

DWC TRACKSIDE REPORT: CATNIP ME-'WOW'-ING THEM AT MEYDAN



Catnip | Dubai Racing Club

by Alan Carasso

DUBAI, UNITED ARAB EMIRATES -- With over 100 of the world's most talented gallopers on hand, it isn't easy to stand out, but John and Susan Moore's G1 Dubai Turf hopeful **Catnip** (Kitten's Joy) has done just that at Meydan this week.

A strapping, nearly black gelding, Catnip exits a longshot, but close third to Warm Heart (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) in the GI Pegasus World Cup Turf Jan. 27. Trainer Mike Stidham looked at Catnip's Ragozin sheet and that encouraged him to swing for the fences in a hot renewal of the G1 Dubai Turf, bypassing a considerably easier spot in last weekend's GII Muniz Memorial S. at Fair Grounds.

"He ran a huge new top in that race," the freshly arrived Stidham said Wednesday. "We had a choice of running him for \$300,000 or \$5 million and we decided to take a shot at the \$5 million and brought him over. So far, so good."

Catnip is a half-brother to five-time U.S. graded winner Princess Grace (Karakontie {Jpn}), who was purchased by China Horse Club for \$1.7 million at Fasig-Tipton November in 2022 and went on to win a Group 3 while posting a pair of narrowly beaten seconds in Group 1 company in Australia for trainer Chris Waller.

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THE KENTUCKY OAKS TOP 10 FOR MAR. 28

by Bill Finley

Things are heating up and the prospective field for the GI Kentucky Oaks is starting to take shape. **Tarifa** (Bernardini) won the GII Fair Grounds Oaks last Saturday and is very much looking like the horse to beat in the Kentucky Oaks.

At Turfway Park, the former claimer **Everland** (Arrogate) earned her way into the Oaks with a win in the Bourbonette Oaks. Two huge preps will be run this Saturday--the GII Gulfstream Park Oaks and the GIII Fantasy at Oaklawn. Here's a look at the latest installment of our Kentucky Oaks Top 10:

1) TARIFA (f, Bernardini--Kite Beach, by Awesome Again) O/B-Godolphin (KY); T-Brad Cox. Lifetime Record: 'TDN Rising Star', MGSW, 5-4-0-0, \$518,925. Last start: WON Mar. 23 GII Fair Grounds Oaks. Kentucky Oaks Points: 150. Next Start: GI Kentucky Oaks, CD, May 4.

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GIII Fantasy S. entrant Lemon Muffin checks out the camera during bathtime after galloping at Oaklawn Wednesday morning. The daughter of Collected won the GIII Honeybee S. in her most recent start. | Coady Photography

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On his last visit to Meydan, Stidham saddled 'TDN Rising Star' Mystic Guide (Ghostzapper) to a victory in the 2021 Dubai World Cup.

Repole Stable and St Elias Stable's GI Pegasus World Cup third Crupi (Curlin) was out in the 5-6 a.m. window reserved for the international contingent, his chestnut colt gleaming under the floodlights before and after a couple of spins around the track. Repole will not be in attendance, as he will be on hand at Gulfstream Park to watch 'TDN Rising Star' and champion Fierceness (City of Light) in the GI Curlin Florida Derby, but here to represent the stable are Pat Cummings and a sleep-deprived Alex Solis II. You'll have to contact him for details.

The American-based, but locally owned **Clapton** (Brethren) is hard to miss when he comes onto the track, his orange tack and matching polos giving him absolutely no cover. After some internal discussion, the Florida-bred was given the green light for a World Cup bid, and connections are quietly confident he will fire his best shot Saturday.

Trainer Todd Fincher and owner Joe Peacock, Jr. made their way across the track to the starting gate where G1 Saudi Cup hero **Senor Buscador** (Mineshaft) got acquainted with the stalls before showing good energy in his track gallop. He appears a fresh horse despite his recent travels.

So popular was Jun Park and Delia Nash's **Sibelius** (Not This Time) leading up to last year's G1 Dubai Golden Shaheen that a DailySibelius hashtag was created on X. By the looks of it, he's grown his fan club and is always good for hamming it up at the outside fence beneath his adoring work rider Allyson Walker.

Also making a good impression was fellow Golden Shaheen entrant **Nakatomi** (Firing Line), a rare Dubai runner for trainer Wesley Ward. **Hopkins** (Quality Road), beaten just a length into fourth by Sibelius last year, went through his gears down the lane Wednesday.

Gander S. winner **Pandagate** (Arrogate) was led onto the track by assistant trainer Miguel Clement, with his wife Acacia Clement not far behind. The New York-bred gray--his late sire's literal body double--stood for what felt like an eternity on the outside rail before taking off around Meydan and wrapping things up with a visit to the gate.

Caramel Chip (Midshipman) looks to have it all to do against the likes of Saudi Crown (Always Dreaming) and Isolate (Mark Valeski) in Saturday's G2 Godolphin Mile, but win, lose or draw, the Jose D'Angelo trainee looks to be doing as well as he could be ahead of the \$1-million contest.

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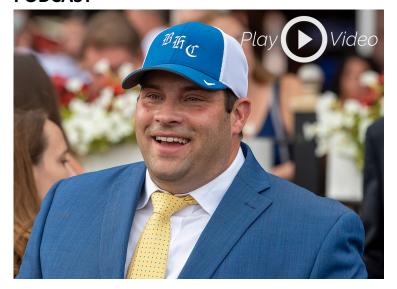
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BRAD COX JOINS TDN WRITERS' ROOM PODCAST



Brad Cox won four stakes races over the weekend, including the GII Louisiana Derby and the GII Fair Grounds Oaks. But such a run of success has almost come to be expected from a trainer who never seems to have a bad week. Cox will arrive at Churchill Downs with an army of stakes-caliber horses, including threats for the GI Kentucky Derby and the GI Kentucky Oaks. The

multiple Eclipse Award-winning conditioner was our special guest on this week's *TDN* Writers' Room podcast presented by Keeneland. He was this week's Green Group Guest of the Week.

Officially, Cox has won the GI Kentucky Derby. His Mandaloun (Into Mischief) was placed first in 2021 after the disqualification of Medina Spirit (Protonico) for a medication violation. But Cox says that was never the way he wanted to win a Derby.

"It doesn't feel like we won the Derby," he said. "It's the thrill of victory and that's what you're after with the Derby. We weren't allowed to have that thrill. It's a very hard race to get into and it's like no other race in America. It's the only race where you have 20 horses. It's tough to just get in, let alone win. So, no, I don't feel like we've won a Derby. And I'm looking forward to this Derby for sure."

He won the Louisiana Derby with **Catching Freedom** (Constitution), who was last early and had to overcome a slow pace up front on his way to a one-length win.

"I guess the difference is maturity," Cox said of Catching Freedom. "His last two works before the Louisiana Derby were by far the best works he's ever had. He was kind of touting himself that he could be moving forward. He ran well. Before the Risen Star, his works were pretty average. Given the set up of the race and everything, I thought it was a huge effort."





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On Saturday, Cox will look to add to his Derby arsenal with Timberlake (Into Mischief) in the GI Arkansas Derby.

"He's an unbelievable physical," Cox said. "He is a very, very good-looking horse. He always shows up. Maybe the Breeders Cup was a little rough because was a little keyed up. But he's learning. He's mellowed out and his works have gotten better in regards to settling the first part of them. I think he's definitely tighter and ready to go Saturday as opposed to the condition we had him in leading up to the Rebel.

In our breeding spotlight section, we looked at the Coolmore stallion American Pharoah and the WinStar stallion Constitution.

Elsewhere on the podcast, which is also sponsored by the Pennsylvania Horse Breeders' Association, Coolmore, 1/ST Racing, West Point Thoroughbreds, WinStar, the Kentucky Thoroughbred Association and XBTV.com, the team of Randy Moss, Bill Finley and T.D. Thornton discussed the news coming out of California, where Santa Anita is trying to find a formula that improves its bottom line and the Northern California circuit is striving to staying alive.

We also previewed the stakes coming up this weekend and reviewed last weekend's action.

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BILL OVERHAULING KENTUCKY RACING COMMISSION PASSES STATE SENATE

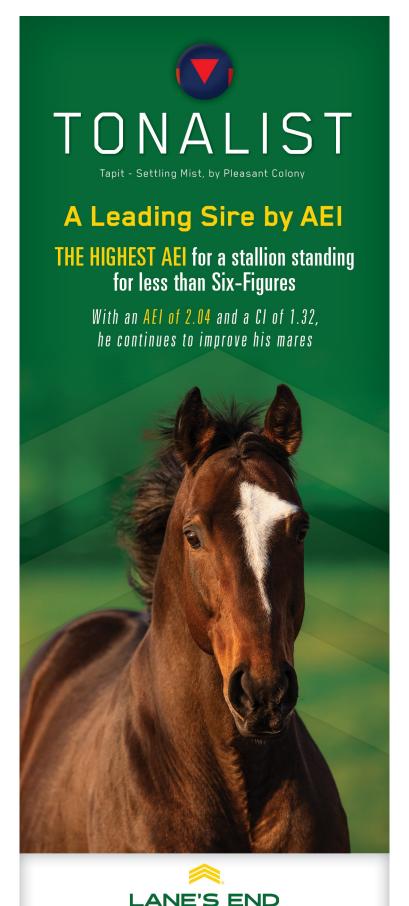
A bill introduced by Senate Republican Floor Leader Damon Thayer to create a new government corporation to oversee horse racing in the state has passed through the Kentucky Senate and will move on to the Kentucky General Assembly, according to the Kentucky Lantern.

Senate Bill 299 was heard in a joint meeting of the Senate and House economic development committees Tuesday morning and won Senate approval in a 26-11 floor vote in the afternoon. The bill would create the Kentucky Horse Racing and Gaming Corporation to replace the Kentucky Horse Racing Commission and Department of Charitable Gaming. The Racing Commission would be abolished in July 2024 and its employees and responsibilities would be transferred to the corporation, which would oversee live horse racing and sports wagering, as well as charitable gaming, after July 2025.

Board members of the corporation would be appointed by the governor and subject to Senate confirmation.

"I think this would bring increased scrutiny, integrity and transparency to all legal forms of gaming in Kentucky," Kentucky Lantern quoted Thayer as saying in a committee meeting to discuss the bill.

Democratic Caucus Chair Reggie Thomas of Lexington led his party's opposition to the bill, which was introduced as a shell bill.



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"The lack of transparency, the lack of sunshine, is something that should not be applauded," he said.

Shell bills typically contain no substantive provisions and are introduced to ultimately be amended to include the actually intended legislative proposals.

In addition to the Democratic opposition, five Republicans also voted against the bill.

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Jonathan Maldonado has similarly been suspended seven days and fined \$1,000 after his trainee, Kapadokya, tested positive for the Class B controlled medication, capsaicin, after winning at Laurel Park on Feb. 10. Capsaicin is a topical analgesic.

NEW HISA/HIWU STEWARDS RULINGS

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

Resolved ADMC Violations

Resolution Date: 03/26/2024

Licensee: Riley Tucker Mott, trainer

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

Admission.

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

Resolution Date: 03/26/2024 Licensee: Sally Rivera, trainer

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

Admission.

WEEKLY RULINGS 🔨



MARCH 22 – MARCH 27

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

Among this most recent set of rulings, trainer Robert Fiesman was suspended seven days and fined \$1,000 for his second positive finding for phenylbutazone since HISA's Anti-Doping and Medication Control program (ADMC) went into effect.

Phenylbutazone is a Class C controlled medication under HISA. A second Class C offense within a 2-year period comes with a maximum 15-day suspension and \$1,000 fine.



Explainer: For the presence of Phenylbutazone—Controlled Medication (Class C)—in a sample taken from Stormy Joe on 2/13/24. This was a possible violation of Rule 3312—Presence of Controlled Medication Substance and/or its Metabolites or Markers (Post-Race/Vets' List).

Resolution Date: 03/26/2024 Licensee: Robert Fiesman, trainer

Penalty: 7-day period of Ineligibility, beginning on March 27, 2024; Disqualification of Covered Horse's Race results, including forfeiture of all purses and other compensation, prizes, trophies, points, and rankings and repayment or surrender (as applicable); a fine of \$1,000; imposition of 1.5 Penalty Points. Admission. **Explainer:** For the presence of Phenylbutazone—Controlled Medication (Class C)—in a sample taken from Zipsy Rose Lee, who finished second at Mahoning Valley on 2/6/24. This was a possible violation of Rule 3312—Presence of Controlled Medication Substance and/or its Metabolites or Markers (Post-Race/Vets' List).

Resolution Date: 03/25/2024

Licensee: Jonathan Maldonado, trainer

Penalty: 7-day period of Ineligibility, beginning on March 26, 2024; Disqualification of Covered Horse's Race results, including forfeiture of all purses and other compensation, prizes, trophies, points, and rankings and repayment or surrender (as applicable); a fine of \$1,000; imposition of 2 Penalty Points.

Explainer: For the presence of Capsaicin—Controlled Medication (Class B)—in a sample taken from Kapadokya, who won at Laurel Park on 02/10/24. This was a possible violation of Rule 3312—Presence of Controlled Medication Substance and/or its Metabolites or Markers (Post-Race/Vets' List).

Resolution Date: 03/21/2024 Licensee: Derek Ryan, trainer

Penalty: Disqualification of Covered Horse's Race results, including forfeiture of all purses and other compensation, prizes, trophies, points, and rankings and repayment or surrender (as applicable); a fine of \$500; imposition of 1.5 Penalty Points. Final decision by HIWU.

Explainer: For the presence of Dexamethasone—Controlled Medication (Class C)—in a sample taken from Charging Aero, who finished second at Tampa Bay on 01/06/24. This was a possible violation of Rule 3312—Presence of Controlled Medication Substance and/or its Metabolites or Markers (Post-Race/Vets' List).

Pending ADMC Violations

Date: 03/08/2024

Licensee: John Servis, trainer

Penalty: Pending

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

Date: 03/08/2024

Licensee: Jeremiah Englehart, trainer

Penalty: Pending

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

Date: 02/08/2024

Licensee: Javier Duarte, trainer

Penalty: Pending

Alleged violation: Vet's list medication violation **Explainer:** For the presence of Albuterol by

inhilation—Controlled Medication (Class C)—in a sample taken from Shanghai Mike on 2/8/24. This is a possible violation of Rule 3312—Presence of Controlled Medication Substance and/or its Metabolites or Markers (Post-Race/Vets' List).

Date: 02/26/2024

Licensee: Miguel Rodriguez, trainer

Penalty: Pending

Alleged Violation: Medication violation

Explainer: For the potential breach of Rule 4221—Alkalinization or use/administration of an Alkalinizing Agent (TCO2)—on Ipsum Gratus, who finished eighth at Penn National on 2/26/2024. This is also a possible violation of Rule 3313—Use of a Controlled Method During the Race Period.

Date: 02/24/2024

Licensee: Bernell Rhone, trainer

Penalty: Pending

Alleged violation: Medication violation

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

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Tarifa is as solid as they come. She won her second straight Oaks prep when capturing the Fair Grounds Oaks presented by Fasig Tipton by three-quarters of a length. It wasn't a dominant win but it was more than enough to get the job done. She's lost just once in her career and seems to improve with every start. She's good now and it appears that trainer Brad Cox has yet to tighten the screws to the point where she has peaked. He was, however, concerned that Tarifa was rank entering the first turn. "I would like to tell you she is settling down and relaxing, but that didn't work out well in the first turn," Cox said. "Still, she was able to overcome it. She needs to learn to relax in the race, and obviously next time we will be facing a larger field. She needs to learn to chill out and relax. We will continue to work with her." Cox has won the Oaks twice since 2018 and seems poised to pick up his third win in May.



Tarifa (outside) of Our Pretty Woman | Hodges Photography

2) IMPEL (f, Quality Road--Your Love, by Flatter) O/B-Juddmonte (Ky); T-Brad Cox. Lifetime Record: 'TDN Rising Star' 2-2-0-0, \$115,200. Last Start: WON Oaklawn AOC, Mar. 3. Kentucky Oaks Points: 0. Next Start: GI Ashland S., KEE, April 5.

Has become everybody's wise-guy horse. Though she's run just twice and never in a stakes race, she was made the 7-1 favorite in the Kentucky Derby Oaks Future Wager.

It's easy to see why people like her. After breaking her maiden, she blew away a field of allowance horses at Oaklawn to win by 8 1/2 lengths. The real test will come when she faces off against the cream of the crop in the Ashland at Keeneland on Friday, Apr. 5. "I think she's very good," Cox said. "She's got a great mind. She doesn't overtrain. She's not super, super aggressive and does whatever you ask of her." If she blows away the field in the Ashland she'll likely be the favorite in the Oaks over stablemate Tarifa.

3) JODY'S PRIDE (f, American Pharoah--Jody's Song, by Scat Daddy) O-Parkland Tbreds & Sportsmen Stable; B-Mr. Steve Weston (Ky); T-J Abreu. Lifetime Record: MSW & GISP, 4-3-1-0, \$590,250. Last start: WON Mar. 2 Busher S. Kentucky Oaks Points: 65. Next Start: GI Ashland S., KEE, April 5.

The connections of this filly keep changing their minds about where she is going to run. After winning the Busher S. at Aqueduct they announced they would stay in New York for the GIII Gazelle S. Instead, it's on to the Ashland. "We got a race under our belt. She's going to have to face [Just F Y I] at some point again, so this might be the time to face her," trainer Jorge Abreu told the *Daily Racing Form*. The horse seems to be flying under the radar because of low-profile connections, but she's the real deal. She's 3-for-4 lifetime and the only defeat came against **Just F Y I** (Justify) in last year's GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies.

4) JUST F Y I (f, Justify--Star Act, by Street Cry {Ire}) O/B-George Krikorian (Ky); T-Bill Mott. Lifetime Record: Ch. 2yo filly, GISW, 3-3-0-0, \$1,317,750. Last start: WON Nov. 3 GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies. Kentucky Oaks Points: 40. Next Start: GI Ashland S., KEE, April 5.

MARGAUX

Starting and Training Grad

Hall of Fame trainer Bill Mott had to alter his filly's schedule after she was scratched from the GII Davona Dale because of a fever. But Mott said that his Eclipse champ has recovered and will go next in what will be a loaded Ashland at Keeneland. "Her next scheduled start is now the Ashland," he said. "She needed the extra time to get ready." From the standpoint of Beyer figures she needs to get faster as her best number last year was a 79. That's not going to get in done in a race like the Oaks.

5) KOPION (f, Omaha Beach--Galloping Ami, by Victory Gallop) O-Spendthrift Farm; B-Tall Oaks Farm (Ky); T-Richard Mandella. Sales history: \$270,000 yrl '22 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: GSW, 3-2-1-0, \$116,600. Last start: 2nd Feb. 10 GIII Las Virgenes S. Kentucky Oaks Points: 20. Next Start: GII Santa Anita Oaks, SA, April 6.

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Hall of Fame Richard Mandella is bringing this filly along slowly. After she won the GIII Santa Ynez S., Mandella skipped the next prep on the schedule, the Mar. 3 Santa Ysabel S. The plan now is to go in the GII Santa Anita Oaks on Apr. 6. She'll be up against it in the Santa Anita Oaks as the race is also expected to feature 'TDN Rising Star' Kinza (Carpe Diem) the best 3-year-old filly in the West. But she's trained by Bob Baffert, who is still under a ban at Churchill Downs, and won't be running in the Oaks. That leaves Kopion as the West Coast's best hope.

6) WAYS AND MEANS (f, Practical Joke--Strong Incentive, Warrior's Reward) O/B-Klaravich Stables (Ky); T-Chad Brown. Lifetime Record: GISP, **'TDN Rising Star,'** 2-1-1-0, \$117,750. Last start: 2nd Sept. 3 GI Spinaway S. Kentucky Oaks Points: 0. Next Start: GII Gulfstream Park Oaks, GP, March 30.

Remember her? She romped in her maiden voyage when winning at Saratoga by 12 3/4 lengths. She returned in the GI Spinaway S. and was second despite clipping heels down the backstretch. She's returning this Saturday for the Gulfstream Park Oaks, which will be her first race in nearly seven months. Off that layoff and with her having just one prep before the Oaks, can Chad Brown have her ready? The answer is yes. She's been working steadily and Brown is a master when it comes to having his horses ready for big races. With Flavien Prat committed to Tarifa, Brown has given the riding assignment to Irad Ortiz, Jr.



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7) OUR PRETTY WOMAN (f, Medaglia d'Oro--Dazzletown, by Speightstown) O-Courtlandt Farms; B-Woods Edge Farm, LLC and Godolphin; T-Steve Asmussen. Sales History: \$900,000 yrl '22 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: GSP, 3-2-1-0, \$150,200. Last start: 2nd Mar. 23 GII Fair Grounds Oaks. Kentucky Oaks Points: 50. Next Start: GI Kentucky Oaks, CD, May 4.

Came into the Fair Grounds Oaks with a lot of potential and a lot to prove. She broke her maiden at Fair Grounds and then romped in an allowance race there. Both were run over sloppy tracks. Facing Tarifa in the Fair Grounds Oaks, she would need to step it up, and that's what she did. She didn't win, but set the pace and put up a fight in the stretch as Tarifa beat her by less than a length. It was just her third lifetime start, so she should continue to improve. Hall of Fame trainer Steve Asmussen will be looking for his first Oaks win since 2014 with Untapable (Tapit).

8) LEMON MUFFIN (f, Collected--Pelt, by Canadian Frontier)

O-Aaron Sones; B-Mr & Mrs Theodore R Kuster & Collected Syndicate (KY); T-D Wayne Lukas. Sales history: \$20,000 yrl '22 KEESEP; \$140,000 2yo '23 OBSAPR. Lifetime Record: GSW, 6-1-4-0, \$305,250. Last start: WON Feb. 24 GIII Honeybee S. Kentucky Oaks Points: 50. Next Start: GIII Fantasy S., OP, March 30.

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The goal for this Wayne Lukas trainee will be to prove that her win in the GIII Honeybee S. wasn't a fluke. She came into that race as a maiden who had never run beyond seven furlongs or around two turns. Yet, she put it all together and won by 3 1/2 lengths at odds of 28-1. Lukas has won the Oaks five times and his sixth win would allow him to pass Woody Stephens as the winningest trainer in Oaks history. Lukas has shown a lot of faith in young Keith Asmussen by giving him this mount. Lemon Muffin is a horse who could run terribly in the GIII Fantasy S. or maybe she's just hitting her best stride. It's a tough call.



Lemon Muffin | Coady Photography

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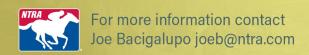
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9) FIONA'S MAGIC (f, St Patrick's Day--Mollie's Magic, by Factum) O/B-Stonehedge, LLC (FL); T-Michael Yates. Lifetime Record: GSW, 5-3-2-0, \$250,910. Last start: WON Mar. 2 GII Davona Dale S. Kentucky Oaks Points: 60. Next Start: GII Gulfstream Park Oaks, GP, March 30.

She's a tough Florida-bred by a sire, St Patrick's Day, who stands for just \$3,500. But she can run. She's never been worse than second in five career tries and is coming off a win in the Davona Dale S. for trainer Michael Yates. The Gulfstream Park Oaks will be her big test and her first race around two turns. She loses the services of jockey Tyler Gaffalione and will be ridden instead by Jorge Ruiz.

10) LESLIE'S ROSE (f, Into Mischief--Wildwood Rose {Ire}, by Galileo (Ire)) O-Whisper Hill Farm; B-John D. Gunther & Eurowest Bloodstock Services (Ky); T-Todd Pletcher. Sales history: \$1,150,000 yrl '22 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 'TDN Rising Star', GSP, 3-2-0-1, \$89,950. Last start: 3rd Mar. 2 GII Davona Dale S. Kentucky Oaks Points: 15. Next Start: GI Ashland S., KEE, April 5.

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A \$1.15-million purchase at Keeneland September, she looked like a horse that could be anything after a maiden and allowance win at Gulfstream. Trainer Todd Pletcher stepped her up in class for the Davona Dale and the results were mixed. Pounded down to 3-10 favoritism she was third, beaten 2 1/4 lengths. But at no point did it look like she was going to win the race. It's possible that she just had an off-day. We'll know more after her next start--the Ashland.

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OLD FRIENDS WELCOMES MCCRAKEN

Airdrie Stud, a longtime supporter of Old Friends, has sent MGSW McCraken (Ghostzapper) to reside at the Thoroughbred retirement farm as of Monday, Mar. 25, the non-profit said via a press release early Wednesday morning.

The 10-year-old stallion was donated to the farm courtesy of Airdrie, who has made three prior contributions to the Old Friends roster.

"It is already evident to me that this well-mannered multiple stakes winner is going to be a real hit with our many visitors to Old Friends," said John Nicholson, President and CEO of Old Friends.



McCraken | Sarah Andrew

"We are grateful to Bret Jones and all the folks at Airdrie Stud for giving McCraken such a fulfilling retirement and a chance to be celebrated by racing fans everywhere."

Bred and raced by Whitham Thoroughbreds, McCraken, out of the Seeking the Gold mare Ivory Empress, was foaled on Apr. 13, 2014 in Kentucky. The homebred, trained by Ian Wilkes, closed out his racing career with six wins--three of them graded stakes--and \$869,728 in earnings over 14 starts.

McCraken began his stud career at Airdrie Stud in 2019 and he was pensioned following his 2023 season.

"It makes all of us at Airdrie very happy to know that McCraken will live out his retirement in the best possible care," said Bret Jones, president of Airdrie Stud. "Michael Blowen is a hero of ours and has been a wonderful friend since the earliest days of Old Friends. He began the farm with a vision and has built it into one of the most inspiring legacies in the history of our sport. Airdrie joins the Whitham and Wilkes families in thanking Michael, John Nicholson and the great team at Old Friends for giving McCraken, and all of the horses in their care, the retirement they deserve."

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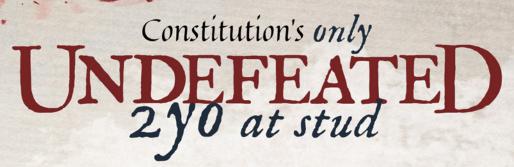
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1/ST TECHNOLOGY has partnered with Tier-1 operator bet365 to deliver horse racing to that company's U.S. customers via 1/ST BET, The Stronach Group said in a Wednesday release.

The partnership will power the stateside launch of bet365's Advance Deposit Wagering on horse racing, across web and mobile app channels, in U.S. jurisdictions where ADW is accepted.

"This is a tremendous opportunity to partner with one of the premier brands in sports betting and for 1/ST BET to showcase its best-in-class pari-mutuel horse racing wagering experience to bet365's customers," said Keith Johnson, Chief Revenue Officer, 1/ST TECHNOLOGY.

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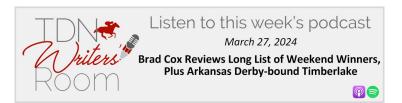
NATIONAL MUSEUM OF RACING OFFERS SARATOGA FARM TOURS

The National Museum of Racing and Hall of Fame is partnering with seven Saratoga County farms to host 90-minute tours of each Thoroughbred farm from April through October. The farm tour series kicks off Apr. 27 at McMahon of Saratoga Thoroughbreds and includes tours of Old Tavern Farm May 18 and June 7. A tour of Song Hill Thoroughbreds will be held June 15; Old Friends at Cabin Creek on July 20; North Country Horses on Aug. 17; Therapeutic Horses of Saratoga on Sept. 21; and Sugar Plum Farm on Oct. 20.

Each tour is \$30 for museum members and \$40 for non-members. Click here for more information.

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GRADED STAKES ENTRIES



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	McPeek	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-Gainesway 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,	Crichton	Castellano	122
			Daniel L. Walters and Dennis Smith			
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



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,	Wilkes	Leparoux	122
			Jim Gladden, Mike Davis and Micheal Steele			
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 lavarone, Jules lavarone, 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	McPeek	Hernandez, Jr.	118
			Magdalena Racing			

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	McPeek	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 <a>	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-Glendalough 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,	Joseph, Jr.	Gonzalez	120
			Paul Braverman, Timothy Pinch, Mach 1 Stables			
2	The Skipper Too	Brethren	Arindel	Alvarado	Jaramillo	118
3	Il Miracolo 🖛	Gun Runner	Alexandres, LLC	Sano	Velazquez	122
4	X Y 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 lavarone, Julia lavarone	Dibona	Lopez	124
7	Mbagnick (Chi)	Practical Joke	Paola Stable and Vendaval Inc	Sanchez	Leparoux	122
8	Donegal Forever 🛷	Pioneerof 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-Upson Downs Farm, 4-Phipps Stable, 5-Erich Brehm & Charles Hovitz, 6-Essafinaat UK Ltd, 7-Brereton C. Jones, 8-Springland Farm





NORTH AMERICAN RACING

THURSDAY'S RACING INSIGHTS:

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RISING STAR KNIGHTSBRIDGE RETURNS AT GULFSTREAM

6th-GP, \$91K, Opt. Clm, 3yo, 1m, 3:40p.m.

Godolphin's TDN Rising Star KNIGHTSBRIDGE (Nyquist), not seen since his Rising Star-earning performance last fall, marks his return for trainer Bill Mott. The homebred, a half to GISW Speaker's Corner, is out of Tyburn Brook (Bernardini), a daughter of dual Grade I winner Round Pound, who brought \$5.75 million at the Fasig-Tipton Kentucky Fall Sale in 2017. Knightbridge's unraced dam is a half-sister to GISW Long River (A.P. Indy) and SW & GSP Lake Lucerne (Dubawi {Ire}). Junior Alvarado gets the call.

Trainer Todd Pletcher has two entered here, including **Turn Up the Trees** (Liam's Map). A \$500,000 KEESEP purchase, the St Elias Stable runner won on debut going six panels in Hallandale Jan. 13 before fading to be a forgivable seventh while stretching to 7 1/2 furlongs on the grass Feb. 10. Getting blinkers on for this return to the main, the colt will be reunited with Johnny Velazquez, also in tow for the colt's winning debut. **TJCIS PPS**

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ALLOWANCE WINNERS



IN ORDER OF PURSE:

6th-Tampa Bay Downs, \$32,500, Alw (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$75,000), 3-27, 3yo, f, 6 1/2f, 1:18.69, ft, 4 3/4 lengths.

BARBSDREAMCOMETRUE (f, 3, World of Trouble--Dulce Puella, by Super Saver), a first-out winner facing \$40,000 maidens over this track Feb. 25, was sent off the 2-1 choice in this return. The dark bay was hustled into contention from her outside draw. Closing quickly on the front rank following a :22.56 quarter, she collared pacesetter Betsylicious (Omaha Beach) in early stretch and drew off to score by 4 3/4 lengths. Sales history: \$8,000 RNA Ylg '22 KEEJAN; \$2,500 RNA Ylg '22 KEESEP; \$10,000 2yo '23 OBSOPN. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$33,300. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.

O-Barbara Waite; B-Rebecca Farms LLC (KY); T-Tim P. Padilla.



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SECOND-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: THURSDAY, MARCH 28

2024 Stud Fees Listed

Catholic Boy (More Than Ready), Claiborne Farm, \$10,000 161 foals of racing age/19 winners/1 black-type winner 8-Turfway, 9:25 p.m. EDT, Msw 6f, Closing Prayer, 6-1 \$50,000 KEE SEP yrl

Enticed (Medaglia d'Oro), Darley, \$5,000

157 foals of racing age/30 winners/1 black-type winner

2-Aqueduct, 1:50 p.m. EDT, Aoc 7f, City Blocks, 8-1

2-Aqueduct, 1:50 p.m. EDT, Aoc 7f, Patricia Ann, 6-1 \$20,000 FTK OCT yrl

3-Turf Paradise, 5:20 p.m. EDT, Aoc 6f, Zorina, 5-1

Maximus Mischief (Into Mischief), Spendthrift Farm, \$25,000 231 foals of racing age/41 winners/3 black-type winners 9-Oaklawn, 5:55 p.m. EDT, Aoc 1m, Maximus Magic, 9-2 \$80,000 FTK OCT vrl

Vino Rosso (Curlin), Spendthrift Farm, \$20,000 309 foals of racing age/40 winners/2 black-type winners 3-Turf Paradise, 5:20 p.m. EDT, Aoc 6f, April Vintage, 1-1 \$175,000 OBS APR 2yo

World of Trouble (Kantharos), Hill 'n' Dale at Xalapa, \$5,000 129 foals of racing age/24 winners/1 black-type winner 2-Aqueduct, 1:50 p.m. EDT, Aoc 7f, Low Society, 7-2 \$30,000 KEE JAN wnl

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ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

7th-Gulfstream, \$86,240, (NW1\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$25,000), 3-27, 4yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:37.51, ft, 3/4 length.

STEEL RACER (f, 4, Girvin--Silver to Gold, by Zensational) Lifetime Record: 12-4-1-1, \$175,451. O-TEC Racing (Elliott S. Logan); B-Brad Grady & Misty Grady (FL); T-Martin Drexler. *\$15,000 Wlg '20 KEENOV; \$24,000 RNA Ylg '21 FTKOCT; \$45,000 2yo '22 OBSOPN; \$55,000 RNA 3yo '23 FTDAUG.

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10th-Parx Racing, \$63,200, (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$16,000), 3-27, 4yo/up, 6 1/2f, 1:19.25, wf, 1 length.

KEITHSENDSHELLOOOO (g, 4, Uptowncharlybrown--Be Bop a Lula, by Unbridled's Song) Lifetime Record: 21-3-7-6, \$270,082. O/B-Uptowncharlybrown Stud LLC (PA); T-Edward J. Coletti, Jr. *Full to Lula's Roadrunner, SP, \$260,826.

6th-Gulfstream, \$59,000, (S), (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$50,000), 3-27, 3yo, 1m, 1:37.54, ft, 1/2 length.

BRAWN (c, 3, Neolithic--Kandhara {SP}, by Indian Charlie) Lifetime Record: 7-2-0-0, \$90,203. O-Just For Fun Stable, Inc.; B-Just For Fun Stable, Inc. (FL); T-Ruben Sierra.

9th-Parx Racing, \$42,200, (S), 3-27, (NW1BX), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:13.10, ft, head.

NATURAL HARBOR (c, 4, Munnings--Perfectly Candid {MSW, \$244,719}, by Pleasantly Perfect) Lifetime Record: 11-4-2-1, \$150,845. O-Durrett Stables LLC; B-Arrowwood Farm (PA); T-Linda Rice. *\$225,000 Ylg '21 KEESEP; \$80,000 3yo '23 KEENOV.



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6th-Mahoning Valley, \$33,700, (S), 3-27, (NW2L), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:13.62, my, 1 length.

COMPUTE THIS (f, 3, Cloud Computing--I Like It {SP, \$138,051}, by Henny Hughes) Lifetime Record: 8-2-3-3, \$71,670. O-Peter J. Sheppell & Royer Family Stables LLC; B-Peter J. Sheppell (OH); T-David Wolochuk. *\$14,500 RNA Ylg '22 OTBOMX. **1/2 to Twerk (Speightster), SP, \$207,175.

8th-Mahoning Valley, \$33,700, (S), 3-27, (NW2L), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:14.44, my, 1 length.

RUN RED RUN (c, 3, National Flag--Maggie's Pleasure, by Eavesdropper) Lifetime Record: 5-2-1-0, \$47,225. O-Holland, Gary and Rumford, Jim; B-Pine Ridge Farm (OH); T-Robert C. Cline. *1/2 to Buster's Boy (Twinspired), SW, \$110,744.

7th-Will Rogers Downs, \$30,000, (S), 3-27, (C), 3yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:38.76, ft, neck.

BIG UN (f, 4, Liaison--Evanly Daze, by Evansville Slew) Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, \$38,767. O-Hobby Horse Farm, Inc.; B-Hobby Horse Farm Inc. (OK); T-Scott E. Young.

4th-Mahoning Valley, \$27,500, (NW3X)/Opt. Clm (\$25,000), 3-27, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:13.02, my, 3/4 length.

EPICUREAN (m, 6, Speightster--Woodland Sprite, by Woodman) Lifetime Record: 40-10-7-8, \$257,031. O-Rivera Racing Stables (Nestor R. Rivera); B-Kathie Maybee & Rhianon Farm, Inc. (KY); T-Nestor Rivera. \$50,000 Ylg '19 KEESEP.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Air Invasion, c, 3, Air Force Blue--Curls in Place, by Curlin.
Gulfstream, 3-27, (C), 1mT, 1:34.68. Lifetime Record: 5-1-1-1, \$51,100. B-John A. O'Meara (KY). *\$105,000 Ylg '22 KEESEP.
**1/2 to Big Invasion (Declaration of War), GSW-Can, GSW & MGISP-USA, \$958,969; 1/2 to We Miss Susie (Creative Cause), SP, \$194,842.

Halon, g, 3, Flameaway--Aunt Tinsey, by Uncle Mo. Gulfstream, 3-27, (C), 1mT, 1:34.97. Lifetime Record: 7-1-3-0, \$62,940. B-Cynthia Cauffman (FL). *\$1,500 Ylg '22 OBSWIN; \$50,000 Ylg '22 OBSOCT.

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Frizzante, g, 3, **Vino Rosso**--Secret Ingredient, by Congrats. Tampa Bay Downs, 3-27, 1m 40y, 1:41.78. Lifetime Record: 7-1-1-2, \$32,120. B-Siena Farms LLC (KY). *\$37,000 RNA Ylg '22 FTKOCT.

Sesame Seed Bagel, c, 4, Valiant Minister--Feodora, by Mizzen Mast. Gulfstream, 3-27, 6 1/2f, 1:17.22. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$55,400. B-Johnny J. Zacco (FL). *1ST-TIME STARTER.

West Coast Fashion, f, 4, West Coast--Fashion Secret, by Curlin. Will Rogers Downs, 3-27, 1m, 1:40.59. Lifetime Record: 4-1-0-1, \$18,933. B-Tom Fish (KY). *\$35,000 Wlg '20 KEENOV; \$42,000 Ylg '21 KEESEP.

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Air Force Blue, Air Invasion, c, 3, o/o Curls in Place, by Curlin. MOC, 3-27, Gulfstream

Cloud Computing, Compute This, f, 3, o/o I Like It, by Henny Hughes. ALW, 3-27, Mahoning Valley

Flameaway, Halon, g, 3, o/o Aunt Tinsey, by Uncle Mo. MOC, 3-27, Gulfstream

Girvin, Steel Racer, f, 4, o/o Silver to Gold, by Zensational. AOC, 3-27, Gulfstream

Liaison, Big Un, f, 4, o/o Evanly Daze, by Evansville Slew. ALW, 3-27, Will Rogers

Munnings, Natural Harbor, c, 4, o/o Perfectly Candid, by Pleasantly Perfect. ALW, 3-27, Parx Racing

National Flag, Run Red Run, c, 3, o/o Maggie's Pleasure, by Eavesdropper. ALW, 3-27, Mahoning Valley

Neolithic, Brawn, c, 3, o/o Kandhara, by Indian Charlie. AOC, 3-27, Gulfstream

Speightster, Epicurean, m, 6, o/o Woodland Sprite, by Woodman. AOC, 3-27, Mahoning Valley

Unified, Hello Sweets, f, 4, o/o Helluva Notion, by Notional. ALW, 3-27, Mahoning Valley

Uptowncharlybrown, Keithsendshelloooo, g, 4, o/o Be Bop a Lula, by Unbridled's Song. AOC, 3-27, Parx Racing

Valiant Minister, Sesame Seed Bagel, c, 4, o/o Feodora, by Mizzen Mast. MSW, 3-27, Gulfstream

Vino Rosso, Frizzante, g, 3, o/o Secret Ingredient, by Congrats. MSW, 3-27, Tampa Bay

West Coast, West Coast Fashion, f, 4, o/o Fashion Secret, by Curlin. MSW, 3-27, Will Rogers

World of Trouble, Barbsdreamcometrue, f, 3, o/o Dulce Puella, by Super Saver. AOC, 3-27, Tampa Bay





FROM KILKENNY TO SYDNEY: O'CONNOR IS ALL GO



Steve O'Connor lifts the Golden Slipper Trophy | *Bronwen Healy*

By Emma Berry

Anyone who was even loosely following the build-up to last weekend's Golden Slipper in Australia couldn't have failed to see the Aushorse promotional videos trumpeting the importance of that Group 1 contest as a stallion-making race. Indeed, since Todman (Aus) won the first running in 1957, such notable sires as Vain (Aus), Marscay (Aus), Rory's Jester (Aus), Canny Lad (Aus), Flying Spur (Aus) and Pierro (Aus) have all joined the Golden Slipper roll of honour. On Saturday, however, Lady Of Camelot (Aus) failed to read the script.

One of four fillies in the race, the daughter of Written Tycoon (Aus) charged home late to deny Coleman (Aus) (Pierata {Aus}) the spoils by a short-head. The short-priced favourite was her stable-mate, the hitherto unbeaten Storm Boy (Aus) (Justify), who had to settle for third.

A homebred, Lady Of Camelot has ticked a major ambition off the list of her breeder Sir Owen Glenn of Go Bloodstock. She is far from the New Zealander's first major winner, with his colours having been carried with distinction by such as the G1 Australian Derby and G1 Rosehill Guineas winner Criterion (NZ) (Sebring {Aus}) and the G1 Victoria Derby winner Monaco Consul (NZ) (High Chaparral (Ire). Indeed, he is also a significant owner, with Coolmore and others, in Storm Boy. But for a breeder in the throes of establishing an elite broodmare band, racing a homebred filly of this calibre is special indeed. Cont. p3

DOZEN TO DO BATTLE IN DUBAI WORLD

CUP by Alan Carasso

DUBAI, UNITED ARAB EMIRATES -- Twelve of the world's top middle-distance dirt horses representing a half-dozen racing nations will clash in Saturday's \$12-million G1 Dubai World Cup at sprawling Meydan Racecourse in Dubai.

The fields and post positions for the evening's four non-Group 1 races--including the Dubai Kahayla Classic for the Purebred Arabians--were announced Monday, while stalls for the five elite-level contests were allotted during a ceremony Wednesday evening at the Armani Hotel at the iconic Burj Khalifa in Central Dubai.

Ushba Tesoro (Jpn) (Orfevre {Jpn}) will look to join Thunder Snow (Ire) (Helmet {Aus}) as the only two-time winners of the World Cup, and his trainer Noboru Takagi was first to the stage, where he selected barrier five. The 7-year-old had gate eight a year ago and was off to an awkward start before steaming home to peg back Algiers (Ire) (Shamardal) close to home. Cont. p9

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DWC TRACKSIDE REPORT: CATNIP ME-'WOW'-ING AT MEYDAN

Catnip (Kitten's Joy) appears in good order ahead of a crack at the G1 Dubai Turf on Saturday.



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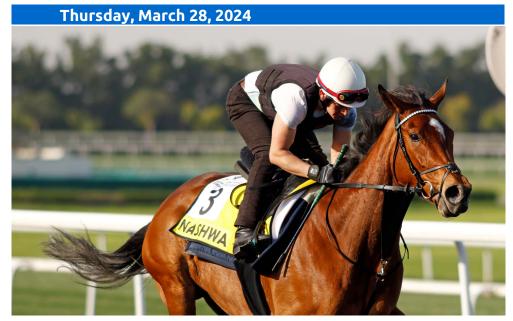
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Nashwa spotted at Meydan on Wednesday morning. The daughter of Frankel will tackle the G1 Dubai Turf this weekend. | racingfotos.com

CAVERN CLUB TOPS TATTERSALLS MARCH

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Cavern Club (Ire) (Ribchester {Ire}) took top price at the Tattersalls March Sale, when selling for 32,000gns on Wednesday.

NEW OWNER'S PLAN UNVEILED BY FRANCE GALOP

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In an effort to boost the French racehorse population, a new Owner's Plan was revealed by France Galop.

JAPAN TEAM WORK ON TURF

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The Japanese contingent was out in force on turf ahead of Dubai World Cup night.

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O'Connor Is All Go Cont. from p1

You'll hear no argument in that regard from Steve O'Connor, the director of Go Bloodstock. The Irishman is now a fully assimilated resident of Sydney's Northern Beaches and during

an early evening dog walk, which he combined with a telephone call to the *TDN*, it is easy to discern that he is still basking in the glow of a truly super Saturday.

"It was really fantastic," says O'Connor, who has spent the last decade in Australia since graduating from the Godolphin Flying Start programme. "We felt going into the race that she was a better and stronger filly than she was going into the Blue Diamond, and she had run second in the Blue Diamond. She came back bigger and better, and [jockey] Blake Shinn



Lady Of Camelo and Blake Shinn after the Golden Slipper

Bronwen Healy

said that she should have won the Blue Diamond. He thought that she could win the Golden Slipper if he took a sit just off the

lead like he did with Capitalist."

He adds, "It was one of Sir Owen's dreams to win the Golden Slipper and to do it with a homebred, it means an awful lot to him and to the whole operation. It's been a fantastic week."

O'Connor's own background has been as peripatetic as that of his boss. Having lived in Kentucky prior to applying to the Flying Start course, he worked with the late Gerry Dilger at Dromoland Farm and Ian Brennan in Florida at Vinery Stables (now known as Stonestreet Stables).

"I was pretty close to Tom Ryan in Kentucky and he suggested to meet Henry Field because SF Bloodstock were increasing their investment in Australia. I was very keen to work with Henry in the infancy of Newgate Stud, so I came

here to do that and that was ten years ago now," he says.

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O'Connor Is All Go Cont.

O'Connor's current role means he still has close ties to Field as Go Bloodstock is a significant investor in the colts' syndicates set up by Newgate Stud and China Horse Club in a bid to get in

almost at the ground level with future stallion prospects.

Sir Owen Glenn's involvement in racing was sparked during a party on his yacht in New Zealand when one of his guests managed to encourage him to buy a share in a horse.

"That was Second Coming who went on to be third in the Melbourne Cup," O'Connor notes.

Second Coming (NZ) (Oak Ridge {Fr}) was third in 2000 to his stable-mate Brew (NZ) (Sir Tristram {NZ}), the pair having been trained by Glenn's TAB TAB GOLDEN SLIPE SATURDAY 23 MARCH 2024, ROSEHILL GASATURDAY 23 MARCH 2024, ROSEHI

Steve O'Connor with wife Morgan and baby Nixie | Bronwen Healy

compatriot Mike Moroney. The trainer's brother, well known international bloodstock agent Paul Moroney, just so happened to have been at the boat party and he has been involved with

helping Glenn throughout the ensuing years.

"Sir Owen was always interested in racing but that prompted him to get more involved, especially when he was spending more time down here, rather than in the US, after he sold his

company," says O'Connor of that initial close call with Second Coming.

"He focuses on this as his main interest and business now that he's retired and doesn't have his company any more. He's always wanted to associate himself with the best partners and we are part of Henry's colts' syndicate and we continue to try to create an elite broodmare band. Out of that we want to produce top-class fillies and perhaps a stallion at some stage. That's the dream. One of the dreams was to breed a Golden Slipper

winner and we managed to do that last week. Hopefully what we create is a bit of a legacy."

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O'Connor Is All Go Cont.

He continues, "Sir Owen is very much a sportsman. He's involved in the New Zealand Olympic Committee, New Zealand hockey, he used to own a rugby league team in New Zealand called the Warriors. He loves the competition and the challenge of it all."

In the case of Lady Of Camelot, the sporting challenge appears only to be just getting going, despite her early success in the G3 Widden S. prior to the Blue Diamond and Golden Slipper. According to O'Connor, she came out of the race "bouncing" and a run in the G1 Inglis Sires Produce on April 1 is now on the cards.

"She's won the Golden Slipper, she's the champion two-year-old and we feel there's nothing to lose by going there. Sir Owen wants to see his best horses run," he says.

The filly has heaped even greater acclaim on her young dam,

Miss Debutante (Aus) (Fastnet Rock {Aus}), who was bred by Kia Ora Stud and raced for Glenn. Like her most celebrated offspring to date, she was trained by Gai Waterhouse and Adrian Bott, and she won the Listed Coolmore Denise's Joy S. at three.

"They always thought she was better than that so we always gave her the best of matings," says O'Connor of Miss Debutante, who is now three from three for stakes-winning offspring at the age of only ten. Her first foal

Queen Of The Ball (Aus) (I Am Invincible {Ire}) won four Group 3 races for Michael Freedman and was eighth in the Golden Slipper. Next up was the G3 Gimcrack S. winner Platinum Jubilee (Aus) (Zoustar {Aus}), who also made the Slipper line-up and was second in the G2 Silver Slipper.

"She's a neat, strong, balanced Fastnet mare so we bred her to stallions with a bit of size and scope," explains O'Connor. "Lady Of Camelot was her third foal and she has trumped them all.

"Miss Debutante is a very special mare: all the Australians are telling me that they can't remember a mare to have produced three group winners with her first three foals. She has a Flying Artie yearling colt, who we've retained, and she also has an I Am Invincible weanling filly. I think what the mare puts into them is precocity, they're all very forward in their thinking."

With three celebrated daughters of Miss Debutante alone

already queuing for entry to the Go Bloodstock broodmare band, the hardest task may be keeping the numbers to a manageable level.

O'Connor says, "We have 40 mares. Every year we plan to try to make it 30 and then it stays at 40. We're getting to the stage now, which is what Sir Owen wanted, where the broodmare band is self-replenishing. We wanted to be able to breed fillies that could then retire to the broodmare band and we've been able to achieve that this year. We have four or five stakes-winning mares that will retire. We will try to keep that number under 40 but we do need a critical mass because we are part of those colts' syndicate and they've had a lot of success in the last five years with horses like Stay Inside, Russian Revolution, Wild Ruler, and Artorius, who ran at Ascot. So we try to keep a critical mass to support those horses."

He adds, "Of the 40, five mares are in New Zealand and Sir

Owen has a remarkable strike-rate there as two of those mares are Group 1 producers. With him being from New Zealand we like to keep a presence there, and with the changes there and the optimism, we are just starting to increase our investment in New Zealand again."

A globetrotting businessman, Glenn has already had his colours aired in Britain recently aboard Hoo Ya Mal (GB) (Territories {Ire}), whom be bought for £1.2 million at the Goffs London Sale after the horse had finished second in

Sir Owen Glenn's Hoo Ya Mal winning the March S. | Racingfotos.com

the Derby to Desert Crown (GB). He subsequently won the G3 March S. at Goodwood and, now with Waterhouse and Bott, was second in the G2 Petaluma Hill S. last October.

"There's a good race in him, and that is likely to be during the Brisbane Winter Carnival this time," says O'Connor.

"Sir Owen owns an apartment in London and he spends the European summers there and any opportunity we were given to race a horse at Ascot we would take. It might be a year too soon for Lady Of Camelot but she is a big, scopey filly and she is quite lightly raced. We like to think that she still isn't the finished article and if that is the case then she might be one for next year. If we have one good enough we wouldn't hesitate to be there."



EUROPEAN NEWS

DUAL-PURPOSE PROSPECT CAVERN CLUB TOPS TATTERSALLS MARCH SALE



Cavern Club | *Tattersalls*

Cavern Club (Ire) (Ribchester {Ire}) (lot 58), a two-time winner for Marco Botti, brought a sale-topping price of 32,000gns at the Tattersalls March Sale on Wednesday.

Consigned by Botti's Prestige Place, Cavern Club was in competitive action at Southwell last week when he finished third in an 11-furlong handicap from a BHA mark of 80. He is the first foal out of the unraced New Approach (Ire) mare Merseybeat (GB), a half-sister to the Listed winner and Group 3-placed Twist 'N' Shake (GB) (Kingman {GB}).

The four-year-old Cavern Club was sold to trainer James Owen, who said, "He can take us to a lot of places. He will go hurdling and has been bought as a nice dual-purpose horse. Ribchester is getting a few jumpers now. This horse won't be long in running and has been bought on spec."

A National Hunt career also beckons for the Godolphin-consigned **Eastern Whisper (GB)** (Sea The Stars {Ire}) (lot 67) after she sold to Jack Cantillon for 28,000gns.

The unraced three-year-old filly is out of the Group 3-placed Jollify (Ire) (Manduro {Ger}), who is herself a half-sister to the Ebor H. and November H. winner Litigant (GB) (Sinndar {Ire}). Their dam is the dual Group 3 winner Jomana (Ire) (Darshaan {GB}), who was bought by the Cantillon family under the banner of their Tinnakill House for just €7,500 at the 2013 Goffs November Breeding Stock Sale.

"My theory was I would have to pay triple for a filly of this quality in a few months at the store sales, so I thought I would

get in early as she's unraced and eligible for bumpers," Cantillon said of Eastern Whisper.

"It's a family I know well and love--our family own the granddam and we also have Ellen Kelly in the second dam who is in training with Willie Mullins. I haven't decided on a trainer yet, but it will be one of our leading National Hunt trainers at Syndicates.Racing."

A total of seven lots sold for at least 20,000gns, with the three-year-old **Perfect View (GB)** (Outstrip {GB}) (lot 75) standing out as the pick of the rest having been bought by J. D. Moore--on behalf of client Hussain Al Dossary--for 27,000gns.

Consigned by George Scott's Eve Lodge Stables, Perfect View finished first or second in each of his three starts for his previous connections, including a debut victory in a six-furlong maiden at Windsor last May.

"The horse goes to the Middle East," said Moore. "He has shown form on the all-weather, has been consistent and has been well handled by George Scott, who recommended him. Hussain has been lucky with his purchases at Tattersalls."

Of the 60 lots offered, 47 sold (78%) for a gross of 389,000gns. The average was 8,277gns and the median was 4,500gns.

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FRANCE GALOP ANNOUNCE PLAN TO INCREASE RACEHORSE POPULATION



Guillaume de Saint-Seine | Scoop Dyga

A new Owner's Plan with the aim of increasing the number of horses in training in the country, a key priority for the organisation's president, Guillaume de Saint-Seine, was announced by France Galop on Wednesday.

Although the number of active owners in France has increased by 600 in the last three years, the number of horses in training, and therefore the number of runners, has gone down. France Galop report that this situation is due to the fact that a number of new owners opt for shared ownership. Cont. p7

New Owner's Plan Cont.

Though some of them go on to have their own colours, there are fewer owners that own their horses outright, while the number that own more more than 20 horses has halved over the last 10 years.

The plan puts forward 50 initiatives to try and reverse these trends, focusing on two key areas; client experience and development. The ultimate goal is to reach 10,000 horses in training in France, with the aim also being to increase the number of racehorse owners by 1,000 by the end of 2026.

"The members of the Marketing Committee have developed, along with the Marketing Department, a pragmatic approach when drawing up this Owner's Plan, to stringently monitor the initiatives that will be rolled out over the next two years," explained Charles-Hubert de Chaudenay, chairman of the Marketing Committee.

"We would like to promote racehorse ownership in all its forms and support the racing industry by helping to increase the number of horses in training in France. We are confident about the positive effects that this plan will have over the medium term."

Elie Hennau, who will become director general of France Galop on April 15, added, "Given the strategic issues put forward by the Owner's Plan, I would like to get involved in the Marking Committee's project immediately, before I officially step into my role. I have great ambitions for this strategic plan as I take on this new position, as it is the fruit of a collaboration between racing's stakeholders and France Galop's staff."

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YORK RACECOURSE EXTENDS PARTNERSHIP WITH RACETECH

A new long-term contract agreement between RaceTech and York Racecourse which will see them provide full integrity services such as starting stalls and photo finish technology, was announced by the companies on Wednesday. RaceTech will also continue to provide technical support at the track which is set to stage 12 Premier Racedays in 2024, including all four days of the Sky Bet Ebor Festival.

John Bozza, RaceTech CEO, said, "We are very proud to be entering a new five-year contract with York Racecourse. RaceTech has worked closely with the racecourse for many years and benefits from having an area base on the Knavesmire. The new contract will enable us to continue provision of first-class services across the racedays at York."

James Brennan, head of marketing at York Racecourse, added, "RaceTech have a proven track record in delivering a positive racegoer experience on the Knavesmire. I am delighted to be extending the partnership."

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on the European racing scene

QUADRILATERAL'S BROTHER DEBUTS AT SOUTHWELL

17.30 Southwell, Novice, £8,000, 3yo, 11f 23y (AWT)
CADOGAN PLACE (GB) (Frankel {GB}) is an intriguing contender in an intriguing affair as a full-brother to the G1 Fillies' Mile winner Quadrilateral (GB). Andrew Balding unleashes
Juddmonte's homebred against two other fascinating newcomers in Godolphin's Hidden Law (Ire) (Dubawi {Ire}), a Charlie Appleby-trained son of the Oaks runner-up Secret Gesture (GB) (Galileo {Ire}), and Middleham Park Racing's Grebastarky (Fr) (Almanzor {Fr}), a half-brother to the G1 Coronation S. and G1 Prix Rothschild heroine Watch Me (Fr) (Olympic Glory {Ire}) from the John and Thady Gosden stable.

16.15 Chantilly, Debutantes, €27,000, 3yo, f, 8fT

SAHARA GOLD (GB) (Shamardal) is a significant Godolphin representative, being a full-sister to the G1 Poule d'Essai des Poulains and G1 Prix Jean-Luc Lagerdere hero Victor Ludorum (GB). Trained by Henri-Alex Pantall, she is joined by another Godolphin runner in Galaxie Vega (Ire) (Lope De Vega {Ire}), an -Andre Fabre trainee who at 650,000gns was the top-priced filly at Tatts Book 2.

BRITAIN

Wednesday's Results:

1st-Kempton, £**11,000, Novice**, 3-27, 3yo, 6f (AWT), 1:13.98, st/sl.

IMPERIAL GUARD (IRE) (c, 3, Night Of Thunder {Ire}--Ancestral {GB}, by Bated Breath {GB}), runner-up over seven furlongs here when last seen in October, raced keenly towards the fore from the outset. In front two out, the 7-2 shot stayed on to score by 1 1/2 lengths from Sky Wizard (Ire) (James Garfield {Ire}). The dam, whose 2-year-old filly Larrupin (Ire) (Earthlight {Ire}) was a 240,000gns purchase by Ben McElroy for Stonestreet Stables at the Tatts Book 1 Sale, is a daughter of the G1 1000 Guineas heroine Wince (GB) (Selkirk) and half to the G1 Yorkshire Oaks winner Quiff (GB) (Sadler's Wells). Sales history: 270,000gns Ylg '22 TATOCT. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-1, \$11,162. O-Clipper; B-Rabbah Bloodstock Limited (IRE); T-Andrew Balding.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

So Quiet (GB), g, 3, **Zoustar (Aus)**--Quiet (GB), by Observatory. Kempton, 3-27, 7f (AWT), 1:27.31. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$5,335. B-The Quiet Partnership (GB).

FRANCE

Wednesday's Results:

5th-Pornichet, €21,000, Mdn, 3-27, 3yo, 12f (AWT), 2:35.16, st.

QUANTUM (FR) (c, 3, Intello {Ger}--Foreign Tune {GB}, by Invincible Spirit (Ire)), seventh on debut at Toulouse earlier this month, was shaken up from the widest draw to take the early lead. Stoked up turning for home, the 5-1 shot galloped relentlessly to beat Eliante (Ire) (Gleneagles {Ire}) by two lengths. The dam, who was runner-up in the G3 Prix de Lieurey, has produced a trio of black-type performers headed by Intello's GI United Nations S. and G3 Prix la Force winner Adhamo (Ire) who was also placed in the GI Manhattan S., GI Arlington Million, GI Turf Classic and GI Canadian International. A daughter of the G3 Prix du Bois scorer Gwenseb (Fr) (Green Tune) whose other notable progeny include Acclamation's multiple group-winning sire Attendu (Fr) and Foreign Tune's G2 Prix Daniel Wildenstein and G2 Prix de Sandringham-winning full-sister Impassable (Ire), her yearling filly No Tune (GB) is by No Nay Never. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, €10,500. Video,

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O/B-Wertheimer et Frere (FR); T-Christophe Ferland.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Lovecayan (Fr), f, 3, Shalaa (Ire)--Love Money (Fr), by Muhtathir (GB). Pornichet, 3-27, 8 1/2f (AWT), 1:44.06. B-Ecurie des Monnaies & Barberot (S) (FR).

Sea Salinas (GB), f, 4, Sea The Stars (Ire)--Sahel (Ger), by Monsun (Ger). Pornichet, 3-27, 12f (AWT), 2:33.12. B-Mlle H Loder & Nidal Al Khail (GB). *200,000gns Wlg '20 TATFOA. **Full to Soudania (GB), GSW-Fr, \$130,166; 1/2 to Sortilege (Ire) (Tiger Hill {Ire}), G1SW-Ity, SW & GSP-Fr, \$216,026.

WORLDWIDE NEWS

Dubai World Cup Draw Cont. from p1

The commonly owned **Wilson Tesoro (Jpn)** (Kitasan Black {Jpn}), second to Ushba Tesoro in the G1 Tokyo Daishoten over the World Cup distance in December, drew 11.

Ushba Tesoro's jockey Yuga Kawada said, "Stall five is not so bad but he's a horse that has to come from behind so really one to 12 makes no difference."



Ushba Tesoro training earlier this week | Erika Rasmussen

Senor Buscador (Mineshaft) ran down Ushba Tesoro in the final jump of the G1 Saudi Cup in Riyadh five weeks ago, and the two square off for the third time at the weekend. The likeable 6-year-old was represented on stage by trainer Todd Fincher and co-owner Joe Peacock Jnr looked on as Senor Buscador was assigned barrier 10. **Cont. p10**



Sibelius on Wednesday | Horsephotos

Dubai World Cup Draw Cont.

"Very happy," said co-owner Peacock, Jr. said. "We wanted outside and we got outside."

Last year's G2 UAE Derby winner **Derma Sotogake (Jpn)** (Mind Your Biscuits) was at a fitness disadvantage when a sound fifth in Riyadh first-up for better than four months and figures to have come on for that reappearance. He will begin from stall eight.

Kazakh-owned **Kabirkhan** (California Chrome) will look to complete a fairy-tale season while trying to emulate his World Cup-winning stallion Saturday evening. Purchased for the bargain price of \$12,000 as a Keeneland September yearling, the chestnut will break from post position two for jockey Pat Dobbs and trainer Doug Watson.

"I kind of wanted the middle," Watson said. "If he always broke really well I'd be delighted but he hasn't done that. We've been working on it, but we hope he can do it on the night. At least it's a shorter way around."

Trainer Bob Baffert and Frankie Dettori teamed to take out the 2022 World Cup with Country Grammer (Tonalist) and will look for history to repeat itself with **Newgate** (Into Mischief) from the six hole. He exits a victory in the GI Santa Anita H. Mar. 2.

Juddmonte Farms' **Laurel River** (Into Mischief) ran up the score in the G3 Burj Nahaar over 1600 metres on Super Saturday Mar. 2, but sensing that it could be a paceless renewal of the World Cup, connections have rolled the dice. He will have to be on his best behaviour, as any misstep from the widest stall in 12 could prove his undoing.

In the other Group 1 tests:

• Auguste Rodin (Ire) (Deep Impact {Jpn}) has drawn seven and Japanese Triple Tiara winner Liberty Island (Jpn) (Duramente {Jpn}) nine for the G1 Longines Dubai Sheema Classic, where 10 Group 1 winners from eight nations vie for a \$6-million pot.

- Lord North (Ire) (Dubawi {Ire}) will go for a fourth straight \$5-million G1 Dubai Turf from gate 11, with Japan's **Do Deuce** (Jpn) (Heart's Cry {Jpn}) in five, Luxembourg (Ire) (Camelot {GB}) drawn three and stablemate Nashwa (GB) (Frankel {GB}) out in 16.
- Defending champion **Sibelius** (Not This Time) has gate six for the G1 Dubai Golden Shaheen where he faces G3 Riyadh Dirt Sprint hero **Remake** (**Jpn**) (Lani), **Bold Journey** (Hard Spun), a late-on-the-scene third in the same race, and the capable locals **Mouheeb** (Flatter) and **Tuz** (Oxbow).
- Hong Kong's California Spangle (Ire) (Starspangledbanner {Aus}) will start from gate five in the G1 Al Quoz Sprint against the smart 3-year-old filly Frost At Dawn (Frosted), the veteran Emaraaty Ana (GB) (Shamardal) and defending champion Danyah (Ire) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}.

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JAPAN'S BIG GUNS TAKE TO THE TURF

by Alan Carasso



Do Deuce galloped on the dirt Tuesday, but sizzled on the turf course on Wednesday | Racingfotos.com

DUBAI, UNITED ARAB EMIRATES -- In the form of **Do Deuce (Jpn)** (Heart's Cry {Jpn}) and **Liberty Island (Jpn)** (Duramente {Jpn}), Japan is liable to field the favourites for the distance turf races at Saturday's Dubai World Cup meeting and those two galloper, as well as several of their compatriots, did fast work over the Meydan course Wednesday morning.

Do Deuce would likely have been at the top of the markets for last year's G1 Dubai Turf, but was withdrawn in the days leading up to the race, helping pave the way for a third consecutive victory by Lord North (Ire) (Dubawi {Ire}). The reigning G1 Arima Kinen scorer was one of the first onto the track just after 5am Wednesday morning and quickened up nicely down the stretch (video). Cont. 10



Stars On Earth | Horsephotos

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Though he clearly possesses the scope to see out a longer trip, connections have instead chosen the nine-furlong distance of the Dubai Turf.

"I considered the Sheema Classic as well and we discussed it with Yutaka Take," trainer Yasuo Tomomichi said during a Wednesday press conference. "The Sheema Classic tends to be a race which benefits the front-runners or those with a good position. For Do Deuce's racing style, we both agreed that the Dubai Turf is a race where horses can win from anywhere."

Japanese gallopers have won five of the last nine renewals of the Dubai Turf, including Panthalassa (Jpn) (Lord Kanaloa {Jpn}), who dead-heated with Lord North in 2022. The Tomomichitrained Vivlos (Jpn) (Deep Impact {Jpn}) was victorious in 2017 with Joao Moreira up.

Shahryar (Jpn) (Deep Impact {Jpn}) and Equinox (Jpn) (Kitasan Black {Jpn}) have scooped the last two renewals of the G1 Longines Dubai Sheema Classic, and Liberty Island has her claims to make it three on the trot and six overall, dating back to Stay Gold (Jpn) (Sunday Silence) in 2001.

Last seen finishing five lengths adrift of Equinox and just ahead of fellow G1 Yushun Himba heroine **Stars on Earth (Jpn)** (Duramente {Jpn}) in the G1 Japan Cup in late November,

Liberty Island wasn't asked for much, but ran on nicely Wednesday morning, with Yuga Kawada along for the ride.

"This is her first time travelling internationally and all has gone well so far," said Kawada. "It was a good gallop this morning and we are happy."

Added stable representative Yuya Katayama, "Everything went perfectly and according to plan. She switched on when Yuga Kawada rode her today. Today was just about keeping her condition, that's it--nothing more."

Christophe Lemaire teamed up once again with Stars on Earth, second in the Arima Kinen last time, and said, "I gradually sped up in her breeze this morning. She remained calm throughout and reacted very well. Her condition is great and the ground in Dubai suits her. Stars On Earth is a very easy horse to ride and I am confident about her this weekend."

Namur (Jpn) (Harbinger {GB}), who beat the boys in the G1 Mile Championship and was third to Golden Sixty (Aus) (Medaglia d'Oro) and the re-opposing Voyage Bubble (Aus) (Deep Field {Aus}) in the G1 Longines Hong Kong Mile, prepped for the Dubai Turf when galloping over 600 metres behind Liberty Island and Stars on Earth.

Shahryar also had a turf gallop as he looks for a second Sheema Classic in three years, as did **Danon Beluga (Jpn)** (Heart's Cry {Jpn}), runner-up in last year's Dubai Turf. Cristian Demuro rides Shahryar, while Moreira has a return assignment aboard Danon Beluga.

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SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	7	Clapton	Brethren	D Davis	Summers	126
2	1	Crupi 🛪	Curlin	Saez	Pletcher	126
3	9	Defunded 🖛	Dialed In	Al Furaydi	Mishref	126
4	8	Derma Sotogake (Jpn)	Mind Your Biscuits	Lemaire	Otonashi	126
5	3	Dura Erede (Jpn)	Duramente (Jpn)	Murzabayev	Ikezoe	126
6	2	Kabirkhan 🛪	California Chrome	Dobbs	Watson	126
7	12	Laurel River	Into Mischief	O'Shea	Seemar	126
8	4	Military Law (GB)	Dubawi (Ire)	Chavez	Al Mheiri	126
9	6	Newgate 🛪	Into Mischief	Dettori	Baffert	126
10	10	Senor Buscador	Mineshaft	Alvarado	Fincher	126
11	5	Ushba Tesoro (Jpn)	Orfevre (Jpn)	Kawada	Takagi	126
12	11	Wilson Tesoro (Jpn)	Kitasan Black (Jpn)	Hara	Kotegawa	126

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LONGINES DUBAI SHEEMA CLASSIC-G1, \$6,000,000, NH/SH4yo/up, 2410mT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	6	Junko (GB)	Intello (Ger)	Guyon	Fabre	126
2	3	Justin Palace (Jpn)	Deep Impact (Jpn)	Moreira	Sugiyama	126
3	1	Point Lonsdale (Ire)	Australia (GB)	Lordan	O'Brien	126
4	11	Rebel's Romance (Ire)	Dubawi (Ire)	Buick	Appleby	126
5	2	Shahryar (Jpn)	Deep Impact (Jpn)	C Demuro	Fujiwara	126
6	5	Simca Mille (Ire)	Tamayuz (GB)	Doyle	de Mieulle	126
7	12	Sisfahan (Fr)	Isfahan (Ger)	Delozier	Grewe	126
8	10	Spirit Dancer (GB)	Frankel (GB)	Orr	Fahey	126
9	7	Auguste Rodin (Ire)	Deep Impact (Jpn)	Moore	O'Brien	125
10	4	Emily Upjohn (GB)	Sea The Stars (Ire)	Shoemark	J & T Gosden	121
11	8	Stars on Earth (Jpn)	Duramente (Jpn)	Lemaire	Takayanagi	121
12	9	Liberty Island (Jpn)	Duramente (Jpn)	Kawada	Nakauchida	120

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DUBAI TURF SPONSORED BY DP WORLD-G1, \$5,000,000, NH/SH4yo/up, 1800mT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	9	Cairo (Ire)	Quality Road	Lordan	O'Brien	126
2	15	Calif (Ger)	Areion (Ger)	de Vries	Nass	126
3	6	Catnip	Kitten's Joy	Lemaire	Stidham	126
4	10	Danon Beluga (Jpn)	Heart's Cry (Jpn)	Moreira	Hori	126
5	4	Do Deuce (Jpn)	Heart's Cry (Jpn)	Take	Tomomichi	126
6	8	Facteur Cheval (Ire)	Ribchester (Ire)	Guyon	Reynier	126
7	11	Lord North (Ire)	Dubawi (Ire)	Dettori	J & T Gosdan	126
8	3	Luxembourg (Ire)	Camelot (GB)	Moore	O'Brien	126
9	7	Matenro Sky (Jpn)	Maurice (Jpn)	N Yokoyama	Matsunaga	126
10	5	Measured Time (GB)	Frankel (GB)	Buick	Appleby	126
11	2	Real World (Ire)	Dubawi (Ire)	Stott	bin Suroor	126
12	13	San Donato (Ire)	Lope de Vega (Ire)	Dobbs	Watson	126
13	12	Straight Arron (Aus)	Fastnet Rock (Aus)	Avdulla	Fownes	126
14	1	Voyage Bubble (Aus)	Deep Field (Aus)	Barzalona	Yiu	126
15	14	Namur (Jpn)	Harbinger (GB)	C Demuro	Takano	121
16	16	Nashwa (GB)	Frankel (GB)	H Doyle	J & T Gosden	121

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DUBAI GOLDEN SHAHEEN-G1, S	\$2,000,000,	, NH/SH3vo/up, 1200m
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SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	4	Bold Journey 🛷	Hard Spun	Dettori	Mott	126
2	14	Colour Up (Ire)	Mehmas (Ire)	Dobbs	Watson	126
3	3	Don Frankie (Jpn)	Daiwa Major (Jpn)	C Demuro	Saito	126
4	12	Freedom Fighter 🛪	Violence	Mullen	Seemar	126
5	9	Hopkins 🛪	Quality Road	Saez	Baffert	126
6	1	Igniter (Jpn)	Espoir City (Jpn)	Sasegawa	Atarashi	126
7	5	Keiai Dorie (Jpn)	Espoir City (Jpn)	Lemaire	Murayama	126
8	11	Leading Spirit (Ire)	Exceed and Excel (Aus)	Cosgrave	Seemar	126
9	13	Mouheeb	Flatter	Coen	Costa	126
10	7	Nakatomi 🛪	Firing Line	Spencer	Ward	126
11	8	Remake (Jpn)	Lani	Kawada	Shintani	126
12	10	Run Classic <a>*	Runhappy	Geroux	D'Angelo	126
13	6	Sibelius 🛪	Not This Time	Moore	O'Dwyer	126
14	2	Tuz 🛪	Oxbow	O'Shea	Seemar	126

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AL QUOZ SPRINT SPONSORED BY AZIZI DEVELOPMENTS-G1, \$1,500,000, NH/SH3yo/up, 1200mT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	4	Bilhayl (Ire)	Shamardal	Coen	Costa	126
2	5	California Spangle (Ire)	Starspangledbanner (Aus)	Avdulla	Cruz	126
3	6	Casa Creed 🖛	Jimmy Creed	Saez	Mott	126
4	7	Danyah (Ire)	Invincible Spirit (Ire)	Crowley	Al Mheiri	126
5	2	Diligent Harry (GB)	Due Diligence	Kingscote	Cox	126
6	10	Emaraaty Ana (GB)	Shamardal	S Osborne	J Osborne	126
7	9	Jasper Krone 🖛	Frosted	T Danno	Mori	126
8	11	King Gold (Fr)	Anodin (Ire)	Pasquier	Caullery	126
9	3	Ponntos (Ire)	Power (GB)	Fresu	Nieslanik	126
10	12	Sight Success (Aus)	Magnus (Aus)	Moore	Size	126
11	1	Frost At Dawn	Frosted	Barzalona	Knight	117
12	8	Star Of Mystery (Ire)	Kodiac (GB)	Dettori	Appleby	117

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UAE DERBY-G2, \$1,000,000, NH/SH3yo, 1900m

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SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	11	Auto Bahn (Arg)	Asiatic Boy (Arg)	Barzalona	Olascoaga	131
2	4	Oasis Boy (Arg)	Asiatic Boy (Arg)	Soumillon	Olascoaga	131
3	2	Rock Walk (Uru)	T. H. Approval	Moreira	Olascoaga	131
4	5	Ballon d'Or (Jpn)	New Year's Day	N Yokoyama	Matsunaga	121
5	13	Forever Young (Jpn)	Real Steel (Jpn)	Sakai	Yahagi	121
6	8	George Tesoro (Jpn)	Best Warrior	Kawada	Kato	121
7	9	Guns and Glory <a>	Gun Runner	Spencer	Seemar	121
8	7	Henry Adams (Ire)	No Nay Never	Moore	O'Brien	121
9	1	Killer Collect 🖛	Collected	Scr	Scr	Scr
10	3	Mendelssohn Bay 🛪	Mendelssohn	Cosgrave	Seemar	121
11	12	Navy Seal (Ire)	Dubawi (Ire)	Lordan	O'Brien	121
12	10	Pandagate	Arrogate	D Davis	Clement	121
13	-6	Satono Phoenix (Jpn)	Henny Hughes	Scr	Scr	Scr

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GODOLPHIN MILE SPONSORED BY EMAAR-G2, \$1,000,000, NH/SH4yo/up, 1600m

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	7	Caramel Chip 🛪	Midshipman	C Demuro	D'Angelo	126
2	6	Desert Wisdom (GB)	Dubawi (Ire)	de Vries	Al Shemalli	126
3	1	Eastern World (Ire)	Dubawi (Ire)	Beasley	bin Harmash	126
4	11	Isolate 🖛	Mark Valeski	Saez	Watson	126
5	2	Qareeb 🖛	Speightstown	Chavez	Al Mheiri	126
6	13	Remorse (Ire)	Dubawi (Ire)	Cosgrave	Seemar	126
7	9	Saudi Crown 🛷	Always Dreaming	Geroux	Cox	126
8	12	Scotland Yard <a>**	Quality Road	Morales	Bachalard	126
9	10	Southern Artist	Munnings	Fresu	Seemar	126
10	5	Swing Vote (GB)	Shamardal	Buick	S & E Crisford	126
11	8	Two Rivers Over	Tamarkuz	Maldonado	O'Neill	126
12	3	Walk of Stars (GB)	Dubawi (Ire)	O'Shea	Seemar	126
13	4	Pacholli (Uru)	Alcorano (Brz)	da Silva	Olsacoaga	121

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SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	7	Al Nayyir (GB)	Dubawi (Ire)	Soumillon	Doleuze	128
2	4	Coltrane (Ire)	Mastercraftsman (Ire)	Murphy	Balding	128
3	2	Daramethos (Ire)	Sea The Stars (Ire)	Chavez	Al Mheiri	128
4	10	Eldar Eldarov (GB)	Dubawi (Ire)	J Doyle	Varian	128
5	13	Enemy (GB)	Muhaarar (GB)	Kingscote	Williams	128
6	1	Giavellotto (Ire)	Mastercraftsman (Ire)	Coen	Botti	128
7	15	Iron Barows (Jpn)	Orfevre (Jpn)	C Demuro	Uemura	128
8	3	Passion And Glory (Ire)	Cape Cross (Ire)	Stott	bin Suroor	128
9	9	Roberto Escobarr (Ire)	Galileo (Ire)	Ryan	M Appleby	128
10	11	Sea Stone (Ire)	Sea The Stars (Ire)	Crowley	Mohammed	128
11	6	Siskany (GB)	Dubawi (Ire)	Buick	C Appleby	128
12	5	Sober (Fr)	Camelot (GB)	Guyon	Fabre	128
13	16	Trawlerman (Ire)	Golden Horn (GB)	Shoemark	J & T Gosden	128
14	12	Libyan Glass (Jpn)	Kizuna (Jpn)	Sakai	Yahagi	122
15	8	Sevenna's Knight (Ire)	Camelot (GB)	Barzalona	Fabre	122
16	14	Tower of London (Ire)	Galileo (Ire)	Moore	O'Brien	122

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