a half-sister to GISP Pinch Pie (Victory Gallop) and SW Jonesy Boy (Smarty Jones). **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#), sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

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9th-Gulfstream, \$73,000, Alw (C)/Opt. Clm (\$62,500), 3-24, 4yo/up, 6f, 1:10.07, ft, 1 1/2 lengths.

SWEET CHERRY PIE (c, 4, Twirling Candy--Sweet Cat {MGSP, \$232,950}, by Kitten's Joy) won the off-turf My Frenchman S. at Monmouth Park last July and was making his first start since finishing third in his turf debut in the Gill Franklin-Simpson S. at Kentucky Downs last September. The 2-1 shot attended the pace through an opening quarter in :22.53, but fell back heading into the far turn. He found a narrow seam to run through in upper stretch and bullied his way to the lead before pulling away late to score by 1 1/2 lengths. Collaborate (Into Mischief) was second. Sweet Cherry Pie was a \$32,000 KEENOV weanling and a \$175,000 KEESEP yearling. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#), sponsored by FanDuel TV.** Lifetime Record: SW & GSP, 7-3-1-2, \$300,175.

O-BBN Racing, LLC; B-Theta Holding 1 Inc (KY); T-George R. Arnold, II.



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5th-Aqueduct, \$72,000, (S), Alw (NW1\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$80,000), 3-24, 3yo, 1m, 1:36.94, ft, 3/4 length.

THAT'S MONEY (c, 3, Audible--Our Hope Diamond, by Gemologist) graduated as first asking over course at six furlongs facing New York-breds Fe. 17. The 5-2 favorite stepped up facing winners for the first time Sunday and went right to the front, turned back a stiff challenge from both Saint Gaudens (Into Mischief) and eventual runner up The Big Torpedo (Big Brown) and picked up a game three-quarter of a length win. Our Hope Diamond has a 2-year-old Improbable colt and reported a filly by **Practical Joke** this year. Sales History: \$100,000 Ylg '22 SARAUG; \$140,000 2yo '23 EASMAY. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$78,100.

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O-Robert LaPenta; B-Dutchess Views Farm, Inc., SGO Thoroughbred & Winding Road Thor (NY); T-Todd A. Pletcher.



VINERY SALES GRADUATE

8th-Aqueduct, \$70,000, (S), Msw, 3-24, 3yo, 7f, 1:24.01, ft, 3/4 length.

LAND D'ORO (c, 3, Medaglia d'Oro--Land Mine {SP, \$158,342}, by Mineshaft) debuted with a fifth-place finish at Aqueduct Feb. 11. Entered as part of a coupled entry with his stablemate Final Denile (Mendelssohn) and as a 14-1 shot here, the colt raced to the outside in the second flight as a trio of leaders set the early fractions up the backstretch. With plenty of pace to run into, the homebred appeared to struggle to keep up heading into the lane, but at the eighth pole proved he had plenty left in the tank and, despite a late challenge from Silver Satin (Mitole), Land d'Oro graduated by 3/4 length. The first registered foal for his dam, the winner counts as half-sisters, 2-year-old Just Da Bomb (Justify) and a yearling by **Uncle Mo**. Land d'Oro's second dam GSW Khancord Kid (Lemon Drop Kid) is responsible for GI Breeders' Cup Sprint heroine Bar of Gold (Medaglia d'Oro), the dam of GSW Coinage (Tapit). Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$41,300.

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O/B-Chester & Mary R. Broman (NY); T-Christophe Clement.



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1st-Aqueduct, \$80,000, Msw, 3-24, 3yo, 7f, 1:24.02, ft, 5 lengths.

J D FACTOR (c, 3, The Factor--Sullivyn's Rose, by Bernardini) was the runner-up by a neck at the Big A in late November but faded to finish third over the same surface Jan. 28. As a 3-1 shot, the bay motored out of the gate and secured the lead up the backstretch. He continued to control the fractions around the far turn and found more down the lane to win by five lengths over Foxhole (**Constitution**). J D Factor has a 2-year-old half-sister by **Connect** and a yearling half-brother by **Good Magic**, who was purchased last year for \$185,000 during Keeneland November. Sullivyn's Rose visited **Game Winner** for this spring. Sales History: \$47,000 RNA Ylg '22 KEESEP; \$75,000 RNA 2yo '23 OBSAPR. Lifetime Record: 4-1-1-1, \$71,500. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

O-RAP Racing; B-TK Stables LLC (KY); T-Richard E. Dutrow, Jr.

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10th-Gulfstream, \$70,000, Msw, 3-24, 3yo, f, 1 1/16m (AWT) (off turf), 1:42.72, ft, 1 length.

CURLIN'S GIRL (f, 3, Curlin--Quality Rocks (GSW, \$316,310), by Rock Hard Ten), runner-up over the Aqueduct turf in her debut last November, missed by just a neck when second over the main track at the Big A Dec. 1. Shipped south, she was a well-beaten third when stretched out to a mile at Gulfstream Jan. 4. Back on the lawn, she was most recently a narrowly beaten runner-up going 7 1/2 furlongs Feb. 25. Sent off at 9-2 in this first try over the Tapeta, the dark bay filly raced in the clear in mid-pack before inching closer on the far turn. She was tipped out five wide at the top of the lane as favored Positive Carry (Ire) (Sea the Moon {Ger}) was trying to find her way through a narrow opening along the rail. The favorite was just able to sneak through and stick a head in front, but **Curlin's Girl** and **On Moonlight Bay** (Medaglia d'Oro) both had clear sailing and all of the momentum on the outside, with **Curlin's Girl** going best of all late to graduate by one length. **Curlin's Girl**, a \$360,000 KEESEP yearling, has a yearling half-sister by **Uncle Mo**. **Quality Rocks** was bred to **Justify** last year. Lifetime Record: 5-1-3-1, \$98,400. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

O-Team Spoor; B-Blue Heaven Farm (KY); T-Anthony W. Dutrow.



6th-Santa Anita, \$65,000, Msw, 3-24, 3, 4, 5yo, 1m, 1:38.28, ft, 3 3/4 lengths.

ASHCROFT (c, 4, Munnings--Sky Willow {SW, \$114,979}, by Empire Maker), making his fourth start for Bob Hess and third start of the year, hit the board for the first time in his career when second over the main track Feb. 24. The even-money favorite with blinkers off for this effort, the chestnut tracked the pacesetters through fractions of :23.27 and :47.96. He rushed up three wide as the five-horse field lined up across the track heading into the home straight and kicked clear down the lane to win by 3 3/4 lengths. **Normandy Landing** (**Gun Runner**) just edged **Duran** (**Violence**) for second. Ashcroft is a half-brother to **Regal Realm** (Animal Kingdom), GSW, \$825,157. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.** Lifetime Record: 8-1-1-0, \$61,672.

O-GMT Racing Stables; B-EAS Equine Alliance, LLC, Craig Netwig & Debra Barkley (KY); T-Robert B. Hess, Jr.



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Dynamic Racer (Run Away and Hide), R.C. Cline Thoroughbred Farm
17 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners
9-Mahoning Valley, 4:40 p.m. EDT, Msw 6f, C V Dynamic, 8-5

One Sided (**Quality Road**), R. A. Rowe Farms
14 foals of racing age/3 winners/0 black-type winners
7-Mahoning Valley, 3:43 p.m. EDT, Alw 6f, Spunky One, 2-1
\$1,000 OTB OMX yrl

Yoshida (Jpn) (Heart's Cry {Jpn}), Darley Japan, \$1,500,000
164 foals of racing age/22 winners/1 black-type winner
8-Parx Racing, 3:53 p.m. EDT, Msw 7f, Lion in the Sun, 6-1
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PLEASANT ACRES STALLIONS DISTAFF TURF S., \$110,000, Tampa Bay Downs, 3-24, (S), 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16mT, 1:40.94 fm.

1--**CHARLIE'S WISH, 124, f, 4, First Dude--Superior Sarah, by Werblin.** O-Royalight Racing, LLC; B-Three Gin Guys Stable (FL); T-David Fawkes; J-Paco Lopez. \$70,000. Lifetime Record: 14-4-5-3, \$296,474.

2--**Mohawk Trail, 124, f, 4, Pioneerof the Nile--Iroquois Girl, by Indian Charlie.** (\$180,000 Ylg '21 KEESEP). O-NBS Stable; B-Westbury Stables LLC (FL); T-Kelsey Danner. \$20,000.

3--**Baby Steps, 124, m, 5, Jimmy Creed--Competitivebalance, by Into Mischief.** (\$70,000 2yo '21 OBSMAR). O-California Racing Partners, Ciaglia Racing LLC and Richard C. Pearson; B-Summer Mayberry & Rick Rudman (FL); T-Jorge Delgado. \$10,000.

Margins: HF, 3, 2 3/4. Odds: 6.30, 2.20, 13.10.

SENSATIONAL STAR S., \$101,000, Santa Anita, 3-24, (S), 4yo/up, 6 1/2ft, 1:12.57, fm.

1--**JOHNNY PODRES, 122, g, 7, Grazen--Malibu Holiday, by Harlan's Holiday. 1ST BLACK TYPE WIN.** O-David A. Bernsen LLC and Mia Familia Racing Stable; B-Nick Alexander (CA); T-Librado Barocio; J-Geovanni Franco. \$60,000. Lifetime Record: 36-8-8-6, \$422,870.

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2--**Lovesick Blues, 122, g, 6, Grazen--Queenofhercastle, by Ministers Wild Cat.** O/B-N Alexander (CA); T-S Miyadi. \$20,000.

3--**Clovisconnection, 124, g, 4, Vronsky--La Darling, by Perfect Mandate.** O/B-W. & Judy Hedrick (CA); T-B Wright. \$12,000.

Margins: HD, 1 1/4, HD. Odds: 5.40, 4.50, 3.30.

NYRABETS SPRINT S., \$100,000, Tampa Bay Downs, 3-24, (S), 4yo/up, 6f, 1:09.82, ft.

1--**MISH, 118, g, 7, Field Commission--Wicked Great, by Greatness. 1ST BLACK TYPE WIN.** O-C2 Racing Stable LLC; B-Joyce Mary Kielty (FL); T-Saffie A. Joseph, Jr.; J-Samy Camacho. \$60,000. Lifetime Record: GSP, 28-9-6-3, \$473,682.

2--**If Not for Luck, 118, h, 5, Neolithic--Fondant, by Candy Ride (Arg).** (\$18,000 Ylg '20 OBSWIN; \$35,000 Ylg '20 OBSOCT; \$35,000 2yo '21 OBSAPR). **1ST BLACK TYPE.** O-Abarrio Stable, LLC; B-Juan Rodriguez (FL); T-Carlos Luis Perez. \$20,000.

3--**Zydeceaux, 118, g, 4, Cajun Breeze--Wink At the Boys, by Graeme Hall.** (\$15,000 Ylg '21 OBSOCT). O-JC Racing Stable; B-Dee Cook & S. Parker (FL); T-Juan Carlos Avila. \$10,000.

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Margins: 3 1/4, 1HF, 4 3/4. Odds: 1.10, 12.20, 14.30.

RICHARD KING TURF S., \$75,000, Sam Houston Race, 3-23, (S), 4yo/up, 1 1/8mT, 1:52.51, fm.

1--**SINGAPORE FLASH, 123, g, 8, Shanghai Bobby--Dare to Dance, by Thunder Gulch.** O-Triple V Racing, LLC.; B-Virginia Jago Elder (TX); T-J. R. Caldwell; J-Rene Diaz. \$43,800. Lifetime Record: 33-10-8-2, \$413,306.

2--**Sunlit Song, 123, g, 9, My Golden Song--Fly So True, by Early Flyer.** O-Carolyn Barnett and Becky Harding; B-Carolyn R. Barnett (TX); T-Mindy J. Willis. \$14,600.

3--**Iberian Runner, 119, g, 5, El Kingdom--Lil Precious, by Forestry.** O-L and G Racing Stables; B-Jose Luis Espinoza (TX); T-Cesar Govea. \$8,030.

Margins: 3/4, 1 3/4, 3 3/4. Odds: 2.20, 1.00, 4.80.

ESMARK TURF CLASSIC S., \$100,000, Tampa Bay Downs, 3-24, (S), 4yo/up, 1 1/8mT, 1:46.87, fm.

1--**FOREVER SOUPER, 122, g, 5, American Pharoah--Mighty Souper (MSP, \$122,866), by War Front.** O/B-Live Oak Stud (FL); T-Michael J. Trombetta; J-Paco Lopez. \$60,000. Lifetime Record: 13-6-1-2, \$272,255.

2--**Happyisashappydoes, 118, g, 4, First Dude--Nightfury, by Kitalpha. 1ST BLACK TYPE.** O-Linda Martinez; B-Eddy R. & Linda Martinez (FL); T-Teresa Connelly. \$20,000.

3--**Me and Mr. C, 120, g, 7, Khozan--Abiding, by Dynaformer.** (\$50,000 RNA 2yo '19 OBSMAR). O-Paradise Farms Corp. and David Staudacher; B-Stonehedge LLC (FL); T-Michael J. Maker. \$10,000.

» **SIX K's TRAINING & SALES GRADUATE** «

Margins: 1 1/4, 3/4, 4 1/4. Odds: 0.50, 6.70, 4.50.

STAR GUITAR S. PRESENTED BY BRITTLYN STABLE, \$100,000, Fair Grounds, 3-24, (S), 4yo/up, 1 1/16m, 1:45.05, ft.

1--**BEHEMAH STAR, 121, g, 6, Star Guitar--Saintly Joan (SW & GSP, \$147,430), by Northern Afleet.** O/B-Brittlyn, Inc. (LA); T-Shane Wilson; J-Jose Andres Guerrero. \$60,000. Lifetime Record: 23-7-7-4, \$435,421.

2--**Budro Talking, 123, g, 9, Tale of Ekati--American Placed, by Quiet American.** (\$1,000 RNA Ylg '16 FTKOCT; \$20,000 2yo '17 TTAAPR). O/T-Sturges J. Ducoing; B-J. Adcock & Hume Wornall (LA). \$20,000.

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3--**Blue Cheese, 117, g, 5, Midshipman--Lemondropkisses, by Lemon Drop Kid. 1ST BLACK TYPE.** O-Mark Necaize; B-Markkim Farms (LA); T-Samuel Breau. \$11,000.

Margins: 2HF, 3, 3. Odds: 0.40, 5.30, 11.40.

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PAGE CORTEZ S., \$100,000, Fair Grounds, 3-24, (S), 3yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2ft, 1:01.90, fm.

1--**OVA CHARGED, 125, m, 6, Star Guitar--Charged Cotton (SW, \$162,741), by Dehere.** O/B-Brittlyn, Inc. (LA); T-Shane Wilson; J-Jose Andres Guerrero. \$60,000. Lifetime Record: GSP, 15-12-1-0, \$608,780. *Full to Manama Gold, GSW-UAE, \$197,690.

2--**Rue Lala**, 119, m, 6, Star Guitar--Miss Addison, by Orientate. (\$130,000 2yo '20 OBSAPR). O/B-Brittlyn, Inc. (LA); T-Shane Wilson. \$20,000.

3--**Final Quest**, 119, m, 5, Yankee Gentleman--Lone Star Quest, by Lone Star Sky. O-Sandra New and Aaron Haberman; B-Sandra E. New (LA); T-Brett A. Brinkman. \$11,000.

Margins: 12HF, 2HF, NO. Odds: 0.10, 26.60, 41.80.

SHANTEL LANERIE MEMORIAL S., \$100,000, Fair Grounds, 3-24, (S), 4yo/up, f/m, 1m 70y, 1:43.06, ft.

1--**FREE LIKE A GIRL, 123, m, 5, El Deal--Flashy Prize, by Flashy Bull.** (\$5,500 Ylg '20 ESLYRL). O-Bruno, Jr., Gerald, Pomier, Chasey Deville and Caroom, Jerry; B-Kim Renee Stover & Lisa Osborne (LA); T-Chasey Deville Pomier; J-Corey J. Lanerie. \$60,000. Lifetime Record: MGSP, 37-17-10-5, \$1,305,978.

2--**Muchmorethanready**, 123, f, 4, Tom's Ready--Astarte, by **Street Sense.** (\$20,000 Ylg '21 KEESEP). **1ST BLACK TYPE.** O-Jones, Laurence and Evans Thoroughbred Racing, LLC; B-T&G Farm of Ky, LLC (LA); T-Juan A. Larrosa. \$20,000.



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3--**A G's Charlotte**, 123, m, 5, Mo Tom--Adrienne G, by Indygo Shiner. O/B-Thomas M. Galvin (LA); T-Patricia G. West. \$11,000.

Margins: 1 1/4, 1 1/4, 2 3/4. Odds: 0.60, 7.50, 5.00.

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

8th-Santa Anita, \$81,462, (NW1\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$50,000), 3-23, 4yo/up, 1 1/16m, 1:44.60, ft, 1 1/2 lengths.

COWBOY MIKE (g, 4, Smiling Tiger--Lutess, by Maria's Mon) Lifetime Record: 10-4-0-3, \$189,674. O/B-Connie Pageler (CA); T-Bob Baffert. *1/2 to Fun to Dream (Arrogate), GISW, \$670,190 and Heck Yeah (Acclamation), MSW, \$397,949.

6th-Aqueduct, \$72,000, (S), Alw, 3-24, (NW1\$X), 4yo/up, 7f, 1:22.42, ft, 2 1/2 lengths.

QUICK TO ACCUSE (c, 4, Accelerate--Speightful Affair {GSP, \$142,182}, by Speightstown) Lifetime Record: SP, 9-2-2-1, \$175,570. O-Rupp Racing; B-Chester & Mary R. Broman (NY); T-Brad H. Cox. *\$200,000 2yo '22 OBSMAR. **1/2 to Mr. Buff (Friend Or Foe), MSW & GSP, \$1,403,536.

3rd-Santa Anita, \$69,108, (NW1\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$50,000), 3-24, 4yo/up, 6ft, 1:08.45, fm, 1 length.

PLAYER B (r, 4, American Pharoah--Ballette {Ire}, by Giant's Causeway) Lifetime Record: 10-2-2-0, \$102,740. O-Fritz Brothers Racing, LLC, Net Birdie, LLC, Pappas Horse Racing Corp and Timothy J. Larkin; B-Magnolia Mares LLC, Athens Woods LLC, D. Brown & L. Brown (KY); T-Doug F. O'Neill. *\$100,000 RNA Ylg '21 KEEJAN; \$50,000 Ylg '21 FTKOCT; \$160,000 2yo '22 EASMAY. **1/2 to Sachem Spirit (Mr. Greeley), SP, \$215,018 and Cerro (Ire) (Mr. Greeley), SW, \$504,785.

12th-Fair Grounds, \$59,000, (S), (NW2X)/Opt. Clm (\$20,000), 3-24, 4yo/up, f/m, 1mT, 1:38.35, fm, 2 1/4 lengths.

SIXTH ANNIVERSARY (f, 4, Sky Mesa--Up to Speed, by Papa Clem) Lifetime Record: 20-4-4-1, \$139,290. O-SJB Racing LLC; B-David Tillson & Kevin McKay (LA); T-Shane Wilson. *\$8,000 Ylg '21 FTKOCT. **1/2 to Lykan (Congrats), MSP, \$331,894.

8th-Fair Grounds, \$58,440, 3-24, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 5 1/2ft, 1:03.29, fm, head.

SON OF A BIRCH (g, 4, Temple City--Urquia, by Scat Daddy) Lifetime Record: 9-2-2-1, \$131,330. O-Santa Rey Stable & Thomas Morley; B-Pillar Property Services Inc (KY); T-Thomas Morley. *\$30,000 Ylg '21 FTKOCT.

5th-Fair Grounds, \$58,000, 3-24, (NW2L), 3yo, 6f, 1:10.30, ft, 1 1/4 lengths.

HONKY TONK HIGHWAY (c, 3, City of Light--Shared Humor, by Distorted Humor) Lifetime Record: 8-2-1-1, \$106,183. O-Clarmont Racing; B-Fred W. Hertrich (KY); T-W. Bret Calhoun. *\$150,000 RNA Ylg '22 KEEJAN; \$180,000 Ylg '22 KEESEP.

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4th-Fair Grounds, \$58,000, (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$100,000), 3-24, 3yo, 1 1/16mT, 1:42.95, fm, head.

DEBT PAID (c, 3, Collected--Prisoner's Dilemma, by Blame) Lifetime Record: 6-2-0-2, \$83,140. O-Rayfield Houghlin; B-Fred W. Hertrich III & Robert L. Tribbett (KY); T-Michelle Lovell. *\$35,000 RNA Ylg '22 KEESEP; \$35,000 2yo '23 OBSAPR.



7th-Gulfstream, \$50,700, (S), (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$20,000), 3-24, 4yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2f (AWT), 1:03.42, ft, head.

FORTUNA BELLE (f, 4, Uncaptured--Double Seven, by Exclusive Quality) Lifetime Record: 11-4-1-0, \$103,170. O-Graham Brown & Michael Chai Chong; B-Graham Brown (FL); T-Rohan Crichton.

7th-Hawthorne, \$35,200, (S), 3-24, (NW1BX), 3yo/up, f/m, 5f, :58.51, ft, 2 1/2 lengths.

RIETTA (f, 3, Temple City--Happy Henrietta {MSW, \$333,981}, by Supremo) Lifetime Record: 3-2-1-0, \$59,668.

O/B-Cherrywood Racing II & Oak Rock Racing LLC (IL); T-Michele Boyce.

6th-Sam Houston Race, \$34,500, 3-24, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 5fT, :58.95, fm, neck.

CLAY'S BLACK OPAL (g, 4, Not This Time--Indy Cheers, by A.P. Indy) Lifetime Record: 12-3-0-2, \$56,418. O-Jerry A. Groen;

B-Garland W. Clay (KY); T-Tristan Ashford.

7th-Charles Town, \$31,300, (S), 3-23, 3yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2f, 1:20.01, gd, 2 1/2 lengths.

LIGHTNIN RUNNER (f, 4, Battalion Runner--My Lightnin Strike, by Mineshaft) Lifetime Record: MSW, 16-8-2-0, \$204,150.

O-George Nyren; B-Ronney & Nicole Brown (WV); T-Ronney W. Brown.

6th-Charles Town, \$28,400, (S), 3-23, (NW3L), 3yo/up, 6 1/2f, 1:20.62, gd, neck.

ESPRESSO (g, 4, Juba--Up Close, by Windsor Castle) Lifetime Record: 9-3-2-0, \$63,426. O/B-Gary Hemp (WV); T-Keith A. Brown.

6th-Golden Gate Fields, \$25,458, (C)/Opt. Clm (\$62,500), 3-23, 4yo/up, 6f (AWT), 1:09.57, ft, nose.

PRINCE ABU DHABI (g, 4, Palace Malice--American Girl {Ire}, by High Chaparral {Ire}) Lifetime Record: MSW, 8-6-0-2, \$181,100.

O-Lance and Steve Kinross; B-Colts Neck Stables LLC (KY); T-Blaine D. Wright. *\$8,000 Ylg '21 KEESEP. **1/2 to Emblem Storm (English Channel), SW & GSP-UAE, \$231,958.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Moonlit Lady, f, 3, Malibu Moon--Diplomat Lady (GISW, \$552,784), by Forestry. Oaklawn, 3-24, (C), 6f, 1:11.23. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$42,000. B-Cypress Creek Equine, LLC (KY). *1ST-TIME STARTER.

Takes Three, c, 3, Nyquist--Radish (MSP, \$213,036), by Square Eddie. Santa Anita, 3-24, (S), 1mT, 1:36.62. Lifetime Record: 6-1-1-0, \$56,320. B-Reddam Racing, LLC (CA). *\$400,000 2yo '23 OBSAPR.

Sneaker, f, 3, Oscar Performance--Lime Beach, by Giant's Causeway. Santa Anita, 3-23, (S), 1mT, 1:37.02. Lifetime Record: 4-1-2-1, \$72,800. B-Fountain of Youth Breeding, LLC (CA). *\$120,000 Ylg '22 FTKOCT.

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Holiday Presence, f, 3, Preservationist--I'm in Harlan, by Harlan's Holiday. Sam Houston Race, 3-24, (S), 1mT, 1:40.78. Lifetime Record: 9-1-1-1, \$36,450. B-Eric & Randi Moreau-Sipiere (TX).

Petingas Twin, c, 3, Take Charge Indy--Summer Punch, by Candy Ride (Arg). Laurel, 3-24, 5 1/2f, 1:04.45. Lifetime Record: 5-1-4-0, \$66,060. B-Mesingw Farm, LLC (KY). *\$52,000 Ylg '22 KEESEP.

Gimme the Candy, g, 3, Twirling Candy--Richie'slilwildcat (SW, \$148,389), by Wildcat Heir. Hawthorne, 3-24, 5f, :57.62. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-0, \$26,800. B-M & M Racing (KY). *\$85,000 RNA Ylg '22 KEESEP; \$75,000 2yo '23 OBSAPR.

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Island Gold, f, 3, Whence--Graceful Touch, by Touch Gold. Fair Grounds, 3-24, (S), 6f, 1:12.44. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-1, \$49,070. B-Gerald L. Averett (LA).

Bolt From Above, c, 4, Bolt d'Oro--Lemon Squeeze, by Gio Ponti. Fair Grounds, 3-24, 1 1/8mT, 1:50.86. Lifetime Record: 7-1-1-2, \$55,970. B-Marablue Farm LLC (KY). *\$49,000 RNA Ylg '21 FTKOCT.

Red Whistle, f, 4, Catalina Red--Whistlin'along, by Mineshaft. Fair Grounds, 3-24, (S), 6f, 1:11.99. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-2, \$45,200. B-Michele Rodriguez (LA).

All Country, g, 4, Country Day--All Her Due, by Devil His Due. Sam Houston Race, 3-24, 1mT, 1:41.73. Lifetime Record: 15-1-2-1, \$29,288. B-Charles Breaux (LA).

Natorade, g, 4, Gentlemen's Bet--Own the Night, by Evansville Slew. Oaklawn, 3-24, (S), (C), 6f, 1:11.64. Lifetime Record: 5-1-1-0, \$38,729. B-Nathaniel Quinonez (AR).

Xcellent Men, g, 4, Mendelssohn--Beautiful Girl, by Malibu Moon. Laurel, 3-24, (C), 5 1/2f, 1:05.78. Lifetime Record: 8-1-2-1, \$66,038. B-Jumping Jack Racing LLC (KY). *\$330,000 Ylg '21 KEESEP.

Visby, m, 5, Midshipman--Flower Class, by Stormy Atlantic. Charles Town, 3-23, 4 1/2f, :54.58. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-0, \$29,020. B-Edward Seltzer, Beverly Anderson & Krista Seltzer (KY). *\$39,000 RNA Ylg '20 KEESEP.

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American Pharoah, Forever Souper, g, 5, o/o Mighty Souper, by War Front. ESMARK Turf Classic S., 3-24, Tampa Bay

American Pharoah, Player B, r, 4, o/o Ballette (Ire), by Giant's Causeway. AOC, 3-24, Santa Anita

Audible, That's Money, c, 3, o/o Our Hope Diamond, by Gemologist. AOC, 3-24, Aqueduct

Battalion Runner, Lightnin Runner, f, 4, o/o My Lightnin Strike, by Mineshaft. ALW, 3-23, Charles Town

Bolt d'Oro, Bolt From Above, c, 4, o/o Lemon Squeeze, by Gio Ponti. MSW, 3-24, Fair Grounds

Catalina Red, Red Whistle, f, 4, o/o Whistlin'along, by Mineshaft. MSW, 3-24, Fair Grounds

City of Light, Honky Tonk Highway, c, 3, o/o Shared Humor, by Distorted Humor. ALW, 3-24, Fair Grounds

Collected, Debt Paid, c, 3, o/o Prisoner's Dilemma, by Blame. AOC, 3-24, Fair Grounds

Curlin, Curlin's Girl, f, 3, o/o Quality Rocks, by Rock Hard Ten. MSW, 3-24, Gulfstream

El Deal, Free Like a Girl, m, 5, o/o Flashy Prize, by Flashy Bull. Shantel Lanerie Memorial S., 3-24, Fair Grounds

Field Commission, Mish, g, 7, o/o Wicked Great, by Greatness. NYRABETS Sprint S., 3-24, Tampa Bay

First Dude, Charlie's Wish, f, 4, o/o Superior Sarah, by Werblin. Pleasant Acres Stallions Distaff Turf S., 3-24, Tampa Bay

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Grazen, Johnny Podres, g, 7, o/o Malibu Holiday, by Harlan's Holiday. Sensational Star S., 3-24, Santa Anita

Gun Runner, Cartucho, c, 3, o/o Malibu Prayer, by Malibu Moon. MSW, 3-24, Tampa Bay

Malibu Moon, Moonlit Lady, f, 3, o/o Diplomat Lady, by Forestry. MCL, 3-24, Oaklawn

Medaglia d'Oro, Land d'Oro, c, 3, o/o Land Mine, by Mineshaft. MSW, 3-24, Aqueduct

Mendelssohn, Xcellent Men, g, 4, o/o Beautiful Girl, by Malibu

Moon. MCL, 3-24, Laurel

Midshipman, Visby, m, 5, o/o Flower Class, by Stormy Atlantic. MSW, 3-23, Charles Town

Mo Town, Mystic Lake, f, 3, o/o Salty Soul, by Itsmyluckyday. Stonehedge Farm South Sophomore Fillies S., 3-24, Tampa Bay

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Not This Time, Clay's Black Opal, g, 4, o/o Indy Cheers, by A.P. Indy. ALW, 3-24, Sam Houston

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Palace Malice, Prince Abu Dhabi, g, 4, o/o American Girl (Ire), by High Chaparral (Ire). AOC, 3-23, Golden Gate

Preservationist, Holiday Presence, f, 3, o/o I'm in Harlan, by Harlan's Holiday. MSW, 3-24, Sam Houston

Sky Mesa, Sixth Anniversary, f, 4, o/o Up to Speed, by Papa Clem. AOC, 3-24, Fair Grounds

Smiling Tiger, Cowboy Mike, g, 4, o/o Lutess, by Maria's Mon. AOC, 3-23, Santa Anita

Star Guitar, Behemah Star, g, 6, o/o Sainly Joan, by Northern Afleet. Star Guitar S. Presented by Brittlyn Stable, 3-24, Fair Grounds

Star Guitar, Ova Charged, m, 6, o/o Charged Cotton, by Dehere. Page Cortez S., 3-24, Fair Grounds

Take Charge Indy, Petingas Twin, c, 3, o/o Summer Punch, by Candy Ride (Arg). MSW, 3-24, Laurel

Temple City, Rietta, f, 3, o/o Happy Henrietta, by Supremo. ALW, 3-24, Hawthorne

Temple City, Son of a Birch, g, 4, o/o Urquia, by Scat Daddy. ALW, 3-24, Fair Grounds

The Big Beast, Pure Class, c, 3, o/o I'mclassyandsassy, by Master Command. Ocala Breeders' Sales Sophomore S., 3-24, Tampa Bay

The Factor, J D Factor, c, 3, o/o Sullivyn's Rose, by Bernardini. MSW, 3-24, Aqueduct

Twirling Candy, Gimme the Candy, g, 3, o/o Richie'slilwildcat, by Wildcat Heir. MSW, 3-24, Hawthorne

Twirling Candy, Sweet Cherry Pie, c, 4, o/o Sweet Cat, by Kitten's Joy. AOC, 3-24, Gulfstream

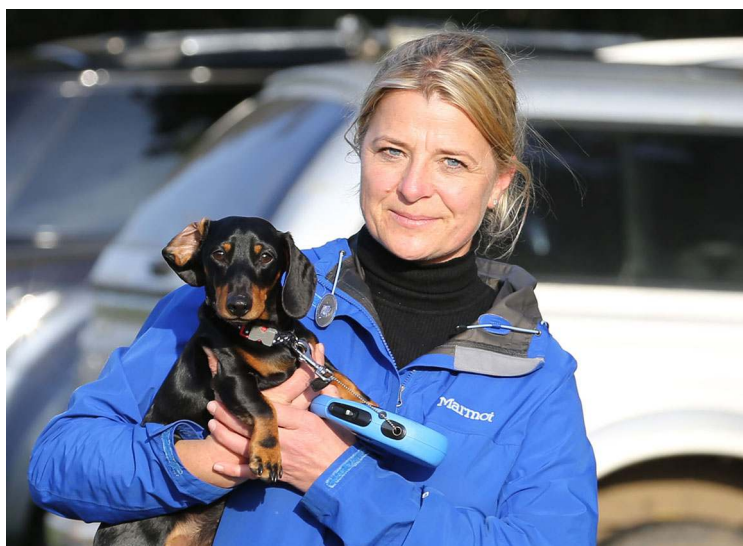
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Uncle Mo, Crystal Quest, c, 3, o/o Giant Crystal, by Giant's Causeway. Equistaff Sophomore Turf S., 3-24, Tampa Bay

Whence, Island Gold, f, 3, o/o Graceful Touch, by Touch Gold. MSW, 3-24, Fair Grounds

SEVEN DAYS: A GOOD WEEK IF YOUR NAME IS EGAN



Henrietta Egan, breeder of Post Impressionist
Laura Green/Tattersalls

by Emma Berry

We've been waiting so long for the proper Flat to start that it seems almost criminal to veer straight off to the other side of the world, but there was plenty of interest for breeders from this side at Rosehill in Sydney on Saturday morning.

One person who managed to stay awake past 2am to watch the highly impressive last-to-first romp of Post Impressionist (Ire) (Teofilo {Ire}) in the G3 N E Manion Cup was his breeder Henrietta Egan, who is based at Corduff Stud with her husband David.

Now five, Post Impressionist is the first foal of Island Remede (GB) (Medicean {GB}), who was bought by Egan from the Tattersalls December Mares Sale for 43,000gns. Already a winner for Ed Dunlop, she was put back into training with Henry de Bromhead the following season as a five-year-old and went on to be placed twice in Listed races at Leopardstown and Cork as well as winning over hurdles at Limerick. That National Hunt form didn't deter Shadwell from giving 260,000gns for her Teofilo colt at the yearling sales.

"I was a gibbering wreck when he sold as a yearling to Shadwell and this horse has taken me on the most extraordinary journey," Egan told *TDN* on Saturday morning. [Cont. p3](#)

HEARTBREAK FOR QUINN YARD AS HIGHFIELD PRINCESS DIES AFTER STABLE ACCIDENT

Trainers John and Sean Quinn have been dealt a cruel blow with the news that stable star **Highfield Princess (Fr)** (Night Of Thunder {Ire}) has died after suffering "an inoperable fracture".

Highfield Princess took the Quinn stable on an extraordinary journey, winning 14 of her 39 career starts and earning close to £2 million in prize-money for her owner-breeder John Fairley.

She tasted Group 1 success four times and mixed it with some of the fastest horses in the world. However, the Prix de l'Abbaye, Nunthorpe, Flying Five and Prix Maurice de Gheest scorer could not be saved after suffering an accident in her stable.

A statement released by the Quinn team on Sunday morning read, "She suffered an inoperable fracture following an accident in her stable and, although over the past week she fought with the same extraordinary spirit she showed on the racecourse, last night lost her battle for life." [Cont. p9](#)

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Billy Lee and Paddy Twomey after *Calyx (GB)*'s *Purple Lily (Ire)* became her sire's third 'TDN Rising Star' at Naas on Sunday. | [Racingfotos.com](https://www.racingfotos.com)

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Purple Lily (Ire) (Calyx {GB}) is the latest 'TDN Rising Star' at Naas. Tom Frary has the info.

TAKAMATSUNOMIYA KINEN FOR MAD COOL

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Dark Angel (Ire)'s Mad Cool (Ire) won the G1 Takamatsunomiya Kinen at Chukyo. Heather Anderson has the details.

NO NAY NEVER GELDING SHINES IN HK DERBY

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Massive Sovereign (Ire) (No Nay Never) claimed the Listed BMW Hong Kong Derby at Sha Tin on Sunday.

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Seven Days

by Emma Berry



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She added, "We had dreams of winning the Mares' Hurdle at Cheltenham, which was a bit crackers. David is great mates with Henry and we had big dreams of having fun with her, and we did. She ran at Leopardstown first time out and finished third in a Listed race and I think that was the first black type on the Flat for Henry."

Egan's association with Island Remede stretches back further than the sale ring at Tattersalls, however, to before she was even born.

"I was riding out for Ed Dunlop when she was in training with him, and weirdly I worked for her breeder Ian Quy, who had two mares, and I did the nomination for her, so we have a very long story," she says.

"I'm slightly gobsmacked really. David had a foal last night. I was out to a birthday party and David had to stay behind to watch the mare. I came back to find David fast asleep and it was about one o'clock so I thought I'd pour myself a gin and tonic and try to stay awake for the race. I was screaming downstairs watching this horse and I ran upstairs and couldn't wake my husband who was out for the count. The foaling season is so exhausting, but this is why we do it. It's what dreams are made of."

Later in the day, Island Remede's three-year-old filly Cabrera (Ire) (Phoenix Of Spain {Ire}) ran a promising fourth on debut at Newcastle for Egan and Hot To Trot Racing. The mare is in foal to Cracksman (GB), carrying another filly, and will be sent to Native Trail (GB) this season.

There is likely to be more early-morning screaming in the Egan household this spring as Hong Kong superstar Romantic Warrior (Ire) (Acclamation {GB}), who was bred by Corduff Stud and Tim Rooney, will be seeking his seventh Group 1 win when he lines up for the FWD QEII Cup on Sha Tin's Champions Day. As well as his wins in Hong Kong, the six-year-old also won last year's Cox Plate, and there could be more Group 1 success on the cards in Australia for Corduff Stud with Post Impressionist, now owned by Lloyd Williams, likely to head next for the Sydney Cup.

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"With Romantic Warrior being such a success for the farm as well, it's just such a cool year," Egan said. "I'm thrilled for David. He works so hard. Good stuff like this just makes it worthwhile."

She added that Romantic Warrior's dam Folk Melody (Ire) (Street Cry {Ire}) has a New Bay (GB) yearling colt but no foal this year. She is booked to Havana Grey (GB).

Haggas Gives Waller a Lead

Australian trainers must dread seeing the name William Haggas among the nominations for runners for Sydney's Autumn Carnival. His raids down under have shown him to be the ultimate target trainer and Post Impressionist gave Haggas his third win in the N E Manion Cup in the last five years after Young Rascal (Fr) (Intello {Ger}) in 2020



Post Impressionist | Bronwen Healy

and Favorite Moon (Ger) (Sea The Moon {Ger}) 12 months later. In 2020, while all of European racing was shuttered by Covid, Haggas sent out Addeybb (Ire) (Pivotal {GB}) to give us all something to cheer about when he won the G1 Ranvet and G1

Queen Elizabeth S., and that lovely old warrior returned the following year to tussle with Chris Waller's super mare Verry Elleegant (NZ) (Zed {NZ}), finishing second to her in the Ranvet before winning his second Queen Elizabeth.

Last year, Haggas pulled off that same Group 1 double with Dubai Honour (Ire) (Pride Of Dubai {Aus}), while Protagonist (Fr) (Wootton Bassett {GB}) pitched in to take the G3 Sky High S. Frustratingly for all involved with Dubai Honour, a setback ruled him out of a return to Sydney, but that news will doubtless have come as a relief to Waller.

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MINZAAL *First foals receive rave reviews!*



"I'm very happy with her... She's the spitting image of her sire!"

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



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He told *Sky Racing World* last week that he had taken a leaf out of the Haggas playbook in his training of Via Sistina (Ire) (Fastnet Rock {Aus}), who joined his team after being sold for 2.7 million gns last December at Tattersalls, having won the G1 Pretty Polly S. for George Boughey and owner Rebecca Hillen.

"We prepared her in Newmarket, I kept a close eye on what Mr Haggas has done with a few of his horses which have beaten Verry Elleegant a number of times," Waller said. "He just gets it right every year."

Waller is not exactly a novice himself when it comes to winning Group 1 races. Born in New Zealand, he has been champion trainer in Sydney every year since the 2010/11 season. But it is a mark of his professionalism that he continues to look and learn, and his approach paid off handsomely when Via Sistina landed the Ranvet on her Australian debut.

The five-year-old now races in the colours of Yulong Investments, who also own the Ranvet runner-up Place Du Carrousel (Ire) (Lope De Vega {Ire}), another expensive December purchase, bought for €4.025 million at Arqana. The European-bred trifecta was brought up by another Waller trainee, Buckaroo (GB), who was bred by The Roheryn Partnership at Tweenhills on that same productive Fastnet Rock-Galileo cross as Via Sistina.

It was a banner day at Rosehill for the Yulong team, whose

stallions Written Tycoon (Aus) and Pierata (Aus) were responsible for the first two home in the G1 Golden Slipper, Lady Of Camelot (Aus) and Coleman (Aus). Another of the team's stallions, Grunt (NZ), sired the G1 George Ryder S. winner Veight (Aus), who was bred and sold by Yulong as a yearling.

A Different Egan

Let's return closer to home where another David Egan, this one the jockey, was in the spotlight on Saturday as turf racing commenced at Doncaster. Egan's major breakthrough came when, as retained rider to Prince AA Faisal, he rode the Prince's homebred Mishriff (Ire) to victory in the Saudi Cup, Dubai Sheema Classic and Juddmonte International. Signed by Amo Racing in December, Egan has grabbed that new opportunity with both hands.

He won the first Irish two-year-old race of the season last Monday aboard Arizona Blaze (GB) (Sergei Prokofiev) on the Curragh, where he grew up, and then delivered Mr Professor (Ire) (Profitable {Ire}) to win the Lincoln at 33/1. He will be itching to hop aboard the Amo Racing star King Of Steel (Wootton Bassett {GB}), who was seen on Newmarket Heath in Saturday morning's sunshine looking a picture of health amid Roger Varian's string under Raul da Silva. **Cont. p6**

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Varian himself got off to a perfect start by saddling the first winner of the British turf season, Charyn (Ire), who bowled home in the Listed Doncaster Mile. He certainly should have won as he did as the son of Dark Angel (Ire), who was bred by Guy O'Callaghan at Grangemore Stud, is a classy individual and looks to have improved again physically over the winter. A Group 2 winner at two for Nurlan Bizakov, Charyn was fourth in the Irish 2,000 Guineas and third in both the St James's Palace and Sussex S. last year. If he continues to run as well as he looked on Saturday, he could well rival King Of Steel for the title of the best grey at Carlborg Stables and edge his way onto Bizakov's burgeoning roster of Sumbe stallions for next year, alongside the aforementioned Mishriff.

Less than 24 hours later, Charyn's sire Dark Angel was in the spotlight with a rare winner in Japan, and this one at the highest level. Mad Cool (Ire), bred by Moyglare Stud and sold to Katsumi Yoshida as a foal at Goffs for €225,000, landed the G1 Takamatsunomiya Kinen at Chukyo for Sunday Racing Co and trainer Manabu Ikezoe.

The five-year-old, who became the 16th Group/Grade 1 winner for Dark Angel, was beaten by a nose in the G1 Sprinters S. last October and is from one of the families which has underpinned the success of Moyglare Stud over a number of generations. His dam Mad About You (Ire) (Indian Ridge {Ire}) won the G3 Gladness S. and was runner-up in the both the Irish 1,000 Guineas and G1 Pretty Polly S. in the hands of Pat Smullen, and she is a half-sister to the G2 Ribblesdale S. winner Princess Highway (Street Cry {Ire}) and G1 Irish St Leger winner Royal Diamond (Ire) (King's Best).

Keep An Eye On Cunha

Profitable, who is now at stud in Turkey, was represented on Saturday by the Lincoln winner Mr Professor, while another son of Invincible Spirit (Ire), Territories (Ire), provided South African trainer Dylan Cunha with his first win in the Brocklesby. Cunha, a former airline pilot and also a Grade 1-winning trainer in his homeland, set up in **Newmarket two years ago**. His string has grown significantly for this season and, since William Jarvis ceased training, he is now occupying Phantom House Stables, having started out in the bottom yard there with a handful of horses.

Cunha, who spent some of his early years working in Newmarket for Robert Armstrong, certainly knows how to get one ready, and the game Zminiature (GB) battled his way home in heavy ground at Doncaster to take the first British two-year-old race of the season for owner-breeder Jonathan Sarkar and family, who have supported the trainer since his return.

There is an abundance of early races in an expanded spring programme for two-year-olds in Britain. The William Hill EBF Brocklesby S. kicked off the series of High-Value Development races and was worth £40,000, as is the British Stallion Studs EBF Maiden at Chelmsford on Good Friday. They are two of 16 juvenile races that will be run in the UK before we even get to the Craven meeting on April 16.



Dylan Cunha with his first British winner Mighty Mind

Emma Berry



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No Escaping Scat Daddy

The vaunted Storm Boy (Aus) may have had to settle for third in the Golden Slipper, but we are guaranteed to be hearing plenty about his sire **Justify** this season as the likes of City Of Troy, Ramatuelle and Opera Singer swing back into action.

In the meantime two other sons of Scat Daddy are off the mark with their first winners in these very early days of the European juvenile programme. Sergei Prokofiev supplied Arizona Blaze to win at the Curragh's opening day, as mentioned above, while on Saturday at La Teste de Buch, Sweet Chop became the first winner for his sire, the G2 Railway S. winner Van Beethoven, who stands at Karwin Farm.

The only other freshman to have sired a winner in Europe is New Approach's son Hey Gaman (GB), who was beaten a neck when second to Olmedo (Fr) in the G1 Poule d'Essai des Poulains and now stands at Haras du Taillis. His son Eagle Gate (Fr) won in Marseille on Wednesday.

Vive Les Turistes

France has led the way on the Flat front in the last few weeks and the country's racing administrators are celebrating the fact that 2023 saw a 17% increase in attendance figures across French racecourses, including trotting tracks. This certainly bucks the trend being seen in other countries.

There has been an early '**TDN Rising Star**' among the French ranks in the three-year-old Puchkine (Fr) (**Starspangledbanner {Aus}**), who remains unbeaten in four starts for Jean-Claude Rouget after landing the Prix Torrestrella at Toulouse on Wednesday. While he is on course for the Poule d'Essai des Poulains, his fellow Rising Star of the same day, Clipper Logistics' Night Raider (Ire) (Dark Angel {Ire}) is on course for the 2,000 Guineas after keeping a clean sheet with an emphatic win at Southwell for Karl Burke.

Also at Toulouse, Dancing Queen (Fr), from the penultimate crop of Le Havre (Ire), enhanced the Classic dream of her trainer Fabrice Vermeulen when winning the mile maiden on Saturday. She carries the colours of Haras du Logis Saint Germain, which won the Poule d'Essai des Pouliches of 2020 with Dream And Do (Fr) (**Siyouni {Fr}**). Unlike that filly, Dancing Queen is not a homebred as she was bred by Peter Savill, for the former BHB chairman who has recently returned to the forefront of British racing politics, if not in an official capacity.

Another who had gone into the notebook last October when winning the Prix de Saint-Desir on debut was the Wertheimers' Bright Picture (Fr) (Intello {Ger}). He has done nothing but confirm that good impression with two further wins, the latest in the Listed Prix Francois Mathet on March 16. As a gelding, he cannot be aimed at the Classics but he is clearly highly regarded, and our colleagues at *Jour de Galop* dubbed him 'the next Junko' after his stakes victory at Saint-Cloud.

That is high praise indeed, and we will see the G1 Hong Kong Vase winner Junko (GB), another son of Intello, at Meydan in Saturday's tantalising G1 Dubai Sheema Classic. While Junko was bred by Wertheimer et Frere, Bright Picture is a rare sales purchase, bought from his breeder John Carrington for €72,000 at the Arqana October Yearling Sale. The brothers' support of their stallion Intello also led to the purchase of Pao Alto (Fr), who went on to win the G3 Prix La Force among his five victories.

Thinking of Stefano Cherchi

We end this column with a heavy heart while, at the time of writing, Stefano Cherchi remains in a serious condition in hospital in Canberra, Australia. The 23-year-old jockey sustained serious head and internal injuries when his mount Hasime (Aus) fell, bringing down two other horses, at Canberra's meeting last Wednesday.

An enormously popular figure in Newmarket, where he served his apprenticeship with Marco Botti, Cherchi is originally from Sardinia. He remains in the thoughts of his many friends throughout the racing world.

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CALYX'S PURPLE LILY A NEW RISING STAR

by Tom Frary

Sunday's TRM Equine Nutrition Race at Naas looked an intriguing contest, with four winners lined up including one who was Group 1-placed at two. At the end, there was one who was in total command and that was the filly **Purple Lily (Ire) (Calyx {GB})--Boca Raton {Ire}, by Approve {Ire}** who flashed distinct Classic potential to earn **TDN Rising Star** status. [Cont. p8](#)

Purple Lily Cont.

Racing for Alan O'Flynn's Zinlo Syndicate, the Paddy Twomey-trained Tatts Ireland Goresbridge Breeze Up sensation had made an instant impression when off the mark in an often-informative Galway maiden in August. On only her second start, the 10-11 favourite was able to master Ballydoyle's G1 Criterium International third **Portland (Ire)** (Dubawi {Ire}) and the Johnny Murtagh-trained course-and-distance maiden winner **Chicago Critic (GB)** (Night Of Thunder {Ire}) and make light of the testing conditions.

"She's a nice filly and she had wintered well. She has size and scope and is a strong filly. We just gave her the one run after the breeze-ups last year and she was good," Twomey said. "I like her, the horses have done loads of cantering but they haven't done much fast work. I thought she was a nice filly and when you are taking on a 108-rated colt you are asking them a question and she did it well."

Content to let the two class colts of the race go on from the outset, Billy Lee asked the question of Purple Lily heading to two out and she responded gamely to subdue them soon after. At the line, she had put three lengths between her and the solid yardstick Portland, with another 4 1/4 lengths back to Chicago Critic in third. "We might look at a Guineas trial here and go for

an Irish Guineas," her trainer added. "I think Newmarket would come at her a bit quick and I think we'll take our time--Billy [Lee] says something like the [G1] Pretty Polly might suit her. Hopefully we have a good year with her."

Calyx's third TDN Rising Star, including last year's G2 Duchess of Cambridge S. winner Persian Dreamer, Purple Lily is the third foal out of Boca Raton, a half-sister to the G1 Irish Oaks third and G3 Lancashire Oaks runner-up Lady's Secret (Ire) (Alzao). She also has a 2-year-old full-brother to the winner named Cataluyna (Ire) and a yearling filly by Cotai Glory (GB).

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NEW TDN RISING STAR

2nd-Naas, €17,500, Cond, 3-24, 3yo, 8ft, 1:52.84, hy.
PURPLE LILY (IRE), f, 3, by Calyx (GB)

1st Dam: Boca Raton (Ire), by Approve (Ire)

2nd Dam: Kaaba (GB), by Darshaan (GB)

3rd Dam: Konigsalpen (Ger), by Priamos (Ger)

Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$24,352. O-Zinlo Syndicate; B-Mr B



Purple Lily is the latest 'TDN Rising Star' for her Coolmore sire with a stylish victory at Naas. | [Racingfotos.com](https://www.racingfotos.com)

O'Neill (IRE); T-Paddy Twomey. *€17,500 Wlg '21 GOFNO1; €24,000 Ylg '22 TATIRY; €155,000 2yo '23 TATGOR. **Click for the free Equine.com catalogue-style pedigree.**

EUROPEAN NEWS

Highfield Princess Cont. from p1

The statement continued, "We would like to thank Jonathan Anderson and the team at Rainbow Equine Hospital, who did everything possible to help the Princess and keep her comfortable."

John Quinn added, "Highfield Princess took us all on the most remarkable journey. She possessed Group 1 ability but also a Group 1 attitude. Whether it was a routine canter or a big sprint race around the world she put one hundred per cent effort into what she did. I am grateful for all that she did for herself and for our team. We will miss her more than words can say."

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Highfield Princess | Scoop Dyga

AL BASTI EQUIWORLD AND YORK CONTINUE SPONSORSHIP PARTNERSHIP

Al Basti Equiworld will renew its partnership with York Racecourse and continue sponsoring a trio of group races, the two organisations announced on Sunday.

The £180,000 G2 Al Basti Equiworld, Dubai Dante S. and the £150,000 G2 Al Basti Equiworld, Dubai Middleton S. will take place on May 16 this year. The £250,000 G2 Al Basti Equiworld, Dubai Gimcrack S. will be held on Aug. 23.

Malih Al Basti said, "Our long-standing relationship with York Racecourse has contributed significantly to promoting recognition of our brand within the sport and beyond. I am delighted that we are able to continue our support for these three important races at two of British racing's most exciting Festivals."

Chairman of York Racecourse, Bridget Guerin, added, "Malih Al Basti has been a great supporter of York, so it is wonderful news that his support is set to continue. All three races have a rich heritage with many famous winners and memorable contests, they will continue to thrive under the strong partnership between Al Basti Equiworld and the team at York."

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Minzaal won the Gimcrack in 2020 | Racingfotos.com

IEVA CPD SERIES CONTINUES WITH STUD MEDICINE

"Stud Medicine--Back To Basics" is the next event in the Irish Equine Veterinary Association (IEVA) CPD Series and will be held at the Irish National Stud (INS) on Tuesday, Apr. 2 beginning at 11 a.m. CVI points are pending for the lecture, which follows the "Stud Medicine--Following the Evidence" course that took place in February.

Veterinarians with expertise in equine stud medicine will present a programme of lectures on a variety of topics including mare management to foaling and foal care. There will also be a panel discussion on career options and planning, a late lunch and a tour of the Irish National Stud and Gardens, weather permitting.

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OBSERVATIONS

on the European racing scene

HOW THEY FARED

13.25 Naas, Mdn, €16,000, 3yo f, 8fT

Fleetingly (Justify), the daughter of the G1 Falmouth S., G1 Matron S. and G1 Sun Chariot S. heroine Alice Springs (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}), looked green and at sea throughout and could manage only a non-threatening sixth.

BRITAIN

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Balmacara (GB), g, 3, **New Bay (GB)**--Utopian Dream (GB), by High Chaparral (Ire). Doncaster, 3-24, 7f 6yT, 1:30.70. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, \$6,681. B-Meon Valley Stud (GB). *60,000gns Ylg '22 TATOCT.

IRELAND

Sunday's Results:

IRISH STALLION FARMS EBF DEVOY S.-Listed, €40,000, Naas, 3-24, 4yo/up, 10fT, 2:31.36, hy.

1--**SUNCHART (GB)**, 133, g, 7, **Teofilo (Ire)**--**Hometown (GB)**, by **Dubai Destination.1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN.** (6,500gns Wlg '17 TATFOA; €62,000 Ylg '18 GOFOR). O-P Garvey; B-Newsells Park Stud (GB); T-Andrew Slattery; J-Andrew Slattery. €24,000. Lifetime Record: GSP-Ire, 29-2-10-1, \$138,854.

2--**Knight To King (Ire)**, 133, c, 4, **Kingman (GB)**--Nightime (Ire), by Galileo (Ire). **1ST BLACK TYPE.** (575,000gns RNA Ylg '21 TATOCT). O-Newtown Anner Stud Farm Ltd; B-Springbank Way Stud (IRE); T-Dermot Weld. €8,000.

3--**Queenstown (Ire)**, 133, g, 4, Galileo (Ire)--Where (Ire), by Danehill Dancer (Ire). **1ST BLACK TYPE.** O-Mrs J Magnier/M Tabor/D Smith/Westerberg; B-Coolmore (IRE); T-Aidan O'Brien. €4,000.

Margins: 6HF, 1 1/4, 7HF. Odds: 5.00, 2.25, 9.00.

Also Ran: Serious Challenge (Ire), Alanya (Fr), Lady Lunette (Ire), La Filomena (Ire).

Sent mainly over staying trips last term, Sunchart had shown most of his best form at either this trip or a mile and a half and also a liking for this track, at which he had been second in this 12 months ago and in 2021. Always comfortable tracking the

leading duo, he was sent to the front passing two out and galloped his rivals into submission from there.

"He was always a very good horse and he likes this track," trainer Andy Slattery said after welcoming back the winner and his son on board. "He likes going left-handed and likes soft ground. It was just about getting him right on the day and today he was right."

The dam, a daughter of the G2 Sun Chariot S. winner Red Slippers (Nureyev) and half to the G1 Prix de Diane heroine West Wind (GB) (Machiavellian), is also a full-sister to Godolphin's high-class producer Eastern Joy (GB) whose six stakes winners are headed by the dual G1 Dubai World Cup hero Thunder Snow (Ire) (Helmet {Aus}) and who is also the second dam of the ill-fated G1 2000 Guineas and G1 St James's Palace S. winner Coroebus (Ire) (Dubawi {Ire}). Hometown's 2-year-old filly is by Kizuna (Jpn).



Sunchart | [Racingphotos.com](https://www.racingphotos.com)

4th-Naas, €45,000, 3-24, 3yo, 7fT, 1:36.80, hy.

TAKE ME TO CHURCH (IRE) (c, 3, **Churchill {Ire}**--**Chances Are {Ire}**, by **Dandy Man {Ire}**), on a roll after wins at Dundalk either side of the New Year, tanked into the lead soon after the start of this Irish Racing Writers Cliff Noone Memorial Madrid H. won last year by **Paddington (GB)** (**Siyouni {Fr}**). Extending in the straight, the 4-1 second favourite drew away to score by 6 1/2 lengths from Bid For Chester (Ire) (Ribchester {Ire}). "He's a turf horse really and I knew what he did in Dundalk wasn't going to be what he could do on turf but he still won twice," trainer Jack Davison. "I'd probably be in favour of having a go at the [G3] Gladness at the Curragh over seven, all going well. He has lots of options. You don't mind foregoing their handicap mark when they win a premier handicap in that style and you know you have a black-type horse." [Cont. p11](#)

4th-Naas Cont.

The dam, whose 2-year-old filly Picture This (Ire) (**Saxon Warrior {Jpn}**) was bought back for €100,000 at the Goffs Orby Book 1, is kin to the G2 Diadem S. and G3 Norfolk S. winner Baron's Pit (GB) (Night Shift) and to the dam of the dual listed winner and G2 Al Fahidi Fort and G2 Al Rashidiya-placed Bravo Zolo (Ire) (Rip Van Winkle {Ire}). Sales history: 20,000gns RNA Ylg '22 TADEY; €38,000 2yo '23 TATGOR; 52,000gns RNA 2yo '23 TATAHI. Lifetime Record: 6-3-1-1, \$55,079. O-David Byrne & Partners; B-Magnell Limited (IRE); T-Jack Davison.



Take Me To Church with Jack Davison and Ronan Whelan
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1st-Naas, €16,000, Mdn, 3-24, 3yo, 8fT, 1:54.27, hy.
WENDLA (GB) (f, 3, Ulysses {Ire}--Intercontinental {GB} {Champion Grass Mare, MGISW-US, SW & G1SP-Fr, G1SP-Eng, \$2,052,463}, by Danehill), last seen finishing sixth over seven furlongs at The Curragh in October, enjoyed a perfect early tow under cover. Slowly angled out to challenge at the top of the straight, the 11-2 shot stayed on strongly to head Harbour Gem (Ire) (Zoffany {Ire}) passing the furlong pole and account for that rival by 2 1/2 lengths. Ger Lyons, who was saddling his first turf winner of the year, said, "Colin [Keane] said to me she'd win if she did what we've seen at home. It's about whether they handle the ground or not. We thought if she handles that ground if one of the trials comes up soft then we have one for it and if it turns up good we've one for it too. I'm not saying they are Guineas horses or anything, they've to prove that, but at the minute we've won our maiden and they are horses we would like to be going to a trial with and see where the ceiling is in time." The high-class dam, a daughter of the famed Hasili (Ire) (Kahyasi {Ire}), captured the GI Breeders' Cup Filly and Mare

Turf and GI Matriarch S. but has just one black-type performer to her credit in the listed-placed Abseil (First Defence). Her daughter Continental Drift (Smart Strike) is responsible for this yard's former runner Masen (GB) (**Kingman {GB}**), who went on to take the GIII Poker S. and place in the GI Maker's Mark Mile and GI Fourstardave H. in the States. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-0, \$13,795. O-Juddmonte; B-Juddmonte Farms Ltd. (GB); T-G. M. Lyons.

FRANCE**CONDITIONS RESULTS:**

6th-Lyon-la-Soie, €22,000, 3-24, 3yo, 2150m (AWT), 2:17.80, st.

PARADISE STORM (FR) (c, 3, Masked Marvel --Holystorm {Fr}, by Limnos {Jpn}) Lifetime Record: 7-2-0-2, €36,200. O-Bernard Giraudon; B-Mme K Morice & Plasman-PVP Racing (FR); T-Fabrice Vermeulen.

8th-Marseille-Pont-de-Vivieux, €15,000, 3-23, 3yo, 10f (AWT), 2:12.60, st.

ZARINA (FR) (f, 3, Anodin {Ire}--Tsarine {Fr}, by Fuisse {Fr}) Lifetime Record: 6-3-0-0, €25,400. O-Ecurie Jean-Paul Gauvin, Ecurie Bertrand Milliere, Cedric Milliere, Christian Goutelle & Jean-Philippe Zaoui; B-Haras du Quesnay (FR); T-Jean-Paul Gauvin.

GERMANY**Sunday's Results:**

1st-Dusseldorf, €10,000, Mdn, 3-24, 3yo, 8fT, 1:43.36, hy.

PENALTY (GER) (c, 3, Frankel {GB}--Praia {Ger} {MSP-Ger}, by Big Shuffle), sent off the 7-5 joint-favourite, was left behind at the flag start due to the heavy ground but quickly joined the pack racing freely. Tanking to the front with his rider sitting still 300 metres from the finish, the newcomer surged clear before being eased to beat the other joint-market-leader Backes (Ger) (Millowitsch {Ger}) by five lengths. The winner is currently the last known foal out of the dual-listed placed dam, who has produced the seven-times group-winning G1 Premio Roma hero Potemkin (Ger) (New Approach {Ire}) and the listed scorer and G3 Preis der Winterkonigin-placed Paraisa (GB) (Red Ransom). The second dam is the listed-winning Prada (Ger) (Lagunas {GB}), whose daughter Paita (GB) (Intikhab) captured the G1 Criterium de Saint-Cloud before producing the G3 Prix d'Hedouville scorer and G1 Prix Vermeille runner-up Pirika (Ire) (Monsun {Ger}). **Cont. p12**

1st-Dusseldorf Cont.

Prada was also responsible for the G2 Preis der Diana heroine Puntilla (Ger) (Acatenango {Ger}). Sales history: €210,000 Ylg '22 BBASEP. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, €6,000. O-Eckhard Sauren; B-Stiftung Gestut Fahrhof (GER); T-Henk Grewe.

WORLDWIDE NEWS

DARK ANGEL'S MAD COOL TOO COOL FOR RIVALS AT CHUKYO *by Heather Anderson*

Mad Cool (Jpn) (Dark Angel {Ire})--Mad About You {Ire}, by Indian Ridge {Ire} climbed the Group 1 heights with a head victory in the 1200-metre ¥329,400,000 G1 Takamatsunomiya Kinen at Chukyo on Sunday. **Namura Clair (Jpn)** (Mikki Isle {Jpn}) was runner-up for the second consecutive year, with the duo three lengths ahead of Hong Kong raider and G1 Centenary Sprint Cup scorer **Victor The Winner (Aus)** (Toronado {Ire}) in third.

It was a dogfight for pacesetting duties between Mad Cool and Victor The Winner from the bell, with the former conceding the advantage to sit in third on the backstretch as **Win Carnelian (Jpn)** (Screen Hero {Jpn}) moved to second. Saving all the ground on the fence while drafting off of Victor The Winner, the 8-1 sixth choice charged through a gap along the inside with 400 metres to travel as the leader drifted toward the centre of the course. The exceedingly deep ground didn't phase the 5-year-old entire, who inched by the determined Hong Kong raider and set sail for the line at the 150-metre point. Gobbling up ground directly behind Mad Cool, Namura Clair was unleashing a furious rally, but she did not hit the front until a stride past the wire. Victor The Winner plugged on to be third. Favoured **Lugal (Jpn)** (Duramente {Jpn}) raced near the pace, but could not mount a strong challenge at the end and faded to 10th.

"I am so glad to have won this race after our narrow defeat last fall [in the Sprinters S.]," said winning jockey Ryusei Sakai. "He broke well and we were in an ideal position, right behind the pace, throughout the trip. I've been riding this horse from early in his career and the connections had been eyeing this race from the beginning, but he still has room for improvement so I look forward to his future as well."

A winner of four of his six starts at three, the bay was third to Namura Clair in the G3 Silk Road S. last January, before taking his first stake, the Listed Shunrai S., at Nakayama in April of 2023. Second by only a nose to **Mama Cocha (Jpn)** (Kurofune) in the G1 Sprinters S. last October, he signed off his 4-year-old

campaign with an eighth in the G1 Longines Hong Kong Sprint on Dec. 10. Sunday marked his 4-year-old bow.

Pedigree Notes

Mad Cool is the 16th Group 1 winner for his Yeomanstown Stud-based sire, who has 102 stakes winners (59 group winners) on an international scale. Dark Angel covered 166 mares in 2023, and he has three stakes winners out of Indian Ridge mares. G2 July S. hero Alhebayeb (Ire) is his other group/graded winner bred on this cross.

The late Indian Ridge has made quite a mark as a broodmare sire, as his daughters have foaled 114 stakes winners to date. A total of 68 group winners are sprinkled among them, with 19 top-level winners following Mad Cool's Takamatsunomiya Kinen tally.

The seventh foal and fifth winner for his G3 Gladness S.-winning dam, Mad Cool was purchased for €225,000 out of the Goffs November Foal Sale in 2019 by Katsumi Yoshida. He is a half-brother to G3 Silver Flash S. third A Ma Chere (Ire) (Kodiac {GB}), the winning 4-year-old gelding Partisan Hero (Ire) (Muhaarar {GB}) and the 3-year-old filly Campari Soda (Ire) (Showcasing {GB}), who has yet to race. Besides her Gladness win, Mad About You was placed four times at the highest level in Ireland and France.

Her dam Irresistible Jewel (Ire) (Danehill) won both the G2 Ribblesdale S. and G3 Blandford S. and was also placed in the G1 Prix de l'Opera. At stud, she foaled fellow G2 Ribblesdale S. heroine and G1 Irish Oaks third Princess Highway to the cover of Street Cry (Ire), as well as G1 Irish St. Leger winner Royal Diamond (Ire) (King's Best). Mad Cool is also kin to G1 Irish 1000 Guineas heroine Homeless Songs (Ire) (Frankel {GB}).

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Mad Cool (right) defeats Namura Clair | Japan Racing Association

Sunday, Chukyo, Japan

TAKAMATSUNOMIYA KINEN-G1, ¥329,400,000, Chukyo, 3-24, 4yo/up, 1200mT, 1:08.90, sf.

1--**MAD COOL (IRE)**, 128, h, 5, Dark Angel (Ire)

1st Dam: Mad About You (Ire) (GSW & MG1SP-Ire, G1SP-Fr, \$495,023), by Indian Ridge (Ire)

2nd Dam: Irresistible Jewel (Ire), by Danehill

3rd Dam: In Anticipation (Ire), by Sadler's Wells

1ST GROUP WIN. 1ST GROUP 1 WIN. (€225,000 Wlg '19 GOFNOV). O-Sunday Racing; B-Moyglare Stud Farm Ltd (Ire); T-Manabu Ikezoe; J-Ryusei Sakai; ¥173,780,000. Lifetime Record: 12-6-1-3, ¥333,466,000. *1/2 to A Ma Chere (Ire) (Kodiac {GB}), GSP-Ire. **Click for the**

free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree. Werk Nick Rating: A+. Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.

2--**Namura Clair (Jpn)**, 123, m, 5, Mikki Isle (Jpn)--Sun Queen, by Storm Cat. O-Mutsuhiro Namura; B-Tanikawa Farm (Jpn); ¥69,080,000.

3--**Victor The Winner (Aus)**, 128, h, 8, Toronado (Ire)--Noetic (Aus), by Cape Cross (Ire). (A\$180,000 Ylg '20 INGMAR). O-Yun Lau Chu; B-Mr. A Sangster (Aus); ¥43,540,000.

Margins: HD, 3, 1HF. Odds: 8.60, 4.40, 8.60.

Also ran: Win Caernelian (Jpn), Lotus Land, Toshin Macau (Jpn), Big Caesar (Jpn), Mama Cocha (Jpn), Meikei Yell (Jpn), Lugal (Jpn), Divina (Jpn), Win Marvel (Jpn), Schwarz Kaiser (Ire), So Dazzling (Jpn), Mozu Meimei (Jpn), Matenro Orion (Jpn), Champagne Color (Jpn), T M Spada (Jpn). **Click for the JRA chart & video.**

NO NAY NEVER GELDING BECOMES HONG KONG DERBY ROYALTY

by Heather Anderson

Chan Kam Hung's **Massive Sovereign (Ire) (No Nay Never--Sweet Charity {Fr}, by Myboycharlie {Ire})** continued his Hong Kong progression in stirring fashion with a come-from-behind victory under Zac Purton in the HK\$26,000,000 BMW Hong Kong Derby at Sha Tin on Sunday. The time of 1:59.85 was a new record for the race since the distance was changed to 2000 metres in 2000, with Massive Sovereign bettering the mark of Hong Kong phenom Golden Sixty (Aus) (Medaglia d'Oro)'s 2:00.15 set in 2020.

The winner's neck defeat of the Group 1-placed **Galaxy Patch (Aus)** (Wandjina {Aus}) also marked a one-three finish for horses bred and formerly trained in Ireland, as G3 Gallinule S. second **Ka Ying Generation (Ire) (Churchill {Ire})**, ran third by three-quarters of a length.

Once the gates flew, 39-1 longshot Ka Ying Generation, with Andrea Atzeni at the controls, hustled up to anchor the vanguard, with Purton's mount second to last through the first 400 metres in :25.53. The pace quickened from there, with the

first 800 metres covered in :49.45, but the 17-5 shot was keen to do more, just to the outside of favoured **Helios Express (Aus)** (Toronado {Ire}), who had scooped the first two legs of the 4-Year-Old Classic series. That duo soon reached the main body of the field, while Ka Ying Generation continued on by his lonesome at halfway.



Zac Purton and Massive Sovereign | HKJC

Atzeni gave his mount a nudge and soon opened up four lengths on his rivals on the final bend. By the 300-metre mark, he was six lengths clear, and it was not immediately apparent that any of his foes had the requisite turn of foot to run him down. Purton, who won his first HK Derby with Luger (Aus) (Choisir {Aus}) in 2015, was undeterred and steered Massive Sovereign through traffic and he soon had the game-but-tiring frontrunner dead to rights. Unleashing a brilliant closing kick, the eventual winner hit the front four strides from the line, and fended off the rush of Queen's Silver Jubilee Cup second Galaxy Patch to his outside. Ka Ying Generation clung grimly on to complete the trifecta.

The winner covered his final 600 metres in a sharp :33.84, while the first three home all broke the two-minute mark for the 2000 metre distance. Helios Express's bid flattened in the final stages and he finished eighth.

"It's very exciting," said former Hong Kong champion trainer Dennis Yip, who was winning his first HK Derby. "I think the Derby for me is more important than the championship [in 2012/13]...but this one for my life is the big one.

"He's a very special horse with a very good mind. The last 200m I was very nervous but I rely on Zac. He is the champion jockey in Hong Kong and everything was good with the horse.

"This horse, the first day he arrived in Hong Kong, he [Purton] sent me the video [of Massive Sovereign winning at Leopardstown] and told me he thought he was a nice horse and asked me if he could ride him." **Cont. p14**

BMW Hong Kong Derby Cont.

"I didn't really have a horse for the Derby until this bloke won so, like when I won on Luger, it was a late pick-up ride into the race," said Purton.

"I feel extremely honoured and privileged to have found such a horse to win it. To win the race itself, it's the most prestigious race in Hong Kong and I've had a frustrating run in this race and a frustrating season, so it's nice to get another big one--and probably the biggest one among the local races overall."



Dennis Yip celebrates his first HK Derby win | HKJC

A winner of a Dundalk all-weather affair at third asking last April, Broadhurst, as he was known prior to his arrival in Hong Kong, ran second in a Naas handicap later that spring for the Coolmore partners and trainer Aidan O'Brien. Originally a €620,000 Goffs Orby yearling, he was gelded after winning a Leopardstown handicap in September, and changed hands privately before making a striking debut at Sha Tin over this course and distance under Purton on Mar. 3 ([video](#)).

The G1 FWD Queen Elizabeth II Cup at Sha Tin over this distance on Apr. 28 is next in the cards for Massive Sovereign.

"I've already entered him for [the FWD QEII Cup] at the end of April," Yip added. "I will see how the horse pulls up. If he's good and he improves, I will go this way. I'm very happy, it's amazing for my life. What a memory."

Pedigree Notes

Coolmore Stud's **No Nay Never** now has 58 stakes winners (34 group) worldwide to his name, while Massive Sovereign is his first stakes winner in Hong Kong. Need I Say More (Aus), racing as Spirited Express in Hong Kong, ran third in the G3 HKJC Premier Plate. A winner of the 2013 G1 Prix Morny, the son of Scat Daddy bred 190 mares in 2023.

From the same family as French stakes winner Aktoria (Fr) (Canford Cliffs {Ire}), herself the dam of multiple group winner Greenland (Ire) (**Saxon Warrior {Jpn}**), Sweet Charity won the Listed Prix de Liancourt and was third in the GII Santa Ana S. in America. At stud, she has visited **No Nay Never** exclusively, with Massive Sovereign her first foal and first stakes winner. His 3-year-old full-sister Love Comedy (Ire), a €75,000 Goffs Orby yearling, is a winner in Japan. Juvenile filly Boxie (Ire) has yet to race, while Sweet Charity has another yearling full-sister to the HK Derby winner still to come.

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Sunday, Sha Tin, Hong Kong

BMW HONG KONG DERBY-Listed, HK\$26,000,000, Sha Tin, 3-24, NH/SH 4yo, 2000mT, 1:59.85, gd/fm.

1--**MASSIVE SOVEREIGN (IRE)**, 126, g, 4, by **No Nay Never**

1st Dam: Sweet Charity (Fr) (SW-Fr & GSP-US, \$170,312), by Myboycharlie (Ire)

2nd Dam: Sapfo (Fr), by Peintre Celebre

3rd Dam: Granadilla (GB), by Zafonic

1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN. (€620,000 Ylg '21 GOFSEP). O-Chan Kam Hung. B-Lynch Bages, Ltd. & Summerhill Bloodstock. T-Dennis Yip. J-Zac Purton. HK\$14,560,000. Lifetime Record: 7-4-2-0, HK\$16,570,382. [Click for the](#)

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2--**Galaxy Patch (Aus)**, 126, g, 4, Wandjina (Aus)--Voltara (Aus), by More Than Ready. (A\$50,000 Ylg '21 MMLMAR). O-Yeung King Man. B-Summerset Park Stud (SA). T-Pierre Ng. HK\$5,460,000.

3--**Ka Ying Generation (Ire)**, 126, g, 4, **Churchill (Ire)**--War Goddess (Ire), by Champs Elysees (GB). O-Happy Ka Ying Syndicate. B-Whisperview Trading, Ltd. (Ire). T-Pierre Ng. HK\$2,990,000.

Margins: NK, 3/4, 3. Odds: 3.40, 6.20, 39.00.

Also Ran: Chill Chibi (NZ), Unbelievable, Chancheng Glory, Speed Dragon (NZ), Helios Express (Aus), Helene Feeling (Ire), Star Mac (Aus), Elliptical (Aus), Ensued, Simple Hedge (Aus), Beauty Crescent (Ire). [Click for the HKJC chart, PPs and sectional timing.](#)

Sunday, Nakayama, Japan

MARCH S.-G3, ¥72,710,000, Nakayama, 3-24, 4yo/up, 1800m, 1:50.70, gd.

1--**WALZER SCHALL (JPN)**, 126, h, 5, by Makfi (GB)

1st Dam: Baika Tarquin (Jpn), by Empire Maker

2nd Dam: Abbraccio (Jpn), by Grass Wonder

3rd Dam: Juji Hoseki (Jpn), by Maruzensky (Jpn)

1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN. 1ST GROUP WIN. O-West.Forest.Stable;

B-Umeda Farm (Jpn); T-Noboru Takagi; J-Arata Saito; ¥38,497,000. Lifetime Record: 19-6-2-2, ¥100,838,000. **Click for the free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree. Werk Nick Rating: F. Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.**

2--**Mitono O (Jpn)**, 127, c, 4, by Logotype (Jpn)--Seductively, by Thunder Gulch. **1ST GROUP BLACK TYPE.** O-Royal Park; B-Hiroshi Chikushi (Jpn); ¥15,142,000.

3--**Peisha Es (Jpn)**, 128, h, 5, by Espoir City (Jpn)--Lisa Psyche (Jpn), by Wild Rush. O-Naoto Kitajo; B-Shinichi Takamura (Jpn); ¥9,581,000.

Margins: 1 1/4, 3, 3/4. Odds: 10.40, 6.50, 4.80.

Also Ran: Kitano Vision (Jpn), Line Of Soul (Jpn), Brian Sense (Jpn), Danon Bullet (Jpn), Gold Higher (Jpn), New Monument (Jpn), Kurino Dragon (Jpn), Kirinji (Jpn), Kitano Ryu O (Jpn), Welcome News (Jpn), Ho O Levain (Jpn).

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