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A GAME OF MUSICAL CHAIRS: KENTUCKY'S 2027 STALLION MARKET

An Analysis of Kentucky's 2027 Stud Fees



Sovereignty | *Walter Wlodarczyk*

by Henry Nothhaft, Jr.

Kentucky is about to embark on an expensive game of musical chairs. Seven of the 20 stallions entering stud in 2027 will open at $50,000 or more. Across the preceding seven Kentucky freshman classes combined, only 12 stallions opened at that level, and no individual class had more than three.

Each of this year's seven arrives with an accomplished racing resume, the backing of a major farm and ambitions for a substantial first book. All seven are competing for mares in a market already crowded with established, high-priced stallions.

With the major farm rosters announced, the Breeders' Cup run and the year's principal bloodstock sales complete, Kentucky's farms have shown how they are pricing the coming breeding season. Sovereignty leads the newcomers at $150,000, followed by Nysos at $80,000 and Knightsbridge at $75,000.

Magnitude ($70,000), Journalism ($60,000), Ted Noffey ($60,000) and Englishman ($50,000) complete the seven.

These opening prices reflect substantial confidence from the farms standing them. They also put a familiar first-season proposition into a different price range.

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THE ROAD BACK: HOW HORSEMANSHIP HELPED TIM MOBERLY RECLAIM HIS LIFE

by Katie Petrunyak

31 years, 11 months and six days.

Tim Moberly could recite exactly how long he and his wife had been married. And before that, they'd been dating since she was 12 and he was 13. But now, the divorce papers were signed and Moberly was on his way to spend five weeks in the forests of Eastern Kentucky. His drinking had cost him the love of his life.

“The divorce was finalized on July 6 and my first day at Stable Recovery was July 22,” Moberly said. “It didn't help matters that our wedding anniversary was July 18. How about that for a kick in the butt?”

Moberly's stint in the hills of Kentucky proved to be one of the most important chapters in his recovery. At the time, Stable Recovery's initiation process involved spending several weeks at Buckhorn, a remote spot about an hour away from the closest civilization in Hazard, Kentucky.

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IN TDN EUROPE TODAY

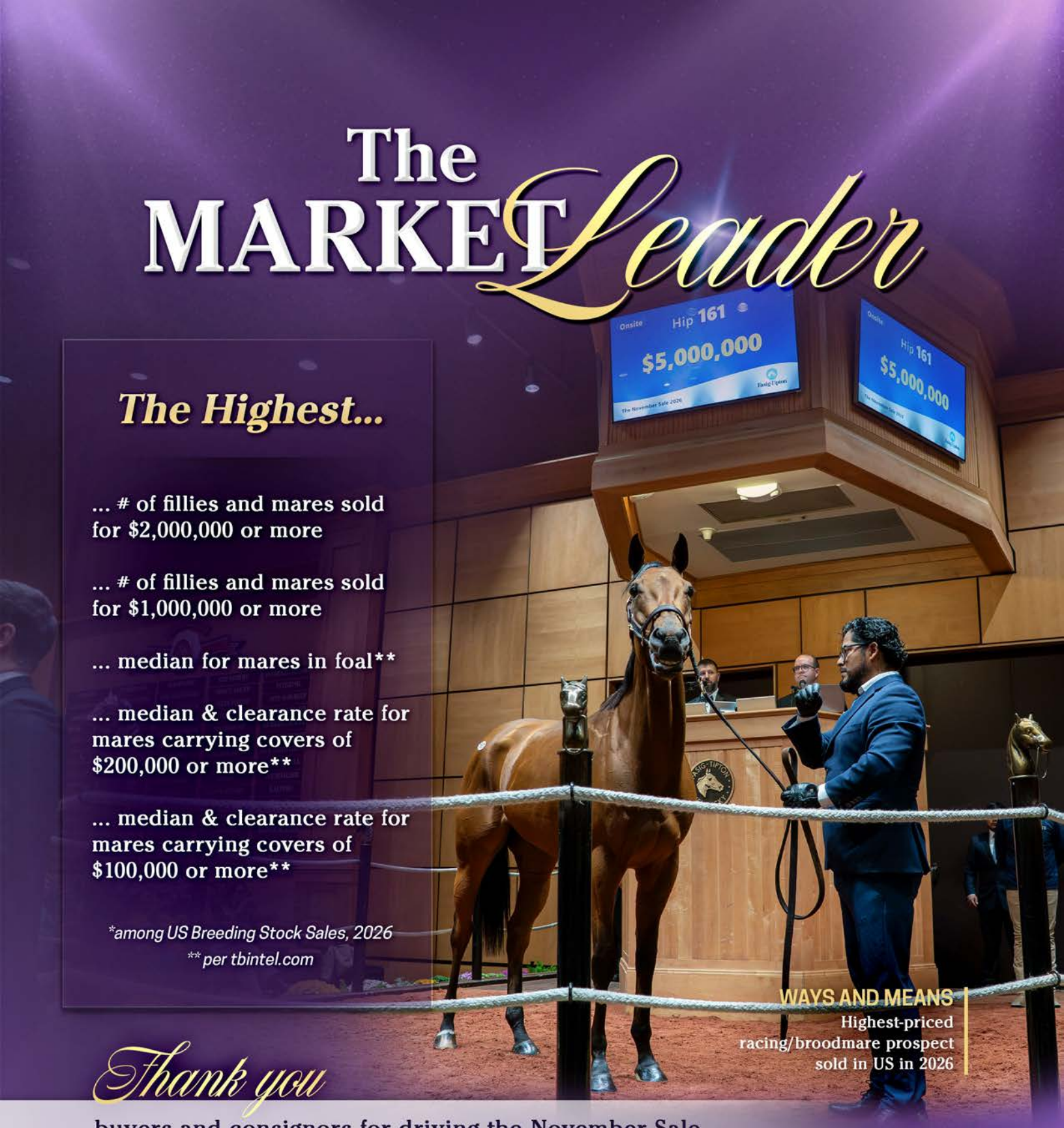
SIOUX NATION COLT STARS ON DAY 1 AT GOFFS

Sioux Nation fever took hold at the Goffs November Foal Sale on Monday when Jimmy Murphy of Redpender Stud paid €130,000 for a colt from Hollyhill Stud. Brian Sheerin has the report.



Gun Runner | *Sarah Andrew*

The MARKET *Leader*



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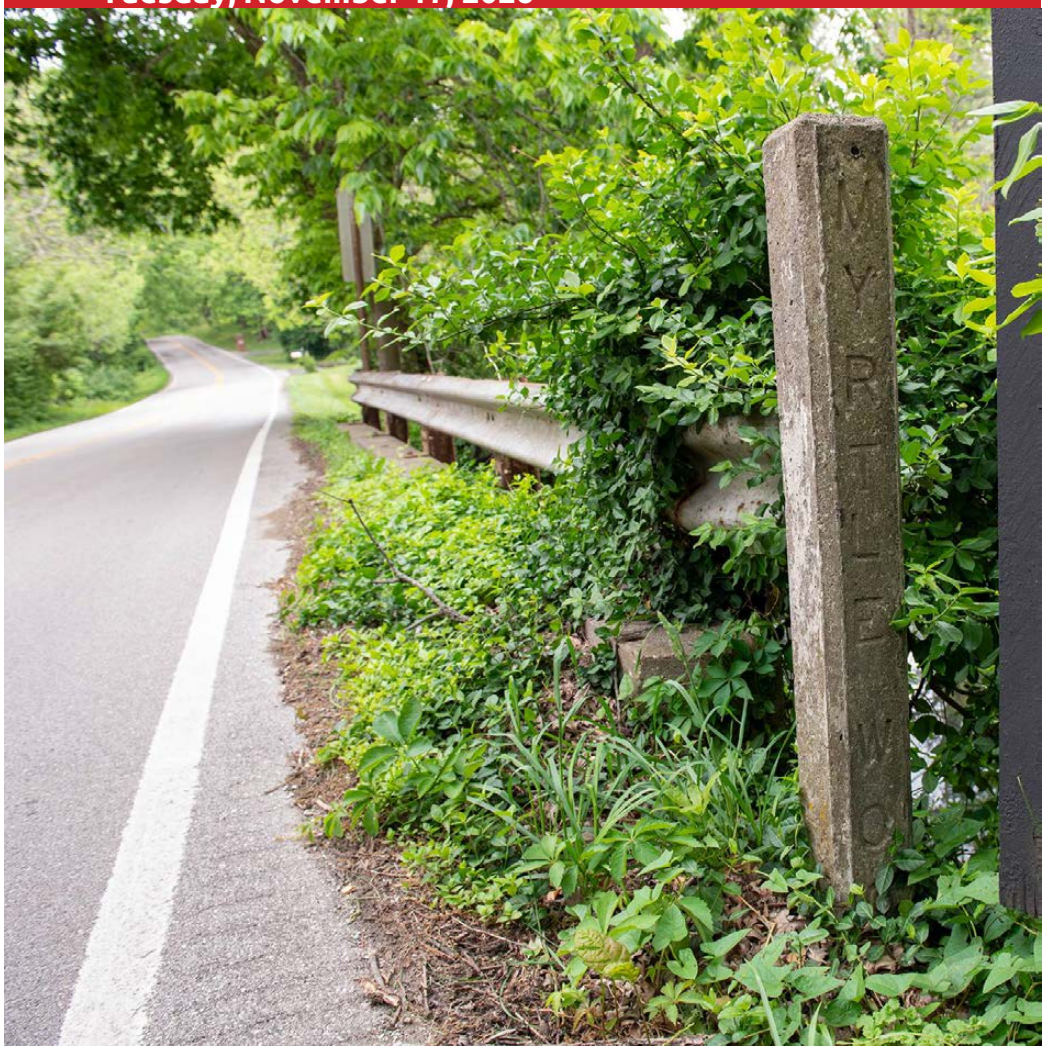

We published a photo of Lady Gorham's concrete roadside marker in the June 23, 2021 edition of the TDN and asked our readers to contact us if they knew of any others in the Lexington, Kentucky area. Years later, eagle-eyed TDN staffer Liz Fronczek spotted Myrtlewood's marker, pictured here in May 2026. According to a 1992 article published in the Louisville Courier-Journal, it's believed that 14 or more markers with the names of Thoroughbreds and Standardbreds were placed alongside small bridges in the 1930s. Myrtlewood joins Lady Gorham and Mata Hari as the three markers known to still be standing today. If you have seen similar markers, please send us an email. | Sarah Andrew



INSIGHTS from THOROUGHBRED INTELLIGENCE

Kentucky Stallion Market, cont. from p1

Breeders have long used promising newcomers to access a fashionable racehorse before his first runners reach the track. At $50,000 to $150,000, that bet consumes considerably more capital before the breeder knows how the first foals will be received.

The supply of mares has changed little. According to The Jockey Club, Kentucky's 299 active stallions covered 17,460 mares in 2010. The preliminary 2026 report shows 189 stallions and 16,696 mares.

Almost the same breeding population is now concentrated among 110 fewer stallions. In 2010, 17 stallions covered at least 150 mares; in 2026, 43 did, accounting for more than half the state's coverings.

The premium end has grown too. Kentucky stallions advertised at $50,000 or more covered 3,580 mares in 2025, up from 2,681 in 2020.

Nine newcomers entering stud between 2021 and 2024 at that price level attracted first books ranging from 152 to 229 mares.



Nysos | *Sarah Andrew*

If the seven premium 2027 newcomers draw similar books, they would need roughly 1,100 to 1,600 mares among them, equivalent to 30% to 45% of all mares bred to Kentucky stallions at $50,000 or more in 2025.

The premium pool can expand, although growth would require additional mares at those prices, including some moving up from lower fee tiers. **Cont.**



A STALLION'S PEDIGREE

First Foals in 2027

$2,300,000
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SIERRA LEONE

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2027 Fee: $65,000



Life Is Good | *Sarah Andrew*

Among returning stallions, the 2027 increases went to horses with runners. Nyquist rises from $175,000 to $225,000, Not This Time from $250,000 to $300,000, Yaupon from $60,000 to $100,000 and Life Is Good from $60,000 to $125,000. Their progeny have given breeders and buyers evidence to act on. Gun Runner moves to a private fee for 2027 after standing for $250,000 the past two years.

With a record 25 seven-figure yearlings sold at auction this year, breeders booking him should expect to pay more than his 2026 price.

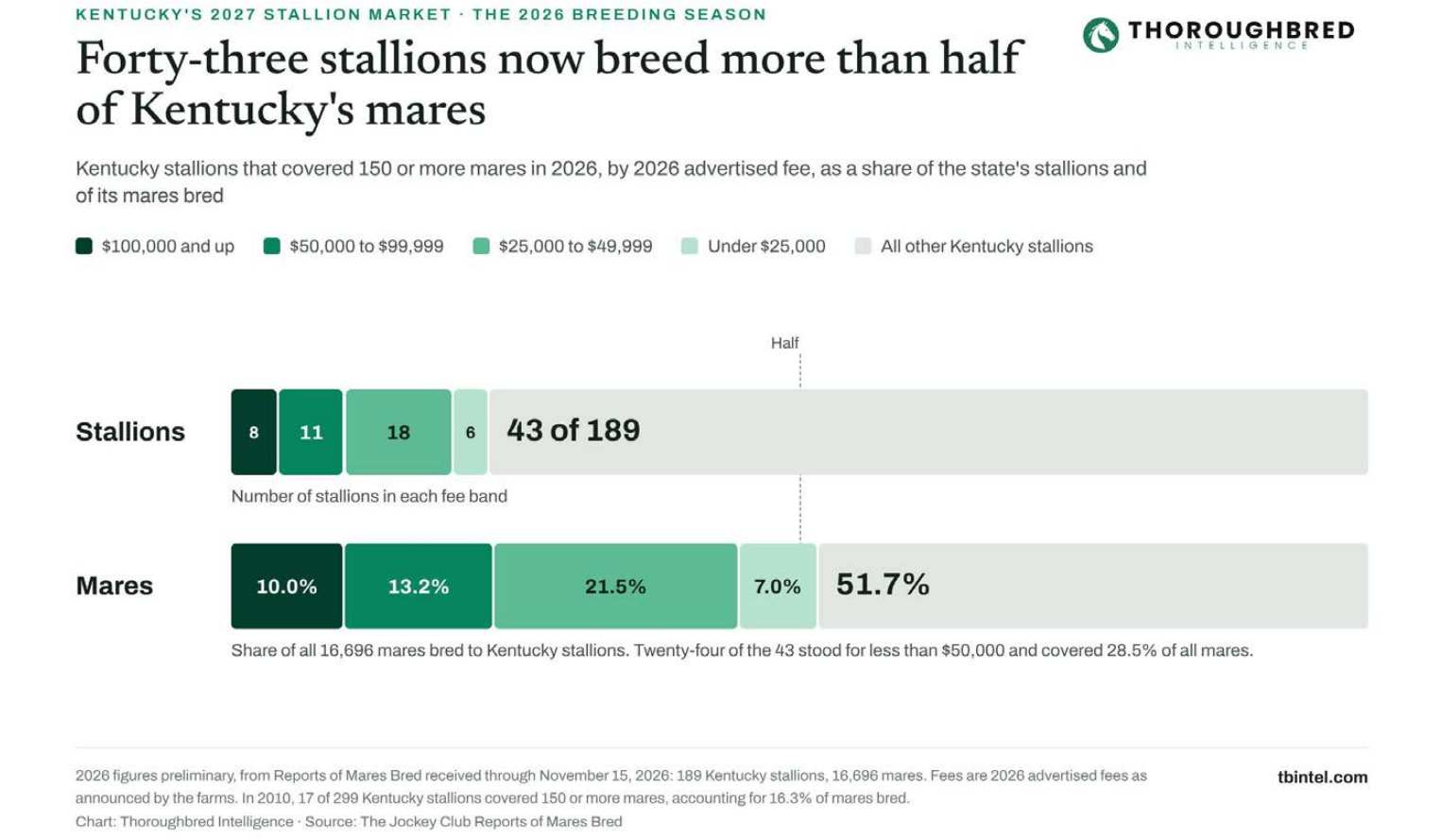
None of the 59 returning stallions without runners received an increase for 2027, and 34 were reduced. Farms are rewarding proof while continuing to adjust the prices of horses whose reputations are still being established.

Buyers make their own adjustments earlier. In Thoroughbred Intelligence's review of 68 young Kentucky sires with enough weanling sales to compare their first two crops, the median stallion's second-crop price index, measured against the prevailing market median, retained just 46% of its first-crop level.

The first crop may sell while anticipation is strongest. Breeders who return in the second or third season face a different market when those foals reach the ring. Even a strong opening book offers little assurance about later prices.

For breeders, that creates choices. The 13 other newcomers enter below $50,000, while some established sires and second- or third-season horses are available at revised fees.

A mare that suits one of the premium newcomers may also be attractive to a farm seeking to maintain the quality of an existing stallion's book. **Cont.**



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Englishman | *Tod Marks*

There is room to discuss the mating, the fee and, where available, a foal-share arrangement with a clear understanding of who carries the risk.

The expensive newcomers have earned their opportunity. The challenge for every farm is to secure enough suitable mares to justify the opening price while keeping its established and developing stallions competitive.

For a breeder with a strong commercial mare, the unusually crowded premium market could make the terms of the mating as important as the headline fee.

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Sources: Thoroughbred Intelligence analysis; The Jockey Club Reports of Mares Bred, 2026 figures preliminary. Stud fees as announced by the farms.

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Stable Recovery graduate Tim Moberly | *Katie Petrunyak*

The Road Back, cont. from p1

Only a few days sober, his brain was still foggy as his body acclimated to a new lifestyle. Aside from the deer, turkey and occasional black bear, he had only fellow recovering addicts for company.

"It was very secluded and that gave me time to start the process of working on myself," Moberly recalled. "I was not a good person. I knew everybody was fed up with me. And to be honest, I was fed up with myself. It had gotten to the point where I knew I had to do something."

Now over two years since that period of introspection, Moberly is continuing on the road to recovery while pursuing a career he always dreamed of but never imagined possible. In his Carhartt and a pair of worn-in sneakers, Moberly looked every bit the lifelong horseman as he reflected on how far he has come.

Born and raised in Lexington, Moberly has loved horses since childhood. His grandfather had a working farm in Danville where mules were used for logging. Moberly looked forward to visiting the animals every weekend.

Years later, Moberly had built a successful career in construction. After finishing a job at equine veterinarian Dr. Gary Priest's farm, he took a chance and asked if there was need for an extra set of hands. After working at Priest's farm, he took a job at Woodford Vet Clinic. He started out managing the grounds and buildings, but before long was also assisting the vet technician. When the technician later changed positions, the role fell to him.

"I loved it," he recalled. "I had no education about it or nothing. It was just what I'd learned since I'd been there."

While Moberly loved working with the horses, watching them suffer took a heavy toll. **Cont.**





Tim Moberly on the job at WinStar Farm | *courtesy Tim Moberly*

"It finally got to me," he explained. "It was the foals that had to be in the ICU for so long, that was hard. Emotionally, it was killing me. I wanted to save them all, but I couldn't."

Moberly returned to construction, but always hoped he would find a way back to the horse business. He never could have imagined the path that would take him there.

Over the years, drinking had become a regular part of daily life. His wife and two kids begged him to get help, but Moberly believed he had it under control.

"Deep down inside, I knew that I had a problem," he admitted. "But pride and ego and all that gets in the way. My drinking got to be my second job. Even though I would tell myself, 'You're not gonna do it. You don't need to do it,' as soon as I'd be off work, I'd do it. Then it became a bigger problem when I started doing it before work in the morning and I was sneaking it into work."

Eventually, both of his children stopped speaking to him. Moberly was no longer able to visit his 2-year-old granddaughter.

"Alcoholism is a disease and it is a very, very debilitating disease," he shared. "It will take everything from you and not think a thing about it. And it happens pretty quick. When I got to the end, it was pretty bad."

One day as Moberly was nursing a drink after work, he started flipping through a magazine and noticed an advertisement for Stable Recovery.

"When I saw it, I was like, 'Yes, I will do that. If I can be around horses, I'll do it,'" he recalled.

When he showed his wife the details, she didn't believe he would ever follow through with it. Not long after, their divorce was put into motion and Moberly committed to Stable Recovery.



After his five weeks at Buckhorn, Moberly moved back to Lexington to attend Stable Recovery's School of Horsemanship. While he already knew many of the skills that were taught in the course from his time at the veterinary clinic, being around the horses and witnessing other people fall in love with the animal proved restorative.

"Horses are truly therapeutic animals," he said. "They've got souls. When you look into those big brown eyes, for me it just melts my heart. Growing up rough and tough, playing football and rugby and working construction for 38 years, there's nothing that touches me more than one of these things."

After graduation, Moberly accepted a job at WinStar Farm, where he will be celebrating two years there next month. With the foreman of the broodmare division currently away, Moberly has stepped into the role temporarily. Come breeding season, he will be busy in the foaling barn.

"I always dreamed of being on a farm like this," he said. "I never in a million years would have thought that I would be taking care of I-don't-know-how-many millions of dollars' worth of horses just in this division. It's a lot of work, but foaling season is pretty special. I like getting up in the morning and coming to work. I've said several times that I can't believe these people pay me to do this." **Cont.**

Moberly currently lives on-site at WinStar through the Legacy program, a partnership between WinStar and Stable Recovery that allows graduates to live and work on the farm for a year, paying monthly rent that is refunded to them when they move out.

Moberly credits Stable Recovery for the role it has played in changing his life. While he has heard stories of how other graduates bounced in and out of different drug and alcohol rehabilitation programs before finding this one, he is grateful that Stable Recovery was the first one he ever tried.

"It saved my life and I've seen it save a whole lot of people's lives," he said. "This was the first time I ever tried getting any kind of help. I will be forever grateful and my family is too."

Moberly is back in contact with his ex-wife and hopeful that one day soon, they might be able to reunite. He has also reconnected with his daughter and gets to see his 4-year-old granddaughter regularly.

He still has limited contact with his son, who got married this summer. Moberly was not in attendance.

"I wasn't invited," he said, pausing for a second before shrugging. "It's only my fault. I did a lot of damage, but I'm able to admit it now. I'm able to see where I was at fault and truly know it. It wasn't anybody else. I was the problem and alcohol caused me to be a problem."



WinStar Farm

Horsemanship requires a quiet kind of resilience. You show up every morning and put in the work even when the outcome is uncertain. Having owned his past, Moberly is taking the same approach to his own life--staying committed to improving himself, one day at a time.

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ORTIZ PENALIZED FOR THIRD WHIP VIOLATION IN FIRST MONTH OF RIDING



Yomar Ortiz Jr. | *Coady Media*

by T.D. Thornton

Yomar Ortiz Jr., the 17-year-old apprentice jockey who is currently tied for second in victories at the Churchill Downs meet, has been penalized for his third whip overuse infraction in just his first month of riding.

Because HISA rules call for escalating penalties when a jockey commits multiple infractions, this latest violation carries a $1,500 fine and a three-day suspension.

Ortiz, who is off to a 13-for-79 start while generating significant national attention for his success on the difficult Kentucky circuit, is currently riding after being granted a stay while he appeals the two previous rulings signed by the Churchill stewards and posted to the Horseracing Integrity and Safety Authority (HISA) infraction portal.

This latest violation occurred in the eighth race Nov. 8 at Churchill, when Ortiz rode Copp (Blame) to a half-length victory in a one-mile $50,000 NW2L claimer.

Chief state steward Barbara Borden, state steward Brooks "Butch" Becraft and Churchill steward Tyler Picklesimer wrote in that ruling that Ortiz exceeded the six-strike whip limit by one strike.

Ortiz's two previous violations both occurred Nov. 1 at Churchill. One was for being two strikes over in a seventh-place ride ($250 fine and a one-day suspension); the other for being one strike over when finishing fourth ($500 fine and a two-day suspension).

The rulings noted that Ortiz waived his right to a hearing for all three violations. At deadline for this story, it was not known if Ortiz plans to appeal the third violation, which lists suspension dates of Nov. 27-29.

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INDUSTRY ORGANIZATIONS LAUNCH COMPREHENSIVE AFTERCARE SURVEY



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The North American Thoroughbred Aftercare Stakeholder Survey, a comprehensive industry survey focused on the aftercare of Thoroughbreds once their racing or breeding careers conclude, has been launched by Thoroughbred Aftercare Alliance (TAA), Retired Racehorse Project, Thoroughbred Charities of America and National Thoroughbred Alliance, with support from The Jockey Club, Keeneland, Fasig-Tipton, Ocala Breeders' Sales Company, and the industry's leading stallion farms.

The survey, which can be accessed here, will seek to capture perceptions, practices, biases, challenges and needs surrounding aftercare, categorized by the respondent's professional role and geographic location. The partner organizations and others will use the results to shape the future of Thoroughbred aftercare.

"Thoroughbred aftercare is at an inflection point," Keeneland President and CEO Shannon Arvin said. "Over the past year, the industry's major organizations have announced new commitments in funding, infrastructure and strategy. What the industry lacks is a systematic, current picture of how the people responsible for the horses perceive and practice aftercare. That includes breeders, owners, trainers, consignors, agents, veterinarians, track and farm employees, aftercare organization staff, equestrians and others. This survey is designed to provide that picture."

OBS President Tom Ventura said, "The long-term success of Thoroughbred aftercare depends on our industry's willingness to work together and understand where the greatest needs exist. This survey will provide valuable insight to help guide our collective efforts, and OBS is proud to support an initiative that will create more opportunities for Thoroughbreds beyond the racetrack." **Cont.**



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Earlier this year, Keeneland Association, Fasig-Tipton Inc. and Ocala Breeders' Sales Company, along with several leading stallion farms, jointly announced a significant funding increase for the TAA as that organization implemented its strategic plan and expanded its services.

TAA Board Chair Walt Robertson said, "As we began working through our strategic plan, it became clear that this is about more than expanding the TAA's scope and mission. It is about working collaboratively with our partners in aftercare to find ways we can support one another and better serve our horses. Racing and breeding communities, aftercare infrastructure, equestrian markets and funding access vary considerably across regions. This survey will help us identify and prioritize the education, services and funding that will be most effective."

The TAA has since formed subcommittees to expand its services around four strategic pillars: Second Career Development, Equine Welfare, Customer Service and Education, and Racetrack Alliance and Placement.

The working group managing the process are: Pat Cummings, Executive Director, National Thoroughbred Alliance; Kirsten Green, Executive Director, Retired Racehorse Project; Erin Halliwell, Executive Director, Thoroughbred Charities of America; Katie LaMonica, Director of Marketing and Charities, Godolphin; Jen Roytz, Aftercare Liaison, Keeneland; Kristin Werner, Vice President of Thoroughbred Strategy and Industry Initiatives, The Jockey Club.

"Our industry has made meaningful progress in strengthening its commitment to Thoroughbred aftercare, but continued progress requires collaboration and a clear understanding of where we can do better," said Boyd Browning, President of Fasig-Tipton. "This survey is an important step toward identifying opportunities and ensuring our collective efforts make a meaningful difference for Thoroughbreds."

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

PROVE THE BREED

Classic Decisions

All racing countries have 3-year-old races meant to "prove the breed". These are the target races for both colts and fillies at specific Classic distances. In England, the Classic races are on turf at distances of about 1 mile, then 1 1/2 mile and then one at about 1 3/4 mile that has fallen from favor.

In North America, our first Classic race is the Kentucky Derby at 1 1/4 mile, then the Preakness at 1 3/16 mile, and the Belmont at 1 1/2 mile. Like in England, our longest Classic is at a distance that has fallen out of favor. The Classic distance on the dirt for breeders' decisions is 1 1/4 miles.

Recently Churchill Downs and NYRA announced a series of 3-year-old races to follow the Kentucky Derby. They excluded Pimlico's Preakness Stakes. In a bit of race-riding that might impress the Ortiz brothers, Pimlico announced they will move the Preakness from two weeks after the Derby, to three weeks and a day. Their move has the approval of NBC. This puts NYRA in a difficult position as the Belmont would then be only two weeks after the Preakness. And, the Belmont's 1 1/2 mile distance is out of favor.

Next month, TOBA's American Graded Stakes Committee will meet. I urge them to get involved of this decision, make their thoughts known to the race track owners, and formalize the Classic races in America to give breeders and owners targets to *prove the breed*.

Formalize the Filly Classics

The day before the Kentucky Derby, Preakness and Belmont, each track presents a top race for 3-year-old fillies.

For more than forty years, I wrote advertisements for breeders, mainly stallion farms. I wrote many ads for international Classic-winning and Classic-placed Fillies. But the only way a filly can win a Classic in America is to win one of the Triple Crown races. That's not right. It has not been fair to breeders and owners. A Grade I is not the same as a Classic.

The American Graded Stakes Committee can remedy this injustice by now formally naming the three races: The Kentucky Oaks (GI), The Black Eyed Susan Stakes (GI) and The Acorn Stakes (GI) as new Classic races. Each track will then have two Classic races on the weekends to promote.

If you ask the American public the *objective* of Thoroughbred racing (and I have), they are lost for an answer. They might say to make a bet, or decide who has the best horse.

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Coady

But for breeders/owners around the world, the objective of racing isn't individual success, it is collectively to run the Classics to *prove the breed*. Yes, that's what drives the people committed to Thoroughbreds, generation after generation.

That's why the focus on the 3-year-old races is the right strategy to achieve the objective of *proving the breed*. And now is the right time.

I applaud focusing the public on the 3yo crop. It's a great plan to headline the weekend race cards much of the year. It kicks off in January with regional prep races across America leading up to the target Kentucky Derby and then the other two Classics. Then perhaps a hundred more 3yo's who were not ready for the Derby and the other Classics, will be introduced and bring new interest to these later races all the way to the Breeders Cup.

When the trainer of Kentucky Derby winner Big Brown told NBC he was giving the horse steroids, the idea of saying the objective of our sport was to *prove the breed*, went out the window and it stayed there all these years until federal legislation started to provide a credible opportunity for a better image of the sport.

The public, particularly the next generation, can relate to an objective of *proving the breed* as a valid reason for racing Thoroughbreds. They understand and embrace breeding decisions in animals. Proving the breed through a series of races for 3-year-olds is a message that will stick and endure.

A third element of focus can be *proving the breed* for grass racing, with key 3-year-old races from 1 mile to the international target of 1 1/2 miles. These races can involve more states, at tracks like Del Mar, Santa Anita, Fair Grounds, Oaklawn, Gulfstream, Kentucky Downs and Keeneland.

A generational opportunity for Thoroughbred racing in America is at hand.



None of us know the next chapter for Thoroughbred racing, but if the American Graded Stakes Committee will step up at this critical time, engage with the tracks to formalize Classic races and distances to *prove the breed* for both colts and fillies, they will help pen its future.

--Fred A. Pope

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SIRES WITH NEW SWs/GSWs

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Lady of City wins the Juvenile Fillies Sprint Stakes at Gulfstream | *Ryan Martin photo*

SIRE (SIRE'S SIRE)	#SWs	#GSWs
Bond Street (Ire) (Galileo {Ire})	1	---
(Bond Market--Lake Ontario S.)		
City of Light (Quality Road)	23	7
(Lady of City--Juvenile Fillies Sprint S.)		
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Frac Daddy (Scat Daddy)	8	1
(Daddy's Secret--Ashbridges Bay S.)		
Maximus Mischief (Into Mischief)	17	4
(La Pasionaria--Clasico Dia del Veterano S.-L)		
Olympiad (Speightstown)	2	---
(Real Gone--Juvenile Sprint S.)		
Omaha Beach (War Front)	32	9
(Kivo--Bob Hope S.-L)		
Prayer for Relief (Jump Start)	2	---
(Prayer for Music--Miss Indiana S.)		
Sleepy Eyes Todd (Paddy O'Prado)	1	---
(Merrylegs--Indiana Futurity)		
War Front (Danzig)	123	75
(War Strategy--bet365 Kennedy Road S.-GII)		

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2	Gramp's Legacy	Funtastic	Tyler Sliney	O'Dwyer	Rosado	118
3	Fuzzbuster	Tiz the Law	BBN Racing, LLC	Oliver	Saez	118
4	Corona de Oro	Bolt d'Oro	On Our Own Stable, LLC, Commonwealth Stable U Racing Stables, LLC, Saints or Sinners Titletown Racing Stables, Jim Nichols, Edwin S. Barker Rivers Thoroughbreds, John Haines, and Dallas Stewart	Stewart	Hernandez, Jr.	118
5	Winter Holiday	Frosted	Godolphin, LLC	Harty	Rodriguez	118
6	Beautiful War	War of Will	Aaron & Victoria Haberman, Steel City Stable & Jeff Siskin	Fawkes	Torres	118
7	Royal Causeway	Not This Time	Gervais Racing LLC	Stewart	Torres	118
8	Remember Mamba	Kitten's Joy	C R K Stable LLC	DeVaux	Ortiz	123
9	No Joke Joe	Practical Joke	James M. Miller	Sharp	Ortiz, Jr.	118

Breeders: 1-Dejulio, Stillman & Barker, 2-Tyler J. Sliney, 3-Cobra B'stock/Lynch Bages LTD, 4-Willow Oaks Stable, LLC, 5-Godolphin, 6-Brookstone Farm & Brad and Misty Grady, 7-Swifty Farms, Inc., 8-Burning Daylight Farms, Inc. & NovemberHill, Inc., 9-Jim & Debbie Miller

Saturday, 11/21, Belmont #9, post time: 3:43 p.m. EST

PEBBLES S.-GIII, $200,000, 3yo, f, 1mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Ground Support	Army Mule	NBS Stable	Danner	Beschizza	124
2	Victory Hall	Independence Hall	Twin Sports Racing, Cypresshead Racing, LLC and Let's Go Racing	Morley	Zayas	122
3	Hark Theangelssing	Mendelssohn	Estate of R. Larry Johnson	Trombetta	Villalobos	122
4	That's How We Love	Justify	Lindy Farms	Antonacci	Gutierrez	120
5	Candy Rockette	Constitution	Frank Fletcher Racing Operations, Inc.	Russell	Carmouche	120
6	Counterintuitive	Not This Time	Klaravich Stables, Inc.	Brown	Prat	120
7	Three Sixty	Twirling Candy	Woodford Racing, LLC and Team D	Dutrow	Castellano	120
8	New Rose	Nyquist	Copper Thoroughbreds, Rosen, Fred, Merriebelle Stable and Dervenis, Steve	Antonucci	Davis	120
9	Miss Twitter	Not This Time	Dubb, Michael, W H Lawrence, The Elkstone Group LLC and Rucker, William J.	Brown	Franco	120
10	Getting Serious	Hard Spun	Stuart S. Janney III	McGaughey III	Marin	120

Breeders: 1-Champion Equine, LLC, 2-Stonegate Stables LLC & EverythingsCricket Racing, 3-R. Larry Johnson, 4-Jean E White & Justify Syndicate, 5-WinStar Farm, LLC & Larry B. Taylor, 6-Dr. John R. Cummins, 7-Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC, 8-Merriebelle Stable, LLC, 9-Springhouse Farm, 10-Stuart S. Janney, III LLC

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Saturday, 11/21, Del Mar #8, post time: 7:00 p.m. EST

NATIVE DIVER S.-GIII, $100,000, 3yo/up, 1 1/8m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Pony Express	Gun Runner	By Talla Racing LLC Three Chimneys Farm and West Point Thoroughbreds	Sadler	Ayuso	121
2	Midway Lane	Quality Road	Hronis Racing LLC	Sadler	Hernandez	121
3	Mr. A. P.	American Pharoah	Wilson, Holly and Wilson, David	Cerin	Jaramillo	120
4	Zihnal	Quality Road	Augustin Stables	Thomas	Kimura	122
5	Bullard	Gun Runner	By Talla Racing LLC, St. Elias Stables LLC, Three Chimneys Farm and West Point Thoroughbreds	McCarthy	Rosario	121
6	Lyell's Song	Cairo Prince	El Sueno Stables LLC	Glatt	Lezcano	121
7	British Isles	Justify	Slam Dunk Racing, D A. Baltas, and C McClanahan	Baltas	Van Dyke	125
8	Vodka Vodka	Stay Thirsty	Baker Stables, LLC, McLean Racing Stables, W Gorman, Ordonez, Aggie, Parsons, Anthony, Parsons, Rachel and Williams, Delbert G	Ordonez	Desormeaux	123

Breeders: 1-Three Chimneys Farm, LLC, 2-Blue Heaven Farm, 3-Pollock Farms, 4-George Strawbridge Jr., 5-Three Chimneys Farm, LLC, 6-Runnymede Farm LLC & CWCInvestment 2, LLC, 7-Orpendale/Chelston/Wynatt, 8-Jerry Baker & Connie Baker

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N. AMERICAN RACING

MAIDEN WINNERS



IN ORDER OF PURSE:

5th-Finger Lakes, $32,000, Msw, 11-16, 2yo, f, 5 1/2f, 1:06.64, gd, 3 1/2 lengths.

TORNADO CONTROL (f, 2, Mind Control--Tornado Crossing, by Cross Traffic) was favored in her career debut over this track and trip Oct. 28, but stumbled and lost her rider. Sent off the 5-2 third choice to get back on track this time, she stalked favorite Call Me (Uncle Mo) through opening fractions of :22.28 and :46.65. Taking over in the stretch, the New York bred drew clear to score by 3 1/2 lengths over Sunshine Lucile (Mind Control). Call Me was third.

This is the 14th winner for her Freshman sire (by Stay Thirsty). Tornado Crossing produced consecutive Honest Mischief foals over the past two seasons--a filly in 2025 and a colt this term. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, $20,049. **Click for the Equibase.com chart**.

O-Louth Racing; B-Louth Racing (NY); T-M. Anthony Ferraro.

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2026 Stud Fees Listed

Lookin for Trouble (Into Mischief)

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

7-Zia, 4:47 p.m. EDT, Msw 5f, Mesa Man, 10-1

7-Zia, 4:47 p.m. EDT, Msw 5f, Trouble N Danger, 8-1

Olympiad (Speightstown), Gainesway Farm, $20,000

149 foals of racing age/20 winners/3 black-type winners

4-Mountaineer Casino & Resort, 8:15 p.m. EDT, Msw 5f, Milas Temper, 20-1

$9,000 KEE SEP yrl





Mind Control | *Sarah Andrew*



Olympiad | *Reinagel | Gainesway photo*

AMERICAN-BRED WINNERS ABROAD

IN JAPAN:

Strike Arrow, c, 2, **Into Mischief**--Scarlet Color (Jpn) (GSW-Jpn), by Victoire Pisa (Jpn). Fukushima, 11-15, Maiden Race, 8.5f. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, $48,750. O/B-North Hills Co. Limited; T-Ryo Takahashi. *1/2 to Large Gallery (American Pharoah), SP-Jpn.

Jasper Trueno, c, 2, **Mitole**--Yako, by Mineshaft, Fukushima, 11-15, Fukushima Nisai Stakes, 6fT. Lifetime Record: 4-2-0-0, $204,688. O-Kazuo Kato; B-Brandywine Farm (Jim & Pam Robinson); T-Hideyuki Mori. *$90,000 2yo '26 OBSMAR; $23,000 yrl '25 KEESEP.

BRANDYWINE FARM (Jim & Pam Robinson)

Welcome Song, c, 3, **Charlatan**--Streetwithnoname (SW), by Street Sense. Hanshin, 11-14, Plate Race, 6fT, Lifetime Record: 9-2-2-0, $126,875. O-North Hills ; B-Southern Comfort Farm LLC; T-Hiroki Kawashima. *$180,000 '25 OBSJUN; $70,000 RNA yrl '24 FTKOCT.

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Arcadia Cafe, c, 3, **Into Mischief**--Mary's Follies (MGSW), by More Than Ready. Tokyo, 11-14, Plate Race, 7f, Lifetime Record: 5-2-1-1, $130,188 O-Koichi Nishikawa; B-Orpendale/Chelston/Wynatt & Westerberg Ireland ULC; T-Noriyuki Hori. *1/2 to Night Prowler (Giant's Causeway), MGSW, $475,682; Regal Glory (Animal Kingdom), MGISW, $2,619,134; Cafe American (American Pharoah), Ch. Dirt Horse-Jpn, G1SW-Jpn & G1SP-KSA; Luxor Cafe (American Pharoah), MGSW-Jpn. **$550,000 yrl '24 KEESEP.

Blue McKinzie, c, 3, **McKinzie**--Blueeyesintherein (GSW), by Magna Graduate. Kyoto, 11-15, Plate Race, 6f. Lifetime Record: 7-3-1-2, $221,563. O-Ryo Kotoura; B-Kim Valerio & John Green; T-Yoshiaki Sugiyama. *$40,000 wnlg '23 KEENOV.

Keen Sense, c, 3, **Munnings**--Canny (SP), by Big Brown. Kyoto, 11-14, Plate Race, 7f. Lifetime Record: 13-2-0-0, $133,438. O-Silk Racing; B-Stonehaven Steadings; T-Mikio Matsunaga. *$200,000 yrl '24 KEESEP.

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Love in Action, f, 3, **Nyquist**--My Sweet Girl (SW), by Bernardini. Fukushima, 11-15, Plate Race, 8.5f. Lifetime Record: 9-2-2-1, $154,625. O-Koki Maeda; B-Hinkle Farms; T-Shinsuke Hashiguchi. *$610,000 yrl '24 KEESEP.

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Dobbiaco, g, 5, **Street Boss**--Rubindy, by Bernardini. Fukushima, 11-15, Sanriku Tokubetsu, 13fT. Lifetime Record: 21-3-1-2, $243,438. O-Kazumi Yoshida; B-Bonne Chance Farm LLC; T-Yutaka Okumura. *$450,000 2yo '23 OBSMAR; $25,000 yrl '22 KEESEP.

AMERICAN-SIRED WINNERS

IN JAPAN:

Taisei Dorado (Jpn), c, 4, **American Pharoah**--Miss Besilu (MGISP), by Medaglia d'Oro. Kyoto, 11-15, Hanase Tokubetsu, 9f. Lifetime Record: 5-3-0-0, $196,500. O-Seiho Tanaka; B-Northern Farm; T-Haruki Sugiyama. *1/2 to Gun It (Tapit), MGSP, $879,834.

ADDITIONAL RACING

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

8th-Parx Racing, $63,050, (S), 11-16, (NW1BX), 3yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2f, 1:19.47, ft, 1 length.

SHOW EM UP (f, 3, Eastwood--Start the Show, by Oxbow) Lifetime Record: 6-3-0-0, $79,440. O-Uptowncharlybrown Stud LLC and Wermuth, Charles; B-Uptowncharlybrown Stud LLC (PA); T-Alfredo Velazquez.



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7th-Finger Lakes, $26,655, 11-16, (NW3L), 3yo/up, 1m 70y, 1:44.14, gd, 1 3/4 lengths.
HEY PAL (g, 3, Bustin Stones--Aspree {SP}, by Freud) Lifetime Record: 14-3-4-2, $97,567. O-M. Anthony Ferraro; B-M. Anthony Ferraro (NY); T-M. Anthony Ferraro. *1/2 to Eros's Girl (Boys At Tosconova), SP, $216,973.

1st-Finger Lakes, $26,500, 11-16, (NW2L), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:12.19, my, 1 length.
TONY HOOKS (g, 3, Joevia--Cassidy's Reward, by Warrior's Reward) Lifetime Record: 9-2-2-2, $56,158. O-Michael Fazio; B-Fazio Stables, LLC (NY); T-James S. Acquilano.

3rd-Finger Lakes, $26,375, 11-16, (NW3L), 3yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:42.53, my, 2 lengths.
RUBIES FOR OLIVIA (f, 3, Bustin Stones--Dancing Slippers, by Catienus) Lifetime Record: 9-3-1-2, $67,106. O-Glas-Tipp Stable; B-Glas-Tipp Stable LLC (NY); T-Jonathan B. Buckley.

8th-Mahoning Valley, $25,900, 11-16, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 1m, 1:40.86, my, 6 1/4 lengths.
COOL COUPLE (g, 4, Uptowncharlybrown--Sterling Madame {SW, $169,838}, by Unbridled Energy) Lifetime Record: 26-6-6-3, $102,499. O-Calderon Racing Stable; B-Maria Haire (PA); T-Ivan Calderon. *$5,500 RNA Wlg '22 FTIDEC; $21,000 Ylg '23 EASOCT.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:
Remarkable Me, f, 2, **Marking**--Plenty of Joy, by Diabolical. Zia, 11-16, (S), 5f, 1:00.26. Lifetime Record: 5-1-1-0, $46,750. B-S & G Racing, LLC (NM). *$10,000 Ylg '25 FTDOCT.
Liberty's Advance, f, 3, **Constitution**--Verdant Pastures (SW, $238,536), by Colonel John. Finger Lakes, 11-16, 5 1/2f, 1:06.72. Lifetime Record: SP, 10-2-1-3, $150,066. B-Francis Paolangeli (NY).

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Bustin Stones, Hey Pal, g, 3, o/o Aspree, by Freud. ALW, 11-16, Finger Lakes
Bustin Stones, Rubies for Olivia, f, 3, o/o Dancing Slippers, by Catienus. ALW, 11-16, Finger Lakes
Constitution, Liberty's Advance, f, 3, o/o Verdant Pastures, by Colonel John. MSW, 11-16, Finger Lakes
Eastwood, Show Em Up, f, 3, o/o Start the Show, by Oxbow. ALW, 11-16, Parx Racing
Joevia, Tony Hooks, g, 3, o/o Cassidy's Reward, by Warrior's Reward. ALW, 11-16, Finger Lakes
Marking, Remarkable Me, f, 2, o/o Plenty of Joy, by Diabolical. MSW, 11-16, Zia
Mind Control, Tornado Control, f, 2, o/o Tornado Crossing, by Cross Traffic. MSW, 11-16, Finger Lakes
Uptowncharlybrown, Cool Couple, g, 4, o/o Sterling Madame, by Unbridled Energy. ALW, 11-16, Mahoning Valley

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SIOUX NATION COLT TOPS ENCOURAGING OPENER TO GOFFS NOVEMBER SALE

By Brian Sheerin

GOFFS, KILDARE--Sioux Nation fever continued at Goffs on Monday when renowned Irish pinhooker Jimmy Murphy of Redpender Stud paid €130,000 for a colt foal from Hollyhill Stud by the Coolmore stallion who is riding the crest of a wave.

The headline act during this opening session of the Goffs November Sale, arguably one of the most important fixtures in Irish breeders' diaries each year, was one of three six-figure foals sold on a remarkably encouraging day of trade.

Turnover climbed by two per cent to €4,589,250, while the average was up by one per cent to €24,028. The median fell by five per cent to €19,000, but the clearance rate was a rock-solid 81 per cent as 191 of the 236 foals offered were sold. **Cont. p3**

AGA KHAN STUDS TO THE FORE DURING ARQANA AUTUMN CURTAIN-RAISER

The Aga Khan Studs draft was responsible for the two top lots during Monday's opening session of the Arqana Autumn Sale, with foreign shores now awaiting both **Darzakir** (Zelzal) (lot 151) and **Azimpour** (Dubawi) (lot 199) after the Listed-winning duo sold for an aggregate sum of €820,000.

Darzakir, who registered his third career success for Mikel Delzangles when winning last month's Grand Prix du Nord at Chantilly, was the most expensive of the pair at €500,000.

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KENTUCKY'S 2027 STALLION MARKET

Henry Nothhaft Jr. analyses the Kentucky stallion scene, with seven new sires opening at $50,000 or more in 2027.



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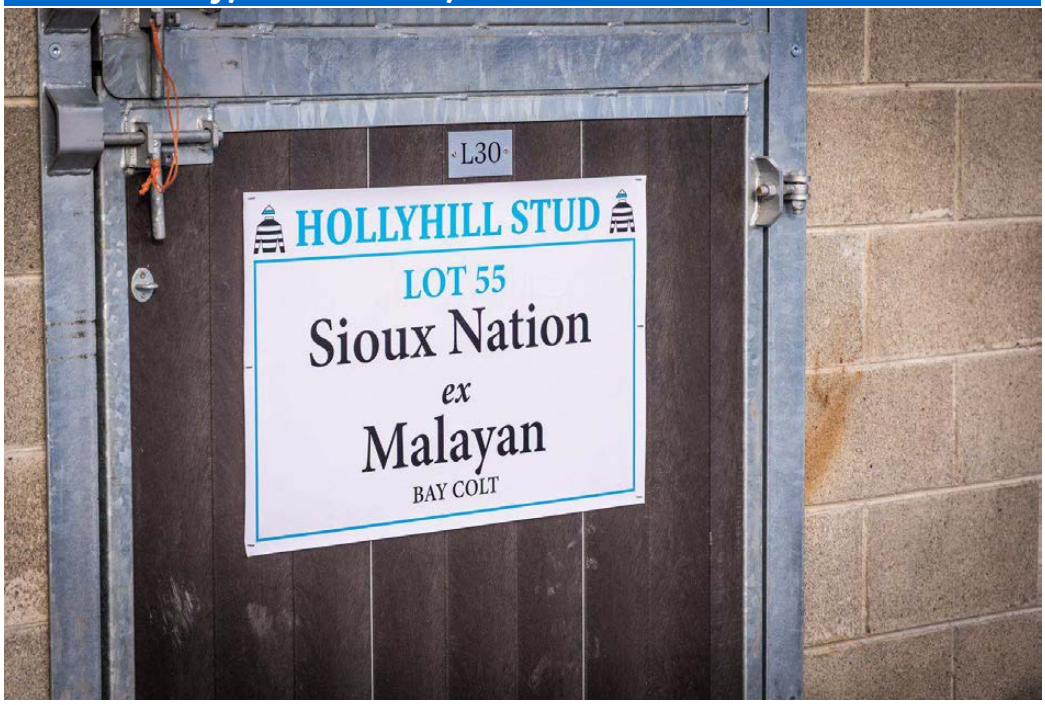

Hollyhill Stud was responsible for the top lot during Monday's opening session of the Goffs November Foal Sale, with Redpender Stud striking for the Sioux Nation colt at €130,000. The action continues at 10am on Tuesday. | *Goffs*

9 | NEWSELLS PARK ANNOUNCES 2027 FEES
Newsells Park Stud has announced its stud fees for 2027, with Nathaniel leading the four-strong stallion roster at an unchanged £17,500.

10 | JOCKEYS' AGENT SHIPPY ELLIS DIES AT 79
Newmarket's longest-standing jockeys' agent Dave 'Shippy' Ellis died on Sunday after a short illness.

13 | 'IT IS MORE THAN DEVASTATING'
The three Melbourne Cup trophies won by Makybe Diva between 2003 and 2005 were stolen from Flemington Racecourse on Monday.



The Sioux Nation colt who led the way at Goffs on Monday | *Goffs*

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Monday's top lot will be reoffered by Murphy, who said, "A nice horse--I hope he stays nice! He's from good breeders and he's out of a young mare, with a good two-year-old under the second dam. We're happy to get him, although he made more than I thought. Let's hope we get it back."

Off the back of another outstanding year on the racetrack, which was headed by Aidan O'Brien's four-time Group/Grade 1 winner Sun Goddess, Sioux Nation's fee doubled for 2027 to €75,000.

Murphy added, "The sire needs no introduction. He's had a wonderful year. We've had loads of them. We've used him every year, although it's going to be a bit trickier now with the price!"

King Of Steel Colt Crowns Memorable Day For Doran Family

Amo Racing went to €105,000 to secure a colt by their own King Of Steel from Padhraic Doran's Knocktartan House Stud on a day when the young stallion made a big impression on the market with six foals selling for an average of €40,334.

The King Of Steel colt hailed from the classy Sir Percy mare Coquet and rewarded Doran's foresight in supporting the British Champion Stakes winner in his debut season at Tally-Ho Stud.

Doran explained, "The mare was top-class--she ran very well in an Oaks. She was also a good two-year-old and it's a good deep pedigree. King Of Steel was always going to suit her physically."

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1	**BAYSIDE BOY**	**54**	**22**	**32**	**6**	**3**	**6**	**€1,455,390**
2	Persian Force	62	26	37	10	2	3	€946,718
3	Minzaal	75	25	37	4	3	4	€855,503
4	Blackbeard	61	25	32	3	1	2	€665,818
5	Naval Crown	38	12	13	3	1	3	€422,514
6	Sealiway	37	13	19	0	0	0	€398,279
7	State Of Rest	30	7	8	1	0	0	€388,794
8	Thunder Moon	22	8	13	4	1	5	€307,470

Source: stallionguide.com (15/11/26)



ARAPAHO GOLD △

ex Call Of The Jungle (Bungle Inthejungle)

OR 110

Won Gimcrack Stakes **Gr.2**, York
Won Rose Bowl Stakes **L**, Newbury
3rd Mill Reef Stakes **Gr.2**, Newbury
Won 6f Novice, Thirsk ***by 3¾ lengths***
Won 5f Maiden, Thirsk ***on debut by 2½ lengths***
Bred by Newlands House Stud



◁ BELISA BAY

ex Belisa De Vega (Fascinating Rock)

STAKES WINNER

Won Criterium du Bequet **L**
3rd Prix Eclipse **Gr.3**, Chantilly
Bred by Eileen Farrelly

▽ TREAN

ex Wondrous Words (Lope De Vega)

OR 105

Won Goffs Million, Curragh
2nd Killavullan Stakes **Gr.3**, Leopardstown
3rd Acomb Stakes **Gr.3**, York
4th National Stakes **Gr.1**, Curragh
Bred by Ballylinch Stud

SALE SHARK ▷

ex Bayja (Giant's Causeway)

STAKES WINNER

Won Roses Stakes **L**, York
Won 5f Maiden, Hamilton
on debut by 2¾ lengths
Bred by Ballylinch Stud





◁ BAYSIDE VIEW

ex Enlace (Shamardal)

BLACKTYPE FILLY

Won £40,000 7f Maiden, Newbury ***by 5 lengths***
2nd Star Stakes **L**, Sandown
Bred by Rathbran House & Rosetown Bloodstock



The Doran family enjoyed a day to remember | *Goffs*

Goffs report cont.

He continued, "With Kia Joorabchian showing so much interest in him when he first went to stud, I was hoping that, if I had a good one by the stallion, he might buy it--and he did. A big thanks to Amo Racing for their support. We took a punt and it paid off. I think the general consensus is that the foals by King Of Steel are quite nice."

Confirming that the colt had been bought on behalf of Amo Racing, Roger O'Callaghan added, "Very pleased to get him--he is for Kia [Joorabchian]. He is going to support the horse, and this is a very nice horse. I like what I see of the horse's first crop. Kia supports those who support him. It is great for the Dorans--they are very good people and breeders."

The sale of the King Of Steel colt put the icing and cherry on top of the day for the Doran family, who enjoyed a special result when Padhraic and Adelaide's children Max (14), Scott (12), Hugo (10) and Faye (8) enjoyed a memorable success with a Good Guess colt selling to Littleton Stud for €52,000. The kids had purchased the dam, Rogue Dream (Dark Angel), who hails from the family of Lochsong, for just €7,500 here in 2024.

Doran's son Scott explained, "We came to Goffs two years ago and we really wanted a Dark Angel mare, so we looked through the catalogue and picked her out. We waited until the last lot of the day, and luckily we were able to buy her. We brought her home and decided to cover her with Good Guess for the Kodiac-Dark Angel cross."

He continued, "We were at the foaling. The alarm went off on Dad's phone and he woke us all up and we went over to help. The mare delivered the colt fairly quickly, it was all straightforward. He was a nice, strong colt and he's been sweet all the way along. We helped to prep him and I led him in from the field every day. Jeff Smith bought him today and I really hope he does well for him. I can't wait to see him race."

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The Dubawi dynasty



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The yearling sales stallion of 2026, with a Book 1 average of over 500,000gns and colts selling for 1,300,000gns, 900,000gns and 425,000gns.

Huge strength in depth among his two-year-olds, too, including TDN Rising Star Bin Jahwar, G1 Golden Fleece runner-up Jesus Green and G3 winner Chattering Classes.

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Goffs report cont.

He added, "The mare is back in foal to Big Evs and the foal will sell here next year. I hope he makes as much. We bought the mare with a bit of a loan from Mum and Dad."

Perhaps the biggest compliment you could pay to King Of Steel is, despite the fact he didn't seem to be on many people's lips coming into this sale, he sure as hell was after inspections. That can mean only one thing; his foals have exceeded expectations. Top pinhooker Finn Kent was another buyer to be impressed by King Of Steel's stock and spent a combined €54,000 on two fillies by the Champion Stakes winner that were consigned by Baroda Stud.

Kent said, "King Of Steel was one of the best racehorses of his generation, wasn't he? He was a real standout. I was lucky enough to buy two fillies out of good racemares by him and I think they made loads of sense. They were just very simple, easy-to-like fillies. Kia Joorabchian has been very good to the industry in recent times and you'd be hoping that, if you support his stock, he will support the yearling market next year."

He added, "I think the quality is nice and, when the quality is nice, the money follows. The yearling sales weren't straightforward, but we got lucky and enjoyed a great year, thank God.

"It's funny, I bought two King Of Steels today, but I actually regret not buying a third. I've been impressed by them and delighted with what I have bought so far."

Triumph Of Perseverance For Cosgrave

Breeder and pinhooker Patrick Cosgrave has had success with Tally-Ho stallions down through the years--he sold Listed winner Pipsy (Kodiac) for a massive 700,000gns--and the luck continued on Monday when Roger O'Callaghan paid €105,000 for a Starman colt from the Meathman's Kilcarn Park operation.

Out of an Oasis Dream mare who Cosgrave labelled as disappointing thus far, the breeder made no bones about the fact he was holding out hope for the Starman colt to make the pedigree.

He explained, "It's brilliant. He's been very busy--he was popular. She's a fine mare, although she needs to get a winner. This lad will be the one, though! Hopefully, he can make the mare.

"I bought her in foal to Le Havre, but I couldn't sell the filly out of her. I couldn't sell her second foal, either, then her third, a colt by Persian Force, sold for €30,000 this year. You have to persevere. He's always been a nice foal."

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Roger O'Callaghan: bought the Starman colt from Kilcarn Park | *Goffs*

Goffs report cont.

Cosgrave added, "I knew that, even though the mare hasn't had a winner yet, people would look at him because the sire is popular."

If Monday's touch represented a triumph of perseverance for Cosgrave, so, too, did the massive boon he enjoyed with Pipsy. A €60,000 foal purchase, Pipsy failed to sell as a yearling but, under the management of Ger Lyons, went on to land the Listed Legacy Stakes before playing a starring role at the 2023 Tattersalls Sceptre Sessions.

With regards to the Starman colt, O'Callaghan held off a spirited volley from Ciaran 'Flash' Conroy. He simply said, "Good breeders, good stallion and a good horse."

Willie Browne 'Takes Punt' On Little Big Bear

Willie Browne backed his opinion on Little Big Bear coming good with his first crop of runners next year when going to €80,000 for a colt by the Coolmore-based stallion from Altenbach Bloodstock.

Browne said, "I have a couple of Little Big Bears at home and I like them. But, look it, I'm only talking rubbish now because it's November and nobody knows yet if they are any good or not. But the yearlings were nice by him and I like my own Little Big Bears, so why wouldn't he have a chance? I'm just taking a punt. This is a lovely horse, but he is a bit light on book. Listen, he'll probably come back for the Orby. Historically, I would have taken a horse like this to Donny, but it is too expensive to do that, so we'll likely try to come back here. The Orby has been very lucky for us down through the years."

On the market and his approach to pinhooking, he added, "Listen, we always try to buy a horse with good conformation, because I don't know what you can fix. I genuinely don't know what you can fix. Some people do, but I don't, so I keep it simple and try to buy a horse with good conformation. If I don't buy them correct, I won't buy them. I'd also love to buy a better pedigree than I'm buying, but I can't afford it. It's only Monday, but the sale is off to a good start, which is great. But gone are the days when you can buy a nice foal for 10 grand or less. You won't get much for less than 10 grand. It seems that anything decent at all is making 20 grand minimum, which is a sign of the strength of the foal market."

Buy of the Day

Young pinhooker Cormac Hayes has something to look forward to over the winter after paying just €14,000 for a Starman colt from top breeder Ringfort Stud. He looks well bought at that.

Thought for the Day

Buyers remain convinced that Starman is the real deal with 14 foals selling by the Tally-Ho-based stallion for an average of €37,072 [quite solid for the Monday session] and some big prices recorded within that group. This year's results on the track didn't mirror the lofty standards that Starman set in his debut season last year. Nevertheless, if Monday is anything to go by, buyers remain undeterred.

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GOFFS NOVEMBER FOAL SALE
MONDAY'S TOP LOTS

Lot	Sex	Sire | Dam	Price (€)
55	colt	Sioux Nation--Malayan (Ire)	130,000
		Bred by Skymarc Farm (Ire)	
		Consigned by Hollyhill Stud	
		Purchased by Redpender Stud	
206	colt	Starman (GB)--Balzora (Fr)	105,000
		Bred by Mylestown Farms Ltd (Ire)	
		Consigned by Kilcarn Park	
		Purchased by Tally-Ho Stud	
237	colt	King Of Steel--Coquet (GB)	105,000
		Bred by Knocktartan House Stud (Ire)	
		Consigned by Knocktartan House Stud	
		Purchased by Amo Racing	

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188 **colt** **Little Big Bear (Ire)--Alnaas (GB)** **80,000**
Bred by Powerstown Stud Ltd (Ire)
Consigned by Altenbach Bloodstock
Purchased by JB Bloodstock

255 **filly** **Little Big Bear (Ire)--Dubai Crystal (Ire)** **76,000**
Bred by Ylsn Limited (Ire)
Consigned by Yeomanstown Lodge Stud
Purchased by Lynn Lodge Stud

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SESSION TOTALS	2026	2025
• Catalogued	263	261
• Number Offered	236	235
• Number Sold	191	189
• Clearance Rate	81%	80%
• No. €60,000+	8	9
• High Price (€)	130,000	125,000
• Gross (€)	4,589,250 (+2%)	4,499,000
• Average (€)	24,028 (+1%)	23,805
• Median (€)	19,000 (-5%)	20,000

Arqana Autumn Sale cont. from p1

The three-year-old son of Zelzal was knocked down to Dermot Farrington who, just two lots later, also signed for last year's Listed Prix Zeddaan hero **Cielo Di Roma** (Romanised) (lot 153) at €300,000. Trained by Gianluca Bietolini, Cielo Di Roma went on to finish third in April's G3 Prix Djebel.

Having been purchased on behalf of Jim and Fitri Hay, Darzakir is reportedly set to represent the Ian Williams stable in Dubai this winter. Incidentally, Farrington also secured the top lot from the Aga Khan Studs last year in Midak (Footstepsinthesand), who went on to win the Listed Chester Stakes for Williams and the Hays after being bought for €300,000.

Azimpour, meanwhile, is bound for Australia after being knocked down to Johnny McKeever of McKeever Bloodstock for €320,000, with the agent acting on behalf of Gai Waterhouse and Adrian Bott. The four-year-old son of Dubawi preceded Darzakir on the Grand Prix du Nord roll of honour when successful last year, before also filling the runner-up spot in March's G3 Prix Exbury.

"I have been looking for a good prospect for Gai Waterhouse for some time," said McKeever. "I think this horse ticks all the boxes. He is by Dubawi and a half-brother to [the four-time Group 1 winner] The Autumn Sun. Physically, he is a very good-looking horse, and his rating of 110 demonstrates that he is above average.

"He is a very exciting addition to the team, and we are delighted. He will travel to Australia as soon as possible, where he will initially enjoy a period of rest before returning to training."

Earlier in the session, Pierre Boulard of PB Bloodstock Services and Harold Kirk went to €300,000 to secure the three-year-old **Daytona** (Gleneagles) (lot 107), consigned by OH Consignment and previously trained by Peter Schiergen.

A half-brother to the G3 Preis der Winterkonigin winner Dhaba (Areion), he recently finished fourth in the G1 Grosser Preis von Bayern at Munich.

"Horses with his profile are never easy to buy, so we are particularly pleased," said Kirk, who confirmed that Daytona will soon join Willie Mullins as a dual-purpose candidate.

"He is a very handsome horse that was strongly recommended to us by his trainer and that ran very well in a Group 1 on his latest start. He really has the profile of a horse who should continue to improve with time."

Of the 181 lots offered during Monday's session, 123 sold (67%) for a total of €6,338,000, which represented a 22% decrease on last year when 47 additional lots went under the hammer. By contrast, the average showed a healthy 22% increase at €51,390, while the median was up by fully 46% at €19,000.

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Darzakir: topped Monday's opening session of the Arqana Autumn Sale at €500,000 | *Melissa Delalande*



ARQANA AUTUMN SALE MONDAY'S TOP LOTS

Lot	Name	Price (€)
151	**Darzakir (Ire)**	**500,000**
	(g, 3, Zelzal {Fr}--Dariyba {Fr}, by Monsun {Ger})	
	Bred by H. H. Aga Khan's Studs SC (Ire)	
	Consigned by Aga Khan Studs	
	Purchased by Dermot Farrington	
199	**Azimpour (Ire)**	**320,000**
	(g, 4, Dubawi {Ire}--Azmiyna {Ire}, by Galileo {Ire})	
	Bred by H. H. Aga Khan's Studs SC (Ire)	
	Consigned by Aga Khan Studs	
	Purchased by McKeever Bloodstock/Gai Waterhouse & Adrian Bott	
107	**Daytona (Ger)**	**300,000**
	(c, 3, Gleneagles {Ire}--Darshana {GB}, by Medicean {GB})	
	Bred by Gestut Park Wiedingen (Ger)	
	Consigned by OH Consignment	
	Purchased by PB Bloodstock/H Kirk/WP Mullins	
153	**Cielo Di Roma (Fr)**	**300,000**
	(c, 3, Romanised {Ire}--Suestar {GB}, by Dark Angel {Ire})	
	Bred by S.A.S. Haute Vallee & Charlotte Hutchinson (Fr)	
	Consigned by Gianluca Bietolini	
	Purchased by Dermot Farrington	
205	**Pinot Blanc (Fr)**	**260,000**
	(g, 4, Ectot {GB}--Rose Blanche {Fr}, by Motivator {GB})	
	Bred by S.C.E.A. Des Prairies (Fr)	
	Consigned by Erwan Grall	
	Purchased by Horse Racing Advisory	

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• Gross (€)	6,338,000 (-22%)	8,150,000
• Average (€)	51,390 (+22%)	41,985
• Median (€)	19,000 (+46%)	13,000

KHYBER PASSES FIRST TEST FOR HERINCKX AT HIT SALE

"A soft launch" is how Margaux Herinckx describes the first appearance of the name Khyber Consignment in a catalogue for the recent Horses-in-Training Sale at Tattersalls.

Herinckx was initially set to consign two horses on behalf of Chantilly-based trainer Gavin Hernon, but the withdrawal of Dennis The Menace meant that Lakota Beau became her first officially sold lot when the Sioux Nation colt was bought by Highflyer Bloodstock for 52,000gns.

Herinckx grew up in England but is now based in Chantilly herself. A former eventer, she has spent the last three years working for champion trainer Francis Graffard.

"It was my intention to leave at the end of this year and then in the summer I broke my arm when I got kicked by a horse, so that kind of sped everything up. I'm just back riding in the last month or so," she says.

A graduate of both the Irish National Stud course and of Godolphin Flying Start, Herinckx also has an abundance of experience working with trainers and at the sales.

She continues, "I spent almost 10 years when I was a lot younger doing sales for Highclere, so I was very familiar with the sales. Then, when I went to work for Francis, I ran their consignment for them.

"After the Flying Start I went to Australia and worked for Gai Waterhouse for a winter. I did a year of pedigrees with Shadwell at some point when I was a bit younger, and I did three seasons with Ger Lyons in Ireland as well.

"I've always loved just doing anything horsey and I've always wanted to do as much as possible in as many different places as I can." **Cont. p9**



Margaux Herinckx

Margaux Herinckx cont.

"For a long time I've wanted to do my own thing," Herinckx adds. "I just wasn't quite sure what I wanted to do exactly, but I felt like consigning can be quite flexible and it's also very curatable.

"You can do horses in training, or you can start buying pinhooked foals, or you can go into the breeze-ups. At home, we've always done a lot of breakers and I've always loved working with young horses."

Though living in France, she has the option of using the yard owned by her father, Newmarket Equine Hospital director Benoit Herinckx. Her mother Helen Crawford is also a vet, and both her parents are familiar faces at Tattersalls.

"If it's not, 'oh I know your dad' it's 'I know your mum,'" she says. "I thought horses in training were a good start because you obviously meet them at the sales. But then it is possible that next year I will spend more time at home where we have a nice little breaking yard, and where I could potentially do either breezers or yearlings and then still have the horses in training.

"I think next year will be a case of spending time here in Chantilly and in England as well."

She adds, "I wanted to offer something a little bit niche. I speak French and I have spent quite a lot of time in France now. I know a lot of the French players that maybe the British and Irish wouldn't necessarily have much to do with, so I felt like it was quite a nice touch point between the two.

"The horses-in-training sale was a first step to see how it evolves over time. It was just a very soft launch this year to see whether or not it was viable and next year I'll give it a good kick.

"In France, professional consignment is still much less of a thing than it is in England, and a lot of the trainers still consign themselves. So initially it is mainly focused on French horses, and maybe bringing them to England to be sold like I did with Gavin's horse, as well as trying to link up with English and Irish owners who have horses in France to sell their horses on their behalf over there."

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EUROPEAN NEWS

NATHANIEL LEADS FOUR-STRONG NEWSELLS PARK ROSTER AT £17,500

Newsells Park Stud has announced its stud fees for 2027, with **Nathaniel** leading the way at an unchanged £17,500 and Group 1-winning sprinter **Kind Of Blue** being introduced at £8,000.

"Nathaniel has proven himself year in, year out one of Europe's premier middle-distance sires, with nine Group 1 winners and four Classic winners," said Newsells Park's general manager, Julian Dollar. "He is in pretty unique company to have sired the winners of the English, Irish and French Oaks, as well as the Epsom Derby. You have to be a pretty special stallion to sire horses of the calibre of Enable and Desert Crown and it is gratifying to see buyers recognising that fact as his yearling sales average continues to rise almost year on year.

"To be able to use a stallion that is proven at the very highest level year on year, is a leading young broodmare sire and has a sales average of well over £80,000, and yet is available for a £17,500 fee, makes him pretty appealing."

He added, "We're very excited to be standing Kind Of Blue at Newsells Park. Champion three-year-old sprinter, a complete outcross to all the speed influences and one of the first sons of Blue Point to stand in the UK, he has masses of appeal for British breeders."

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Kind Of Blue: new to Newsells Park for 2027 | *Racingfotos.com*

Newsells Park fees cont.

Elsewhere on the four-strong roster, **Isaac Shelby** remains unchanged at £7,000, while **Without Parole** has had his fee reduced to £6,000 (from £10,000). All fees are on October 1st, Special Live Foal terms, although 'No Risk' terms are available for Isaac Shelby.

"Isaac Shelby's foals have really impressed and look sure to do well at the upcoming foal sales," Dollar continued. "A top-class, Group-winning two-year-old, and a Classic miler at three, Isaac Shelby was a super talented 7-8 furlong horse. He is one of only three sons of Night of Thunder to win a Group 1 or 2 as a two-year-old, along with Bow Echo and Gewan. He has class and an incredible temperament, which he seems to be passing on to his stock.

"We rolled out our 'No Risk' terms for breeders last year, giving breeders all the upside without any of the downside, and we look forward to helping breeders with these generous terms for 'Isaac' once again.

"Last but by no means least, Without Parole sees a drop in his stud fee to £6,000 for next season. For a stallion that has sired the likes of Group 1 winner Zavateri, as well as group/stakes horses Fiery Lucy, Genchev, Redemption Road and Sea To Sky from his first couple of crops, he represents great value."

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JOCKEYS' AGENT SHIPPY ELLIS DIES AT 79



Shippy Ellis

Newmarket's longest-standing jockeys' agent Dave 'Shippy' Ellis died on Sunday after a short illness. He was 79.

For some people, just one name will suffice, and that was certainly the case for Shippy, who was widely known across the racing world by the nickname earned from his time spent in the Navy before his move to Newmarket. **Cont. p11**





Shippy Ellis and Gerald Mosse in Newmarket | *Emma Berry*

Shippy Ellis cont.

A lifelong racing fan, he set up Shippy's Jockey Agency in 1984 after a stint working for trainer Geoff Huffer.

Born in Colchester, Essex on Christmas Eve 1946, Shippy was an immensely popular figure in his adopted home town. He initially represented Philip Robinson before booking rides for former champion apprentices Gary Carter and Gary Bardwell, as well as George Duffield and Kevin Darley.

He later benefited from the fact that there were no jockeys' agents in France, and his friendship with the late Desmond Stoneham led to him representing Classic-winning riders Olivier Peslier, Gerald Mosse, Christophe Soumillon and Mickael Barzalona.

Shippy's friend and fellow Newmarket resident, bloodstock journalist Tony Morris, said on Monday, "He will be very much missed. He has been a good friend to me for a long time and was always such good fun."

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FIRST-SEASON SIRES WITH RUNNERS

Tuesday, November 17, 2026:

UNITED KINGDOM

Minzaal (Ire) (Mehmas {Ire}), Derrinstown Stud
115 foals of racing age/27 winners/3 black-type winners
17:00-SOUTHWELL, 5f, **Bladey Lady (Ire)**
6,000gns Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2024; £20,000 Goffs UK Premier Yearling Sale 2025
20:00-SOUTHWELL, 6f, **Hal'way The Lads (Ire)**
€29,000 Goffs November Foal Sale 2024; €72,000 Tattersalls Ireland September Yearling 2025

FRANCE

Dicaprio (Ger) (Adlerflug {Ger}), Haras du Taillis
7 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners
2-CHANTILLY, 1300m, **Dicanto (Fr)**

Keiai Nautique (Jpn) (Deep Impact {Jpn}), Karwin Farm
27 foals of racing age/4 winners/0 black-type winners
3-ANGERS, 2000m, **Nakaia (Fr)**
3-ANGERS, 2000m, **Olecoeur Du Maupas (Fr)**

Makaloun (Fr) (Bated Breath {GB}), Haras de la Cote Fleurie
45 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
2-ANGERS, 2000m, **Cormac (Fr)**

Mare Australis (Ire) (Australia {GB}), Haras de la Hetraie
55 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners
3-ANGERS, 2000m, **Afrique Australe (Fr)**

Sealiway (Fr) (Galiway {GB}), Haras de Beaumont
93 foals of racing age/13 winners/0 black-type winners
2-ANGERS, 2000m, **Tiny Dancer (Fr)**
4-LYON LA SOIE, 1800m, **Manuia (Fr)**
€12,000 Arqana December Breeding Stock Sale 2024; €24,000 Arqana Deauville V2 Yearling Sale 2025

Texas (Fr) (Wootton Bassett {GB}), Castillon Stallions
29 foals of racing age/5 winners/0 black-type winners
2-ANGERS, 2000m, **Texas Sun (Fr)**
€30,000 Arqana Deauville October Yearlings 2025
3-CHANTILLY, 1400m, **Vilamoura (Fr)**

Thunder Moon (Ire) (Zoffany {Ire}), Castillon Stallions
53 foals of racing age/7 winners/1 black-type winner
2-CHANTILLY, 1300m, **Adhara (Fr)**
€41,000 Arqana Deauville October Yearlings 2025
2-CHANTILLY, 1300m, **Fete de Trop (Fr)**

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SAHLAN'S HALF-BROTHER LUCHO DEBUTS AT CHANTILLY



Sahlan | *Scoop Dyga*

1.10 Chantilly, Debutantes, 2yo, 7f (AWT)

Tuesday's low-key action on Chantilly's Polytrack does feature a potential hidden jewel as an important Al Shaqab homebred appears in **LUCHO (IRE) (Starspangledbanner {Aus})**.

Unveiled by Francis Graffard, Lucho is a half-brother to connections' top miler Sahlan, with that Prix du Moulin-winning son of Wootton Bassett now standing at Haras de Bouquetot. Among his rivals is another from the operation in the filly **Kalliste (Fr) (Kingman {GB})**, an Andre and Lavinia Fabre-trained granddaughter of the great Treve (Motivator).

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BRITAIN

Monday's Results:

3rd-Wolverhampton, £12,000, Novice, 11-16, 2yo, 8f 142yT, 1:52.08, st.

LEADING ROLE (GB) (c, 2, Teofilo {Ire}--Tomouh {Ire}, by Dubawi {Ire}), off the mark at Nottingham last month, was soon at the head of affairs controlling with a moderate tempo. Kicking two out, the 2-9 favourite hit the line strong with 4 1/2 lengths to spare over Masai Land (Wootton Bassett).

The winner is the first foal out of the dam, a daughter of the Princess Elizabeth Stakes and Cardinal Handicap winner and 1,000 Guineas runner-up Sundrop (Sunday Silence) whose three stakes winners include the Godolphin Mile third Storm Damage (Night Of Thunder). From the family of Group 1 winners Ten Happy Rose (Epiphaneia), More Than Sacred (More Than Ready) and her son Durezza (Duramente), her yearling filly is by Nathaniel, while she also has a colt foal by State Of Rest.
Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, $36,314.
O/B-Godolphin; T-Charlie Appleby.

4th-Wolverhampton, £12,000, Novice, 11-16, 2yo, 8f 142yT, 1:51.23, st.

SPLINTERED (GB) (c, 2, Cracksman {GB}--Kaleidoscopic {GB}, by Le Havre {Ire}), sent off at 125-1 by virtue of two no-shows at Kempton and Southwell, tracked the leading trio early. Swung out to inhale them in the straight, the homebred asserted for a 2 3/4-length success from Laurel Crown (Dubawi).

The dam, who has a yearling colt by Pinatubo and a filly foal by Chaldean, descends from the stellar broodmare Wiener Wald (Woodman), who was responsible for Rainbow Quest's Racing Post Trophy hero Crowded House and is the ancestress of the likes of Beauty Eternal (Starspangledbanner), Brando (Pivotal), Ticker Tape (Royal Applause), Reckless Abandon (Exchange Rate) and Tribalist (Farhh).
Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-0, $8,563.
O/B-Jastar Capital Limited; T-Jonathan Portman.

2nd-Wolverhampton, £10,000, Novice, 11-16, 2yo, f, 6f 20yT, 1:14.71, st.

DESERT ROMANCE (GB) (f, 2, Dubawi {Ire}--Sundoro {Ire} {MSW & MGSP-Fr}, by Sea The Stars {Ire}), third at Newmarket and Doncaster last month, raced behind the leading group early. Staying on to gain the advantage inside the final furlong, the 11-8 joint-favourite asserted for a two-length verdict over Threelittleangels (Harry Angel).

The winner is the first foal out of the dam, who was a dual Listed scorer and dual Group-placed in France and is a half to Shamardal's Dewhurst, National Stakes and Prix Jean Prat-winning sire Pinatubo and the Jumeirah 1,000 Guineas winner and Duchess of Cambridge Stakes runner-up Mountain Breeze (Lope De Vega).

From the excellent dynasty of the Prix de Diane heroine Rafha (Kris), her yearling is a full-brother to the winner, while she also has a filly foal by Lope De Vega.
Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-2, $12,543.
O/B-Godolphin; T-Charlie Appleby.

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FRANCE

CONDITIONS RESULTS:

5th-Marseille-Pont-de-Vivaux, €21,000, 11-16, 2yo, 10f (AWT), 2:15.48, st.

CORBUSIER (FR) (g, 2, Sealiway {Fr}--Phoceene {Fr} {SW & GSP-Fr}, by Olympic Glory {Ire}) Lifetime Record: 10-2-3-1, €39,650. O-Gousserie Racing; B-Haras de Beaumont; T-Patrice Cottier.

7th-Marseille-Pont-de-Vivaux, €20,100, 11-16, 3yo/up, 7 1/2f (AWT), 1:28.37, st.

MAXIMILIEN (FR) (c, 3, Cotai Glory {GB}--Sunrise Rose {Fr}, by Oasis Dream {GB}) Lifetime Record: 18-4-3-1, €70,854. O/B-Haras du Logis Saint Germain; T-Christophe Escuder.

2nd-Le Mans, €20,100, 11-16, 3yo/up, 1950mT, 2:06.25, hy.

TIPINSO (FR) (g, 4, Pinatubo {Ire}--Makeba {GB}, by Makfi {GB}) Lifetime Record: SW-Fr, 18-6-5-2, €166,089. O-Gousserie Racing & Gerard Augustin-Normand; B-Haras de Montaigu & Ecurie Haras du Cadran; T-Jerome Reynier. *€100,000 Ylg '23 ARQAUG; €85,000 HRA '25 ARQAUT.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Queen Stage (GB), f, 2, **Ardad (Ire)**--Elizabeth Bennet (Ire), by Acclamation (GB). Le Mans, 11-16, 7fT, 1:26.32. B-Mme C Vitse, G Vitse, Mme V Vitse & Mme A Vitse.

Lallybroch (Fr), f, 3, **Almanzor (Fr)**--Larceny (Ire), by Cape Cross (Ire). Le Mans, 11-16, 16fT, 3:35.60. B-Petra Bloodstock Agency Ltd. *1/2 to The Black Princess (Fr) (Iffraaj {GB}), GSW-Eng & Fr.

Celago (Fr), g, 3, **Goken (Fr)**--Celanova (Fr), by Exceed And Excel (Aus). Le Mans, 11-16, 10fT, time: n/a. B-Jean-Claude Seroul.



Makybe Diva parades at Flemington | *VRC*

WORLDWIDE NEWS

MAKYBE DIVA'S "IRREPLACEABLE" MELBOURNE CUP TROPHIES STOLEN

The three Melbourne Cup trophies won by Makybe Diva between 2003 and 2005 were stolen from Flemington Racecourse on Monday, with Victoria Police reporting that "an investigation into the incident is ongoing".

Having been on display at Flemington during the recent Melbourne Cup Carnival, the three trophies were due to be returned to Tony Santic in the coming days, with the owner-breeder of Makybe Diva--the only horse ever to win three consecutive editions of the Melbourne Cup--describing the theft as "more than devastating" when speaking to Australian media on Monday.

"They are irreplaceable and it breaks my heart that someone's gone out and pinched them," he told 3AW's Drive programme.

"It is more than devastating. I just can't believe it. What do you do? I just want to try to get them back and, hopefully, we get them back in one piece and all is well. Hopefully, the police can catch them."

He added, "She was the people's horse. For the last 23 or more years, me and my friends and everyone have enjoyed the cups here at the farm and wherever they have been, so we are all going to miss them."

The theft of the trophies follows the death of Makybe Diva back in February following a bout of colic. She was 27.

A statement issued by the Victoria Racing Club on Monday read, "Victoria Police is investigating a theft incident that occurred at Flemington Racecourse this morning involving three Melbourne Cup trophies.

"The Victoria Racing Club reported the matter to Victoria Police immediately, and the VRC is assisting with its inquiries. We are devastated by the incident and are in direct contact with Tony Santic."

Victoria Police added in their own statement, "Police are investigating a burglary and theft in Flemington on 16 November.

"It is believed three Melbourne Cup trophies were stolen from a cabinet, on Epsom Road, about 6.30am. The circumstances are yet to be established. An investigation into the incident is ongoing."

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