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'WE'RE GOING TO ROLL UP OUR SLEEVES': TEAL DANCES BACK TO EPSOM



Roger Teal and David Fish | Emma Berry

By Emma Berry

EPSOM, UK--Some may not find an overcast morning in the middle of a deserted racecourse all that exciting but more fool them. Because all around the Epsom Downs the small temporary village that by this time next Friday will constitute the base for the Betfred Derby Festival is gradually being constructed and the sense of occasion is rising.

But of course there's no Derby without horses, and four potential contenders for the race that remains the highlight of every Flat season gained an early sighter of the course on Tuesday morning before a small gathering of media and onlookers.

Given that the press were invited along and hadn't merely gatecrashed, it was temporarily disconcerting to hear David Fish, the owner-breeder of Poule d'Essai des Poulains runner-up Dancing Gemini (Ire) (Camelot {GB}) state, "I normally don't do media interviews."

But Fish, who breeds in partnership with his wife Linda under their Fishdance banner, delivered his opening line with a wry smile and was soon engaging in some small talk about the rest of his bloodstock interests, which includes Dancing Magic (Ire), who was third in last year's G3 Craven S., and the Listed winner Dancing Tango (Ire), both of whom are also by the 2012 Derby winner Camelot. [Cont. p3](#)

CITY OF TROY THE STAR TURN AMONG 21 DERBY ENTRIES, ONE OF SEVEN FOR BALLYDOYLE

Twenty-one colts remain in contention for the G1 Betfred Derby following the latest scratching deadline for the Classic, which will be run at Epsom on Saturday, June 1.

Aidan O'Brien, who saddled a record-extending ninth winner of the Derby when Auguste Rodin (Ire) (Deep Impact {Jpn}) was successful in 2023, could be mob-handed this year with up to seven runners. His entries include the outstanding two-year-old of 2023, **City Of Troy (Justify)**, who will be trying to emulate Auguste Rodin by bouncing back from a disappointing return to action in the G1 2,000 Guineas at Newmarket.

City Of Troy is set to be joined by last year's G1 Criterium de Saint-Cloud winner **Los Angeles (Ire) (Camelot {GB})**, who maintained his unbeaten record after nearly seven months off when beating stable companion **Euphoric (GB) (Frankel {GB})** in the G3 Derby Trial S. at Leopardstown last time. [Cont. p7](#)

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*Zweig (Ire) (**Churchill {Ire}**), pictured here at Cagnes-sur-Mer on Christmas Eve, won the Listed Derby du Languedoc at Toulouse on Tuesday. He is the 22nd stakes winner for the Coolmore sire. | Scoop Dyga*

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"Camelot is my favourite stallion," said Fish, clearly a sound judge. "Dancing Gemini is by Camelot and his dam is by Australia and they both won the Derby, but he's got that speed you see."

He continued, "We breed with Coolmore. We have three broodmares and we use their stallions. So we have three yearlings, three foals and five racehorses."

Fish's racing operation is split between Britain and Ireland, with Dancing Gemini's year-younger full-sister, Dancing Teapot (Ire), in training with Joseph O'Brien. "Teapot is my wife's nickname," he explained. "I wasn't very good at chatting up girls in those days and I saw her standing there with a handbag over her shoulder and smoking a cigarette. I said 'You look like a teapot', and it went from there. That was 50 years ago and I've always called her Teapot."

Fish, who celebrates his birthday on Oaks Day, may be calling for something stronger than tea the following afternoon should Dancing Gemini fulfil a dream that his trainer Roger Teal can scarcely believe is now within his grasp. Teal, who has tasted top-level success with crack sprinter Oxted (GB) (Mayson {GB}), knows a good horse when one comes his way. Now based in Lambourn, he and his wife Sue spent their formative years in racing working in Epsom.

"There are lots of good memories around here," he said. "I worked right near the Derby start and I used to stand in Philip [Mitchell]'s garden for years and watch the runners go by. It's nice being on the other side of the fence. It'll be very exciting but it's very nerve-wracking as well. I probably won't sleep for a few nights beforehand but it will be lovely to come back and be involved in it, which isn't something I thought would ever happen."

Dancing Gemini was accompanied on his canter around Epsom by Oxted's full-brother Chipstead (GB), with Mitchell's son Jack in the saddle of the lead horse while William Cox took the ride on the Derby contender. Dylan Brown McMonagle will however keep the ride a week on Saturday.

Teal continued, "William was delighted and said that he handled the track beautifully. It's on the easy side out there so it was lovely ground to do that this morning. Obviously he hasn't gone mad, he only ran nine days ago, but the whole point of coming here was just to give him a feel of the layout of the track and he looked good.

"I think we're going to roll our sleeves up and come here. It's very tempting to go back to France but it would be lovely to have a crack at the English Derby and to come here with a live contender is wonderful. It's very exciting for David, his wife Linda, and all involved in the team back at home."

He added, "He's a very speedy horse but he has the breeding to get a mile and a half. He has such a relaxed manner about him and you can put him to sleep and use his burst of speed at the end of a race. He's not guaranteed to stay – no horse is – but on paper he has more of a chance of staying than not.

"It's the Derby and there will be good horses wherever we go but the field has thinned out and that does help a little bit. Godolphin have lost two major contenders. It was very sad at Chester but [Hidden Law] looked to be very good before it happened. It's an open field and we've got to have a crack at it.

"Dylan has already been on the phone this morning so I've got to give him a call back and let him know my decision. He's bought into what we're doing and he believes in the horse, which is an added bonus. He's very confident after riding him in France." [Cont. p4](#)



Dancing Gemini and William Cox (red cap) | Jim Hoy/The Jockey Club

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Epsom press morning cont.***A Dream Voyage For Julie Wood***

The names Morston (GB) and Lammtarra were being bandied about as Voyage (GB) (Golden Horn {GB}) stepped onto the track on Tuesday morning. In 1974 and 1995 respectively, that pair came to the Derby on the back of one run, but what they lacked in experience they made up for in brilliance.

Voyage's trainer Richard Hannon has had two previous runners in the Derby, the 2021 runner-up Mojo Star (Ire) ([Sea The Stars {Ire}](#)) and Humphrey Bogart (Ire) (Tagula {Ire}), who finished fifth five years earlier.

"Both times we thought we were slightly taking a chance," said the trainer as he watched Voyage take a lap of the parade ring after exercising at Epsom alongside Sam Hawken (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}). "But this fella, he's unbeaten, that's one thing you can say for him, but it's whether he's good enough and I don't think we can say that until after the race."

Pat Dobbs, who rode Voyage to his easy novice win at Newbury on April 19, was back in the saddle, as he will be for the Derby itself.

"Pat rides all of Julie's and she's extremely loyal in every way," Hannon said. "It's great for her to have a runner and I hope he runs well for her. She loves it. She won't sleep for two weeks now."

Of his decision to swerve a traditional Derby trial, he added, "Running in a trial, he couldn't do any more than he's done by winning that maiden. He is a horse that has burst onto the scene and Julie was very keen to keep him there, to keep the dream alive, and that's what she's done.

"It's beautiful ground out there. He latched on a bit but he does that at home. We didn't come here to see how good he was."

Wood was present at Epsom with her husband Chris and was clearly relishing every minute of the Betfred Derby gallops morning as the countdown to the race itself begins in earnest.

"What a wonderful lead-up. You can't beat it, can you? I've been waiting for years to get one good enough to line up and this is it," she said.

Wood has long been a regular on the sales grounds in Britain and Ireland, particularly at the foal sales, and she selected

Voyage at the Tattersalls December Foal Sale for 40,000gns when he was sold by the Castlebridge Consignment on behalf of his Italian breeders Effevi Srl and the Botti family's Razza Del Velino.

"I always throw a stayer in every year," said Wood.

"A curveball!" interjected Hannon.

She continued, "I always put one in every year hoping that one will be good enough to come here, and this is the lad. He's got the right page for it, and I just want to enjoy the moment. It's good to be in a place like this and it's nice that they let you have a run around the track, because it's so unique, so it's good to have a sluice round Tattenham Corner and down the hill."

She continued, "He's bred to stay and that's what he showed he did in spadefuls. That is always a good maiden at Newbury – it always throws up good horses.

"We had been declared last year at the back end for a similar mile-and-a-quarter [race] but the track was waterlogged and the

meeting was off. That was just the year we had but we might have been coming here with another run under our belts. He has strengthened up over the winter and he did a racecourse gallop before he ran first time. Today is an away-day and I think it will do him the world of good."



Voyage and Pat Dobbs (nearside) | Emma Berry

Lead On, Macduff

Ralph Beckett could have up to five runners in the Betfred Oaks, including the trial winners You Got To Me (GB) (Nathaniel {Ire}) and Forest Fairy (Ire) (Waldgeist

{GB}), but it was the Juddmonte homebred Macduff (GB) who was uppermost in his mind on Tuesday morning as he watched the son of the 2009 Derby winner [Sea The Stars \(Ire\)](#) being put through his paces by Rossa Ryan.

"I am very happy and he did what we hoped he would do today," said Beckett as Macduff and his workmate Lord Melbourne (Ire) took several turns of the parade ring after their more strenuous exercise.

"He is a very straightforward customer and has got the right mindset – he enjoys his work and gets on with it. He's a well-balanced horse. We came here today as he hasn't run since April 26 and this fitted in very well." **Cont. p5**



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Macduff stretches his legs at Epsom under Rossa Ryan
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Epsom press morning cont.

Macduff was last seen finishing second in the Sandown Classic Trial to Godolphin's Arabian Crown (Fr), who has subsequently been withdrawn from the Derby following a training setback.

The trainer continued, "At Sandown, he put up a good effort and hopefully he will come forward significantly for it. We weren't running many at that time and they were running okay but not winning so it was a good effort.

"He is out of a **Bated Breath (GB)** mare who is a half-sister to **Kingman (GB)**, so there is plenty of speed there but he shapes more like **Sea The Stars** than **Kingman** or **Bated Breath** in my view. In terms of the way he is made and the way he trains, there is more cause for optimism going up in trip with him."

Beckett, who has won the Oaks twice with Look Here (GB) and Talent (GB), added, "To win the Derby is what we all aspire to. As a trainer and an Englishman, there is nothing more important."

Owen Burrows was another trainer at Epsom on Tuesday along with Ahmad Al Shaikh, the owner of Deira Mile (Ire) (**Camelot {GB}**), and his bloodstock consultant Federico Barberini.

"Epsom has special memories for me as I had my first Group 1 winner with Hukum in the Coronation Cup a couple of years ago and I was fortunate enough to be working for Sir Michael Stoute when he sent out the Derby winners Kris Kin (2003), North Light (2004) and Workforce (2010)," Burrows said.

The 109-rated Deira Mile won a Windsor novice race in April having finished fourth in the G1 Kameko Futurity Trophy last October.

The trainer continued, "It wouldn't usually be my style to come to something like this but I just felt it might suit this horse. He was highly tried on his last run of 2023 up at Doncaster in a Group 1 and I wanted to just get his head in front this season in as weak a race as we could find and I feel we did that at Windsor, where he won nicely.

"I feel he has taken a big step forward from that and Ahmad was adamant he didn't want to go for a trial, so I thought today would give us the ideal opportunity to come and get a feel of the track.

"Jim [Crowley, jockey] was very pleased with him and I was very pleased visually with him. Fingers crossed, today has done him some good.

"His pedigree suggests that he was always going to be more of a three-year-old and you can see that – he's a big lad. I also think the trip won't bother him at all. He's not slow though."

Burrows added, "At the moment, the Derby is looking open. Godolphin have had some terrible luck and Aidan's horse [City Of Troy] needs to come back. I was impressed with James Fanshawe's horse [Ambiente Friendly] at Lingfield and I think it's certainly a race you wouldn't be afraid to have a crack at."

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Deira Mile and Jim Crowley | Jim Hoy/The Jockey Club

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Name	Sire	Trainer	Owner	Racecourse	Date
Manama Gold	Star Guitar	Fawzi Nass	Victorius	Meydan	Jan. 19
Endless Victory (GB)	Teofilo (Ire)	Charlie Appleby	Godolphin	Wolverhampton	Feb. 12
Night Raider (Ire)	Dark Angel (Ire)	Karl Burke	Clipper	Southwell	Mar. 20
Puchkine (Fr)	Starspangledbanner (Aus)	Jean-Claude Rouget	Alain Jathiere	Toulouse	Mar. 20
Purple Lily (Ire)	Calyx (GB)	Paddy Twomey	Zinlo Syndicate	Naas	Mar. 24
Agenda (Ire)	Galileo (Ire)	Aidan O'Brien	Tabor/Smith/Magnier/Brant	Dundalk	Mar. 26
Narkez (Fr)	Siyouni (Fr)	Andre Fabre	Nurlan Bizakov	Saint-Cloud	Mar. 26
Louise Procter (Fr)	Siyouni (Fr)	Jean-Claude Rouget	White Birch Farm	Chantilly	Mar. 28
Notable Speech (GB)	Dubawi (Ire)	Charlie Appleby	Godolphin	Kempton Park	Apr. 6
Delius (GB)	Frankel (GB)	Jean-Claude Rouget	Magnier/Smith/Tabor/Westerberg	ParisLongchamp	Apr. 7
Gala Real (Fr)	Wootton Bassett (GB)	A & G Botti	Scuderia Dei Duepi, Ballylinch Stud, Ecurie des Charms & Hisham Abdulwahed	Saint-Cloud	Apr. 12
Camille Pissarro (Ire)	Wootton Bassett (GB)	Aidan O'Brien	Mrs John Magnier, Michael Tabor, Derrick Smith & Peter M Brant	Navan	Apr. 27
Sea Just In Time (Ire)	Sea The Stars (Ire)	William Haggas	Sunderland Holding Inc (Ire)	Newmarket	May 3
Mountain Breeze (Ire)	Lope De Vega (Ire)	Charlie Appleby	Godolphin	Newmarket	May 5
Kind Of Blue (GB)	Blue Point (Ire)	James Fanshawe	Michelle Morris & Jan & Peter Hopper	Doncaster	May 18
Ancient Truth (Ire)	Dubawi (Ire)	Charlie Appleby	Godolphin	Newmarket	May 19
Tiego The First (Fr)	Blue Point (Ire)	Pia & Joakim Brandt	Magne Jordanger & Finn Blichfeldt	Saint-Cloud	May 20



Tiego The First is one of two 'TDN Rising Stars' for Darley's Blue Point this season | Scoop Dyga



DELACOUR RUNNER PREVAILS ON THE SHORE

In this series, the TDN takes a look at notable successes of European-based sires in North America. This week's column is highlighted by the victory of Shuangxi at Monmouth Park.

Cotai Glory Filly Comes Through At Monmouth

Jastar Capital, Ltd.'s **Shuangxi (Ire)** (Cotai Glory {GB}) found Monmouth Park to her liking with a narrow win on Saturday ([video](#)). The Arnaud Delacour runner was bred by Tally-Ho Stud.

The daughter of Next Generation (Ire) (Royal Applause {GB}) brought £27,000 from Nick Bell as a Goffs UK 2-year-old breezer and won her first UK start for trainer Michael Bell. She ran second in a novice in the colours of Jastar and Murt Khan two starts later, before resurfacing on the East Coast. Her late dam is a half-sister to stakes winner Forthefirsttime (GB) (Dr Fong) and Pyman's Theory (Ire) (Exceed And Excel {Aus}), with the latter third in the G3 Prix du Bois in 2011.

Shuangxi is one of five winners from 10 to race (50%) in the U.S. for her sire. His best American runner is the multiple stakes winner and GIII Beaugay S. third Spirit And Glory (Ire).



Shuangxi | Equi-Photo

Repeat Winners

Now a four-time winner in America, Wise Racing LLC's **Turf King (Ire)** (**Kingman** {GB}) won during the Belmont at the Big A meeting last week ([video](#)). The 4-year-old colt first appeared in this column last **February**, and has since won the GIII Marine S. in Canada.

A sterling three-for-three now in America, **King Of Gosford (GB)** (Zoustar {Aus}) won his second stakes in the Desert Code S. at Santa Anita this past weekend for trainer Phil D'Amato ([video](#)). A runner for the Benowitz Family Trust, CYBT, Saul Gevertz, Michael Nentwig and Jeremy Peskoff, he first featured in Making Waves in **March**.

Lope De Vega (Ire)'s **No Show Sammy Jo (GB)** won her 4-year-old bow on Sunday for Bridlewood Farm and Madaket Stables, LLC ([video](#)). She struck in a **Belmont Park** contest last June for trainer Graham Motion.

Another horse who shares Madaket ownership is **Balnikhov (Ire)** (Adaay {Ire}), a runner for Little Red Feather Racing, Madaket, and Old Bones Racing Stable. The 5-year-old gelding was back in the limelight with a win in the GIII Dinner Party S. for trainer Phil D'Amato on Saturday ([video](#)).

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Derby entries cont. from p1

O'Brien could also saddle **Diego Velazquez (Ire)** (**Frankel** {GB}), who made an encouraging return to action when finishing fourth in the G1 Poule d'Essai des Poulains at Longchamp, but Capulet (**Justify**) is a notable absentee following his win in the Listed Dee S. at Chester.

Last month's G3 Ballysax S. winner **Dallas Star (Fr)** (Cloth Of Stars {Ire}) is the only other Irish-trained entry for Adrian Murray, while the possible home challenge is headed by James Fanshawe's **Ambiente Friendly (Ire)** (**Gleneagles** {Ire}), an impressive winner of the Listed Lingfield Derby Trial S. last time. **Bellum Justum (Ire)** (**Sea The Stars** {Ire}), successful in the Listed Blue Riband Trial at Epsom, and Charlie Appleby's **Ancient Wisdom (Fr)** (Dubawi {Ire}), runner-up in last week's G2 Dante S. at York, are others who have stood their ground having acquitted themselves well in their trial runs.

Appleby will be without his G3 Classic Trial winner Arabian Crown (Fr) (Dubawi {Ire}) due to injury, but the Sandown form could still be represented by the runner-up, **Macduff (GB)** (**Sea The Stars** {Ire}), who was one of four Derby contenders to get a taste of the track on Tuesday morning. **Cont. p8**



City Of Troy | PA Media

Derby entries cont.

The others were Poule d'Essai des Poulains second **Dancing Gemini (Ire)** (Camelot {GB}) and a pair of last-time-out novice winners, **Deira Mile (Ire)** (Camelot {GB}) and **Voyage (GB)** (Golden Horn {GB}).

International Flavour To Bumper July Cup Entry

The first entries for the G1 My Pension Expert July Cup, scheduled to be run at Newmarket on Saturday, July 13, were also revealed on Tuesday, with horses from five different countries featuring in a 46-strong list of possibles.

The home defence includes the first five from last week's G2 Duke Of York S. in which **Mill Stream (Ire)** (Gleneagles {Ire}) held on by a nose from **Shouldvebeenaring (GB)** (Havana Grey {GB}), as well as a pair of Group 1-winning older sprinters in **Kinross (GB)** (Kingman {GB}) and **Regional (GB)** (Territories {Ire}).

The three-year-old challenge is headed by Saturday's G2 Sandy Lane S. contender **Vandeek (GB)** (Havana Grey {GB}), who went unbeaten in four starts as a juvenile, plus recent winners **Bucanero Fuerte (GB)** (Wootton Bassett {GB}) and **Elite Status (GB)** (Havana Grey {GB}). G1 2,000 Guineas runner-up **Rosallion (Ire)** (Blue Point {Ire}) and last year's G2 Coventry S. winner **River Tiber (Ire)** (Wootton Bassett {GB}) have also been given this option ahead of their clash in the G1 Irish 2,000 Guineas at the Curragh on Saturday.

Chain Of Lightning (Aus) (Fighting Sun {Aus}), a Group 1 winner in Australia, is another eye-catching entry ahead of her possible run at Royal Ascot, along with Japan's **Obamburumai (Jpn)** (Discreet Cat). Further international interest is provided by a pair of US-trained entries, namely **Crimson Advocate (Nyquist)**--the winner of last year's G2 Queen Mary S. at the Royal meeting--and **Grooms All Bizness (Fed Biz)**.

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PRETTY POLLY NEXT TARGET FOR BLUESTOCKING

Recent G2 Middleton S. heroine **Bluestocking (GB)** (Camelot {GB}) is targeting the G1 Pretty Polly S. at the Curragh on June 29.

The Juddmonte homebred, who is trained by Ralph Beckett, was also under consideration for the G1 Coronation Cup on May 31 at Epsom. In 2023, the filly was second in the G1 Irish Oaks and the G1 British Champions Fillies & Mares S.

"You're always hoping with a filly like her that she'll improve from three to four, that's not a given but I think we all felt she was a weak filly last year that would improve, so it was nice to see that she did," said Barry Mahon, Juddmonte's European racing manager.

"She handled the drop back in trip and the better ground, I think it was an impressive display and I think we'll stick against our sex for the time being, with the Pretty Polly being the most logical option at this moment in time.

"Later on in the season, we can venture into taking on the opposite sex, but at this point in time, I think we'll try and win our Group 1 against our own sex and see how we go from there."

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NICK LUCK HEADLINES WINNERS AT TBA NATIONAL HUNT BREEDERS' AWARDS



Nick Luck addresses the crowd at the TBA National Hunt Breeders' Awards | TBA

Sponsored by Goffs, the Thoroughbred Breeders' Association (TBA) celebrated the tenth edition of its annual National Hunt Breeders' Awards in a ceremony held in front of 150 breeders, owners and trainers at the Hilton Garden Inn in Doncaster on Monday evening.

Leading broadcaster and breeder Nick Luck, who hosted the evening, was the surprised recipient of the **Queen Mother's Silver Salver (National Hunt Special Achievement Award)**, the highest honour bestowed by the TBA's NH Committee.

The other award winners were as follows:

- **Eric Gillie Ltd Trophy (Special Achievement Award):** Kevin and Anne Glastonbury
- **Horse & Hound Cup (Leading active British-based stallion by individual chase winners in GB & Ire in 2023-24):** Schiaparelli (Ger) - Overbury Stud
- **Whitbread Silver Salver (Leading active British-based stallion by prize-money in GB & Ire in 2023-24):** Passing Glance (GB) - Batsford Stud
- **Highflyer Bloodstock Trophy (Leading Chaser):** Edwardstone (GB) - bred by Robert Abrey and Ian Thurtle
- **Shade Oak Stud Trophy (Leading Hurdler):** Strong Leader (GB) - bred by R Rainbow and Sons
- **Midnight Legend Trophy (Leading Chase Mare):** Marsh Wren (GB) - bred by Exors of the late Mrs P Robeson
- **Yorton Trophy (Leading Hurdle Mare):** Luccia (GB) - bred by Pump & Plant Services Ltd
- **Batsford Stud Trophy (Leading Novice Chaser):** Embassy Gardens (GB) - bred by Rowland Crellin

- **Mickley Stud Trophy (Leading Novice Hurdler):** High Class Hero (GB) - bred by Mr and Mrs D Futter and Peel Bloodstock
- **Peel Bloodstock Trophy (Leading Novice Hurdle Mare):** Casa No Mento (GB) - bred by Sarah Jane Turner
- **Overbury Stud Trophy (Leading NHF):** Romeo Coolio (GB) - bred by Will Kinsey
- **Dudgeon Cup (NH Broodmare of the Year):** Annie's Answer (Ire) - owned by Reg and Jane Makin

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JUKEBOX JURY GELDING SHINES IN DONCASTER RING



Lot 161, a son of Jukebox Jury | Goffs UK

A store by Jukebox Jury (Ire) (lot 161), related to a trio of NH stakes winners, brought a session-topping £135,000 from Tom Malone and Paul Nicholls during the Goffs UK Doncaster Spring Store Sale on Tuesday.

From the family of Grade 1 winner Master Minded (Fr) (Nikos {GB}), the bay is out of Fairy Tale (Fr) (Spanish Moon), who already has a winning point-to-pointer to her name. He was consigned by Worthen Hall Stables.

Four other lots breached the six-figure mark, with Brown Island Stables' lot 50, already named **Beau Speed (Fr)** (Beaume de Houelle {Fr}), going to the same connections as the topper for £110,000. Ryan Mahone and Dan Skelton Racing bought a daughter of Walk In The Park (Ire) (lot 156) for £105,000 from the consignment of Worthen Hall Stables.

A pair of lots were sold at £100,000--Lakefield Farm's **Style De Folie (Fr)** (Vol De Nuit {GB}) (lot 92) to Tom Malone and Jamie Snowden, and Goldford Stud's lot 111, a filly by No Risk At All (Fr), who caught the eye of Ryan Mahon and Dan Skelton Racing. [Cont. p10](#)

Doncaster Spring Store Sale cont.

A total of 170 lots (69%) sold from 246 offered for a gross of £4,394,050. The average was £25,848 (-12%) and the median also dropped, settling at £20,000 (-13%).

Goffs UK Managing Director Tim Kent said, "The highly anticipated Spring Store Sale is the first sale of its kind each year and, as such, is always met with much anticipation. However, this was further heightened after a number of recent sales that proved difficult away from the very top, whilst we are all very aware of the challenges that the Point-to-Point vendors have faced during the last 12 months.

"Despite all of this, we were obviously hopeful of a healthy sale and whilst we feel that plenty of people achieved this today, we cannot escape the fact that it has been a tough day for some. As ever, the top of the market has been very strong and those who had the desired lots sold very well--as demonstrated by the five horses that sold for £100,000 or more. However, other levels of the market have certainly softened as witnessed by the drop in numbers sold, though it has been encouraging to see a lot of horses sold outside the ring showing that demand is there if vendors are prepared to trade.

"Whilst we cannot draw any firm conclusions until after the comparative sales in Ireland, we are proud of the fact that we have worked extremely hard to promote this sale and this ensured that we had a strong catalogue of horses that were viewed by a diverse buying bench consisting of buyers at all levels from both sides of the Irish Sea. Whilst we are disappointed not to have matched the figures achieved in recent years, we are still enormously proud of this sale and its 63-year history.

"It may not have been plain sailing but there are a lot of positives to take away from today and we look forward to carrying that into the two-day Spring HIT/PTP Sale which kicks off tomorrow at 10:00 a.m."

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Wednesday, May 22, 2024:

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Romanised (Ire) (**Holy Roman Emperor {Ire}**), Haras de Bouquetot
84 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners
18:30-KEMPTON PARK, 6f, **Yala (Fr)**

Sands of Mali (Fr) (Panis), Ballyhane Stud
98 foals of racing age/2 winners/0 black-type winners
18:30-KEMPTON PARK, 6f, **Aviation Time (Ire)**

Sergei Prokofiev (Scat Daddy), Whitsbury Manor Stud
121 foals of racing age/6 winners/0 black-type winners
16:00-YARMOUTH, 6f, **Cairdeas (GB)**
95,000gns Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2022; 60,000gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale (Book 1) 2023



Romanised has runners in the UK and France | Haras de Bouquetot

FRANCE

Romanised (Ire) (**Holy Roman Emperor {Ire}**), Haras de Bouquetot
84 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners
1-EVREUX, 1200m, **Elenka (Fr)**
€3,000 RNA Arqana December Breeding Stock Sale 2022;
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Threat (Ire) (**Footstepsinthesand {GB}**), Haras du Mont Goubert
42 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
1-EVREUX, 1200m, **Lahomi (Fr)**

Wooded (Ire) (**Wootton Bassett {GB}**), Haras de Bouquetot
80 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
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€625K GOFFS ORBY GRADUATE SET FOR DEBUT BY THE SEA

16.00 Yarmouth, Nov, £40,000, 2yo, 6f 3yT

AGE OF GOLD (IRE) (Frankel {GB}), representing the Godolphin-Appleby-Buick triumvirate, realised the fifth-highest price at last year's Goffs Orby sale when selling for €625,000 and makes the trip up the A11 to debut on the Norfolk coast. The April-foaled bay is a son of the stakes-winning Promised Money (Ire) (Dark Angel {Ire}) and thus a full-brother to G2 Mill Reef runner-up Fivethousandtoone (Ire). Fellow debutants include Victorious Racing's €45,000 Tattersalls Ireland September yearling turned £200,000 Goffs UK breeze-up graduate **Mission Command (Ire) (Acclamation {GB})**, a George Scott-conditioned grandson of G3 Prix Penelope runner-up Hug And A Kiss (Thewayyouare); and Justwow's 130,000gns Tattersalls October Book 2 purchase **Back In Black (Ire) (Dark Angel {Ire})**, who is out of a half-sister to dual stakes-winning GI Beverly D second Awesometank (GB) (Intense Focus), from the James Fanshawe stable.

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HOW THEY FARED

15.10 Nottingham, Mdn, £7,000, 3yo/up, 8f 75yT

Shadwell's **Mutaawid (GB) (Frankel {GB})**, whose siblings include elite-level scorers Mostahdaf (Ire) (Frankel {GB}) and Nazeef (GB) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}), occupied a handy spot in fourth for most of this debut and was under tender handling once his chance had evaporated in the straight. He hit the line 5 3/4 lengths adrift of the winner in fifth.

BRITAIN

Tuesday's Results:

2nd-Nottingham, £7,000, Mdn, 5-21, 3yo/up, 8f 75yT, 1:48.99, gd.

NATIVE WARRIOR (GB) (c, 3, Wootton Bassett {GB})--Beauty Salon {GB}, by Dutch Art {GB} ran fourth behind the 'TDN Rising Star' performance of subsequent G1 2000 Guineas hero Notable Speech (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}) going one mile at Kempton on seasonal return last month and led from pillar to post here. Unflustered on the front end for the most part, the 1-2 favourite was nudged along when threatened by closest pursuer Fayqa

(GB) (Dubawi {Ire}) soon after passing the two pole and toyed with that foe before gearing down to notch a comfortable neck verdict. Native Warrior, half to a yearling filly by **Zarak (Fr)**, is the second foal and scorer produced by a winning daughter of G3 Prix de Flore victrix Albisola (Ire) (Montjeu {Ire}), herself out of stakes-winning matriarch Mahalia (Ire) (Danehill). Albisola is also the ancestress of G2 Prix de Sandringham victrix and G1 Criterium International third Purplepay (Fr) (**Zarak {Fr}**). Sales history: 260,000gns Ylg '22 TATOCT. Lifetime Record: 4-1-1-1, \$11,107.

O-Wathnan Racing; B-Branton Court Stud LLP (GB); T-Karl Burke.

3rd-Nottingham, £7,000, Mdn, 5-21, 3yo/up, 8f 75yT, 1:47.47, gd.

BATTLE QUEEN (IRE) (f, 3, Churchill {Ire})--Nayarra {Ire} {G1SW-Ity, MGSP-Eng & MSP-US, \$268,629}, by Cape Cross {Ire}, who hit the board in all four prior starts, broke sharply to tank along on the front end early and settled second after the initial exchanges of this turf bow. Looming large in the straight, the 7-4 second favourite was held together until seizing control approaching the furlong marker and came under late urging to comfortably outpoint Redhot Whisper (Ire) (Too Darn Hot {GB}) by 1 1/4 lengths. Battle Queen is the sixth of seven foals and fifth scorer out of G1 Gran Criterium victrix Nayarra (Ire) (Cape Cross {Ire}), herself kin to five black-type performers headed by multiple Group 1-placed sire Gustav Klimt (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}). Her dual Group-placed second dam Massarra (GB) (Danehill), winner of the Listed Empress S., is out of G1 Prix de Diane-winning matriarch Rafha (GB) (Kris {GB}). The April-foaled bay is kin to G2 Superlative S. third Seventh Kingdom (GB) (Frankel {GB}), Listed Guisborough S. third Lahore (Elusive Quality) and the unraced 2-year-old colt Majestic Leo (Ire) (Camelot {GB}), the latter being a 170,000gns purchase by Alex Elliott at last year's Tattersalls October Book 1 sale. Sales history: €200,000 Ylg '22 GOFOR. Lifetime Record: 5-1-2-2, \$18,141. O-Victorious Racing; B-Barronstown Stud (IRE); T-Andrew Balding.

7th-Nottingham, £7,000, Novice, 5-21, 3yo/up, 10f 50yT, 2:14.10, gd.

MORE THUNDER (IRE) (c, 3, Night Of Thunder {Ire})--Buying Trouble {SW-Eng, SP-Ire, \$112,070}, by Hat Trick {Jpn}, fifth on debut at Windsor last month, raced behind the early leaders. Hitting the front inside the final furlong, the 9-2 shot stuck to his task gamely to score by a neck from French Mistress (GB) (Kingman {GB}). The dam, who took the Listed Cecil Frail S., is a half to the Listed Prix Francois Boutin winner and G3 Prix la Rochette runner-up Nucifera (More Than Ready). **Cont. p12**

7th-Nottingham cont.

From the family of the Niarchos luminary Spinning World which features the GI Preakness S. and GI Maker's Mark Mile winner War Of Will (**War Front**), her yearling filly is by Mehmas (Ire). Sales history: €270,000 Ylg '22 GOFOR. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$4,803.

O-Saeed Suhail; B-Woodstock Bloodstock Ltd & Troy Bloodstock Ltd (IRE); T-Sir Michael Stoute.

CONDITIONS RESULTS:

5th-Carlisle, £7,000, Nov, 5-20, 3yo/up, 6f 195yT, 1:24.46, g/f.

PABORUS (GB) (g, 3, Recoletos {Fr}--Patuano {Ire}, by Choisir {Aus}) Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, \$10,601. O-The Yorbus Syndicate; B-Culworth Grounds Farm (GB); T-Ed Bethell. *28,000gns Ylg '22 TATOCT.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

General Assembly (Ire), g, 3, Starspangledbanner (Aus)--Black Rodded (GB), by Bahamian Bounty (GB). Nottingham, 5-21, 5f 8yT, :59.45. Lifetime Record: 4-1-1-1, \$9,000. B-J Hanly (IRE). *€62,000 Wlg '21 GOFNO1; 130,000gns Ylg '22 TATSOM.

Post Rider (GB), f, 3, Postponed (Ire)--Tioga Pass (GB) (GSP-Eng), by High Chaparral (Ire). Brighton, 5-21, 7f 216yT, 1:36.38. Lifetime Record: 4-1-1-0, \$8,348. B-Deepwood Farm Stud (GB).

IRELAND**Tuesday's Results:**

1st-Cork, €25,000, Mdn, 5-21, 2yo, 5fT, :59.79, g/y.

POWERFUL NATION (IRE) (c, 2, Sioux Nation--Atlantic Queen {Ire}, by Society Rock {Ire}), runner-up on debut over course and distance 11 days earlier, raced in the front line from the outset. Sent on passing two out, the 5-2 favourite was either idling or tiring late on and at the line had a head to spare over Fiery Lucy (GB) (Without Parole {GB}). The winner is currently the third of three foals out of a daughter of the Listed Flame of Tara S. scorer Alexander Alliance (Ire) (Danetime {Ire}) and half-sister to the G2 Gimcrack S. third Mystery Smiles (Ire) (Mehmas {Ire}). This is also the family of the G1 Prix de l'Abbaye de Longchamp hero Maarek (GB) (Pivotal {GB}). Sales history: €40,000 RNA Ylg '23 GOFOR2. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$21,676.

O-Kevin Sean Tommy Walsh Partnership; B-Kevin Walsh (IRE); T-Andrew Slattery.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Gerrit's Gem (Ire), g, 4, Belardo (Ire)--Oonagh (Ire), by Arakan. Cork, 5-21, 6fT, 1:13.18. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-0, \$8,600. B-Barbel Reiss (IRE). *€18,000 RNA Ylg '21 GOAUTY. **1/2 to Power Under Me (Ire) (Mehmas {Ire}), GSW-Ire, \$172,512.

Sixandahalf (Ire), f, 4, Snow Sky (GB)--Mandasini (Ire), by Dr Massini (Ire). Cork, 5-21, 12fT, 2:40.22. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$8,143. B-Tom Phelan (IRE).

FRANCE**Tuesday's Results:**

DERBY DU LANGUEDOC-Listed, €55,000, Toulouse, 5-21, 3yo, 12fT, 2:32.00, vs.

1--ZWEIG (IRE), 126, c, 3, by Churchill (Ire)

1st Dam: Euthenia (GB), by Winker Watson (GB)

2nd Dam: Funny Girl (Ire), by Darshaan (GB)

3rd Dam: Just For Fun (Fr), by Lead On Time

1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN. (€80,000 Wlg '21 GOFNOV; €130,000 Ylg '22 ARQAUG). O-Ecurie B Weill, Susan Magnier, Daniel-Yves Treves, Laurent Dassault & Free Man Racing; B-Knocktartan House Stud (IRE); T-Jean-Claude Rouget; J-Jean-Bernard Eyquem. €27,500. Lifetime Record: 5-3-1-1, €57,650.

2--Wootton Zi (Fr), 122, f, 3, Wootton Bassett (GB)--Allons Y (Fr), by Soldier Of Fortune (Ire). **1ST BLACK TYPE.** O/B-Jean-Claude Seroul (FR); T-Jerome Reynier. €11,000.

3--Shaini (Fr), 122, f, 3, Goken (Fr)--Lingreville (Fr), by Le Havre (Ire). **1ST BLACK TYPE.** O-Louis Clair Crane, Guy-Roger Petit & Ludovic Gadbin; B-G-R Petit & L C Crane (FR); T-Ludovic Gadbin. €8,250.

Margins: NK, 1, SNK. Odds: 3.10, 1.40, 13.00.

Also Ran: Betty Nelson (Ire), Motadarrek (GB).

Successful in February and March at Cagnes-Sur-Mer and Tarbes, Zweig returned from a short break to register a first black-type win. Granted an easy lead throughout, he led the sprint for home and dug in gamely against the rail to keep Wootton Zi at bay.

The dam, whose unraced 2-year-old colt Mac An Luin (Ire) (Blue Point {Ire}) was a €200,000 purchase by Katsumi Yoshida at the Goffs November Foal Sale, is a half-sister to the G2 Prix de Sandringham scorer and G1 Sun Chariot S. third Laugh Out Loud (GB) (Clodovil {Ire}). She in turn produced Platinum Warrior (Ire) by Churchill's sire Galileo (Ire) who captured the GII San Marcos S. and G3 Gallinule S. Euthenia, who is also a half to the dam of the G2 Criterium de Maisons-Laffitte winner Plainchant (Fr) (Gregorian {Ire}), has a yearling full-brother to the winner to follow. **Video, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

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5th-Angers, €21,000, Mdn, 5-21, 3yo, c/g, 10 1/2ft, 2:21.83, vsf. APOLINO (FR) (c, 3, Frankel {GB}--Haggle {GB} {GSW-Fr & SP-Eng, \$150,776}, by Pivotal {GB}), who finished off the radar in his Apr. 13 debut over nine furlongs at Fontainebleau last time, broke well from the inside stall and led passing the judge first time. Holding sway in the driving rain throughout, the 83-10 chance came under pressure when threatened at the top of the straight and was ridden out in the latter stages to hold Newlook (Fr) (New Bay {GB}) by a length. Apolino is the second foal and winner out of G3 Prix Fille de l'Air victrix Haggle (GB) (Pivotal {GB}), herself kin to the dam of last year's Listed Dusseldorf Derby Trial victor Merkur (Fr) (Kingman {GB}). The February-foaled homebred chestnut, whose third dam is stakes-placed matriarch Souk (Ire) (Ahoonora {GB}), is a half-brother to Listed Prix Panacee runner-up Higgle (GB) (Sea The Stars {Ire}) and the unraced 2-year-old colt Squabble (GB) (Kingman {GB}). Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, €10,500. **Video, sponsored by FanDuel TV.** O/B-Wertheimer & Frere (FR); T-Edouard Monfort.

CONDITIONS RESULTS:

1st-Angers, €30,000, Cond, 5-21, 3yo, 6 3/4ft, 1:24.85, vsf. VERCORS (IRE) (g, 3, Invincible Spirit {Ire}--Mondelice {GB}, by Montjeu {Ire}) Lifetime Record: 7-2-1-0, €39,600. O-Haras d'Etream, Stonestreet Stables LLC, Gerard Augustin-Normand, Jean-Etienne Dubois, Jean-Pierre-Joseph Dubois, Meridian International SARL & Mme Aoileann Garavaglia-Drion; B-Macha Bloodstock & Meridian International SARL (IRE); T-Fabrice Chappet. *220,000gns Ylg '22 TATOCT. **1/2 to Dubai Honour (Ire) (Pride Of Dubai {Aus}), MG1SW-Aus, MGSW-Fr, SW & G1SP-Eng, G1SP-HK, \$4,066,042.

1st-Dax, €23,000, Cond, 5-20, 2yo, 6ft, 1:17.90, hy. O SOLE MIO (FR) (c, 2, Romanised {Ire}--Vera Blue {Ire}, by Intello {Ger}) Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, €23,000. O-SARL Groupe KR, Mme Michele Sogorb & Philippe Sogorb; B-Roger-Yves Simon, Nicolas Simon & Mme Meline Mechineau (FR); T-Philippe Sogorb. *€13,000 Ylg '23 ARQOCT.

3rd-Angers, €22,000, Cond, 5-21, 4yo/up, 15ft, 3:22.86, vsf. SOMBRERO (IRE) (g, 7, Dylan Thomas {Ire}--Serenata {Ger} {SP-Ger}, Lomitas {GB}) Lifetime Record: 20-7-4-1, €60,425. O-Mme Annette Christina Bolte; B-Hans Klober (IRE); T-Andreas Bolte. *1/2 to Santiago (Ger) (Highest Honor {Fr}), MGSW-Ger & GSW-Itly, \$380,784; and Sordino (Ger) (Samum {Ger}), G1SP-Ger, \$166,325.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Tuppes (Fr), c, 3, Dschingis Secret (Ger)--Konigskrone (Ger), by Shirocco (Ger). Wissembourg, 5-20, 12ft, 2:32.73. B-Hans Wirth (FR). *€22,000 Ylg '22 BBAGS.

Soltana Believe (Fr), f, 3, Make Believe (GB)--Delantera (Fr), by Lawman (Fr). Chatillon-sur-Chalaronne, 5-20, 13ft, 3:28.70. B-Hatem Ben Soltana (FR). *€11,000 Ylg '22 ARQNOV.

Eliante (Ire), f, 3, Gleneagles (Ire)--Alkania (GB), by Dalakhani (Ire). Nort-sur-Erdre, 5-20, 12 1/2ft, 2:52.86. B-Petra Bloodstock Agency Ltd & SC Ecurie de Meautry (IRE). *1/2 to Salocin (Fr) (Lope De Vega {Ire}), SW-Fr, \$185,619; Argyron (Ire) (Iffraaj {GB}), MSP-Fr, \$161,987; and Amaranthe (Fr) (Mastercraftsman {Ire}), MSP-Ger.

New Town (Fr), f, 3, New Bay (GB)--Beynotown (GB), by Authorized (Ire). Orleans, 5-20, 11ft, 2:32.80. B-NBH Racing (FR). *€5,000 Ylg '22 ARQOCT. **1/2 to Out Of Town (Fr) (Kentucky Dynamite), MSP-Fr, \$124,753.

Djhansy (Fr), f, 3, No Risk At All (Fr)--Adhira de Beaumont (Fr), by Assessor (Ire). Angers, 5-21, 10 1/2ft, 2:21.05. B-Joel-Jean Hamon (FR).

Correctionnelle (Fr), f, 3, Seahenge--Law And Order (Fr), by Lawman (Fr). Orleans, 5-20, 13 1/2ft, 3:23.06. B-Mme Caroline Ferrer (FR).

Best Shalaa (Fr), f, 3, Shalaa (Ire)--Orion Best (Fr), by King's Best. Nort-sur-Erdre, 5-20, 9ft, 1:58.89. B-Chevotel de la Hauquerie (FR).

Prince Shalaa (Fr), g, 3, Shalaa (Ire)--Silca's Sister (GB) (G1SW-Fr & GSP-US, \$324,909), by Inchinor (GB). Wissembourg, 5-20, 10 3/4ft, 2:17.14. B-NBH Racing (FR). *€45,000 Ylg '22 ARQOCT. **1/2 to Start Time (Ire) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}), GSP-Eng.

Apeha (Fr), f, 3, Zoffany (Ire)--Victorinna (Fr) (SW & GSP-Fr, \$203,293), by Gentlewave (Ire). Nort-sur-Erdre, 5-20, 16ft, 4:06.88. B-SCEA Marmion Vauville & Alain Jathiere (FR).

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\$1.25M BOLT D'ORO FILLY LEADS LIVELY MIDLANTIC MAY FINALE



Hip 401, the \$1.25-million topper by Bolt d'Oro | Fasig-Tipton

by Jessica Martini

TIMONIUM, MD - The Fasig-Tipton Midlantic May 2-Year-Olds in Training Sale concluded its two-day run at the Maryland State Fairgrounds in Timonium Tuesday with a lively session of bidding led by a \$1.25-million daughter of Bolt d'Oro. Through two sessions, 343 horses sold for \$32,766,500. The average of \$95,485--up 2.9% from a year ago--just ticked up from the sale's previous record average of \$95,391 set in 2022, while the median of \$50,000 tied the sale record set in 2021 and equaled again in 2023.

"I thought we had two very good days of horse sales," said Fasig-Tipton President Boyd Browning, Jr.

"Our average was up slightly from last year and the median is the same as last year. There was very encouraging activity--maybe not at the absolute start--but throughout both sessions."

The Midlantic May sale was topped by a seven-figure juvenile for the ninth straight year when trainer Steve Asmussen, on the phone with owner Ron Winchell, bid \$1.25 million for a filly by Bolt d'Oro.

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THE PIPER ROSE STORY: ONE OF AFTERCARE AND REGULATORY DEFICIENCIES IN ARIZONA

by Dan Ross

In mid-April, trainer Bernie "Chip" Woolley, best known for winning the 2009 GI Kentucky Derby with Mine That Bird, issued a formal complaint with the Turf Paradise stewards, claiming that Victoria Lowe, an official veterinarian employed by the Arizona Department of Gaming (ADG), had furnished him with the name of a potential kill buyer after scratching his 10-year-old race mare, Piper Rose (Whiskey Wisdom).

And while an official ADG investigation absolved Lowe of any wrongdoing, the fallout from the incident highlights glaring holes that still exist in the industry's network of aftercare programs in under-resourced parts of the country and raises serious questions over just how stringently regulators police this corner of the sport.

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12 | THE SPORT CAN LEARN FROM THIS PREAKNESS

Bill Finley implores the sport to pay attention. He believes there's not a trainer in the country who would have won the GI Preakness S. with Seize the Grey (Arrogate) other than Wayne Lukas because no one would have run him in the Preakness except for Wayne Lukas.

14 | JOCK FINED FOR TOO MANY STRIKES & NOT GIVING BEST IN SAME RACE

In what could be the first dual penalization of its kind, the stewards at Mountaineer Park have fined jockey Jose A. Leon for going over the six-strike whipping limit and also for "failure to give best effort" in the same 4 1/2-furlong sprint.

14 | COMMENTATOR AND ODDSMAKER JON WHITE TO RETIRE

Jon White, who first went to work for Santa Anita as a television commentator in 1993 and later took over as the morning-line oddsmaker in 2009, has announced that he will be retiring when the track's current Hollywood meet ends on June 16.

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Midlantic finale, cont. from p1

Buyers from the Middle East continued to be active at the top level of the market with Prince Faisal bin Khalid bin Abdulaziz's Najd Stud purchasing the second-highest priced offering of the day, a \$650,000 son of **Maclean's Music**.

"The sale received a significant boost and bolster from the international participation, particularly from the Gulf region," Browning said.

"We all should be knocking on wood that next year American exported horses have a lot of success in the Middle East because it will continue to drive more and more interest in our marketplace."

Wavertree Stables consigned three of the auction's top five juveniles, including the million-dollar topper.

"We have had a good sale," Wavertree's Ciaran Dunne said when asked about the market in Timonium this week. "It's like anything, if you have a bad sale, you see the bad end of the market. If you have a good sale, you see the top end."

"The horses that performed well and vetted good, have sold well. We've sold a couple on the lower end, but they were some that we figured it was just time to move them on. And yeah, they didn't bring a lot of money, but the fact that there is someone there to take them, is a big deal."

Bolt d'Oro Filly Shines in Timonium

A filly by Bolt d'Oro (**hip 401**) turned in a flashy :10 flat work during last week's under-tack show and duly delivered in the sales ring Tuesday when selling for \$1.25 million. Trainer Steve Asmussen made the winning bid on behalf of Ron Winchell. The juvenile was consigned by Wavertree Stables.

"She stood out on the data," said Winchell Thoroughbreds' Greg Pachman. **Cont.**



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Midlantic finale, cont.



The Midlantic topper | Fasig-Tipton

Pachman continued: “We do a lot of work with Equine Analysis--Dr. David Lambert, Matt Weinmann, and Andreu Solis. They did a great job finding her. She was a standout on the data and Steve obviously liked her. We don't do anything without Steve being involved. It's not that often that we land on horses that happily together.”

The filly is out of Werewolf (Arch) and is a half-sister to graded-placed Howling Time (**Not This Time**) and multiple stakes-placed Air Recruit (Air Force Blue).

Of the filly's seven-figure price tag, Pachman said, “Ron stretched to buy her. We thought it was going to be close to that. It's good when you know a little bit in advance because you get mentally ready for it.”

Ciaran Dunne purchased the filly for \$335,000 at last year's Keeneland September sale and, even after Tuesday's result, the horseman maintained he had overpaid for the yearling.

“She was then what she is now,” Dunne said. “She was absolutely beautiful. We had been getting run over left, right and center and I was probably a little punchy. It was early in the morning and we felt like we hadn't bought anything.”

Dunne added: “To be honest with you, I overspent. Even now. It was way too much money for her, but when they look like her, that's what they cost. She had a bit of pedigree. I overspent on her and I spent the rest of the day scrambling trying to put her together. Thankfully, a lot of people supported me and kind of helped me out. And they got their reward today.”

The filly had originally been targeted at the OBS April sale.

“We were obviously devastated in the spring when we missed our first target,” Dunne said. “But we had faith in her.”

Dunne continued, “She is going to a great home. For as great a day today is, you really hope she goes and is everything that we all think she is. That's the ultimate goal.”

Maclean's Music Colt to Saudi

Saud Al Qahtani, who watched Forever Young (Jpn) (Reel Steel {Jpn}) sweep the G3 Saudi Derby and G2 UAE Derby before coming agonizingly close in the GI Kentucky Derby, has similar hopes for the colt by **Maclean's Music (hip 379)** he purchased for \$650,000 on behalf of Prince Faisal bin Khalid bin Abdulaziz's Najd Stud Tuesday in Timonium. **Cont.**



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“We have the Saudi Derby as our target, so we wish, inshallah, he will do the job,” Al Qahtani said after signing the ticket on the colt, who was consigned by Eddie Woods. “The Japanese horse was third in the Kentucky Derby. He won the Saudi Derby. And he won the UAE Derby and then he came to the Kentucky Derby and he almost win.”

Asked if he had a similar goal for hip 379, Al Qahtani said, “I hope so.”

The bay colt, who was bred by George Krikorian, is out of the unraced Two Faced Moon (Malibu Moon) and is a half-brother to graded-placed Big Switch (Mr. Big) and Hollywood Hills (Hoorayforhollywood). He worked a furlong last week in :10 1/5.

“First of all, he has a very good pedigree,” Al Qahtani said of the colt's appeal. “He's a very good individual with good conformation, a good breeze and also he is from a very good consignor, very well known. So, from A to Z, he looks good. I hope I am not wrong.”

Al Qahtani continued, “The market is good, so I had to go for this horse because I think he was one of the good ones. I tried twice yesterday, but this is the first one we bought. He is what we are looking for. I am so happy to get him.”

Al Qahtani was busy at the Keeneland November Breeding Stock Sale last fall, buying 18 head for \$1,230,000 and followed up with the purchase of two horses of racing age at Keeneland in November on behalf of Najd Stud.

Prince Faisal purchased an interest in GI Breeders' Cup Classic winner White Abarrio (Race Day) prior to this year's G1 Saudi Cup.

“I was at Keeneland last November,” Al Qahtani said. “HRH Prince Faisal bin Khalid bin Abdulaziz has already had good results in Europe. We started this year in America. I was at Keeneland last November and this was the first time at a breeze-up in America.”



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Fasig-Tipton has made a concerted effort to court Middle East buyers to its sales and reaped the benefits of those efforts during the two-day Midlantic May sale. In addition to Najd Stud, other Middle East buyers active included Dubai-based trainers Michael Costa and Bhupat Seemar, as well as Qatar's Wathnan Racing.

Pedro Lanz purchased Monday's session-topping daughter of Bernardini and returned Tuesday to acquire a colt by **Justify** for \$425,000 and a colt by **Volatile** for \$200,000 on behalf of the Saudi-based KAS Stables. **Cont.**

Midlantic finale, cont.

HRH Prince Saud bin Salman purchased a pair of juveniles by **Good Magic** during the auction, going to \$180,000 for a filly and \$120,000 for a colt by the stallion.

“There was very strong Middle East participation from a number of countries here,” Fasig-Tipton President Boyd Browning said after Monday’s first session of the sale. “We made a real push over the last 24 months to try to increase our footprint there because of the increase in activity. The dirt racetrack certainly lines up as they are racing more and more on dirt surfaces. It seems very logical to us. And, as we talk to buyers and representatives from that region, it’s a good fit calendar-wise. It’s after the Dubai World Cup. It’s a growth area. So it’s been an area of concentration and intention. We have a Middle Eastern representative, Michael Adolphson, who has been working for us for about 18 months. Anna Seitz made a trip to Saudi and to Dubai this year around the Saudi Cup. It’s about making introductions and developing confidence and educating people about what we have on offer here. We saw those results today and we will continue. It’s a long-term process.”

Curlin Colt to Imagine

Bloodstock agent Donato Lanni went to \$500,000 to acquire a



Hip 429, Curlin colt | Fasig-Tipton

colt by **Curlin** (hip 429) on behalf of Marne and Margaret Fauber's Imagine Racing Tuesday in Timonium. The colt, consigned by Hartley/de Renzo Thoroughbreds, is out of America's Starlet (Concord Point), a full-sister to Grade I winner American Gal.

“He is by **Curlin** and he has a great female family,” Lanni said of the colt’s appeal. “It’s a fast female family. I know it well. He is a big, two-turn type of horse.” **Cont.**

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FIRST-CROP 2YOs at Fasig-Tipton Midlantic

\$200,000

HIP 178, Filly out of Miss Drake, by Affleet Alex

Consignor: Pike Racing at Highlander
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Midlantic finale, cont.

In action for the Faubers at last year's May sale, Lanni purchased subsequent stakes-placed Snead (Nyquist) for \$325,000. Trained by Brendan Walsh, the gray colt was second in the Gun Runner S. at Fair Grounds last December.

"They want a horse that could possibly take them to some Classic races. And he kind of fit that mold. He looked great," Lanni said.

No trainer has yet been picked for the colt, Lanni said.

An active buyer at the OBS April sale last month, Lanni said he still saw demand for horses at the May sale.

"If these young horses do it and do it the right way, they are good horses," he said. "That's why people buy 2-year-olds. They are tested and you get to see what you are getting."


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SESSION TOPPERS

FASIG-TIPTON MIDLANTIC MAY SALE

TUESDAY'S TOP LOTS

HIP	SEX	SIRE DAM	PRICE (\$)
401	filly	Bolt d'Oro--Werewolf (\$335,000 yrl '23 KEESEP) <i>Breeder: Springhouse Farm (Ky)</i> <i>Consignor: Wavertree Stables (Ciaran Dunne), Agent XIV</i> <i>Purchaser: Winchell Thoroughbreds</i>	1,250,000
379	colt	Maclean's Music--Two Faced Moon <i>Breeder: George Krikorian (Ky)</i> <i>Consignor: Eddie Woods, Agent LI</i> <i>Purchaser: Najd Stud</i>	650,000
450	filly	Practical Joke--Aunt Dorothy (\$160,000 yrl '23 KEESEP) <i>Breeder: Team Block (Ky)</i> <i>Consignor: Wavertree Stables (Ciaran Dunne), Agent XV</i> <i>Purchaser: Case Clay Thoroughbred Management</i>	525,000
429	colt	Curlin--America's Starlet (\$600,000 yrl '23 KEESEP) <i>Breeder: Whisper Hill Farm (Ky)</i> <i>Consignor: Hartley/de Renzo Thoroughbreds, agent</i> <i>Purchaser: Donato Lanni, Agent for Imagine</i>	500,000
532	colt	Practical Joke--Cry Uncle (\$150,000 yrl '23 KEESEP) <i>Breeder: Robert Marzilli (On)</i> <i>Consignor: De Meric Sales, agent</i> <i>Purchaser: Muir Hut Stables</i>	475,000
400	colt	Justify--Weekend Strike (\$200,000 yrl '23 KEESEP) <i>Consignor: Hartley/de Renzo Thoroughbreds, agent</i> <i>Purchaser: Pedro Lanz, Agent for KAS Stables</i>	425,000
305	colt	Blame--Silent Bond (\$95,000 yrl '23 KEESEP) <i>Breeder: P McLean, Marc McLean & Pope McLean Jr (Ky)</i> <i>Consignor: Top Line Sales LLC, Agent XXXI</i> <i>Purchaser: Dennis O'Neill</i>	400,000
504	colt	Good Magic--Ceeme Run Wild (\$100,000 yrl '23 FTKOCT) <i>Breeder: Phoenix Thoroughbred III (Ky)</i> <i>Consignor: De Meric Sales, agent</i> <i>Purchaser: Spendthrift Farm</i>	400,000
530	colt	Laoban--Crafty's Dream (\$47,000 RNA yrl '23 KEESEP; \$50,000 '23 KEEJAN) <i>Breeder: Cypress Creek Equine (Ky)</i> <i>Consignor: Crane Thoroughbred Services, agent</i> <i>Purchaser: Greg Compton, agent MAG Racing</i>	350,000



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SESSION TOTALS	2024	2023
• Catalogued	304	302
• No. Offered	223	222
• No. Sold	188	192
• RNAs	35	30
• % RNAs	15.7%	13.5%
• High Price	\$1,250,000	\$1,000,000
• No. Over \$200k	27	26
• Gross	\$18,949,500	\$16,459,500
• Average (% change)	\$100,795 (+17.6%)	\$85,727
• Median (% change)	\$50,000 (+14.9%)	\$43,500
CUMULATIVE TOTALS	2024	2023
• Catalogued	585	603
• No. Offered	414	437
• No. Sold	343	375
• RNAs	71	62
• % RNAs	17.1%	14.2%
• High Price	\$1,250,000	\$1,000,000
• No. Over \$500k	7	7
• Gross	\$32,751,500	\$34,795,500
• Average (% change)	\$95,485 (+2.9%)	\$92,788
• Median (% change)	\$50,000 (n/c)	\$50,000

285 colt Vekoma--Scion Power 350,000
 (\$175,000 yrl '23 FTKJUL)
 Breeder: Angela Ingenito (FI)
 Consignor: Wavertree Stables (Ciaran Dunne), Agent XII
 Purchaser: Flurry Racing Stables

Ciaran Dunne's Waves Bloodstock pinhooking partnership purchased this colt for \$175,000 at last year's Fasig-Tipton July sale. From the first crop of multiple Grade I winner Vekoma, the chestnut worked a furlong at the under-tack show in :9 4/5.

305 colt Blame Silent Bond 400,000
 Consigned by Top Line Sales LLC, Agent XXXI
 Purchased by Dennis O'Neill

Nova Thoroughbreds purchased this colt for \$95,000 at last year's Keeneland September sale.

314 colt Street Boss Snow Mesa 150,000
 Consigned by Longoria Training and Sales, agent
 Purchased by NR Club, LLC

Consignor **Jessie Longoria and his three daughters** purchased this colt for \$35,000 at last year's Keeneland September sale. The gray colt worked a furlong last week in :9 4/5.

322 filly The Big Beast Spring Included 200,000
 Consigned by Tom McCrocklin, agent
 Purchased by Randy Patterson

Michael Sucher's Champion Equine acquired this filly for \$35,000 at last year's OBS October sale.

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284	colt	Volatile	Scat's Lassie	280,000

Consigned by Kings Equine
 Purchased by ABC Racing

Raul Reyes's Kings Equine purchased this colt for \$50,000 at last year's Fasig-Tipton New York-bred yearling sale.

285	colt	Vekoma	Scion Power	350,000
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Consigned by Wavertree Stables (Ciaran Dunne), Agent XII
 Purchased by Flurry Racing Stables



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FIRST-CROP 2YOs at Fasig-Tipton Midlantic
\$150,000
 HIP 170, Filly out of Mecurial, by Mizzen Mast
 Buyer: Kenneth McPeck, Agt.
 Consignor: Grassroots Training and Sales LLC

\$105,000
 HIP 361, Filly out of The Last Meow, by Storm Cat
 Buyer: Knollwood Stables
 Consignor: Grassroots Training and Sales LLC

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Hip 450, **Practical Joke** filly | Fasig-Tipton

367 filly **Mitole** **Tizjet** **325,000**

Consigned by Grassroots Training and Sales LLC, agent
Purchased by KSI

Grassroots Training and Sales purchased this filly for \$25,000 at last year's Fasig-Tipton New York-bred sale.

400 colt **Justify** **Weekend Strike** **425,000**

Consigned by Hartley/de Renzo Thoroughbreds, agent
Purchased by Pedro Lanz, Agent for KAS Stables

Hartley/de Renzo Thoroughbreds purchased this colt for \$200,000 at last year's Keeneland September sale.

450 filly **Practical Joke** **Aunt Dorothy** **525,000**

Consigned by Wavertree Stables (Ciaran Dunne), Agent XV
Purchased by Case Clay Thoroughbred Management

Alex Elliott and Ben McElroy signed the ticket at \$160,000 to acquire this filly on behalf of Kia Joorabchian's AMO Racing.

565 colt **Authentic** **Jeannie S** **260,000**

Consigned by Pick View LLC, agent

Purchased by Robert Salome, Joe Duhon, agent

Hoby Kight purchased this colt for \$150,000 just last month at the OBS April sale. The colt worked a quarter-mile in :21 2/5.

The Piper Rose Story, cont. from p1

The incident also taps into a simmering undercurrent of tension as regulators seek to further shrink the nation's equine fatality rate--friction between trainers and track veterinarians over which horses pose a heightened risk of injury.

A kill buyer is a colloquial name for a horse trader who purchases horses for export into the slaughter pipeline. Language in the **Turf Paradise stall application** bars a licensee who sells a horse previously stabled at the track for slaughter from the grounds, denies them future stalls and positions them for further possible actions by the stewards.

According to Woolley, Lowe voiced concern about the way Piper Rose jogged during a pre-race exam on Mar. 20. Piper Rose has raced 79 times and won nearly \$200,000 in prize money. She had won her prior race at Turf Paradise for Woolley, who said that he disagreed with Lowe, arguing that the mare's gait was not out of the ordinary.

Woolley and Lowe sought a second opinion from another track veterinarian, who agreed with Lowe. At this point, the decision was made to scratch Piper Rose from her race.



Turf Paradise | Coady

Woolley said that he then made the following disgruntled and off-hand remark: "What am I going to do with one like her, cut her head off?"

According to Woolley, Lowe responded with the following: "I've got a guy's number. He crosses a load a week to Mexico. And if you want his number, I can give it to you."

"Everybody knows what crossing to Mexico means," Woolley told the *TDN*, about his reaction to the comment. The incident was first reported in *Indian Charlie*. "I was kind of stunned by the whole thing. I was like, 'she didn't just say that?'"

While horse slaughter is banned in the U.S., the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) reports that in 2022, more than 16,300 horses were sent to Mexico and 5,100 horses sent to Canada respectively for slaughter. **Cont.**



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The Piper Rose Story, cont.

Woolley said that after seeking guidance from Arizona Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association Executive Director Leroy Gessmann, he asked Lowe for the name and phone number of the individual, which Lowe subsequently provided via text. Woolley then furnished the ADG with this information.

According to the ADG, Juan Carlos Estrada, the agency's assistant director for boxing, MMA and racing, reportedly "pulled the records" on the individual and found "no foul play with the hauler."

The ADG reports that Woolley was upset at how "arrogant, aggressive, and argumentative" Estrada was, and asked for a separate investigation within the agency. He also went to the Horseracing Integrity and Safety Authority (HISA). Both agencies initiated their own investigations. HISA shared its findings with the ADG, which ultimately cleared Lowe of any wrongdoing.

HISA's investigation report (which is included in the ADG's longer report) notes how Lowe denied making the remark about shipping the horse across the Mexican border.

The report similarly notes how Lowe sent Woolley a clarifying text in April, when she learned the matter was circulating the Turf Paradise backstretch. According to the report, Woolley originally failed to disclose the following text to investigators:

"I think you are mistaken as what I meant," Lowe texted Woolley on Apr. 10. "When you said you were going to shoot the horse in the head because I scratched it. I said you can call this guy. He buys horses people want to kill as he gives them a 2nd chance in life. He uses them in movies and is very well-known. I thought it would be cool if you knew him as you have a cool story too. But anyway."

HISA's investigation report notes a "review of open-source social media information" indicating that the horse trader identified by Lowe, Jesse Bell, "had a public facing persona as a business that operated an Arizona ranch that offered guided horseback rides and provided teams, wagons, and drivers for special events and movie shoots."

The ADG investigator also noted how Lowe appeared "extremely upset and shaken" when interviewed about the matter.



Chip Woolley during his Triple Crown run with Kentucky Derby winner Mine That Bird | Sarah Andrew

"[Lowe] has been intimidated so badly by Mr. Woolley's actions that she found herself having a hard time conducting her job without fearing his retaliation, and that somehow Mr. Woolley had told clients from her private practice that she participated in illegal match races and they had come to her to complain about the accusations," the report states.

Lowe failed to respond to the *TDN's* multiple requests for comment.

The ADG's assistant director of business administration, Andrew Hawkes, wrote in an email to the *TDN* how the two separate investigations determined no HISA-related provisions were violated.

"ADG determined that the complaint filed against the veterinarian was without merit and was not substantiated, thus the investigation was finalized and closed as of May 15, 2024," wrote Hawkes, adding how the agency conducted a "thorough investigation of the facts and allegations."

But just how thorough was that investigation?

Bell told the *TDN* that while he finds homes for "99%" of the horses he purchases, some of them end up for slaughter.

"A general horse always has a home," said Bell. "Unless he's one that will bite you, strike you or chase you out the corral. He goes to slaughter."

Furthermore, Bell claims that he has never been contacted by investigators from either HISA or the ADG about the matter. "Nobody has," he said. "You're the only person who has ever called me."

The "Sting"

Both the ADG and HISA "investigation reports" mention a sting-like effort by associates of Woolley, who had communicated with Bell, pretending to have a group of Turf Paradise-based horses for sale out of the country.

According to Woolley, he was told multiple times by state regulators that he would need proof Bell purchases horses for slaughter before they could take possible action.

Other than documenting the incident, neither HISA nor the ADG offer any further follow-up analysis. There also appear to be some factual irregularities in their rendering of the incident, along with an incomplete detailing of important supporting evidence. **Cont.**

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The Piper Rose Story, cont.

The ADG and HISA name Cynthia Peterson, who operates an informal racehorse rescue service, as the person who communicated with Bell. According to Peterson, it was Mary Lee who orchestrated this arrangement on his behalf.

Lee is a small-scale trainer and Off-Track Thoroughbred (OTTB) advocate. Though she lives in Louisiana, she still routinely visits Turf Paradise to help trainers find homes for their horses, including for Woolley.

As with Bell, Peterson and Lee similarly claim that they have never been contacted by any investigators from either HISA or the ADG about this matter.

According to Lee, she contacted Bell via text through an associate of hers (who isn't Peterson but who asked to remain anonymous because of her ongoing work rehoming ex-racehorses).

Through a series of text messages--shared with the *TDN*--Lee and her associate explain to Bell that they have three or four horses at Turf Paradise that they "just want gone."

Lee and her associate make clear the horses are worth little money. "Lame af just need em gone," they write in one text. In another text, they write "can you get them outta the country that is the main priority."

Bell answers, "yes."

Lee and her associate then ask, "Canada or south."

Bell responds: "Presidio Texas."

The Texan town of **Presidio is a hub** of the Southern border trade in horsemeat. In one text, Bell claims to have started exporting horses when he was 13 years of age.

In a separate set of messages shared with *TDN*, Lee and her associate converse with the driver of the truck sent by Bell to Turf Paradise to pick up the horses. This took place on Apr. 12, she said.

After the truck arrived at Turf Paradise, Lee and her associate messaged the driver to say the original horses had already been sold but suggest there could be others to take their place.

"There might be a couple others if you can wait like 5 mins?" they write.

"We got 5 minutes and I'm going to take off," the driver of the truck then responded.

Before the truck driver left Turf Paradise empty-handed, Woolley took a picture of the vehicle and its license plate, which he shared with investigators.



Piper Rose | Mary Lee

In HISA's report, the investigator includes several of the aforementioned text messages with Bell, but not the entire conversation that Lee shared with the *TDN*, which includes the passage that mentions Presidio, Texas.

Lee said she believes the truck driver was familiar with Turf Paradise because the gate they sent him to is difficult to find using normal GPS navigation. When Lee directs new OTTB buyers to the Turf Paradise backstretch, she provides them "a paragraph of instructions," she said.

"He didn't ask for any instructions," said Lee, about the driver. "He pulled right up to security and told them he needed to go in."

Correct Course of Action

Initially, Bell told the *TDN* he had no memory of this aborted deal at Turf Paradise. "There's so many phone calls a day that go in and out," he explained.

After sending Bell the cache of messages shared by Lee, he said he understood the horses to be "recipient" mares--those intended to host embryonic transfer pregnancies. Bell denied that he intended to purchase the horses for auction at Presidio.

"That's the God's honest truth. If I can find a place for them, I re-home them," said Bell, adding how he sometimes tells frustrated owners who have fallen out of love with their horses that he will purchase their horses for slaughter as a ruse.

"I tell people I buy horses for slaughter, and most of the horses I buy don't go to slaughter," he said, adding that he has a good record helping underfed horses and those that need careful management. "I just fix them, whatever's the matter with them, and I sell them back to the public."

According to Bell, there's a financial incentive to finding horses new homes, as opposed to funneling them into the slaughter pipeline.

"You've got to get them over there. And the cost of getting them over there is [more] compared to if you just sell them here at the house. People need companion horses, so, I just sell it to them for what I'd get as a kill price and it breaks even," said Bell.

"Here's the honest-to-God truth, I brought probably 50 or 60 kill horses in the last two months, and you want to know how many went to slaughter? Zero. I never even crossed the Arizona border with them," Bell said. **Cont.**

The Piper Rose Story, cont.

Bell said that he and Lowe have been friends for years, and he has always known her to be a hard-working veterinarian known for dispensing veterinary care for free to financially precarious families.

"She does so much, so much for the community," said Bell, dismissing criticism of Lowe's actions as a personally motivated vendetta. "How many vets do you know that will show up to people's houses that can't afford them and do the vet work for free because they want to save the animal?"

The incident occurred during a season at Turf Paradise marked by an aggressive interventionist approach by track vets that regulators say has led to a 50% reduction in equine fatalities. There were 38 pre-race inspection scratches during the last meet, which ended May 4. Out of 300 claims, 40 were voided.

Madeline Auerbach is vice president of the **Thoroughbred Aftercare Alliance (TAA)**, which accredits, inspects and awards grants to approved aftercare organizations across the nation. Auerbach said that she is "beyond disappointed" with the chain of events.

"Are you telling me that we have regulatory vets that do not know the proper procedure?" Auerbach said, about the process of funneling ex-racers into good homes and second careers.

So, what is that proper procedure?

"I would call the Thoroughbred Aftercare Alliance and ask them for assistance in making sure this horse went to a good home," Auerbach said.

"That's what our job is, to know where these people are, to know where these places are," Auerbach added. "Even if it's just to give that person a list of the rescues around there. And there are some good rescues in Arizona. You don't just go through word of mouth."

According to HISA, the agency has no oversight authority over state-appointed veterinarians. Similarly, HISA's jurisdiction over "Covered Horses" currently ends when they've retired from the track. Nevertheless, the issue is on the agency's radar.

"The Authority has proposed a new rule to the Federal Trade Commission that would prohibit the exportation of Covered Horses for slaughter, and we are hopeful that this rule will be approved in the next several months," HISA wrote.

As for Piper Rose, the mare at the heart of this story, hers is an ending seemingly free of recrimination. Lee said she has found a home for Piper Rose in Washington State with a family of barrel racers.

"She's going to be a barrel horse and have barrel babies," Lee said. "They love her to death. They can't get over how classy she is. She's out there strutting her stuff out to grass, living her dream."

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THE SPORT CAN LEARN FROM THIS PREAKNESS, BUT WILL ANYONE PAY ATTENTION?

by Bill Finley



D. Wayne Lukas | Sarah Andrew

There's not a trainer in the country who would have won the GI Preakness S. with Seize the Grey (Arrogate) other than Wayne Lukas because no one would have run him in this race except for Wayne Lukas.

Horses need six, seven weeks between races. Good horses can't run more than four or five times a year, no one should ever mess with their winning percentage and run a 25-1 shot and don't dare use a jockey with no prior experience in the Triple Crown. Apparently, Lukas never got that memo. Or maybe he did and threw it in the trash where it belonged.

With both Seize the Grey and stablemate Just Steel (**Justify**) Lukas did everything wrong, at least when it comes to going by what has become the book in 2024. The Preakness was Seize the Grey's 10th lifetime start and his fifth in 56 days. Even after he finished seventh in the GI Toyota Blue Grass S., Lukas wanted to run him in the GI Kentucky Derby but the horse didn't have the points. That's why he decided to start him instead in the GII Pat Day Mile S.

The Pat Day Mile is where he turned his career around. Reunited with jockey Jaime Torres, who has only been riding since 2022, a different horse showed up that day. Sent off at 9-1, he was closer to the pace than he had been and then he drew off to win by 1 1/4 lengths.

"When he ran in the Pat Day Mile, I thought it set him up absolutely perfect [for the Preakness]," Lukas said.

Put him in virtually any other barn and the Preakness never would have been a consideration. Running there meant coming back in two weeks, switching to two turns and running at a distance that looked beyond his reach. **Cont.**

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The impact of Australian bloodlines is significant across the globe. In 2023 there were nine individual international Group One winners out of Australian-bred mares including: Liberty Island, Warm Heart, In Italian and Al Muthana.



LIBERTY ISLAND

Multiple Japanese G1 winner Liberty Island is out of dual G1-winning Australian mare, Yankee Rose.

The sport can learn from this Preakness, cont.

Conventional wisdom called for a start in the GI Woody Stephens on June 8, a seven-furlong race restricted to 3-year-olds at Saratoga. That would have given him a break of five weeks and allow him to run at a distance that would have fit him like a glove.

But Lukas drinks a different flavor of Kool-Aid. In an era where too many trainers are treating the Preakness like it's the South Dakota Derby, Lukas, the old school trainer that he is, obviously doesn't see it that way. He understands what a prestigious race it still is, its place in racing history and that it has a \$2-million purse surely doesn't hurt.

The horse was obviously doing well going into the race. When other trainers were asking themselves why run in the Preakness, Lukas was saying why not run in the Preakness?

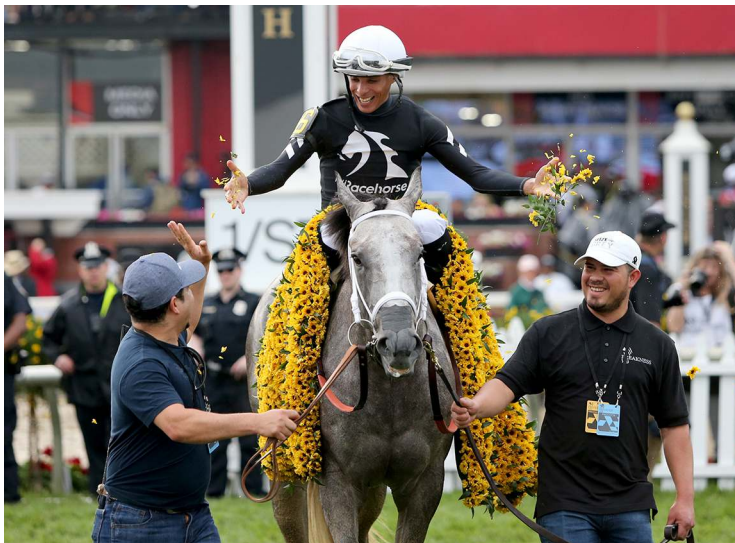
Not only did Seize the Gray not regress after the Pat Day Mile, in which he got a career best 88 Beyer figure, he flourished. He glided effortlessly over the muddy and sealed track at Pimlico, led every step of the way and won by a comfortable 2 1/4 lengths over Derby winner Mystic Dan (Goldencents). His Beyer was a 100, 12 points better than his previous top.

So instead of sitting in the barn all day, he won a Triple Crown race, earned \$1.2 million, increased his potential value a sire and brought a smile to the faces to the 2,570 owners who invested in him through MyRacehorse.com. And it all happened because Wayne Lukas is old school and is not afraid to run his horses on short rest and in spots where they might be double-digit longshots.

And that's only part of the story. There were eight horses in the race who were coming back on two weeks' rest. Led by Seize the Grey, they ran one-two-three, with Mystic Dan finishing second and Catching Freedom (**Constitution**) ending up third. As for the so-called "fresh" horses: Tuscan Gold (Medaglia d'Oro) was fourth; Uncle Heavy (Social Inclusion) was sixth; Imagination (Into Mischief) was seventh; Mugatu (Blofeld) was eighth. Had you boxed the four horses coming back on short rest in the trifecta, you would have collected \$367.40 for a \$2 bet.

His penchant for not missing any dances has, in some respects, cost Lukas. He hasn't had a winning percentage of over 17%

since 2002 and from 2017 through 2023 his annual winning percentage never topped 10%. Chad Brown's career winning percentage is 25%. For Brad Cox, the number is 26%. Bob Baffert's career winning percentage is 23%. It's easy to see why they get more horses to train than Lukas and more good horses. But if there are two horses of equal ability, one trained by Lukas and one trainer by Chad Brown, doesn't the owner have a better chance of making money with the Lukas horse that starts 12 times a year than the Brown horse that makes four starts?



Seize the Grey | Horsephotos

The only top trainer who you can compare Lukas to is Kenny McPeck. He threw out the play book a long time ago. He ran Mystic Dan back in two weeks in the Derby and it looks like he will be coming back for the GI Belmont S. He might even run the filly (Thorpedo Anna) in the Belmont. And why not? He's already won the Preakness with a filly, Swiss Skydiver (**Daredevil**). He won the 2002 Belmont with a 70-1 shot, Sarava (Wild Again) when everybody told him the horse had no business running in that race.

In an era where its no longer a cinch that the Derby winner runs back in the Preakness, McPeck brought his Derby winner to Pimlico and it looks like he will start in the Belmont. Running in all three Triple Crown races is like a complete game in baseball, it never happens anymore.

McPeck is another one who doesn't seem to care about his winning percentage, which is 15% for his career. He could easily be a 25% trainer, if only he would be extra, extra careful about where he ran his horses and never took a chance or entered a longshot. It's no coincidence that these two teamed up to win the first two legs of the Triple Crown. Yes, they take chances but when those chances pay off the rewards are immeasurable. They both understand what seems obvious, but isn't always perceived that way around the racetrack--an owner can't make any money if their horses are kept in bubble wrap.

Facing off against the likes of Sierra Leone (**Gun Runner**), Fierceness (**City of Light**) and others, Mystic Dan and Seize the Grey will be facing a stiff challenge in the Belmont. But it looks like they're both going to go, which, for them, will mean three races in five weeks. That may be hard, but it's doable. At least there are two top trainers out there who understand just that. Two trainers who are not afraid to buck what, sadly and to the detriment of the sport, has become the system.

MOUNTAINEER JOCK FINED FOR EXCEEDING SIX STRIKES AND 'FAILURE TO GIVE BEST EFFORT' IN SAME 4 1/2-FURLONG RACE

by T.D. Thornton



Jose A. Leon | Coady

In what could be the first dual penalization of its kind, the stewards at Mountaineer Park have fined jockey Jose A. Leon for going over the six-strike whipping limit and also for "failure to give best effort" in the same 4 1/2-furlong sprint.

Both alleged infractions occurred in an extremely narrow time frame during the stretch run of the second race on May 14.

Leon, a 25-year-old who has been licensed since 2018, was aboard the 0-for-9 maiden Keto Friendly (Mastery), an 8-1 filly racing against males, who vied for the lead straight from the gate while widest in a four-way duel.

Turning for home, Leon employed left-handed stick work between the three-sixteenths pole and the furlong marker, then briefly switched to right-handed whipping.

Around the sixteenth pole, Leon looked back and to his right, then visibly geared down his riding.

Based on the replay, Keto Friendly did not appear able to catch the three horses in front of her, the closest of whom finished 3 1/2 lengths ahead at the wire. Keto Friendly ended up fourth, a half-length in front of the fifth-place finisher.

The stewards imposed two separate \$100 fines upon Leon, one for being over the six-strike whipping limit and another after determining "that Mr. Leon stood up strides before the wire" in violation of the West Virginia racing rule that states, "A jockey shall not ease up or coast to the finish, without reasonable cause, even if the horse has no apparent chance to win prize money."

Later on the same program, Leon was penalized with another \$100 fine for again going over the six-strike limit, this time in the

eight race on the 67-1 shot Angelus Diamond (Gormley), who trailed in eighth for much of a 5 1/2-furlong sprint before crossing the wire seventh.

It was unclear at deadline for this story if Leon planned to appeal his penalties.

Leon was **in the news** for a separate whip-related penalty last summer.

The Mountaineer stewards fined him \$100 after other licensees who were on horseback during training hours on Sept. 10, 2023 testified that Leon dismounted from an unruly horse and struck it across the face with his whip. In an interview at that time with *TDN*, Leon denied the allegation, although he did admit that he had been "frustrated."

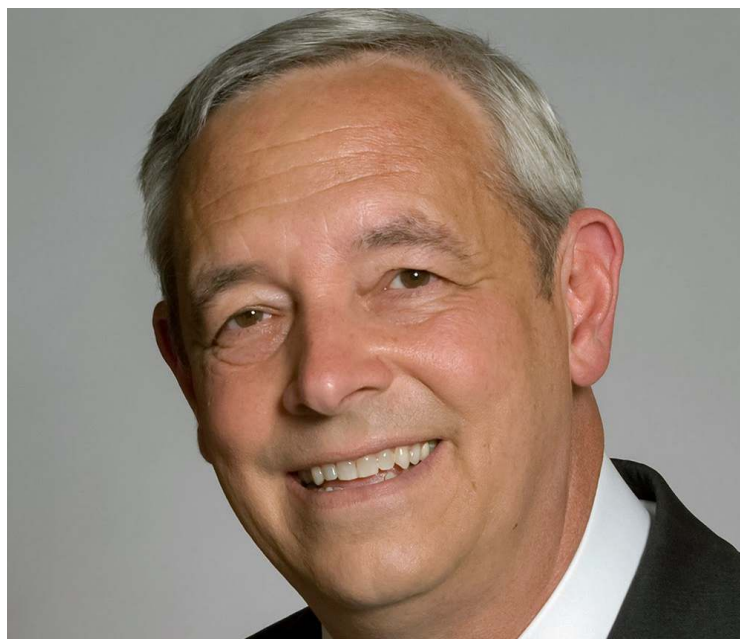
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JON WHITE TO RETIRE

Jon White, who first went to work for Santa Anita as a television commentator in 1993 and later took over as the morning-line oddsmaker in 2009, has announced that he will be retiring when the track's current Hollywood meet ends on June 16.

"I've been contemplating retirement for four years or so and feel the time is right," White said. "I'm about to turn 69 and would very much like to retire while in good health. I am very grateful for the opportunity to first work as a television broadcaster for both Santa Anita and HRTV and then to make the track's morning line for all these years."

White, who has been voted into the Washington Racing Hall of Fame this year, began his racing career when hired by the *Daily Racing Form* in 1974 at Playfair Race Course in his hometown of Spokane, Wash. **Cont.**



Jon White | Benoit

Jon White, cont.

All told, he spent 23 years with the *Racing Form* --including 12 on the Southern California circuit--as a writer, chart-caller and handicapper.

In 1993, White joined Santa Anita as a television commentator for the track's simulcast network. In 2002, he became the first on-air host hired by the national television network HRTV. At the age of 24, he was hired by the Washington Horse Racing Commission to serve in that capacity at Yakima Meadows in 1979. He later also worked as a steward at Les Bois Park in Idaho and at Golden Gate Fields, Los Alamitos, Fairplex Park and Ferndale in California.

In addition to the *Racing Form*, White has written for *BloodHorse*, *California Thoroughbred*, *Thoroughbred Record*, *Washington Thoroughbred* and *Thoroughbred Times*. His weekly column has appeared on the Xpressbet.com website for 20 years. He received the 2019 Joe Hirsch Memorial Writing Award from the New York Racing Association for his Xpressbet.com column about *Justify's* run to the 2018 Triple Crown, as well as the 2003 Mark Kaufman Media Award from the Washington Thoroughbred Breeders & Owners Association for his racing and breeding coverage in Washington.

White, who resides in nearby Monrovia, said his retirement will give him the opportunity to travel.

"I'm looking forward to a new chapter in my life," he said. "I have been to a slew of racetracks and, by the way, I consider Santa Anita to be the most beautiful of them all. I've had fun being at an Arc in France, a Melbourne Cup in Australia and two Japan Cups. I have been to 65 different tracks all over the world and am really looking forward to adding to that number in retirement."

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POST TIMES FOR BELMONT STAKES FESTIVAL RELEASED

Post times for the Belmont Stakes Racing Festival, which will be held at Saratoga from Thursday, June 6 through Sunday, June 9, were announced Tuesday.

Headlined by the June 8 GI Belmont S., the festival will include 24 stakes races with purses totaling \$10.25 million.

Four stakes will be held Thursday, June 6, led by the GII Belmont Gold Cup offering a 'Golden Ticket' for an automatic berth into the A\$8.4-million G1 Lexus Melbourne Cup Nov. 5 at

Flemington Racecourse in Victoria, Australia. Additionally, the day will feature the Jersey Girl S.; Tremont S. and Astoria S.

Post time for the 10-race program on June 6 is 12:50 p.m. (EST). Admission gates will open to the public at 11 a.m.

The remaining days are as follows:

Friday, June 7 - Post time for the 12-race program is 12:20 p.m.

Admission gates will open to the public at 10:30 a.m.

Stakes Action: \$750,000 GI New York S.; the \$500,000 DK Horse GI Acorn S. and the \$500,000 GI Just a Game S. and \$200,000 GII Intercontinental S.



The Belmont S. will be held at Saratoga this year | Sarah Andrew

Saturday, June 8 - Post time for the 14-race Belmont Stakes Day program is 10:45 a.m.

Admission gates will open to the public at 9 a.m.

Stakes Action: The day features three Breeders' Cup "Win And You're In" qualifiers: the \$1-million GI Hill 'N' Dale Metropolitan H. [Dirt Mile]; \$500,000 GI Ogden Phipps S. [Distaff]; and the \$500,000 GI Jaipur S. [Turf Sprint]. In addition, Belmont Stakes Day will include the \$1-million Resorts World Casino GI Manhattan, and the \$500,000 GI Woody Stephens, GII True North; the GII Suburban; and GIII Poker S.

Sunday, June 9 - Post time for the 10-race New York Showcase Day program is 12:50 p.m.

Admission gates will open to the public at 11 a.m.

Stakes Action: New York-breds take center stage for a special New York Showcase Day featuring six stakes for New York-breds including a quartet of \$125,000 events: the Kingston S., the Mount Vernon S., the Mike Lee S. and the Bouwerie S.

The day's feature races are a pair of \$200,000 stakes in the Commentator S. for 3-year-olds and up and the Critical Eye S. for fillies and mares 3-years-old and up. **Cont.**

Belmont Stakes Festival, cont.

Also featured on Sunday's card, the inaugural running of the \$150,000 GI Beverly R. Steinman, a 2 3/8-mile steeplechase event.

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IFHA TO HOLD GLOBAL SUMMIT ON EQUINE SAFETY AND TECHNOLOGY

The International Federation of Horse Racing Authorities (IFHA) will hold its Global Summit on Equine Safety and Technology at Woodbine Racetrack in Toronto, Canada June 12-14, the organization announced Tuesday. The last IFHA International Conference of Horseracing Authorities, which focused on safeguarding equine welfare and shifts in societal expectations, was staged in October 2023.

"Equine welfare is racing's single most important priority, and it is at the center of all decisions we make," said IFHA Chair Winfried Engelbrecht-Bresges. "That is why the IFHA has invested significantly in delivering an event that will bring about meaningful enhancements to horse safety and further incorporate cutting-edge technological advances into our systems."

Fracture prevention and exercise associated sudden death (EASD) are two of the issues slated to be investigated, with leaders in these fields delivering both scientific and regulatory workshops throughout the three-day, invitation-only event.

The IFHA conference is supported by Harry M. Zweig Memorial Fund for Equine Research (a program at Cornell University's College of Veterinary Medicine) and The Hong Kong Jockey Club Equine Welfare Research Foundation, in addition to Woodbine Entertainment Group.

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MHF ANNOUNCES MARYLAND THOROUGHBRED CAREER PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS

A group ranging from high school juniors to college graduates make up the participants for the seventh edition of the Maryland Thoroughbred Career program, the Maryland Horse Foundation announced Tuesday.

This year's participants are: Kate Benjamin (Westminster, MD); Daria Bogdanov (Baltimore, MD); Emily Cross (Westminster, MD); Keely Flynn (Harwood, MD); and Claire Superczynski (Sykesville, MD).

"Every year, with the Maryland Thoroughbred Career Program, we look forward to introducing our industry to a new group of young people", says Cricket Goodall, executive director of the

Maryland Horse Foundation. "We always learn from them about their interest in and experiences with horses, and their hopes for a continued connection in the future."

Graduates of the MTCP are eligible for Career Development Funds, a one-time scholarship to support their post-MTCP career pursuits.

Follow the 2024 Maryland Thoroughbred Career Program participants June 3-7 on the [Maryland Horse Foundation's Facebook page](#).

For more information, click [here](#). Applicants may also contact Cricket Goodall via email cricket@marylandthoroughbred.com or by phone 410-252-2100 ext. 111.

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STEVE SEXTON MILE S.-GIII, \$400,000, 3yo/up, 1m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Everso Mischievous 🍀	Into Mischief	Qatar Racing	Cox	Torres	120
2	Presidential 🍀	Pioneerof the Nile	Courtlandt Farms	Asmussen	Elliott	124
3	Touchuponastar	Star Guitar	Set-Hut LLC	Delhomme	Thornton	124
4	Lure Him In	Khozan	C2 Racing Stable LLC, Double B Racing Stables, Paul Braverman, and Mach 1 Racing	Joseph, Jr.	Zayas	120
5	Frosted Grace 🍀	Mark Valeski	Flying P Stable	Maker	Vazquez	124
6	Silver Prospector 🍀	Declaration of War	Ed Orr and Susie Orr	Asmussen	Asmussen	122
7	Heroic Move	Quality Road	Arnold Bennewith, Randy Howg, Lana Wiest, R6 Stables, Gary Kropp, and Norman Tremblay	Diodoro	Hernandez	122
8	Denington	Gun Runner	Fern Circle Stables and Magdalena Racing	McPeck	Gutierrez	120

Breeders: 1-Clearsky Farms, 2-Three Chimneys Farm, LLC, 3-Coteau Grove Farms, 4-Stonehedge LLC, 5-Brereton C. Jones, 6-Hargus Sexton, Sandra Sexton & Silver Fern Farm, LLC, 7-Gary & Mary West Stables Inc., 8-Fern Circle Stables LLC & Magdalena Racing

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3rd-Finger Lakes, \$26,900, Alw, 5-21, (NW3L), 3yo/up, f/m, 5f, :58.62, ft, 2 1/4 lengths.

MYBRONXBABY (f, 3, Mitole--My Bronx Tail, by Speightstown), a runaway winner of her first two starts, including a local allowance May 6, was 1-9 to stay perfect here. She broke on top, raced under pressure while setting fractions of :22.14 and :45.67 and drew clear to score by 2 1/4 lengths. Lifetime Record: 3-3-0-0, \$51,300. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#).**

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8th-Horseshoe Indianapolis, \$32,000, Msw, 5-20, 3yo/up, f/m, 5f (off turf), :57.74, ft, 10 1/2 lengths.

GIRLS WEEKEND (f, 3, World of Trouble--Island Love Song, by Dehere), off the board in a pair of attempts for Jason Barkley last spring, returned from the bench with a 10 1/2-length, wire-to-wire victory in this off-the-turfer for trainer Whit Beckman at odds of 2-1. Island Love Song had a filly by **World of Trouble** in 2023 and was bred back to Mitole. Sales history: \$37,000 Ylg '22 KESEPE; \$50,000 2yo '23 OBSMAR. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-0, \$20,627. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#).**

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FIRST-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: WEDNESDAY, MAY 22

2024 Stud Fees Listed

Calculator (In Summation), Breakway Farm

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

2-Horseshoe Indianapolis, 2:41 p.m. EDT, Msw 4 1/2f, Calcolery, 3-1

\$24,000 RNA KEE SEP yrl

Isotherm (Lonhro {Aus}), Swifty Farms

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

2-Horseshoe Indianapolis, 2:41 p.m. EDT, Msw 4 1/2f, Gonnagetchagetcha, 10-1

SECOND-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: WEDNESDAY, MAY 22

2024 Stud Fees Listed

Audible (Into Mischief), WinStar Farm, \$15,000

261 foals of racing age/42 winners/5 black-type winners

3-Delaware, 1:30 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2f, Pump It Up, 8-1

\$80,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$70,000 EAS MAY 2yo

Charming Kitten (Kitten's Joy), Breakway Farm

25 foals of racing age/3 winners/0 black-type winners

3-Horseshoe Indianapolis, 3:12 p.m. EDT, Msw 6f, Charming



Audible | Sarah Andrew

Casita, 5-1
 \$13,200 IND MIX yrl
 8-Horseshoe Indianapolis, 5:47 p.m. EDT, \$100K Sagamore Sired H., 5 1/2f, Hoosier Daddy Now, 9-2
 RNA IND MIX yrl
 3-Horseshoe Indianapolis, 3:12 p.m. EDT, Msw 6f, No Laca Charm, 6-1

Coal Front (Stay Thirsty), Spendthrift Farm, \$5,000
 81 foals of racing age/18 winners/2 black-type winners
 5-Louisiana Downs, 6:45 p.m. EDT, Msw 1mT, In B. J.'s Honor, 7-2

Demarchelier (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}), Claiborne Farm, \$7,500
 99 foals of racing age/23 winners/0 black-type winners
 5-Parx Racing, 2:28 p.m. EDT, Msw 7 1/2fT, Mexican Sugar, 6-1
 \$16,000 KEE JAN wnl; \$30,000 FTK OCT yrl; \$48,000 RNA FTD MAR 2yo

Divisidero (Kitten's Joy), Airdrie Stud, \$5,000
 42 foals of racing age/6 winners/2 black-type winners
 7-Delaware, 3:30 p.m. EDT, Aoc 1mT, Do It Divi, 5-1

Enticed (Medaglia d'Oro), Darley, \$5,000
 157 foals of racing age/33 winners/2 black-type winners
 3-Belterra, 1:15 p.m. EDT, Msw 6 1/2f, Enticed by Chance, 7-2
 \$17,000 RNA FTK OCT yrl

Flameaway (Scat Daddy), Darby Dan Farm, \$15,000
 200 foals of racing age/38 winners/4 black-type winners
 5-Evangeline Downs, 8:18 p.m. EDT, Msw 7 1/2fT, Navarrian, 10-1
 \$11,000 OBS WIN wnl; \$57,000 OBS OPN 2yo

Heart to Heart (English Channel), Crestwood Farm
 60 foals of racing age/8 winners/0 black-type winners
 3-Belterra, 1:15 p.m. EDT, Msw 6 1/2f, Cousin Joe, 5-1

Maximus Mischief (Into Mischief), Spendthrift Farm, \$25,000
 231 foals of racing age/49 winners/4 black-type winners
 7-Delaware, 3:30 p.m. EDT, Aoc 1mT, Thirteen Red Flags, 20-1
 \$32,000 FTN MIX wnl; \$70,000 FTK JUL yrl; \$19,000 EAS MAY 2yo; \$5,500 FTD OCT 2yo

Mitole (Eskendereya), Spendthrift Farm, \$15,000
 294 foals of racing age/58 winners/4 black-type winners
 5-Louisiana Downs, 6:45 p.m. EDT, Msw 1mT, Mitolemybelle, 15-1
 \$45,000 FTK OCT yrl; \$24,000 RNA TTA APR 2yo

Preservationist (Arch), Airdrie Stud, \$5,000
 103 foals of racing age/26 winners/2 black-type winners
 4-Belterra, 1:45 p.m. EDT, Alw 6 1/2f, Artistic Laney, 3-1
 \$20,000 KEE SEP yrl

Shagaf (Bernardini), Indiana Stallion Station
 15 foals of racing age/4 winners/0 black-type winners
 3-Horseshoe Indianapolis, 3:12 p.m. EDT, Msw 6f, Itsjustadream, 15-1
 7-Horseshoe Indianapolis, 5:16 p.m. EDT, \$100K Swifty Sired Fillies H., 5 1/2f, Shaggy Kitty, 2-1

Solomini (Curlin), McMahon of Saratoga Thoroughbreds, \$7,500
 142 foals of racing age/19 winners/3 black-type winners
 7-Delaware, 3:30 p.m. EDT, Aoc 1mT, Brown Suga Babe, 20-1
 \$1,200 EAS OCT yrl
 7-Finger Lakes, 4:09 p.m. EDT, Alw 5 1/2f, Dorth's Sol Dancer, 5-2
 \$40,000 OBS APR 2yo

Vino Rosso (Curlin), Spendthrift Farm, \$20,000
 309 foals of racing age/54 winners/2 black-type winners
 7-Parx Racing, 3:26 p.m. EDT, Aoc 1m, Frizzante, 7-2
 \$37,000 RNA FTK OCT yrl



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**ALLOWANCE RESULTS:**

9th-Parx Racing, \$54,688, (NW2X)/Opt. Clm (\$40,000), 5-21, 3yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:39.18, ft, 3 1/2 lengths.

RESPECTFULLY (m, 6, Smiling Tiger--Yerevan Sky, by Menifee) Lifetime Record: 28-10-4-1, \$361,343. O-Kernan, Jr., Morris E. & Jagger Inc.; B-Bud Petrosian (CA); T-Jamie Ness. *\$19,000 RNA 2yo '20 CTBAJA.

4th-Horseshoe Indianapolis, \$40,000, (S), 5-21, (NW3LX), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:11.10, ft, 3/4 length.

NONEOFYOURBUSINESS (f, 3, Cloud Computing--Earned, by Flatter) Lifetime Record: SP, 5-3-2-0, \$95,309. O-Silva Racing LLC; B-Pine Tree Mares II (IN); T-Miguel Angel Silva. *\$5,500 Ylg '22 KEEJAN.

6th-Thistledown, \$35,800, (S), 5-21, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:12.26, ft, 2 1/2 lengths.

VILLIAN (g, 3, National Flag--Callisto, by Malibu Moon) Lifetime Record: 10-2-1-1, \$73,135. O-Blazing Meadows Farm, LLC & Hamm, Shane; B-WinBlaze, LLC (OH); T-Timothy E. Hamm.

8th-Prairie Meadows, \$35,500, 5-20, (NW1\$X), 3yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2f, 1:04.36, ft, 1 1/2 lengths.

ADDABABY (m, 5, Formidable--Addedup Nicely, by Added Edge) Lifetime Record: 13-4-1-3, \$127,619. O/B-Douglas Leaders (IA); T-Tom Wellington.

4th-Presque Isle Downs, \$31,680, (S), 5-21, (NW1BX), 3yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2f (AWT), 1:03.83, ft, 3 1/4 lengths.

ROSIE'S ALIBI (f, 4, Justify--Essential Rose, by Bernardini) Lifetime Record: SP, 7-2-1-1, \$116,620. O-MyRacehorse; B-Blackstone Farm LLC (PA); T-Michael J. Trombetta. *\$300,000 RNA Wlg '20 FTKNOV; \$625,000 Ylg '21 FTSAUG. **1/2 to Rose's Vision (Artie Schiller), SW-USA, MSP-Can, \$264,358; Roses for Debra (**Liam's Map**), MGSW, \$579,868.

5th-Thistledown, \$31,400, (NW3X)/Opt. Clm (\$25,000), 5-21, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:11.06, ft, 3 lengths.

LOGICO (h, 5, Violence--Gold Shock {SW, \$125,021}, by My Golden Song) Lifetime Record: SP, 25-4-4-4, \$186,130. O-Imaginary Stables; B-Douglas Scharbauer (KY); T-Jeffrey A. Radosevich. *\$20,000 Ylg '20 KEESEP. **1/2 to Santa Fe Gold (Fast Anna), SW, \$173,855.

7th-Thistledown, \$29,700, 5-21, (NW3L), 3yo/up, 5 1/2f, 1:05.00, ft, 1 1/2 lengths.

REAL NAUGHTY (g, 4, Congrats--Naughty Sister, by Archarcharch) Lifetime Record: 11-3-2-0, \$68,098. O-Mine to Equine, LLC & Karras, James; B-Barry & Joni Butzow (KY); T-Robert C. Cline. *1/2 to Tempt Fate (Hamazing Destiny), MSW, \$465,535.

2nd-Thistledown, \$29,700, 5-21, (NW3L), 3yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:40.66, ft, 1 length.

SHEWEARSMYRING (f, 4, Overanalyze--Happybirthdaybaby {SP, \$211,695}, by Successful Appeal) Lifetime Record: 14-3-3-4, \$79,829. O-Karl Green; B-Cove Springs, LLC (KY); T-Jason DaCosta. *\$12,000 Ylg '21 FTKOCT.

2nd-Assiniboia Downs, C\$20,090, (C)/Opt. Clm (\$14,692), 5-20, 3yo/up, 5f, :59.76, ft, 3/4 length.

PRAYFORPEACE (g, 5, Liam's Map--Star Pearl {MSW, \$186,883}, by Tapit) Lifetime Record: 29-6-1-6, \$192,099. O-Henry S. Witt, Jr.; B-St. Elias Stables, LLC (KY); T-Jerry Gourneau. *\$40,000 Wlg '19 KEENOV.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Au Pair, f, 3, **Girvin--Lovemelikeyoudo**, by Harlan's Holiday. Assiniboia Downs, 5-20, 5f, 1:00.56. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-0, \$10,265. B-Brereton C. Jones (FL). *\$60,000 Ylg '22 FTKOCT.

Express Star, g, 3, **Preservationist--Starship Espresso**, by **Tale of Ekati**. Presque Isle Downs, 5-21, 1m (AWT), 1:37.74. Lifetime Record: 5-1-1-2, \$30,000. B-Highclere Inc. & Constance Wickes (NY). *\$10,000 Ylg '22 FTKOCT.

Fuego Sos, g, 3, **Speightster--Dream Realized**, by Awesome Again. Parx Racing, 5-21, (S), 6f, 1:11.45. Lifetime Record: 4-1-1-0, \$33,750. B-Blackstone Farm LLC (PA). *\$40,000 2yo '23 EASMAY.

Quick Quick Whit, g, 4, **First Samurai--Smarty Smart**, by Congrats. Thistledown, 5-21, 6f, 1:12.00. Lifetime Record: 16-1-3-3, \$49,261. B-Live Oak Stud (FL).

Seeyouatthehop, f, 4, **Hoppertunity--Seeyouatthedisco**, by Kipling. Parx Racing, 5-21, (C), 6f, 1:12.86. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, \$31,280. B-Heather B & Dr. F E Hunter (PA).

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The New York Jockey Injury Compensation Fund (NYJICF) Amended 2024 Workers' Compensation Premium Assessment and Formula

This is the NYJICF's Amended Assessment Plan for 2024 (2024 Amended Assessment Plan) and, consistent with the last few years, continues to be structured on New York Racing Association (NYRA)-based horsemen contributing 86% of the NYJICF's annual cost, which is estimated to equal \$7,388,161, and Finger Lakes Gaming and Racetrack (FLRA)-based horsemen contributing 14% of the NYJICF's annual cost, which is estimated to equal \$1,202,724.

When the New York State Gaming Commission (Gaming Commission) approved the NYJICF's 2024 Assessment Plan, the NYJICF had the authority (i) to use up to \$2 million from the NYRA purse cushion fund and (ii) to deduct and use 2% of purses from an owner's share of purses until April 1, 2024 when the percentage from purses decreased from 2% to 1%.

As part of the New York State Budget, the NYJICF's authority to deduct and use 2% of purses from an owner's share of purses has been extended until April 1, 2027. As a result, the NYJICF requested and the Gaming Commission approved the elimination of the scheduled second installment of the owner and trainer base payment for NYRA owners and trainers, thereby reducing such base payment to \$1,250.

NYRA Owners assessment and payment is a \$1,250 base premium, plus 2% of purses earned.

FLRA Owners assessment and payment is a \$3,060 base premium, plus 2% of purses earned.

Each race with a purse over \$1,000,000 will be capped at \$1,000,000 for Workers' Compensation assessment purposes only.

NYRA Trainer assessment and payment is a \$1,250 base premium plus:

NYRA trainers will pay a per stall charge of \$2.00 per day for each stall allotted and accepted during each stall allotment period as designated by the track where each trainer races, provided that the first 12 stalls allotted and accepted will be free and the per stall charge for each stall allotted and accepted in excess of 12 will be \$2.00 per day.

FLRA Trainer assessment and payment is a \$3,060 base premium plus:

FLRA trainers will pay a per stall charge of \$1.80 per day for each stall allotted and accepted during each stall allotment period as designated by the track.

These premium charges will be due as follows:

NYRA and FLRA Owners and Trainers base premium charge is due:

- At NYRA, for those trainers already stabled on the grounds: \$1,250 on or before January 1, 2024.
- At NYRA, for those owners already stabled on the grounds: \$1,250 before they run their first horse in 2024.
- For those trainers shipping in: upon entering the horse on the grounds based on the "shippers" per start schedule set forth below.
- For those owners shipping in: before they run their first horse in 2024 based on the "shippers" per start schedule set forth below.
- At FLRA, for trainers: upon entering the horse on the grounds: \$1,800 on or before April 1, 2024, and an additional \$1,260 (for a total of \$3,060) to be paid on or before June 1, 2024.
- At FLRA, for owners: \$1,800 before they run their first horse in 2024 through May 31, 2024, and an additional \$1,260 (for a total of \$3,060) to be paid on or before June 1, 2024.

Anything in this 2024 Amended Assessment Plan to the contrary notwithstanding, FLRA's 14% of the NYJICF's cost, which is estimated to equal \$1,202,724, will be paid by FLRA in eight equal installments in the amount of \$150,340 between April 2024 and November 2024.

NYRA and FLRA Owners and Trainers

The stall charges will be due on the last day of the first month of each allotment period, for example: January 31 for winter 2024 at NYRA and thirty days after the opening of the stable area for the spring meeting at FLRA.

If the trainer accepts stalls for the summer meeting but ships in three weeks before that meeting begins, that trainer will be responsible for the entire summer meeting plus \$2.00 per day (\$1.80 at FLRA) times the number of stalls allotted, times the number of days that the trainer occupied the stalls prior to the summer meeting, provided that the first 12 stalls allotted and accepted at NYRA tracks will be free.

Owners/Trainers will be required to pay the base premium charge of \$1,250 at NYRA and \$3,060 at FLRA, plus 2% of purses earned, plus the stall allotment charge.

Private Trainers will be responsible for the base premium of \$1,250 at NYRA and \$3,060 at FLRA. The owner employing that trainer (whose payroll the exercise riders are on) will be responsible for the stall charge plus 2% of purses earned.

Shippers. At NYRA, owners and trainers will be charged \$125.00 each per start for their first ten starts (for a maximum of \$1,250 for 2024). At FLRA, owners and trainers will be charged \$180.00 each per start for their first ten starts (for a maximum of \$1,800 for 2024). Owners will also be charged 2% of purses earned. Shipping trainers will only be charged a stall fee if they are assigned stalls.

A suitable stall count to be determined by the racing secretary at the current stall assessment rate (\$2.00 at NYRA tracks (except the first 12 stalls allotted and accepted will be free for 2024) and \$1.80 at FLRA) will be assessed to those horsemen stabled off of the racetrack proper and who have daily access and use of the racetrack facilities.

Surcharge. Each trainer, upon such trainer's second claim and any subsequent claim filed with the workers' compensation insurance carrier in 2024, shall be charged a per-claim handling surcharge based upon the total number of horses then currently trained on the date of such claim(s) (as measured by the number of stalls allocated statewide as of the date of the claim for which a surcharge is to be collected), as follows: 1 to 10 horses: \$200; 11 to 30 horses: \$400; and 31 or more horses: \$600.

General Information

Should NYJICF determine that the amounts which are actually collected from (i) NYRA is inadequate to cover 86% of the NYJICF's annual cost, which is estimated to equal \$7,388,161 and/or (ii) FLRA is inadequate to cover 14% of the NYJICF's annual cost, which is estimated to equal \$1,202,724, respectively, then the NYJICF will seek additional funds pursuant to the Racing, Pari-Mutuel Wagering and Breeding Law Section 221 (7).

- For determining the responsibility for payment of workers' compensation, an owner is the person whose account would be debited or credited when a horse runs. In the case of multiple ownership, this would be the managing partner.
- In order for trainers to reduce their stall charge, they must officially return stalls to the proper association, stall man or racing secretary within 10 days after assuming the stalls.
- The charge per stall is in no way to be construed as a payment for stall rent. This is only a method which the NYJICF uses to estimate the appropriate premium charge that is due.

For those racing at NYRA:

Please send checks for the base premium payable to:

New York Racing Association, Inc.

PO Box 170243

Ozone Park, NY 11417

Attention: Horsemen's Bookkeeper

or

Call the Horsemen's Bookkeeper at 718-687-4843 to have that amount debited from your account.

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Please send checks for the base premium payable to:

Finger Lakes Gaming and Racetrack, Inc.

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Congrats, Real Naughty, g, 4, o/o Naughty Sister, by Archarcharch. ALW, 5-21, Thistledown

First Samurai, Quick Quick Whit, g, 4, o/o Smarty Smart, by Congrats. MSW, 5-21, Thistledown

Formidable, Addababy, m, 5, o/o Addedup Nicely, by Added Edge. ALW, 5-20, Prairie Meadows

Girvin, Au Pair, f, 3, o/o Lovemelikeyou do, by Harlan's Holiday. MSW, 5-20, Assiniboia

Hoppertunity, Seeyouatthehop, f, 4, o/o Seeyouatthedisco, by Kipling. MCL, 5-21, Parx Racing

Justify, Rosie's Alibi, f, 4, o/o Essential Rose, by Bernardini. ALW, 5-21, Presque Isle Downs

Liam's Map, Prayforpeace, g, 5, o/o Star Pearl, by **Tapit**. AOC, 5-20, Assiniboia

Mitole, Mybronxbaby, f, 3, o/o My Bronx Tail, by Speightstown. ALW, 5-21, Finger Lakes

National Flag, Villian, g, 3, o/o Callisto, by Malibu Moon. ALW, 5-21, Thistledown

Overanalyze, Shewearsmyring, f, 4, o/o Happybirthdaybaby, by Successful Appeal. ALW, 5-21, Thistledown

Preservationist, Express Star, g, 3, o/o Starship Espresso, by **Tale of Ekati**. MSW, 5-21, Presque Isle Downs

Smiling Tiger, Respectfully, m, 6, o/o Yerevan Sky, by Menifee. AOC, 5-21, Parx Racing

Speightster, Fuego Sos, g, 3, o/o Dream Realized, by Awesome Again. MSW, 5-21, Parx Racing

Tapiture, Season Fighter, c, 3, o/o Esstadista (Uru), by Essayons. MSW, 5-21, Horseshoe Indianapolis

Violence, Logico, h, 5, o/o Gold Shock, by My Golden Song. AOC, 5-21, Thistledown

World of Trouble, Girls Weekend, f, 3, o/o Island Love Song, by Dehere. MSW, 5-20, Horseshoe Indianapolis

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