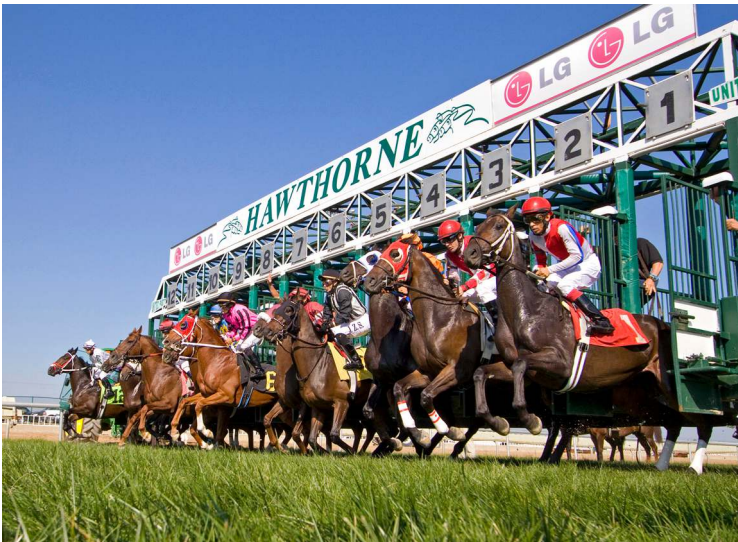


AT HAWTHORNE, THEY TRY HARDER



Hawthorne Race Course | *Four Footed Fotos*

The Week in Review, by Bill Finley

A casino is supposed to be on the way, but in the meantime these are tough times for racing in Chicago and its only remaining racetrack, Hawthorne. They still don't have any outside revenue from a casino, their purses are meager and their simulcast signal gets lost on days like Saturday, when they went up against the likes of Aqueduct, Gulfstream, Keeneland, Oaklawn and Santa Anita. The handle Saturday was \$1,019,178. It should have been three times that.

We've seen a lot of tracks experiment with lower takeouts. The latest example is Keeneland, where the takeout on all daily doubles has been lowered to 15% for the spring meet. It had been 22%. At Delta Downs, they dropped the takeout on all Pick Fours and Pick Fives from 25% to 12%.

But no track has gone to the extremes that Hawthorne has. To get horseplayers to gravitate to their product, they dropped the handle on win, place and show bets in 2023 to an industry low 12%. This year they introduced a \$1 Place Pick 8 wager with a takeout of 8%, the lowest takeout on any bet in the sport.

"We want to provide the best value in the country for our customers," Assistant General Manager John Walsh said prior to the start of the 2023 meet.

They also brought back the Illinois Derby, which was run Sunday. It hadn't been run since 2017 and is now situated on the map to be a prep for the GI Preakness S. **Cont. p3**

TRACK PHANTOM TUNES UP FOR DERBY

Track Phantom (*Quality Road*) continued his preparation for the GI Kentucky Derby with a five-furlong work in 1:00.80 (6/32) at Churchill Downs Sunday morning. With jockey Tyler Gaffalione in the saddle, Track Phantom worked outside 'TDN Rising Star' and GI Pat Day Mile contender *Carbone* (Mitole) as the duo cruised an opening quarter-mile in a modest :26.20, but galloped out six furlongs in a solid 1:13.60, according to Churchill Downs clocker John Nichols. Track Phantom's final three furlongs was a sharp :34.60.

Track Phantom worked in blinkers Sunday and he is expected to wear them for the first time in the Kentucky Derby, according to trainer Steve Asmussen.

"It was the first serious move for Track Phantom since we added the blinkers and he handled it very nicely," Asmussen told Kentucky HBPA's Jennie Rees. "It was a solid work, like always, from him." **Cont. p5**

IN TDN EUROPE TODAY

'THERE IS MORE TO OWNERSHIP THAN MONEY'

Emma Berry speaks to Arrowfield Stud founder and chairman John Messara, who has long taken a global view when it comes to breeding, and has formed strategic links with major breeders in Europe and Japan.

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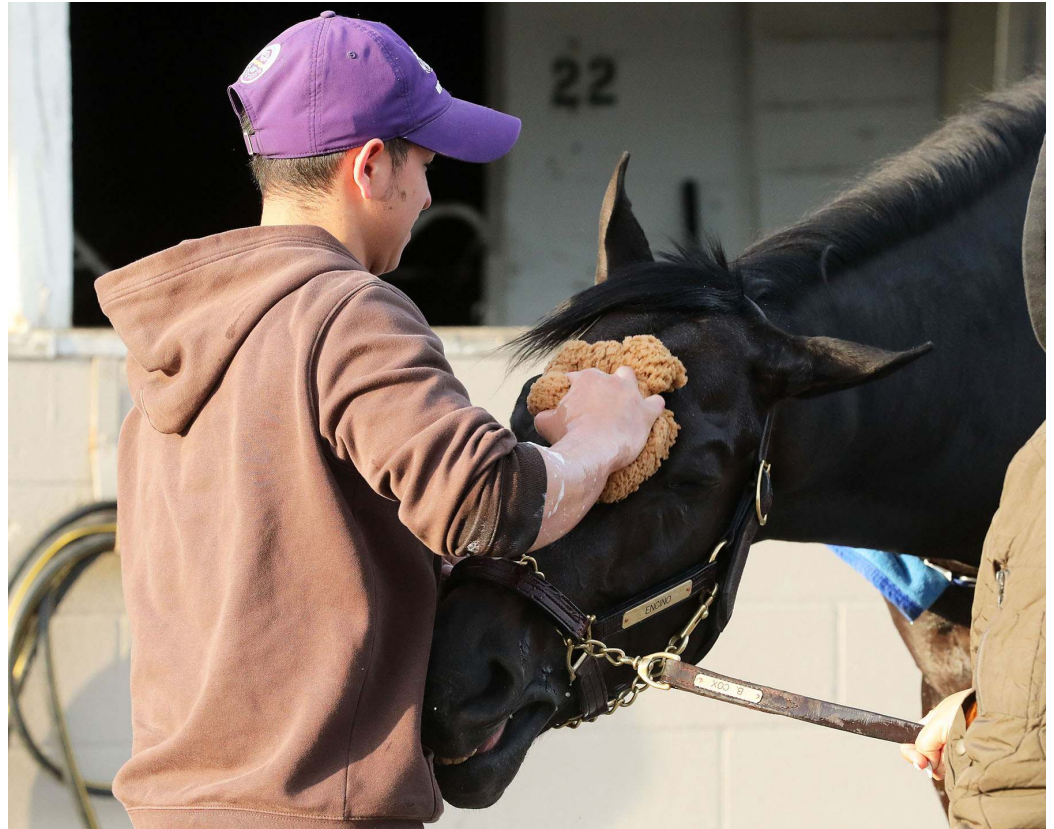
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Gill Stonestreet Lexington S. winner Encino (*Nyquist*) getting ready for his Kentucky Derby close-up with a bath at Churchill Downs Sunday. | Renee Torbit/Coady Photography

DETERMINISTIC TO SKIP DERBY

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Gill Gotham S. winner Deterministic (*Liam's Map*) will skip the GI Kentucky Derby, giving GI Curlin Florida Derby third-place finisher Grand Mo the First (*Uncle Mo*) a spot in the starting gate on the First Saturday in May.

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Nutella Fella (*Runhappy*), off since upsetting the field in the GI Hopeful S. at Saratoga last September, is targeting a return to the races in the GI Woody Stephens S.

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Spendthrift Farm's Coffee in Bed (*Curlin*) just gets up in the Gill Santa Maria S. at Santa Anita Sunday.



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The Week in Review *(cont. from p1)*

This year's race offered a \$200,000 purse and Hawthorne will give the winning owner an extra \$20,000 to cover the costs of starting in the Preakness if they choose to go that route.

Hawthorne just as easily could have done nothing and treaded water until the casino is built. That's exactly what a lot of tracks would have done. Instead, they are doing everything they can to build their core business, which is horse racing. They believe that horseplayers will now look at the entire Hawthorne card because of the low takeouts when in the past they probably wouldn't have paid any attention to it.

The lower takeout structure has helped. In 2022, the last year under the old takeout structure, the average daily Thoroughbred handle for the 68-day meet was \$1,212,267. In 2023, that number inched forward to a daily average handle of \$1,310,034. This year they have picked up some momentum. Through the first nine cards on the year, average daily handle has been \$1,780,443.

"We truly do have more eyes on the screens, wagering on our races and wagering in all pools," Hawthorne's Director of Racing Jim Miller said. "And these figures are before we have run a single stakes race or turf race."

The numbers are heading in the right direction, but they are also somewhat disappointing. Horseplayers love to complain and complain about just about everything. That's what happens when you play a gambling game where the takeout is so high it is virtually impossible to win. The onslaught of computer assisted wagering has only made it worse. The everyday player is getting hammered and it seems that many have simply given up.

That's why the players need to support Hawthorne or any other track that is trying to give them a break when it comes to how they price their product. And they don't do it enough. Vote with your wallet and send a message. Tracks watch what other tracks do. If Hawthorne can only make marginal increases in handle with a 12% takeout, then what incentive do the major tracks have to follow suit and lower their take? If Hawthorne's handle soars, other tracks will follow suit with lower takeout rates.

And never has this been more important. Sports betting is much more popular than betting on racing and offers a much smaller takeout, typically around 5.5%, than your typical racing bet. The best way to remain competitive in the face of sports betting is to offer a reasonably priced product and not superfectas with a 30% take.

Racing returns to Hawthorne next Saturday. Do yourself a favor. Check out the card and make a few wagers. The racing is not the best, but at no other track will you get more bang for your buck, and they deserve your support.

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The Metformin Issue...Is There a Better Way?

George Weaver became the latest trainer to be notified by the Horseracing Integrity and Welfare Unit (HIWU) that he had a horse test positive for metformin. No one thinks that Weaver is a cheat or used the drug to dope his horse. He has an outstanding reputation and has never been in any trouble during his career. Still, after the split sample comes back, he is facing a suspension of up to two years, which can wreck a trainer's career.

The metformin positives have been a constant source of controversy for HIWU because common sense tells you that the horses tested positive not because their trainers cheat, but because metformin is widely prescribed to human beings to treat Type II Diabetes, which makes it susceptible to positives that are the result of environmental contamination. The groom of the horse Weaver trained who tested positive reportedly takes metformin.

It's a tricky situation. HIWU can't just throw out all metformin positives because there is evidence that metformin can be a performance-enhancer. According to the National Library of Medicine, metformin improves performance in high-intensity exercise.

There is an alternative. Metformin is on HIWU's list of banned substances, drugs that, when found, yield the most severe penalties. Why not move it off of the banned substance list and put it on the list of controlled medications. The penalties for those are far less severe.

And there is a precedent to follow. Before HIWU came onto the scene and when the racing commissions were still in charge, it seems that most thought that metformin was not such a big deal. Under the rules of the Association of Racing Commissioner's International, metformin was classified as a 2B classified substance.

Pre-HIWU, there were four metformin positives over a period of roughly two years. The penalties varied, but were pretty much a 15-30 day suspension and a fine. In June of 2023, it was reported that top trainer Wesley Ward had a horse racing at Monmouth test positive for naproxen and metformin. He was suspended 15 days and fined \$2,000, a case where the punishment and the crime were a much more reasonable fit.

Will Dettori Get a Derby Mount?

He's riding as well as anyone in the country and has been open about his desire to ride in the GI Kentucky Derby, so how is it possible that no one has tabbed Frankie Dettori to ride in the Derby? The best mount still available is GII Wood Memorial winner **Resilience** (Into Mischief), who was ridden by John Velazquez, who is committed to **Fierceness** (City of Light).

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Trainer Bill Mott said that Junior Alvarado will ride his horse unless somehow Velazquez becomes available beforehand.

Few other mounts are available, but one that is is **Encino (Nyquist)**, the winner of the GIII Lexington S. He was ridden by Florent Geroux, who is committed to stablemate **Just a Touch (Justify)**. But trainer Brad Cox has never ridden Dettori.

In the meantime, Dettori's agent Ron Anderson said there is a chance Dettori will ride at Saratoga. What a treat that would be.

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Track Phantom Tunes Up for Derby (cont. from p1)

Owned by L and N Racing, Clark Brewster, Jerry Caroom and Breeze Easy, Track Phantom won the GIII Lecomte S. in January and was second in the GII Risen Star S. before finishing fourth in the GII Louisiana Derby last time out.

"He's always had a lot of talent," Asmussen said of the colt. "He has a great attitude and he's a good mover. He's a wonderful horse to be around. He just has to continue to develop and get faster. I think that he will handle the circumstances of the Derby and the crowd, all the pageantry of it, really well."

Gaffalione was also aboard Courtlandt Farm's **Our Pretty Woman (Medaglia d'Oro)** Sunday as the GI Kentucky Oaks hopeful breezed five furlongs in 1:00. The Asmussen trainee worked outside her stakes-winning 3-year-old stablemate Otto

the Conqueror (**Street Sense**)--also under consideration for the Pat Day Mile--through an opening quarter-mile of :25 and completed six furlongs in 1:12.60, according to Nichols.

"It was an excellent work for her," Asmussen said of Our Pretty Woman's drill.

Our Pretty Woman won her first two career starts over a sloppy Fair Grounds surface and was second behind Tarifa (Bernardini) while making her stakes debut in the Mar. 23 GII Fair Grounds Oaks last time out.



Track Phantom working outside of Carbone | Renee Torbit



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Where's My Ring | Renee Torbit

Trainer Todd Pletcher reported 'TDN Rising Star' and G3 UAE Oaks winner **Manama Gold** (Star Guitar), unbeaten in three career starts, has been transferred to his care and will possibly be supplemented to the Kentucky Oaks. The Louisiana-bred sophomore is scheduled to arrive at Churchill Downs Monday.

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DETERMINISTIC TO SKIP DERBY, GRAND MO THE FIRST MOVES IN

St. Elias Stable, Ken Langone, C. Steven Duncker and Vicarage Stable's **Deterministic** (**Liam's Map**) turned in his first work since finishing a well-beaten eighth in the Apr. 6 Gil Wood Memorial S. with a five-furlong move in 1:02.63 (11/19) over the dirt training track at Belmont Park Sunday.

Deterministic is 16th on the eligibility list for the GI Kentucky Derby thanks to his victory in the GIII Gotham S., but trainer Christophe Clement confirmed the colt will skip the race.

"I spoke to the owners and we decided to keep him in New York and we will keep all the New York options open," Clement said.

Deterministic's defection from Derby consideration allows **Grand Mo the First** (**Uncle Mo**), third in the GI **Curlin** Florida Derby, to gain a berth in the race. "The horse will breeze here [at Gulfstream] Tuesday and will be moved to Kentucky Thursday," trainer Victor Barboza said. "That will be his last workout. There are no more workouts at Churchill Downs after next week. He'll just school in the paddock and starting gate."

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BLAZING SEVENS POSSIBLE FOR MET MILE

Rodeo Creek Racing's **Blazing Sevens** (*Good Magic*), who returned from a nine-month layoff to capture a one-mile allowance and earn a 97 Beyer at Aqueduct Saturday, may make his next start in the June 8 GI Hill 'n' Dale Metropolitan H.

"He had a wide journey and was fit enough to gut it out in a fairly quick time. We'll see how he comes out of the race and go from there, but I'll consider a race like the Met Mile," said trainer Chad Brown. "I think he's good enough. It's quite a tough race, but that's at the top of my list."

The **'TDN Rising Star'** won the 2022 GI Champagne S. and missed by just a head when second to National Treasure (*Quality Road*) in the GI Preakness S. last year. He was making his first start Saturday since finishing third in the *Curlin* S. at Saratoga last July.

John Capek of Rodeo Creek Racing said he was impressed with Saturday's performance after the time off.

"We are glad to have him back on the track. After nine months off, I think he ran well," said Capek. "He got a little bit of a challenge coming out of the gate, but he showed his capability in the turn."

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NUTELLA FELLA TARGETS WOODY STEPHENS

Bell Gable Stable's **Nutella Fella** (*Runhappy*), off since winning last year's GI Hopeful S., could return to action in the June 8 GI Woody Stephens S. The bay colt upset the Hopeful at 54-1, but suffered a hind ankle injury while training for the GI Champagne S. and underwent surgery. He has been working at Oak Ridge Training Center in Ocala and is currently back with trainer Gary Contessa's string in Saratoga.

"He worked five-eighths in 1:01 in Ocala before I brought him up last week," Contessa said. "He'll probably have his first work the middle of next week. I'll wait until the weather is good and the track is to my liking."

Contessa continued, "His first race of the year should be the Woody Stephens on Belmont Day. He's a good horse and it's the perfect distance for him--same distance as the Hopeful and he's already worked five-eighths. He's going to be really ready for that race in June. I know it's a tough ask to come back in the Woody Stephens, but that distance is what he's best at."

Contessa is expecting another 2023 Saratoga graded winner to make the trek north from Ocala in the coming week. Lee Pokoik's **Becky's Joker** (*Practical Joke*) won the GIII Schuylerville S. in her racetrack debut last July, but has not been seen since finishing seventh in her second outing in the Aug. 6 GIII Adirondack S.

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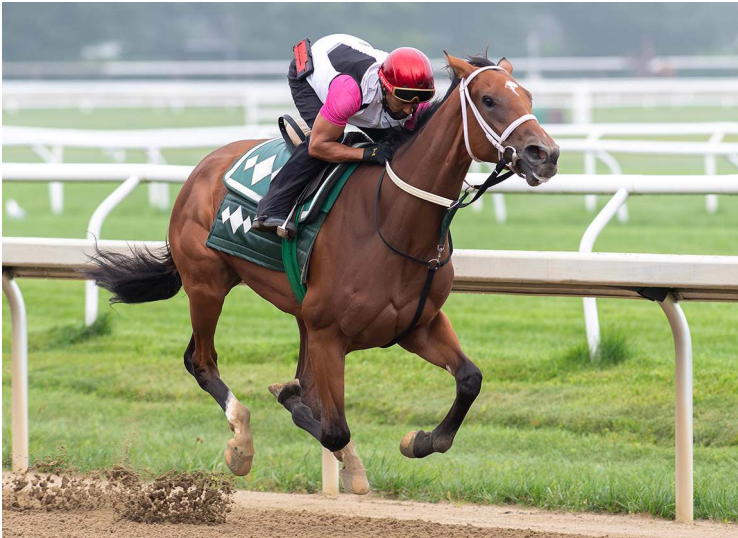
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“Mentally, she just fell apart on me after that race,” Contessa said. “We gave her the winter off and that’s what you’ve got to do with these young horses when they’re not progressing mentally the way you want them to and Lee is the type of owner who will let you do the right thing.”

Becky's Joker spent the winter at Eclipse Training Center.

“I worked her five-eighths last Friday in 1:02 at Eclipse,” Contessa said. “My game plan is to work her there this Friday and then ship her on the weekend.”



Becky's Joker | Sarah Andrew

Of potential targets for the filly, Contessa said, “I want to see how she’s progressing and how she’s doing. Obviously, during the Belmont Stakes weekend there is a mile and an eighth race for her [June 7 GI Acorn S.] and I don’t think distance is going to be a problem for her because she’s 17.2 [hands]. She’s the biggest filly you’ll ever want to see, but she’ll have to tell me when she wants to come back. She’s eligible for allowances and all the 3-year-old stakes races--there’s so many opportunities for her, so we’ll play it one step at a time.”

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TODAY'S FEATURED REPLAY



Coffee in Bed (*Curlin*) just gets up in GII Santa Maria S.
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Augusta Hosmer was many things - a brilliant writer, master gardener, massive animal-lover, and an incredible friend. She impacted so many lives - more than I think any of us will ever realize - and we would like to provide a memorial as amazing as she was. Augusta loved UK's Arboretum, the State Botanical Garden of Kentucky. While she studied to become a Master Gardener, she was there multiple times a week during the course, enjoying the beautiful outdoors and loving her plants. I believe it would be fitting to have something there for her in her honor.

UK has multiple tiers for donations at the Arboretum. We are looking at the Dedicated Tree option, which is a \$6000 minimum gift. With the staff, we would select an existing tree from their living connections to dedicate and install a personalized plaque. If our goal is exceeded, any extra funds will be donated to the Live Like Roo Foundation in honor of Augusta.

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Coffee in Bed just got her neck in front of pacesetting Super Shine on the line to earn the first graded victory of her career in the GII Santa Maria S. at Santa Anita Sunday evening. The dark bay filly settled off the pace while shadowing favorite Desert Dawn as a four-way battle for the lead developed around the first turn. Super Shine asserted control into the backstretch as the quarter went up in :22.66. Desert Dawn and Coffee in Bed moved in tandem, four and five wide, to loom a threat heading into the far turn as the half was completed in :46.64. Super Shine was still in front at the top of the lane as Desert Dawn and Coffee in Bed rolled up to her outside. The gutsy pacesetter kept finding more down the lane and the favorite was first to blink, but Coffee in Bed dug in gamely to grab the lead in the final jump.

"Although we settled back a little, and were hung out a little wide, she seemed to be happy there," winning rider Mike Smith said. "She was at a really nice, happy cruising speed. I said, 'I'll stay out of the way and let her do what she does best.' And she showed up today."

Frankie Dettori was pleased with the effort of the runner-up, a multiple group winner in her native Argentina who was making her U.S. debut for trainer Phil D'Amato.

"She jumped good, nobody was faster than me, so I had to go," Dettori said. "[Coffee in Bed] always had me. The last sixteenth, she really poured it out for me. It was her first time here. I couldn't ask for more. She ran great."

Coffee in Bed, a first-out winner at Santa Anita in January 2023, added an optional-claiming victory four starts later going one mile in Arcadia in October. She concluded her sophomore campaign with a fifth-place effort over the lawn in the Nov. 5 GIII Autumn Miss S. The bay filly resurfaced in 2024 to come up a length short of Desert Dawn when second in the 1 1/16-mile GIII La Canada S. Jan. 20 and was most recently a well-beaten sixth in the GI Beholder Mile Mar. 9.



Coffee in Bed | Benoit

Pedigree Notes:

Coffee in Bed is the 105 worldwide stakes winner and 57 graded winner for **Curlin**. **Curlin's** son Gladiator King is his only other graded winner out of a Hennessy mare.

Sumptuous, the first foal out of graded winner Belle of Perintown and a half-sister to graded winner Strike it Rich (Unbridled's Song), sold in foal to **Good Magic** to Tim Thorton for \$85,000 at the 2022 Keeneland November sale. She has a 2-year-old filly by Liam's Map--who sold for \$100,000 at last year's Keeneland September sale--and a yearling filly by **Good Magic**. She was bred to Maclean's Music last year.

Breeder Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings purchased the mare, in foal to **Quality Road**, for \$410,000 from the Ned Evans dispersal at the 2011 Keeneland November sale. Her first foal was graded-winner and Grade I-placed Great Stuff (**Quality Road**).

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KUEGLERS PURCHASE LEXINGTON FARM, NEW HOME OF WASABI VENTURES STABLES

by Sara Gordon

T. K. Kuegler, Founder and Managing Partner of Wasabi Ventures Stables, and his wife Michele, Director of Aftercare and Community, have purchased a 92-acre farm in Lexington. Named Serendipity Springs, it will be the new home of Wasabi and its entities, Wasabi Stallions and The Horse Fund.

"We looked at a bunch of farms. We'd been looking for about six months and we actually weren't originally going to look at [this one]. But we said, 'We've looked at everything else. Why not?'" said Kuegler. "It doesn't have a lot of road frontage, but it's like a martini glass because it opens up massively in the back, it's huge. It's got 75 undeveloped acres."

Since it was established five years ago, Wasabi's breeding operation has been based in the Mid-Atlantic, primarily at St. Omer's Farm in Forest Hill, Maryland. But as things have progressed and expanded for Wasabi, in both breeding and racing, Kuegler knew that establishing themselves in the heart of horse country was a necessary next step.

"I was a Maryland kid. I grew up in Maryland, I love Maryland and I still think of Maryland as home. But we realized was that much of the future of racing goes through Kentucky," said Kuegler. "We spent some time in Lexington and loved it and said, 'It probably makes sense to be there, breed there and set [up] the breeding operation there. That plan probably started in motion about two years ago.'"

However, Kuegler emphasizes that this isn't the end of Wasabi's ties to Maryland.

"I'm not closing the door on Maryland. It's more like I'm expanding the door in Kentucky. I'm not seeing this as an 'either or,' but a 'both' in many ways," he said.

Wasabi breeds the majority of its mares to stallions based in Kentucky, though they also own a large piece of the Maryland stallion Blofeld, who stands at Murmur Farm. Kuegler explained that shipping costs, along with the larger concentration of service providers and staff for hire were all factors taken into consideration when shifting majority of their breeding operation to Lexington.

"We're always going to have five or six mares that are there [in Maryland] supporting [Blofeld]. They'll be in that region and they'll foal out there. They're not all going to Kentucky, it's just that the core base [of broodmares] will be here," said Kuegler. "I think the other key thing is economics. I was spending \$30,000 a year to ship mares from Maryland to Kentucky to breed, to only ship them back to Maryland to foal out. I mean 90% of what I breed to is Kentucky stallions, so that's \$30,000 now I don't have to spend in shipping."

"There are very few places in the country that are as horse centric as Lexington. We wanted to be a part of that."

Looking ahead, the goal is to move around 15 mares to the farm by the end of June or early July. In the meantime, renovations will begin to build another barn and fence a variety of new paddocks. Kuegler estimates it will likely be this time

next year that majority of their mares will be residing at the farm.

But this is only the beginning for Wasabi in Lexington.

"The vision is to also purchase another piece of property to have a training track and be able to do it end-to-end, from birth all the way to racing to retirement in Kentucky. This piece of property is our first step. [We'll get] this property to be a world-class breeding facility and then keep looking. When we get the next piece of property

that works for us, [we'll have] a racing operation here too," said Kuegler.

Serendipity Springs also offers opportunity for an expansion of The Horse Fund, Wasabi's aftercare partner, by providing a temporary home for Wasabi horses as they make the transition from the track to an aftercare facility prior to the start of their new careers.

"The dream here is to be that place where we can be the stopgap, instead of some other nonprofit farm in the retirement cycle, as they are often full and already stressed out. If we could take over some of that with our horses, it just helps the whole system."

When it comes to their racehorses, Kuegler plans to have Wasabi continue racing in the Mid-Atlantic through the summer before bringing the string, along with trainer Jesse Cruz and assistant trainer Grace Smith, to Kentucky. The goal is to start at Keeneland for the fall meet and later, move on to Turfway Park for the winter.



Serendipity Stables | Sara Gordon

All of these plans underway, and those on the horizon, are part of the 10-year vision Kuegler shared with his team just five years ago, during the beginning stage of Wasabi's breeding operation.

"I said, 'We're going to start slow and build to be a world-class breeding operation. We're not going to come in and buy boatloads of mares the first couple years because we're going to build to it.' Slowly, over the last three years at every breeding sale, the number of purchases and the value of those purchases keeps eking up. It just keeps getting a little higher and that was always the plan," said Kuegler.

The team has accomplished plenty since Wasabi Ventures Stables was founded in 2017 and there is no doubt that the next five to 10 years only promise more growth across all of Wasabi's entities.

"I learned long ago that it's much better to learn and bring people along with you," said Kuegler. "If you have a plan to try to be a world-class operation, I don't know how you do that in the modern world and not have a base of operations in Kentucky. I don't even know how it's possible unless you're here."

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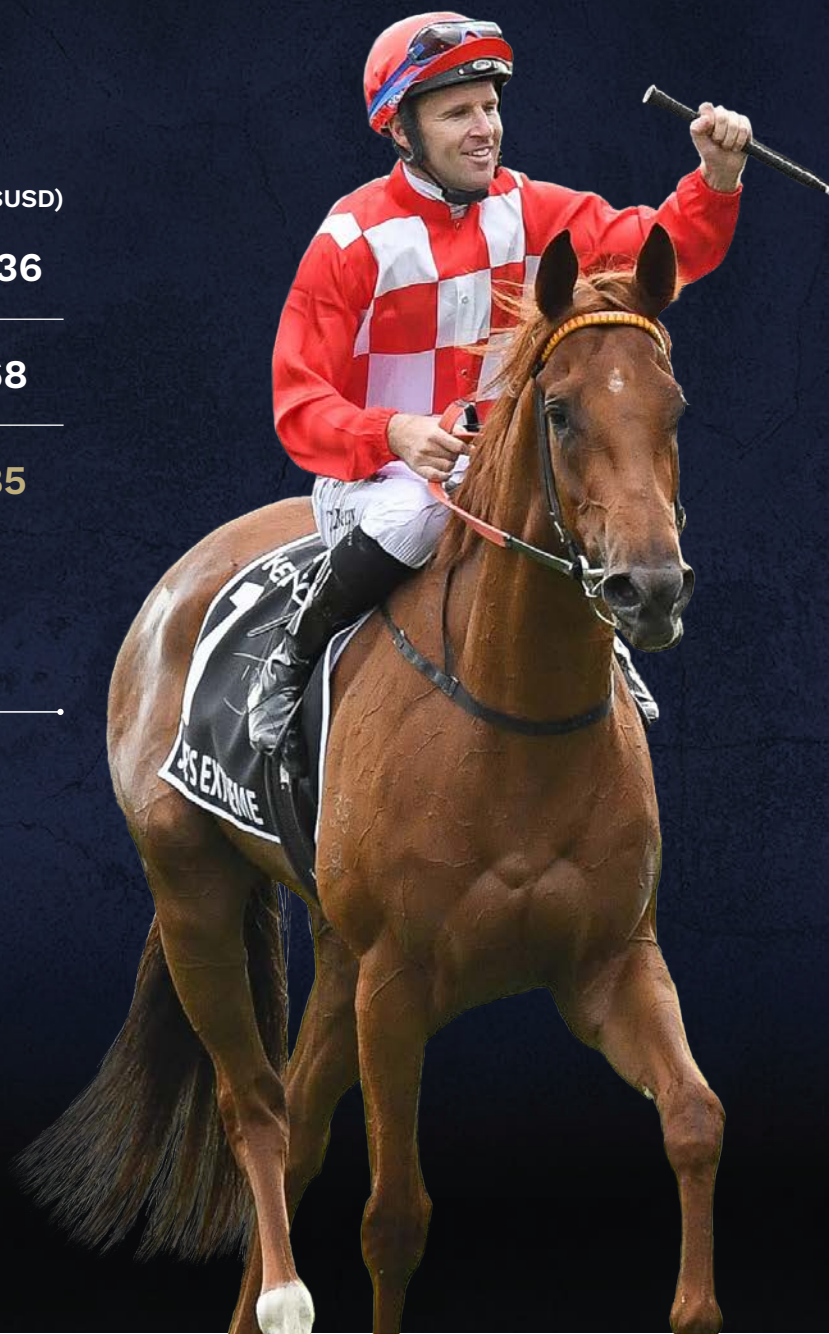
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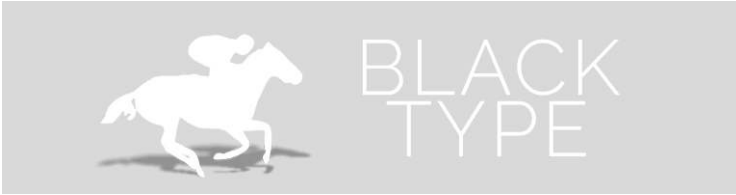
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ILLINOIS DERBY PRESENTED BY 1/ST BET, \$200,000, Hawthorne, 4-21, 3yo, 1 1/8m, 1:50.43, ft.

1--**PATRIOT SPIRIT**, 122, c, 3, by **Constitution**

1st Dam: Mistical Plan (GISW, \$816,790), by Game Plan

2nd Dam: Mistical Bel, by Bel Bolide

3rd Dam: Mistical Mist, by Mehmet

(\$95,000 Ylg '22 KEESEP; \$235,000 2yo '23 OBSMAR).

O-Mellon Patch, Inc.; B-Blue Heaven Farm (KY); T-Michael B. Campbell; J-Julio E. Felix. \$120,000. Lifetime Record: 7-3-0-1, \$208,300.

2--**Real Men Violin**, 122, c, 3, **Mendelssohn**--Meg Fitz, by **Tapit**.

(\$110,000 Ylg '22 KEESEP). O-Tilted Shamrock Stables;

B-Newtownanner Stud Farm (KY); T-Kenneth G. McPeck.

\$40,000.

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3--**Woodcourt**, 122, c, 3, Ransom the Moon--Warriress, by Warrior's Reward. (\$3,000 Ylg '22 FTKOCT; \$95,000 2yo '23 FTKHRA; \$50,000 RNA 2yo '23 KEENOV). **1ST BLACK TYPE**.

O-Contreras Stable Inc.; B-Michelle Lovell (KY); T-Cipriano Contreras. \$22,000.

Margins: 5 3/4, 10 3/4, 5 3/4. Odds: 5.30, 1.70, 1.80.

Also Ran: Le Gris, Raguel. Scratched: Ravin's Town.

Patriot Spirit had yet to taste victory as a 3-year-old, but got off the mark in style, scampering home an uncontested winner in Sunday's Illinois Derby.



Constitution | Sarah Andrew

Sent immediately to the front, the 5-1 chance cut out an opening fractions of :23.50 and :47.78, comfortably ahead of his nearest pursuer, Real Men Violin. Still in command turning for home, the result was never in question as he strode away a dominant winner over an errant Real Men Violin, who lugged out late but remained clear of Woodcourt.

A six-length debut winner at Colonial last August, the son of Grade I winning Mistical Plan finished off-the-board in his next two against stakes competition but returned to the winner's circle after taking the six-furlong Inaugural S. at Tampa Dec. 2. Off following that effort, he returned with a lackluster ninth in the 1 1/16-mile GIII Sam F. Davis S. Feb. 10 before finishing a much-improved third last time in the six-panel Hutcheson S. at Gulfstream Mar. 16.

GI Princess Rooney winner Mistical Plan produced a colt by **Liam's Map** last season.

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PLENTY OF GRACE S., \$139,500, Aqueduct, 4-21, 4yo/up, f/m, 1mT, 1:34.92, fm.

1--**SPIRIT AND GLORY (IRE)**, 120, m, 5, **Cotai Glory (GB)**--

Supreme Spirit (Ire), by **Invincible Spirit (Ire)**. O-Michael

Nentwig, Michael Dubb, Beast Mode Racing LLC, John Rochfort and Robert N. Falcone, Jr.; B-Dr Noel Cogan & Patrick Williams (IRE); T-Robert N. Falcone, Jr.; J-Jose Lezcano. \$82,500.

Lifetime Record: GSP, 18-6-2-1, \$476,220.

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2--**Midnight Mile (Ire)**, 118, f, 4, **No Nay Never**--Ruby Tuesday (Ire), by Galileo (Ire). O-Mrs. John Magnier and Roisin Henry; B-Premier Bloodstock (IRE); T-Chad C. Brown. \$30,000.

3--**Marvelous Maude**, 118, m, 6, **Slumber (GB)**--Wait Your Turn, by Warrior's Reward. O-Michael Dubb, The Elkstone Group, LLC (Stuart Grant) and Michael J. Caruso; B-Beechwood Bruckner LLC (NY); T-Chad C. Brown. \$18,000.

Margins: 5, 5, NK. Odds: 2.15, 1.60, 1.55.

Also Ran: Sunset Louise. Scratched: Movie Moxy, Ocean Gateway, Silver Skillet, Tass, Venti Valentine.

Spirit and Glory, who capped off her 4-year-old season with a runner-up finish in the GII Yellow Ribbon H. at Del Mar in mid-August, returned to action with a win in the Feb. 17 Al Stall Memorial S. at Fair Grounds. In her most recent start, she was eighth in the Tom Benson Memorial over the same turf surface Mar. 23 and was backed down to 2-1 in this four-horse field after five scratches.

Plenty of Grace S., Cont. p2



Spirit and Glory | Susie Raisher

Cont.

The 5-year-old led from the first jump and into the far turn. Feeling the pressure from her opponents at the top of the lane, Spirit and Glory accelerated like a rocket, left the field behind and took the prize.

"You could see when Jose [Lezcano] pinched her at the three-eighths, she opened up a little bit and it looked like she had a lot left," said trainer Robert Falcone. "She was on the wrong lead, so you hope they don't get lost--she's been closing every single race her whole life and finds herself turning for home with no one around her you start to wonder if she'll start flicking her ears and waiting or kick on. She kicked on."

The winner's dam is responsible for a 2-year-old filly by Kuroshio (Aus) and a yearling colt by Cotai Glory (GB). She was not bred for this season.

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Johnny Podres | Benoit

SIREN LURE S., \$100,000, Santa Anita, 4-21, 4yo/up, 6 1/2FT, 1:11.57, fm.

1--**JOHNNY PODRES, 124, g, 7, Grazen--Malibu Holiday, by Harlan's Holiday.** O-David A. Bernsen LLC & Mia Familia Racing Stable; B-Nick Alexander (CA); T-Librado Barocio; J-Geovanni Franco. \$60,000. Lifetime Record: 37-9-8-6, \$482,870.

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2--**First Peace**, 124, c, 4, **Funtastic--Peace Opportunity**, by Point of Entry. (\$15,000 Ylg '21 FTKFEB; \$65,000 Ylg '21 FTKOCT; \$75,000 2yo '22 OBSOPN). O-Rancho Temescal LLC, Red Baron's Barn LLC & Rodney Orr; B-Christopher L. Baker & Mullikin Thoroughbreds (KY); T-Mark Glatt. \$20,000.

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3--**Lane Way**, 124, g, 7, Into Mischief--Corderosa, by Aldebaran. (\$550,000 2yo '19 OBSMAR). O-MyRacehorse; B-GWTW Horses LLC (KY); T-Richard E. Mandella. \$12,000.

Margins: HF, 1, 2HF. Odds: 16.90, 0.80, 3.10.

Also Ran: Mucho Del Oro, Mackinnon.

Johnny Podres surged to the lead in the shadow of the wire to earn his third straight victory Sunday in the Siren Lure S. at Santa Anita. The chestnut gelding was allowed to settle into stride and sat near the back of the field down the hill. He tipped out four wide at the top of the lane and closed powerfully to just reel in favored First Peace for the narrow victory.

"He was giving it all out there but the #3 horse [First Peace] got me worried a little bit," admitted winning rider Geovanni Franco. Claimed from his breeder for \$40,000 last May, Johnny Podres won a \$50,000 claimer over the Santa Anita lawn Mar. 1 and got his head in front on the line to win the Sensational Star S. over this same course Mar. 24.

"I think the key was when I dropped him in for \$50,000 and he won," said winning trainer Librado Barocio. "That gave him the confidence. Then in the last race, winning the stakes, he displayed that confidence. I wasn't even going to run in this race. I was going to go up north for the San Francisco Mile. But after I prayed on it, I said, 'You know what? He loves the downhill course. Let's stay in his backyard.' Then I saw there was some speed in the race and I thought, 'You know what? This could set up for him.'"

Malibu Holiday produced full-siblings to the winner in 2023 and 2024. The winner's third dam, Regent's Walk (Vice Regent), produced multiple Grade I winner Marquetry.

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5th-Santa Anita, \$61k, Alw, 4-21, 3yo, f, 6 1/2f, 1:16.87, ft, 1/2 TAMBO (f, 3, **Enticed--Flatter Me First, by Flatter)** was a close second in the Desi Arnaz S. at Del Mar last November and then finished third in the Santa Ynez S. in Arcadia Jan. 7. Last seen winning by a head while facing optional claimers over the same surface Feb. 23, the filly was installed as the 2-1 second choice here. Breaking on top, Tambo relinquished the lead to Beau Soleil (Alteration) up the backstretch, but at the far turn she motored ahead. Seemingly collared at the top of the lane by a pair of foes, the 3-year-old responded and she rolled to a half-length win over Nav V Belle (**Midshipman**). The winner's dam produced filly Blue Mind Theory (**Gift Box**), who is now a 2-year-old, and she foaled a colt last year by Mitole. Flatter Me First was entered in **Nashville's** ledger for this season. Sales History: \$29,000 Ylg '22 KEEJAN; \$25,000 Ylg '22 KEESEP; \$70,000 2yo '23 OBSMAR. Lifetime Record: GSP, 8-3-3-1, \$172,074. **Click for the [Equibase.com](#) chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV .**

O-SAF Racing, Neil A. Haymes, James E. McCadden and William Strauss; B-Thoroughbred by Design LLC (KY); T-Peter Eurton.

1st-Tampa Bay Downs, \$36,600, Alw (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$75,000), 4-21, 3yo, 1mT, 1:37.15, fm, 3/4 length.

BENVOLIO (c, 3, **Tapit--Molly Morgan {GISW, \$882,159}, by **Ghostzapper**),** a winner for trainer Brad Cox at Horseshoe Indy last October, finished fourth at Fair Grounds in late November.



Molly Morgan, dam of Benvolio | Horsephotos



Enticed | Sarah Andrew

Making the barn switch to Hernan Parra, the colt came off the break as a 5-1 shot here. Content to trail from the bell and into the first turn, the 3-year-old was on hold up the backstretch, but he began to get involved rounding the far turn. The colt opened up down the lane, swept by the leaders with a sixteenth left and won by 3/4 length over Red Wren (Jess's Dream). The winner is his dam's last registered progeny. Molly Morgan was purchased by Stonestreet for \$1.35 million at the 2015 Fasig-Tipton November Sale. Sales History: \$60,000 3yo '24 OBSWIN. Lifetime Record: 4-2-0-0, \$42,960. **Click for the [Equibase.com](#) chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

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4th-Charles Town, \$27,400, Alw, 4-20, (NW2L), 3yo/up, f/m, 4 1/2f, :53.51, ft, neck.

LATE NITE MISTRESS (f, 3, Into Mischief--Late Night Pow Wow {MGSW & GISP, \$700,400}, by Fiber Sonde) broke her maiden at fourth asking at Charles Town in early January after making the switch from Wesley Ward's shedrow. Hitting the board in her past two allowance attempts over the same surface, the filly went off as the 3-1 second choice here. Tracking three leaders up the backstretch, the homebred went four wide around the far turn, got the jump on Sybarite (**Tapiture**) at the top of the lane and sealed the deal over her rival by a neck. The winner is her dam's first registered foal, but she has a 2-year-old full-brother named Don Vito and a yearling half-sister by **Charlatan**. A full-sister to MSW Muad'dib, Late Night Pow Wow visited **Constitution** for this term. Lifetime Record: 7-2-1-1, \$51,641. **Click for the [Equibase.com](#) chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

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3rd-Keeneland, \$98,082, Msw, 4-21, 3yo/up, f/m, 1mT, 1:35.03, fm, 1/2 length.

SEGESTA (f, 3, Ghostzapper--Antonoe {GISW-USA, GSW-Fr, \$565,377}, by First Defence) was a well-beaten ninth in her debut going 1 1/16-miles at Gulfstream Jan. 21 but bounced back to be a much-improved second last time going a mile at Tampa Mar. 9. Reunited with Irad Ortiz Jr. here, the Juddmonte homebred broke sharply and settled in a stalking third behind :22.83 and :46.98 initial splits. Taking over past the quarter pole, she drew clear and had enough left to fend off the late surging Timeless Elegance (**War Front**). Claret Beret (**Not This Time**) was third. GI Just a Game S.-winning Antonoe, who was also a Group 3 scorer in France, produced a Speightstown colt in 2022 followed by a **Gun Runner** filly last term. She was bred back to Speightstown. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-0, \$63,675. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.** O-Juddmonte; B-Juddmonte (KY); T-Chad C. Brown.

6th-Keeneland, \$96,700, Msw, 4-21, 3yo, 7f, 1:27.39, ft, 3 3/4l. DRAGON GUARD (c, 3, Arrogate--Filimbi {GSW & MGISP-USA, SW-Fr, \$670,763}, by Mizzen Mast) just missed by a neck to future SW Otto the Conqueror (**Street Sense**) when he debuted last September under the Twin Spires. Back on the work tab in late February for Brad Cox, the homebred went off with Lasix as the 3-5 choice here to kick off his 3-year-old season. The colt



Dragoon Guard | Coady Photography

charged out of the gate, but was content to lay off of Rock N Roll Bolt (Bolt d'Oro) up the backstretch. Taking on the leader around the far turn, the gray put the pacesetter away at the top of the lane, kicked for home past the eighth pole and won geared down by 3 3/4 lengths over Term (**Medaglia d'Oro**). Filimbi produced a filly last year by Into Mischief and foaled another one by **Constitution** Mar. 8. The winner was bred top to bottom by Juddmonte, who campaigned his graded scoring dam, second dam Flute (Seattle Slew), winner of the GI Kentucky Oaks and GI Alabama, and third dam Rougeur (Blushing Groom {Fr}). They also campaigned and later the late Arrogate and Dragoon Guard's broodmare sire, Mizzen Mast. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$86,000. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.** O/B-Juddmonte (KY); T-Brad H. Cox.

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9th-Keeneland, \$93,813, Msw, 4-21, 3yo/up, f/m, 1mT, 1:35.95, fm, 3/4 length.

COCO CRUSH (f, 4, War Front--Lady Alexandra {SW-USA, GISP-Can, \$249,778}, by More Than Ready) began her career in the yard of Joseph O'Brien, but failed to break her maiden in a pair of well-beaten starts in Ireland at The Curragh and at Navan last year. The filly then was transferred to Brendan Walsh where she began to make preparations at his Palm Meadows base in mid-February. Drawing in from the also-eligible list with Lasix and as a 6-1 shot here, the homebred took up a spot mid-pack into the first turn as Risk Threshold (Ire) (Dubawi {Ire}) tried to take the field gate-to-wire. After moving into third around the far turn, Coco Crush was cranked for the stretch drive, steadily began to reel in the leader with a furlong left and got the job done to win by 3/4 length. **Cont. p5**



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The winner is her dam's first registered foal, but she has a 2-year-old full-sister named Fortunate and a yearling half-brother by **American Pharoah**. A \$375,000 buy for Heider Family Sales at the 2017 Fasig-Tipton July Selected Horses of Racing Age Sale, Lady Alexandra was bred to **Not This Time** for the spring. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-0, \$58,348. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

O/B-Heider Family Stables (KY); T-Brendan P. Walsh.

8th-Aqueduct, \$80,000, Msw, 4-21, 3yo/up, 1 1/16mT, 1:41.40, fm, 3/4 length.

RISK TOLERANCE (IRE) (c, 3, Kingman {GB}--Loving Things {GB} {GSW-Fr, SW & GSP-Eng, \$107,896}, by Pivotal {GB}) was hustled out of the gate but didn't appear particularly hurried and settled back into a stalking third along the inside as 5-1 shot Coast Along (**West Coast**) cut out opening fractions of :23.83 and :48.23. Gradually working his way closer to the pacesetter approaching the quarter pole, he took aim at the frontrunner in the stretch, caught up in the final sixteenth and inched clear late to graduate by 3/4 of a length. Black Diamond (**Street Sense**) completed the trifecta. Group winner Loving Things was purchased for 260,000gns at the 2022 Tattersalls November sale in foal to **Sea The Stars** (GB). Sales history: 260,000gns Ylg '22 TATOCT. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$44,000. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

O-Klaravich Stables, Inc.; B-Normandie Stud Ltd (IRE); T-Chad C. Brown.

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2nd-Keeneland, \$79,675, Msw, 4-21, 2yo, 4 1/2f, :53.41, ft, head.

DREAMAWAY (f, 2, Flameaway--Dream Dancing {GISW, \$483,271}, by Tapit) came into this race sporting a recent bullet three-furlong work in :35 3/5 over this surface Apr. 5 and was duly made the 1-2 favorite to make good while facing the boys. Narrowly in front through an opening quarter in :22.48, the grey had to battle all the way through, but proved best at the end, scoring by a head over fellow firster Clever Again (**American Pharoah**). Mo Hair Sam (**Mo Town**) rounded out the trifecta. The hombred is out of GI Del Mar Oaks winner Dream Dancing, a granddaughter of the champion older mare Beautiful Pleasure (Maudlin). In addition to Dreamaway, John Oxley also campaigned her first two dams. The mare is also responsible for a juvenile filly by **Gun Runner** and a colt foaled this season by **Justify**. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$47,740. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

O/B-John C. Oxley (KY); T-Wesley A. Ward.

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1st-Santa Anita, \$54,000, Msw, 4-21, 3, 4, /5yo, f/m, 7f, 1:23.90, ft, neck.

JANE AUSTEN (f, 3, Tapit--Shayjolie {SW & MGSP, \$415,843}, by Indian Charlie), sent off at 5-1 for this unveiling, broke well and was eased back but she eagerly tugged her way up upon the heels of pacesetters Quick Brown Fox (**Justify**) and Queen of Naples (**Hard Spun**) through a :22.58 quarter. Needing racing room and finding it turning for home, Jane Austen ground her way to the stubborn leader late and forged past favored Quick Brown Fox to graduate by a neck. Ms Bo J (Mitole) was third.

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Stakes-winning Shayjolie, a half-sister to MGSW and GISP Mythical Power (Congaree), was purchased by Speedway Stables for \$400,000 at KEENOV in 2015. Responsible for an unraced juvenile filly by **Constitution** and a yearling colt by **Essential Quality**, she was bred back to Into Mischief. Sales history: \$750,000 Ylg '22 FTSAUG. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$32,400. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

O-Muir Hut Stables LLC; B-Speedway Stables LLC (KY); T-M Glatt.



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2nd-Laurel, \$47,900, Msw, 4-21, 3, 4, /5yo, f/m, 1mT, 1:37.97, fm, neck.

JUSTIFIED STRATEGY (f, 3, Justify--Cry and Catch Me {GISW, \$226,480}, by Street Cry {Ire}) was well-beaten on debut over the Tapeta at Gulfstream Park in mid-January, but improved to finish fourth when switching to the Hallandale turf Mar. 10. The 7-5 choice settled mid-pack while a longshot showed the way into the first turn. Looking for a way forward rounding the far turn, the 3-year-old tipped to the three path remained boxed in turning for home. The filly dove toward the inside past the eighth pole, split runners and surged ahead to win by a neck over Lute Warm (**Midnight Lute**). The winner is a half-sister to Souper Escape (**Medaglia d'Oro**), Ch. Older Dirt Female-Can, MGSW-Can, SW-USA, \$367,883. A half-sister to English Group 1 stakes winner Certify (Elusive Quality), Cry and Catch Me is also responsible for a 2-year-old colt by **Uncle Mo** who brought \$410,000 at the recent OBS Spring Sale. Sales History: \$295,000 RNA Wlg '21 FTKNOV. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-0, \$32,400.

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O-Avalon Racing Stables; B-Newstead Corp (KY); T-John C. Servis.



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2024 Stud Fees Listed

Coal Front (Stay Thirsty), Spendthrift Farm, \$5,000

81 foals of racing age/14 winners/2 black-type winners
9-Parx Racing, 4:25 p.m. EDT, \$100K Unique Bella S., 7f, Dewey Doit, 8-1
\$9,000 FTI DEC wnl; \$25,000 OBS OCT yrl; \$85,000 OBS OPN 2yo

Mitole (Eskendereya), Spendthrift Farm, \$15,000

294 foals of racing age/52 winners/3 black-type winners
5-Thistledown, 2:50 p.m. EDT, Alw 6f, Socialbutterflytam, 8-1

One Sided (**Quality Road**), R. A. Rowe Farms

14 foals of racing age/3 winners
4-Thistledown, 2:20 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2f, Angie's Dear One, 8-1
\$1,200 OTB OMX yrl
2-Thistledown, 1:20 p.m. EDT, Alw 6f, Spunky One, 7-2
\$1,000 OTB OMX yrl



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**STAKES RESULTS:**

CONFUCIUS SAY S., \$76,400, Charles Town, 4-20, (S), 3yo/up, 7f, 1:26.99, ft.

1--**ESPRESSO, 126, g, 4, Juba--Up Close, by Windsor Castle.**

1ST BLACK TYPE WIN. O/B-Gary Hemp (WV); T-Keith A. Brown; J-Victor Rodriguez. \$45,840. Lifetime Record: 10-4-2-0, \$109,266.

2--**Social Chic**, 126, g, 6, **Upstart--Tres Chic**, by Harlan's Holiday. (\$47,000 RNA Wlg '18 EASDEC). O-Smart Angle LLP; B-James Franklin Miller (WV); T-Jeff C. Runco. \$15,280.

3--**Muad'dib**, 126, g, 7, **Fiber Sonde--Holy Pow Wow**, by Indian Charlie. O-David M. Raim; B-John McKee (WV); T-Jeff C. Runco. \$8,404.

Margins: NK, 1 1/4, 1HF. Odds: 25.70, 3.60, 0.60.

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

8th-Oaklawn, \$141,000, (NW2\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$75,000), 4-21, 4yo/up, 1 1/16m, 1:44.22, ft, 3/4 length.

WINNEMAC AVENUE (g, 4, Tapwrit--Queen of the Rings, by Empire Maker) Lifetime Record: 12-4-0-1, \$243,746.

O-Doubledown Stables, Inc.; B-Crown Chase Farm LLC (KY); T-James P. DiVito. *\$22,000 Wlg '20 KEENOV; \$29,000 Ylg '21 KEESEP; \$75,000 2yo '22 OBSAPR.

7th-Keeneland, \$125,324, 4-21, (NW3\$X), 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/8mT, 1:46.91, fm, 1 1/4 lengths.

GIRL NAMED CHARLIE (f, 4, Maclean's Music--Dynarama, by Dynaformer) Lifetime Record: SW, 15-4-1-0, \$222,652. O-Jerry Caroom and Jeffrey Lambert; B-Don Alberto Corporation (KY); T-Lindsay Schultz. *\$160,000 Ylg '21 KEESEP. **1/2 to Dominga (**Ghostzapper**), SW, \$293,036.

5th-Keeneland, \$105,280, 4-21, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 5 1/2fT, 1:01.46, fm, 1 1/2 lengths.

CLEAR THE AIR (c, 4, Ransom the Moon--Marsali, by More Than Ready) Lifetime Record: 13-3-1-0, \$179,449. O-Cypress Creek Equine; B-Calumet Farm (KY); T-William Walden. *\$95,000 Ylg '21 KEESEP.

2nd-Aqueduct, \$72,000, (S), (NW1\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$80,000), 4-21, 3yo, 1m, 1:36.37, ft, 2 1/2 lengths.

QUIET WISDOM (c, 3, Into Mischief--Whisper Wisdom, by Rockport Harbor) Lifetime Record: 8-2-2-3, \$140,700.

O-Repole Stable and St. Elias Stables LLC; B-Pine Ridge Stables LTD (NY); T-Todd A. Pletcher. *\$275,000 Ylg '22 KEESEP. **1/2 to **Curlin's Wisdom (Curlin)**, SP, \$449,173.



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5th-Aqueduct, \$72,000, (S), 4-21, (NW1\$X), 3yo/up, 6fT, 1:07.80, fm, 1 1/2 lengths.

ICY FLAVOR (g, 5, Frosted--Kibosh {SP, \$204,184}, by Discreet Cat) Lifetime Record: 11-3-4-0, \$148,310. O-Donald R. Dizney LLC and Strauss, William; B-Chester & Mary R. Broman (NY); T-John C. Kimmel. *\$195,000 2yo '21 OBSMAR. **1/2 to Out of Orbit (Malibu Moon), SW, \$319,328.

10th-Santa Anita, \$57,000, (NW1\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$50,000), 4-20, 3yo/up, 1 1/4mT, 1:59.79, fm, 1 1/4 lengths.

MALTESE FALCON (IRE) (g, 4, Caravaggio--Isabella {Ire} {SP-Eng}, by Galileo {Ire}) Lifetime Record: GSW, 15-2-5-3, \$268,568. O-Red Baron's Barn LLC and Rancho Temescal LLC; B-Sir Robert Ogden (IRE); T-Leonard Powell. *105,000gns 2yo '22 TATAHI.

6th-Santa Anita, \$56,000, (S), (NW1\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$20,000), 4-21, 3yo/up, 1 1/8mT, 1:48.75, fm, 1/2 length.

OUBABE (h, 5, He Be Fire N Ice--Cause Ur My Babe {SP, \$135,635}, by Cause Ur Mine) Lifetime Record: 16-2-7-5, \$219,360. O/B-Cicero Farms LLC (CA); T-Richard Baltas. *\$45,000 RNA 2yo '21 OBSAPR.

7th-Laurel, \$55,480, 4-21, (C), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:10.99, ft, 1 length. **TAKE CHARGE TOO (g, 5, Will Take Charge--Noble Nation, by Cal Nation)** Lifetime Record: 22-5-6-3, \$223,545. O/B-Helen Marshall (MD); T-Kieron Magee.



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9th-Laurel, \$53,300, (NW2X)/Opt. Clm (\$32,000-\$40,000), 4-21, 3yo/up, 1 1/16m, 1:45.40, ft, neck.

BESTSUGARDADDYEVEER (g, 4, Blofeld--Best Mom Ever, by After Market) Lifetime Record: 11-5-1-1, \$146,520. O-Kernan Jr., Morris E., Yo Berbs Racing and Jagger Inc.; B-William Fossett & Charles Blanford (PA); T-Jamie Ness.

8th-Laurel, \$51,535, 4-21, (C), 3yo/up, 5 1/2fT, 1:01.57, fm, 3 lengths.

WHERE'S RAY (g, 4, Mshawish--Edgehill Road, by Old Forester) Lifetime Record: 6-2-1-1, \$52,500. O-Megan Salzman; B-Susan Moulton (KY); T-Timothy E. Salzman. \$10,000 Ylg '21 FTKFEB.

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8th-Gulfstream, \$45,000, (C)/Opt. Clm (\$62,500), 4-21, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16mT, 1:40.32, fm, 1/2 length.

FOREVER DIXIE (f, 4, Quality Road--Dixie Strike {GSW-Can, SW & GISP-USA, \$1,155,250}, by Dixie Union) Lifetime Record: 12-4-2-1, \$203,760. O/B-John C. Oxley (KY); T-Mark E. Casse.

7th-Hawthorne, \$41,160, 4-21, (NW1\$X), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:10.53, ft, 2 lengths.

RICHIESONAROLL (g, 4, Gone Astray--Sydneyrella {SP, \$292,983}, by Bring the Heat) Lifetime Record: 15-5-5-0, \$174,015. O-J and N Thoroughbreds, LLC; B-Richard Ravin (IL); T-Jose G. Rodriguez.

8th-Lone Star, \$40,500, (S), (NW2L)/Opt. Clm (\$50,000), 4-21, 3yo, f, 6 1/2f, 1:19.24, ft, 5 lengths.

SUCCESSFULPATH (f, 3, Too Much Bling--Signalpath, by Eskendereya) Lifetime Record: 6-2-1-1, \$66,233. O/B-Wayne Sanders & Larry Hirsch (TX); T-W. Bret Calhoun.

5th-Lone Star, \$36,500, (NW23MX)/Opt. Clm (\$40,000), 4-21, 3yo/up, 5 1/2f, 1:02.82, ft, 5 1/2 lengths.

TAPE TO TAPE (g, 6, Uncaptured--Trippi Honor, by Trippi) Lifetime Record: MSP, 32-10-8-4, \$395,004. O-End Zone Athletics, Inc.; B-Honors Stable Corporation (FL); T-Karl Broberg. *\$85,000 2yo '20 OBSMAR.

4th-Hawthorne, \$35,000, (S), 4-21, (NW1BX), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:11.65, ft, neck.

CLYDE'S GREEN GO (r, 7, Ghaaleb--Magic Chapel {SP}, by Chapel Royal) Lifetime Record: 8-2-4-1, \$73,720. O-Patti Macari; B-Patti Macari (IL); T-Robert Pompell.

8th-Evangeline Downs, \$32,440, 4-20, (NW3L), 3yo/up, f/m, 7f, 1:25.97, ft, 2 lengths.

CINCY'S ANNA (f, 4, Fast Anna--Cincy Girl, by Behrens) Lifetime Record: 8-3-0-1, \$65,990. O/B-J. Verland Prather (TN); T-Samuel Breaux.

5th-Golden Gate Fields, \$30,154, (NW1\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$50,000), 4-20, 3yo, 5 1/2f (AWT), 1:03.36, ft, 1 length.

HALO RANDO (g, 3, Tamarando--Halo Darlin, by Lucky Pulpit) Lifetime Record: 5-2-1-2, \$52,026. O-Larry D. Williams and Marianne Williams; B-Larry D. Williams (CA); T-Steven Specht.

6th-Charles Town, \$27,400, (S), 4-20, (NW2L), 3yo/up, 6 1/2f, 1:20.88, ft, neck.

DORADO (c, 3, Golden Years--Boppin Rocket, by Officer Rocket {GB}) Lifetime Record: 8-2-2-0, \$45,437. O-Javier Contreras; B-Javier Contreras (WV); T-Javier Contreras.

6th-Golden Gate Fields, \$25,360, (NW1\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$50,000), 4-20, 3yo, f, 1mT, 1:37.80, fm, 1/2 length.

HATTIE T (f, 3, Force the Pass--Gabby's Brown, by Big Brown) Lifetime Record: 6-2-0-0, \$34,940. O-Domeyko Taylor LP; B-Clover Hill Farm, Inc. (MD); T-Ed Moger, Jr. *\$17,000 Ylg '22 EASOCT; \$25,000 2yo '23 EASMAY.

8th-Sunray, \$23,396, 4-21, (NW3L), 3yo/up, 6 1/2f, 1:17.78, ft, 2 lengths.

BRASHANKNOWIT (f, 4, Shaman Ghost--Bold Birdie {SP, \$128,971}, by Birdstone) Lifetime Record: 6-3-1-0, \$68,937. O-Richard Lueck; B-Matalona Thoroughbreds, LLC (FL); T-Vaughn Long. *\$40,000 2yo '22 OBSAPR.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Flying First Class, f, 3, Bradester--Real Strike, by Smart Strike.

Lone Star, 4-21, (S), 5 1/2f, 1:06.20. Lifetime Record: SP, 7-1-0-3, \$40,499. B-CJ Thoroughbreds (TX). *\$35,000 Ylg '22 TTAYRL. **1/2 to Vietnam Victory (Klimt), MSW, \$182,114.

Strato, g, 3, Cloud Computing--Rita's Fifty Seven (SP), by Ready's Image. Oaklawn, 4-21, (S), 6f, 1:11.37. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-0, \$75,469. B-JRita Young Thoroughbreds, LLC (AR).

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Grubauer, g, 3, Frosted--Conquest Sweetride, by Candy Ride (Arg). Golden Gate Fields, 4-21, 6f (AWT), 1:10.55. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, \$16,200. B-Westbury Stables LLC (FL).

*\$35,000 Ylg '22 KEESEP; \$100,000 2yo '23 OBSAPR. **1/2 to eef Winslow (Honor Code), SP, \$202,620.

Aldora, f, 3, Gun Runner--Winter Dawn, by Sky Mesa.

Hawthorne, 4-21, 5 1/2f, 1:05.18. Lifetime Record: 6-1-1-1, \$36,973. B-Coffee Pot Stables (KY).

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Five to Two, f, 3, Honor Code--Pas de Deuce, by Curlin.

Aqueduct, 4-21, (S), 7f, 1:24.91. Lifetime Record: 6-1-2-2, \$87,500. B-Stone Bridge Farm, LLC (NY). *\$32,000 Ylg '22 SARAUG; \$60,000 2yo '23 OBSAPR.

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Get Ready Gal, f, 3, Mor Spirit--Ready's Gal (GSW-Can, MGSW & GISP-USA, \$609,959), by More Than Ready. Lone Star, 4-21, 1m (off turf), 1:42.71. Lifetime Record: 10-1-3-1, \$49,423. B-J. E. Jumonville Jr. & Bunny Jumonville (LA). *\$35,000 Ylg '22 TTAYRL; \$105,000 RNA 2yo '23 OBSMAR. *1/2 to Machen (Distorted Humor), GSW, \$216,530.

Sensible Choice, f, 3, Street Sense--Choi, by Bernardini.

Keeneland, 4-21, (C), 1 1/16m, 1:47.02. Lifetime Record: 8-1-1-3, \$51,855. B-Rock Ridge Thoroughbreds, LLC (KY).

Span, g, 4, **Shakin It Up**--Debu, by Buddha. Fanduel Sportsbook And Horse Racing, 4-20, (S), 5 1/2f, 1:07.38. Lifetime Record: 13-1-4-1, \$34,366. B-Terry L. Morgan (IL).

Pray for Me Ray, g, 6, **Vancouver (Aus)**--Gilded Miracle, by Gilded Time. Sunray, 4-21, 6 1/2f, 1:19.77. Lifetime Record: 11-1-3-3, \$57,680. B-Jack Swain (KY). *\$60,000 Ylg '19 KEESEP. **1/2 to Exalted (**Twirling Candy**), GISW, \$663,660.

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Blofeld, Bestsugardaddyever, g, 4, o/o Best Mom Ever, by After Market. AOC, 4-21, Laurel

Bradester, Flying First Class, f, 3, o/o Real Strike, by Smart Strike. MSW, 4-21, Lone Star

Brody's Cause, Sittin On Go, g, 6, o/o Set'n On Ready, by More Than Ready. STR, 4-21, Keeneland

Caravaggio, Maltese Falcon (Ire), g, 4, o/o Isabella (Ire), by Galileo (Ire). AOC, 4-20, Santa Anita

Cloud Computing, Strato, g, 3, o/o Rita's Fifty Seven, by Ready's Image. MSW, 4-21, Oaklawn

Constitution, Patriot Spirit, c, 3, o/o Mistical Plan, by Game Plan. Illinois Derby presented by 1/ST BET, 4-21, Hawthorne

Cotai Glory (GB), Spirit And Glory (Ire), m, 5, o/o Supreme Spirit (Ire), by Invincible Spirit (Ire). Plenty of Grace S., 4-21, Aqueduct

Curlin, Coffee in Bed, f, 4, o/o Sumptuous, by Hennessy. GII Santa Maria S., 4-21, Santa Anita

Enticed, Tambo, f, 3, o/o Flatter Me First, by Flatter. ALW, 4-21, Santa Anita

Fast Anna, Cincy's Anna, f, 4, o/o Cincy Girl, by Behrens. ALW, 4-20, Evangeline

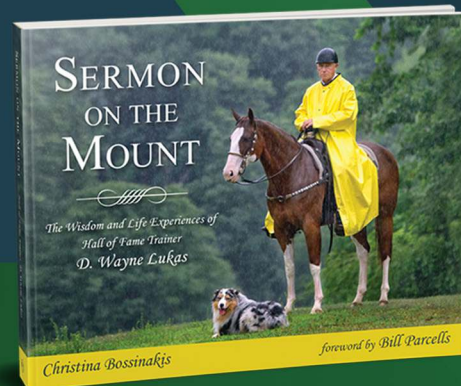
Flameaway, Dreamaway, f, 2, o/o Dream Dancing, by **Tapit**. MSW, 4-21, Keeneland

Force the Pass, Hattie T, f, 3, o/o Gabby's Brown, by Big Brown. AOC, 4-20, Golden Gate

Frosted, Grubauer, g, 3, o/o Conquest Sweetride, by **Candy Ride (Arg)**. MSW, 4-21, Golden Gate

Frosted, Icy Flavor, g, 5, o/o Kibosh, by Discreet Cat. ALW, 4-21,

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Ghaaleb, Clyde's Green Go, r, 7, o/o Magic Chapel, by Chapel Royal. ALW, 4-21, Hawthorne

Ghostzapper, Segesta, f, 3, o/o Antonoe, by First Defence. MSW, 4-21, Keeneland

Golden Years, Dorado, c, 3, o/o Boppin Rocket, by Officer Rocket (GB). ALW, 4-20, Charles Town

Gone Astray, Richiesonaroll, g, 4, o/o Sydneyrella, by Bring the Heat. ALW, 4-21, Hawthorne

Grazen, Johnny Podres, g, 7, o/o Malibu Holiday, by Harlan's Holiday. Siren Lure S., 4-21, Santa Anita

Gun Runner, Aldora, f, 3, o/o Winter Dawn, by **Sky Mesa**. MSW, 4-21, Hawthorne

He Be Fire N Ice, Oubabe, h, 5, o/o Cause Ur My Babe, by Cause Ur Mine. AOC, 4-21, Santa Anita

Honor Code, Five to Two, f, 3, o/o Pas de Deuce, by **Curlin**. MSW, 4-21, Aqueduct

Into Mischief, Late Nite Mistress, f, 3, o/o Late Night Pow Wow, by Fiber Sonde. ALW, 4-20, Charles Town

Into Mischief, Quiet Wisdom, c, 3, o/o Whisper Wisdom, by Rockport Harbor. AOC, 4-21, Aqueduct

Juba, Espresso, g, 4, o/o Up Close, by Windsor Castle. Confucius Say S., 4-20, Charles Town

Justify, Justified Strategy, f, 3, o/o Cry and Catch Me, by Street

Cry (Ire). MSW, 4-21, Laurel
Kingman (GB), Risk Tolerance (Ire), c, 3, o/o Loving Things (GB), by Pivotal (GB). MSW, 4-21, Aqueduct
Maclean's Music, Girl Named Charlie, f, 4, o/o Dynarama, by Dynaformer. ALW, 4-21, Keeneland
Mor Spirit, Get Ready Gal, f, 3, o/o Ready's Gal, by More Than Ready. MSW, 4-21, Lone Star
Mshawish, Where's Ray, g, 4, o/o Edgehill Road, by Old Forester. ALW, 4-21, Laurel
Quality Road, Forever Dixie, f, 4, o/o Dixie Strike, by Dixie Union. AOC, 4-21, Gulfstream
Ransom the Moon, Clear the Air, c, 4, o/o Marsali, by More Than Ready. ALW, 4-21, Keeneland
Shakin It Up, Span, g, 4, o/o Debu, by Buddha. MSW, 4-20, Fanduel Sportsbook And Horse Racing
Shaman Ghost, Brashanknowit, f, 4, o/o Bold Birdie, by Birdstone. ALW, 4-21, Sunray
Street Sense, Sensible Choice, f, 3, o/o Choi, by Bernardini. MCL,

4-21, Keeneland
Tamarando, Halo Rando, g, 3, o/o Halo Darlin, by Lucky Pulpit. AOC, 4-20, Golden Gate
Tapit, Benvolio, c, 3, o/o Molly Morgan, by **Ghostzapper**. AOC, 4-21, Tampa Bay
Tapit, Jane Austen, f, 3, o/o Shayjolie, by Indian Charlie. MSW, 4-21, Santa Anita
Tapwrit, Winnemac Avenue, g, 4, o/o Queen of the Rings, by Empire Maker. AOC, 4-21, Oaklawn
Too Much Bling, Successfulpath, f, 3, o/o Signalpath, by Eskendereya. AOC, 4-21, Lone Star
Uncaptured, Tape to Tape, g, 6, o/o Trippi Honor, by Trippi. AOC, 4-21, Lone Star
Vancouver (Aus), Pray for Me Ray, g, 6, o/o Gilded Miracle, by Gilded Time. MSW, 4-21, Sunray
War Front, Coco Crush, f, 4, o/o Lady Alexandra, by More Than Ready. MSW, 4-21, Keeneland
Will Take Charge, Take Charge Too, g, 5, o/o Noble Nation, by Cal Nation. ALW, 4-21, Laurel



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MESSARA: 'THERE IS MORE TO HORSE OWNERSHIP THAN JUST MONEY'



John Mesara | Longines

Arrowfield Stud founder and chairman **John Messara** has long taken a global view when it comes to breeding and has formed strong strategic links with fellow major breeders in Europe and Japan. He recently spoke with our colleagues at The Thoroughbred Report on the perceived stagnation of the **Australian Pattern race programme** and now shares with **Emma Berry** his wider views on racing and breeding in various jurisdictions and the decision to send a special mare to be based in Europe.

EB: You have had associations with European entities before, notably with the Aga Khan Studs. What has prompted you to decide to send mares to Europe to be bred to northern hemisphere time?

JM: Well, we have sent only one mare at this point, specifically to access **Frankel (GB)**. That mare is quite a special one for us, The Broken Shore (Aus) (Hussonet), a half-sister to Redoute's Choice (Aus) and also the dam of Champion three-year-old filly Shoals (Aus).

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LORDANO ADDS COLOGNE FEATURE TO STAKES PORTFOLIO by Sean Cronin

Gestut Ittlingen's homebred gelding **Lordano (Ger)** (Adlerflug {Ger}--Labrice {GB}, by Dubawi {Ire}) garnered last term's G3 Deutsches St Leger and G3 Silbernes Pferd in a four-from-six 2023 and continued on a roll with a narrow victory dropped in trip for a stellar renewal of Sunday's 12-furlong G2 Carl Jaspers Preis at Cologne.

The 33-5 chance was positioned just over two lengths off the lead in third as last year's runner-up **Tunnes (Ger)** (Guiliani {Ire}) set the tone from flagfall, but came under stern urging once into the home straight. Answering every call and battling to the front with 300 metres remaining, he refused to buckle in brave fashion and was all out to withstand the persistent challenge of last year's winner **Assistent (Ger)** (Sea The Moon {Ger}) by a neck after an epic tussle. [Cont., p5](#)

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Globetrotting star Dubai Honour (Ire) was one of three European contenders to arrive safely in Hong Kong from London early Sunday morning for his anticipated start on FWD Champions Day. | HKJC

BILLY LOUGHNANE RIDES FIRST GROUP WINNER

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Queues Likely (GB) enjoyed a career best in Sunday's G3 Karin Baronin von Ullmann Schwarzgold-Rennen at Cologne and helped pilot Billy Loughnane pick up his first group winner in the process.

FRANKEL'S HALF-BROTHER HEADED TO HERON

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Kikkuli (GB) will be pointed to Sandown's Listed Chasemore Farm Stud Staff Heron S. on May 23 for his next step up in class.

GOLDEN SLIPPER WINNER SHINZO RETIRED

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Shinzo (Aus), the Golden Slipper-winner by Snitzel (Aus) and last season's Champion two-year-old, will commence his stud career at Coolmore Australia. The TDN has details.

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The Autumn Sun | Arrowfield Stud

John Messara, cont. from p1

Our partner, Jonathan Munz, persuaded us to relocate her in Europe on a permanent basis for easier access to Frankel (GB) and of course our aim is to try to breed a good colt by this great stallion. It means we'll have to race her progeny in Europe, but that should be fun.

EB: I note that you have recently mentioned potentially standing the offspring as stallions if they are colts and perform well enough. Do you feel that there are certain European stallions whose offspring could work well in Australasia and, crucially, be well received by breeders?

JM: Certainly, the stallion ranks in Europe and America offer a wider range of elite stallions for a mare like The Broken Shore than here at home, and Frankel in particular is quite special and very suitable for her. Australasian-bred stallions currently dominate our sire premierships but young stallions like Harry Angel (Ire), Too Darn Hot (GB), Blue Point (Ire), St Mark's Basilica (Fr) and Pinatubo (Ire) are being given every chance to succeed here.

EB: The Autumn Sun (Aus) (Redoute's Choice {Aus}) was recently represented by his first Group 1 winner, Autumn Angel (Aus). Would you ever consider shuttling him, particularly given his family, and with his younger siblings being based back in Europe?

JM: Yes, we would consider shuttling him, if a sound opportunity was to arise. The Autumn Sun has got off to a solid start in Australia and hopefully there's more to come. [Cont.](#)



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EB: How do you view the increasing importation of middle-distance and staying horses from Europe to Australia? Do you feel there is enough encouragement in the Australian breeding industry for breeders to try to produce this type of horse at home?

JM: We certainly have the racing programme and the prize-money for middle-distance horses, albeit that there is an historical demand for precocious speed animals. And yes, the flow of imports of European middle-distance horses and their success on the track here has been something of a wake-up call, causing Australian breeders to consider a more diverse approach to their breeding options. We at Arrowfield have been on that path for some time, with stallions like Dundee (NZ), Maurice (Jpn) and The Autumn Sun. I am hoping that the exaggerated focus on two-year-old racing is behind us and that we start producing horses with a more versatile aptitude.

EB: Do you feel that there is there too much emphasis internationally on two-year-old success?

JM: The statistics are interesting: in Australia 12% of all stakes races are for two-year-olds, while in Great Britain and Ireland it's more than 20%, yet Australia has been much more focused on two-year-old racing. The Golden Slipper, established in 1957 and still the world's most valuable two-year-old race, is undoubtedly one reason; another is our broad ownership base including syndicates of people keen to see their horses run early.

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While it is naturally exciting to see each season's juveniles stepping out, and they are a vibrant part of Australian racing's mix, I sense that this focus on two-year-old racing isn't quite as intense as it once was. I suggest that at least a couple of factors are responsible for this: mature European horses winning our middle-distance races; and the success in Australia of stallions like High Chaparral (Ire), Street Cry, So You Think (NZ), Dundee and Maurice.

EB: From your perspective, do Royal Ascot and other major meetings in this part of the world have enough allure for Australian owners and trainers? Or is it simply the case that financial rewards are greater at home and in jurisdictions such as Hong Kong and Japan?

JM: Yes, I do think Royal Ascot retains its appeal for Australians - at least, I'm yet to meet anyone who has been underwhelmed by it. A stakes win at any of the top European meetings is a great asset in a pedigree and a wonderful, bucket-list experience for most of us. I would say, without much hesitation, that most Australian owners would enjoy the challenge of taking on the world, if they had the horse to do it. There is more to horse ownership than just money!

EB: Japan is another country with which Arrowfield has strong links. What is it that drew you to become involved in standing stallions such as Maurice and Admire Mars? Do you keep mares in Japan?

JM: We have had a 25-year, strong and productive relationship with the leading Japanese stallion farm, Shadai Stallion Station, and with Katsumi Yoshida's Northern Farm; these are hugely successful breeding operations. We have stood horses here in Australia on the shuttle and have partnered with them in other cases. Japanese stallions have offered us diversity by providing outcrosses for our relatively small gene pool. We sometimes ship mares to Japan to access particular stallions in Southern

Hemisphere time, such as Sunday Silence and Deep Impact (Jpn). We also operate a broodmare partnership with Northern Farm which has produced 7 Group 1 winners including Horse of the Year Weekend Hussler (Aus), Blue Diamond winners Rean (Aus) and Tagaloo (Aus) and last weekend's Australian Oaks winner Autumn Angel (Aus).

EB: What do you feel that other breeding nations can learn from the Japanese model?

JM: My observation is that the Japanese breeding industry relies more on the excellence of racetrack performance than the fashionable pedigree or commercial saleability. They have bred many, many internationally competitive athletes that way. The efficiency and scope of their training facilities is amazing and they are constantly looking for ways to do things better.

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Lordano, cont. from p1

The pair drew nine lengths clear of Tunnes in third. Last term's G1 Deutsches Derby runner-up **Mr Hollywood (Ire)** (Iquitos {Ger}) finished 3 1/2 lengths adrift in fourth, 1 1/4 lengths ahead of 2022 Deutsches Derby hero **Sammarco (Ire)** (Camelot {GB}) bringing up the rear in fifth.

"He did well, once again, over the winter and I had no concerns about the shorter distance because he had already run over such a trip last year," trainer Marcel Weiss told *GaloppOnline*. "The race was actually intended as part of his build-up for the [May 19 G2] Oleander-Rennen [at Hoppegarten]. He still has a lot up his sleeve and now we have to consider how we proceed."

Pedigree Notes

Lordano is one of 20 pattern-race winners for his sire and the second of two out of G3 Hamburger Stutenpreis second Labrice (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}), herself kin to G1 Gran Premio del Jockey Club victrix Lovelyn (Ger) (Tiger Hill {Ire}) and Listed Junioren-Preis runner-up Larella (Ger) (Anabaa). **Cont.**

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His second dam Laurella (GB) (Acatenango {Ger}) is a full-sister to MG1SW G1 Deutsches Derby-winning sire Lando (Ger) as well being a half-sister to G1 Deutsches Derby-winning sire Laroche (Ger) (Nebos {Ger}) and G2 Preis der Diana (German Oaks) third La Donna (GB) (Shirley Heights {GB}). La Donna, in turn, is the second dam of G1 Deutsches Derby hero Laccario (Ger) (Scalo {GB}) while La Donna's full-sister Laurencia (GB) produced GSW GI United Nations H. runner-up Lauro (Ger) (Monsun {Ger}) and G3 Preis der Winterkonigin victrix Love Academy (Ger) (Medicean {GB}). Love Academy is the dam of G2 Diana-Trial winner and G1 Preis der Diana (German Oaks) third Longina (Ger) (Monsun {Ger}). The latter, in turn, is the dam of last term's G3 Prix de Royaumont and this month's Listed Prix Zarkava victrix Ottery (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}).

Sunday, Cologne, Germany

CARL JASPERS PREIS-G2, €70,000, Cologne, 4-21, 4yo/up, 12fT, 2:38.40, hy.

1--**LORDANO (GER), 126, g, 5, by Adlerflug (Ger)**

1st Dam: Labrice (GB) (GSP-Ger), by Dubawi (Ire)

2nd Dam: Laurella (GB), by Acatenango (Ger)

3rd Dam: Laurea (Ire), by Sharpman (Ire)

O-Gestut Ittlingen; B-Gestut Hof Ittlingen (GER); T-Marcel Weiss; J-Rene Piechulek. €40,000. Lifetime Record: 9-7-1-0, €145,575. *Full to Loft (Ger), GSW-Ger & US, SP-Eng, \$344,391. **Werk Nick Rating: A++**. **Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree, or the free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree.**



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2--**Assistent (Ger)**, 128, h, 5, Sea The Moon (Ger)--Anna Kalla (Ger), by Kalatos (Ger). (€58,000 Ylg '20 BBAGS). O-Eckhard Sauren & Liberty Racing 2020; B-Gestut Rottgen (GER); T-Henk Grewe. €15,500.

3--**Tunnes (Ger)**, 126, h, 5, Guiliani (Ire)--Tijuna (Ger), by Toylsome (GB). (€38,000 Ylg '20 BBAGS). O-Holger Renz; B-Paul H Vandeberg (GER); T-Peter Schiergen. €8,000.

Margins: NK, 9, 3HF. Odds: 6.60, 1.50, 4.40.

Also Ran: Mr Hollywood (Ire), Sammarco (Ire).

QUEUES LIKELY MAKES ALL FOR SCHWARZGOLD-RENNEN TRIUMPH; FIRST GROUP WINNER FOR BILLY LOUGHNANE

by Sean Cronin

Stan Moore representative **Queues Likely (GB)** (Massaat {Ire}--Bakoura {GB}, by Green Desert) enjoyed a busy juvenile season, winning three of nine starts, and backed up a handicap score at Wolverhampton last month with a career best in Sunday's G3 Karin Baronin von Ullmann Schwarzgold-Rennen at Cologne.

The lone overseas challenger, sporting blinkers in this pattern-race debut, was sharply into stride and seized and immediate lead.

Cont.



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Holding sway throughout, she was the last of eight to come off the bridle in the straight and kept on strongly once shaken up with 300 metres remaining to comfortably hold G3 Preis der Winterkonigin second **Lady Mary (Ger)** (Lawman {Fr}) by 1 1/4 lengths.

“It’s brilliant and I’m over the moon to get it done with her,” said rider Billy Loughnane after claiming a career-first pattern-race victory. “She has been a star for us back at home and I was surprised at how long we were left in front before something challenged us. I felt we got it pretty easy [in front], I was able to get a nice breather into her and she’s real tough when it comes down to it.”

Pedigree Notes

Queues Likely, who will now point to next month’s G2 German 1000 Guineas, becomes the first black-type scorer for her third-crop sire (by Teofilo {Ire}) and dam Bakoura (GB) (Green Desert), who is responsible for four winners from as many runners. Her second dam is G3 Princess Royal S. third Bunood (Ire) (Sadler’s Wells), who also threw Listed Rosemary S. third Lanansaak (Ire) (Zamindar).

Bakoura is the leading performer produced by a daughter of G1 Cheveley Park S. heroine Desirable (Ire) (Lord Gayle), herself the dam of three pattern-race scorers headed by G1 1000 Guineas victrix Shadayid (Shadeed). Desirable is kin to G1 Irish Oaks heroine Alydaress (Alydar) and G1 Moyglare Stud S. winner Park Appeal (Ire) (Ahonoora {GB}). Bakoura has a 2-year-old filly by Rajasinghe (Ire) and a yearling filly by Rumble Inthejungle (Ire) to come.

Sunday, Cologne, Germany

KARIN BARONIN VON ULLMANN - SCHWARZGOLD-RENNEN-G3, €70,000, Cologne, 4-21, 3yo, f, 8fT, 1:43.96, hy.

1--**QUEUES LIKELY (GB), 128, f, 3, by Massaaf (Ire)**

1st Dam: **Bakoura (GB), by Green Desert**

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

3rd Dam: **Azdihaar, by Mr. Prospector**

1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN; 1ST GROUP WIN. (14,000gns Ylg ‘22 TATOCT). O-Ms H N Pinniger & Partner; B-Mickley Stud (GB); T-Stan Moore; J-Billy Loughnane. €40,000. Lifetime Record: 11-5-0-1, €69,613. **Werk Nick Rating: A+++ *Triple Plus***.

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2--**Lady Mary (Ger)**, 128, f, 3, Lawman (Fr)--La Reine Noir (Ger), by Rainbow Quest). O/B-Graf & Graf von Stauffenberg (GER); T-Andreas Suborics. €15,500.

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3--**Words Of Peace (Ger)**, 128, f, 3, Palace Prince (Ger)--Words Of Love (Ger), by Soldier Hollow (GB). **1ST BLACK TYPE; 1ST GROUP BLACK TYPE.** O-Georg Engel; B-Gestut Hony-Hof (GER); T-Sascha Smrczek. €8,000.

Margins: 1 1/4, 1 1/4, 1 1/4. Odds: 7.20, 2.10, 7.60.

Also Ran: Saman (Ger), Waria (Fr), Royal Night (Ger), Quetame (GB), Analytics (Ger).



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KIKKULI HEADED TO LISTED HERON AT SANDOWN'S MAY MEETING

Juddmonte's European racing manager Barry Mahon has confirmed **Kikkuli (GB)** (**Kingman {GB}**) will be pointed to Sandown's Listed Chasemore Farm Stud Staff Heron S. on May 23 for his next step up in class.

Famous for his relation to **Frankel (GB)**, and by the operation's Classic-winning sire, the colt showed his connections encouraging signs when graduating from the maiden ranks in his seasonal return Apr. 16 at Newmarket for conditioner Harry Charlton, **who then admitted** that having the half-brother to such an illustrious horse was 'wonderful' but came with a little added pressure. Should Kikkuli post another positive performance, then targets at Royal Ascot could come into play.

"It was brilliant to see what he did and he had a big run at Newmarket last year [on debut] when he was about 75-80 per cent. That was a big run and the form of the race was franked," said Mahon. "Tuesday was good and I thought in the last furlong, if he wanted to give it up he could have, and he didn't. He stuck his head out and went on and [jockey] Ryan [Moore] was complimentary of him."

"He came out of the [maiden breaking win] well and we will now look forward to the Heron [Stakes] with him. It looks to be the next logical step and if he is ready for another step up after that, it brings you nicely into Royal Ascot and a whole host of races."

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Madhmoon (Ire) (**Dawn Approach {Ire}**), Haras du Saz
20 foals of racing age
1-BDX LE BOUSCAT, 1000m, Dimanche Soir (Fr)
€10,000 Arqana Deauville Yearling Sale V2 2023

Sands of Mali (Fr) (Panis), Ballyhane Stud
98 foals of racing age
1-BDX LE BOUSCAT, 1000m, Hide The Evidence (Ire)
€10,000 Tattersalls Ireland September Yearling 2023

Van Beethoven (Scat Daddy), Karwin Farm
32 foals of racing age
1-BDX LE BOUSCAT, 1000m, Vivre Libre (Fr)
€15,000 Arqana Deauville Yearling Sale V2 2023

Yafta (GB) (Dark Angel {Ire}), Haras de la Haie Neuve
25 foals of racing age
1-BDX LE BOUSCAT, 1000m, Spanish Rose (Fr)
€10,000 RNA Osarus September Yearling Sale 2023

UNITED KINGDOM

Far Above (Ire) (Farhh {GB}), Starfield Stud
83 foals of racing age
13:52-PONTEFRACT, 5f, Far Above The Law (Ire)
€15,000 Goffs November Foal Sale 2022; €20,000 Goffs Autumn Yearling Sale 2023

Mohaather (GB) (Showcasing {GB}), Beech House Stud
96 foals of racing age
13:52-PONTEFRACT, 5f, Beauhaather (GB)
22,000gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale (Book 3) 2023

Sands of Mali (Fr) (Panis), Ballyhane Stud
98 foals of racing age
13:52-PONTEFRACT, 5f, Almanjoor (Ire)
€23,000 Goffs November Foal Sale 2022; £36,000 Goffs UK Premier Yearling Sale 2023

Without Parole (GB) (**Frankel {GB}**), Newsells Park Stud
53 foals of racing age
17:20-WINDSOR, 5f, Liberty Bird (GB)
30,000gns Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2022; 16,000gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale (Book 3) 2023

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HOW THEY FARED

14.25 Curragh, Mdn, €20,000, 2yo, 6fT

Aidan O'Brien trainee **Whistlejacket (Ire) (No Nay Never)**, a 500,000gns Tattersalls Book 1 full-brother to G1 Phoenix S. hero **Little Big Bear (Ire)**, attempted to make all in this debut, but was caught and passed inside the final furlong and finished second.

BRITAIN

Sunday's Results:

2nd-Musselburgh, £30,000, Nov, 4-21, 2yo, 5f 1yT, 1:02.37, g/s.

BARRAK (GB) (c, 2, Sergei Prokofiev--Rhal {Ire}, by Rahy), who was slightly askew leaving the stalls, improved from an early fourth to occupy a close-up second after the initial stages of this debut. Scrubbed along passing the quarter-mile marker, the 5-1 chance launched his challenge approaching the final furlong and was driven out to assert by 3/4-of-a-length from Station X (GB) (Dark Angel {Ire}), becoming the fourth winner for his freshman sire (by Scat Daddy). Barrak is the ninth of 10 live foals and eighth scorer produced by a multiple-winning half-sister to G2 Duchess of Cambridge S. and G3 Albany S. victrix and G1 Cheveley Park S. runner-up Illuminate (Ire) (Zoffany {Ire}). His second dam Queen Of Stars (Green Desert) is an unraced half-sister to G3 Premio Dormello winner and G1 Oaks d'Italia runner-up Lady Catherine (GB) (Bering {GB}). The April-foaled chestnut, kin to a yearling filly by Mohaather (GB), is from the family of dual Group 1-winning sire Prince Gibraltar (Fr) (Rock Of Gibraltar {Ire}) and GI Hollywood Oaks heroine Princess Karenda (Gummo). Sales history: £78,000 Ylg '23 GOFFUK. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$19,130.

O-Al Mohamediya Racing; B-Crossfields Bloodstock Ltd (GB); T-Kevin Ryan.

HANDICAP RESULTS:

7th-Musselburgh, £75,000, Hcp, 4-21, 4yo/up, 5f 1yT, :59.97, g/s.

EQUALITY (GB) (g, 6, Equiano {Fr}--Penny Drops {GB} {MSP-Eng & SP-Fr}, by Invincible Spirit {Ire}) Lifetime Record: GSW-Eng & G1SP-Ire, 27-6-2-5, \$260,135. O-Kennet Valley Syndicates II; B-Mr & Mrs G Middlebrook (GB); T-Charles Hills. *£50,000 Ylg '19 GOFFPR.

FRANCE

Sunday's Results:

PRIX CARAVELLE - HARAS DES GRANGES-Listed, €55,000, Toulouse, 4-21, 3yo, f, 10 1/2fT, 2:06.50, g/s.

1--**BIRTHE (IRE), 123, f, 3, by Study Of Man (Ire)**

1st Dam: Barakaat (Fr), by Lope De Vega (Ire)

2nd Dam: Royale Du Buisson (Ire), by Invincible Spirit (Ire)

3rd Dam: Biswa, by Kafwain

1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN. (€10,000 Ylg '22 GOFAUT). O-Christine Guilbert & Laura Vanska; B-Sabah Mubarak Al Sabah (IRE); T-Laura Vanska; J-Aurelien Lemaitre. €27,500. Lifetime Record: 4-2-1-1, €55,750.

2--**City Girl (Fr), 123, f, 3, City Light (Fr)--Nimpeas, by Smart Strike. 1ST BLACK TYPE.** (€17,000 RNA Ylg '22 ARQOCT; €22,000 RNA 2yo '23 ARQJUL). O/B-Herald Bloodstock Ltd, Mme Veronique Dubois & Nicolas Baudron (FR); T-Louis Baudron. €11,000.

3--**Vigatata (Fr), 123, f, 3, Sea The Moon (Ger)--Abys (Fr), by Montjeu (Ire). 1ST BLACK TYPE.** (€240,000 Ylg '22 ARQAUG). O-George Strawbridge; B-Eric Puerari, Herald Bloodstock Ltd & Ecurie du Parc Monceau (FR); T-Francois Rohaut. €8,250.

Margins: NK, HF, 3HF. Odds: 7.30, 12.00, 1.70.

Also Ran: Lina (Fr), Zuna (Fr), Betty Nelson (Ire), L'Equilibriste (Fr), Florence (Pol), Monterosa (GB). **Video, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

Birthe followed up a debut second at Deauville in November with a breakthrough score at Chantilly later that month and went postward for this black-type bow returning off a Mar. 14 conditions third back at Chantilly. Positioned in rear until taking closer order on the home turn, she made relentless headway out wide in the straight and kept on strongly to deny City Girl by a neck in the dying strides for a career high.

Birthe is the lone reported foal produced by a winning daughter of Listed Prix Yacowlef third Royale Du Buisson (Ire) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}), herself a granddaughter of MGISW distaffer Kostroma (Ire) (Caerleon). The March-foaled bay hails from the family of multiple elite-level winners Nashoba's Key (Silver Hawk) and Solinus (GB) (Comedy Star).



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PRIX AYMERI DE MAULEON-Listed, €55,000, Toulouse, 4-21, 3yo, 8fT, 1:35.40, g/s.

1--**SEE YOU AROUND (IRE)**, 122, f, 3, by **Siyouni (Fr)**

**1st Dam: Besotted (Ire) (SW & GSP-Fr),
by Dutch Art (GB)**

2nd Dam: Tender Is Thenight (Ire), by Barathea (Ire)

3rd Dam: Mill Princess (Ire), by Mill Reef

1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN. (€140,000 RNA Ylg '22 ARQAUG).

O-Cotton House Bloodstock; B-C-Squared Investments (IRE); T-Philippe Sogorb; J-Mickael Barzalona. €27,500. Lifetime Record: 6-3-2-0, €69,100. *1/2 to Fancy Me (Ire) (Pivotal {GB}), GSW-Fr.

2--**Puchkine (Fr)**, 126, c, 3, **Starspangledbanner (Aus)**--Vadyska (Ire), by So You Think (NZ). **1ST BLACK TYPE.** O/B-Alain Jathiere (FR); T-Jean-Claude Rouget. €11,000.

3--**Timber Light (Fr)**, 126, c, 3, Hunter's Light (Ire)--Foulognes (Ire), by Lope De Vega (Ire). **1ST BLACK TYPE.** O-Sheikh Abdullah bin Khalifa Al Thani & Henri-Alex Pantall; B-Mme Yvette Pantall & Henri-Alex Pantall (FR); T-Henri-Alex Pantall. €8,250.

Margins: 1 1/4, HD, SHD. Odds: 9.90, 0.40, 22.00.

Also Ran: Bateau Blanc (GB), May (GB), Lord Of War (Fr), Siyouking (Fr), Eclair La Vie (Fr), Tarob (Ire), Denisjonh (Fr), Lovers Day (Fr). **Video, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

See You Around, who bagged events at Tarbes and this venue last year, closed her freshman campaign with a runner-up finish in Deauville's Nov. 5 Listed Prix Zeddaan and opened this term with a seventh in Chantilly's Mar. 8 Listed Prix Montenica when last seen. Tracking the leading duo in third for the most part, she came under pressure in the straight to gain an edge approaching the final furlong and was ridden out to register a first stakes tally in ultimately snug fashion.



See You Around | Scoop Dyga

See You Around, the 75th stakes winner for her sire (by Pivotal {GB}), is the fourth foal and scorer out of G2 Prix de Sandringham second Besotted (Ire) (Dutch Art {GB}), herself a half-sister to G1 Poule d'Essai des Pouliches winner Tie Black (Ire) (Machiavellian). Besotted, who won this contest in 2016, is from the family of MG1SW sire Last Tycoon (Ire) (Try My Best) and G1 Coronation S. heroine Immortal Verse (Ire) (Pivotal {GB}). The February-foaled bay is kin to G3 Prix des Reservoirs victrix Fancy Me (Ire) (Pivotal {GB}), the unraced 2-year-old filly Diamantine (Ire) (Kodiac {GB}) and a yearling colt by Ghaiyyath (Ire).

LE VASE D'ARGENT-Listed, €52,000, Toulouse, 4-21, 4yo/up, 10fT, 2:03.90, g/s.

1--**DAR TOUNGI (FR)**, 126, g, 6, **Kendargent (Fr)**--**Toungi (Ire) (SW-Fr, \$116,259), by Rock Of Gibraltar (Ire).** **1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN.** O/B-Jean-Claude Seroul (FR); T-Jerome Reynier; J-Tony Piccone. €26,000. Lifetime Record: 31-6-7-6, €182,820.

2--**Agador (Fr)**, 129, h, 5, Caravaggio--Marunouchi (Ire), by Peintre Celebre. O/B-White Birch Farm (FR); T-Jean-Claude Rouget. €10,400.

3--**Dilawar (Ire)**, 126, g, 7, Dubawi (Ire)--Dolnya (Fr), by Azamour (Ire). (€500,000 5yo '22 ARQARC). O-Victorious Racing; B-H H The Aga Khan's Studs SC (IRE); T-Carlos & Yann Lerner. €7,800.

Margins: NK, 3/4, 3/4. Odds: 16.20, 1.90, 2.80.

Also Ran: Lord Achilles (Fr), Watch Him (Fr), Alcaraz (Fr), Une Perle (Ire), Noir (Fr), Harry Way (Fr). **Video, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

Dar Toungi ran fifth in Cagnes-sur-Mer's Jan. 27 Listed Grand Prix Riviera Cote d'Azur on seasonal return and posted a sixth in a Mar. 23 La Teste conditions heat when last seen. Positioned behind the leaders in fourth for the most part here, he made headway under pressure in the straight to go second entering the final furlong and was ridden out to deny Agador by a neck nearing the line for a belated first black-type success.

Dar Toungi, who becomes the 42nd stakes winner for his sire (by Kendor {Fr}), is the second of three foals and lone scorer out of Listed Prix La Sorellina victrix Toungi (Ire) (Rock Of Gibraltar {Ire}), herself kin to stakes-winning G3 Prix Chloe second Fadela Style (Fr) (Desert Style {Ire}), stakes-winning G3 Prix Cleopatre runner-up Santa Ponsa (Fr) (Slickly {Fr}) and Listed Prix Georges Trabaud third Carnevalo (Ire) (Slickly {Fr}). Dar Toungi's third dam Chirrup (Fr) (Chief Singer {Ire}) is a half-sister to three pattern-race winners headed by G2 Ribblesdale S. heroine Gull Nook (GB) (Mill Reef), whose own progeny list is headed by G1 King George VI & Queen Elizabeth S.-winning sire Pentire (GB) (Be My Guest), Gull Nook's descendants also include G1 Gran Criterium-winning sire Konigstiger (Ger) (Tiger Hill {Ire}).

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Glory Wood (Fr), g, 3, **Birchwood (Ire)**--Lala Dance (Fr), by Motivator (GB). Divonne-Les-Bains, 4-21, 8 1/2fT, 1:54.50. B-Indivision N Lala Dance 2021 (FR). *€52,000 2yo '23 ARQNOV.

Star Of The Night (Fr), f, 3, **City Light (Fr)**--Celestial Night (Fr), by Dutch Art (GB). Durtal, 4-21, 10fT, 2:10.84. B-Marcello Randelli (FR). *€31,000 Ylg '22 ARQOCT.

Perfect Hedge (Fr), c, 3, **The Grey Gatsby (Ire)**--Perfect Mood (Ire), by High Chaparral (Ire). Divonne-Les-Bains, 4-21, 15 1/2fT, 3:41.70. B-Ecurie Haras du Cadran, Alain Decrion & Ecurie JML Racing (FR). *€27,000 Ylg '22 ARQOCT.

Mendrisio (Swi), c, 3, **Vanishing Cupid (Swi)**--Marcellina (Swi), by Mozart (Ire). Haras du Pin, 4-21, 10 1/2fT, time: n/a. B-Stall Sohrehof (SWI). *€15,000 RNA Ylg '22 BBAGS.

Azilia (Fr), f, 3, **Zarak (Fr)**--Alleaza (Fr), by Azamour (Ire). Haras du Pin, 4-21, 10 1/2fT, time: n/a. B-Bloodstock Agency Ltd (FR). *€35,000 Wlg '21 ARQDEC.



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“It was a good performance and I always thought he was a proper horse, but he was unlucky a few times,” said Donnacha O’Brien. “He ran well in Cork last time and the step up to seven [furlongs] seemed to suit him. It’s nice to get a stakes win into him. He could get away with a stiff six, but he travelled so well there today and all the big seven-furlong races will be open to him. There is the [G1 Prix] Maurice de Gheest over six-and-a-half in France, but whether he’s up to that level I don’t know. I’d like to give him a shot at it to see. The [G2] Greenlands is here in about a month, but that is back to six, or we might give him a little break and aim for seven furlongs in France.”

Yosemite Valley, who becomes the 170th stakes scorer for his sire (by Giant’s Causeway) and the second for Listed Prix Zarkava victrix and G2 Prix Corrida runner-up That Which Is Not (Elusive Quality). Her first produce is G3 Ballysax S. victor and G1 Irish Derby runner-up Piz Badile (Ire) (Ulysses {Ire}) and she has the 3-year-old filly Tranquillitatis (GB) (**Kingman {GB}**), the unraced 2-year-old colt Philokalist (GB) (**Frankel {GB}**) and a yearling colt by Dubawi (Ire) to come. Stablemate Tranquillitatis was off her feed and scratched from an intended debut at Leopardstown earlier this month. That Which Is Not is the leading performer bred from G1 Tattersalls Gold Cup heroine Shiva (Jpn) (Hector Protector), who is also the second dam of dual Group 2-winning sire Threat (Ire) (**Footstepsinthesand {GB}**). Shiva’s siblings include G1 Oaks heroine Light Shift (Kingmambo), herself the dam of G1 International and G1 Eclipse-winning sire Ulysses (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}).

IRELAND

Sunday’s Results:

LESTER PIGGOTT GLADNESS S.-Listed, €42,500, Curragh, 4-21, 3yo/up, 7fT, 1:31.65, sf/hy.

1--**YOSEMITE VALLEY (GB)**, 135, c, 4, **Shamardal--That Which Is Not (SW & GSP-Fr, \$116,533)**, by **Elusive Quality. 1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN.** O/B-Flaxman Stables Ireland Ltd (GB); T-Donnacha O’Brien; J-Gavin Ryan. €25,500. Lifetime Record: GSP-Ire, 7-2-4-0, \$62,780. *1/2 to Piz Badile (Ire) (Ulysses {Ire}), GSW & MG1SP-Ire, \$334,337.

2--**Jumbly (GB)**, 130, m, 5, **Gleneagles (Ire)**--Thistle Bird (GB), by Selkirk. (1,250,000gns 3yo '22 TATMA). O-Mrs Doreen Tabor; B-Emily Rothschild (GB); T-Joseph O’Brien. €8,500.

3--**Mutasarref (GB)**, 138, g, 6, Dark Angel (Ire)--Mulkeyya (Ire), by Mawathee. (95,000gns 3yo '21 TATAHI). O-Eleanora Kennedy; B-Shadwell Estate Company Ltd (GB); T-Ger Lyons. €4,250.

Margins: 2 3/4, 1 1/4, NK. Odds: 3.00, 1.75, 7.00.

Also Ran: Big Gossey (Ire), Henry Adams (Ire), San Andreas (Ire).

Yosemite Valley, successful once in his first five starts, opened this campaign with a second in last month’s Listed Cork S. and continued on an upward trajectory with a stakes breakthrough here. He adopted a patient approach in fifth and settled into a comfortable rhythm through halfway. Cruising up to the front rank at the two pole, he found plenty under stern urging once hooking up with Jumbly soon after and overpowered that rival inside the final furlong to win going away.

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1st-Curragh, €22,000, Cond, 4-21, 2yo, 5fT, 1:05.09, sf/hy.
MIDNIGHT STRIKE (IRE) (c, 2, Starspangledbanner {Aus}--Not After Midnight {Ire}, by Big Bad Bob {Ire}) was quickly away and tracked the leaders in fourth from the outset of this first go. Inching closer once past halfway, the 15-2 chance was shaken up to gain a slender advantage passing the furlong pole and ridden out in the closing stages to assert by two lengths from Treasure Isle (Ire) (**No Nay Never**). "I thought he was a nice colt, but didn't expect him to win like that," said Joseph O'Brien. "He looks an Ascot-type horse and another nice **Starspangledbanner** for the owners [Teme Valley]. He looks very smart, we thought he'd stay six [furlongs], but he was certainly quick enough to start at five." Midnight Strike is the second of three foals and first runner produced by a half-sister to Listed Burradon S. victor Fox Power (Ire) (Dark Angel {Ire}). The March-foaled bay, whose second dam is Listed Silver Tankard S. victrix Zenella (GB) (Kyllachy {GB}), is a half to a yearling colt by Coulsty (Ire). Sales history: €65,000 Wlg '22 GOFNO1; 50,000gns Ylg '23 TATDEY. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$14,070. O-Teme Valley; B-Hawes Stud (IRE); T-Joseph O'Brien.

2nd-Curragh, €20,000, Mdn, 4-21, 2yo, 6fT, 1:18.41, sf/hy.
COWARDOFTHECOUNTY (IRE) (c, 2, Kodi Bear {Ire}--Hawaajib {Fr}, by Elusive City) settled into a rhythm off the pace in eighth through the early stages of this debut and inched forward from halfway. Bustled along at the quarter-mile marker, the 17-2 chance was ridden to the front with 75 yards remaining and drew clear in the dying embers to prevail by 2 1/2 lengths from Whistlejacket (Ire) (**No Nay Never**). "This fellow looked like he could be a bit special at home, but you're never really sure with a 2-year-old until they go to the races," said Joseph O'Brien. "A lot of people pitch in 2-year-olds with an older horse to give them a guide, but we don't and keep the 2-year-olds together. We knew there was a good chance this lad would run well after Midnight Strike ran well in the first. He's particularly laid back and couldn't have been more impressive. He's a big horse and could go straight for the [G2] Coventry [at Royal Ascot] now. I don't know if he needs to run again [beforehand], but we'll have to see." Cowardofthecounty is the latest of five foals and third scorer out of an unraced half-sister to Listed Premio Coolmore victrix Junia Tepzia (Ire) (Rock Of Gibraltar {Ire}). The March-foaled bay's third dam is G3 Prestige S.-winning matriarch Glatissant (GB) (Rainbow Quest), whose descendants include elite-level winners **Footstepsinthesand (GB)** (Giant's Causeway), Pedro The Great (Henrythenavigator), Power (GB) (**Oasis Dream {GB}**) and Curvy (GB) (Galileo {Ire}). Sales history: €98,000 Wlg '22 GOFNOV; 100,000gns Ylg '23 TATOCT. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$12,791. O-E S Racing; B-Lismacue Stud (IRE); T-Joseph O'Brien.



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ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Follow Me (Fr), c, 3, Shalaa (Ire)--Alamarie (Fr), by Acclamation (GB). Curragh, 4-21, 6fT, 1:17.77. Lifetime Record: 6-1-2-0, \$58,571. B-Mauricio Delcher Sanchez & Frank A McNulty (FR). *€10,000 RNA Ylg '22 ARQDOY; €170,000 2yo '23 ARQAUG.

GERMANY

Sunday's Results:

1st-Cologne, €10,000, Cond, 4-18, 3yo, 8fT, 1:41.74, hy.
IRON MAN (GER) (c, 3, Tai Chi {Ger}--Ituila {Ire}, by Tertullian) occupied a slot within range of the leaders in fourth for most of this debut. Powering forward on the bridle in the straight, the 31-2 chance seized control passing the quarter-mile marker and was ridden out inside the final furlong to outpoint Penalty (Ger) (**Frankel {GB}**) by 1 1/4 lengths. Iron Man becomes the first winner produced by a dual-winning daughter of G1 Preis der Diana (German Oaks) heroine Iota (Ger) (Tiger Hill {Ire}), herself kin to Group 3 winner Illo (Ger) (Tertullian) and stakes-winning G1 Preis von Europa third Ioannina (GB) (Rainbow Quest). Iota's progeny list includes G1 Deutsches Derby hero In Swoop (Ire) (Adlerflug {Ger}) and his G1 Grosser Preis von Bayern-winning full-brother Ito (Ger). The January-foaled homebred bay is a full-brother to the unraced 2-year-old filly Iolanda (Ger). Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, €6,000. O-Rennstall Gestut Hachtsee; B-Gestut Hachtsee (GER); T-Sarah Steinberg.

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3rd-Cologne, €10,000, Mdn, 4-18, 3yo, 9 1/4fT, 2:01.87, hy. ISFAND (GER) (f, 3, Isfahan {Ger}--Identity {Ger}, by Manduro {Ger}), originally named Intisar (Ger), was anchored in rear with just one behind through the opening fractions of this unveiling. Under restraint until niggled along to reduce arrears turning for home, the 17-5 joint-favourite went fourth entering the final furlong and stayed on powerfully to deny Egina (Ger) (Soldier Hollow {GB}) by 1 1/2 lengths nearing the line. Isfand is the fourth of seven foals and third scorer produced by a winning daughter of the stakes-placed Irisjana (Ger) (Diktat {GB}), herself a half-sister to MG1SP G2 German 2000 Guineas hero Irian (Ger) (Tertullian) and G3 Geelong Cup-winning G1 Preis von Europa runner-up Ibicenco (Ger) (Shirocco {Ger}). The March-foaled chestnut is a full-sister to G3 Premio Guido Berardelli victrix and G1 Preis der Diana (German Oaks) runner-up Isfahani (Ger), the unraced 2-year-old filly Ismahane (Ger), a yearling filly and a weanling colt. Isfand's stakes-winning fourth dam Iberica (Ger) (Green Dancer) is also the fifth dam of Iron Man (Ger) (Tai Chi {Ger}), who won the opening contest on Cologne's Sunday card. Sales history: €120,000 Ylg '22 BBAGS. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, €6,000.

O-Darius Racing; B-Gestut Karlshof (GER); T-Henk Grewe.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Narokan (Ire), c, 3, **Holy Roman Emperor (Ire)**--Neele (Ire) (GSP-Ger), by Peintre Celebre. Dresden, 4-21, 10fT, time: n/a. B-Ursula & Jurgen Imm (GER). *Full to Navaro Girl (Ire), GSW-Ger & G1SP-Fr, \$122,268; and 1/2 to Nympha (Ire) (Dylan Thomas {Ire}), G1SW-Ger, GSP-Eng, Fr & Tur, \$398,963; Nutan (Ire) (Duke Of Marmalade {Ire}), G1SW-Ger, \$462,782; Nazbanou (Ire) (High Chaparral {Ire}), SW-Itly & GSP-Ger; and Nachtgeist (Ire) (Highland Reel {Ire}), GSP-Ger.

SWEDEN

Sunday's Results:

ITM SPRING MILE-Listed, SKr270,000, Jagersro, 4-21, 3yo/up, 8f, 1:39.20, gd.

1--**PUSJKIN (IRE), 130, g, 6, Muhaarar (GB)--Propaganda (Ire), by Sadler's Wells.** (€35,000 Ylg '19 GOFORB). O-Stall Inger Linell - Asap; B-Irish National Stud (IRE); T-Francisco Castro; J-Elione Chaves. SKr135,000. Lifetime Record: 23-8-5-5, SKr2,266,150.

2--**Plantstepsdream (Swe), 130, g, 8, Planteur (Ire)--Marie Chez Elle (Ire), by Footstepsinthesand (GB).** O-Stall Deauville KB; B-Berit Alfredsson (SWE); T-Lennart Reuterskiold Jr. SKr67,500.

3--**Duca Di Como (Ire), 130, g, 9, Clodovil (Ire)--Quality Love, by Elusive Quality.** (€25,000 Ylg '16 GOFSP; €42,000 2yo '17 GBMBR). O-Stall Como; B-Crone Stud Farms Ltd (IRE);

T-Cathrine Erichsen. SKr32,400.

Margins: NK, HD, 7. Odds: 4.60, 7.70, 0.43.

Also Ran: Pjerrot, Falkor (Swe), Steinar.

WORLDWIDE NEWS

GOLDEN SLIPPER WINNER SHINZO RETIRES TO COOLMORE AUSTRALIA by TTROz

Coolmore Australia has announced that **Shinzo (Aus)**, the Golden Slipper-winning colt by Snitzel (Aus) and last season's Champion two-year-old, will commence his stud career at their esteemed facility in 2024. His service fee is set at AU\$55,000 (inc GST).

Shinzo, a prodigious talent both on the track, clinched the G1 Golden Slipper in a stunning display of acceleration, beating Group 1 winners Cylinder (Aus) (Exceed And Excel {Aus}), Militarize (NZ) (Dundeel {NZ}), and Little Brose (Aus) (Per Incanto {USA}). Colts dominated the finish in the AU\$5 million juvenile feature that year, with the Peter and Paul Snowden-trained King's Gambit (Aus) (I Am Invincible {Aus}) running on for third ahead of his stablemates Don Corleone (Aus) (Extreme Choice {Aus}) and Empire Of Japan (Aus) (Snitzel {Aus}).

This victory secured him a Timeform rating of 120, making him the highest-rated two-year-old of the season.

Shinzo's victory handed Chris Waller the richly desired Golden Slipper win that had, until then, eluded the Champion Trainer, while it was also a first success in the race for visiting British jockey Ryan Moore.

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"He's a very special horse, and we knew early on when he came into our system," Waller said. "He has a great temperament and is the most naturally gifted two-year-old I have ever trained. Combined with his impressive physique and pedigree, he stands out as an exceptionally desirable stallion prospect."

A blueblood, his dam Samaready (Aus) (More Than Ready {USA}), who took out the G1 Blue Diamond S. in 2012, then the G1 Moir S. at three and also placed in the Golden Slipper., has also produced Shinzo's full sister Exhilarates (Aus). Raced by Godolphin, Exhilarates was a multiple stakes winner and proved too good in the R. Listed Magic Millions 2YO Classic in 2019.

Furthermore, Shinzo's damsire, More Than Ready, has been an outstanding source of juvenile speed with two Slipper winners--Phelan Ready (Aus) and Sebring (Aus).

Tom Magnier, principal of Coolmore Australia, also expressed his enthusiasm about Shinzo's addition to their roster.

"Snitzel is a four-time Champion sire of two-year-olds and one of the greatest stallions we have seen in Australia in the modern era," Magnier stated. "We are delighted to stand his best two-year-old and best-bred son at stud. The Golden Slipper has an unmatched record as a sire-making race, and Shinzo possesses all the credentials we look for in a sire prospect, with an impeccable pedigree and incredible good looks."

Reflecting on Shinzo's journey, Magnier shared, "We have a great group of partners involved in his ownership and his Golden Slipper win was one of my fondest ever memories on a racetrack. Being foaled, raised, and broken in here at Coolmore, he was a special horse since the day he was born and we look forward to welcoming him back."

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ASIA

Sunday, Tokyo, Japan

SANKEI SPORTS SHO FLORA STAKES-G2, ¥100,420,000, Tokyo, 4-21, 3yo, f, 2000mT, 1:59.00, fm.

1--**ADMIRE BELLE (JPN)**, 121, f, 3, by **Suave Richard (Jpn)**

1st Dam: **Belle Allure (Ire)** (GSW-Fr, GSW-US, \$216,392), by **Numerous**

2nd Dam: **Mare Aux Fees (GB)**, by **Kenmare (Fr)**

3rd Dam: **Feerie Boreale (Fr)**, by **Irish River (Fr)**

1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN, 1ST GROUP WIN. (¥32,000,000 Ylg '22 JRHAJUL). O-Junko Kondo; B-Northern Farm; T-Yukihiko Kato; J-Takeshi Yokoyama; ¥52,994,000. Lifetime Record: 4-2-1-1, ¥67,288,000. *Half to Admire Lead (Jpn) (Stay Goold {Jpn}), G1SW-Jpn, ¥244,136,000; and Belle Cresta (Jpn) (Duramente {Jpn}), MGSP-Jpn, ¥58,172,000. **Werk Nick Rating: B.** [Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.](#) [Click for the](#)

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2--**Lavanda (Jpn)**, 121, f, 3, **Silver State (Jpn)**--God Pirates (Jpn), by Behkabad (Fr). **1ST BLACK-TYPE, 1ST GROUP BLACK TYPE.**

O-Satoshi Morinaga; B-Satoshi Morinaga; ¥21,284,000.

3--**Canicule (Jpn)**, 121, f, 3, Epiphaneia (Jpn)--Chaleur (Jpn), by Zenno Rob Roy (Jpn). **1ST BLACK-TYPE, 1ST GROUP BLACK**

TYPE. O-Carrot Farm; B-Shiraoi Farm; ¥13,142,000.

Margins: 1, 1 1/4, NS; Odds: 3.0, 9.20, 7.90.

Also Ran: Christmas Parade (Jpn), Tropical Tea (Jpn), Elf Struck (Jpn), Baronessa (Jpn), Nishino Koigokoro (Jpn), Sunset View (Jpn), Con Te Sorella (Jpn), Cosmo Dinner (Jpn), Yukiwarizakura (Jpn), Marcottage (Jpn), Mea Via (Jpn). [Click for JRA chart & video.](#)

Sunday, Kyoto, Japan

YOMIURI MILERS CUP-G2, ¥114,500,000, Kyoto, 4-21, 4yo/up, 1600mT, 1:32.50, gd.

1--**SOUL RUSH (JPN)**, 126, h, 6, by **Rulership (Jpn)**

1st Dam: **Eternal Bouquet (Jpn)**, by **Manhattan Cafe (Jpn)**

2nd Dam: **Cat Ali**, by **Storm Cat**

3rd Dam: **Careless Kitten**, by **Caro (Ire)**

O-Tatsue Ishikawa; B-Shimokobe Farm; T-Yasutoshi Ikee; J-Taisei Danno; ¥6,190,000. Lifetime: G1SP-Jpn, 19-7-2-1, ¥298,368,000. *Half to Dio (Jpn) (Leontes {Jpn}), SW-Jpn, ¥121,525,000. **Werk Nick Rating: A+++.** *Triple Plus*. [Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.](#) [Click for the free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree.](#)

2--**Serifos (Jpn)**, 128, h, 5, Daiwa Major (Jpn)--Sea Front (Fr), by Le Havre (Ire). O-G1 Racing ; B-Oiwake Farm; ¥24,340,000.

3--**Nihonpiro Kyiv (Jpn)**, 126, c, 4, Kitan Black (Jpn)--Nihonpiro Amber (Jpn), by Swept Overboard. **1ST BLACK-TYPE, 1ST**

GROUP BLACK TYPE. O-Eiichi Kobayashi; B-Tomododa Farm; ¥15,170,000.

Margins: 1 3/4, HF, 1HF; Odds: 1.40, 2.10, 15.60.

Also Ran: Air Lolonois (Jpn), So Valiant (Jpn), Be Astonished (Jpn), Tranquillite (Jpn), Corepetiteur (Jpn), Borzakovski (Jpn), Tudo de Bom (Jpn), Session (Jpn), North the World (Jpn), Hrimfaxi (Jpn), Lubeck (Jpn), Aristoteles (Jpn), Spider Gold (Jpn), Eeyan (Jpn). [Click for the JRA chart & video.](#)

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