

ARQANA MAY'S AMERICAN APPEAL: A CONCENTRATED QUALITY OF SIRE POWER



Zuzanna Lupa photo

by Sue Finley

With the entirety of the American two-year-old sales calendar now concentrated in Ocala and Maryland, the Arqana Breeze Up Sale has become an increasingly popular stop for Americans on the spring sales calendar. This year, falling on May 10, it lands between the OBS April sale (April 15-18) and Fasig-Tipton Midlantic (May 19-20), giving buyers ample time to travel back and forth.

The catalogue was released last Thursday, and offers the usual blend of European and American sire power.

"It's a concentrated quality of stallions, selected by Irish pinhookers, who are very good judges," said Hubert Guy of the sale's appeal. "The horses are very well-prepared."

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FLORIDA HOUSE COMMITTEE PASSES DECOUPLING BILL

by Bill Finley

After nearly two hours of debate and testimony, Florida's House Commerce Committee on Monday passed bill HB 105, which would eliminate a requirement that Florida's two remaining racetracks hold races in order to offer alternative forms of gambling, such as slot machines, card rooms and casinos. The bill, sponsored by Republican Representative Adam Anderson is now positioned to go to the full house.

A similar bill has been filed in the Senate but has yet to be heard in committees.

"Today's vote in the House Commerce Committee was disappointing," said Lonny Powell, CEO of the Florida Thoroughbred Breeders' and Owners' Association, in a statement. "Let me be clear: The latest changes to HB 105 are not a compromise--they are designed to scuttle Florida's vital Thoroughbred industry."

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Macadamia (Fr) (Wootton Bassett {GB}), a full sister to King Of Steel, is pictured last week with her filly by Justify. The Bonne Chance Farm-bred filly was foaled on March 7. | Mathea Kelley

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Arqana for Americans, cont. from p1

In this year's catalogue, fully one-quarter of the two-year-olds are by American sires, most of which have been pinhooked from American fall sales. In addition to the usual lineup of European superstar sires like Dubawi (Ire), Wootton Bassett (GB), Too Darn Hot (GB) and exciting newcomers like Hello Youmzain (Fr), there are 46 juveniles by American-based sires. That includes seven by Justify, three by Practical Joke, and two each by Blame, Knicks Go, Maxfield, Medaglia d'Oro, Mitole, Munnings, and Tapit.

American-based sires represented by one offering apiece include American Pharoah, Bolt d'Oro, City of Light, Connect, Constitution, Daredevil, Essential Quality, Good Magic, Gun Runner, Kitten's Joy, Maclean's Music, Maximum Security, McKinzie, More Than Ready, Not This Time, Omaha Beach, Street Boss, Street Sense, Vino Rosso, War Front, and War of Will, who sold at this sale in 2018 and went on to win the 2019 GI Preakness Stakes and the 2020 GI Maker's Mark Mile.

Arqana's CEO Freddy Powell said he felt this year's sale includes a particularly strong crop of juveniles, with some quality pinhooks from America, the numbers of which continue to grow.

"The impression during the inspections was that it was going to be a very good vintage," said Powell.

"The individuals we saw in Ireland, England and France were very pleasing. It seems that on the figures, that impression is confirmed. In 2025, for example, we have 43 yearlings purchased at the yearling sales in the U.S. for an average of \$106,000, when the numbers were 41 for \$89,000 for 2024, and 29 for \$81,000 for 2023. We are blessed to have such a collection of horsemen selecting and buying those yearlings to present on the Deauville turf."

Unlike in America, no official times are provided, but you're welcome to time the breezers. Several buyers said that felt that the horses' preparation on a more forgiving surface over the winter and spring leads to longer-term soundness than horses prepared in America.

"There are plenty of opportunities for horses that were bought by very good judges, taken over there and which have been trained and prepared for sale on a more forgiving surface that we find here in America," said Kip Elser.

Justin Casse, who purchased War of Will at the sale in 2018, agreed. "They tend to have a nice, good surface and ground to breeze on that time of year and it's ample amount of time for horses to get ready as far as the situation chronologically in the breeze-up calendar."

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Lot 174 (shown as a yearling) is a Constitution half-brother to Tampa Bay Derby winner Owen Almighty | Taylor Made

Powell said that theory about the ground goes on to be proven on the track. "The great bunch of breeze-up two-year-old graduates every year prove their skills, and the longevity on the racecourse of most prove that their system of training on a healthy surface to gradually take them to a sale where there is no official clock is working well and suits most horses."

Elser has had success at the sale in the past, and said he goes with an open mind.

"We look at everything," he said, noting that the 193 entered make that possible. "It's a small sale and there are nice horses there. It has been a productive sale for me."

Elser said that he also appreciated the fact that the sale allowed for a more intellectual approach than relying on the stopwatch alone. "The conditions aren't always the same. The ground and weather aren't always as absolutely consistent like they are here, so there aren't as many absolutes. The conditions and surfaces vary enough that there's a little bit of a puzzle to put together."


But Americans don't just come to buy American pedigrees.

"We have a some beautiful pedigrees coming from the U.S.," said Powell, "but also some European stock by sires who tend to do well in the U.S., like Blue Point (Ire), Dubawi, Lope de Vega (Ire), Night Of Thunder (Ire), Siyouni (Fr), Wootton Bassett. There are some very well-bred fillies with proper international pedigrees."

Of note by American sires:

* Lot 174 is a Constitution half-brother to GIII Tampa Bay Derby winner Owen Almighty (Speightstown), purchased for \$185,000 at Keeneland September by Blandford Bloodstock.

* Lot 12 is a Vino Rosso half-brother to Instagrاند (Into Mischief) who RNAd at Keeneland September and sells here for M.C. Thoroughbreds. **Cont.**



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* Lot 49 is an American Pharoah filly whose dam is a full-sister to Group 1 winners Roly Poly and US Navy Flag, and a half to U.S. graded stakes winner Cover Song (Fastnet Rock {Aus}).

* Lot 55 is a Tapit colt whose dam is a full-sister to Mastercraftsman.

* Lot 185 is a Mitole filly who is a half-sister to G2 Norfolk winner and GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf Sprint runner-up Valiant Force, who sold at the Fasig-Tipton Saratoga Sale for \$525,000.

In recent years, in addition to War of Will, sales graduates coming back to America have included the GI and multiple graded stakes-winning Rock Emperor (Ire), who sold for €12,000 and went on to win \$1.2 million in America; Romagna Mia, a €29,000 purchase who won the GIII Dowager Stakes and was GI-placed in the Beverly D; and the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies second Malavath (Ire), who won the GII Criterium de Maisons-Laffitte in France, after being purchased for €139,200 in 2021, when Covid forced the sale to be held in Doncaster.

But as Powell pointed out, the appeal of the sale is the blend of European and American offerings.

"There's no doubt that the American end user is really being forced to consider grass horses more than they ever have," said West Point Thoroughbreds CEO Terry Finley, who said that "without a doubt" the stable would be represented at the sale.

"In the past, I have had Christophe Clement, David Ingordo, and Kip Elser on the ground for me over there," he said. "One, it brings a new angle to partners, and look, we're a game of results and it's pretty easy to see the kind of results people have had going to that sale and I'm sure it's going to accelerate. People who are serious and want to really compete at the highest levels over here are going to have to stand up and take notice this year, if they haven't already."

Many American agents also come representing U.S. and international buyers for markets around the world.

Casse said he would be back this year shopping for clients around the globe, including America, because of the quality of the individuals represented.

"I know it's a focal point for the European breeze-up consignors as far as quality goes in terms of what they bring there," he said. "It has also been very prosperous for me as a buyer and as a seller." Casse says he doesn't go over there with a focus on any particular type of individual. "I go over there with a very open mind," he said. "It has been a lifetime of learning. I never thought War of Will would end up a dirt horse. I'm buying for trainers in France, Ireland, England, and America."

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SAT
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\$650,000 Resolute Racing Madison (G1)
4YOs & Up, F&M, 7 furlongs | \$150,000 KTDF Contribution

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Presented by Japan Racing Association
3YO Fillies, 1 mile (turf) | \$100,000 KTDF Contribution

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3YOs & up, 5 1/2 furlongs (turf) | \$100,000 KTDF Contribution

\$350,000 Commonwealth (G3)
4YOs & up, 7 furlongs | \$100,000 KTDF Contribution

SUN
Apr 6

\$400,000 MiddleGround Capital Beaumont (G2)
3YO fillies, 7 furlongs & 184' | \$100,000 KTDF Contribution

\$300,000 Palisades (L) ●
3YOs, 5 1/2 furlongs (turf) | \$100,000 KTDF Contribution

FRI
Apr 11

\$650,000 Maker's Mark Mile (G1) ●
4YOs & Up, 1 mile (turf) | \$150,000 KTDF Contribution

\$300,000 FanDuel Limestone (L) ●
3 YO fillies, 5 1/2 furlongs (turf) | \$100,000 KTDF Contribution

SAT
Apr 12

\$650,000 Jenny Wiley (G1) ●
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\$400,000 Stonestreet Lexington (G3)
3YOs, 1 1/16 miles | \$100,000 KTDF Contribution

SUN
Apr 13

\$350,000 Giant's Causeway (G3) ●
3YOs & up, F&M, 5 1/2 furlongs (turf) | \$100,000 KTDF Contribution

FRI
Apr 18

\$350,000 Baird Doubledogdare (G3)
4YOs & up, F&M, 1 1/16 miles | \$100,000 KTDF Contribution

SAT
Apr 19

\$400,000 VisitLEX Elkhorn (G2) ●
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Mark Casse | Sarah Andrew

"I would consider a horse out of that sale for any of the above and as we have learned, the two-year-old sales are about performance and physical, and pedigree is just a part of the formula for deciding how much the horse is going to cost."

Elser also will be representing an international buying bench. "I like to be in a position to look for a varied group of prospects for a variety of clients," he said. "I go to the Craven Sale in Newmarket while most people are busy here at OBS March. It's good to be off the beaten path. I'm a little more familiar with the process because I sold at the Craven sale a few years ago."

There are also those intangibles, Casse said.

"Arqana is one of the gold standards for hospitality for agents attending from abroad. For a long time, they have looked after us very well, and when you go there, you can find an Ascot two-year-old, or you can find an American Triple Crown horse. If you look hard enough, there's something for everyone."

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Florida Decoupling Bill, cont. from p1

"No matter how our opponents try to spin it, this bill decouples live racing from voter-approved gaming requirements. This means fewer races, fewer jobs, and fewer opportunities for the hardworking Floridians devoted to this industry, including the passionate horsemen and women from the farms and barns who testified today.

"If this bill passes, it will ripple across the entire state economy, gutting a major industry and sending Florida jobs and horses to other states and our dollars to Toronto. This industry has helped power Florida's economy for generations, and we must not allow bad special-interest policy to dismantle it."

Several changes to the original bill were made, including a provision that the tracks must continue to race until 2030 if

decoupling passes. If they intend to close the tracks they must give the state a three-year notice and that notice cannot be submitted until July 1, 2027.

Proponents of the bill tried to argue that passage of HB105 would actually benefit horse racing. Representative Chase Tramont asked Anderson "what problem are we trying to solve with this bill?" Anderson responded: "It actually guarantees racing for the next five years. There hasn't been any track that I have talked to that has said they intend to stop racing. This bill is structured in a way to support (the breeding industry), to help prop it up so it can stand independently from slots and cards and thrive on its own."

Anderson failed to adequately explain how that was possible.

When questioned by Representative Michele Raynor as to whether the bill would benefit 1/ST Racing and no one else, Anderson again tried to convince his fellow lawmakers that this was a win-win for everyone.

"This supports an industry as a whole," Anderson said. "Not just one or two entities...We're supporting this industry in a number of areas and insuring that it has multiple options to succeed. We are removing a barrier, where right now the industry is controlled by just two tracks, two entities. This bill will provide the ability for these owners to transfer their licenses. If they don't want to stay in the horse business, right now they have to. The only option they have is to close up shop. This will provide a pathway for them to transfer that license to someone who wants to run a racetrack or move their license to another location that makes more economic sense for their business model."

Several industry stakeholders spoke during the public testimony period. The message from each one was pretty much the same: Why are you trying to kill an important industry that provides thousands of jobs and has a huge economic impact on the state just so that Florida can have one more casino?

"This bill would sacrifice Florida Thoroughbred racing," said trainer Mark Casse. "Breeding, sales, training, mostly based in the rural heartland of the state to benefit one person. Florida-bred and raised horses are a valued export product across America and even overseas. Decoupling would devastate rural Florida."

He continued: "1/ST Racing deliberately put all their eggs in one basket and now are prepared to leave Florida racing like post fall Humpty Dumpty. Today over 3,000 Thoroughbreds are stabled in South Florida during the winter and 1,500 year-round. Without Gulfstream, most of these horses and these jobs will leave the state. This passage of the bill will cause 90% of the trainers here with the terrible choice of having to leave their homes or leave the business all together."

Cont.



Ryan Thompson

“This issue is much bigger than me. It’s about \$3.2 billion dollars in economic impact a year. We are not asking for a handout. We are asking Florida to recognize that investing in the Thoroughbred racing industry is no different than investing in other labor intensive industries that contribute billions of dollars throughout the state.

“I leave you with one question: is one more hotel and casino in Hallandale Beach, Florida worth destroying an industry that will affect the lives of tens of thousands of people?”

At times Anderson was defensive and claimed the industry might have fared better if working with him before the bill was crafted.

“We put a call out to the industry and I personally met with several representatives of the industry and I asked them all the same thing--give me a plan, a proposal, tell me what you need changed and how you view the industry from your part?” he said. “We didn’t get that. Instead what happened was each of those different associations hired a team of lobbyists simply to fight the bill. I’ll ask them why are they spending that money on lobbyist when they should be reinvesting that money into the folks they are supposed to be representing. Folks that are breeding horse, the trainers, the owners, the jockeys. That’s one of the root problems we are facing. The way the money is flowing it is not getting into the right hands. This bill addresses that.”

“I also want to say I am a lover of the horse industry. I love the track, I love the animal. I am a horse owner myself. It would be an absolute failure in my opinion if racing ended in the state of Florida. Most of the opponents of this legislation spoke to that, what happens if racing ends? This bill is carefully crafted to do everything in our legislative power to make sure that doesn’t happen.”

With the bill likely to pass when coming before the House for a full vote, the battle will head to the Senate. According to a source, the Senate is known to be more pro-racing and breeding than the House is.

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SPENDTHRIFT: PIN OAK STUD *by Steve Sherack*

Founded by Josephine Abercrombie in 1952, Pin Oak Stud has entered a new era under the ownership of Jim and Dana Bernhard. The Bernhards purchased Pin Oak Stud in November of 2022 and acquired an additional 465 acres from Adena Springs in September of 2023. “Pin Oak has always strived to breed horses that can compete at the pinnacle of our sport, this vision begins with the decisions that we make when selecting our matings each year,” Pin Oak’s Michael Hardy said. “Our team works in close collaboration, carefully selecting physical profiles that suit each mare and then determining the most promising crosses to maximize performance on the track. This decision-making process is a collective effort, driven by our shared commitment to success on the racetrack.” Below is a look at a selection of matings for Pin Oak Stud in the final edition of TDN’s 2025 Mating Plans series, presented by Spendthrift Farm.

LOVE TO SHOP (5, Violence--Tiffany Case, by Uncle Mo) to be bred to Not This Time

Pin Oak Stud’s most recent (\$700,000) purchase from the Keeneland January Sale. She is a stakes-winning mare with an active young family that traces back to a very successful Pin Oak pedigree from the Abercrombie era. She will visit Not This Time for her maiden season. It is a cross that we believe will suit her physically and get her broodmare career off to a great start. He is a stallion that we like a lot; we purchased two of his yearlings last year in the September Sale.

SHOPPINGFORPHAROAH (6, American Pharoah--Smart Shopping, by Smart Strike) to be bred to Not This Time

Another recent (\$850,000) purchase from the Fasig-Tipton November Sale. She is a stakes-placed, half-sister to GI Preakness Stakes winner Seize The Grey (Arrogate). She too will visit Not This Time. **Cont.**



Midnight Treasure with Jim & Dana Bernhard | Courtesy Pin Oak

We believe he is a great option to give a young mare the chance to succeed.

MIDNIGHT TREASURE (7, Tapit--Midnight Lucky, by Midnight Lute) to be bred to Street Sense

We purchased both (\$100,000) Midnight Treasure and her (\$100,000) Good Magic weanling at the Keeneland November Sale. She is currently in foal to Charlatan and will visit Street Sense for 2025. Street Sense continues to produce horses at the top level and looks like he will become an important sire of sires. He is great value for such a proven stallion.

SWEET SAMI D (9, First Samurai--Treaty of Kadesh, by Victory Gallop) to be bred to Constitution

She is a young, graded stakes-placed mare who earned over \$250,000. She has a yearling by Flightline and produced a colt by Gun Runner this year. This year she will visit Constitution, who we've had success with on the track, and physically we think he will really suit this mare.

QUERELLE (9, Violence--Orbital Affair, by El Corredor) to be bred to Nyquist

She is an attractive, black-type mare by Violence who earned \$187,000. She has a racy 2-year-old filly by Constitution that we have retained, and a yearling by Tapit. She will visit Nyquist this year. The cross is producing a high percentage of winners, and we hope that the mating can also add some size and scope.

MIND OUT (8, Tapit--Kid Majic, by Lemon Drop Kid) to be bred to Nyquist

Mind Out is a stakes-placed Tapit mare with a nice, young pedigree. She has a Curlin yearling on the ground and is in foal to Gun Runner.

Nyquist was a bit of a no-brainer for her; he had a tremendous 2024 and the Tapit x Nyquist cross has produced the very talented Grade I winner Tenma. We are happy to have a few mares going to him this year.

BROADWAY LADY (8, Constitution--Livi Makenzie, by Macho Uno) to be bred to Twirling Candy

She is a very attractive half-sister to GIII Ohio Derby winner Tawny Port (Pioneer of the Nile). She had colt by Candy Ride (Arg) this year and will visit Twirling Candy. We like the combination of Tapit and Candy Ride in this mating and physically we think that Twirling Candy will work well with the mare.

CORE VALUES (7, Honor Code--Sweet Awakening, by Street Cry {Ire}) to be bred to Not This Time

Core Values is a very attractive stakes winner. She is a half-sister to Canadian champion Are You Kidding Me (Run Away and Hide) and the pedigree received another update with Kehoe Beach (Omaha Beach) winning the GII Mrs. Revere at Churchill in the fall. She will visit Not This Time this year; we love the cross over the A.P. Indy line mare, which has produced G1 winner Sibelius.

DIAMOND SPARKLES (8, War Front--Diamondsandrubies {Ire}, by Fastnet Rock {Aus}) to be bred to Twirling Candy

A young mare with an exceptionally deep pedigree. She got her broodmare career off to an excellent start in 2024 with her first foal, Into Diamonds (Into Mischief), winning at Keeneland in April and subsequently collecting black type at Woodbine. We have retained her Quality Road 2-year-old and she had a colt by Not This Time this year. **Cont.**



Sweet Sami D with her '25 Gun Runner colt | Courtesy Pin Oak



Glitter and Gold with her '24 Essential Quality filly
Courtesy Pin Oak

She will be covered this year by Twirling Candy, which looks like a strong cross for her with his Grade I winner Concrete Rose coming from the Twirling Candy x Sadler's Wells cross.

COMPETITIVE SPEED (7, Competitive Edge--Shopped Out, by Mineshaft) to be bred to American Pharoah

A talented racemare, she is a multiple Grade II-placed earner of \$190,000. Her first foal is a very attractive Maxfield colt that we have retained and she has a yearling filly by Justify. She is in foal to Candy Ride and will visit American Pharoah this year. The Maria's Mon-line cross with American Pharoah has already produced Grade I winner American Theorem.

GLITTER AND GOLD (10, Bodemeister--Expo Gold, by Johannesburg) to be bred to Not This Time

She is a winning half-sister to MGISW and champion Swiss Skydiver (Daredevil). She has produced a very nice Tapit colt that we have in pre-training at the farm and she has a yearling filly by Essential Quality that we like a lot. She has a Tapit colt of 2025 and is booked to visit Not This Time this year. She consistently produces a strong, solid, attractive foal, so we are excited to see the foal from this cross.

CHECKERED EMPIRE (7, Empire Maker--Checkered Past, by Smart Strike) to be bred to City of Light

Checkered Empire is a full sister to multiple Grade III winner and Grade I-placed Messier (Empire Maker). She is an attractive young mare currently in foal to Twirling Candy. We believe in mating young mares with proven sires that will suit them both physically and from a pedigree standpoint. She will visit City of Light this season; the cross will be very similar to the cross that produced City of Light's champion 2-year-old Fierceness.

OMA THE GREAT (6, Tapit--Rise Above, by Violence) to be bred to American Pharoah

She is a well-bred, young Tapit mare. Her first foal is a very attractive, racy Candy Ride yearling. She had a filly by American Pharoah and we like that cross so much that we plan to repeat it this year again. The cross has produced Grade I winner Harvey's Lil Goil among others.

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DATA SHOWS THAT HISA TRACKS ARE SAFER THAN THOSE NOT COVERED BY THE AUTHORITY *by Bill Finley*

The Horseracing Integrity and Safety Authority (HISA) has released its annual metrics report for 2024, which shows that tracks regulated by HISA are significantly safer than those that are not.

At the 47 racetracks operating under HISA's ADMC Program and Racetrack Safety Program, the combined rate of fatalities was .90 per 1,000 starts. At racetracks that are not covered by HISA, the fatality rate was 1.76 per 1,000 starts, almost double the number for the HISA tracks.

The new was released just days after the Jockey Club released its numbers from its Equine Injury Database, which covers most tracks in the U.S., including HISA and non-HISA tracks. The Jockey Club **reported that there were 1.11 fatalities per 1,000 starts** last year. The number of fatalities recorded by the Equine Injury Database in 2021 was 1.39. That was the last full year prior to the launch of HISA's Safety Program. That the HISA number is now down to .90 represents a 35% decrease from 2021.

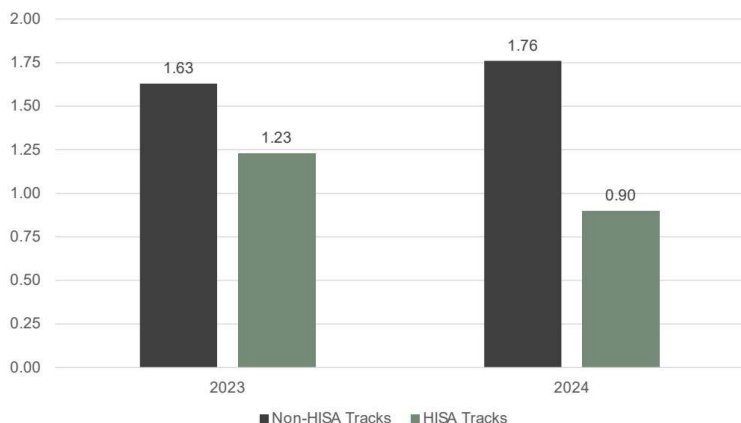
"HISA has made significant progress in advancing its mandate across racetrack safety, technological innovation, uniform medication control and equine welfare," said HISA CEO Lisa Lazarus. "HISA pursued these initiatives with input and support from the many racing stakeholders who are the backbone of the sport, and their collective efforts have led to meaningful improvements in our safety metrics. We look forward to continuing to work with the industry to make further inroads."

For the first time since its inception, HISA also reported what is an estimated number for fatalities that occur during workouts. That figure was .50 deaths per 1,000 workouts.

In a press release released Tuesday, HISA said that combining data from racing and training facilities will prove to be a useful tool.

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Racing-Related Fatality Rate at HISA Tracks vs. Non-HISA Tracks



“While it is too early to establish trends in combined racing- and training-related fatality data, transparency is a critical first step in identifying risk factors and developing targeted safety initiatives,” the release said. “The information collected on training-related fatalities has served to expand the already significant database HISA has built and will be instructive as the organization moves into the next phase of its data-driven efforts--identifying patterns to help racing stakeholders make more informed decisions for their horses and proposing guidance and rules designed to make training safer.”

On a state-by state basis, Indiana, where Horseshoe Indianapolis is the only operating thoroughbred track, came out on top with .26 fatalities per 1,000 starts in 2024. There were only two deaths from 7,601 starts last year at Horseshoe Indianapolis. Arizona and Turf Paradise fared the worst among HISA tracks with 1.57 fatalities.

Among the reasons why numbers have fallen so sharply is that horses running at HISA tracks must undergo repeated tests from veterinarians, who will order the horse scratched if they are not convinced it is in shape to race. For that reason, many believed that fields sizes have gotten smaller since the HISA vets are scratching so many horses. That didn't turn out to be the case. Before the Racetrack Safety Program was implemented 11.9% of the horses entered were scratched. Since HISA took over, the number has shown only a modest increase, to 12.7%.

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VODKA WITH A TWIST ON TRACK FOR SEASONAL BOW IN SANTA ANITA OAKS

GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies runner-up MGISP **Vodka With a Twist** (Thousand Words) is reportedly on track to make her 2025 debut in the GI Fasig-Tipton Santa Anita Oaks after a good drill Monday morning at Santa Anita. **Cont.**

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Most recently clocked in a five furlong move in :59.80 (4/71), the multiple Grade I-placed filly has been on the sidelines since running third behind GISW Tenma (Nyquist) and SW & GSP **Look Forward** (Bolt d'Oro) in the GII Starlet Stakes at Los Alamitos Dec. 7.

"I was very happy with the drill," trainer Phil D'Amato said. "It looks like we're on target for the Santa Anita Oaks. She still has two more breezes, but if they go like today's, she'll be there."

D'Amato added that he has been pleased with Vodka With a Twist's mental development, especially since she'd made seven starts as a 2-year-old, a campaign that began at Keeneland last April. She returned from her freshening Jan. 29 and has been working weekly since then.

"She's a filly that never really had a break. I think given her that little time off has allowed her to mature mentally," D'Amato said. "That's the biggest thing she needed to improve on. She's kind of a nervous, high-strung filly, but she seems to be a little more relaxed and settled now."

Trainer Michael McCarthy Says Look Forward 'Possible' For Santa Anita Oaks

Speaking of the aforementioned runner, her conditioner confirmed that the filly was a possibility as well for the Santa Anita Oaks following her seventh-place finish in the GIII Honeybee Stakes at Oaklawn Park.

With a victory in the Listed Fasig-Tipton Santa Ynez Stakes under her belt, Look Forward already has Kentucky Oaks points to her credit this season, but currently sits outside the bubble with 15. She returned to the work tab Saturday, Mar. 15 and rolled through five panels in :59.60, the second fastest of 18 that morning.

"We'll see about the Oaks. I thought her work was very good," McCarthy said. "She's just a naturally very fast horse."

"She needs to be on or near the lead. When she missed the break at Oaklawn, she got shuffled back probably 10 or 11 lengths off the field. That made all the difference."

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SUSAN NAYLOR ON THE NEW BOUNDLESS PODCAST EPISODE

Susan Naylor (formerly Moulton) is many things; a prominent owner, breeder, and Versailles, Kentucky farm owner, but it's clear that her philanthropic work is what most clearly defines her today.

The owner of fan-favorite Manny Wah racehorse (Will Take Charge) has endured unimaginable loss in her life, losing both of her children in separate incidents nine years apart. On this week's Boundless podcast with jockey and veterinarian Ferrin Peterson, she talks about channeling her grief into something positive.

Naylor explained how she became exposed to racing as a child. "I'm from San Marcos, Texas," she told Peterson. "My dad was a cattle rancher, had horses, dabbled with stallions. We raced at the bush tracks in Texas. Cattle supported the horses back then. Horses were a hobby. But I took it very seriously. I loved to ride. My dad fancied himself a cowboy. I rode hunters and jumpers. I galloped and breezed in the morning at Retama, up until I was 45, and we pinhooked."

But tragedy brought all of that to an end.

"This all came to a crashing halt when we had that car wreck," she said, of the accident that took her eight-year-old son's life in 2007 when an oncoming car veered into her lane and hit her car head on. "We were in Maui on holiday."

In his memory, she created the Will Smith Foundation. "Will was a little boy who wanted to do everything for everybody," she says. "He had the best heart. I learned from him. Our mission statement is to provide positive life experiences for children. Arts, sports, bereavement counseling. It was the drug that healed my heart."

Moulton faced another tragedy when her older son Charlie died of a fentanyl overdose nine years after Will's accident. She appears on the podcast wearing his shirt.

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OWNER, BREEDER JANE SCHOSBERG PASSES AWAY



Jane and Paul Schosberg | Schosberg Family photo

Well known in New York’s racing and breeding circles, Jane Mindlin Schosberg died peacefully on Mar. 15, surrounded by her family. She was 85 years old.

Jane Schosberg was predeceased by her husband Paul in 2017 and her daughter Jill Stoller in 2021. She is survived by her son Richard and her daughter-in-law Dawn; her sister Katherine Reinleitner; her son-in-law Timothy Stoller; grandsons Travis and Ryan; granddaughter Jenna Stoller Grimshaw and her husband Sean; and two great-grandchildren Bryce and Nora.

She is also survived by Waffles, her beloved Corgi, who now lives with Jane’s best friend Donna Klemas in Canada. Rescued from Lexington, KY, Waffles hitched a ride on a Morrisey’s horse van to become Jane’s constant companion.

Schosberg grew up in Scarsdale, N.Y. and attended Scarsdale High School, where she met Paul Schosberg, her high-school sweetheart. After attending Bennington College and earning a liberal arts degree, Jane married Paul in 1959. Their daughter Jill was born in 1960, their son Richard a year later.

Services will be private. Those wishing to honor Jane’s life and legacy are encouraged to donate to the Mayo Clinic, to Take2/Take The Lead, or to the Thoroughbred Aftercare Alliance.

Jane had grown up riding horses, and it was in Virginia that she and family began the racing and breeding operation that continued to her death, and where the Schosberg family bought their first farm.

Jane gave riding lessons at Deerfield Riding Academy in Great Falls, VA, while her daughter Jill became an accomplished show rider and her son Rick, in his words, “mucked out stalls as fast as I could.”

In 1974, the Schosbergs purchased Pine Lane Farm near Katonah when they relocated to New York from Virginia, and Dot in Spot, who became the Schosberg’s foundation broodmare, went with them.

Dot in Spot produced four foals, bred in Jane’s name, all bred in New York. The best of them, Lotus Delight, was multiple stakes-placed and earned \$243,000, retiring in 1988. One of her daughters, Tim’s Lady, produced Mellow Roll, who earned more than half a million dollars and was voted New York-bred Champion Two-Year-Old Male in 1997.

Jane also bred Cyanea, the 1982 New York-bred Champion 2-year-old filly, and a winner and a runner-up of the New York Breeders Futurity, Bix in 1982 and Tons in 1977, respectively.

She often visited Kentucky and was a regular at the Keeneland and Fasig-Tipton sales, developing strong relationships with Denali Stud, Ashford Stud, and Coolmore America. She had a strong friend network in the Bluegrass, and though she was pretty much a lifelong New Yorker, she was an ardent fan of the University of Kentucky Wildcats.

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Upstart (Flatter) 20 5
(Fondly--Virginia Oaks)

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SPONSORSHIPS AVAILABLE FOR 2025 THOROUGHBRED MAKEOVER AND NATIONAL SYMPOSIUM

Sponsorships for The Retired Racehorse Project (RRP)'s 2025 Thoroughbred Makeover and National Symposium, presented by Thoroughbred Charities of America, are currently available. The event takes place at the Kentucky Horse Park on Oct. 8-11. "Partnering with the Thoroughbred Makeover makes companies more than just a sponsor," said Megan Garlich, RRP development manager. "Our sponsoring partners join a passionate team of individuals and organizations committed to the advancement of Thoroughbreds in equestrian sport and the development of dedicated trainers who invest in their future. We are grateful to the many sponsors who have supported our mission through this event, and are excited to welcome additional aligned businesses, agencies, and brands to help us to shape the Thoroughbred aftercare landscape for the better."

Sponsorship packages are available at levels and can be customized with print, digital and event-based advertising and assets. Higher tiers of sponsorship include naming rights to

various aspects of the event, including the competition itself as well as health and wellness initiatives plus networking and social events.

The Thoroughbred Makeover draws competitors and spectators from both equestrian and Thoroughbred industries, as well as from all across North America. This year's competition will culminate in a new Championships format, featuring final rounds for the top 10 in each discipline on Saturday throughout the Kentucky Horse Park.

For more information about sponsorship, please visit the Sponsorship page on the RRP website, or contact Megan Garlich, development manager, at mgarlich@therrp.org.

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CHURCHILL DOWNS HOSTS JOB FAIR FOR KY DERBY WEEK, SPRING MEET POSITIONS

Churchill Downs and its partners Andy Frain Services, Kentucky Derby Museum, Levy and Pritchard Sports & Entertainment Group will host a job fair to recruit for Kentucky Derby Week and the Churchill Downs Spring Meet. The event is scheduled for Saturday, Mar. 22 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the First Turn Club.

The job fair will include on-the-spot interviews and hiring for positions during Kentucky Derby Week, which runs from Saturday, Apr. 26, through Saturday, May 3, and the Churchill Downs Spring Meet, which continues through Sunday, June 29.

Available positions include box office, cleaning/janitorial, food & beverage, gate staff, guest services, mutuel tellers, programs, retail sales, security and tour guides.

Attendees should enter Kentucky Derby Drive off Central Avenue and park for free in the Yellow Lot.

For more information and to register, visit www.workchurchilldowns.com.

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FANDUEL TV LAUNCHES "THE COMEBACK WITH CRAIG CARTON"

FanDuel TV has launched "The Comeback With Craig Carton," a new show focused on problem gambling recovery hosted by FanDuel's responsible gaming ambassador and FS1's "Breakfast Ball" Craig Carton. Carton sits down with those who have experienced the highs and lows of gambling addiction to amplify their stories, break down the stigma surrounding gambling disorder, raise awareness of support resources for individuals and their families, and show that recovery is possible.

"As someone who has personally navigated the challenges of gambling addiction, I understand the impact it can have on your life and the lives of those you care about," Craig Carton said. "The road to recovery isn't easy, but I've committed myself to helping others who are facing similar struggles." **Cont.**

“My mission for this show is to inspire hope, offer support, and remind everyone that the path to regaining control starts with understanding.”

The first episode features former 11-year NBA veteran and recovered problem gambler Randy Livingston in addition to Randy’s wife, Anita Ondine Smith

Randy and Anita recently joined FanDuel as responsible gaming ambassadors launching “Trusted Voices: Conversations About Betting,” a new resource hub designed to equip parents, guardians and coaches, with tools and resources to talk to young people about the risks associated with gambling and where to go for support.

In addition to highlighting the lived experiences and recovery of those who have dealt with gambling disorder, The Comeback will dive into important topics such as money management, support services, self-exclusion, RG tools and more.

New episodes of The Comeback With Craig Carton will air monthly on Mondays at 10:00 am ET on FanDuel’s FAST channel FanDuel TV Extra and stream on [FanDuel’s YouTube channel](#). Stay updated on The Comeback With Craig Carton by subscribing to its [Substack](#) for its latest interviews, episodes and resources.

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2025 Cumulative Leading Fourth-Crop Sires by BTH, % of Named Foals

Standing NA - Worldwide Earnings - NH Foals

Rank	Stallion	BTW	%	BTH	%	GSW	%	GSH	%	G1SW	%	G1SH	%	Earnings
1	Justify (2015) by Scat Daddy	33	9.62	58	16.91	14	4.08	39	11.37	7	2.04	10	2.92	\$31,237,839
<i>FYR: 2020/Crops: 4/Stands: Coolmore Ashford/Fee: 250,000</i>														
2	Army Mule (2014) by Friesan Fire	15	9.93	24	15.89	3	1.99	9	5.96	1	0.66	1	0.66	\$11,742,756
<i>FYR: 2020/Crops: 4/Stands: Hill 'n' Dale at Xalapa/Fee: 20,000</i>														
3	Oscar Prfrmnce (2014) by Kitten's Joy	14	8.48	26	15.76	7	4.24	15	9.09	1	0.61	3	1.82	\$13,618,816
<i>FYR: 2020/Crops: 4/Stands: Mill Ridge Farm/Fee: 45,000</i>														
4	Bolt d'Oro (2015) by Medaglia d'Oro	15	5.49	38	13.92	6	2.2	16	5.86	1	0.37	1	0.37	\$19,183,511
<i>FYR: 2020/Crops: 4/Stands: Spendthrift Farm/Fee: 15,000</i>														
5	Bee Jersey (2014) by Jersey Town	7	9.46	10	13.51	--	--	3	4.05	--	--	--	--	\$3,649,582
<i>FYR: 2020/Crops: 4/Stands: Darby Dan Farm/Fee: 5,000</i>														
6	Girvin (2014) by Tale of Ekati	13	7.98	22	13.5	3	1.84	7	4.29	1	0.61	3	1.84	\$11,486,879
<i>FYR: 2020/Crops: 4/Stands: Airdrie Stud/Fee: 25,000</i>														
7	City of Light (2014) by Quality Road	12	5.29	29	12.78	6	2.64	11	4.85	2	0.88	4	1.76	\$20,000,666
<i>FYR: 2020/Crops: 4/Stands: Lane's End Farm/Fee: 35,000</i>														
8	Good Magic (2015) by Curlin	21	8.82	30	12.61	12	5.04	14	5.88	5	2.1	7	2.94	\$24,401,244
<i>FYR: 2020/Crops: 4/Stands: Hill 'n' Dale at Xalapa/Fee: 125,000</i>														
9	Code West (2010) by Lemon Drop Kid	3	6	6	12	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	\$1,623,940
<i>FYR: 2020/Crops: 4/Stands: Westwin Farms OK/Fee: 3,000</i>														
10	Awesome Slew (2013) by Awesome Again	2	2.47	9	11.11	1	1.23	2	2.47	--	--	--	--	\$4,637,792
<i>FYR: 2020/Crops: 4/Stands: Ocala Stud FL/Fee: 4,000</i>														
11	Mendelssohn (2015) by Scat Daddy	15	3.86	43	11.05	4	1.03	13	3.34	--	--	2	0.51	\$21,204,271
<i>FYR: 2020/Crops: 4/Stands: Coolmore Ashford/Fee: 15,000</i>														
12	Mo Town (2014) by Uncle Mo	13	5.63	25	10.82	5	2.16	8	3.46	--	--	--	--	\$12,198,385
<i>FYR: 2020/Crops: 4/Stands: Coolmore Ashford/Fee: 5,000</i>														
13	Bucchero (2012) by Kantharos	8	4.94	16	9.88	1	0.62	3	1.85	1	0.62	1	0.62	\$9,940,221
<i>FYR: 2020/Crops: 4/Stands: Ironhorse Stallions NY/Fee: 10,000</i>														
14	Collected (2013) by City Zip	17	7.08	21	8.75	6	2.5	10	4.17	--	--	1	0.42	\$13,237,247
<i>FYR: 2020/Crops: 4/Stands: Airdrie Stud/Fee: 10,000</i>														
15	Mor Spirit (2013) by Eskendereya	3	1.55	10	5.18	1	0.52	2	1.04	--	--	1	0.52	\$10,561,390
<i>FYR: 2020/Crops: 4/Stands: Swifty Farms IN/Fee: 2,500</i>														

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