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FOLLOWING CHRB RACE DATES DECISION, WHAT'S NEXT FOR CALIFORNIA?



Santa Anita | Horsephotos

by Dan Ross

The way California Horse Racing Board (CHRB) chair Greg Ferraro describes it, the now **infamous letter** in which 1/ST Racing and Gaming appeared to threaten the sale of Santa Anita should the board grant the North its desired 2024 race dates was “a very big mistake” on their part—one that helped sway the board’s **unanimous** decision to side with interests in the Northern half of the state.

“It really put a bad taste in the mouths of board members,” Ferraro said.

Beforehand, Ferraro had anticipated punting a decision on the North’s race dates to the following meeting, he said, adding how Belinda Stronach, chairwoman, CEO and president of 1/ST, had called him the day before to “lobby” her position.

Ultimately, however, “the two things that came out to me [from the meeting] was just how much animosity there is towards The Stronach Group in California,” Ferraro said. “And that the letter was the thing that really killed them.”

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MEAT LOAF WITH SIDE OF INTRIGUE: TWO OUTTA THREE AIN'T BAD

The Week in Review by T.D. Thornton

You need to channel your inner Meat Loaf to put Saturday's trio of points-awarding stakes for the GI Kentucky Derby in perspective. The well-backed winners of the GI Arkansas Derby, GI Florida Derby, and G2 UAE Derby all delivered commanding, speed-centric performances that transformed what has been an underwhelming prep season into a Triple Crown chase suddenly spiked with intrigue.

'TDN Rising Star' Muth (**Good Magic**) swatted back a surprise mid-race attack to win authoritatively at Oaklawn. Fellow 'Rising Star' and juvenile champ **Fierceness** (**City of Light**) administered a 13 1/2-length shellacking at Gulfstream that resounds as the largest winning margin in Florida Derby history. **Cont. Pg. 7**

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To commemorate his March 17, 1986 foaling date, Texas-bred New Years Eve wears a birthday hat and a St. Patrick's Day decoration during last month's photo shoot. Story begins on page 9. | Sarah Andrew

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The granting to the North a 10-week meet--to run at Pleasanton from Oct. 10 to Dec. 15 at the conclusion of this summer's fair meets--heralds quite the dramatic reordering of the operational and political furniture in California racing.

"It might be the most momentous decision the board has made in its history," said Ferraro. But now the dust has settled somewhat on last week's board's decision, what's next?

"What we have to do now is get the racetrack operators in one room, sit down with them and say, 'okay look, this is the direction we need to go. You can either go voluntarily or the board will force you.' Remember, we control the dates," said Ferraro.

"Let's sit down and see what we can work out with the calendar for the next year or two, three, to transition to a one circuit," Ferraro added (more on that single circuit in a bit).

When asked to discuss the situation with a 1/ST representative, company spokesperson Tiffani Steer wrote in an email, "Craig Fravel's comments at the CHRB meeting stand."

Thoroughbred Owners of California (TOC) president and CEO Bill Nader said for him, the key takeaway from the meeting was the concretizing of important details.

"We all have something now we can measure--I think that's good for the North and it's good for the South," said Nader. "Trying to define viability or sustainability is difficult when some of it's based on speculation."

With the vote in, "now [the CARF] have got to go back and address the outstanding points that were raised in the meeting," said Nader. "We're moving forward, but there's still pieces of the puzzle that need to come together."



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PLANS FOR PLEASANTON

The ambitious plan outlined by the California Association of Racing Fairs (CARF) for its 26-day, 208-race season at Pleasanton presents stakeholders in the North with a set of logistical and bureaucratic hurdles to overcome between now and then, pending CHRB approval of the track's license application at its Aug. 15 meeting.

Upon such approval, the meet is scheduled to run under the auspices of Golden State Racing, a moniker given to differentiate it from CARF's stable of summer fair meets. All told, there will be eight stakes worth a combined \$550,000, with some \$3.6 million designated for overnight purses. CARF executive director Larry Swartzlander said that these are "not firm numbers yet."

Among some of the undertakings at Pleasanton these next few months is the installation of some 284 additional auxiliary stalls at a projected maximum cost of \$1.5 million, said Swartzlander, with the aim of facilitating around 840 horses.

There are ongoing negotiations with the operators of the golf course situated within Pleasanton's infield to determine how the two entities will coexist. **CARF's plan** is for no golfing during racing, to limit public use during training hours, and to allow the First Tee community program--a youth golf program--limited access to the infield.



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State regulators will likely require a “Notice of Intent” for coverage under an industrial stormwater permit, to be filed before June 2, along with other environmental compliance issues to contend with.

When it comes to discretionary spending number crunching, CARF **has stated** it has \$900,000 in cash reserves, access to a line of credit of up to \$4 million from Alameda County Fairgrounds, and that it will arrange for further “lending, grants and donations” as the cost of capital requirements become clearer.

Swartzlander said that an engineer is scheduled to visit Pleasanton in July to assess the facility for a proposed turf course and to provide a cost estimate. At the board meeting, Swartzlander pinned a rough \$7 million price tag to that venture.

Currently, once Golden Gate Fields closes its doors on June 9, Santa Rosa will be the only Northern California track with a turf course.

According to Ferraro, several key questions surrounding the issues of everyday operations--“who’s running the show”--the agreement with the golf course operators, and that of financial viability remain unanswered, despite the additional details offered up by CARF last Thursday.

“The horse racing board is preparing them a list of questions that we want answered when they come back in August,” said Ferraro. “Staff is working on them right now.”

According to Jerome Hoban, CEO at Alameda County Fairgrounds, the next steps for Pleasanton and CARF concern installing the auxiliary stabling, negotiating a “purse schedule” with the TOC, and developing a licensing agreement “so that it’s satisfactory with the CHRB.”

“We’re also developing a marketing plan for this meet and beyond,” said Hoban, calling their approach “more robust” than that in place at Golden Gate Fields. “This is not a one-meet endeavour. The confidence that has to be given to the horsemen is that we have found them a home for good.”

A key obstacle that CARF must negotiate is Pleasanton’s lesser name recognition compared to Golden Gate. As an example, the **DRF recently reported** how the New York Racing Association anticipates a 20% decline in betting revenues due to the temporary closure of Belmont Park and the comparative weakness of the Aqueduct “brand.”

It will take time for the simulcasting handle to “pick up on who Golden State Racing is,” admitted Hoban. “I do think we could have a dip in handle because of brand recognition,” he added. “But if there’s any team that could turn that around, it’s going to be us.”

One of the areas that the board zeroed in on for scrutiny were the possible financial costs and logistical hurdles of complying with state environmental regulations.

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“We’re always concerned about environmental compliance, but we’re a 265-acre property that is used to dealing with these things. This is not new business to us,” said Hoban.

“I think that some of the things that Del Mar, Santa Anita and Golden Gate Fields have had to deal with, they are in a different situation with their manure management programs, with their proximity to the ocean and the bay. I think our facility is already well ahead of those facilities in regards these topics,” said Hoban.

According to owner-breeder Justin Oldfield, part of a working group that drafted CARF’s plan, the most pressing thing for all California stakeholders, North and South, is to nail down an outside source of income for purses, which would take a Herculean lift in California’s tough political environment.

“There are things we haven’t explored thoroughly before, like historical horse racing machines,” said Oldfield. But if realizing outside purse revenues “truly is our number one challenge,” that would require a unified industry front, he added.

“I don’t know of a single person on our horsemen’s working group or anywhere else that would disagree with that,” Oldfield said.

As for horsemen and women in the North, the mood at Golden Gate Fields since the vote has equated to one big “sigh of relief,” said trainer Blaine Wright.

“I think people are really going to do their darndest to make this a go, keep the horses supplied and make this a reality for us,” said Wright. “I’ve already had some phone calls from [former owners] who haven’t been supporting Golden Gate saying that, ‘hey, we’re planning on claiming a horse or two for you up there, help make a go of it.’ And that’s awesome.”

PURSE CUTS

What the CHRB’s decision last Thursday doesn’t do is remove the tough economics, especially in the South.

Multi-million purse deficits are fed by shrinking handle totals--wagering on California racing was down by around 5% in the first two months of 2024. At the heart of these equations are field sizes.

During the first 35 days of racing during Santa Anita’s current meet (317 races), field sizes averaged out to 7.02 runners. At a comparable stage last year (after 31 days of racing and 282 individual races), the average field size was 7.54 runners. That said, the average field size at a comparable stage in 2022 (after 37 days racing and 328 races) was 6.90.

Interestingly, the 25% purse cuts at Golden Gate appear to have helped claw back a substantial amount of the track’s \$3.1 million purse deficit. According to data reviewed by the *TDN*, Golden Gate had recouped over \$1.2 million of its purse account over-payment by the middle of March.

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Nader said the next step is to come to a decision about purses for Santa Anita's remaining Spring meet by the beginning of April, in time for the next condition book.

A decision about Del Mar's purses will come out "shortly thereafter," said Nader. "They're anxious to put out their schedule for the summer," he added.

One notable impact from Golden Gate's closure is the schism that has opened up between interests in the North and South. **Earlier this year**, three Northern TOC members resigned in protest to what they saw as the organization's Southern-centric approach to the problem. These feelings clearly persist.

"What's the future of the TOC? I think they've lost some credibility," said Tom Clark, the owner and manager of Rancho San Miguel, a mainstay of the state's breeding industry. "I think we need to strongly examine how the organization's currently structured, and what their mandate is."

"We're doing all we can to give them comfort that we're here, that we're a resource, and that we accept and hear their views," said Nader, when asked about the organization's approach to mending bridges.

"That doesn't mean we always agree," said Nader. "But in the end, we have to land on what's best for California going forward. And we can't isolate this to a specific region, whether it's North or South. It's got to be a big-picture outlook of longer-term vision.

"And that's why getting actual data to accurately assess the benchmarks CARF put forward in its draft license application could be a good thing in the end," Nader added. "Northern California is asking for a chance and the TOC is saying any business plan needs to be viable and sustainable. This is where we can find alignment."

However, "if the numbers come out [at Pleasanton's meet] and it's far below expectations or below expectations, you'd need to find a way to pivot to meet the backup model," Nader said.

What would that back-up model look like? "The backup would be to use the different assets in Southern California, meaning Los Alamitos, Santa Anita and Del Mar," said Nader.

While stakeholders **have raised** questions over the years about 1/ST's financial commitment to its Californian assets--in particular, **deferred maintenance** at Santa Anita and Golden Gate's backsides--the company has still made and promised several costly investments in recent years.

This includes a new Tapeta training track, new turf chute at Santa Anita, and in state-of-the-art **diagnostic imaging technologies**. Earlier this year, 1/ST announced **the California Crown** at Santa Anita, revamping the card on G1 Awesome Again S. day, in homage to the Pegasus World Cup.

With that in mind, how seriously does Nader take Fravel's threat to sell Santa Anita?

"The key thing I think was when Fravel said Belinda is still very keen to continue racing there, and she's turned down many offers before," said Nader.

"The one thing you'd say, the transparency of putting the industry on notice, in some regard, that's a good thing," Nader added. "I'd rather have them say it than not say it and sell it in the middle of the night."

THE BREEDERS

Conspicuous in their absence at the last CHRB meeting was a representative from Los Alamitos.

When asked if 1/ST's letter had any bearing on his nonattendance, Los Alamitos vice president Jack Liebau said, "at the board, I think there was a perception that a threat was being made, and I don't think it was well received. Los Alamitos and 'Doc' [Ed] Allred [Los Alamitos owner] perceived of that threat and decided it would not be a party to it."

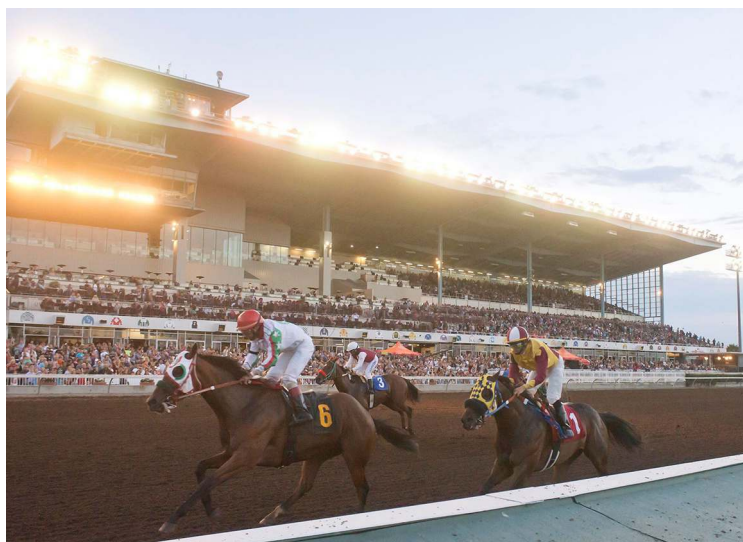
In recent months as discussions circulated on a consolidated circuit in the South, **Liebau has discussed** a possible legislative fix to expand the menu of Thoroughbred races offered at Los Alamitos. Currently outside of their scheduled Thoroughbred meets, Los Alamitos is limited to staging Thoroughbred races capped at 4 1/2 furlongs and at a \$5,000 claiming price.

This proposal had followed the passing of **key legislation last September**, which means that when Golden Gate Fields no longer operates after June this year, proceeds from simulcast wagering in the Northern half of the state will be funneled south when the North doesn't conduct any live racing.



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The idea of a legislative fix to expand the menu of Thoroughbred races on offer at Los Alamitos has been put on the “back-burner,” said Liebau. But he also stressed how Los Alamitos was never an active advocate but rather a “passive observer” of efforts like the proposed legislation.

“Doctor Allred has always said that Los Al would do whatever it can do to improve racing and to accommodate all the different interests. But when you get down to it, Los Al is really something of a bystander. It’s happy to help, but certainly doesn’t view itself as pushing that legislation,” said Liebau.

In discussions with various California stakeholders, the firm stance the CHRБ took on Northern dates prompted several breeders holding off on breeding plans until the last moment to press the trigger.

“It was very important that we had something positive to announce to basically keep giving people a reason to breed,” said California Thoroughbred Breeders Association president, Doug Burge, who added that total reports of mares bred won’t arrive until the fall.

Clark said he was unaware of such a trend. “It’s not like people called me up, saying ‘oh boy, with the vote last week, I guess I’m going ahead to breed,’” he said.

However, “one breeder I know, his mare had just foaled and he had to make a decision. He said, ‘Yeah, now I feel a lot better about going ahead and breeding again,’” Clark added.

And what of Ferraro’s idea for a single circuit in the state? That would look like year-round racing with meets North and South, but no over-lap with one-other, he said.

“Long-term, I think it’s the only way California racing can survive,” said Ferraro. “We simply don’t have enough horses or enough fan support to continue with this two-circuit racing.”

When asked about this proposition, Liebau voiced his reservations. “It’s very difficult to react to a comment made by

the chairman of the board, but I think the time passed on that long ago,” said Liebau.

The finances involved with keeping facilities operational in today’s economic climate are massive, said Liebau. Indeed, Santa Anita has apparently incurred operating losses of more than \$31 million over the last five years. Interestingly, during the latest CHRБ meeting, Fravel offered up the company’s books for the state regulator to examine.

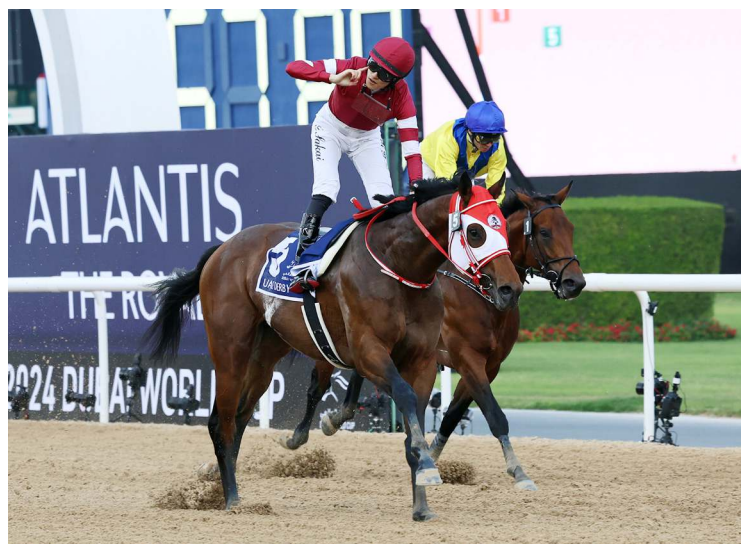
“Frank Stronach always thought you needed to run year-round and every day because it’s very difficult to keep a track like Santa Anita going if it’s shut down half the year,” said Liebau.

As for Pleasanton, Liebau pointed to a couple potential positives.

One is that large purses don’t necessarily correlate to larger fields. That, “and I suspect the horses in the North have more starts than horses in the South,” Liebau said, adding however that he hasn’t crunched those numbers.

“The people in the North deserve to be given the chance to succeed or fail,” said Liebau. “But they have a long difficult road ahead of them.”

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Forever Young (Jpn) | Horsephotos

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And at Meydan in Dubai, the undefeated **Forever Young (Jpn)** (Real Steel {Jpn}) ran his record to 5-for-5, fusing impressive quickness with staunch staying power despite giving up substantial ground on a track slanted in favor of rail runners.

While it’s on to Louisville for the latter two, we’ve known for months that the corporate powers at Churchill Downs have disinvented Bob Baffert’s trainees from their 150th Derby bash, so Muth won’t be joining Fierceness and Forever Young in the starting gate on the first Saturday in May.

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Thus the reference to the emotional lyrics belted out by his Loafness, the late, larger-than-life 1970s rock balladeer: "Don't be sad--'cause two outta three ain't bad."

There will be no Derby rematch of Fierceness and Muth, the one-two finishers in the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile. Nor will we witness the fascinating hookup of the three most talented tactical speed horses among a projected field of sophomores that, to this point, has been top-heavy with closers and midpack stalkers.

So be it. The Derby isn't the only jewel in the Triple Crown. Fierceness and Forever Young are ready for prime time right now. Muth will be fresh, fit and dangerous for the GI Preakness S. in Baltimore or the GI Belmont S. at Saratoga. Perhaps both, if we're lucky.

What stood out about Muth's tally in the Arkansas Derby was how economically he doled out his speed when confronted with two disruptive attempts to ratchet up the tempo. Off as the 2.3-1 second choice, Muth broke running under Juan Hernandez, then backed off the action when a 26-1 sacrificial pacemaker slipped up the rail.



Fierceness | Coglianesi

Hernandez appeared content to settle into a prime stalking spot. But just before the field cornered onto the back straight, Flavien Prat unexpectedly knifed 11-10 favorite **Timberlake** (Into Mischief) between rivals at the 6 1/2-furlong pole.

Hernandez didn't want Timberlake to obtain too big a margin unchallenged, and he quickened Muth for a few strides before sensing he could let Timberlake keep a half-length lead for most of the backstretch run.

Then, starting 3 1/2 furlongs out, Muth gradually ramped up the pressure under his own power. Hernandez cut him loose turning for home.

This was a move Timberlake simply could not match, and the visual of Muth opening up under a hand ride at the head of the

lane while Timberlake was being scrubbed on to eventually hold fourth told the story of the race. Muth held off the persistent 32-1 shot **Just Steel** (*Justify*) by two lengths under the wire, and it was another 4 1/2 lengths back to everyone else in a scattered field of also-rans.

Fierceness's ransack win in the Florida Derby under jockey John Velazquez was easily the gaudiest performance of the three March 30 stakes. Yet despite the blowout nature of the victory, it was also the most difficult to quantify.

With a win-every-other-race record through five starts, Fierceness's crushing of a soft-on-paper field on Saturday reaffirmed his status as an A-list sophomore when he's on his game. But still, controlling a measured cadence without having to repulse any serious bids did nothing for this Todd Pletcher trainee's reputation for not being able to deliver the goods when up against the grain of adversity.

At age two, Fierceness won his Saratoga debut by 11 1/4 lengths in the slop, then got drilled by 20 1/4 lengths as the odds-on favorite in the sloppy GI Champagne S. Bettors let him go at 16-1 in the Breeders' Cup, and he responded with a 6 1/4-length win that appeared more polished. Yet his unveiling at age three was a flat third at 1-5 odds in the slow-paced GIII Holy Bull S., and he needed an over-the-top effort in the Florida Derby simply from a momentum perspective.

The Kentucky Derby will now be the put-up-or-shut-up race that tells us what Fierceness is truly made of. Whether you plan to bet on him or against him, the story arc has been written appealingly, purely from an entertainment point of view.

If the UAE Derby previously didn't register on your handicapping radar as a pipeline for legit Kentucky Derby contenders, you are forgiven considering the out-of-their league cumulative record of the horses who have attempted that double.

Since 2000, 13 winners of the UAE Derby have gone on to compete in the Kentucky Derby. The best finish among them was sixth (accomplished twice), along with two DNF's and a 20th-place try.

Forever Young might be the colt with the best potential to flip that script. Sent for speed from a wide draw over 1900 meters on Saturday, he was responsive to cues to quicken from jockey Ryusei Sakai. Parked four wide through the first turn, Forever Young eased back and settled into a nice stride while fifth onto the backstretch while remaining wide to avoid kickback.

He stayed in about the four path around the final bend while torqueing into a higher gear, then this Yoshito Yahagi trainee dug in down the home straight with an all-out effort that had him inhaling the pacemaker, drawing away and striding out confidently.

THE WORLD'S OLDEST THOROUGHBRED? WE THINK WE HAVE FOUND HIM

by Bill Finley

To look at him and to watch him, you would never know that New Years Eve (Night Conqueror) is, well, ancient. He's holding his weight and he still manages to run around his paddock when the mood strikes him.

"He's doing amazingly well," said his owner, Julie Izzo. "But he has slowed down a bit."

Of course he has. He's 38.

As New Years Eve crept into his mid-thirties Izzo, who resides in Pennsylvania, began to do some research. Was there an older Thoroughbred out there? She has asked around, checked social media and touched base with *Daily Racing Form* photographer Barbara Livingston, who has looked high and far

for an even older horse. As best as Izzo can tell, the horse she calls Axl (Izzo is a big Guns N' Roses fan) is in fact the oldest former race horse in the U.S.



New Years Eve and Julie Izzo | Sarah Andrew

"I found some people who claimed they had older horses, but when I asked for their Jockey Club names they disappeared or their horse wasn't a race horse," Izzo said. "Barbara said that this has been a passion of hers for 25 years and she didn't know of an older horse. One lady said her horse was a day older. I asked what was the horse's Jockey Club name because I wanted to see if her horse and mine had ever been to the same tracks. She also disappeared on me."

New Years Eve was born on March 17, 1986. His career was about as unexceptionable as it gets. He debuted on June 9, 1989 at the Nebraska racetrack Atokad Park. He ran 18 times, won two races and earned the grand total of \$3,140.



38-year-old New Years Eve gallops around his paddock last month | Sarah Andrew

None of which mattered to Izzo, who was looking for a pleasure horse and bought the gelding in 1993 when he was seven.

“He was literally my dream come true,” Izzo said. “My mother had a horse when I was born and she put me on a horse before I could walk. All I ever wanted was my own horse. I rode in stables during my childhood and teen years. But I was always riding other people’s horses. My dream was to have a big bay Thoroughbred. In my brain, it had to be a big bay Thoroughbred. An ad popped up advertising him for sale and I knew, before I even saw him, that I was buying him. OTTBs (off the track thoroughbreds), they have always been my passion. I just love them. I love the fire. I love the power. I wanted a horse that was going to be fun and exciting and one where I wouldn’t know what I was getting into every day. He was always that.”

Izzo never tried to turn New Years Eve into a show horse. She was happy to just have him around and to be able to ride him whenever she wanted.

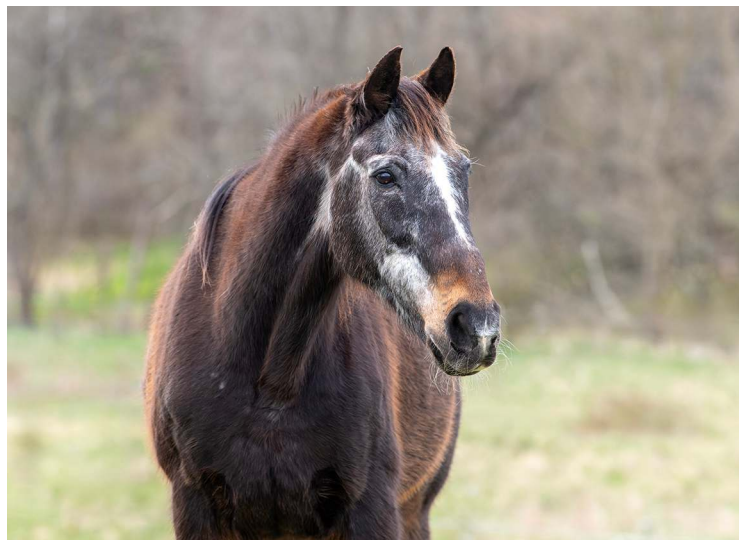
“He’s never been in a show,” she said. “All I ever wanted was to have a horse where I could just go out and have some fun with them. I have done some trail riding and some light dressage with him. He loves to jump. Two years ago, he took off on a dead run in the pasture and decided to jump all the wild rose bushes. He will take himself jumping. He loves to jump.”

That Julie Izzo owns what may be the oldest living Thoroughbred in the U.S. probably isn’t a coincidence. She also owned a Quarter Horse mare who lived to be 40. She believes the key to a horse having a long life is to keep them out of a stall.

“Since I bought him, he has almost always been pasture boarded,” she said. “I do not believe in keeping horses in stalls. I think it is a horrible thing to do to them. He was always pretty much out in the pasture as much as possible. If you put them in a box and they are standing still trying to eat that means you’re affecting their digestive system and you’re affecting their respiratory system because they are stuck in a dusty building. It’s not good for a horse mentally to be stuck in a box all day.”

Then there is his diet. Izzo is careful about what she feeds her horses.

“He went from eating a low protein sweet feed and having free access to hay,” she said. “Now, we’ve converted him over to Sentinel Senior. It’s easier for him to digest. Like any horse at his age, he’s starting to lose teeth. In fact, we’re on the fence about starting to do some major extractions. Up until two or three years ago, he ate dry pellets and had access to all the grass he could eat. Now he gets a mash because his teeth have gotten bad enough where he’s not going to be able to keep eating grass. He gets a mash twice a day with alfalfa cubes, Sentinel Senior and a couple of low-carb horse cookies that I throw in there. Plus, we give him a high-quality probiotic.



38-year-old New Years Eve | Sarah Andrew



New Years Eve, photographed in March 2024 | Sarah Andrew



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New Years Eve at Atokad Park in 1991 | Durham Museum/Bob Dunn Collection

“I did a lot of research about their diets and read all the educational materials Cornell put out and have read books by people who know what they are talking about. People ask me all the time, what do you feed him? I tell them the feed is just one part of it. Obviously, genetics play a big factor and so does keeping him out of a stall.”

The only problem of late has been that Axl is alone after having the Quarter Horse mare as his pasture mate for 28 years.

“Sometimes I think he is lonely,” Izzo said.

But he keeps going, year after year. And while it can't last forever, Izzo continues to marvel at how healthy and spry her horse is. He might have a few more years left in him. From a horse who is special in his own unique way, you never know.

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FIERCENESS COMES OUT OF FLORIDA DERBY IN 'GREAT' SHAPE

'TDN Rising Star' and champion 2-year-old Fierceness (*City of Light*) exited his 13 1/2-length romp in Saturday's GI Curlin Florida Derby in “great” condition according to a social media post by owner Repole Stables. The post, accompanied by a photo of the colt with his winning flowers, reads: “Good morning from Fierceness. He came out of the race great. What a thrilling and epic performance! Happy and healthy Easter to all.”

With a leaderboard-topping 136 points on the Road to the Kentucky Derby, Fierceness is bound for Louisville along with owner/breeder Mike Repole and trainer Todd Pletcher.

“He's super,” Pletcher told Gulfstream media Sunday morning. “He came back really well. He cooled out really quickly and seemed to recover really well. He looked good this morning.”

Florida Derby runner up *Catalytic* (*Catalina Cruiser*) earned 50 points on the Road to the Kentucky Derby and will train towards a start at Churchill Downs as well.

“I think we're going to train towards it and see how the horse does,” said trainer Saffie Joseph, Jr. “If he gives us the right signs, I think the horse will run.”

Fifth-place finisher and GIII Holy Bull S. winner *Hades* (*Awesome Slew*) also exited the race in good shape according to his trainer Joe Orseno.

“He came back sound and scoped clean. We're going to press on and see what happens,” Orseno said. “We'll see what happens in the races next weekend and decide what we're doing. We have 30 points, so I don't know if that will be enough.”

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IRAD ORTIZ, JR. AND SAFFIE JOSEPH, JR. DEFEND GULFSTREAM TITLES

The Gulfstream Park Championship Meet ended Sunday with jockey Irad Ortiz, Jr. and trainer Saffie Joseph, Jr. defending their respective titles. Ortiz finished the meet with 119 winners, a mark that saw him top the rider's standings for the fifth time in the last six seasons.

“It went very good for us,” said Ortiz. “It means a lot to win another title here. They make me feel at home here. The owners, everybody training here, the whole organization--security and the people who work here--they make me feel good. I have great support from the trainers and owners of Florida, and I appreciate it. I'm so happy to win another title here.”

Saffie Joseph, Jr. trained 66 winners through the meet, good enough to lead Todd Pletcher in the standings and pick up his third-straight training title.

“We're thankful for the opportunities from the owners, the team we have--how hard they work and all the effort they put in--and most importantly to have the horses we have,” said Joseph. “The horses are the biggest piece of the puzzle. The horses make everyone look good.”

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WILSHIRE S.-GIII, \$100,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 1mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	School Dance	Animal Kingdom	Agave Racing Stable & Rockin Robin Racing Stable	D'Amato	Kimura	120
2	Selenaia (Ire)	Sea The Moon (Ger)	Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners & Madaket Stables	Thomas	Rispoli	124
3	Ascendancy 🌿	Classic Empire	Jauregui Racing Stables, Dan Barrett, D. Crossley, David Foran, Daniel Preiss, Angel Valadez, and Graham Witherall	Jauregui	Ayuso	122
4	Stay and Scam	Square Eddie	Reddam Racing LLC	O'Neill	Gutierrez	120
5	Glenall (Ire)	Coulsty (Ire)	George A. Sharp	Yakteen	Franco	122
6	Nadette (Fr) 🌿	Outstrip (GB)	Team Valor International, LLC	Drysdale	Berrios	122
7	Turnerloose 🌿	Nyquist	Abbondanza Racing, Medallion Racing, and Dawn & Ike Thrash	D'Amato	Fresu	124
8	Leisurewear (Ire)	Kodiac (GB)	CYBT, Michael Nentwig, D. Tiernan & Daniel Weiner	D'Amato	Hernandez	120
9	Adaay In Asia (GB)	Adaay (Ire)	MyRacehorse and Reeves Thoroughbred Racing	D'Amato	Maldonado	120
10	Thirty Carats	Oscar Performance	Amerman Racing LLC	Hofmans	Espinoza	120

Breeders: 1-Betz/Lamantia/Ramsby/Strong, B & KCanetti/J.Betz, 2-D. G. Icton, 3-Hunter Valley Farm, 4-Reddam Racing, LLC, 5-David Brickley, 6-Mr. Herve Dardenne, 7-William Humphries & Altair Farms LLC, 8-Mountarmstrong Stud, 9-W. H. R. John and Partners, 10-Mrs. Jerry Amerman

Thursday, Santa Anita #9, post time: 8:00 p.m. EDT

AMERICAN S.-GIII, \$100,000, 4yo/up, 1mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Johannes	Nyquist	CUYATHY LLC	Yakteen	Rispoli	122
2	Parnelli 🌿	Quality Road	C R K Stable LLC	Shirreffs	Berrios	120
3	Gold Phoenix (Ire)	Belardo (Ire)	Little Red Feather Racing, Sterling Stables, LLC, and Naify, Marsha	D'Amato	Hernandez	124
4	Genius Jimmy 🌿	Jimmy Creed	Pappas Horse Racing, Corp, Jaconi, Joseph, O'Neill, Shane and Strauss, William	McCarthy	Kimura	120
5	War At Sea	War Front	Doubledown Stables, Inc.	Ellis	Smith	124
6	Air Force Red	Air Force Blue	Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners and Golightly, Holly	Powell	Maldonado	122
7	Sumter	War Front	Bass II, Perry R. and Bass, Ramona S.	Mandella	Pereira	122
8	Fuerteventura 🌿	Summer Front	The Estate of Brereton Jones & LaPenta, Robert V.	Thomas	Frey	122
9	Prince Abama (Ire)	Tamayuz (GB)	Michael House	D'Amato	Fresu	124
10	Irideo (Arg)	Easing Along	Pozo de Luna, Inc.	Polanco	Laprida	124

Breeders: 1-Cuyathy, LLC, 2-Gainesway Thoroughbreds Ltd., 3-Mighty Universe Ltd, 4-Deann Baer & Greg Baer DVM, 5-Lewis Thoroughbred Breeding, 6-Stephen B. Weissman Living Trust, 7-Bass Stables, LLC, 8-Brereton C. Jones, 9-Mr T. Jones, 10-Pozo de Luna

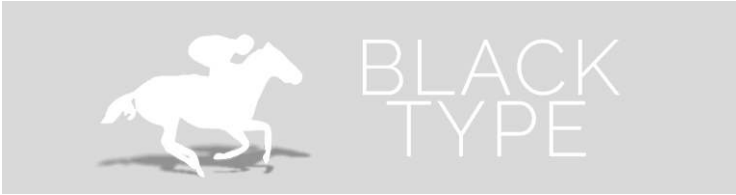
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SERENA'S SONG S., \$125,000, Turfway, 3-30, 3yo, f, 6f (AWT), 1:09.87, ft.

1--**NICE AS PIE**, 124, f, 3, by **Tapiture**

1st Dam: How Nice, by Include

2nd Dam: Gracility, by Known Fact

3rd Dam: Kuma, by Naevus

O/B-Dede McGehee (KY); T-Kelsey Danner; J-Adam Beschizza. \$74,616. Lifetime Record: 5-4-0-0, \$233,775. *1/2 to Smokin' Jay (**Cairo Prince**), SW, \$301,535.

2--**Pipit**, 124, f, 3, **Quality Road**--Browse, by **Medaglia d'Oro**.

(\$75,000 Ylg '22 KEESEP; \$335,000 RNA 2yo '23 FTKNOV; \$205,000 3yo '24 KEEJAN). O-Adrian Mansergh Wallace; B-Gage Hill Stables, LLC & W. S. Farish (KY); T-Brendan P. Walsh. \$24,360.



3--**My Girl Ginger**, 120, f, 3, Noble Mission (GB)--Revelstoke, by Monashee Mountain. **1ST BLACK TYPE**. O-Selvin R. Hernandez Cano; B-Tom Campbell (KY); T-Rey Hernandez. \$12,180.

Margins: 6, 2 1/4, 1. Odds: 0.28, 21.24, 36.56.

Also Ran: J Rivers, These Apples, Gold Del Mar, Sweet Gal of Mine, Pinotslilgirl, Kachow.

Nice as Pie stayed unbeaten over the Turfway synthetic course and picked up her second straight stakes win Saturday night in the Serena's Song S. Bet down heavily to 1-5 off a win in the 6 1/2-furlong Valdale S. Feb. 10, the favorite took her time from the gate, beating just one rival up the backstretch as These Apples (**Tapwrit**) set opening fractions of :22.23 and :45.35. Moving under her own power while passing rivals around the turn, Nice as Pie hit the stretch five wide and unleashed a strong closing kick to out-finish her rivals and win easily by open lengths. How Nice, a producer of four winners from four to race, lost her **Daredevil** foal last year but reported a **Cairo Prince** filly this spring. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

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6th-Gulfstream, \$73,000, Alw (C)/Opt. Clm (\$62,500), 3-31, 4yo/up, 1 1/16mT, 1:39.72, fm, 1/2 length.

FAR BRIDGE (c, 4, English Channel--Fitpitcher, by Kitten's Joy) debuted last year for Christophe Clement but spent much of the season with Todd Pletcher who trained him to a win in the GI Belmont Derby Invitational S. Unraced since a second in last summer's GIII National Thoroughbred League Dueling Grounds Derby at Kentucky Downs Sept. 3, the 3-5 favorite returned to the Clement barn for 2024 and raced inside from mid pack through a half in :48.54. Able to come through a gap turning for the money, Far Bridge got up past pacesetter Onenightstandards (Archarcharch) to win by a half length. Far Bridge was his dam's last foal. Lifetime Record: GISW, 8-4-3-1, \$940,700. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**
O-LSU Stables; B-Calumet Farm (KY); T-Christophe Clement.



Far Bridge | Ryan Thompson

3rd-Gulfstream, \$59,000, (S), Alw (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$20,000), 3-31, 4yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:10.92, ft, 1 1/4 lengths.

BRODERIE (f, 4, Girvin--Under Over, by Patriot Act) graduated at third asking as the favorite over 6 1/2 furlongs last out Feb. 3 and went off heavily favored facing winners Sunday at 1-2. Racing out wide, she lost ground around the turn but had the best closing run down the lane to drive past pacesetter Immortallove (**Kantharos**) and win by 1 1/4 lengths. Broderie's

only younger sibling is the 3-year-old Adios Charlie gelding Ciao Chuck. Lifetime Record: 4-2-1-1, \$84,230. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.** O/B-Sara Oconnell (FL); T-Fernando Abreu.

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5th-Gulfstream, \$73,640, Msw, 3-31, 3yo, 5f (AWT), :56.74, ft, 3/4 length.

DEVIL IN DISGUISE (c, 3, Bolt d'Oro--Little Jude, by Distorted Humor), chilly on the board at 13-1, broke last of the field and trailed throughout. Pacesetter Arrogancy (Maximus Mischief) spun off the turn in front but Devil in Disguise circled the field and charged widest of all down the lane to nail the frontrunner by three-quarters of a length despite remaining on his inside lead. A \$400,000 Keeneland September yearling, the winner is out of a half-sister to MGISW Little Mike (Spanish Steps). Little Jude has a 2-year-old Caravaggio colt, a yearling Classic Empire filly and is due to **Epicenter** this year. Sales History: \$400,000 Ylg '22 KESEEP. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$42,000. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

O-R. A. Hill Stable and Peter Leidel; B-Springhouse Farm, Golden Acorn Equine, Randy Faulkner & Vision TB's (KY); T-George Weaver.

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7th-Gulfstream, \$70,000, Msw, 3-31, 3yo, 1 1/16m, 1:43.50, ft, 3/4 length.

INVIGORATED (c, 3, Street Sense--Cambiocorsa {MGSW, \$522,055}, by Avenue of Flags) drew widest of the 11-horse field and settled near the back of the field early as Big City (**City of Light**) and Military Road (**Quality Road**) battled up front. The 8-1 shot began a sustained rally heading into the turn, got in touch with the frontrunners past the quarter pole and overtook the dueling pair in the final jumps to get up by three-quarters of a length. Derby Street (**Street Sense**) weakened from mid pack to finish eighth. Cambiocorsa died in 2022 but left behind several prolific runners including the winner's full-sister Vionnet, GISP, \$175,140 who would produce European highweight and

MG1SW Roaring Lion (Kitten's Joy). Several half-siblings include: Moulin de Mougine (**Curlin**), GSW, \$313,660, Schiaparelli (**Ghostzapper**), GSW, \$274,184, Alexis Tangier (Tiznow), MSW, \$206,680 and Bronson (**Medaglia d'Oro**), SW & GSP, \$233,305. Sales History: \$250,000 Ylg '22 KESEEP. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$42,000. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

O-Repole Stable; B-Ran Jan Racing, Inc. (KY); T-Todd A. Pletcher.

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Invigorated | Lauren King

11th-Gulfstream, \$70,000, Msw, 3-31, 3yo, f, 1mT, 1:34.96, fm, neck.

CREED'S GOLD (f, 3, Jimmy Creed--Foxyfromfairbanks, by Fairbanks) was off the board in a pair of five-furlong starts over both the local turf and Tapeta as recently as Feb. 9. Let go at 9-1 on the stretch out, she rode the rail from third but needed racing room while full of run into the far turn. Angled out to come after the leaders, Creed's Gold was able to get through while tipping back to the inside and just held off Tramontane (**The Factor**) by a neck. Foxyfromfairbanks foaled a Tap Fever filly last year. Sales History: \$25,000 Ylg '22 KESEEP. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-0, \$43,400. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

O-Kristin Meldahl; B-Linda Griggs (KY); T-Mark E. Casse.

1st-Gulfstream, \$47,830, Moc (\$50,000), 3-31, (C), 3yo, f, 6 1/2f, 1:18.82, ft, 4 1/2 lengths.

JAMIE'S JOY (f, 3, Khozan--Silver Cub {SW}, by City Zip) broke on the lead and set a pressured pace inside of Money Magnettes (**Munnings**). The 4-1 shot turned that rival back at the top of the lane and drew off to graduate on debut by 4 1/2 lengths. A half

to Noted and Quoted (**The Factor**), GISW, \$290,165, Jamie's Joy's youngest sibling is a 2-year-old half-brother by Cajun Breeze. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$30,000. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.** O/B-Stonehedge LLC (FL); T-Michael Yates.



SECOND-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: MONDAY, APRIL 1

2024 Stud Fees Listed

Coal Front (Stay Thirsty), Spendthrift Farm, \$5,000
80 foals of racing age/14 winners/2 black-type winners
9-Parx Racing, 4:20 p.m. EDT, Alw 6f, Dewey Doit, 7-2
\$9,000 FTI DEC wnl; \$25,000 OBS OCT yrl; \$85,000 OBS OPN 2yo

Enticed (Medaglia d'Oro), Darley, \$5,000
157 foals of racing age/31 winners/1 black-type winner
7-Parx Racing, 3:26 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2f, Undici, 5-1
\$9,000 RNA EAS OCT yrl

Force the Pass (Speightstown), Sau
37 foals of racing age/5 winners/0 black-type winners
7-Parx Racing, 3:26 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2f, Dontpasstheprinces,
6-1

Leofric (Candy Ride {Arg}), Darby Dan Farm, \$7,500
105 foals of racing age/10 winners/2 black-type winners
7-Parx Racing, 3:26 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2f, Leretha, 7-2
\$19,000 RNA OBS OCT yrl; \$18,000 OBS MAR 2yo

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13th-Oaklawn, \$150,000, 3-30, (NW1\$X), 4yo/up, f/m, 1m,
1:39.43, ft, 1/2 length.

XYLOPHONE (m, 6, **Tonalist**--Miss Fontana {SW, \$137,401}, by **Classic Account**) Lifetime Record: 34-7-7-1, \$308,224. O-Joseph C. Longtin; B-BHMFR, LLC (KY); T-Burl D. McBride. *\$3,000 RNA Ylg '19 FTKOCT.



7th-Turfway, \$73,765, (NW2\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$40,000), 3-30,
3yo/up, 1 1/4m (AWT), 2:02.77, ft, 2 1/4 lengths.

AVENUE (g, 6, **Quality Road**--Magic Union {GSP, \$217,566}, by **Dixie Union**) Lifetime Record: MGSP, 16-3-3-5, \$249,363.
O-Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners, William T. Freeman, Robert V. LaPenta and Michael Valdes; B-Woodford Thoroughbreds, LLC (KY); T-Michael W. McCarthy. *\$450,000 Ylg '19 KEESEP. **1/2 to Tizamagician (Tiznow), MGSW & GISP, \$741,851 and Exact Estimate (Into Mischief), SP, \$296,190.

10th-Gulfstream, \$73,420, (C)/Opt. Clm (\$62,500), 3-31,
4yo/up, f/m, 5fT, :54.74, fm, 1/2 length.

MISS SPEEDY (m, 6, **Souper Speedy**--Miss Dorothy, by **Stormin Fever**) Lifetime Record: MSW & GSP, 14-6-1-1, \$330,479.
O-Gary Barber; B-Linda Mason (ON); T-Mark E. Casse. *C\$52,000 Ylg '19 CANSEP; \$120,000 5yo '23 FTKFEB. **1/2 to Where's Neal (Society's Chairman), SW, \$101,392.



9th-Gulfstream, \$51,000, (S), (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$20,000), 3-31,
4yo/up, 7f, 1:22.75, ft, 1/2 length.

CLASSIFY (c, 4, **Adios Charlie**--Holy Angel, by **Chapel Royal**) Lifetime Record: 6-2-2-0, \$81,820. O-C2 Racing Stable LLC and Stefania Farms, LLC; B-Adam & Suzette Parker (FL); T-Saffie A. Joseph, Jr.

6th-Hawthorne, \$33,540, 3-31, (NW1\$X), 3yo/up, 5f, :57.53, ft, 5 1/4 lengths.

CASH FEVER (g, 4, **Speightster**--Tiza Cowgirl, by **Tiznow**) Lifetime Record: 5-2-0-2, \$71,460. O-Joel B. Hunsburger; B-Kimberly Crabtree & Danny Wills (KY); T-Tanner Tracy. *\$34,000 Ylg '21 FTKOCT.



7th-Charles Town, \$31,300, (S), 3-30, 3yo/up, 6 1/2f, 1:20.47, ft, 1/2 length.

MUAD'DIB (g, 7, Fiber Sonde--Holy Pow Wow, by Indian Charlie) Lifetime Record: MSW & GSP, 22-16-2-2, \$934,958. O-David M. Raim; B-John McKee (WV); T-Jeff C. Runco. *Full to Late Night Pow Wow, MGSW & GISP, \$700,400.

4th-Charles Town, \$27,400, 3-30, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2f, 1:22.00, ft, 3 1/2 lengths.

TEXAS TANGIE (f, 4, Super Saver--Tex Appeal, by Successful Appeal) Lifetime Record: 8-4-0-2, \$69,098. O-Bush Racing Stable; B-Southern Wives Partners (KY); T-Timothy C. Kreiser. *\$47,000 2yo '22 OBSOPN.

5th-Charles Town, \$27,400, (S), 3-30, (NW2L), 3yo/up, 7f, 1:28.76, ft, 1 3/4 lengths.

GREATANDGOOD (g, 4, Great Notion--So Stunning, by Jump Start) Lifetime Record: 7-2-2-3, \$51,103. O-Arkofa Farm; B-Naomi R. Long (WV); T-Michael E. Jones, Jr.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Turf Rocket, f, 3, More Than Ready--Florida Fuego (MSW, \$177,758), by Kantharos. Gulfstream, 3-31, 1mT, 1:34.25. Lifetime Record: 8-1-1-1, \$74,525. B-Fifth Avenue Bloodstock (KY). *\$70,000 RNA 2yo '23 OBSMAR.



English Channel | Sarah Andrew

Great Notion, Greatandgood, g, 4, o/o So Stunning, by Jump Start. ALW, 3-30, Charles Town

Jimmy Creed, Creed's Gold, f, 3, o/o Foxyfromfairbanks, by Fairbanks. MSW, 3-31, Gulfstream

Khozan, Jamie's Joy, f, 3, o/o Silver Cub, by City Zip. MOC, 3-31, Gulfstream

More Than Ready, Turf Rocket, f, 3, o/o Florida Fuego, by Kantharos. MSW, 3-31, Gulfstream

Quality Road, Avenue, g, 6, o/o Magic Union, by Dixie Union. AOC, 3-30, Turfway

Souper Speedy, Miss Speedy, m, 6, o/o Miss Dorothy, by Stormin Fever. AOC, 3-31, Gulfstream

Speightster, Cash Fever, g, 4, o/o Tiza Cowgirl, by Tiznow. ALW, 3-31, Hawthorne

Street Sense, Invigorated, c, 3, o/o Cambiocorsa, by Avenue of Flags. MSW, 3-31, Gulfstream

Super Saver, Texas Tangie, f, 4, o/o Tex Appeal, by Successful Appeal. ALW, 3-30, Charles Town

Tapiture, Nice as Pie, f, 3, o/o How Nice, by Include. Serena's Song S., 3-30, Turfway

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English Channel, Far Bridge, c, 4, o/o Fitpitcher, by Kitten's Joy. AOC, 3-31, Gulfstream

Fiber Sonde, Muad'dib, g, 7, o/o Holy Pow Wow, by Indian Charlie. ALW, 3-30, Charles Town

Girvin, Broderie, f, 4, o/o Under Over, by Patriot Act. AOC, 3-31, Gulfstream

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Nice As Pie (Tapiture) won the Serena's Song S. Saturday night
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Treble champion jockey Steve Cauthen hands William Buick the trophy for his second championship in 2023 | [Racingfotos.com](https://www.racingfotos.com)

By Paul Hayward

The rider who streaked home in the £4.7m Sheema Classic in Dubai at the weekend is also odds-on to win something rather more quaint.

The title of champion Flat race jockey was once contested with fierce pride by men who thrashed car engines dashing up and down the land to ride a winner at Redcar or Salisbury. Lester Piggott, Willie Carson and Pat Eddery didn't care where it was, provided it landed a blow on their rivals.

Sometimes small private planes would lift them over the motorway traffic. But the mission never changed. Champion jockey was a crown worth fighting for. One year Carson expended so much energy to win it that he needed a week in bed to recover.

William Buick, who won the Sheema Classic on Rebel's Romance, has been No 1 for the last two seasons and is 8/13 to complete his hat-trick. Oisin Murphy finished in front in the previous three campaigns (2019 to 2021) but now says he will not forego a big international ride for the sake of being champion once again.

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TDN RISING STAR MR HOLLYWOOD WINS DERBY REMATCH IN BERLIN

Sunday's Listed Preis von Dahlwitz at Hoppegarten witnessed the return of last year's G1 Deutsches Derby first and second **Fantastic Moon (Ger)** (Sea The Moon {Ger}) and **Mr Hollywood (Ire)** (Iquitos {Ger}), but with a two-kilo swing in his favour it was the latter who turned the tables to get his 2024 campaign off to a flyer. Labelled a **TDN Rising Star** on his jaw-dropping debut at Mulheim last April, Mr Hollywood proved that to be no fluke with success in Munich's G3 Bavarian Classic and runner-up finishes in Cologne's G2 Union-Rennen and the G1 Grosser Preis von Baden as well as in the domestic Derby.

Last of 15 when Fantastic Moon was 11th flying the flag for Germany in the G1 Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe when last sighted, Mr Hollywood was understandably fresh and keen early on the front end in the hands of Andrasch Starke. [Cont. p5](#)

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Bellagio Opera (Lord Kanaloo) earns his first Group 1 win in Sunday's Osaka Hai at Hanshin. See page 7. | JRA

FIRST STAKES WIN FOR PEACE OF ROSE

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Soldier Hollow's Peace of Rose posts a confident win in Hoppengarten's Listed Preis des Gestut Lunzen & Friends Sunday.

PROFITABLE'S DEAL MAKER TAKES DEBUT

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A half-sister to dual Group 1 winner Salute The Soldier scores in her career debut at Southwell.

FIRST OUT WINNER FOR MEHMAS

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Mister Chang (Mehmas) runs off to a four-length tally at Le Lion D'Angers Sunday afternoon.

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Paul Hayward

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The truncation of the jockeys' league in 2015 so that it now operates from May 4 to October 19 owed more to politics than stage management. Nobody could pretend the 'narrative' of identifying the top jockey has been strengthened by starting it at the Guineas meeting and calling a halt on Champions' Day. The public isn't exactly on tenterhooks to see whether Buick can hold off Murphy, Rossa Ryan, Silvestre de Sousa and Tom Marquand, who complete the top five in the betting.

But behind the UK Flat Jockeys' Championship's struggle for relevance sits a reality we sometimes take for granted: the extraordinary globalisation of the Flat race pilot's trade. In prioritising big races abroad above little ones at Bath or Beverley, Murphy was merely adopting a position now assumed by the world's best cricketers. Test matches no longer anchor their career planning. As England's Kevin Pietersen is fond of saying, cricketers are becoming international freelancers, attached to this or that T20 league, with the Indian Premier League the mothership of salaries.

Playing for England or Australia may cease to be the defining honour for players who see themselves as hired guns.

In racing, tie-ins with owners and trainers still have a large say in where jockeys go. Buick was riding for Godolphin at Meydan and Ryan Moore was there to accompany Aidan O'Brien's runners. And yet, taking in the sweep of colossally valuable fixtures in Bahrain, Saudi Arabia and Dubai this winter, it's easy to form a picture of the elite end of racing becoming a game without frontiers. Moore holds the title of Longines World's Best

Jockey (he won it too in 2014, 2016 and 2021). We think of him as Coolmore's 'finisher' in the UK and Ireland. But his cv maps out his global reach (not to mention the time spent on planes). Outside Europe he has won the Japan Cup, Melbourne Cup, Hong Kong Vase and races at the Breeders' Cup. He's unlikely to be tortured by the knowledge that he hasn't been the champ in his homeland

since 2009.

The champion jockey title still resonates. It still offers a measure of greatness in the saddle. Nat Flatman claimed the first 13 titles from 1840 to 1852. Gordon Richards won it 26 times between 1925 and 1953. Names still pop out to induce nostalgia: Joe Mercer's lone win in 1979, or Steve Cauthen's three. Jim Crowley's victory at 38 years old in 2016, 10 years after he switched from jump racing, was a stellar accomplishment.

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If Buick is anointed again this autumn the completion of his hat-trick will bring him joy. Nobody however could expect him to crave another winners-ridden victory ahead of a revival for Charlie Appleby's yard in this campaign (Rebel's Romance was a promising start).

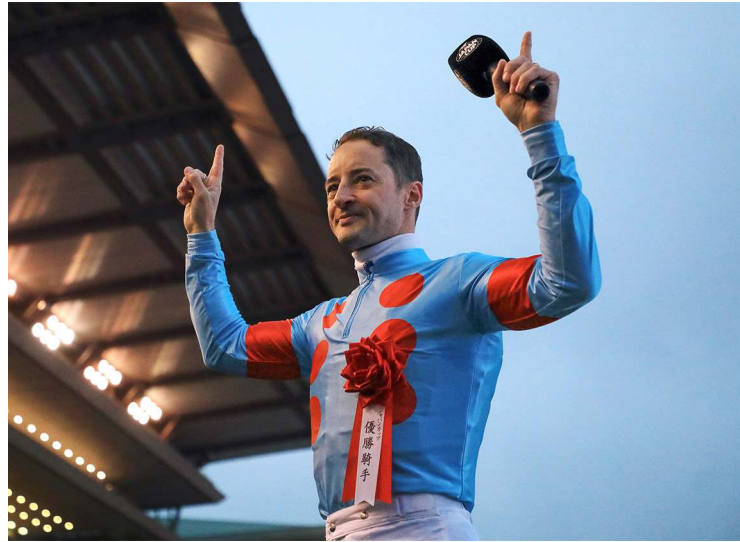
Racing isn't alone in pivoting away from the old markers of excellence. The compulsion in world sport is to follow the money, which can be found in new places, new events. Ask the footballers signing for Saudi Arabian clubs.

This isn't just a British and Irish trend. Falling in love with Japanese racing yielded spectacular results for France's Christophe Lemaire. Three times Lemaire has been Japan's No 1 rider, by races won. Numbers though are less of a guarantee of immortality than his partnerships with Almond Eye and Equinox,

a conveyance of extraordinary grandeur, and the worldwide horse of the year in 2023.

This free flow of human talent to where the best horses and biggest prizes are follows modern norms. If it means we see a less entertaining scrap for autumn wins at Catterick or Ripon then we'll just have to hope the champion buys us a drink from his or her vast international earnings.

Racing may sometimes be stuck in a loop of self-doubt, but the growing opulence of the global calendar is one field where decline is not conspicuous. Piggott, Eddery and Carson boarded aeroplanes too, often in Europe, but usually to get them from an afternoon meeting in Britain to an evening one.



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Mr Hollywood Wins in Berlin, cont. from p1

Looking vulnerable as the patiently-ridden Fantastic Moon threatened to his right in the straight, the 13-10 second favourite gave extra to pull away again and win by 1 1/2 lengths.

“I had to go to the front, which wasn’t ideal as I’d have liked him to calm down behind another,” Starke said. “He kept at it and even broke away in the end.”

Mr Hollywood is the second dam out of the listed-placed dam Margie’s Music {Fr} (Hurricane Run {Ire}), whose first was the G3 Derby-Trial runner-up Magical Beat (Ger) (Lope De Vega {Ire}). Out of Margie’s World (Ger) (Spinning World), was also listed-placed and is kin to the G2 Gerling-Preis-placed Margosto (Ger) (Acatenango {Ger}), she is connected to the GI Spinaway S. runner-up Our Little Margie (Mr. Majestic). Her yearling full-sister to Magical Beat was knocked down to Elliott Bloodstock Services Limited for €220,000 at the Arqana December Breeding Stock Sale.

PREIS VON DAHLWITZ-Listed, €25,000, Hoppegarten, 3-31, 4yo/up, 10fT, 2:07.12, g/s.

1--**MR HOLLYWOOD (IRE)**, 126, c, 4, **Iquitos (Ger)--Margie’s Music (Fr) (SP-Ger)**, by Hurricane Run (Ire). TDN Rising Star. (€15,000 Ylg ‘21 BBASEP). O-H H Sheikh A bin Khalifa Al Thani, Wanja Soren Oberhof und Sebastian Weiss; B-Gestut Ammerland (GER); T-Henk Grewe; J-Andrasch Starke. €15,000.

Lifetime Record: GSW & MG1SP-Ger, 7-3-3-0, €288,500.

*1/2 to Magical Beat (Ger) (Lope De Vega {Ire}), GSP-Ger.

2--**Fantastic Moon (Ger)**, 130, c, 4, Sea The Moon (Ger)--Frangipani (Ger), by Jukebox Jury (Ire). (€49,000 Ylg ‘21 BBASEP). O-Graf & Gräfin von Stauffenberg; B-Liberty Racing 2021 (GER); T-Sarah Steinberg. €5,000.

3--**Lightning Jock (Ire)**, 123, g, 6, Lawman (Fr)--High Haven (Ire), by High Chaparral (Ire). **1ST BLACK TYPE**. (€10,000 Ylg ‘19

TIRSEP; €5,000 HRA ‘21 GOFAUT). O-F Esser; B-Ballylinch Stud (IRE); T-Frank Fuhrmann. €3,125.

Margins: 1HF, 2 1/4, 1 3/4. Odds: 1.30, 1.10, 10.00.

Also Ran: Merkur (Fr), Quebueno (Ire). Scratched: Mythico (Fr).

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14:53-WOLVERHAMPTON, 5f, Flicka's Girl (GB)

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Romanised (Ire) (Holy Roman Emperor {Ire}), Haras de Bouquetot

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1-SAINT-CLOUD, 900m, Young and Proud (Fr)

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Yafta (GB) (Dark Angel {Ire}), Haras de la Haie Neuve

24 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners

1-SAINT-CLOUD, 900m, Spanish Rose (Fr)

€10,000 RNA Osarus September Yearling Sale 2023



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BRITAIN

Sunday's Results:

2nd-Southwell, £11,400, Novice, 3-31, 2yo, f, 4f 214y (AWT), 1:01.92, st.

DEAL MAKER (GB) (f, 2, Profitable {Ire}--Street Fire {Ire}, by Street Cry {Ire}), sent off the 3-1 second favourite, raced near the front line from the outset. Edging ahead from two out, the newcomer showed a professional attitude to assert for a 3/4-of-a-length verdict over Violet Love (GB) (Havana Grey {GB}). The winner is a half-sister to Salute The Soldier (Ger) (Sepoy {Aus}), winner of two editions of the G1 Al Maktoum Challenge Round 3 as well as the G2 Al Maktoum Challenge Round 2 and G3 Burj Nahaar. She is currently the last known foal out of the unraced dam, a relative of the GI Eddie Read H. hero Monzante (Maria's Mon). Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$7,772.

O-A D Spence & John Connolly; B-Alan Spence (GB); T-Charlie Johnston.

FRANCE

Sunday's Results:

1st-Le Lion D'Angers, €23,000, Debutantes, 3-31, 2yo, 5 1/2fT, 1:16.67, hy.

MISTER CHANG (FR) (c, 2, Mehmas {Ire}--Terrichang {GB}, by Dandy Man {Ire}), lined up prominently at the flag start, shadowed the early leader. In front two out, the 2-1 shot drew away to beat Wickbury (GB) (Galiway {GB}) by four lengths. The winner is the first foal out of the dam, who was third in the Listed Ripon Champion Two-Year-Old Trophy. A granddaughter of the GIII Noble Damsel H. and G3 Prix Chloe winner and GII Diana H. runner-up Khumba Mela (Ire) (Hero's Honor) connected to the G2 Mehl Mulhens Rennen winner Mythico (Fr) (Adlerflug {Ger}), her yearling colt is by Hello Youmzain (Fr). Sales history: €75,000 Ylg '23 ARQAUG. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, €11,500. **Video, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

O-Ecurie Normandy Spirit, Ecurie Olivier Morel & Ecurie Kingdom Horse; B-Indivision Terrichang 2022 (FR); T-Yann Barberot.

CONDITIONS RESULTS:

5th-Tarbes, €22,000, 3-31, 3yo, 11 1/2fT, 2:30.50, sf.

ZWEIG (IRE) (c, 3, Churchill {Ire}--Euthenia {GB}, by Winker Watson {GB}) Lifetime Record: 4-2-1-1, €30,150. O-Ecurie B Weill, Susan Magnier, Daniel-Yves Treves, Laurent Dassault & Free Man Racing; B-Knocktartan House Stud (IRE); T-Jean-Claude Rouget. *€80,000 Wlg '21 GOFNOV; €130,000 Ylg '22 ARQAUG.

1st-Tarbes, €15,000, 3-31, 4yo/up, 7 1/2fT, 1:33.70, sf.

IFACH (IRE) (g, 4, Zoffany {Ire}--Law Of The Range {GB} {SW & GSP-Eng, \$161,145}, by Alhaarth {Ire}) Lifetime Record: 9-4-2-0, €58,200. O-Ecurie Antonio Caro; B-C McHale (IRE); T-Jean-Claude Rouget. *€35,000 Wlg '20 GOFNOV; 45,000gns Ylg '21 TATOCT. **1/2 to Mr Professor (Ire) (Profitable {Ire}), SP-Eng & UAE, \$229,176.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Havrianka (Fr), f, 3, Le Havre (Ire)--Dobrianka (GB), by Sea The Stars (Ire). Lignieres, 3-31, 12fT, 2:51.10. B-Fal Stud SAS (FR).

GERMANY

Sunday's Results:

PREIS DES GESTUT LUNZEN & FRIENDS-Listed, €25,000, Hoppegarten, 3-31, 4yo/up, f/m, 8fT, 1:41.19, g/s.

1--PEACE OF ROSE (GER), 128, m, 5, Soldier Hollow (GB)--Peace Flower (Ire), by Dashing Blade (GB). 1ST BLACK TYPE WIN. (€40,000 RNA Ylg '20 BBAOCT). O/B-Gestut Etzean (GER); T-Roland Dzubasz; J-Sibylle Vogt. €15,000. Lifetime Record: 13-6-1-0, €43,350.

2--Ithaque (Fr), 128, m, 5, Oasis Dream (GB)--Eyeful (GB), by Muhtathir (GB). 1ST BLACK TYPE. (€115,000 Ylg '20 ARQSEP). O-Stefan Hahne; B-Haras des Sablonnets (FR); T-Henk Grewe. €5,000.

3--Wild Perfection (Ger), 128, f, 4, Siyouni (Fr)--Wild Approach (Ger), by New Approach (Ire). 1ST BLACK TYPE. O/B-Gestut Brummerhof (GER); T-Sarah Steinberg. €3,125. Margins: 4HF, NK, 2HF. Odds: 2.50, 12.50, 2.40. Also Ran: Desposita (Ger), Taiora (Ger), Blueridge Silver (Ire), Look At Me (Fr).

2nd-Hoppegarten, €10,000, Cond, 3-31, 3yo, 9fT, 1:55.72, g/s. ALLENO (IRE) (c, 3, Nathaniel {Ire}--Alandia {Ire}, by Adlerflug {Ger}), sent off at 4-1, waited behind the early pace. Getting to Expresivo (Ger) (Guiliani {Ire}) in the straight, the homebred asserted to score with authority by three lengths. The winner is a half-brother to the G3 The Land Trophy winner and G2 Union-Rennen and G2 St Leger Italiano-placed Alessio (Ger) (Teofilo {Ire}). The dam, a half-sister to the G1 Prix du Cadran hero Altano (Ger) (Galileo {Ire}) and the G1 Metropolitan H. and G1 Preis von Europa-placed Araldo (GB) (High Chaparral {Ire}), also has a 2-year-old full-sister to Alessio named Alana (Ire) to follow. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, €6,000.

O-Gestut Ittlingen; B-Gestut Hof Ittlingen (IRE); T-Marcel Weiss.

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ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Shahbazi (Ger), c, 3, **Adlerflug (Ger)**--Singapore Joy (Fr) (SP-Fr & Ger, \$212,694), by Sagacity (Fr). Hoppegarten, 3-31, 11fT, 2:23.20. B-Gestut Aesculap (GER). *€65,000 Ylg '22 ARQOCT.

WORLDWIDE NEWS

BELLAGIO OPERA TAKES OSAKA HAI

Looking for his first Group 1 following a second in the Feb. 11 G2 Kyoto Kinen, **Bellagio Opera (Jpn)** (Lord Kanaloa {Jpn}) hung on to land Sunday's G1 Osaka Hai at Hanshin. A winner in last season's 1800-meter Spring S., he was 10th in the G1 Satsuki Sho prior to finishing fourth in the G1 Tokyo Yushun over 2400 meters. He concluded his 3-year-old season with a victory in Hanshin's G3 Challenge Cup in December. Breaking sharply from the outer stall, Bellagio Opera rushed into contention and settled just behind **Stunning Rose (Jpn)** (King Kamehameha {Jpn}) who led the way. Keeping that front-running rival close through the final two turns, the second betting choice took over before the 200-meter pole and managed to fend off a game Rousham Park by a nose with fast-closing **Rouge Eveil (Jpn)** (Just a Way {Jpn}) getting up for third. Race favorite **Tastiera (Jpn)** (Satono Crown {Jpn}) hugged the rails in fourth and shifted slightly to the outside after entering the lane to make bid, but the colt was one paced and gradually fell back in the last 200 meters to finish 11th. Jockey-turned-trainer Hiroyuki Uemura, who opened his yard in 2019, celebrated his first JRA Group 1 and fifth graded title while jockey Kazuo Yokoyama registered his third Group 1 title. "I was so disappointed when we lost the Derby that I really wanted to win a Group 1 with this horse. So, I'm really, really happy. Bellagio Opera has very good maneuverability, and I knew that he was in good condition, so I decided to race him toward the front. He's really strong when it comes to a close rally. I'm glad he held off his rivals," commented jockey Kazuo Yokoyama.

Pedigree Notes:

The 10th Group 1 winner for his sire, Bellagio Opera is out of Air Routine, a sister to Group 3 winner Air Anthem (Jpn) (Symboli Kris S). and multiple group placed Satono Helios (Jpn) (Epiphaneia {Jpn}). This represents the family of Champion 3-year-old and Japanese Classic winner Air Shakur (Jpn).

Sunday, Hanshin, Japan

OSAKA HAI-G1, ¥384,800,000, Hanshin, 3-31, 4yo/up, 2000mT, 1:58.20, fm.

1--**BELLAGIO OPERA (JPN)**, 128, c, 4, **Lord Kanaloa (Jpn)**

1st Dam: Air Routine (Jpn), by Harbinger (GB)

2nd Dam: Air Magdalene (Jpn), by Sunday Silence

3rd Dam: Air Deja Vu (Jpn), by Northern Taste

1ST GROUP 1 WIN. O-Shorai Hayashida; B-Shadai Farm; T-Hiroyuki Uemura; J-Kazuo Yokoyama; £203,360,000.

Lifetime Record: 8-5-1-0. . **Werk Nick Rating: A++**

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2--**Rousham Park (Jpn)**, 128, h, 5, by Harbinger (GB)--Reinette Groove (Jpn), by King Kamehameha (Jpn). O-Sunday Racing; B-Northern Farm; ¥80,960,000.

3--**Rouge Eveil (Jpn)**, 123, m, 5, Just a Way (Jpn)--Nothing But Dreams (GB), **Frankel (GB)**. O-Tokyo Horse Racing; B-Shadai Farm; ¥50,480,000.

Margins: NO, NK, 2; Odds: 2.60, 2.40, 31.80.

Also Ran: Stella Veloce (Jpn), Geoglyph (Jpn), Pradaria (Jpn), Sol Oriens (Jpn), Stunning Rose (Jpn), Catedral (Jpn), Epiphany (Jpn), Tastiera (Jpn), Hayayakko (Jpn), Harper (Jpn), Mikki Gorgeous (Jpn), Killer Ability (Jpn), Licancabur (Jpn)

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Monday, Saint-Cloud, France, post time: 17:00

PRIX EDMOND BLANC-G3, €80,000, 4yo/up, 8fT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	4	Breizh Sky (Fr)	Pedro The Great	A & G Botti	Guyon	126
2	1	Marhaba Ya Sanafi (Ire)	Muhaarar (GB)	Schutz	Demuro	126
3	2	Grey Tornado (Fr)	The Grey Gatsby (Ire)	Pantall	Piccone	126
4	3	Tribalist (GB)	Farhh (GB)	Fabre	Barzalona	126
5	5	Topgear (Fr)	Wootton Bassett (GB)	C Head	Pasquier	126

Monday, Saint-Cloud, France, post time: 17:35

PRIX PENELOPE-G3, €80,000, 3yo, f, 10 1/2fT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	1	Sheema's Rose (Fr)	Anodin (Ire)	Karkosa	Nicoleau	126
2	2	Je Zous (Ire)	Zoustar (Aus)	J O'Brien	McMonagle	126
3	4	Family Silver (Ire)	Dark Angel (Ire)	Delcher Sanchez	Soumillon	126
4	6	Making Dreams (Ire)	Make Believe (GB)	Burke	Pouchin	126
5	5	Zuna (Fr)	Kizuna (Jpn)	Laffon-Parias	Guyon	126
6	3	Nadelia (Fr)	Spanish Moon	Caulley	Pasquier	126



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