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THE X-FILES, SEASON 2: ALISTAIR RODEN



Alistair Roden | Fasig-Tipton

by Jessica Martini

The X-Ray Files series, now in its second year and presented in cooperation with the Consignors and Breeders Association, uses conversations with buyers and sellers to contribute to the discussion on the sales and training process.

Veteran bloodstock agent Alistair Roden has found success buying for clients at all ranges of the market. Among his stakes-winning acquisitions already this year are Riley Allison Derby winner **Lucky Jeremy** (Lookin At Lucky) and Turfway Prevue S. winner **Vote No** (**Divisidero**), both of whom were purchased for \$50,000 at last year's OBS June 2-Year-Olds in Training Sale. He was also responsible for the acquisition of subsequent graded stakes winners **Abeliefinthislivin** (Arrogate) and **Another twistafate** (Scat Daddy), as well as multiple graded-placed **Tobys Heart** (Jack Milton) and **Ajourneytofreedom** (**Hard Spun**). All were purchased at the 2-year-old sales.

"Some of the soundest horses I have bought in my career and who have gone on to race as 5-, 6-, 7-year-olds have come from the 2-year-old sales," Roden said.

Asked what he looks for in potential juvenile purchases, Roden has a simple answer. "You want an athlete, obviously," he said. "Sometimes at the 2-year-old sales we are inclined to give up on conformation a little bit, whereas at the yearling sales we are not because we get the advantage of seeing them come down the lane and seeing how they perform going fast." **Cont. p3**

NEW RECORD FOR FASIG-TIPTON DIGITAL SET AT APRIL SALE WITH \$660K MARE

When the dust settled at the close of the Fasig-Tipton April Digital Sale Tuesday evening, the 15-year-old broodmare Eileen's Dream (Bernardini, **hip 21**) held the new record for a single offering on the digital platform when she sold for \$660,000 to DJ Stable. Consigned by Hill 'n' Dale at Xalapa, Eileen's Dream sold with her 2024 colt by **Curlin** at her side. She was bred back to **Charlatan** Mar. 27.

The sale closed with 87 horses sold for \$4,274,300, an average of \$49,130. The clearance rate was 92.5% with 670 registered bidders. A total of 20 horses sold for \$50,000 or more.

"We had extremely spirited bidding throughout the sale, especially as it closed this afternoon," said Leif Aaron, Fasig-Tipton's Director of Digital Sales.

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Chelsey Burris was part of a small group of guests that traveled to Lexington, Ky., for a special event offered by Lane's End Farm and Visit Horse Country to celebrate Hall of Famer Zenyatta's 20th birthday last Monday, April 1. [Click here](#) to go behind-the-scenes with TDNtv. | Sara Gordon

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Speed has become the name of the game at the 2-year-old sales and Roden said it is difficult to take the clock out of the buying equation.

“It’s gotten to be these times are unbelievable,” he said. “I bought Lucky Jeremy last year and he went in :21 1/5. But if they go in :24 or :11, it’s kind of hard to get your head around it. If you call a guy up and say, ‘Listen, I found this lovely horse. I really like him.’ The first thing they are going to ask you when you are at the 2-year-old sale is, ‘What did he work in?’ If you say :11 or :22, you can feel the enthusiasm just dying in the conversation. Am I a big proponent of the speed? Probably not. But at the end of the day, that’s what sells horses. That’s why they are doing it. If they could sell them for \$1 million and go :11 and change, they would probably do that. But obviously, they can’t.”

Having a vet whose work you trust is another big component of buying at the sales.



Lucky Jeremy | Coady Photography

“I usually find the horse and then part of the process of buying the horse is doing the vetting,” Roden said. “Sometimes I will have a little sneak at the vet report at the barn just to see if there is anything significant. I don’t want to call a guy up and say I have a really nice horse and then we vet them and he flunks the vet. I have a look at the vet report just to see that there is nothing major there, or from what I can interpret, there is nothing major. And then we go through the vetting.”

Roden continued, “At the end of the day, I put a lot of faith in the vets. The one vet I use, I’ve been using him for probably close to 20 years. You have to have faith in them, you know. And if he sends something back and says, well this horse is OK or something in the throat, but otherwise ok, or something in

the knee, but he’s ok with it, I will call him up and question it. That spur in the knee, do we need to worry about that? Rather than just going by what he said. I question things.” **Cont.**

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Roden continued, "I have faith in him. He has maybe been wrong a couple of times, I am sure I have been wrong a couple of times, numerous times, but that's the horse business. But I am not going to go buy a horse that has a major vet issue. I am not going to argue with the vet. Because if you're going to argue with the vet, why are you hiring him in the first place?"



Another twistafate | Benoit

With three decades of experience in the industry, Roden agreed he has developed trusted relationships with many sellers, but a consignor's say-so at the sales only goes so far.

"I know most of those guys down there and you always ask, 'Is this horse ok? Have you had any issues? Does he train OK?' I have that trust factor, but I am not just going to buy the horse because of that," he explained. "I am going to do my homework. They may be friends, but they are still there to sell horses. They have to make a living selling horses and they've had those horses since last fall and they have been around them a long time. They know what's what. If they send you a horse that has a major issue, as far as training or doesn't want to train, or has a major issue and they pull the wool over your eyes, it's obviously going to come back on them. I am not going to keep it to myself. If someone is screwing me, there will be other people knowing about it. You can have it go the wrong way, it can always happen. But if someone blatantly screws you, it's a small world."

It is a buyer's prerogative to have his newest acquisition drug tested at the sale and, while he hasn't done that in the past, Roden said he is considering doing it in the future in the wake of increased scrutiny with the implementation of the Horseracing Integrity and Safety Authority's Anti-Doping and Medication rules.

"I haven't done testing because you always think, 'Will I open a whole can of worms?' The guy gave the horse two grams of bute and it's going to beat you," Roden said. "From an agent's perspective, now, I think you almost have to do it. You have to cover yourself." **Cont.**

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Roden said it seemed like there was increased testing at the OBS March sale, but he questions when such testing should start.

“The 2-year-old guys will say, 'Well, I didn't give the horse anything.' Maybe it came from the yearling sale. What do you do? Do you do it when the horse first goes through a sale? I am not saying that it is the right thing to do. I don't know, but you think the sales company will want to take care of buyers as well. I think [additional testing] is probably a good thing because if there is anybody doing anything at the sale, it makes them a little wary of it, maybe make them think twice.”

Finding a trusted agent is important for any buyer thinking of entering the sales arena, according to Roden.

“You have got to have an agent you can trust who is going to guide you in the right direction and not just go out and buy a horse just for the sake of making a commission,” he said. “You have to have somebody that you trust to start with and if you have somebody you trust, you are hoping that he has a team around him that he trusts.”

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MARYLAND LEGISLATURE APPROVES PLAN TO REFORM STATE RACING INDUSTRY

by Dan Ross

A bill to radically reform Maryland's racing industry has passed both chambers of the state legislature, with the House voting 105-32 Monday night to **approve a project** that will see among other things ownership of Pimlico Race Course transferred from 1/ST Racing and Gaming to the state and the establishment of a year-round training facility for Maryland's horsemen and women.

After the Maryland House of Delegates initially passed the legislation unanimously, the bill was subsequently amended by the Senate. This amended bill was then sent back to the House for Monday's concurrence vote.

The legislation will now go to the desk of Maryland Governor Wes Moore for a final signature, with a veto seemingly unlikely.

"I've worked with governors going back to the mid- to late-1970s in Maryland, and most were very supportive of the industry in one shape or form," said Alan Foreman. **Cont.**

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"But Governor Moore was absolutely committed to this project. His support was instrumental in getting this passed," continued Foreman, voting member of the non-profit Maryland Thoroughbred Racetrack Operating Authority (MTROA), about passage of **HB 1524**, otherwise known as "Pimlico Plus."

The MTROA is an industry-led non-profit created last year by the legislature to essentially oversee and help facilitate the Pimlico Plus plan. Pending gubernatorial approval, the rollout of the plan will be a multi-year project beginning June 1, when the law goes into effect.



2023 Kentucky Derby winner Mage at Pimlico prior to the 2023 Preakness | Horsephotos

Among key provisions of the plan, the legislation requires the formation of a non-profit to manage daily operations of Maryland's new industry infrastructure. Those responsibilities are currently filled by the Maryland Jockey Club, owned and operated by 1/ST Racing. The MTROA will have ultimate oversight of this new entity.

"Like the [New York Racing Association] reports to the franchise oversight board, the entity to be created in Maryland will report to the MTROA," said Foreman.

Though much-needed renovations to Pimlico could begin later this year, said Foreman, the 2025 Preakness is still expected to be staged at the Baltimore track, with the 2026 edition set to be hosted temporarily at Laurel Park.

"After Preakness 2025, Pimlico will undergo full construction, and the plan is that the 2027 Preakness will be at Pimlico under the auspices of the new non-for-profit." said Foreman. "For the horsemen, racing will be conducted at Laurel for the next three years."

Like Pimlico, Laurel is currently operated by 1/ST Racing under the umbrella of The Stronach Group (TSG). Transfer of Pimlico from 1/ST Racing to the state comes at a nominal one-dollar price-tag. **Cont.**



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The MTROA has already negotiated a licensing agreement with 1/ST Racing to operate and promote the GI Preakness S. and the GII Black-Eyed Susan S., Maryland's two signature races.

"It's a 10-year agreement with five-year renewals," said Foreman. "After ten years, if the state wanted to buy it out, it could. But any renewals would be for five-year intervals."

Complementing a revamped Pimlico will be the selection of a year-round companion training facility to accommodate the horses not stabled at Pimlico. According to Foreman, some 1,300 horses are expected to be split evenly between the two facilities.

The MTROA has identified eight potential training facilities for purchase, **rating them by several criteria**, including their location, size, cost to purchase and cost of redevelopment. According to this rating system, two facilities come out jointly on top: Shamrock Farm and Mitchell Farm Training Center.

Shamrock Farm Training Center is a 155-acre facility just over 20 miles from Pimlico. Mitchell Farm Training Center is a 97-acre facility near the Aberdeen Proving Ground. The third-rated facility is the Bowie Race Track, a 131-acre training facility.

The legislation also allows the Maryland Stadium Authority--a state-founded entity to help fund and operate key building projects in Maryland--to issue \$400 million in bonds to help bankroll the Pimlico Plus plan.

Ultimately, ownership of Laurel Park will be transferred fully to TSG for redevelopment at the beginning of 2028, "unless we have to extend the lease," said Foreman.

According to Foreman, state taxpayers won't be on the hook should the non-profit formed to manage daily operations going forward run into operating deficits.

"If there's an operating loss when the non-for-profit takes over, the Thoroughbred purse dedication account has to backstop the losses. It will not come from taxpayer dollars," said Foreman.

"I can't overstate the historical moment this is for Maryland racing. It's historical for the City of Baltimore. This is great for the City of Baltimore. It stops decades of worries about Pimlico and the future of the Preakness in Maryland and Baltimore. It's great for the Park Heights community. And I think it's great for the racing industry overall," said Foreman.

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TIZ THE LAW FILLY ZIPS FASTEST QUARTER AT OBS TUESDAY *by Jessica Martini*

A filly from the first crop of multiple Grade I winner **Tiz the Law (hip 365)** tied the track record when working a quarter-mile in :20 1/5 during the third session of the under-tack preview for the Ocala Breeders' Sales Company's Spring Sale of 2-Year-Olds in Training, while 17 juveniles shared the session's fastest furlong time of :9 4/5, Tuesday in Central Florida.

"It was pretty special," consignor Tom McCrocklin said of the bullet quarter-mile work.

"I have one disability that keeps me knowing that one will go that fast and that is that I don't clock my horses at any point. But I did know that she could really run. She's been doing extremely well for the last month, getting better and better. So she obviously peaked at the right time and put in a stellar performance." **Cont.**

OBS under-tack Tuesday, cont.**Hip 365 | Judit Seipert**

The bay filly is out of stakes-placed Moonlight Sky (**Sky Mesa**), a half-sister to champion Abel Tasman (**Quality Road**) and a full to graded winner Sky Girl. Moonlight Sky is also the dam of graded-placed Urban (**Quality Road**).

McCrocklin purchased the juvenile for \$170,000 on behalf of Jim Tilton at last year's Keeneland September sale.

"She looked like an athlete, looked like a runner," McCrocklin said of the filly's appeal last fall. "She's got pedigree as well. She is a half to a black-type filly and has Abel Tasman in the second dam. So there is a lot of quality there. For a first-year stallion, it's a little bit of a gamble, but he was a very high-quality racehorse and she was a beautiful physical horse. She brought a lot of money as a yearling and, right now, I feel good about the purchase."

Tiz the Law, winner of the GI Belmont S. and GI **Runhappy** Travers S. in the COVID-delayed 2020 season, has 12 juveniles expected to breeze at OBS this week.

"This filly has a lot of **Tiz the Law** in her," McCrocklin said. "She is a strong, stout filly. There is nothing feminine about her. She's easily mistaken for a colt. She's real quiet. I checked in on her first thing this morning and she's in there sleeping like it's just another day at the office."

The :20 1/5 mark was most recently set by a filly by Win Win Win, who went on to top the OBS March sale when selling for \$1.8 million to Zedan Racing.

A Trio of Bullet Workers for Vekoma

Of the 17 juveniles to work the furlong in :9 4/5 Tuesday, three were by Spendthrift Farm's first-crop sire Vekoma. Leading off that trio was a filly out of stakes-placed Our Jenny B (Tale of the Cat) (**hip 435**), who was the second horse to work Tuesday morning. She is consigned by Grassroots Training & Sales, which purchased her for \$60,000 in Louisiana last fall.

Just a few hips later, a colt by Vekoma out of Newbie (Bernardini) (**hip 411**) also turned in a :9 4/5 work. Consigned by Sequel Bloodstock, as agent for Chester and Mary Broman, he is a half-brother to graded winner Classy Edition (Classic Empire) and to multiple stakes winner Newly Minted (Central Banker).

A filly by Vekoma (**hip 479**) completed the stallion's three bullet workers midway through the session's second hour. She is consigned by Mayberry Farm on behalf of Nice Guys Stables, which purchased her for \$130,000 at last year's Keeneland September sale.

"She's always been a lovely, honest filly," Summer Mayberry said of the juvenile. "We were expecting that she would work very well. She tries every single time. She's got a great disposition. She just makes our job look easy."

**Hip 411 | Thorostride**

Out of Pray for Leslie (Bernardini), the filly is a half-sister to last year's GI Darley Alcibiades third-place finisher Alys Beach (Omaha Beach).

"She is an average-sized filly with a very racy body," Mayberry said. "She has beautiful confirmation. She's got all the parts that you look for."

Of the first-crop Vekoma juveniles that she has seen, Mayberry said, "We have three still at the farm. They all seem like they are pretty nice horses. They have great dispositions, good conformation. Just very nice racehorses."

Steve Spielman's Nice Guys partnership has already enjoyed seven-figure success at OBS, having sold a daughter of Arrogate for \$1 million to Katsumi Yoshida at the 2021 Spring sale. The operation has four fillies still to work this week at OBS with Mayberry Farm. **Cont.**



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Twice as Nice (*OBS under-tack Tuesday, cont*)

Both Grassroots Training & Sales and Sequel Bloodstock doubled up on bullet workers Tuesday. Grassroots sent out a colt by Improbable ([hip 517](#)) to hit that mark, while Sequel sent out a New York-bred son of [Game Winner \(hip 487\)](#), also for the Bromans.

First-crop sire [Game Winner](#) had a second bullet worker Tuesday with [hip 389](#), a son of the 2018 champion 2-year-old champion consigned by Julie Davies.

Eddie Woods had a pair of bullet workers Tuesday: [hip 454](#) is a daughter of [Practical Joke](#); and [hip 460](#) is a filly from the first crop of Thousand Words.

Thousand Words had his second bullet of the session when [hip 506](#), a filly by the Spendthrift stallion, worked in :9 4/5 for Britton Peak. Thousand Words has already had his first winner on the racetrack after The Queens M G's victory at Keeneland Sunday.

Also sharing the :9 4/5 bullet Tuesday: [hip 372](#), a filly by St Patrick's Day consigned by Sweet River Thoroughbreds; [hip 392](#), a filly by Khozan consigned by Shanbally Acres; [hip 407](#), a colt by Bernardini consigned by Envision Equine; [hip 448](#), a filly by [Mendelssohn](#) consigned by Paul Sharp; [hip 477](#), a colt by [Oscar Performance](#) consigned by Wavertree Stables; [hip 489](#), a filly by [Mendelssohn](#) consigned by Randy Miles; [hip 502](#), a colt by [Global Campaign](#) consigned by Top Line Sales; and [hip 511](#), a filly by Ride On [Curlin](#) consigned by Blue River Bloodstock.

The under-tack show continues through Saturday with sessions beginning daily at 8 a.m. The OBS Spring sale will be held next Tuesday through Friday. Bidding commences each day at 10:30 a.m.

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CHAD BROWN JOINS TDN WRITERS' ROOM

Fresh off yet another win in the GI Toyota Blue Grass S. at Keeneland, trainer Chad Brown joined the TDN Writers' Room podcast [presented by Keeneland](#) to offer up insight on [Sierra Leone's](#) definitive victory and share how he hopes to see the \$2.3-million son of [Gun Runner](#) progress from here. Brown was this week's [Green Group Guest of the Week](#).

While Sierra Leone's come-from-behind Blue Grass win was one of the more visually impressive Kentucky Derby preps of the year, the race left plenty of room for improvement for the colt going forward when he proved to be a handful for the Keeneland gate crew while loading.

"As the pace was moving along at a solid rate and I saw the horse moving up down the backside, I felt pretty good," Brown said. "The only anxious moment was when he was loading into the gate. I didn't see that coming. He's been a pretty straight-forward horse. When we inherited the outside post with



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the 11 scratching, he was the last one to load in there... and he just kept looking at that crowd. It's been something with this horse, he always kind of wants to look right. You know, you saw in the GI Remsen S. when he was kind of acting green, and he still wants to lean in a little bit when he passed that horse on Saturday."

Saturday's win marked Brown's third Blue Grass score, following the success of juvenile champion [Good Magic \(Curlin\)](#) in 2018 and Zandon ([Upstart](#)) in 2022. That pair went on to run second and third, respectively, in the GI Kentucky Derby. Brown said that he believes Sierra Leone will give him his best shot to date to get that first Derby score.

"This horse really looks like he's looking for the mile and a quarter," said Brown. "Yes he's going to have to pass a lot of horses, but it looks like it'll be a good pace and hopefully if he can just get a clear run and uses his big stride, he would be the best chance we've had in this race."

Later in our breeding spotlight section, we took a look at the [Coolmore stallion Maximum Security](#) and [WinStar stallion Independence Hall](#). We also welcomed a new sponsor, Pleasant Acres Stallions in Ocala, Florida, which is home to stallions like [Doppelganger](#) and [Simplification](#).

Elsewhere on the podcast, which is also sponsored by the [Pennsylvania Horse Breeders' Association](#), [West Point Thoroughbreds](#), the [Kentucky Thoroughbred Association](#) and [XBTV.com](#), the team of Randy Moss, Bill Finley and T.D. Thornton took a look back at the major Kentucky Derby and Oaks preps from coast to coast, from [Leslie's Rose](#) (Into Mischief) earning a breakout victory in the GI Ashland S. to the showdown between [Stronghold \(Ghostzapper\)](#) and [Imagination](#) (Into Mischief) in the GI Santa Anita Derby.

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Fasig-Tipton Digital, cont. from p1

Aaron continued: "The clearance rate was over 90% again. We're very happy with the results for our buyers and sellers."

Eileen's Dream has a 2-year-old filly by **War Front** and a yearling colt by **Curlin**, who sold for \$600,000 at last year's Keeneland November sale to John Stewart and has since been named Stable Boy. She is also the granddam of 2023 GII Saratoga Special S. winner Rhyme Schemes (**Ghostzapper**). The Fasig-Tipton Digital topper is a half-sister to MGISW Dream Rush (Wild Rush), dam of Broodmare of the Year Dreaming of Julia (A.P. Indy). The latter has produced dual champion Malathaat (**Curlin**) and GSW Julia Shining.



Eileen's Dream | Thorostride/Jamie Newell

"Anytime you have the opportunity to secure a nice-looking mare from this family, you have to seriously consider it," said DJ Stable's Jon Green. "She's got the looks, conformation, female family, broodmare sire, and foal pipeline to be a 'foundation mare' for our program. This is a mare that my dad [Leonard Green] particularly wanted. He loves the family and is excited to have a mare and foal like this."

Prior to Tuesday's sale, Fasig-Tipton Digital's previous record was held by the broodmare Amazonian (Malibu Moon), who was purchased for \$420,000 by KatieRich Farms from the consignment of Ballysax Bloodstock, agent for the Estate of Glen Todd, during the Glen Todd Dispersal Final Phase in September of 2022. The Fasig-Tipton Digital platform launched in March of 2022.

Rounding out the top five sold Tuesday were:

- Gray Lightning (Social Inclusion, **hip 6**), a racing/broodmare prospect sold for \$370,000 to NRCLUB LLC from the consignment of Full Servis Equine, agent. A lightly raced 3-year-old Pennsylvania-bred, Gray Lightning has a record of two wins and one second from three starts at two and three and earnings of \$76,720.

- Secret Love (**Not This Time**, **hip 22**), a broodmare prospect sold for \$310,000 to Steven W. Young, agent, from the consignment of Taylor Made Sales Agency, agent. Secret Love is a stakes winner from her sire's first crop.
- Charlie's Penny (Race Day, **hip 20**), a racing/broodmare prospect sold for \$260,000 to Steven W. Young, agent, from the consignment of Taylor Made Sales Agency, agent for Lothenbach Stables Complete Dispersal. Minnesota-bred Charlie's Penny is a multiple stakes winner with a record of seven wins, two seconds, and two thirds from 15 career starts and earnings of \$413,272 to date.
- R Calli Kim (Revolutionary, **hip 11**), a broodmare prospect sold for \$220,000 to Resolute Bloodstock from the consignment of Gainesway, agent. A multiple graded stakes winner, R Calli Kim won GIII The Very One S. at Gulfstream Park in her most recent start. She earned \$635,640 in her career, with nine wins from 15 starts.

Full results for the April Digital Sale can be seen [here](#).

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STEWART'S RESOLUTE RACING BUYS INTO PEGASUS F/M TURF WINNER DIDIA

John Stewart's Resolute Racing has purchased this year's GII Pegasus Filly and Mare Turf Invitational S. winner **Didia (Arg)** (Orpen), he told the *TDN* in a text message. He will race her in partnership with her owners, John Moore and Charles Noell's Merriebelle Stable. **Cont.**



Didia | Ryan Thompson

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Four-year-olds and up
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\$300,000
(includes \$50,000 from KTDF)
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Three-year-olds
FIVE AND ONE-HALF FURLONGS, Turf

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(includes \$65,000 from KTDF)
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SIX FURLONGS, Dirt

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FIVE FURLONGS, Dirt

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KENTUCKY OAKS DAY

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Fillies, Three years old
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ALYSHEBA, GRADE II *presented by Sentient Jet*

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Four-year-olds and up
SEVEN FURLONGS, Dirt

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Four-year-olds and up
SEVEN FURLONGS, Dirt

LONGINES CHURCHILL DISTAFF TURF MILE, GRADE II

\$750,000 (includes \$100,000 from KTDF)
Runs Sat., May 4
Fillies and Mares,
Four-year-olds and up
ONE MILE, Turf

AMERICAN TURF, GRADE II

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

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John Stewart buys into Didia, cont.

Didia is entered in Saturday's GI Jenny Wiley S. at Keeneland.

"I have a ranking system I use and she was at the top," said Stewart. "I have been trying to buy her for four months. The agreement is for me to buy her. I pay half now and half when she retires and we race her together from this weekend at Keeneland."

Didia, also the winner of the GII Rodeo Drive S. at Santa Anita and the GIII Modesty S. at Churchill, and was second in the GI New York S. at Belmont Park.

In her native Argentina, the now 6-year-old was a two-time Group 1 winner. She arrived in the U.S. in 2022, and has won six of eight starts stateside, bringing her lifetime record to 10 of 15 lifetime starts. She has earned just over \$1 million.

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HERNANDEZ, O'NEILL TOP STANDINGS AT SANTA ANITA CLASSIC MEET

Juan Hernandez topped the riding standings and Doug O'Neill was the top trainer at Santa Anita's 46-day Classic Meet which concluded Sunday.

For Hernandez, a 32-year-old native of Veracruz, Mexico, this was his fifth riding title at Santa Anita. He finished with 53 wins from 245 mounts and also led all jockeys in earnings with \$3,683,348.

"I just want to say thank you to everybody for all the support," Hernandez said. "All the owners, trainers and all the people on the backside. The grooms, the gallop boys, because they do a lot of hard work over there and I only do the easy part. I'm really happy and I'm going to try to keep working hard."

O'Neill won the trainer's title with 30 wins from 163 starts. He finished one win ahead of Mark Glatt. This was O'Neill's ninth Santa Anita trainer's title and first since the 2021 Autumn Meet.

"It is all the result of just great owners, great horses, great staff and a lot of luck," said O'Neill. "I'm just grateful to be at the Great Race Place. I'm grateful to work alongside a lot of great men and women that have the same passion that I do. I'm just happy to work alongside horses. It is truly an honor."

Hronis Racing narrowly won the owner's title with 11 wins at the Classic Meet, one more than Reddam Racing.

Racing resumes at Santa Anita Apr. 19 with the start of the Hollywood Meet.

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STABLE RECOVERY SPRING MEET GALA APRIL 13

Stable Recovery will hold its second annual Spring Meet Gala Apr. 13 at Fasig-Tipton's Newtown Paddocks in Lexington. The event kicks off at 6 p.m. with a mocktail hour and will offer men in the substance abuse recovery program the chance to share their transformative stories.

The evening will also include numerous items in live and silent auctions, including a **Knicks Go** package, a **Not This Time** halter, horseshoes from Medina Spirit and Arabian Knight, and a California Chrome saddle towel. Bidding on silent auction items begins Wednesday. For more information, [click here](#).

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NYRA DONATES BELMONT FESTIVAL PICNIC TABLES TO CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS

Twenty-five local nonprofit organizations will be provided with reserved picnic tables for each day of the Belmont Stakes Racing Festival at Saratoga June 6-9, the New York Racing Association announced Tuesday. The nonprofits primarily comprise those with the mission to deliver human services and provide direct assistance to individuals experiencing food insecurity, financial hardship, homelessness and mental and physical disability.

Organizations were also selected for their support of veterans, families and children, and promotion of the arts.

"NYRA is pleased to recognize the important role that nonprofit organizations play in our communities with the donation of these coveted reserved picnic tables as potentially lucrative fundraising vehicles," said Robert Hines, NYRA Community Affairs Manager. "We are grateful for the many ways these organizations enhance Saratoga and the greater Capital Region." **Cont.**



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NYRA donates picnic tables, cont.

The selected beneficiaries will each receive one six-person table in the reserved picnic paddock during the Racing Festival to be used for fundraising activities, donor support or to raise awareness for their respective mission. NYRA's donation of 100 reserved picnic tables is worth nearly \$25,000.

The program recipients are: AIM Services, Inc.; Bernard and Millie Duker Children's Hospital at Albany Medical Center; Boys & Girls Clubs of the Capital Area; Caffe Lena; CAPTAIN; Center for Disability Services; The Children's Museum at Saratoga; Double H Ranch; Equinox, Inc.; LifeWorks Community Action; Northeastern New York Chapter of American Red Cross; Opera Saratoga; Operation Adopt a Soldier; Regional Food Bank of Northeastern New York; Ronald McDonald House Charities of the Capital Region; Saratoga Hospital; Saratoga Regional YMCA; Saratoga Sponsor-A-Scholar; Shelters of Saratoga; The Salvation Army; To Life!; United Way of the Greater Capital Region; Veterans & Community Housing Coalition; The Wesley Community; and Whitney Young Health.

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MUSEUM OF RACING HOSTS DERBY PANEL

The National Museum of Racing and Hall of Fame will host its annual Kentucky Derby preview panel, as well as a book and memorabilia sale, Apr. 27.

Racing experts Tom Amello and Jeff Carle will be on hand to offer analysis and predictions for the 150th running of the Kentucky Derby and answer questions from the audience about the upcoming Triple Crown series.

Admission to the program and book sale is free. The book and memorabilia sale will take place from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the museum lobby and the Kentucky Derby program will begin at 12 p.m. in the Hall of Fame.

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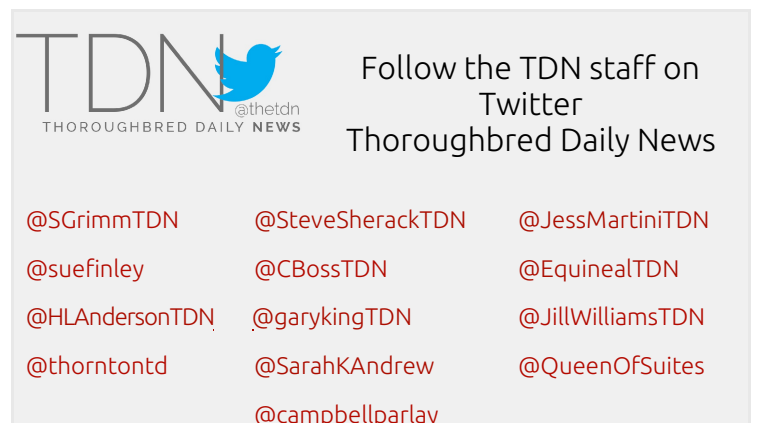
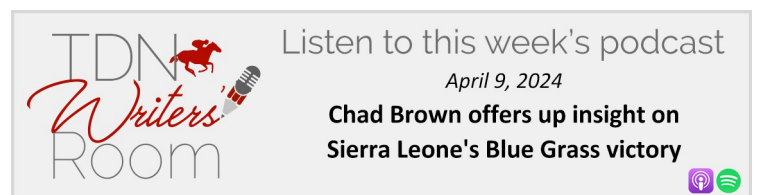
StableConnect has become a sponsorship partner of Thoroughbred Owners and Breeders Association. Founded by Jonathan Romeo, StableConnect is dedicated to driving engagement within syndicates and uses a patent-pending, mobile-first approach to centralize access to horse information, enhance syndicate communications, better connect partners, and enable frictionless syndicate transactions.

“We are excited to welcome StableConnect as a TOBA sponsor,” said TOBA president Dan Metzger. “With the growth of racing partnerships throughout our sport over the past decade, StableConnect provides an ideal and invaluable

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Romeo added, “The team at StableConnect is proud to partner with TOBA. All of us at StableConnect are passionate Thoroughbred racing fans with ownership stakes in horses like Goodnight Olive and **Tiz the Law**. Our love of this sport has inspired us to create a robust communication platform for owners, trainers and stable managers everywhere. With the demand for instant updates and information in our industry, the complexities of day-to-day management and communication have become more rigorous and time consuming. StableConnect puts your stable in the palm of your hand with up-to-date race and workout information, live-streaming and more so that managing partners can focus on more trips to the winner’s circle.”

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

MAKER'S MARK MILE S.-GI, \$600,000, 4yo/up, 1mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Equitize (GB)	Kingman (GB)	Klaravich Stables, Inc.	Brown	Ortiz	123
2	Emmanuel 🌿	More Than Ready	Siena Farm LLC and WinStar Farm LLC	Pletcher	Ortiz, Jr.	123
3	Naval Power (GB)	Teofilo (Ire)	Godolphin, LLC	Appleby	Gaffalione	123
4	Master of The Seas (Ire)	Dubawi (Ire)	Godolphin, LLC	Appleby	Buick	123
5	Kubrick (Ire)	Dubawi (Ire)	Peter M. Brant	Brown	Prat	123
6	Shirl's Speight	Speightstown	Charles E. Fipke	Attfield	Saez	123
7	Du Jour 🌿	Temple City	Baffert, Natalie J. and Lanni, Debbie	Baffert	Velazquez	123
8	Integration	Quality Road	West Point Thoroughbreds and Woodford Racing	McGaughey III	Dettori	123

Breeders: 1-Newsells Park & Ammerland GmbH & Co.KG, 2-Helen K. Groves Revocable Trust, 3-Godolphin, 4-Godolphin, 5-White Birch Farm, SC, 6-Charles Fipke, 7-Woods Edge Farm, LLC, 8-Larkin Armstrong

Saturday, Oaklawn #11, post time: 6:46 p.m. EDT

APPLE BLOSSOM H.-GI, \$1,250,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Free Like a Girl	El Deal	Gerald Bruno Jr, Chasey Deville Pomier & J Caroom	Pomier	Manrique	117
2	Taxed 🌿	Collected	Richard Bahde	Morse	Torres	118
3	Wet Paint	Blame	Godolphin, LLC	Cox	Prat	122
4	Adare Manor	Uncle Mo	Michael Lund Petersen	Baffert	Hernandez	123
5	Flying Connection 🌿	Nyquist	Brad King, Randy Andrews, G. Chris Coleman, Jim Cone, Suzanne Kirby and Lee Lewis	Fincher	Santana, Jr.	118
6	Misty Veil 🌿	Tonalist	Resolute Racing	Maker	Vazquez	118
7	Honor D Lady 🌿	Honor Code	Final Furlong Farm and Madaket Stables LLC	Joseph, Jr.	Castellano	120
8	Bellamore 🌿	Empire Maker	Kaleem Shah, Inc.	Asmussen	Asmussen	120
9	Shotgun Hottie	Gun Runner	Omar Aldabbagh and Jeff Ganje	DeVaux	Lopez	117

Breeders: 1-Kim Renee Stover & Lisa Osborne, 2-Brereton C. Jones, 3-Godolphin, 4-Town & Country Horse Farms, LLC & GaryBroad, 5-Liberty Road Stables, 6-William Humphries & Altair Farms, LLC, 7-William Harrigan & Mike Pietrangelo, 8-Gainesway Thoroughbreds LTD., 9-Vincent Colbert

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

JENNY WILEY S.-GI, \$600,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Walkathon	Twirling Candy	Whitham Thoroughbreds LLC	Wilkes	Leparoux	123
2	Fluffy Socks	Slumber (GB)	Head of Plains Partners LLC	Brown	Ortiz, Jr.	123
3	Elusive Princess (Fr)	Martinborough (Jpn)	LNJ Foxwoods, Elusive, NK Racing& Church Street	Delacour	Alvarado	123
4	Embrace Me 🌿	Candy Ride (Arg)	Mark T. Anderson	Rutledge	Corrales	123
5	English Rose (Ire)	Frankel (GB)	Godolphin, LLC	Appleby	Buick	123
6	Gina Romantica 🌿	Into Mischief	Peter M. Brant	Brown	Gaffalione	123
7	Surge Capacity	Flintshire (GB)	Klaravich Stables, Inc.	Brown	Rosario	123
8	Star Fortress (Ire)	Sea The Stars (Ire)	John D. Gunther and Eurowest Bloodstock Services	DeVaux	Saez	123
9	Didia (Arg)	Orpen	Merrielle Stable	Correas, IV	Ortiz	123
10	Beaute Cachee (Fr)	Literato (Fr)	Madaket Stables, Michael Dubb & Louis Lazzinnaro	Brown	Dettori	123

Breeders: 1-Whitham Thoroughbreds, LLC, 2-Head Of Plains Partners, 3-Mr. Jean-Philippe Dubois, 4-Stone Farm, 5-Godolphin, 6-Machmer Hall, Carrie Brogden & Craig Brogden, 7-Klaravich Stables, 8-Sahara Group/Eurowest/Sunderland Hldgs, 9-La Manija, 10-Gregor Vischer

Saturday, Oaklawn #8, post time: 4:56 p.m. EDT**COUNT FLEET SPRINT H.-GIII, \$500,000, 4yo/up, 6f**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Code Five	Top Hit	Triple AAA Ranch	Owens	Quinonez	113
2	Jaxon Traveler 🌿	Munnings	West Point Thoroughbreds	Asmussen	Prat	122
3	I'm Wide Awake	Laoban	Haran Thoroughbreds, LLC	Haran	De La Cruz	114
4	Skelly	Practical Joke	Red Lane Thoroughbreds LLC	Asmussen	Santana, Jr.	125
5	Perfect Dude	Majesticperfection	HX3 Incorporated	Fincher	Fuentes	123
6	Tejano Twist	Practical Joke	JD Thoroughbreds LLC and Joey Keith Davis	Hartman	Torres	123
7	Ryvit	Competitive Edge	L. William and Corinne Heiligbrodt	Asmussen	Asmussen	121
8	Happy Is a Choice 🌿	Runhappy	Hooties Racing, WSS Racing and 4G Racing, LLC	Ortiz	Vazquez	117

Breeders: 1-Triple AAA Ranch, 2-Dr. & Mrs. A. Leonard Pineau, 3-Southern Equine Stables, LLC, 4-H. Allen Poindexter, 5-Todd Hansen & Shawn Hansen, 6-Tom Durant, 7-Curt Leake, 8-Builder's Mart, Inc.

Saturday, Keeneland #10, post time: 5:48 p.m. EDT**STONESTREET LEXINGTON S.-GIII, \$400,000, 3yo, 1 1/16m**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Secret Chat	Union Rags	Gelfenstein Farm	Rodriguez	Rosario	118
2	The Wine Steward	Vino Rosso	Paradise Farms Corp. and David Staudacher	Maker	Saez	118
3	Dilger (Ire)	Lope de Vega (Ire)	Michael J. Ryan	Joseph, Jr.	Gaffalione	118
4	Footprint	Dialed In	Greg McDonald	McPeek	Hernandez, Jr.	118
5	Hades	Awesome Slew	D. J. Stable LLC and Robert Cotran	Orseno	Ortiz	120
6	How's Ur Attitude 🌿	Street Sense	Welch Racing LLC	Ennis	Beschizza	118
7	Everdoit	Gary D	Donald L. Ming	Rice	Concepcion	118
8	Encino	Nyquist	Godolphin, LLC	Cox	Geroux	118
9	Liberal Arts	Arrogate	Evan and Stephen Ferraro	Medina	Ortiz, Jr.	118
10	Lucky Jeremy 🌿	Lookin At Lucky	Jeremy Ramsland	Morey	Corrales	118

Breeders: 1-Gelfenstein Farm, 2-Sequel Thoroughbreds LLC, Lakland Farm& Mark Toothaker, 3-Demers Bloodstock, 4-Greg B. McDonald, 5-Ocala Stud, Joseph M. O'Farrell III, David O'Farrell, et al., 6-Malibu Farm, LLC, 7-Don Ming, 8-Godolphin, 9-Stephen Ferraro & Evan Ferraro, 10-Mr. & Mrs. Craig L Minten

Saturday, Keeneland #7, post time: 4:12 p.m. EDT**GIANT'S CAUSEWAY S.-GIII, \$300,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2fT**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Play the Music 🌿	Mo Town	Glassman Racing LLC	Casse	Ortiz	122
2	Bling 🌿	American Pharoah	G. Watts Humphrey, Jr.	Oliver	Velazquez	122
3	Jill Jitterbug	Cross Traffic	Shagbark Farm, LLC	Walsh	Machado	122
4	Oeuvre	Shackleford	Richard Perkins	Block	Loveberry	122
5	B G Warrior	Run Away and Hide	Keith Grass	Andrade	Jimenez	122
6	Secret Money 🌿	Good Samaritan	Fortune Farm, Robert G. Hahn and Matthew Hand	Walsh	Gaffalione	124
7	Port Townsend	Uncle Mo	Blue Heaven Farm	DeVaux	Hernandez, Jr.	122
8	Roses for Debra 🌿	Liam's Map	Cheyenne Stable LLC and John O'Meara	Clement	Ortiz, Jr.	124
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WEDNESDAY'S INSIGHTS: DEBUT WINNERS MARK RETURN AT KEENELAND



Rocketeer winning at Keeneland last fall | Coady

7th-KEE, \$110K, \$100k Opt. Clm., 3yo, 1 1/16m, 4:12 p.m.

Five Thoroughbreds and Ian Brennan's **ROCKETEER (Curlin)** lived up to his name when airing by four lengths in his career debut going seven panels at this venue last October. Working consistently for trainer Brad Cox, the colt posted a bullet five-furlong move in :59 4/5 at Churchill Downs Mar. 31 before going four furlongs in :48 4/5 Apr. 6. A grandson of Grade I winner Stop Traffic (Cure the Blues), the colt takes blinkers off for this go around. Tyler Gaffalione gets the mount. Repole Stable and St Elias Stable team up with **More Vino (Vino Rosso)**, a \$400,000 Keeneland September purchase. Trained by Todd Pletcher, the colt marked his debut with a 1 1/2-length score going 1 mile 40 yards at Tampa Mar. 10. Irad Ortiz Jr. joins the fray here. **TJCS PPs**

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FIRST-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10

2024 Stud Fees Listed

Complexity (Maclean's Music), Airdrie Stud, \$12,500
121 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
2-Keeneland, 1:32 p.m. EDT, Msw 4 1/2f, Tuxedo Park, 5-1

Improbable (City Zip), WinStar Farm, \$15,000
128 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
2-Keeneland, 1:32 p.m. EDT, Msw 4 1/2f, Probale Ten, 8-1
\$37,000 KEE SEP yrl

Tiz the Law (Constitution), Coolmore Ashford, \$20,000
97 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
2-Keeneland, 1:32 p.m. EDT, Msw 4 1/2f, Enduring Spirit, 8-1
\$75,000 FTK FEB wnl; \$100,000 FTS AUG yrl

SECOND-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10

2024 Stud Fees Listed

Dreamliner (More Than Ready), CI-The Speedhorse Farm
9 foals of racing age/2 winners/0 black-type winners
4-Mahoning Valley, 2:18 p.m. EDT, Msw 1m, Tempered Dream, 6-1

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Jockeys at Parx Racing chase Johariel Rodriguez, who captured his first career victory on Apr. 9. Rodriguez (#1, blue silks) successfully rode Miguel Penaloza's Jet Set Juliet to an easy win in the second race. | Barbara Weidl/Equi-Photo

Cont.

Maximus Mischief (Into Mischief), Spendthrift Farm, \$25,000
231 foals of racing age/42 winners/3 black-type winners
2-Keeneland, 1:32 p.m. EDT, Msw 4 1/2f, Misbehavin, 10-1
\$15,000 FTK OCT yrl

One Sided (Quality Road), R. A. Rowe Farms
14 foals of racing age/3 winners/0 black-type winners
8-Mahoning Valley, 4:12 p.m. EDT, Alw 6f, Spunky One, 9-5
\$1,000 OTB OMX yrl

Vino Rosso (Curlin), Spendthrift Farm, \$20,000
309 foals of racing age/42 winners/2 black-type winners
7-Keeneland, 4:12 p.m. EDT, Aoc 1 1/16m, More Vino, 8-1
\$340,000 KEE NOV wnl; \$400,000 KEE SEP yrl



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STAKES RESULTS:

CLASICO ANTONIO R. MATOS S., \$50,078, Camarero, 4-7, (S),
3yo, f, 1 1/16m, 1:48.10, ft.

1--**CENTINELA, 118, f, 3, Console--Metro Gal, by Afleet Alex.**
O-Sonata Stable; B-Potrero Los Llanos Inc. (PR); T-Ramon
Morales; J-Juan C. Diaz. \$29,638. Lifetime Record: 4-2-2-0,
\$68,674. *1/2 to Don Cheo (Don Paco), Ch. 2-year-old Colt-PR,
MSW-PR, \$261,522.

2--**Combativa, 118, f, 3, Maximus Mischief--Sister Mary B, by**
Tiznow. **1ST BLACK TYPE.** O-E.R.V. Enterprises, Inc.;
B-Hacienda Los Nietos, Inc. (PR); T-Eduardo Falcon. \$10,220.

3--**Esencia, 118, f, 3, Moon Over a Beauty--Altiva, by Devil His**
Due. **1ST BLACK TYPE.** O-Establo Florida; B-Productos Agrícolas
del Sur, Inc. (PR); T-Giovanni Merced. \$5,110.
Margins: HF, 8 3/4, 1HF. Odds: 1.70, 0.80, 3.05.

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

9th-Parx Racing, \$63,600, (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$16,000), 4-9,
3yo/up, 1m 70y, 1:45.32, ft, 1/2 length.

CLASSIC UNION (c, 4, Classic Empire--Dixie's Comfort, by Dixie
Union) Lifetime Record: 16-5-0-4, \$152,816. O-Happy Tenth
Stable; B-Peter Alafoginis & Dr. Marlo Egleston & Classic Empire
Syndicate (PA); T-Daniel Velazquez. *\$10,000 Ylg '21 FTKOCT;
\$43,000 2yo '22 EASMAY.



8th-Parx Racing, \$53,200, (NW2X)/Opt. Clm (\$35,000), 4-9,
3yo/up, 1m 70y, 1:43.67, ft, 7 3/4 lengths.

TEN GAUGE (h, 5, Gun Runner--Scenic Drive, by Empire Maker)
Lifetime Record: 25-3-6-5, \$320,700. O-Burns Tbred Racing LLC;
B-Three Chimneys Farm, LLC (KY); T-Daniel Velazquez.
*\$185,000 RNA Ylg '20 FTKSEL; \$100,000 4yo '23 FTKHRA. **1/2
to Fast Scene (Fast Anna), MSW-Can, SP-USA, \$145,926.



3rd-Turf Paradise, \$31,500, (NW1X)/Opt. Clm
(\$12,500-\$16,000), 4-9, 3yo/up, 1m, 1:35.95, ft, 2 lengths.

HEAT N REHEAT (g, 7, Heatseeker {Ire}--Madame Heat, by
Unusual Heat) Lifetime Record: 26-4-5-5, \$99,129. O-Taboada
Racing Stables LLC; B-Oakcrest Stable (CA); T-Isidro Tamayo.

6th-Mahoning Valley, \$30,300, (NW13MX)/Opt. Clm (\$40,000),
4-9, 3yo/up, 1m 70y, 1:44.07, ft, 1 1/4 lengths.

JOHN'S ROCK (g, 7, Bernardini--Sweet Cassiopeia
{MSW-USA, GSP-Can, \$653,407}, by Five Star Day) Lifetime
Record: 40-11-9-7, \$306,173. O-Caryn Vecchio; B-Godolphin,
Dan Considine & Steve Snowden (KY); T-Caryn Vecchio.
*\$80,000 Ylg '18 KEESEP.

7th-Mahoning Valley, \$29,400, 4-9, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 6f,
1:12.49, ft, head.

POSEIDON'S SON (g, 5, Poseidon's Warrior--Forest Retreat, by
Forest Camp) Lifetime Record: 36-7-8-3, \$138,591. O-Annechino
Racing, LLC; B-Orlyana Farm (FL); T-Jay P. Bernardini. *\$8,000
2yo '21 OBSOPN. **1/2 to Miz Mayhem (Yesbyjimmy), MSW,
\$327,305; 1/2 to Flay Mignon (Yesbyjimmy), MSW, \$116,828.

8th-Mahoning Valley, \$28,900, 4-9, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 1m,
1:41.20, ft, 6 lengths.

JOYA DEL SUR (m, 6, Gemologist--Chalmette, by Quiet
American) Lifetime Record: 23-5-5-5, \$141,167. O-Richard
Burnsworth; B-John C. Oxley (KY); T-Anthony Farrior.
*\$3,000 Ylg '19 KEESEP; \$37,000 RNA 3yo '21 OBSOPN.
**1/2 to Third Dawn (Sky Mesa), SW & GISP, \$286,314.



2nd-Mahoning Valley, \$26,900, 4-9, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 1m, 1:42.14, ft, nose.

SUPPLY CHAIN (g, 6, Speightster--Poly One Flex, by Giant's Causeway) Lifetime Record: 25-7-3-1, \$104,117. O-Jay P. Bernardini, Richard Burnsworth and Kristina Buyea; B-Fergus Galvin, Tony & Sarah Holmes (KY); T-Jay P. Bernardini. *\$45,000 Wlg '18 KEENOV; \$100,000 Ylg '19 KEESEP; \$170,000 2yo '20 OBSMAR.

4th-Mahoning Valley, \$25,900, 4-9, (NW2L), 3yo/up, 1m, 1:41.65, ft, neck.

STOMPING MOON (g, 4, Malibu Moon--Stomping, by Dixieland Band) Lifetime Record: 16-2-5-5, \$78,368. O-Pesaturo, Gus and Joy, Kevin J.; B-Sun Valley Farm & Spendthrift Stallions, LLC (KY); T-Kevin J. Joy. *\$20,000 Wlg '20 KEENOV; \$95,000 Ylg '21 KEESEP. **1/2 to Dontbetwithbruno (Tiz Wonderful), MSP, \$249,446; 1/2 to Cyber Secret (Broken Vow), MGSW, \$652,993.

3rd-Will Rogers Downs, \$23,000, 4-9, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:10.71, ft, head.

HE SAID WAIT (g, 4, Latent Heat--Possetively Pretty, by Posse) Lifetime Record: 11-3-0-0, \$69,549. O/B-Lyn Aldridge (OK); T-Jody Pruitt.

7th-Will Rogers Downs, \$23,000, 4-9, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:11.73, ft, 2 3/4 lengths.

MAMASHAVNAHOTFLASH (f, 4, Den's Legacy--Flexfuel, by Harlan's Holiday) Lifetime Record: 17-5-3-2, \$130,775. O-Theophilus Deonta Adams Scales, Jr.; B-Center Hills Farm (OK); T-M. Brent Davidson.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Warrior Ted, g, 3, **Warrior's Reward**--Gurt Girls, by Jump Start. Parx Racing, 4-9, (S), 6f, 1:13.50. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$25,200. B-Warrior's Reward LLC (PA).

Whitewalker, g, 4, **Tapit**--Honouring, by Smart Strike. Parx Racing, 4-9, 1m 70y, 1:46.96. Lifetime Record: 7-1-2-1, \$55,517. B-Hill 'n' Dale Equine Holdings, Inc & Stretch Run Ventures, LLC (KY). *\$115,000 Ylg '21 FTKOCT. **Full to Tyson, MGSW-Can, GISP-USA, \$351,767.

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Bango's Heat, f, 4, **Uh Oh Bango**--California Heat, by Unusual Heat. Turf Paradise, 4-8, (S), 5 1/2f, 1:03.89. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$17,700. B-Triple AAA Ranch (AZ). *1ST-TIME STARTER.

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Classic Empire, Classic Union, c, 4, o/o Dixie's Comfort, by Dixie Union. AOC, 4-9, Parx Racing

Console, Centinela, f, 3, o/o Metro Gal, by Afleet Alex. Gil Clasico Antonio R. Matos S., 4-7, Camarero

Den's Legacy, Mamashavnahotflash, f, 4, o/o Flexfuel, by Harlan's Holiday. ALW, 4-9, Will Rogers

Gemologist, Joya Del Sur, m, 6, o/o Chalmette, by Quiet American. ALW, 4-9, Mahoning Valley

Gun Runner, Ten Gauge, h, 5, o/o Scenic Drive, by Empire Maker. AOC, 4-9, Parx Racing

Heatseeker (Ire), Heat N Reheat, g, 7, o/o Madame Heat, by Unusual Heat. AOC, 4-9, Turf Paradise

Latent Heat, He Said Wait, g, 4, o/o Possetively Pretty, by Posse. ALW, 4-9, Will Rogers

Malibu Moon, Stomping Moon, g, 4, o/o Stomping, by Dixieland Band. ALW, 4-9, Mahoning Valley

Poseidon's Warrior, Poseidon's Son, g, 5, o/o Forest Retreat, by Forest Camp. ALW, 4-9, Mahoning Valley

Speightster, Supply Chain, g, 6, o/o Poly One Flex, by Giant's Causeway. ALW, 4-9, Mahoning Valley

Tapit, Whitewalker, g, 4, o/o Honouring, by Smart Strike. MSW, 4-9, Parx Racing

Uh Oh Bango, Bango's Heat, f, 4, o/o California Heat, by Unusual Heat. MSW, 4-8, Turf Paradise

Warrior's Reward, Warrior Ted, g, 3, o/o Gurt Girls, by Jump Start. MSW, 4-9, Parx Racing

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WATTEL BUILDING ON BANNER YEAR AS TULIPA CHOPE BEGINS CLASSIC CAMPAIGN



Stephane Wattel in Deauville | Sue Finley

By Emma Berry

For some, Deauville is a summer playground. Horse sales, racing, good food and a spot of shopping. We have the Duc de Morny to thank for that. Having been instrumental in the construction of the racecourse at Longchamp in 1857, Napoleon's half-brother turned his attention to the Normandy seaside and by August 1864, racing was underway at Hippodrome la Touques in the town which has continued to draw the rich and famous, both for horse racing and film festivals.

Nowadays, Deauville is no longer home solely to the August meeting. With an all-weather track and floodlights in addition to the turf, there is also racing in the town in spring, autumn and winter. Since the early 1980s there has also been a training centre alongside the racecourse, which benefits from the proximity of the beach for a variety in the horses' exercise routines.

Managed, like Chantilly and Maisons-Laffitte, by France Galop, Deauville's training centre is currently home to 13 trainers, including Stephane Wattel, who made the town his home 30 years ago. [Cont. p3](#)

'A LUCKY PLACE FOR US' - BOURKE BEGINS BREEZE-UP SEASON AT OSARUS

By Brian Sheerin

Hyde Park Stud's John Bourke, who supplies 19 of the 68 juveniles at this week's Osarus Breeze-Up Sale, has described the La Teste fixture as an important outlet for handlers.

Bourke, who is best known as the man who consigned 1,000 Guineas winner Cachet (Ire) (Acclaim {Ire}) at the Tattersalls Craven Breeze-Up Sale, has sold plenty of good horses at Osarus down through the years.

Top of that list, according to the County Westmeath-based breeder and breeze-up consignor, is the Group-placed Samedi Rien (Ire) (**Bated Breath {GB}**).

Speaking during the breeze on Tuesday, Bourke said, "This is a great sale and Osarus has a lovely team of people who we enjoy working with. We've sold a lot of winners out of this sale, to Spain and France especially, and we've a nice team of horses again here this year." [Cont. p6](#)

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THE X-FILES, SEASON 2: ALISTAIR RODEN

Veteran bloodstock agent Alistair Roden shares his views ahead of the OBS April Sale next week. Jessica Martini has the details.

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Vicious Harry (Fr) (Harry Angel {Ire}), one of 10 stakes winners for his Darley sire, won the Listed Prix Co de Chasse at Deauville on Tuesday. | Scoop Dyga

IMPRUDENCE TO ROMANTIC STYLE

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The G3 Prix Imprudence went to Romantic Style (Ire) (Night Of Thunder {Ire}).

LAZZAT SKIPS TO DJEBEL WIN

8

Territories (Ire)'s Lazzat (Fr) triumphed in the G3 Prix Djebel at Deauville on Tuesday.

NEW GOFFS BREEZE-UP SALE REVEALED FOR 2025

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There will be a new breeze-up sale at Naas Racecourse in June of 2025 Goffs announced on Tuesday.

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Stephane Wattel Cont. from p1

As he approaches his 60th birthday, the affable Wattel jokes that his daughter Anastasia, who trains separately to him but also in Deauville, drops regular hints that he should be considering retirement. But Wattel Sr is currently in his pomp. He trained his first Group 1 winner last year after several of his horses have come close to that important metric in the past, and his stable of around 80 horses boasts an increasingly international mix of owners.

"Things have changed a lot," admits Wattel as he reflects on his three decades of training in Deauville, where the reigning champion trainer Jean-Claude Rouget now has a major satellite operation to complement his original base in Pau.

"But I did find from the beginning it was a nice place to train, because it was a relaxing place for horses. It was not far away from all the stud farms around and it was not so far away from



Simca Mille | Scoop Dyga

Paris."

Stud farms loomed large in the early education of Wattel, whose family had no prior involvement in racing but who found himself working at the Niarchos family's Spring Oak Farm (now Oak Tree Farm) in Kentucky at the age of 18 after deciding that his university course wasn't for him. He would later work at Haras de Fresnay-Le-Buffard and at Beech House Stud in Newmarket, which has recently returned to being a stallion stud since Shadwell relocated Baaeed (GB) and Mohaather (GB) from Nunnery Stud and added Mostahdaf (Ire) to the line-up.

"When I started I had only three horses," he continues, "I had no owners really behind me, just one, and it would have been impossible

for me to start at Chantilly. I would have been totally lost.

"In this training centre there was Nicolas Madamet. He was the first trainer to have the idea of training all year in Deauville."

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He adds, "It used to be a place to train during the summer for the meeting, so people from Chantilly and other places would come, but the track was good for training and suddenly one trainer had the idea that it was possible to train all year round.

"I was assistant trainer to Nicolas Madamet and after that I moved up to Chantilly for three years to work with Alain de Royer Dupré and for the Aga Khan. When it was time for me to start my career I thought that Deauville would be a nice place to start."

Wattel also recalls that it was more than just the sea air that made it advantageous to train in Deauville when he was first starting out.

"Now it seems unbelievable to think that in certain races - when we were going to race in maidens in Paris - we used to have three pounds less for our horses because we were training in the provinces," he says. "It's

difficult to imagine that now. Can you imagine Jean-Claude Rouget's horses having three pounds less because he's training in the provinces? But that was the case, and a lot of races in the provinces were closed to horses trained in Chantilly."



Tulipa Chope returns in the Prix de la Grotte on Sunday | Scoop Dyga

The treble Group winner Boris De Deauville (Ire) (Soviet Star) was one of the earliest stars for the Wattel stable, while City Light (Fr) (Siyouni {Fr}) came close to landing his trainer a major international victory when beaten a short-head by Merchant Navy (Au) in the G1 Diamond Jubilee S. at Royal Ascot. Now at Haras d'Etreham, City Light has made a positive impression with his early runners and was France's leading first-season sire in 2023.

Haras de la Perelle's Rosacea (Ire) (Soldier Hollow {Ger}) was third in the G1 Prix de Diane two seasons ago and her full-sister, Rimja (Fr), is now pleasing Wattel after the odd niggler kept her off the track at two. [Cont. p5](#)

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Jurgen Winter, owner of Haras de la Perelle, is one of the owner-breeders who has long supported Wattel and has the largest number of horses in the stable along with Baron Edouard de Rothschild of the nearby Haras de Meautry.

The partnership with Winter was rewarded when the Perelle homebred Simca Mille (Ire) (Tamayuz {GB}) became the trainer's first top-level winner last year in the Grosser Preis von Berlin.

"Having my first Group 1 winner with Simca Mille for Haras de la Perelle meant a lot for me," he says. "And it was a very nice story from the beginning to the end of his career here in France."

After Simca Mille failed to sell at €68,000 at the yearling sales, Wattel agreed to take him on and the horse raced initially in his own colours before Winter renewed his interest in the colt. A prolific performer, Simca Mille won three Group 2 races and a Group 3 as well as finishing runner-up in the G1 Grand Prix de Paris and G1 Prix Ganay. Towards the end of last year he was bought by Wathnan Racing and over the winter he has been trained in Qatar by French ex-pat Alban de Mieulle.

For almost every trainer there is a pressure to trade good

horses, and for Wattel that now means a time of rebuilding, though his stable does include at least one Classic prospect in the G3 Prix des Reservoirs winner Tulipa Choje (Fr) (Born To Sea {Ire}), who is entered for Sunday's G3 Prix de la Grotte at Longchamp.

"It's a little more difficult this year," he notes. "We sold a couple of good horses, like Simca Mille, [Group 3 winner] Immensitude and [Listed winner] Autumn Starlight. But at the moment we've got Tulipa Choje, who proved her quality last year, and she worked very well [last week] to prepare for the Prix de la Grotte. She seems to be very well and has had a good winter."

Wattel adds, "Having City Light start his stallion career so well is a big pleasure for all the stable. We had the horse for a long time; it was not only a short career at two and three, but we kept him for a long time and we're thrilled that he's having a lot of winners."

He also points out that, despite the precocity shown by some of City Light's offspring, the horse himself improved in his later seasons. He remained in training at five and won seven of his 22 starts.

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Trainer Stephane Wattel's string on a cloudy morning. Emma Berry chats with the Frenchman on his career highs and Classic hopes for 2024. | TDNtv

Anastasia & Stephane Wattel | *Scoop Dyga*

Stephane Wattel Cont.

"He started to be a really good horse only at four years old. I think that his horses will improve with age," Wattel says.

His own association with City Light's offspring extends to Celestial (Fr), who is unbeaten in two starts for a partnership which includes the former BHB Chairman and owner of Plumpton racecourse, Peter Savill, as well as Martin Cruddace, the chief executive officer of Arena Racing Company, which owns 16 British racecourses. They are also involved in the **Calyx (GB)** three-year-old Calypso King (GB), who runs at Deauville on Wednesday, and they are far from the only British names on Wattel's list of owners.

"The income from racing in Britain is really too low," he says. "It's easy for them to come to Deauville. Some English owners came with one or two horses and they were surprised, even when you win a little race with French premiums, if it's a French-bred, how much it adds to their account. Of course, even if the atmosphere of English racing has no equivalent, they like to have some horses in training and racing in France."

In 2018, Wattel was joined in the training ranks by his daughter Anastasia but not, as is the case with a number of racing families, as co-trainer, instead as a rival.

"I have to admit, when she started to think about working with horses, I wasn't completely sure it was really what she wanted to do. I didn't want her to have things easy at the start and I didn't help her at all," he says. "She had to find a job by herself, and I have to say, if there are two people who really helped her that is Freddy Head and David Smaga. She worked for David for four years."

He continues, "Now she has been training at Deauville for a couple of years and it's a big pleasure for me. I'm proud of what she has already accomplished. I will be 60 in less than one month, so she always repeats that and says that it may be time

for me to go fishing."

The sea may have its appeal, especially in a coastal town as lovely as Deauville, but it is horses, not fish, which should continue to occupy the mind of a trainer with the skills of Stephane Wattel.

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He added, "We've 19 horses here this week--16 of which are my own--including a Territories (Ire) half-sister to Golden Ace (GB) (Golden Horn {GB}) (lot 32), winner of the Mares' Hurdle at Cheltenham. She goes well. We've also got the only Persian King (Ire) (lot 43A) and the only Le Havre (Fr) (lot 65) in the sale. It's a nice sharp bunch.

"Osarus is important because we buy a lot of yearlings every year and we love selling winners. No matter what they cost, be that 10 grand or 50 grand, winners is the name of the game and that's what we love to produce. We have 60 breeze-up horses this year and 19 of them are here so it's a place we like coming to."

Bourke is not the only recognisable name to be offering horses at Osarus this week. Fellow Irish-based handlers Mickey Cleere, Eddie Linehan and Pierce Gallagher will get their breeze-up season up and running in France this week as well.

He concluded, "It's been a lucky place for us, not just as sellers. I bought Chic Colombine (Fr) (Seahenge) here as a yearling and she won a listed race at Saint-Cloud last month for George Boughey and Highclere Racing.

"In terms of selling, Samedi Rien is probably the best horse we have breezed here. She was a champion filly in Spain and was placed in a Group 2 at Meydan last year."

The sale takes place after racing at La Teste on Wednesday at 4.30pm local time.

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ROMANTIC STYLE DOWNS RAMATUELLE IN IMPRUDENCE THRILLER



Romantic Style | Scoop Dyga

By Sean Cronin

Godolphin's **Romantic Style (Ire)** (Night Of Thunder {Ire}) made her seasonal return a successful one and downed 'TDN Rising Star' **Ramatuelle (Justify)** to become her connections' first winner, in a thrilling renewal, of Deauville's G3 Prix Imprudence.

The 37-10 third favourite, who shed maiden status at Great Yarmouth in September before winning the Listed Bosra Sham S., was positioned second in the far-side group and raced in an overall fifth through halfway in this seven-furlong distaffers' Guineas trial. Looming large out wide with 300 metres remaining, she quickened to the fore entering the final furlong and kept on strongly under stern urging to withstand the late rally of **Ramatuelle** by a half-length for a career high. Last term's G3 Prix Miesque victrix and long-time leader **Tamfana (Ger)** (Soldier Hollow {GB}) provided solidity to the form and finished another half-length adrift in third.

"We had a nice race, but she was a bit fresh early," reflected William Buick. "She's quite speedy, she has a good turn of foot and used it at the finish. It was a good performance and she'll have to go up to a mile now. She's a good filly and, hopefully, she'll keep progressing."

Charlie Appleby is very much leaning in the direction of Paris and ruled out any temptation to remain at home for **Romantic Style's** next start. "I don't think she'd see out the mile [of the 1,000 Guineas] at Newmarket, so we thought we'd be better off coming here as it gives her more time between now and the [G1 Poule d'Essai des] Pouliches. She's got natural pace in her pedigree, but she gives herself a chance to stay the mile and that will be the aim. What I loved about today is she did everything the right way around. She travelled and she travelled

sensibly in behind horses. When she picked up I felt she was always doing enough to stay in front."

Christopher Head was far from downcast after the defeat of G1 Prix Morny second **Ramatuelle** and confirmed next month's G1 1,000 Guineas remains the number one target. "You always have worries when you are not sure if they have trained on from two to three and that was a very positive return. On such [deep] ground you can easily sink after doing too much too early, but she kept finding again at the end. That was most encouraging and, if all is well, we shall stick to the plan and go to Newmarket for the 1,000 [Guineas]."

Tamfana's trainer David Menuisier has yet to commit to a specific target, but it will be a Classic route for the third-place finisher. "That was a very good reintroduction for her. It is not easy to make all like that from the centre of the track. We have now to decide if we go to Newmarket for the Guineas or Longchamp for the French equivalent."

Pedigree Notes

Romantic Style is the second foal and black-type scorer out of G3 Prix Miesque winner **Sweetie Dream (Fr)** (Dream Ahead), herself a daughter of G3 Prix Cleopatre third **Excellent Girl (GB)** (Exceed And Excel {Aus}). Descendants of **Excellent Girl**, who is a half-sister to G3 R A Lee S. victor **Fastnet Tempest (Ire)** (Fastnet Rock {Aus}), include the stakes-winning **Easter (Fr)** (Exosphere {Aus}), Listed Criterium de Lyon third **Roccia Nera (Fr)** (Dream Ahead) and stakes-winning G3 Topkapi Trophy third **Peekaboo (Ire)** (Toronado {Ire}). The March-foaled chestnut is kin to Listed Brigids Pastures victrix **Are We Dreaming (Ire)** (Kendargent {Fr}), a 2-year-old filly by **Earthlight (Ire)** and a yearling colt by **Space Blues (Ire)**.

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Tuesday, Deauville, France

PRIX IMPRUDENCE-G3, €80,000, Deauville, 4-9, 3yo, f, 7fT, 1:31.95, vhy.

1--**ROMANTIC STYLE (IRE)**, 126, f, 3, by **Night Of Thunder (Ire)**

1st Dam: **Sweetie Dream (Fr)** (GSW-Fr),

by **Dream Ahead**

2nd Dam: **Excellent Girl (GB)**,

by **Exceed And Excel (Aus)**

3rd Dam: **Dame Blanche (Ire)**, by **Be My Guest**

1ST GROUP WIN. (€240,000 Wlg '21 GOFNO1; 550,000gns Ylg '22 TATOCT). O-Godolphin; B-Wansdyke Farms, SH Bloodstock, J Burke & Oghill (IRE); T-Charlie Appleby; J-William Buick.

€40,000. Lifetime Record: SW-Eng, 4-3-0-0, €71,633. *1/2 to **Are We Dreaming (Ire)** (Kendargent {Fr}), SW-Ire. **Werk Nick Rating: A+.** [Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree](#), or [the free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree](#).



2--**Ramatuelle**, 126, f, 3, **Justify**--Raven's Lady (GB), by Raven's Pass. 'TDN Rising Star'. (€100,000 Ylg '22 ARQAUG). O-Infinity Nine Horses, Ecurie des Monceaux, Hollymount Stud France SC, Chun Wai Kwok, Arthur Hoyeau, Mme Ilse Smits & Clement Tropres; B-Yeguada Centurion SLU (KY); T-Christopher Head. €16,000.

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3--**Tamfana (Ger)**, 126, f, 3, Soldier Hollow (GB)--Tres Magnifique (Fr), by Zoffany (Ire). (€20,000 Ylg '22 BBAGS). O-QRL VIII & Friends; B-Gestut Etzean & Hans-Helmut Rodenburg (GER); T-David Menuisier. €12,000.

Margins: HF, HF, 2. Odds: 3.70, 0.90, 3.40.

Also Ran: Great Generation (Ire), Shady Lady (Fr), Abstract (Fr), Alabama Moon (Fr). **Video, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

LAZZAT DOMINATES THE DJEBEL *by Tom Frary*

Keeping his unbeaten record intact in style at Deauville on Tuesday, Nurlan Bizakov's **Lazzat (Fr)** (Territories {Ire}) made all in a G3 Prix Djebel that he turned into a war of attrition. Taken straight to the front by Antonio Orani, the Listed Prix de la Californie winner stretched his rivals to breaking point, with only **Keran (Fr)** (Blue Point {Ire}) able to give any meaningful pursuit. At the line, the 7-10 favourite had 2 1/2 lengths to spare, with five lengths back to **Devil's Point (Ire)** (New Bay {GB}) in third.

"It is a great moment for me for two reasons. Firstly, it is a first group win in France for Antonio and second because my father won this race as an owner in 1988 with Shaindy and I grew up next to the photo of this win," Reynier explained. "We now have both our name in the record book of the Djebel and that is a great pride. I told my jockey beforehand, 'this is a no-brainer, we know he stays so go on and trust your horse--he is in great form. He has climbed another step in style, but being a gelding we know some races are closed to him. The two options now are in June, either the [G3 Prix] Paul de Moussac at Longchamp or the [G3] Jersey S. at Royal Ascot."

Pedigree Notes

Lazzat is the first and so far only foal of a granddaughter of the G1 1000 Guineas heroine Sleepytime (Ire) (Royal Academy), who produced six stakes performers headed by the G3 Superior Mile winner Hathal (Speightstown). Along with her fellow Group 1-winning full-brother Ali-Royal (Ire), Sleepytime helped her dam Alidiva (Ire) (Chief Singer {Ire}) to the title of Broodmare of the year in 1997, while she is also kin to the multiple Group 1-winning sire Taipan (Ire) (Last Tycoon {Ire}), the GII Louisville Breeders' Cup H. and GII Rampart H. winner Oonagh Maccool (Ire) (Giant's Causeway) and to the dams of the G1 Doncaster Mile hero Somewhat (Dynaformer) and this owner-breeder's G3

Oh So Sharp S. winner and G1 Falmouth S. and G1 Sun Chariot S.-placed Altyn Orda (Ire) (Kyllachy {GB}).

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Tuesday, Deauville, France

PRIX DJEBEL-G3, €80,000, Deauville, 4-9, 3yo, c/g, 7fT, 1:29.92, vhy.

1--**LAZZAT (FR)**, 128, g, 3, by Territories (Ire)

1st Dam: Lastochka (GB), by Australia (GB)

2nd Dam: Lashyn, by Mr. Greeley

3rd Dam: Sleepytime (Ire), by Royal Academy

1ST GROUP WIN. O-Nurlan Bizakov; B-Sumbe (Fr); T-Jerome Reynier; J-Antonio Orani. €40,000. Lifetime Record: 4-4-0-0, €94,000. **Werk Nick Rating: A+.** [Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree, or the free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree.](#)

2--**Keran (Fr)**, 128, c, 3, Blue Point (Ire)--Kerasona (Fr), by Oasis Dream (GB). **1ST BLACK TYPE; 1ST GROUP BLACK TYPE.** O-H H Aga Khan; B-S A Aga Khan (FR); T-Jean-Claude Rouget. €16,000.

3--**Devil's Point (Ire)**, 128, c, 3, New Bay (GB)--Hairy Rocket (GB), by Pivotal (GB). **1ST G1 BLACK TYPE.** (€200,000 Wlg '21 GOFNO1; 475,000gns Ylg '22 TATOCT). O-Clive Washbourn; B-Hamwood Stud Unlimited Company (IRE); T-David Menuisier. €12,000.

Margins: 2HF, 5, 2HF. Odds: 0.70, 5.40, 3.40.

Also Ran: Megarry (Ire), Tortisambert (Fr), Gentleman Beauty (Fr), Skylight Brochard (Hol). **Video, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

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GOFFS ANNOUNCE NEW BREEZE-UP SALE AT NAAS FOR 2025

Goffs have teamed up with Naas Racecourse and Irish Thoroughbred Marketing (ITM) to introduce a new two-year-old breeze-up sale in Ireland for 2025. The breeze will take place at Naas on Tuesday, June 3, with the sale being staged at Goffs on Wednesday, June 4. A practice breeze will also be held on the Bank Holiday Monday, June 2.

Announcing the new breeze-up sale, Goffs chief executive Henry Beeby, said, "We are thrilled that Naas Racecourse has agreed to host the trackwork to enable this exciting new breeze-up sale in Ireland. We look forward to collaborating with the Naas team to deliver a successful breeze-up where horses and clients will benefit from the world class facilities at both Naas and Kildare Paddocks.

"Vendors have petitioned Goffs to stage an Irish breeze-up for some time, and the timing of this new sale, coming slightly later in the season, has been widely welcomed in our discussions with vendors. The early June dates will allow additional time for sales preparation while it falls early enough in the Flat calendar to ensure strong demand for quality, ready to run two-year-olds."

Dermot Cantillon, chairman of Naas Racecourse, added, "The Naas Racecourse philosophy is to facilitate the racing and the bloodstock industry when and where we can. This relationship with Goffs to support the breeze-up sector is another manifestation of this ongoing commitment."

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CLIPPER LOGISTICS TO HOLD NATIONAL HUNT DISPERSAL AT DONCASTER



Mossy Fen Park (left) in winning action at Down Royal
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The Goffs Spring HIT/PTP Sale, set to be held May 22-23 at Doncaster, will feature a dispersal of five National Hunt horses owned by Steve Parkin's Clipper Logistics, the operation that has enjoyed Grade 1 success over jumps with the likes of Morning Assembly (Ire) (Shantou) and Draconien (Fr) (Linda's Lad {GB}).

The five horses include the Henry de Bromhead-trained **Mossy Fen Park (Ire)** (Walk In The Park {Ire}), who was last seen filling the runner-up spot in a Grade 2 novice hurdle at Fairyhouse, finishing three places ahead of Pat Fahy's **Champagne Admiral (Ire)** (Mount Nelson {GB}) who is also set to be sold.

The dispersal is completed by **Western Diego (Ire)** (Westerner {GB}) and **Sporting Glory (Ire)** (Fame And Glory {GB}), who finished third and fourth, respectively, in another Grade 2 novice hurdle at Fairyhouse's Easter Festival last time, plus **Special Cadeau (GB)** (Nathaniel {Ire}), runner-up in a Naas maiden hurdle on his most recent outing for Willie Mullins.

The annual Million In Mind dispersal also promises to be a highlight of the Spring Sale, which typically features a bumper offering of National Hunt horses-in-training and point-to-point graduates.

Entries are being taken until Friday, April 26, with the catalogue available online from Friday, May 3.

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FIRST-SEASON SIRES WITH RUNNERS

Wednesday, April 10, 2024:

UNITED KINGDOM:

Rumble Inthejungle (Ire) (Bungle Inthejungle {GB}), Norman Court Stud

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

17:30-KEMPTON PARK, 5f, Boro Queen (GB)

9,000gns RNA Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2022

Sergei Prokofiev (Scat Daddy), Whitsbury Manor Stud

121 foals of racing age/2 winners/0 black-type winners

14:40-WOLVERHAMPTON, 5f, Enchanting Empress (GB)

62,000gns Tattersalls Somerville Yearling Sale 2023



Van Beethoven is looking for his second winner | Karwin Farm

FRANCE

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

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

2-LA TESTE-BA, 1000m, Fruition (Fr)

Van Beethoven (Scat Daddy), Karwin Farm

32 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners

2-LA TESTE-BA, 1000m, Miss Beethoven (Fr)

€5,000 Arqana Deauville October Yearlings 2023



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DAUGHTER OF RED EVIE RETURNS AT LEOPARDSTOWN

13.15 Leopardstown, Mdn, €15,000, 3yo, f, 10fT

RUBIES ARE RED (IRE) (Galileo {Ire}) bids to build on her Galway debut third in October and continue Ballydoyle's strong start to the campaign in this maiden won 12 months ago by their Savethelastdance (Ire). Out of the G1 Matron S. and G1 Lockinge S. heroine Red Evie (Ire) (Intikhab), she is therefore a full-sister to the stable's outstanding Arc winner Found (Ire) and to the dam of the Oaks heroine Snowfall (Jpn) (Deep Impact {Jpn}). Also from Ballydoyle is **Flight Of Fancy (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}), the full-sister to the G1 Criterium International winner and G1 Melbourne Cup runner-up Johannes Vermeer (Ire) and the G1 Dewhurst S. runner-up Wembley (Ire).

14.45 Leopardstown, Mdn, €15,000, 3yo, c/g, 8fT

MUNDI (IRE) (Galileo {Ire}) is the latest runner for the listed scorer and G2 Queen Mary S. runner-up Meow (Ire) (Storm Cat), whose Galileos include the G1 2000 Guineas and G1 Irish 2000 Guineas-winning sire Churchill (Ire) and the G1 Cheveley Park S. heroine Clemmie (Ire). Wayne Lordan is on board, with Ryan Moore opting for the experienced Gallantly (GB) (Frankel {GB}), the son of the G1 Poule d'Essai des Pouliches heroine Precieuse (Ire).

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BRITAIN

Tuesday's Results:

1st-Thirsk, £8,000, Mdn, 4-9, 2yo, 5fT, 1:06.02,
hy.

ATHERSTONE WARRIOR (IRE) (c, 2, Coulsty {Ire})--**Hollow Green {Ire}, by Beat Hollow {GB}**, who ran fourth in Doncaster's Mar. 23 Brocklesby on debut last time, was quickly into stride and led from the outset of this return. Holding sway throughout, the 7-4 favourite came under pressure soon after halfway and kept on resolutely in deep conditions to defeat Arabie (GB) (Dandy Man {Ire}) by 3/4-of-a-length. Atherstone Warrior is the latest of seven reported foals and fourth scorer produced by a multiple-winning half-sister to Listed Prix Caravelle victrix Safe And Sound (GB) (Hector Protector).

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1st-Thirsk Cont.

The March-foaled bay, whose second dam is the stakes-placed Three Greens (GB) (Niniski), is kin to G3 Prix Miesque runner-up Stay Classy (Ire) (Camacho {GB}). Sales history: 7,000gns Wlg '22 TADEWE; 10,000gns Ylg '23 TATOCT. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$8,511.

O-Tim & Wayne's World; B-Northern Bloodstock Agency Ltd (IRE); T-Alice Haynes.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Joe Gargery (Ire), g, 3, Starspangledbanner (Aus)--Perfect Pursuit (GB), by Pastoral Pursuits (GB). Southwell, 4-9, 7f 14y (AWT), 1:29.51. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, £5,670. B-B Holland & J Cullinan (IRE).

Grecian Light (Ire), by Shamardal. **1ST BLACK TYPE.**

O/B-Godolphin (IRE); T-Henri-Alex Pantall. €7,800.

Margins: 3HF, 1HF, HD. Odds: 14.10, 28.00, 14.00.

Also Ran: Tudo Bem (Fr), Forza Capitano (Fr), Lesslepasser (Fr), Korker (Ire), Le Cadeau (GB), Siam Paragon (Fr), Ciao Pa' (Fr), Ismael Paint (Fr), Amellata (Fr), Game Run (Fr).

Successful in the Listed Prix de Bonneval and placed in the G2 Prix Robert Papin, G3 Prix d'Arenberg and G3 Prix Sigy, Vicious Harry had little to prove here but was allowed to start at lengthy odds for his list of achievements. Always in the front line, he was asked to extend heading to the two pole and gave generously to defy a three-pound penalty.

The dam, who has the unraced 3-year-old colt Aerodynamic (Fr) (Mr. Owen), is a granddaughter of Miesque and half-sister to the G1 Thekwini S. winner Amanee (Aus) (Pivotal {GB}) related to the Niarchos luminaries **Karakontie (Jpn)** (Bernstein) and Alpha Centauri (Ire) (Mastercraftsman {Ire}) et al. **Video, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

FRANCE

Tuesday's Results:

PRIX COR DE CHASSE-Listed, €52,000, Deauville, 4-9, 4yo/up, 5 1/2fT, 1:08.80, vhy.

1--**VICIOUS HARRY (FR), 129, c, 4, Harry Angel (Ire)**--

Umneeyatee (Aus), by Encosta De Lago (Aus). (€28,000 Ylg '21 ARQOCT). O-Cuadra Mediterraneo; B-Medya SARL & Tarik Tekce (FR); T-Mauricio Delcher Sanchez; J-Alexis Pouchin. €26,000. Lifetime Record: MGSP-Fr, 14-3-4-4, €169,740.

2--**Mgheera (GB), 122, f, 4, Zoustar (Aus)**--Blue Aegean (GB), by Invincible Spirit (Ire). (€145,000 Ylg '21 ARQOCT; €3,500 3yo '23 ARQJUL). O-European Bloodstock Management & Mme Marie-Christelle Lacaille; B-The Blue Aegean Partnership (GB); T-Manon Scandella-Lacaille. €10,400.

3--**Whispering Dream (Ire), 122, f, 4, Invincible Spirit (Ire)**--

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