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Mike Repole with Ron and Casey DeSantis | Sue Finley

The Week in Review, by Bill Finley

It was a very good week for the **Thoroughbred Racing Initiative (TRI)**, the group leading the fight to kill bills in the Florida legislature that would allow for decoupling at Gulfstream Park, which would mean the track could continue to offer casino gaming without the requisite that it must hold live thoroughbred racing. The matter had come to the attention of **Florida Governor Ron DeSantis**, who attended the OBS April sale on Thursday and made it clear where he stands on the issue.

“You can count on me as one that is not going to look favorably on legislation that is going to decimate any of our signature industries,” DeSantis said. “That’s just the way it goes. I just try to not put my finger in the wind; just do what’s right.” **Cont., p3**

BREEDERS' CUP BREAKTHROUGH: MCPEEK'S THREE DECADES OF DETERMINATION PAY OFF WITH THORPEDO ANNA by Katie Petrunyak

In the TDN's new Breeders' Cup Breakthrough series, we catch up with the six trainers who celebrated their first win at the Breeders' Cup in 2024. We discuss the road to securing that victory, what the breakout win meant to them personally and what they hope to accomplish from here. We start with Kenny McPeek, who secured a long-awaited Breeders' Cup victory with a filly that is known to her fans as 'The Grizzly.'

It wasn't that he never had a shot. It's just that the shots weren't quite landing.

Kenny McPeek had lost at the Breeders' Cup in just about every way imaginable. Beautician was nailed at the wire in the 2009 Juvenile Fillies. Rosalind missed the break in the 2013 Juvenile Fillies but came flying late to hit the board. Tiz the Bomb ran second to a purse-money-only entrant in the 2021 Juvenile Turf.

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“But on this issue with the horses, it seems to me that we have proposals that will have the effect of harming the industry here in Florida to basically benefit one special interest.”

Gulfstream is owned by The Stronach Group and run by its chairwoman, CEO and president Belinda Stronach. No one from The Stronach Group has publicly commented on DeSantis’s bombshell announcement, but they can’t be happy. They were hoping to go forward with plans to either sell the property or keep it and build a casino on the land. Both plans would mean the end of live racing at Gulfstream.

And now, thanks to DeSantis, they have hit a major roadblock. But no one among the leaders of the TRI is ready to declare victory.

“We have momentum on our side, but I wouldn’t erect a tombstone quite yet,” said Dr. Barry Eisaman, a founding member of the TRI.

Without having DeSantis on their side, it would stand to reason that those who have been pushing for decoupling would simply give up and move on the something else. But that’s not how politics works.

“You would think they would back off,” said TRI Senior Advisor Damon Thayer. “The House has actually posted one of the versions of the bill for action on Wednesday. Like we said right



Damon Thayer | *Legislative Research Commission*

from the start, the bill is teed up for passage in the House. The clock is ticking with the session ending on May 2. We have gotten some strong indicators that the Senate doesn’t really want to deal with this issue. I’ve been around legislatures long enough to know that a lot of crazy things can happen in the waning days. I’m likely to have anxiety about this right up until May 2 when the session ends.

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According to Thayer, the bill currently circulating in the Senate must be approved by two more committees before going before the Senate for a full vote. For that to happen in less than two weeks would seem highly unlikely.

The Florida legislature will not reconvene until January, 2026. That gives both sides time to regroup.

TRI President David O'Farrell has kept an optimistic outlook so far as how Florida racing gets throughout this whole mess. He believes that once May 2 comes and goes, those on both sides of the issue can come together to find solutions that work for everyone.

"There's still a long way to go," O'Farrell said. "We bought ourselves some time and that was kind of the message we wanted to send all along to the legislators. They were trying to rush it through the process and we were caught flat-footed earlier in the year. It was moving very quickly through chambers in Tallahassee and our message all along was 'what's the rush, give us a little bit of time, let us negotiate our path forward.' The rug had been pulled out from under us, so to speak. We were already feeling the effects from threat of decoupling. Let's table it for this year. The whole bill was one-sided, all the amended changes to the bill were one-sided. The horsemen never really had any say.

Now, let's come back next year in an election year with a plan that will work for all parties including the state of Florida. Let's not have to choose sides here. Let's not end up where one entity ends up benefitting from this legislation and an entire industry gets torn down. Let's cool our jets and come back and find a solution where everyone can win and one which ultimately benefits the state of Florida."

O'Farrell understands that when you have a track owner who doesn't want to own that track anymore, bad things can happen. He can easily see a future without Gulfstream Park, but says that by no means would mean the end of quality racing in Florida.

"All options are on the table at this point," he said. "We just finished unifying all the groups together, which has been great. A lot of times the horsemen, the breeders, the racetracks don't get along, but we've gotten a lot of the groups together through this effort to decouple. We have also started some constructive talk regarding what the future could look like. It's still a long way off from nailing down specifics so far as what the future of Florida racing will look like. There are a lot of people engaged in the matter and lot of people working on this. It is something that should come to fruition sooner than later. It's a little too early to guess where racing will be three years, five years, ten years from now." **Cont.**

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“But I’m very confident there will be a solution and I am actually very excited about the future of Florida racing. Now we have a little bit more time to start to look at what direction things might go, whether in South Florida, whether in Ocala. It might mean a combination of the two. If you find a way to improve the purses, the answer may involve Tampa Bay Downs. We’re not really sure. We at least have the time to consider these things without the full on pressure of decoupling happening in a matter of a couple of weeks.”

TRI Vice President Jon Green shares O’Farrell’s outlook.

“Our main goal at the Thoroughbred racing Initiative has always been to kill the bill and then come to negotiation table with management where the horsemen and track management can agree on a bill that benefits everybody,” he said. “Nothing is done until it is done. I would say it would be much more favorable for both parties for the bill to be killed and for us to have clean slate and be able to work together.”

But that depends on Belinda Stronach cooperating with the horsemen, which is something the horsemen have no control over. Does she have any incentive to do so and wouldn’t it be in her best financial interests to go ahead and sell the track to cash in on the value of its land?

“Can she just pull the plug and cash in? That’s a valid question,” Thayer said.

“We’ve been asked it before because our short-term goal is to defeat decoupling. The answer is, yes, she could (close Gulfstream). It’s her choice. But I don’t think it would be a very wise move. I think it would send a bad signal to the legislature and it would show her true colors when it came to the horse racing industry, which clearly has a lot of support in Tallahassee. Their revenue from the slots there is about \$39 million a year. We believe she makes money on the horse racing operation, which supplies 200 days of content to two other companies she owns, XpressBet and Monarch. I would be surprised if she just decided to pull the plug. I don’t think that would be a very good business or political move.”

On both sides, the conclusion has been reached that nothing is going to happen overnight and that things will surely drag on into next year. No one know where this will end. Thanks to DeSantis, the effort to decouple has certainly been weakened. But has it been killed off? Probably not. That’s not how politics works.

“It’s too soon to spike the ball or do a victory dance in the end zone,” Thayer said. “Hopefully, that day will come.”

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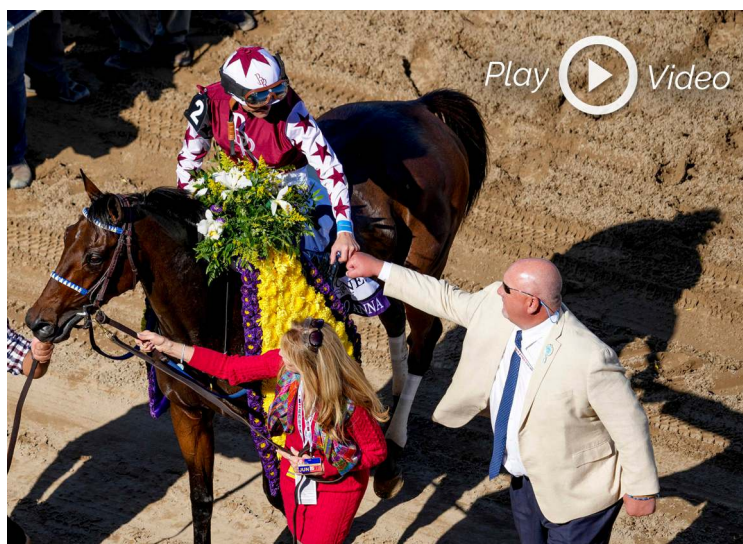
It all added up to a 0-for-37 Breeders' Cup record for McPeek, though it wasn't because his horses weren't performing. With seven seconds and 10 thirds, his runners were finishing in the money nearly half the time.

"It was frustrating," McPeek conceded as he reflected on the road to reaching his first Breeders' Cup win. "We had a list of fourths, too. Someone said one time that I'm the best worst Breeders' Cup trainer ever. Every time I took a horse over there I was pleased with the way they ran, but I had zero wins. I couldn't explain it other than you just keep trying."

Keep trying and find a horse like 'TDN Rising Star' **Thorpedo Anna** (Fast Anna). After 40 years in the business, McPeek entered last year's Breeders' Cup with what looked like his best shot yet. The filly had cruised through a nearly undefeated 3-year-old season, highlighted by a definitive GI Kentucky Oaks victory and a gutsy runner-up effort in the GI Travers Stakes.

"There were a lot of people that really wanted me to run her in the Classic against colts," McPeek admitted with a smile. "But honestly I wanted to get the Breeders' Cup win."

The Distaff field changed shape in the days leading up to the big event when reigning older dirt female Idiomatic (Curlin) retired and Japan's promising filly Awesome Result (Justify) scratched the morning of the race.



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McPeek and jockey Brian Hernandez Jr. after Thorpedo Anna's score in the 2024 GI Acorn Stakes | Sarah Andrew

McPeek and the rest of the Thorpedo Anna camp, including jockey Brian Hernandez Jr. and the ownership group of Brookdale Racing, Mark Edwards, Magdalena Racing and co-owner and breeder Judy Hicks, were feeling confident about their chances, but of course there are no sure bets in horse racing.

"We worked hard to enjoy that week," recalled McPeek. "We didn't overcomplicate it. I felt like on paper she had a real chance and you just hope that Brian didn't have any trouble. When she got away clean and Brian was able to put himself up on the pace with her, Thorpedo Anna did the rest of the work."

Exactly 30 years after making his Breeders' Cup debut, McPeek finally hit the mark. And perhaps the fact that his first win came with a future Horse of the Year made the victory that much sweeter.

"I had actually analyzed some other trainers who struggled at the Breeders' Cup," said McPeek "Bobby Frankel had almost 40 starters before he won a Breeders' Cup and then he ran off six or seven after that. There is a long list of very talented horsemen who have never won. So it's no disgrace to have not won, but to finally win one was nice. I think the event all together epitomizes the sport and how difficult it is. To hit that high level at the Breeders' Cup means everything."

McPeek's first trip to the Breeders' Cup was in 1994, when the international festival of racing was held at Churchill Downs. Tejano Run (Tejano), a colt he had purchased for owner Roy Monroe for just \$20,000, finished third in the Juvenile.

McPeek said that Tejano Run's Breeders' Cup run and subsequent 3-year-old season highlighted by a runner-up performance in the GI Kentucky Derby helped put his career on the map. Before that, he was working hard to make a name for himself. **Cont.**



As a child, McPeek enjoyed pony rides in the Keeneland paddock
photo courtesy Kenny McPeek

“I was just trying to make payroll,” he explained. “I did a lot of the work myself, didn't really have an assistant. Mostly I had claiming horses and, in some cases, other people's rejects. I learned how to do a good job with those.”

“I went through years where I won most of my races at Ellis Park and Turfway Park and even in the early years, Latonia and River Downs,” he continued. “Once Tejano Run came into my career, I realized that this was the kind of horse that I wanted, but they're really hard to acquire. So I put a lot of focus on yearling sales and analyzing horse's talent level.”

Over the decades, McPeek's focus has paid off. The horseman has built a reputation as one of the sharpest eyes on the sales grounds, known for spotting talent that others might overlook. But well before he ever saddled his first winner, his path to success was more accidental--or perhaps fated--than planned.

McPeek was originally considering a career on Wall Street, but his plan changed the day after graduating with a finance degree when, late that night, he received some sage advice from his college roommate, who told him to do something that would make him happy. A few hours later, he showed up at Keeneland and took a job as a hot walker. The next year in 1985, he obtained his trainer's license.

“My mother was furious,” recounted McPeek. “She said, 'You've got a degree and you're going to do what?' I thought maybe it was just going to be something that was short term--and it almost was. Financially, I really struggled for a long time, but then I started hitting my stride and people started hiring me.”

In the early days, McPeek's stable was a fraction of what it is now, with strings in multiples states and year-round bases at Magdalena Farm in Kentucky and Silverleaf Hills Training Center in Florida.

As a young trainer, he started off going to the sales to buy one yearling. When his client list started to grow, he would shop for eight or nine. Today, he comes home with around 80 yearlings every sales season.

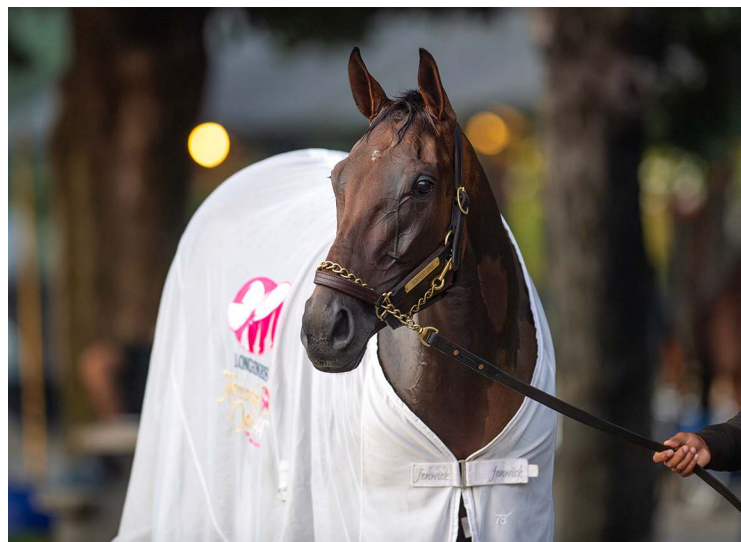
Even with a bigger budget these days, McPeek still attributes much of his success to the long hours he puts in at the sales, sticking around until the final horses go through the ring. As he sees it, anyone can spot a million-dollar horse. It's more difficult to find that diamond in the rough.

“I'm mostly proud of buying horses for modest prices and somewhat beating the market to the punch on a pedigree or seeing a horse that nobody else saw,” he said. “I think professionally, it's harder to do that than it is if someone gives you a huge amount of money. Actually, there's less pressure when you've got modest-priced young horses as opposed to the million-dollar yearlings because everybody isn't looking over your shoulder with expectations.”

Among some of his top Breeders' Cup performers, McPeek bought 2008 Juvenile Fillies runner-up Dream Empress (Bernstein) for \$60,000, 2015 Juvenile Fillies third-place finisher Dothraki Queen (Pure Prize) for \$35,000 and 2018 Juvenile third-place runner Signalman (General Quarters) for \$32,000. And while he did not train the superstar himself, he famously purchased 2007 Breeders' Cup Classic winner Curlin for \$57,000.

In 2018, McPeek found another bargain buy that was going to be hard to top when he spent \$35,000 on future GI Preakness Stakes victress and six-time graded stakes winner Swiss Skydiver (Daredevil). Four years later, he outdid himself once again when he purchased Thorpedo Anna for just \$40,000. The five-figure purchase is now his all-time leading earner.

“Thorpedo Anna has got this aura about her,” McPeek explained. **Cont.**



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“When you're in her presence, she really knows she's good. She's ultra-intelligent and obviously ultra-talented. These kinds of horses are really rare. I'm really proud to have found her at auction and to be able to have handled her and seen all the things she has accomplished. Hopefully there's a lot more to accomplish.”

Thorpedo Anna is already well on her way to another iconic campaign this year. She has posted a pair of tour-de-force romps in the Gil Azeri Stakes and GI Apple Blossom Handicap, with a new target set on the upcoming GI La Troienne at Churchill Downs.

Already, there is a buzz about whether this star filly could be pointed toward the main event this November at Del Mar, where only Hall of Famer Zenyatta has defeated males in the Classic.

“I'm thinking about it already,” McPeek said with a reluctant-yet-excited grin. “Let's see. She needs to get through this next start. If she does that, we will contemplate all our options. If she runs the table this year, the Classic will be for sure.”

McPeek waited 30 years for one Breeders' Cup win. This time, he could be setting his sights on making history.





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- Horses with humeral fractures averaged only 5.9 high-speed furlongs in that same timeframe.

“It is HISA’s goal to substantially reduce the number of these fatalities beginning in 2025,” said Dr. Jennifer Durenberger, HISA Director of Equine Safety and Welfare. “Building awareness is the first step. This advisory reflects our commitment to data-driven safety and highlights the collective responsibility we have as an industry to intercede for at-risk horses before injuries occur. Our goal is to translate this growing body of information in our Portal into actionable guidance that can make our sport safer.”

The full advisory is available [here](#). It has been distributed to all trainers and veterinarians registered in the HISA Portal and is also available on www.hisaus.org under the Resources section.

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The R.A.C.E. Fund online auction--featuring halters from champions, farm tours, and other memorabilia to bid on--is set to go May 9, the group announced Monday evening.

Kicked off with an online auction on eBay beginning at 8:00 p.m. EST and ending May 16, the non-profit's annual fund drive looks to raise money which will be used to help Thoroughbreds in need of retirement and rescue from slaughter. All proceeds from this auction will go toward that goal.


Featured items include halters of champions like fan-favorite California Chrome; Serena's Song; Quality Road; Mandaloun; and City of Light. There will also be donated items from photographer Christopher Hoff's private collection including signed photographs, a 1973 Secretariat Kentucky Derby program; 1978 Affirmed and Alydar program, etc.

Other offerings will comprise of a VIP farm tour donated by Three Chimneys; horseshoes worn by Seize the Grey from Gainesway; and a War Front horseshoe plaque from Claiborne Farm.

“We have some very exciting and amazing auction items again this year. We would like to especially thank volunteer Roxanne Campbell for her dedication and tireless efforts as well as Claiborne, Darley, Denali Stud, Gainesway, Juddmonte, Lane’s End, Taylor Made, Three Chimneys, and Christopher Hoff for their generous support by donating such valuable items of racing champions to help us raise funds,” stated Marlene Murray, president of the R.A.C.E. Fund.

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3	Practical Joke (2014) by Into Mischief	31	6.95	71	15.92	15	3.36	25	5.61	4	0.9	10	2.24	\$41,313,636
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4	Neolithic (2013) by Harlan's Holiday	6	5.94	14	13.86	--	--	2	1.98	--	--	1	0.99	\$6,731,064
														<i>FYR: 2019/Crops: 5/Stands: Pleasant Acres Stallions FL/Fee: 5,000</i>
5	El Deal (2012) by Munnings	4	4.94	9	11.11	--	--	1	1.23	--	--	1	1.23	\$6,141,524
														<i>FYR: 2019/Crops: 5/Stands: Red River Farms LA/Fee: 2,500</i>
6	Connect (2013) by Curlin	13	4.74	30	10.95	6	2.19	11	4.01	1	0.37	3	1.09	\$21,926,736
														<i>FYR: 2019/Crops: 5/Stands: Lane's End Farm/Fee: 10,000</i>
7	Cupid (2013) by Tapit	8	4.08	15	7.65	4	2.04	6	3.06	1	0.51	2	1.02	\$14,578,911
														<i>FYR: 2019/Crops: 5/Stands: Atlanta Hall Farm MD/Fee: 5,000</i>
8	Shaman Ghost (2012) by Ghostzapper	5	3.88	11	8.53	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	\$7,205,938
														<i>FYR: 2019/Crops: 5/Stands: Adena Springs North ON/Fee: 3,500</i>
9	Valiant Minister (2013) by Candy Ride (Arg)	3	3.49	5	5.81	1	1.16	1	1.16	--	--	1	1.16	\$5,394,273
														<i>FYR: 2019/Crops: 5/Stands: Bridlewood Farm FL/Fee: 4,000</i>
10	Tamarkuz (2010) by Speightstown	3	3	6	6	2	2	2	2	--	--	--	--	\$5,885,840
														<i>FYR: 2018/Crops: 5/Stands: Ballycroy Bloodstock ON/Fee: 4,000</i>
11	Midnight Storm (2011) by Pioneerof the Nile	5	2.98	12	7.14	2	1.19	3	1.79	--	--	--	--	\$8,524,227
														<i>FYR: 2019/Crops: 5/Stands: Milky Way Farm CA/Fee: 4,000</i>
12	Unified (2013) by Candy Ride (Arg)	6	2.39	17	6.77	1	0.4	3	1.2	--	--	--	--	\$13,893,012
														<i>FYR: 2019/Crops: 5/Stands: Lacer at Aztec Equine LA/Fee: 3,500</i>
13	Keen Ice (2012) by Curlin	4	2.08	14	7.29	1	0.52	2	1.04	1	0.52	1	0.52	\$15,278,264
														<i>FYR: 2019/Crops: 5/Stands: Calumet Farm/Fee: 7,500</i>
14	Madefromlucky (2012) by Lookin At Lucky	2	1.96	4	3.92	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	\$3,970,729
														<i>FYR: 2019/Crops: 5/Stands: R Star Stallions IN/Fee: 1,500</i>
15	Danzing Candy (2013) by Twirling Candy	2	1.33	10	6.67	1	0.67	1	0.67	--	--	--	--	\$6,191,338
														<i>FYR: 2019/Crops: 5/Stands: Rancho San Miguel CA/Fee: 4,000</i>

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9th-Santa Anita, \$62,500, Msw, 4-20, 3, 4, /5yo, f/m, 1mT, 1:35.59, fm, nose.

CAT THE CONFIDANTE (IRE) (f, 3, Churchill {Ire}--The Lazy Monkey {Ire}, by Rock of Gibraltar {Ire}) closed from off the pace to finish a close-up third at 31-1 in a six-furlong test at Santa Anita Mar. 15 and was backed down to 5-1 while stretching to a mile this time. Settled just behind a moderate early pace, the chestnut gained control late and had enough left to fend off 16-1 chance Innovative (Complexity) by a nose at the wire. Daughter of MGSW Idle Rich (Sky Classic), The Lazy Monkey is also responsible for an unraced juvenile filly by El Kabeir in addition to a yearling filly by Starman (GB). Sales history: €35,000 Wlg '22 GOFNO1; €70,000 Ylg '23 GOFOR. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, \$43,800. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#), sponsored by [FanDuel TV](#).**

O-Hronis Racing LLC; B-Oak Hill Stud (IRE); T-John W. Sadler.



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SECOND-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: TUESDAY, APRIL 22

2025 Stud Fees Listed

Authentic (Into Mischief), Spendthrift Farm, \$15,000
295 foals of racing age/38 winners/2 black-type winners
6-Horseshoe Indianapolis, 4:45 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2f, Renoir, 8-1

Echo Town (Speightstown), Coolmore Ashford, \$5,000
112 foals of racing age/22 winners/2 black-type winners
5-Will Rogers Downs, 4:08 p.m. EDT, Msw 6f, Now Hear This, 15-1

Game Winner (Candy Ride {Arg}), Lane's End Farm, \$20,000
202 foals of racing age/19 winners/3 black-type winners
8-Parx Racing, 3:53 p.m. EDT, Msw 7f, Game Like Reyana, 8-1
\$14,000 RNA KEE SEP yrl; \$21,000 EAS MAY 2yo

Instagrاند (Into Mischief), Taylor Made Farm, \$8,000
227 foals of racing age/42 winners/1 black-type winner
6-Horseshoe Indianapolis, 4:45 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2f, Insta Kiss, 2-1

Isotherm (Lonhro {Aus}), Swifty Farms, \$1,500
25 foals of racing age/6 winners/0 black-type winners
8-Horseshoe Indianapolis, 5:47 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2f, Gonnagetchagetcha, 7-2

Promises Fulfilled (Shackleford), WinStar Farm, \$5,000
37 foals of racing age/15 winners/1 black-type winner
8-Parx Racing, 3:53 p.m. EDT, Msw 7f, Peachy Promises, 5-1
\$12,000 KEE NOV wnl

Shancelot (Shanghai Bobby), Buck Pond Farm, \$5,000
63 foals of racing age/12 winners/0 black-type winners
8-Thistledown, 4:20 p.m. EDT, Alw 6f, Little Shance, 5-2
\$20,000 FTK OCT yrl; \$45,000 OBS OPN 2yo



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Speightsong (Speightstown), Midwest Equine & Veterinary Hospital, \$2,000

24 foals of racing age/2 winners/0 black-type winners
8-Horseshoe Indianapolis, 5:47 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2f, Estrella Brillante, 12-1

8-Horseshoe Indianapolis, 5:47 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2f, Focaccia, 30-1

\$7,000 IND MIX yrl

8-Horseshoe Indianapolis, 5:47 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2f, Gatling Girl, 10-1

\$17,000 IND MIX yrl

War of Will (War Front), Claiborne Farm, \$15,000

204 foals of racing age/27 winners/1 black-type winner
1-Thistledown, 12:50 p.m. EDT, Alw 6f, Streets of War, 6-1
\$140,000 FTK NOV wnl; \$8,000 OBS APR 2yo



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IN JAPAN:

Del Avar, c, 3, **Frankel (GB)**--Amour Briller (MSW-Jpn, \$2,317,880), by Smart Strike. Fukushima, 4-19, Allowance, 2000mT. Lifetime Record: 6-2-1-0. O-Koji Maeda; B-North Hills Co. Ltd (KY); T-Mikio Matsunaga.

Matenro Son, c, 3, **Into Mischief**--Miss Panthere (Jpn) (MGSW-Jpn, \$1,996,722), by Daiwa Major (Jpn). Hanshin, 4-20, Allowance, 1600mT. Lifetime Record: 5-2-0-0. O/B-Chiyono Terada (KY); T-Mitsugu Kon.

Femme Elegante, f, 3, **Tiz the Law**--Twirling Owen (SW, \$128,665), by Twirling Candy. Fukushima, 4-20, Maiden, 1150m. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0. O-Normandy Thoroughbred Racing; B-W S Farish (KY); T-Naoya Nakamura. *Won by seven lengths. **\$29,000 Wlg '22 KEESEP; \$80,000 2yo '24 OBSAPR.

Ludique, c, 4, **Into Mischief**--Miss Besilu (MGISP, \$187,829), by Medaglia d'Oro. Hanshin, 4-19, Allowance, 1400m. Lifetime Record: 13-3-7-0. O-Carrot Farm; B-Northern Racing (KY); T-Tomokazu Takano. *\$2,200,000 in utero '20 FTKNOV. **1/2 to Gun It (Tapit), MGSP, \$765,564.

Sorrel Bullet, c, 4, **Malibu Moon**--Curluck, by Curlin. Nakayama, 4-20, Allowance, 1800m. Lifetime Record: 12-3-5-3. O-Silk Racing; B-St Simon Place LLC & Scott Stephens (KY); T-Keisuke Miyata. *\$310,000 Ylg '22 KEESEP.

 **MACHMER HALL** Graduate 

Ecoro Eight, c, 4, **Take Charge Indy**--Lighthouse Bay (GISW, \$365,706), by Speightstown. Nakayama, 4-20, Allowance, 1200m. Lifetime Record: 12-2-1-0. O-Masatoshi Haramura; B-Shadai Farm (KY); T-Naosuke Sugai.

IN SOUTH KOREA:

Magic Potion, g, 4, **Competitive Edge**--A Bit Of Pressure (MSP, \$177,427), by High Yield. Seoul, 4-19, Hcp. (C3), 1800m. B-Burton Johnson (KY). *\$7,000 Ylg '22 FTKOCT; \$40,000 2yo '23 FTMMAY. **1/2 to Classic Rock (Maclean's Music), GSW, \$236,357. **VIDEO (SC 11)**

IN PERU:

Navaja Merkel, f, 3, **Mendelssohn**--Navajo, by Union Rags. Monterrico, 4-19, Premio Reina Isabel II-Listed, 1600m. B-Terri F Wells/Five Miles Nor (KY). *1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN. **\$45,000 Wlg '22 KEENOV; \$14,000 Ylg '23 KEESEP. ***Won by 13 1/2 lengths. **VIDEO (SC 2)**

IN MEXICO:

Monsieur Coco, h, 5, **Bolt d'Oro**--Cooking Mama, by Bandini. Hipodromo de las Americas, 4-19, XXV Clasico De La Bandera (Mex-G3, NBT), 7f. B-Rose Hill Farm (KY). *\$85,000 Ylg '21 KEESEP. **SW-US. ***1/2 to Mojo Man (Stay Thirsty), MSP, \$568,323.

IN JAMAICA:

Incredible Jo, c, 3, **Improbable**--Titanium Jo, by Bernstein. Caymanas Park, 4-19, Maiden, 5f. B-Center Hills Farm (OK). *Won by 9 1/4 lengths as the 1-5 favorite. **\$4,500 RNA Wlg '22 KEENOV; \$2,500 Ylg '23 FTKOCT; \$13,000 2yo '24 OBSJUN. **VIDEO (SC 6)**

IN RUSSIA:

Dance Charger, c, 3, **Will Take Charge**--Dance With Macho, by Macho Uno. Pavlovskiy, 4-20, Group 3 Race (NBT), 1800m. B-Daniel G & Courtney C Considine (KY).



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IN JAPAN:

Daniel Barows (Jpn), c, 3, **American Pharoah**--Turf War (SW, \$111,550), by War Front. Fukushima, 4-19, Maiden, 1200mT. Lifetime Record: 5-1-0-0. O-Hirotsugu Inokuma; B-Shimokobe Farm (KY); T-Haruki Sugiyama.

Happy Man (Chi), c, 3, **Mendelssohn**--On Off, by Street Sense. Monterrico, 4-20, Allowance, 2000mT. B-Haras Don Alberto.

VIDEO (SC 1)



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STAKES RESULTS:

RUSSELL AND HELEN FOUTZ DISTAFF S., (NB) \$78,570, Sunray, 4-20, (S), 3yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2f, 1:18.38, ft.

1--**FIRST AGAIN, 123, m, 5, Axiomatic**--Mia's First, by Malabar Gold. O/B-Larry E. Young (NM); T-Danny Morales; J-Miguel A. Perez. \$48,600. Lifetime Record: MSP, 25-7-6-6, \$346,216. *1/2 to Fleet Irish (Dublin), MSP, \$351,217.

2--**Mama Was a Rocket, 123, m, 5, Diabolical**--Gator Prowl, by Roar of the Tiger. O-Robison, J. Kirk and Robison, Judy; B-J. Kirk & Judy Robison & Downstream Racing LLC (NM); T-Todd W. Fincher. \$16,200.

3--**Corrina Corrina, 123, m, 6, Mr. Trieste**--Scared Money, by Carson City. O-Derrick W. Jenkins; B-Derrick Jenkins (NM); T-Gary W. Cross. \$8,100.

Margins: 3 1/4, NK, 5. Odds: 4.60, 4.40, 0.30.

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

9th-Parx Racing, \$54,250, (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$16,000), 4-21, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:11.42, ft, 1 3/4 lengths.

LATTA (c, 4, Audible--Daryanna, by Friends Lake) Lifetime Record: 11-4-2-1, \$147,052. O-Angel Solis; B-Jumping Jack Racing LLC (KY); T-Jacinto Solis. *\$170,000 Ylg '22 FTKJUL.



8th-Parx Racing, \$41,000, (S), 4-21, (NW1BX), 3yo/up, f/m, 1m 70y, 1:44.31, ft, 6 lengths.

NATURE'S CANDY (m, 5, Uncle Lino--Easter Blossom, by Speightstown) Lifetime Record: SP, 13-3-3-4, \$156,134. O-Freedom Racing LLC; B-Y. Kolybabiuk (PA); T-Hugo O. Padilla.

7th-Thistledown, \$38,500, 4-21, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:12.44, ft, head.

PRETTY PATTY (f, 4, Bold Warrior--Sassy Appeal, by Munnings) Lifetime Record: 19-7-4-0, \$132,375. O-N and E Racing Stables; B-Hal Snowden (OH); T-Saul M. Morales.

7th-Will Rogers Downs, \$23,000, (S), 4-21, (NW2L), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:11.63, ft, 1 3/4 lengths.

CALEB'S FINEST (f, 3, Caleb's Posse--Team One, by Oratory) Lifetime Record: 4-2-0-1, \$32,192. O-Lori L. Bravo; B-Lori Bravo Lynn Chleborad / (OK); T-Francisco Bravo. 3

7th-Mountaineer Casino & Resort, \$21,340, 4-20, 3yo/up, 4 1/2f, :53.15, ft, 3 lengths.

KOSHER COWBOY (g, 7, Conveyance--Hickory Heifer, by Forestry) Lifetime Record: 25-11-5-3, \$209,229. O-L.A. Racing, Inc.; B-Joel Zawitz (KY); T-Claudie Marshall Godsey, Jr.

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Cat The Confidante (Ire) (by Churchill {Ire}) wins her route debut at Santa Anita Sunday.
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4th-Mountaineer Casino & Resort, \$18,600, (S), (C)/Opt. Clm (\$6,500), 4-20, 3yo/up, f/m, 5f, 1:01.23, ft, 2 1/2 lengths.
RAN OUT OF TRAINER (f, 4, Tonalist--My Girl Tricky, by Hat Trick {Jpn}) Lifetime Record: MSP, 15-4-5-3, \$136,638. O-Ultra Championship Racing LLC; B-James Miller (WV); T-Anthony Farris. *\$5,000 Ylg '22 EASOCT.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Coloryoueggs, f, 3, **Birdrun--Media Rules**, by Mass Media. Thistledown, 4-21, (S), 6f, 1:13.20. Lifetime Record: 3-1-2-0, \$33,900. B-Sundy and Josh Creekmore (OH).
Devious Lover, g, 3, **Bravazo--Lil Footnotes**, by Read the Footnotes. Will Rogers Downs, 4-21, 6f, 1:13.59. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$15,600. B-J. F. Stewart (OK).
Catty Remark, f, 3, **Cowtown Cat--Hard Lesson**, by Dynaformer. Thistledown, 4-21, (S), 6f, 1:14.48. Lifetime Record: 5-1-1-1, \$32,148. B-Mapleton Thoroughbred Farm LLC (OH). *\$1,000 Wlg '22 OTBOMX.

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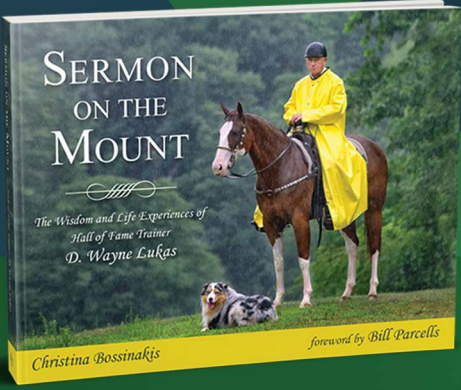
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Audible, Latta, c, 4, o/o Daryanna, by Friends Lake. AOC, 4-21, Parx Racing
Axiomatic, First Again, m, 5, o/o Mia's First, by Malabar Gold. Russell and Helen Foutz Distaff S., 4-20, Sunray
Birdrun, Coloryoueggs, f, 3, o/o Media Rules, by Mass Media. MSW, 4-21, Thistledown
Bold Warrior, Pretty Patty, f, 4, o/o Sassy Appeal, by Munnings. ALW, 4-21, Thistledown
Bravazo, Devious Lover, g, 3, o/o Lil Footnotes, by Read the Footnotes. MSW, 4-21, Will Rogers
Caleb's Posse, Caleb's Finest, f, 3, o/o Team One, by Oratory. ALW, 4-21, Will Rogers
Churchill (Ire), Cat The Confidante (Ire), f, 3, o/o The Lazy Monkey (Ire), by Rock of Gibraltar (Ire). MSW, 4-20, Santa Anita
Conveyance, Kosher Cowboy, g, 7, o/o Hickory Heifer, by Forestry. ALW, 4-20, Mountaineer

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Cowtown Cat, Catty Remark, f, 3, o/o Hard Lesson, by Dynaformer. MSW, 4-21, Thistledown
Tonalist, Ran Out of Trainer, f, 4, o/o My Girl Tricky, by Hat Trick (Jpn). AOC, 4-20, Mountaineer
Uncle Lino, Nature's Candy, m, 5, o/o Easter Blossom, by Speightstown. ALW, 4-21, Parx Racing



Bravazo in 2018 | Sarah Andrew