



# THE ROAD BACK: ROBERT OSBOURNE SPREADING THE WORD ON STABLE RECOVERY



**Stable Recovery's Director of Fundraising and Marketing Robert Osbourne | Katie Petrunyak**

by Katie Petrunyak

Robert Osbourne was spending a few weeks helping out at the Stable Recovery house at Taylor Made, taking some time to reset and perhaps figure out some goals for his life, when one afternoon the program's director Christian Countzler walked into the living room looking as white as a ghost.

This was a little over a year ago, just as the calendar was turning over to 2023, and at the time Stable Recovery was relying on funding from the Kentucky Career Center to keep the fledgling project up and running. The Center had just called Countzler to say that they would no longer be able to help fund the program.

Stable Recovery had hosted a golf scramble that fall that had raised about \$60,000. It would be enough to keep the program going for a few more weeks, but the money supply was not going to last long.

"We're going to have to shut the doors," a disheartened Countzler told Osbourne. "One more month and we're done."

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## BREEDING DIGEST: STRONGHOLD REWARDS WALLERS' PERSEVERANCE by Chris McGrath

The GI Kentucky Derby picture may seem polarized by two more charismatic talents, but any neutral who ekes a living from bloodstock now has an alternative rooting interest. For among the colts entering those 20 coveted gates, the first Saturday in May, there will be no better symbol than **Stronghold** (**Ghostzapper**) of what it takes to last the course in the appallingly expensive, demoralizing, perplexing, maddening and addictive vocation of Thoroughbred breeding.

The GI Santa Anita Derby winner carries the silks of Eric and Sharon Waller, who bred his third dam Swiss Diva (Swiss Yodeler) from a Mr. Leader mare they acquired (after she had been a \$12,000 RNA at Barretts in 1998) primarily because she shared a third dam with Distorted Humor.

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**Robert Osbourne, cont. from p1**

But Osbourne wasn't so sure. He'd seen firsthand what Stable Recovery could do for men recovering from drug and alcohol addiction and thought that if they could just get the word out, surely there would be people out there who would want to help.

"At that point I knew what my purpose was," Osbourne recounted. "I wanted to make sure that Christian didn't have to worry about funding and that we could keep this thing growing. I wanted the whole industry to see what we were doing. If all it takes is a little bit of money to help these guys get sober, I wanted to help do that because this formula we've got here is so amazing."

So Osbourne signed on as Stable Recovery's Director of Fundraising and Marketing.

His first major project was the Stable Recovery Spring Meet Gala. They weren't sure if anyone would show up for the inaugural event, but 150 people attended and raised \$70,000. That kept the program running for a while longer, but by summer they were down to six weeks worth of operating funds. Then, another golf scramble helped them raise a whopping \$300,000.

Now the second-annual Spring Meet Gala is around the corner, scheduled for Saturday the 13th at Fasig-Tipton, and close to 400 people are expected to be in attendance.

"I don't know where everyone is going to sit," joked Osbourne. "But that's a great problem to have. This thing is just so special."

Like so many of the men whose lives have been changed through Stable Recovery, Osbourne got to where he is because of Frank Taylor. He even goes so far as to say that Taylor is one of the main reasons why he is still alive today.

Growing up in Lexington, Osbourne's family was close friends with Taylor and his wife and children. The kids were on the same sporting teams and they would all go on spring breaks together.

When Osbourne was 15 years old, his father committed suicide. As evening approached on the day of his death, Taylor picked Osbourne up from his house and took him to an Adoration service at Christ the King Church. They spent an hour there, sitting side by side in silence, and ever since that horrific day, the two men have attended that same service together on Tuesday evenings at 7 p.m.

When Osbourne attended the University of Kentucky a few years later, drugs, alcohol and partying began to take over his life. While he was always able to hold down a job, his problems escalated over the next few years.

"I was hanging out with a really bad crowd here in town--like really bad--and I ended up catching a couple of charges, about five felonies," Osbourne recalled. **Cont.**

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“At the time Frank and I did a little venture where we bought some property to flip it, trying to rent it out, but I had turned it into a trap house basically.”

Taylor offered Osbourne a job at Taylor Made's yearling complex where he would work under John Hall and Marshall Taylor--two men who had battled their own struggles with drugs and alcohol and gone through recovery.

“That was my first time dealing with horses and God, I feel so bad looking back now,” Osbourne admitted. “If I was John, I would have fired me on day two. But Frank knew what he was doing putting me with those two men. They saw I had a problem and I learned a lot from them. But I still was taking taxis from whatever I was doing the night before and going straight to the barn in the morning and eventually that caught up with me. I got in some legal trouble. I had some family in Alabama, so I went down there.”

Osbourne caught two more felonies during his first week in Alabama and ended up spending five years there, bouncing in and out of a jail cell.

Eventually Osbourne made it back to Lexington, but he quickly learned that a lot had changed in his home town. Not only had Taylor got sober, but Osbourne's other lifelong friend Josh Bryan ([profiled here](#)) was sober now too.



Osbourne celebrates a successful day at Keeneland | Kelcey Loges

“I was like, 'What the \*\*\*\* is going on? Something is in the water around here.' Then later I hear Frank saying that he was going to buy some horses for Will Walden and all these other drug addicts. I said, 'God, he's really lost his mind!'”

Osbourne continued going down his destructive path, but despite living a very different lifestyle than his reformed mentor, he would still meet up with Taylor almost every Tuesday evening. **Cont.**

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**Robert Osbourne, cont.**

“That was just something that Frank and I stuck to, all through our good times and bad,” he explained. “That hour was set in stone for us. We would go eat at Malone’s and then go to Adoration. That went on for years and kind of transcended into something that was the one constant in my life. When everything else was going bad, at least I had Adoration with Frank at 7 p.m. on Tuesday nights.”

One evening in January of 2022, Osbourne was coming off a long bender when he came to a realization.

“I can’t explain it as anything but a God moment,” he said. “Something came over me and I just thought that I didn’t want to do this anymore. I was like, ‘You know what? I will do anything it takes to stop doing this.’ So I’m driving my car around. I didn’t have a phone because I had gotten paranoid that people were following me. But I realize it’s a Tuesday night and I knew Frank was going to be at Adoration at 7 p.m.”

So Osbourne drove over to the church he’d been to so many times before, but knowing he was in no state to go inside, he waited in the parking lot for Taylor to come out. When he spotted his friend, he jumped out of his car.

“Hey, I know you and Josh are sober now,” Osbourne said as Taylor approached. “I need some help getting sober too.”

Taylor looked at him for a moment before replying, “Have you been sitting in the parking lot this whole time?”

Taylor promised that he would help Osbourne get into rehab, but first he had other plans. It was the weekend of the 2022 Pegasus World Cup, so Taylor took Osbourne with him down to Gulfstream and woke him up before dawn on their first morning to go to the track. They visited Will Walden and his improbable team of former drug addicts and alcoholics (learn about them [here](#)) who made up a fledgling racing stable.

“I’m still in a haze, but I see Will training these horses, Tyler Maxwell riding them and **Mike Lowery** and everyone else just working their asses off, but they were as happy as could be,” Osbourne recalled. “I was like, ‘God I want that.’”

Osbourne came home and went into a three-month rehabilitation program. When Walden’s team got back to Kentucky in April, he begged them to let him join their stable. Osbourne worked as a barn foreman for Walden for almost a year, traveling from Keeneland to Turfway to Ellis Park.

He was taking some time off to work on his AA program and was staying at the Stable Recovery house at Taylor Made when the opportunity to join the Stable Recovery program came up. Since then, he has been busy spreading the word to anyone who will listen about just how impactful the Stable Recovery program has been. **Cont.**



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**Robert Osbourne, cont.**



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“We spend about \$60,000 a month, so my goal every day is to get \$60,000 raised every month,” he explained. “Every day, it seems like there's something that God is blessing us with, like Andy Beshear gave us an award the other week or that the news was out here all day yesterday for a feature. It's like if something goes bad, three things will go right.”

Osbourne said he enjoys talking to donors, sharing the stories of the many men whose lives have been changed because of this program. He lives on-site at the Stable Recovery house so is well acquainted with all the current residents. When donors want to know where their money is going, Osbourne can show them how each and every dollar is allocated toward a toothbrush, a gallon of gas, or an hour's worth of salary.

“Every penny is literally going toward saving someone's life,” he said. “It's very special. And just compared to other transitional living places, the average of keeping someone sober for 90 days is about 15%. We are at over 80%. These jobs are giving people a purpose. They know that horse is depending on them to come work tomorrow.”

“It doesn't feel like a job,” he continued. “It's a passion and I get to hang out with Frank, who has been my best friend since I was 15, so that's a big bonus.”

Taylor and Osbourne still go to their weekly dinner and Adoration service on Tuesdays, but these days they have a crew of Stable Recovery residents who come along with them.

Osbourne never lost contact with his family despite the many deleterious choices he has made in his life and he is sure that their constant support is a big part of why he has been sober since Jan. 23, 2022.

“They definitely saw me struggle a lot,” he admitted. “My mother, two younger sisters and my younger brother have been a big motivation in getting sober. Since my dad died, I wouldn't have gotten by if it weren't for all of us staying together and supporting each other. My mom has been my biggest support and she was always so worried about me. Now she's at peace because she's not wondering if I'm going to die tonight.”

Osbourne is counting down the days until the Spring Gala, knowing that it will be one of the most significant opportunities Stable Recovery has had yet to share its story with the Thoroughbred industry and beyond.

“This gala is going to be huge,” he said. “I think we can raise a lot of money through it and hopefully we're looking to expand by the end of the year so that we can start helping all these farms get good, solid people that they can depend on. I think we're going to take this thing to the moon. You know, in the horse industry it's easy to sit here and bash all this stuff going on. But this is something that is showing how good the industry actually is. There are really good people in this business. Growing up, I had a lot of opportunities to become successful and I blew that because of drugs and alcohol. I feel like this is what my purpose is supposed to be, so here I am.”

*Stable Recovery is a recovery housing program in Lexington, Kentucky that offers men in the early stages of recovery access to 12-step meetings, life skills training and--through the Taylor Made School of Horsemanship--the opportunity to develop a trade in the equine field.*

To learn more about Stable Recovery's upcoming Spring Meet Gala, [click here](#).

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**Breeding Digest, cont. from p1**

Their very entry to the Californian Turf had been poignant. In 1995, Sharon's brother, a former jockey, asked them to take on a pregnant mare while he battled a brain tumor. Gradually they took to the breeding game themselves, typically upgrading a handful of mares with Kentucky covers before returning them to Harris Farms for state-bred eligibility. **Cont.**

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**Breeding Digest, cont.**

Swiss Diva became the first star for a program that has ever remained modest in scale. She won all three juvenile starts, including the California Breeders' Champion S. by 8 1/2 lengths, and was later graded stakes-placed. Her second career, however, appeared to offer only discouragement and even despair.

Swiss Diva herself succumbed to a ruptured cecum during her first foaling, a Henny Hughes filly named Diva's Tribute. The foal was only days old when suffering an injury that meant she could never race, so she was patiently restored and preserved for breeding. Having been astutely paired with the young Into Mischief, Diva's Tribute savaged her foal and had to be discarded in 2015 before any such disaster recurred with her next one, a daughter of Jimmy Creed named Spectator. (Albeit remotely, Jimmy Creed looped the family back to a shared nexus behind his sire Distorted Humor).



**Eric Waller leads Stronghold into winner's circle | Benoit**

The Wallers advised her \$4,700 purchaser Richard Barton of the challenges that needed addressing in Diva's Tribute, and he was rewarded for doing so when selling her on for \$175,000 at the 2022 Keeneland November Sale. Spectator had meanwhile

become an accomplished performer for Phil d'Amato, winning the GI Sorrento S. by daylight on her second start and placed in the GI Del Mar Debutante S., before chasing home Midnight Bisou (**Midnight Lute**) in the GI Santa Anita Oaks the following spring.

Just when it appeared that this family was redressing the heartache it had brought the Wallers, they hit a fresh nadir in 2021 when they lost Spectator in delivering her first foal, a **Ghostzapper** colt. But they sent him to d'Amato, named him

Stronghold, and are now enjoying due reward for persevering through challenges that would surely have exhausted the fortitude of most. **Cont.**



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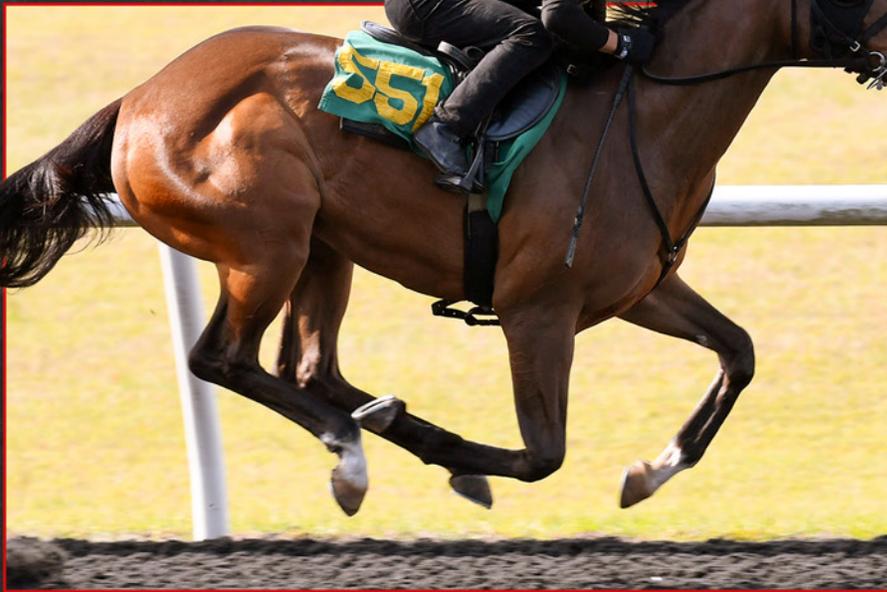
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**Breeding Digest, cont.**

Stronghold has himself overcome adversity even to earn a Derby gate on a circuit dominated by a barn obliged to forfeit so many of the starting points available in California. After an artful sidestep to New Mexico on his reappearance, he has now beaten all comers in the **West Coast's** premier rehearsal.

In the process he has volunteered himself as another potential heir to his splendid sire. Especially after McCracken was thwarted by fertility issues, **Ghostzapper** had appeared in danger of depending on his daughters for his legacy, notably the dam of **Justify**. But now he has **Mystic Guide** and **Loggins** starting out, with Stronghold looking eligible to contest the succession in time.

The Wallers, meanwhile, have managed to retrieve a strand of the female line. The last foal bred by Barton from Diva's Tribute, before selling her, was an Improbable filly he offered at Fasig-Tipton's California Sale last fall. The Wallers signed a \$200,000 docket for Spectator's half-sister, and the very next day they were at Churchill Downs to see Stronghold break his maiden.

The runner-up there was none other than Resilience (Into Mischief), who won the GII Wood Memorial on Saturday--just hours before Stronghold beat another Into Mischief colt, Imagination, at Santa Anita. Imagination cost one of Baffert's superpower syndicates \$1.05 million as a yearling. So while it's difficult to picture a Jimmy Creed mare helping Stronghold through a 10th furlong, the Wallers go to Louisville as an inspiration to numberless smaller breeders. It will not just be California that they represent on Derby day.

**Resilience Channels Precarious Lake Legacy**

As we've just seen, Resilience has been keeping some good company en route to his Aqueduct breakout. He was actually beaten in all three maidens he contested as a juvenile, evoking an era when people sought physical and mental seasoning in competition rather than in bullet works. In the one won by Stronghold, over the Derby course last fall, they had GIII Lecomte S. winner Track Phantom back in third. Track Phantom and Resilience have since shared a stretch call in the GII Risen Star S. with subsequent trial winners Sierra Leone (**Gun Runner**) and Catching Freedom (**Constitution**).

All these battles have helped Resilience mature to fit a name that also aptly represents the long commitment of his connections. For this is another project a long time in the making. While only a second-generation homebred, the span of years actually exceeds the four generations behind Stronghold. That's because he's out of the last foal--and, after a monotonous production of colts, the only daughter--of Tranquility Lake (Rahy), who was purchased by Martin and Pam Wygod for \$250,000 as a yearling at Keeneland back in 1996. **Cont.**

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They were never going to miss her there, as by that stage her late-developing half-brother Benchmark (Alydar) was beginning to work off the \$475,000 he had cost them as a weanling in the same ring in 1991. Benchmark would go on to win three Grade IIs at six before standing at their River Edge Farm in Buellton, California, where he sired champion sprinter Points Offthebench.

Tranquility Lake proved similarly hardy in her four-season, \$1.6-million track career, crowned by Grade Is in the Gamely H. and Yellow Ribbon S. She then produced two Grade I winners on turf by Storm Cat, After Market and Courageous Cat, though neither of those had yet emerged when Sheikh Mohammed paid \$9.7 million for their brother Jalil (Group 2 winner on dirt in Dubai) as a yearling.

Easy to imagine, then, how warmly the Wygods received Tranquility Lake's belated 2014 filly by Smart Strike.

Meadowsweet showed plenty of ability in a six-race career on grass, winning a couple of photos and a creditable fifth in the GI Del Mar Oaks.

She was then covered according to her value, as sole conduit for her dam. Her first son, by **Quality Road**, was gelded and claimed, but with her second she has contributed to the relentless upgrading in the quality of Into Mischief's books.

Touchingly, Resilience runs for a partnership between the Wygods' daughter Emily Bushnell and Ric Waldman, who was so closely associated with the stallion who "made" Tranquility Lake.

The one sorrow is that Russell Drake, who managed River Edge for 43 years and helped scout Resilience's granddam, is not here to share the ride. Drake died in June 2022.

It's unsurprising that Resilience is only finding his feet now. His dam was unraced at two, while both Tranquility Lake and Benchmark thrived with age. **Cont.**



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**Breeding Digest, cont.**

But their own mother (by Danzig) actually only raced at two, compressing 10 starts into that single campaign and precocious enough to run third in the GIII Schuylerville S.--so there's some latent dash, even without Into Mischief.

Happily Meadowsweet, having meanwhile produced a brother to Resilience currently pre-training in Florida, recently came up with a sister. With luck, then, the fragile legacy of Tranquility Lake can now extend into another generation.

**A Rose With Deep Roots**

The same conveyor belt of classier mares that brought him Meadowsweet also resulted in Into Mischief's 21st elite scorer, days after Laurel River became his 20th.



Leslie's Rose | John Gallagher/Coady Photography

The success of Leslie's Rose in the GI Ashland S. was yet another example of what can be achieved by patient cultivation of a family. But it also showed that actually this often proves the best route to commercial dividends. If you don't just rush from rookie sire to rookie sire, you can make your mare a coveted source of genes.

Much like Resilience, moreover, Leslie's Rose represents a combination of Into Mischief and grass royalty, her dam being by Galileo (Ire) himself. But this has been a long project, with many a blind alley, and confirms the far-sightedness that makes John D. Gunther one of the most admired breeders of his time.

The third dam of Leslie's Rose, Dial a Trick (Phone Trick), was one of the first yearlings Gunther bought as a long-term breeding prospect, for \$85,000 way back in 1991. She never made the gate, and her first foals achieved little, albeit one, Expanse (Distant View), was stakes-placed after selling for a yearling for \$25,000. An initial attempt to sell Dial a Trick stalled at just \$13,000.

But then her daughter by Langfuhr, Wildwood Flower, won her first three starts including a dirt sprint stakes at Golden Gate

Fields; and her next foal, Eye of the Tiger (American Chance), ran fifth in the GI Kentucky Derby before winning a couple of graded stakes. Expanse was meanwhile proving the one that got away: she produced two Saratoga Grade I scorers, Afleet Express (Afleet Alex) in the Travers S. and Embellish the Lace (Super Saver) in the Alabama S.; besides multiple graded stakes-placed Reporting for Duty (Deputy Commander).

After cashing out Dial a Trick for \$630,000, Gunther still had Wildwood Flower to borrow that momentum. Her own visit to the sire of Afleet Express yielded GI Florida Derby winner Materiality; while My Miss Sophia (Unbridled's Song) ran second in the GI Kentucky Oaks before herself producing a Grade I winner on grass in Annapolis (War Front).

With the Dial a Trick dynasty now in full bloom, Gunther sent Wildwood Flower to Europe. And while three foals by Galileo did nothing on the track to reward that adventure, the unraced Wildwood Rose (Ire) has shown the yields available to those playing the long game with sufficient flair.

Her first foal, a Speightstown filly, made \$900,000 as a yearling (sadly broke down on her second start); and her second, by Into Mischief and co-bred with Eurowest Bloodstock Services, brought \$1.15 million from Whisper Hill Farm. Her name, of course, is Leslie's Rose--the latest flower from seeds sown over three decades ago. You don't do something like this without suffering a few scratches on the way, but between thorns and roots, you end up with something that can survive the fitful winds of commercial fashion.

**A Sweet Twist to Candy**

Sire of the weekend was surely Twirling Candy, a nose away from three graded stakes when Cugino in the GIII Transylvania S. just missed joining Where's My Ring (GIII Gazelle) and AG Bullet (GIII Monrovia). The Lane's End sire also had stakes scorer The Donegal Clan. Cont.



Where's My Ring | Sarah Andrew



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**Breeding Digest, cont.**

Three of these four are from **Twirling Candy's** 2021 crop, his first conceived at \$40,000. He's meanwhile consolidated to \$60,000 and, at 17, is established as a versatile source of class while remaining more accessible than the six-figure artillery.

His weekend's work was characteristic, divided between grass and dirt and one and two turns. That's just as one would hope, for such a nicely blended pedigree. His sire **Candy Ride (Arg)** introduces turf strains from Argentina and France to Mr. Prospector's Fappiano line; while his damsire is Chester House, the GI Arlington Million-winning son of Mr. Prospector and blue hen Toussaud (El Gran Senor).

His granddam is by the international influence Danzig, but the next dam entwines Triple Crown icons: by Seattle Slew out of an Alydar half-sister to Affirmed. I have always loved the way Alydar was consoled with the dam of his nemesis, and perhaps some flavor of that sweet gesture survives in **Twirling Candy**.

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**WEAVER-TRAINED HORSE TESTS POSITIVE FOR METFORMIN** *by Bill Finley*



**George Weaver** | Sarah Andrew

According to the Horseracing Integrity and Welfare Unit (HIWU), a horse trained by New York-based conditioner George Weaver has tested positive for the banned substance metformin. Weaver has asked for a test on a split sample and will be allowed to continue to train pending the results of that test.

The horse in question is Anna's Wish (**Dialed In**) and the alleged violation occurred after she was tested following the March 16 Cicada S. at Aqueduct in which she finished third. Metformin is listed as a banned substance by HIWU, which

means Weaver faces a possible suspension of up to two years. The "banned" category is the most serious class of drug offences under Horseracing Integrity and Safety Act (HISA) rules.

Metformin is a drug used to treat diabetes in people. With more than 20 million patients taking it, metformin ranks as the nation's third-most-prescribed human medicine, according to the consumer healthcare website Healthgrades.

Weaver joins **Mike Lauer**, Jonathan Wong and four other trainers who have had horses test positive for metformin. The metformin positives have been controversial because of the number of people who take it for diabetes, which raises the possibility of environmental contamination.

"This is a clear case of external contamination," said Weaver's attorney, Drew Mollica. "The facts will show that Mr. Weaver had no hand in this and bears no fault for the alleged violation. We will seek a split sample and once those results are in we believe we will be able to offer clear and convincing evidence that Mr. Weaver bears no fault. At some point, HISA slash HIWU must accept the fact that these universally prescribed medications exist in the environment. The attempt to destroy a man's career predicated on a prevalent substance and in a case where he bears no fault should not only shock the conscience, but it should shock the entire racing community."

According to Mollica, Anna's Wish's groom takes metformin.

"The groom who cares for the horse is on the medication," he said. "This is a clear case of contamination. The consequences that HIWU seeks to impose are career killers with no basis in reality."

A former assistant to Todd Pletcher, Weaver has been on his own since 2002. According to The Jockey Club's online rulings database, Weaver has had just two prior positives, one for acepromazine and the other for promazine sulfoxide. In both instances, he was not suspended but was fined \$300.

For his career, Weaver has had 6,467 starters and has won 983 races. His career earnings are \$50,753,128.

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## MASTER OF THE SEAS RETURNS IN MAKER'S MARK



Master of The Seas | Benoit

Keeneland kicks off the second weekend of the Spring Meet with the much-heralded return Friday of last year's GI Breeders' Cup Mile winner in the 36th running of the \$600,000 GI Maker's Mark Mile S. **Master of The Seas (Ire)** (Dubawi {Ire}), unseen in the starting gate since his nose win over Mawj (Ire) (Exceed And Excel {Aus}) in the Mile last November, was most recently spotted with trainer Charlie Appleby's string in Dubai before shipping stateside to Keeneland. Now six, the Godolphin homebred has been here before, notching a second over this course last October in the GI Coolmore Turf Mile S. to eventual champion **Up to the Mark (Not This Time)**. Although the gelding hasn't started in five months and rain was plentiful at Keeneland Thursday which may downgrade the turf, Appleby is confident Master of The Seas, who also won the GI Ricoh Woodbine Mile S. last fall, will show his best.

"He is a worthy favorite," said Appleby. "He broke his maiden on soft ground, and he's won a Group 2 on soft."

Apply also brings Godolphin's **Naval Power (GB)** (Teofilo {Ire}), winner of six of seven lifetime, including his last two going a furlong further at Meydan. There were 13 months and a castration between those two wins, but his G2 Singpiel S. victory Feb. 23 earned him a ticket to the U.S. for a barn that has excelled in graded events in America.

"He has won on soft ground, and this will give him a chance to gain experience over here," said Appleby.

The 2022 Maker's Mark Mile victor, Charles Fipke's '**TDN Rising Star**' **Shirl's Speight** (Speightstown), has not found the winner's circle since that signature win. He's faced Master of the Seas in two of his last three, getting closest with a runner-up finish in the Woodbine Mile. He clearly has an affinity for

Keeneland, with a second in the 2022 edition of the Breeders' Cup Mile to another Appleby trainee in Modern Games (Ire) (Dubawi {Ire}).

"Hard to believe, but [Shirl's Speight] has been running in all of the big ones with a couple of seconds," said trainer Roger Attfield. "He's been doing well since his last race, which was the [Jan. 27 GI] Pegasus [World Cup Turf Invitational]."

The Maker's Mark field is rounded out by uber-impressive two-back GII Hill Prince S. winner **Integration (Quality Road)**; '**TDN Rising Star**' and Mar. 2 GIII Canadian Turf S. winner **Emmanuel** (More Than Ready); and a Chad Brown-trained pair of recent Tampa allowance winners in **Kubrick (Ire)** (Dubawi {Ire}) and **Equitize (GB)** (**Kingman (GB)**).

**Du Jour** (Temple City), winner of the GI Frank E. Kilroe Mile S. Mar. 3, reportedly didn't make the trip from Santa Anita and will be scratched.

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## RALPH NICKS TO RETIRE *Edited Press Release*

Trainer Ralph Nicks will call it a career Sunday after saddling a horse for the final time at Gulfstream Park.

"It's time," Nicks said. "I've been here a long time. It's just the way the business is going, with clients passing away. I've had a lot of years invested. I want to get away and do some things before I get too old and can't."

The 57-year-old Avery, TX native has saddled 722 winners, including Caledonia Road (**Quality Road**), the winner of the 2017 GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies at Del Mar who was subsequently honored with the Eclipse Award as champion 2-year-old filly, and Aubby K (**Street Sense**), a multiple graded-stakes winner who captured the 2013 GI Humana Distaff at Churchill Downs. **Cont.**



Ralph Nicks | Lauren King

**Ralph Nicks, cont.**

“I’ve had a pretty good career. I don’t know what the numbers are, but I’ve trained a champion and nine [Florida Sire S.] winners, as well as several other stakes winners,” he said. “I’ve had a good run, and maybe it’s time for a new chapter.”

Nicks is looking forward to hitting the road.

“I’m going to take some time and do some traveling around the U.S.,” said Nicks, who has one entry on Saturday’s program and three on Sunday’s card at Gulfstream.

Nicks learned the training craft from his father Morris Nicks before eventually becoming an assistant to Hall of Fame trainer Bill Mott. During his tenure, Cigar was the king of the Mott barn while winning 16 straight races, including victories in the 1995 GI Donn H. and the 1996 GI Gulfstream Park H., as well as back-to-back Horse of the Year titles.

“That’s one of those things that you have to pinch yourself and say, ‘Am I living in a dream world,’” Nicks said. “You’d have to rate him as one of the greatest horses of all time, but there were other very special horses there during that run, like Paradise Creek, Ajina, Escena, Boundary--I could go down a huge list of horses that we’ve gotten our hands on or got to throw a leg across.”

Nicks, who trained in Kentucky and New York before settling in South Florida 10 years ago, hasn’t ruled out a future return to the racing industry in some capacity.

“If I had to make an immediate decision, I might want to get into some consulting, buying yearlings and things like that at some point, but as of right now, I’m going to clear the head and enjoy life a little bit before I can’t,” Nicks said. “I’m going to reboot the mind and see where it takes me.”

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**LAUREL RIVER LEADS LATEST LONGINES WORLD'S BEST RACEHORSE RANKINGS**

Following his dominant victory in the G1 Dubai World Cup, Juddmonte Farms' homebred **Laurel River** (Into Mischief) is at the top of the second edition of the Longines World's Best Racehorse Rankings for 2024 with a rating of 128. The 6-year-old was never threatened in the World Cup, romping home by 8 1/2 lengths over **Ushba Tesoro (Jpn)** (Orfevre {Jpn}) (120 on the Longine rankings), with **Senor Buscador (Mineshaft)** (121) a neck back in third. Laurel River came into the race having won the G3 Burj Nahaar by 6 3/4 lengths earlier in March.

With his victory in the G1 Longines Dubai Sheema Classic, Godolphin's **Rebel's Romance (Ire)** (Dubawi {Ire}) has improved his rating to 123 from 120 and is now the second-highest rated horse in the world. The 6-year-old gelding, who defeated



**Laurel River** | *Mathea Kelly*

**Shahryar (Jpn)** (Deep Impact {Jpn}) (120) by two lengths in the Sheema Classic, came into the race having won the G3 H H The Amir Trophy by three lengths in February.

**Facteur Cheval (Ire)** (Ribchester {Ire}) (120) joins the rankings in the co-fifth position following his win in the G1 Dubai Turf, while **Tuz (Oxbow)** (119) is now ranked after winning the G1 Dubai Golden Shaheen by 6 1/2 lengths.

In the U.S., **Fierceness (City of Light)** (120) joined the Top 5 on the rankings following his explosive victory in the GI **Curlin** Florida Derby.

The Longines World’s Best Racehorse Rankings are compiled by the Longines World’s Best Racehorse Rankings Committee and published by the International Federation of Horseracing Authorities (IFHA).

For the complete rankings, [click here](#).

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**HISA, SPORTS MEDICINE CONCEPTS LAUNCH COMPREHENSIVE EMERGENCY**

**PREPAREDNESS INITIATIVE** *Edited Press Release*

The Horseracing Integrity and Safety Authority (HISA) has partnered with Sports Medicine Concepts, Inc. (SMC), a provider of sports emergency care training and emergency action planning services, to develop emergency action plans across Thoroughbred racetracks operating under HISA’s rules.

The program is set to commence in the second quarter of 2024 and will continue with a series of strategic implementations throughout 2024 and 2025.

“Medical emergency preparedness planning has become essential to any sport,” said SMC CEO and Director of Operations Michael Cendoma. **Cont.**

**HISA, cont.**

“An effective response plan reflects a multifaceted approach that combines training and education, technological innovation, science and evidence-based practices, and collaboration. We look forward to working alongside HISA and its racetracks across the U.S. to implement best practices that will ensure swift and effective responses to medical emergencies.”

Through the partnership with SMC, HISA will help improve each racetrack’s emergency preparedness by supporting the development of an emergency action plan (EAP) template, identifying weaknesses in any existing EAPs and providing an opportunity for tracks and first responders to collaborate further on how to prepare and train for, and respond efficiently to, emergencies.

The partnership with SMC is the latest in a series of steps undertaken by HISA toward promoting health and safety initiatives in U.S. Thoroughbred racing. This initiative aims to bring all tracks up to a best-practice standard through structured policy implementation.

“We are thrilled to be partnering with SMC in what represents a significant step forward in our commitment to the wellbeing of all racing participants,” said HISA CEO Lisa Lazarus. “By adopting a holistic and elevated approach to emergency preparedness, we aim to ensure all stakeholders are equipped to handle emergencies with skill and coordination. Together, we are working towards a safer sport for everyone involved.”

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**CODY'S WISH NAMED KTOB HORSE OF THE YEAR**

Godolphin's **Cody's Wish** (Curlin) was named 2023 Kentucky-bred Horse of the Year and older dirt male, while his dam, **Dance Card** (Tapit), was named Broodmare of the Year by the Kentucky Thoroughbred Owners and Breeders. Godolphin also received awards for **Pretty Mischievous** (Into Mischief) as champion 3-year-old filly and as KTDF Owner of the Year and winner of the P.A.B. Widener Trophy as KTOB Breeder of the Year.

Other Kentucky-bred champions announced Wednesday: 2-year-old male: **Fierceness** (City of Light) (Breeder Repole Stable); 2-year-old filly **Just F Y I** (Justify) (George Krikorian); 3-year-old male **Arcangelo** (Arrogate) (Don Alberto Corporation); older dirt female and female sprinter **Goodnight Olive** (Ghostzapper) (Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings); male



**Cody's Wish** | Sarah Andrew

turf horse **Up to the Mark** (Not This Time) (Ramspring Farm); female turf horse **War Like Goddess** (English Channel) (Calumet Farm); male sprinter **Elite Power** (Curlin) (Alpha Delta Stables); racing abroad **Lemon Pop** (Lemon Drop Kid) (Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Tait); and steeplechase horse **Snap Decision** (Hard Spun) (Phipps Stable).

The 2023 Merit awards, recognizing individuals for their contributions to the Kentucky Thoroughbred industry, will be presented at the KTOB Awards Dinner. The Charles W. Engelhard Award, acknowledging a member of the media for outstanding coverage of the Thoroughbred industry, will be presented to *Thoroughbred Daily News's* Chris McGrath. The William T. Young Humanitarian Award, which distinguishes a person or organization in the Thoroughbred industry “who recognizes and promotes the human endeavor,” will be presented to Frederick J. Seitz.

Also to receive awards are the top Kentucky Thoroughbred Development Fund (KTDF) money earners in 2023 in separate categories: KTDF sire of the year Into Mischief (Spendthrift Farm); KTDF earner of the year Ancient Rome (Mrs. Fitri Hay); KTDF trainer of the year Brad Cox; and KTDF breeder of the year Calumet Farm.

Recipients of the 2023 KTOB Kentucky-Bred Champion awards were voted on by the full membership of KTA/KTOB, while the KTDF category leaders were tabulated using purse money won at Kentucky racetracks in 2023. KTOB merit award recipients were voted on by the KTA/KTOB Board of Directors.

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## TICKETS AVAILABLE FOR KENTUCKY DERBY 150 TRAINERS' DINNER

Tickets are still available for the annual Kentucky Thoroughbred Association's Kentucky Derby Trainers' Dinner, a popular event featuring all of the Kentucky Derby trainers in an atmosphere of a good-natured roast.

The event is scheduled to be held Apr. 30 at the First Turn Club at Churchill Downs. Cocktails begin at 5 p.m. with the dinner slated for 6:30 p.m.

Tickets are available by clicking [here](#).

"Our sponsors, directors and Churchill Downs are working to make something special befitting the 150th running of the Kentucky Derby and the trainers who succeed in competing in the greatest race in the world," said the KTA's Executive Director Chauncey Morris. "Join us for a memorable night under the Spires."

In addition to this year's Derby trainers, the event will also feature Gustavo Delgado, trainer of last year's winner, **Mage (Good Magic)**, and will be hosted by Darin Zocali and Andrew Brown. The event seats 600 people, and will feature a farm-to-table menu catered by Wiltshire Pantry.

The trainers' dinner is one of the most popular events on the Derby calendar, with the trainers giving good-natured, often hysterical speeches.

In 2022, Wayne Lukas thought he was not going to draw into the Derby, and delivered a laugh-out-loud performance, pretending to cry as he imagined the other trainers enjoying the playing of My Old Kentucky Home via video.

"It's really hard for me to talk about," said Lukas, wiping a tear from his face. "I miss you guys so much and the trainers' dinner has always been one of favorites, and I don't know if I can handle all of this."

To watch the video, [click here](#).

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## HIWU RELEASES 2023 ANNUAL REPORT

The Horseracing Integrity & Welfare Unit (HIWU) announced today the release of its 2023 Annual Report. The full report is available [here](#).

The Annual Report details HIWU's organization-wide activities as the independent enforcement agency of the Horseracing Integrity and Safety Authority's Anti-Doping and Medication Control (ADMC) Program. Among the highlights are statistics on testing, results management, the adjudication of cases, investigations, and educational efforts.

"We are pleased to present this comprehensive look at HIWU's work on behalf of the Thoroughbred industry," said Ben Mosier, executive director for HIWU. "The Report illustrates the

tremendous team effort that was required to bring the ADMC Program to life and administer it nationwide, as well as the support and collaboration of industry groups and horsemen who have worked with us to help make the Program successful."

All Annual Reports will be archived in the About Us section of the HIWU website at [hiwu.org](http://hiwu.org) for viewing anytime.

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## TAA ON SITE DERBY WEEK

Thoroughbred Aftercare Alliance (TAA) will be on site at Churchill Downs for a variety of events during Kentucky Derby week. The organization will be recognized with a named race on the undercard of Champions Day on Wednesday of Derby week.

A representative from TAA will be present to host the winners of the "Off to the Races" VIP Experience online benefit auction, which was donated by Churchill Downs Incorporated and Second Stride. The winners will enjoy all-inclusive box seats, tickets to the Winner's Party at the Kentucky Derby Museum and a tour of Second Stride, a Thoroughbred Aftercare Alliance accredited organization.

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## "GREATS OF THE GATE" BOTTLE SERIES HONORS CHAMPIONS, SUPPORTS KENTUCKY CHARITIES

With an inaugural bottle honoring Man o' War to be released in October, Keeneland Race Course and Maker's Mark Kentucky Bourbon will launch a 10-year commemorative bottle series, "Greats of the Gate." The series will celebrate Thoroughbred racing's most iconic horses, featuring a different horse each year. **Cont.**



Courtesy Keeneland

**Greats of the Gate, cont.**

“Keeneland and Maker’s Mark have a rich history of working hand-in-hand to support organizations making an impact in Kentucky,” said Rob Samuels, Managing Director of Maker’s Mark. “We’re honored to partner each year in such a meaningful way, dating back to when Keeneland was our first customer serving Maker’s Mark in the 1950s and setting the stage for decades of collaboration to follow.”

Proceeds from each year’s “Greats of the Gate” bottle will benefit non-profits that support Kentucky culture, including the horse racing industry, hospitality and the arts. Over the course of the 10 years, Keeneland and Maker’s Mark are committed to raising \$4 million for various Kentucky non-profit organizations through this bottle series.

“Keeneland is proud to continue our longstanding partnership with Maker’s Mark to benefit both the Thoroughbred industry and our local communities,” Keeneland President and CEO Shannon Arvin said. “Keeneland and Maker’s Mark share a mission of service and philanthropy, and the commemorative bottles have been a fun way to engage our fans and support deserving organizations through the years.”

For the first three years of the 10-year series, the “Greats of the Gate” bottle will support Kentucky Harvest, Arts Center of the Bluegrass and Blue Grass Farms Charities.

The Art Center of the Bluegrass connects people to art, culture, and creativity through exhibits, hands-on art making, arts appreciation, and cultural experiences, while the mission of Kentucky Harvest is to end local hunger by connecting with food donors and engaging volunteers to rescue excess food and move it from those who have it to those in need.

Blue Grass Farms Charities (BGFC) provides health and human services to those who work in the Central Kentucky Thoroughbred Industry, including a much-needed food assistance program. Proceeds from the Man o’ War bottle will support construction of a new food pantry located at The Thoroughbred Center (TTC) on Paris Pike.

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**JOCKEYS AND JEANS ADDS PRADO, TEINOWITZ AND BANDOROFF**

Hall of Fame Jockey Edgar Prado, Chicago attorney Danny Teinowitz and Kentucky breeder Craig Bandoroff have been added to Jockeys and Jeans. Prado, who was named the committee’s Hall of Fame Jockey Coordinator, replaces fellow Hall of Fame member, Sandy Hawley, who stepped down but remains an Ambassador. Teinowitz becomes Special Consultant to Interim President Dr. Eddie Donnally. Bandoroff becomes the group’s latest Ambassador.

Bandoroff recently retired as president of the 800-acre Denali Stud, which has consigned over 500 stakes horses. In December 1974, he lost the use of his right arm when his mount at the former Garden State Park bolted into the inside rail after the start. He has aided the group’s fundraising efforts and is a vocal advocate.

“No one has to remind me how dangerous it is being a jockey,” said Bandoroff. “I have always felt fortunate and grateful that I recovered with my legs and brain intact. We all know a jockey’s life is one instant away from a perilous event and result. I’ve always felt it was my obligation and responsibility to help these brave athletes who were less fortunate than I. It is my hope that everyone who benefits from being in our industry will help those jockeys who have been seriously injured. They deserve our support.”

Prado, 56, retired in June of 2023 as the eighth all-time leading jockey in wins with 7,119. His mounts earned over \$272 Million, and he won 11 riding titles at NYRA-affiliated tracks. Prado joins Quarter Horse Hall of Fame jockey G.R. Carter as a committee member.

Teinowitz won a Sovereign Award as the breeder of Fantasy Lake, Champion 2-Year-Old filly of Canada in 1998, and has attended seven of the 10 Jockeys and Jeans annual events.

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**Churchill Downs finalizes sale of 49% stake in United Tote to NYRA**

*Churchill Downs Incorporated (CDI) has completed the sale of 49% of United Tote Company to a subsidiary of the New York Racing Association (NYRA). United Tote, a major provider of pari-mutuel wagering services in the US, was previously a wholly-owned CDI subsidiary. With this transaction, CDI still retains a majority stake in United Tote. [www.yogonet.com](http://www.yogonet.com)*

## 2024 Leading Fifth-Crop Sires by Black-Type Winners

Year-to-Date - Standing NA - Worldwide Earnings - NH Foals

Rank	Stallion	BTW	BTH	GSW	GSH	G1SW	G1SH	Starters	Wnrs	Highest Earner	Earnings
1	<b>Not This Time</b> (2014) by Giant's Causeway	5	9	2	6	--	--	119	38	\$198,110	<b>\$2,449,565</b> Dana's Beauty
2	<b>Frosted</b> (2012) by Tapit	4	12	2	4	--	--	137	33	<b>\$330,000</b>	\$2,430,414 Post Time
3	<b>Runhappy</b> (2012) by Super Saver	4	7	--	2	--	--	116	33	\$169,600	\$1,968,436 Happy Is a Choice
4	<b>Nyquist</b> (2013) by Uncle Mo	4	7	2	2	--	--	124	35	\$129,253	\$1,917,904 Encino
5	<b>Upstart</b> (2012) by Flatter	4	5	--	1	--	1	72	22	\$167,634	\$1,122,544 Surly Furious
6	Exaggerator (2013) by Curlin	1	2	1	2	--	--	123	38	\$166,000	\$1,209,023 West Saratoga
7	Marking (2012) by Bernardini	1	3	--	--	--	--	42	16	\$120,000	\$969,419 Payingoffmymarker
8	Tamarkuz (2010) by Speightstown	1	1	1	1	--	--	43	15	\$592,000	\$950,389 Two Rivers Over
9	Street Strategy (2011) by Street Sense	1	2	--	--	--	--	34	9	\$168,210	\$834,560 Kantex
10	Social Inclusion (2011) by Pioneerof the Nile	1	1	1	1	--	--	23	7	\$167,500	\$429,537 Uncle Heavy
11	Cinco Charlie (2012) by Indian Charlie	1	1	--	--	--	--	40	12	\$82,567	\$404,289 Our Keepsake
12	Texas Red (2012) by Afleet Alex	1	1	--	--	--	--	28	7	\$43,980	\$249,725 Redline
13	Reload (2009) by Hard Spun	1	1	--	--	--	--	8	3	\$48,112	\$88,996 Candy Overload
14	<b>Outwork</b> (2013) by Uncle Mo	--	--	--	--	--	--	94	34	\$144,000	\$1,518,715 Halaa
15	Uncle Lino (2013) by Uncle Mo	--	--	--	--	--	--	64	24	\$53,580	\$740,974 Devil Pays in Gold

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**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		Natalie J. Baffert and Debbie Lanni	Baffert	Velazquez	123
8	Integration	Quality Road		West Point Thoroughbreds and Woodford Racing, LLC	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, Chasey D. Pomier, Jerry 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, 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-Gaineway Thoroughbreds LTD., 9-Vincent Colbert

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**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 St. Stable	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		Merriebelle 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 & CraigBrogden, 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	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.



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**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 Ferraro 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 K	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 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 O'Meara, John	Clement	Ortiz, Jr.	124
9	Kissed by Fire	Friesan Fire		Commonwealth Tbreeds, Exline-Border Racing, Ocean Reef Racing and Aaron Kennedy	Eurton	Smith	122
10	Breeze Easy (GB)	Bated Breath (GB)		It's All About The Girls Stable LLC	Catalano	Leparoux	122
11	Elm Drive	Mohaymen		Little Red Feather Racing	D'Amato	Saez	122
12	Love Reigns (Ire)	U S Navy Flag		Stonestreet Stables LLC	Ward	Rosario	122
13	High Class 🦿	Into Mischief		Courtlandt Farms	Asmussen	Hernandez, Jr.	122

**Breeders:** 1-Laura McKinney, 2-Clarkland Farm LLC, 3-Ryan D. Walsh, 4-Richard Perkins, 5-Lou Dunn Diekemper Trust, 6-WinStar Farm, LLC, 7-Blue Heaven Farm, 8-Blackstone Farm LLC, 9-Barak Farm & Sharon Dodgen, 10-Lofts Hall Stud & B. Sangster, 11-Kenneth D'Oyen, 12-Patrick Grogan, 13-SF Bloodstock LLC

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**Friday, Keeneland, post time: 4:12 p.m. EDT**

**FANDUEL LIMESTONE S., \$250,000, 3yo, f, 5 1/2FT**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Nice as Pie	Tapiture	Dede McGehee	Danner	Beschizza	120
2	Midnight Angel	West Coast	Twin Oaks, LLC	Torres	Ayala	118
3	Pipsy (Ire)	Kodiac (GB)	Woodford Thoroughbreds LLC	Walden	Prat	120
4	Zoe's Prime	Bolt d'Oro	Chris S. Aulds and Keith F. Johnston	Camejo	Ortiz	118
5	Kodiac Wintergreen (Ire)	Kodiac (GB)	Bregman Family Racing LLC	Arnold	Saez	118
6	Antique Silver	Twirling Candy	Three Diamonds Farm	Maker	Rosario	118
7	Greavette	Astern (Aus)	Upland Flats Racing	Begg	Machado	120
8	Big Trouble	Kantharos	Donamire Farm	Foley	Hernandez, Jr.	118
9	Foxy Cleopatra	Munnings	Patricia's Hope LLC and Richard Ravin	Rivelli	Loveberry	118
10	Crimson Advocate	Nyquist	Wathnan Racing	Weaver	Velazquez	120
11	Toupie	Uncle Mo	Wertheimer and Frere	Motion	Ruiz	123
12	Amidst Waves	Midshipman	Big Tuff Stables, Blackridge Stables, Black Type Tbreds, R.A. Hill Stable, Swinkbank Stables	Weaver	Ortiz, Jr.	120
13	Xtreme Diva	Coal Front	Xtreme Racing Stables, LLC	Robertson	Gaffalione	118
14	Hot Beach	Omaha Beach	Boardshorts Stables, LLC	Lynch	Ortiz	118

**Breeders:** 1-Dede McGehee, 2-Kim Nardelli, Rodney Nardelli & W.S.Farish, 3-Noel Finegan, 4-Jumping Jack Racing LLC, 5-Patrick Grogan, 6-Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC, 7-Heart Hill Farms LLC, 8-Donamire Farm, 9-Nancy C. Shuford, 10-Whitehall Lane Farm, 11-Wertheimer et Frere, 12-Woods Edge Farm, LLC & BallyfairBloodstock, 13-Scott Pierce, 14-Cobalt Investments, LLC

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**8th-Keeneland, \$130,000, Alw, 4-11, (NW3\$X), 4yo/up, 1 1/8m (off turf), 1:50.67, sy, 9 1/4 lengths.**

**UNCLE JAKE (r, 4, Uncle Mo--Tasha's Miracle {MGSW & GISP, \$398,452}, by Harlan's Holiday),** initially in Bob Baffert's barn, switched early in his 3-year-old season to win first out for Brittany Russell's outfit by nine lengths at Laurel Park in March. Well-beaten in the Gil Wood Memorial S., after three optional claimer attempts--the last coming at Parx in mid-October--the dark bay shifted to trainer Carlo Vaccarezza, who he won twice for to start this year's campaign. The first of those came in an off-the-turf allowance at Fair Grounds Jan. 28 and then while facing optional claimers at Turfway Mar. 7. As the 8-5 choice here, the ridgling established his lead after the bell, continued to hold sway up the backstretch and into the far turn. The 4-year-old spurted away down the lane and won by 9 1/4 lengths over El Kabong (Noble Mission {GB}). The winner's dam produced filly **Frosted** Miracle (**Frosted**), who is now a 2-year-old, and she visited Yaupon for this term. Sales History: \$675,000 Ylg '21 KEESEP; \$42,000 3yo '23 KEENOV. Lifetime Record: 9-4-1-0, \$208,457. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

O-JKX Racing and Vaccarezza Racing LLC; B-Budget Stable (KY); T-Carlo Vaccarezza.



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**6th-Keeneland, \$120,000, Alw, 4-11, (NW2\$X), 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m (off turf), 1:46.13, sy, 2 lengths.**

**RO TOWN (f, 4, Mo Town--Runfor Ro {GSP-Can, SP-USA, \$211,042}, by Afleet Alex)** won her last three at Gulfstream over both the Tapeta most recently on the grass Mar. 3. Rained off the grass in this spot, the 5-2 shot went out for the early lead, took heat from MTO entry Story Hour (Creative Cause) and shook that rival off around the turn and lasted down the lane two lengths ahead of a closing Stir Crazy (Vancouver {Aus}). The winner has a pair of full-sisters still to race with her dam due back to **Golden Pal** for this year. Lifetime Record: 8-5-0-0, \$207,095. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

O-Raroma Stable, LLC; B-Rajendra Maharajh (KY); T-Brian A. Lynch.

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**4th-Keeneland, \$95,050, Msw, 4-11, 3yo/up, 6 1/2f, 1:16.65, sy, 9 lengths.**

**JEFFERSON STREET (c, 3, Street Sense--Apiary, by Bernardini)** proved the third time was the charm, breaking his maiden in his Keeneland debut. Unveiled at Saratoga last summer, he finished third but notably 10 lengths behind the winner, next-out GI Champagne S. runner-up General Partner (Speightstown). **Cont.**



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On the bench for the rest of the year, the homebred returned at Gulfstream to again be third but showed an improved effort, earning a 91 Beyer Speed Figure in defeat as the favorite behind GISP Be You (Curlin). Trying his shortest distance and facing a sloppy track for the first time against older horses, the 1-5 chalk sat just off the speed of Rock N Roll Bolt (Bolt d'Oro) and easily took command from that rival as the top pair swung off the turn. Under a hand ride from Junior Alvarado, Jefferson Street cruised home in the mud to graduate by 9 lengths over 18-1 shot Accident (Tale of Verve). A Godolphin homebred, Jefferson Street is out of a half-sister to MGISW and sire **Frosted (Tapit)** and a full-sister to GSW Indulgent. Another one of his dam's half-sisters produced MGSW/GISP Caramel Swirl (**Union Rags**). This is also the family of champion 2-year-old colt **Midshipman** (Unbridled's Song) and MGISP Solomini (**Curlin**). Apiary has a 2-year-old **Nyquist** colt and a yearling **Maclean's Music** colt but was not reported bred for this year. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-2, \$81,600. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

O/B-Godolphin (KY); T-William I. Mott.

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**1st-Aqueduct, \$80,000, Msw, 4-11, 3yo/up, 1m, 1:35.27, ft, 9 1/4 lengths.**

**MALARCHUK (c, 3, Nyquist--Seize the Ring, by Tiznow)** debuted a well-beaten runner-up at the Belmont at the Big A meet in late September and then missed by a neck in Ozone Park Dec. 8. After four months off and with Lasix here, the bay was rewarded as the 3-5 choice, and he showed that was not misplaced by speeding to an early lead. Controlling the clock, the colt turned up the heat around the far turn and rolled home a winner by 9

1/4 lengths over Cuando (**Not This Time**). A half-sister to Canadian champion 2-year-old filly Catch The Thrill (A.P. Indy), the winner's dam is responsible for a 2-year-old colt by **Frosted** and a yearling colt by Yaupon. She foaled a colt by **Jack Christopher** Mar. 15. Sales History: \$145,000 RNA Ylg '22 FTKOCT; \$535,000 2yo '23 OBSAPR. Lifetime Record: 3-1-2-0, \$79,000. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

O-Richard Schermerhorn, Jeffrey Drown and Michael J. Ryan; B-Chippewa Bloodstock (KY); T-Chad C. Brown.

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**2nd-Keeneland, \$79,675, Msw, 4-11, 2yo, f, 4 1/2f, :52.86, sy, 4 3/4 lengths.**

**PERFECT SHANCES (f, 2, Shancelot--American Baby, by Bayern)** became her freshman sire's first to get her picture taken. The bay took most of the action at the windows as she went off as the 1-2 favorite after drilling regularly at three furlongs over the course of March and into this month. As she battled sheets of rain, the filly made the front and moved to the rail around the far turn. The homebred straightened in control for the drive down the lane and splashed home by 4 3/4 lengths over Citizen Judy (American Freedom). The first winner sired by GSW/MGISP Shancelot (by Shanghai Bobby), Perfect Shances is her unraced dam's first and only registered foal. American Baby, who counts as a full-sister SW Sweet Harmony, is out of GSP Sweet Marini (Marino Marini), herself a half-sister to SW Excessivespending (Shackleford). Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$48,360. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.** O/B-Crawford Farms (KY); T-Wesley A. Ward.

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**IN AUSTRALIA:**

**Just Berrilliant (Aus)**, g, 3, **Justify**--Berrimilla (Aus), by Fastnet Rock (Aus). Pakenham, 4-11, Maiden, 1600mT, 1:40.26. B-D J O'Brien (Qld). \*A\$48,000 Ylg '22 MMMAR.



*In this continuing series, Alan Carasso takes a look ahead at US-bred and/or conceived runners entered for the upcoming weekend at the tracks on the Japan Racing Association circuit, with a focus on pedigree and/or performance in the sales ring. Here are the horses of interest for this weekend running at Fukushima, Nakayama and Hanshin Racecourses. The colts' Classics kick off Sunday at Nakayama in the G1 Satsuki Sho (Japanese 2000 Guineas), with champion Jantar Mantar (Jpn) (Palace Malice) squaring off against Sottsass's sales-topping full-brother Shin Emperor (Fr) (Siyouni {Fr}) from the barn of Yoshito Yahagi:*



**Stellar Agent (pic)** is the dam of the debuting Xebec Saturday at Hanshin | Sarah Andrew

**Saturday, April 13, 2024**

**1st-FKS, ¥10,480,000 (\$68k), Maiden, 3yo, 1150m**

**ECORO KAISER (c, 3, American Pharoah--High Heeled Girl, by Malibu Moon)**, a \$180,000 purchase at the 2022 Keeneland

September Sale, was hammered down to Emmanuel de Seroux's Narvick International for \$300,000 after breezing an eighth of a mile in :10 flat ahead of last year's OBS April Sale. The colt's dam, a \$75,000 acquisition by Stonehaven Steadings at Keeneland November in 2016, is a daughter of two-time stakes winner and multiple Grade I-placed High Heeled Hope (Salt Lake), also the dam of Grade III winner Lady T N T (Justin Phillip). The mare's current 2-year-old, a filly by Nyquist, made \$750,000 at this year's OBS March sale after hammering for \$250,000 at KEESEP last fall. B-Stonehaven Steadings (KY)

**2nd-NKY, ¥10,480,000 (\$68k), Maiden, 3yo, 1800m**

**TOKUSHI GENERAL (JPN) (c, 3, Omaha Beach--Lucky Number, by Smart Strike)**, knocked down for \$110,000 with this colt in utero at the 2020 Keeneland November Sale, is out of an unraced half-sister to GISW Got Lucky (A.P. Indy), the dam of SW & GSP Slip Mahoney (Arrogate) and GSP Overtook (Curlin). The Grade III-winning third dam, a full-sister to champion Rhythm, produced MGSW/GISP Daydreaming (A.P. Indy), GISW Girolamo (A.P. Indy), MGSW/GISP Acclerator (A.P. Indy) and the dam of GI Kentucky Derby winner Super Saver (Maria's Mon) and GSWs Cyrus Alexander (Medaglia d'Oro) and Brethren (Distorted Humor). B-Yuki Dendo

**3rd-HSN, ¥10,480,000 (\$68k), Maiden, 3yo, 2000m**

**XEBEC (JPN) (c, 3, Gun Runner--Stellar Agent, by More Than Ready)** is the first foal from his dam, a longshot third in the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies' Turf in 2018 and sold carrying this colt for \$400,000 at KEENOV in 2020. A daughter of the stakes-placed Lawn Party (Medaglia d'Oro), Stellar Agent is a half-sister to SW Anaconda (Pioneer of the Nile) and the deeper female family includes champions Flanders (Seeking the Gold) and her daughter Surfside (Seattle Slew). Ryusei Sakai rides for Yahagi. B-Mishima Bokujo

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**FIRST-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: FRIDAY, APRIL 12**

*2024 Stud Fees Listed*

**Complexity (Maclean's Music)**, Airdrie Stud, \$12,500  
 121 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners  
 2-Gulfstream, 1:42 p.m. EDT, Msw 4 1/2f, Mensa, 6-1  
 \$135,000 OBS OCT yrl



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**SECOND-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: FRIDAY, APRIL 12**

*2024 Stud Fees Listed*

**Audible** (Into Mischief), WinStar Farm, \$15,000  
 261 foals of racing age/37 winners/3 black-type winners  
 5-Keeneland, 3:08 p.m. EDT, Alw 1 1/16mT, Modern Sound,  
 20-1 \$220,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$140,000 E '24 PED LOT

**Breaking Lucky** (Lookin At Lucky), Blue Star Racing  
 55 foals of racing age/3 winners/0 black-type winners  
 4-Evangeline Downs, 7:51 p.m. EDT, Msw 5f, Allonanita'sluck,  
 12-1 \$1,000 LTB SYM yrl

**Coal Front** (Stay Thirsty), Spendthrift Farm, \$5,000  
 80 foals of racing age/14 winners/2 black-type winners  
 7-Keeneland, 4:12 p.m. EDT, \$250K FanDuel Limestone S., 5  
 1/2fT, Xtreme Diva, 10-1 \$35,000 MNS AUG yrl

**Demarchelier (GB)** (Dubawi {Ire}), Claiborne Farm, \$7,500  
 99 foals of racing age/22 winners/0 black-type winners  
 5-Keeneland, 3:08 p.m. EDT, Alw 1 1/16mT, Royal Wintour, 2-1  
 \$20,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$95,000 OBS OPN 2yo

**Flameaway** (Scat Daddy), Darby Dan Farm, \$15,000  
 200 foals of racing age/33 winners/4 black-type winners  
 2-Gulfstream, 1:42 p.m. EDT, Msw 4 1/2f, Delightful Flame, 8-5

**Great Success** (Verrazano)  
 5 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners  
 6-Gulfstream, 3:46 p.m. EDT, Alw 5f, Little Minsky, 20-1  
 \$3,000 OBS OPN 2yo

**Mitole** (Eskendereya), Spendthrift Farm, \$15,000  
 294 foals of racing age/51 winners/3 black-type winners  
 9-Oaklawn, 5:58 p.m. EDT, Aoc 6f, Freeburn, 3-1  
 2-Gulfstream, 1:42 p.m. EDT, Msw 4 1/2f, Rose Rita, 7-2

**Omaha Beach (War Front)**, Spendthrift Farm, \$40,000  
 291 foals of racing age/35 winners/4 black-type winners  
 8-Tampa Bay Downs, 4:07 pm, Msw 6f, Dunkin' Run, 6-1  
 \$37,000 RNA KEE NOV wnl; \$40,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$70,000 OBS  
 APR 2yo  
 7-Keeneland, 4:12 p.m. EDT, \$250K FanDuel Limestone S., 5  
 1/2fT, Hot Beach, 12-1  
 \$160,000 KEE NOV wnl; \$400,000 FTS AUG yrl  
 6-Keeneland, 3:40 p.m. EDT, Msw 6 1/2f, Kehoe Beach, 9-2  
 \$180,000 KEE NOV wnl; \$450,000 KEE SEP yrl  
 6-Keeneland, 3:40 p.m. EDT, Msw 6 1/2f, On Command, 4-1  
 \$70,000 KEE NOV wnl; \$130,000 KEE SEP yrl

**Ten Sovereigns (Ire) (No Nay Never)**, Coolmore Stud, \$17,500  
 237 foals of racing age/37 winners/3 black-type winners  
 5-Keeneland, 3:08 p.m. EDT, Alw 1 1/16mT, Kalispera (Ire), 7-2

**World of Trouble (Kantharos)**, Hill 'n' Dale at Xalapa, \$5,000  
 129 foals of racing age/25 winners/1 black-type winner  
 4-Evangeline Downs, 7:51 p.m. EDT, Msw 5f, Gus's Dream  
 World, 9-2 \$35,000 OBS OCT yrl



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**7th-Gulfstream, \$48,000**, (S), 4-11, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 5f (AWT),  
 :56.53, ft, 1 1/2 lengths.

**JET WINGS (g, 5, Noble Bird--Rare Elegance, by Forestry)**  
 Lifetime Record: 16-4-2-2, \$116,955. O-Ashley Maragh;  
 B-Marion G. Montanari (FL); T-Aubrey A. Maragh. \*\$9,000 Ylg  
 '20 OBSWIN; \$30,000 Ylg '20 FTKOCT. \*\*1/2 to Lucky Peridot  
 (Itsmyluckyday), SP, \$357,788.

**8th-Mahoning Valley, \$35,100**, (S), 4-11, (NW3L), 3yo/up, f/m,  
 6f, 1:14.02, my, 3/4 length.

**SEYOUINMOTOWN (f, 4, Tapiture--Seeyouinthetown, by Speightstown)** Lifetime Record: 20-3-4-7, \$106,741. O-Charlie J.  
 Williams LLC; B-Paul W. Schaffer, William D. Pickerrell & Pick  
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3	121	Senor Buscador (USA)	USA
5	120	Facteur Cheval (IRE)	FR
5	120	Fierceness (USA)	USA
5	120	Private Eye (AUS)	AUS
5	120	Romantic Warrior (IRE)	HK
5	120	Shahryar (JPN)	JPN
5	120	Ushba Tesoro (JPN)	JPN



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**5th-Evangeline Downs, \$35,000**, (S), (C)/Opt. Clm (\$50,000), 4-10, 3yo, 5 1/2f, 1:05.61, gd, 2 lengths.

**OTRA COSA (g, 3, Always Dreaming--Jemima's Pearl {MGSP, \$156,773}, by Distorted Humor)** Lifetime Record: 6-2-1-0, \$59,040. O-Israel Flores Horses LLC; B-Clear Creek Stud LLC & Coulee Croche Thoroughbred LLC (LA); T-Andrea Ancil Ali. \*\$45,000 Ylg '22 LTBSYM; \$50,000 2yo '23 TTAAPR.

**6th-Mahoning Valley, \$33,700**, (S), 4-11, (NW2L), 3yo/up, 1m, 1:42.78, my, 6 lengths.

**C V DYNAMIC (g, 3, Dynamic Racer--Victory Pool {SW & GSP, \$335,950}, by Victory Gallop)** Lifetime Record: 9-2-3-1, \$62,196. O/B-Campos Family Ventures LLC (OH); T-Ramon Salcedo. \*1/2 to Amatteroftime (Eskendereya), MSW, \$561,928.

**7th-Mahoning Valley, \$33,700**, (S), 4-11, (NW2L), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:13.48, my, neck.

**MAY MAYHEM (g, 3, Mobil--Mendassity, by Touch Gold)** Lifetime Record: 7-2-1-1, \$55,585. O-Italian Stallions; B-Mapleton Thoroughbred Farm (OH); T-Jeffrey A. Radosevich. \*\$15,000 Ylg '22 OTBOMX.

**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**

**Missneversatisfied**, m, 5, **Bind**--Gukulka Ksenya, by Lion Heart. Evangeline Downs, 4-10, (S), 5 1/2f, 1:06.43. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$20,400. B-Brett Brinkman (LA). \*Full to La Mistake, SW, \$186,220; 1/2 to Awesome Jill (Pioneerof the Nile), SP, \$162,652. \*\*1ST-TIME STARTER.

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**Always Dreaming**, Otra Cosa, g, 3, o/o Jemima's Pearl, by Distorted Humor. AOC, 4-10, Evangeline

**Bind**, Missneversatisfied, m, 5, o/o Gukulka Ksenya, by Lion Heart. MSW, 4-10, Evangeline

**Dynamic Racer**, C V Dynamic, g, 3, o/o Victory Pool, by Victory Gallop. ALW, 4-11, Mahoning Valley

**Mo Town**, Ro Town, f, 4, o/o Runfor Ro, by Afleet Alex. ALW, 4-11, Keeneland

**Mobil**, May Mayhem, g, 3, o/o Mendassity, by Touch Gold. ALW, 4-11, Mahoning Valley

**Noble Bird**, Jet Wings, g, 5, o/o Rare Elegance, by Forestry. ALW, 4-11, Gulfstream

**Nyquist**, Malarchuk, c, 3, o/o Seize the Ring, by Tiznow. MSW, 4-11, Aqueduct

**Shancelot**, Perfect Shances, f, 2, o/o American Baby, by Bayern. MSW, 4-11, Keeneland

**Street Sense**, Jefferson Street, c, 3, o/o Apiary, by Bernardini. MSW, 4-11, Keeneland

**Tapiture**, Seeyouinmotown, f, 4, o/o Seeyouinthetown, by Speightstown. ALW, 4-11, Mahoning Valley

**Uncle Mo**, Uncle Jake, r, 4, o/o Tasha's Miracle, by Harlan's Holiday. ALW, 4-11, Keeneland

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## SPOTLIGHT ON VICTORIA HEAD AS TRAINING DYNASTY EXTENDS



Victoria Head is now in her third season of training | *Scoop Dyga*

By Emma Berry

We have heard much about Christopher Head as he has stamped his name firmly in the book of young trainers to follow, and it will undoubtedly be wise also to pay attention to his sister, Victoria Head, who trains in her own right in Chantilly.

It is exactly two years since the 28-year-old sent out her first runner for Jean-Louis Bouchard, and her stable has now grown from five horses in her debut season to 25. She is currently operating at a strike-rate of 25 per cent, with six winners on the board already this year and some potentially smart prospects on her hands. Notably, they include several for American owner-breeder George Strawbridge, who was a longstanding patron of the trainer's father, Freddy Head.

"My father retired last year and I was really lucky because George Strawbridge decided to put some horses with me," Head says.

"Last year was my first year with two-year-olds and I knew I had some good horses who would be better at three. I am not training for many years but I know they have quality."

One who should be in action this week with an eye on future Classics is Hit It (Fr), an Almanzor (Fr) half-sister to Dice Roll (Fr) (Showcasing {GB}), who was third in the Poule d'Essai des Poulains in 2018 for Fabrice Chappet. **Cont. p3**

## GROUP 1-WINNING JOCKEY KOTA FUJIOKA SUCCUMBS TO INJURIES FROM RACE FALL

Japanese jockey Kota Fujioka has died from injuries sustained in an Apr. 6 race fall, the Japanese Racing Association (JRA) announced on Thursday.

The 35-year-old Group 1-winning rider was dislodged from his horse during the seventh race at Hanshin and sustained head and chest injuries. He never regained consciousness his brother revealed on Wednesday to *NetKeiba*.

Born in Shiga prefecture in 1988, Fujioka was the son of JRA trainer Kenichi Fujioka and the younger brother of JRA jockey Yusuke Fujioka. His riding career started auspiciously, as he won on debut aboard a horse his father trained--Yamanin Prologue (Jpn) (French Deputy)--on Mar. 3, 2007.

Currently, Fujioka is credited with 28 JRA winners in 2024 and is 10th in the Japanese jockey rankings. During his 17-year career, the rider is credited with 803 winners, per the JRA.

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**Ten-time Group 1 winning mare Imperatriz (I Am Invincible) has been retired from racing and will be offered for sale this year. | Te Akau Racing**

**MAKING WAVES RETURNS W/SEVERAL GRADED WINNERS 5**

*Making Waves is back with an early spring edition featuring graded stakes winners on both coasts.*

**£300,000 TOP LOT AT GOFFS AINTREE SALE 8**

*He Can't Dance (Ire) (Jukebox Jury {Ire}) led the way at £300,000 during the Goffs Aintree Sale on Thursday.*

**SIOBHAN RUTLEGE AND LEOPARDSTOWN PARTNER 9**

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**Victoria Head Cont. from p1**

The filly was bought by Strawbridge at the Arqana August Sale for €110,000 from breeder Maurice Lagasse of Gestut Zur Kuste. Hit It has won twice so far for Head, at Saint-Cloud, and heads to Longchamp next Thursday for the Prix du Louvre.

"Hit It is a good filly for sure and I am delighted to have this filly for the Strawbridges. She ran well in Saint-Cloud and she seems to like the heavy ground.

"It's not easy when you start out but they have trusted me from the beginning," says the trainer.

"I have five three-year-olds for them and I hope that there is a colt who is really nice who hasn't raced yet. His name is Inwi and he's a horse I am really looking forward to."

Inwi (GB) is indeed beautifully bred. A son of Dubawi (Ire), he is out of the G2 Prix du Conseil de Paris winner Listen In (Ire), herself a **Sea The Stars (Ire)**

half-sister to Group winners Dominant (Ire) and Es Que Love (Ire). And he is not the only smartly-bred galloper in the stable. Ante Alios (Ger) (Guiliani {Ger}), a half-brother to the Melbourne Cup winner Almandin (Ger), became her first winner for the

powerful German operation Gestut Schlenderhan when striking at Chantilly in March. He too is entered this Sunday for the Listed Prix Jacques Laffitte.

"Gestut Schlenderhan has supported French racing for many years and I am really lucky to have this horse - I think he's very nice," says Head.

She is also keen, like many young trainers, to encourage syndicate ownership, which is gradually on the rise in France but still not as widely popular as in Britain or Ireland.

"We are trying to bring young people into ownership and France is working hard to build the syndicate idea," Head notes.



**Ante Alios, centre, trained by Head for Gestut Schlenderhan**  
*Scoop Dyga*

**Cont. p4**

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**Victoria Head Cont.**

She adds, "There are certainly more syndicates now than before, and I am lucky to have Ecurie Vivaldi in my stable, and also I have a new syndicate called High Heels, which is only for girls."

Like many of the members of her esteemed dynasty, which stretches back many generations in Chantilly but has its roots in England, Victoria Head communicates fluently in English. This was no doubt aided by some international travels before she began her training career. She will have gleaned much from her time spent working for Aidan O'Brien in Ireland, Gai Waterhouse in Australia and, finally, "the genius" Andre Fabre back in her home town.

She says, "I like to see many different things so I tried to travel a lot. I went to Aidan O'Brien and it was the most amazing experience. I did a bit of everything there - I rode out in the

morning and worked for Coolmore at the stud in the afternoon. I loved this experience and I loved Ireland. I learned a lot there and afterwards I went to Australia, which was totally different, though I also liked that experience.

"When I came back to France I worked for Andre Fabre for a year. That experience made me grow up a lot. I learned maybe the most from him because I was a bit older by then, but I also learned a lot from the people I worked with there. He has a really good staff."

Though she maybe did not initially have the blessing of her own father to train, Head's parents are now owners in her stable, with five horses on the books, including last month's Saint-Cloud winner La Mandala (Fr) (City Light {Fr}) and Suchet

(Fr) (Cloth Of Stars {Ire}), who won in February at Chantilly. Both are homebreds who carry a variation of the famous red Haras du Quesnay colours. **Cont. p5**



Victoria Head with George Strawbridge's Hit It | Scoop Dyga

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**Darley**  
€100,000 Oct 1, SLF  
Kildangan Stud, Ireland



# NIGHT OF THUNDER

Romantic Style, a 550,000€ yearling, beats G1 opposition to win the G3 Prix Imprudence on her way to the Classics. **She's one of eight Group horses from her sire's outstanding fifth crop.**

**Victoria Head Cont.**

"My father didn't want me to train," she says. "I'm his daughter and he knows it's a tough life and he said he would prefer me to do something else, but I was sure I wanted to do this so he's happy now. My mother has always supported me."

As the latest member of a celebrated family which has enjoyed much success on the French turf and beyond, Head admits that she has plenty to live up to but is also fully appreciative of the benefit of her surname.

"I try to do my work every day and don't think too much about that," she says. "I do feel the pressure of the family name, but at the same time it is easier for me to have that name; it has definitely made things easier for me. But for all trainers, you have pressure anyway, especially when you are building your business."

Head trains from a separate yard to her brother but in part of the stable previously used by their father.

She adds, "Christopher has had great success and I am happy for him. Now I am trying to play my part."

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**Making Waves**  
 by Heather Anderson 

**INTELLO'S KERTEZ BEST OF ALL IN PAN AMERICAN**

*In this series, the TDN takes a look at notable successes of European-based sires in North America. This week's column is highlighted by the victory of Kertez in the Pan American S. in Florida.*

**Pan American Win For Kertez**

Michael Dubb, Morris Bailey and West Point Thoroughbreds' **Kertez (GB)** (Intello {Ger}) put it all together for a victory in the GII Pan American S. at Gulfstream Park at the end of March ([video](#)). The Christophe Clement trainee was bred by Wertheimer et Frere. [Cont. p6](#)

**NEWS YOU CAN USE** **Harry Angel**



His undefeated **April-foaled** Guineas prospect A Lilac Rolla takes the G3 Priory Belle at Leopardstown. Plus: first-crop son Vicious Harry (**conceived in late May**) runs clean away with the Prix Cor de Chasse at Deauville. **Want to breed a fast talent?** There's still time to book your mare...

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**Making Waves Cont.**

Trained earlier in his career by Andre Fabre in France, he made 19 starts over four seasons in the storied light blue and white, winning five contests while placing in seven stakes. Nicolas Clement and EDC Agency snapped up the then-5-year-old for €150,000 out of the Arqana Arc Sale last September before he joined Clement’s barn. A half-brother to GII City Of Hope Mile S. third Twist (Fr) (Pivotal {GB}), Kertez is out of Distortion (GB) (Distorted Humor). Her latest are a fillies by Nathaniel (Ire)--named Contorsion--and **War Front** born in 2022 and 2023, respectively. His dam is a half-sister to G1 French 2000 Guineas winner and sire Falco (Pivotal {GB}).

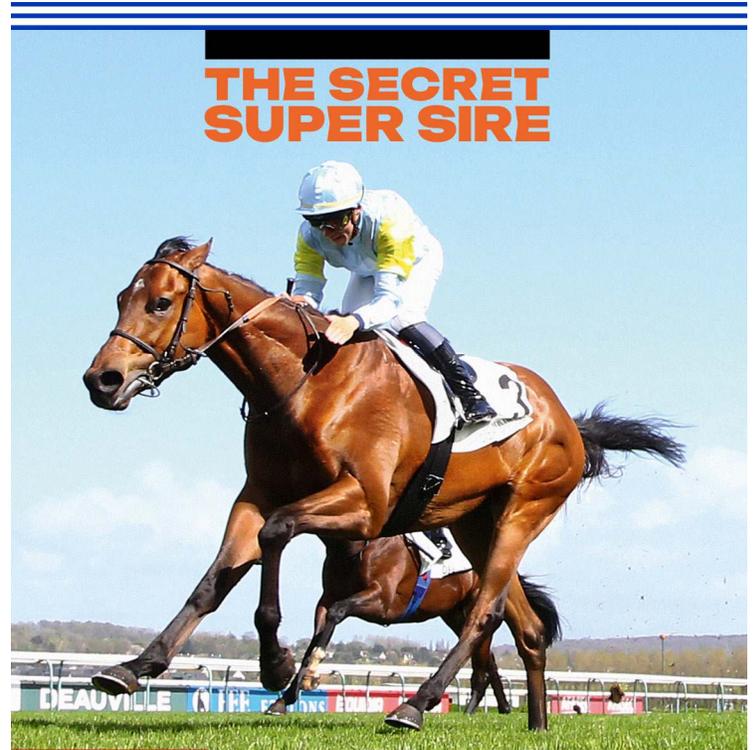
Haras de Beaumont’s Intello is responsible for six winners from nine runners (66%) in America. His two stakes winners in that locale are anchored by GI United Nations S. hero Adhamo (Ire).

**Nadette Prevails In Wilshire**

Outstrip (GB)’s **Nadette (Fr)** gained her first victory since May of 2022 in the GIII Wilshire S. for Team Valor International and Neil Drysdale last week ([video](#)).

A product of the Herve Dardenne breeding programme, the €50,000 Arqana October yearling sold for just €17,000 during the Arqana Summer Mixed June Sale as a juvenile to Zied Romdhane. After running second in July of her 2-year-old season at Deauville for trainer Romain Le Dren Doleuze and Marco Saviozzi, Team Valor joined the ownership and she would go on to win the Listed Prix Finlande in eight more French starts. Once she transferred to America, she raced solely for Team Valor, and was a \$340,000 buy-back out of the Keeneland November Sale in 2023.

Far and away the best runner for her winning dam Ciboulette (Ire) (Pivotal {GB}), Nadette counts three-time Classic winner and quintuple Group 1 winner User Friendly (GB) (Slip Anchor {GB}) as her fourth dam. [Cont. p7](#)



**THE SECRET SUPER SIRE**

**NEWS YOU CAN USE**

Just how good is he? Undefeated three-year-old Lazzat saunters away with the G3 Prix Djebel to become the seventh member of his 2021 crop to attain Group honours. **Territories is outperforming Kodiak, Lope de Vega and Kingman at a fraction of the money.**



**Territories**  
**Darley**  
 £10,000 Oct 1, SLF  
 Dalham Hall Stud, UK



Laulne | Benoit Photo

### Making Waves Cont.

Nadette is one of two Grade III winners for Outstrip in the States, joining Outburst (GB). Three other runners have competed in that jurisdiction, and his overall record stands at five runners and four winners (80%) there.

### Laulne Gains Her Wings

**Laulne (Fr)** (**Starspangledbanner** {Aus}), a winner of the G3 Prix Six Perfections in France, earned her first American stakes rosette with a tally in the Listed Angels Flight S. at Santa Anita for trainer Phil D'Amato on Sunday ([video](#)). Racing for the ownership group of Madaket Stables, LLC, Panic Stable, LLC, Gerald Augustin-Normand, Robert LaPenta, and William Strauss, the bay filly was bred by Franklin Finance S. A.

Originally owned by Augustin-Normand and trained by Yann Barberot, she brought €750,000 out of the Arqana Arc Sale in 2023 after placing in two other French group races. Her dam, the Montjeu (Ire) mare Lady Francesca (GB), placed twice in European stakes and has also thrown Australian listed winner Bartholomeu Dias (GB) to the cover of Mount Nelson (GB). Dual Group 3 winner Purr Along (GB) (Mount Nelson {GB}) is Lady Francesca's half-sister.

Coolmore's **Starspangledbanner** now has seven stakes winners (30%) from 23 runners in the U.S., as well as 13 winners (56%). His best from that bunch are Grade I winners Rhea Moon (Ire)

and multiple top-level winner State Of Rest (Ire), who is standing his second season at Rathbarry Stud for €20,000.

### Fandom Makes Winning Return

Stonestreet Stables, LLC's **Fandom (GB)** (Showcasing {GB}) made a winning return in the Listed Palisades S. at Keeneland this past weekend, his first start since running unplaced in Royal Ascot's G2 Coventry S. last June ([video](#)).

Bred by Chasemore Farm, the Wesley Ward-trained bay was plucked from the Tattersalls October Yearling Sale Book 2 by Ben McElroy on behalf of Barbara Banke's Stonestreet for 170,000gns in the autumn of 2022. Brogan (GB) (Pivotal {GB}), the dam of the Palisades hero, is a half-sister to G1 Cheveley Park S. heroine Lezoo (GB) (Zoustar {Aus}). Since foaling Fandom, she has delivered a juvenile filly by Masar (Ire) and a yearling filly by Zoustar.

Whitsbury Manor stallion Showcasing has sired 13 winners (54%) and five stakes winners (21%) from just 24 American runners. Besides Fandom, his other U.S. stakes winners include Grade II winners Prize Exhibit (GB), Projected (GB), and Bodhicitta (GB).

### By Royal Decree

Apple Tree Stud's **Royal Charter (GB)** (Expert Eye {GB}), making her U.S. debut, won at Santa Anita for trainer Leonard Powell ([video](#)). A product of Biddestone Stud, the 85,000gns Tattersalls December yearling was a €240,000 Arqana May Breeze-Up juvenile and won twice from five European starts for Apple Tree and trainer William Haggas before being relocated.

Since foaling Royal Charter, Queen's Charter (GB) (**Oasis Dream** {GB}) has 2-year-old Al Hussar (GB) (**Bated Breath** {GB}), a 30,000gns Tattersalls Somerville yearling pick up by Grant Tuer, and a yearling full-brother to that colt to come. [Cont. p8](#)



Fandom | Mary Ellet/Coady Photography

**Making Waves Cont.**

Second dam Queen’s Best (King’s Best) also produced GI Breeders’ Cup Filly & Mare Turf heroine Queen’s Trust (GB) (Dansili {GB}), while Royal Charter’s third dam was G3 Nell Gwyn S. and multiple Group 1-placed Cloud Castle (GB) (In The Wings {GB}).

Now a resident of South Africa, Expert Eye has had seven U.S. runners with four of them visiting the winner’s circle (57%). Three of them have earned black type, among them Isabel Alexandra (Ire).

**Gustav Klimt Filly Wins In California**

Red Baron’s Barn and Rancho Temescal’s **The Wild Grazer (Ire)** (Gustav Klimt {Ire}) graduated at Santa Anita in late March ([video](#)). She started twice in Ireland for trainer Andrew Slattery and breeder Patrick McGree without a win before changing hands.

Placed in both the Lady of Shamrock S. and the GIII Seniorita S. at Santa Anita, the 4-year-old now has three wins from nine starts. Her dam, Texas Katie (GB) (Clodovil {Ire}) who is a half-sister to multiple group winner Plainchant (Ire) (Gregorian {Ire}), has a yearling filly by Coulsty (Ire).

The Wild Grazer is the lone American runner to date for Haras d’Annebault’s Gustav Klimt.



The Wild Grazer | Benoit Photo

**Prince Of Lir’s Sky Graduates At Santa Anita**

**Sorrento Sky (Ire)** (Prince Of Lir {Ire}) won at third asking in his U.S. unveiling at Santa Anita for conditioner Phil D’Amato this month ([video](#)). Racing in the colours of the Benowitz Family Trust, CYBT, McLean Racing Stables, Saul Gevertz, Marc Lantzman and Michael Nentwig, the dark bay was bred by Colleen Dwyer.

The first foal for the unraced Briarfield Lady (Ire) (Battle Of

Marengo {Ire}), Sorrento Sky has a yearling half-sister by Elzaam (Aus). He ran second in a pair of Dundalk maidens for Matt Dwyer and trainer Gavin Cromwell in November and December of last year, before being purchased by these connections. G2 Temple S. winner and stallion Pearl Secret (GB) (Compton Place {GB}) is under the third dam. Cont. p8

Prince Of Lir has a 75% winners-to-runners ratio in the U.S., as three of his four starters have won. GII Franklin-Simpson S. hero The Lir Jet (Ire) is the best of them so far.

**Repeat Winners**

Grade I winner **McKulick (GB)** (Frankel {GB}), who races for Klaravich Stables, Inc., added the GIII Orchid S. to her resume earlier this spring ([video](#)). The Chad Brown charge has now won four stakes, including the GI Belmont Oaks Invitational S.

Phil D’Amato trainee **King Of Gosford (GB)** (Zoustar {Aus}) became his sire’s 53rd stakes winner--first in North America--with a victory in the John Shear S. at Santa Anita earlier this month for the Benowitz Family Trust, CYBT, Saul Gevertz, Michael Nentwig and Jeremy Peskoff ([video](#)). He previously featured in the [Mar. 22 edition of this column](#).

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EUROPEAN NEWS

**HE CAN’T DANCE BRINGS 300K AT GOFFS AINTREE SALE**

The seventh edition of the Goffs Aintree Sale was topped by Monksgrange debut point-to-point winner **He Can’t Dance (Ire)** (Jukebox Jury {Ire}) (lot 17) who caught the eye of Gordon Elliott for £300,000 on Thursday.

Consigned by Rob James Racing, the striking grey counts Fairy Tale (Fr) (Spanish Moon) as his dam, herself a half-sister to three black-type winners over jumps including the eight-time Grade 1 winner Master Minded (Fr) (Nikos {GB}).

JP McGrath Bloodstock signed for lot 23, **Holloway Queen (Ire)**, also by Jukebox Jury (Ire). The £180,000 4-year-old filly was part of the Ballyboy Stables draft. Second in her first start, a point-to-point at Mongsgrange, she is a relative of G2 Kelso Novices’ Hurdle winner Bywell Beau (Ire) (Lord Americo {Ire}).

Jonathan Fogarty Racing’s first-out winner **Flamingo Grove (Ire)** (Blue Bresil {Fr}) (lot 5) was knocked down for £150,000 to Stroud Coleman Bloodstock and Jonjo O’Neill. She is a half-sister to the stakes-placed Pistol Whipped (Ire) (Beneficial {GB}).

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He Can't Dance was Thursday's topper | Sarah Farnsworth

**Goffs Aintree Sale Cont.**

Of the 28 catalogued, 26 were offered and 23 (88%) marked as sold for a gross of £2,075,000. The average was £90,218 and the median reached £75,000.

Goffs UK Managing Director Tim Kent, "It is always a highlight to be here at Aintree and it's been a pleasure to watch this sale become a part of the iconic Randox Grand National Festival since its launch in 2016. Today's sale had plenty of highlights, including a top price of £300,000, but the results also reflect a difficult few weeks for us and our vendors.

"The inclement weather has meant a large number of point-to-point meetings have been postponed or cancelled so it has been very difficult to compile a catalogue to meet the high expectations for which this sale has become renowned. That being said, we exist to provide a stage from which vendors can sell their stock and we are grateful to everyone who have supported the sale this year. The Aintree Sale has a wonderful record of producing high-class racehorses, as evidenced by the five Grade 1 winners coming from the first five-sales, and we are confident that more will emerge from this year's offering.

"As ever, we would also like to extend our gratitude to the Aintree executive for their help and enthusiasm towards this fantastic event and we look forward to our return at next year's Grand National Festival."

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**LEOPARDSTOWN RACECOURSE ANNOUNCE SIOBHAN RUTLEDGE PARTNERSHIP**

Meath jockey Siobhan Rutledge will be sponsored by Leopardstown Racecourse for the 2024 Flat season.

Rutledge began her racing career in 2018 having graduated from the RACE Racing Academy. Riding predominantly for Stamullen-based trainer John McConnell, Rutledge has since

clocked up a total of 73 career winners, notable winning the 2023 Connacht Oaks aboard Starry Heavens (Ire) (Mastercraftsman {Ire}) for Jessica Harrington.

"I'm delighted to announce my partnership with Leopardstown Racecourse," said Rutledge. "I'm incredibly grateful for this amazing sponsorship opportunity and I can't wait to represent their brand on and off the track.

"Their support means a lot to me as it was at Leopardstown itself where I had my first experience of race riding and fell in love with all that the sport has to offer. I'm really looking forward to kicking off this season with Leopardstown's support behind me. I hope we can thrive together and inspire the next generation to pursue their passions fearlessly."

CEO of Leopardstown, Tim Husbands, added, "We are thrilled to be supporting Siobhan through the 2024 season and following her progress all the way. Siobhan is one of our top female jockeys and nurturing and supporting that talent is something extremely important to Leopardstown.

"Fostering the visibility of Women in Sport, as well as the accessibility of careers within the industry, is something we take pride in. We look forward to being a part of Siobhan's journey through the summer."

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## FIRST-SEASON SIRE WITH RUNNERS

Friday, Apr. 12, 2024:

### IRELAND

**Arizona (Ire)** (No Nay Never), Coolmore Stud  
66 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners  
1-DUNDALK, 5f, **Besiege (Ire)**  
€8,500 Goffs November Foal Sale 2022; £21,000 Goffs UK  
Premier Yearling Sale 2023

**Legends of War** (Scat Daddy), March Hare Stud  
14 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners  
1-DUNDALK, 5f, **Legendsoftheland (Ire)**

**Sands of Mali (Fr)** (Panis), Ballyhane Stud  
98 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners  
1-DUNDALK, 5f, **Bamako (Ire)**  
16,000gns RNA Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2022; €30,000  
Tattersalls Ireland September Yearling 2023

**Sergei Prokofiev** (Scat Daddy), Whitsbury Manor Stud  
121 foals of racing age/3 winners/0 black-type winners  
1-DUNDALK, 5f, **Captain Gallagher (GB)**  
£11,000 Goffs UK Premier Yearling Sale 2023



Sands Of Mali has a runner at Dundalk | Emma Berry

## OBSERVATIONS on the European racing scene

### SON OF HERMOSA DEBUTS AT DUNDALK

18.45 Dundalk, €13,000, Mdn, 3yo, 8f (AWT)

**IGOR STRAVINSKY (IRE)** (No Nay Never) is the pick of Ryan Moore of two intriguing Ballydoyle newcomers and is the day's most exciting prospect as the first foal out of the G1 1000 Guineas and G1 Irish 1000 Guineas heroine Hermosa (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}). Bidding to emulate the debut win of her relative Wingspan (Ire) (Dubawi {Ire}) on Sunday, the February-foaled bay is joined by stablemate **Mundi (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}), the full-brother to another dual Guineas winner in **Churchill (Ire)** and to the G1 Cheveley Park S. heroine Clemmie (Ire) who was withdrawn from Leopardstown on Wednesday due to the testing ground.

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## BRITAIN

### Thursday's Results:

2nd-Southwell, £6,300, Nov, 4-11, 2yo, 4f 214y (AWT), :59.97, st.

**WINCHURCH (IRE)** (c, 2, **Churchill {Ire}**--Aleneva {Ire}, by Kodiak {GB}) was keen and green and forfeited ground to all three rivals after the initial strides of this first go. Coming under pressure passing halfway, the 6-4 favourite made relentless headway into second approaching the final furlong and was driven out late to prevail by a length from Sonic Si (GB) (Advertise {Ire}). The February-foaled bay, kin to a yearling colt by **Magna Grecia (Ire)**, is the first of two foals produced by a winning daughter of Peace Palace (GB) (Archipenko), herself a granddaughter of G1 Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe-winning French champion Detroit (Fr) (Riverman). Peace Palace is a half-sister to dual Group 3-winning GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies Turf third Osaila (Ire) (Danehill Dancer {Ire}), G3 Dance Design S. victrix Obama Rule (Ire) (Danehill Dancer {Ire}) and G3 Kembla Grange Classic victrix Dawn Wall (Aus) (Fastnet Rock {Aus}). Sales history: 10,000gns RNA Wlg '22 TADEWE; £20,000 RNA Ylg '23 GOFFUK. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$4,266.

O-SBK Racing & B & J Parr Racing Ltd; B-Craig & Laura Buckingham (IRE); T-Michael Appleby.

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**5th-Chelmsford City, £8,000, Mdn, 4-11, 3yo/up, f/m, 7f (AWT), 1:25.95, st.**

**AQUACELL (IRE) (f, 3, Churchill {Ire}--Aquamarine {Jpn} {GSP-Fr, GSP-Ity, \$124,020}, by Deep Impact {Jpn}),** a 14-1 shot, missed the kick but soon recovered to track the early leaders. Switched around the front pair to challenge approaching the furlong pole, the newcomer had their measure 100 yards later and readily asserted to score by 1 1/4 lengths from So Logical (GB) (**Footstepsinthesand {GB}**). The G3 Prix Allez France-winning dam has already produced the Listed Grand Prix de Fontainebleau winner All Rumours (Fr) (Shamardal), who was also placed in the Allez France herself and the G3 Prix Fille de l'Air and G3 Prix Bertrand de Tarragon, as well as the listed-placed Ultramarine (Fr) (**Siyouni {Fr}**). A half-sister to the G1 Prix de Diane third Burgarita (GB) (**Sea The Stars {Ire}**) from the excellent family of Arcangues et al, she also has Churchill's 2-year-old filly Love Tempo (Ire) and a yearling filly by **Wootton Bassett (GB)**. Sales history: €100,000 RNA Wlg '21 GOFNO1; €300,000 Ylg '22 ARAUG. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$5,250. O-China Horse Club International Limited; B-Mr Andriy Milovonov & V Tymoshenko (IRE); T-Jane Chapple-Hyam.

**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**

**Miss Anya (Ire), f, 3, Kodi Bear (Ire)--Hymn Of Love (Ire) (SW & GSP-Ire, SP-US, \$150,538), by Barathea (Ire).** Chelmsford City, 4-11, 5f (AWT), 1:00.89. Lifetime Record: 10-1-4-0, \$16,916. B-M Fahy (IRE). \*£30,000 Ylg '22 GOFFUK; £28,000 2yo '23 GOUKB.

## FRANCE

**CONDITIONS RESULTS:**

**5th-Argentan, €14,000, Cond, 4-11, 4yo/up, 12 1/2fT, 2:49.30, sf.**

**SUMMIT (FR) (m, 5, Almanzor {Fr}--Tocopilla {Fr} {SW & GSP-Fr}, by Medaaly {GB})** Lifetime Record: 20-2-1-0, €24,420. O-Kevin Parkinson; B-Haras d'Etreham (FR); T-Marie Solignac. \*€32,000 Ylg '20 ARQOCT. \*\*1/2 to Duke Derby (Ire) (Duke Of Marmalade {Ire}), MSW-Swe & SP-Nor, \$400,059; and Takhir (Ire) (Lando {Ger}), GSP-Ger.

**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**

**Que Bella (Fr), f, 3, Kendargent (Fr)--Quamoclit (GB), by Sea The Stars (Ire).** Argentan, 4-11, 12 1/2fT, 2:50.70. B-Haras de la Perelle (FR). \*€55,000 Ylg '22 ARQOCT. \*\*1/2 to Qitura (Fr) (Muhtathir {GB}), SP-Fr; and Quisisana (Fr) (Le Havre {Ire}), SP-Fr.



**IN AUSTRALIA:**

**New Sovereign (Ire), g, 4, Sea The Moon (Ger)--Clowning, by Distorted Humor.** Pakenham, 4-11, Maiden, 1400mT, 1:26.76. B-Burns Farm Stud. \*1ST-TIME STARTER. \*\*38,000gns Ylg '21 TATOCT; €170,000 2yo '22 ARQMAY.

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## WORLDWIDE NEWS

**Kota Fujioka Cont. from p1**

Fujioka secured the biggest victory of his career aboard Namur (Jpn) (Harbinger {GB}) in the G1 Mile Championship last year. Originally, Ryan Moore was set to ride, but **Fujioka proved an able deputy when the Englishman's participation was curtailed due to injury.**

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**Fujioka (left) after the Championship Mile | Japan Racing Association**

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## MEASURES INTRODUCED TO REDUCE COST OF OWNERSHIP IN HONG KONG

The Hong Kong Jockey Club (HKJC) plans to invest HK\$140 million in an attempt to significantly lower the cost of ownership in the jurisdiction, the organisation announced on Thursday.

In 2024/25, the basic monthly livery fee for horses in training will be cut by 22%, from HK\$38,200 (around €4,544) to HK\$30,000 (€3,568), which translates to an annualised reduction of HK\$98,400 (€11,704) per horse. In addition, during the first four months after the arrival of a new horse import, the basic monthly livery fee will be further reduced by HK\$5,000 to HK\$25,000 (€2,974).

A new initiative will also be introduced to provide additional financial support to owners to export their horses after their retirement from racing in Hong Kong. From next season, owners will receive a payment of HK\$50,000 (€5,947) towards the cost of exporting their horse from Hong Kong, in addition to the existing travel subsidy of up to HK\$100,000 (€11,894).

Andrew Harding, executive director of racing at the HKJC, said, "The investment that owners make in buying high-quality horses is the bedrock of the Club's world-class racing. We recognise that at the moment owners face the twin pressures of strong competition in sourcing the best available horses to race in Hong Kong and the impact of the currently challenging global economic conditions.

"In these circumstances we have developed a package of measures designed to significantly reduce the costs that owners pay to keep their horses in training, as well as the cost that is incurred when they retire a horse.

"These measures complement the action taken by the Club over the past decade to invest in prize money to reward owners' investment. Over the past decade, prize-money has been increased nearly 100% with prize-money and incentives schemes totalling an estimated HK\$1.73 billion on offer for the 2023/24 racing season."

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1	Sunrise Zipangu (Jpn)	Kizuna (Jpn)	Sugawara	Otonashi	125
2	Meisho Tabaru (Jpn)	Gold Ship (Jpn)	Hamanaka	Ishibashi	125
3	Ecoro Walz (Jpn)	Black Tide (Jpn)	Take	Makiura	125
4	Sirius Colt (Jpn)	Makfi (GB)	Miura	Munakata	125
5	Mr G T (Jpn)	Duramente (Jpn)	Fujioka	Yahagi	125
6	Allegro Brillante (Jpn)	Deep Brillante (Jpn)	K. Yokoyama	Uehara	125
7	Lucullan Feast (Jpn)	Isla Bonita (Jpn)	Matsuyama	Shikato	125
8	Jantar Mantar (Jpn)	Palace Malice	Kawada	Takano	125
9	Urban Chic (Jpn)	Suave Richard (Jpn)	T. Yokoyama	Takei	125
10	Regaleira (Jpn)	Suave Richard (Jpn)	Kitamura	Kimura	125
11	Ho O Purosangue (Jpn)	Kizuna (Jpn)	Hishida	Yahagi	125
12	Cosmo Kuranda (Jpn)	Al Ain (Jpn)	Moreira	Kato	125
13	Justin Milano (Jpn)	Kizuna (Jpn)	Tosaki	Tomomichi	125
14	Shin Emperor (Fr)	<b>Siyouni (Fr)</b>	Sakai	Yahagi	125
15	Sunrise Earth (Jpn)	Rey De Oro (Jpn)	Demuro	Ishizaka	125
16	Danon Decile (Jpn)	Epiphaneia (Jpn)	Yokoyama	Yasuda	125
17	Byzantine Dream (Jpn)	Epiphaneia (Jpn)	Murzabayev	Sakaguchi	125
18	Water Licht (Jpn)	Drefong	Miyuki	Mawachi	125

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