



A 30-YEAR-OLD BUGBOY'S FIRST WIN: 'THE ONE YOU LEAST EXPECT'



Francisco Martinez | *EQUI-PHOTO*

The Week in Review, by T.D. Thornton

At 84-1 odds, Boys and Bullets (Uptowncharlybrown) was lagging in 11th and last place nearing the quarter pole in last Wednesday's eighth race at Parx when 10-pound apprentice jockey Francisco Martinez patiently started picking off half the field.

By the time Martinez set down his gelding at the eighth pole, Boys and Bullets was gathering momentum, but still five lengths behind the frontrunner.

As the line loomed, the pack tightened. With a hustling hand ride Martinez gunned for an inside split, then deftly readjusted his aim for a better hole between rivals to the outside.

Boys and Bullets burst through to head-bob with the leader in the final strides, and Martinez kept driving hard through the finish. It was only a few jumps later that the rookie rider gave a jubilant fist pump because he knew he had earned his first official winner as a licensed professional.

Or had he? On the gallop-out, doubts crept in. Returning to unsaddle, Martinez became even less sure, because none of the other riders were saying anything one way or the other.

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MCKINZIE FILLY FASTEST AT OBS FINALE

by Jessica Martini

A filly from the first crop of multiple Grade I winner **McKinzie** (hip 1143) equaled the fastest quarter-mile work of the seven-session under-tack show for the Ocala Breeders' Sales Company's Spring Sale of 2-Year-Olds in Training when covering the distance in :20 1/5 Sunday in Central Florida. The juvenile is consigned by Eddie Woods on behalf of breeders Brent and Beth Harris.

"We expected her to work well," Woods said. "I'm not going to say I thought she would go in :20 1/5. That would be ridiculous. But she really stepped on it. She's a very honest filly."

The bay filly is out of D'Fashion (D'Wildcat) and is a half-sister to stakes winner and graded-placed Strategic Dreams (Archarcharch). She RNA'd for \$65,000 at last year's Keeneland September sale. **Cont., p7**

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NO MORE TIME INJURED, OUT OF DERBY 8

The Gill Sam F. Davis winner came back from a breeze Sunday morning with what would later be diagnosed as a condylar fracture in his left front leg. Connections provided a good prognosis for recovery.

STEVE ASMUSSEN PLANS BIG YEAR FOR SKELLY 9

Skelly will look to climb the class ladder with future targets including the GI Alfred G. Vanderbilt and the GI Breeders' Cup Sprint.

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Then he saw his number glowing on the infield tote board. Boys and Bullets had won by a head. After coming close with six seconds and seven thirds from 29 mounts since his Mar. 5 debut, Martinez was a maiden no more.

"My heart screamed inside of me, I was so happy," Martinez told TDN. "I was like, 'Wow, I can't believe I got it done on a long shot—the one that you least expect.'"

You've seen the congratulatory rite-of-passage "baptism" that accompanies an apprentice jockey's first win in North America: A gleeful mob of riders and valets douse the grinning newbie with water, shaving cream, boot polish, toothpaste, shampoo, eggs, and whatever other gooey substances can be found in the jocks' room or kitchen.

Martinez's celebratory bath was no different. But his backstory certainly is.

For starters, he's 30 years old and has only been riding horses for 3 1/2 years despite having spent a childhood in a family of racetrackers on the now-defunct New England circuit. In addition, as a teenager, Martinez drifted away from the sport—and for a brief while, his family. He reconnected with both after figuring out, in his words, "that horses really do bring people together."

"In Boston, I grew up in the 'hood," Martinez said. "I come from poverty, so it feels nice to, like, be someone now in life. And it feels good to know that my parents are really, really happy for me, and my family supports me in everything I do. I thought I was lost at 20 years old."

'You're going to be a jockey...'

Martinez's father, also named Francisco, has worked for decades in the stable of trainer Mike Aro.

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When Aro was based primarily at Rockingham Park and Suffolk Downs, the younger Martinez recalls that he and his two younger brothers were always welcome under the shed row, where they got acquainted with racehorses from infancy.

In the early 2000s, the Martinez boys carried their equine enthusiasm home, where they were fond of watching the nightly televised Suffolk replay show while "riding" the arms of the couch with their dad's leather belts strapped to the furniture as reins.

Those pretend stretch battles did not exactly thrill their mother, Maria Rodriguez.

"My Mom would be like, 'What are you guys breaking down the couch for?'" Martinez reminisced. "And I would say, 'We're learning. We're riding.'"

Martinez was allowed to do some hotwalking in the summers before he got out of grade school, and he gained a reputation for being able to handle difficult horses, even as a child.

"Especially the crazy ones. I used to get along with them really good," Martinez said with pride.

He occasionally would be permitted to get up on horseback, but not beyond the shed row.

Martinez vividly recalls one of Aro's primary jockeys at the time, Michel Lapensee, giving him early encouragement.

"Mike Lapensee once threw his helmet and vest on me and

put me up on a horse in Mikey Aro's barn and said, 'You're going to be a jockey when you grow up,'" Martinez recalled.

Decades later, that prediction resonates with poignancy: Lapensee died at age 58 in 2005 after a fall during a race at Suffolk.

But as Martinez grew into his teenage years, his interest in racing became eclipsed by a passion for soccer. He got recruited to play for a statewide team in Massachusetts.

At roughly the same time though, his father decided to follow a job offer to Parx when the Aro outfit relocated to Pennsylvania. This was a few years after Rockingham ceased Thoroughbred racing in 2002 and more than a decade before Suffolk would close in 2019.

"It was just me, my mom, and my two brothers back home," Martinez said. "Then I broke my three last toes on my right foot, and I just couldn't get back into soccer shape. Every time I tried to run, I couldn't run. I'd fall or trip or something because I had no feeling there yet. And I kind of got mad and got away from it. Then I started hanging around the streets a lot. I got distant from everybody. I dropped out of school."

Martinez has an uncle, Ruben Rodriguez, who had worked for standings-topping New England trainer Charlie Assimakopoulos.

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But Rodriguez left the backstretch life to take on construction work when that outfit also relocated as the New England circuit dissolved. Seeing that his nephew was in danger of going adrift, Rodriguez got him a job as a construction laborer in Boston. But Martinez didn't really relish the work and had a nagging feeling something was missing.

His dad phoned one day. "What are you going to do with your life?" he asked his son point-blank.

"Honestly, I was going to call you to come back to the horses," Martinez told his father. "Because that's all I've known since I was little."

So Martinez followed his father to Pennsylvania. Eventually, his younger brothers took jobs at Parx as well. Luis, the middle sibling, is now an assistant for Ron Dandy, another transplanted New England trainer. Juan, the youngest, is an exercise rider.

Asked approximately when he made that move to Parx, Martinez rattles off the exact date: Dec. 15, 2012.

"I remember it because it was the best thing I ever did in my life," Martinez said.

'Never too late to start'

Aro took him on as a hotwalker, but Martinez had lost some muscle memory for the job after being away from horses for a decade.

"I had to basically learn everything again," Martinez explained. "Because from 10 years old to 19 years old, I hadn't done anything with horses. I hadn't been around them. But I always had a really good connection with them."

Later in the 2010s, Martinez worked as a groom for trainer Scott Lake. In the summer of 2020, he learned that he and his high school sweetheart were going to become the parents of a baby girl. **Cont.**

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This got him thinking about trying to get a better-paying racetrack job.

Juan kept pestering his brother to get on horseback and get licensed. One day Martinez accompanied Juan to a local farm where he exercised horses. The farm's trainer had heard that the older Martinez brother wanted to give riding a shot, so he handed Martinez a helmet and gave him a leg up on a massive Quarter Horse nicknamed Gorilla because of his size and strength.

"At that farm, it takes four rounds to jog a mile," Martinez said. "By the third round my hands were asleep, and I thought he was going to run off with me. But when I laid back, he relaxed. And the more I did that, the more he got along with me."

The trainer told him no other rider had ever had such kinship with Gorilla.

"What I like about you was you didn't panic, you didn't get scared, you stayed on the horse so he could do his job," Martinez said the farm's trainer told him.

Back at Parx, Martinez's father had acquired three of his own horses that he cared for in addition to his work for Aro.

Although initially reluctant to let his son get licensed and jog them, he relented. At age 27, after a lifetime at the races, Martinez took his first twirl around the track on horseback.

Soon after, someone from John Servis's barn approached Martinez, complimented his style, and asked who he worked for. Martinez said he only got aboard his dad's three horses. The Servis outfit was looking for a galloper, but would let him start learning that skill by jogging. It was a Thursday—could he start on Monday?

"I can start today if you need me," Martinez beamed by way of reply.

Martinez credits Servis with teaching him to gallop and breeze horses the right way for the last 3 1/2 years.

"I turned into his main two-minute-licker," Martinez said. "I hit every exact second that he asked me. He'd test me--1:56, 1:58--and I'd hit them. He told me, 'Kid, you've got a clock in your head.'"

It was also Servis who nominated Martinez to ride in the Amateur Riders Club of America series at Delaware and Laurel. Those are pari-mutuel races in which riders are allowed to tack higher weights well into the 130-plus pound range.

Martinez won the very first amateur race he attempted, on Oct. 6, 2022, at Delaware aboard Boffo Kid (**Friesan Fire**), who won by a neck with a furious late drive in an off-the-turf route.

"I was just so happy to be in the race that I forgot to put on my goggles," Martinez said with a laugh. "I was just getting hit with dirt, dirt, dirt. At the three-quarters pole I said, 'Should I bring my goggles down?' And I was like, 'Nah, I gallop like this every morning. I'll just leave them off.'"

He competed in that series through 2023, winning two of

seven races over two years. The amateur jockeys do not get awarded any purse money, and although Equibase lists the wins on their lifetime records, the victories don't count against an apprenticeship if a rider does turn pro.

At Parx, Martinez also got a taste of true horsepower during that time. When trainer Bob Baffert shipped Reincarnate (**Good Magic**) and Adare Manor

(**Uncle Mo**) to run in a pair of Grade I stakes there, Servis recommended Martinez to get on them in the mornings.

As 2024 neared, Martinez knew it was now or never for taking his shot at being a jockey. Friends in the Parx riding colony were asking him what he was waiting for. His main concerns were getting his weight down from 118 to 110 without resorting to unhealthy measures, and dealing with the loss of steady income from exercising horses. As a jockey, he would still be getting aboard horses in the mornings, only now he'd have to do it for free in exchange for the never-certain prospect of getting mounts on them in the afternoons.

When Martinez told Servis what he was planning to do, the trainer further complicated the decision by saying he had just been about to offer Martinez an assistant's job.

"I told John, 'I want to try this, because if I don't do it, I'm going to regret it,'" Martinez said.

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"He got stuck next to the rail," Martinez said. "But Juan says the rail saved his life, because if not, that horse would have been dragging him on the ground."

Martinez finally rode in his first race six weeks ago. He was 11th and last and didn't hit the board for a week, but was not deterred.

When Martinez hit the winner's circle Apr. 10, it unlocked more opportunities. After initially hustling his own mounts without an agent, Martinez has since teamed with Richard Englander, who has him booked on 18 mounts at Parx this Monday through Wednesday, plus two more at Aqueduct on Thursday.

"I'd been wanting to do this since I was little, but I never got the chance," Martinez said. "And now that I'm doing it, I want to get everything out that I always wanted to get out. Every time I ride I try to give my all. It doesn't matter if the horse is a long shot, what the odds are. If I get along with the horse, I'm at peace with my heart."

Although Martinez said he has accepted some good-natured ribbing about being a rookie at age 30, he replies pensively when asked what his advice would be to others looking to fulfill a difficult dream later in life.

"It's never too late to start," Martinez said. "God is always, always open to anybody, and He will push you if you talk to Him. That's one thing that I have learned and believe in. And I believe that thanks to Him, I'm on the right track now."

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Hip 1143 | Judit Seipert

OBS Under-Tack Coverage, cont. from p1

"She's done really well since we got her," Woods said. "She was a inexpensive RNA for the most part in September, but she's changed significantly since then, from a physical point of view. It's like night and day. She belongs to the Harris brothers up in Kentucky and I got her through Padraig Campion of Blandford Stud."

McKinzie's first crop of 2-year-olds have been working well at OBS this spring and, led by a \$750,000 colt, were well-received at the March sale.

"They act like they are nice horses," Woods said of the Gainesway stallion's first crop. "They are very professional. They all try really hard like he did. He ran for a long time himself and they look like they are going to do the same thing."

A filly by Practical Joke (hip 1187) became the fourth juvenile of the week to work a furlong in :9 3/5 during Sunday's final session of the under-tack show. Out of Emerald Gal (Gilded Time), the bay is a half-sister to multiple graded-stakes winner Sarah Sis (Sharp Humor). She was purchased by Carlo Vaccarezza for \$25,000 at Keeneland last September and is consigned by Top Line Sales.

While the under-tack show was interrupted by an unexpected off day due to severe weather Thursday, buyers and sellers were back on schedule Sunday.

"We usually have two show days between the breeze show and the sale, but it used to be one," Woods said Sunday afternoon. "And the extra day was purposefully put in there for that reason. If we come up on a bad day, we have a swing day in there, so it worked well. A lot of people got a lot of horses looked at that morning before the rain got too bad." **Cont.**

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"And there are people who are only starting to come in here anyway, so it didn't effect them at all. We were pretty steady showing today and hopefully we will be very busy tomorrow."

The OBS Spring sale will be held Tuesday through Friday with bidding beginning each day at 10:30 a.m.

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NO MORE TIME INJURED, OUT OF KENTUCKY DERBY

Kentucky Derby hopeful GSW **No More Time** (**Not This Time**) returned from a breeze Sunday morning with an injury which will knock him out of the GI Kentucky Derby, announced the colt's owner Rich Mendez, the founder of Morplay Racing, on X.

The account stated in a release that there are still plans to head to Churchill Downs later in the week as well as provided a positive prognosis for a future return to the track.

"Less than 24 hours after officially qualifying for the Kentucky Derby, No More Time unfortunately suffered an injury Sunday morning during his final controlled breeze and plans to head to Churchill Downs later this week," Mendez wrote in the release. "Our team at Morplay Racing is clearly devastated by the news, but we are thankful No More Time should be able to make a full recovery and be back on the track soon."

He continued, "We want to thank trainer Jose D'Angelo and our entire team that gave us this incredible ride over the last year, and we're now turning our attention and focus to getting No More Time healthy and better than ever."

"His breeze was beautiful," said D'Angelo. "But when he came back to the barn, he was off."

In a release from Gulfstream Park, it was noted that No More Time sustained a condylar fracture in his left front leg and will undergo surgery to repair it Monday.

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While several Kentucky Derby 150 contenders had regular training sessions Sunday morning, Japan's undefeated hope MGSW **Forever Young (Jpn)** (Real Steel {Jpn}) made his first appearance on the Churchill main track since arriving early Saturday morning.

Conditioned by Yoshito Yahagi and under rider Yusaku Oka, the colt jogged in the one-mile chute for about 20 minutes before taking a 1 1/8-mile gallop in the early hours.

Shortly after at 7:30am, GSW **Honor Marie** (Honor Code) worked in company with stablemate Anthem King (Bolt d'Oro), the pair breezing a half-mile in :48.80 with the former claiming a slight edge passing the wire. He galloped out five furlongs in 1:02.

"He did it the right way, easily," trainer Whit Beckman said. "We didn't want to do a ton this week and he seemed to do it well. He's the type of horse that will always do what you ask of him. I always thought it was good to have a workmate next to him, to just give him a little encouragement."

Other contenders who went through their paces on track Sunday morning include GSW **Track Phantom** (**Quality Road**), MGSW **Dornoch** (**Good Magic**), and GSP **Society Man** (**Good Magic**). **Cont.**



Forever Young with Yusaku Oka in the irons | Coady

D. Wayne Lukas's SW & GISP **Just Steel** (*Justify*) is expected to have his first training session over the Churchill Downs surface, since winning the local Ed Brown S. last November, Monday morning.

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ON DERBY BUBBLE, GRAND MO THE FIRST BREEZES AT GULFSTREAM

Grand Mo the First (*Uncle Mo*), last seen finishing third in the GI **Curlin** Florida Derby, went out Sunday morning at Gulfstream Park for a five-furlong maintenance work clocked in 1:03.95. It was his first breeze since the Mar. 30 race. With the defection of GSW **No More Time** (*Not This Time*), Victor Barboza Jr.'s charge sits 21st under the Derby guidelines that will determine the final field.

"I think 21 is a good position. Next week, the horse will breeze at Gulfstream, and if everything is OK, he will go to Churchill," said Barboza, adding the effort was everything he was looking for out of his horse. "It was a very relaxed breeze. It was important for me for him to finish strong after the wire."

Barboza added, "It's been a dream since I was a child in Venezuela. Every year, I watched the Kentucky Derby. I have a good chance today to enter."

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STEVE ASMUSSEN PLANS BIG SEASON FOR SKELLY

After emerging in good form from his GIII Count Fleet Sprint H. victory, MGSW **Skelly** (*Practical Joke*) will look to climb the class ladder with future targets including the GI Alfred G. Vanderbilt H. and the GI Breeders' Cup Sprint, announced trainer Steve Asmussen Sunday morning.

Having posted the meet's best time for six furlongs at 1:08.82 in that Count Fleet effort, beating the prior mark of 1:09.38, which he also set in his 2024 debut, the Oaklawn star will be setting his sights on bigger prizes this summer and autumn.

"I think that the two main targets for the rest of the year are the Vanderbilt at Saratoga and Breeders' Cup," Asmussen said. "I do know I want to keep him at three-quarters of a mile."

The Count Fleet was Skelly's first race back in the States since having his seven-race winning streak snapped by **Remake** (Jpn) (Lani) in the G3 Riyadh Dirt Sprint.

"Very fortunate to have him," Asmussen said. "Believe it or not, [Skelly] went to Saudi [Arabia] and came back faster. Speaks volumes about who he is."

The Vanderbilt runs July 27 at Saratoga and the Breeders' Cup Sprint will go Nov. 2 at Del Mar.

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FROM TRAINING TO EQUINE THERAPY, CHEWS FINDING NEW BALANCE IN IDAHO

By Dan Ross

A good 10 years ago in the Santa Anita paddock garden, former trainer Matt Chew was leading a stately old schoolmaster named Fred through and around an afternoon gathering of children with developmental issues when a diminutive figure from the crowd locked eyes with the horse.

"I walked over and handed him the shank and said, 'here, take him. He's yours,'" says Chew about the curious soul, a 10-year-old named Austin, onto whom he foisted the docile Fred.

"He starts walking around with the horse and he starts talking to him, 'oh, you're a beautiful horse. This is wonderful. You're so great. Dah, dah, dah. My name is Austin, I'm 10 years old,'" Chew recounts. **Cont.**



Matt Chew and Candie Coder-Chew | Coady

Several observers that day, however, appeared shocked. "Their jaws dropped," says Chew. "They looked horrified."

Anticipating a few feathers needing unruffling, Chew's wife Candie Coder-Chew marched over to the thunderstruck group—some of them in tears—lavishing apologies and assurances about the horse's temperament.

"One of the women goes, 'no, it's that Austin doesn't talk. He had experienced a trauma a few years earlier that had shut him down verbally.' So, he was nonverbal, autistic, and this horse brought him out of it," says Chew. "And to this day, he is still speaking."

This anecdote has been worn smooth by Chew's retelling over the intervening years, with good reason, for it encapsulates the sense of purpose that has driven the Chews the nearly 1,400 miles from Los Angeles, California, where Matt had trained for decades, to Hayden, Idaho, where they now run a racehorse aftercare facility and equine therapy program for local foster kids, Champions Retreat.

A sense of purpose propelled by the knowledge that within the 1,000 pounds of thundering horseflesh seemingly a hair's breadth away from careening dangerously out of control is an intuitive mind capable of plunging the deepest reserves of empathy.

"These horses are amazing. They seem to understand from the energy coming off of these kids that there's a need for one another," says Chew of his stable of eight retirees, all of them from California—horses like Silken Prince, a useful claimer under Chew's tutelage before the trainer's retirement in 2020.

"The horses really do interact with these foster kids in a different way than when they act with normal people," he says. "And I can't explain it. I don't fully understand it, but I've witnessed that dozens of times. There's just a connection that's formed."



Champions Retreat | Courtesy Candie Coder-Chew

Their 18-acre Idaho ranch is the sort of place that would set Grizzly Adams's heart aflutter.

Eight acres of green pasture. A large barn with 10-foot by 20-foot stalls. An indoor arena. An outdoor arena. And all of this abutting a vast leafy wilderness.

"This is National Forest. We walk out our back fence and we have 350 acres of trails which we've erected on some of the old logging roads. We built a cross country course back there for jumping, and it makes for some lovely riding," says Chew. "And we have a view of a lake."

The Chews set up shop some three years ago, unsure quite what kind of program they would offer to whom.

It started with the children of a few local friends with autism or anxiety issues. Some adults that had physical or mental challenges. A few military veterans. Domestic violence survivors.

That's when they were approached by Fostering Idaho, a nearby program that links foster kids and families.

"They asked if we'd be interested in working with them. At that point, they asked us, 'how many kids do you want?' They basically filled up our dance card for us," says Chew. "We had 42 kids total last year."

While some kids approach the whole endeavor with all the reticence of an avalanche, "other kids, they're definitely afraid of horses, period," says Chew. "And they're very intimidated. So, if we can get a kid to feed a carrot and pet a nose, that's a good day."

"We have the type of horses where we can put somebody that's never ridden before on a horse and have it be a safe experience," Chew says. "And then as they progress, we take them from the barn to our outside arena, and then when they get to a certain level, we're able to go on a trail ride."

Some of the foster children have turned into repeat visitors. "They're welcome any time," Chew says. But they have to earn their bacon.

"The kids that come back time after time, we do put them to work. We want them to understand that they have to, at some point, earn the right to ride these horses," he says.

Coder-Chew remembers the first group of foster kids that came their way. "We weren't a hundred percent sure what to expect, so we were kind of winging it a little bit," she says.

This first reconnaissance mission included two foster brothers, both around six or seven years of age. "One had been adopted by the foster family that brought these kids out. The other one had not," she says.

The adoptee was a little chatterbox who took to horseback like a young Steve Cauthen. The other brother was more reserved, tentative. As the young boy hit the saddle, he took a sharp intake of breath, and held onto it as though diving for the sea floor. **Cont.**

"So, I asked him to take a deep breath and try to relax a little bit," says Coder-Chew. "It took about three minutes, I think, and he took some deep breaths and sort of relaxed and petted the horse."

After a few minutes of slow plodding, the young boy spotted his speedier brother, leaned down with a smile and whispered to Coder-Chew, "can we go faster? I want to beat my brother," she remembers. "So went a little faster. And he was just having a great time and was very engaged by the end-not talking a lot but talking."

Afterwards, the children and the horses were taken to a small area behind the barn for refreshments.

"This little kid, he walked very purposefully over to the horse, threw his arms around the horse's chest and leg. He was so small. And the horse, of course, bent over to kind of hug him back. I don't think there was a dry eye in the place. It was just pretty incredible, the connection this kid felt with this horse."

Chew trained for nearly 40 years, during which time he sent out 400 winners from just over 4,000 runners. The majority of these wins came at the lower levels of the game.

"When you're training horses, you're consumed by it 24/7 from the minute you wake up to the time you go to bed," said Chew. "I mean, it's all encompassing. And that's your entire world. And believe me, to work in racing is a privilege. It's hard. It's demanding. It sometimes sucks the life out of you. But it also gives you a feeling of elation when a horse runs well that you can't get in any other aspect of your life," he says.

"I fully understand that what working with these kids has done for me is give me a lot more balance in my life. You don't get the extreme high of winning a race, but you also don't get the extreme lows that came with it.

"After you'd win a race, there'd be a time when you'd be walking back to the barn where it was a feeling of contentment. When the world is okay, everything's right, everything's good, and you just would have an overall feeling of well-being. Working with these kids, that feeling lasts for days, not just moments," Chew says.

A self-described city-slicker, Chew's life-lessons have been both philosophical and practical over three years in a part of the country where the deep winters can wear as long and unrepentant as the summers are short.

A flick through one of their newsletters gives a glimpse into these seasonal toils:



Matt Chew in his element | *Courtesy of Candie Coder-Chew*

"Winter is near and we feel the pressure of the seasonal changes to get prepared for the cold weather. Matt has been cutting down trees, splitting wood, repairing fences and structures. We have all of our hay in the barn to last through June and have seeded the pasture for spring grass," they wrote in fall of last year.

"I thought I could I never build anything in my life," admits Chew. "And I've built shelters and feed sheds, for God's sake. I have two chain saws now. If you'd have told me 10 years ago that I'm going to be in a position where I'm going to need two chainsaws, I'd have said you're nuts."

Ask Chew who should take credit for much of the heavy lifting and he barely takes a breath.

"My wife," he replies. "She found the property. She knew it was my vision to work with kids but it was her vision to provide a place for retired race horses. And she made it happen. Without her, this dream would not have materialized."

Eight horses are a lot to care for. Nor are they cheap. Appetites are huge. Upkeep is near constant. And Champions Retreat is a free service.

"We like to say we have donations and grants, but we also self-fund about 25% of this operation. So, it takes a special commitment to do it," Coder-Chew says, adding how several of Chew's former owners have supported them financially.

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"I think the one thing I would absolutely mention is how supportive the racing industry is of aftercare programs for retired thoroughbreds," says Coder-Chew, former California Retirement Management Account (CARMA) board president.

"That's something that we're so grateful for because we wouldn't be able to do what we do if we didn't have the support of the Thoroughbred Aftercare Alliance, TCA [Thoroughbred Charities of America] and CARMA. That's huge," she says.

Given the departure from their old life, do the Chews have any regrets or misgivings?

"None," says Chew, empathically. "In the racing environment, in order for me to prosper, somebody has to lose. That's just the way it is in any sport. We've tried to create an environment where when you walk onto our property, whether you had four legs or two legs, you're going to be better off when you leave. And we feel like we've accomplished that."

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NEW YORK BREEDER SANFORD BACON PASSES AWAY

Longtime New York breeder Sanford Bacon passed away Friday. He was 95. Bacon bred hard-knocking Say Florida Sandy (Personal Flag), a multiple graded stakes winner and earner of over \$2 million, as well as his half-sister Dancin Renee (Distinctive Pro). Both were named New York-bred champions. Say Florida Sandy was New York Horse of the Year in 2001 and 2002 and a three-time champion sprinter in the state. Graded stakes winner Dancin Renee was named New York Horse of the Year, as well as champion sprinter and champion older female, in 1997.

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Risky Rachel produced stakes-placed Risky Mischief (Into Mischief), as well as \$1-million Fasig-Tipton March 2-year-old Yale (Scat Daddy).

"He was a great friend and I always enjoyed getting a phone call from him during training in the morning because it was always an interesting conversation, to say the least," said Steve Venosa, whose SGV Thoroughbreds consigned the seven-figure juvenile to the Gulfstream sale in 2018. "He was definitely one of a kind and there will never be another one like him."

No services had been announced Sunday.

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

BAIRD DOUBLEDODGARE S.-GIII, \$300,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Raging Sea 🌿	Curlin	Alpha Delta Stables, LLC	Brown	Prat	120
2	Queen of Missoula	Liam's Map	Jeremiah Kane	Colebrook	Machado	118
3	Scylla	Tapit	Juddmonte	Mott	Castellano	118
4	Loved	Medaglia d'Oro	Godolphin, LLC	Walsh	Gaffalione	118
5	Saddle Up Jessie 🌿	More Than Ready	Michael J. Ryan	Russell	Ortiz, Jr.	118
6	Hidden Connection 🌿	Connect	Hidden Brook Farm and Black Type Thoroughbreds	Calhoun	Gutierrez	118
7	Curl Girl 🌿	Curlin	Medallion Racing and Joey Platts	D'Amato	Saez	118

Breeders: 1-Alpha Delta Stables, LLC, 2-Jerry Kane, 3-Juddmonte Farms Inc, 4-Godolphin, 5-Kinnickinnic Stables, 6-St. Simon Place, 7-Woodford Thoroughbreds, LLC


Saturday, Oaklawn #11, post time: 6:52 p.m. EDT

OAKLAWN H.-GII, \$1,250,000, 4yo/up, 1 1/8m


PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Highland Falls	Curlin	Godolphin, LLC	Cox	Geroux	118
2	Double Crown	Bourbon Courage	Built Wright Stables, LLC.	Ginter, Jr.	Hernandez	115
3	Magic Tap 🌿	Tapit	Winchell Thoroughbreds LLC	Asmussen	Asmussen	118
4	Octane	Brethren	Arindel	Alvarado	Leparoux	120
5	Red Route One	Gun Runner	Winchell Thoroughbreds LLC	Asmussen	Rosario	120
6	Reincarnate 🌿	Good Magic	SF Racing, Starlight Racing, Madaket Stables, Robert E. Masterson, Stonestreet Stables, Jay A. Schoenfarber, Waves Edge Capital, and Catherine Donovan	Baffert	Hernandez	119
7	Guntown 🌿	Gun Runner	Michael J. Maker	Maker	Vazquez	115
8	Last Samurai 🌿	Malibu Moon	Willis Horton Racing LLC	Milligan, Jr.	Eramia	118
9	County Final 🌿	Oxbow	Ken Copenhaver	Joseph, Jr.	Gonzalez	116
10	Skippy Longstocking 🌿	Exaggerator	Daniel Alonso	Joseph, Jr.	Ortiz	122
11	Instant Coffee 🌿	Bolt d'Oro	Gold Square LLC	D'Angelo	Torres	119

Breeders: 1-Godolphin, 2-Dr. & Mrs. Thomas Bowman & Rebecca Davis, 3-Don Alberto Corporation, 4-Arindel, 5-Winchell Thoroughbreds, LLC, 6-Woods Edge Farm, LLC, 7-Winchell Thoroughbreds LLC, 8-Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC, 9-Calumet Farm, 10-Brushy Hill, LLC, 11-Sagamore Farm, LLC





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

VISITLEX ELKHORN S.-GII, \$350,000, 4yo/up, 1 1/2mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	The Grey Wizard (Ire)	Caravaggio	Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners & Albert Frassetto	Motion	Saez	118
2	King Curlin 🌿	Curlin	RSR Racing, LLC	Vanden Berg	Emigh	118
3	Highland Chief (Ire)	Gleneagles (Ire)	Mrs. Fitriani Hay	Motion	Velazquez	118
4	Bold Act (Ire)	New Approach (Ire)	Godolphin, LLC	Appleby	Dettori	120
5	Dynadrive 🌿	Temple City	Three Diamonds Farm	Maker	Gutierrez	118
6	Wentru 🌿	Tourist	Frank Taylor, BlackRidge Stables LLC, Deters Company, James B. Keogh, and Michael McCabe	Walden	Concepcion	118
7	Winning Spirit (Ger)	Soldier Hollow (GB)	Tony Weintraub, West Point T'breds & R R Partners	Clement	Gaffalione	118
8	Foreign Relations 🌿	Karakontie (Jpn)	Double O Racing	Murphy	Cannon	118
9	Lucky Curlin	Curlin	Michael M. Hui	Maker	Corrales	118
10	Missed the Cut 🌿	Quality Road	Bee Zee LLC, Lanes End Racing, St. Elias Stables, LLC, Edward P. Babington, Edward J. Hudson, Jr., and Lynne Hudson	Sadler	Ortiz, Jr.	118
11	Silver Knott (GB)	Lope de Vega (Ire)	Godolphin, LLC	Appleby	Prat	118

Breeders: 1-Longfield Stud, 2-Woodford Thoroughbreds, LLC, 3-Mrs Fitri Hay, 4-Godolphin, 5-Spendthrift Farm LLC, 6-Don Alberto Corporation, 7-Gestut Park Wiedingen, 8-Gainesway Thoroughbreds Ltd., 9-John C. Oxley, 10-Framont LTD, 11-St Albans Bloodstock LLP

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

BEN ALI S.-GIII, \$300,000, 4yo/up, 1 3/16m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Time for Trouble 🌿	English Channel	Thorndale Stable LLC and Jeff A. Hiles	Hiles	Prat	118
2	Surly Furious	Upstart	Novogratz Racing Stables Inc.	Wismer	Dettori	118
3	Smile Happy 🌿	Runhappy	Lucky Seven Stable	McPeck	Hernandez, Jr.	118
4	Kingsbarns	Uncle Mo	Spendthrift Farm LLC	Pletcher	Saez	118
5	Laughing Boy 🌿	Distorted Humor	Lawrence P. Roman and David Jacobson	Jacobson	Gutierrez	118
6	Archie the Giza	Cairo Prince	Harvey A. Clarke Racing Stables, LLC	Medina	Velazquez	118
7	Dynamic One 🌿	Union Rags	Repole Stable, Phipps Stable and St. Elias Stable	Pletcher	Ortiz, Jr.	118
8	Happy American 🌿	Runhappy	Neil L. Pessin	Pessin	Lanerie	118
9	War Campaign	Declaration of War	Jerry Namy	Sims	Gaffalione	118

Breeders: 1-Calumet Farm, 2-Breerton C. Jones, 3-Moreau Bloodstock Int'l Inc. & White Bloodstock LLC, 4-Parks Investment Group, LLC, 5-Imagine, 6-Estate of Harvey A Clarke, 7-Phipps Stable, 8-Claiborne Farm, 9-Jerry Namy



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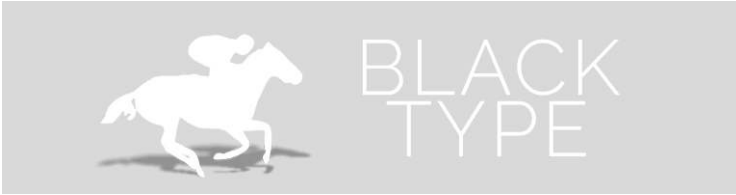
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NEW YORK STALLION S., \$200,000, Aqueduct, 4-14, 3yo, 6 1/2f, 1:15.32, ft.

1--**ANTONIO OF VENICE, 123, c, 3**, by Laoban

1st Dam: Stella Performance, by Trappe Shot

2nd Dam: Passion Overflow, by Hennessy

3rd Dam: Polar Bird (Ire), by Thatching (Ire)

(\$35,000 Ylg '22 FTKOCT; \$35,000 2yo '23 OBSMAR).

O-Michael Imperio, Robert Cotrone, Hibiscus Stables LLC and Rudy R. Rodriguez; B-Cypress Creek Equine LLC (NY); T-Rudy R. Rodriguez; J-Manuel Franco. \$110,000. Lifetime Record: 9-4-2-1, \$535,744.



2--**Doc Sullivan, 120, c, 3**, Solomini--Queen Frostine, by Giant's Causeway. (\$58,000 Ylg '22 SARAUG; \$59,000 2yo '23 OBSOPN). O-Tristar Farm, LLC; B-Seamus Coughlan (NY); T-Michael Miceli. \$40,000.



3--**Grand Opening, 118, g, 3**, Union Jackson--Ribbon Cutter, by Elusive Quality. (\$14,000 Wlg '21 FTNMIX; \$5,000 RNA Ylg '22 EASOCT). **1ST BLACK TYPE**. O-Konrad Wayson and Wade Meadows; B-Sequel Stallions NY & Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings, LLC (NY); T-W. Robert Bailes. \$24,000.

Margins: 2 1/4, 4 3/4, 5 3/4. Odds: 1.25, 2.15, 34.75.

Also Ran: Freedsdale, Cable Ready, Heavyweight Champs, Black Almighty.

Antonio of Venice began this latest form cycle by winning a New York Stallion Series prize at the Big A in mid-December. The 3-year-old was then runner-up over the same surface--albeit a sloppy one--in the Rego Park S., but he absolutely romped by 9 1/4 lengths last time out in the Damon Runyon S. in Ozone Park Mar. 17.

As the well-backed 6-5 favorite here, the bay laid just to the outside of Heavyweight Champs up the backstretch. Taking on that opponent around the far turn, Antonio of Venice throttled up and trucked home a clear winner.

"We're going to enjoy the New York-bred Stallion Series, maybe we take him to Finger Lakes," said trainer Rudy Rodriguez. "Maybe we take him to Saratoga, to Finger Lakes, and then try Saratoga again. We'll see."

The winner's dam is responsible for a yearling filly by **McKinzie**, who was purchased by SJW Enterprises for \$130,000 at this year's Keeneland January Sale, and she foaled Feb. 18 a filly by **Keepmeinmind**. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

NEW YORK STALLION S., \$200,000, Aqueduct, 4-14, 3yo, f, 6 1/2f, 1:16.91, ft.

1--**SUNDAY GIRL, 118, f, 3**, by Central Banker

1st Dam: Lady Daphne, by Harlan's Holiday

2nd Dam: Littlebitabbling, by Carson City

3rd Dam: Rose Colored Lady, by Formal Dinner

(\$43,000 Ylg '22 OBSOCT; \$100,000 2yo '23 EASMAY). **1ST**

BLACK TYPE WIN. O-Mitre Box Stable, Clear Stars Stable and Eighth Note Stable; B-McMahon of Saratoga Thoroughbreds, LLC & Spruce Lane Farm (NY); T-David P. Duggan; J-Katie Davis. \$110,000. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$148,500.



2--**My Shea D Lady, 122, f, 3**, Solomini--Ladyberg, by Teufflesberg. (\$25,000 Wlg '21 FTNMIX; \$100,000 2yo '23 OBSAPR). O-Shea D Boy's Stable; B-McMahon of Saratoga Thoroughbreds, LLC (NY); T-Carlos A. David. \$40,000.



3--**Sohana, 118, f, 3**, Solomini--Passeporta, by Rockport Harbor. (\$200,000 2yo '23 OBSMAR). **1ST BLACK TYPE**. O-Gregory M. Hoffman, Rosemore Racing, Schwing Thoroughbreds and Elements Racing, LLC; B-Torie D. Gladwell (NY); T-Brad H. Cox. \$24,000.



Margins: 3, 1HF, 3/4. Odds: 1.30, 2.15, 4.50.

Also Ran: Fast and Frisky, Handle On You, Baroness Bourbon, Bustin Time, Jay's Love.

Sunday Girl broke her maiden at first asking by 7 1/4 lengths against state-breds at the Big A Feb. 10. Ready for her stakes bow, the chestnut was sent off as the 6-5 choice here. Breaking from the outside post, the filly angled over to take on a longshot and finally overtook that target around the far turn. Sunday Girl poured on the speed and looked every bit a professional past the eighth pole en route to her first black-type victory.

"So, you roll on to the next challenge that they give us, which will probably be the Bouwerie at Saratoga," said trainer David Duggan. "If she gets seven-eighths--there will be a different type of horse coming in there--so with a little more time and maturity, you'd like to think that you're going to improve again. I don't think she needs to improve a whole lot, but that was quite a nice performance today."

Out of an extended female family which includes sire Too Much Bling (Rubiano) and MGSW El Kabeir (Scat Daddy), the winner's dam is responsible for a 2-year-old colt by Solomini. Last year she foaled a full-brother to Sunday Girl and once again visited Central Banker for this season.

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TOP FLIGHT S., \$145,500, Aqueduct, 4-14, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/8m, 1:49.56, ft.

1--**TIZZY IN THE SKY, 119, m, 5, Sky Kingdom--Tiz the Tide, by Tiznow. 1ST BLACK TYPE WIN.** O-KimDon Racing, LLC; B-Westrock Stables LLC (KY); T-Todd A. Pletcher; J-Kendrick Carmouche. \$82,500. Lifetime Record: GSP, 11-4-4-0, \$373,525.

2--**Movie Moxy, 118, m, 7, Street Sense--Casting Director, by Bernardini.** (\$225,000 Ylg '18 KEESEP). O-Linda Rice and Marequest; B-Bonne Chance Farm (KY); T-Linda Rice. \$30,000.

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3--**Towhead, 118, f, 4, Malibu Moon--Smartly Agree, by Smart Strike.** (\$100,000 Ylg '21 KEESEP). O-Pura Vida Investments LLC, Cindy M. Hutson and Brett Setzer; B-DJ Stable, LLC (KY); T-Michael J. Maker. \$18,000.

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Margins: 9, 4 3/4, HD. Odds: 0.85, 7.50, 16.90.

Also Ran: Comparative, Spiked.

Runner-up in last year's Gill Go For Wand S. over a local mile two back, Tizzy in the Sky entered off a disappointing fourth when beaten as the favorite in the Gill Royal Delta S. at Gulfstream Feb. 17. Back at 1 1/8 miles Sunday, the 4-5 favorite outbroke the field and showed the way unchallenged through fractions of :25.16 and :48.71. Taking the inside lane around the far turn, she spurted away from eventual runner-up Movie Moxy and won easily under wraps by nearly double digits.

Tiz the Tide is represented by a yearling [Instagram](#) filly and foaled a filly by [War of Will](#) this year. Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#), sponsored by [FanDuel TV](#).

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5th-Keeneland, \$118,890, Alw, 4-14, (NW2\$X), 4yo/up, 1 1/2mT, 2:30.16, fm, 4 3/4 lengths.

UTAH BEACH (g, 4, English Channel--My Own Story, by Lasting Approval) won on both dirt and Tapeta over the last five months and entered off a win last out over Sunday's distance at Gulfstream Feb. 28. Favored in his fourth straight start, the 5-2 chalk was content near the middle of the field and ran a comfortable seventh past a half-mile in :51.24. Angled inside, he rallied through a seam around the far turn and then shifted outside to take on Verbal (Flintshire {GB}) into the lane. Clear late, he came home alone for the 4 3/4-length win over Six Minus (English Channel). A half to both Real Story (Fast Bullet), GSW, \$349,592, and My Afleet (Afleet Alex), SW, \$394,612, Utah Beach has a 2-year-old half-brother by [Twirling Candy](#) and a yearling half-brother by [Blame](#). His dam returned to [Twirling Candy](#) for this year. Lifetime Record: 7-3-4-0, \$233,385. Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#), sponsored by [FanDuel TV](#). O/B-J. Amling & Merriefield Farm (KY); T-Ignacio Correas, IV.



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9th-Keeneland, \$118,345, Alw, 4-14, (NW2\$X), 4yo/up, 1 1/2mT, 2:29.11, fm, 5 3/4 lengths.

OHANA HONOR (c, 4, Honor Code--Spacy Tracy {GSW, \$249,690}, by Awesome Again) was fifth, beaten just two lengths, over the turf in the Tropical Park Derby at Gulfstream Park in late December before finishing third in an overnight handicap when switched to the Tapeta in Hallandale Mar. 2. Sent off the 3-2 choice on the stretch out back on the turf here, the 4-year-old set the tone from the bell and continued to make the pace passing the grandstand for the first time. Ohana Honor clearly had enough left in the tank late as he spurted away to take home the Sunday finale by 5 3/4 lengths over Foreign Relations (**Karakontie {Jpn}**). The winner is a half-brother to High North (**Midnight Lute**), MSW & MGSP, \$437,430; Victim of Love (Speightstown), MGSW & GISP, \$429,611; Benner Island (Speightstown), GSW & GISP, \$305,863; and Space Launch (Bernardini), SP, \$251,182. Spacy Tracy has a 2-year-old filly named Sycamore Shoals (**Street Sense**) and she foaled a colt by **Munnings** last year. She was bred to **Not This Time** for this spring. Sales History: \$430,000 Ylg '21 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: SP, 12-3-3-2, \$249,397. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

O-West Point Thoroughbreds, Woodford Racing, and Edward J. Hudson, Jr.; B-Daniel J. Burke (KY); T-Claude R. McGaughey III.



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7th-Keeneland, \$103,340, Alw, 4-14, (NW1X), 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/8mT, 1:49.78, fm, neck.

LADY EMILY KATHRYN (f, 4, Frosted--Our Lady Kathern, by Hard Spun) broke her maiden on her sixth attempt with a front-running score over the Gulfstream grass Jan. 20, but ended up a well-beaten 10th over the same surface as she tried to clear the optional-claiming ranks Feb. 24. A 21-1 longshot here, the homebred set up shop just behind the leaders into the first turn and continued to hold that spot up the backstretch.

The 3-year-old looked for running room at the top of the lane, finally was able to establish her best stride with a sixteenth left and got to the wire just in time to win by a neck over favorite Notinamillionyears (Ire) (**No Nay Never**). Out of an extended female family which includes MGSW Stephanie's Kitten (Kitten's Joy), the winner is her unraced dam's first registered foal. She has a 2-year-old half-sister named Jill's Joy (Vekoma) and a yearling half-brother by **Tiz the Law**. Our Lady Kathern was bred back to Vekoma for this term. Sales History: \$90,000 RNA Ylg '21 FTSAUG; \$47,000 RNA Ylg '21 FTKOCT. Lifetime Record: 8-2-0-3, \$138,786. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

O/B-Kenneth L. & Sarah K. Ramsey (KY); T-Saffie A. Joseph, Jr.



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2nd-Aqueduct, \$82,000, Alw (NW1\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$50,000), 4-14, 3yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:36.82, ft, 1/2 length.

VIRTUAL REALITY (f, 4, Cloud Computing--Miss Malibu Style, by Malibu Moon) came back from a three-month break to finish second over the mud at the Big A Mar. 7. Part of a coupled entry here, the 4-5 choice tracked stablemate Pitch Clock (Commissioner) up the backstretch. The dark bay ranged up on her target around the far turn and, under strong left-handed encouragement down the lane, she got to the wire a half-length over Sweet Mystery (Cupid). The winner's dam has a once-raced 3-year-old filly named Miss Maximus (Maximus Mischief) and a 2-year-old colt by **Honest Mischief**. She was bred to Yaupon last year. Sales History: \$45,000 Ylg '21 KEESEP; \$300,000 2yo '22 OBSAPR. Lifetime Record: 7-2-3-0, \$163,150. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

O-Klaravich Stables, Inc.; B-Mark A. Toothaker & Allen Poindexter (KY); T-Chad C. Brown.



6th-Tampa Bay Downs, \$53,000, Alw (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$75,000), 4-14, 3yo, 6f, 1:10.36, ft, neck.
BANDED ROCKET (c, 3, Malibu Moon--Scion Power, by Wildcat Heir) was a well-beaten sixth facing state-breds in the Sophomore S. at Tampa Mar. 24. As a 4-1 shot here, the bay lagged a bit early, but quickly made up ground to run third from the outside up the backstretch. With longshot Snowname (The Big Beast) continuing to dictate terms from the rail, Banded Rocket swung three wide into the lane, shifted to a higher gear and was able to get the money by a neck over the pacesetter. A full-sister to GI Ballerina S. runner-up Derwin's Star (Wildcat Heir), the winner's unraced dam is responsible for a 2-year-old by Vekoma and a yearling filly by Rock Your World. Scion Power was booked to Cyberknife for this season. Sales History: \$155,000 Ylg '22 FTKJUL; \$155,000 RNA 2yo '23 OBSMAR; \$230,000 2yo '23 OBSOPN. Lifetime Record: 5-2-1-0, \$81,030.
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O-Frank Fletcher Racing Operations, Inc. and CaSal Stables, LLC; B-Angela M. Ingenito & Spendthrift Stallions LLC (FL); T-Kathleen O'Connell.



2nd-Tampa Bay Downs, \$39,650, Alw (NW2X)/Opt. Clm (\$32,000), 4-14, 4yo/up, 6 1/2f, 1:15.62, ft, 5 1/2 lengths.
JUST BEAT THE ODDS (c, 4, Munnings--Bella d'Oro, by Medaglia d'Oro) missed by a neck when second in the off-the-turf Carle Place S. during the Belmont at the Big A meet last fall. Coming to Tampa in December, the colt won over the slop facing optional claimers, but was second in his next two attempts to clear the condition, Jan. 20 and Mar. 6. As the 2-5 choice here, the homebred chased the pace from third up the backstretch. Given his cue around the far turn, the favorite skimmed the rail and sealed the deal by 5 1/2 lengths over Capture the Time (Uncaptured). Just Beat the Odds is his dam's last registered foal. Bella d'Oro is a half-sister to MGSW Belleski (Polish Numbers), the dam of GSW Keri Belle (Empire Maker). Lifetime Record: SP, 10-3-5-1, \$144,595. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

O/B-Red Oak Stable (KY); T-Gregory D. Sacco.



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7th-Oaklawn, \$115,000, Msw, 4-14, 3yo, 6f, 1:10.52, ft, 3/4 length.

STORMS HOME (c, 3, Runhappy--Nella Vetrina, by Bernardini), a \$350,000 KEESEP yearling, was let go at 14-1 in this debut. The bay colt sat just of the early pace behind a pair of dueling leaders. He angled out four wide at the top of the lane, but still had no place to go and angled out a further path at midstretch before finishing with a powerful late flourish to get up for a 3/4-length victory. Nella Vetrina has a yearling colt by **American Pharoah** and she produced a colt by **Game Winner** in February.

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O-Mike McCarty; B-Betz/Burns/D.J. Stables/Lamantia/Coco Equine (KY); T-Steven M. Asmussen.



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3rd-Keeneland, \$100,000, Msw, 4-14, 3yo, 1 1/16mT, 1:42.65, fm, 1 1/2 lengths.

CAMEO PERFORMANCE (c, 3, Oscar Performance--La Moneda {SW & GSP, \$392,969}, by Freud) debuted for Irish trainer Jessica Harrington as the runner-up by a neck at Dundalk Nov. 1. Transferred to Brendan Walsh's camp, the 3-year-old entered training at Walsh's Palm Meadows base in mid-February. With Lasix and as the 4-5 choice here, the colt settled into the second flight into the first turn. He was caught between horses up the backstretch, but was given the signal to launch his bid around the far turn.

With plenty left in the tank, Cameo Performance passed Green Light (**Hard Spun**) with less than a furlong left to graduate by 1 1/2 lengths. The winner is his dam's first registered foal, but he does have a 2-year-old half-brother by **Dialed In**. La Moneda was not bred last year. Sales History: \$210,000 Ylg '22 KESEP. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$59,589. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

O-Marc Detampel and Fergus Galvin; B-Patricia L. Moseley (KY); T-Brendan P. Walsh.

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3rd-Gulfstream, \$43,420, Msw, 4-14, 3yo, f, 6f, 1:12.11, ft, 3/4 length.

LADY MAX (f, 3, Lord Nelson--Mizzen Max, by Mizzen Mast), who finished a well-beaten fourth in her Mar. 17 debut over track and trip. She signaled that she was sharper from that experience with an Apr. 3 four-furlong work in :47 1/5, best of 13 at Gulfstream that morning. Sent off the 6-1 fourth choice in a field of six, Lady Max established command from the outset, but was challenged on the turn by both the 4-5 favorite Tinki Abarrio (**Runhappy**) and Danzit (**Tapit**). The eventual runner-up, Tinki Abarrio gained a narrow lead in the stretch, but Lady Max fought back tenaciously under a stiff drive to prevail by 3/4 lengths. Lady Max is her thrice-winning dam's only known foal. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$29,300. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

O/B-Galen Ho'o (KY); T-Joseph C. Catanese, III.



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6th-Gulfstream, \$43,000, Msw, 4-14, 3yo, 6f, 1:12.48, ft, 1/2 length.

MEKELE (c, 3, Adios Charlie--Sweetly Valid, by Sweetsouthernsaint) pressured pacesetter Unequivocally (Maximus Mischief) through a :46.42 opening half and took over past the quarter marker to win by just a half-length as a 26-1 longshot in a three-wide charge at the wire. Bold Ambition (**Good Magic**) just nosed out Goodstone (**Good Magic**) for second. Mekele has a pair of half-siblings by Gentlemen's Bet with his dam due to The Big Beast this year. Sales History: \$30,000 Ylg '22 OBSWIN; \$18,000 2yo '23 OBSMAR. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$25,800. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

O-Jose Castro; B-Bill McDowell (AR); T-Carlos Narvaez.

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7th-Gulfstream, \$43,000, Msw, 4-14, 3yo, f, 1 1/16mT, 1:40.80, fm, 1 3/4 lengths.

TINA BALLERINA (f, 3, Mastery--Anna Pavlova, by Unbridled's Song) was the longest shot in the field at 34-1 off a pair of off-the-board efforts at Parx in December and January. Making her first start for new trainer Jorge Abreu, she sat second just off the front-runner, bid for command off the turn and was able to clear off for the 1 3/4-length win over Jillaroo (**Curlin**). Out of a half-sister to the dam of MGISW Improbable, Tina Ballerina, has a yearling half-sister by Goldencents and her dam is due to **Volatile** this year. Sales History: \$12,000 Ylg '22 FTKJUL. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-0, \$26,450. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

O-AP Stable; B-Frankfort Park Farm (KY); T-Jorge R. Abreu.

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	GIII Ben Ali S.	Kee
	GII Oaklawn S.	Kee
	GIII Californian S.	SA
	GIII Providencia S.	SA
April 21	GII Santa Maria S.	SA
April 26	GIII Bewitch S.	Kee
April 27	GIII San Francisco Mile	GG
	GIII Royal Heroine S.	SA

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 231 foals of racing age/43 winners/3 black-type winners
 7-Will Rogers Downs, 4:57 p.m. EDT, Alw 5 1/2f, Let Her Buck, 5-2

World of Trouble (Kantharos), Hill 'n' Dale at Xalapa, \$5,000
 129 foals of racing age/25 winners/1 black-type winner
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STAKES RESULTS:

ORIGINAL GOLD S., \$76,350, Charles Town, 4-13, (S), 3yo/up, f/m, 7f, 1:26.34, ft.

1--**LIGHTNIN RUNNER, 126, f, 4, Battalion Runner--My Lightnin Strike, by Mineshaft.** O-George Nyren; B-Ronney & Nicole Brown (WV); T-Ronney W. Brown; J-Carlos Eduardo Lopez. \$45,810. Lifetime Record: 17-9-2-0, \$249,960.

2--**Moonlit Shadow, 126, m, 6, Fiber Sonde--Malibu Kitten, by Parker's Storm Cat.** O-Grams Racing Stable LLC; B-Timothy C & Judith A Grams (WV); T-Timothy C. Grams. \$15,270.

3--**Maggie's Girl, 126, f, 4, Uncle Lino--Maginot Line, by First Defence.** O-Grams Racing Stable LLC; B-Tim & Judy Grams (WV); T-Timothy C. Grams. \$8,399.

Margins: 2 1/4, 2 1/4, 2 3/4. Odds: 3.60, 9.40, 0.60.

BUGGIN OUT S., (NB) \$50,000, Evangeline Downs, 4-13, (S), 3yo/up, 6 1/2f, 1:22.22, ft.

1--**KELLYS THE BOSS, 119, m, 6, Doc N Bubba G--Ausbrook, by Cryptoclearance.** O-Kent Gremmels; B-Kent & Lisa Gremmels (AL); T-Ronnie P. Ward; J-Jose Andres Guerrero. \$27,500. Lifetime Record: 38-4-4-8, \$81,855.

2--**Dromas, 114, c, 3, Divide and Conquer--Vidi Vici, by Yes It's True.** O-Live-Lee Farm; B-Dennis & Mary Ellen Murphy (AL); T-Sherman Savoie. \$10,000.

3--**Unaffiliated, 117, g, 5, Americain--Track Teller, by English Channel.** O/B-Laurie Elaine Sanderson & Nanette Cathleen Cartier (AL); T-Denise Schmidt. \$5,000. Margins: 3/4, 2HF, 1. Odds: 3.70, 1.10, 9.60.

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

8th-Oaklawn, \$143,000, 4-14, (NW1\$X), 4yo/up, 6f, 1:10.10, ft, 3 1/4 lengths.

MIDNIGHT TAXES (g, 4, Midnight Lute--Include Katherine, by Include) Lifetime Record: 13-3-3-2, \$327,630. O-S NY BOR, LLC, Doug Gans, Gary Jacobs, Larry Katz & Kevin Riggs; B-McDowell Farm (AR); T-Chris A. Hartman. *\$170,000 2yo '22 OBSAPR. **1/2 to Afleet Katherine (Afleet Alex), MSP, \$259,450; Why Katherine (Whywhywhy), MGSP-Can, GSP-USA, \$281,829; Amalfi Coast (Tapizar), Ch. Female Sprinter-Can, MGSW, \$641,855; and Chris' Brew (Milwaukee Brew), MSP, \$233,391.

6th-Oaklawn, \$141,000, (S), 4-14, 3yo/up, 1 1/16m, 1:44.45, ft, 3 1/2 lengths.

LOCHMOOR (g, 5, Laurie's Rocket--Copperelle, by Elusive Quality) Lifetime Record: SP, 15-6-3-3, \$376,987. O-William Kennedy, Jr.; B-Bill McDowell (AR); T-Bruce L. Riecken. *1/2 to Navy Seal (Midshipman), SP, \$332,504 and Weast Hill (Rockport Harbor), MSW, \$499,852.

7th-Aqueduct, \$84,000, (NW2\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$62,500), 4-14, 4yo/up, f/m, 7f, 1:22.63, ft, 3 1/4 lengths.

TOUGH STREET (m, 5, Speightster--La Condesa, by Freud) Lifetime Record: 18-6-7-2, \$406,183. O-Michael J. Caruso and M Dubb; B-Cheryl Prudhomme & Dr. Michael Gallivan (NY); T-Chad C. Brown. *\$22,000 Wlg '19 FTNMIX; \$37,000 Ylg '20 EASOCT.

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8th-Gulfstream, \$57,000, (NW1\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$35,000), 4-14, 3yo/up, 1m, 1:37.39, ft, 5 lengths.

CACCIATORE (c, 4, Accelerate--Paddy's Flight, by Paddy O'Prado) Lifetime Record: 8-3-2-2, \$130,670. O-Gran Chanito Stable LLC; B-Milan Kosanovich (FL); T-Ronald Coy. *\$50,000 Ylg '21 OBSOCT; \$75,000 RNA 2yo '22 OBSAPR.

9th-Gulfstream, \$56,120, (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$75,000), 4-14, 3yo, f, 6f, 1:12.47, ft, 1 1/4 lengths.

BELLE'S BLUE BELL (f, 3, **Girvin--Awesome Belle {MSW, \$529,187}, by **Awesome of Course**)** Lifetime Record: 8-3-2-0, \$127,160. O/B-Jacks or Better Farm Inc. (FL); T-Carlos A. David.

7th-Laurel, \$53,600, (NW2X)/Opt. Clm (\$32,000-\$40,000), 4-14, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:10.18, ft, 2 3/4 lengths.

THE JUDGE AND JURY (g, 5, **Klimt--And Stay Out, by Exchange Rate)** Lifetime Record: 26-8-5-5, \$270,874. O-Kernan, Jr., Morris E. and Jagger Inc.; B-Three Lyons Racing LLC (KY); T-Jamie Ness. *\$117,000 Ylg '20 FTKOCT; \$45,000 2yo '21 EASMAY. **1/2 to Coach (Commissioner), MSW & MGSP, \$466,565.

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9th-Evangeline Downs, \$37,000, (S), 4-13, (C), 4yo/up, 1m, 1:39.32, ft, 2 3/4 lengths.

HIGHLAND CREEK (g, 6, **Broken Vow--Mizzenway, by Mizzen Mast)** Lifetime Record: MSP, 29-7-7-3, \$360,031. O-Allied Racing Stable, LLC; B-J. Adcock & Neal McFadden (LA); T-W. Bret Calhoun. *\$60,000 Ylg '19 ESLYRL. **1/2 to Heavy Love (Arg) (Manipulator), SW & MGSP-Arg.

3rd-Hawthorne, \$36,720, (C)/Opt. Clm (\$40,000), 4-14, 3yo/up, f/m, 1m 70y, 1:42.99, ft, 2 1/4 lengths.

BABY GUNDIN (m, 6, **Oxbow--Minx, by Tapit)** Lifetime Record: 35-8-7-7, \$233,069. O-Hermilo Racing Stbl; B-Calumet Farm (KY); T-H Rodriguez. *\$4,500 Wlg '18 KEENOV; \$5,000 2yo '20 OBSOPN. **1/2 to Jungle Runner (**Candy Ride {Arg}**), SW, \$155,615.

5th-Hawthorne, \$35,000, (S), 4-14, (NW1BX), 3yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2f, 1:05.56, ft, neck.

R KATIEBUG (f, 4, **Dominus--Katie the Lady {SW, \$335,865}, by **Lost Soldier**)** Lifetime Record: 7-2-2-1, \$63,984. O/B-Cherrywood Racing II & Oak Rock Racing LLC (IL); T-Michele Boyce. *1/2 to Freedom Lass (Revolutionary), SP, \$205,540; Full to Katie M'lady, MSW, \$277,374.

6th-Evangeline Downs, \$35,000, (S), 4-13, (NW1X), 4yo/up, 5 1/2f, 1:05.22, ft, 2 lengths.

HARD FOUR (g, 5, **Hard Spun--Quadruga, by Grand Slam)** Lifetime Record: 10-4-2-1, \$106,360. O-Alston Thoroughbreds, LLC; B-LA Bred Equine Enterprises (LA); T-Sam B. David, Jr.

6th-Charles Town, \$29,400, (S), 4-13, (NW3L), 3yo/up, 1 1/16m, 1:48.67, ft, 3/4 length.

BREAK THE CHAINS (g, 3, **Midshipman--Said in Silence, by Bernstein)** Lifetime Record: 9-3-1-0, \$66,976. O-Larry E. Rabold; B-Maurice F. Casey (WV); T-Hugh I. McMahan. *\$30,000 Ylg '22 KEEJAN; \$45,000 2yo '23 EASMAY.

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5th-Golden Gate Fields, \$29,093, 4-13, (NW1\$X), 3yo/up, 1m (AWT) (off turf), 1:37.92, ft, 1 1/4 lengths.

MOGOLLON RIM (g, 5, **Finnegans Wake--Brilliant Melody, by Bertrando)** Lifetime Record: 15-3-1-2, \$95,190. O-Craig Martin & Gregory Yamamoto; B-Craig Martin (CA); T-Ed Moger, Jr. *1/2 to Fast Enough (Eddington), SW & GSP, \$173,000.

4th-Charles Town, \$28,400, (S), 4-13, (NW3L), 3yo/up, 4 1/2f, :52.23, ft, 3 3/4 lengths.

TIME TO ROCK (g, 3, **Uncle Lino--Animation, by Flatter)** Lifetime Record: 5-3-0-2, \$54,412. O/B-Jill Daniel (WV); T-Stacey Viands.

7th-Golden Gate Fields, \$25,810, 4-13, (NW1\$X), 3yo/up, 1m (AWT) (off turf), 1:37.90, ft, neck.

LORD SHELDON (h, 5, **Candy Ride {Arg}--Lady Tapit {GSP}, by **Tapit**)** Lifetime Record: 10-4-1-1, \$54,560. O-Zvika Akin, Greg Avery, & Steve Sherman; B-CRK Stables, LLC (KY); T-Steve M. Sherman. *\$325,000 Ylg '20 KEESEP. **1/2 to Kingsbarns (**Uncle Mo**), GSW, \$731,100.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Call Her Bluff, f, 3, **Audible--Mine as Well, by Mineshaft**.

Aqueduct, 4-14, (S), 1m, 1:38.01. Lifetime Record: 10-1-2-2, \$102,420. B-TLC Thoroughbreds LLC (NY). *\$60,000 RNA Ylg '22 SARAUG; \$22,000 2yo '23 EASMAY.

Cairo Charm, f, 3, **Cairo Prince--Mystic Charm, by War Pass**. Evangeline Downs, 4-13, (S), 5f, 1:00.11. Lifetime Record: 4-1-0-0, \$21,720. B-Clyde James Taylor (LA).

Moonlight Road, c, 3, **Malibu Moon--Earlybird Road** (SP, \$110,351), by Cherokee Run. Hawthorne, 4-14, 5 1/2f, 1:04.46. Lifetime Record: 6-1-1-1, \$41,260. B-Stonehaven Steadings (KY). *\$180,000 Ylg '22 KEESEP; \$105,000 3yo '24 PEDLOT. **1/2 to Strongconstitution (**Constitution**), SW & GSP-USA, GSP-UAE, \$250,527 and Four Inch Heels (Afleet Alex), SP, \$258,767.



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Seven Natty Patty, f, 3, **Mo Town--Can't Steal My Joy, by Exclusive Quality**. Oaklawn, 4-14, (C), 1m, 1:40.30. Lifetime Record: 6-1-0-0, \$51,705. B-M Casey (WV). *\$26,000 Wlg '21 KEENOV; \$65,000 Ylg '22 OBSWIN; \$120,000 2yo '23 EASMAY.

IN THE DARBY DAN TRADITION

Likebelivingmagic, g, 3, **Rogueish--Likeuasafriend, by Value Plus**. Tampa Bay Downs, 4-14, 1mT, 1:36.14. Lifetime Record: 3-1-2-0, \$49,500. B-J Arboritanza (FL). *\$33,000 2yo '23 OBSOPN.

Nonesuch Girl, m, 5, **Great Notion--Abound, by Smart Strike**. Charles Town, 4-13, 4 1/2f, :52.56. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$20,957. B-Arrowwood Farm, Inc. (PA). *1/2 to Live Fire (**First Samurai**), SP, \$175,996.

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Accelerate, Cacciatore, c, 4, o/o Paddy's Flight, by Paddy O'Prado. AOC, 4-14, Gulfstream

Adios Charlie, Mekele, c, 3, o/o Sweetly Valid, by Sweetsouthernst. MSW, 4-14, Gulfstream

Audible, Call Her Bluff, f, 3, o/o Mine as Well, by **Mineshaft**. MSW, 4-14, Aqueduct

Battalion Runner, Lightnin Runner, f, 4, o/o My Lightnin Strike, by **Mineshaft**. Original Gold S., 4-13, Charles Town

Broken Vow, Highland Creek, g, 6, o/o Mizzenway, by Mizzen Mast. ALW, 4-13, Evangeline

Cairo Prince, Cairo Charm, f, 3, o/o Mystic Charm, by War Pass. MSW, 4-13, Evangeline

Candy Ride (Arg), Lord Sheldon, h, 5, o/o Lady **Tapit**, by **Tapit**. ALW, 4-13, Golden Gate

Central Banker, Sunday Girl, f, 3, o/o Lady Daphne, by Harlan's Holiday. New York Stallion S., 4-14, Aqueduct

Cloud Computing, Virtual Reality, f, 4, o/o Miss Malibu Style, by Malibu Moon. AOC, 4-14, Aqueduct

Doc N Bubba G, Kellys the Boss, m, 6, o/o Ausbrook, by Cryptoclearance. Buggin Out S., 4-13, Evangeline

Dominus, R Katiebug, f, 4, o/o Katie the Lady, by Lost Soldier. ALW, 4-14, Hawthorne

English Channel, Utah Beach, g, 4, o/o My Own Story, by Lasting Approval. ALW, 4-14, Keeneland

Finnegans Wake, Mogollon Rim, g, 5, o/o Brilliant Melody, by Bertrando. ALW, 4-13, Golden Gate

Frosted, Lady Emily Kathryn, f, 4, o/o Our Lady Kathern, by **Hard Spun**. ALW, 4-14, Keeneland

Girvin, Belle's Blue Bell, f, 3, o/o Awesome Belle, by Awesome of Course. AOC, 4-14, Gulfstream

Great Notion, Nonesuch Girl, m, 5, o/o Abound, by Smart Strike. MSW, 4-13, Charles Town

Hard Spun, Hard Four, g, 5, o/o Quadriga, by Grand Slam. ALW, 4-13, Evangeline

Honor Code, Ohana Honor, c, 4, o/o Spacy Tracy, by Awesome Again. ALW, 4-14, Keeneland

Klimt, The Judge and Jury, g, 5, o/o And Stay Out, by Exchange Rate. AOC, 4-14, Laurel

Laoban, Antonio of Venice, c, 3, o/o Stella Performance, by Trappe Shot. New York Stallion S., 4-14, Aqueduct

Laurie's Rocket, Lochmoor, g, 5, o/o Copperelle, by Elusive Quality. ALW, 4-14, Oaklawn

Lord Nelson, Lady Max, f, 3, o/o Mizzen Max, by Mizzen Mast. MSW, 4-14, Gulfstream

Malibu Moon, Banded Rocket, c, 3, o/o Scion Power, by Wildcat Heir. AOC, 4-14, Tampa Bay

Malibu Moon, Moonlight Road, c, 3, o/o Earlybird Road, by Cherokee Run. MSW, 4-14, Hawthorne

Mastery, Tina Ballerina, f, 3, o/o Anna Pavlova, by Unbridled's Song. MSW, 4-14, Gulfstream

Midnight Lute, Midnight Taxes, g, 4, o/o Include Katherine, by Include. ALW, 4-14, Oaklawn

Midshipman, Break the Chains, g, 3, o/o Said in Silence, by Bernstein. ALW, 4-13, Charles Town

Mo Town, Seven Natty Patty, f, 3, o/o Can't Steal My Joy, by Exclusive Quality. MCL, 4-14, Oaklawn

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By Paul Hayward

Newmarket's Craven meeting could just as well be called Anticipation Week.

Anticipation is climbing the steps of a venerated football stadium for a night game to find the floodlights blazing and the grass slick and lush.

It's the bounce of the England cricket team down the pavilion steps to start an Ashes series. It's checking your tickets the day before Wimbledon tennis starts or standing just after dawn beside the first tee at an Open Championship or Masters.

It's not about what you know. It's about all the things you don't know. Or don't know yet, because there is no script. A venue, a tradition, a hum of expectation, yes, but no script. Unlike cinema or the theatre, nobody wrote what you are about to see. You scan the horizon of pleasures still to come with a preferred outcome, certainly, but no guarantees.

In books and films the whodunnit is already decided. In sport the who-will-win-it is a thing of intrigue. It's the unknowable.

What I'm describing here, in racing terms, is 'Craven week,' the Newmarket fixture that ends the strange hiatus between the Lincoln meeting at Doncaster and the 'real' start of a Flat racing campaign, on the Rowley Mile course.

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CANDALA BURNS BRIGHT IN PARIS

By Tom Frary

It is 16 years since The Aga Khan enjoyed the G1 Poule d'Essai des Pouliches-G1 Prix de Diane double with Zarkava (Ire) (Zamindar) and there was a genuine sense at ParisLongchamp on Sunday that he has a live prospect for a repeat. While the afternoon's G3 Prix de la Grotte winner **Candala (Fr)** (Frankel {GB}--Candarliya {Fr}, by Dalakhani {Ire}) can not yet be placed in the same bracket as that former luminary, the manner of her re-entry suggests that she is going to be one of the season's leading lights among her sex. Anchored with only the slow-starting G1 Prix Marcel Boussac runner-up **Rose Bloom (Ire)** (Lope De Vega {Ire}) behind early by Mickael Barzalona, the 29-10 favourite who was last seen winning a Chantilly conditions event in September by four lengths delivered a telling surge in the straight to overhaul the 13-1 shot **Minoushka (GB)** (Starspangledbanner {Aus}) close home for a short-neck success, with the G3 Prix des Reservoirs winner **Tulipa Chope (Fr)** (Born To Sea {Ire}) a length away in third. [Cont. p4](#)

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Ramadan (Fr), a son of the late **Le Havre (Ire)**, announced himself as a potential Classic contender with a determined victory in Sunday's G3 Prix de Fontainebleau at ParisLongchamp. See p6 for the story. | Scoop Dyga

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Calandagan (Ire) (Gleneagles {Ire}) exacted his revenge on an old rival as he won Sunday's G3 Prix Noailles at ParisLongchamp in decisive fashion.

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Mqse de Sevigne (Ire) (Siyouni {Fr}) won twice at the top level in 2023 and teed herself up for another good year by taking Listed honours on Sunday.

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Sunday's G1 Satsuki Sho (Japanese 2,000 Guineas) went the way of an unbeaten colt who lowered the track record at Nakayama Racecourse.

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Paul Hayward

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The Grand National meeting bisects the cutting of the start-line ribbon at Donny and the unleashing of the first wave of Classic contenders at Newmarket, in a week when everything feels possible, and dreams are unbruised by reality.

And in Flat racing, anticipation week is centuries old. The Craven was first run in 1771 and evolved over two hundred years into the pre-eminent 2,000 Guineas trial. In 1869 it was reduced from 10 furlongs to eight. Eight years later it was restricted to three-year-olds.

Modern training is a scientific, data-driven trade, so colts often go straight to the Guineas without a prep run. City of Troy and Rosallion--the first two in the market--will arrive on May 4 without form in the book as three-year-olds.

Yet the Craven is still the race that tells you spring has sprung, the Classic race scramble has begun, and that 2024's contenders are about to be reclassified as champs, nearly-horses and also-rans.

In the history of the colts' Classics, the evidence trail still starts with the Craven. Six years ago Masar beat the odds-on Roaring Lion and went on to win the Derby. Roaring Lion proceeded to win four Group 1s. Curiously the last horse to compete the Craven-2,000 Guineas double was Haafhd in 2004, an anomaly that is due correction. Eminent (2017), Native Khan (2011) and Adagio (2007) are among those for whom winning the Craven was largely an end, rather than a beginning.

No modern Craven meeting has produced a more lasting declaration than that of Dancing Brave in 1986. His defeat of Henry Cecil's pair Faraway Dancer and Mashkour was emphatic enough but the ground was too soft to offer a promise of the beauty to come: victories in the 2,000 Guineas, Eclipse, King George and Arc to earn an official rating of 141, the highest ever awarded to a horse at that time.

The first big fillies' trial of the season, the Nell Gwyn Stakes, can also be revelatory. In a mini golden era from 1984 to 1986 it was won by Pebbles (1,000 Guineas, Eclipse, Champion Stakes, Breeders' Cup Turf), Oh So Sharp (1,000 Guineas, Oaks, St Leger) and Sonic Lady (Irish 1,000 Guineas, Coronation Stakes, Sussex Stakes, Prix du Moulin.)

The British Craven spring and hints of summer delights particularly keenly. It feels as if it has been raining in the UK since November. Racing folk ask Craven week to lift the grey blanket off their heads. They want equine coats to gleam and the sun to glint off silks. Trainers, stable staff and jockeys will see hints from the gallops tested on the racecourse. Lazy types will be transformed and 'morning wonders' may flop when they

step on the track.

With Craven week, there are clues and promise but no certainties. After Newmarket the auditions roll on to Newbury, to the Greenham and Fred Darling. The two Guineas races come less than three weeks after the Newmarket and Newbury trials - a timetable more compressed than you might imagine, considering that these are three-year-olds emerging from hibernation.

Everything is up for grabs, and everyone wants to grab it, especially after a gruelling, soggy winter. The not knowing is part of the thrill. **Cont. p4**

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There are champions on the scroll of Nell Gwyn and Craven winners but there are also winners you struggle to remember. It's not possible for a 'bad' horse to win either race, but eminently possible for the victory to lead nowhere. Twelve months ago Indestructible beat The Foxes in the Craven but has not won since.

In Anticipation Week stars will emerge, reality checks will abound, hopes will be dashed and question marks will be scattered. But the 2024 Flat season will be in full swing. It's not just the horses who burst from the stalls at Newmarket. We do too.

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Prix de la Grotte Cont. from p1

“I was impatient to see her back at the races, but equally I was not in too much of a hurry as the ground has been very bad so far and also it took her some time to come in her coat and blossom,” explained trainer Francis-Henri Graffard, who had earlier saddled the owner-breeder’s Calandagan (Ire) (**Gleneagles {Ire}**) to success in the G3 Prix Noailles. “So a nice day like today with drier ground was ideal for a seasonal debut and it was the plan to use waiting tactics, as I know she can quicken. She had run well here first time out last year, won well on her second start and had always showed us good things.



Candala | Scoop Dyga

I'd imagine the Poule d'Essai will be next. She has every right to be at the start and it will be a test, but we also think that she'll stay further.”

According to France Galop, the winner’s finishing splits were :11.94, :10.98 and :11.41 confirming that she has the acceleration to win the course-and-distance mile Classic in four weeks’ time, which is notable considering her stamina-packed pedigree that points to her being much more of a Diane or Oaks filly.

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The early animator **Cetera (Ire)** (Nathaniel {Ire}), who was in front of Candala when they were second and third behind the unbeaten TDN Rising Star Bauhinia (Ire) (Too Darn Hot {GB}) on their debuts over this track and trip in August and who had been subsequently beaten four lengths by the Aga Khan homebred at Chantilly, set only moderate fractions. She was much slower than the Fontainebleau winner Ramadan (Fr) (Le Havre {Ire}) throughout, making it all the more meritorious that Candala was able to shut down that gap and hit the line hard.

Pedigree Notes

Candala, who becomes the 95th group winner for her illustrious sire, is the fourth foal out of the smart Candarliya whose exploits included successes in the Prix de Royallieu when it held group 2 status, the G2 Prix Maurice de Nieuil and the G3 Prix Minerve as well as a runner-up placing in the G1 Prix Vermeille. Tried as a stayer later in her career, she had the stamina to be placed in the G2 Prix Kergorlay twice and the G3 Prix de Barbeville and has produced the listed-placed Carini (Fr) (**Siyouni {Fr}**) who stayed a mile and a half despite being by his fast sire.

Candarliya is a full-sister to the listed scorer Canndera (Fr) and a half to the Laurel Turf Cup, Cape Henlopen S. and Listed Prix la Moskowa winner Canessar (Fr) (Kendargent {Fr}) who was also runner-up in the GII Belmont Gold Cup Invitational. The third dam Caribbeandriftwood (Woodman) is connected to the G2 Sandown Mile S. winner and G1 Prix d'Ispahan runner-up Wixim (Diesis {GB}).

Sunday, ParisLongchamp, France

PRIX DE LA GROTTTE-G3, €80,000, ParisLongchamp, 4-14, 3yo, f, 8ft, 1:44.21, vs.

1--**CANDALA (FR)**, 126, f, 3, by **Frankel (GB)**

1st Dam: Candarliya (Fr) (MGSW & G1SP-Fr, \$534,189), by Dalakhani (Ire)

2nd Dam: Candara (Fr), by Barathea (Ire)

3rd Dam: Caribbeandriftwood, by Woodman

1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN; 1ST GROUP WIN. O-H H Aga Khan; B-Haras De S A Aga Khan SCEA (FR); T-Francis-Henri Graffard; J-Mickael Barzalona. €40,000. Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-1, €62,000. **Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree, or the free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree.**

Werk Nick Rating: A.

2--**Minoushka (GB)**, 126, f, 3, **Starspangledbanner (Aus)**--

Mouille Point (GB), by Motivator (GB). **1ST BLACK-TYPE; 1ST GROUP BLACK-TYPE.** (€170,000 Ylg '22 ARQOCT).

O-Ecurie des Charmes & Kin Hung Kei; B-Le Thenney & Pearl Champs Elysees (GB); T-Carlos & Yann Lerner. €16,000.



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CALANDAGAN won the Prix Noailles-Gr.3 at ParisLongchamp yesterday for owner/breeder H.H. Aga Khan.

"I was expecting a good performance. It was the plan to ride him [from behind] like that, as he can be keen, but he also has a strong acceleration."

TRAINER FRANCIS-HENRI GRAFFARD



BRILLIANT defeated her elders to win the Park Express Stakes-Gr.3 at the Curragh on 18th March.

"That will be her trial and she'll go into one of the Guineas now after that. She might end up going to Newmarket and back here."

TRAINER AIDAN O'BRIEN



Other Classic prospects include:

6-length Goffs Million winner

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on 30th March to remain unbeaten.

"That was her first piece of work for the year... If she runs in Newmarket (English 1000 Guineas), she would go straight there, but if she runs in Ireland, she might run again."

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Prix de la Grotte cont.

3--**Tulipa Chope (Fr)**, 126, f, 3, Born To Sea (Ire)--Tulipe Rouge (Fr), by Panis. (€5,000 Ylg '22 OSASEP). O-Alain Jathiere; B-Alain Chopard & Cedric Boutin (FR); T-Stephane Wattel. €12,000.

Margins: SNK, 1, NO. Odds: 2.90, 13.00, 3.50.

Also Ran: Cetera (Ire), Sparkling Plenty (Fr), Julica (Fr), Rose Bloom (Ire), Monteille (GB), Nevercry (Fr). **Video, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

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FONTAINEBLEAU SUCCESS FOR RAMADAN

By Tom Frary

Gifted an ideal lead in Sunday's G3 Prix de Fontainebleau, Aurelien Lemaitre took full advantage to steer Nurlan Bizakov's **Ramadan (Fr)** (Le Havre {Ire}--Raushan {Ire}, by Dalakhani {Ire}) to success in the key G1 Poule d'Essai des Poulains trial. Race-fit having registered a five-length success in the Listed Prix Omnium II at Saint-Cloud last month, the Christopher Head-trained homebred who had been fourth in the G1 Criterium de Saint-Cloud last term ticked off honest fractions on the front end before kicking in early straight.

Getting the jump on the returning **TDN Rising Star Beauvatiere (Fr)** (Lope De Vega {Ire}) there, the 6-4 favourite had extra to give as that chief market rival paid late for having to accelerate harder to close. At the line, Ramadan had 3/4 of a length to spare over him, with the same margin back to the re-opposing Omnium runner-up **Grey Man (Fr)** (**Wootton Bassett (GB)**) who narrowed the gap between him and the winner. The sectionals were faster at every step than the Grotte, suggesting that the winner made it a relative test by French trial standards.

"The better the ground, the better the horse, I would say," Bizakov said. "It is emotional for me, because he is by Le Havre, who is no longer with us and I bought the mare from Lady O'Reilly, who is no longer with us. For sure he deserves to be in the Poulains and we'll go there with an open mind. He'll stay the Jockey Club distance too."

Before taking part in the 10-furlong Criterium de Saint-Cloud, Ramadan had beaten the same owner's Narkez (Fr) (**Siyouni {Fr}**) at Chantilly in September and that Andre Fabre trainee has subsequently gained a TDN Rising Star tag and heads to Newmarket for Wednesday's nine-furlong Listed Feilden S. Bizakov was not ruling out the prospect of running both in the Poulains. "They are with different trainers, so I might end up with two horses running," he added. "We'll see what happens on Wednesday and make a plan."



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Trainer Yann Barberot was happy with the effort of the G3 Prix la Rochette winner Beauvatier and said, “It was an excellent performance for his first time over a mile on very soft ground. The winner had the benefit of a previous run and was not for catching after leading.”

Pedigree Notes

Ramadan’s dam Raushan, a 400,000gns Tatts Book 1 purchase who stayed a mile and a half, gave an instant return on that pay-out by producing as her first foal the Listed Fleur de Lys S. winner and G3 Hoppings S. runner-up Rasima (GB) (Iffraaj {GB}). Out of Lady O’Reilly’s smart Chiang Mai (Ire) (Sadler’s Wells), who captured the Blandford S. when it was staged as a group 3 and was runner-up in the G2 Prix Jean de Chaudenay, she is a full-sister to the triple group-winning Chinese White (Ire). Her career highlights included success in the G1 Pretty Polly S. and the Blandford in its current guise as a group 2 event, before producing the G3 Supreme S. runner-up Misty Grey (Ire) (Dark Angel {Ire}).

The third dam is the renowned Eljazzi (Artaius), responsible for the G1 Prix de Diane heroine Rafha (GB) (Kris {GB}).



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She in turn achieved notoriety as the dam of the G1 Haydock Sprint Cup hero and significant sire Invincible Spirit (Ire) and his G3 Princess Royal S.-winning half-sister Acts Of Grace (Bahri) who in turn threw Make Believe’s triple top-level scorer Mishriff (Ire). Rafha’s Listed Empress S.-winning daughter Massarra (GB) (Danehill) also proved herself an excellent producer with six black-type winners including Galileo’s G2 Superlative S.-winning sire Gustav Klimt (Ire). Raushan’s 2-year-old filly is by Showcasing (GB).

Sunday, ParisLongchamp, France

PRIX DE FONTAINEBLEAU-G3, €80,000, ParisLongchamp, 4-14, 3yo, c/g, 8fT, 1:43.18, vs.

1--**RAMADAN (Fr)**, 128, c, 3, by **Le Havre (Ire)**

1st Dam: **Raushan (Ire)**, by **Dalakhani (Ire)**

2nd Dam: **Chiang Mai (Ire)**, by **Sadler’s Wells**

3rd Dam: **Eljazzi (Ire)**, by **Artaius**

1ST GROUP WIN. O-Nurlan Bizakov; B-Sumbe (Fr); T-Christopher Head; J-Aurelien Lemaitre. €40,000. Lifetime Record: 5-3-0-0, €99,975. *1/2 to Rasima (GB) (Iffraaj {GB}), SW & GSP-Eng. **Werk Nick Rating: A.**

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2--**Beauvatier (Fr)**, 128, c, 3, Lope De Vega (Ire)--Enchanting Skies (Ire), by **Sea The Stars (Ire)**. **TDN Rising Star.** (€160,000 Ylg ‘22 ARQAUG). O-Philippe Allaire & Haras d’Etreham; B-Ecurie des Monceaux, Qatar Bloodstock Ltd & Mme Barbara M Keller (Fr); T-Yann Barberot. €16,000.

3--**Grey Man (Fr)**, 128, c, 3, **Wootton Bassett (GB)**--Top Toss (Ire), by Linamix (Fr). (€39,000 RNA Wlg ‘21 ARQDEC; €60,000 RNA Ylg ‘22 ARQOCT). O-Julien Dubois & Jean-Philippe Dubois; B-Ecurie Skymarc Farm; T-Patrice Cottier. €12,000.

Margins: 3/4, 3/4, SNK. Odds: 1.50, 1.70, 14.00.

Also Ran: Zabiari (GB), Metropolitan (Fr), Ten Horns (Fr). **Video, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

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Francis-Henri Graffard trainee **Calandagan (Ire)** (**Gleneagles {Ire}**--Calayana {Fr}, by Sinndar {Ire}) finished 3-4-of-a-length behind **Bright Picture (Fr)** (Intello {Ger}) in Saint-Cloud's Listed Prix Francois Mathet last month and exacted revenge on that rival in Sunday's G3 Prix Noailles at ParisLongchamp.

The Aga Khan's homebred gelding was out twice as a 2-year-old, following up an Aug. 12 debut third at Deauville with a facile 10-length tally at Chantilly in October. Calandagan tucked in at the tail of the field after breaking from the outside stall and was urged closer once into the home straight. Making headway to launch his challenge with 300 metres remaining, the 13-5 second favourite gained an edge soon after and found extra under continued rousing inside the final furlong to defeat Bright Picture by an ultimately comfortable 1 3/4 lengths. Francois Mathet third **Trafalgar Square (Fr)** (Kendargent {Fr}) made it a gelding trifecta and ran on well in the closing stages to finish 1 1/2 lengths adrift in third.

"He had come on a lot from his first run this year and I was expecting a good performance," revealed Graffard. "It was the plan to ride him [from behind] like that, as he can be keen, but he also has a strong acceleration. I like how he behaved when he was challenged by the favourite [Bright Picture], he dug in and found more. I have no idea what will be next. He is a gelding so Classics are not for him, but he is a Group winner now and that is a good point."

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Pedigree Notes

Calandagan, who becomes the 23rd pattern-race scorer for his sire (by Galileo {Ire}), is the second foal and leading performer from two winners produced by G3 Prix Minerve second Calayana (Fr) (Sinndar {Ire}), herself a granddaughter of Listed Prix Isola Bella second Clodovina (Ire) (Rock Of Gibraltar {Ire}). Clodovina, in turn, is the dam of GI Belmont Derby Invitational runner-up Cannadal (Fr) (Medicean {GB}). She is also kin to G1 Poule d'Essai des Poulains-winning sire Clodovil (Ire) (Danehill), GSW GI Arlington Million third Colombian (Ire) (Azamour {Ire}) and to the dam of G1 SA Derby hero Aragosta (SAf) (Rafeef {Aus}). The January-foaled homebred bay is half to a 2-year-old filly by New Bay (GB) and a yearling filly by **Zarak (Fr)**.

Sunday, ParisLongchamp, France

PRIX NOAILLES-G3, €80,000, ParisLongchamp, 4-14, 3yo, 10 1/2fT, 2:13.56, vsf.

1--**CALANDAGAN (IRE)**, 128, g, 3, by **Gleneagles (Ire)**

1st Dam: **Calayana (Fr)** (GSP-Fr), by **Sinndar (Ire)**

2nd Dam: **Clariyn (Fr)**, by **Acclamation (GB)**

3rd Dam: **Clodovina (Ire)**, by **Rock Of Gibraltar (Ire)**

1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN; 1ST GROUP WIN. O-H H The Aga Khan; B-H H The Aga Khan's Studs SC (IRE); T-Francis-Henri Graffard; J-Stephane Pasquier. €40,000. Lifetime Record: 4-2-1-1, €70,500. **Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree, or the free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree.**

Werk Nick Rating: A.

2--**Bright Picture (Fr)**, 128, g, 3, Intello (Ger)--Lucy The Painter (Ire), by Excellent Art (GB). **1ST GROUP BLACK TYPE.** (€72,000 Ylg '22 ARQOCT). O-Wertheimer & Frere; B-J P Carrington (FR); T-Andre Fabre. €16,000.

3--**Trafalgar Square (Fr)**, 128, g, 3, Kendargent (Fr)--See You Always (GB), by **Siyouni (Fr)**. **1ST GROUP BLACK TYPE.** (€80,000 Ylg '22 ARQAUG). O-Ecurie Hugo et Pierre Pilarski & Gousserie Racing; B-Ecurie X (FR); T-Patrice Cottier. €12,000. Margins: 1 3/4, 1HF, 2. Odds: 2.60, 1.30, 16.00.

Also Ran: Casapueblo (Ire), Sibayan (Fr), Black Run (Fr), Golden West (GB). **Video, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

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ARCANDI MAKES BREAKTHROUGH IN DUSSELDORF FEATURE *by Sean Cronin*



Zarak | Aga Khan Studs

Gestut Ebbesloh’s lightly campaigned homebred **Arcandi (Ger)** (**Zarak {Fr}**--Santanna {Fr}, by Country Reel) had won just once in five prior starts and made the breakthrough at black-type level with a career best in Sunday’s G3 Kalkmann-Fruhjahrs-Meile at Dusseldorf.

His only previous win was in a 2022 Hoppegarten maiden and he lined up for this fourth stakes outing returning off a sixth in last month’s Listed Prix Altipan at Saint-Cloud. Arcandi’s earlier efforts included a third in 2022’s G3 Preis des Winterfavoriten and a second in last term’s G3 Dr Busch Memorial, his only start of 2023.

The eventual winner employed patient tactics behind the leaders in seventh through halfway and made headway under pressure in the straight to launch his challenge out wide at the quarter-mile marker. Hooking up with 2022 G3 Premio Parioli (Italian 2000 Guineas) hero **See Hector (Ger)** (Counterattack {Ger}) entering the final furlong, the 12-1 chance would not be denied and was ridden out to deny that rival by a neck.

Pedigree Notes

Arcandi, the 15th pattern-race winner for his sire (by Dubawi {Ire}), is the third foal and scorer out of a dual-winning half-sister to G3 Prix de Lutece victor Jackfinbar (Fr) (Whipper), stakes-winning G1 Criterium de Saint-Cloud second Willie The Whipper (GB) (Whipper) and stakes-winning Group 3 runner-up Anna Magnolia (Fr) (Makfi {GB}). Descendants of Arcandi’s G3 Hamburger Stutenpreis-winning third dam Anna Thea (Ire) (Turfkonig {Ger}) include MGSW sire Aspectus (Ire) (Spectrum {Ire}), G2 Diana-Trial heroine Akribie (Ger) (Reliable Man {GB}), last year’s G2 Hansa-Preis victor Assistent (Ger) (Sea The Moon

{Ger}) and G3 Hamburger Stutenpreis victrix Anna Katharina (Ger) (Kallisto {Ger}). The March-foaled bay is a half-brother to the unraced 2-year-old filly Alunis (Ger) (Reliable Man {GB}), a yearling filly by Protectionist (Ger) and a weanling filly by Ghaiyyath (Ire).

Sunday, Dusseldorf, Germany

KALKMANN-FRUHJAHRS-MEILE-G3, €55,000, Dusseldorf, 4-14, 4yo/up, 8fT, 1:36.59, sf.

1--**ARCANDI (GER)**, 123, g 4, by **Zarak (Fr)**

1st Dam: **Santanna (Fr)**, by **Country Reel**

2nd Dam: **Anna Simona (Ger)**, by **Slip Anchor (GB)**

3rd Dam: **Anna Thea (Ire)**, by **Turfkonig (Ger)**

1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN; 1ST GROUP WIN. O/B-Gestut Ebbesloh (GER); T-Peter Schiergen; J-Sybille Vogt. €32,000.

Lifetime Record: 6-2-1-1, €69,450. **Werk Nick Rating: B.**

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2--**See Hector (Ger)**, 128, h, 5, Counterattack (Aus)--Scouting (Ire), by New Approach (Ire). (€44,500 Ylg ‘20 BBAGS).

O-Cometica AG; B-Gestut Karlshof (GER); T-Henk Grewe.

€12,000.

3--**Best Lightning (Fr)**, 128, h, 6, Sidestep (Aus)--Best Dreaming (Ger), by Big Shuffle. (€9,000 RNA Ylg ‘19 BBAGO).

O-Stall Ad Episas; B-Hermann Pfister (FR); T-Andreas Suborics. €6,000.

Margins: NK, 1 3/4, 1. Odds: 12.20, 5.50, 10.50.

Also Ran: Gamestop (Ire), American Flag (Fr), Montanus (Ger), Muhalif (Ger), Asterix (Ger), Ithaque (Fr), Westminster Night (Fr), Zerostress (Ger), Dapango (Ger). Scratched: Aladar Ari (Ger).

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FRANCE

Sunday's Results:

PRIX JACQUES LAFFITTE-Listed, €52,000, ParisLongchamp, 4-14, 4yo/up, 1850mT, 1:59.00, vs.

1--**MQSE DE SEVIGNE (IRE)**, 127, m, 5, **Siyouni (Fr)**--**Penne (Fr)**

(MSP-Fr), by **Sevres Rose (Ire)**. O-Baron Edouard de Rothschild; B-SC Ecurie de Meautry (IRE); T-Andre Fabre; J-Alexis Pouchin. €26,000. Lifetime Record: MG1SW-Fr, 14-5-6-1, €327,770. *1/2 to Meandre (Fr) (Slickly {Fr}), Champion Stayer-Cze, MG1SW-Fr & Ger, \$1,692,990.

2--**Skalleti (Fr)**, 126, g, 9, Kendargent (Fr)--Skallet (Fr), by Muhaymin. (€85,000 Ylg '16 ARAUG). O-Jean-Claude Seroul; B-Guy Pariente Holding (FR); T-Jerome Reynier. €10,400.

3--**Andromede (Fr)**, 122, m, 5, **Sea The Stars (Ire)**--Honor Bound (GB), by Authorized (Ire). O-H H Sheikh Mohammed bin Khalifa Al Thani; B-Al Shahania Stud (FR); T-Francis-Henri Graffard. €7,800.

Margins: HF, 1, SNK. Odds: 0.80, 3.70, 5.90.

Also Ran: Woodchuck (Fr), Azka (Fr), Serie (Fr), Anthorus (Fr), Turn Cartwheels (Fr). **Video, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

Turning herself inside out last summer, Mqse De Sevigne registered a group 1 brace in Deauville's Prix Rothschild and Prix Jean Romanet before finishing second to the version of Inspiral (GB) (**Frankel {GB}**) that was virtually unbeatable in Newmarket's G1 Sun Chariot S. in October. Settled in third early by regular rider Alexis Pouchin, the homebred gave connections a brief scare by taking her time to get to Andromede on the lead but once past that rival inside the final furlong was pushed out to score from the strong-closing veteran Skalleti.



Mqse de Sevigne | ScoopDyga

"We made the right decision to keep her in training at five--she looks as punchy as ever," Edouard de Rothschild said. "We had no doubts about that, because she comes from a family where they all get better with age. The target is now the [G1] Prix d'Ispahan and then possibly Royal Ascot--we will have fun with her again this season before she enjoys a new career at stud."

Mqse De Sevigne's dam, the dual listed-placed Penne is also responsible for the stud's four-times top-level winner Meandre (Fr) (Slickly {Fr}) as well as the listed-placed Dogma (Fr) (Mount Nelson {GB}). A half to the dam of Slickly's dual listed scorer Gris Tendre (Fr), she hails from the family of the G1 Prix de Diane and G1 Poule d'Essai des Pouliches-winning champion Apollonia (Fr). Her as-yet unraced 3-year-old colt by Kodiak (GB) is named Mr L'Apothicaire (Fr).

PRIX LORD SEYMOUR-Listed, €52,000, ParisLongchamp, 4-14, 4yo/up, 12fT, 2:42.38, vsf.

1--**GALASHIELS (IRE)**, 126, g, 5, **Australia (GB)**--**Glenmayne (Ire)** (SP-Ire), by **Duke Of Marmalade (Ire)**. (115,000gns Ylg '20 TATOCT). O-Godolphin SNC; B-Stonethorn Stud Farms Ltd (IRE); T-Andre Fabre; J-Mickael Barzalona. €26,000. Lifetime Record: 10-5-2-0, €111,320.

2--**Goliath (Ger)**, 126, g, 4, Adlerflug (Ger)--Gouache (Ger) (SW-Ger), by Shamardal. O-Philip Baron von Ullmann; B-Gestut Schlenderhan (GER); T-Francis-Henri Graffard. €10,400.

3--**Rue Boissonade (Fr)**, 127, f, 4, Seabhac--Saturnine (Ire), by Galileo (Ire). (€6,000 2yo '22 OSAMAY). O-Ecurie X; B-Larissa Kneip & United Breeders (FR); T-Mikel Delzangles. €7,800. Margins: 2, 2, HD. Odds: 3.80, 3.30, 3.60.

Also Ran: Vert Liberte (Ire), Rashford (Fr). **Video, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

Galashiels, who registered a black-type breakthrough in July's Listed Grand Prix de Clairefontaine, backed up a Feb. 29 tally at Chantilly with a second back there last month and regained the winning thread with a second stakes triumph here. Tracking all four rivals for the most part, the 19-5 chance made relentless headway in the home straight to inch ahead approaching the final furlong and was ridden out to assert superiority.

"Galashiels is a very straightforward horse and a slow race like today was no problem to him," said Godolphin representative Louise Benard. "When he got the split, he quickened very nicely. He was a good 3-year-old, but had some problems at four and we are happy we gave him all the time he needed to be back to his best. The [May 5] G3 Prix d'Hedouville is a logical step, but we will discuss this with Mr [Andre] Fabre. There is also the possibility of running him over a longer trip."



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Galashiels is one of two winners from as many runners out of the stakes-placed Glenmayne (Ire) (Duke Of Marmalade {Ire}). His dam is a half-sister to four black-type performers headed by G1 Cheveley Park S. heroine Millisle (Ire) (**Starspangledbanner {Aus}**) and MGSW G1 Windsor Park Plate third Gino Severini (Ire) (Fastnet Rock {Aus}). The February-foaled chestnut is kin to the unraced 3-year-old filly Domaine Des Combes (GB) (Le Havre {Ire}) and a yearling colt by **Starspangledbanner (Aus)**.

CONDITIONS RESULTS:

1st-Moulins, €15,000, Cond, 4-14, 3yo, 7fT, 1:28.80, sf.

WHILAND (FR) (f, 3, Land Force {Ire}--Whim {GB} {SP-Fr}, by Nayef) Lifetime Record: 9-2-0-0, €19,650. O-Mme Corinne Guillaies, Eddy Seguin-Maure, Laurent Lecoeuvre & Pierre Bonnefoy; B-Fal Stud SAS (FR); T-Yoann Bonnefoy.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Pearl Fifteen (Fr), g, 3, **French Fifteen (Fr)**--Prairie Pearl (Fr), by Le Havre (Ire). Senonnes-Pouances, 4-14, 14 1/2fT, 3:29.26. B-SCEA du Haras de Victot (FR).

Queen Of Light (Ire), f, 3, **Night Of Thunder (Ire)**--Zendaya (GB), by Invincible Spirit (Ire). Moulins, 4-14, 5fT, :59.30. B-Linacre House Ltd (IRE). *35,000gns Wlg '21 TATFOA; €8,000 Ylg '22 GOFSP; €46,000 2yo '23 OSAAPR.

Rockmoonlady (Fr), f, 3, **Spanish Moon**--Rocking Lady (Ire), by Fastnet Rock (Aus). Senonnes-Pouances, 4-14, 14 1/2fT, 3:27.54. B-Ecurie Melanie (FR).

Pleasantman (Fr), g, 4, **Al Wukair (Ire)**--Please Me (Fr), by Whipper. Moulins, 4-14, 12fT, 2:46.50. B-Haras d'Ecouvres (FR). *€7,000 Ylg '21 ARQOCT.

GERMANY

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Erle (Ger), f, 3, **Reliable Man (GB)**--Kizingo (Ire), by **Oasis Dream (GB)**. Dusseldorf, 4-14, 10fT, 2:11.99. B-Gestut Rottgen (GER).

ITALY

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Monster's Ball (Ire), f, 2, **Invincible Army (Ire)**--Disco Angel (Ire), by Dark Angel (Ire). Roma, 4-14, 5fT, :57.80. B-Leah Burgess & Stephen Keogh. *€4,000 Ylg '23 GOFFEB; €15,000 Ylg '23 TATSEP.

WORLDWIDE NEWS

RACING FAMILIES DEVASTATED BY BONDI MALL ATTACK



Tributes are left following the Bondi mall attack | Getty

Australian horse racing woke on Sunday to devastating news from the Bondi attack on Saturday.

Breeder and owner John Singleton's daughter Dawnie Singleton and G1 Melbourne Cup winner Gold Trip's (Fr) (Outstrip {GB}) part-owner Kerry Good's daughter Ash Good have been confirmed as two of the six victims. Ash Good's nine month-old daughter, who was also wounded in the attack, is in a stable condition.

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ASIA

JUSTIN MILANO REMAINS UNBEATEN WITH SATSUKI SHO VICTORY



Justin Milano (left) | Horsephotos

By Adam Houghton

Justin Milano (Jpn) lowered the track record as he came out on top in a stirring finish to Sunday's G1 Satsuki Sho (Japanese 2,000 Guineas) at Nakayama Racecourse, adding the first leg of the Japanese Triple Crown to a record which now sees him unbeaten in three starts.

Keita Tosaki settled Justin Milano in fifth place in the early stages as **Meisho Tabaru (Jpn)** (Gold Ship {Jpn}) took the field along at a fierce gallop, racing a few lengths clear of the chasing pack. **Jantar Mantar (Jpn)** (Palace Malice), who was crowned champion Japanese two-year-old colt in 2023, raced in third for much of the race and was the first to make his bid for glory when surging past Meisho Tabaru early in the straight.

However, Jantar Mantar was unable to sustain his run and lost two places close home as both Justin Milano and **Cosmo Kuranda (Jpn)** (Al Ain {Jpn}) went by him, with Tosaki's mount digging deep to get the verdict by a neck. Jantar Mantar was half a length further back in third, while the disappointment of the race was G1 Hopeful S. winner **Regaleira (Jpn)** (Suave Richard {Jpn}), who could finish only sixth having been sent off favourite in her bid to become the first filly to win the race for 76 years.

It was a second victory in the Satsuki Sho for Justin Milano's trainer Yasuo Tomomichi after that of Unrivaled (Jpn) (Neo Universe {Jpn}) in 2009, while Tosaki had also tasted success in the race just once before with 2018 winner Epoca d'Oro (Jpn) (Orfevre {Jpn}).

"Given the condition of the track, I thought that it would be better to race toward the front," said Tosaki. "He broke well and we were able to settle in that position naturally. The pace was fast but Justin Milano ran in his own rhythm. His response weakened a bit at the third corner, but he regained his focus after the fourth corner and stretched well to win the race. He's a smart horse with a lot of potential. He's easy to ride and I think he can handle the longer distance."

The next leg of the Japanese Triple Crown is the G1 Tokyo Yushun (Japanese Derby), which is run over 2400 metres and was won by Justin Milano's sire, Kizuna (Jpn), back in 2013. The 2024 edition of the Tokyo Yushun will be run at Tokyo Racecourse on Sunday, May 26.

Justin Milano is already a dual winner at Tokyo having won both his previous starts at that track. He made a winning debut as a two-year-old there in November before returning in February with victory in the G3 Kyodo News Hai (Tokinominoru Kinen), beating Jantar Mantar by a length and a half.

Pedigree Notes:

Justin Milano is a third Group 1 winner for Shadai Stallion Station resident Kizuna, who won only once at the top level himself when landing the 2013 Tokyo Yushun, though he did perform with credit when travelling to Europe later in his three-year-old campaign, winning the G2 Prix Niel before finishing a creditable fourth behind Treve (Fr) (Motivator {GB}) in the G1 Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe. His standout performer before Justin Milano was Songline (Jpn), who notably won back-to-back renewals of the G1 Yasuda Kinen in 2022 and 2023, while another daughter, Akai Ito (Jpn), won the G1 Queen Elizabeth II Cup in 2021.

Justin Milano's dam, Margot Did (Ire) (Exceed And Excel {Aus}), showed her best form at up to seven furlongs in Britain, with her biggest success coming over five in the 2011 G1 Nunthorpe S. at York. Justin Milano is the second Group 1 winner and third black-type performer she has produced at stud. Magic Attitude (GB) (Galileo {Ire}) became her dam's first top-level winner in the 2020 G1 Belmont Oaks Invitational S., while her first foal was the G2 Prix de Sandringham winner Mission Impossible (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}), who also filled the runner-up spot in the G1 Queen Elizabeth II Challenge Cup S. as a three-year-old.

Margot Did's own dam, Special Dancer (GB) (Shareef Dancer), was a winner in Italy at up to a mile and a half, as well as being a half-sister to the G1 Hong Kong Gold Cup runner-up Floral Dynamite (Aus) (Danehill) and the G3 Meld S. winner Cajarian (Shahrastani).

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Sunday, Nakayama, Japan

SATSUKI SHO (JAPANESE 2000 GUINEAS)-G1, ¥417,520,000, Nakayama, 4-14, 3yo, c/f, 2000mT, 1:57.10 (NTR), fm.

1--**JUSTIN MILANO (JPN)**, 126, c, 3, by **Kizuna (Jpn)**

1st Dam: Margot Did (Ire) (Hwt. Filly-Eng at 5-7f, G1SW-Eng, \$425,664), by Exceed And Excel (Aus)

2nd Dam: Special Dancer (GB), by Shareef Dancer

3rd Dam: Caraniya (Ire), by Darshaan (GB)

1ST GROUP 1 WIN. O-Masahiro Miki; B-Northern Farm (Jpn); T-Yasuo Tomomichi; J-Keita Tosaki; ¥226,264,000. Lifetime Record: 3-3-0-0, ¥274,821,000. *Half to Mission Impassible (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}), GSW & G1SP-Fr, GISP-NA, \$311,814; Magic Attitude (GB) (Galileo {Ire}), GSW & G1SP-Fr, GISW-NA, \$439,402. **Click for the [free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree](#). Click for the [eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree](#). Werk Nick Rating: A++.**

◆ **Dam purchased by Narvick Int'l / Riki Takahashi** ◆

2--**Cosmo Kuranda (Jpn)**, 126, c, 3, by Al Ain (Jpn)--Southern Speed (Aus), by Southern Image. O-Big Red Farm; B-Big Red Farm (Jpn); ¥87,504,000.

3--**Jantar Mantar (Jpn)**, 126, c, 3, by Palace Malice--India Mantuana, by Wilburn. O-Shadai Race Horse; B-Shadai Farm (Jpn); ¥53,752,000.

Margins: Neck, HF, 1 HF. Odds: 3.80, 14.80, 5.10.

Also ran: Urban Chic (Jpn), Shin Emperor (Fr), Regaleira (Jpn), Ecoro Waltz (Jpn), Lucullan Feast (Jpn), Sunrize Zipangu (Jpn), Mr G T (Jpn), Ho O Prosangue (Jpn), Sunrise Earth (Jpn), Byzantine Dream (Jpn), Sirius Colt (Jpn), Allegro Brillante (Jpn), Water Licht (Jpn), Meisho Tabaru (Jpn). Scratch: Danon Decile (Jpn). **Click for the [JRA chart & video](#).**

Sunday, Hanshin, Japan

ANTARES S.-G3, ¥72,800,000, Hanshin, 4-14, 4yo & up, 1800mD, 1:51.20, gd.

1--**MIKKI NUCHIBANA (JPN)**, 126, h, 6, by **Danon Legend**

1st Dam: Nuchibana (Jpn), by King Kamehameha (Jpn)

2nd Dam: La Bayadere (Jpn), by Sunday Silence

3rd Dam: Nikiya, by Nureyev

1ST GROUP BLACK TYPE. 1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN. 1ST GROUP WIN. O-Mizuki Noda; B-Oiwake Farm (Jpn); T-Ryo Takahashi; J-Keisuke Dazai; ¥38,560,000. Lifetime Record: 19-5-2-6, ¥122,286,000. **Werk Nick Rating: D+.** **Click for the [eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree](#). Click for the [free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree](#).**

2--**Suleyman (Jpn)**, 126, h, 6, by King Kamehameha (Jpn)--Donna Blini (GB), by Bertolini. **1ST GROUP BLACK TYPE.** O-Sunday Racing; B-Northern Farm (Jpn); ¥15,160,000.

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3--**Hagino Alegrias (Jpn)**, 128, h, 7, by Kizuna (Jpn)--Tanino Charis (Jpn), by Generous (Ire) (¥16,000,000 Ylg '18 JRHAJUL). O-Yoshie Hinokuma; B-Okada Stud (Jpn); ¥9,580,000.

Margins: NK, 1 HF, 5. Odds: 7.90, 4.50, 1.90.

Also ran: Tosetsu (Jpn), Ca Va (Jpn), Danon Madeira (Jpn), Keiai Purple (Jpn), Gempachi Lucifer (Jpn), Ho O Roulette (Jpn), Kurino Dragon (Jpn), New Monument (Jpn), T O Drefong (Jpn), Line Of Soul (Jpn), Victipharus (Jpn), Satono Royal (Jpn), Rikisan Try (Jpn). **Click for the [JRA chart & video](#).**

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Monday, Chantilly, France, post time: 15:40

PRIX SIGY-G3, €80,000, 3yo, 5 1/2FT

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1	2	Classic Flower (GB)	Calyx (GB)	Cottier	Demuro	127
2	6	Action Point (Ire)	Blue Point (Ire)	A Watson	H Doyle	126
3	7	Sajir (Ire)	Make Believe (GB)	Fabre	Barzalona	126
4	4	Mr Fleurant (Ire)	Invincible Spirit (Ire)	Fabre	Pouchin	126
5	9	Symmetric Power (Ire)	Dark Angel (Ire)	C Head	Lemaitre	126
6	1	Balsam (Fr)	Wootton Bassett (GB)	Devin	Guyon	122
7	3	La Belle Poete (Fr)	City Light (Fr)	Baudron	Velon	122
8	5	Dorothy Lawrence (GB)	Soldier's Call (GB)	Burke	C Lee	122
9	10	Got To Love A Grey (GB)	Dark Angel (Ire)	Burke	James	122
10	8	Jasna's Secret (Fr)	Galiway (GB)	C&Y Lerner	Soumillon	122

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