

\$1.5-MILLION TIZ THE LAW COLT PUTS EXCLAMATION POINT ON RECORD-SETTING OBS SPRING SALE



HIP 1094, a son of Coolmore's **Tiz the Law** | OBS/VidHorse

by Jessica Martini & Stefanie Grimm

Ocala, FL - The Ocala Breeders' Sales Company's Spring Sale of 2-Year-Olds in Training had one more seven-figure juvenile up its sleeve with a colt by **Tiz the Law** bringing a sale-topping \$1.5 million during the final session of the four-day auction which concluded with its third straight record average Friday.

"We are very appreciative and glad and happy--all of the adjectives you can apply to the week," OBS Director of Sales Tod Wojciechowski said at the close of business Friday. "It was a great week for everyone."

Through four days of selling, 637 horses grossed \$88,761,500 for an average of \$139,343, up 7.1% from last year's previous record figure of \$130,149. **Cont., p3**

GIN GIN REVERSES FORM FOR WALSH, STROLLS HOME IN THE DOUBLEDODGARE

Good first impressions are a must in most professional situations, and **Gin Gin** (Hightail) stepped up in a big way for new trainer Brendan Walsh when she dominated the GIII Baird Doubledogdare Stakes at Keeneland Friday evening.

Previously in the barn of Brad Cox, she had a stakes win in New York to her credit in 2024 by way of the Busanda Stakes at Aqueduct in mid-January, but went winless for the rest of the season including a start in the GI Kentucky Oaks. Running 12th in the premier spring Classic for American 3-year-old fillies, she was gone from that effort until Jan. 17 this year, where she ran a flat fifth against optional claimers at Fair Grounds on first-time Lasix.

Going without the medication here and a chilly 38-1 for her first jump in the Walsh program, she pressed MGISW **Just F Y I** (**Justify**) as that one put up :23.19 and :47.70 early splits.

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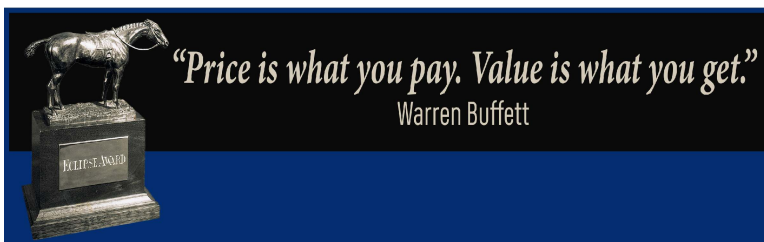
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OBS April coverage, cont. from p1

The median of \$65,000 fell 7.1% from a year ago.

From a catalogue of 1,207, 765 horses were offered with 128 failing to meet their reserves for a buy-back rate of 16.7%.

Steve Venosa's SGV Thoroughbreds sold the top two lots at the auction, adding the \$1.5-million colt by **Tiz the Law** purchased by the partnership of Spendthrift Farm, St. Elias Stable, and West Point Thoroughbreds Friday, to the \$1.45-million son of **Gun Runner** purchased by Kerri Radcliffe Wednesday. In all, nine horses brought seven figures during the Spring sale, surpassing the auction's previous record of five to hit that mark. Three of the nine were by GI Belmont Stakes winner **Tiz the Law**.

The nine million-dollar juveniles were purchased by seven different buyers, with Radcliffe and Mahmud Mouni signing for two each.

De Meric Sales was the auction's leading consignor with 32 head sold for \$7,869,000. Mouni, who purchased 10 head for \$4,835,000, was the auction's leading buyer. Second leading buyer was Case Clay, who purchased the same number for \$3,750,000.

"It's a pretty typical market," said Clay. "It's pretty polarized, but it's strong at the top."

In his operation's final offering at OBS, legendary horseman Eddie Woods was the auction second leading consignor with 25 sold for \$5,251,000.

"As happy we are with the sale, knowing that we are not going to have one of our top consignors around is a bittersweet pill," Wojciechowski said.

Among the Japanese buyers who were active at the Spring sale, Hideyuki Mori purchased five juveniles for \$725,000, while North Hills Co. purchased the same number for \$390,000. Korean interests acquired 16 head for \$476,000. **Cont.**



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The sale-topping HIP 1094, a son of **Tiz the Law** | OBS/VidHorse

While Mouni was purchasing for a new partnership of Middle Eastern clients, Pedro Lanz continued buying for Saudi clients. Lanz signed for eight horses for \$1.535 million.

“The international buyers were here and were excited to buy horses and it looks like they did,” Wojciechowski said. “Certainly there was a broad spectrum of buyers from all over the world.”

More Seven-Figure Glory for **Tiz the Law**

Tiz the Law was represented by his third seven-figure juvenile of the week when Spendthrift Farm, St. Elias Stable, and West Point Thoroughbreds teamed up to acquire a colt by the GI Belmont Stakes winner (**hip 1094**) for a sale-topping \$1.5 million Friday at OBS.

“We have now bought three Tiz the Laws at the 2-year-old sales,” said West Point's Terry Finley. “He has come forward like a whirlwind. We are very, very high on him. I remember the day he broke his maiden at Saratoga. Visually, I said he was going to be a superstar. He turned out to be a hell of a racehorse and I think he is going to have an impact on the breed for years to come.”

Consigned by Steve Venosa's S G V Thoroughbreds, the dark bay colt is out of stakes-placed Georgian Dancer (Souper Speedy), a half-sister to Canadian champion sprinter River Maid (Where's the Ring). He worked a furlong last week in :10 flat.

“They are very athletic,” Finley said of the offspring of **Tiz the Law**. “They are very intelligent. All of the pinhookers and farm trainers that I am talking to just say they have great minds and they carry themselves with some poise and some pizzazz. I wasn't as big a believer in him early, but he's got me hook line and sinker now.” **Cont.**

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Consignor: SGV Thoroughbreds, Agent

"Tiz The Law has come forward like a whirlwind. We are very, very high on him...and I think he is going to have **an impact on the breed for years to come.**"

- **Terry Finley**, West Point Thoroughbreds



\$1,150,000

Chestnut colt o/o Taboo

Buyer: Donato Lanni, Agent for Zedan Racing
Consignor: Tom McCrocklin



\$1,050,000

Bay filly o/o Tulsa Queen

Buyer: Mahmud Mouni
Consignor: Kings Equine

TIZ THE LAW

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On Thursday, Spendthrift manager Ned Toffey acknowledged the team had found competition stiff for the top colts with stallion potential this week at OBS. The operation was underbidder on several of the auction's million-dollar colts before partnering up for the sale topper.

"It's called the power of partnerships," Finley said. "When you are with the right partners, it really helps because you can come back at the next sale and you might get a horse that you wouldn't have gotten if you'd spent your budget at the first two sales. In that respect, I think people, even significant players who can do everything themselves, are smart when they say what group of good partners can we look to partner with. I think that structure is here to stay in our business. And I think, if anything, it helps the industry. I don't hear sellers talking that often anymore about you're taking buyers and it effects the upper end. When you see a horse that you wouldn't normally take a look at, but say, well all right, if we can get Spendthrift and the Violas in, we might be in play. All of a sudden you have more buyers instead of fewer." [@JessMartiniTDN](#)

Tiz the Law Colt Tops Big Week for Venosa

The \$1.5-million **Tiz the Law** colt gave Steve Venosa's S G V Thoroughbreds the top two offerings of the week at the OBS Spring sale. The operation sold a colt by **Gun Runner** for \$1.45 million during Wednesday's second session of the auction.

Asked how it felt to have a pair of million-dollar results this week, Venosa said, "I don't know yet. Ask me again next week."

Pushed to reveal how he would be celebrating the accomplishment Friday evening, he said, "Not sure yet. But without my team, we aren't able to do this. They take as much credit as I do."

The sale topper was purchased by SGV Thoroughbreds for \$125,000 at last year's Keeneland September sale.

"He was just a big, scopey-type horse that we felt would do the job at a 2-year-old sale," Venosa said of the colt's appeal last fall. "That stallion has been doing really well. So we took a shot on him."

Venosa continued, "The transformation has been amazing. He just kept getting better and better. As he was showing here, several people would come and look at him every day and every day they said he just blossomed and improved."

In addition to his three million-dollar juveniles, **Tiz the Law** also had a colt sell for \$825,000 during Friday's final session of the Spring sale.

"They just show up," Venosa said of the Coolmore stallion's progeny. "They run on dirt, run on turf, they are showing up at the 2-year-old sales. And the most important thing is they are sound. To bring a horse like that with that size over here to work the way he did, it was very impressive. And he vetted perfect."

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A \$280,000 Keeneland April Sale purchase, **Spirit of St. Louis** won this year's Pegasus World Cup Turf (G1) with earnings over \$1.2 million.

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Hip 81 | Incanto (IRE)
 Stakes-winning gelding by Mehmas who took the Texas Glitter S. on the turf at Gulfstream Park in March for his second victory of 2025.
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Consigned by Taylor Made Sales Agency, agent

Hip 82 | Happyhappyboy
 Colt by Runhappy out of winning, MSP mare Chorus Line, by Parading. A full brother to juvenile winner Runlikecarl, from the family of G1 winner Her Smile, the 2-year-old ran second on debut at Keeneland April 7.
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Eddie and Angela Woods | OBS

'It's a Bit Emotional!' Woods Signs Off at OBS

Eddie and Angela Woods watched on from their usual spot on the side of the pavilion as the final horse of their legendary consignment went through the sales ring at OBS Friday. Angela wiped tears from her eyes as the son of **Twirling Candy** entered the sales ring and, as bidding inched forward, auctioneer Justin Holmberg quipped, "Are you reconsidering your decision?" Ultimately, **hip 1177** would sell for \$560,000 to Eclipse

Thoroughbred Partners and Sabby Racing and was led out of the ring to a round of appeals for the veteran horseman who has been a staple of the Ocala scene for three decades.

"It's a bit emotional," Woods admitted afterwards with a tear in his eye. "It's great, it was fantastic how he sold. He was a beautiful horse. I expected him to sell well. And it was neat for a really nice horse to be my last horse and not some \$5,000 type thing."

Through the years, graduates of the Eddie Woods consignment have included GI Kentucky Derby winner Big Brown, as well as champions Lady Eli, Left Bank, Midnight Lute and Spring in the Air. Just last month, the consignment sold a son of **Gun Runner** for an OBS record \$3 million at the March sale.

"We've been doing this a long time in this place," Woods said. "It's going to be different."

Asked for some of his favorite memories from the Ocala venue, Woods said, "I think my favorite memory from OBS will be that we had the first horse to work in :10 flat back in the day when :22 flat was still a good time and a :10 1/5, you were high-fiving everybody. And the first horse to work in :10 flat was notable."

He continued, "I've been on the board here for a long time. We redeveloped this whole thing from nothing. Out there it was basically a hay barn, if you remember that." **Cont.**

Hip 841 **obs**

23 C. Connect - Camielee

\$300,000

CONNECT

Curlin - Bullville Belle, by Holy Bull

Hip 147 **obs**

23 C. Connect - Mini Pearl

\$350,000

\$300,000

HIP 841 - Colt out of Camielee, by Harlan's Holiday

Buyer: Mahmud Mouni
Consignor: Grade One Investments LLC, Agent II

OBS SPRING

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HIP 147 - Colt out of Mini Pearl, by Union Rags


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• Catalogued	301	302
• No. Offered	174	179
• No. Sold	141	138
• RNAs	33	41
• % RNAs	19.0%	22.9%
• High Price	\$1,500,000	\$850,000
• No. Over \$500k	6	14
• Gross	\$18,926,500	\$19,609,000
• Average (% change)	\$135,206 (-4.8%)	\$142,094
• Median (% change)	\$70,000 (+4.5%)	\$67,000
CUMULATIVE TOTALS	2025	*2024
• Catalogued	1207	1208
• No. Offered	765	783
• No. Sold	637	630
• RNAs	128	153
• % RNAs	16.7%	19.5%
• High Price	\$1,500,000	\$1,900,000
• No. Over \$500k	32	28
• Gross	\$88,761,500	\$81,994,000
• Average (% change)	\$139,343 (+7.1%)	\$130,149
• Median (% change)	\$65,000 (-7.1%)	\$70,000

*End of session results.

“And it's changed and it's a beautiful place. To be a part of that development was really good. I am proud of that, too.”

As he left the pavilion for the last time as a consignor, Woods concluded, “We had some great days. We had some bad days here, too. That's part of it. But our record here has been very, very good for the number of horses we've had.”

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Quality Road Colt Tops Clay's OBS List

Bloodstock agent Case Clay made the trek back from the Middle East, where he celebrated the victory of Wathnan Racing's Hit Show (Candy Ride {Arg}) in the G1 Dubai World Cup at the beginning of the month, to Central Florida for the Spring sale and he may have covered that same amount of ground walking the barns at OBS this week. Clay acquired 10 juveniles for \$3,750,000 during the four-day auction and made his highest-priced purchase of the week Friday when going to \$750,000 for a colt by Quality Road (hip 1081) from Julie Davies's consignment.

The dark bay colt is out of Fuhriously Kissed (Langfuhr), who was third in the 2018 GI Apple Blossom Handicap.

“Time will tell, but he looks to me like a Saturday horse,” Clay said of the colt who was purchased for the emir of Qatar's Wathnan Racing. “He's by a great sire out of a Grade I-placed mare. And he's just a beautiful mover. I really liked him a lot.”

Clay's purchases at the Spring sale also include a \$600,000 son of Vekoma (hip 246), and a \$500,000 daughter of City of Light (hip 1159).

“Some of them are for Wathnan and some of them are for a different client,” Clay said of his April purchases. “Wathnan is focusing a lot on dirt and the other client that I am purchasing for at this sale is focusing on turf.” @JessMartiniTDN

Gervais Racing Continues Racing And Breeding Expansion at OBS April

Now two years into the game, Randy Gervais continued to expand his and his mother's Gervais Racing brand with the addition of three purchases at OBS April this week. Striking early during Tuesday's opening session, he first went to \$400,000 to secure a filly by Speightstown (hip 21) who Gervais claimed was “a queen”.

“I knew she was the horse I wanted,” Gervais said. “She was the queen to me of the entire sale. I saw [her] and she was early on [in the sale]. I loved her when I saw her. I got here Sunday and I saw her then and I saw her again Monday. I wound up texting my mom to say we found a filly we can't leave without. She's coming [home].”

Purchased as a yearling at Keeneland September for \$120,000 by Equinox for George A. Sharp and consigned at OBS by Niall Brennan Stables, the filly is a half to pair of winners and worked her furlong in :10. Cont.



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“I looked at every single horse,” Gervais said. “My bloodstock agent is Clay Scherer and we're really good friends. He's a big addition to the team. We loved [hip 21], and not just because she was early. I loved her. I thought she was a queen so I was super excited to get her. She was number one on my list for fillies.”

Gervais noted he was happy to be stake his claim early.

“I was very happy that I was aggressive early on with her. I personally believe that if she was later on in the sale, she would've cost \$200,000 more so I was happy with what we did.”

Gervais noted that, while he and his mother were especially keen on fillies as they are looking to establish a breeding operation, a good colt wouldn't be overlooked.

“I'm open to anything,” he said. “If the horse is right, the horse is right. You're buying the individual. I don't want to sell myself short by saying I'm only coming for fillies and have a colt that I pass on. But with a filly, you can win a black-type or a Grade III and have a really nice mare that you can then breed to.”

Keeping that open mind, Gervais Racing signed two days later for a colt by **Maclean's Music** (hip 704) from the Kinsman Farm consignment for \$475,000. Out of a half-sister to champion 3-year-old filly Letruska (Super Saver), the colt also worked in :10. Similarly to the Speightstown filly, Gervais knew what he wanted when he saw it.

“He was number one on my list for colts,” he said. “I liked 704, [hip 249] and [hip 727], those were my top three colts. And I thought [hip 704] was a notch above both of them. When I saw him walk out of the stall, he just spoke to me. He walked out of the stall like a man. I saw him before I got [hip 21] and I knew I had to wait around until Thursday. He came out of the stall on Monday before I even got to [hip 21] and I thought 'oh man, I've gotta leave with a filly and a colt'. Then I saw him on Tuesday and these horses, they're shown so many times and every single time that Kinsman brought him out, he just took it.”

Of the price, Gervais said he would've been willing to spend whatever was needed.

“I was prepared to go up high for [hip 704]. It helped me out that another **Maclean's Music** [hip 727] was 20 hips behind me. I knew they were going to battle each other. I knew people liked mine and people also liked that one. Everyone has a different taste.”

In his third and final purchase for the week, Gervais Racing picked up a **Complexity** filly (hip 295) who RNA'd in the ring and sold post sale for \$45,000 from the Grade One Investments consignment.

“We got another little RNA horse,” Gervais said. “That's just fun and I'll send her to a new trainer whose a friend of mine.”

The three purchases made this week go along with a pair of colts who went to Gervais Racing during OBS March. **Cont.**



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“As an owner, I don't like being the owner that just says [to a bloodstock agent], 'hey, what do you like?'. I have to be there and see [the horses] myself. When I get there, we make a list like everyone else. We [Gervais and Scherer] go through and I picked who I liked.”

When it comes to the racing side of his operation, Gervais keeps that same open-mind mentality and lets the horses tell him when they're ready to join trainer Dallas Stewart's barn.

“I let them speak,” he said. “I sent [hip 21] to WinStar to just go relax. I think the fillies are better later on in the year so I'm not going to debut her until probably September. I'm going to move right on with [hip 704] and I'm hoping for a Saratoga debut.”

Additionally, several of Gervais's yearling purchases from last year are already at the track including a \$150,000 **Not This Time** colt purchased at the Fasig-Tipton Saratoga Sale.

“I bought a **Not This Time** from the Saratoga Sale and he's going great,” Gervais said. “He's already with Dallas at Keeneland. He might debut at Saratoga. If he can make a Churchill race, great. But I've seen in my experience that the horses that really carry on are ones that are lightly raced as 2-year-olds. I want the horses to feel good in their bodies and be conditioned. I don't have to buy a horse and go run it.”

Even with OBS April concluding Friday, Gervais said he wasn't done shopping quite yet. Saying he has between 15 and 20 horses currently in training, Gervais doesn't have an ideal number saying with a laugh, “Call me in September.” He also added he'd be shopping at the [Fasig-Tipton] Timonium Sale.

“I'll look around [at Timonium],” he said. “I'll talk to Clay but I'm not really looking for anything, just window shopping. If I go and I see something I have to leave with, then that conversation will change. I'll have to sleep on it, pray on it, see if it feels right and that's when I'll make my move.” -@SGrimmTDN

De Meric Sells **Tiz the Law** Colt to Chris Hartman for \$825K

A colt from the second crop by Coolmore stallion **Tiz the Law** (hip 970) went to trainer Chris Hartman on a final bid of \$825,000 early in the final session Friday and Hartman noted that the colt would go to a Texas-based partnership named Flatland Racing Stable. Consigned by de Meric Sales Friday after they paid \$110,000 for the him at Keeneland September, the colt worked his eighth in :10.

“We went through all the horses first while we're in the search like everyone else for a good racehorse,” said Flatland's Clay Carnes. “And he checked all of the boxes and stood out as an individual. So we said let's step up to the plate and see what happens.”

The five-member strong Flatlands Racing Stable, who keep about five to ten horses in training with Hartman at a time, circled the colt early as the one they wanted and Carnes noted he fell right into their expected range.

“We had him between \$800,000 and \$1,000,000 so he was right there. The higher-end horses seem to be selling pretty well.”

Carnes was quick to attribute the purchase to Hartman who selected the horse on behalf of the partnership.

“We looked at everything in the book and had a couple that we really looked at. But he was the one we circled and the one we were going after. This is a horse that Chris picked out and identified.”

The colt was another strong result for de Meric Sales and wound up their third-highest priced sale of the week.

“He's always trained very well,” said Tristan de Meric. “The way he moved, the action and the angles. He always had great angles and moved really well. He's out of a **Curlin** mare which I loved. You could see some **Curlin** in him for sure. He always did everything right. We were lucky to have him and it seemed like everyone on the ground was talking about him. So we were very happy to get the result. Best of luck to Chris Hartman.”

Of the price, de Meric added: “It was starting to feel like the horse was going to sell very well with all the activity and vets in the barn on him. But you never expect a horse to sell that well. We're thrilled to be in the right place at the right time.” -

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CORTEZ RACING PINHOOKS JUSTIFY COLT

Ocala-based pinhooker Alex Cortez enjoyed a successful pinhooking week when a colt by **Justify** (hip 1030) sold to SG Racing for \$250,000 early in Friday's fourth and final session. His Cortez Racing and Sales purchased the colt as a yearling at Keeneland September for \$110,000 last year.

"He was super racy," Cortez said of what initially attracted him to the colt in Kentucky. "He looked really fast. I took a chance and called my brother and my other partner. I said, 'we gotta take a shot' and it worked out."

Now in his third year of pinhooking, Cortez said he never asked his **Justify** colt for a thing coming into the sale.

"He's always trained super big in the mornings," Cortez said. "He always acted perfectly and I never asked him to do too much because he was always giving [his best]."

His biggest sale of the week, Cortez also pinhooked a **Tiz the Law** filly (hip 819) during Thursday's third session for \$150,000 after initially buying her at Keeneland September for \$28,000. Of his eight-horse consignment, seven found new homes.

"For me, the most important thing is for [the horses] to go to good homes and go on to do well. To see them performing and doing well in the races is why I started doing this three years ago."

Of the market, Cortez added: "It's been good to me. I'm always thanking God for all the success." -@SGrimmTDN

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HIP 1159, the filly topper by **City of Light** | OBS/VidHorse

TDN TAKEAWAYS

- **Tiz the Law** was responsible for the top two horses sold Friday including the \$1.5 million-dollar sales topper. He finished the week with three seven-figure horses each sold to a different buyer.
- **Quality Road** also had two hips in the top five priciest of the day while **City of Light**, a son of **Quality Road**, took the sixth slot with a \$500,000 filly sold to Case Clay Thoroughbred Management.
- Three fillies sold in the top ten but colts again ruled the day with the top five priciest hips of the day. The aforementioned **City of Light** filly was the top of her gender Friday.
- Ciaran Dunn's Wavertree Stables finished the day as the top consigner with 11 sold for \$2,145,000. Case Clay Thoroughbred Management wound up the top buyer on the day with four purchases for \$1,950,000. Eddie Woods, in his final day at OBS, also sold 11 hips. Carson McCord stayed active Friday with 6 purchased.
- 141 horses sold Friday totaling \$19,064,000. The average of \$135,206 was down slightly from last year while the median rose to \$70,000.

SESSION TOPPERS

OBS APRIL 2-YEAR-OLDS IN TRAINING

FRIDAY'S TOP SEVEN COLTS

Hip	Sire Dam	Price (\$)
1094	Tiz the Law --Georgian Dancer (\$150,000 i/u '22 KEENOV; \$160,000 Ylg '24 KEEJAN; \$125,000 Ylg '24 KEESEP) <i>Breeder: Schwing Thoroughbreds (LA)</i> <i>Consignor: S G V Thoroughbreds LLC (S Venosa), Agent</i> <i>Purchaser: Spendthrift Farm, St Elias Stable, West Point</i>	1,500,000
970	Tiz the Law --Dictate Cool (\$110,000 Ylg '24 KEESEP) <i>Breeder: Upson Downs Farm (KY)</i> <i>Consignor: de Meric Sales, Agent XVII</i> <i>Purchaser: Flatland Racing Stables</i>	825,000

1081 Quality Road--Fuhriously Kissed 750,000
 (\$135,000 RNA Ylg '24 KEESEP)
 Breeder: River Bend Farm (KY)
 Consignor: Julie Davies LLC, Agent IX
 Purchaser: Case Clay Thoroughbred Management

1092 Quality Road--Genre 650,000
 (\$410,000 Ylg '24 KEESEP)
 Breeder: Candy Meadows (KY)
 Consignor: Wavertree Stables Inc (C Dunne), Agent V
 Purchaser: Mahmud Mouni

1177 Twirling Candy--Irish Jasper 560,000
 (\$150,000 Ylg '24 KEESEP)
 Breeder: W S Farish (KY)
 Consignor: Eddie Woods, Agent VIII
 Purchaser: Eclipse TB Partners & Sabby Racing LLC

984 Tapit--Dothraki Sea 490,000
 Breeder: Band of Brothers (KY)
 Consignor: Randy Miles, Agent XXVI
 Purchaser: Mahmud Mouni

1179 Gun Runner--Island Saint 450,000
 (\$75,000 Ylg '24 FTKOCT)
 Breeder: Siena Farms (KY)
 Consignor: First Call, Agent I
 Purchaser: Marquee Bloodstock, Agent

FRIDAY'S TOP SEVEN FILLIES

Hip Sire | Dam Price (\$)
1159 City of Light--I'm Betty G. 500,000
 (\$200,000 Ylg '24 FTKOCT)
 Breeder: Stoneriggs Farm (KY)
 Consignor: Wavertree Stables Inc (C Dunne), Agent XII
 Purchaser: Case Clay Thoroughbred Management

956 Constitution--Dear Elaine 400,000
 (\$200,000 Ylg '24 KEESEP)
 Breeder: Siena Farms (KY)
 Consignor: Tom McCrocklin, Agent VI
 Purchaser: Case Clay Thoroughbred Management

978 Nyquist--Divine Mercy 370,000
 (\$80,000 i/u '23 KEEJAN; \$140,000 Ylg '24 KEESEP)
 Breeder: EGL One & Sugar Mill (KY)
 Consignor: S G V Thoroughbreds LLC (S Venosa), Agent
 Purchaser: Patrice Miller, EQB Inc, Agent



HIP 1177, a colt by Twirling Candy | OBS/VidHorse

986 Cairo Prince--Dovima 325,000
 (\$27,000 RNA Ylg '24 KEESEP)
 Breeder: Dell Ridge, Ken Donworth & Des Ryan (KY)
 Consignor: Eddie Woods, Agent III
 Purchaser: Klaravich Stable Inc

918 Practical Joke--Conway Two Step 300,000
 (\$170,000 Ylg '24 KEESEP)
 Breeder: Loren Nichols (KY)
 Consignor: Pick View LLC, Agent VII
 Purchaser: Legion Bloodstock, Agent

961 Not This Time--Desert Duchess 300,000
 (\$115,000 Ylg '24 KEESEP)
 Breeder: Sam Henderson (KY)
 Consignor: de Meric Sales, Agent III
 Purchaser: First Row Partners

1206 Win Win Win--Just Like Lucy 300,000
 (\$60,000 Ylg '24 KEESEP)
 Breeder: Brereton C Jones (FL)
 Consignor: Navas Equine, Agent III
 Purchaser: MyRacehorse & Saffie Joseph Jr



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Gin Gin | Coady Media

Doubledogdare, cont. from p1

Inheriting the lead entering the far turn when the leader faltered and steadied at the five sixteenths pole, Gin Gin still had the advantage as a hopeful came up to apply outside pressure. Shaking clear of that one and drawing away, she was 5 1/4 lengths ahead of deep closer MGSW & MGISP **Tarifa** (Bernardini) as GISW **Candied** (**Candy Ride** {Arg}) held on for third.

After she faltered on the far bend, the chart notes say that Just F Y I was pulled up in the lane and transported off the track in an equine ambulance. The official Keeneland Racing account on X tweeted that she was examined by attending veterinarians and was walking the shed row and cooling out after the race.

“I wasn’t sure what to expect, to be honest with you,” said Walsh. “Eddie Kane and Mr. [Brad] Kelley [respective farm manager and owner of Calumet Farm, the winning owner] asked me to take her and give her a shot to see if she still had an appetite for [racing] anymore.”

“To be fair to her, she’s done nothing wrong since she came to us. She kind of lost her form at the end of last year, and I think she got a freshening. They did a fantastic job at the farm, actually. But she’s got some good back class, and it’s nice she showed it today. [Jockey] Jose [Ortiz] did a great job too.”

Regarding plans for the rest of the year, Walsh said, “I think they wanted to see if it was worth keeping her in training or not, but off [her performance today], you’d have to say it is. She’s a graded stakes winner now, too, and that’s fantastic. Hopefully, she can build on it. [A graded stakes win at Keeneland] is always nice.”

Pedigree Note:

Gin Gin is the most accomplished racehorse for her dam but only the mare’s third to survive in a string of poor breeding luck between her first winner Know It Now (**American Pharoah**) and

the Doubledogdare victress. The 2022 half-brother Quick City (**City of Light**) died as an unraced juvenile last year and she was barren in 2023 after a visit to Lexingtonian. She did produce a now yearling full-sister to Gin Gin and is due to **Cody’s Wish** for 2025.

Dam Before You Know It (**Hard Spun**) is a half-sister to MGSP Tarantino (Pioneerof the Nile), and GSP Instant Reflex (**Quality Road**), who would garner her claim to fame via her daughter, GI Breeders’ Cup Juvenile Fillies Turf victress Hard to **Justify** (**Justify**). This is the immediate female family of globetrotting Group winner and multiple group-placed Slow Pace (Distorted Humor) as well as unraced Jolie Chanson (Fr) (Mount Nelson {GB}). The latter mare would create a family branch which yielded the likes of multiple group-placed Majestic Dawn (Ire) (**Dawn Approach** {Ire}); GSW & GISP King Guillermo (Uncle Mo); and G1 Darley July Cup hero turned popular European sire Starman (GB) (Dutch Art {GB}) and his half-sister MGSP-Eng Sunday Star (GB) (Kodiac {GB}).

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Friday, Keeneland

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1--GIN GIN, 118, f, 4, by Hightail

1st Dam: Before You Know It (GSP, \$313,083), by **Hard Spun**

2nd Dam: Without Delay, by Seeking the Gold

3rd Dam: Slow Down, by Seattle Slew

1ST GRADED STAKES WIN. O/B-Calumet Farm (KY); T-Brendan P. Walsh; J-Jose L. Ortiz. \$214,288. Lifetime Record: 10-3-2-2, \$461,596. **Werk Nick Rating: A. Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.**

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'**TDN Rising Star**' O/B-Godolphin (KY); T-Brad H. Cox. \$69,125.

3--**Candied**, 118, f, 4, **Candy Ride** (Arg)--Toni Tools, by Roaring Fever. (\$165,000 Ylg '22 FTKJUL). O-Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners & B Flay Thoroughbreds; B-Buck Pond Farm, Inc. (KY); T-Todd A. Pletcher. \$34,563.

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GRADED CAST FROM 'SKIPPY' DEFENSE AT OAKLAWN TO ENDLESSLY GOING ON AT SANTA ANITA



Skippylongstocking wins his third Challenger S. | SV Photography

by J.N. Campbell

The sun is shining and the birds are singing, which means that spring has sprung and hopefully cold blasts are fixed over yonder. This kind of weather propagates the condition known to many as Derby fever, which technically has no definable cure.

So, while you're tinkering with mint julep recipes or heading to the dry cleaners with your seersucker to keep the vapors in check, maybe what you need is to take a look at the weekend's graded stakes slate. The races are chock full of options, so let's not spare the horses and get to it.

Like Peanut Butter & Jelly

The meet in Hot Springs is coming to a close rapidly, but on Saturday the track off Central Avenue is ready to put on another edition of the GII Oaklawn Handicap. In his latest piece, TDN Racing Editor Steve Sherack admirably covers the preparation behind 'Rising Star' First Mission (*Street Sense*). The Brad Cox trainee was made the 2-1 morning-line favorite by Rick Lee.

Last year, trainer Saffie Joseph won this race with MGSW Skippylongstocking (Exaggerator), who was a \$37,000 OBS April grad for Daniel Alonso. With almost \$3.5-million in earnings to his credit, the 6-year-old is back to try and do it again as he carries the top weight of 123. Last out, Skippylongstocking notched his third GIII Challenger Stakes at Tampa in early March.

"I think he's coming in in good form," trainer Saffie Joseph said. "I expect a good run, hopefully. I do think he likes to be forwardly placed. Hopefully, he breaks well from there and puts himself in a forward position. There's some speed in there that he can stalk if he needs to. If he broke well enough, he can lead, also."

At the Oaklawn gate, the 6-year-old will be joined by his stablemate and GIII Razorback Handicap hero **Alexander Helios** (*Cairo Prince*), who clearly like the local strip.

"Obviously, stepped up his game and ran well last time [in the Razorback]," Joseph said. "He beat Banishing, who came back to win the [GIII Oaklawn Mile]. He's in good form and he goes over there with a very good chance himself. We feel like we have two horses that are in good [form] and, hopefully, they run their best races on that day."

Speaking of **Banishing** (Ghostzapper), the gelding will look to stretch back out for trainer David Jacobson after that Oaklawn Mile score on the Arkansas Derby undercard.

Also set for a start are a pair of Winchell homebreds trained by Steve Asmussen. The last time they hit the Oaklawn surface GSW **Disarm** won an optional claimer and MGSW **Red Route One** took home the GIII Essex Handicap. Both entries are on the **Gun Runner-Tapit** cross that ownership used to effect in the breeding shed with MGSW **Society**.

Cheerful In All Weathers

It was a wild start to the Keeneland Spring meet with all of the schedule changes, but horse racing is about adaptation. Keeneland rolled with the punches that were thrown by a serious round of storms.

On Saturday, the track has two graded races scheduled. First, the GII VisitLEX Elkhorn Stakes pits a good group of deep turf routers against one another. If there is any 'give' in the ground, then look for MGSW **Balnikhov (Ire)** (Adaay {Ire}) to outrun his 8-1 morning-line odds. The Phil D'Amato trainee will be making his 20th consecutive graded stakes start, which is quite an accomplishment.

"I was a little concerned about the 12 post, but he'll just drop over to the rail at the back of the pack and watch them all," said Phil D'Amato assistant Glenn Brookfield. **Cont.**



Balnikhov likes some 'give' | Horsephotos

“I think he can get a mile and a half,” he said. “The time he did, he just got a beat a half-length [in last fall’s GII Hollywood Turf Cup].”

The ultra-consistent **Limited Liability** (Kitten's Joy) was tabbed by Nick Tammaro as the 8-5 morning-line favorite. Trained by Shug McGaughey, the 6-year-old only missed by a neck when third in the GIII William L. McKnight Stakes at Gulfstream Park Jan. 25.

Also drawn for the Elkhorn is Todd Pletcher trainee & MGSW **Grand Sonata** (**Medaglia d'Oro**), plus do not overlook the one-eyed wonder **Rebel Red (GB)** (**Frankel {GB}**) from the Cherie DeVaux barn.

Heading to the main track and going 1 3/16ths in the GIII Ben Ali Stakes is a group of seven, which includes 5-2 morning-line favorite **Duke of Love** (Cupid). The Josie Carroll trainee successfully fought an infection and after 18 months made it back to the track. The 6-year-old owned by MyRacehorse was fifth on return facing optional claimers at Gulfstream Mar. 1.

“That was a good comeback race with a solid group of horses and a genuinely tough race,” trainer Josie Carroll said. “He’s an honest horse who shows up every time, and that race showed he was back at a good level.”

An entry looking to flip the script and pull off an upset is GISP **Piroli** (Battle of Midway). The gelding has a win over the track when he beat optional claimers last October for trainer Michael McCarthy.

Great Racing At That Place

Out at Santa Anita over the weekend you can find a couple of graded options.

The Saturday feature is the GII Santa Maria Stakes for older fillies and mares traveling 1 1/16th on the dirt. Trainer Bob Baffert holds a pair of aces in GISP **Splendor** (**Audible**) and GSW **Richi (Chi)** (**Practical Joke**).



Splendor | Benoit



Endlessly on the grass as a juvenile | Benoit

Do not be surprised if they run first and second, but maybe **Sun Of Hill (Brz)** (**Camelot Kitten**) can spoil the Hall of Famer's exacta.

Spinning into Sunday the turf will take center stage as **Endlessly** (**Oscar Performance**) makes his return to California in the GIII American Stakes.

As a juvenile, the colt rattled off three wins to start his career, which included after his broke his maiden the GIII Del Mar Juvenile Turf Stakes and the GIII Zuma Beach Stakes.

Amerman Racing celebrated when the bay got his picture taken in the GIII Jeff Ruby Steaks the following spring. The Derby fever was strong and they rolled the dice on the first Saturday in May. Finishing a respectable ninth in the big race, the Michael McCarthy trainee then was fifth in the GI Belmont Derby at Aqueduct in early July. By August his conditioner sent him to the bench for a rest.

Now ready for his 4-year-old debut, Endlessly will face a formidable opponent in **King of Gosford (GB)** (Zoustar {Aus}). The chestnut might be coming off nearly a fourth-month break himself, but his class is undeniable. Last year the Phil D'Amato trainee ended his season with a front-running score in the GII Mathis Mile Stakes at Santa Anita in late December.

If neither layoff runner is prepared to fire, then GISP **Zio Jo** (**Nyquist**) or MGSW **Cabo Spirit** (Pioneerof the Nile) would be happy to head to the winner's circle.

For some expert handicapping analysis refer to the 'Graded Stakes Entries' section after p24.

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FRESH OFF DUBAI WORLD CUP VICTORY, BRAD COX BARN 'IN A GOOD SPOT' IN OLDER HORSE DIVISION *by Steve Sherack*



First Mission | *Coady Media*

With **Hit Show** (**Candy Ride** {**Arg**}) already back galloping following his upset victory in the \$12-million G1 Dubai World Cup—more on him shortly—trainer Brad Cox will be well-represented by a pair of older horses on Saturday that could make some noise of their own in the handicap division this year.

Godolphin homebred and 'TDN Rising Star' **First Mission** (**Street Sense**), a fantastic third while launching his 5-year-old season off the bench in the GIII Razorback H. Feb. 23, is the 2-1 program favorite in the \$1.25-million GII Oaklawn H. in Hot Springs. Flavien Prat will be at the controls.

A late scratch from the 2023 GI Preakness Stakes after winning a live renewal of the GIII Stonestreet Lexington S. at Keeneland, that term's narrow GII Clark S. runner-up looked like he was on the cusp of stardom last spring, but failed to take the next step following powerful wins in the GIII Essex H. at Oaklawn Mar. 23 and GII Alysheba S. at Churchill Downs May 3. The latter was good for a career-high 106 Beyer Speed Figure.

Fourth as the 4-5 favorite in the GI Stephen Foster S. at Churchill Downs June 29, First Mission was given plenty of time to regroup following another head-scratching effort, this time finishing a well-beaten seventh in the GI Whitney S. over a muddy track at Saratoga Aug. 3.

“Look, we've always thought he was a Grade I talent,” Cox said. “He was able to win a graded stake (Stonestreet Lexington) off a maiden win at three. We felt very good about him leading up to the Preakness, but we had a small setback that just required time.

“He came back, was narrowly defeated in the Clark as a 3-year-old, then he really got rolling last spring.

We gave him an opportunity in two Grade Ones. Felt really good about him in the Stephen Foster, just didn't fire. We saw no reason to stop. We pressed on and went in the Whitney and just another flat effort. We gave him a break and brought him back.”

First Mission rallied nicely from third and was beaten just a neck behind the re-opposing duo of **Alexander Helios** (**Cairo Prince**) and **Banishing** (Ghostzapper) in a race dominated on the front end last time.

“I liked how he was doing leading up to the Oaklawn race,” Cox said. “I thought he ran against the bias a bit that day—I don't like too many excuses—but I thought he ran a winning race. Good run off the layoff. Good figures. We zeroed in on this race ever since. I think we got him primed and ready. He's really training well.”

Qatar Racing, Resolute Racing and Marc Detampel's highly regarded **Just a Touch** (**Justify**), meanwhile, will shoot for his second straight allowance victory at Keeneland Saturday. The \$125,000 FTKOCT yearling turned \$300,000 OBSAPR breezer is the 6-5 morning-line favorite and will face nine rivals, including GSW & MGISP **Skinner** (**Curlin**), going 1 1/8 miles. Regular rider Florent Geroux has the call.

A very sharp 3-year-old debut winner sprinting in the slop at Fair Grounds last January, Just a Touch earned a spot in the starting gate for the GI Kentucky Derby while still eligible for a first-level allowance following fantastic runner-up finishes in the GIII Gotham S. at Aqueduct and GI Toyota Blue Grass S. at Keeneland.

Last of 20 at a well-backed 11-1 after an eventful journey on the first Saturday in May, Just a Touch made just one more start last season, coming up a head short as the heavy favorite in the Iowa Derby at Prairie Meadows July 6. **Cont.**



Just a Touch | *Horsephotos*



Hit Show | Dubai Racing Club

“I would definitely say that we were trying to fast track him,” Cox said. “And listen, he responded. He broke his maiden and went right into graded stake company. Ran well enough in the Gotham and ran very well in the Blue Grass. He didn’t get away well in the Derby. He got squeezed back. That show was over a couple of jumps out of the gate for him.”

Cox added, “It wasn’t the greatest training job after the Derby or job of managing him and I’m to blame for that.”

The time off has served Just a Touch quite well. He returned to the races with a stylish, 10 1/2-length, front-running victory at Fair Grounds Mar. 1. That effort earned him a career-high 102 Beyer Speed Figure.

“He rebounded well with the freshening,” Cox said. “I thought he ran the way he was training in his one run this year. I wanted to give him plenty of time and space his races and hopefully get a full season out of him. This was the logical spot at Keeneland on Saturday. He’s still lightly raced and trying to get some solid miles and experience underneath of him. Looking forward to this being a stepping stone towards graded stakes.”

The GI Stephen Foster S. at Churchill Downs June 28, a ‘Win and You’re In’ for the GI Breeders’ Cup Classic, “could be in play” for the aforementioned Dubai World Cup upsetter Hit Show, Cox said.

“As soon as we got him out of quarantine, he looked phenomenal,” Cox said. “I’ll talk it over with the Wathnan group and Case Clay, but right now, I don’t see a reason to pull him out of training. He bounced out of it really well.”

Cox concluded, “They’re exciting horses. (Last year’s GI Jockey Club Gold Cup S. winner) **Highland Falls** (Curlin) is back on the worktab, too. We have a nice group of older horses. We gotta have things go right, but we’re in a good spot.”



Tappan Street en route to winning the FL Derby | Coglianesse

TAPPAN STREET SHIPS TO CHURCHILL SATURDAY, NEOEQUOS ONE STEP CLOSER TO DERBY

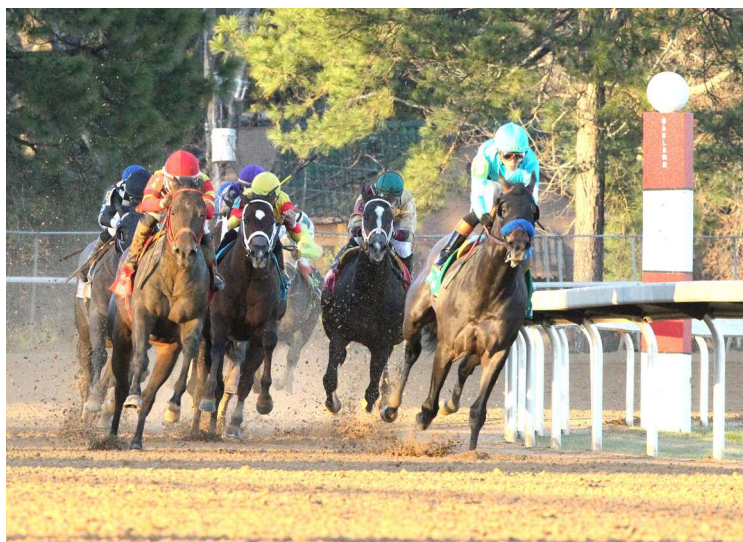
Having produced a five-furlong breeze which pleased trainer Brad Cox and completed his winter season in Indiantown, FL Friday morning, GI Florida Derby hero **Tappan Street** (Into Mischief) is scheduled to ship to Churchill Downs Saturday morning.

Going the five panels in company in 1:01.40 at Payson Park Training Center, it marked the penultimate breeze on the sophomore’s schedule in advance of his expected start in the GI Kentucky Derby May 3. Tappan Street worked with stablemate ‘**TDN Rising Star**’ Rapture (Uncle Mo) for the second straight week. The son of Into Mischief sits sixth on the leaderboard with 100 points and is tied with Florida Derby runner-up MGSW & GISP Sovereignty (Into Mischief).

“Overall, very pleased. [He] continued on around the turn very nicely and galloped out strong,” Cox said. “He looked great coming off the track. He’s been very consistent, and it seems like with his works: the further, the better. He’s in a good spot right now.”

Neoequos, Currently On Derby Bubble, Will Ship to Churchill As Defections Continue

Florida-bred GISP **Neoequos** (Neolithic) is on the outside-looking-in on the Kentucky Derby points board--21st in the standings with 40 points--and would need another defection to be included in the 20-strong field, but trainer Saffie Joseph Jr. continues to move forward with completing the colt’s Derby preps in a timely manner.



Madaket Road (rail) will not contest the Derby | Coady Media

Having gone from evicting his rider from the saddle on debut last July to being Grade I-placed via a third-place finish in the Florida Derby in late March, the colt worked five furlongs Friday morning in 1:00.51 in company with an older workmate, Mr. Narcissistic (Signature Red). With a start in the Derby still very much in the books, Nеоequos is expected to breeze one more time at Gulfstream Park before shipping to Kentucky.

The likelihood of him securing a coveted spot in the gate became even more likely Friday afternoon when the *Daily Racing Form's* David Grening reported that trainer Bob Baffert would be sending MGSP **Madaket Road (Quality Road)**--who had been in that top 20 with 46 points--to the GII Pat Day Mile over the Kentucky Derby.

"Right now, we're going to the Derby," Joseph said. "The distance is still a question mark, but he keeps running well enough and fast enough on the figures to keep going and try."

"I'm probably leaning toward working him one more time and then head to Churchill. He might work next Thursday. Either Thursday or Friday next week. Probably next Thursday and then ship in [Friday]."

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MADAKET ROAD REROUTES FROM KENTUCKY DERBY TO PAT DAY MILE

As first reported by the *Daily Racing Form's* David Grening, MGSP **Madaket Road (Quality Road)** will be pointed to the GII Pat Day Mile on the Kentucky Derby undercard instead of the marquee race that Saturday.

After working Friday morning at Santa Anita, where he posted a five furlong move in 1:00.80 (13.32), Madaket Road will now be pointed to the Pat Day and will ship to Churchill Downs with stablemates **'TDN Rising Stars'** MGISW Citizen Bull (Into Mischief) and GSW Rodriguez (Authentic).

"That's sort of been our goal all along, that's a better distance for him," Baffert told the *DRF*.

With Madaket Road being removed from the line up, the door opens for SW & MGSP Built (**Hard Spun**), but the connections are also reportedly considering the Pat Day Mile for that one as well. GISP Nеоequos (Neolithic), MSP Render Judgment (**Blame**), and GISP Baeza (**McKinzie**) are next in line with the Nеоequos and Baeza camps already confirming their intent to run if the spots open up.

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AMERICAN PROMISE MOTORS THROUGH HIS PACES, SHIPS TO KENTUCKY SUNDAY

In his penultimate work for the GI Kentucky Derby, **American Promise (Justify)** went fast by design for trainer D. Wayne Lukas, and will ship to Kentucky Sunday.

The breeze Friday morning at Oaklawn Park, shortly after the renovation break, was a seven furlong trip from the gate in 1:25.20 under Nik Juarez, who will also have the call in the big race.

According to Oaklawn's lead clocker Jim Hamilton, American Promise rolled through :22 for the opening quarter, :33.60 for three furlongs, a half in :45.80, five furlongs in :57.80, and six in 1:11 in company with seven-race maiden Bon Temps (Bravazo). That workmate dropped back on the turn with his five furlongs credited in :59.60.

Despite the look of it, Lukas says the workout unfolded as planned because he wanted the colt on his toes early.

"What I'm trying to do is get him focused on getting into his races quicker because with a 20-horse [Kentucky Derby] field, there's always a problem," Lukas said. "Put yourself in a place where you can [avoid trouble]. I'm training him a little bit different."

"He did a half-mile from the gate in :45 seconds. He doesn't have to do that, but at least he's got that in mind now. The other horse worked with him just to give him a little interest."

Barring any hiccups, the son of the 2017 Triple Crown winner will have his final Kentucky Derby workout at Churchill Downs Apr. 26. With two weeks left before the race, Lukas says he would not trade places with anyone.

"I really feel like he's coming around. He's improving every single day. He's still a 2-year-old [American Promise's actual birthday is May 1] and still growing into that frame. The last two weeks have been the best two weeks he's had here."

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QUIETSIDE BREEZES IN LEXINGTON AS OAKS PREP CONTINUES, SHIPS TO CHURCHILL NEXT FRIDAY

Shortleaf Stable's 'TDN Rising Star' MGSW & MGISP **Quietside** (Malibu Moon) breezed five furlongs alone Friday morning at Keeneland as her march toward Louisville continues for the first Friday in May.

With jockey Jose Ortiz in the irons, no relation to trainer John Ortiz, the filly rolled through her five panel work in :59 flat and galloped out six furlongs in 1:12.20. Her sectionals were :12.20, :36.20, :59 (end of her work), and 1:12.20.

“We wanted to give her a good five-eighths to get some air in her,” said trainer Ortiz. “Jose worked her in 58 and 4 at the Fair Grounds before the [GIII] Honeybee and wanted to do the same today. We know she will do 12s [second eighths of a mile] and then finish down the lane—which she did.”

“She had a strong gallop out. We were very pleased with the work. She is a filly that is peaking at the right time.”

His filly currently sits atop the Kentucky Oaks leaderboard and will likely not only be a main player but also one of the wagering choices for the May 2 headliner. That in mind, Ortiz also included that the travel itinerary for Quietside would be to remain at Keeneland for a while longer before shipping into the controlled chaos at Churchill Downs.

“I probably will keep her here because it is quieter. We'll work next Friday morning [Apr. 25 at Keeneland] and then ship over to Churchill that afternoon.”

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Incanto winning the Texas Glitter | Coglianesse

STAKES WINNER INCANTO SUPPLEMENTED TO KEENELAND APRIL SELECT HORA SALE

Two horses have been supplemented to Keeneland's April Select Horses of Racing Age Sale, set to begin Apr. 25, namely stakes winner **Incanto (Ire)** (Mehmas {Ire}) and the maiden-placed **Happyhappyboy (Runhappy)**, the auction house announced Friday afternoon.

The former is trained by Jose D'Angelo and has two victories to his credit in 2025, including the Texas Glitter Stakes at Gulfstream Park Mar. 22, before he shipped out to Santa Anita for a try in the Listed John Shear Stakes. Finishing fifth there, the gelding will be selling remotely from Santa Anita. This is the immediate female family of GISP Responsibleforlove (Ire) (Duke of Marmalade {Ire}) and GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile winner Vale of York (Ire) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}), who was also Group 1-placed in Italy.

Happyhappyboy hails from the shed row of owner/trainer Marcelino Torres, and was last seen finishing second on debut Apr. 7 at Keeneland behind the Wesley Ward owned and trained Pinky Finger (**Army Mule**). That filly facing the boys ran off the screen to win by 7 1/2 lengths while the **Runhappy** colt kept on to claim second by three-quarters of a length. The juvenile hails from the family of SW & MGSP Jazz (Quiet American) and SW & GSP Favored Lady (Fappiano).

Click [here](#) for the catalogue. A supplemental catalogue along with a consignment and barn order list will be produced and distributed roughly on Monday, Apr. 21 when the entries are close to being final. Keeneland will accept approved supplements until the sale date.

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CLAIMING CROWN QUALIFIERS, WELL-BRED MAIDENS WITH CONDITIONS AVAILABLE HIGHLIGHT INGLIS DIGITAL USA APRIL SALE

The 2025 Inglis Digital USA April Sale catalogue is now online and showcases a diverse group of 20 individuals ranging from Claiming Crown qualifiers to Keeneland debuters with their maiden conditions still available to yearlings from active families, the online auction house announced via press release Friday afternoon.

A slate of racing age horses includes **Sitka** (Speightstown), eligible for the aforementioned Claiming Crown and who holds his N2X condition, hailing from the shed row of trainer Matt Williams. His career-best Beyer figure is an 88, which he matched in his Apr. 4 gate to wire win in a starter allowance at Oaklawn Park.

Buyers looking to add juveniles or lightly-raced 3-year-olds will find horses like **Lilium** (Flatter), a sophomore racing or broodmare prospect out of a half-sister to champion 3-year-old MGISW **Maximum Security** (New Year's Day) and from the immediate female family of MGISW Flat Out. The 2-year-old **Baytown Dreamer** (**Mendelssohn**) is offered on the back of his third-place effort Apr. 10 in a Keeneland maiden special weight. He is out of a stakes winning **Munnings** mare who herself is a half-sister to MGSW **Appealing Tale** (Tale of the Cat).

The catalogue also features a trio of yearlings from the consignment of Highlander Training Center in Texas. Interested parties must register to bid and request a limit to start placing them. To view the full catalogue and register, please [go here](#).

"April is an exciting and busy time of year," said Kyle Wilson, senior director of Sales and Recruiting for Inglis Digital USA. "We have established runners and some young horses ready to get a start. We're also offering some breeding prospects if anyone has late seasons to fill."

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DOUBLE TAKE: TWIN THOROUGHBRED FILLIES DEFYING THE ODDS, FLOURISHING

AT HOME by Sara Gordon

On a quiet afternoon at Meadowbrook Farm in Shelbyville, Ky., mares and foals graze and stroll about while pregnant broodmares-in-waiting bask in the warmth of the sun's rays. And adjacent to all of them, in a small round pen set up alongside one of the main pastures, Surfside Stables' Kona Kai (Palace Malice) and her twin fillies enjoy a supervised turnout session.

Though they were born within minutes of each other, the twin fillies-daughters of **Oscar Performance**-look remarkably different, seemingly representing both halves of their genetic



Kona Kai with her twins by Oscar Performance | Sara Gordon

makeup. Nicknamed 'Mary-Kate,' the bay filly takes after her sire with a similar coat color, paired with a dollop of white adorning her forehead and a splash of color on her right hind leg. Meanwhile, her sister, fondly known as 'Ashley,' takes after her dam with a vibrant chestnut coat and a bold white face.

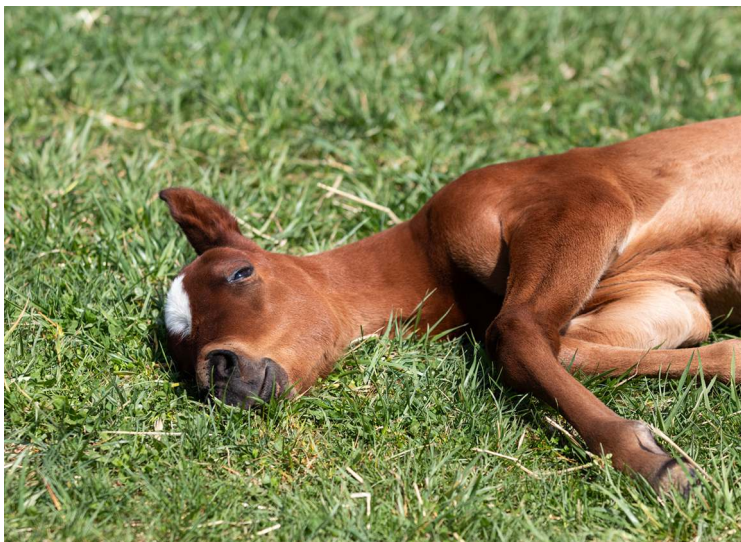
"Mary-Kate, from the get go, she's been the boss. Even though she's a bit smaller, she came out really strong. Those personalities haven't changed. Ashley is much more social, yet if you hold on to her and you let her go, she's the first one to try to kick you," said Lori Hendrickson, who manages her family's farm, as she glances over at the fillies with a smile. "Growing up, I don't think that's going to change much."

The reality of overseeing the care of a mare with twin foals is one that is still sinking in for Hendrickson, considering their arrival on March 10 was a complete surprise to all involved.

After delivering her first foal last year, a filly by **Oscar Performance**, Kona Kai was bred back to the Mill Ridge Farm-based stallion and seemed to pass every checkpoint throughout her second pregnancy with flying colors. Though Hendrickson and her staff observed that Kona Kai appeared to be 'carrying low' as the weeks counted down to her due date, the vet had not seen anything irregular in the scans throughout her pregnancy.

Yet, Kona Kai had been keeping a secret.

"[Kona Kai] was in the way back [of the pasture] and she was laying down. I walked up close to her, asked her if she was okay, and that's when I heard her kind of pushing. We got her almost to the barn, her water breaks, and we had to make her go into the stall. I've heard that they'll sometimes stand up and have the baby, so I had a guy on one side of her and I was on the other. [Soon enough,] we caught the baby, laid it down slowly, but then of course the umbilical cord broke. Kona kind of turned a little, then the placenta came right out," recalled Hendrickson.



Mary-Kate takes a snooze in the field | Sara Gordon

"After taking two steps forward, she lays down, and I ran to get the banamine. I thought something was really wrong with Kona at the time. [After] I got up to put the syringe away, we heard her push. I whipped my head around while my guy ran back behind her and he said, 'There's another baby.'"

The news was equally as surprising for siblings Debbie and Howard Appel of Surfside Stables, with Debbie based in Florida and her brother based in California, as both tuned in to the live feed streaming from the camera in Kona Kai's stall.

"Our other mare, Phantom Opening [Arch], gets in foal with twins every time she's been in foal, so we're very familiar with the twin thing. We know the process, we were familiar with all of it, so I knew how bad it was to have twins. It was a big shock," said Debbie Appel.

Though twin pregnancies aren't uncommon in Thoroughbred mares, a mare managing to successfully carry the twins to term is.



Click here to watch the video of the TDN's visit with the Oscar Performance twins. | Sara Gordon

Typically, the mare will likely abort within the first six weeks or, in the case she carries to birth, the twins will either not survive the birth or be born severely undersized and underdeveloped. It's due to those risks that when the presence of twins is revealed by a scan early on in the mare's pregnancy, breeders will have their vet 'pinch' or manually abort one of the embryos to give the other the best chance of survival.

However, it's been proven time and time again that horses aren't aware of statistics and don't live within the realm of science. This much was true of Kona Kai and her twin fillies, who not only evaded being discovered on routine scans but also beat the statistics when surviving well past birth.

Taking every precaution, Hendrickson conferred with the Appels and Kona Kai's vet before making the decision to transport the trio to Rood & Riddle for further observation and care under the watchful eye of Dr. Bonnie Barr, a neonatal specialist, and her team.

"When we drove up, I remember looking out [to see] people standing in all of the different buildings, they were all watching. From what one of the girls [at Rood & Riddle] told me, they had been on the radio to say 'we have two twins coming in and they are both the same size and they're doing really well,' and I think that the clinic just couldn't believe it," said Hendrickson.

The trio spent a week at the hospital, receiving supportive care, as the veterinary team monitored their development through factors such as weight, bone growth and strength, and white blood cell count. When they were born, the twins weighed approximately 58 pounds and 62 pounds, respectively. At nearly a month old, Hendrickson said Ashley was weighing in at 102 pounds and Mary-Kate had reached 98 pounds.

"The one challenge that we had was trying to decide whether we should get a nurse mare for one of the twins or not, or keep them all together and try to see if Kona could manage. Howard and Lori and I kind of put our heads together and tried to figure out what we could do, [to determine] what was best. It was very hard because on one hand, we wanted to make sure the twins had every opportunity. But they clearly were so bonded, that became obvious, and not only the twins to each other, but Kona to the twins. They were a little family. The idea of separating one of those foals and putting them with the nurse mare, we just couldn't do it," said Debbie Appel.

"We [also] wanted to give it a little bit of time to see if Kona was able to produce enough [milk] to feed both of them," added Howard Appel.

"It basically came down to the bloodwork. They were gaining weight every time they checked them."

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Kona Kai with Lori Hendrickson at Meadowbrook Farm
Sara Gordon

"They had to do x-rays on knees and hocks to clarify what they would be able to do once they came home, and that's why they've been in a pen, [because] the knees were always great but the hocks needed more time," said Hendrickson.

It was during the twins' time at the hospital that Debbie Appel shared the first photo of them on social media. That initial post, published March 12 on X, has now garnered nearly 875,000 views. The twins achieving social media stardom overnight was not something Appel had anticipated, but she has accepted it graciously, now sharing updates with photos and videos of the twins via Hendrickson, whenever she gets the chance.

"For both of us, we love racing and we love the industry. But one of the things that is sometimes troubling about it is [that] there's so much bad press and negative information that people use to beat up on horse racing. We looked at this as an opportunity to share a positive story, something that people can rally around," explained Debbie Appel.

"It's very nice to see so much interest and that people have gravitated to the twins. Ultimately, our goal is that they'll be healthy and have a racing career. In the meantime, this is a feel-good story that has captured hearts internationally. We're happy to be a part of that and share this with everyone," said Howard Appel.

Though it's been quite the learning curve for Hendrickson, who worked as a multiple stakes-winning trainer for 20 years before making the transition to working on the farm full-time a few years ago, she wouldn't trade the experiences for anything.

"I love watching them when they're born. [It's witnessing] that first time you take them out and they take a couple steps, then they'll jog a little bit, and then all of a sudden, they kind of find their legs and start kicking and galloping.

You can almost see it within an hour or two, how much they change," said Hendrickson. "It is stressful, but once they're born and you get past all of that, it's pretty entertaining."

As they near the two-month mark, the twin fillies and their dam have leveled up to a larger paddock, providing ample room for the foals to stretch their legs...while also giving Kona a break from their antics.

In the meantime, Debbie and Howard are hoping to make the trip to Shelbyville from their respective homes on the East and West Coasts to finally meet Kona Kai's 'miracle' foals. It marks a memorable time in the siblings' experience within the industry since establishing their racing stable in 2018, highlighted by multiple graded stakes-placed geldings Oceanic (**Constitution**) and Midnight Rising (**Mendelssohn**).

Phantom Opening and Kona Kai, both campaigned by Surfside and trained by Jordan Blair during their racing careers, were retired to start a new chapter as broodmares which marked the Appels' first foray into breeding. Debbie and Howard are the first to acknowledge their status as a breed-to-race operation, but most importantly, an operation with a focus on 'breed-to-retire safely.'

"We know it's a tough business and we could have easily put horses in claiming and other things, but [instead] we've retired a number of horses because the last thing you want to see is an injury or to find out they're racing somewhere else. We've sent a number of horses to Second Stride and other organizations that can provide [the horses with] another life after racing," said Howard Appel. "We try to give back to the industry as much as we can. We try to make sure that our horses stay healthy so that they can have a future after racing."

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Kona Kai and her twins heading outside | Sara Gordon



The Oscar Performance twins | Sara Gordon

Based on the significance of Kona Kai, and the impression her twins have already left from even states away, there is no question that living as part of the Surfside Stables herd will be their forever home.

"We want them to be healthy and we want to give them whatever tools or resources that we can to ensure that they have every opportunity to be on the track and be successful," Howard Appel said of the twins. "But we know the odds are long and if it doesn't work out that way, then we'll find a way to continue their story. Either that or they'll end up in our backyard."

"Wouldn't that make a great story, for them to be one of the first sets of twins to have a successful racing career? I mean, with any given horse on any given day, really with any horse born, nobody knows, right? You get the claimers that can run in stakes and sometimes the million-dollar purchases can't win anything," replied Debbie Appel.

As the twin fillies doze beside each other, with their incredibly patient and doting mother Kona Kai watching over them, it's easy to envision the dream that all of their connections describe. And isn't that the beauty of this industry...this sport...these remarkable athletes? The triumph we all dream of is not only found when beating the odds, but defying them.

"We feel blessed to have the twins and Kona, and that they're all healthy. We have a dream that Mary-Kate and Ashley will be in the [2028] Kentucky Oaks, running down the stretch together and they finish in a dead heat. That's still the dream."

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FEDERAL JUDGE AGAIN UPHOLDS INTERSTATE HORSERACING ACT, DENIES STAY IN TWINSPIRES-VS.-MICHIGAN

LAWSUIT by T.D. Thornton

A federal judge on Friday denied a request by the Michigan Gaming Control Board (MGCB) to stay a preliminary injunction that was issued two months ago in favor of the advance-deposit wagering (ADW) platform TwinSpires.

Back on Feb. 19, the United States District Court for the Western District of Michigan **had ruled** that the MGCB was unconstitutionally violating the Interstate Horseracing Act (IHA) by requiring that ADW to partner with a brick-and-mortar racetrack in that state before accepting simulcast wagers from Michigan residents.

At the time of that earlier ruling, Judge Hala Jarbou had ordered the MGCB not to enforce the contested Michigan Horse Racing Law (MHRL) licensing requirement about partnering with an in-state racetrack or to issue any sanctions against TwinSpires, a Churchill Downs, Inc. (CDI) subsidiary, for accepting bets from Michigan residents on out-of-state simulcast races.

The court order from Apr. 18 only pertains to the Feb. 19 preliminary injunction. The underlying Jan. 12 lawsuit by Churchill Downs Technology Initiatives Company--plus a still-pending, entirely separate lawsuit brought five days later by the MGCB against TwinSpires--are both still active in the federal court system.

Both lawsuits stem from the fact that at the start of 2025, Michigan's law requiring ADWs to partner with a racetrack in the state couldn't be fulfilled by any ADW operator because there hasn't been any Thoroughbred racing in Michigan since 2018, and Standardbred races last ran in February 2024.

TwinSpires (and other ADWs) had previously partnered with the now-demolished and to-be-developed Northville Downs, whose license-holders as of Jan. 1 were planning to--but had not yet received at that time--approval for the required 30 days of Standardbred racing at a different location so that all parties could be eligible for ADW and simulcasting in 2025.

On Dec. 23, 2024, the MGCB notified all licensed ADWs to cease offering wagering for Michigan residents effective Jan. 1, 2025. The shutdown was to be temporary until the harness track's licensing issue got resolved.

While ADW operators Xpressbet, NYRA Bets, and TVG Network voluntarily complied with the order, TwinSpires did not. After a week of continuing to take bets against the order, the MGCB suspended the TwinSpires license Jan. 7.



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Gin Gin (*Hightail*) reverses her form to win *GIII Doubledogdare*
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On Jan. 31, Northville Downs received its licensing, allowing third-party facilitators to accept wagers in accordance with the MHRL license requirement. However, the MGCB continued to maintain its suspension against TwinSpires.

In the Apr. 18 opinion and order, the judge wrote that, "[The MGCB] Defendants have not met their burden to show entitlement to a stay. Their arguments are unpersuasive. Because Defendants are not likely to succeed on the merits, they have not demonstrated that the preliminary injunction has caused irreparable harm, and they have not illustrated that issuing a stay is in the public interest, the Court will deny their motion..."

The judge continued: "Michigan law is clear: 'a bet is made at the time and place where the offer of it is accepted.' The IHA requires TwinSpires obtain consent from only three entities: the horseracing association, the host racing commission, and the off-track racing commission. For races that take place outside of Michigan, TwinSpires does not need MGCB consent. The MHRL requirements seek to add an additional layer of consent when a wager is placed by individuals in Michigan. The IHA preempts these requirements..."

"Defendants argue that the preliminary injunction prevents Michigan officials from effectuating the MHRL, which amounts to irreparable harm. While this sentiment is valid, the argument is not sound. The Court is not preventing Michigan officials from effectuating the statute in a manner that is consistent with the IHA. The preliminary injunction is limited to wagers that are accepted outside of Michigan for races that take place outside of Michigan. The MHRL remains in effect for wagers accepted in Michigan and for races that occur in Michigan."

The opinion and order also stated that, "Defendants also argue that the Michigan horse racing industry [is] is reliant upon the fees generated from interstate off-track wagering. The Court will not comment on the policy choices that will best support a horse racing industry in Michigan. The Court will, however, uphold the charge of the IHA, which establishes the exclusive procedure by which entities can accept interstate off-track wagers."

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OWNER & TRAINER INCENTIVE PROGRAM OFFERED FOR BELMONT STAKES RACING FESTIVAL

The New York Racing Association (NYRA) is rolling out a participation incentive program for owner and trainers during the five-day 2025 Belmont Stakes Racing Festival at Saratoga Race Course in early June, the track said in a release on Friday.

Owners will be eligible for a starter bonus for horses finishing fourth through last with \$1,500 awarded for stakes starters and \$1,000 awarded to owners of starters in overnight races.

Trainers whose horses start in stakes races that week will receive a \$750 bonus, while a \$500 bonus will be awarded to trainers for starters in all overnight races.

The program is designed to assist owners and trainers in covering additional expenses incurred for shipping upstate earlier than the typical start of the summer meet.

Eligible horses must be declared an official starter and must not be placed on the poor performance list or veterinarian list. Trainers must comply with all NYRA, HISA and NYSGC racing and safety rules to remain eligible. NYRA reserves the right to determine eligibility for qualified starters. Steeplechase participants are not eligible.

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FLORIDA BREEDERS' INCENTIVE FUND RESTRUCTURED, TO PROVIDE \$2-MILLION TO OWNERS

The Florida Breeders' Incentive Fund (FBIF) has been restructured to be open to all races regardless of value, and is

projected to provide over \$2-million in awards to owners, Gulfstream Park announced via press release.

The FBIF race incentives, which were offering \$5,000 per race for claiming races of \$25,000 and up or higher conditions, will be raised to \$6,000 per race in maiden special weights, allowance, and overnight handicaps. The only exception will be state-bred races. Changes to the fund will reflect beginning May 1.

“The restructuring of the Florida Breeders’ Incentive Fund will provide additional incentives to Florida owners,” said Bill Badgett, executive director of Florida racing operations at Gulfstream Park. “We look forward to continuing working with horsemen to make Gulfstream’s summer meet a success.”

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OAKLAWN H.-GII, \$1,250,000, 4yo/up, 1 1/8m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Go West Go	Twirling Candy	Boyd Caster	Caster	Bacon	112
2	Disarm	Gun Runner	Winchell Thoroughbreds LLC	Asmussen	Asmussen	119
3	First Mission	Street Sense	Godolphin, LLC	Cox	Prat	121
4	Skippylongstocking 🦄	Exaggerator	Daniel Alonso	Joseph, Jr.	Ortiz, Jr.	123
5	Alexander Helios	Cairo Prince	Fradkin, John and Fradkin, Diane	Joseph, Jr.	Saez	120
6	Tarantino 🦄	Pioneerof the Nile	David A. Bernsen LLC and Rockingham Ranch	Eurton	Maldonado	118
7	Banishing	Ghostzapper	Roman, Lawrence P. and Jacobson, David	Jacobson	Santana, Jr.	122
8	Red Route One	Gun Runner	Winchell Thoroughbreds LLC	Asmussen	Asmussen	120

Breeders: 1-Gary & Mary West Stables Inc., 2-Winchell Thoroughbreds LLC, 3-Godolphin, 4-Brushy Hill, LLC, 5-John Fradkin & Diane Fradkin, 6-Fred W. Hertrich III & John D. Fielding, 7-Godolphin, 8-Winchell Thoroughbreds, LLC

Is this finally going to be the season that we see 'TDN Rising Star' **First Mission** (**Street Sense**) take it to the next level? The talent has always been there and his rallying third-place finish, beaten just a neck, by the re-opposing **Alexander Helios** (**Cairo Prince**) and **Banishing** (**Ghostzapper**) while making his 5-year-old debut off the layoff in the GIII Razorback H. should set him up perfectly here. Nothing but respect for this race's defending winner **Skippylongstocking** (**Exaggerator**), who has recorded graded stakes victories at three, four, five and six. The latter's aforementioned Saffie Joseph, Jr.-trained stablemate Alexander Helios has never been better since returning from the shelf in January. -- **Steve Sherack**

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PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Rebel Red (GB)	Frankel (GB)	Gunther, John D. & Eurowest Bloodstock Services	DeVaux	Ortiz	118
2	Grand Sonata 🌿	Medaglia d'Oro	Whisper Hill Farm LLC	Pletcher	Alvarado	120
3	Dean Martini 🌿	Cairo Prince	David A. Bernsen LLC	Eurton	Maldonado	118
4	Verstappen 🌿	War Front	Andrew Farm, For the People Racing Stable LLC and O'Connor, Debra L	Walsh	Cannon	118
5	Utah Beach	English Channel	Amling, Jeffrey S. and Merriebelle Stable	Correas IV	Cheminaud	118
6	Limited Liability	Kitten's Joy	Stuart S. Janney III	McGaughey III	Dettori	118
7	Anglophile	English Channel	LFG Racing LLC	Lynch	Rosario	118
8	Ole Crazy Bone 🌿	Ghostzapper	Allied Racing Stable LLC	Calhoun	Hernandez, Jr.	118
9	Missed the Cut 🌿	Quality Road	Bee Zee LLC, Lanes End Racing, St. Elias Stables, Babington, Edward P., Hudson, Jr., Edward J. and Hudson, Lynne	DeVaux	Velazquez	118
10	Starting Over	Liam's Map	Nice Guys Stables	Russell	Torres	118
11	Idratherbeblesed 🌿	Unified	JD Thoroughbreds LLC and Scherr, Wayne	Hartman	Curtis	118
12	Balnikhov (Ire)	Adaay (Ire)	Little Red Feather Racing, Madaket Stables LLC and Old Bones Racing Stable, LLC	D'Amato	Geroux	118

Also Eligible

13	Native Shaman	Shaman Ghost	Calumet Farm	Arnold II	Lanerie	118
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Breeders: 1-Mr John Gunther, 2-Whisper Hill Farm, LLC, 3-Brereton C. Jones & Bret Jones, 4-Frank Hutchinson, 5-J. Amling & Merriefield Farm, 6-Stuart S. Janney, III LLC, 7-Upon Downs Farm & Louie W. Wright, 8-Adena Springs, 9-Framont LTD, 10-George Strawbridge Jr., 11-Narola, LLC, 12-T. de La Heronnierre & Gestut Zur Kuste AG, 13-Calumet Farm

He drew the 12-post and is facing some pretty tough customers here, but **Balnikhov (Ire)** (Adaay (Ire)) deserves another chance after having an awful trip in the GI Pegasus World Cup Turf Invitational Stakes. He finished 10th of 12, but was bottled up the entire length of the stretch and was given no chance by Oisín Murphy. Florent Geroux picks up the mount. In his only start at a mile-and-a-half, which occurred in the 2024 GII Hollywood Turf Cup, he ran one of the best races of his life, finishing a close second. **Limited Liability** (Kitten's Joy) is the obvious favorite and will be hard to beat for the combination of Shug McGaughey and Frankie Dettori. A repeat of his efforts in the GIII William L. McKnight S., the GII Red Smith S., and the **Nashville** Gold Cup will probably be good enough to beat this field. **Idratherbeblesed** (Unified) is a live longshot, who is listed at 20-1 in the line. He'll go to the front, and speed is always very dangerous in these marathon turf races. --Bill Finley

Saturday, Keeneland #10, post time: 5:48 p.m. EDT**BEN ALI S.-GIII, \$350,000, 4yo/up, 1 3/16m**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	San Siro 🌿	Classic Empire	Andrew Farm, Mountmellick Farm, Ocean Reef Racing, White Mountain Stables & Stonecrest Farm	Walsh	Morales	118
2	Prince of Power	Runhappy	Bryan M. Carney	Esquivel	Corrales	118
3	Tennessee Lamb	Tonalist	Calumet Farm	Arnold II	Ortiz	118
4	Time for Trouble 🌿	English Channel	Thorndale Stable LLC and Hiles, Jeff A.	Hiles	Alvarado	118
5	Piroli	Battle of Midway	Don Alberto Stable	McCarthy	Geroux	118
6	Duke of Love 🌿	Cupid	MyRacehorse	Carroll	Velazquez	118
7	Uno Mas Bourbon 🌿	Macho Uno	Bourbon Lane Stable and Six Column Stables, LLC	Wilkes	Hernandez, Jr.	118

Breeders: 1-Frankfort Park Farm, Bemart, Equinow, Valle Falcone & K. Byrne, 2-Bryan M. Carney, 3-Calumet Farm, 4-Calumet Farm, 5-Don Alberto Corporation, 6-Caldara Farm Inc., Patrick Costello, David Whitford & Tom Zwiesler, 7-T/C Stable, LLC

I don't know if he's good enough, but **Prince of Power (Runhappy)** is the only speed in this mile-and-three-sixteenths contest. Throw out his last race. He had no chance at seven furlongs. He returns to a route and can pull off a shocker if getting the right trip. **Duke of Love** (Cupid) returned after a 18-month layoff to run fifth in a seven-furlong allowance. Never a sprinter, the race was no doubt a prep for this assignment. **Uno Mas Bourbon** (Macho Uno) tangled with some good horses last year before returning with a third-place finish in a Gulfstream allowance run at a mile. He needs more distance and he will get it Friday. --Bill Finley

Saturday, Santa Anita #7, post time: 7:00 p.m. EDT

SANTA MARIA S.-GII, \$200,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Richi (Chi)	Practical Joke	Hill 'n' Dale Equine Holdings & Stud Vendaval, Inc	Baffert	Fresu	120
2	Splendor	Audible	By Talla Racing LLC	Baffert	Hernandez	120
3	Sun Of Hill (Brz)	Camelot Kitten	R Unicorn Stable	D'Amato	Rispoli	120
4	Fayette Fox	Sharp Azteca	Wilson, Holly and Wilson, David	Cerin	Gutierrez	120
5	Ultimate Authority 🦋	Practical Joke	Amestoy, Leslie A., Amestoy, Jr., Pierre Jean and Beasley, Roger K.	Yakteen	Kimura	120
6	Lisa's Nonno	Jimmy Creed	Double L Racing	Glatt	Lezcano	120

Breeders: 1-Haras Paso Nevado, 2-The Elkstone Group LLC, 3-Haras do Morro, 4-Calumet Farm, 5-Romar Farm LLC & BRS, 6-Bob Liewald

In **Richi (Chi)** (**Practical Joke**) and **Splendor** (**Audible**), Bob Baffert has, easily, the two best horses among this six-horse field. Richi is probably the better of the two. The Chilean import ran a huge race in GI Beholder Mile. She set a very fast place and nearly won it. She finished second, beaten three-quarters of a length by Cavalieri (**Nyquist**), still another Baffert-trainee. She's been running in shorter races since arriving in the U.S., but won at a mile-and-a-quarter in Chile. Splendor had to settle for fourth, beaten 7 1/4 lengths in the GII Santa Monica S., but that was the race in which Kopion (Omaha Beach) freaked with a Beyer. Splendor got a 96, the fastest race of her career. If anyone is going to threaten Baffert's duo it will be **Son Of Hill (Brz)** (**Camelot Kitten**). Turf specialist Phil D'Amato switches her back to dirt. Her best U.S. race so far was her one start on the dirt, when she ran fourth in the GIII Bayakoa S.

--Bill Finley

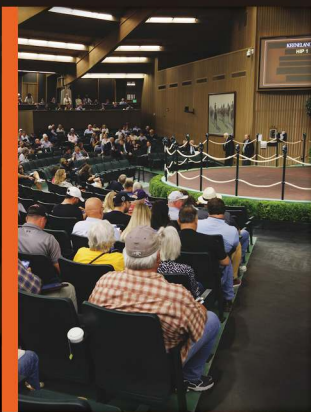
Sunday, Santa Anita #7, post time: 6:00 p.m. EDT

AMERICAN S.-GIII, \$100,000, 4yo/up, 1mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Zio Jo 🦋	Nyquist	Joseph A. Navarro	O'Neill	Frey	120
2	Phosphorescence (Fr) 🦋	City of Light	Andrew N. Warren and Rania Warren	McCarthy	Kimura	120
3	Cabo Spirit 🦋	Pioneerof the Nile	Kretz Racing LLC	Papaprodromou	Smith	124
4	Endlessly	Oscar Performance	Amerman Racing LLC	McCarthy	Rispoli	124
5	Il Bellator	Shackleford	Edward A. DeNike and Theresa DeNike	Bautista	Franco	122
6	King of Gosford (GB)	Zoustar (Aus)	Benowitz Family Trust, CYBT, Saul Gevertz, Michael Nentwig, and Jeremy Peskoff	D'Amato	Prat	124
7	St Anthony	Noble Mission (GB)	Alice Bamford	Drysdale	Hernandez	122

Breeders: 1-Elm Racing, LLC & Mulholland Springs LLC, 2-St. Elias Stables, LLC, 3-WinStar Farm, LLC, 4-Mrs. Jerry Amerman, 5-Edward DeNike & Theresa DeNike, 6-The Miss Sugars Partnership, 7-Alice C. Bamford

Endlessly (**Oscar Performance**) looked like a future grass and Tapeta star after a huge win in the 2024 GIII Jeff Ruby Steaks, but little has gone right since. He was ninth in the GI Kentucky Derby and is unraced since a flat fifth in the GI Belmont Derby on July 6, meaning that trainer Michael McCarthy has had plenty of time to get this one over whatever was bothering him. **King of Gosford (GB)** (Zoustar (Aus)) is the main danger and will be hard to beat. He's 4-for-5 over the Santa Anita turf course and in his last two starts he finished second in the GI Hollywood Derby and won the GII Mathis Mile S. **Zio Jo** (**Nyquist**) turned in a terrific performance at 23-1 to finish second in the GI Frank E. Kilroe Mile S. Beyer figures say he's a major contender. --Bill Finley



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Saturday, Oaklawn, post time: 4:04 p.m. EDT

BATHHOUSE ROW S., \$200,000, 3yo, 1 1/8m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Hymn	McKinzie	Fleur De Lis Stables, Sparks, William & Jones, Bret	Moquett	Saez	118
2	Caldera	Liam's Map	MyRacehorse	Lukas	Bejarano	118
3	First Division	Omaha Beach	Baer, Deann, Logan, Brett and Baxter, Bill	McPeek	Esquivel	118
4	Tiz Secure	Maximum Security	Baffert, Natalie J., Pegram, Michael E., Watson, Karl and Weitman, Paul	Baffert	Maldonado	118
5	Pretty Capable	Tapit	Gold Standard Racing Stable LLC	Amoss	Ortiz, Jr.	118
6	Hot Gunner	Exaggerator	7 Cedars Farm LLC	Young	Vazquez	118
7	Instant Replay	Maximum Security	Gary and Mary West	Cox	Prat	118

Breeders: 1-Fleur de Lis Stables, 2-Don Alberto Corporation, 3-Deann Baer & Greg Baer DVM, 4-Karl Watson & Paul Weitman, 5-Gainesway Thoroughbreds Ltd. & TapitSyndicate, 6-Erv Woolsey & Ralph Kinder, 7-Gary & Mary West Stables Inc.

Saturday, Oaklawn, post time: 6:26 p.m. EDT

VALLEY OF THE VAPORS S., \$200,000, 3yo, f, 1m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Jenkin	Mineshaft	Shortleaf Stable, Inc.	Schultz	Arrieta	119
2	Spankerboom	Mendelssohn	Poindexter Thoroughbreds LLC	Ortiz	Esquivel	117
3	Anonima	Sharp Azteca	Magdalena Racing and Crabtree, Steve	McPeek	Juarez	117
4	Quantum Burst	Munnings	Green Lantern Stables LLC	Kenneally	Prat	119
5	Dare to Fly	Daredevil	Agave Racing Stable, Trommer, Evan and Rockin Robin Racing Stables	D'Amato	Ortiz, Jr.	117
6	Princess Aliyah	Into Mischief	BC Stables LLC, Morplay Racing & Platts, Joey	Lukas	Saez	117
7	Miss Martini	Curlin	Jackpot Farm	Asmussen	Asmussen	122
8	Legal Empress	Tiz the Law	Jerry Namy	Rmrez-Rdrguz	Torres	122

Breeders: 1-Shortleaf Stable, 2-H. Allen Poindexter, 3-Barbara Montanye, 4-Green Lantern Stables, LLC, 5-Three Chimneys Farm, LLC, 6-Gainesway Thoroughbreds LTD., 7-River Bend Farm, 8-CHC Inc.

Saturday, Aqueduct, post time: 4:54 p.m. EDT

BAY SHORE S., \$150,000, 3yo, 7f

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Pascaline	Upstart	West Point Thoroughbreds, Jimmy Kahig LLC, CJ Stables and Barker, Edwin S.	Delacour	Carmouche	118
2	Share the Ludt	Catalina Cruiser	Melanie Giddings	Giddings	Elliott	118
3	Faster Gator	Vekoma	Richard Burnsworth	Farrior	Bocachica	118
4	Mo Plex	Complexity	R and H Stable	Englehart	Franco	123
5	McKellen	McKinzie	Khrysselv Mavarez	D'Angelo	Castellano	118

Breeders: 1-James Franklin Miller, 2-Sequel Thoroughbreds, LLC & Lakland Farm, 3-Romar Farm LLC & BRS, 4-Everything's Cricket Racing, 5-Brookstone Farm, Lee Mauberret, & GaryJoyner

SATURDAY INSIGHTS: ANTIQUARIAN MAKES SEASONAL DEBUT AT GULFSTREAM

by Alan Carasso



Antiquarian winning the Peter Pan | *Coglianesse*

10th-GP, \$57K, Alw/Opt. Clm., 3yo/up, 7f, 5:54 p.m. ET

Last seen finishing a midpack fifth behind Dornoch (**Good Magic**) in last year's GI Belmont Stakes at Saratoga, Centennial Farms' **ANTIQUARIAN (Preservationist)** resumes over a sprint trip Saturday at Gulfstream. The \$250,000 KEESEP yearling, a maiden winner at second asking at the Fair Grounds, was an even sixth in the GII Louisiana Derby before striking in the GIII Peter Pan Stakes at Aqueduct. Edgard Zayas has the call for this seasonal jumping-off point. **TJCIS PPs**

4th-AQU, \$80K, Msw, 3yo/up, 1m, 2:46 p.m. ET

STRATEGIC FOCUS (Gun Runner) was a \$500,000 acquisition at the 2023 KEESEP sale and will carry the same Klaravich Stable colors as his full-sister Headline Numbers, who was the front-running, 4 1/2-length winner of the Top Flight Stakes at this venue just last weekend. The May foal's dam **Curlin's Mistress (Curlin)** is a full-sister to MGSW **Curlin's Approval**, dam of recent GIII Stonestreet Lexington Stakes third **Praetor (Into Mischief)**; and a half to MGSP **Apologynotaccepted (Fusaichi Pegasus)**.

TJCIS PPs

7th-TAM, \$53K, Msw, 3yo, 1 1/16mT, 3:24 p.m. ET

MAYOR OF MIDNIGHT (IRE), a gelded son of the very much in-form **Lope de Vega (Ire)**, gets his career started for Seth Klarman's operation, which campaigned the sire's Grade I winners Program Trading (Ire) and Newspaperofrecord (Ire). A 190,000gns buyback out of the 2023 Tattersalls October Sale, the May 22 foal is a half-brother to SW Maqsad (Fr) (**Siyouni**)

{Fr}) and GSP Cambridge (Ire) (Dubawi {Ire}) as well as a now 2-year-old filly by Palace Pier (GB) that fetched 260,000gns from Cary Bloodstock at TATOCT last fall. The bay is a maternal grandson of Aquarelliste (Fr) (Danehill), winner of the 2001 G1 Prix de Diane and an additional two elite-level scores while also finishing runner-up to Sakhee (Bahri) in the G1 Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe of 2001. **TJCIS PPs**

5th-OP, \$110K, Msw, 3yo, 6f, 3:27 p.m. ET

SEPTIMUS (Uncle Mo) debuts for the partnership of Winchell Thoroughbreds and breeder Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings, who sold the colt for \$300,000 at KEESEP and then stayed in for a part. The Mar. 8 foal goes out for trainer Steve Asmussen, who conditioned dam My Miss Aurelia (Smart Strike) to champion 2-year-old filly honors on the strength of her victory in the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies in 2011. She added the GI Cotillion Stakes the following term and this is her third foal to make the races. Godolphin homebred **Energize (Medaglia d'Oro)** is out of Enliven (Ghostzapper), a Grade III-placed daughter of MGSW It's Tricky (**Mineshaft**), also the dam of MGSW & GISP Enticed (**Medaglia d'Oro**). **Sports Hero (Munnings)**, a half-brother to GSW Circle of Trust (**Union Rags**) and SW Flashy Lass (**Street Sense**), is out of a half-sister to Gary and Mary West's GISW sire West Will Power (Bernardini). **TJCIS PPs**

6th-GP, \$55K, Msw, 3yo, 1m, 3:43 p.m. ET

PRIME ROCKET (Tapit) is a half-brother to six winners from six to race out of the stakes-winning Yawkey Way (Grand Slam), whose son **Spun To Run (Hard Spun)** upset the 2019 GI Breeders' Cup Dirt Mile. Previously the dam of SW Tap It All (Tapizar), Yawkey Way was purchased by Gainesway--the stallion home of **Spun To Run**--and Whisper Hill Farm for \$600,000 at KEENOV in 2020, and the **Hard Spun** foal she was carrying at the time became Informed Patriot, victorious in last year's Bathhouse Row Stakes and graded-placed at two and three. Frank Fletcher gave \$550,000 for Prime Rocket at KEESEP in 2023. That auction's \$3-million top seller, **Vibe (Into Mischief)**, was a well-beaten fourth on local debut over six furlongs Mar. 15, but adds blinkers and stretches out with a Palm Beach Downs bullet in hand for this second go. **TJCIS PPs**

8th-GP, \$55K, Msw, 3yo/up, 6 1/2f, 4:47 p.m. ET

WEEKENDSANDWHISKEY (Justify) was knocked down to Robert and Lawana Low for \$850,000 at the 2023 Fasig-Tipton Saratoga Sale and is another from the barn of Todd Pletcher. The chestnut is out of a winning half-sister to Enterprising (Elusive Quality), a three-time graded winner on the turf. The

colt's third dam Fire the Groom (Blushing Groom {Fr}) was responsible for eight winners, including champion MG1SW Stravinsky (Nureyev) and English SW & U.S. GISP Moscow Ballet (Ire) (Sadler's Wells). **TJCS PPs**

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10th-Keeneland, \$92,899, Alw, 4-18, (NW1X), 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16mT, 1:42.54, fm, neck.

EXPENSIVE QUEEN (IRE) (f, 4, Lope de Vega {Ire}--Witches Brew {Ire} {MSP-Ire}, by Duke of Marmalade {Ire}) was a debut winner in five starts for trainer Kevin Ryan and made two subsequent appearances for trainer James Tate, a runner-up effort going a mile against her fellow females at Sandown last September ahead of a fourth versus the boys over the Chelmsford all-weather Nov. 7. Just shy of 5-1 at the off for this U.S. debut, the €260,000 Arqana August yearling was able to drop down to the inside passing the stands for the first time and raced against the rail from just behind centerfield down the back. Committed to a ground-saving run around the second turn, she popped out into about the seven path in upper stretch and finished with a flourish to be up in the dying strides, triggering a Brendan Walsh-trained Daily Double that returned \$410 for a dollar. Favored Mystifying (Curlin) was second. Expensive Queen is a full-sister to Antonia de Vega (Ire), MGSW-Eng, \$154,358; and to the English listed-placed Luckin Brew (Ire), a 220,000gns purchase by Repole Stable out of the 2023 Tattersalls December Mares sale who delivered a filly by Uncle Mo Feb. 28. Witches Brew is represented by a trio of full-siblings to Expensive Queen--the 3-year-old filly Addaperle (Ire), a 2-year-old colt and a yearling filly. Sales history: €260,000 Ylg '22 ARAUG. Lifetime Record: 8-2-2-0, \$64,703. **Click for the Equibase.com chart and VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

O-Farfellow Farms Ltd; B-Fermeoir Ltd (IRE); T-Brendan P Walsh.

LILLINGSTON BLOODSTOCK PRIVATE PURCHASE

7th-Aqueduct, \$83,420, Alw (C)/Opt. Clm (\$80,000), 4-18, 4yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2f, 1:15.74, ft, 4 lengths.

MISS JUSTIFY (f, 4, Justify--Swiss Alps, by Majesticperfection) sandwiched a fourth-place finish in the GI Alabama S. with wins in Saratoga's Wilton S. July 12 and Churchill's Seneca Overnight S. last out Sept. 21. Favored at even-money off the bench here, she pressed Everyoneloveslinda (Secret Circle) from second, gained command at the top of the stretch and ran up the score from there to win by four lengths. After producing a **Liam's Map** filly in 2023 and an **Epicenter** colt in 2024, the winner's dam was bred back to **Honest Mischief**. Sales history: \$215,000 Ylg '22 KESEEP; \$200,000 2yo '23 EASMAV. Lifetime Record: MSW, 8-5-0-1, \$380,464. **Click for the Equibase.com chart and VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

O-Twin Oaks Bloodstock LLC, IEE Racing, Joseph Bulger & Will Campbell; B-Killora Stud, LLC (KY); T-Todd A. Pletcher.

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4th-Aqueduct, \$78,000, (S), Alw (NW2\$X), Opt. Clm (\$45,000), 4-18, 4yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:36.10, ft, 6 3/4 lengths.

P MUTTER PICKLE (f, 4, Vino Rosso--Lost Raven {GSW, \$359,050}, by Uncle Mo) was the 4 3/4-length winner of a course-and-distance allowance Jan. 12, but endured an eventful trip when fourth at her first try at this level Feb. 27. The 9-5 favorite was ridden positively by Manny Franco to sit handy early and was asked to take a gap at the fence at the half-mile pole. Edging through there professionally, she was shaken up at the head of the lane and was ridden out to a daylight success. The winner's dam, who took out the GIII Miss Preakness Stakes in 2016, is the dam of a yearling filly by **Idol** after selling for \$30,000 at Keeneland November in 2023 and she was most recently bred to Mr Speaker. Among five winners produced by the Grade III-winning third dam Summer Raven (Summer Squall) are MGSW/MGISP Lewis Bay (Bernardini); and the GSW full-brothers Misconnect (Unbridled's Song) and Winslow Homer. Sales history: \$125,000 Ylg '22 SARAUG. Lifetime Record: 7-3-1-1, \$153,418. **Click for the Equibase.com chart and VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

O-The Elkstone Group LLC (Stuart Grant); B-Repole Stable Inc (NY); T-Philip Antonacci.

 **B-W/CROW** Yearling Purchase 



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7th-Laurel, \$50,800, Alw, 4-18, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2ft, 1:04.15, fm, 3/4 length.

GATA BRAZIL (f, 3, Into Mischief--American Story {GSP, \$189,200}, by Ghostzapper), seventh sprinting over the Fair Grounds lawn Mar. 21, delivered a win with an assist from the stewards here. The 7-2 shot, very rank in the early stages, was sixth through an opening quarter in :21.93. She traveled nicely on the far turn, and, after briefly hitting the front in the stretch, was outkicked by a half-length by Mischief Maxey (Maximus Mischief), who raced greenly and drifted out badly down the lane. Mischief Maxey was disqualified and placed fifth for the infraction. The winner, a \$575,000 KEESEP yearling, is a half to American Gal (Concord Point), MGISW, \$912,480; Magic Tap (Tapit), GSP, \$500,103; Americanize (Concord Point), SW & MGSP, \$325,045; and a Curlin colt of 2024. Lifetime Record: 4-2-0-0, \$57,725. **Click for the Equibase.com chart and VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

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5th-Aqueduct, \$80,000, Msw, 4-18, 3yo/up, f/m, 7f, 1:24.36, ft, 1 1/4 lengths.

LIMES DON'T LIE (f, 3, McKinzie--Clothes Fall Off {MSW & MGSP, \$485,860}, by Daaher), a distant third to 'TDN Rising Star' Quietside (Malibu Moon) when a heavily backed 7-4 on Saratoga debut last Aug. 4, was 65 cents on the dollar to salute here in spite of the lengthy absence. One of the slowest into stride, the bay filly found herself in the second half of the field, appearing to struggle some with the kickback. Despite the opportunity to split horses at the three-eighths, Limes Don't Lie was held together and was given her cue only after hitting the stretch. Still with a fair bit of work to do with time ticking away, the chalk steadily reeled in the debuting Mila Candy (Twirling Candy) and inched away late. A half-sister to 2024 G2 Al Maktoum Mile winner Meshtri (Medaglia d'Oro), GSW-UAE, \$279,707; and to recent Santa Anita allowance winner Extensive (City of Light), Limes Don't Like has a 2-year-old half-sister by Street Sense and a yearling half-brother by Not This Time. Aqueduct track-record setter and two-time Correction Stakes

winner Clothes Fall Off is due once again to **McKinzie**. Sales history: \$190,000 Ylg '23 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, \$56,000. **Click for the Equibase.com chart and VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

O-Michael Dubb, The Elkstone Group LLC (Stuart Grant) & Titledown Racing Stables; B-Candy Meadows LLC (KY); T-Chad C Brown.

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2nd-Keeneland, \$69,314, Msw, 4-18, 2yo, 4 1/2f, :52.76, ft, 4 lengths.

VICTORIA'S SHANCES (f, 2, Shancelot--Yankee Victoria {SP, \$193,510}, by Yankee Victor), a half-sister to the Wesley Ward-trained Royal Ascot G2 Norfolk S. winner Shang Shang Shang



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(Shanghai Bobby), GSW-Eng, \$103,380, wasn't much of a secret off as the 7-5 chalk while facing the boys on debut here. The bargain \$10,000 FTKOCT yearling was hustled to the front from her rail draw, raced under pressure through an opening quarter in :22.28 and shook clear in the stretch to graduate by four lengths. Epic Desire (Uncle Mo), a full-brother to MGISW Adare Manor, was a well-beaten sixth. Yankee Victoria had a colt by **Mind Control** last year and was bred back to Shancelot. Sales history: \$10,000 Ylg '24 FTKOCT. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$35,517. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

O-Crawford Farms Racing; B-Hidden Lake Farm, LLC & Crawford Farm, LLC (NY); T-Wesley A. Ward.

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2nd-Gulfstream, \$68,000, Msw, 4-18, 2yo, 4 1/2f, :54.11, ft, head.

SQUIRE (c, 2, Leinster--Saudi Chroma, by Lucky Pulpit) became the second winner for his Florida-based stallion (by Majestic Warrior) with a battling success at first asking. Off as the 13-5 second favorite, the half-brother to Fun Money (Mrizek), MSP, \$169,290, was under a hustling Joe Bravo ride from the start, but was no better than midpack into the turn. Finding his best stride leaving the quarter-pole, the bay was consigned to a six-wide run into the lane, but joined Beers On Me (Catalina Cruiser) with a furlong to race and outfought that one to the wire. The winner, who hails from the extended family of Concern (Broad Brush), is inbred 3x4 to A.P. Indy. Saudi Chroma, a \$360,000 Barretts 2-year-old and victorious in her lone career appearance, is due back to Leinster this term for this co-owner and -breeder, who raced the stallion in partnership. "That stallion, Leinster! I've got two runners by him and they both win-and I have some more at home that are as good as that. Maybe Leinster is the new Mr. Prospector," winning co-owner and trainer Patrick Biancone said. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$50,000.

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O-Patrick L Biancone Racing LLC & Amy E Dunne; B-Amy E & Ciaran G Dunne (FL); T-Patrick L Biancone.



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SECOND-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: SATURDAY, APRIL 19 *2025 Stud Fees Listed*

Authentic (Into Mischief), Spendthrift Farm, \$15,000
295 foals of racing age/38 winners/2 black-type winners
5-Oaklawn, 3:27 p.m. EDT, Msw 6f, Flawless Beast, 20-1
\$150,000 OBS APR 2yo; \$260,000 EAS MAY 2yo
1-Oaklawn, 1:20 p.m. EDT, Aoc 1 1/16m, Rebel Moon, 5-1
\$150,000 FTK NOV wnl; \$325,000 FTS AUG yrl
3-Oaklawn, 2:23 p.m. EDT, Msw 6f, Summer Travels, 20-1
\$475,000 FTK JUL yrl

Bodexpress (Bodemeister), Pleasant Acres Stallions, \$3,500
87 foals of racing age/11 winners/1 black-type winner
4-Santa Anita, 5:36 p.m. EDT, Msw 6fT, Sir Tom, 6-1
\$7,500 KEE NOV wnl; \$57,000 OBS WIN wnl; \$37,000 RNA FTK
JUL yrl; \$62,000 FTC AYR yrl; \$48,000 RNA OBS MAR 2yo

Caracaro (Uncle Mo), Crestwood Farm, \$10,000
88 foals of racing age/12 winners/2 black-type winners
2-Keeneland, 1:32 p.m. EDT, Msw 7f, C Mac Da Boss, 20-1

Complexity (Maclean's Music), Airdrie Stud, \$25,000
202 foals of racing age/37 winners/6 black-type winners
9-Laurel, 4:08 p.m. EDT, \$150K Weber City Miss S., 1 1/16m,
Complexity Jane, 3-1
\$100,000 FTK JUL yrl; \$170,000 OBS MAR 2yo
8-Aqueduct, 4:54 p.m. EDT, \$150K Bay Shore S., 7f, Mo Plex, 9-5
\$27,000 RNA SAR AUG yrl; \$45,000 OBS APR 2yo
7-Tampa Bay Downs, 3:24 p.m. EDT, Msw 1 1/16mT, Persisten,
8-1
\$45,000 RNA KEE NOV wnl; \$60,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$60,000 OBS
MAR 2yo

Game Winner (Candy Ride {Arg}), Lane's End Farm, \$20,000
202 foals of racing age/19 winners/3 black-type winners
3-Santa Anita, 5:04 p.m. EDT, Msw 1m, Cornhuskerchris, 5-1
\$230,000 KEE SEP yrl
7-Oaklawn, 4:35 p.m. EDT, Msw 1 1/16m, Fairfield Bay, 20-1
\$60,000 KEE NOV wnl
5-Oaklawn, 3:27 p.m. EDT, Msw 6f, Town Hero, 20-1

Global Campaign (Curlin), WinStar Farm, \$7,500

177 foals of racing age/23 winners/2 black-type winners
7-Oaklawn, 4:35 p.m. EDT, Msw 1 1/16m, Global Quote, 7-2
\$235,000 KEE SEP yrl

Higher Power (Medaglia d'Oro), Darby Dan Farm, \$5,000
157 foals of racing age/11 winners/0 black-type winners
9-Oaklawn, 5:42 p.m. EDT, Msw 6f, Personal Jet, 6-1

Honor A. P. (Honor Code), Lane's End Farm, \$10,000
131 foals of racing age/21 winners/2 black-type winners
9-Laurel, 4:08 p.m. EDT, \$150K Weber City Miss S., 1 1/16m,
Hollywood Beauty, 6-1
\$30,000 KEE NOV wnl; \$8,000 FTK OCT yrl
3-Santa Anita, 5:04 p.m. EDT, Msw 1m, Rank, 5-2
\$45,000 KEE NOV wnl; \$80,000 KEE SEP yrl

Improbable (City Zip), WinStar Farm
221 foals of racing age/28 winners/5 black-type winners
5-Oaklawn, 3:27 p.m. EDT, Msw 6f, Improbable Luck, 12-1
\$142,000 FTK FEB wnl; \$150,000 RNA KEE SEP yrl; \$210,000 EAS
MAY 2yo
11-Laurel, 5:12 p.m. EDT, \$150K Federico Tesio S., 1 1/8m, Pay
Billy, 5-2
\$38,000 FTK OCT yrl; \$60,000 OBS APR 2yo
7-Lone Star, 5:23 p.m. EDT, Msw 1mT, Withering Gaze, 20-1

Instagrاند (Into Mischief), Taylor Made Farm, \$8,000
227 foals of racing age/40 winners/1 black-type winner
8-Santa Anita, 7:38 p.m. EDT, Aoc 6 1/2f, Targaryis, 30-1
\$45,000 KEE SEP yrl

Instilled Regard (Arch), Taylor Made Farm, \$8,000
66 foals of racing age/13 winners/1 black-type winner
3-Oaklawn, 2:23 p.m. EDT, Msw 6f, Meg's Foxy Grey, 15-1
\$18,000 KEE NOV wnl; \$100,000 EAS MAY 2yo

King Zachary (Curlin), Solitude Thoroughbreds, \$3,000
16 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners
2-Lone Star, 3:03 p.m. EDT, Msw 6f, Drama King, 7-2
\$9,500 RNA TTA YRL yrl

Maximum Security (New Year's Day), Coolmore Ashford, \$5,000
151 foals of racing age/28 winners/0 black-type winners
6-Oaklawn, 4:04 p.m. EDT, \$200K Bathhouse Row S., 1 1/8m,
Instant Replay, 4-5
6-Oaklawn, 4:04 p.m. EDT, \$200K Bathhouse Row S., 1 1/8m, Tiz
Secure, 9-2

McKinzie (Street Sense), Gainesway Farm, \$75,000

301 foals of racing age/31 winners/3 black-type winners
6-Oaklawn, 4:04 p.m. EDT, \$200K Bathhouse Row S., 1 1/8m,
Hymn, 4-1
\$140,000 RNA KEE SEP yrl
6-Gulfstream, 3:43 p.m. EDT, Msw 1m, Mahovlich, 10-1
\$100,000 FTK JUL yrl; \$150,000 OBS MAR 2yo
8-Aqueduct, 4:54 p.m. EDT, \$150K Bay Shore S., 7f, McKellen,
6-1
\$40,000 KEE JAN wnl; \$50,000 KEE SEP yrl
7-Tampa Bay Downs, 3:24 p.m. EDT, Msw 1 1/16mT, Nuk Soo
Kow, 15-1
\$32,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$350,000 OBS APR 2yo
6-Gulfstream, 3:43 p.m. EDT, Msw 1m, Street Dancer, 20-1
\$57,000 RNA KEE SEP yrl

Mr. Monomoy (Palace Malice), Pellinor Lane
18 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
5-Aqueduct, 3:19 p.m. EDT, Msw 6f, Ducky Medwick, 10-1

Petrov (Flatter), Lake Hamilton Equine Center, \$1,000
20 foals of racing age/2 winners/0 black-type winners
12-Oaklawn, 7:45 p.m. EDT, Alw 6f, Gettinby, 8-1

Spun to Run (Hard Spun), Gainesway Farm, \$10,000
142 foals of racing age/27 winners/0 black-type winners
7-Aqueduct, 4:22 p.m. EDT, Msw 1m, Hot Spun, 30-1
\$44,000 FTK FEB wnl; \$8,000 FTK OCT yrl; \$10,000 FTJ UN 2yo
3-Laurel, 1:03 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2f, Percy, 9-2
\$5,000 SAR AUG yrl
5-Oaklawn, 3:27 p.m. EDT, Msw 6f, Stiglets, 20-1

Tiz the Law (Constitution), Coolmore Ashford, \$30,000
248 foals of racing age/35 winners/6 black-type winners
10-Oaklawn, 6:26 p.m. EDT, \$200K Valley Of The Vapors S., 1m,
Legal Empress, 8-1
\$87,000 FTK FEB wnl; \$170,000 FTK OCT yrl
8-Gulfstream, 4:47 p.m. EDT, Msw 6 1/2f, Luz de Guia, 15-1
\$190,000 KEE NOV wnl; \$290,000 KEE SEP yrl



Tom's d'Etat (Smart Strike), WinStar Farm, \$5,000
 136 foals of racing age/25 winners/2 black-type winners
 5-Aqueduct, 3:19 p.m. EDT, Msw 6f, Foto, 3-1
 \$52,000 RNA SAR AUG yrl

Vekoma (Candy Ride {Arg}), Spendthrift Farm, \$35,000
 288 foals of racing age/68 winners/10 black-type winners
 9-Oaklawn, 5:42 p.m. EDT, Msw 6f, Arkoma, 30-1
 4-Keeneland, 2:36 p.m. EDT, Alw 1 3/16mT, Calmate, 7-2
 \$100,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$120,000 OBS APR 2yo
 3-Oaklawn, 2:23 p.m. EDT, Msw 6f, Coaster, 12-1
 8-Aqueduct, 4:54 p.m. EDT, \$150K Bay Shore S., 7f, Faster Gator,
 5-2
 \$50,000 KEE SEP yrl
 7-Tampa Bay Downs, 3:24 p.m. EDT, Msw 1 1/16mT, Hydrus, 8-1
 \$77,000 FTK FEB wnl; \$60,000 FTK OCT yrl; \$55,000 RNA OBS
 APR 2yo; \$150,000 FTJ UN 2yo
 7-Aqueduct, 4:22 p.m. EDT, Msw 1m, Red Miller, 15-1
 \$280,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$210,000 RNA OBS MAR 2yo; \$250,000
 EAS MAY 2yo

Volatile (Violence), Three Chimneys Farm, \$12,500
 233 foals of racing age/37 winners/2 black-type winners
 5-Oaklawn, 3:27 p.m. EDT, Msw 6f, Faust, 5-1
 \$59,000 KEE NOV wnl; \$240,000 RNA OBS MAR 2yo

War of Will (War Front), Claiborne Farm, \$15,000
 204 foals of racing age/27 winners/1 black-type winner
 7-Oaklawn, 4:35 p.m. EDT, Msw 1 1/16m, La Houligan, 12-1
 \$27,000 RNA FTK OCT yrl; \$50,000 EAS MAY 2yo

Win Win Win (Hat Trick {Jpn}), Ocala Stud, \$8,500
 97 foals of racing age/17 winners/2 black-type winners
 7-Tampa Bay Downs, 3:24 p.m. EDT, Msw 1 1/16mT, David H,
 30-1



IN ITALY:

Er Faina, h, 9, **Justin Phillip**--Escape To Victory (GB), by Salse.
 Rome, 4-18, Vdn., 1000mT, :58.80. O/T-Massimo Scoccione. B-
 Castleton Lyons (KY). *\$42,000 Ylg '17 FTKFEB; 38,000gns RNA
 HRA '18 TATMAY. **1/2 to Captain Colby (Bernstein), SP-Eng,
 \$179,296; and to Benbaun (Ire) (Stravinsky), Hwt. Older Horse-
 Eng at 5-7f, 2x Hwt. Older Horse-Ire at 5-6f, Hwt. Older Horse-

Fr at 5-7f, G1SW-Fr, G1SP-Eng, MGSW-Ire, GSP-Ity, G1SP-HK,
 \$1,495,382.



STAKES RESULTS:

BLUEBONNET S., (NB) \$75,000, Lone Star, 4-17, (S), 3yo/up, f/m,
 6 1/2f, 1:17.69, ft.

(DH)-1--TOO MUCH KIKI, 124, f, 4, Too Much Bling--Soft Music,
by Action This Day. (\$100,000 Ylg '22 TTAYRL). O-Mansfield
 Racing; B-Danele Durham (TX); T-W Bret Calhoun; J-Stewart
 Elliott. \$28,200. Lifetime Record: SW, 13-8-2-2, \$356,169. *Full
 to Bling On the Music, MSW & GSP, \$153,167.



(DH)-1--IZATIZ, 120, m, 5, My Golden Song--Tiz Tiz, by Tiznow.
 O/B-Billy Clevenger (TX); T-Matt Hebert; J-Floyd Wethey Jr.
 \$28,200. Lifetime Record: SW, 25-4-5-2, \$253,541. *Full to
 Zarelda, MSP, \$194,097.

3--**Honest**, 122, f, 4, Paynter--Rockintotherhythm, by Broad
 Brush. O/B-Century Acres Farm (TX); T-Tina Rena Hurley.
 \$7,755.

Margins: NO, NO, 1. Odds: 0.50, 19.00, 20.80.

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

9th-Oaklawn, \$130,000, 4-18, (NW2L), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:10.29, ft,
 1/2 length.

COACH JIMI D (c, 4, Gormley--Shanghai Snookie, by Shanghai
Bobby) Lifetime Record: 11-2-4-1, \$165,650. O/T-James P.
 Divito; B-Jeff & Melissa Prunzik (KY). *\$5,500 Ylg '22 FTKOCT.

5th-Keeneland, \$126,971, 4-18, (NW2\$X), 4yo/up, f/m,
 1 1/2mT, 2:28.80, fm, nose.

BOSS LADY BAILEY (m, 5, Connect--Special Dream {SW & GSP,
\$124,968}, by Officer) Lifetime Record: 21-3-1-3, \$271,096.
 O-Hooties Racing LLC; B-White Fox Farm (KY); T-Michael J
 Maker. *\$80,000 Ylg '21 KEESEP; \$550,000 2yo '22 OBSAPR.
 **1/2 to Momameamaria (Quality Road), SP, \$302,820.



8th-Keeneland, \$113,147, 4-18, (C), 4yo/up, 5 1/2fT, 1:02.09,
 fm, 1/2 length.

NO NAY HUDSON (IRE) (g, 5, No Nay Never--Raw Silk {GSW,
\$201,958}, by Malibu Moon) Lifetime Record: SW & GSP,
 16-4-3-2, \$386,683. O-Andrew Farm & For the People Racing

Stable LLC; B-RJB Bloodstock (IRE); T-Wesley A. Ward.
*\$190,000 Ylg '21 KEESEP. **1/2 to Tailor's Row (Street Cry {Ire}), SP-UAE, \$200,865.

5th-Santa Anita, \$62,000, (S), (NW1\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$50,000), 4-18, 3yo, f, 6fT, 1:10.08, fm, 3/4 length.

MISO PHANSY (f, 3, Karakontie {Jpn})--Sandy Cheeks, by Souvenir Copy Lifetime Record: SP, 5-2-3-0, \$130,050. O-Ciaglia Racing LLC & Christensen, Robin; B-Ciaglia Racing LLC (CA); T-Leonard Powell. *1/2 to Cheekaboo (Unusual Heat), GSW, \$371,995.

8th-Laurel, \$58,370, (NW2X)/Opt. Clm (\$32,000-\$40,000), 4-18, 3yo/up, 1m, 1:37.28, ft, 1 1/2 lengths.

CAP COM (g, 4, Lookin At Lucky--Scauri, by Ghostzapper) Lifetime Record: 22-4-3-6, \$205,346. O-Euro Stable; B-The Elkstone Group LLC (MD); T-Somraj Singh.

9th-Laurel, \$54,695, (NW2X)/Opt. Clm (\$32,000-\$40,000), 4-18, 3yo/up, 1 1/16mT, 1:44.10, fm, 3 3/4 lengths.

EFF THIRTY FIVE (g, 4, Yoshida {Jpn})--Newstouse, by Unbridled's Song Lifetime Record: 14-5-4-0, \$173,870. O-The Elkstone Group LLC (Stuart Grant); B-Equivine Farm LLC (PA); T-Brittany T. Russell. *\$82,000 Ylg '22 EASOCT. **1/2 to Newstome (Goldencents), SW-Can, MSW-USA, \$287,430; Miss You Ella (Declaration of War), SW & GSP, \$209,817.

2nd-Laurel, \$50,770, (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$50,000-\$62,500), 4-18, 3yo, f, 5 1/2f, 1:04.76, ft, 1/2 length.

DOUBLE AIRO (f, 3, Airoforce--Double Axel, by Orb) Lifetime Record: SP, 7-3-0-1, \$93,440. O-Eric A. Rizer; B-PA Stallions, LLC (PA); T-W. Robert Bailes. *\$3,000 Wlg '22 FTIDEC.

5th-Tampa Bay Downs, \$49,900, (NW2X)/Opt. Clm (\$32,000), 4-18, 4yo/up, f/m, 1mT, 1:34.47, fm, 1 1/4 lengths.

LETS GO KOKO (f, 4, Adios Charlie--Vino de Pago, by With Distinction) Lifetime Record: 21-7-4-4, \$214,610. O/B-Flying Finish Farm (FL); T-Rory C. Miller.

9th-Gulfstream, \$43,000, (S), (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$20,000), 4-18, 3yo/up, f/m, 5fT, :55.29, fm, neck.

CLAY SOLDIER (m, 5, Bucchero--Wholelotasoldier, by Lost Soldier) Lifetime Record: 25-4-4-5, \$159,450. O-Mad Dog Racing Stable & Rader, Norman L.; B-Cornelius A. Link (FL); T-Martin Drexler.

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8th-Lone Star, \$40,500, (S), 4-17, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 1mT, 1:35.70, fm, 2 lengths.

SILVER ASSASSIN (g, 4, Early Flyer--Archer City {SW, \$117,001}, by Silver City) Lifetime Record: 17-2-5-4, \$101,684. O-Carl R Moore Management LLC; B-Chris & Mackenzie Johnson (TX); T-Karen E Jacks. *\$85,000 2yo '23 TTAAPR.

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7th-Evangeline Downs, \$35,000, (S), 4-17, (NW1X), 3yo, 5f, :59.10, ft, head.

GIFT GIVER (g, 3, Gift Box--Union Mettle, by Dixie Union) Lifetime Record: 6-3-0-0, \$66,840. O-Blue Star Racing LLC; B-Blue Star Racing LLC & Evers Group LLC (LA); T-Jonah Fuselier. *\$38,000 Ylg '23 OBSWIN; \$65,000 RNA Ylg '23 FTKJUL; \$47,000 RNA 2yo '24 OBSMAR.

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6th-Hawthorne, \$32,000, 4-17, (NW1\$X), 3yo/up, f/m, 1m 70y, 1:44.19, ft, 1 3/4 lengths.

EL KOWN (f, 4, Ghostzapper--Kosmo's Buddy {MSW, \$298,095}, by Outflanker) Lifetime Record: 8-2-0-1, \$47,451. O-Shadwell Stable; B-Newtownanner Stud Farm (KY); T-Andrew McKeever. *\$650,000 Ylg '22 KEESEP. **1/2 to Knicks Go (Paynter), Horse Of The Year, Ch. Older Dirt Male, MGISW, \$9,258,135.

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5th-Evangeline Downs, \$31,000, (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$12,500), 4-17, 3yo/up, 1mT, 1:37.41, fm, 2 lengths.

PERRY COUNTY (c, 3, Collected--Tyrannical, by Street Boss) Lifetime Record: SP, 9-2-3-1, \$70,775. O/T-Veronica Litfin; B-Shortleaf Stable (KY). *1/2 to Rolling Fork (Midshipman), SP, \$257,021.

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4th-Charles Town, \$29,800, (S), 4-17, (NW3L), 3yo/up, 4 1/2f, :52.65, ft, 1/2 length.

CECIL THE GREAT (g, 5, Limehouse--Practical Ideas {SW}, by Prospect Bay) Lifetime Record: 14-3-1-3, \$67,945. O-Jackie C Johnson; B-C Allen Johnson (WV); T-Roland P Clement III.

8th-Charles Town, \$29,800, (S), 4-17, (NW3L), 3yo/up, f/m, 4 1/2f, :53.03, ft, 2 lengths.

REDHOTCHILIPHILLY (f, 3, Uncle Lino--Red Ring, by El Corredor) Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, \$35,424. O/B-Sugarland LLC Equine Etiquette (WV); T-Joey Martinez.

5th-Charles Town, \$28,800, 4-17, (NW2LX), 3yo/up, f/m, 7f, 1:29.24, ft, 2 1/4 lengths.

RUNAWAY BEAUTY (f, 4, Aldrin--Runaway Brae {MSP, \$171,275}, by Yarrow Brae) Lifetime Record: MSP, 14-4-4-3, \$117,065. O/B-O'Sullivan Farms LLC (WV); T-Javier Contreras.

5th-Turf Paradise, \$22,000, (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$75,000-\$50,000), 4-17, 3yo, 6f, 1:09.34, ft, 1 3/4 lengths.
JUST TRUST ME (c, 3, Bodexpress--Trust Fund Kitty, by Kitten's Joy) Lifetime Record: 12-3-4-1, \$90,740. O-Eugene Burns & Dewey Williams; B-Richard Barton Enterprises (CA); T-Dewey Williams. *\$3,500 Ylg '23 NCAAU.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Passage East, f, 3, **Audible**--Saltan Sapity, by Congrats. Keeneland, 4-18, 6f, 1:12.07. Lifetime Record: 6-1-5-0, \$88,151. B-Don Alberto Corporation (KY). *\$12,000 Ylg '23 KEESEP; \$20,000 2yo '24 EASMAY.

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Lock and Load, c, 3, **Cajun Breeze**--Little Black Book, by Halo's Image. Tampa Bay Downs, 4-18, 5 1/2f, 1:04.17. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$33,900. B-Dee Ellen Cook & Suzette Parker (FL). *1ST-TIME STARTER.

Pink Ruby, f, 3, **Connect**--Gemini R N, by **Mineshaft**. Oaklawn, 4-18, (C), 6f, 1:11.83. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-1, \$43,913. B-Knockgriffin Farm (VA). *\$75,000 Ylg '23 KEESEP.

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Madam Prosecutor, f, 3, **Mohaymen**--Lemon **Frosted**, by Lemon Drop Kid. Tampa Bay Downs, 4-18, (C), 6f, 1:12.03. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-0, \$17,360. B-Thomas & Renee Scucci (KY). *\$10,000 Ylg '23 OBSWIN; \$25,000 2yo '24 OBSOPN.

Knock Knock Joke, g, 3, **Practical Joke**--Surrender, by Stormy Atlantic. Lone Star, 4-17, 7f, 1:24.69. Lifetime Record: 11-1-1-3, \$53,169. B-Sandra Sexton & Silver Fern Farm (KY). *SP. **\$120,000 Ylg '23 FTKJUL; \$225,000 2yo '24 OBSMAR; \$65,000 3yo '25 FTDGJA. ***1/2 to Surrender Now (Morning Line), SW, \$281,585; and Red Flag (Tamarkuz), GSW, \$477,985. ****Won by 8 1/2 lengths.

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Crimson Queen, f, 3, **Vino Rosso**--Queen Victoria, by Flatter. Aqueduct, 4-18, (S), 1m, 1:37.76. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-1, \$64,380. B-Dragon Slayer Stable (NY). *1/2 to Castle Chaos (Palace Malice), MGSP, \$470,560.

Speaking Loud, g, 4, **Mr Speaker**--Another Gal, by City Zip.

Oaklawn, 4-18, (S), (C), 6f, 1:13.07. Lifetime Record: 17-1-1-2, \$51,231. B-Bill McDowell (AR). *\$2,000 Ylg '22 OBSWIN.

Let Seamus Go, c, 4, **Justify**--Let Yourself Go, by **War Front**.

Santa Anita, 4-18, (C), 1 1/8mT, 1:51.57. Lifetime Record: 8-1-2-0, \$55,360. B-Builder's Mart, Inc. (KY). *\$165,000 Ylg '22 FTKOCT; \$45,000 2yo '23 OBSAPR.

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Adios Charlie, Lets Go Koko, f, 4, o/o Vino de Pago, by With Distinction. AOC, 4-18, Tampa Bay

Airoforce, Double Airo, f, 3, o/o Double Axel, by Orb. AOC, 4-18, Laurel

Aldrin, Runaway Beauty, f, 4, o/o Runaway Brae, by Yarrow Brae. ALW, 4-17, Charles Town

Audible, Passage East, f, 3, o/o Saltan Sapity, by Congrats. MSW, 4-18, Keeneland

Bodexpress, Just Trust Me, c, 3, o/o Trust Fund Kitty, by Kitten's Joy. AOC, 4-17, Turf Paradise

Buccherio, Clay Soldier, m, 5, o/o Wholelotasoldier, by Lost Soldier. AOC, 4-18, Gulfstream

Cajun Breeze, Lock and Load, c, 3, o/o Little Black Book, by Halo's Image. MSW, 4-18, Tampa Bay

Collected, Perry County, c, 3, o/o Tyrannical, by Street Boss. AOC, 4-17, Evangeline

Connect, Boss Lady Bailey, m, 5, o/o Special Dream, by Officer. ALW, 4-18, Keeneland

Connect, Pink Ruby, f, 3, o/o Gemini R N, by **Mineshaft**. MOC, 4-18, Oaklawn

Early Flyer, Silver Assassin, g, 4, o/o Archer City, by Silver City. ALW, 4-17, Lone Star

Ghostzapper, El Kown, f, 4, o/o Kosmo's Buddy, by Outflanker. ALW, 4-17, Hawthorne

Gift Box, Gift Giver, g, 3, o/o Union Mettle, by Dixie Union. ALW, 4-17, Evangeline

Gormley, Coach Jimi D, c, 4, o/o Shanghai Snookie, by Shanghai Bobby. ALW, 4-18, Oaklawn

Hightail, Gin Gin, f, 4, o/o Before You Know It, by **Hard Spun**. GIII

Baird Doubledogdare S., 4-18, Keeneland
Into Mischief, Gata Brazil, f, 3, o/o American Story, by Ghostzapper. ALW, 4-18, Laurel
Justify, Let Seamus Go, c, 4, o/o Let Yourself Go, by **War Front**. MCL, 4-18, Santa Anita
Justify, Miss **Justify**, f, 4, o/o Swiss Alps, by Majesticperfection. AOC, 4-18, Aqueduct
Karakontie (Jpn), Miso Phansy, f, 3, o/o Sandy Cheeks, by Souvenir Copy. AOC, 4-18, Santa Anita
Leinster, Squire, c, 2, o/o Saudi Chroma, by Lucky Pulpit. MSW, 4-18, Gulfstream
Limehouse, Cecil the Great, g, 5, o/o Practical Ideas, by Prospect Bay. ALW, 4-17, Charles Town
Lookin At Lucky, Cap Com, g, 4, o/o Scauri, by Ghostzapper. AOC, 4-18, Laurel
Lope de Vega (Ire), Expensive Queen (Ire), f, 4, o/o Witches Brew (Ire), by Duke of Marmalade (Ire). ALW, 4-18, Keeneland
McKinzie, Limes Don't Lie, f, 3, o/o Clothes Fall Off, by Daaher. MSW, 4-18, Aqueduct
Mohaymen, Madam Prosecutor, f, 3, o/o Lemon **Frosted**, by Lemon Drop Kid. MCL, 4-18, Tampa Bay
Mr Speaker, Speaking Loud, g, 4, o/o Another Gal, by City Zip. MCL, 4-18, Oaklawn

My Golden Song, Izatiz, m, 5, o/o Tiz Tiz, by Tiznow. Bluebonnet S., 4-17, Lone Star
No Nay Never, No Nay Hudson (Ire), g, 5, o/o Raw Silk, by Malibu Moon. ALW, 4-18, Keeneland
Practical Joke, Knock Knock Joke, g, 3, o/o Surrender, by Stormy Atlantic. MSW, 4-17, Lone Star
Shancelot, Victoria's Shances, f, 2, o/o Yankee Victoria, by Yankee Victor. MSW, 4-18, Keeneland
Too Much Bling, Too Much Kiki, f, 4, o/o Soft Music, by Action This Day. Bluebonnet S., 4-17, Lone Star
Uncle Lino, Redhotchiliphilly, f, 3, o/o Red Ring, by El Corredor. ALW, 4-17, Charles Town
Vino Rosso, Crimson Queen, f, 3, o/o Queen Victoria, by Flatter. MSW, 4-18, Aqueduct
Vino Rosso, P Mutter Pickle, f, 4, o/o Lost Raven, by Uncle Mo. AOC, 4-18, Aqueduct
Yoshida (Jpn), Eff Thirty Five, g, 4, o/o Newstouse, by Unbridled's Song. AOC, 4-18, Laurel



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DUELLING QUEENS: ASSESSING THE 1,000 GUINEAS FILLIES



William Buick aboard Desert Flower debriefs Charlie Appleby after a racecourse gallop | Emma Berry

By Emma Berry

Following on from our look at the Classic colts in [yesterday's edition](#), the focus has turned to the fillies. This year's Betfred 1,000 Guineas has the potential to be an absolute barnstormer of a race, and anyone not currently spending their waking hours wondering who's better between Desert Flower and Lake Victoria is hereby banned from reading *TDN*.

It's not all about that pair, obviously, and Lake Victoria may not even be ready to return in a fortnight's time, but just the thought of seeing those two go head to head is enough for now.

Tuesday's Nell Gwyn winner Zanzoun (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}) further embellished Juddmonte's 2025 Classic portfolio but doesn't hold an entry for Newmarket, with the Poule d'Essai des Pouliches the preferred option, according to trainer John Gosden. The Archie Watson-trained Fred Darling winner, Duty First (GB) (Showcasing {GB}) would also need to be supplemented for the 1,000 Guineas.

Night Of Thunder may have the favourite, but this could be all about [Frankel](#), who even pops up as broodmare sire of one contender. [Cont. p3](#)

ANDREW BALDING AND QATAR RACING PART WAYS

Qatar Racing has removed its six horses from Andrew Balding's Kingsclere yard. The news was confirmed by the trainer's wife, Anna Lisa, speaking at Newcastle on Friday.

Anna Lisa said, "Andrew and Sheikh Fahad just had differences and we just decided that it was probably best to go our separate ways."

Balding's association with Sheikh Fahad's operation has been particularly fruitful. Since Qatar Racing was established in 2012, Balding has been training for the operation which has resulted in a quartet of Group 1 winners: 2000 Guineas winner and Group 1 sire Kameko (Kitten's Joy), Elm Park (GB) (Phoenix Reach {Ire}), Side Glance (GB) (Passing Glance {GB}), and New Century (GB), by Kameko. The last-named horse won the 2024 GI Summer Stakes in Canada and was fifth in Wednesday's G3 Craven Stakes at Newmarket. [Cont. p7](#)

IN TDN AMERICA TODAY

TIZ THE LAW COLT MAKES \$1.5M AT OBS

A 2-year-old colt by [Tiz The Law](#) hammered for \$1.5 million during the fourth and final session of the OBS April Sale. He sold to a partnership of Spendthrift, St. Elias and West Point.

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TODAY in TDN EUROPE

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Too Darn Hot (GB)'s Oracle (GB) got off the mark on debut at Saint-Cloud on Friday. He is raced by Wertheimer et Frere, and is a son of Group 3 winner and G1 Prix Vermeille third Ligne D'Or (GB) (Dansili {GB}). | Scoop Dyga

6 | ROMANISED SIRE'S FIRST STAKES WINNER IN PRIX CLEOPATRE

*Zia Agnese (Fr) is the first stakes winner for her Haras de Bouquetot-based sire, after winning the G3 **Auguste Rodin** Coolmore Prix Cleopatre at Saint-Cloud.*

7 | ALL-WEATHER CHAMPIONS CROWNED ON GOOD FRIDAY

Newcastle hosted the All-Weather Championships at Newcastle on Friday.

12 | SIRE LINES IN THE SATSUKI SHO

Sunday Silence and King Kamehameha (Jpn)'s descendants dominate the G1 Satsuki Sho field, accounting for 15 of the 18 slots. Heather Anderson takes a closer look.

Assessing The 1000 Guineas Fillies Cont. from p1

This is by no means a full list of potential candidates for the race, but it includes those most prominent in the betting and a few to have caught the eye in recent weeks. Here's hoping that this year's race can match the 2024 running, in which the winner Elmalka (GB) was chased home by subsequent Group 1 winners Porta Fortuna (Ire), Ramatuelle, Tamfana (Get) and Fallen Angel (GB).

Desert Flower (Ire)

Night Of Thunder (Ire) - Promising Run (Hard Spun)

If you ever lean towards depression, go watch horses on the gallops of a morning. Fresh air and thoroughbreds in full flight can provide a huge lift, and it was certainly a thrill to see the unbeaten Desert Flower striding out imperiously along the Rowley Mile on Wednesday morning. We don't know what instructions were given to her rider William Buick, but she was certainly the **most visually impressive** of Charlie Appleby's four smart gallopers, which included Shadow Of Light (Ire), Ruling Court and last year's 2,000 Guineas winner Notable Speech (GB). A rangy, long-limbed filly, you could be forgiven for thinking that she might be all at sea on an undulating track, but she had already demonstrated an affinity for Newmarket when winning the G1 Fillies' Mile by five and a half lengths. She also won twice

last year over the dyke on the July Course. This is her track and she deserves to be favourite.

Current odds with sponsor Betfred: 5/4 favourite

Lake Victoria (Ire)

Frankel (GB) - Quiet Reflection (GB) (Showcasing {GB})

But then there's Lake Victoria. She too can lay claims to Newmarket through her G1 Cheveley Park Stakes win. **Cont. p4**



Lake Victoria and Dean Gallagher at Ballydoyle on Monday
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Another Classic Contender!

RIDARI stepped up from his maiden win at Chantilly to take France's premier Poule d'Essai des Poulains trial, the **Gr.3 Prix de Fontainebleau** at Longchamp for owner/breeder **The Exors of The Late H H Aga Khan**

“I'm very pleased... he quickened nicely, and it was a good prep for the big one in four weeks time. He's a May foal and not even three yet, so there should be more to come..” Trainer Mikel Delzangles



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Assessing The 1000 Guineas Fillies Cont.

She also won over a mile, albeit an easier one, at Del Mar in the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies Turf. She was rated 2lbs higher than Desert Flower in the European two-year-old classifications, and perhaps the only reason she is not favourite is that her trainer Aidan O'Brien indicated several weeks ago that she may not be ready in time for the first weekend of May. On Monday, however, while watching the elegant filly saunter around the training grounds at Ballydoyle, he said, "Lake Victoria is on the way back. We stepped her up a couple of weeks ago and she's really coming. She could be there in time." Please let that be so.

Current odds: 5/1

Red Letter (GB)

Frankel (GB) - Red Impression (GB) (Dark Angel {GB})

Zanzoun may be unlikely for Newmarket but Juddmonte could be represented by this homebred whose form ties in to a degree with Lake Victoria. A head separated them at the line when they were first and second on debut at the Curragh. Red Letter won there next time out and was then only a length and a half away when fourth of five in a tightly-fought G1 Moyglare Stud Stakes, with that quintet all holding Guineas entries.

Current odds: 7/1

Bedtime Story (Ire)

Frankel (GB) - Mecca's Angel (Ire) (Dark Angel {Ire})

That five mentioned above included this filly, bred on the same cross as Red Letter but out of a more accomplished race mare in the Group 1-winning sprinter Mecca's Angel. She disappointed in the Moyglare but had twice previously beaten Exactly when winning the G2 Debutante and G3 Silver Flash Stakes. She was also hugely impressive when running away with the Chesham Stakes.

Current odds: 16/1

Vertical Blue (Ire)

Mehmas (Ire) - Krunch (Ire) (Sea The Stars {Ire})

A Group 1 winner over a mile in the Prix Marcel Bousac when nosing out stable-mate and recent Prix de la Grotte winner Zarigana (Fr) (**Siyouni {Fr}**), Vertical Blue was subsequently bought by John Stewart's Resolute Bloodstock for 3,200,000gns at Tattersalls in December. Returned to Francis Graffard's stable in Chantilly, which is in rude health at the moment, she has Classic entries at home and in England, and her trainer may well wish to keep her apart from Zarigana this spring at least.

Current odds: 20/1

[Cont. p5](#)




GR.3 WINNER *for*



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Classic-entered **ZIA AGNESE** strikes in the Prix Cleopatre **GR.3** at Saint-Cloud , one step closer to the Prix de Diane - French Oaks **GR.1**.

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Assessing The 1000 Guineas Fillies Cont.

Exactly (Ire)

Frankel (GB) - Heartache (GB) (Kyllachy {GB})

If Lake Victoria fails to show her readiness in time for Newmarket, Exactly appears to be Aidan O'Brien's main 1,000 Guineas hope, and she deserves proper consideration. Only half a length behind Vertical Blue when third in the Marcel Boussac, she had been in the shadow of her stable-mates Lake Victoria and Bedtime Story earlier in the season but closed out her juvenile campaign with a seventh start and easy win in the G3 Killavullan Stakes. Second on her first start this season to Swelter (GB) (Kingman {GB}), yet another Juddmonte Classic prospect who heads to the Irish 1,000 Guineas, she should come on for that run.

Current odds: 20/1

Cathedral (GB)

Too Darn Hot (GB) - War And Peace (GB) (Frankel {GB})

An €800,000 Arqana Breeze-up purchase by Amo Racing, she won easily on debut at Lingfield in September before being narrowly beaten into second in the G3 Oh So Sharp Stakes. Not sighted yet this year but she certainly has a pedigree deserving of a place in the Guineas line-up as her dam is a half-sister to Cathedral's former stable-mate, the Arc winner Bluestocking (GB) (Camelot {GB}).

Current odds: 25/1



Cathedral as a juvenile | Mel Media

Kon Tiki (GB)

Night Of Thunder (Ire) - Maid Up (Ire) (Mastercraftsman {Ire})

She's in a similar bracket to the 2,000 Guineas contender Cosmic Year (GB) in that we've only seen her twice, but she has won twice, most recently over a mile on the same night at Kempton that Cosmic Year made his return. Trainer Jane Chapple-Hyam wanted to give her more time between races than if she had run in the Nell Gwyn and has indicated that the Guineas is very much in her plans. The trainer had Saffron Beach

finish second in the Classic four years ago and she's never afraid to take a chance.

Current odds: 25/1

Remaat (GB)

Kodiac (GB) - Savannah (GB) (Olden Times {GB})

Third in the Nell Gwyn was not only a good comeback run after almost 300 days off the track but was also a step up on her Newmarket maiden win of last June. She's a big price, and that is rightly so in comparison to some of her higher-achieving rivals

here, but it will be hard not to cheer for a filly whose sire, dam and maternal grandsire were all bred by her owner-breeder Prince AA Faisal.

Current odds: 50/1

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UTHRED scores in good style in the Prix Pas de Deux over 1600m at Saint-Cloud, for trainer Philippe Decouz

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ROMANISED'S ZIA AGNESE MAKES ALL FOR PRIX CLEOPATRE UPSET

by Sean Cronin

With seven runs under her belt entering Friday's G3 **Auguste Rodin** Coolmore Prix Cleopatre, **Zia Agnese (Fr)** (Romanised {Ire}) was by far the most exposed contender in the 10 1/2-furlong Classic trial and made her experience tell with a game pillar-to-post triumph.

The outsider of five, fresh off a course-and-distance fifth on seasonal return earlier in the month, broke well and led from flagfall. Coming under pressure when threatened in early straight, she refused to yield inside the final quarter-mile and was ridden out to hold all-comers at bay in game fashion. The G3 Prix Penelope victress **Tajlina (GB)** (Kingman {GB}) was second by a head. Owned by Gina d'Amato and Richard Marini,



Zia Agnese (white cap) holds off Tajlina | Scoop Dyga

Zia Agnese will now head straight to Chantilly for the G1 Prix de Diane, according to trainer Gianluca Bietolini.

"I was not at all disappointed with her first run of the season," he said. "She was facing some nice colts, on ground probably a shade too soft for her, and she also lost a shoe. I knew she was ready and that she would run her race. She stays well and we did not hesitate to take our responsibilities. Beforehand, in the back of our minds, we were dreaming of the Prix de Diane. Now we can dream even more and she will go straight there."

Pedigree Notes

Zia Agnese is the fourth of five foals and lone scorer produced by a winning half-sister to Listed Norsk Jockeyklubs Sprintlop runner-up Pal O'Mine (Ire) (Dylan Thomas {Ire}). Her second dam Xaara (Swe) (Xaar {GB}) is a full-sister to G3 Sweet Solera Stakes third Kay Es Jay (Fr) and a half to Listed Prix de Montretout third Archetype (Fr) (Le Havre {Ire}). [Cont. p7](#)



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The April-foaled bay, half-sister to a 2-year-old filly by Victor Ludorum (GB), hails from the family of G1 Prix Vermeille heroine Bateel (Ire) (Dubawi {Ire}), herself the dam of runner-up Tajlina (GB) (Kingman {GB}).

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FIRST STAKES/GROUP WINNER FOR SIRE

Friday, Saint-Cloud, France

AUGUSTE RODIN COOLMORE PRIX CLEOPATRE-G3, €80,000, Saint-Cloud, 4-18, 3yo, f, 10 1/2ft, 2:17.63, g/s.

1--**ZIA AGNESE (FR)**, 126, f, 3, by Romanised (Ire)

1st Dam: Little Sister (Fr), by Le Havre (Ire)

2nd Dam: Xaara (Swe), by Xaar (GB)

3rd Dam: Angel Rose (Ire), by Definite Article (GB)

1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN; 1ST GROUP WIN. (€27,000 Ylg '23 ARQAUG). O-Gina d'Amato & Richard Marini; B-Team Hogdala AB (FR); T-Gianluca Bietolini; J-Ronan Thomas. €40,000. Lifetime Record: 8-3-1-0, €80,050. **Werk Nick Rating: A++.**

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2--**Tajlina (GB)**, 126, f, 3, Kingman (GB)--Bateel (Ire), by Dubawi (Ire). O/B-Al Asayl France (GB); T-Francis-Henri Graffard. €16,000.

3--**Indalimos (Fr)**, 126, f, 3, Cloth Of Stars (Ire)--Lucy The Painter (Ire), by Excellent Art (GB). **1ST BLACK TYPE; 1ST GROUP BLACK TYPE.** (€12,000 RNA Ylg '23 ARQFEB; €47,000 Ylg '23 ARQOCT). O-Yves Burrus; B-John Plowden Carrington; T-Andre Fabre. €12,000.

Margins: HD, 1 1/4, 1 1/4. Odds: 19.70, 0.40, 9.00.

Also Ran: Benamira (GB), Marinaleda (Fr). Scratched: Danara (Fr).

EUROPEAN NEWS

Andrew Balding/Qatar Racing Cont. from p1

In 2025, Balding's string has been hitting on all cylinders, with 44 winners already, including a double at Newcastle on Friday during the All-Weather Championships with Storm Star (GB) (Night Of Thunder {Ire}) and Berkshire Whisper (Ire) (Dark Angel {Ire}). Kirsten Rausing's Almeric (GB) (Study Of Man {Ire}) won the Listed Feilden Stakes for the stable on Tuesday. Juddmonte's Jonquil (GB) (Lope De Vega {Ire}) struck in last week's G3 Watership Down Stud Too Darn Hot Greenham Stakes at Newbury. Divina Grace (Ire) (Golden Horn {GB}) captured the G3 John Porter Stakes on the same card.

Qatar Racing has been expanding the countries it operates in, and enjoyed a win in the U.S. with GIII Pucker Up Stakes heroine Waves Of Mischief (Into Mischief) last year. Sheikh Fahad's silks are also regularly seen in Australia, Ireland, France, and Japan.

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New Century winning at Woodbine | Michael Burns/WEG

ALL-WEATHER CHAMPIONS CROWNED AT NEWCASTLE

The all-weather season drew to a close on Good Friday, April 18, with Tony Carroll named the All-Weather Champion Trainer for the first time.

Carroll, who finished second to Mick Appleby last season, saddled 57 winners, 11 clear of his nearest rival, James Owen.

"For me personally, it is a great achievement and I am very proud of it," said Carroll. "A big thank you to the team at home--Titch, Mary, and everybody else involved. They are people that never go racing and are never seen, but they are the backbone behind it all. They do all the work really, and I'm just there making sure everything is as it should be.

"The horses have been fantastic all winter. The horses have been really healthy, right the way through, and the owners have been fantastic. ARC have put a great thing on and we have all really enjoyed it."

Added Carroll of All-Weather Champion Apprentice winner Jack Doughty, "Jack Doughty has been fantastic for the yard and it's great for us both to win together. He is only 17 but has been with me for a while, so it's marvellous. He has been a pleasure to have in the yard, all the way through from day one, and you could always see that he was just a bit different from the rest.

"We have had 57 winners on the all-weather this season, but I think Init Together (GB) (Poet's Voice {GB}) is the only one that has won four. The rest has been made up by individual horses, so it's a great performance from them." **Cont. p8**



Tony Carroll pictured with ARC chief executive Martin Cruddace | AWC

All-Weather Champions Cont.

Billy Loughnane was a first-time winner of the All-Weather Champion Jockey title. He was the All-Weather Champion Apprentice the past two years. Godolphin earned its 11th consecutive All-Weather Champion Owner title with 15 wins, two better than Rabbah Racing.

Loughnane, who had 75 wins, four better than Hector Crouch, said, "I am chuffed. It has been a good winter and a long hard battle with Hector for the past few months, who's obviously a great jockey, and it's been a big last push to get it over the line.

"It was good being able to get away for a little bit of time in Australia as well, but to come back and get a lot of support from numerous different trainers who've helped me and my agent Tony Hind, who is a super-agent and doing a great job.

"Obviously, dad runs the majority of his horses on the all-weather and I've grown up around it.

"Dad's got a big team and George Boughey is my main boss now, but there are a lot of trainers, the Kublers and Ian Williams to name just two, who have given me a lot of support so it's great."

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OBSERVATIONS
on the European racing scene

HOW THEY FARED

14.00 Saint-Cloud, €27,000, Mdn, unraced 3yo, f, 8ft
Haras de Saint Pair newcomer **Pearly Queen (Fr) (Kingman {GB})**, a homebred half-sister to G1 Matron Stakes victrix Pearls Galore (Fr) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}), made rapid late headway to finish one length behind the winner in third.

14.35 Saint-Cloud, €27,000, Mdn, unraced 3yo, c/g, 8ft
Andre Fabre trainee **King Esoteric (GB) (Kingman {GB})**, a son of multiple Group 1 winner Esoterique (Ire) (Danehill Dancer {Ire}), was handily placed throughout this debut, but faded late and hit the line just under three lengths adrift of the winner in fifth.

4.30 Chelmsford, Cond, £75,000, 3yo, 6f (AWT)
Sky Majesty (Ire) (Blue Point {Ire}), last year's G3 Firth of Clyde Stakes and G2 Criterium de Maisons-Laffitte winner, surrendered her unbeaten record in third but was probably in need of the comeback run.

BRITAIN

Friday's Results:

BETMGM BURRADON STAKES-Listed, £100,000, Newcastle, 4-18, 3yo, 8f 5y (AWT), 1:26.45, st.

1--GLITTERING LEGEND (GB), 130, g, 3, by Too Darn Hot (GB)

1st Dam: Eastern Belle (GB) (SW-Eng, MGSP-US, \$230,141), by Champs Elysees (GB)

2nd Dam: Fleche D'Or (GB), by Dubai Destination

3rd Dam: Nuryana (GB), by Nureyev

1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN. (67,000gns Ylg '23 TATSOM). O-Mr Boniface Ho Ka Kui; B-Hascombe & Valiant Stud Ltd (GB); T-James Fanshawe; J-Daniel Muscutt. £56,710. Lifetime Record: 6-4-0-0, \$126,557. *1/2 to Megallan (GB) (Kingman {GB}), MGSW-Eng, \$284,415.

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2--Bowmark (GB), 130, c, 3, Kingman (GB)--Bound (Ire), by Galileo (Ire). TDN Rising Star. 1ST BLACK TYPE. O/B-Lordship Stud (GB); T-John & Thady Gosden. £21,500.

3--Royal Playwright (GB), 130, c, 3, Lope De Vega (Ire)--Arabian Queen (Ire), by Dubawi (Ire). O-Mr J C Smith; B-Littleton Stud (GB); T-Andrew Balding. £10,760.

Margins: NK, 1 3/4, HF. Odds: 4.50, 1.50, 2.50.

Also Ran: Michael Scofield, Titanium Emperor (Ire), Nordic Norm (GB).

Helped by race-fitness on Friday, Ka Kui Ho's Glittering Legend proved too strong in the Listed Burradon Stakes to emulate the win of his half-brother Megallan (GB) (Kingman {GB}) in the Newcastle feature. This looked a deep renewal of the mile contest staged on the Tapeta, with last year's G2 Royal Lodge Stakes runner-up Royal Playwright and Lordship Stud's TDN Rising Star Bowmark in attendance and the focus was sharply on the latter who started as the well-supported 6-4 favourite despite having only his second start.



Glittering Legend | Grossick Racing Photography

Listed Burradon Stakes Cont.

Glittering Legend, who had taken a similarly warm affair at Kempton last month, was delivered by Daniel Muscutt to overhaul the Gosdens' market-leader in the last furlong and secure a neck success at odds of 9-2. Royal Playwright was 1 3/4 lengths away in third. The winner was a bargain 67,000gns purchase from the Tattersalls Somerville Sale, being that he is out of the Listed Lord Weinstock Memorial Stakes winner Eastern Belle (GB) (Champs Elysees {GB}) who is a half to the ground-breaking Golden Horn (GB). Her aforementioned son Megallan took this in 2021 before finishing second in the G2 Dante Stakes and adding the G3 Diomed Stakes and G3 Sovereign Stakes to his tally.

"He's a star horse. He was very naughty to begin with, but he's getting it together now and turning into a really useful three-year-old," trainer James Fanshawe said of the winner, who was a winner at Goodwood and Doncaster in four starts at two. "He came there travelling beautifully and his experience probably stood him in good stead today. He's very tenacious and tough and it's just a case of whether we step up to a mile and a quarter. I'll speak to Mr Ho and make a plan, but he'll probably be at Royal Ascot I'd say."

Thady Gosden said of the runner-up, "The winner is a nice horse, he showed good form and won well at the backend of March, so that was a good first run from Bowmark. There is stamina on the dam side, but Bowmark is by Kingman and, as you saw there, he has a real turn of foot. They didn't look like they went an overly quick gallop early on and he picked up readily to hit the front. The [G2] Dante is definitely an option."

Eastern Belle, who was also second in the GII New York Stakes,

GIII Waya Stakes and GIII Glens Falls Stakes, is not the only daughter of the Oppenheimers' unraced Fleche D'Or (GB) (Dubai Destination) to make her mark during her second career with Cercle D'Or (Ire) (Acclamation {GB}) producing last year's Ginger Brew Stakes winner and GIII Herecomesthebride Stakes-placed Ozara (Ire) (Lope De Vega {Ire}). With this family of Golden Horn and Rebecca Sharp (GB) (Machiavellian) showing no signs of abating in churning out smart runners, Eastern Belle's yearling filly by Baaeed (GB) will be keenly-awaited.

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6th-Newcastle, £175,000, Hcp, 4-18, 4yo/up, 10f 42y (AWT), 2:10.49, st.

SALAMANCA (GB) (c, 4, Sea The Stars {Ire}--Awesometank {GB} {MSW & MGSP-Eng, GISP-US, GSP-Fr, \$352,767}, by Intense Focus), considered a Derby prospect at one point last term, had warmed up for this feature All-Weather Easter Classic with a fourth at Chelmsford last month and set out to make all. Pressed all the way up the straight, the 14-1 shot found the line a neck ahead of the strong-finishing Old Harrovian (GB) (Sea The Stars {Ire}), with a short head separating that 6-4 favourite and Charlotte's Web (Ire) (Night Of Thunder {Ire}). "This has been a six-month plan for Salamanca," trainer Jane Chapple-Hyam said. "David [Egan] has given him a beautiful ride. He clocked it properly in his head. We are thrilled that we have seen the horse we have always believed in." The winner is the first foal out of the dual listed-winning dam, who was also runner-up in the GI Beverly D. Stakes, G3 Princess Elizabeth Stakes and G3 Atalanta Stakes. She is also from the family of Danehill Dancer's sires Misu Bond (Ire) and Air Chief Marshal (Ire) and the G1 Irish St Leger hero Flag Of Honour (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}). [Cont. p10](#)



Salamanca | Grossick Racing Photography

6th-Newcastle Cont.

She also has the unraced 3-year-old filly Perpetua (GB) (**Frankel {GB}**), Juddmonte's 500,000gns purchase at the Tattersalls December Foal Sale, a 2-year-old filly by **Camelot {GB}** bought by Stroud Coleman Bloodstock for 290,000gns at Tattersalls October Book 2 and a yearling filly by Baaeed (GB). Sales history: 335,000gns Ylg '22 TATOCT. Lifetime Record: 7-2-2-1, \$136,809. O-Mr P W Harris; B-Eminent Kind Ltd (GB); T-Jane Chapple-Hyam.

2nd-Newcastle, £150,000, Hcp, 4-18, 3yo, 6f (AWT), 1:11.04, st.

BERKSHIRE WHISPER (IRE) (c, 3, Dark Angel {Ire}--Samaah {Ire}, by Cape Cross {Ire}), coming into this All-Weather 3 Year Old Championships Handicap on the back of a course-and-distance win last month, tracked the leader throughout the early stages. Taking over approaching the two-furlong pole, the 9-2 favourite stayed on to score by 1 1/4 lengths from Master Technician (Ire) (Mastercraftsman {Ire}). "Berkshire Whisper is an improving horse," Anna Lisa Balding said. "He is a little bit quirky--as you probably saw earlier, he wasn't an easy lead around--so it makes it even more rewarding. We shall see how he is tomorrow, but Royal Ascot is always a dream, so fingers crossed." The unraced dam, whose son Huraiz (Ire) (Sepoy {Aus}) was third in the G3 Sirenia Stakes, unfortunately died this year. A half-sister to the G1 Golden Jubilee Stakes and G1 Nunthorpe Stakes hero Kingsgate Native (Ire) (Mujadil) and to the dam of the Australian sensation Via Sistina (Ire) (Fastnet Rock {Aus}) and Dark Angel's G1 Jebel Hatta-placed First Contact (Ire), her last offering is the 2-year-old filly Anorah Unleashed (Ire) (Supremacy {Ire}).



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The latter was a £52,000 purchase by Howson and Houldsworth for Jamie Insole at the Goffs UK Premier Yearling Sale. Sales history: 110,000gns Ylg '23 TATOCT. Lifetime Record: 4-3-1-0, \$115,183.

O-Berkshire Parts & Panels Ltd No1 Fanclub; B-Yeomanstown Stud (IRE); T-Andrew Balding.

6th-Chelmsford City, £75,000, Cond, 4-18, 3yo, 6f (AWT), 1:11.73, st.

SAYIDAH DARIYAN (IRE) (f, 3, Dariyan {Fr}--Tencaratrubieslace {Fr}, by Siyouni {Fr}), a 13-length winner of her maiden at Lingfield in September, was a tiring sixth in a strong renewal of Dundalk's five-furlong Listed Legacy Stakes the following month and started at 6-1 on this return. Always travelling easily tracking the leader Mr Lightside (Ire) (Earthlight {Ire}), the relative of the G2 Prix du Gros-Chene winner Finsbury Square (Ire) (**Siyouni {Fr}**) stayed on strongly once taking over inside the final furlong to beat that rival by 1 1/4 lengths. Last year's G3 Firth of Clyde Stakes and G2 Criterium de Maisons-Laffitte winner Sky Majesty (Ire) (Blue Point {Ire}) was a further 2 1/2 lengths away in third. "She had made the running before listed race at Dundalk, but they harrowed the track that day and she walked the last furlong," trainer Richard Hughes said. "I don't normally take on a 110-rated filly [Sky Majesty] with one rated 92, but she had been working well. The [Listed] Carnarvon [Stakes at Newbury] in three weeks is probably spot-on for her." The dam, whose aforementioned Finsbury Square also captured two Group 3 contests as a leading French sprinter of his era, is a half to the listed scorer Bakoel Koffie (Ire) (Naaqoos {GB}) who was also placed in the G2 Goldene Peitsche. Her 2-year-old filly Supreme Diamond (Ire) (Supremacy {Ire}) was a €45,000 purchase by Clive Cox Racing at the Tattersalls Ireland September Sale, while her yearling is another filly by that sire. Sales history: £35,000 Ylg '23 GOFFUK. Lifetime Record: 4-2-0-1, \$58,055.

O-Jaber Abdullah; B-Yeomanstown Stud (IRE); T-Richard Hughes.

2nd-Chelmsford City, £40,000, Mdn, 4-18, 3yo, 7f (AWT), 1:26.55, st.

COSI BELLO (GB) (g, 3, Bated Breath {GB}--Fauran {Ire}, by Shamardal), a half-brother to the G3 Greenham Stakes third Urban Icon (GB) by **Bated Breath's** half-brother Cityscape (GB), raced in rear early off the moderate tempo. Gliding by each rival and to the front with half a furlong remaining, the 11-2 shot drew away for an impressive 1 1/4-length success from Critical Acclaim (GB) (Acclaim {Ire}). "We liked him a lot coming into today--he's so professional and a dream to train and picked up beautifully there," trainer Charlie Fellowes said. [Cont. p11](#)

2nd-Chelmsford City Cont.

He added, "It wasn't a surprise and I think you can upgrade that. His three-parts brother was very good and stayed seven furlongs, but he has a lot of speed and while he might stay a mile he won't stay any further." The dam, whose 2-year-old filly is by Ulysses (Ire), hails from the family of the dual G1 Coronation Cup hero Warrsan (Ire) (Caerleon), the G1 Poule d'Essai des Pouliches and G1 Prix de Diane heroine Avenir Certain (Fr) (Le Havre {Ire}) and the GI Breeders' Cup Filly & Mare Turf winner Queen's Trust (GB) (Dansili {GB}). Sales history: 38,000gns Ylg '23 TATSOM. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$27,776.

O-Bedford House Racing IIII; B-Minster Stud (GB); T-Charlie Fellowes.

HANDICAP RESULTS:

7th-Newcastle, £175,000, 4-18, 4yo/up, 16f 56y (AWT), 3:26.14, st.

WONDER LEGEND (IRE) (g, 5, Sea The Stars {Ire}--Sea of Wonders {Ire}, by Fastnet Rock {Aus}) Lifetime Record: 13-5-3-1, \$178,112. O-Mr Boniface Ho Ka Kui; B-Sunderland Holding Inc (IRE); T-James Ferguson. *€50,000 Ylg '21 GOFSP; €220,000 2yo '22 ARQMAY.

4th-Newcastle, £150,000, 4-18, 4yo/up, 8f 5y (AWT), 1:36.22, st.

STORM STAR (GB) (c, 4, Night Of Thunder {Ire}--Dancing Star {GB} {GSW-Eng, \$441,832}, by Aqlaam {GB}) Lifetime Record: 10-4-1-4, \$208,599. O-Mr J C Smith; B-Littleton Stud (GB); T-Andrew Balding.

5th-Newcastle, £150,000, 4-18, 4yo/up, 6f (AWT), 1:09.81, st.

WE NEVER STOP (IRE) (g, 4, Cotai Glory {GB}--Deliziosa {Ire}, by Iffraaj {GB}) Lifetime Record: 18-5-4-1, \$205,178. O-Mr B T McDonald; B-Padraig O'Reilly (IRE); T-Kevin Ryan. *€16,500 Wlg '21 GOFNO1; £70,000 Ylg '22 GOFFUK.

2nd-Lingfield, £65,000, 4-18, 4yo/up, 10f (AWT), 2:04.73, st.

HITCHED (IRE) (g, 5, Cotai Glory {GB}--Newlywed {Ire}, by Authorized {Ire}) Lifetime Record: 30-8-4-3, \$99,147. O-The Future; B-Tally Ho Stud (IRE); T-David Simcock. *50,000gns Ylg '21 TATOCT.

3rd-Lingfield, £65,000, 4-18, 4yo/up, 8f 1y (AWT), 1:36.51, st.

DINGLE (IRE) (g, 7, Footstepsinthesand {GB}--Beal Ban {Ire}, by Daggers Drawn) Lifetime Record: 35-6-4-6, \$155,202. O-Martin

Hughes; B-Natasha Newsome (IRE); T-Julie Camacho. *£100,000 Ylg '19 GOFFPR.

4th-Lingfield, £65,000, 4-18, 4yo/up, 6f 1y (AWT), 1:10.55, st.

WESTMORIAN (GB) (g, 6, Holy Roman Emperor {Ire}--Inca Trail, by Royal Academy) Lifetime Record: 30-6-5-3, \$105,241. O-Miss Marjorie A Thompson; B-J Carrington & Richmond Bloodstock (GB); T-Grant Tuer. *40,000gns Ylg '20 TATOCT. **1/2 to Fanaar (Ire) (Dark Angel {Ire}), GSW-UAE, SW-Eng, \$282,186.

1st-Lingfield, £50,000, 4-18, 4yo/up, 12f (AWT), 2:30.15, st.

OBSIDIAN KNIGHT (IRE) (g, 7, Awtaad {Ire}--Holda {Ire}, by Docksider) Lifetime Record: 34-7-7-2, \$108,568. O-The Property Investor Partnership Ltd; B-Wardstown Stud Ltd (IRE); T-T Kent. €88,000 Wlg '18 GOFNOV; £20,000 2yo '20 GOFARQ. *1/2 to Blond Me (Ire) (Tamayuz {GB}), Hwt. Older Mare-Eng- at 9 1/2 - 11 f., GISW-Can, GSW & G1SP-Eng, GSW-Tur, GSP-USA, \$1,019,799.

5th-Lingfield, £50,000, 4-18, 3yo/up, f, 7f 1y (AWT), 1:25.27, st.

LADY MANZOR (GB) (f, 3, Almanzor {Fr}--Montjeu's Lady {GB}, by Motivator {GB}) Lifetime Record: 5-3-0-1, \$45,690. O-Coombelands Racing Syndicate; B-Charlotte Colbert (GB); T-Amanda Perrett. *12,000gns Ylg '23 TATOCT.

6th-Lingfield, £50,000, 4-18, 4yo/up, 15f 169y (AWT), 3:20.80, st.

TIDES OF WAR (IRE) (g, 7, Galileo {Ire}--Walklikeanegyptian {Ire} {GSP}, by Danehill) Lifetime Record: MGSP-Fr, 27-4-1-4, \$171,029. O-Tick Tock Partnership; B-Mrs Fitri Hay (IRE); T-David Simcock. *Full to Deauville (Ire), GISW-US, GSW & G1SP-Eng, GSW & MG1SP-Ire, \$1,444,846; Full to The Corsican (Ire), GSW-Eng, \$268,341.

7th-Lingfield, £50,000, 4-18, 3yo, 6f 1y (AWT), 1:11.29, st.

VOCAL LEGEND (IRE) (c, 3, Dark Angel {Ire}--Hay Chewed {Ire} {SW-Eng}, by Camacho {GB}) Lifetime Record: 5-2-2-0, \$45,563. O-Teme Valley & The Parmar Family; B-Grangemore Stud & Yeomanstown Stud (IRE); T-Charles Hills. *€50,000 Ylg '23 GOFOR; €65,000 2yo '24 TATBRU.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Heavenly Heather (GB), f, 4, Shamardal--Right Direction (Ire), by Cape Cross (Ire). Newcastle, 4-18, 7f 14y (AWT), 1:24.33. Lifetime Record: 6-1-1-0, \$104,961. B-Godolphin (GB). *37,000gns HRA '24 TATFEB.

FRANCE

Friday's Results:

2nd-Saint-Cloud, €27,000, Mdn, 4-18, unraced 3yo, f, 8fT, 1:44.47, g/s.

SHIRIBETSU (FR) (f, 3, Mehmas {Ire}--Countryside {GB}, by Motivator {GB}) withstood a hefty bump at the break and trailed all six rivals through halfway in this debutantes' heat. Nudged along to reduce arrears with 500 metres remaining, the 12-5 second choice moved into fourth passing the furlong pole and swooped late to deny long-time leader Menakoz (GB) (Lope De Vega {Ire}) by 3/4-of-a-length. Shiribetsu is the second foal and scorer out of an unraced half-sister to dual Group 3 winner Kings Fete (GB) (King's Best) and the stakes-placed Gymkhana (GB) (Equiano {Fr}). The January-foaled bay, whose second dam is Listed Prix de Thiberville victrix Village Fete (GB) (Singspiel {Ire}), is kin to the unraced 2-year-old gelding Jackabi (Fr) (Hello Youmzain {Fr}) and a yearling filly by Sealiway (Fr). Sales history: €56,000 Wlg '22 ARQDEC; €200,000 Ylg '23 ARQAug. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, €13,500.

O-Andrew Rosen & Marcstown Farms SC; B-Haras de Saint Vincent, Haras du Saubouas & ABF (FR); T-Francis-Henri Graffard.

3rd-Saint-Cloud, €27,000, Mdn, 4-18, unraced 3yo, c/g, 8fT, 1:44.22, g/s.

UTHRED (FR) (g, 3, Persian King {Ire}--Eristars {Fr}, by Sea The Stars {Ire}) raced under cover in sixth for most of this debut. Making smooth headway in the straight, the 51-10 chance was shaken up to challenge approaching the furlong marker and pushed out to defeat Eliman (Fr) (Siyouni {Fr}) by 3/4-of-a-length. Uthred, half-brother to a yearling filly by Almanzor (Fr), is the first of two foals thrown by a dual-winning granddaughter



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of stakes-winning G3 Noblesse Stakes third Tarakala (Ire) (Dr Fong). Tarakala's leading performer is dual stakes-winning G3 Curragh Cup third Tarana (Ire) (Cape Cross {Ire}), herself the dam of multiple elite-level winners Tahiyra (Ire) (Siyouni {Fr}) and Tarnawa (Ire) (Shamardal). Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, €13,500.

O/B-Ecurie Griezmann (FR); T-Philippe Decouz.

5th-Saint-Cloud, €27,000, Mdn, 4-18, 3yo, 10 1/2fT, 2:16.67, g/s.

ORACLE (GB) (c, 3, Too Darn Hot {GB}--Ligne D'Or {GB}) {GSW & G1SP-Fr, \$221,508}, by Dansili {GB}) tracked the leaders in sixth through halfway in this debut. Coaxed forward once into the home straight, the 22-5 chance launched his challenge out wide passing the quarter-mile pole and kept on well under whipless urging inside the final furlong to assert by 2 1/2 lengths from Quiet King (Fr) (Persian King {Ire}). Oracle is the first of three foals produced by G3 Prix de Flore winner and G1 Prix Vermeille third Ligne D'Or (GB) (Dansili {GB}), herself out of a winning full-sister to G3 Prix de Flore victrix Lil'wing (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}). Her second dam Louve Nationale (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) is kin to a further five black-type performers headed by multiple Group-winning G1 Prix Ganay and GI Turf Classic placegetter Loup Breton (Ire) (Anabaa) and multiple Graded-placed Listed Dowager Stakes victrix Louve Royale (Ire) (Peintre Celebre). The February-foaled bay is a half-brother to the unraced 2-year-old filly Zlata (Ire) (Zarak {Fr}) and a yearling colt by Lope De Vega (Ire). Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, €13,500.

O-Wertheimer & Frere; B-Dayton Investments Ltd (GB); T-Andre Fabre.

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SIRE LINES IN THE SATSUKI SHO

by Heather Anderson

To the surprise of no one, pride of place in Sunday's G1 Satsuki Sho belongs to the Sunday Silence sire line with eight representatives spread throughout the 18-strong field.

The late Shadai Stallion Station luminary's first foals arrived in Japan in 1992, and from that first crop was 1995 Satsuki Sho winner Genuine (Jpn). Six others followed (Ishino Sunday {Jpn}, 1996, Air Shakur {Jpn}, 2000, Agnes Tachyon {Jpn}, 2001, Nishino Sunday {Jpn}, 2003, Daiwa Major {Jpn}, 2004, and Deep Impact {Jpn}, 2005). Sunday Silence saved the best for last, with Deep Impact also winning the Japanese Triple Crown.

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G1 Satsuki Sho Preview Cont.

A 13-time Japanese Champion Sire before his premature death, the American Horse of the Year would also sire a litany of other Classic winners and champions, excelling as both a sire-of-sires and a broodmare sire.

However, it is a different Sunday Silence branch from Deep Impact that gives us the antepost favourite on Sunday in 2024 Japanese Champion 2-Year-Old Male and G1 Hopeful Stakes winner **Croix Du Nord (Jpn)**. By Kitanasan Black (Jpn), the sire of 2023 Satsuki Sho hero Sol Oriens (Jpn), 2022 runner-up (and international wunderkind) Equinox (Jpn) and 2025 rival and G2 Spring Stakes winner **Piko Chan Black (Jpn)**, Croix Du Nord counts Black Tide (Jpn), a less heralded full-brother to Deep Impact, as his grandsire. He will leave from stall 10 under Yuichi Kitamura.

Trainer Takashi Saito said of the champion, “Last time in the Hopeful Stakes, he got a position quite naturally, and the jockey rode him well. It was the horse’s first run at Nakayama, but he ran a strong race. He’s had a break at Northern Farm Shigaraki since, and on returning to the stable, he looks about the same, and things seem as usual with him.”

A total of three sons of Deep Impact have won this Classic including Dee Majesty (Jpn) ('16), Al Ain (Jpn) ('17) and Triple Crown Winner Contrail (Jpn) in 2020. Deep Impact’s **2024 Japanese Champion Sire** son Kizuna (Jpn) boasts a trio of colts hoping to dethrone Croix Du Nord, with the three-for-three **Eri King (Jpn)** shortest in the market. Like the Hopeful Stakes hero, the G3 Kyoto Nisai Stakes victor and son of G1 Queensland Oaks heroine Youngstar (Aus) (High Chaparral {Ire}) will be making his 2025 bow in the Satsuki Sho and will be ridden by Yuga “King” Kawada from stall two. **Satono Shining (Jpn)** defeated subsequent G1 Oka Show third Lynx Tip (Jpn) (Kitasan Black {Jpn}) in the G3 Kisaragi Sho, while **Magic Sands (Jpn)** claimed

the G3 Sapporo Nisai Stakes.

Nishino Agent (Jpn) already sports a win in the G3 Keisei Hai over the Satsuki Sho course and distance, and traces to Sunday Silence through his grandson, 2014 Satsuki Sho hero Isla Bonita (Jpn) (Fuji Kiseki {Jpn}).

King Kamehameha’s Influence

Kingmambo horse King Kamehameha (Jpn) also excelled as a sire in Japan, and seven members of the Satsuki Sho field trace to the 2004 G1 Tokyo Yushun (Japanese Derby) winner through their male line. The late **Japanese Champion Sire** and 2015 Satsuki Sho scorer Duramente (Jpn) is represented by a quartet of sons with the three-for-four **Masquerade Ball (Jpn)** appearing the best on paper. He defeated **Kalamatianos (Jpn)**, by King Kamehameha’s son Rey De Oro (Jpn), in the G3 Tokinominoru Kinen.

Trainer Takahisa Tezuka said of Masquerade Ball, “He had a break at the farm after his last race, before returning to the stable at the end of March. He’s been working as usual on the uphill track, and he’s done well enough when considering the ground at the time of his work.”

One of the most intriguing runners on pedigree is G1 Asahi Hai Futurity Stakes second **Museum Mile (Jpn)**, by King Kamehameha’s Leontes (Jpn). Leontes’s dam, the dual Group 1 winner Cesario (Jpn) (Special Week {Jpn}), also produced Celia (Jpn) (King Kamehameha {Jpn}), the dam of fellow Satsuki Sho entrant and group-placed **Vincentio (Jpn)** (Real Steel {Jpn}). Museum Mile will be ridden by Joao “Magic Man” Moreira, who won the G1 Oka Sho (Japanese 1000 Guineas) aboard Embroidery (Jpn) (Admire Mars {Jpn}) last Sunday. They are booked for stall six.

Cutting back in distance is Rulership (Jpn)’s 2200-metre Listed Sumire Stakes winner **G T Adamant (Jpn)**. [Cont. p14](#)



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G1 Satsuki Sho Preview Cont.

Seventh choice ahead of Sunday's contest, the colt is currently 18-1 and will exit stall eight.

Alternative Bloodlines

- One of only three in the race not tracing to either Sunday Silence or King Kamehameha, ante-post fourth choice **Giovanni (Jpn)** (Epiphaneia {Jpn}) was runner-up in the Hopeful Stakes. He is a descendant of Hail To Reason's son Roberto through Kris S. to Symboli Kris S, the sire of Epiphaneia (Jpn). The last-named sire already has 2021 Satsuki Sho hero Efforia (Jpn) to his credit.
- Another branch of Roberto is represented by the multiple group-placed long shot **Dragon Boost (Jpn)** (Screen Hero {Jpn}). His grandsire Grass Wonder was by Silver Hawk (Roberto).
- The only horse in the race tracing tail male to Northern Dancer is Hopeful Stakes third **Faust Rasen (Jpn)**, by

Frankel (GB)'s G1 February Stakes/G1Yasuda Kinen scorer Mozu Ascot. He won the course-and-distance Guineas prep--the G2 Hocht Hai Yayoi Sho Deep Impact Kinen--on March 9.

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SATSUKI SHO (JAPANESE 2000 Guineas)-G1, ¥380,000,000, 3yo, 2000mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	Nishino Agent (Jpn)	Isla Bonita (Jpn)	Tsumura	Chiba	125
2	Eri King (Jpn)	Kizuna (Jpn)	Kawada	Fujita	125
3	King Squall (Jpn)	Duramente (Jpn)	Fujioka	Yahagi	125
4	Tjuta (Jpn)	Duramente (Jpn)	Sakai	Yahagi	125
5	Giovanni (Jpn)	Epiphaneia (Jpn)	Matsuyama	Sugiyama	125
6	Masquerade Ball (Jpn)	Duramente (Jpn)	Yokoyama	Tezuka	125
7	Fukuno Blue Lake (Jpn)	Win Bright (Jpn)	Matsuoka	Takeuchi	125
8	G T Adamant (Jpn)	Rulership (Jpn)	Iwata	Uemura	125
9	Piko Chan Black (Jpn)	Kitasan Black (Jpn)	Ishibashi	Uehara	125
10	Croix Du Nord (Jpn)	Kitasan Black (Jpn)	Kitamura	Saito	125
11	Museum Mile (Jpn)	Leontes (Jpn)	Moreira	Takayanagi	125
12	Dragon Boost (Jpn)	Screen Hero (Jpn)	Tannai	Fujino	125
13	Alohi Alii (Jpn)	Duramente (Jpn)	Yokoyama	Tanaka	125
14	Kalamatianos (Jpn)	Rey De Oro (Jpn)	Tosaki	Okumura	125
15	Vincentio (Jpn)	Real Steel (Jpn)	Lemaire	Mori	125
16	Satono Shining (Jpn)	Kizuna (Jpn)	Nishimura	Sugiyama	125
17	Faust Rasen (Jpn)	Mozu Ascot	Sugihara	Nishimura	125
18	Magic Sands (Jpn)	Kizuna (Jpn)	Sasaki	Sugai	125

Breeders: 1-Kamii Stud, 2-Northern Racing, 3-Tobino Bokujo, 4-Shunsuke Yoshida, 5-Taihei Stud Farm Co., Ltd., 6-Shadai Farm, 7-K's Inc., 8-Orion Farm, 9-Champions Farm, 10-Northern Racing, 11-Northern Farm, 12-Z Stable, 13-Grace Inc., 14-Northern Farm, 15-Northern Farm, 16-Shimokobe Farm, 17-Tomoda Bokujo, 18-Northern Racing. **Click for the [preview](#).**

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