



'TOP' OF THE MARKET



Muth tops the 2023 OBS March Sale | Photos by Z

by Steve Sherack

When the GI American Pharoah S. even-money morning-line favorite and **'TDN Rising Star' Muth** (Good Magic) brought a sale-topping \$2 million at OBS March earlier this year, it wasn't exactly a surprise to see Saudi businessman Amr Zedan and Hall of Fame trainer Bob Baffert heading back to the Top Line Sales consignment for more.

Fellow Top Line graduate and Zedan Racing Stables Inc. colorbearer **'TDN Rising Star' Arabian Knight** (Uncle Mo) will line up next as one of the favorites in the GI Breeders' Cup Classic after posting a game wire-to-wire success over his elders in this summer's GI FanDuel Racing Pacific Classic S. at Del Mar. Arabian Knight topped last spring's OBS April sale (:9 4/5) at \$2.3 million.

'TDN Rising Star' Princess Noor (Not This Time), heroine of the 2020 GI Del Mar Debutante S. while carrying Zedan's sky blue, red and white silks, commanded a sale-best \$1.35-million pricetag at the COVID-19 postponed OBS April sale in 2020 after breezing a quarter for Jimbo and Torie Gladwell's operation in :20 1/5. She subsequently realized \$2.9 million from Katsumi Yoshida while in foal to Into Mischief at the following year's Fasig-Tipton Kentucky Fall Mixed sale.

"They're such a powerhouse team," Torie Gladwell said. "It's like the dream team when you see them walking around. I have to give a lot of credit to (bloodstock agents) Donato Lanni and Gary Young. You just pray that they land on one of your horses.

"They know what they're doing, that's for sure. Princess Noor and Arabian Knight and now this one. Hopefully, he's as good as those other two and he gets a Grade I."

Muth hails from the second crop of Hill 'n' Dale's promising young sire Good Magic, who, of course, is also responsible for this year's GI Kentucky Derby winner Mage. The first foal out of the winning Don Alberto homebred Hoppa (Uncle Mo), Muth brought \$190,000 from the Gladwell family's pinhooking partnership out of the Hill 'n' Dale Sales Agency consignment on day seven of last year's Keeneland September sale. Don Alberto purchased Handoverthecat (Tale of the Cat), with Hoppa in utero, for \$170,000 at the 2015 Keeneland November sale. Hoppa's yearling filly by Violence was purchased by Rigney Racing for \$385,000 at Keeneland September.

"When we bought him (as a yearling), he was pretty light on the page, but just a standout physical," Gladwell said. "We gave quite a bit of money for him because at the time Good Magic was kind of on the bubble. We just liked the horse that much."

Muth was the talking horse on the grounds at OBS March after delivering a :9 3/5 **bullet breeze** and a much-discussed monster gallop out during the under-tack show.

"We were behind on him going into the sale," Gladwell said. "He had a little setback, so we actually had to stop on him. His prep at the sale was his first breeze back after coming off a little layoff and it was pretty spectacular. When he prepped we were like, 'ooh this is gonna be fun.'"

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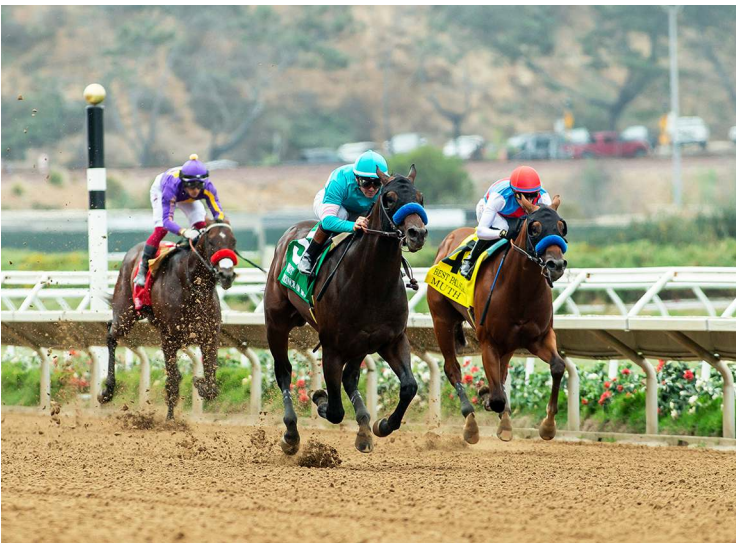


Torie & Jimbo Gladwell | Photos By Z

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She continued, “When he breezed we weren't ever thinking :9 3/5--that was a surprise--but we knew he was *extremely* fast because he was as fast on the farm all winter. And then his gallop out. He didn't just go the first eighth really fast, he went the whole three-eighths extremely fast.”

Muth has also been extremely fast on the racetrack. A no-brainer **'Rising Star'** following a spectacular 8 3/4-length debut score at Santa Anita June 18, Muth was second-best with a 93 Beyer Speed Figure behind his unbeaten stablemate and fellow **'TDN Rising Star' Prince of Monaco** (Speightstown) in the six-furlong GIII Best Pal S. at Del Mar Aug. 13.



Prince of Monaco & Muth (inside) finish one-two in the Best Pal Benoit

A late scratch out of Saratoga's GI Hopeful S. on Labor Day, Muth makes his two-turn debut Saturday while facing seven rivals in the 1 1/16-mile American Pharoah, a 'Win and You're In' for the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile. He has breezed four times since returning to the Golden State from upstate New York, including a sharp five-furlong drill in :59 1/5 (2/87) in Arcadia Oct. 2. Baffert has won the American Pharoah a record 11 times.

How will Muth handled the added distance?

“That's always a question,” Gladwell said. “When we're getting these horses ready for the 2-year-old sales, we don't really let them do too much on the farm because they're still so young. His three-eighths to half-mile gallop out at the sale was the most we ever really let these horses do before they move on to their trainer.”

She concluded, “I think he's extremely talented. I'm hoping he can do it. We'll find out this weekend.”

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#1 Rothschild 12-1

(c, 2, Uncle Mo--**Still There**, by Union Rags) (\$700,000 Ylg '22 KEESEP)

O-SF Racing LLC Starlight Racing Madaket Stables LLC, Dianne Bashor, Robert E Masterson, Waves Edge Capital LLC, Catherine Donovan & Tom Ryan | B-PTK LLC (KY) | T-Tim Yakteen | J-Mike Smith
Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-0, \$51,340.



Rothschild | Benoit

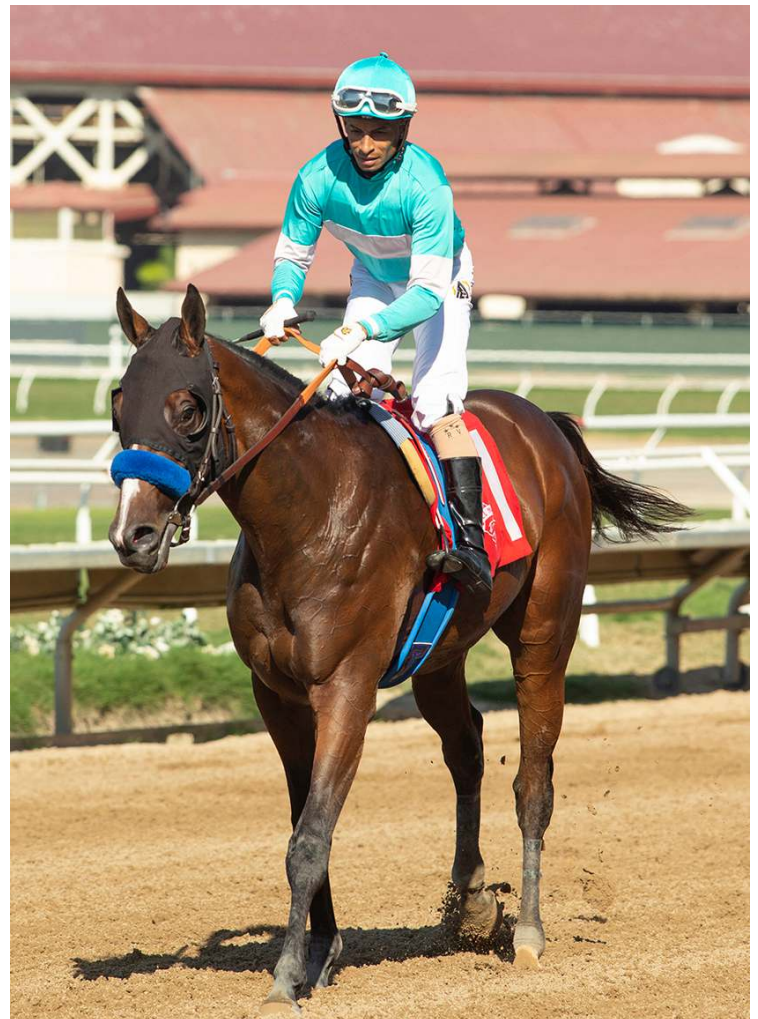
PEDIGREE: By an Eclipse Award-winning juvenile who has already sired a GI Kentucky Derby winner and out of a mare by a GI Belmont S. winner, Rothschild clearly has a license to do better over this 8 1/2-furlong distance and beyond. His stakes-winning and GI Ballerina S.-placed dam is a daughter of Forever Smart (Smart Strike), whose two stakes-placings came at or about a mile on turf and has two other stakes horses to her credit.

VERDICT: He is something other than a 'banker' and the task ahead is a tall one, but if Smith gets aggressive and puts him into the race from the inside gate and if he appreciates the added real estate, Rothschild couldn't be completely ruled out for a minor slice of the pie. --Alan Carasso

PROS: As a \$700,000 Keeneland September yearling, this February foal was clearly a standout from a physical and conformation perspective...While Bob Baffert is an 11-time winner of this event, trainer Tim Yakteen was along for many of those and would know what sort of animal it takes to win a race like this...Ramon Vazquez ends up elsewhere, but you could scarcely do better than Mike Smith as a replacement. The Hall of Famer won in 2010 aboard Jaycito (Victory Gallop) and again in 2021 astride future champion Corniche (Quality Road)...Won his maiden over a sprint trip where his pedigree suggests he wants a fair bit further...Is one of four in here with a victory.

CONS: Though he showed enough speed to defeat a couple of today's rivals over 6 1/2 furlongs at second asking, he never looked likely when making his stakes debut in the GI Del Mar Futurity last time and was unable to make any impact when the real running started...Needs to pick up his feed and improve by several lengths as his top Beyer of 71 will not be anywhere near good enough here...While the addition of Smith won't hurt anyone's feelings, the fact that Vazquez deserts for another rival cannot be considered a positive.

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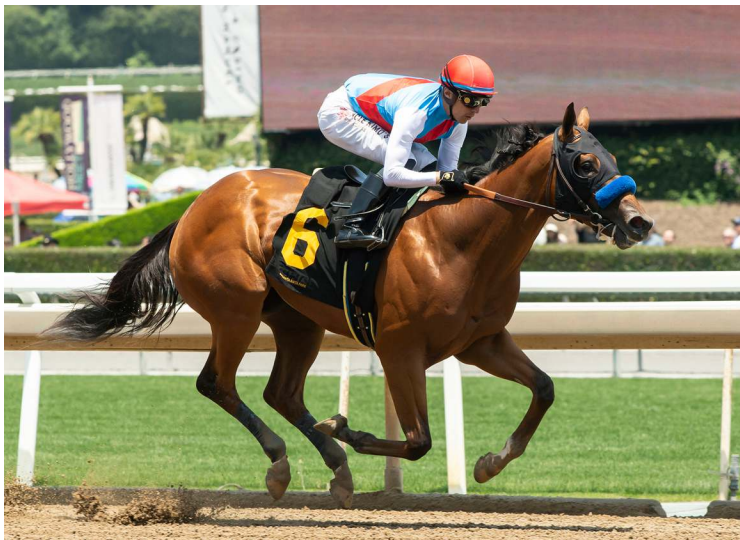


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#2 Muth 1-1

(c, 2, Good Magic--**Hoppa**, by Uncle Mo) (\$190,000 Ylg '22 KEESSEP; \$2,000,000 2yo '23 OBSMAR)
 O-Zedan Racing Stables Inc | B-Don Alberto Corporation (KY) | T-Bob Baffert | J-Juan Hernandez
 Lifetime Record: 'TDN Rising Star', GSP, 2-1-1-0, \$76,600.

PROS: A \$190,000 purchase at Keeneland September last fall--already a good result for his boom sire--Muth gave a hint of what might lie ahead when breezing a furlong in :9 3/5 before going on to top this year's OBS March Sale on a bid of \$2 million from Donato Lanni, agent for Amr Zedan. Bob Baffert typically saves his top 2-year-old prospects for Del Mar, but Muth was raring to go come mid-June. He was hammered into 30 cents on the dollar and made no mistakes, setting a lively pace before hitting the line an 8 3/4-length winner. The 1-2 chalk to take the next logical step in the GIII Best Pal S. at the seaside Aug. 13, the bay led after a half-mile, but had no answer for fellow 'Rising Star' stablemate Prince of Monaco (Speightstown, 103 Beyer) and was forced to settle for second...As effective as he's been around one turn thus far, Muth can--on paper, at least--take a step forward as he gets out to a distance of ground for the first time.



Muth | Benoit photo

CONS: It will take a fair bit of hair-splitting to come up with negatives for Muth at this stage, but just three weeks after his hard-trying effort in the Best Pal, the colt was shipped across the country to Saratoga with an eye on the closing-weekend GI Hopeful S. Baffert explained that he thought the race might be too quick back and returned him to California to prepare for the American Pharoah. It's difficult to quantify just how much 6,000 miles of flying might affect Muth, but there is a non-zero chance that it will have had some impact.

PEDIGREE: Muth combines the collective powers of his in-demand young sire--himself the country's champion 2-year-old of 2017--and dam sire, best of his generation in 2010. Making the combination that much more appealing is that Good Magic, just eight years of age, and Uncle Mo, with many years ahead of him at age 15, has each accounted for a GI Kentucky Derby winner from just a handful of crops to race. Though there is no black-type in the second dam, Muth's third dam Frayne (Red Ransom) was a full-sister to GI E. P. Taylor S. winner Advancing Star, the dam of G1 Dewhurst S. hero War Command (War Front) and French Group 3 winner Naval Officer (Tale of the Cat). This is also the family of stamina influence Silver Hawk (Roberto).

VERDICT: By the looks of things, Muth has his seven rivals over a barrel, barring some sort of regression on his part and a significant move forward from something else. His even-money quote on the morning line is likely to be but a pipe dream. A win gives Baffert an even dozen in the race and a horse that will have every chance to turn the tables over the same course and distance in a month's time. --Alan Carasso

AMERICAN PHAROAH S. -- Miscellany	
Most Wins (trainer)	Bob Baffert (11)
Most Wins (jockey)	Alex Solis (7)
Most Wins (owner)	Golden Eagle Farm (3)
Fastest clocking (1 1/16m)	1.41.27 (Ruler's Court, 2003)
Largest winning margin	14 lengths (Ruler's Court)
Smallest winning margin	Nose (Kafwain, 2002, Fali Time, 1983)
Shortest-priced winner	Roman Ruler (0.05-1, 2004)
Longest-priced winner	Buck Trout (21.50-1, 1998)

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RACING INFO

#3 Next Level 4-1

(c, 2, Vino Rosso--**Devious d'Oro**, by Medaglia d'Oro) (\$20,000 Ylg '22 KEESEP)
 O-Don't Tell My Wife Stables | B-White Fox Farm (KY) | T-J Keith Desormeaux | J-Kent Desormeaux
 Lifetime Record: 3-M-1-1, \$54,400.

PROS: At first blush, it seems Next Level is woefully mismatched as he remains a maiden after three starts, but this trainer knows how to cook up an upset with modestly priced stock such as I've Struck a Nerve, the \$272 winner of the 2013 GII Risen Star S., surprise GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile victor Texas Red, Classic winner Exaggerator and, more recently, this year's GII Rebel S. scorer Confidence Game. Pitched straight in against stakes company for his debut, the \$20,000 KEESEP grad was unplaced there, but was runner-up to Baffert's well-regarded Mission Beach (Curlin) in Del Mar maiden company before finishing a creditable third behind Prince of Monaco in the GI Del Mar Futurity...Though yet to have his picture taken, has improved on his speed figures with each start.



Keith and Kent Desormeaux team up with Next Level Saturday
Benoit

CONS: While not exactly over his head in this spot, the fact Next Level has not managed at least a maiden score is hardly encouraging...Mission Beach did not exactly go on to frank the form of the maiden when finishing five lengths' fifth behind Nutella Fella (Runhappy) in a moderately graded renewal of the GI Hopeful S. at Saratoga last month.

PEDIGREE: Next Level is one of two in the race for his freshman sire (by Curlin), who secured an Eclipse Award as champion older male of 2019 when running away with that year's GI Breeders' Cup Classic right here at the Great Race Place. Next Level's stakes-placed dam is a half-sister to four-time stakes winner and Grade II-placed Pioneer Spirit (Malibu Moon) and Grade III winner Devious Intent (Dixie Union), while the third dam Erandel (Danzig) was responsible for Runspatum (Woodman), a Grade III winner on turf and dual black-type winner on the main track. Two turns should be of no concern to Next Level.

PEDIGREE: Another that is unlikely on a win line (to be fair, most of them are), Next Level certainly has place claims given how he stacked up with the likes of Prince of Monaco down at Del Mar last month. He has trained on since that effort and should give a good account of himself. --*Alan Carasso*

AMERICAN PHAROAH S. (2013-2022) Winners and their Breeders' Cup Juvenile Performances

Year	Winner	BC Result
2022	Cave Rock (Arrogate)	3rd (0.47-1)
2021	*Corniche (Quality Road)	1st (1.40-1)
2020	Get Her Number (Dialed In)	did not run
2019	Eight Rings (Empire Maker)	6th (1.50-1)
2018	*Game Winner (Candy Ride {Arg})	1st (1.00-1)
2017	Bolt d'Oro (Medaglia d'Oro)	3rd (0.70-1)
2016	Gormley (Malibu Moon)	7th (5.20-1)
2015	*Nyquist (Uncle Mo)	1st (4.70-1)
2014	*American Pharoah (Pioneer of the Nile)	did not run
2013	Bond Holder (Mineshaft)	4th (12.20-1)

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#4 Wine Me Up 12-1

(c, 2, Vino Rosso--**Deanallen'skitten**, by Kitten's Joy) (\$115,000 Wlg '21 KEENOV; \$300,000 2yo '23 OBSJUN)
 O-Pegram, Watson & Weitman | B-Kenneth L & Sarah K Ramsey (KY) | T-Bob Baffert | J-Ramon A Vazquez
 Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$49,200.

PROS: Wine Me Up made the most of his lone racetrack appearance to date, overcoming a bit of a bobble at the break to argue a decent pace before coming away to graduate at first asking....A \$115,000 KEENOV weanling, the Apr. 17 foal made for a solid pinhook at OBS this past June, breezing a quarter in :20 4/5 and selling in a private transaction to these owners known on sales grounds as the 'Three Amigos.'...Pegram, Watson and Weitman go for a third American Pharoah, joining last year's winner, the late 'TDN Rising Star' Cave Rock (Arrogate) and 2009 winner and eventual juvenile champion Lookin At Lucky (Smart Strike). As mentioned previously, Baffert is in search of a 12th renewal dating back to Golden Eagle's Souvenir Copy back in 1997.

CONS: Though he clearly showed promise in winning on debut, Wine Me Up spots most of his competition significant experience as one of just two entrants with just the one start to date...Juan Hernandez was at the controls for the debut, but for good reason sticks with Muth here.

PEDIGREE: Interestingly, Wine Me Up is bred very similarly to Next Level, as both are out of mares from the El Prado (Ire)/Sadler's Wells line. Deanallen'skitten was bred by Ken and his late wife Sarah Ramsey and was retained as a foal after bidding on her stalled out at \$45,000 at Keeneland November in 2007. A stakes winner of nearly \$375,000, Deanallen'skitten was a half-sister to Grade III-placed Darling Daughter (Maria's Mon), the dam of SW Holiday Mischief (Into Mischief); Sabalenka (Good Samaritan), third in last year's GII Jessamine S. at Keeneland and most recently second in the \$1-million Dueling Grounds Oaks at Kentucky Downs; and Grade III-placed juvenile Big Bazinga (Bluegrass Cat).

VERDICT: At a morning-line quote of 12-1, Wine Me Up looms as the value play for the second and third lines of vertical wagers. Doubtful they'll be popping corks post-race, but he seems to have plenty of upside going forward. --*Alan Carasso*

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Wine Me Up | Benoit

#5 Raging Torrent 6-1

(c, 2, Maximus Mischief--**Violent Wave**, by Violence) (\$27,000 RNA Ylg '22 KEESEP; \$75,000 2yo '23 OBSAPR)
 O-Great Friends Stables, LLC and Mark Davis | B-Rodney J. Winkler & Alfonso Mazzetti (KY) | T-Doug O'Neill | J-Antonio Fresu
 Lifetime Record: GSP, 3-1-0-1, \$91,200.



Raging Torrent | Benoit

PROS: With three races under his belt, Raging Torrent is tied for the most experience coming into the GI American Pharoah S. with fellow juveniles Rothschild (Uncle Mo) and Next Level (Vino Rosso)...The Doug O'Neill trainee broke his maiden by 2 1/4 lengths July 23 at Del Mar against a next-out winner at Saratoga, Tall Paul (Frosted) before competing in the GIII Best Pal S. Aug. 13 and GI Del Mar Futurity Sept. 10. Those efforts gave the bay colt's connections some valuable clues as to his capability and the addition of blinkers here could provide just what he needs to give his best effort...Other ticks to the good include the fact that Antonio Fresu retains the mount. A sharp workout at Santa Anita Sept. 24 when he went :59.40 (4/62) certainly bodes well too.

CONS: Not having to face the undefeated GISW Prince of Monaco (Speightstown) for a third straight time is certainly a blessing, but questions remain about whether Raging Torrent has what it takes to compete against well-matched fields like he will see here. If he can run like he did on debut, then there is hope for sure. But a repeat of his last pair of efforts against graded stakes company will have him competing for one the minor awards.

PEDIGREE: First-crop sire Maximus Mischief, a top-five leading man, has 20 winners of 24 races to his credit, plus a pair of stakes winners. Consigned by agent Randy Bradshaw at the OBS April Sale and purchased for \$75,000 by Mark Davis, Raging Torrent is Violent Wave's only winner, but she is responsible for two other offspring--a yearling colt by Honor A.P. and a filly by Collected who was foaled May 2. Violent Wave is a half-sister to The Nth Degree (Distorted Humor), winner of the GIII Shakertown S.

VERDICT: It is time to get back to basics and maybe the addition of blinkers is the key handicapping component for success.
 --J.N. Campbell



Raging Torrent | Benoit

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#6 Be You 4-1

(c, 2, Curlin--**Jacaranda**, by Congrats) (\$320,000 Ylg '22 KEESEP)
 O-Repole Stable | B-Alpha Delta Stables LLC (KY) | T-Todd Pletcher | J-Umberto Rispoli
 Lifetime Record: 2-M-1-0, \$39,000.

PROS: While he was technically the beaten favorite in his Saratoga debut Aug. 5, that loss came by a just a nose (pictured, left) to Just Steel (Justify) and his connections thought enough of that race to jump him up into the GI Hopeful S. a month later. He endured an eventful trip, having to stop and start several times over those seven furlongs, and still wound up a gusty fourth, beaten just 4 1/4 lengths as the pace absolutely fell apart around him. Repole Stable and Todd Pletcher, never a pair to turn down an opportunity to run a good horse, again were encouraged enough to ship Be You away from his New York base to Santa Anita, where he will be the only East Coast runner to line up.

CONS: A colt who has never had his picture taken now ships across the country to face arguably his toughest test to date in the West Coast runners. And while there are several other horses in the field who started Sept. 10 in the GI Del Mar Futurity, Be You last started in that Sept. 4 Hopeful and then had to deal with a trans-continental trip and acclimating to a new track.

PEDIGREE: Sire Curlin has produced plenty of stamina-inclined runners led by GI Breeders' Cup Classic hero Vino Rosso while dam Jacaranda was victorious in the one-mile GIII Tempted S. as a 2-year-old. Be You's full-sister, American West, was second in the Tempted S. herself.

Perhaps most notably, Jacaranda, who sold for \$2 million to Alpha Delta at the 2016 FTKNOV sale, is a half-sister to MGISW and sire Constitution (Tapit), who took both the GI Besilu Florida Derby and the GI Donn H. going nine furlongs. Be You's second dam Baffled placed in the G3 Albany S. at Royal Ascot before selling for \$3.5 million in that same 2016 FTKNOV sale. Most recently, she changed hands again at the 2019 variation of that same sale for \$1.9 million to Don Alberto Corp carrying a foal that would go on to be \$1.1-million yearling I'm Baffled (Medaglia d'Oro). There is also high-class black-type under third dam Surf Club, who also produced GI Forego S. winner Emcee (Unbridled's Song) and GSW Surfer (Distorted Humor) along with the dam of GSW Marzo (Medaglia d'Oro), who scored in the 1 1/2-mile GIII Sycamore S.



Be You schooling at the Spa | Sarah Andrew

VERDICT: This son of Curlin has the pedigree that suggests he should appreciate the stretch out in distance to 1 1/16 miles but will ultimately need to prove that he's capable of hitting the line first. --Stefanie Grimm



Be You (outside) | Sarah Andrew

AMERICAN PHAROAH S.

Placed Runners With Notable Subsequent Victories		
Year	Horse (finish)	Biggest Win
2022	National Treasure (2nd)	2023 GI Preakness S.
2020	Rombauer (2nd)	2021 GI Preakness S.
2019	Storm the Court (3rd)	2019 GI BC Juvenile
2014	Texas Red (3rd)	2014 GI BC Juvenile
2012	Capo Bastone (3rd)	2013 GI King's Bishop S.
2008	Midshipman (2nd)	2008 GI BC Juvenile
2000	Street Cry (Ire) (2nd)	2002 G1 Dubai World Cup

#7 Indispensable 20-1

(c, 2, Constitution--**High Performer**, by Candy Ride {Arg}) (\$330,000 Wlg '21 KEENOV; \$825,000 Ylg '22 KEESEP)
O-Talla Racing LLC, West Point Thoroughbreds and Edwin S. Barker | B- Nursery Place, Donaldson & Broadbent (KY)
T-John W. Sadler | J-Geovanni Franco
Lifetime Record: 1-M-0-1, \$9,840.



Indispensable at Keeneland last September | Amy Lanigan

PROS: With only one race to his credit, Indispensable is certainly light on form coming into this Grade I, but juvenile experience could be regarded as a premium for some at this point in the season. What we do know is that the bay colt is still figuring things out and that always means there is an opportunity to take a step forward...Even though that debut Aug. 25 at Del Mar only had five others in attendance and was convincingly won by Rothschild (Uncle Mo) (who is entered in here), the John Sadler trainee did finish a respectable third which was not a bad effort for his first start. Up against some tough competitors as a 19-1 shot, considering he trailed up the backstretch, the ground he made up around the far turn and into the lane made a favorable impression...For you clockers out there, he has produced regular works since that debut with the last coming Sept. 30 when he went six furlongs in 1:12.60 (1/10) at 'The Great Race Place'.

CONS: The GI American Pharoah S. is going to be a mountain to climb against a pair of Bob Baffert trainees in GSP Muth (Good Magic) and Wine Me Up (Vino Rosso). Muth posted a Beyer Speed Figure of 90 in his 8 3/4 length debut June 18 at Santa Anita and a 93 in the Best Pal. Indispensable is going to have to be quicker from the first jump and keep these leaders close, if he wants to have any shot at crossing the wire first.

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PEDIGREE:

The sire of five racing crops of age, Constitution has produced 54 stakes winners and 27 graded stakes winners. Indispensable went for \$330,000 at the '21 Keeneland November Sale to Brookstone Farm before being consigned by agent St. George Sales the following September in the same ring when he was bought for \$825,000 by Talla Racing and West Point Thoroughbreds. The bay colt is out of High Performer--dam to six foals, four to race and one winner. That lone victoress is Lovely Trophy Girl (Hard Spun) who foaled a colt by Bucchero May 7. The bay colt's extended female family includes his dam's full-sister, who was runner-up in the GII Super Derby, Chocopologie, and digging a little deeper we find some intriguing connections under his third dam like MGSW Rusty Slipper (Lemon Drop Kid) and GI Wood Memorial S. hero Wicked Strong (Hard Spun).

VERDICT: Drawn to the outside here, that could be a tactical advantage for such a young horse as this one. An epic pace meltdown could be in the cards, so Indispensable can get his picture taken. --J.N. Campbell

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(r, 2, Street Sense--**Secret Jewel**, by Bernardini) (\$250,000 ylg '22 KEESEP)
 O-Benjamin Gase | B-Three Chimneys Farm LLC (KY) | T-Keith Desormeaux | J-Hector Berrios
 Lifetime Record: 2-M-2-0, \$28,600.

PROS: Yes, he's run second twice in his only two career starts. But those seconds came behind two of the best West Coast runners in 'TDN Rising Star' Muth (Good Magic) and Rothschild (Uncle Mo). In both of those starts, El Magnifico was the stand-alone second so, had he not run into a pair of monsters, he would very likely have graduated in that Santa Anita debut June 18. Of the eight runners in the field, he's also one of only three with experience over the Santa Anita surface.


CONS: Yes he's run second twice in his only two career starts. Unfortunately for El Magnifico, both horses he lost to (by significant margins) appear in this field alongside him. He's also drawn widest and seems to lack early foot with plenty of speedy rivals to his inside. His last race, Aug. 25 at Del Mar, was run over 6 1/2 furlongs, making him one of just two runners here yet to try a race over seven panels.




El Magnifico as a yearling | ThoroStride

PEDIGREE: There's plenty of stamina to be found in sire Street Sense, himself a GI Kentucky Derby winner, along with leading broodmare sire Bernardini. Secret Jewel was a \$1.2-million yearling out of the 2011 Keeneland September Sale due to the efforts of her half-sibling in GI Breeders' Cup Filly and Mare Turf winner Shared Account (Pleasantly Perfect) who went on to produce GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies Turf victress and 'TDN Rising Star' Sharing (Speightstown). Secret Jewel also counts GSW/GISP Sparkle Blue (Hard Spun) and GSW Colonial Flag (Pleasant Tap), herself a \$1.6-million KEENOV broodmare, as half-siblings.


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Even further back, the family includes GI Saratoga Special S. winner and GI Forego S. placed High Oak (Gormley), GSW Golden Itiz (Tiznow) and MGSW Sapphire n' Silk (Pleasant Tap) along with her son Shaniko (A.P. Indy) who set the track record for 1 1/8 miles at Turfway Park in the GI Kentucky Cup Classic S. Secret Jewel is already responsible for four winners with an average winning distance of 8.1 furlongs, including GIII Beaumont S. winner Twenty Carat (Into Mischief).

VERDICT:

He should have no problem getting the distance but the odds of him beating not just one, but both of the monsters that defeated him in his maiden races earlier this summer are slim.—*Stefanie Grimm*

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