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SEVEN DAYS: BRING ON THE CLASSIC TRIALS



Mister Gatz, with Stephanie Nigge and Tony Piccone, has a Deutsches Derby entry | Scoop Dyga

By Emma Berry

I love Paris in the springtime, sang Ella Fitzgerald, and I'm pretty sure it was a thinly-veiled reference to her secret passion for heavy ground three-year-old maidens at Saint-Cloud.

What Classic clues may we glean there? Well, maybe none. But I liked the look of Narkez (Fr), who gave his rivals a six-length walloping in the Prix Comrade last Tuesday, picking up where he left off after winning at Clairefontaine last October. Bred by Nurlan Bizakov under his Sumbe banner, the colt represents that magic Siyouni (Fr)-Galileo (Ire) cross, though let's face it, Galileo mares work well all over the place. Narkez, trained by Andre Fabre, has helped to give his owner a great start to the season following the Listed win of Charyn (Ire) (Dark Angel {Ire}) in the Doncaster Mile.

One person who is entitled to love Siyouni more than most is Peter Brant, who celebrated his first European Classic victory when Sottsass (Fr) won the Prix du Jockey Club before going on to deliver the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe for Brant as well. We're looking forward to seeing his first runners emerge this season, but in the meantime Brant looks to have another decent prospect by Siyouni on his hands in the form of Louise Procter (Fr).

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ELDAR ELDAROV 'COMFORTABLE AND RECEIVING THE BEST CARE'

Eldar Eldarov (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}), who was withdrawn at the start of the Dubai Gold Cup on Saturday following an incident in the stalls, is continuing to undergo exploratory tests in the veterinary hospital in Dubai.

The five-year-old, who is owned by Shaikh Khalid bin Khalifa's KHK Racing and trained by Roger Varian, won the G1 St Leger and G2 Queen's Vase at Royal Ascot at three, and closed out last season with victory over Kyprios (Ire) in the G1 Irish St Leger.

Chris Wall, racing manager to KHK Racing, issued an update to TDN on Monday. He said, "The horse in the stall next door kicked out and made quite a bang, causing 'Eldar' to anticipate the start. He must have put a lot of effort into it but the gate didn't open, which is not a criticism, sometimes they do, but on this occasion it didn't. [Cont., p5](#)

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MORFIN METH CASE HIGHLIGHTS BACKSTRETCH SUBSTANCE ABUSE PROBLEMS

Dan Ross details the case of conditioner Sergio Morfin, whose Wishtheyallcouldbe was disqualified after testing positive for methamphetamine, and a freelance groom hired to care for her who also tested positive for illegal substances.



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Seven Days

by Emma Berry



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Trained by Jean-Claude Rouget, she became the second TDN Rising Star of the week for her sire when remaining unbeaten in her third start in the Prix du Belvedere at Chantilly on Thursday. She looks smart and has the entries to match.

Making Dreams (Ire) (Make Believe {GB}) kept up her trainer Karl Burke's great strike-rate in French stakes races by winning the G3 Prix Penelope by six lengths on her seasonal debut at Saint-Cloud. She is another who should enter considerations for the Classics, as should the Prix Caracalla winner Mister Gatz (Fr), who was born in the spring in which his sire Adlerflug (Ger) died. The flashy chestnut colt was somewhat reminiscent of his father as he bowled around the lush Parisian turf looking like he was having a mighty time before putting his head down to stride clear of the field by five lengths. Trained in Deauville by

Stephanie Nigge for a collection of owners which includes his breeder Mathieu Boutin and Gerard Augustin-Normand, Mister Gatz holds an entry for the Deutsches Derby.

O'Shea Shines on Dubai's Big Day

Of course last week, or more specifically Saturday, was really all about the Dubai World Cup meeting at Meydan which could certainly be considered a triumph for internationalism. The trophies for the eight Group races were shared between horses trained in America, Ireland, Hong Kong, Japan, France, Britain and Dubai (x2).

It was also a great advertisement for keeping classy horses in training beyond the age of three. The winners of the five Group 1 contests were aged between five and seven, with Jerome Reynier's Dubai Turf winner Facteur Cheval (Ire) (Ribchester {Ire}) being the youngest of those, and the wide-margin Golden Shaheen winner, the former Russian-trained Tuz (Oxbow), enjoying his finest hour as a seven-year-old on his fourth appearance on Dubai World Cup night.

Tuz and the Dubai World Cup winner Laurel River (Into Mischief) won their races in a manner which must still have their trainer Bhupat Seemar and jockey Tadhg O'Shea blinking in disbelief.

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**Tadgh O'Shea celebrates the biggest win of his career
Dubai World Cup**

By six and a half and eight and a half lengths respectively, they each set a new record for the winning distance, with Laurel River, who broke from the outside gate, overturning that held by Dubai Millennium (GB) for 24 years.

O'Shea, now 42, has been champion jockey in the UAE 11 times and he is in pole position to claim his 12th title this season. But despite that consistent success, the Irishman had a sole Group 1 victory to his name until Saturday.

A modest and loyal grafter, O'Shea praised Laurel River's owner Juddmonte for keeping him on the horse, saying, "They could have any jockey in the world on him and they kept the faith with me. I'll be forever indebted to them."

Juddmonte didn't need any other jockey to claim a second Dubai World Cup after Arrogate's victory in 2017. O'Shea, bold from the outset from the number 12 stall, simply rode his rivals ragged and very much deserved his night in the spotlight.


The *Auguste Enigma*

The last three winners of the Tokyo Yushun (Japanese Derby) were all in action over the weekend, with Shahryar (Jpn) a good second in the G1 Dubai Sheema Classic, which also featured the last two Japanese Oaks winners Liberty Island (Jpn) and Stars On Earth (Jpn), while Do Deuce (Jpn) was not beaten far when fifth in the G1 Dubai Turf. Lest we think that Japan is completely depleted of its best runners during the big meetings in the Middle East, then look no further than Sunday's G1 Osaka Hai at Hanshin. It featured last year's Japanese Derby and 2,000 Guineas winners, Tastiera (Jpn) and Sol Oriens (Jpn), along with Geoglyph (Jpn), who beat Equinox (Jpn) to win the Guineas in 2022, and the G1 Shuka Sho winner of that same year, Stunning Rose (Jpn).

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So much of the Sheema Classic build-up had centred on the clash between Liberty Island and Auguste Rodin (Ire), but the latter, who won last year's Derby and Irish Derby before going on to land the Irish Champion and Breeders' Cup Turf, added to his enigmatic status by finishing last of the 12 runners.

Don't despair. When 12th in the Guineas on debut last season, Auguste Rodin bounced back to win at Epsom, and he put his last-place finish in the King George behind him to triumph next time out on Irish Champions Weekend. This column, at least, still holds the faith that when he's good, he's very, very good.

Epsom's honour was however upheld in Sydney over the weekend, where the 2020 Derby winner Serpentine (Ire) claimed his second consecutive stakes win for Gai Waterhouse and Adrian Bott in the G3 Neville Selwood S.

It's *Whitsbury's World*

It is important not to get too carried away with the early two-year-old races. Despite the annual hullabaloo over Royal Ascot, nothing really matters until the autumn, right? But it's impossible not to watch the early skirmishes with interest and Whitsbury Manor Stud's Sergei Prokofiev was represented by his second winner from just two runners when Flicka's Girl triumphed at Wolverhampton on Easter Monday.



Facteur Cheval landed the Dubai Turf for leading French trainer Jerome Reynier, right | [Racingfotos.com](https://www.racingphotos.com)

The David Loughnane-trained filly was also bred by Whitsbury Manor and sold, as is the stud's usual practice, at the Tattersalls December Foal Sale for 22,000gns.

Britain's other juvenile race on Monday over at Kempton went the way of Pont Neuf (Ire) (Cotai Glory {GB}), a winner on debut for Eve Johnston Houghton, who also struck with the two-year-old Tanager (GB) (Havana Gold {Ire}) at Chelmsford on Good Friday.

The trainer has a well established partnership with bloodstock agent Anthony Bromley of Highflyer Bloodstock when it comes to working the sales and the pair has once again unearthed a couple of useful looking prospects for 24,000gns (Tattersalls Somerville) and €22,000 (Tattersalls Ireland) respectively. Johnson Houghton has made a flying start to the new season with four winners and three placed horses from nine runners since the official 'start of the Flat'.



Jack Gilligan has made a successful return to Britain [Racingfotos.com](https://www.racingfotos.com)

Jack Came Back

It was announced last week that Ben Curtis, who was been riding at Fair Grounds in New Orleans over the winter, would remain in America for "the foreseeable future" after riding 43 winners and netting more than \$1.5 million in prize-money.

Last September, Curtis had ridden his 1,000th winner aboard Merrijig (GB) (Schiaparelli {Ger}) and as that horse resumed on Good Friday, the absent Curtis was replaced in the saddle by Jack Gilligan, who has recently returned after a decade in the US and now has Curtis's former agent Simon Dodds representing him.

Merrijig was the first of two winners for Gilligan from three rides on Good Friday, and the jockey struck again 24 hours later on his sole ride at Wolverhampton.

Not to be confused with the Irish conditional of the same name, Gilligan was born in Newmarket but left Britain at the age of 17 with his parents Pat, a racing writer and trainer, and Vicky, a barn foreman at WinStar Farm. With more than 400 wins in America, including two Grade III victories aboard Silver Dust (Tapit), he has been making the most of the opportunities handed to him since returning to his home town.

There are not many names in the jockeys' table with a better strike-rate than Gilligan so far this year. He is currently operating at 20% winners to rides. Backing all of his 45 mounts would have yielded a profit of almost £43 to a £1 stake.

Pecheur Swaps Roles for Rottgen

German Classic-winning jockey Maxim Pecheur retired at the end of last season to succeed Markus Klug as the trainer at Gestut Rottgen near Cologne. He had previously ridden Windstoss (Ger) (Shirocco {Ger}) in the famous Rottgen colours to win the 2017 G1 Deutsches Derby. The colt was trained by Klug, as was Pecheur's G1 Preis der Diana winner, Diamanta (Ger) (Maxios {GB}), for Gestut Brummerhof.

Pecheur is clearly adjusting well to his new role at the historic training centre and he could well have a Derby contender of his own this year after his first runner, Anspruch (Ger) (New Bay {GB}), won on debut at Cologne on Monday. The Rottgen-bred colt is out of the Group 3 winner Anna Katharina (Ger) (Kallisto {Ger}).

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Eldar Eldarov, cont. from p1

"But he'd given it a fair old whack and he was obviously concussed, and initially we thought that was all that was the problem. It's looking like it might be more than just a concussion. Shaikh Khalid has been insistent that we leave no stone unturned to find out what the problem is and what can be done about it, and with that in mind, they have found and flown in two vets from America, who should be in Dubai today." [Cont.](#)

Wall added that after further assessment a clearer picture of the issue should emerge in 24 to 36 hours.

He continued, "After the race and that evening in the clinic he was looking a bit sorry for himself but I was sent a video this morning and he was looking a lot happier. He's been eating and drinking and that's always an encouraging sign. He's comfortable and receiving the best care. We'll just have to wait and see what is found and what can be done to improve the situation."

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TRIBALIST DOUBLES UP IN THE EDMOND

BLANC by Tom Frary

Making light of testing conditions at Saint-Cloud on Monday, Godolphin's **Tribalist (GB)** (Farhh {GB}) registered back-to-back wins in the G3 Prix Edmond Blanc to put his name back into the conversation regarding his country's leading older milers. Taking this and the G2 Prix du Muguet and G3 Prix Bertrand du Breuil last term, the Andre Fabre-trained 5-year-old who was last seen trailing in last in the G1 Hong Kong Mile was quickly up to lead under Mickael Barzalona. Applying the pressure in the straight, the 7-10 favourite stayed strong to the line to record a three-length verdict over last year's G1 Poule d'Essai des Poulains hero **Marhaba Ya Sanafi (Ire)** (Muhaarar {GB}).

Louise Besnard, who was representing Godolphin, said of the winner, "We are all proud of this horse. We know he likes soft or heavy and even though it is extremely testing today, he managed to do what he likes best, show them the way on a course that he loves. He may come back for the [G2] Prix du Muguet here or travel abroad, but after running on such heavy ground let's wait and see how he comes out of the race. The idea is of course to keep going in group races and try to win a group 1, but we will do what is best for the horse."

Pedigree Notes

Tribalist, who was also third in the G1 Poule d'Essai des Poulains, is the first foal out of the unraced Fair Daughter (GB)



Tribalist | Scoop Dyga

(Nathaniel {Ire}) who is kin to five stakes performers headed by the G1 Racing Post Trophy hero Crowded House (GB) (Rainbow Quest). She is a daughter of Wiener Wald (Woodman), who is also the second dam of the G1 Prix Maurice de Gheest hero Brando (GB) (Pivotal {GB}) and the G1 American Oaks Invitational and G1 Queen Elizabeth II Challenge Cup heroine Ticker Tape (GB) (Royal Applause {GB}) and the third dam of the G1 Middle Park S. and G1 Prix Morny-winning sire Reckless Abandon (GB) (Exchange Rate). Connected to the legendary sire Storm Cat, Fair Daughter's 2-year-old filly by Make Believe (GB) is named Blue Sky (GB).

Monday, Saint-Cloud, France

PRIX EDMOND BLANC-G3, €80,000, Saint-Cloud, 4-1, 4yo/up, 8fT, 1:56.03, vhy.

1--**TRIBALIST (GB)**, 126, h, 5, by Farhh (GB)

1st Dam: Fair Daughter (GB), by Nathaniel (Ire)

2nd Dam: Wiener Wald, by Woodman

3rd Dam: Chapel Of Dreams, by Northern Dancer

(130,000gns Ylg '20 TATOCT). O-Godolphin SNC; B-Car Colston Hall Stud (GB); T-Andre Fabre; J-Mickael Barzalona. €40,000.

Lifetime Record: G1SP-Fr, 18-7-4-4, €403,655. **Werk Nick**

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2--**Marhaba Ya Sanafi (Ire)**, 126, c, 4, Muhaarar (GB)--Danega (GB), by Galileo (Ire). O-Jaber Abdullah; B-Rabbah Bloodstock Ltd (IRE); T-Andreas Schutz €16,000.

3--**Topgear (Fr)**, 126, h, 5, **Wootton Bassett (GB)**--Miss Lech, by Giant's Causeway. (€200,000 Ylg '20 ARQSEP). O-Hisaaki Saito; B-Snig Elevage (FR); T-Christopher Head. €12,000.

Margins: 3, 3, 6. Odds: 0.70, 2.30, 4.20.

Also Ran: Grey Tornado (Fr), Breizh Sky (Fr). **Video, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

MAKING DREAMS MAKES WAVES IN THE PENELOPE

by Tom Frary

Relishing the extreme conditions at Saint-Cloud on Monday, Nick Bradley Racing and Elaine Burke's **Making Dreams (Ire)** (Make Believe {GB}) who was taking part in sellers last summer hit the heights in the G3 Prix Penelope. Respected at 5-1 despite her modest credentials and a latest fifth in Deauville's G3 Prix des Reservoirs in October, the Karl Burke trainee soon had the lead. Knowing that getting to the stand's-side rail was vital, Alexis Pouchin made that advantage his and from there the result was academic as his mount drew away to score by six lengths from **Sheema's Rose (Fr)** (Anodin {Ire}).

"On the formbook, it didn't look a strong race beforehand and this filly had more experience than most," Pouchin said. "She travelled very well, she was not inconvenienced by the ground and she quickened well turning for home. One out when a challenge came on her left, she had more to give and from there I knew I had the race won."

Pedigree Notes

Making Dreams, whose prior wins had come in a Catterick maiden and nurseries at Chester and Thirsk, is out of the Listed Radley S.-placed Sweet Dream (GB) (**Oasis Dream {GB}**), whose yearling filly is by **Churchill (Ire)**. She is in turn a daughter of the G1 Prix Vermeille and G2 Park Hill S. heroine Sweet Stream (Ity) (Shantou), whose other black-type performers are the G3 Deutsches St Leger runner-up Tidespring (Ire) (Monsun {Ger}) and the listed scorer and G3 Munster Oaks third Loveisthehigherlaw (GB) (Kodiac {GB}). Tidespring is the dam of last year's G2 British Champions Long Distance Cup hero Trawlerman (Ire) (Golden Horn {GB}).



Making Dreams | Scoop Dyga

Monday, Saint-Cloud, France

PRIX PENELOPE-G3, €80,000, Saint-Cloud, 4-1, 3yo, f, 10 1/2ft, 2:37.71, vhy.

1--**MAKING DREAMS (IRE)**, 126, f, 3, by Make Believe (GB)

1st Dam: Sweet Dream (GB) (SP-Eng),
by Oasis Dream (GB)

2nd Dam: Sweet Stream (Ity), by Shantou

3rd Dam: Snug Dinner (Ire), by Jareer

1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN; 1ST GROUP WIN. (33,000gns Ylg '22 TATSOM). O-Nick Bradley Racing 5 & E Burke; B-Morera Partnership (IRE); T-Karl Burke; J-Alexis Pouchin. €40,000. Lifetime Record: 11-4-3-0, €72,733. **Werk Nick Rating: B+.**

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2--**Sheema's Rose (Fr)**, 126, f, 3, Anodin (Ire)--Sheema (GB), by Teofilo (Ire). **1ST BLACK-TYPE; 1ST GROUP BLACK-TYPE.**

(€35,000 Ylg '22 ARQSEP). O-Andy Claire, Francois Laurent & Nadine Laurent; B-SARL Jedburgh Stud, T de La Heronniere & Ecurie de Chivallet SCEA (FR); T-Alicja Karkosa. €16,000.

3--**Je Zous (Ire)**, 126, f, 3, Zoustar (Aus)--Jessie Jane (Ire), by Dylan Thomas (Ire). **1ST GROUP BLACK-TYPE.** (€60,000 Ylg '22 GOFORB; €110,000 2yo '23 ARQMAY). O-Go Racing Limited; B-Manister House Stud (IRE); T-Joseph O'Brien. €12,000.

Margins: 6, 6, 5. Odds: 4.90, 16.00, Evens.

Also Ran: Zuna (Fr), Nadelia (Fr), Family Silver (Ire). **Video, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

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Listed, £50,000, Kempton, 4-1, 4yo/up, 9f 219y (AWT), 2:05.19, st/sl.

1--**DUBAI HONOUR (IRE)**, 129, g, 6, **Pride Of Dubai (Aus)--Mondelice (GB)**, by **Montjeu (Ire)**. (110,000gns Ylg '19 TATOCT). O-Mohamed Obaida; B-Macha Bloodstock/Meridian International (IRE); T-William Haggas; J-Ryan Moore. £28,355. Lifetime Record: Champion Older Horse-Aus (2023), MG1SW-Aus, MGSW-Fr, G1SP-Eng & HK, 21-7-4-1, \$4,066,042.

2--**Okeechobee (GB)**, 129, g, 5, Time Test (GB)--Scuffle (GB), by Daylami (Ire). **1ST BLACK TYPE**. O-Juddmonte; B-Juddmonte Farms Ltd (GB); T-Harry Charlton. £10,750.

3--**Lion's Pride (GB)**, 132, c, 4, Roaring Lion--Crimson Ribbon, by Lemon Drop Kid. **TDN Rising Star**. O-Mr A E Oppenheimer; B-Hascombe & Valiant Stud Ltd (GB); T-John & Thady Gosden. £5,380.

Margins: 3, 2 1/4, 3. Odds: 0.67, 12.00, 2.25.

Also Ran: Sea Of Roses (GB), Forest Of Dean (GB). Scratched: Flying Honours (GB).

Accomplished on the international scene, the G1 Queen Elizabeth S. and G1 Ranvet S.-winning Australian champion Dubai Honour was enjoying an altogether easier task here than he is accustomed to and duly got his campaign off to a flyer. Plying his trade at the highest level at Rosehill and Randwick this time last year, the Somerville Lodge stalwart only had to be pointed to the front by Ryan Moore to take command 1 1/2 furlongs out and readily assert.

William Haggas revealed that the 6-year-old will be back on his travels now as he bids to improve on his third placing in the 2023 G1 QEII Cup at Sha Tin. "I was very pleased with him and he looked a bit fresh, having not run for a bit," he said. "He's going to Hong Kong all being well--he's been invited and we've accepted. Providing he's fit and well he will go over there on April 28 for the QEII Cup, the mile-and-a-quarter race he was third in last year."

Dubai Honour is the first foal out of an unraced half-sister to the G3 Prix Daphnis winner Last Kingdom (**Frankel (GB)**) and the GIII Sweetest Chant S. third Ivyetsu (**Tapit**). She is a granddaughter of the G1 Phoenix S. heroine Damson (Ire) (Entrepreneur {GB}), who is also the dam of the G2 Flying Childers S. and G3 Molecomb S.-winning sire Requinto (Ire) (Dansili {GB}) and the second dam of the G3 Eulogy S. winner Lilikoi (NZ) (Charm Spirit {Ire}). Mondelice's yearling filly by St Mark's Basilica (Fr) was a 175,000gns purchase by Ronald Rauscher at Tatts December.



Dubai Honour is a multiple Group 1-winner on the international scene and returned to winning ways in Monday's listed at Kempton | Scoop Dyga

2nd-Wolverhampton, £11,400, Novice, 4-1, 3yo/up, 12f 51y (AWT), 2:38.38, st.

PAPPANO (GB) (c, 3, Nathaniel {Ire}--Mary Anne Evans {GB}, by Oasis Dream {GB}), third on debut at Kempton in December, enjoyed the perfect tow under cover early behind the leader. Trapped in a pocket until early straight, the imposing even-money favourite who holds a Derby entry was out in time to wear down Open Secret (GB) (Cracksman {GB}) in the last 100 yards and score by a length. The dam is a daughter of the owner-breeder's G2 Lancashire Oaks and Listed Cheshire Oaks winner Gertrude Bell (GB) (Sinndar {Ire}). Her 2-year-old filly is by Golden Horn (GB), while she also has a yearling filly by Ardad (Ire). Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, \$9,300. O-Rachel D. S. Hood (GB); T-John & Thady Gosden.

3rd-Wolverhampton, £11,400, Mdn, 4-1, 2yo, 5f 21y (AWT), 1:02.66, st.

FLICKA'S GIRL (GB) (f, 2, Sergei Prokofiev--Queenoftheclyde {Ire}, by Dandy Man {Ire}), sent off the 5-2 second favourite, broke alertly to lead. Never in any danger, the flashy chestnut drew away in the straight to provide her first-season sire with a second winner by 4 3/4 lengths from Bob The Bandit (GB) (Aclaim {Ire}). The dam, whose yearling full-brother to the winner was a €25,000 purchase by EMG Bloodstock at Goffs November, is a half to the useful Ardenode (Ire) (Hellvelyn {GB}) was precocious enough to win the Listed Prix la Fleche and finish third in the G3 Prix du Bois. Sales history: 22,000gns Wlg '22 TADEWE; £32,000 Ylg '23 GOFFUK. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$7,776.

O-Twenty Four Seven Recruitment; B-Whitsbury Manor Stud (GB); T-David Loughnane.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Pont Neuf (Ire), g, 2, Cotai Glory (GB)--La Seine, by Rahy. Kempton, 4-1, 5f (AWT), 1:01.42. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$6,753. B-Abbas Akbar Al Muila Muila (IRE). *24,000gns Ylg '23 TATSOM. **1/2 to Laseen (Ire) (Dylan Thomas {Ire}), MGSP-US, SP-Fr, \$218,210.

Palace Green (GB), g, 3, Sea The Moon (Ger)--Nimiety (GB), by Stormy Atlantic. Kempton, 4-1, 9f 219y (AWT), 2:07.27. Lifetime Record: 4-1-0-1, \$7,869. B-Miss K Rausing (GB). *120,000gns Ylg '22 TATOCT.

FRANCE

Monday's Results:

PRIX RIGHT ROYAL-Listed, €52,000, Saint-Cloud, 4-1, 4yo/up, 15fT, 3:47.44, vhy.

1--HOMO DEUS (FR), 128, g, 6, Intello (Ger)--Cubiste (Fr), by Fastnet Rock (Aus). (€19,000 Ylg '19 ARQOCT). O-Jacques Liscia & Gerard Steibel; B-R Baguenault De Puchesse (FR); T-Francois Monfort; J-Anthony Crastus. €26,000. Lifetime Record: 36-11-2-2, €236,780.

2--Galego Star (Fr), 126, g, 5, Rail Link (GB)--Majestic Card (Fr), by Ultimately Lucky (Ire). O-Manuel Arias, L Pontoir & Philippe Larroude; B-Mme K Perreau & M Arias (FR); T-Lucie Pontoir. €10,400.

3--Palus Argenteus (Fr), 126, h, 7, Silver Frost (Ire)--Cinder's Post (Fr), by American Post (GB). (€20,000 RNA Ylg '18 OSASEP). O-Thierry Marechal, Armand Dahan, Pierre Goral & Anthony Pinet; B-A Darroux, P Noue, M Darroux & Poulinieres.com (FR); T-Christophe Escuder. €7,800.

Margins: 5, 2HF, 2HF. Odds: 0.90, 22.00, 28.00.

Also Ran: Skazino (Fr), Almacado Gree (Fr), Falcon Eight (Ire), Golden Call (Fr), Amelielympique (Ire), Angel Guidance (GB).

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Showing no signs of relenting in his rampant progress, Homo Deus returned to the scene of his emphatic success in the Listed Prix de la Porte de Madrid just over a week ago to add a fourth black-type win to his resume. Also successful in the Listed Grand Prix du Departement 06 at Cagnes-Sur-Mer in February, the burgeoning staying star made it four wins from four outings this year and five out of his last six. Always in his comfort zone tracking the early pace, he was sent on from the top of the straight and galloped his rivals into submission as he is becoming accustomed to doing with the mud flying this year.

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

1st-Bordeaux-le-Bouscat, €30,000, Cond, 4-1, 3yo, 9 1/2fT, 2:28.77, vhy.

DOLLAR INDEX (FR) (c, 3, Kendargent {Fr}--Kikinda {Fr}, by Daliapour {Ire}), who scored by five lengths at Deauville when last seen in January, was held up in last early. Steadily wearing down Timber Light (Fr) (Hunter's Light {Ire}) under hands and heels, the 3-5 favourite got to that rival in the final 50 metres en route to a snug neck success. The dam, whose son Stillman (Fr) (Vespone {Ire}) was placed six times in group company and who was also responsible for the Listed Criterium du FEE winner and G3 Prix des Chenes runner-up High Alpha (Fr) (Fuisse {Fr}), is related to the G2 Premio Ribot and G2 Diana-Trial winner Vanjura (Ger) (Areion {Ger}). Sales history: €36,000 Ylg '22 ARQOCT. Lifetime Record: 3-2-1-0, €34,500. **Video, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

O-Ecurie Tygaly, La Fleche Racing, Chauvigny Global Equine SASU, M Brasme & Seror Racing Management; B-P Chedeville (FR); T-Mathieu Brasme.

2nd-Saint-Cloud, €28,000, Cond, 4-1, 3yo, 12fT, 3:04.75, vhy.

MISTER GATZ (FR) (c, 3, Adlerflug {Ger}--Kanel {Fr}, by Zamindar), six-lengths second to the subsequent winner Daring Prince (GB) (Zarak {Fr}) over 10 furlongs here in November, soon led. Grabbing the stand's-side rail, the 4-1 second favourite galloped away to score by five lengths from Roadshow (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}). The dam, a half-sister to Mastercraftsman's G1 Prix du Jockey Club and G1 Irish Champion S.-winning sire The Grey Gatsby (Ire) from the family of Septieme Ciel, also has the 2-year-old colt Nick Carraway (Fr) (Sommerabend {GB}). Lifetime Record: 4-2-1-0, €37,500. **Video, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

O-Gerard Augustin-Normand, M Boutin, S Nigge, Ecurie Penelope Leprevost, Gerard Thomas Ryan, Mme Laurence Baudouin & Mme Marie-France Bertella; B-Boutin (S) (FR); T-Stephanie Nigge.

4th-Saint-Cloud, €27,000, Mdn, 4-1, 3yo, f, 8fT, 1:59.74, vhy.

BUBBLE GUM (FR) (f, 3, Cloth Of Stars {Ire}--Bambara {GB}, by High Chaparral {Ire}), who was fifth on debut over nine furlongs at ParisLongchamp in October, was waited with in rear throughout the early stages. Making smooth progress to lead with 300 metres remaining, the 6-4 favourite stayed on strongly to score by seven lengths from Chivere (Fr) (De Treville {GB}).

Cont.



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The winner is currently the last known foal out of the unraced dam, whose daughter Roman Bamb (Fr) (**Holy Roman Emperor {Ire}**) was third in the Listed Prix Finlande. She is a half to the dual listed scorer and dual group-placed Brusco (GB) (Rock Of Gibraltar {Ire}) and the Listed Pinnacle S. scorer Ferdoos (GB) (Dansili {GB}), who in turn produced the G1 Pretty Polly S. heroine Nezwaah (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}). Sales history: €70,000 RNA Ylg '22 ARQOCT. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, €15,500. **Video, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**
O/B-Rashit Shaykhutdinov (FR); T-Fabrice Chappet.

CONDITIONS RESULTS:

4th-Bordeaux-le-Bouscat, €22,000, 4-1, 3yo, 7ft, 1:46.40, vhy. INTELLECT (FR) (g, 3, Intello {Ger}--Caldera {Ire}, by Iffraaj {GB}) Lifetime Record: 8-2-3-2, €51,350. O-Sophie Devin, H F Devin & Mme Henri Devin; B-Ecurie Michel Sardou (FR); T-Henri-Francois Devin.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Serquigny (Ire), c, 3, Shalaa (Ire)--Zelhia (Fr), by Panis. Saint-Cloud, 4-1, 8ft, 2:01.08. B-Franklin Finance S A (IRE).

GERMANY

Monday's Results:

GRAND PRIX AUFALOPP-Listed, €25,000, Cologne, 4-1, 4yo/up, 12ft, time, going.

1--ASSISTENT (GER), 130, h, 5, Sea The Moon (Ger)--Anna Kalla (Ger), by Kalatos (Ger). (€58,000 Ylg '20 BBAGS; €€590,000 RNA HRA '23 ARQARC). O-Eckhard Sauren & Liberty Racing 2020; B-Gestut Rottgen (GER); T-Henk Grewe; J-Thore Hammer-Hansen. €15,000. Lifetime Record: MGSW & MG1SP-Ger & GSP-Ity, 17-5-4-2, €269,900.

2--Best Of Lips (Ire), 130, h, 6, The Gurkha (Ire)--Beata (Fr), by Silver Frost (Ire). (90,000gns RNA Ylg '19 TATOCT). O-Stall Lintec; B-Stall Parthenaue (IRE); T-Andreas Suborics. €5,000.

3--Waldadler (Ger), 130, g, 5, Adlerflug (Ger)--Waldblume (Ger), by Halling. (€6,000 RNA Ylg '20 BBASEP). O-Stall Kalifornia; B-Gestut Sommerberg (GER); T-Pavel Vovcenko. €3,125. Margins: 6, 4, 2 1/4. Odds: 0.60, 4.90, 4.90.

Also Ran: Spirit Of Dreams (Ger), Lips Freedom (Ger), Bukhara (Ger).

2nd-Cologne, €10,000, Mdn, 4-1, 3yo, f, 10 1/2ft, 2:26.43, GOING.

ANSPRUCH (IRE) (c, 3, New Bay {GB}--Anna Katharina {Ger} {GSW-Ger}, by Kallisto {Ger}), sent off at 8-1, had the advantage of the lead from the flag start.

Clear at the top of the straight, the homebred needed the line as Sign Of Stars (Ger) (Cloth Of Stars {Ire}) close in late but had it in time to score by a neck as they finished six lengths clear of the remainder. The dam, who was successful in the G3 Hamburger Stuten-Preis, has produced the listed winner Ankunft (GB) (New Approach {Ire}). She is a half to the fellow group 3 winner Adrian (Ger) (Reliable Man {GB}) and a full-sister to the dam of the G2 Carl Jaspers Preis and G2 Grosser Hansa-Preis scorer Assistent (Ger) (Sea The Moon {Ger}), who was to take the feature Listed Grand Prix Aufgalopp later on the card. A granddaughter of another Hamburger Stutenpreis winner in Anna Thea (Ire) (Turfkonig {Ger}), she is connected to Spectrum's multiple group-winning sire Aspectus (Ire) and Reliable Man's G2 Derby Italiano hero Ardakan (GB). Her 2-year-old colt Amico (Ger) (**Camelot {GB}**) was a €180,000 purchase by Liberty Racing 2023 at BBAG September. Sales history: €80,000 RNA Ylg '22 BBASEP. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, €6,000. O/B-Gestut Rottgen (GER); T-Maxim Pecheur.


ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Words Of Peace (Ger), f, 3, Palace Prince (Ger)--Words Of Love (Ger), by Soldier Hollow (GB). Cologne, 4-1, 8ft, 1:47.35. B-Gestut Hony-Hof (GER). *€34,000 HRA '23 BBAOCT.



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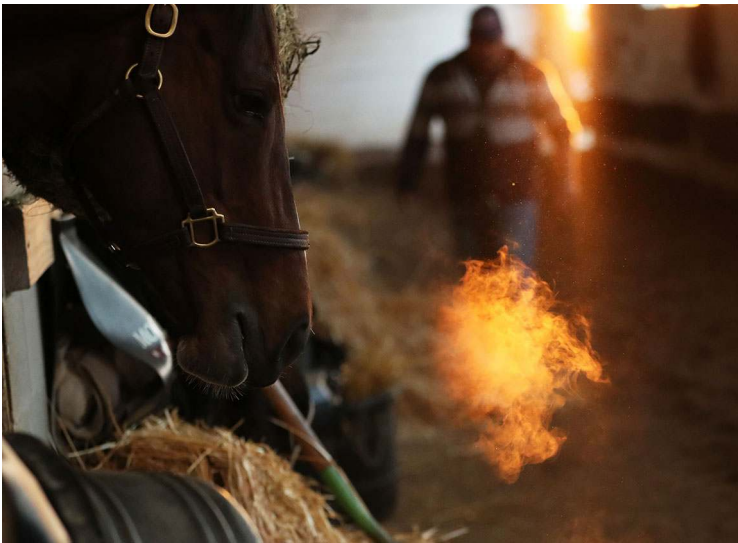
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MORFIN METH CASE HIGHLIGHTS BACKSTRETCH SUBSTANCE ABUSE PROBLEMS



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by Dan Ross

Towards the end of December, the Sergio Morfin-trained Grazen mare Wishtheyallcouldbe was loaded onto a van from her stable at Los Alamitos to be shipped to Santa Anita for a \$12,500 claimer. She would ultimately finish second.

Isidro Paez was the freelance groom hired to care for the horse that day. In February, Paez had his license suspended for 90 days by the California Horse Racing Board (CHRB) for disorderly conduct “under the influence of Amphetamine and Methamphetamine” on Jan. 27, at Santa Anita.

According to the **stewards' minutes** of the hearing, Paez voluntarily provided a urine sample that day which resulted in a positive finding for both methamphetamine and amphetamine. In explanation, “Paez stated he snorted methamphetamine while attending a New Year’s party on January 1, 2024,” the minutes state.

On March 3, Morfin was issued an interim suspension by the Horse Racing Integrity and Welfare Unit (HIWU) as a result of Wishtheyallcouldbe’s positive post-race test for methamphetamine, a banned substance under the Horseracing Integrity and Safety Act (HISA). **(cont. p3)**

TDN SOPHOMORE TOP 12: FINAL WAVE OF 9-FURLONG PREPS ABOUT TO CREST

by T.D. Thornton

The plot thickens as the cadence quickens. Entries will be drawn Tuesday for this Saturday's GI Toyota Blue Grass S., and on Wednesday for the GI Santa Anita Derby and GI Wood Memorial S.

1) MUTH (c, Good Magic--Hoppa, by Uncle Mo) 'TDN Rising Star'. O-Zedan Racing Stables Inc; B-Don Alberto Corporation (KY); T-Bob Baffert. Sales history: \$190,000 Ylg '22 KEESSEP; \$2,000,000 2yo '23 OBSMAR. Lifetime Record: MGISW, 6-4-2-0, \$1,504,100. Last start: WON Mar. 30 GI Arkansas Derby.

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Muth's two-length score in the GI Arkansas Derby cemented his status as the divisional kingpin. Yes, there are colts who are faster based on speed figures. And yes, there are contenders who are more visually arresting in their stretch runs. **Cont. p8**

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ENDLESSLY BACK ON DERBY TRAIL

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Endlessly (Oscar Performance), who had been expected to head to the GII American Turf S. following a last-out win in the GIII Jeff Ruby Steaks, will instead be pointed towards the GI Kentucky Derby. The Derby would be the Amerman homebred's first start on dirt.

SIX SHARE BULLET AT TEXAS UNDER-TACK SHOW

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Backstretch Substance Abuse Problems (cont. from p1)

Since then, Morfin has remained provisionally suspended while his case is being processed.

According to John Tyre, Morfin’s attorney, because of Paez’s chronicled history of methamphetamine use, he has reached an agreement with HIWU that on April 6, Morfin’s suspension will be lifted after some 30 days. Crucially for this more lenient sanction, Morfin did not pursue a formal hearing, said Tyre.

The length of Morfin’s suspension also reflects a recent shift by HIWU in applying lesser sanctions than in the past for violations stemming from common drugs of human abuse like cocaine and methamphetamine, in accordance with proposed rule changes pending approval by the Federal Trade Commission (FTC).

Rather than confront a possible two-year ban and \$25,000 fine for a methamphetamine positive, say, trainers will face a maximum 60-day suspension and \$5,000 fine under the proposed rules, if they are indeed approved.

In a note on HIWU’s website, it states that the organization “has elected to stay all pending Anti-Doping and Medication Control (ADMC) Program cases whose potential periods of Ineligibility would be affected by these rule updates, including due to either the reduction of the applicable periods of Ineligibility or the removal of the automatic application of penalty points for certain violations.”

“[Morfin] will be back to training the first week of April. And then, that’ll be the end of it,” said Tyre, who was quick to add that rampant substance abuse problems among backstretch employees--and its overlap with positive tests in racehorses--is an issue that’s far from over, despite the proposed lessened sanctions.

“I’ve been doing criminal defense work for many, many years, and if it wasn’t for methamphetamine, alcohol and marriage, I’d be broke,” said Tyre.

As such, the ultimate insurer rule that places the burden of responsibility solely on the trainer’s shoulders is leading to decisions that don’t always reflect the complicated nature of the problem, Tyre said. “HIWU and HISA need to conduct some kind of investigation to determine how widespread [substance abuse] is around the backside of the racetracks.”

The Problem and Possible Solutions

Tyre’s suggestion hardly comes as a bolt from the blue.

The long hours, early mornings, sometimes poor pay and living conditions, coupled with the dangerous nature of backstretch work make drink and drugs something of an all-too convenient crutch--especially while blind eyes are turned in an industry where hard-drinking and hard-partying have long been worn as a badge of honor as much as a release from the grind.

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Since HISA's ADMC program went into effect last year, there have already been 13 either pending or resolved cases for methamphetamine positives, and another two involving cocaine.

Darin Scharer is executive director of the **Winners Foundation**, a presence at every California track to provide information, support and referral services for backstretch employees and their families going through addiction issues.

Scharer said he was unable to estimate just how many backstretch workers have substance abuse problems. But he doesn't argue with the contention it's significant.



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"We're not having the fentanyl problem or the heroin issues that other places have," said Scharer, about California's backstretches. "But we definitely have a marijuana issue. And we definitely have a methamphetamine issue."

Indeed, veteran California trainer Hector Palma was suspended for 81 days for a methamphetamine positive, a portion of that time after multiple grooms in his care tested positive for the drug. The positive occurred near the start of the ADMC program going into effect, before the new rules were proposed.

What Scharer bemoans is the lack of any unified approach to providing support to racing's phalanx of essential workers.

"Unfortunately it's only us, Kentucky and New York. That's the only three that I know of," said Scharer, about the number of jurisdictions armed with substance abuse support programs like the Winners Foundation. "I would love to be involved in a program where we make this more uniform across the country."



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Another reason appears to be more mercenary.

At a time when the industry grapples with a profound dearth of good, reliable help, there’s a fear among some in the industry, said Scharer, that tackling the problem head-on could lead to an even more attenuated workforce. “Sometimes people don’t want to know the truth of how bad it really is,” he said.

Though not everyone is as averse to such truth-telling. “I know that Richard Mandella tests everybody in his barn before they go work for him,” said Scharer. “He doesn’t want anybody who works with his horses to be working under the influence.”

At the same time, some substance abuse rehabilitation programs offer a tantalizing answer to the industry’s staffing woes.

“It could turn the backside upside down,” said Frank Taylor, director of new business development at Taylor Made Farms, about a joint venture he’s helped build between Stable Recovery and the Taylor Made School of Horsemanship for men and women suffering substance abuse problems.

The partnership includes two halfway houses and a 12-step program, along with vocational rehab to teach those going through the 90-day course the basics of horsemanship. The idea is to provide them with an avenue towards meaningful employment—in the process, providing a new workforce source for the Thoroughbred industry.

Graduates of this program, said Taylor, have found work at a variety of key farms in the area including Coolmore, Darley and WinStar. “We’ve got about 10 farms that are currently working with us,” he said.

“If trainers started hiring these people, they would absolutely love it,” Taylor added. “It’s just the right thing to do to help these people, give them an opportunity in life. Plus, we’re putting them with the most therapeutic animal on earth.”

Taylor estimates upwards of 50 percent of backstretch employees have a potential substance abuse problem. And it’s a topic Taylor knows well.

A recovering alcoholic, Taylor quit drinking a few years ago, which is when he visited the DV8 Kitchen, a Kentucky restaurant that provides employment to those in the early stages of substance abuse recovery.

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“Generally, somebody goes into a 90-day program only about 15% of them stay sober to the end of the 90-days,” said Taylor. “We’re running more like 85%. The reason is, they get completely out of their old environment and come out and work immediately.”

While the program is primarily geared towards those with little to no prior horse experience, they’ve taken on individuals from the racetrack--jockeys, trainers, even farm managers--who act as tutors, said Taylor.

“We’ll have them helping the green guys coming in,” said Taylor, who explained how they adapt their program to the skill sets of the individual.

“Folks from the track, they’re going to see some guys in there, picking feet and whatnot, and they’re going to say, ‘do this, do that,’” said Taylor. “The thing about addiction, to get and stay sober, you’ve got to help another addict.”

Ultimately, Taylor envisages a recovery program with a racetrack backstretch-located dormitory.

“The idea would be to put them through our program, get them sober 90-days, then move them into that dormitory with a house manager and keep the drug testing going,” said Taylor.

“I don’t know how it’s going to go or how it’s going to grow,” Taylor added. “But I know there’s a huge need for it. And I know it’s a win-win for the industry, for the horses and the horsemen.”

HISA’S Role?

Substance abuse on the backstretch is on HISA’s radar, said the organization’s CEO, Lisa Lazarus.

“If we have a significant amount of our population that we depend on to run racing that is struggling with addiction or abusing drugs, I think we have a moral obligation to help those people and to do something for them,” Lazarus said, adding that she’s already discussed the need for providing a stronger network of industry treatment programs with those already working on the problem.

For the sake of improving safety and integrity in racing, “it’s just not acceptable to say that meth in the workplace is okay. And I think it’s everyone’s job to fix it,” Lazarus said. “The trainers deserve to have a whole lot of help from racetracks and other organizations to help prevent employees from using meth on the backside. It’s not only their responsibility.”

That said, “I would like to encourage more trainers to think to themselves, ‘you know what? For \$25 more, I don’t need the cheaper groom. I could find a groom that I actually know and feel more comfortable with and use them instead,’” Lazarus said.

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KENTUCKY OAKS DAY

LONGINES KENTUCKY OAKS, GRADE I



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Runs Fri., May 3
Fillies, Three years old
ONE MILE AND ONE-EIGHTH, Dirt

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Three-year-olds and up
FIVE AND ONE-HALF FURLONGS, Turf

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Runs Sat., May 4
Four-year-olds and up
SEVEN FURLONGS, Dirt

LONGINES CHURCHILL DISTAFF TURF MILE, GRADE II

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ONE MILE, Turf

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Three-year-olds
ONE MILE AND ONE-SIXTEENTH, Turf

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Three-year-olds
ONE MILE, Dirt

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Three-year-olds and up
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But given how ubiquitous drug use is on the backstretch, what about those trainers unable to find reliable drug-free help because of the industry’s chronic staffing shortage? Or those struggling trainers unable to fork out premium prices?



Lisa Lazarus | Carley Storm

“I recognize that sometimes it's not achievable,” said Lazarus. “But obviously, the anti-doping system is based on a system of fault. So, when trainers have come forward and have evidence of workers in their stable that are on the drug, they obviously

get a much more relaxed penalty because they have an explanation. And that's only fair.”

The “complicated question,” said Lazarus, is how to find the correct balance between “being fair to horsemen and what they can control while also requiring some level of responsibility.”

At the launch of HISA’s anti-doping and medication control (ADMC) program, the screening limit for meth was the same as for the Racing Medication and Testing Consortium (RMTC), said Lazarus. “We’ve ended up quadrupling it,” she added, of the screening limit.

Though many cases have been dismissed as contamination, has HISA’s approach been a fair one for the horsemen and women so far?

“It may be that the science shows that in time the screening limit needs to be raised,” said Lazarus.

“The one thing I would say is there is no racing jurisdiction in the world or horse sport in the world that doesn't test for and sanction for meth. And actually, our rules are amongst the most lenient with regards to meth because we do take into consideration the risks on the backside,” Lazarus said, pointing to the **recent case** of Harness racing trainer Clarence Foulk suspended for one year stemming from a 2023 methamphetamine positive.

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When asked if the way Morfin has been treated has been reasonable, his attorney, Tyre, responded that the constraints of the system guided their approach.

“If we were to fight the case forward it would take months,” said Tyre, adding how his client could have remained suspended for that period. “This was the best way to get him back to work,” he said.

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SOPHOMORE TOP 12

MUTH (cont. from p1)

But in terms of consistency, reliability, and the potential for even more improvement, there are no better bets at this stage of the season.

The gaming corporation that runs Churchill Downs has disinvited trainer Bob Baffert from the track's 150th GI Kentucky Derby bash, so it's unclear where this 'TDN Rising Star' might start next. A commitment to the GI Preakness S. would still be weeks away, but the connections of whoever ends up winning the May 4 Derby probably won't be going wild with visions of sweeping the Triple Crown knowing that a fresh, fit and dangerous Muth is waiting in the wings.



Muth | Renee Torbit/Coady

Muth adapted to two disruptive attempts in the early stages of the Arkansas Derby. Off as the 2.3-1 second choice, he was initially forwardly placed under Juan Hernandez, then got edged back off the action when a keyed-up 26-1 shot slipped through at the rail. Taking up a sweet stalking spot cornering onto the backstretch, Hernandez then had to decide what to do when 11-10 favorite Timberlake (Into Mischief) unexpectedly accelerated between rivals at the 6 1/2-furlong pole to seize the lead.

Muth was asked to shadow fellow 'Rising Star' Timberlake before Hernandez sensed that he could let that rival keep a half-length lead for most of the back straight. Seven-sixteenths out, Hernandez coaxed Muth to unwind, and once he hit his best stride at the quarter pole, Muth began opening up under a hand ride while Timberlake was being roused and not responding.

Through the lane, Muth kept the pesky 32-1 shot Just Steel (Justify) two lengths in arrears, and under the wire it was another 4 1/2 lengths back to the remaining stragglers.

2) SIERRA LEONE (c, Gun Runner--Heavenly Love, by Malibu Moon) 'TDN Rising Star'. O-Mrs John Magnier, Michael B Tabor, Derrick Smith Westerberg, Rocket Ship Racing LLC & Peter M Brant; B-Debby M Oxley (KY); T-Chad Brown. Sales history: \$2,300,000 Ylg '22 FTSAUG. Lifetime Record: GSW, 3-2-1-0, \$336,750. Last start: WON Feb. 17 GII Risen Star S.

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'TDN Rising Star' Sierra Leone, who celebrated his third birthday Mar. 31, is the horse to beat in Saturday's Blue Grass S. at Keeneland.

That doesn't necessarily mean he needs to drain the tank to win his final prep race before the Derby. But considering this Chad Brown trainee has been unraced since winning the Feb. 17 GII Risen Star S., it is imperative for Sierra Leone to demonstrate numerical progression off a three-race Beyer Speed Figure arc of 71-91-90.

This \$2.3-million FTSAUG sale-topper takes a long while to uncoil with his off-the-pace runs. But the scary thing is we haven't seen him come close to scraping the bottom of his stamina reserves just yet.

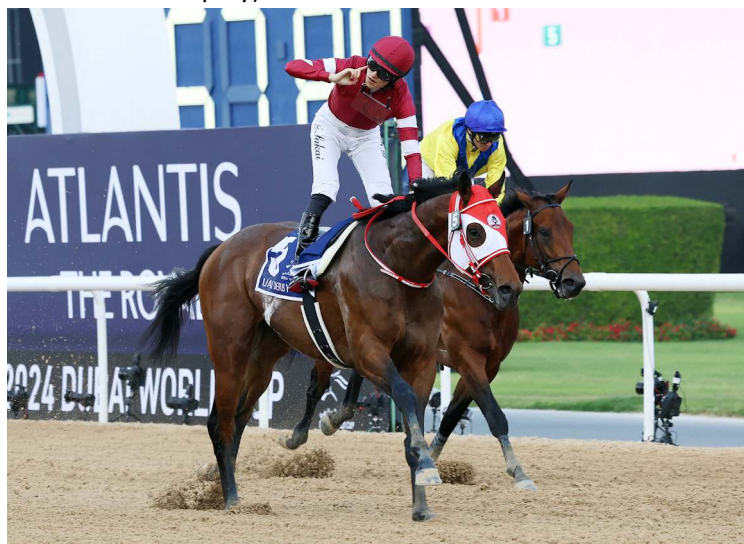
In the Risen Star, he accomplished quite a bit considering it was just his third career start: Sierra Leone handled shipping away from his home base, winning off an 11-week layoff, rating from midpack while equipped with blinkers for the first time, and racing under the lights on a sloppy, sealed, and eerily shadowy track.

The last six times Brown has started a horse in the Blue Grass, the results have been two wins, three close seconds, and a third.

3) FOREVER YOUNG (JPN) (c, Reel Steel {Jpn}--Forever Darling, by Congrats). O-Susumu Fujita; B-Northern Racing; T-Yoshito Yahagi. Sales History: ¥98,000,000 Ylg '22 JRHAJUL. Lifetime Record: 5-5-0-0, \$2,049,451. Last start: WON Mar. 30 G2 UAE Derby.

The 5-for-5 Forever Young is a very plausible threat for the Kentucky Derby coming off a convincing win in Saturday's G2 UAE Derby at Meydan Racecourse over 1900 meters.

This Yoshito Yahagi trainee who sold for the equivalent of \$720,603 at the JRHA Select Yearling and Foal sale was prompted for speed from an outer draw. Then, after opting for a four-wide go through the first turn, jockey Ryusei Sakai deftly eased him back to fifth on the straightaway, doing the best he could to keep the colt out of kickback (Forever Young was equipped a protective mask that was supposed to soften the blow of the dirt spray).



Forever Young | Horsephotos

Forever Young again took the overland route around the final bend while smoothly shifting into consecutively higher gears, then drilled past the pacemaker with an outside bid before drawing away confidently.

The four dirt races on the G1 Dubai World Cup card at Meydan provided only a limited sample, but two of them were blowout wins by speed horses who rode the rail, suggesting that the ground-conceding run by Forever Young could have been against the grain of an inside-favoring track.

4) FIERCENESS (c, City of Light--Nonna Bella, by Stay Thirsty) 'TDN Rising Star'. O/B-Repole Stable (KY); T-Todd Pletcher. Lifetime Record: Ch. 2yo, MGISW, 5-3-0-1, \$1,703,850. Last start: WON Mar. 30 GI Curlin Florida Derby.



Fierceness needed a sharp effort in the GI Florida Derby to give him forward momentum heading to Louisville, and a gaudy, 13 1/4-length blowout that earned a 110 Beyer supplied the latest exclamation point in a five-race, Jekyll-and-Hyde career that has alternated scintillating wins with inexplicably flat performances.

We still don't have a good measuring stick for how Fierceness might respond when faced with the multiple in-race challenges that a race like the 20-horse Derby will present. This Repole Stable homebred by City of Light had everything his own way

Saturday when establishing a measured tempo without having to fight hard for the lead or repulse any serious bids.

It's not Fierceness's fault the Florida Derby came up soft on paper. But it does mean that the Kentucky Derby will be this colt's first immersion into the deeper end of the divisional pool since he pasted the field in the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile by 6 1/4 lengths.

At age two, Fierceness aired in his sloppy-track Saratoga debut by 11 1/4 lengths. He then looked lost when seventh as the odds-on fave in the similarly sloppy GI Champagne S. His Breeders' Cup victory was delivered with authority, yet his coming-out party at age three was an underwhelming third at 1-5 odds in the slow-paced GIII Holy Bull S.

If anything, Fierceness's cakewalk in the Florida Derby should erase any doubts about whether he had too taxing a final prep five weeks before the Run for the Roses. On Sunday morning, trainer Todd Pletcher reported the colt came out of the race "super."

5) DETERMINISTIC (c, Liam's Map--Giulio's Jewel, by Speightstown) 'TDN Rising Star'. O-St. Elias Stable, Langone, Ken, Duncker, C. Steven and Vicarage Stable; B-Hinkle Farms (KY); T-Christophe Clement. Sales history: \$625,000 Ylg '22 KESEEP. Lifetime Record: GSW, 2-2-0-0, \$222,750. Last start: WON Mar. 2 GIII Gotham S.



The athletic but lightly seasoned Deterministic remains on target for Saturday's GII Wood Memorial S. This 2-for-2 Christophe Clement trainee bulleted five-eighths Friday in 1:01.60 (1/5) at Payson Park while reeling in a workmate after starting two lengths back with his usual jockey, Joel Rosario, aboard.

"I thought it was nice for him to be in behind a horse," Clement told *Daily Racing Form's* David Grening. "If he goes two turns, a mile and an eighth, most probably he will be behind horses. I kind of like in the morning to try and reproduce what you're going to do in the race."

This colt scored at first asking over seven furlongs in an Aug. 12 MSW sprint at Saratoga (81 Beyer). He was subsequently sidelined with an ankle chip, but stamped himself as a Derby contender with an eye-catching, stalk-and-split win in the Mar. 2 GIII Gotham S. at Aqueduct, a one-turn mile over a sloppy and sealed track (93 Beyer).

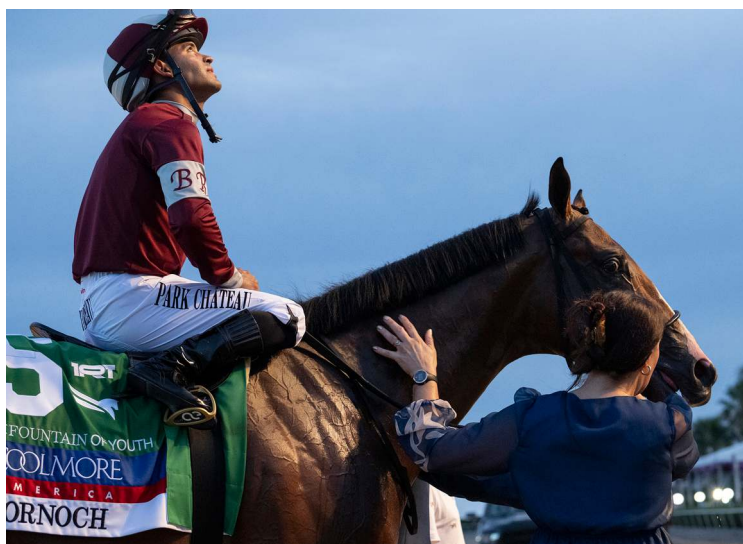
Deterministic is drawing more than the usual share of "wiseguy" attention considering he's only started twice and we're into April. But a big showing in New York vaults him into the mix for favoritism in Louisville.

6) DORNOCH (c, **Good Magic--Puca, by **Big Brown**)** O-West Paces Racing LLC, R A Hill Stable, Belmar Racing and Breeding LLC, Two Eight Racing LLC & Pine Racing Stables; B-Grandview Equine (KY); T-Danny Gargan. Sales history: \$325,000 Ylg '22 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: MGSW, 5-3-2-0, \$505,400. Last start: WON Mar. 2 GII Coolmore Fountain of Youth S.

— **Runnymede Farm Foaled, Raised, and Sold** —

Dornoch, a \$325,000 KEESEP son of **Good Magic** who is a full-brother to 2023 Derby winner **Mage**, will still be in schooling mode for his final prep stakes Saturday at Keeneland.

Trainer Danny Gargan has been wanting to see if Dornoch is more effective in a race when targeting horses instead of setting the pace. But he didn't get to execute that strategy as planned in the GII Fountain of Youth S. at Gulfstream, because all the main speed horses scratched out of that race, and Dornoch once again got sent to the front. He wired the field that day, but Gargan wants to try again from a bit farther back in the Blue Grass.



Dornoch | *Ryan Thompson*

The guess here is that Dornoch won't drop back quite as far as rival Sierra Leone. But with deadline for this column coming before entries are drawn, we don't know for sure which and how many early speed types will be setting the table ahead of both of them.

Dornoch bested Sierra Leone by a nose in the Dec. 2 GII Remsen S. at Aqueduct. But that was five months ago over a muddy track that was heavily biased toward early speed. Dornoch forced the issue up front and Sierra Leone closed wide from well off the tailgate. Dornoch brushed the rail in upper stretch, but regained his best stride late to steal back the lead from Sierra Leone, who was also a touch unfocused through the lane.

7) TRACK PHANTOM (c, **Quality Road--Miss Sunset, by **Into Mischief**)** O-L and N Racing LLC, Clark Brewster, Jerry Caroom & Breeze Easy LLC; B-Breeze Easy (KY); T-Steve Asmussen. Sales history: \$500,000 yrl '22 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: GSW, 7-3-2-1, \$405,000. Last start: 4th in Mar. 23 GII Louisiana Derby.

Bred, Born & Raised by Baccari Bloodstock

Rebecca Maker Layup

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Track Phantom's fourth in the GII Louisiana Derby was subpar considering he was allowed to establish an unpressured pace before regressing late. But when you consider that he looked certain to be swallowed up by no fewer than five rivals off the turn yet didn't concede the lead until the sixteenth pole, that has to count for something.

This \$500,000 KEESEP son of **Quality Road** wouldn't be the first speed-centric horse to win the Kentucky Derby off a so-so final prep race. Keep in mind that in a year where top prospects are light on racing experience, trainer Steve Asmussen has already given Track Phantom seven starts at a mile or longer, and he's been right up near the lead in every try.



Track Phantom | *Coady Photography*

In doing so, he's dealt with outermost posts in three of his last four starts, plus gate 11 of 12 on one other occasion. Track Phantom has been unfazed by having hyper horses to his inside, and he's also engaged in a couple of decent stretch fights. He's run well in the slop (twice second, beaten half a length each time), and he's won around two turns at Churchill, which is always encouraging to see.

Track Phantom was among the first Derby candidates to ship into Churchill last Thursday, and his stock is likely to quietly rise over the course of the next month.

8) MAYMUN (c, Frosted--Handwoven, by Indian Charlie) 'TDN Rising Star'. O-Zedan Racing Stables, Inc.; B-Vision Racing & Sales LLC (KY); T-Bob Baffert. Sales history: \$50,000 Ylg '22 KEESEP; \$900,000 2yo '23 OBSAPR. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$79,200. Last start: WON Feb. 11 Santa Anita AOC.

Bred, Raised & Sold by Baccari Bloodstock

This son of **Frosted** out of an Indian Charlie mare earned 'TDN Rising Star' honors in his Jan. 20 debut over 6 1/2 furlongs by splitting horses early, pegging straight for the lead, and setting a brisk tempo before brushing off three spent rivals at the quarter pole. His winning margin was 7 1/2 easy lengths (93 Beyer).

Six horses have now run back out of that Santa Anita MSW, and they are a collective 1-for-8 in all subsequent starts, with the lone winner running a 79 Beyer.

The better measuring stick might be Maymun's Feb. 11 allowance try over a mile in which he brushed a rival at the break, then sideswiped stablemate and second-favorite Imagination (Into Mischief) while bearing out into the first turn.

After a slower second-quarter split, Imagination engaged Maymun from the outside and they ratcheted up the cadence from the three-eighths pole to the wire before Maymun wrested Imagination into submission through a final eighth in :12.83 (89 Beyer). The top two were 10 1/2 lengths clear of the three also-rans.

Imagination showed he was no slouch be rebounding to capture the Mar. 3 GII San Felipe S.

The two could hook up again in Saturday's Santa Anita Derby, where trainer Bob Baffert is expected to enter at least two stablemates.

9) CATCHING FREEDOM (c, Constitution--Catch My Drift, by Pioneerof the Nile) O-Albaugh Family Stables LLC; B-WinStar Farm (KY); T-Brad Cox. Sales history: \$575,000 yrl '22 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: GSW, 5-3-0-1, \$877,350. Last start: WON Mar. 23 GII Louisiana Derby.



The 97-Beyer winner of the Louisiana Derby is scheduled for four workouts prior to the Kentucky Derby, trainer Brad Cox told the 'TDN Writers' Room' podcast last week.

Cox mentioned that this **Constitution** colt brushed the gate and thus didn't jump all that well in the Louisiana Derby. Even though Catching Freedom is an established closer, it was not the game plan for him to be so far back, Cox added.

Flavien Prat made the most of an improvised trip, waiting patiently behind a moderate pace at the rear of the field until 2 1/2 furlongs out before circling with a 12-wide bid in upper stretch that Catching Freedom sustained over the length of the long Fair Grounds home straight.

"He's not a big horse. He's medium-sized. He's a good mover," Cox said. "He puts a good bit into his gallops. His works have just been average. His first work back will be a pretty basic work. We may even take him by himself. We're not looking to do much with him. But then the three [works] leading up [to the Derby] we'll ask him for a little bit more."



Catching Freedom | Hodges Photography

10) IMAGINATION (c, Into Mischief--Magical Feeling, by Empire Maker) O-SF Racing LLC, Starlight Racing, Madaket Stables LLC, Stonestreet Stables LLC, Dianne Bashor, Robert Masterson, Waves Edge Capital LLC, Catherine Donovan & Tom Ryan; B-Peter Blum Thoroughbreds (KY); T-Bob Baffert. Sales history: \$1,050,000 yrl '22 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: GSW, 5-2-3-0, \$256,800. Last start: WON Mar. 3 San Felipe S.

This \$1.05-million KEESEP colt has never been worse than second from five starts. He appears to be in the mix for Saturday's Santa Anita Derby for trainer Bob Baffert.

In the San Felipe S., Imagination got clipped from behind, then rushed to engage stablemate Wine Me Up (Vino Rosso). The two locked into a prolonged battle around the far turn and through the home straight, with Imagination gamely prevailing by a head (96 Beyer).

As mentioned above in Maymun's write-up, Imagination was also impeded around the first turn two starts ago in a Santa Anita allowance, yet he didn't back down in that race either. He finished second, beaten a neck, after briefly snatching the lead on three distinct occasions in the stretch.

11) TIMBERLAKE (c, Into Mischief--Pin Up (Ire), by Lookin At Lucky) 'TDN Rising Star'. O-Siena Farm LLC and WinStar Farm LLC; B-St. Elias Stables, LLC (KY); T-Brad H. Cox. Sales history: \$350,000 Ylg '22 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: GISW, 7-3-1-0, \$1,173,100. Last start: 4th Mar. 30 GI Arkansas Derby.



Timberlake's fourth-place try in the Arkansas Derby knocked him down a few pegs on the sophomore totem pole, but it didn't get him voted off the Top 12 island just yet, because the effort might have been an aberration.

In last year's Breeders' Cup Juvenile, Timberlake never settled in the early stages and it cost him the race. This \$350,000 KEESEP son of Into Mischief seemed to have rectified that issue when he rated much more willingly in the Feb. 24 GII Rebel S. But on Saturday at Oaklawn, he was back to his old tricks, and Flavien Prat believed it was best to just let him go rather than waste energy fighting the colt's headstrong ways.

"He was getting very aggressive, so I kind of let him run," Prat told FanDuel TV. "He settled down nicely on the backside, but he didn't have much run at the end."

Considering he has the qualifying points and a pedigree that fuses speed with stamina, the Derby is still a realistic goal if trainer Brad Cox can figure out how to get a more efficient effort out of Timberlake. Prat also rides No. 9-ranked Catching Freedom for Cox, meaning a Derby choice looms likely in the near future.

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12) JUST STEEL (c, Justify--Irish Lights {Aus}, by Fastnet Rock {Aus}). O-BC Stables, LLC; B-Summerhill Farm (KY); T-D. Wayne Lukas. Sales History: \$500,000 Ylg '22 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: GISP, 11-2-4-1, \$724,545. Last start: 2nd Mar. 30 GI Arkansas Derby.

How's this for a story line? At age 88, trainer D. Wayne Lukas will be saddling his 50th Derby horse overall and his first starter in the race since 2018 after Just Steel's 32-1 second-place try in the Arkansas Derby garnered enough qualifying points to get in.

Lukas has won the Derby four times, with Winning Colors (1988), Thunder Gulch (1995), Grindstone (1996) and Charismatic (1999).

Based solely on race records, the 2-for-11 Just Steel compares aptly to Charismatic, who was 2-for-12 entering his Derby 25 years ago and went off at a largely ignored 31-1 in the betting.

While Just Steel isn't as purely fast as some of the higher-ranked Derby aspirants on this list, he's a hard-trying type who can be envisioned as being in the thick of things late at a big price if he gets the right trip.

Just Steel's effort at Oaklawn was commendable. He was always near the pace despite going four wide on the first turn, and he maintained his run through the lane in persistent enough fashion to prove he knows how to finish.

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ENDLESSLY BACK ON DERBY TRAIL

by Bill Finley

After declaring that **Endlessly** (*Oscar Performance*) would bypass the GI Kentucky Derby in favor of the GII American Turf, also run at Churchill Downs, the connections have reconsidered their options and are now “leaning” toward running in the Derby.

“We’re going to go ahead and see what happens here over the next few weeks,” trainer Michael McCarthy said. “[Owner] Mr. [John] Amerman would like to keep all his options open.”

Endlessly earned enough points to qualify for the Derby when winning the GIII Jeff Ruby Steaks at Turfway Park in his last start, but that race was run over a synthetic surface, as was his prior race, a win in the El Camino Real Derby. His four prior starts were all over the turf, the reason why McCarthy was initially pointing for the American Turf. Endlessly has never run on the dirt.



Endlessly | Coady Photography

“He doesn’t need to show me much, at least from a resume standpoint,” McCarthy said. “He has to train and we’ll need everything to go our way. You know how things are when you get close to Derby time, things happen. We’ll be looking for a bit of luck and will hope he gets over the racetrack well. Mr. Amerman wants to be very open minded about it and feels there is an opportunity out there. Are we leaning towards the Derby? The answer is yes.”

McCarthy admitted that Endlessly has not necessarily been working that well on the dirt surface at Santa Anita, where he is based.

“His works on the dirt have been very workmanlike,” the trainer said. “They’ve been decent. Decent without being eye-catching. But sometimes, you just have to take a chance and Mr. Amerman feels the same way.”

In six career starts, Endlessly has lost just once and has also recorded stakes wins in the GIII Zuma Beach S. and the GIII Del Mar Juvenile Turf S.

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Into Mischief (Harlan's Holiday) <i>(Laurel River--Dubai World Cup-G1)</i>	146	69 (20)
Munnings (Speightstown) <i>(Take Me Serious--Miranda Diane S.)</i>	74	27
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Oscar Performance (Kitten's Joy) <i>(Oscar Eclipse--Sir Shackleton S.-L; Set--Cutler Bay S.)</i>	9	4
Oxbow (Awesome Again) <i>(Tuz--Dubai Golden Shaheen-G1)</i>	15	6 (2)
Tamarkuz (Speightstown) <i>(Two Rivers Over--Godolphin Mile-G2)</i>	2	2
Union Rags (Dixie Union) <i>(Power Squeeze--Gulfstream Park Oaks-GII)</i>	32	16

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SIX SHARE BULLET AT TEXAS BREEZE SHOW

Six juveniles shared the fastest furlong time of :10 1/5 during the breeze show ahead of the Texas 2-Year-Olds in Training Sale held Monday at Lone Star Park. Four of the group were consigned by Pike Racing: **hip 2**, a filly by **Daredevil**; **hip 28**, a colt by Street Boss; **hip 36**, a filly by **Outwork**; and **hip 42**, a colt by Aurelius Maximus.



Hip 28 | Olivia Friesen/TTA

Also sharing Monday's bullet: **hip 49**, a filly by Cinco Charlie consigned by Asmussen Horse Center; and **hip 77**, a filly by Cutting Humor consigned by Bryan Ford Training Stable.

"Overall, it was a great breeze show," said TTA Sales Director Foster Bridewell. "We had a head wind all day and the horses handled it well. We had six tie for the fastest breeze of the day and many others stopped the clock in 10 2/5 and 10 3/5. I think the track was consistent all day and that's a credit to the track team at Lone Star Park. Thank you to the team at Lone Star and to our consignors and owners for bringing a good group of horses to our sale."

The breeze results and videos are available online at TTAsales.com. The Texas 2-Year-Olds in Training Sale will be held Wednesday at Lone Star Park. Bidding begins at 10 a.m. CT.

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STABILE NAMED FINGER LAKES ANNOUNCER

Anthony Stabile has been named track announcer at Finger Lakes Gaming and Racetrack. Stabile will become just the third announcer in Finger Lakes history when the upstate New York track opens for its 63rd season of Thoroughbred racing Apr. 29.

“Since I was a young kid, I’ve wanted to be a racetrack announcer and am proud to say my first full-time position will be at Finger Lakes,” Stabile said. “I’m looking forward to being a part of a place that is rich in racing tradition, where one of my favorites, Funny Cide, wrapped up his career.”



Anthony Stabile

Stabile was the back-up announcer on the New York Racing Association circuit from 2018-2023, where he co-hosted the Talking Horses handicapping show, as well as America's Day at the Races/Saratoga Live on the Fox Sports family of networks. He is currently one of the track announcers at Yonkers Raceway. He also has called races at The Meadowlands and Freehold Raceway.

“We are excited to have Anthony joining our racing team. His vast knowledge of New York State Thoroughbred racing will serve him well in his new role,” said Finger Lakes president and general manager Chris Riegler.

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RAMSEY TOPS OWNER STANDINGS AT GULFSTREAM

Ken Ramsey finished the Gulfstream Championship meet atop the owner standings with 27 winners. A perennial leading owner, Ramsey previously led the standings at Gulfstream in 2021-2022, 2019-2020 and from 2012-2013 to 2017-2018. His wins during the meet included Be My Sunshine (**Frosted**) in the Tropical Park Oaks and Abrumar (**Divisidero**) in the Colonel Liam S., both from the barn of leading trainer Saffie Joseph, Jr.

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The Big 3 Pick 3, a new wager encompassing the GII Wood Memorial, GI Toyota Blue Grass S, and GI Santa Anita Derby, will be available to bettors this Saturday, the New York Racing Association, Keeneland, and 1/ST announced jointly Monday.

The Big 3 Pick 3, which will be hosted by Aqueduct, will be offered with a \$3 minimum and mandatory payout. The Big 3 Pick 3 will appear as a separate wager/track on wagering machines or online account: Big 3 Pick 3.

All three races are contested at nine furlongs and offer 100-50-25-15-10 Kentucky Derby qualifying points to the top five finishers.

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A birthday celebration fit for a Queen: Zenyatta spent her 20th birthday in the company of some of her greatest admirers and fans, part of a special experience organized by Lane's End Farm and Visit Horse Country. The beloved Hall of Famer, Horse of the Year and champion received plenty of love, pats and of course, lots & lots of treats | Sara Gordon



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

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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Friday, Keeneland #9, post time: 5:16 p.m. EDT

CENTRAL BANK ASHLAND S.-GI, \$600,000, 3yo, f, 1 1/16m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Candied	Candy Ride (Arg)	Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners	Pletcher	Saez	121
2	Standoutsensation 🦋	Take Charge Indy	Emmett, Richard J. and Politi, Joel	Amoss	Morales	121
3	Leslie's Rose 🦋	Into Mischief	Whisper Hill Farm, LLC	Pletcher	Ortiz, Jr.	121
4	Halina's Forte	Mitole	Rigney Racing, LLC	Bauer	Gaffalione	121
5	Shimmering Allure	Enticed	Walking L Thoroughbreds, LLC	McPeck	Hernandez, Jr.	121
6	Just F Y I	Justify	George Krikorian	Mott	Alvarado	121
7	Impel	Quality Road	Juddmonte	Cox	Geroux	121
8	Jody's Pride	American Pharoah	Parkland Thoroughbreds and Sportsmen Stable	Abreu	Prat	121

Breeders: 1-Buck Pond Farm, Inc., 2-Edward A. Seltzer, Beverly S. Seltzer & Jamie Frost, 3-John D. Gunther & Eurowest Bloodstock Services, 4-Bill & Corinne Heilegbrodt & A.F. & B. Vanlangendonck, 5-Clifton Farm, LLC, 6-George Krikorian, 7-Juddmonte, 8-Mr. Steve Weston

Friday, Keeneland #8, post time: 4:44 p.m. EDT

TRANSYLVANIA S. PRESENTED BY KEENELAND SELECT-GIII, \$400,000, 3yo, 1 1/16mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Oscar's World	Oscar Performance	Walmac Farm	Lynch	Saez	118
2	Guy Named Joe 🦋	American Pharoah	My Way Racing LLC, West Coast Stables, LLC, Evenson, Barbara, O'Keefe, John and Timothy F.	O'Neill	Machado	118
3	Lagynos 🦋	Kantharos	HRH Prince Sultan Bin Mishal Al Saud	Asmussen	Torres	118
4	Neat 🦋	Constitution	Red White and Blue Racing LLC	Atras	Gutierrez	118
5	Tennessee 🦋	Justify	Siena Farm LLC and WinStar Farm LLC	Cox	Ortiz	118
6	First World War 🦋	War Front	Qatar Racing LLC and Hunter Valley Farm	Walsh	Gaffalione	118
7	Lord Bullingdon 🦋	Lord Nelson	Colbart Stables & Michael McCarthy Racing Stable	McCarthy	Velazquez	118
8	Musical Act (Ire)	Dark Angel (Ire)	Godolphin, LLC	Appleby	Dettori	118
9	Depiction 🦋	More Than Ready	Twin Brook Stables, Belladonna Racing, Nice Guys Stbls, West Point Tbrds, Iapetus Racing, Hornstock, S, Runnels Racing, Perrine Time Thoroughbreds, R T R Stables, LLC, Peppermint Stables & Manganaro Bloodstock	DeVaux	Rosario	118
10	Can Group	Good Samaritan	D. J. Stable LLC and Cash is King LLC	Casse	Prat	120
11	Full Nelson	Lord Nelson	Gold Square, Hardoon, J & D'Angelo, Jose	D'Angelo	Ortiz, Jr.	118
12	Cugino 🦋	Twirling Candy	West Point Thoroughbreds and Jimmy Kahig LLC	McGaughey III	Castellano	118
13	Royal Majesty (GB)	Frankel (GB)	Besilu Stables	Mott	Alvarado	118
14	Camaro Z	Liam's Map	Stephens, Terry, Patel, Pravin & Tagg Team Racing	Foley	Hernandez, Jr.	118

Breeders: 1-Gary Broad - Walmac Farm, LLC, 2-Emory A. Hamilton, 3-Robert Spiegel, 4-Hidden Brook Farm & Spruce Lane Farm, 5-Summer Wind Equine LLC, 6-Skyfall Thoroughbreds LLC, 7-Veloce LLC, 8-Godolphin, 9-Helen K. Groves Revocable Trust, 10-Wynnstay Inc. & H. Allen Poindexter, 11-Peachtree Stable, 12-Gage Hill Stables, LLC & W. S. Farish, 13-Besilu Stables LLC, 14-Al Shaqab Racing

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Rank	Stallion	BTW	BTH	GSW	GSH	G1SW	G1SH	Starters	Wnrs	Highest Earner	Earnings
1	Street Cry (IRE) (1998) by Machiavellian	6	12	3	8	3	3	260	48	\$4,905,000	\$11,230,278
		FYR: 2004/Crops: 16/Stands: Darley USA (Dead/Retired)/Fee: N/A								Rebel's Romance (IRE)	
2	More Than Ready (1997) by Southern Halo	5	16	2	7	--	2	307	74	\$1,339,334	\$6,060,660
		FYR: 2002/Crops: 17/Stands: WinStar Farm USA (Dead)/Fee: N/A								Gulinga Spirit (AUS)	
3	Empire Maker (2000) by Unbridled	4	11	4	6	1	1	354	92	\$7,156,056	\$12,263,863
		FYR: 2005/Crops: 14/Stands: Gainesway Farm USA (Dead)/Fee: N/A								Laurel River	
4	Desert God (1991) by Fappiano	1	1	1	1	1	1	20	6	\$11,773,000	\$11,921,915
		FYR: 1994/Crops: 22/Stands: A & A Ranch USA (Dead)/Fee: N/A								Senor Buscador	
5	Medaglia d'Oro (1999) by El Prado (IRE)	8	16	4	7	1	1	346	91	\$3,219,000	\$8,423,194
		FYR: 2006/Crops: 13/Stands: Darley KY/Fee: 75,000								National Treasure	
6	Tapit (2001) by Pulpit	7	22	4	10	--	1	402	87	\$2,105,000	\$7,924,590
		FYR: 2006/Crops: 13/Stands: Gainesway Farm KY/Fee: 185,000								Saudi Crown	
7	Giant's Causeway (1997) by Storm Cat	2	13	--	3	--	1	465	113	\$921,267	\$6,055,159
		FYR: 2002/Crops: 17/Stands: Coolmore Ashford USA (Dead)/Fee: N/A								Aljamaanee (KSA)	
8	Bernardini (2003) by A.P. Indy	7	14	4	7	1	1	348	104	\$227,500	\$5,398,753
		FYR: 2008/Crops: 11/Stands: Darley USA (Dead)/Fee: N/A								Comparative	
9	Distorted Humor (1993) by Forty Niner	6	11	2	4	--	1	328	91	\$200,000	\$4,444,676
		FYR: 2000/Crops: 19/Stands: WinStar Farm KY/Fee: Pensioned								Ibn Toulon (KSA)	
10	Malibu Moon (1997) by A.P. Indy	5	13	1	3	--	1	339	78	\$286,500	\$3,910,078
		FYR: 2001/Crops: 18/Stands: Spendthrift Farm USA (Dead)/Fee: N/A								Crupi	
11	Storm Cat (1983) by Storm Bird	1	4	1	3	--	1	134	33	\$1,213,578	\$3,479,579
		FYR: 1989/Crops: 30/Stands: Overbrook Farm USA (Dead)/Fee: N/A								Annaf (IRE)	
12	Uncle Mo (2008) by Indian Charlie	2	5	2	3	1	1	124	38	\$907,500	\$3,413,073
		FYR: 2013/Crops: 7/Stands: Coolmore Ashford KY/Fee: 150,000								Muth	
13	Pulpit (1994) by A.P. Indy	3	4	2	2	1	1	174	53	\$1,276,760	\$3,243,992
		FYR: 1999/Crops: 20/Stands: Claiborne Farm USA (Dead)/Fee: N/A								Tuz	
14	Indian Charlie (1995) by In Excess (IRE)	--	6	--	3	--	1	181	54	\$229,956	\$2,700,293
		FYR: 2000/Crops: 20/Stands: USA (Dead)/Fee: N/A								Buffalo River	
15	Scat Daddy (2004) by Johannesburg	3	9	--	1	--	1	194	54	\$117,770	\$2,419,207
		FYR: 2009/Crops: 10/Stands: Coolmore Ashford USA (Dead)/Fee: N/A								Sweet Dani Girl	

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NORTH AMERICAN RACING



IN SOUTH KOREA:

Mighty Jjang, c, 3, **Race Day**--Wings of a Dove, by Milwaukee Brew. Seoul, 3-30, Hcp. (C4), 1400m. B-Milfer Farm Inc (NY). *\$11,000 Ylg '22 KEEJAN; \$45,000 Ylg '22 FTNAUG.

VIDEO (SC 9)

Mighty Look, f, 4, **Army Mule**--Saoirse Cat (MSP, \$184,498), by Storm Cat. Seoul, 3-31, Hcp. (C1), 1200m. B-Hill 'n' Dale Equine Holdings Inc (KY). *\$17,000 Ylg '21 FKTFEB; \$37,000 2yo '22 OBSAPR. **VIDEO (SC 3)**

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ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

9th-Parx Racing, \$41,400, (S), 4-1, (NW1BX), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:13.61, sy, 1 1/2 lengths.

DEWEY DOIT (f, 3, Coal Front--Aruban Truth, by Yes It's True) Lifetime Record: 7-3-2-0, \$121,880. O-Tilted Shamrock Stables, LLC; B-Elser Farms Corp (PA); T-John C. Servis. *\$9,000 Wlg '21 FTIDEC; \$25,000 Ylg '22 OBSOCT; \$85,000 2yo '23 OBSOPN.

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7th-Mahoning Valley, \$36,200, (S), 4-1, (NW4L), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:12.85, sy, nose.

OUR BUCKWHEAT (g, 4, Kettle Corn--Aide {MSP, \$103,710}, by Arch) Lifetime Record: 10-4-1-1, \$97,214. O-Blue Snow Racing Stables and Boots N Bikinis LLC; B-Pat Coleman (OH); T-David Wolochuk. *\$10,000 Ylg '21 KEEJAN.

 **Hidden Brook Sales Graduate** 

6th-Mahoning Valley, \$32,900, 4-1, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:13.38, sy, 1 length.

CROSSED UP (m, 5, Cross Traffic--Van Gogo Girl, by Van Nistelrooy) Lifetime Record: 31-6-7-7, \$162,579. O/T-Caryn Vecchio; B-Bolyard Investments, LLC & TC Stable LLC (OH).

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7th-Will Rogers Downs, \$30,000, (S), 4-1, (C), 3yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2f, 1:05.53, ft, 3 lengths.

STOLEN KISSES (f, 4, Caleb's Posse--No Kisses for Pops, by Air Commander) Lifetime Record: 9-3-2-1, \$63,777. O/B-Terry J. Westemeir (OK); T-J. Alan Williams.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Noisy On the Bay, f, 3, **Boisterous**--Sundays On the Bay, by Disco Rico. Parx Racing, 4-1, 7f, 1:28.30. Lifetime Record: 6-1-2-1, \$104,600. B-Glenn E. Brok LLC (PA).

Runnin Ute, g, 3, **Carpe Diem**--Algorhythmic, by Vronsky. Golden Gate Fields, 3-31, 5 1/2f (AWT), 1:04.66. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-1, \$21,840. B-Richard Barton Enterprises (CA).

Dontpasstheprinces, f, 3, **Force the Pass**--Pink Princess (SP, \$572,135), by Weigelia. Parx Racing, 4-1, (S), 5 1/2f, 1:05.94. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, \$28,400. B-Wynoaks Farm, LLC & Nancy Lyons (PA).

Wrinkle Road, g, 3, **Saturday Launch**--Zelna J, by Roy. Will Rogers Downs, 4-1, 5 1/2f, 1:06.14. Lifetime Record: 5-1-0-0, \$19,518. B-Chance Johnson & Colleen Davidson (OK).

K O American Pie, f, 4, **American Freedom**--Sugar Pie, by **Candy Ride (Arg)**. Will Rogers Downs, 4-1, (S), 6f, 1:11.90. Lifetime Record: 4-1-0-0, \$17,714. B-Bryan Hawk (OK).

Real Naughty, g, 4, **Congrats**--Naughty Sister, by Archarcharch. Mahoning Valley, 4-1, 6f, 1:12.82. Lifetime Record: 9-1-2-0, \$33,478. B-Barry & Joni Butzow (KY). *1/2 to Tempt Fate (Hamazing Destiny), MSW, \$465,535.

Fast N Happy, f, 4, **Runhappy**--One Fast Frog, by **First Samurai**. Hawthorne, 3-31, 5f, :58.31. Lifetime Record: 10-1-2-0, \$72,285. B-Hugh Bishop (KY).

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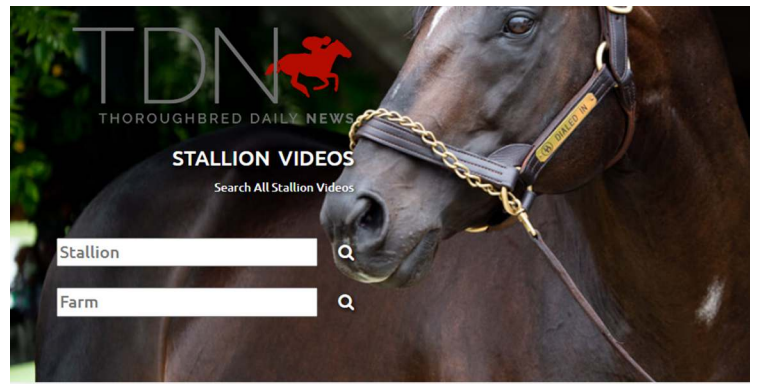
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- Caleb's Posse**, Stolen Kisses, f, 4, o/o No Kisses for Pops, by Air Commander. ALW, 4-1, Will Rogers
- Carpe Diem**, Runnin Ute, g, 3, o/o Algorhythmic, by Vronsky. MSW, 3-31, Golden Gate
- Coal Front**, Dewey Doit, f, 3, o/o Aruban Truth, by Yes It's True. ALW, 4-1, Parx Racing
- Congrats**, Real Naughty, g, 4, o/o Naughty Sister, by Archarcharch. MSW, 4-1, Mahoning Valley
- Cross Traffic**, Crossed Up, m, 5, o/o Van Gogo Girl, by Van Nistelrooy. ALW, 4-1, Mahoning Valley
- Force the Pass**, Dontpasstheprinces, f, 3, o/o Pink Princess, by Weigelia. MSW, 4-1, Parx Racing
- Kettle Corn**, Our Buckwheat, g, 4, o/o Aide, by Arch. ALW, 4-1, Mahoning Valley
- Runhappy**, Fast N Happy, f, 4, o/o One Fast Frog, by **First Samurai**. MSW, 3-31, Hawthorne
- Saturday Launch**, Wrinkle Road, g, 3, o/o Zelna J, by Roy. MSW, 4-1, Will Rogers



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