



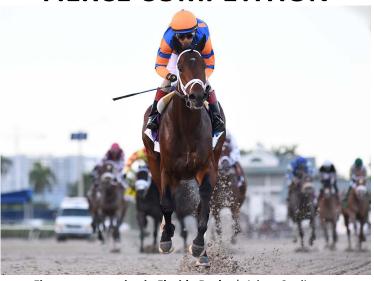
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BREEDING DIGEST: CHINKS OF LIGHT AGAINST FIERCE COMPETITION



Fierceness romping in Florida Derby | Adam Coglianese by Chris McGrath

It very quickly became clear that the stallions launched in 2019 included an above-average proportion equipped to last the course. And the start being made by their second crop of sophomores has only reiterated that impression. Thanks to the contentious prohibition of his ban by a gaming corporation, GI Arkansas Derby winner **Muth** is ineligible to give Good Magic a second GI Kentucky Derby from two attempts. (Though the Hill 'n' Dale sire might yet manage that with the same mare who gave him the first one, with Mage's brother Dornoch heading to the GI Blue Grass S. this weekend.) The stunning return to form of **Fierceness** in Saturday's other big rehearsal meanwhile renewed that colt's priceless service to City of Light.

Over the water, a Classic coronation is widely anticipated for the Justify colt who achieved equivalent superiority over his crop in Europe last year, City Of Troy. Oscar Performance, for his part, was so unabashed by last week's celebration of his work that his three runners last Saturday comprised two new stakes winners plus the neck runner-up in a graded stakes. Army Mule and Girvin have maintained terrific ratios from limited opportunity; the latter's neighbor Collected is quietly moving up the rail; and of course it was Bolt d'Oro who headed the whole class, as freshmen, in 2022. *Cont. p3*

REPORT: ZEDAN SUES CHURCHILL IN ATTEMPT TO FORCE TRACK TO ACCEPT BAFFERT ENTRIES by Bill Finley

According to a report in the *Los Angeles Times*, Owner Amr Zedan filed suit Wednesday in Louisville seeking a temporary injunction that would allow his horses and all others trained by Bob Baffert to run in the GI Kentucky Derby and all other Derbyweek races. Baffert is not a party to the lawsuit.

Zedan owns the GI Arkansas Derby winner Muth (Good Magic), who would be among the Derby favorites if allowed to race.

After Medina Spirit (Protonico) tested positive for betamethasone in the 2021 Derby Baffert was banned by the track for two years. Late last year they extended the ban through all of 2024. In past years, Baffert has sent his horses to other trainers, which allowed them to run at Churchill. This year, in a show of solidarity from his owners, including Zedan, Baffert has not lost a single horse to another trainer. *Cont. p8*

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San Antone Man (Switch Partners - Lady Bebe, by Write In) celebrates his 38th birthday last month. He was foaled on March 19, 1986. | Pamela Borah

THE KENTUCKY OAKS TOP 10

With a final round of prep races looming this weekend, Tarifa (Bernardini) continued to lead the pack in the Kentucky Oaks Top 10 rankings.

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Dr. Stuart Brown joins the TDN Writers' Room podcast to discuss track safety ahead of Keeneland's spring meet.

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Breeding Digest (cont. from p1)

Some of these impressive young sires will have to ride out a familiar bump in the road, their books having dwindled as commercial breeders showed their habitual nervousness about reputations actually being tested on the racetrack. The traffic of several duly rallied last year: Girvin, for instance, from 86 to 181; Oscar Performance from 63 to 160; Army Mule from 115 to 199; Good Magic from 126 to 179; Justify from 156 to 222. But that extra quantity, often matched by extra quality, obviously won't tell on the racetrack for a couple of years yet.

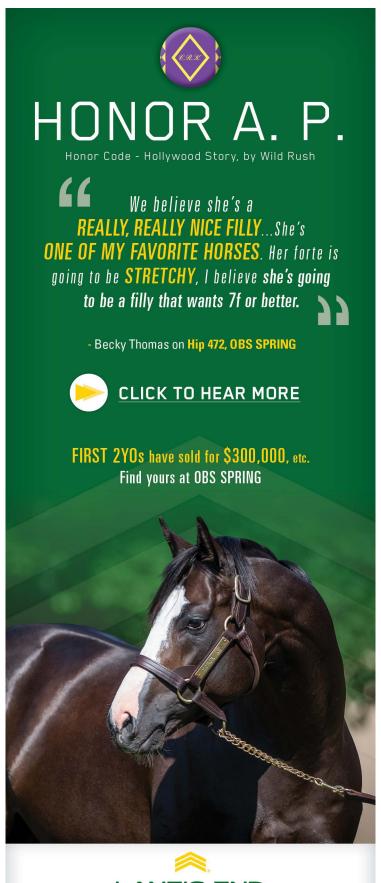
Expectations about City of Light had been so high (his fee, most unusually, was hiked from \$40,000 to \$60,000 after a stellar debut at the yearling sales) that he actually lost support last year, down to 85 from 132, but his quiet start was then redressed by the emergence from his second crop of Fierceness. Remember that City of Light was himself a fairly late developer, not really breaking out until the GI Malibu S. at the end of his sophomore campaign, and none of his stock has yet reached the maturity that disclosed the peak of his prowess. Nonetheless he has been prudently returned to \$35,000 for the current season, an acknowledgement that he still only has one other winner at graded stakes level (Mimi Kakushi, UAE Oaks).

It says much about the way these Thoroughbreds like to tease us that the owner of Fierceness, such a committed spender at the yearling sales, should have come up with consecutive champion juveniles that were respectively a \$110,000 Book 4 yearling (co-owned with St. Elias Stables) and a homebred.

As has been well chronicled, Fierceness is out of a daughter of Nonna Mia (Empire Maker), named for Mike Repole's grandmother ("nonna") and one of the foundations of his program when acquired as a \$200,000 Saratoga yearling in 2008. Herself precocious and Grade I-placed, Nonna Mia gave Repole a homebred scorer at that level in Outwork (by the horse that really put him on the map, Uncle Mo), while her own pedigree had meanwhile been gilded by the emergence of three-parts brother Cairo Prince (Pioneerof The Nile).

In a light career, Nonna Mia's daughter by Stay Thirsty, Nonna Bella, won her first two starts and only missed black type by a neck. Nonna Bella's first two named foals, both by Uncle Mo, did not make the track, but the explosive debut of Fierceness at Saratoga last summer certainly proved well timed for the family: a couple of weeks later Nonna Bella's half-brother by Into Mischief topped the September Sale at \$3 million, Repole himself retaining a stake alongside West Point Thoroughbreds, Woodford Thoroughbreds and Chuck Sonson.

All in all, then, this has become a pretty illustrious family and Fierceness, when he goes to stud, can duly be promoted as born for the job-especially if his own sire, having capitalized on its precocity and class, can now keep consolidating.





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Background Genes Needed Against Throwback Horse

Muth's performance the same afternoon itself underlined the freakish talent of Fierceness, as he had been the least embarrassed of his panting pursuers at the Breeders' Cup last fall.

In contrast with all the action under Nonna Mia, Muth has a compressed page: he's the first foal of a mare who was herself one of just two named foals out of her own mother. Obviously shoppers at OBS last March had all the evidence of functionality they could require, however, and Muth duly turned himself into a spectacular pinhook: sold to Bishop Bloodstock for \$190,000 at Keeneland the previous September, he left Top Line Sales for \$2 million.

The gentleman who signed the

Muth | Coady

docket is a genius at any level of the market, and Muth has already paid off three-quarters of that investment with a stud career now secure.

Muth was bred by Don Alberto Corporation out of Hoppa (Uncle Mo), who had shown bright ability in a curtailed career, romping in a Churchill sprint maiden on her second start but derailing next time. Hoppa had herself been acquired in utero

when Don Alberto gave \$170,000 for her dam Handoverthecat (Tale Of The Cat), winner of two of five starts, at the 2015 Keeneland November Sale. Unfortunately they appear to have lost her after delivering only one more foal, a son of Tiznow, though at least he covered her purchase cost-to the cent-when sold as a yearling. And Hoppa has meanwhile become so valuable that an attempt to cash her out at Fasig-Tipton last November, carrying a sibling to Muth, stalled at \$1.9 million.

Though his foreshortened page obviously doesn't increase their

actual influence, Muth must advertise such interesting genes as he can and those are all clustered around his fourth dam, Beautiful Bedouin (His Majesty).





She was an unraced half-sister to Silver Hawk, third in the Derby at Epsom and one of the most inspired stallion discoveries of the late Brereton C. Jones.

One of her daughters similarly had a transatlantic impact: Wandering Star (Red Ransom) was a stakes winner in Europe before being acquired by Joseph Allen and winning the GII E.P. Taylor S., while two of her sons became juvenile Group winners in Allen's silks: War Command (War Front) won two of Britain's signature juvenile prizes for Ballydoyle (G1 Dewhurst/G2 Coventry); and Naval Officer (Tale Of The Cat), the G3 Prix de Conde.

Beautiful Bedouin had two other foals by Red Ransom: one produced a Classic winner in New Zealand, Rollout The Carpet (Holy Roman Emperor {Ire}); the other is the third dam of Muth. She, too, was unraced, meaning that the first four dams of Muth have a grand total of eight starts between them.

That history of fragility finds a striking contrast in the colt whose pursuit of Muth on Saturday carried him so far clear of the third. The way Just Steel (Justify) is thriving on his 11 starts is not only a trademark of his venerable trainer but also offers his young sire scope for a historic double, hours after City Of Troy is scheduled to line up for the G1 2,000 Guineas at Newmarket.

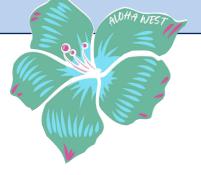
A \$500,000 vote of faith in D. Wayne Lukas by BC Stables in Book I of the 2022 September Sale, **Just Steel**'s teak constitution

completes one of the most wholesome and cosmopolitan packages on the Triple Crown trail. He's out of an Australian Classic winner by the top-class distaff influence Fastnet Rock (Aus), and has siblings that have cut the mustard at Group level in both hemispheres; while his third dam was an Affirmed half-sister to matriarch Fall Aspen (Pretense). That puts Just Steel on the fringe of one of the modern breed's great dynasties and, with a throwback tenacity apt to his name, he will have more relish than many for the demands of the Derby.



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Darling's Double Derby Impact

It feels like only a matter of time before the Japanese give American breeders the ultimate wake-up call in the GI Kentucky Derby itself. Whether or not **Forever Young (Jpn)** (Real Steel {Jpn}) proves to be the horse to deliver that shock to the system, his rehearsal in the G2 UAE Derby for now actually locates the race's genetic center of gravity in familiar territory.



Deep Impact | Junji Fukuda

For, quite remarkably, we now find that two of its strongest candidates share the same granddam. Forever Young's mother Forever Darling (Congrats) is a half-sister to GI Alcibiades S. winner Heavenly Love (Malibu Moon), whose son Sierra Leone (Gun Runner) is favorite for the GI Blue Grass S.

Their dam is Darling My Darling (Deputy Minister), purchased as a yearling at Keeneland in 1998 by John C. Oxley for \$300,000. Her dam, GI Ballerina H. winner Roamin Rachel (Mining), was sold in the same ring that November to Nubuo Tsunoda for \$750,000, a price vindicated the following summer when Darling My Darling (her second foal) won on debut at Saratoga and then finished second in consecutive Grade Is. Roamin Rachel was sold carrying a Storm Cat filly, who produced three Group winners in Japan, while her next cover by Sunday Silence produced Japanese Horse of the Year Zenno Rob Roy (Jpn).

This appeared to do curiously little for Darling My Darling's daughter by Congrats, who was pinhooked at \$8,000 to become a \$65,000 R.N.A. at OBS the following April. Surfacing in the silks of a partnership including trainer Richard Baltas, Forever Darling won a Santa Anita maiden on her second start and then the GII Santa Ynez S. on her sophomore bow. With her family thriving in Japan, Katsumi Yoshida moved to secure her in a private deal and, while she did not really continue her progress, she has since handsomely vindicated him in her second career.

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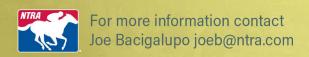
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Forever Darling was certainly given purposeful covers, starting with Frankel and Deep Impact (Jpn), and her son from the second crop of Real Steel made a sum equivalent to \$700,000 as a yearling. (Yes, second crop! Forever Young is yet another Derby candidate sired by a stallion from the 2019 intake.) This son of Deep Impact is a more resonant proposition overseas than some Japanese stallions, both as a winner of the G1 Dubai Turf in 2016 and as brother to ground-breaking Breeders' Cup winner Loves Only You. His third dam, moreover, is none other than the great Miesque (Nureyev)-one of the jewels of the program that also, as we'll see in a moment, played a key role in the headline act at Meydan.

A River Swollen by Niarchos Tributary

What **Laurel River** did in the desert on Saturday is hard to comprehend, but if any Thoroughbred is capable of doing that, it might be one bred like him.

If anything, he has now surpassed even two Kentucky Derby winners as the ultimate proof of how a steep upgrading of Into Mischief's mares has enabled him to stretch his trademark speed to Classic distances. Having been around as long as he has, Laurel River was admittedly conceived at no more than \$75,000, but his dam certainly offered the Spendthrift phenomenon plenty of complementary stamina. In fact, Laurel River's first three dams are GI Belmont S. winners to a man:

Empire Maker, Touch Gold and A.P. Indy.

True, his mother couldn't break her maiden in eight starts; nor could her own dam in six. But it was the latter whose recruitment by Juddmonte (for \$550,000 at the 2005 Keeneland September Sale) gave one of the world's great breeding programs an invigorating injection of the best genes cultivated by another. Soothing Touch (Touch Gold)--who has additionally given Juddmonte multiple Grade I winner Emollient (by Empire Make, so a sister to Laurel River's dam) and GI Florida Derby runner-up Hofburg (Tapit)--was a granddaughter of Coup De Genie (Mr Prospector), one of several foals to qualify her dam, Coup De Folie (Halo), as a cornerstone of the modern breed. Having just noted that Forever Young's sire traces to Miesque, we really must salute again the Niarchos family's priceless legacy.

Coup De Folie was inbred 3 x 3 to Almahmoud, through her celebrated daughters Natalma and Cosmah. That's a blend for which I will always forage, even with its inevitable attenuation by the generations. In fact, that's one of the reasons I deplore the way breeders nowadays hop from one unproven new stallion to the next, with books as many as seven times greater than was standard in the old days. It means that too many modern pedigrees squash down the generations: how many foals born this spring, for instance, will be by very young sires out of mares by stallions that never achieved lasting viability?





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Into Mischief's own pedigree shows what you risk that way. His granddam was sired by Stop The Music when 19 years old. I'm not sure how many commercial breeders today would still send a mare to a stallion with his kind of profile, at that kind of age. And that just makes it harder and harder for modern pedigrees to retain a meaningful trace of precious brands like Stop The Music's sire Hail To Reason (who of course also gave Halo to Cosmah).

Regardless, Into Mischief is surely on his way to beating his own earnings record as well as a sixth consecutive general sires' championship. He has never needed one of these modern megaprizes to dominate his rivals, but Laurel River has got him up to \$12.6 million by the start of April, now just a few cents behind Senor Buscador's veteran sire Mineshaft. With his unrelenting quantity matched by the ongoing elevation of his mares, Into Mischief appears a lock to exceed his 2022 haul of \$28.56 million.

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Zedan Sues Churchill (cont. from p1)

Baffert and Zedan have fought the suspensions through many layers of the court system and they have yet to win a round. Their cases have revolved around the betamethasone positive and have argued that because it was found in an ointment and not in an injection no penalty was warranted. According to the Times report, Zedan is trying a new tactic. He is contending that he bought horses at sales in 2022 based on the fact they could run in the 2024 Derby and he had no reason to believe at the time that the Baffert ban would be extended. Zedan spent about \$10.7 million to purchase six horses, including Muth and the highly regarded Maymun (Frosted), with the primary goal of winning the 2024 Derby.



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Zedan's attorney will argue that the extension of the ban is not grounded in any contractual or common laws, that it defied the authority of the Horseracing Integrity and Safety Authority and threatens the value of this year's Kentucky Derby.

Zedan lawyer John Quinn casts Churchilll Downs Inc. CEO Bill Carstanjen as the person most responsible for keeping Baffert out of the Derby. The suit accused Carstanjen of "pursuing a crazed vendetta at the expense of letting fair, healthy competition run its course." It continues: "among the losers are CDI itself and its own shareholders, who should be welcoming, not banning, the best and fastest horses that have qualified for this year's race."

In a statement, Zedan echoed his lawyer's comments.

"I am a longtime admirer of the Kentucky Derby and specifically headquartered my stable...in Kentucky because it is world renowned for horse breeding," Zedan said in the statement. "Bringing this lawsuit is the last thing I ever wanted or expected.

But given Bill Carstanjen's vindictive personal vendetta against our stable's trainer Bob Baffert--who happens to be one of the most legendary trainers in the history of our sport--the horse racing industry I revere is being compromised."

"While I am not a plaintiff in the lawsuit recently brought by Zedan Racing Stables against Churchill Downs, I would like nothing more than for the horses I train to have an opportunity to run at Churchill Downs," Baffert told *The Times* in a text.

It may be a long shot, but Zedan is clearly trying to open up a legal avenue that will allow his horses to race in the Derby. With the Derby just 42 days away, the Zedan team is playing it close when it comes to being granted a temporary injunction.

A hearing on the matter is scheduled for Monday morning with Judge Jennifer Bryant Wilcox.

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MUTH TARGETS THE PREAKNESS

While owner Amr Zedan attempts to have Bob Baffert's Kentucky Derby ban dismissed by the courts, the trainer himself confirmed Tuesday that the Saudi businessman's Muth (Good Magic) will target the May 18 GI Preakness S. at Pimlico following his victory in the GI Arkansas Derby at Oaklawn last Saturday.

"My plan has always been, if he ran well [in the Arkansas Derby], we're just pointing him for the Preakness," Baffert said. "So, that's what the plans are."

Baffert said the bay colt had returned to his Southern California base Sunday night in good shape.

Although the Arkansas Derby was a Kentucky Derby qualifying race, Muth was ineligible to collect any of the 200 points slotted to its top five finishers (100-50-25-15-10) toward starting

eligibility because of Baffert's suspension from Churchill Downs. The suspension stems from Medina Spirit, Baffert's 2021 Kentucky Derby winner, being disqualified for a medication violation.

"It was good for him," Baffert said of Muth's victorious trip at Oaklawn. "First time shipping was important. He ran well. Everything went smoothly for him. He looked great in the stretch. Distance is not going to be a problem for him, so that was very encouraging. A mile and an eighth, I've always felt, really starts to separate them. It was a very tough, competitive race."



Muth | Coady

Winner of last year's GI American Pharoah S. and runner-up in the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile, Muth opened the year with a win in the Jan. 6 GII San Vicente S. He was initially slated to run in the Feb. 24 GII Rebel S., but Baffert scrapped the trip because he wasn't satisfied with the colt's Feb. 18 workout at Santa Anita.

"[Muth] wasn't ready for it," Baffert said, referring to the Rebel. "He was ready for the Arkansas Derby."

Baffert has won the Preakness a record eight times, including last year with National Treasure (Quality Road).

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THE KENTUCKY OAKS TOP 10 FOR APRIL 4

by Bill Finley

It's come down to the last few preps. An outstanding field will meet Friday at Keeneland in the GI Ashland S. Four horses on our Top 10 list will take part in that race. At Aqueduct, they'll be vying for a spot in the field for the GI Kentucky Oaks in the GIII Gazelle S. At Santa Anita, fillies will contest the GII Santa Anita Oaks, but the horse expected to be he heavy favorite, **Kinza** (Carpe Diem), is trained by Bob Baffert and is therefore ineligible to run in the Oaks. By Saturday evening, we should know who will be running in the Oaks and who the favorites will be.

Here's a look at the latest installment of our Kentucky Oaks Top Ten:



Tarifa | Hodges Photography

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

If the Oaks were run today, Tarifa would be the favorite. She emerged this year for trainer Brad Cox and has won three straight races, including the GII Fair Grounds Oaks, Presented by Fasig-Tipton and the GII Rachel Alexandra S., Presented by Fasig-Tipton. She is good, seems to be getting better and no one is

better with 3-year-old fillies than her trainer, Brad Cox. The only way she won't be the favorite is if stablemate **Impel** (Quality Road) puts on a show in the Ashland on Friday at Keeneland.

Tarifa's top Beyer, the 95 that she earned in the Fair Grounds Oaks is the best this year among all 3-year-old fillies.

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

If Tarifa loses in the Oaks, it may only be because stablemate Impel is faster. She looked nothing less than sensational when winning a Mar. 3 allowance at Oaklawn by 8 1/2 lengths. She got a 91 Beyer that day. A Juddmonte homebred, she faces the acid test in the Ashland, which will be her stakes debut. She's the 2-1 morning-line favorite. But with just two starts under her belt, does she have enough seasoning? Is she ready to be tested by some of the best in the division? Those questions should be answered Friday and a win by Impel may make her the horse to beat on the first Friday in May.

3) THORPEDO ANNA (f, Fast Anna--Sataves, by Uncle Mo) O-Brookdale Racing, Inc., Mark Edwards, Judy B.

Hicks & Magdalena Racing (Sherri McPeek); B-Judy Hicks (Ky); T-Kenneth McPeek. Sales history: \$40,000 yrl '22 FTKOCT. Lifetime Record: GSW, 4-3-1-0, \$584,363. Last Start: WON GII Fantasy S., Mar. 30. Kentucky Oaks Points: 105. Next Start: GI Kentucky Oaks, May 3.

Consigned by Grovendale

This 'TDN Rising Star' cracks the list for the first time this year and lands on the No. 3 spot after her impressive win in the GII Fantasy S. at Oaklawn. A bargain buy at the 2022 Fasig-Tipton Kentucky Fall yearling sale for \$40,000, her breakthrough race was a Nov. 10 allowance at Churchill which she won by nine lengths, earning an 87 Beyer. She faltered a bit in her next start when finishing second in the GII Golden Rod S. as the odds-on favorite. But she roared back with the authoritative win in the Fantasy in what was her first start this year. Trainer Kenny McPeek has had a lot of success with yearling purchases in the neighborhood of \$40,000. It looks like he has done it again.

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

MARGAUX Starting and Training Grad

The champ is back. After being scratched from the GII Davona Dale S. because of a fever, she has been re-routed to the Ashland. With her coming off a five-month layoff and with the Oaks being the main goal, how ready will trainer Bill Mott have her? But the main question that remains is this: is she fast enough? Despite a 3-for-3 record last year, an Eclipse Award and a win in the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies, her Beyer numbers suggest she's not quite as good as she looks on paper. She needs to step up her game, but there's no reason she can't do just that.

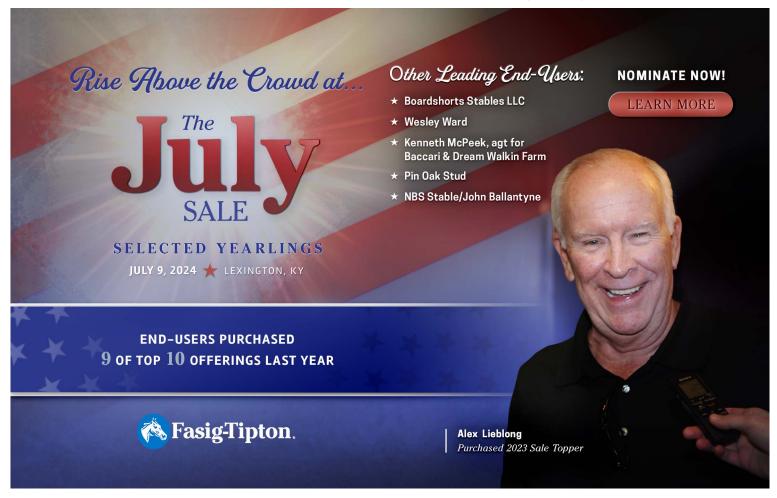
5) JODY'S PRIDE (f, American Pharoah--Jody's Song, by Scat Daddy) O-Parkland Tbreds & Sportsmen Stable; B-Mr. Steve Weston (Ky); T-J Abreu. Lifetime Record: MSW & GISP, 4-3-1-0, \$590,250. Last start: WON Mar. 2 Busher S. Kentucky Oaks Points: 65. Next Start: GI Ashland S., KEE, April 5.

She's a little like Just F Y I. She doesn't run particularly fast, but she just keeps on winning. After finishing second and losing by

just a neck to Just F Y I in the Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies, she returned with an easy win over outclassed rivals in the Busher Invitational S. at Aqueduct. Her connections were going to keep her in New York for the Gazelle, but changed their minds and have wound up instead in the Ashland. To show how tough the Ashland is, she is 8-1 on the morning line. She would have been an odds-on favorite in the Gazelle, so it's a bit puzzling that the connections wound up going to Keeneland instead of staying in New York.



Jody's Pride | Susie Raisher



6) POWER SQUEEZE (f, Union Rags--Callmethesqueeze, by Awesome Again) O-Lea Farms, LLC; B-Forging Oaks Farm, LLC (Ky); T-Jorge Delgado. Sales history: \$50,000 yrl '22 KEESEP; \$90,000 2yo '23 OBSAPR. Lifetime Record: GSW, 6-4-1-0, \$337,450. Last start: WON GII Gulfstream Park Oaks, Mar. 2. Kentucky Oaks Points: 120. Next Start: GI Kentucky Oaks, May 3.

Halcyon Hammock Farm Graduate EATON SALES Half-sis SHAKIN DICE another productive BMP flip from Mike Slezak

She came into the GII Gulfstream Park Oaks riding a three-race winning streak, which included a pair of stakes races. But she was totally overlooked Saturday at Gulfstream, going off at 11-1. She beat the 1-2 favorite and much hyped **Ways and Means** (Practical Joke), winning by a neck. She was ridden in the Gulfstream Park Oaks by Daniel Centeno. It will be interesting to see if the journeyman keeps the mount. After sprinting earlier in her career, she is 3-for-3 around two turns. Don't go to sleep on this one.



Power Squeeze | Ryan Thompson

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

Consigned by HILL 'N' DALE Sales Agency

May be the only California-based filly to make it to the Kentucky Oaks. She goes Saturday in the GII Santa Anita Oaks and will once again face her nemesis, Kinza. If the race runs to form, Kinza will win and Kopion will be second. That would give Kopion enough points to make it into the field for the Oaks, where she could be in the neighborhood of 15-1. Then again, if Kinza is as good as some people think, doesn't Kopion deserve a lot of credit for finishing second behind her?

8) WAYS AND MEANS (f, Practical Joke--Strong Incentive, Warrior's Reward) O/B-Klaravich Stables (Ky); T-Chad Brown. Lifetime Record: GISP, 'TDN Rising Star,' 3-1-2-0, \$165,750. Last start: 2nd Mar. 30 GII Gulfstream Park Oaks. Kentucky Oaks Points: 50. Next Start: GI Kentucky Oaks, May 3.

She romped in her maiden debut at Saratoga and then finished second in the GI Spinaway S., despite the fact she took a chip off her right ankle and was lame afterward. That meant a long trip to the sidelines before she launched her comeback in the Gulfstream Park Oaks where she did everything right but win. She was steadied going into the first turn, raced wide throughout and then made what appeared to be a winning move in the stretch. She just ran out of gas in the final sixteenth, which is perfectly understandable. Trainer Chad Brown is eyeing the Oaks, but says he's worried his filly won't have enough points to make it into the field of 14.

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

A \$900,000 yearling buy, the daughter of Medaglia d'Oro gave divisional leader Tarifa all she could handle in the Fair Grounds Oaks. She battled every step of the way before finishing second by three-quarters of a length. It was only her third start and first in a stakes, so she has plenty of room for improvement. She's quick from the gate and may be the one setting the pace in the Oaks. If she gets a good trip, there's no reason why she can't win.

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

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A \$1.15-million purchase at Keeneland September by Into Mischief, she is 2-for-3 lifetime. This Todd Pletcher trainee has the potential to be a very good horse. She just needs to prove it in stakes company. At odds of 3-10, she was third in the Davona Dale in her stakes debut and was beaten 2 1/4 lengths. It wasn't a terrible effort, but she was somewhat of a disappointment. She must run well in the Ashland and pick up some points in order to earn a spot in the Oaks field.







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KEENELAND'S DR. STUART BROWN JOINS TDN WRITERS' ROOM PODCAST



Stuart Brown | *Keeneland*

At Keeneland, they take the safety of the horses and the jockeys very seriously, the reason why Dr. Stuart Brown was brought on board in 2020. As Keeneland's Vice President of Equine Safety, it is Brown's job to do whatever is necessary to protect the sport's competitors. Brown was this week's Green Group Guest of the Week on the TDN Writers' Room Podcast Presented by Keeneland and he gave our team a tutorial on all Keeneland is doing to promote safety.

The effort includes the usage of StrideSAFE, which uses sensors to analyze the gait of horses and can find early signs of problems that can be avoided and should keep a horse off the racetrack while it recovers. At the upcoming Keeneland spring meet, all starters will be wearing the StrideSAFE sensors.

"They're all wearing it when they race," Brown said. "So, currently, the application is for every runner that competes at our meet will be carrying one of those sensors in the saddle towel. The idea is to use the technology and then to provide the information that can be used as the tool that then can kind of give direct feedback to the to the trainers and their veterinarians. The wearable technologies hold a lot of promise for us."

When asked about synthetic surfaces, Brown said the goal for Keeneland is to make their main dirt track as safe as any synthetic track. He also discussed efforts to keep jockeys healthy, both mentally and physically.

"The University of Kentucky in conjunction with the UK health care professionals come here and help us on race day and then take metrics," he said. "We're able to look at our riders and see from race one to race 11 how those riders are doing. And we've had really good engagement with the rider colony here about participating in those activities. They look at balance and

reaction time and all those aspects sort of translate into safety. It's been really interesting to kind of look at the feedback that they've been able to get back from the riders and the types of things they are looking for."

In our breeding spotlight section, we took a look at the Coolmore stallion Echo Town and WinStar stallion Constitution.

Elsewhere on the podcast, which is also sponsored by the Pennsylvania Horse Breeders' Association, Coolmore, 1/ST Racing, West Point Thoroughbreds, WinStar, the Kentucky Thoroughbred Association and XBTV.com, the team of Randy Moss, Bill Finley and Zoe Cadman took a look back at the major races run last weekend, including the tour-de-force and redeeming victory turned in by Fierceness (City of Light) in the GI Curlin Florida Derby. They also looked ahead to the major races set to be run this weekend. Moss loves Impel (Quality Road) in the GI Ashland S. and Cadman loves Just FY I (Justify) in the same race. That led to a friendly wager between the two.

For the podcast video, click here. For the audio version, click here.

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STREET BOSS COLT TOPS TEXAS SALE

by Jessica Martini

A colt by Street Boss (hip 28), one of six to share the furlong bullet of :10 1/5 during the under-tack preview show Monday, topped the Texas 2-Year-Olds in Training Sale when bringing a final bid of \$265,000 from Tracy Williams Wednesday at Lone Star Park. The juvenile, the first foal out of Gemmizell (Gemologist), was consigned by Pike Racing at Highlander.

"To be honest, when we came here, we thought he would be one of the better ones," said consignor Al Pike. "You never know if you're going to top the sale or not, but we thought he would be one of the better horses because he's shown that he was a pretty special horse at the farm."

Of the colt's final price, Pike admitted, "I wasn't expecting that kind of price. At any market, when you bring a horse who looks like he's the real deal, they usually bring some money. So I was very pleased that he showed up and did his job. And there were some very good judges of horseflesh here and they appreciated what we brought."

The dark bay colt was purchased for \$72,000 at last year's Fasig-Tipton July Sale.

"[Trainer] Scottie Gelner picked him out as a yearling and he did a great job of picking him out," Pike said.

Pike Racing, which was bringing its first group of horses to sale from its new base at Highlander Training Center, sent eight horses through the ring Wednesday. The consignment was represented by four of the six horses to work the bullet furlong Monday.

"This is our first year partnering with Highlander Training Center," Pike said. "The facility has been good to us and, by the breeze show, you can tell they came from a good place. We broke all of these horses there and they came in here and did a good job. I'm very proud of our team at Highlander and all of the people involved there."



Hip 28 | Olivia Friesen/TTA

Pike continued, "I am from Texas and we try to bring a nice group here every year because this is home. We try to bring horses who fit this market and we think we did a pretty good job. These are all client horses, but luckily they sent us some nice horses and they performed well. And for the most part, they sold pretty well."

Hip 28 was one of three at the one-session auction to bring six figures Wednesday. Whispering Oaks Farm, Coteau Grove Farms, Jackpot Farm and Bill and Corinne Heiligbrodt teamed up to purchase a filly by Vino Rosso (hip 26) for \$170,000 from AsmussenEquine.com and the same partnership returned later in the session to acquire a filly by Cinco Charlie (hip 49) for \$100,000 from Asmussen Horse Center.

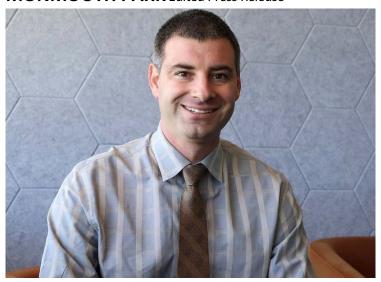
From a catalogue of 130 horses, 64 horses sold for a total of \$2,199,500. The average was \$34,367 and the median was \$24,500. With 49 horses reported not sold, the buy-back rate was 43.4%.

At last year's Texas sale, 107 head sold for \$3,470,500. The average was \$32,435 and the median was \$17,500. The buyback rate was 35.9%.

"It's like everything else, it is kind of hit or miss," Pike said of the market at Lone Star Park Wednesday. "There were some new people here--there was some money for good horses. We were fielding calls from as far away as Kentucky and California on horses and they were watching their breezes. When you've got a good horse, it's hard to keep it a secret."

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DINERMAN NAMED TRACK ANNOUNCER AT MONMOUTH PARK Edited Press Release



Matt Dinerman | Monmouth Park Photo

Monmouth Park has named Matt Dinerman the new track announcer for the 2024 racing season, which gets underway on Saturday, May 11. The 2024 Monmouth racing season runs through Sept. 15, after which Dinerman will take the mic at the Meadowlands for the all-turf, 10-day season in East Rutherford.

"I'm delighted to be joining the team at Monmouth," said Dinerman, a 31-year-old native of California. "It's an honor to be selected as their next voice. Monmouth is a beautiful racetrack with a large, enthusiastic fan base that supports great racing. I'm really looking forward to meeting and being a part of the community."

Dinerman, currently the voice of Oaklawn Park, began his announcing career at the age of 22 at Emerald Downs. Before moving to Oaklawn late last year, he was the track announcer and handicapper at Golden Gate Fields for six years.

"Matt is a great addition for Monmouth Park," said General Manager Bill Anderson. "His accurate, spot-on calls, coupled with his enthusiasm are a great fit here in Oceanport. I'm certain he'll add to the long list of great voices that have called Monmouth Park their home."

Matt follows Chris Griffin, Jason Beem, Frank Mirahmadi, Travis Stone and Larry Collmus, all who have been the full-time announcers at Monmouth Park for the past 30 years.

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HISTORICAL HORSE RACING APPROVED AT CANTERBURY PARK

The Minnesota Racing Commission voted Monday to approve historical horse racing at Canterbury Park and Running Aces, according to the *Star-Tribune*.

The commission was not expected to make a decision at Monday's meeting, however, after more than 3 1/2 hours of discussion it voted 5-1 to approve HHR, effective May 21.

"We are at a critical crossroads," Commissioner Raymond Dehn told the *Star-Tribune*. "There is a lot at stake."

The Minnesota Indian Gaming Association (MIGA) and the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community (SMSC), which operates Mystic Lake Casino, both spoke against the proposal and could pursue legal action to block HHR. One sports betting bill being discussed at the state legislature, the House version, also would prohibit HHR. The current sports betting bills would allow only the tribes to conduct sports wagering.

Monday's vote would allow 500 HHR terminals at each track. A study commissioned by the tracks estimates that in its second year, HHR would generate \$5.9 million for purses, plus money for the state breeders' fund, retired racehorse programs and regulatory costs.

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MARCH 28-APRIL 2

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

Among this most recent set of rulings, trainer Jorge Diaz has been suspended a total of 37 days and fined \$3,500 for two separate violations.

Diaz was suspended for 30 days after his trainee, Melina's Dream, tested positive for an alkalinizing agent (TCO2) after finishing seventh at Parx Racing on Jan. 3. High total carbon dioxide (TCO2) levels could be an indication of bicarbonate loading--or milkshaking--which can neutralize the build-up of lactic acid in muscles, thereby helping the horse's performance.

Diaz was also suspended an additional seven days due to another trainee, Celtic Treasure, testing positive for Xylazine--a Class B controlled medication used as a sedative or analgesic--after running at Parx Racing on the same day. More detailed explanations of the rulings are currently unavailable on the Horseracing Integrity and Welfare Unit's (HIWU) website.

The new rules on intra-articular injections are still catching a noticeable number of trainers off guard.

Trainer Elliot Sullivan has been suspended for 30 days and fined \$2,500 for giving an intra-articular injection within 14 days of a race. Two other trainers--Philip Serpe and Rohan Crichton-have each been fined \$3,000 for joint injections within seven days of a timed workout.

NEW HISA/HIWU STEWARDS RULINGS

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

Resolved ADMC Violations

Date: 04/01/2024

Licensee: Bernell Rhone, trainer

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

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

Resolution Date: 04/01/2024 Licensee: Jorge Diaz, trainer

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

Explainer: For the presence of Xylazine--Controlled Medication (Class B)--in a sample taken from Celtic Treasure, who did not finish a race at Parx Racing on 1/3/24 (according to Equibase, Celtic Treasure was "injured in the early stages, pulled up and vanned off"). This was a possible violation of Rule 3312--Presence of Controlled Medication Substance and/or its Metabolites or Markers (Post-Race/Vets' List).

Resolution Date: 04/01/2024 Licensee: Jorge Diaz, trainer

Penalty: 30-day period of Ineligibility for Covered Person, beginning on April 2, 2024; Disqualification of Covered Horse's Race results, including forfeiture of all purses and other compensation, prizes, trophies, points, and rankings and repayment or surrender (as applicable); a fine of \$2,500; imposition of 3 Penalty Points. Admission.

Explainer: For the potential breach of Rule 4221--Alkalinization or use/administration of an Alkalinizing Agent (TCO2)--on Melina's Dream, who finished seventh at Parx Racing on 1/3/2024. This was also a possible violation of Rule 3313--Use of a Controlled Method During the Race Period.

Resolution Date: 03/29/2024 Licensee: Philip Serpe, trainer

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

decision by HIWU.

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

Resolution Date: 03/29/2024 Licensee: Elliott Sullivan, trainer

Penalty: 30-day period of Ineligibility beginning on March 30, 2024; Disqualification of Covered Horse's Race results, including forfeiture of all purses and other compensation, prizes, trophies, points, and rankings and repayment or surrender (as applicable); a fine of \$2,500; imposition of 3 Penalty Points. Admission. **Explainer:** A possible violation of Rule 3314--Use or Attempted

Use of a Controlled Medication Substance or a Controlled Medication Method--on the horse, My d'Valentine. This was also a possible violation of Rule 4222--Intra-Articular Injection Within Fourteen Days (14) Days Prior to Post-Time.

Resolution Date: 03/27/2024 Licensee: Blaine Wright, trainer

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

Explainer: For the presence of Betamethasone--Controlled Medication (Class C)--in a sample taken from Wodeton, who won at Golden Gate on 1/19/24. This is a possible violation of Rule 3312--Presence of Controlled Medication Substance and/or its Metabolites or Markers (Post-Race/Vets' List).

Resolution Date: 03/27/2024 Licensee: Randy Preston, trainer

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

Explainer: For the presence of Flunixin--Controlled Medication (Class C)--in a sample taken from Sharp Life, who finished fourth at Mahoning Valley on 02/20/24. This is a possible violation of Rule 3312--Presence of Controlled Medication Substance and/or its Metabolites or Markers (Post-Race/Vets' List).

Resolution Date: 03/27/2024 Licensee: Gary House, trainer

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

Explainer: For the presence of Dexamethasone--Controlled Medication (Class C)--in a sample taken from Callas, who won at Tampa Bay on 2/11/24. This was a possible violation of Rule 3312--Presence of Controlled Medication Substance and/or its Metabolites or Markers (Post-Race/Vets' List).

Resolution Date: 03/27/2024 Licensee: Rohan Crichton, trainer

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

decision by HIWU.

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

Pending ADMC Violations

Date: 02/24/2024

Licensee: Sal Gonzalez, trainer

Penalty: Pending

Alleged violation: Vet's list medication violation

Explainer: For the presence of Phenylbutazone--Controlled Medication (Class C)--in a sample taken from Mentirosa on 3/1/24. This is a possible violation of Rule 3312--Presence of Controlled Medication Substance and/or its Metabolites or Markers (Post-Race/Vets' List).

Date: 03/01/2024

Licensee: Gustavo Rodriguez, trainer

Penalty: Pending

Alleged violation: Vet's list medication violation

Explainer: For the presence of Glycopyrrolate--Controlled Medication (Class C)--in a sample taken from Flint Ridge on 3/1/24. This is a possible violation of Rule 3312--Presence of Controlled Medication Substance and/or its Metabolites or

Markers (Post-Race/Vets' List).

Date: 02/28/2024

Licensee: Mary Pattershall, trainer

Penalty: Pending

Alleged violation: Vet's list medication violation

Explainer: For the presence of Dimethyl Sulfoxide (DMSO)--Controlled Medication (Class C)--in a sample taken from Shanghai Mike on 2/28/24. This is a possible violation of Rule 3312--Presence of Controlled Medication Substance and/or its Metabolites or Markers (Post-Race/Vets' List).

Date: 01/31/2024

Licensee: Arnaud Delacour, trainer

Penalty: Pending

Alleged violation: Vets' list medication violation

Explainer: For the presence of Acepromazine--Controlled Medication (Class B)--in a sample taken from J Rivers on 1/31/24. This is a possible violation of Rule 3312--Presence of Controlled Medication Substance and/or its Metabolites or

Markers (Post-Race/Vets' List).

Date: 03/13/2024

Licensee: Robertino Diodoro, trainer **Penalty: Provisional suspension**

Alleged violation: Possession of banned substance **Explainer:** For the possible possession of Levothyroxine (Thyro-L). This is a possible violation of Rule 3214(a)--Possession

of Banned Substances.

Read more on the story here.

Date: 03/04/2024

Licensee: Miguel Hernandez, trainer

Penalty: Pending

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

Date: 02/14/2024

Licensee: Odin Londono Jr., trainer

Penalty: Pending

Alleged Violation: Medication violation

Explainer: For the presence of Diisopropylamine--a banned substance--in a sample taken from Private Drive, who won at Mahoning Valley on 2/14/24. This is a possible violation of Rule 3212--Presence of a Banned Substance and/or its Metabolites or Markers.

Date: 02/13/2024

Licensee: Carlos Lopez, trainer **Penalty: Provisionally suspended Alleged Violation: Medication violation**

Explainer: For the presence of Diisopropylamine--a banned substance--in a sample taken from Major Lopez, who won at Mahoning Valley on 2/13/24, as well as from Emperor's Gold, who was second at Mahoning Valley on 2/13/24. This is a possible violation of Rule 3212--Presence of a Banned Substance

and/or its Metabolites or Markers.

VIOLATIONS OF CROP RULE

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

GOLDEN GATE FIELDS

Francisco Alvarado--violation date March 30; \$250 fine and one-day suspension

SUNLAND PARK

Felipe Sanchez Valdez--violation date March 28; \$250 fine and one-day suspension

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PADDY CAMPION JOINS PARAMOUNT SALES

Paddy Campion has joined Paramount Sales, the operation announced Wednesday. Campion, who grew up on Dundrum Farm near Midway, Kentucky, graduated with a dual degree in Accounting and Spanish from the University of Kentucky in 2020. After University, Campion completed the Irish National Stud course in Co. Kildare. Ireland.



Paddy Campion | Paramount Sales

Campion said, "Since graduation, I've held a role where I was able to use my Spanish in a business setting and also had the opportunity to get some skin in the game doing a couple of pinhooks and having a small consignment of my own. So when this opportunity arose, I was thrilled to build on these experiences and go full time into the business."

Paramount's Pat Costello added, "I've known Paddy all his life and have seen his passion for our business grow greatly over the last while. I believe he will be a great fit for our company."

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HISA RELEASES ANNUAL METRICS REPORT

The Horseracing Integrity and Safety Authority's 2023 annual metrics report shows advances in the implementation of national uniform practices, the building up of the HISA Portal, which contains a broad spectrum of equine treatment and other health records, and driving collaboration and cooperation across the industry, the organization said in a release Wednesday.

"Our inaugural annual report reflects our journey toward a safer, fairer and more resilient future for horse racing," said HISA CEO Lisa Lazarus. "The success of HISA's programs relies on steady partnership among the tracks, trainers, riders, owners, veterinarians and state regulators who comprise the sport. Only by working together can we make Thoroughbred racing safer for its equine and human athletes."

The Annual Metrics Report provides stakeholders with key data collected in 2023 at 50 racetracks in 20 states as part of HISA's Racetrack Safety Program, which went into effect July 1, 2022.

Highlights of the report include: accreditation visits to 21 tracks last year; creation of a centralized online database of horses and people involved in the sport, enabling treatment records and other information to be accessed by racetracks and officials across the country; a racing participant registration, which as of Dec. 31, 2023, had registered approximately 33,000 Covered Persons, 55,000 Covered Horses and 1,000 veterinarians actively involved in the daily and specialized care of equine athletes.

Other highlights from the report:

Racetracks operating under HISA's rules reported 1.23 racing-related equine fatalities per 1,000 starts in 2023. That rate is down from the rate reported by The Jockey Club in its Equine Injury Database (EID) in 2022 (1.25 per 1,000 starts) and is lower than the national rate reported in The Jockey Club's 2023 EID (1.32 per 1,000 starts).

The Jockey Club's 2023 EID also shows that non-HISA tracks reported a rate of 1.63 racing-related equine fatalities per 1,000 starts.

In 2023, HISA reported 4.40 crop rule violations per 1,000 starts, which is down from 5.09 violations per 1,000 starts in 2022.

To read the complete report, click here.

The Horseracing Integrity & Welfare Unit (HIWU) is expected to release a separate annual report detailing metrics from the Anti-Doping and Medication Control (ADMC) Program soon.

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ECLIPSE FEATURES ON HORSESHOE INDIANAPOLIS OPENING DAY

The 22nd season opener at Horseshoe Indianapolis will begin with a noon first post time Monday, but the racing action will pause at 2:30 p.m. with the Shelbyville racetrack positioned right on the line of totality of the solar eclipse.

Patrons will be treated to local entertainment from Lindsey Flannery, Kitt Hammond, Nick Fischer, and Garry Lauziere and The Endless Summer Band. Giveaways include chairs, T-shirts, racing calendars, and viewing glasses, while supplies last, while equine artist Sally Mize will create a live portrait during the afternoon and fans of all ages will enjoy facepainting, strolling entertainment, and the Magic Mirror Selfie Station.

All activities will pause at 3 p.m. until the eclipse comes out of totality. The Endless Summer Band resumes until 4 p.m. leading into the final two races of the day featuring Quarter Horse action.

The racing program features eight races, including the \$55,000 Total Eclipse of the Heart Overnight H. and the \$55,000 Dark Side of the Moon Overnight H. Both events will be run at 5 1/2 furlongs and feature some of the best older Indiana horses in the state.

"What a great way to kick off our racing season," said Eric Halstrom, the track's vice president and general manager of racing. "We felt tying our season opener to the Total Solar Eclipse would be a unique way to showcase our racing program while providing a fun afternoon of activities during such a monumental day for Central Indiana. Our facility sits right on the line of totality, so it will be a popular area to watch the Eclipse."

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FIRST FOALS



HORSE RACING WOMEN'S SUMMIT TO HOST **EVENT AT KEENELAND APR. 18**

The Horse Racing Women's Summit will host a panel discussion at Keeneland Apr. 18. The day will kick off with a welcome address from Gabby Gaudet, a reporter/analyst for FanDuel TV and Keeneland, who will also moderate the keynote conversation hosted by Shannon Arvin, the President and CEO of Keeneland, alongside Julie Cauthen, a bloodstock agent and member of the Keeneland Inspection Team.

"Keeneland is honored to host the Horse Racing Women's Summit, which promises to be a great day of discussion, reflection, valuable connections and fun. We look forward to celebrating the indispensable role women play in shaping our sport," said Christa Marrillia, Vice President and Chief Marketing Officer at Keeneland.

The morning's panel discussions include speakers: Allaire Ryan, Director of Sales at Lane's End Farm; Caroline Wilson, member of the SF Bloodstock team; Jill Gordon, owner of Highgate Sales; Dr. Kathleen Paasch, a veterinarian at Rood and Riddle Equine Hospital; Kitty Day, owner of Warrendale Sales; Cherie DeVaux, a Kentucky-based trainer; and Meg Levy, owner of Bluewater Sales.

"How great is it that we get the opportunity to network and listen to all of the amazing women that comprise our industry?" said Gaudet. "I'm looking forward to discussing some key issues and also listening to how these women leaders were challenged and supported on their paths to their respective roles."

Limited tickets to the event are available. For more information and to purchase tickets, click here.

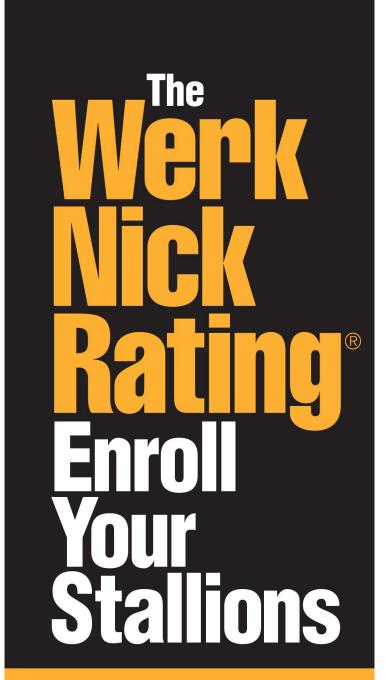
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GRADED STAKES ENTRIES



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

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

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PF	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,	Jauregui	Ayuso	122
			David Foran, Daniel Preiss, Angel Valadez,			
			and Graham Witherall			
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,	D'Amato	Fresu	124
			and Dawn & Ike Thrash			
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. Iceton, 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



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	McPeek	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 BloodstockServices, 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

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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,	O'Neill	Machado	118
			Evenson, Barbara, O'Keefe, John and Timothy F.			
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 <a>**	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	DeVaux	Rosario	118
			Stbls, West Point Tbrds, lapetus Racing, Hornstock,	S,		
			Runnels Racing, Perrine TimeThoroughbreds, RTR			
			Stables, LLC, Peppermint Stables & Manganaro Bloo	odstock		
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



Saturday, Keeneland #10, post time: 5:52 p.m. EDT TOYOTA BLUE GRASS S.-GI, \$1,000,000, 3yo, 1 1/8m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Top Conor 🛪	Twirling Candy	Flanagan Racing	Brown	Ortiz	123
2	Be You 🛪	Curlin	Repole Stable	Pletcher	Ortiz, Jr.	123
3	Seize the Grey	Arrogate	MyRacehorse	Lukas	Juarez	123
4	Dornoch 🛪	Good Magic	West Paces Racing LLC, R. A. Hill Stable, Belmar			
			Racing and Breeding, LLC, Two Eight Racing, LLC			
			and Pine Racing Stables	Gargan	Saez	123
5	Good Money 🖛	Good Magic	Calumet Farm	Brown	Castellano	123
6	Just a Touch 🖛	Justify	Qatar Racing, Resolute Racing and Detampel, Marc	Cox	Geroux	123
7	Lat Long 🛪	Liam's Map	Walking L Thoroughbreds, LLC	McPeek	Hernandez, Jr.	123
8	Epic Ride 🖛	Blame	Welch Racing LLC	Ennis	Beschizza	123
9	Mugatu	Blofeld	Average Joe Racing Stables, Ltd. and Wells, Dan	Engler	Talamo	123
10	Sierra Leone	Gun Runner	Brant, Peter M., Magnier, Mrs. John, Tabor, Michael,			
			Smith, Derrick, Westerberg and Smith, Brook T.	Brown	Gaffalione	123
11	Encino	Nyquist	Godolphin, LLC	Cox	Prat	123

Breeders: 1-International Equities Holding, Inc., 2-Alpha Delta Stables, LLC, 3-Jamm, LTD., 4-Grandview Equine, 5-Hill N Dale Equine Holdings, Inc, 6-Don Alberto Corporation, 7-Town & Country Horse Farms, LLC, 8-Fred W. Hertrich III, 9-JSM Equine, LLC, 10-Debby M. Oxley, 11-Godolphin

Saturday, Santa Anita #10, post time: 7:30 p.m. EDT SANTA ANITA DERBY-GI, \$750,000, 3yo, 1 1/8m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Curlin's Kaos	Clubhouse Ride	Zephyr Racing LLC and Pais, Alfred	Garcia	Herrera	124
2	Tapalo	Tapiture	Hronis Racing LLC	Sadler	Rispoli	124
3	Stronghold	Ghostzapper	Waller, Eric M. and Waller, Sharon	D'Amato	Fresu	124
4	Imagination <a>**	Into Mischief	SF Racing, Starlight Racing, Madaket Stables,	Baffert	Dettori	124
			Stonestreet Stables, Bashor, D, Masterson, R.,			
			Waves Edge Capital, Donovan, C & Ryan, Tom J.			
5	Wynstock 🛪	Solomini	Allred, Edward C. and Liebau, Jack	Baffert	Hernandez	124
6	Tessuto	Munnings	Kretz Racing LLC	Papaprodromou	Kimura	124
7	Mc Vay	Constitution	C R K Stable LLC	Shirreffs	Berrios	124
8	E J Won the Cup 🖛	Omaha Beach	Superfecta King Stable	O'Neill	Smith	124

Breeders: 1-James Shenouda & Alfred Pais, 2-Saratoga Glen Farm, LLC, 3-Eric Waller & Sharon Waller, 4-Peter E. Blum Thoroughbreds, LLC, 5-Empire Equines, LLC, 6-Stoneway Farm, 7-Band of Brothers, 8-Hoolie Racing Stable, LLC

Saturday, Keeneland #8, post time: 4:48 p.m. EDT

RESOLUTE RACING MADISON S.-GI, \$600,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 7f

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Sterling Silver	Cupid	Mark T. Anderson	Albertrani	Castellano	123
2	Red Carpet Ready	Oscar Performance	Ashbrook Farm and Upland Flats Racing	Arnold, II	Saez	123
3	Hot and Sultry 🖛	Speightster	Lieblong, Alex and JoAnn	Casse	Santana, Jr.	123
4	Icicles 🛪	Frosted	Dixiana Farms LLC	Ennis	Morales	123
5	Maryquitecontrary	First Dude	Rodney G. Lundock	Plesa, Jr.	Panici	123
6	Alva Starr	Lord Nelson	P. Dale Ladner	Brinkman	Gaffalione	123
7	Big Pond	Mr. Big	George Krikorian	Yakteen	Prat	123
8	Vahva 🖛	Gun Runner	Belladonna Racing, LLC, Hudson, Jr., Edward J.,			
			West Point Thoroughbreds, LBD Stable LLC, Nice			
			Guys Stables, Manganaro Bloodstock, Runnels			
			Racing, Hornstock, Steve and Twin Brook Stables	DeVaux	Ortiz, Jr.	123

Breeders: 1-Mallory Mort & Karen Mort, 2-Lynn B. Schiff, 3-Cobalt Investments, LLC, 4-Dixiana Farms LLC, 5-R. G. Lundock, 6-Brett A. Brinkman & P. Dale Ladner, 7-George Krikorian, 8-Woodford Thoroughbreds, LLC

Saturday, Aqueduct #10, post time: 4:07 p.m. EDT WOOD MEMORIAL S. PRESENTED BY RESORTS WORLD CASINO-GII, \$750,000, 3yo, 1 1/8m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Resilience	Into Mischief	Bushnell, Emily and Waldman, Ric	Mott	Velazquez	123
2	El Grande O	Take Charge Indy	Barry K. Schwartz	Rice	Davis	123
3	Lonesome Boy	Nationhood	John E. Parker	Padilla	Bowman	123
4	Deterministic 🛪	Liam's Map	St. Elias Stable, Langone, Ken, Duncker, C. Steven and Vicarage Stable	Clement	Rosario	123
5	Protective <a>**	Medaglia d'Oro	Repole Stable	Pletcher	Carmouche	123
6	Evening News	Nyquist	Travin Stables	Pino	Loveberry	123
7	Merit	Mastery	Peter E. Blum Thoroughbreds LLC	Joseph, Jr.	Gonzalez	123
8	Elysian Meadows 🛪	City of Light	Team Penney Racing	Mott	Lezcano	123
9	Tuscan Sky	Vino Rosso	Spendthrift Farm LLC	Pletcher	Franco	123
10	Gettysburg Address 🛪	Constitution	Gervais Racing	Stewart	Esquivel	123
11	Society Man 🖛	Good Magic	West Paces Racing, Gargan, D & GMP Stables	Gargan	Rivera, Jr.	123
12	Deposition	Constitution	Uriah St. Lewis	St. Lewis	Haddock	123
13	Uncle Heavy	Social Inclusion	Milam, Michael and LC Racing LLC	Reid, Jr.	Sanchez	123

Breeders: 1-Pam & Martin Wygod, 2-Stonewall Farm, 3-Pat Chinn & Mullan Chinn, 4-Hinkle Farms, 5-Alpha Delta Stables, LLC, 6-Charles H. Deters, 7-Peter E. Blum Thoroughbreds, LLC, 8-Moni Market Breeders & M & M Equine, 9-Sierra Farm, 10-WinStar Farm, LLC, 11-SF Bloodstock LLC, 12-WinStar Farm, LLC, 13-Barbara Reid

Saturday, Keeneland #7, post time: 4:14 p.m. EDT

APPALACHIAN S. PRESENTED BY JAPAN RACING ASSOCIATION-GII, \$400,000, 3yo, f, 1mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Poolside With Slim (Ire)	Churchill (Ire)	Bromagen, II, Glen S. and Lewis, Patrick	Arnold, II	Hernandez, Jr.	118
2	Living Magic	Justify	HnR Nothhaft Horse Racing, LLC	Schoenthal	Saez	118
3	Dancing N Dixie	Neolithic	Quintessential Racing Florida LLC, Rocky Top Stable	le		
			and LEMB Stables	Casse	Ortiz	118
4	Grecian Goddess 🖛	Constitution	Thelma and Louise Stable, Silver, Earl I., Fishbein,			
			Kenneth E. and Fishbein, David	Brown	Prat	118
5	Kairyu (Ire)	Kuroshio (Aus)	Schwartz, Martin S. and O'Callaghan, Michael	DeVaux	Ortiz, Jr.	118
6	Austere 🖛	Mendelssohn	Belmar Racing and Breeding LLC, Bradley			
			Thoroughbreds, Cambron Equine LLC, Tucci Stable	es,		
			and Finder, Gary	Walsh	Gaffalione	118
7	Dozen Diamonds 🛪	Mendelssohn	Joanne Batchelor	Oliver	Geroux	118
8	Mo Fox Givin	Mo Town	Woo Pig Stables	Powell	Alvarado	118
9	Buchu 🛪	Justify	Rigney Racing, LLC	Bauer	Garcia	120
10	Pounce 🛪	Lookin At Lucky	Resolute Racing	Casse	Castellano	118
11	Simply in Front 🖛	Summer Front	Colebrook Farms	Kenneally	Lopez	118
12	Crown Imperial	Classic Empire	4 G Racing, LLC	Ortiz	Leparoux	118

Breeders: 1-Kilweelran Ltd, 2-HnR Nothhaft Horseracing LLC, 3-Freddie Hyatt, 4-Alexander-Groves Thoroughbreds, 5-Mr P. Turley, 6-Summer Wind Equine LLC, 7-Rhianon Farms, Inc., 8-Liberty Road Stables, 9-Rigney Racing, LLC, 10-Bell, Rankin, VanMeter & Hancock, 11-William Harrigan & Mike Pietrangelo, 12-4 G Racing



Saturday, Keeneland #9, post time: 5:20 p.m. EDT SHAKERTOWN S.-GII, \$350,000, 3yo/up, 5 1/2fT

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PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Eamonn 🛪	Pioneerof the Nile	Robert Cotran	Orseno	Lopez	122
2	Sosua Summer 🛪	Summer Front	Wachtel Stable, Barber, Gary & R.T Racing Stable	Mott	Saez	122
3	Mischief Magic (Ire)	Exceed And Excel (Aus)	Godolphin, LLC	Appleby	Gaffalione	122
4	Beer Can Man 🖛	Can the Man	Little Red Feather Racing, Madaket Stables &	D'Amato	Prat	122
			Sterling Stables, LLC			
5	Bad Beat Brian 🛪	Jack Milton	Marsico Brothers Racing LLC	Vanden Berg	Emigh	122
6	Arzak 🖛	Not This Time	Sonata Stable	Trombetta	Ortiz, Jr.	124
7	Let My People Go 🖛	Pioneerof the Nile	BBN Racing, LLC	Oliver	Garcia	122
8	Front Run the Fed 🖛	Fed Biz	George A. Sharp	Caramori	Gutierrez	122
9	Panther Island 🖛	Speightstown	Golden Kernel Racing Stable	Cazares	Reyes	122
10	Our Shot	Kantharos	Gatsas Stables, Schoenfeld, Steven and Terranova,			
			II, John P.	Terranova, II	Castellano	122
11	Coppola 🛪	Into Mischief	Hammer Time Stable and S.O.K. Racing	Romans	Zayas	122
12	Yes I Am Free	Uncaptured	Golden Kernel Racing Stable	Cazares	Alvarado	122
13	Mark of the Z	Zulu Magic	J and N Thoroughbreds, LLC	Rodriguez	Giles	122

Breeders: 1-B. Flay Thoroughbreds, 2-Brereton C. Jones, 3-Godolphin, 4-Ron Patterson, 5-Pope McLean, Pope McLean Jr., Marc McLean & Phil Hager, 6-John C. Oxley, 7-Merriebelle Stable, LLC & Pioneerof the Nile Syndicate, 8-Colts Neck Stables, 9-Forging Oaks Farm, 10-Dr. S. Mark Rayburg Inc., 11-Fifth Avenue Bloodstock, 12-Sherry R. Mansfield & Kenneth H. Davis, 13-Thomas L. Zimmer

Saturday, Aqueduct #4, post time: 12:51 p.m. EDT

CARTER H. PRESENTED BY NYRA BETS-GII, \$300,000, 4yo/up, 7f

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Castle Chaos	Palace Malice	Goldfarb, S, Nice Guys Stables & Falcone, Jr., R	Falcone, Jr.	Davis	118
2	Whittington Park	Midnight Lute	Ten Strike Racing	Englehart	Carmouche	118
3	Post Time	Frosted	Hillwood Stable LLC	Russell	Russell	120
4	Super Chow	Lord Nelson	Lea Farms, LLC	Delgado	Olver	120
5	Petulante 🖛	Arrogate	Lugamo Racing Stable LLC	Dutrow, Jr.	Rosario	118

Breeders: 1-Dragon Slayer Stable, 2-Marshall Gramm & Clay Sanders, 3-Dr. & Mrs. Thomas Bowman, Dr. BrookeBowman & Milton P. Higgins III, 4-Spendthrift Farm LLC, 5-Breffni Farm

Saturday, Santa Anita #6, post time: 5:30 p.m. EDT SANTA ANITA OAKS-GII, \$300,000, 3yo, f, 1 1/16m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Nothing Like You 🛪	Malibu Moon	Hunt, Georgia Antley, Giglio, Jeff & Rogitz, John L.	Baffert	Dettori	124
2	Kinza	Carpe Diem	Michael Lund Petersen	Baffert	Hernandez	124
3	Kopion 🛪	Omaha Beach	Spendthrift Farm LLC	Mandella	Smith	124
4	Ifuaintfirsturlast	Mineshaft	Michael McMillan	Brinkerhoff	Baze	124
5	Corposo	Vino Rosso	Madaket Stables LLC and Slam Dunk Racing	Eurton	Herrera	124

Breeders: 1-Notch Hill Farm, Wolverton Mountain Farm& Spendthrift Stallions, LLC, 2-JD Business Ventures LLC, Brushy HillStable & Carpe Diem Syndicate, 3-Tall Oaks Farm, 4-H & E Ranch, 5-Nick Cosato





Saturday, Keeneland #6, post time: 3:40 p.m. EDT COMMONWEALTH S.-GIII, \$300,000, 4yo/up, 7f

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Frat Pack 🖛	Upstart	Graham Grace Stable	Beckman	Corrales	118
2	Wico (Ire) 🖛	No Nay Never	Andrew Farm and For the People Racing Stable	Ward	Ortiz, Jr.	118
3	Manny Wah	Will Take Charge	Susan Moulton	Walden	Prat	118
4	Raise Cain 🖛	Violence	Warren, Andrew N. and Warren, Rania	Colebrook	Saez	118
5	Richiesonaroll	Gone Astray	J and N Thoroughbreds, LLC	Rodriguez	Giles	118
6	Bo Cruz 🛪	Creative Cause	Cettina, Roger, Pagano, Brian, Grippo, Patrick,			
			Martine, Peter and De Julio, Bruno	Stall, Jr.	Ortiz	118
7	Here Mi Song	Cross Traffic	Nathan Hayden	Stinson, Jr.	Achard	118
8	Call Me Fast	Dialed In	Giddyup Stables, LLC and Lambro, Tom	Puhich	Leparoux	118
9	Minnesota Ready	More Than Ready	Richard C. Colton, Jr.	Amoss	Gaffalione	118

Breeders: 1-Machmer Hall, 2-Lynch Bages Ltd & Rhinestone B/Stock, 3-Martha Jane Mulholland &Modo Tesio Equine, LLC, 4-Rock Ridge Thoroughbreds, LLC, 5-Richard Ravin, 6-Douglas Scharbauer, 7-Nathan Hayden, 8-Glen Todd, 9-Lothenbach Stables Inc

Saturday, Aqueduct #8, post time: 2:58 p.m. EDT GAZELLE S.-GIII, \$200,000, 3yo, f, 1 1/8m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Where's My Ring 🖛	Twirling Candy	Michael McMillan	Brinkerhoff	Lezcano	118
2	Whocouldaskformo 🖛	Uncle Mo	Courtlandt Farms	McGaughey III	Velazquez	118
3	Princess Vino	Vino Rosso	Repole Stable	Pletcher	Gomez	118
4	Barbratina	Catholic Boy	Black Type Thoroughbreds, Swinbank Stables,	Cox	Rosario	118
			Big Tufff Stables, Adkisson, S & Humphries, T			
5	Life Talk 🖛	Gun Runner	Repole Stable	Pletcher	Carmouche	122
6	Six Pack Senorita	Practical Joke	Baccari Racing Stable & Dream Walkin Farms, Inc.	Rodriguez	Maragh	118
7	Gin Gin	Hightail	Calumet Farm	Cox	Franco	120
8	Regulatory Risk 🖛	Omaha Beach	Klaravich Stables, Inc.	Brown	Davis	118
9	Carmelina	Maximus Mischief	Cash is King LLC and LC Racing LLC	Reid, Jr.	Sanchez	118
10	Munny Grab	Munnings	Magic Cap Stables and Hayden Racing	De Paz	Castillo	118

Breeders: 1-Don Alberto Corporation, 2-Summer Wind Equine LLC, 3-Sequel Thoroughbreds, LLC & Lakland Farm, 4-H & E Ranch, 5-Gun Runner Syndicate, MulhollandSprings LLC & Tom Grether Farms Inc., 6-Paul O'Loughlin & Matty Thoroughbreds, 7-Calumet Farm, 8-Upson Downs Farm & Louis W. Wright, 9-Lillith E. Boucher, 10-EKQ Stables Corp.

Saturday, Aqueduct #6, post time: 1:53 p.m. EDT

DISTAFF S.-GIII, \$175,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 7f

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Apple Picker	Connect	Michael Dubb	Russell	Russell	124
2	Ain't Broke	Dialed In	Ronald P. Stewart	Rice	Cancel	118
3	Royal Poppy	Classic Empire	Adelphi Racing Club, Pavilion Racing,	Handal	Rosario	118
			Zilla Racing Stables and Surrey Lane Stables			
4	Hot Fudge 🖛	Liam's Map	KEM Stables	Rice	Carmouche	120
5	Fingal's Cave	Carpe Diem	Mo Speed Racing and Alifyfe Racing, LLC	Donk	Lezcano	118
6	Shidabhuti 🛷	Practical Joke	Peter M. Brant	Brown	Davis	118

Breeders: 1-Michael Dubb, 2-John Kerber, 3-Orlyana Farm, 4-Edwin Anthony, 5-Chester Broman & Mary R. Broman, 6-Gabriel Duignan & Gerry Dilger

Saturday, Santa Anita #9, post time: 7:00 p.m. EDT MONROVIA S.-GIII, \$100,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2fT

HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
Gracelund Gray	Goldencents	Gravenslund, John and Gravenslund, Kelley	Eurton	Hernandez	122
Ice Dancing	Frosted	Bass II, Perry R. and Bass, Ramona S.	Mandella	Smith	124
Comanche Country (Ire)	Highland Reel (Ire)	Little Red Feather Racing, Sterling Stbls & Naify, M	D'Amato	Kimura	124
Chismosa	Clubhouse Ride	Jaime Roberto Renella	DeLeon	Frey	124
Miss Lizzy	Classic Empire	Glenn Sorgenstein WC Racing Inc. and	O'Neill	Berrios	120
		Wonderland Racing Stables, LLC			
Ag Bullet 🛪	Twirling Candy	Nguyen, Calvin and Tran, Joey C.	Baltas	Rispoli	122
Lucky Girl (Ire)	Exceed And Excel (Aus)	Bruce Slade	D'Amato	Fresu	122
Getthemoney 🛪	Midnight Lute	Klein, Alan P., Lebherz, Philip and Lyons, Janet	Koriner	Dettori	120
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Breeders: 1-Calumet Farm, 2-Bass Stables, LLC, 3-Honey Hunter Syndicate, 4-Jaime R Renella, 5-Glenn Sorgenstein, 6-H & E Ranch, 7-Paul Hyland, 8-Twin Magnolia Farm

Sunday, Keeneland #8, post time: 4:44 p.m. EDT MIDDLEGROUND CAPITAL BEAUMONT S.-GII, \$400,000, 3yo, f, 7f

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Denim and Pearls	Into Mischief	Red White and Blue Racing LLC	Cox	Prat	118
2	Harbor Springs	Lookin At Lucky	Donamire Farm	Foley	Ortiz, Jr.	118
3	Tipsy Tammy 🖛	Arrogate	Rigney Racing, LLC	Bauer	Velazquez	118
4	Chi Chi	Audible	Ernest C. Frohboese	Wilensky	Alvarado	118
5	Vicountess 🖛	Lord Nelson	Commonwealth New Era Racing	Beattie	Ortiz	118
6	Youalmosthadme <a>**	Oxbow	Resolute Racing	Cox	Gaffalione	118

Breeders: 1-Town & Country Horse Farms, LLC, 2-Donamire Farm, 3-Sierra Farm, 4-France Weiner, 5-Monticule, 6-Pope McLean, Marc McLean & Pope McLeanJr.



NORTH AMERICAN RACING



SECOND-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: THURSDAY, APRIL 4

2024 Stud Fees Listed

Audible (Into Mischief), WinStar Farm, \$15,000 261 foals of racing age/36 winners/3 black-type winners 7-Charles Town, 9:49 p.m. ET, Alw 1 1/16m, Play It Loud, 20-1 \$125,000 FTK NOV wnl; \$235,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$20,000 KEE JAN 2yo

Flameaway (Scat Daddy), Darby Dan Farm, \$15,000 200 foals of racing age/33 winners/4 black-type winners 6-Oaklawn, 4:22 p.m. ET, Aoc 6f, Bella Haze, 10-1 \$75,000 OBS MAR 2yo

Land Force (Ire) (No Nay Never), Highclere Stud 196 foals of racing age/21 winners/0 black-type winners 1-Santa Anita, 4:00 p.m. ET, Msw 6 1/2fT, Not A Sinner (GB), 4-1 14,000gns TAT OCT yrl; £19,000 RNA GOU KB 2yo

Qafeef (Ghostzapper), Patrick Farm 13 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners 8-Mahoning Valley, 4:12 p.m. ET, Msw 6f, Qadira, 20-1 \$3,000 OTB OMX yrl

Sporting Chance (Tiznow), A & A Ranch 45 foals of racing age/4 winners/0 black-type winners 2-Sunland, 2:51 p.m. ET, Msw 5 1/2f, Private Equity, 9-2 2-Sunland, 2:51 p.m. ET, Msw 5 1/2f, Sports Idol, 5-1

Vino Rosso (Curlin), Spendthrift Farm, \$20,000 309 foals of racing age/41 winners/2 black-type winners 4-Cross Country Pick X, 5:04 p.m. ET, Msw 6f, Toscano, 5-1 \$100,000 KEE JAN wnl; \$50,000 OBS OCT yrl





ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

5th-Tampa Bay Downs, \$51,950, (NW2X)/Opt. Clm (\$32,000), 4-3, 4yo/up, f/m, 7f, 1:23.69, ft, nose.

SEA ART (m, 5, Klimt--Mollie Merisa, by Harlan's Holiday) Lifetime Record: SP, 18-5-5-1, \$177,125. O-Dr. Ricardo R. Vallejo; B-Wayne McFarland (FL); T-Victor Carrasco, Jr. *\$25,000 2yo '21 OBSAPR.

7th-Mahoning Valley, \$35,500, (NW3X)/Opt. Clm (\$25,000), 4-3, 3yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:41.30, sy, 3 lengths.

SHE'S CRAFTY (m, 7, Flat Out--Crafty Tigress, by Hold That Tiger) Lifetime Record: SP, 55-10-10-11, \$367,519. O-Poe Racing Stable LLC and 8 and 3 Racing, LLC; B-Poe Racing Stable & Wynn Blanton (OH); T-Robert Guciardo. *\$29,000 RNA Ylg '18 KEESEP.

8th-Mahoning Valley, \$35,100, (S), 4-3, (NW3L), 3yo/up, 1m, 1:43.10, sy, 1 length.

LITTLE TOY GUNS (g, 4, Awesome Patriot--Formal Plan {MSP, \$158,624}, by Formal Gold) Lifetime Record: 12-3-2-4, \$92,627. O-Jennifer Tooley and Beckett Racing Team LLC; B/T-Jennifer Tooley (OH).

5th-Mahoning Valley, \$26,400, 4-3, (NW3L), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:12.27, sy, 4 1/4 lengths.

MALIBU ROCK STAR (g, 4, Malibu Moon--Vilao {SW, \$160,808}, by Grave Digger) Lifetime Record: 15-3-3-3, \$69,600. O-Anthony Dimino; B-Allan Chappell & Lori Chappell & Spendthrift Farms, LLC (KY); T-Jay P. Bernardini. *\$17,000 Ylg '21 FTKOCT.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Catalina Royalty, c, 3, Catalina Cruiser--Royale Michele (GSW, \$231,365), by Elusive Quality. Tampa Bay Downs, 4-3, (C), 5 1/2f, 1:05.50. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$13,800. B-Barry R. Ostrager (NY). *\$39,000 RNA Wlg '21 FTNMIX; \$45,000 Ylg '22 FTKOCT; \$47,000 RNA 2yo '23 OBSAPR; \$47,000 2yo '23 FTJUNE. **1ST-TIME STARTER.

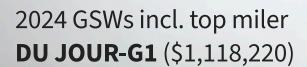
Lobdell Lake, g, 4, **Tamarando**--Pristeen Queen, by Diligence. Turf Paradise, 4-2, (S), 5 1/2f, 1:02.56. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$18,600. B-Bobbie Grissom (AZ). *1ST-TIME STARTER.



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Awesome Patriot, Little Toy Guns, g, 4, o/o Formal Plan, by Formal Gold. ALW, 4-3, Mahoning Valley

Catalina Cruiser, Catalina Royalty, c, 3, o/o Royale Michele, by Elusive Quality. MCL, 4-3, Tampa Bay

Flat Out, She's Crafty, m, 7, o/o Crafty Tigress, by Hold That Tiger. AOC, 4-3, Mahoning Valley

Klimt, Sea Art, m, 5, o/o Mollie Merisa, by Harlan's Holiday. AOC, 4-3, Tampa Bay

Malibu Moon, Malibu Rock Star, g, 4, o/o Vilao, by Grave Digger. ALW, 4-3, Mahoning Valley

Tamarando, Lobdell Lake, g, 4, o/o Pristeen Queen, by Diligence. MSW, 4-2, Turf Paradise

This Week in History ...

March 30, 1970...Secretariat was foaled at The Meadow in Doswell, Va.

March 30, 1985...Jockey Laffit Pincay Jr. became the second jockey in history to surpass Johnny Longden's record of 6,032 victories, riding Sovereignty to win the sixth race at Santa Anita.

April 1, 1940...New York legalized parimutuel wagering and outlawed bookmakers at the state's racetracks.

April 2, 1938...Future Triple Crown winner **Whirlaway** was foaled at Calumet Farm in Lexington, Ky.

April 3, 1962...At the age of 46, jockey **Eddie Arcaro** announced his retirement after winning 4,779 races and two Triple Crowns--with Whirlaway in 1941 and Citation in 1948.

April 6, 2002...War Emblem took the final running of the GII Illinois Derby at Sportman's Park by 6 1/2 lengths. Subsequently acquired by the Thoroughbred Corporation, the near-black colt would go on to win the GI Kentucky Derby and GI Preakness S.; the Illinois Derby was moved to Hawthorne.



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NIGHT RAIDER'S CRAVEN-BOUND BROTHER SET TO PUT KNOCKGRAFFON IN LIGHTS



Stephen and Mick Byrne of Knockgraffon Stables | *Brian Sheerin*

By Brian Sheerin

Is there anything like a pedigree update to get a consignor's blood pumping in the build-up to a big sale? A little winner here, a black-type update there, it can't hurt when it comes to advertising your wares.

Well, if it's happening pedigrees that buyers want, it won't take long to scope out lot 53 in the Tattersalls Craven Breeze-Up Sale. A brother to leading 2,000 Guineas contender Night Raider (Ire) (Dark Angel {Ire}), the colt will be offered under the hammer by the father-and-son team of Mick and Stephen Byrne of Knockgraffon Stables on behalf of Linden Bloodstock.

Pedigree updates like this don't come around very often. Already a half-brother to first-season sire Far Above (Ire), the strapping Dark Angel colt was led out of the ring unsold at 125,000gns at the Book 1 session of the Tattersalls October Yearling Sale, leaving his breeders Brendan and David Geraghty scratching their heads.

What has happened in the intervening period, with Night Raider bursting onto the scene with two effortless successes at Southwell, which has put the horse firmly in the 2,000 Guineas picture, would suggest the Geraghty brothers were right to command top dollar for their colt. Cont. p3

RACING ROCKED BY THE DEATH OF STEFANO CHERCHI AFTER FALL IN

AUSTRALIA By Brian Sheerin

Racing has been rocked by the news that jockey Stefano Cherchi, 23, has died from the injuries sustained in a fall at Canberra, Australia, two weeks ago. The former apprentice to Marco Botti had been riding Hasime in the third race at Canberra when his mount fell.

A statement released on Wednesday morning by NSW Jockeys on X, previously known as Twitter, read, "With deep sadness, the Cherchi family have announced their beloved son Stefano passed away peacefully today.

"The family are very grateful for the love, prayers & messages sent by the racing community across the world."

Born in Italy, Cherchi moved to England as a teenager and had his first ride there aboard Casina Di Notte (Ire) in August 2018. He rode 106 winners in the intervening seasons before relocating to Australia at the beginning of this year. Cont. p5

IN TON AMERICA TODAY

BREEDING DIGEST: CHINKS OF LIGHT AGAINST FIERCE COMPETITION

Chris McGrath delves into the pedigree of GI Florida & GI Arkansas Derby winners **Fierceness** (City Of Light) and **Muth** (Good Magic).



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Haras de Beaumont stallion Stunning Spirit (GB) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}), pictured winning the G3 Prix Quincey, sired his first winner on Wednesday. His daughter, Pastisse (Fr), captured a maiden race at Salon-de-Provence. | Scoop Dyga

FOUR GROUP 1 WINNERS SIGN ON FOR LOCKINGE

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A quartet of Group 1 winners have been entered in the upcoming G1 Lockinge S. at Newbury in May.

2024 IRISH EBF BARRIER TRIAL DATES REVEALED

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The dates for the 2024 Irish EBF Barrier Trials were announced on Wednesday.

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Knockgraffon Stables & Night Raider's Bro Cont. from p1

Knockgraffon Stables has been consigning horses at the breeze-up sales for 35 years. Few people have been doing it longer. However, in all that time, never have the Byrne family had a horse like this through their hands. The excitement is palpable.

"It looks as though the decision not to sell as a yearling could be vindicated. He's a gorgeous big horse and is without doubt the most high-profile horse that I have ever consigned," Stephen, 34, said.

"I had never met Brendan or David before but, shortly after the yearling sales, I got a phone call from them asking if I'd be interested in breezing this horse for them. They told me a bit about him, that he was a Dark Angel half-brother to Far Above, and I jumped at the opportunity to have that type of calibre of horse in the yard."

It takes something special to catch the eye in the dark
December months but that's exactly what Night Raider did in
winning on debut at Southwell by nine lengths. Bought for
155,000gns by Joe Foley on behalf of Clipper Logistics at
Tattersalls in 2021 as a foal, Night Raider confirmed the promise

of that scintillating debut when dishing out a comprehensive beating to previous winners back at Southwell last month, and is now as short as just 10-1 for Classic glory at Newmarket.

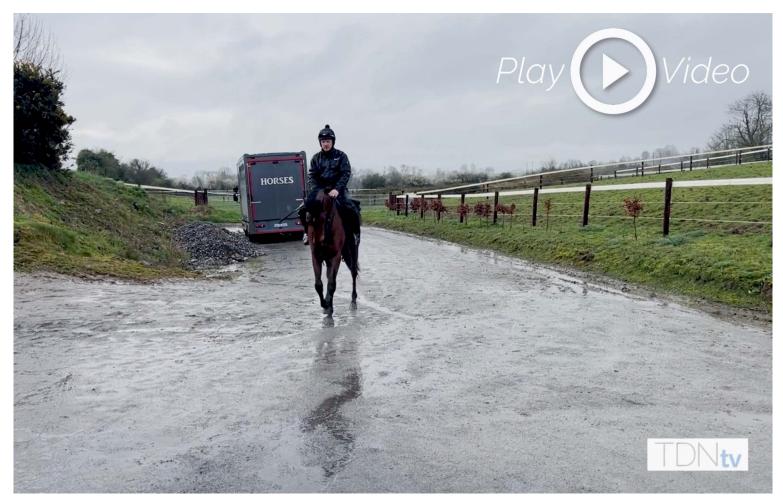
So what did the consignor make of it all?

Byrne said, "I got very excited, didn't I? I've only been doing this full-time since last year. Obviously Mick has been doing this a long time. He's been breezing horses for as long as I can remember and, actually, the first horse I ever cantered was a breeze-up horse. I think I was 10 years of age at the time. The game has become a lot more professional since Dad started and the quality has risen. A lot of very good horses are coming from the breeze-up sales.

"Night Raider looks as though he could be very smart and fingers crossed he can keep on progressing. I'd say this horse is very nice, too. He's not your typical breeze-up horse-he's quite big-but he does everything very well and he looks like he could make up into a very smart racehorse in time."

Brendan Geraghty, who, along with his brother David, bought Night Raider's dam Dorraar (Ire) (Shamardal) outside the ring at Goffs after she failed to sell at €14,000 in 2017, shared how the plan to breeze the full-brother was first hatched.

Cont. p4



Unbeaten 'TDN Rising Star' Night Raider's juvenile full-brother will be offered at the Tattersalls Craven Breeze-Up Sale. Brian Sheerin visits the Knockgraffon Stables of father-son team Mick and Stephen Byrne to find out more. | TDNtv

Knockgraffon Stables & Night Raider's Bro Cont.

He said, "We brought him to the foal sales and we brought him home. Then we brought him to the yearling sales and brought him home as well. To be honest, it was probably the pure stubborn Mayo man coming out in me both times! But, to be honest, I was shocked he didn't sell as a yearling. We'd loads of vets and I was sure he'd be popular.

"In fairness to Jack Cantillon, he has put me down a few good roads in recent times so, when I asked him where I should send the horse, I didn't hesitate when he recommended Stephen. We think he is a special horse, really and truly. Even from day one, Stephen has been saying, 'Brendan, I love this lad.' It's exciting and hopefully he can show people what he can do in the breeze. It has been a joy working with Stephen and Mick and long may it last."

The Mayo native, who has spent time in Australia and has only a small number of mares at his base close by to Knockgraffon in Tipperary, revealed how it hasn't all been plain sailing with his pride and joy Dorraar. A winner herself and from the family of Benbatl (GB), the 13-year-old overcame a serious injury after she was sourced by Linden Bloodstock. She is now happily reported to be back in foal to Dark Angel, who, naturally, Geraghty says he is a massive fan of.

Geraghty said, "My brother David goes through the sales and it works well. Once I saw Dorraar at the sales, I fell in love with her and had to buy her. It has worked out great. When we bought her, she was in foal to Toronado (Ire), but, as it turned out, she got injured at home and only for the lads at Fethard Equine Hospital and her big heart, she wouldn't have pulled through. After she lost the Toronado filly, we gave her a couple of seasons off, so she is a relatively fresh mare despite her age of 13.

"There aren't many mares like her around. Far Above put her name in lights and now Night Raider looks like he could be very good. I love Dark Angel. His record speaks for itself and he gets results day in, day out. Night Raider is only going one way."

And so, too, is Knockgraffon Stables. Along with popular work rider and long-time friend Shane 'Rancher' Ryan, who Byrne says he would be lost without, the work gets done. Brothers Michael and David, who like Stephen, enjoyed some success in the saddle, lend a helping hand as does Mick, 67.

"I am only back working here this past year," Stephen explains. "I gave it about five or six years as an amateur. I rode a bust of winners but decided it wasn't for me. I just stopped enjoying it. You have to be riding good horses to enjoy it and I wasn't riding good horses." Cont. p5



Knockgraffon Stables & Night Raider's Bro Cont.

That's not to say that a certain Mr S R Byrne came and went without anybody noticing he had ever been in the weighroom to start with. Through Jim Will Fix It (Ire) (Lord Of Appeal {GB}), trained by Seamus Roche, Byrne enjoyed his biggest day in the sun when out-battling big-name amateurs Robbie McNamara and Nina Carberry to win the Grade 2 Future Champions Bumper at the Leopardstown Christmas Festival in 2010.

Byrne piloted that horse to three more victories under rules but it wasn't enough of a lure. A stint with leading breeze-up consignor Con Marnane was the next port of call followed by seven years working for Joseph O'Brien. Not a bad grounding for the National Hunt jockey who has turned his attention to blooding top-class runners on the Flat.

Byrne said, "I really enjoyed my time with Joseph. He's a very easy man to work for and you learned plenty from him as well. The biggest thing I learned from Joseph is patience. Patience and keeping calm, that is key. If things weren't going right or horses weren't doing what you wanted them to be doing, Joseph would always keep a steady head and never panic."

He added, "Not only that but, there were so many nice horses coming through Joseph's, it trained your eye as to what a nice horse looks like. Joseph buys really strong, solid horses. I'd like to think I learned plenty from him about what an athlete looks like. I try to buy a nice horse by a solid stallion. We can't afford to buy the horses by the top stallions but you can buy some very nice horses by solid sires. That's what we try to do. A lot of the good racehorses that I have sold are not by the big sires, but they reached good ratings on the track."

Beautiful Aisling (GB) (Havana Gold {Ire}) is a good example. Bought by Knockgraffon Stables and Donovan Bloodstock for £22,000 at the Tattersalls Ireland September Yearling Sale, she rocked into £120,000 when bought by Anthony Stroud at the Goffs UK Breeze-Up Sale in 2022. After winning twice and



Beautiful Aisling as a juvenile | de Burgh Productions

reaching a rating of 90 for Simon and Ed Crisford, Beautiful Aisling went on to fetch 240,000gns at the Tattersalls Autumn Horses-In-Training Sale later that year.

Such a result proves that not only can Byrne turn a profit in the ring, but he also produces solid racehorses who can fulfil their potential and stand the test of time on the track.

Romina Power (Fr) (Le Havre {Ire}), a listed winner in Germany who has subsequently been snapped up by Joseph O'Brien, fellow listed winner Tardis (GB) (Time Test {GB}) and Sailthisshipalone (GB) (Havana Gold {Ire}) are other notable graduates.

It is clear to see that the Byrne family has a proven track record in producing quality runners but you won't see them hogging the limelight when they do. Instead, they prefer to get on with business in the background.

Stephen said, "I'll tell you a good story about Dad. When I was working in Edward O'Grady's, Paddy Mangan won the conditional riders' championship and brought the trophy into work. I was looking at all the names on the trophy and, next thing 'Michael Byrne' pops up. I was like, 'Dad was champion conditional?' I rang him up and I asked him and he goes, 'oh, I was, yea', as if it wasn't a big thing. But it is a big thing."

The pressure may be rising ahead of what could potentially be a breakout sale for Byrne, but the burgeoning operator is approaching Tattersalls in a similarly understated manner.

He concluded, "I was doing a few breeze-up horses whilst working with Joseph. We'd a couple of horses that sold well so it looked as though we could do the job to a good standard. I said I'd take the leap and give it a go full-time and, touch wood, things have gone really well. Hopefully we can keep on building and keep attracting a nicer horse. We think we have nice horses this year so fingers crossed it goes well."

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Stefano Cherchi Cont. from p1

An emotional Botti offered up a heartfelt tribute to his fellow countryman, who joined the Newmarket-based handler at just 16 years of age.

Botti said, "I feel like I have lost a son, to be honest. Stefano started as an apprentice jockey here. He came to us when he was 16 and was chasing his dream to be a jockey. From the time he has been with us, everybody just loved him. Everybody always had something nice to say about Stefano. He has always been a very charming guy--obviously very talented as well."



Stefan Cherchi | Racingfotos.com

Stefano Cherchi Cont.

He added, "I remember before he left for Australia, he came in to the yard and we had a chat and he was so excited to go there and try to enhance his career there. Obviously we have kept in touch with him and were always cheering him on when he rode winners in Australia. He had a couple of winners recently and we were all delighted for him. Things were starting to really pick up for him.

"To get this tragedy, we are completely devastated. We knew two weeks ago that things were not looking good but you always hope and pray for a miracle. When we heard the news this morning in the yard, everyone was just completely devastated. Like I said, I feel like I have lost a son. It is a very sad day."

Botti has organised a GoFundMe page as a gesture of respect and support to Cherchi's family. Donations can be made here.



Marco Botti | Tattersalls

Cherchi struck gold four times for David Loughnane, who said on X, "We are all completely devastated with the loss of Stefano Cherchi.

"He was an absolute gentleman and a pleasure to have known and worked with. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family and friends."

In a statement, the British Horseracing Authority said, "We are heartbroken to hear the news that Stefano Cherchi has died following a fall at Canberra racecourse last month.

"Stefano rode over 100 winners in Britain before moving to Australia, and the high esteem in which he was held around the world is clear to see.

"Our thoughts are with his friends, family, and everyone who has had the pleasure of working with him. The entire racing industry will be in mourning after the loss of such a talented young man."

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FOUR INDIVIDUAL GROUP 1 WINNERS FEATURE AMONG LOCKINGE ENTRIES

Big Rock (Fr) (Rock Of Gibraltar {Ire}) is one of the star names among 21 entries for the £400,000 G1 Al Shaqab Lockinge S. at Newbury on Saturday, May 18.

Trained by Christopher Head, Big Rock ended his three-year-old campaign with an emphatic six-length win in the G1 Queen Elizabeth II S. at Ascot in October, finally making the breakthrough at the top level following a hat-trick of runner-up finishes. He could be joined at Newbury by Andre Fabre's Tribalist (GB) (Farhh {GB}), who won the G3 Prix Edmond Blanc for the second year in succession at Saint-Cloud on Monday. Big Rock and Tribalist are the only French-trained entries in a race they haven't won since Keltos (Fr) struck for Carlos Laffon-Parias in 2002.

The home team is headed by three multiple Group 1 winners trained by John and Thady Gosden, namely Inspiral (GB) (Frankel (GB)), Lord North (Ire) (Dubawi (Ire)) and Nashwa (GB) (Frankel {GB}). Lord North and Nashwa both reappeared on Dubai World Cup night when they finished eighth and ninth, respectively, in the G1 Dubai Turf, while the five-year-old Inspiral has been off the track since gaining the sixth top-level success of her career in the Breeders' Cup Mile at Santa Anita in November.

Commenting on future plans for Nashwa, Teddy Grimthorpe, racing manager to owner-breeder Imad Alsagar, said, "It depends how she comes out of the race [in Dubai]. She recovered fine, but we'll see how she takes the trip home and then we'll make a plan. She's in the Middleton [at York on Thursday, May 16] and the Lockinge and I think those would be the most likely potential targets." Cont. p7



Big Rock | Scoop Dyga

Lockinge Entries Cont.

"She's run a super race and everything pretty much went to plan," Grimthorpe added of Nashwa's Dubai Turf effort. "She just had to use herself up a little too much, but she was beaten just over four lengths, so overall we were very encouraged really. We'd hope she'll improve, as she did last season."

The Gosden yard could also be represented in the Lockinge by G3 Criterion S. winner Audience (GB) (Iffraaj {GB}) and Laurel (GB) (Kingman {GB}), who has been on the sidelines since finishing down the field in last year's renewal. Laurel is one of two possible runners in the famous Juddmonte silks which were last carried to victory in the Lockinge by the great Frankel in 2012. The other Juddmonte entry is the Sir Michael Stoute-trained Nostrum (GB) (Kingman {GB}), who hails from the most successful stable in the race's history with eight wins.

Other entries of note include the placed horses from last year's G1 2000 Guineas, **Hi Royal (Ire)** (Kodiac {GB}) and **Royal Scotsman (Ire)** (Gleneagles {Ire}), plus **Charyn (Ire)** (Dark Angel {Ire}), who impressed when making a successful return to action in the Listed Doncaster Mile S. for Roger Varian.

The first scratching stage is by noon on Tuesday, April 30, with final confirmation stage by noon on Monday, May 13.

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IRISH EBF BARRIER TRIALS ON THE UP WITH DATES RELEASED FOR 2024 FIXTURES

The Irish EBF Barrier Trials, which has been a source of Group 1, Classic and even Cheltenham Festival winners, will get underway at Naas on Monday, May 27.

Dundalk Stadium will host the middle fixture on Monday, July 8, while Leopardstown will be the venue for the final date on Wednesday, August 28, again at six and seven furlongs.

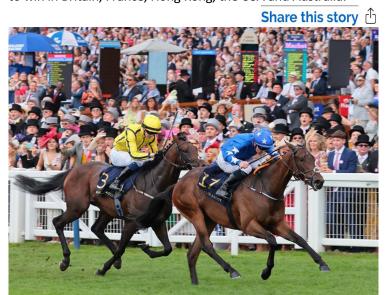
Charles O'Neill, CEO of Irish Thoroughbred Marketing, commented, "We are looking forward to staging the Irish EBF

Barrier Trials again this summer. We are delighted to have the backing of the Irish EBF again and we are also very grateful to the tracks that have agreed to host fixtures amid what is already a very busy calendar."

He added, "Thanks also to the owners, trainers and jockeys who have supported the Trials until now. We had horses from 35 different stables take part over two days last year. We also have to credit those behind the scenes including the IHRB, IRIS, stalls handlers and the medical and veterinary teams supporting."

As in previous years, the Irish EBF Barrier Trials will be restricted to unraced two-year-olds and three-year-olds and every runner must be named and returned in training with a stalls certificate.

The updated terms and conditions will be advertised on the RAS webpage well in advance of each date. In recent years the Irish EBF Barrier Trials have resulted in sales of numerous horses to win in Britain, France, Hong Kong, the USA and Australia.



Snellen: a Royal Ascot-winning barrier trial graduate | HRI

AL SHIRA'AA RACING TO SPONSOR PRIX VANTEAUX

Al Shira'aa Racing is the new sponsor of the G3 Prix Vanteaux in a two-year partnership with France Galop, it was announced on Wednesday. The 2024 edition of the Al Shira'aa Racing Prix Vanteaux, run over nine furlongs for three-year-old fillies, will be held at Longchamp's opening fixture of the season on Sunday, April 7.

Kieran Lalor, Al Shira'aa Racing's bloodstock and racing manager, said, "We are delighted to come on board as sponsor of the G3 Prix Vanteaux. It is a very important prep race for the Classics and one we hold dearly having won it in the past with Rumi and Jannah Rose, both trained by Carlos Laffon Parias."



Al Shira'aa Racing's Jannah Rose wins the 2023 edition of the Prix Vanteaux under Christophe Soumillon | Scoop Dyga

Al Shira'aa Racing To Sponsor Vanteaux Cont.

He added, "Sheikha Fatima Bin Zayed Al Nahan [founder and owner of Al Shira'aa Racing] was very happy about this opportunity and it is a nice way for us to give back to French Racing, which has been so good to us in the past. We would like to thank the team at France Galop and ParisLongchamp for the opportunity and look forward to continuing this partnership into the future. Now we need to find our next filly to compete for us in this race."

Guillaume de Saint-Seine, president of France Galop, added, "We are very proud to welcome Al Shira'aa Racing into the fold of partners who sponsor important racing events in the French racing calendar. The decision of its owner Sheikha Fatima Bin Zayed Al Nahan to support the race, once more shows the attractiveness of our racing program.

"An owner and breeder, she is an internationally renowned figure in the racing industry and very well known in France. On behalf of everyone involved, I wish her all the best and success for the upcoming season."

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IEVA'S "STUD MEDICINES" LECTURE A SUCCESS

The second Irish Equine Veterinary Association (IEVA) CPD event, "Stud Medicines--Back to Basics", was attended by just under 70 people in Osborne Hall at the Irish National Stud (INS) on Tuesday, Apr. 2.

The first of three sessions covered the many aspects of foaling, as well as getting mares in foal. Andrea Ryan of Kilcash Equine Clinic headed the second session, which focused on making a veterinary practice thrive from a business perspective. The third and final session, titled, "Equine Veterinary Practice--a Global

CV" highlighted a wide range of opportunities for qualified vets both at home and abroad. For more information on the lecture, please visit the IEVA website.

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FIRST-SEASON SIRES WITH RUNNERS

Thursday, Apr. 4, 2024: FRANCE

Arizona (Ire) (No Nay Never), Coolmore Stud 66 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners 2-CHANTILLY, 1000m, Dakota Sky (Fr) €23,000 Argana Deauville Yearling Sale V2 2023

Wooded (Ire) (Wootton Bassett {GB}), Haras de Bouquetot
79 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
2-CHANTILLY, 1000m, Wellington Premier (Fr)
€8,000 Arqana Deauville October Yearlings 2023
2-CHANTILLY, 1000m, Political Power (Ire)
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Arizona has a runner Chantilly | Coolmore



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BRITAIN

Wednesday's Results:

3rd-Kempton, £**7,000, Novice**, 4-3, 3yo/up, f, 10f 219y (AWT), 2:27.14, st/sl.

SAHARA SNOW (GB) (f, 3, Sea The Stars {Ire}--Hibaayeb {GB} {G1SW-Eng, GISW-US, G1SP-Fr, \$630,316}, by Singspiel {Ire}), sent off at 7-1, raced under cover in third early. Left temporarily flat-footed at the top of the straight, the homebred stayed on to gain the lead with 100 yards remaining and beat stablemate Winter Snowfall (GB) (Galileo {Ire}) by half a length. The winner is the sixth foal out of the dam, who captured the G1 Fillies' Mile, GI Yellow Ribbon S., G2 Ribblesdale S. and GII Sheepshead Bay S. and whose previous best is the GI Breeders' Cup Filly and Mare Turf and G1 Prix Marcel Boussac heroine Wuheida (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}). Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$4,754. O/B-Godolphin (GB); T-Charlie Appleby.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Brioni (Fr), c, 3, **Cloth Of Stars (Ire)**--High Story (Fr), by Zanzibari. Kempton, 4-3, 8f (AWT), 1:41.16. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-1, \$9,777. B-Jean-Philippe Dubois (FR). *€80,000 Ylg '22 ARQDOY; 130,000gns 2yo '23 TATBRE.

Eye Of Dubai (GB), g, 3, Havana Grey (GB)--Lily Carstairs (GB), by Orpen. Catterick Bridge, 4-3, 7f 6yT, 1:37.04. Lifetime Record: 3-1-2-0, \$10,813. B-Mr R S Hoskins (GB). *10,000gns Wlg '21 TADEWE; £42,000 Ylg '22 GOFFUK.

Celtic Warrior (Ire), g, 3, Saxon Warrior (Jpn)--Short Call (Ire), by Kodiac (GB). Kempton, 4-3, 7f (AWT), 1:25.77. Lifetime Record: 5-1-1-1, \$10,763. B-Anita Wigan (IRE). *125,000gns Ylg '22 TATOCT.

Mighty Nebula (Ire), g, 4, Saxon Warrior (Jpn)--Pure Symmetry, by Storm Cat. Kempton, 4-3, 8f (AWT), 1:41.20. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$4,754. B-Roundhill Stud (IRE). *95,000gns Ylg '21 TATOCT. **1/2 to Miner's Cat (Mineshaft), SP-US, \$213,432.

FRANCE

Wednesday's Results:

FIRST WINNER FOR SIRE

1st-Salon-de-Provence, €23,000, Mdn, 4-3, 2yo, 5 1/2fT, 1:08.24, hy.

PASTISSE (FR) (f, 2, Stunning Spirit {GB}--Phoceene {Fr} {SW & GSP-Fr}, by Olympic Glory {Ire}), runner-up at Marseille-Borely last month, made her way to the front after the first furlong. In

command when veering left in the straight, the 7-5 favourite had plenty in hand to score by 1 1/2 lengths from Vivre Libre (Fr) (Van Beethoven). The winner, who is the first for her Haras de Beaumont-based first-season sire (by Invincible Spirit {Ire}), is the sole foal so far out of the Listed Prix Rose de Mai winner and G3 Prix Penelope runner-up Phoceene. She hails from the family of the GII San Luis Obispo H. scorer Atlando (Ire) (Hernando {Fr}) and the G2 Prix Maurice de Nieuil winner and G1 Prix du Cadran runner-up Incanto Dream (GB) (Galileo {Ire}). Lifetime Record: €16,100. Video, sponsored by FanDuel TV.

O/B-Gousserie Racing (FR); T- Patrice Cottier.

3rd-Salon-de-Provence, **€21,000**, **Debutantes**, 4-3, 3yo, 10fT, 2:09.20, hy.

KINGSALE (FR) (c, 3, Siyouni {Fr}--Venetias Dream {Ire}, by Librettist), sent off at 27-10, was rushed up from the break to take the early lead. Green in the straight, the G1 Prix du Jockey Club and G1 Poule d'Essai des Poulains entry was always doing enough to score comfortably by a length from Comme Quoi (Fr) (Mastercraftsman {Ire}). The dam's first foal was Siyouni's G1 Poule d'Essai des Pouliches and G3 Prix Miesque winner Dream and Do (Ire) Siyouni (Fr). The firster is also related to Invincible Spirit's G1 Queen Elizabeth II S., G1 Prix du Moulin de Longchamp and G1 Prix Jean Prat-winning sire Charm Spirit (Ire), while her 2-year-old is a full-sister to the winner and Dream and Do. Sales history: €150,000 Ylg '22 ARQOCT. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, €10,500. Video, sponsored by FanDuel TV.

O/B-Haras du Logis Saint Germain & Bernard Giraudon; B-Haras du Logis Saint Germain (FR); T-Fabrice Vermeulen.

CONDITIONS RESULTS:

4th-Salon-de-Provence, €22,000, 4-3, 3yo, 10fT, 2:07.75, hy.

CITY GIRL (FR) (f, 3, City Light {Fr}--Nimpheas, by Smart Strike)
Lifetime Record: 5-2-1-0, €21,800. O/T-Louis Baudron; B-Herald
Bloodstock Ltd, Mme V Dubois & N Baudron (FR). *€17,000
RNA Ylg '22 ARQOCT; €22,000 RNA 2yo '23 ARQJUL.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Bruant (GB), c, 3, **Le Havre (Ire)**.-All The Rage (GB), by Dubawi (Ire). Salon-de-Provence, 4-3, 9fT, 1:56.59. B-Denford Stud (GB).

Luna Rock (Fr), f, 3, U S Navy Flag--Kazeema (Fr), by Al Kazeem (GB). Salon-de-Provence, 4-3, 12fT, 2:40.34. B-J P Garcon, Mme I Garcon, Garcon (FR).

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Wedneday's Result:

KAWASAKI KINEN-Listed (Jpn-G1), ¥170,000,000, Kawasaki, 4-3, 4yo/up, 2100m, 2:15.50, hy.

1--LIGHT WARRIOR (JPN), 126, h, 5, Majestic Warrior
1st Dam: Spectrolite (Jpn), by Deep Impact (Jpn)
2nd Dam: Barancella (Fr), by Acatenango (Ger)
3rd Dam: Baranciaga, by Bering (GB)

1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN. O-Carrot Farm; B-Northern Farm (Jpn); T-Katsuyoshi Uchida; J-Hiroto Yoshihara. ¥100,000,000. Lifetime Record: 30-9-2-2, ¥.

- 2--Grand Bridge (Jpn), 121, m, 5, Sinister Minister--Direttrice (Jpn), by Daiwa Major (Jpn). (\footnote{3,410,000 Ylg '20 JBBASEP).

 O-Cypress Holdings; B-Yukio Kanemasu (Jpn); \footnote{35,000,000.}
- 3--Icon Tailor (Jpn), 121, m, 6, Duramente (Jpn)--Boil Tosho (Jpn), by Came Home. O-Koichi Nakanishi; B-Hatakeyama Farm (Jpn); ¥20,000,000.

Margins: HD, NS, 1. Odds: 36.10, 10.70, 8.10.

Also Ran: Diktaean (Jpn), Seraphic Call (Jpn), Notturno (Jpn), S'il Te Plait (Jpn), Derma Louvre (Jpn), Gloria Mundi (Jpn), Castle Brave (Jpn), Everyone Black (Jpn). Click for the NAR chart and video.

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