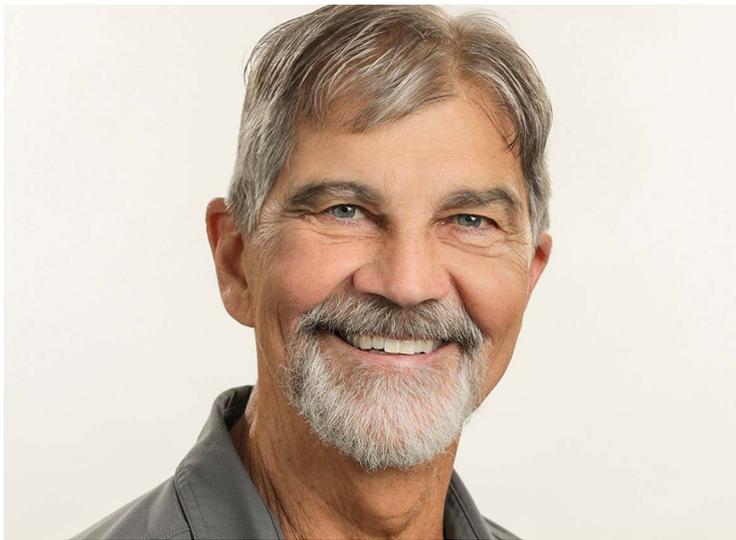




VOCATION BEATS VACATION FOR ULTIMATE HORSEMAN'S VET



Dr. Robert Hunt | *Hagyard Medical*

by *Chris McGrath*

According to one of his longstanding clients, Arthur Hancock, Dr. Robert Hunt may be only the third best veterinarian in Kentucky. So who are his two rivals? “Dr. Green,” Hancock replies. “And Dr. Time.” Besides these complementary therapies of grazing and rest, however, he is adamant that an ailing Thoroughbred could have no better helper in the Bluegrass than the Hagyard surgeon: a byword for dedication, integrity and horsemanship.

Determinedly self-effacing as he is, Hunt readily acknowledges that Hancock's two other “doctors” have contributed much to his own work. In fact, he suspects that clients would identify his trademark (“if anything”) as a determination to avoid crisis surgery wherever possible.

“I've saved way more horses by not operating than by trying to be a hero,” Hunt says. “Just by staying out of the way, based on a lot of experience in making bad decisions.”

At the same time, his passion nonetheless remains emergency work: colics, dystocias, traumas. This is when he deals with a living creature at its most vulnerable and it's also when he remembers the response of an early mentor, in veterinary school, when asked why he did farm animal practice. **Cont., p3**

CDI: RULING FAVORING MUTH WOULD CREATE 'MEDIA CIRCUS' THAT 'JEOPARDIZES THE WELL-BEING OF HORSES'

by *T.D. Thornton*

Churchill Downs Inc., (CDI) invoked a horse-health argument on Monday in an attempt to get the Kentucky Court of Appeals not to overturn the banishment of trainer Bob Baffert that Thoroughbred owner Amr Zedan is trying to reverse so his 'TDN Rising Star' Muth (*Good Magic*) can gain entry into the GI Kentucky Derby.

"This case has already drawn intense media attention," CDI stated in one of two court filings Apr. 22 that seek to halt Zedan's incorporated racing stable from moving forward with its appeal for emergency relief and a temporary injunction.

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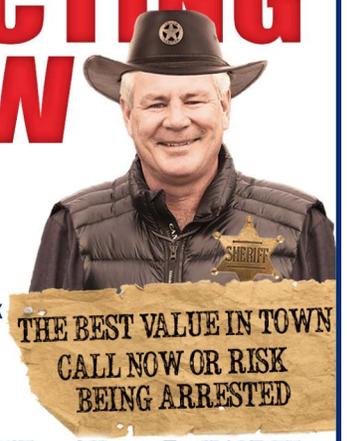
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With Junior Alvarado aboard, GI Kentucky Oaks hopeful Just F Y I (*Justify*) completes a five-furlong workout in :59.80 (1/12) beneath the twin spires at Churchill Downs Monday morning. | Renee Torbit/Coady Media

RESILIENCE, JUST F Y I BREEZE AT CHURCHILL

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Kentucky Derby and Oaks hopefuls Resilience and Just F Y I put in five-furlong breezes on a busy morning beneath the Twin Spires as Fierceness arrived on grounds from South Florida. The TDN has details.

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Dr. Robert Hunt, cont. from p1

“This,” he told Hunt, “is the one thing I can do that's going to help a guy put bread on his table.”

“And I've always taken that with me,” Hunt says. “Especially with the emergencies where you have an animal that's going to die, but if you do the right intervention, it's going to live and stay in production. That's always been a very impactful, meaningful part of my job. Especially the dystocias, where somebody has well over a year's investment and you have a matter of minutes to make the difference. If everything works out, you may have a million-dollar commodity at the end. But we also need to recognize early, hard as it is, if this is not going to be a viable individual and you need to cut your losses now.”

But even when the stakes aren't quite so awful, the engagement is perennial. Hunt invokes another mentor, from his first experience of practice out in California. When filling a vacancy, Charlie Bowles would ask the interviewee whether he or she were here for a job.

“Yes, Dr. Bowles, a job.”

Hearing that, he'd immediately ask the candidate to leave. Then, as they got to their feet in confusion, he would add: “If you want a career, a profession, I'll give you that. But if you're just here for a job, go to a factory somewhere.”



Lexington farm | Sarah Andrew

For Hunt, as for so many horsemen, life and work are seamless. That may mean that he never stops working--but it also means he never stops living.

“Because you dedicate your life to what you're doing, that becomes your whole personality,” he says. “I know that won't ever be a life goal for some people. And we do have a huge problem with recruitment of young veterinarians.”

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But that very analogy introduces the paradox that Hunt, while fanatically immersed in his vocation, also has an unusually wide hinterland. If his focus is out of the ordinary, then so is his perspective--from farrier to pilot, musician to trainer.

"I'm a very distracted person!" he admits. "I have a little hobby farm, raise horses, cattle. Work is my biggest passion, and everybody's always fussed at me about how much I put into it. But having always had these other distractions, I've never experienced burnout."

And, actually, one of the things that keeps him fresh is precisely those young proteges he wants to infect with the same sense of vocation: whether Hagyard interns, or the Flying Start students he addresses every year.

"Boy, there's nothing more rewarding than just seeing that bulb come on," he says. "And you know they're hooked. 'Yeah,' you say, 'Got this one.' And from my own point of view, they probably help to prevent burnout as well. I love hanging around young people. They're energetic, their minds are bright, they want to learn."

Few among them, however, will have as many sanctuaries from the pressures of their calling. He's always played the guitar, for instance. Americana and country music, garage bands, college bands, and he's still doing party gigs. The pilot's license? He got that back in California, flew for a few years until deciding he wasn't really being careful enough ("scared myself a few times, my passengers probably more"). Nowadays he makes do with the exhilaration available on terra firma with a motorbike.



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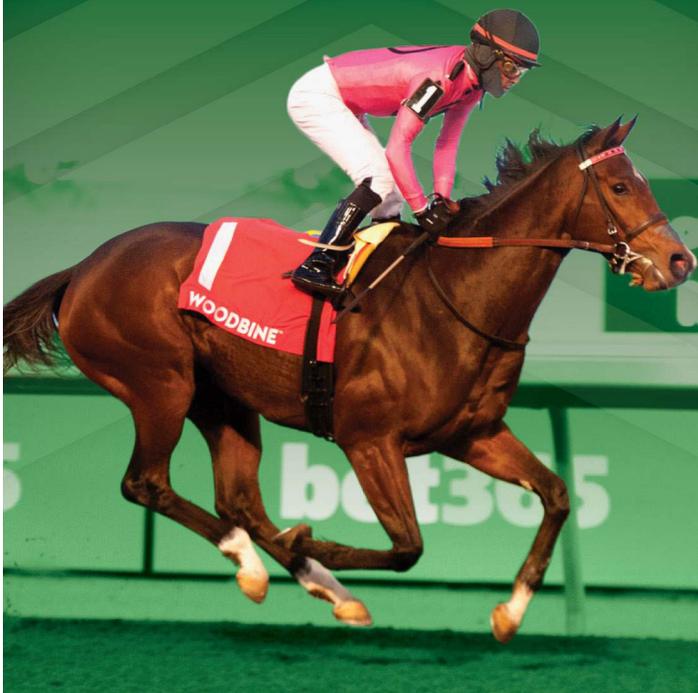
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First and foremost, however, Hunt remains ever a horseman. The bond was forged very young, showing in rural Georgia in the early 1960s.

“My mom was passionate about horses, and my older brother's a trainer, so it's definitely in the blood,” he recalls. “He and I were both farriers from quite a young age. I've always dabbled with racehorses. I had good friends that would take them for me, and was then lucky enough to be an assistant trainer under my brother, so for quite a long time rode on the track every morning before surgery.”

He still puts in a lot of saddle miles on the farm. And that's why Hunt is the horseman's vet: because he has always been one himself.

“I wanted to be frontline, saddling horses in the paddock, just experiencing everything,” he explains. “And that's a reason I still shoe horses, too. If I'm going to be talking the talk, I better walk the walk.”

The coalface was where he always learned best and he even paid his way through the University of Georgia by farrier work and breaking horses. He wanted to know the animal inside out. He has always loved physiology (cardiovascular his graduate specialism) and biomechanics and, with his background, naturally podiatry too.

“But the one thing you learn is that whatever you're working on, a foot or any other part of the horse, you can't separate from the whole,” he says. “You always need the ‘global’ picture, and every application is a little different depending on the horse, and the client.”

So has that grasp of functionality given an extra dimension to his aesthetic admiration?

“I hope so,” he says. “If anything, I'm probably not critical enough. Evaluating sale horses, say, I tend to be a little bit too much of an optimist. I see all the upside.”

Not a typical sales vet, then!

“I think we should recognize the good qualities in a horse and then see if there are any holes,” he replies. “But you're just defining potential risk, things that are unpredictable. There are very few black-and-whites. It doesn't mean that he can't be a Grade I horse.”

Hunt will, moreover, be rather more forgiving of imperfections in the elite models--because those won't stoop to be troubled by trifles.

“There are probably six or eight radiographic things that I consider ‘unforgivable’ no matter how good a yearling is,” he admits. “But these little lumps and bumps, these incongruities or blemishes? I just don't get excited about those. Of course, you might have to wear different hats for different buyers. Some people just won't have anything to do with a horse once they've heard any kind of negative. **Cont.**



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"Others, some of the trainers especially, are more willing to take a swing."

After his stint in California, Hunt had returned to Georgia to work on faculty when invited to Lexington to meet Dr. Paul Thorpe at Hagyard.

"They were looking for a surgeon and it took about five minutes to know what I was going to do," Hunt recalls. "He was the most like-minded guy, already doing a lot of the things I had ideas about. But the biggest thing was just his philosophy, which was very much that of a food animal practitioner. He knew how to keep things simple, not to cause complications. And he was a true pioneer."

Often, presumably, innovation happens only because there's no alternative but an experimental gamble?

"Exactly," Hunt replies. "If you're looking at a situation where an animal's not going to survive, you really don't have anything to lose--so long as you're not going to create extra suffering. It's



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worked many times, and it's extremely fulfilling when it does."

Many of his own breakthroughs Hunt modestly ascribes not to extraordinary perception, but to sheer exposure.

"Just the numbers, the traffic that we'd see, you recognize deficits and where things need to be improved," he explains. "Some of the techniques we'd use on colics, abdominal surgeries, dystocias, you do enough of them, you'll figure

out ways to reduce your complications. We were able to design more efficient techniques for some of the limb corrective procedures. We did a lot of the first standing fracture repair. And I have a passion for imaging, so I had the first nuclear scintigraphy--a gamma camera--in this area, back in the early '90s. And then we brought in digital radiography as well. We don't have to mention that we were a little slow on some of the other things! But those got us off the blocks pretty well." **Cont.**

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In terms of surgery, Dr. Robert Copelan furnished Hunt with “the most influential 15 minutes of my entire life” during a lecture in 1982. “He drove it home that if you got one shot, it better be perfect,” Hunt recalls. “With these high-intensity athletes, you don’t get it right the first time, you may as well not show up.”

In striving to meet those standards, Hunt has penetrated deep into the mystery of how physiology relates to performance, maybe even to competitive spirit. So is the elite Thoroughbred also superior in adversity or is there no real pattern?

“Totally different species,” Hunt says flatly. “Your Breeders’ Cup horse, that’s a whole different animal. Yes, even as a patient.”

But not always in a good way, it seems.

“By far the worst animals you want to do a colic surgery on,” Hunt remarks. “Whether it’s catecholamine levels or just their immune response, they’re just geared so tight, wound so tight... The heart’s so in tune, it’s ready to stop any second under anesthesia. We hand recover everything on a big thick mat, and their flight instinct is wide open, so you’re going to have your best people with them.”

Hunt also reckons these superior athletes the most vulnerable to injury.

“Because they don’t tell you when they’re hurting like regular

horses,” Hunt explains. “They have the same number of injuries, but we have to watch them so close because they’re not going to tell you something’s wrong. You have to dig deeper on them. They can have a little stress fracture somewhere that could propagate into something more serious. That’s where the advanced imaging comes in. They’re all going to light up changes on a PET or nuclear scintigraphic scan. It’s then our duty to figure out if something is going to become structurally unstable, and place the horse at risk.”

Hunt is well aware of the high stakes for the industry, monitoring this stuff, and anticipates a strengthening of vigilance, whether in screening or track surfaces.

“I hate all the negative publicity,” he admits. “Most of our track [maintenance] people are phenomenal. One injury is still one too many. But when you look at the raw numbers, 1.5 or even 1.8 per thousand starts, that’s still an infinitesimally small number. I think what really needs to come out is the attrition rate on horses that didn’t make the track. There’s no published data. What if a trainer has 300 horses enter their program, and only 20 of them surface? We really need to fine comb some of that stuff.”

He also recognizes that some vets have been complicit in the reputational damage caused by pharmacist-trainers.

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“Medication is beneficial, used appropriately,” he says. “But I mean, as far as injecting joints, things like that? My horses just won't run.”

He says that much of it is simply due diligence. If a horse betrays some kind of pain, maybe a gait discrepancy, you must be confident that nothing is structurally awry. But medication remains important in keeping a horse in balance.

“If you're training hard, doesn't matter if you're human or

horse or dog, there's not an athlete in the world that doesn't have a sprain, a minor injury, something where he needs an aspirin or whatever to stay balanced,” he emphasizes. “And that's where horses can get in trouble. Nothing else on earth runs 40mph supporting 1,200lbs on a structure the same diameter as our legs. And I think maybe the pendulum has come back too far. If we allow them to run imbalanced, we're not really taking care of them. These are high-speed, high-intensity situations.

“If not necessarily with the naked eye, then riding, you can tell when a horse just isn't right. They're vibrating, moving a little rougher. And those horses are prone to further injury, usually in another leg. When everything comes apart, they're protecting themselves and suffer an overload. Recognizing those, it's a challenge. But my own philosophy is, just take care of them. No race in the world is worth the life of a horse.”

Quality being drawn to quality, Hunt's clients themselves dependably show the best of our industry. In turn, that has secured him privileged access to greatness in the breed. Arrogate, for instance, from his youth at Clearsky right through his track career. Empire Maker was another cherished Juddmonte customer, not least because of Hunt's familiarity with his dam Toussaud as “one of the most fun horses you could ever communicate with.” **Cont.**

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Equine character of that kind has always been a lock to which Hunt has enjoyed seeking a key.

"I love the quirky stuff," he enthuses. "Because once you get inside their head and figure out what they're trying to say, it's very rewarding. But it's just another spin on the game. I hate a lot of pressure on horses. The way I grew up, you just learned to be a cowboy and they were forced into everything they did. You manhandled the horse and basically overpowered them. Around here there are so many good horsemen that know better than that. They truly communicate with their animals, and the horses tell them how much pressure they need to get a job done."

Even going to scope a horse at the sales, Hunt will notice and enjoy a horse's rapport with exceptional people. Whereas if he sees someone trying to bully a horse, "that's when I'm going to get bumped in the head!" Every horse has a lethal weapon on each corner, and that's why you want your vet to be a horseman. In a confined space, mutual trust is priceless.

"Usually, when I've gotten hurt, it's my own fault," Hunt says, raising a hand. "This finger is broken and it's sort of my fault, but it's my dog's fault too! Just wrong place, wrong time, not calculating it right. There are very few times as a veterinarian that you should feel in jeopardy. You just evaluate the situation, decide who's dangerous. These really tough mares come in for a reproductive surgery, you touch them and they start double barreling. But we have tons of medications for those situations. Scoping, same thing. Some of them just get the wrong person on the head."

Skilled and delicate as the role is, it also calls for great stamina: mental, physical, emotional. Hence the imperative for unflagging vocational engagement. If Hunt never backs off, never switches off, that's because the magic abides even through the bitterest hours. It all comes down to a horseman and a horse.

"Just doing the right thing by them, trying to keep them out of

harm's way," Hunt says with a shrug. "I've loved the latitude to be innovative, when needed, whether in surgery or some of our treatments, some of the training techniques. And then the people I've been able to work around, not just my mentors, but the clients as well. I've learned so much from them."

Hunt is well known for making more farm visits than most. He's been going to some for 30 years—including some of the real superpowers, but also others whose boardrooms are a kitchen table—learning human and equine traits through the generations.

"I'd love it if all I had to do was walk in the surgery room every day and not drive 200 miles," he says. "As it is, I get three days in there and usually three days on the road, sometimes four. But that means I can do a lot of volume without the clients having to stress their horse."

What tells you everything, ultimately, is the one alternative Hunt might entertain to a dream career.

"Oh," he says with a chuckle. "That would be taking a string of eight grass horses to Colonial Downs middle of July, and having me a little camper and riding those horses every day. I love it down there, during the heat of summer. I'm from Georgia, remember! But I think there'd still have to be a veterinary quota I'd have to fulfill daily and then I could go do other things.

"Just by nature of this job, I do a lot of everything. And my clients are basically my family. I try not to let that skew the clinical judgment. But I don't have a single one that can't call me at midnight if they have a question. And I have a huge weakness for becoming attached to the patients. But, you know, that just makes me the luckiest guy in the world."

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Zedan vs. CDI, cont. from p1

"A court order compelling CDI to house Muth on its property for a week, with a suspended trainer in tow, would create a media circus and would be an enormous distraction for Churchill Downs, its personnel, and other owners and trainers that have fairly earned a berth to the Derby (in addition to overtly infringing CDI's property rights)."

"That is hardly a fair result—and it is one that jeopardizes the well-being of horses being housed at the track who have earned the right to be there under the rules," CDI alleged.

"This Court should deny all of Zedan's requested relief," CDI concluded. On Apr. 18, a **lower court in Kentucky denied** a motion by Zedan Racing Stables, Inc. to make Muth eligible for the Derby by forcing CDI to drop its ban against Baffert.

CDI had barred Baffert from its properties shortly after the 2021 Derby, which the now-disqualified, Zedan-owned, Baffert-trained Medina Spirit won while testing positive for betamethasone. **Cont.**



Amr Zedan (second left) | Coady

Baffert's ban was initially just supposed to last for two Derbies. But in July 2023 CDI extended the penalty through 2024. Baffert is not a party to Zedan's lawsuit. The Hall-of-Fame trainer had already lost a similar lawsuit in a federal court in 2023 that sought to put an end to CDI's ban.

Last Friday, the day after the lower court refused to grant an injunction favoring Muth, Zedan **asked the appeals court** to consider, "At a minimum, a partial injunction [enabling] Muth to be stabled under Derby rules at Churchill Downs Racetrack by 11:00 a.m. Eastern on Saturday, Apr. 27."

Zedan reasoned that, "Such an approach will properly protect the rights and interests that hang in the balance and enable the upcoming Derby to proceed as it should, with all qualified horses racing and the very best horse winning."

CDI's filings on Monday told the Kentucky Court of Appeals that, "Zedan's lawsuit is the horseracing equivalent of asking a court to kick out teams that had earned a spot in March Madness on the eve of the tournament and replace them with teams that did not qualify under the existing rules for qualification."

CDI's filing on Monday gave its view on what transpired in the lower court last week: "The Circuit Court did not abuse its discretion in denying Zedan's last-minute bid to litigate its way into the Derby and displace up to three horses that earned their berths under rules in place for many months."

At a different point, CDI argued, "Like all private entities, CDI has the right to determine who may participate in events that it organizes and hosts on its own property. That right is confirmed under Kentucky common law and regulations issued by the Kentucky Horse Racing Commission.

"Nothing in the law gives Zedan a right to challenge the basis for CDI's decision to extend Baffert's suspension," CDI continued.

"The Jefferson Circuit Court correctly rejected Zedan's eleventh-hour attempt to litigate its way into the Kentucky Derby. As the Circuit Court held, Zedan failed to establish any of the three requirements for a temporary injunction."

Zedan's Apr. 19 filing hadn't seen it that way. "Without purporting to find any substantive justification for CDI's ban, the Jefferson Circuit Court denied [the] request for injunctive relief," it stated.

Zedan's filing from last Friday further alleged that CDI was "excluding a horse based on a trainer's public 'narrative' rather than actual qualifications, compliance, and merit."

There was one thing that Zedan and CDI did agree to on Monday: That with five days until the Derby entry deadline, and 12 days until the race itself, both sides stated they were willing to do whatever they could to speed up the process and get an answer from the appeals court as swiftly as possible.

To that end, CDI earlier on Monday had agreed to expedite its filing of the above-referenced legal responses. The gaming corporation could have waited until the court-ordered deadline of Wednesday, Apr. 24.

Zedan's legal team, too, made it known that it was willing and able to move quickly to facilitate a quick court order.

"To further assist the Court as it works towards prompt, informed resolution of this emergency appeal, counsel for Zedan will stand available for oral argument at any time and via any means that the Court may deem helpful and fitting," Zedan's Apr. 22 legal filing stated.

"Zedan and its counsel greatly appreciate this Court's expedited attention and will continue working with Churchill Downs on an appropriate, agreeable process even as important disputes persist between the parties on the merits," the filing stated.

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RESILIENCE, JUST F Y I BREEZE AT CHURCHILL DOWNS ON BUSY MORNING FOR ARRIVALS

Bill Mott's Barn 19 was busy Monday morning as Kentucky Derby and Oaks hopefuls GSW **Resilience** (Into Mischief) and MGISW **Just F Y I (Justify)** put in published five-furlong workouts.

The former galloped about one mile before producing a move clocked in 1:01.60 under jockey Junior Alvarado and easily galloped out six furlongs in 1:14.60, according to Churchill Downs clocker John Nichols.

"He's the type of horse that has taken a little more time to mature than some others," trainer Bill Mott said. "We took our time with his development and it seems to have worked out well."

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Resilience | Coady

Just F Y I was clocked in :59.80 on her return to the work tab and galloped out six panels in 1:12.20, seven furlongs in 1:25.40, and completed a mile in hand in 1:40.20 under Junior Alvarado.

“She’s a very nice filly and we had a minor setback with her this winter when she developed a fever on race day [in the GI Davona Dale] and we had to scratch that day,” Mott said. “It’s one of those situations where we hoped she’d get over the virus quickly to return training, and she did. Then, we started looking at the [GI] Ashland as her next option.”

Champion MGISW **Fierceness** (**City of Light**) arrived at Churchill Downs Monday morning from South Florida as well as GI Florida Derby runner-up **Catalytic** (**Catalina Cruiser**) and GSW **Domestic Product** (**Practical Joke**).

GI Toyota Blue Grass winner **Sierra Leone** (**Gun Runner**) had his first training day beneath the Twin Spires, galloping a little over a mile. Domestic Product and Sierra Leone will likely have their final pre-Derby works Saturday, weather dependent.

As of Monday, 16 of the top 20 Derby contenders are on-site with GISW **Stronghold** (**Ghostzapper**) set to ship on Tuesday from California and GSW **West Saratoga** (Exaggerator) scheduled to arrive Friday from Lexington. **Grand Mo the First** (**Uncle Mo**), the newest entry with the defection of GSW Deterministic (Liam’s Map), is set to arrive Thursday after a breeze at Gulfstream Park Tuesday morning.

Japan’s other hopeful, **T O Password** (**Jpn**) (Copano Rickey {Jpn}), is to leave Japan Tuesday, arrive for quarantine in Chicago for 42 hours, and then make a scheduled arrival in Louisville early Friday morning.

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STEPHEN BRUNETTI PASSES AWAY AT 56

by Bill Finley

Stephen Brunetti, whose family operates Red Oak Farm and Red Oak Stud and owns Hialeah Race Course, passed away Monday after a long battle with cancer. He died at his home in Delray Beach, Florida, surrounded by his family. He was 56.

His passing was first announced in a Facebook posting from his son, Stephen Brunetti Jr.

Brunetti took on an added role at Red Oak when his father, John Brunetti Sr., passed away in 2018. Along with his brother John Jr., he also took over as the owner of the casino at Hialeah. Hialeah last conducted a Thoroughbred meet in 2001.

“Ever since my father passed away, I just want to do everything at a higher level,” Brunetti told the Blood-Horse in 2022. “And that’s what we’re trying to do: acquire better mares, breed to the better stallions, better horses, and if it means you got to sell some here and there as yearlings, that’s what we’re going to do. We’re going to be a little bit more commercial. We’ve had a lot of success with the breeding program. My family loves going to Saratoga and we loved going up north this summer, and that’s where we want to participate.”

“Stephen was the horse guy in the family. He was a super breeder and was actually director of racing at the end of Hialeah. He loved the horse racing business,” said Red Oak’s racing manager Rick Sacco.

Under the leadership of Stephen Brunetti, Red Oak enjoyed some of its greatest success in recent years. **Mind Control** was bred by Red Oak and co-owned by Red Oak and Madaket Stables LLC. He won 10 stakes, including three Grade I’s, the GI Cigar Mile H, the GI H. Allen Jerkens S. and the GI Hopeful S. He owned and bred another Grade I winner in Unbridled Mo (**Uncle Mo**), the winner of the 2018 GI Apple Blossom H. **Cont**.



Stephen Brunetti (right) leading in King for a Day along with Rick Sacco (left) | Sarah Andrewr

The Brunetti family also owned King for a Day (**Uncle Mo**), a listed stakes winner that now stands at stud in New York at Irish Hill & Dutchess View Stallions.

“He loved our game and was getting more heavily involved in breeding,” said one of his trainers, Greg Sacco. “Our industry lost a real cool guy. He put up a valiant fight against cancer.”

According to Rick Sacco, the passing of Stephen Brunetti will not slow down the Red Oak operations. Sacco said that John Brunetti Jr. is still very much committed to having a racing and breeding operation. In addition, Stephen Brunetti’s son, Stephen Brunetti Jr., a recent graduate from the University of Kentucky, is ready to take on added role in the racing and breeding operations.

“John Jr. has a love of horse racing and shared that passion with his father,” Rick Sacco said. “We will continue on. We’ve already spoken about having horses in New York and at Monmouth this year. We are also looking forward to the King for a Day babies. Stephen Jr. is already a horse owner and has a horse in over the weekend trained by Todd Pletcher.”

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Curlin (Smart Strike)	103	57
<i>(Coffee in Bed--Santa Maria S.-GII)</i>		
Hard Spun (Danzig)	84	40
<i>(Informed Patriot--Bathhouse Row S.-L)</i>		
Justify (Scat Daddy)	23	14
<i>(Winnable--Valley Of The Vapors S.; Yuttitham {Jpn}--Oasis S.-L)</i>		

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Munnings (Speightstown)	75	27
<i>(Jackman--Highland Ice S.)</i>		

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ECL ENTERTAINMENT, CLAIRVEST PURCHASE WYOMING DOWNS

ECL Entertainment and its joint venture partner Clairvest Group have entered into an agreement to purchase Wyoming Downs in Evanston, as well as the track's historic racing locations across Wyoming, the partners announced Monday. The sale is expected to be finalized in the second quarter of 2024, pending all required regulatory approvals and standard closing conditions.

Based in Las Vegas, ECL operates live horse racing and four historic horse racing locations in Kentucky, including the Mint Gaming Hall at Kentucky Downs, as well as charitable gaming locations in New Hampshire that also operate historic horse racing machines.

“We are very excited to continue the growth of Wyoming Downs’ racing and historic racing businesses and look forward to investing in the great state of Wyoming,” said Marc Falcone, co-founder of ECL.

Wyoming Downs opens for its 2024 season June 8.

“Given our company’s deep roots in horse racing, the purchase of Wyoming Downs is a natural extension of our business,” said ECL co-founder Ron Winchell. “We look forward to working with all of the Wyoming Downs stakeholders.”

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Clairvest, based in Toronto, is a private equity firm with over \$3 billion of assets under management. This transaction would represent Clairvest's 16th investment in the gaming space, building on Clairvest's 24-year successful track record in the gaming industry.

"We are excited to partner with ECL for our second joint investment in horse racing in the United States," said Michael Wagman, President and Managing Director of Clairvest. "We look forward to continuing to build the business in Wyoming."

Wyoming Downs has been owned for the last 10 years by a partnership led by Wyoming Equity Investors, LLC, and Eric Nelson. In addition to its horse racing track in Evanston, Wyoming Downs also operates 18 off-track betting locations throughout the state in Evanston, Casper, Cheyenne, Evansville, Gillette, Green River, Laramie, Mills, Sheridan, Rock Springs, and Thermopolis. Wyoming Downs employs 163 people across the state.

"This is a huge win for the State of Wyoming. ECL is the right operator at the right time for Wyoming Downs and will make the state proud," said Nelson.

Valtus Capital Group, an investment bank specializing in the gaming and real estate industry, is advising Wyoming Downs on the transaction.

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TOBA ANNOUNCES PEAK BIOLOGICS SPONSORSHIP

Peak Biologics, an authorized distributor of the AniCell Biotech product line, has become an official sponsorship partner of the Thoroughbred Owners and Breeders Association (TOBA), the organization announced via release Monday.

The AniCell products are a line of regenerative, wound-care products derived from amnion and amniotic fluid/tissue and the AniCell Biotech complete product line of cellular and acellular bioscaffolds is designed for management of fractured bones, damaged ligaments, torn tendons, joint and cartilage damage, eye injuries, superficial wounds, burns and puncture wounds.

"We are excited to welcome Peak Biologics as a sponsor," said president Dan Metzger. "TOBA is honored to partner with a company whose goal is to represent and distribute an all-natural regenerative product to address some of equine animal health's most challenging issues."

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NEW VOCATIONS' OPEN BARN & BBQ TO BE HELD APRIL 25

The 7th annual New Vocations Open Barn & BBQ will take place Thursday, Apr. 25 from 4:00p.m. to 8:30p.m. at the Lexington, KY facility at Mereworth Farm, the organization stated via press release Monday.

Presented by Seidman Stables, the event is free and open to the public and will feature a series of educational seminars including one by international five-star eventer Allie Knowles. There will be a chance to meet adoptable horses while touring the facility and guests can expect an interactive, educational program on a variety of topics pertaining to Thoroughbreds on and off the track, which will also include live demonstrations.

Live music, food trucks, a boutique cash bar, and a silent auction are also part of the event. The auction is **now live** and items on offer may be bid on until 8:00p.m. Apr. 25. All proceeds from the auction will go directly to support New Vocations. Gates will open at 4:00 p.m. with the first demo getting underway at 4:30 p.m.

"We look forward to welcoming guests to New Vocations at Mereworth Farm," said Anna Ford, New Vocations' Thoroughbred Program Director. "We're excited to make our Open Barn & BBQ free to the public this year, it's the perfect event for us to showcase our adoptable horses, host inspiring demos and spread the word about these amazing equine athletes."

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2	Into Mischief (2005) by Harlan's Holiday	12	19	8	11	3	4	285	90	\$7,156,056 Laurel River	\$14,814,776
3	Quality Road (2006) by Elusive Quality	5	15	3	8	1	3	161	44	\$3,219,000 National Treasure	\$7,075,377
4	Gun Runner (2013) by Candy Ride (Arg)	4	12	3	7	1	2	150	46	\$821,250 Sierra Leone	\$5,123,956
5	Practical Joke (2014) by Into Mischief	6	12	4	7	--	--	195	56	\$672,750 Skelly	\$4,313,994
6	Curlin (2004) by Smart Strike	4	12	2	6	--	1	149	40	\$286,500 Crupi	\$3,275,668
7	Arrogate (2013) by Unbridled's Song	6	9	3	6	--	--	114	31	\$256,800 Tiny Temper	\$2,950,662
8	Not This Time (2014) by Giant's Causeway	5	9	2	6	--	--	125	41	\$198,110 Dana's Beauty	\$2,625,990
9	War Front (2002) by Danzig	3	10	2	6	--	--	93	25	\$139,945 First World War	\$1,600,584
10	Constitution (2011) by Tapit	5	11	3	5	--	--	171	40	\$802,000 Catching Freedom	\$3,564,668
11	Good Magic (2015) by Curlin	2	7	2	5	1	2	109	28	\$907,500 Muth	\$3,101,277
12	Oscar Performance (2014) by Kitten's Joy	6	10	3	5	--	1	65	23	\$468,000 Endlessly	\$2,081,009
13	Uncle Mo (2008) by Indian Charlie	4	10	2	4	1	2	158	47	\$735,000 Adare Manor	\$3,505,896
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NORTH AMERICAN RACING



UNIQUE BELLA S., \$100,000, Parx Racing, 4-22, (S), 3yo/up, f/m, 7f, 1:26.33, ft.

1--**MORNING MATCHA**, 126, m, 5, **Central Banker--Home Ice (MSP, \$205,614)**, by **Iam the Iceman**. (\$18,000 Ylg '20 EASOCT). O-LC Racing, Cash is King LLC & Gary Barber; B-Crane Thoroughbred Services LLC (PA); T-Robert E. Reid, Jr.; J-Mychel Sanchez. \$55,200. Lifetime Record: GISP, 25-7-7-7, \$954,940.

2--**Doctor Abbie**, 122, f, 4, Sky Kingdom--La Estrellita, by Crypto Star. O/B-Brian C. Schartz (PA); T-Bruce M. Kravets. \$18,400.

3--**Warrior's Ransom**, 120, f, 4, Warrior's Reward--Ransom Past Due, by Stephen Got Even. O-Double B Racing Stables; B-Warrior's Reward LLC (PA); T-Jamie Ness. \$9,200.

Margins: 2 1/4, 1 1/4, 1 3/4. Odds: 0.60, 9.30, 5.80.

Also Ran: Aoife's Magic, New Hire, Knickersinatwist, Dewey Doit, Namora, Could Be a Cougar. Scratched: Normandy Life.

Morning Matcha strode to the lead in deep stretch to win her second straight renewal of the Unique Bella S. at Parx Monday. Sent off the 3-5 favorite, the bay mare was unhurried early and settled near the back of the field. She made rapid progress approaching the far turn and rolled up four wide into the lane before reeling in the leaders and powering clear to the wire.



Morning Matcha | *Equi-Photo*

Morning Matcha, second in the 2022 GI Cotillion S., opened 2023 with a win in the Apr. 24 Unique Bella. Her 2023 campaign also included third-place finishes in the GII Delaware H. in July and in the Turnback the Alarm S. at Aqueduct in November. She was making her first start Monday since winning the Dec. 3 division of the New York Stallion Series S. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#), sponsored by [FanDuel TV](#).

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IN ORDER OF PURSE:

5th-Thistledown, \$28,000, Alw, 4-22, (NW2L), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:12.02, ft, 2 1/4 lengths.

SOCIALBUTTERFLYTAM (f, 3, Mitole--Honey Graeme {SP, \$240,988}), by **Graeme Hall**), a first-out winner at Mahoning Valley last October, had not been seen since finishing a well-beaten seventh over the all-weather at Turfway Dec. 29. The 5-1 shot was part of a line of four across the track contesting the early pace down the backstretch and was battling between foes on the far turn. She took the lead out of the turn and came home an easy 2 1/4-length winner. Miss Easy (Mastery) closed late to be second. Honey Graeme has a 2-year-old filly by Bernardini who sold for \$50,000 at last year's Keeneland September sale before RNA'ing for \$150,000 at last week's OBS Spring sale. The mare also has a yearling colt by **Mendelssohn** and she was bred back to Vekoma last year. Breeders Nancy Friel and Leslie Murgul purchased Honey Graeme, with the winner in utero, for \$100,000 at the 2021 Fasig-Tipton February sale. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#), sponsored by [FanDuel TV](#). Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, \$32,056.

O-Memory Lane Racing, LLC; B-Nancy Friel & Leslie Murgul (KY); T-William D. Cowans.



IN JAPAN:

Bushin, c, 3, **Into Mischief--Flawless**, by Mr. Greeley. Tokyo, 4-20, Allowance, 1600m. Lifetime Record: 8-2-1-1, \$117,305. O-Susumu Fujita; B-Peter E Blum Thoroughbreds LLC (KY); T-Hideyuki Mori. *Full to Authentic, Horse of the Year, Ch. 3yo Colt & MGISW, \$7,201,200. **\$800,000 Ylg '22 KEESEP.

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Wayward Act, c, 4, **Maclean's Music--Warrior Kat**, by Majestic Warrior. Tokyo, 4-21, Allowance, 1600m. Lifetime Record: 4-3-0-1, \$200,296. O-Godolphin; B-Mike Olszewsky, Craig Conrad & Darren Kuntz ; T-Hiroyasu Tanaka. *\$190,000 Wlg '20 FTKNOV.



Candy Drive, h, 5, **Candy Ride (Arg)**--Supreme (SW-US, GSP-Can, \$162,789), by Empire Maker. Tokyo, 4-20, Allowance, 1400m. Lifetime Record: 12-4-2-3, \$272,588. O-Yuji Hasegawa; B-Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC (KY); T-Yoichi Kuroiwa. *1/2 to **Silver State (Hard Spun)**, GISW, \$1,933,094. **\$95,000 RNA Ylg '20 KESEEP; \$500,000 2yo '21 OBSMAR.

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IN SOUTH KOREA:

Power Gunju, c, 3, **Ghostzapper**--One Night, by Distorted Humor. Seoul, 4-20, Hcp. (C3), 1600m. B-David Ross (KY). *\$195,000 Wlg '21 KEENOV; \$220,000 RNA Ylg '22 FTSAUG; \$15,000 Ylg '22 FTKOCT; \$25,000 2yo '23 FTMMAY.

VIDEO (SC 9)

IN PERU:

Sunshine Danny, c, 3, **Creative Cause**--Gottah Penny, by Stravinsky. Monterrico, 4-21, Allowance, 1800mT. B-Keith Cripper & Doug Cauthen (KY). *\$7,000 Ylg '22 FTKOCT.

VIDEO (SC 3)



IN JAPAN:

Yuttitham (Jpn), c, 4, **Justify**--Zipessa (GISW, \$783,550), by City Zip. Tokyo, 4-30, Oasis S.-Listed, 1600m. Lifetime Record : 8-4-1-1, \$477,780. O-Makoto Kaneko Holdings; B-Shadai Farm; T-Naosuke Sugai. *1ST STAKES WIN. **1,815,520 Ylg '21 JRHAJUL.

TODAY'S FEATURED REPLAY

Morning Matcha (Central Banker) adds second Unique Bella S. victory at Parx Monday.
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STAKES RESULTS:

PAGE MCKENNEY H., \$100,000, Parx Racing, 4-22, (S), 3yo/up, 7f, 1:25.82, ft.

1--**FAR MO POWER, 126, g, 6, Uncle Lino--J. D. Safari (MSP, \$209,879), by Power by Far.** O-Joseph E. Sutton; B-Peter Giangiulio (PA); T-Louis C. Linder, Jr.; J-Dexter Haddock. \$52,800. Lifetime Record: 17-8-3-4, \$450,168.

2--**Ninetypercentmaddie**, 126, g, 4, Weigelia--Amblin Easy, by Private Interview. O/B-LC Racing LLC (PA); T-Robert E. Reid, Jr. \$17,600.

3--**Uncle Ernie**, 128, g, 6, Talent Search--Mary Cole, by Broken Vow. O/B-Gilman Hallenbeck (PA); T-John C. Servis. \$8,800. Margins: 1 1/4, HD, HF. Odds: 7.50, 4.60, 1.80.

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ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

8th-Parx Racing, \$53,200, (NW2X)/Opt. Clm (\$40,000), 4-22, 3yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:41.10, ft, 1 1/2 lengths.

BEACH DAZE (m, 5, Blofeld--Ysabell T., by Gators N Bears)

Lifetime Record: MSP, 25-7-9-3, \$359,510. O-All In Racing Stables LLC & J P S Stable; B-Lenny & Beth Rera (NJ); T-Farrel Mann.

2nd-Thistledown, \$35,800, (S), 4-22, (NW2L), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:14.26, ft, 1/2 length.

BRIEF ENCOUNTER (f, 3, National Flag--Grand Mere {SP,

\$114,479}, by Bob and John) Lifetime Record: SP, 4-2-1-0, \$56,174. O/B-WinBlaze, LLC (OH); T-Timothy E. Hamm. *1/2 to Grand Isle (*Always Dreaming*), SW, \$120,480.

8th-Golden Gate Fields, \$31,900, (NW1\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$25,000), 4-21, 3yo/up, 5fT, :56.90, fm, 2 lengths.

TOWN PERFORMER (g, 4, Jersey Town--Sing and Tell {SW, \$256,669}, by Alymagic) Lifetime Record: 15-2-2-4, \$54,066.

O-Patrick Brogan, Kevin Jameson & Bruce Philipie; B-Michael Conway (CA); T-Isidro Tamayo.

7th-Mountaineer Casino & Resort, \$27,170, 4-21, 3yo/up, 4 1/2f, :52.68, ft, 2 lengths.

WILLISTON WAY (h, 7, Cigar Street--Distal Daughter, by Mister Phone {Arg}) Lifetime Record: SW, 39-11-10-6, \$390,211.

O/B-Thomas J. Young (KY); T-Israel Acevedo.

6th-Will Rogers Downs, \$23,000, 4-22, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 1m, 1:41.62, ft, 2 1/2 lengths.

BRIGGSEY (g, 4, Gormley--Soft Cheese, by Quality Road)

Lifetime Record: 16-4-3-3, \$98,059. O/B-Hal Browning & Dave Faulkner (OK); T-Kari Craddock.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Quantum Innergy, f, 3, **Clubhouse Ride--Wild Caroline**, by Wildcat Heir. Santa Anita, 4-21, (S), 1mT, 1:36.35. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-0, \$49,300. B-James Shenouda (CA).

Beautiful Score, f, 3, **Drill--Jensens Score**, by Even the Score. Thistledown, 4-22, (S), 5 1/2f, 1:08.22. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, \$23,520. B-Raimonde Farms LTD & Steve M DeMaioli (OH). *1/2 to Moves Like Ali (*Maclean's Music*), GSP, \$285,103.

Soulless, g, 4, **Animo de Valeroso--Miss Kim**, by Notional. Thistledown, 4-22, (S), 5 1/2f, 1:06.68. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$20,001. B-Craig Powell & Lindy Powell (OH). *\$1,700 Ylg '21 OTBOMX. *1ST-TIME STARTER.

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SEVEN DAYS: SOMETHING SPECIAL



Folgaria flies the flag for Italy with her Classic trial win at Newbury
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By Emma Berry

A person whose job it is to promote horse racing was, rather disappointingly, being sniffy about the Craven meeting on social media last week. I understand that some people don't like racing at the Rowley Mile and, yes, last Tuesday in particular was a little challenging on the weather front. But if you're a Flat racing person, and particularly one who is being paid to tell other people that they should come racing, then you really should appreciate all that is wonderful about these weeks of Classic trials across Europe. They may not offer racecourses packed full of people, but they are packed full of clues for those days, not far off now, when the crowds will come and another little piece of racing history will be consigned to the books. In short, they matter.

It warmed up incrementally in Newmarket last week from the diabolical conditions faced by the breezers for the Tattersalls Craven Sale on Monday morning. By Wednesday we were down to just seven layers of clothing. I went to the old wooden fence by the stands' rail to watch the Nell Gwyn and stood alongside two senior gentlemen with their members' badges pinned to their coats.

"Might see something special here, you never know," one said to the other. Quite. [Cont. p3](#)

HAGGAS SAYS "FRAGILE" MALJOOM READY TO RETURN BUT LOCKINGE "A LONG SHOT"

William Haggas has described the G1 Lockinge S. as "a long shot" for **Maljoom (Ire)** (Caravaggio) but said the talented older horse could get his campaign underway in the Listed Paradise S. at Ascot.

The German 2,000 Guineas winner has endured his share of training problems and was only seen once last season when disappointing in the G2 Joel S. when returning from over a year's absence.

However, the five-year-old is undoubtedly classy on his day, and Haggas is holding out hope that the real Maljoom can show up on the racecourse this season.

The trainer said, "He's going to the Paradise Stakes on May 1 and then we will decide if he goes for the Lockinge. I wanted to run him earlier than that so the Lockinge is probably a long shot, but I need to get his show back on the road. He's in good shape.

"He's only run once since the St James's Palace and he's very much trying to get his show back on the road."

Haggas added, "He's a talented horse but a fragile one, but to be fair to him he's trained very well this spring." [Cont. p7](#)



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Seven Days

by Emma Berry



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Is Pretty Crystal (Ire) (Dubawi {Ire}) pretty special? She was certainly pretty game in battling away the favourite and another daughter of Dubawi, Dance Sequence (GB) to win the Nell Gwyn. And, as long as she is supplemented for the 1,000 Guineas, at least her trainer Richard Fahey and owner Sheikh Rashid Dalmook Al Maktoum know now that she acts through Newmarket's famous Dip that has been the undoing of so many youngsters.

Over at Newbury on Saturday Folgaria (Ire) (Due Diligence) continued her unbeaten run with victory on her first start outside Italy. Champion two-year-old in her former home nation, the G3 Fred Darling winner had claimed four stakes races last season, including the G2 Premio Dormello for Italy's

champion trainer Stefano Botti, who then handed her over to his brother Marco in Newmarket.

This was another big step forward for the filly, who races for Maurizio Dainotto's Scuderia Sagam and is entered for the Poule d'Essai des Pouliches. Marco Botti has done well over the years for his compatriots who have decided to have a horse in training in England, and won last year's G2 Yorkshire Cup with Scuderia La Tesa's Giavellotto (Ire) (Mastercraftsman {Ire}). The homebred five-year-old is entered to defend his crown on May 17.

Folgaria's breeder Turlough Boylan also bred her dam, Full Moon Fever (Ire) (Azamour {Ire}). He purchased her granddam Hasaiyda (Ire) (Hector Protector) from the Aga Khan Studs for €20,000 when carrying to Azamour. That foal became Glorious Protector (Ire), a Listed winner for Ed Walker, and Full Moon Fever followed her brother to the same stable after SackvilleDonald bought her as a yearling for €12,000. She won two races for Walker and eventually ended up at Goffs as a nine-year-old mare in 2020, where Boylan bought her back through Eamonn Reilly of BBA Ireland for just €2,000.

Considering that the filly she was carrying at the time is now the six-time winner and Classic prospect Folgaria, that looks to have been a sound bit of business. The mare was covered last year by Invincible Army (Ire). **Cont. p4**

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Folgaria's victory came on an emotional day for the Botti stable and for many in Italian racing as Stefano Cherchi was laid to rest in Sardinia. A further memorial service for the young jockey takes place in Newmarket this coming Sunday, April 28, at 12 noon at Our Lady Immaculate and Saint Etheldreda Church.

Hot in Both Hemispheres



Julie Wood's Voyage | *Racingfotos.com*

It only seems a minute ago that the big-striding Phoenix Of Spain (Ire) beat Too Darn Hot (GB) in the Irish 2,000 Guineas and now both horses are making their mark in the second-crop sires' table.

Phoenix Of Spain's star performer to date has been Haatem (Ire), the winner of the G2 Vintage S. who looked highly impressive when giving trainer Richard Hannon his third victory in the G3 Craven S. on Thursday after Toormore (Ire) in 2014 and Kool Kompany (Ire) a year later.

Two years after Cachet (Ire) (Aclaim {Ire}) won the 1,000 Guineas her breeder **John Bourke of Hyde Park Stud** now has a serious chance to add the 2,000 Guineas to his collection as the breeder of Haatem.

The Hannon stable is rolling along in fine form and enjoyed a treble at Newbury on Friday, which included the Derby entrant Voyage (GB), who struck at 28/1 on debut for Julie Wood. The son of Golden Horn (GB) had been selected by his stalwart owner as a foal for 40,000gns and was another at Newbury to have an Italian connection as he was co-bred by the Botti family's Razza del Velino. Voyage is now around 33/1 for Epsom after his taking win in the Darley Novice S. and, though his first two dams are unraced, there is plenty to recommend him for a shot at the Classic on the first weekend of June. For a start his sire Golden Horn won the Derby in 2015 en route to becoming Horse of the Year, and so did the sires of two of his first three dams: Galileo (Ire) and Charlottown (GB).

On Sunday Voyage's family was given a further boost when Mr Fisk (Arrogate) won the GIII Californian S. at Santa Anita. The four-year-old is out of Voyage's Listed-winning half-sister Plein Air (Ire) (Manduro {Ger}), who was also fourth in the G1 Premio Lydia Tesio for Stefano Botti before switching to the stable of Bob Baffert, who now trains her first foal, Mr Fisk.

Darley's Too Darn Hot has Classic prospects left, right and centre, including Wood's Greenham fourth Son (GB)--yet another with an Italian breeder behind him in Scuderia Blueberry. Warming up in racecourse gallops in the last week were Too Darn Hot's Fallen Angel (GB) and Alyanaabi (Ire), while Darnation (Ire), Boiling Point (Ire) and Native Approach (GB) are also among his Guineas entries.

The son of Dubawi is currently leading the first-season sires' table in Australia with eight winners and he notched his second Group 1 winner over the weekend when Godolphin's Broadsiding (Aus) landed the Champagne S. at Randwick for James Cummings.

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Birthe with trainer Laura Vanska (second left) | Scoop Dyga

Study Of Man Building on Good Start

Another second-crop sire whose profile continues to rise is the 2018 Prix du Jockey Club winner Study Of Man (Ire). A particularly good week for the Lanwades stallion included Sunday's Listed Prix Caravelle winner Birthe (Ire), who became the first black-type winner for her Finnish-born trainer Laura Vanska. Birthe will take aim next at the G2 Prix Saint-Alary on France's Guineas weekend, and also holds an entry for the G1 Prix de Diane.

At Newmarket, Juddmonte's Kalpana (GB) streaked to victory by 10 lengths in a Class 3 handicap for Andrew Balding and will surely be seen next in stakes company, while Sons And Lovers (GB), owned by Hugo Morris in partnership with breeder Kirsten Rausing, looked to be learning with every stride he took in the Craven S., in which he finished third for Jane Chapple-Hyam.

The icing on the cake for Rausing was the victory of Sinology (GB) at Newbury on Friday. The daughter of Study Of Man and Group 1 winner Madame Chiang (GB) is another for the notebook, and became the fifth winner from five foals for her dam.

With Madame Chiang being by the late Lanwades stallion Archipenko, a son of Kingmambo, Sinology's pedigree features inbreeding to not one but two superior mares: Miesque, a granddam of both Study Of Man and Archipenko, and Special, who is Archipenko's other granddam through her daughter Bound, as well as being a granddam of Miesque.

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Seven Days Cont.

Fabre's Flyers

Andre Fabre may have been out of luck with his three runners at Newmarket last week but the French trainer has unleashed some smart-looking three-year-olds at home of late, with the colts Will Scarlet (GB) (Masar {Ire}) and Ocean Viking (GB) (Farhh {GB}) and fillies Rock'n Swing (GB) (Camelot {GB}) and Montemesola (Fr) (Kingman {GB}) all winning for Godolphin, while Hamavi (Ire) (Dubawi {Ire}) continued a great spring for the Wertheimers.

Perhaps most encouraging of all was the victory of Sajir (Ire) in the G3 Prix Sigy. The colt races for his breeder Prince AA Faisal, who also raced his sire Make Believe (GB) and bred that stallion's most famous son to date, Mishriff (Ire). It has been a good month in France for Make Believe, whose daughter Making Dreams (Ire) won the G3 Prix Penelope for Karl Burke. Meanwhile, five of Make Believe's last eight runners in Britain have all won, including at Newbury on Saturday where Jack Channon's Metal Merchant (Ire) lifted the Spring Cup.

Make Believe's fellow Ballylinch Stud resident Lope De Vega (Ire) is also enjoying a decent run and has been represented by four Group/Graded winners so far this year. The most recent of those was Saturday's GII Elkhorn S. victor Silver Knott (GB), one

of a dozen horses currently stabled in America for Charlie Appleby.

Lope De Vega also features as the damsire of the aforementioned stakes winner Birthe.

Three Times Three

The last word must go to the mighty mare Reem Three (GB) (Mark Of Esteem {Ire}), who was represented by her ninth winner from nine runners when Bolsena (Ire) (Kingman {GB}) landed a good fillies' maiden at Newmarket last Wednesday for her owner-breeder Sheikh Mohammed Obaid Al Maktoum and Kevin Ryan.

The star of Ryan's stable last season was Reem Three's G1 Queen Anne-winning son Triple Time (GB) (Frankel {GB}), who is now midway through covering his first full book of mares at Darley's Dalham Hall Stud. He is one of seven black-type earners for his dam, along with fellow Group 1 winner Ajman Princess (Ire) (Teofilo {Ire}).

Following Bolsena, the 21-year-old mare has a Night Of Thunder (Ire) two-year-old named Triple Tempest (GB) and a Pinatubo (Ire) yearling filly who was born last May.

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2 LOPE DE VEGA	€125,000	7
3 Frankel	£350,000	6

Source: TDN THOROUGHBRED DAILY NEWS 22/04/24



EUROPEAN NEWS

William Haggas Cont. from p1

At Newbury on Saturday stablemate **Relief Rally (Ire)** kicked off her three-year-old campaign with a creditable fourth in the G3 Fred Darling S. having been beaten just once in five starts as a juvenile.

Haggas is now planning a return to six furlongs with the daughter of Kodiak (GB), with all roads leading to the G1 Commonwealth Cup at Royal Ascot.

Reflecting on Saturday's performance, Haggas said, "I'm certain she didn't stay and I said to Tom [Marquand, jockey] before the race, 'This will be the last time she runs over this trip', but I couldn't not run in it.

"Whether she is going to be a top filly, I don't know, but she is going to run six furlongs next time, maybe at the Lockinge meeting against the colts. There is a race on the all-weather at Chelmsford [on May 2] for fillies, but that feels a bit hard on her and I don't think she will go there.

"Tom said she was very weak in the last half-furlong when he thought he had them covered, so I'm not sure. She may have just got tired as well, but she won't run seven furlongs again and she's not going to be running in the French Guineas.

"We'll try to get her to Ascot if we can, with a run before."

Montassib (GB) (Exceed And Excel {Aus}) started his season on a high note when landing the Listed Cammidge Trophy at Doncaster on the opening weekend of the turf season. The G2 Duke Of York S. could await Haggas' runner and there are French contests also on the table.

"He needs a bit of cut in the ground and he's in the Duke Of York, he might go there," the trainer said.

"The form of his race at Doncaster fell in a heap in the Abernant the other day and he could go for a Listed race at Chantilly on May 14--we might do that."

One Haggas runner that will not be seen on a racecourse again is **Sense Of Duty (GB)** (Showcasing {GB}), a talented Group-winning mare whose career has been cut short by an injury.

"Regrettably, I think she has fractured her pelvis, so she will sadly be retired," Haggas said.

"It's very frustrating for Andrew Stone who owns her, but she will make a broodmare for him. It's always horrible for a trainer when you know a horse has talent and you never get to the bottom of her."

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ALFLAILA BACK IN PEAK CONDITION AHEAD OF FIVE-YEAR-OLD CAMPAIGN



Alfaila with groom Selwen Pandu at trainer Owen Burrows's Lambourn yard | [Racingfotos.com](#)

Alfaila (GB), who was last seen finishing fifth behind Auguste Rodin (Ire) (Deep Impact {Jpn}) in the G1 Irish Champion S. at Leopardstown in September, has been given a clean bill of health by trainer Owen Burrows as he prepares to return to action following an injury-plagued four-year-old campaign.

The son of Dark Angel (Ire) was restricted to just two starts in 2023, first returning from nearly 10 months off to win the G2 York S. on the Knavesmire in July and then passing the post only three and a quarter lengths behind the dual Derby winner at Leopardstown.

That was Alfaila's first run in Group 1 company and Burrows was encouraged by what he saw, with other races at the top level likely to enter calculations if the five-year-old comes through his first run of the season unscathed.

"He was only just over three lengths behind Auguste Rodin [in the Irish Champion Stakes], so he doesn't have a huge amount to find to step up into these Group 1 races," said the trainer.

"In the last couple of weeks he's started fast work and it'll be good to get him back. He obviously didn't have the longest of seasons last year, but he won well at York on King George day and then it'd didn't go to plan in the Irish Champion Stakes. That was the case for a lot of the English horses and then, unfortunately, he had a little setback and that finished him for the season."

"Touch wood we can get him back soon," added Burrows before considering immediate plans. "I was hoping to start him in the Brigadier Gerard, but that may just come a fraction too soon."

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Alfaila Cont.

"It all depends how the next few weeks go, but he looks as well as ever, he's filled out and strengthened up again. I'm not going to rush him to try and get to Sandown. If it comes around then it comes around, but if not we'll look to June time--there's plenty of races for a nice horse like him."

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AJAY ANNE BECOMES ARQANA'S MIDDLE EAST AND INDIAN REPRESENTATIVE



Ajay Anne | Peter Mooney/Goffs

Arqana has strengthened its overseas department with the addition of Ajay Anne, who becomes the company's new thoroughbred representative for the Middle East and India.

A graduate of the Darley Flying Start and the Indian Racing Academy, Anne started his career with Darley as their Middle East, Indian and South African bloodstock representative.

Since the creation of his own agency New Approach Bloodstock in 2010, he has guided numerous clients in their purchases both privately and at auction for racing and breeding. Anne has also been a registered steward with UAE Racing since 2006.

Commenting on his appointment, Anne said, "I'm delighted to be joining the Arqana team of representatives. Having lived in Dubai for 18 years now, I've been able to observe first-hand the evolution of racing in the Middle East.

"The thoroughbred market is booming and investment is high, particularly in the yearling segment. India, my home country with which I have close ties, has many passionate owners and breeders, whose demand is mainly geared towards breeding and finding good mares and stallions. I'm excited and looking forward to what promises to be a great new chapter."

Freddy Powell, Managing Director at Arqana, added, "We are delighted to add Ajay Anne to the team of Arqana

representatives around the world. Ajay's profile is quite unique, combining his excellent knowledge of the Middle East, where he is based, with his expertise in the Indian market, where Arqana has been present for many years.

"We wanted to give ourselves the means to redevelop our network in India, and Ajay is the ideal candidate to achieve this alongside us. As for the Middle East, this is obviously a key region for an auction house like Arqana. The investor base is evolving fast and it was important to be able to count on a representative totally dedicated to the thoroughbred market alongside our existing representative, Faisal Al Rhamani, who focuses on Arabians."

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HONG KONG GARDEN A NEW ADDITION AT NEWBURY FOR LOCKINGE DAY



Modern Games winning last year's Lockinge | Racingfotos.com

A new Hong Kong Garden will be in place at Newbury Racecourse when the track hosts five World Pool races on Saturday, May 18, including the G1 Al Shaqab Lockinge S. which headlines the fixture.

The Hong Kong Garden will offer themed food and drink, plus a range of entertainment including live performances from Albert Chau, the inaugural winner of Midlife, Sing and Shine, a talent competition run on terrestrial TV in Hong Kong.

Mark Leigh, interim CEO at Newbury Racecourse, said, "We're thrilled to introduce the new Hong Kong Garden for this year's Al Shaqab Lockinge with Ladies Day to mark and celebrate the growth of our partnership with World Pool. The Al Shaqab Lockinge is renowned for the breadth of entertainment it offers racegoers and this year's edition promises even more excitement; we're looking forward to everything's that in store."

Newbury Cont.

World Pool, the largest globally commingled horse racing pools, was created and is powered by the Hong Kong Jockey Club (HKJC). In January, it was announced that nine new race days had been added to the World Pool calendar in the first six months of 2024, with bettors from 28 countries able to bet into the same pools on those given days. The five World Pool races scheduled for the Lockinge meeting in 2024 also represents an increase from two last year.

Michael Fitzsimons, executive director, Wagering Products at the HKJC, said, "The likes of Shaquille and Warm Heart were both winners on the Al Shaqab Lockinge undercard last year, so we're pleased to be able to bring more of the quality racing from Newbury into World Pool in 2024.

"The Hong Kong-themed entertainment that Newbury Racecourse is putting on is a fun initiative to attract a wider audience to the races too, and we're sure the racegoers will really enjoy it."

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LONDON MARATHON RUNNERS RAISE FUNDS FOR RACING WELFARE



Chris Martin, assistant trainer to Archie Watson, pictured after completing the London Marathon | Racing Welfare

Ten runners came together to raise more than £15,000 for Racing Welfare when participating in the London Marathon, the charity organisation announced on Monday. The group who completed the 26.2-mile course on Sunday included Richard Cosgrave, who has received support from Racing Welfare having sustained a fall four years ago which resulted in a broken neck. He was joined by the likes of Chris Martin, assistant trainer to Archie Watson in Lambourn, Harrison Mills, strategy manager at the Jockey Club, and Sophie Webber, brand marketing assistant at Goffs.

Daisy Felton, Racing Welfare fundraising executive, said, "All of the participants running in aid of Racing Welfare at this year's London Marathon put in a stellar effort to raise more than £15k for the charity, with more funds continuing to come in following the event. The dedication they've shown to train, fundraise and complete the event is admirable and all of us at Racing Welfare would like to thank them and celebrate their achievements. Their hard work will help to ensure we can continue to be there for racing's people when they need us most."

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CHIEF LITTLE ROCK SET FOR BLUE RIBAND TRIAL

14.45 Epsom Downs, Listed (Blue Riband Trial), £50,000, 3yo, 10f 17yT

Ballydoyle's G2 Beresford S. and G3 Autumn S. runner-up **CHIEF LITTLE ROCK (IRE)** (Galileo {Ire}) makes his seasonal debut in this wildcard event which comes with a free entry to June's G1 Derby. His five-strong opposition includes Sheikh Mohammed Obaid Al Maktoum's 'TDN Rising Star' **Arabian Legend (Ire)** (Dubawi {Ire}), who was adrift of Chief Little Rock in the Autumn when sixth last time.



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Valmont's 170,000gns Book 1 graduate **Feigning Madness (GB)** (Ulysses {Ire}) is the only undefeated nominee having registered narrow victories at Newbury and Newmarket last year. All three take a step up from the one-mile trip.

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BRITAIN

Monday's Results:

1st-Pontefract, £6,899, Nov, 4-22, 2yo, 5f 3yT, 1:08.61, sf.
HOT TO DOT (GB) (f, 2, **Massaat {Ire}**--**My Dandy Doc {Ire}**, by **Dandy Man {Ire}**) dwelt at the break and recovered to stalk the leaders in third after the opening exchanges of this unveiling. Scrubbed along off the home turn, the 16-1 chance angled off the fence to go second with 1 1/2 furlongs remaining and was ridden out in the latter stages to account for Harswell Dandy (Ire) (Dandy Man {Ire}) by 1 1/2 lengths. Hot To Dot, kin to a yearling filly by Lightning Spear (GB), is the first of two foals produced by a winning half-sister to Listed Stonehenge S. runner-up Sonoran Sands (Ire) (**Footstepsinthesand {GB}**). The February-foaled bay hails from the family of G1 Prix Vermeille-winning matriarch Pearly Shells (GB) (Efisio {GB}). Sales history: 10,000gns Ylg '23 TATOCT. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$4,469. O-Hadden Farm Ltd & Partner; B-Zena McFadzean (GB); T-Gemma Tutty.

7th-Pontefract, £7,000, Nov, 4-22, 3yo/up, f/m, 6fT, 1:23.62, sf.
THURSDAY'S CHILD (GB) (f, 3, **Harry Angel {Ire}**--**Yaa Mous {GB}**, by **Farhh {GB}**), who graduated at odds of 66-1 going just over seven furlongs at Newcastle in her Mar. 8 debut last time, was swiftly into stride and stalked the leaders in a handy fourth until wasing into third at halfway. Making smooth progress once into the straight, the 8-1 chance moved to the fore approaching the furlong pole and was ridden out in the latter stages to easily account for Mostar Dreams (Ire) (**Saxon Warrior {Jpn}**) by 2 1/2 lengths. Thursday's Child is the second of four foals and lone scorer produced by three-time winner Yaa Mous (GB) (Farhh {GB}), herself out of multiple stakes-winning G3 Musidora S. runner-up Sweet Lilly (GB) (Tobougg {Ire}). The April-foaled bay is a half-sister to the 2-year-old filly by Expert Eye (GB) and a yearling colt by Masar (Ire). Sales history: 20,000gns Ylg '22 TATOCT. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$12,563. O-Sharp Hill Thoroughbreds; B-Ellis Stud Partnership (GB); T-Micky Hammond.

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3rd-Royal Windsor, £6,800, Nov, 4-22, 2yo, f, 5f 21yT, 1:00.07, gd.

KAADI (IRE) (f, 2, Soldier's Call {GB}--Ruby Girl {Ire}, by Fast Company {Ire}), who notched an Apr. 10 debut second tackling five furlongs at Wolverhampton in her only prior outing, broke well from an outer stall and raced in a prominent second after the early exchanges of this return. Shaken up to gain a narrow advantage soon after passing the quarter-mile marker, the 13-8 chalk came under sterner urging approaching the final furlong and was ridden out to assert by 1 1/2 lengths from Woodhay Whisper (Ire) (Coulsty {Ire}). Kaadi is the latest of six foals and fourth scorer out of an unraced half-sister to Gill Miesque S. third Cloneylass (Ire) (Verglas {Ire}).

The March-foaled bay is a half-sister to G3 January Cup winner Hotel Wren (Ire) (Dragon Pulse {Ire}) and is from the family of MG1SW sire Phoenix Reach (Ire) (Alhaarth {Ire}). Sales history: €52,000 Ylg '23 TATIRY. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$6,569. O-Abdulrazaq Mohamdi & Mrs E Burke; B-Brian Miller (IRE); T-Karl Burke.

4th-Royal Windsor, £8,000, Nov, 4-22, 3, 4,5yo, 10fT, 2:06.84, gd.

DEIRA MILE (IRE) (c, 3, Camelot {GB}--Fastnet Mist {Ire} {MSP-Ire}, by Fastnet Rock {Aus}), fourth in Doncaster's Oct. 28 G1 Futurity Trophy when last seen, settled four lengths off the pace in third for most of this first stab at 10 furlongs. Cruising forward to loom large on the bridle passing the two pole, the 4-9 lock assumed control approaching the final furlong and was ridden clear to outclass Castle In The Sand (Ire) (New Approach {Ire}) by a largely untroubled four lengths. Deira Mile, the third of four foals, is first scorer produced by Listed Garnet S. and Listed Celebration S. placegetter Fastnet Mist (Ire) (Fastnet Rock {Aus}), herself half to the dual stakes-placed duo Walkinthesand (Ire) (Footstepsinthesand {GB}) and Aceland Street (Aus) (Street Cry {Ire}). The March-foaled bay, whose second dam is kin to G1 Cheveley Park S. heroine Wannabe Grand (Ire) (Danehill), is kin to an unnamed 2-year-old filly by Starspangledbanner (Aus). Sales history: 47,000gns Ylg '22 TADEY. Lifetime Record: 5-1-1-2, \$32,141.

O-Green Team Racing; B-Churchtown House Stud (IRE); T-Owen Burrows.

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FRANCE

Monday's Results:

FIRST WINNER FOR SIRE

1st-Bordeaux-Le Bouscat, €23,000, Cond, 4-22, 2yo, 5fT, 1:01.80, g/s.

HIDE THE EVIDENCE (IRE) (f, 2, Sands Of Mali {Fr}--Silent Agenda {GB}, by Kyllachy {GB}) raced in third through the early fractions of this unveiling. Nudged along to turn for home in second, the 51-10 chance came under sterner urging in the straight and kept on strongly once sweeping by long-time leader Sunset Bikini (Fr) (Le Brivido {Fr}) inside the final furlong to defeat that rival by two lengths. Bred by Joe Foley's Ballyhane Stud, Hide The Evidence fetched €10,000 at the Tattersalls Ireland September Yearling Sale when knocked down to Con Marnane. Racing in the colours of Marnane's daughters, Amy and Olivia, the filly could be Royal Ascot-bound according to Con Marnane, who said, "We're absolutely thrilled. You wouldn't believe the lift that has given us. She beat a very experienced field and, if she were to rock up again, the chances are that we could aim towards Royal Ascot with her. There is a Listed race that she could go for in a couple of weeks in France and we could look at that before a possible tilt at Royal Ascot." He added, "However much I liked her at Tattersalls Ireland, I bloody love her now! When I started buying into this family, the page was pure white--now it's black-type through and through. This filly is all guts. It's special because we sell a brother to Sands Of Mali at Donny on Wednesday. We're all very excited." Hide The Evidence, full-sister to a yearling colt, is the first of two foals out of a winning half-sister to Listed Two-Year-Old Trophy victrix and G3 Firth Of Clyde S. third Ventura Mist (GB) (Pastoral Pursuits {GB}).



Sands Of Mali | Ballyhane Stud

Bordeaux-Le-Bouscat 1 Cont.

The March-foaled bay's stakes-placed third dam Jetbeeah (Ire) (Lomond), herself a daughter of G2 Gallinule S. winner Welsh Fantasy (Ire) (Welsh Pageant {Fr}), is the dam of G3 Prix de Royaumont victrix Lady's Purse (GB) (Doyen {Ire}) and the multiple stakes-placed Dazilyn Lady (Zilzal). Lady's Purse, in turn, is the dam of stakes-winning G2 Superlative S. runner-up Masekela (Ire) (El Kabeir) and G2 Cape Verdi second Asoof (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}). Sales history: €10,000 Ylg '23 TIRSEP. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, €11,500. **Video, sponsored by FanDuel TV.** O-Amy Marnane & Olivia Marnane; B-Ballyhane Stud (IRE); T-Florian Guyader.

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CONDITIONS RESULTS:

4th-Bordeaux-Le Bouscat, €22,000, Cond, 4-22, 3yo, 7fT, 1:29.54, g/s.

ZVALIKOVA (FR) (f, 3, Le Havre {Ire}--Zvalinksa {Fr} {SP-Fr}, by Sea The Stars {Ire}) Lifetime Record: 6-2-1-3, €41,350. O/B-Alain Jathiere (FR); T-Jean-Claude Rouget.

1st-Strasbourg, €16,000, Cond, 4-22, 4yo/up, 15fT, 3:31.24, vsf. **COSTA EDITA (FR) (m, 5, Shamalgan {Fr}--Carolla Bay {Ire}, by Duke Of Marmalade {Ire})** Lifetime Record: 18-5-3-1, €58,970. O-Stall Tee-Time; B-Ecurie Normandie Pur Sang (FR); T-Hans Blume.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Global Health (Fr), c, 3, **Farhh (GB)**--Galette (Ger), by Authorized (Ire). Strasbourg, 4-22, 15fT, 3:31.24. B-Gestut Ebbesloh (FR).

Prince Malone (Fr), g, 3, **Recoletos (Fr)**--Montillana (Fr), by Mastercraftsman (Ire). Chatillon-sur-Chalaronne, 4-22, 13fT, 3:26.00. B-Gregoire Lemarie & SARL Darpat France (FR). *€15,000 Ylg '22 ARQOCT.

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1 Arabic Legend (Ire)	Dubawi (Ire)	Sheikh Mohammed Obaid Al Maktoum	Karl Burke	Clifford Lee	129
2 Bellum Justum (Ire)	Sea The Stars (Ire)	King Power Racing Company Ltd	Andrew Balding	Oisin Murphy	129
3 Bur Dubai (GB)	Night Of Thunder (Ire)	Green Team Racing	Kevin Philippart de Foy	Richard Kingscote	129
4 Chief Little Rock (Ire)	Galileo (Ire)	Mrs John Magnier, Michael Tabor & Derrick Smith	Aidan O'Brien	Ryan Moore	129
5 Defiance (Ire)	Camelot (GB)	Highclere Thoroughbred Racing (Monet)	Roger Varian	James Doyle	129
6 Feigning Madness (GB)	Ulysses (Ire)	Valmont	Ralph Beckett	Hector Crouch	129

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