



ENGELBRECHT-BRESGES ON THE NEED FOR MORE HORSES IN HONG KONG



Winfried Engelbrecht-Bresges and International Jockeys
Championship winner Vincent Ho | HKIR

Winfried Engelbrecht-Bresges has been at the helm of the Hong Kong Jockey Club (HKJC) since 2007, presiding over a significant expansion of the Asian racing scene. Emmanuel Roussel received an update from the CEO during last weekend's Hong Kong International meeting, with topics including the development of racing at Conghua on the Chinese mainland, and the potential for the HKJC to establish breeding bases in Europe and Australia to boost its supply of Thoroughbreds.

Emmanuel Roussel: The international week is always a great event, so close to the festive season. Are you happy with what was under the Christmas tree for the Club?

Winfried Engelbrecht-Bresges: It's great that we are back in full swing. Last year, we were open but not yet quite out of our bubble, while what we saw [at the International Jockeys' Championship] with such a tremendous atmosphere, demonstrates that the city's vibrancy is back.

The night went extremely well. And for me, one of the highlights was Vincent Ho winning the International Jockeys Championship. His victory meant a lot to Hong Kong people.

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ARQANA SESSION TOPPER TO ALKAS STUD

Carenot (Ire) (Iffraaj {GB}), a half-sister to the G1 Phoenix S. winner Dick Whittington (Ire) (Rip Van Winkle {Ire}), topped the third day of the Arqana Breeding Stock Sale in Deauville at €72,000.

The 10-year-old mare is a dual winner and her first three foals have all also won two races, including the listed-placed Liberalist (GB) (Pivotal {GB}). Offered in foal to Earthlight (Ire) as lot 582, Carenot was bought by Whitehorn Bloodstock on behalf of Emir Alkas of Alkas Stud in Turkey. The session-topping mare was sold by Haras du Lieu des Champs, who also consigned the second leading priced foal of the session, lot 809, a colt by Galiway (GB).

Alkas's previous purchases at Arqana's December Sale include Naan (Ire) for €17,000. From that daughter of Indian Charlie he bred the 2020 G3 Solario S. winner Etonian (Ire) (Olympic Glory {Ire}). Leading the weanling division was another colt by Galiway (lot 604), whose stock continue to prove popular with both Flat and National Hunt buyers.

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WE-B cont.: Despite economic challenges and some geopolitical tensions, Hong Kong can be a centre of growth and excellence. That was a great symbol. Vincent is one of the most professional athletes you can find. During COVID, Amy, our head of the Sports Institute, said that very few athletes showed such dedication in training. And I want to really express my gratitude to Ryan Moore for having helped Vincent to develop into the great athlete he has become.

ER: The Club must also share the pride of Hong Kong, since Vincent is a local apprentice...

WE-B: This is one of our strengths. We put people and systems in place to develop our community. And we have transferred the same now to Conghua, our mainland training centre. We went from zero to 600 people there. Most had never seen a horse before. And if you go to Conghua today, you can always appreciate their horsemanship.



Golden Sixty and Vincent Ho win the G1 Hong Kong Mile | HKIR

We enabled platforms which allow us, since last month, to issue vocational training licenses in Conghua. We can bring up people from every province to follow vocational training to become jockeys and horse workers. That's quite a breakthrough.

ER: What is next at Conghua?

WE-B: In April, we will be able to show more. We are still building and will have to complete phase two of our stable expansion with another 450 spaces. We will also have the staff accommodation ready. The topping of the grandstand should be completed in February, too. The plan is to accommodate 10,000 people, as it is supposed to be a boutique racecourse. I have to admit I'm very excited about it. This is one of the most iconic grandstands I know, built with full design on sustainability. Seventy per cent of the energy will be produced on site. And then we have plans for a wind farm which will be five or six kilometres away, that would allow us complete energetic independence.



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ER: What about racing at Conghua?

WE-B: The first race meeting is planned for April 2026. We have to finish everything by October 2025, and then practice for six months, running simulations.

ER: First race in April 2026, and then?

WE-B: We will have the first meeting in April, and then that will do for the season. The following season, in 26/27, we will probably conduct one meeting a month in Conghua, from October to April.

ER: What is the Club's long-term plan in China?

WE-B: This is only a part of our overall strategy for China. We want to contribute to the National Equine Industry Development Programme, which was published in 2020 by the Minister of Agriculture and the Ministry of Sport. We now try to outline an equine value chain and this includes breeding, training people, holding auctions and races, and horses going back into breeding. This is a long-term plan that would also include veterinary studies. Equine veterinary science is one of the development areas where one would need further progress. Last week, we met 160 equestrian vets from all over China in Conghua and they are really keen. We want to build a specific one-year training programme for equestrian vets.

ER: Will Conghua become the centre of the Club's strategy in China?

WE-B: We want to create a sustainable model in Conghua. Around 90 owners from all over China joined our members' clubhouse in Beijing. We will open up another such clubhouse in Shenzhen, which will also be cultivating interest in horseracing, including an equestrian interest. In September, we will open an Institute of Philanthropy, through which we will make donations to China.

People have to understand we are not only a racing institution, and especially not only a wagering organisation. What I found really fascinating in our surveys and the discussions we have had with potential owners is their will to understand breeding and racing, but rather from a sporting and cultural point of view. It's a little bit like what you find in Japan.

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ER: How is ownership doing in Hong Kong at the moment?

WE-B: We don't have an ownership issue per se. There is a risk of an ageing ownership population you have to build up again. Many owners also lost interest in owning a horse during COVID because they could not go to the track. This has resulted in a higher retirement rate in the last two years. Secondly, owners used to go to the sales a year or two before getting their purchases home, and they have not been able to travel to buy during COVID. Therefore, they couldn't replace the horses they were retiring sooner. The optimal number of horses in training in Hong Kong is 1,280. We have probably at the moment 1,160 horses ready to run, that's 120 short due to these effects. The economic situation will probably delay the recovery. It will probably take a year and a half to two years to build back up to the normal level, and we need this for Conghua.

ER: How do you recruit new owners?

WE-B: We recruit potential young owners through our racing club. Traditionally, young club members are not allowed to own horses on their own for a while. We have 1,400 racing club members and 200 of those are very keen to become owners. So, we have created a pipeline racing club to allow them to be syndicate owners, and then become partnership owners or individual owners.

ER: You also have opened the doors to foreign owners last year..

WE-B: Yes, major breeders and owners can now come through our overseas ownership scheme. We have now some prominent owners from South Africa, Australia and New Zealand. We must do this carefully, because we want to be sure that they are really committed and we look at a combination of owners and breeders because, in the end, we will venture more into the breeding industry. And if you look at owner-breeders, they usually show longer stamina and they have a greater interest because they can breed horses and showcase their horses.

ER: Talking of breeding, are you also looking for breeding ventures in China?

WE-B: The Beijing government looks at the industry and sees that we have unique skills that we can share. Beijing understands what a developed equine industry can give. Besides, a lot of the breeding or training would be located in rural areas and would have a great impact on rural economy. It already has in Conghua. The economic impact there is already significant and growing. If you look at related industries, starting with bedding and other supplies, you create supply routes, logistic networks that boost the overall local economic development.

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ER: Meanwhile, has the ever-growing sales market in Australia created issues to recruit new horses?

WE-B: We currently have a significant supply chain issue. Prices have gone through the roof. We bought a lot of horses from Australia, and it gets more and more difficult to buy them because they are owned by syndicates. So we have now a turned-down offer of A\$1.7 million for a three-year-old who won one race and a Listed race.

I see that if China opens, we will need a bigger supply chain. This is the reason why we are exploring strategic partnerships or maybe even buying ourselves a breeding or racing operation in the Northern Hemisphere and in the Southern Hemisphere. We need approximately 450 horses every year. If at least a quarter is guaranteed, our supply chain is back on. We will

relaunch the Hong Kong International sales and if you look at the quality of horses that will come out of them, you will notice that it's completely different from what we had five years ago.



The HKJC's Greg Carpenter, Andrew Harding and Winfried Engelbrecht-Bresges | HKIR

ER: How far into this project are you already?

WE-B: We have certain targets. All I can say is that we are beyond the feasibility study. We still have to assess the opportunities. There may be clusters if you buy a couple of operations that you combine, but this would not be run by the Jockey Club, rather by industry experts in this field.

ER: Where would you elect to establish a breeding operation in the Northern Hemisphere?

WE-B: We would be aiming more for Europe because of our focus on turf races. Australia will always be a key provider of horses but most of them are sprinters.

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When it comes to a mile and further, it's another story. We have already started to slightly shift our racing programme for it to focus less on short distances. I am not willing to talk about cheap speed but if there isn't enough quality available, we'll go to 1,400m and over. This shift will affect our supply chain, as Europe is a more appropriate provider of such horses. We will not focus on 2,400m horses because it's not appropriate for our climate and our trainers. Our focus will be more on horses to compete on distances from 1,400 to 2,000 metres.

ER: Can you provide an update on the World Pool?

WE-B: The World Pool keeps expanding and I think that in every continent people now see the benefit of this.

I can understand why fixed-odds, especially in Australia, is so successful now: 83% of the win and place bets in Australia are fixed-odds. It is, I think, because of the number of daily meetings there - it is like every minute - and there is not enough liquidity. If you want to have a real bet with such limited pools, you can't. But with the liquidity gathered by World Pool, with the different views of the world from Hong Kong, from Great Britain, from Australia, you offer prices that a fixed-odds betting product cannot match. Suddenly, the bookmakers could not lay off certain things, because the value of the World Pool product was too high. Customers get a choice.

However, I don't see bookmakers as mere competitors. Pari-mutuel gives the highest return to the industry and the industry needs growth.

Secondly, there are certain bet types that cannot be operated as fixed-odds bets. They are different products, offering different opportunities.

We want to have the best 100 races in the world to be made available in the World Pool. We are working on a new platform and new wagering information protocol, which hopefully could be launched through a first pilot in April or May. We then would have the ability to take exotic bets on quartet, to six up to triple trio, and include wagers from the bookmakers into such pools. Bookmakers could find an interest in connecting with the World Pool, and that could be an option for them. What is important is differentiation. You need to have enough time between races to build up your liquidity.

The next development would be more combined meetings. We did this already in France and Germany, and we could look at something like the Everest and the Caulfield Guineas, in Australia. We have done the top races as a separate, highly attractive product, and we could focus on quality to reach that level of differentiation from the intense simulcasting you find in Australia or in England. It's too much. We did a lot of market research, and it comes to this: horse racing cannot be a game of chance. It cannot be only a game of somebody's tips. You must make your own judgment. This research was conducted in Hong Kong, and you would have to do more studies globally but one of the reasons why the World Pool works is that it doesn't promote a game of chance. It is a game alright, but people get satisfaction in working on their own strategies and analysis to pick a winner. If you have a start every two minutes, you can't do that.

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A festive scene at Arqana | Zuzanna Lupa

This son of the Group 3-placed Stormyra (Fr) (Stormy River {Ire}) is a half-brother to three winners and was signed for by Peter and Ross Doyle at €51,000 from the draft of JK Thoroughbreds.

The colt's four-year-old half-sister Stormania (Fr) (Goken {Fr}) was sold immediately prior to her sibling as lot 603 from Haras de Colleville and, in foal to Galiway, she brought a bid of €35,000.

Though the figures from Monday's session are in stark contrast to those witnessed on Saturday, they are largely keeping pace with last year. From a slightly smaller comparative session, the clearance rate dropped by 4% to 75% for 188 of the 251 horses sold on the day. The median rose slightly to €8,750, the average was up by 4% at €12, 138, and with 29 fewer horses sold this year, the aggregate dropped 9.25% to €2,282,000.

With one session remaining at Arqana, the overall turnover looks set to follow the downward trend seen in Ireland and Britain so far this season.

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BARONESS HARDING APPOINTED SENIOR STEWARD OF THE JOCKEY CLUB



Baroness Dido Harding wins the 2017 Magnolia Cup
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Baroness Dido Harding is to succeed Sandy Dudgeon as Senior Steward of The Jockey Club in July 2024. It has also been announced that Cheltenham Gold Cup and Grand National-winning amateur jockey Sam Waley-Cohen, who is now retired from the saddle, will join The Jockey Club's board of stewards from Jan. 1, 2024. Baroness Harding, 56, a former amateur rider herself and a Cheltenham Gold Cup-winning owner, has been on the board of stewards since the end of 2017, having been appointed a member of The Jockey Club in 2004. She was previously a racecourse committee member at The Jockey Club's Cheltenham Racecourse and a director of Racecourse Holdings Trust, which was later renamed Jockey Club Racecourses.



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• Number Sold	188	216
• Not Sold	41	57
• Clearance Rate	74.9%	79.12%
• High Price	€72,000	€120,000
• Gross	€2,282,000	€2,514,500
• Average (% change)	€12,138 (+4.27%)	€11,641
• Median (% change)	€8,750 (+2.9%)	€8,500

CUMULATIVE	2023	2022
• Number Offered	728	774
• Number Sold	561	611
• Not Sold	167	163
• Clearance Rate	77%	73.3%
• No. €500K+	14	24
• High Price	€4,025,000	€3,200,000
• Gross	€48,566,500	€55,996,500
• Average (% change)	€83,113 (-9.31%)	€91,647
• Median (% change)	€27,000 (+3.85%)	€26,000

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Her business roles have included being chief executive of TalkTalk Telecom Group plc, as well as senior positions at Sainsbury's and Tesco, and until October 2021 she was chair of NHS Improvement and executive chair of NHS Test and Trace.

Having been a member of the House of Lords since 2014, Baroness Harding sits on the Lords Communications and Digital Select Committee.

She said, "As a lifelong racing enthusiast, it is a huge privilege to be appointed Senior Steward. The Jockey Club holds a unique position to both protect the sport's heritage and tradition and also to innovate to attract and delight racegoers of the future to ensure horseracing can thrive for generations to come."


Nine new members of the Jockey Club were elected at a members' meeting on Monday, Dec. 11. The three new honorary members are HH Sheikha Hissa bint Hamdan Al Maktoum, HH Princess Zahra Aga Khan and Gaynor Rupert.

They are joined by six ordinary members: Guy Henriques, Sue Lucas, Rishi Persad, Zara Tindall, Michael Wainwright and David Wiggin.

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HALF-BROTHER TO STAGE STAR TOPS DAY 1 OF GOFFS DECEMBER NH SALE

The Goffs December National Hunt sale saw a leading €110,000 price for the top lot (157A, a wildcard entry) as the highest for a NH foal anywhere in 2023.

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Day 1 top lot 157A in the ring before selling to Richard Frisby for the year's highest figure for a NH foal | Goffs

The session-topping lot by Walk In The Park (Ire) is a half-brother to multiple Grade I-scorer Stage Star (Ire) (Fame And Glory {GB}). Out of the graded-stakes winning jump mare Sparky May (GB) (Midnight Legend {GB}), the foal went to Richard Frisby, who also struck earlier for lot 101, a Blue Bresil colt, secured for €45,000.

David Cox of Baroda Stud, who consigned the colt on behalf of breeder Ruxley Holdings Ltd, said, "The late entry was made in order to strike while the iron is hot. Walk In The Park is leading the National Hunt sire table and Stage Star looked even better than last year when he won the Paddy Power Gold Cup last month impressively despite making a mistake."

In total, 119 horses sold for a turnover of €1,957,000, up 27% from last season, with an average of €16,446, an increase of 8%. The selective market ruled the day, however, as the clearance rate came in at 61%.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

HEED STARK SALES WARNINGS

With the Arqana sales closing out our breeding stock sales season, there were some very stark warnings for the industry in Europe. Plenty have highlighted the dire situation at the lower end of the market with a frightening number of mares failing to sell for even the covering fee of the foal inside them. However, it is also far from rosy at the top end of the market for our domestic product.

Analysing the 143 mares/fillies that sold for £200,000+ at the three main sales (Goffs November, Tatts December and Arqana) (*see fig. 1 below*), over half will be leaving European shores and travelling to Japan, Australia or America.

Obviously this is not an exact science as a number of lots were knocked down to agents or aliases. However, I'm fairly confident to within a 10% error margin with the figures.

Australian entities (including all Yulong pseudonyms) signed for the most number of £200k+ lots (35 in total over 24%) and spent over £20.1 million (21%).

The Japanese were stronger than ever and bought 17 lots (12%) and spent over £13.3 million (14%).

The Americans bought 20 lots (14%) and spent over £9.2 million (10%).

English Studs bought 29 lots (20%) for a total of just over £20 million (21%). Were you to take out Juddmonte's two major purchases, Godolphin's sole purchase and Graham Smith-Bernal's continued significant support, this would look even more dire with only a little over £11 million spent.

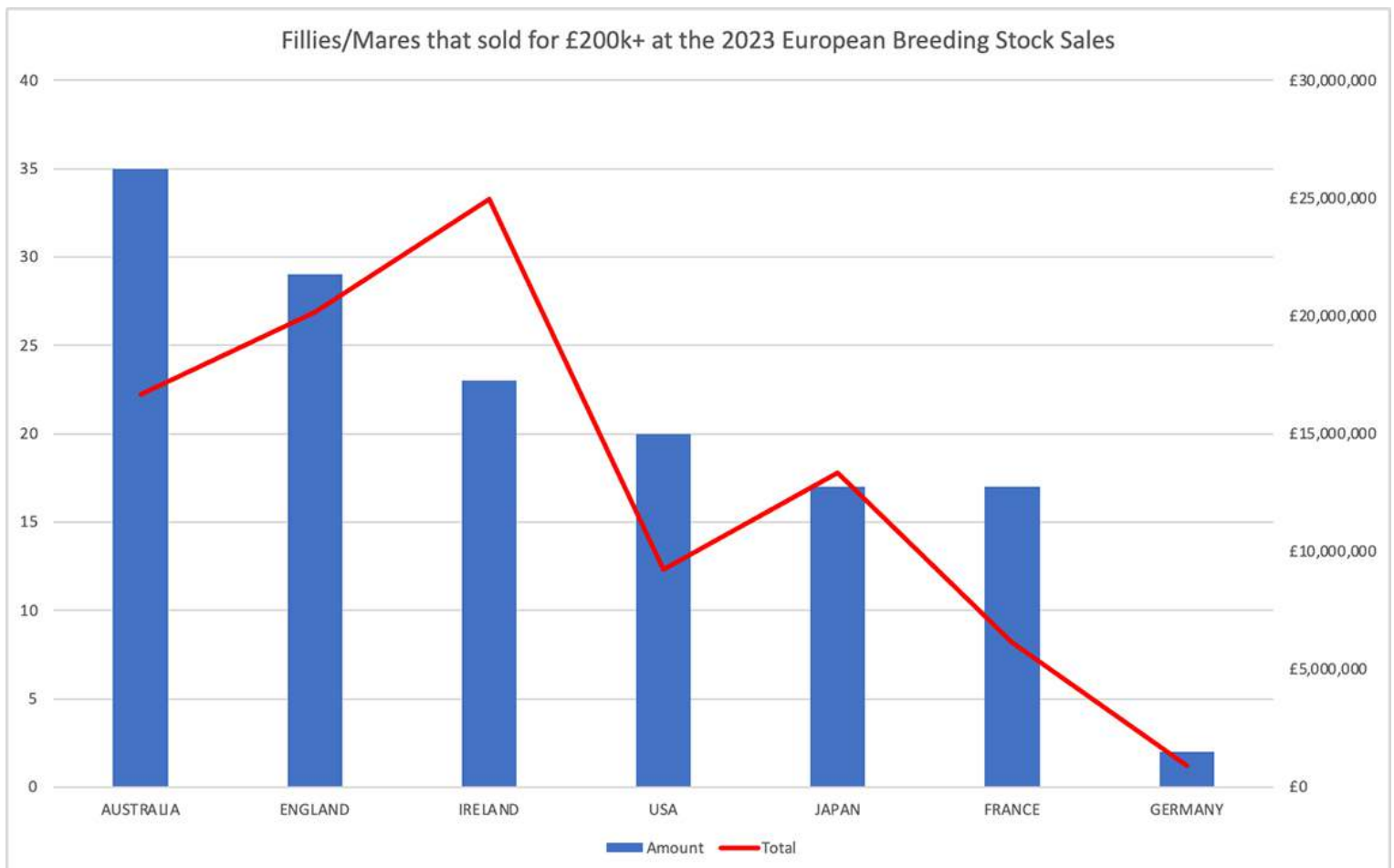
Coolmore, as ever, reinvested heavily and helped keep Ireland high up in the list. In total, 23 (16%) of the £200k+ lots look likely to head to Ireland for an outlay of over £24.9 million (26%).

French interests bought 17 (12%) lots for £6.1 million (6%) while German studs bought just two.

While these figures alone are highly worrying, when comparing them to just 10 years ago (*see fig. 2, p11*), you realise that we could be well past the tipping point.

Back then over 74% (in comparison to just 49% now) of the 136 fillies/mares that sold at the corresponding sales stayed in Europe. Furthermore, over 32% stayed in England whereas only a tick over 20% will stay in England from this year.

Such a rapid trajectory in the wrong direction needs to somehow be halted or we will lose our seat at the top table of the racing world.



The BHA and all factions of the racing hierarchy need to put self-interest to one side and work in cohesion to address the issue. Not only will we not be producing enough horses to fill the racing programme, but the quality will continue to slide in comparison to our counterparts in other jurisdictions.

Tom Pritchard-Gordon, Badgers Bloodstock

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18:00-SOUTHWELL, 7f, The Real McKay (Ire)
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Phoenix of Spain (Ire) (Lope de Vega {Ire}), Irish National Stud
97 foals of racing age

18:00-SOUTHWELL, 7f, Solar Bentley (Ire)

27,000gns Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2021; £40,000 Goffs UK Premier & Silver Yearlings 2022; 26,000gns Tattersalls December Yearling Sale 2022

Portamento (Ire) (Shamardal), Hedgeholme Stud
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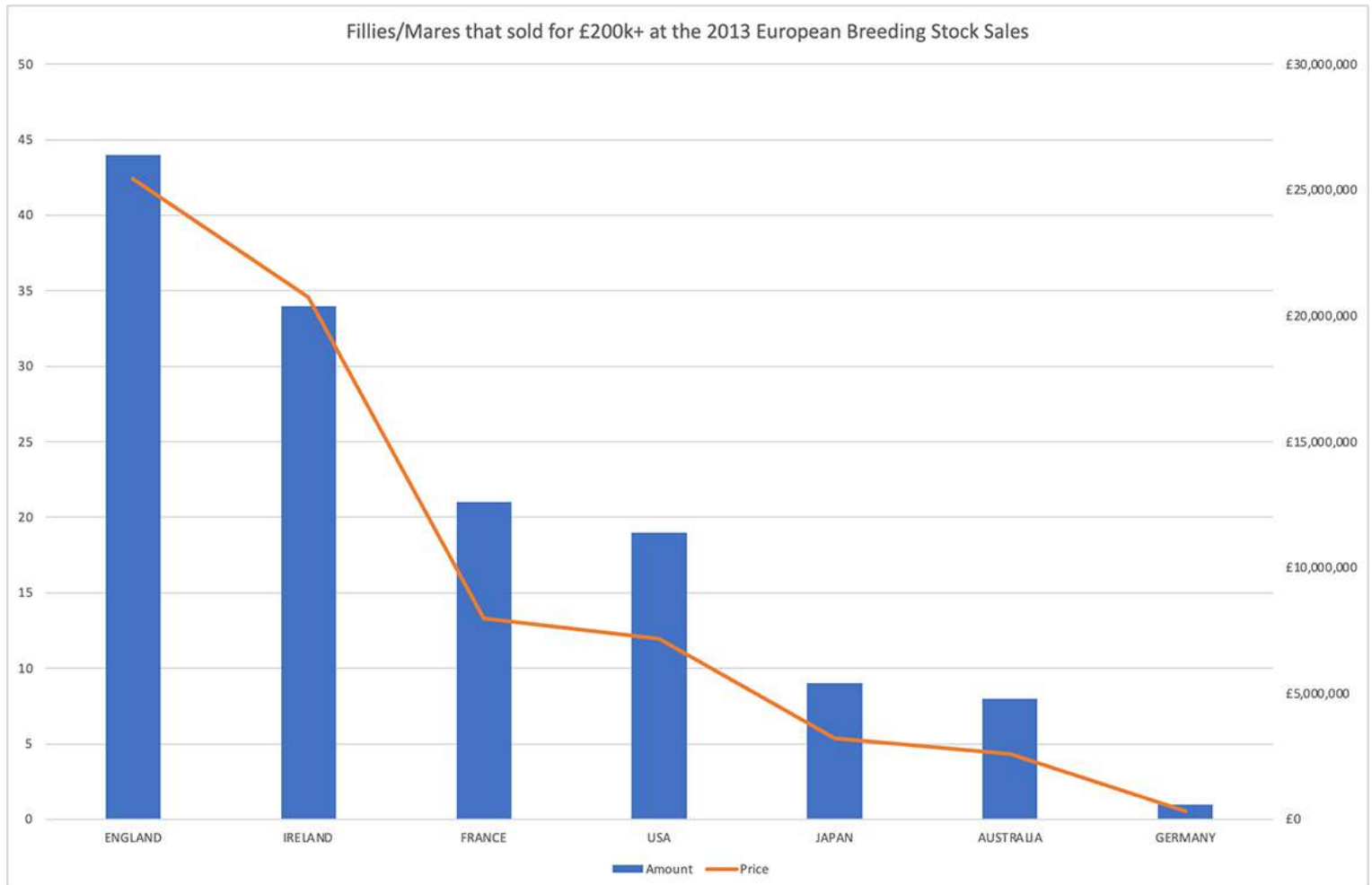
18:00-SOUTHWELL, 7f, Coramento (GB)

Too Darn Hot (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}), Dalham Hall Stud
120 foals of racing age

18:00-SOUTHWELL, 7f, Noble Consort (GB)

Wusool (Speightstown), Lilling Hall Farm
2 foals of racing age

17:30-SOUTHWELL, 7f, Sally Anne's Dream (GB)



FRANCE

City Light (Fr) (Siyouni {Fr}), Haras d'Etreham
 90 foals of racing age/16 winners/0 black-type winners
 8-MAR.P VIVAUX, 1500m, Wild City (Fr)

Land Force (Ire) (No Nay Never), Highclere Stud
 117 foals of racing age/18 winners/0 black-type winners
 2-CHANTILLY, 1600m, On Borrowed Time (GB)
 1,500gns Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2021; €2,000 Goffs
 Autumn Yearling Sale 2022; 7,000gns Tattersalls Autumn
 Horses-in-Training Sale 2023

Palace Prince (Ger) (Areion {Ger}), Joel Denis
 7 foals of racing age
 8-MAR.P VIVAUX, 1500m, Loyal Prince (Fr)

Roman Candle (GB) (Le Havre {Ire}), Haras de la Hetraie
 36 foals of racing age
 2-CHANTILLY, 1600m, Honky Tonk Woman (Fr)
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HALF-SISTER TO COURAGE MON AMI SET FOR SOUTHWELL INTRODUCTION

18.00 Southwell, Nov, £6,600, 2yo, 7f 14y (AWT)
 John and Thady Gosden trainee **DANIELLE (GB) (Cracksman {GB})** is kin to five black-type performers headed by this year's G1 Gold Cup hero Courage Mon Ami (GB) (**Frankel {GB}**). Her nine rivals include King Power Racing's fellow newcomer **Midnight's Dream (Ire) (Cappella Sansevero {Ire})**, a half-brother to last term's G1 Prix de l'Abbaye runner-up White Lavender (Ire) (**Heeraat {Ire}**), from the Roger Varian stable.

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ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Kapparis Kid (GB), g, 2, **Inns Of Court (Ire)**--La Roumegue, by Henrythenavigator. Chelmsford City, 12-11, 6f (AWT), 1:12.88. Lifetime Record: 4-1-0-0, \$6,770. B-La Roumegue Partnership (GB). *28th winner for freshman sire (by Invincible Spirit {Ire}). **50,000gns Wlg '21 TADEWE; 40,000gns Ylg '22 TATOCT; 7,000gns 2yo '23 TATAHI.

Mrs Morrell (GB), f, 2, **Zoustar (Aus)**--Cockney Dancer (GB), by Cockney Rebel (Ire). Chelmsford City, 12-11, 6f (AWT), 1:10.92. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-0, \$8,860. B-The Cockney Dancer Partnership (GB). *77,000gns Ylg '22 TATOCT; €180,000 2yo '23 ARQMAY. **1/2 to Lambeth Walk (GB) (Charm Spirit {Ire}), SP-Eng.

FRANCE

Monday's Results:

3rd-Lyon La Soie, €23,000, Mdn, 12-11, unraced 2yo, 9f (AWT), 1:56.07, st.

MEMPHIS TENNESSEE (FR) (c, 2, Shalaa {Ire})--Steel Woman {Ire}, by Anabaa) was positioned off the pace in mid division, but slipped to 10th at halfway in this newcomers' test. Busted along off the home turn, the 87-5 chance moved into third passing the furlong pole and kept on well under continued urging to deny Chasuble (Fr) (Cloth Of Stars {Ire}) by a half-length nearing the line. Memphis Tennessee is the ninth of 11 foals and sixth scorer produced by a winning daughter of G3 Deutscher Herold-Preis victrix Saperlipoupette (Fr) (Highest Honor {Fr}), herself out of a half-sister to dual stakes-winning G1 Ramona H. third Envie De Rire (Fr) (Trepan {Fr}). The February-foaled bay is a half-brother to G2 Prix du Muguet-winning sire Jimmy Two Times (Fr) (Kendargent {Fr}), a yearling filly by Goken (Fr) and a weanling colt by Galiway (GB). Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, €11,500. **Video, sponsored by FanDuel TV.** O-Gemini Stud; B-Gemini Stud & Jean Boniche (FR); T-Yoann Bonnefoy.

CONDITIONS RESULTS:

1st-Lyon La Soie, €16,000, Cond, 12-11, 3yo, 12f (AWT), 2:37.40, st.

CONSORT ROYAL (GB) (Mendelssohn--Royal Story (SP-US), by Lemon Drop Kid) Lifetime Record: 7-2-0-0, €16,950. O-Lindsay Laroche; B-Yeguada Centurion SLU (GB); T-Nicolas Clement. *€235,000 Ylg '21 ARQAUG. **1/2 to Queen Goddess (Empire Maker), GISW-US, \$857,580.

GUNITE FOLLOWS FELLOW WINCHELL COLORBEARER TO ASHFORD



[Click here for our visit with Gunite at Ashford Stud](#) | Sara Gordon

by Katie Petrunyak

Last year's Eclipse Champion 3-Year-Old **Epicenter** is the first stallion that Coolmore's Ashford Stud has stood for Winchell Thoroughbreds and the partnership got off to a blazing start as the son of **Not This Time** was one of the most popular stallions in Kentucky this year, covering 262 mares in his debut season.

Now, Coolmore has teamed up with the same racing and breeding operation to debut another Grade I-winning stallion—this time a homebred son of Winchell's own **Gun Runner**. **Gunite**, who claimed the GI Hopeful S. as a juvenile and won at the top level again this year at four in the GI Forego S., will stand for an initial fee of \$40,000 in 2024.

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HISA REVEALS LAWYERS AVAILABLE FOR PRO-BONO REPRESENTATION

A trio of law firms will now be available to provide pro-bono legal representation to eligible recipients under the Horseracing Integrity and Safety Authority (HISA)'s newly established program. The program, open to covered persons who fall below a certain income threshold and are alleged to have violated HISA's Anti-Doping and Medication Control (ADMC) Program, will match recipients with volunteer attorneys who have agreed to provide legal services without any expectation of compensation.

The participating lawyers include Howard Jacobs, Jackson Kelly's Equine Group, and Wyatt Tarrant & Combs, LLP.

"We are pleased to participate in HISA's Covered Person Pro Bono Program, so that those who truly cannot afford a lawyer can have access to the same depth of experience and zealous representation that we provide to all of our non pro bono clients," said Howard Jacobs, international sports law attorney specializing in disciplinary cases involving anti-doping and other disputes. "As a result of HISA's Covered Person Pro Bono Program, we hope that no covered person will feel that they simply cannot afford to defend themselves against a potentially life-changing charge."

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Winfried Engelbrecht-Bresges outlines plans for Hong Kong and mainland China.

Now **15** Stakes winners in 2023, only **Into Mischief** (fee \$250,000), **Gun Runner** (fee \$250,000) & **Quality Road** (fee \$200,000) have more.

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2023 in photos: September 5. GI Hopeful S. winner Nutella Fella (*Runhappy*) samples his namesake straight from the jar with the help of MC Brock and Jasson Guzman. | Sarah Andrew

OBS WINTER MIXED CATALOGUE ONLINE

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The catalogue for the OBS Winter Mixed Sale, to be held in Ocala Jan. 23 and Jan. 24, 2024, is now available on the company's website. A total of 238 short-yearlings are catalogued, the first 122 of which will comprise the consignor-preferred session.

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When **Gun Runner** was bursting onto the scene as a first-crop sire in 2021, Gunite broke his maiden in June at Churchill Downs on the same card that **Gun Runner** got his first stakes horse as a sire with another Steve Asmussen trainee Wicked Halo, who placed in the Debuante S. Soon after that, Gunite claimed the GI Hopeful S. the day after future champion Echo Zulu gave **Gun Runner** his first Grade I score in the Spinaway S.

“Durable is the word to describe Gunite,” said Coolmore’s Adrian Wallace. “He ran six times in all as a 2-year-old, showing his soundness and fortitude and culminating in a very impressive display beating Wit (**Practical Joke**), who was a very accomplished horse in his own right, at Saratoga in the Hopeful. I think the thing about him was he had a 'never say die' attitude. He was a highly accomplished, precocious 2-year-old who then traveled around the world at three and later on at four.”



Gunite scores in the GI Forego S. | Sarah Andrew

Over a three-year career, Gunite placed in all but two of his 21 starts, recording eight stakes victories. The winner of the GI Amsterdam S. and runner-up to eventual studmate **Jack Christopher** in the GI H. Allen Jerkens Memorial S. at three,

Gunite’s 4-year-old campaign this year was marked by a rivalry with MGISW Elite Power (**Curlin**) that spanned from the Middle East to Saratoga to California. Gunite got the better of Elite Power in the GI Forego S., winning by nearly two lengths, and finished second to the same rival in his final career start in the GI Breeders’ Cup Sprint.

“He broke his maiden in June of his 2-year-old year, won the Hopeful, and then competed at a very high level in all three years of his racing career,” said Wallace. “I think in today’s environment, a horse that is able to win two Grade I races, place in five more

and compete at the highest level not only in the United States but in Saudi Arabia and in Dubai, that shows how sound and durable of a horse he is.”

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Wallace attributes much of Gunite's speed and toughness to his pedigree. The 4-year-old hails from three generations of stakes winners and his dam, Simple Surprise, is a daughter of Cowboy Cal (Giant's Causeway) who won the Bolton Landing S. for the Winchells and Asmussen in 2015.

"I think the main thing when you consider a horse like him is how similar he is in many ways to his sire **Gun Runner** and how similar he is to both Cowboy Cal and Giant's Causeway himself," Wallace explained. "He was ultra, ultra tough and the great thing about the Gun Runners is that they are tough, sound horses. When you combine that with two doses of the Iron Horse's blood, you get horses that are going to be built for durability and brilliance."

Wallace added that the new stallion should have all the potential to not only pass on his own brilliance and precocity, but also the two-turn ability shown on both sides of his pedigree.

Wallace said that Gunite, who is just over 16.1, is a standout physically as well.

"He is a great combination of **Gun Runner's** and Giant's Causeway's blood," he explained. "Cowboy Cal was a very elegant racehorse himself and is becoming quite a good broodmare sire from very limited opportunity. Gunite has a lot of leg and is very balanced. Priced at \$40,000, as a dual Grade I-winning son of **Gun Runner**, I think he'll fit a lot of people's bill."


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Gunite | Sara Gordon

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Craig Robertson, Partner-In-Charge, Lexington Office of Wyatt Tarrant & Combs, LLP, said, “The Wyatt firm is honored to be part of the HISA Covered Person Pro Bono Program to support those in need of legal assistance and to help promote the health and well-being of Thoroughbred racing and the equine industry as a whole.”



Craig Robertson | *Courtesy Craig Robertson*

If the Horseracing Integrity and Welfare Unit (HIWU) has alleged that a covered person committed an ADMC Rule Violation, and the covered person has an annual household adjusted gross income of \$75,000 or less and no significant liquid assets, the covered person will be eligible for free legal services from a volunteer attorney and limited reimbursement of out-of-pocket expenses incurred by the volunteer attorney.

“I am incredibly proud to be launching this free legal services initiative, the first of its kind in American sport,” said HISA CEO Lisa Lazarus. “Providing all Covered Persons with the tools to properly defend themselves in these cases is critical to ensuring integrity in our ADMC program adjudication procedures. We don’t want the cost of legal services to ever be a barrier to pursuing a rigorous defense. I’m grateful to the reputable law firms and experienced attorneys who have already agreed to participate, and I look forward to expanding their ranks.”

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The sale's first session begins at Jan. 23 at noon with hips numbers one through 122, plus supplements, cataloged in the Consignor Preferred Session. The Horses of Racing Age Session, cataloged as hips 201 through 265, plus supplements, begins immediately following the conclusion of the Preferred Session.

The Open Session, with hips 401 through 643, plus supplements, will begin Jan. 24, also at noon.

The Under Tack Show for the Horses of Racing Age Section is set for Jan. 22 at 9 a.m.

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Justify (Scat Daddy) <i>(Valentine Candy--Advent S.)</i>	20	13

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Khozan (Distorted Humor) <i>(Shaq Diesel--FTBOA Marion County Florida Sire S.)</i>	15	3
Liam's Map (Unbridled's Song) <i>(Hot Fudge--Garland of Roses S.)</i>	22	9

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Munnings (Speightstown) <i>(Accommodate Eva--Louisiana Champions Day Lassie S.)</i>	73	27
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Oscar Performance (Kitten's Joy) <i>(Estrella de Fuego--Listed Clasico Batalla De Ayacucho)</i>	6	3
Pavel (Creative Cause) <i>(Madison Rae--Soviet Problem S.)</i>	1	---

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Edited Press Release From Horseshoe Indianapolis

With the close of racing for the 2023 season at Horseshoe Indianapolis comes a new venture for one individual.

Tom Congalosi was the winner of the \$30,000 ownership option of an Indiana yearling through Road to Louisville, a contest sponsored by Horseshoe Indianapolis and Indiana Thoroughbred Owners and Breeders Association (ITOBA). Tom is now the owner of a new filly named Highspeed Justice (Harry's Holiday), now in training for the 2024 racing season in Indiana.

“Never have I ever dreamed of owning a Thoroughbred horse,” said Congalosi. “Yet today we own Highspeed Justice, purchased at the yearling auction at Horseshoe Indy in October. Pictures after the auction show an owner with the biggest smile possible. You have to wonder about life and the many little coincidences that occur throughout. What a wonderful opportunity.

Tom and his wife, Pat, reside in Georgetown, KY. The retired supply chain manager has followed horse racing for decades and has had friends that have dabbled in ownership, but this is the first time he had crossed over into the sport as a participant.

Tom is the second winner of a horse from the Road to Louisville contest, which spanned 16 weeks from mid-January to the Kentucky Derby the first Saturday in May.



Tom Congalosi (left) with trainer Tim Eggleston and Highspeed Justice
 Courtesy ITOBA

Each week, horseplayers were tasked to select horses in a mock \$2 Win-Place-Show format with points accumulating toward the final. Jeffrey Hampton was the overall winner of the \$1,000 grand prize but did not opt in for the \$30,000 horse option. Therefore, Tom, who finished second, was the recipient of \$500 as prize money along with the option to purchase an Indiana yearling at the ITOBA Fall Sale in October. **Cont. p9**

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Tom Congalosi cont.

That’s where Tom took the plunge into horse ownership when the filly Highspeed Justice was sold to him for \$6,700. The remaining balance of the option will go into an account to pay for expenses for the filly, who sold as the fifth horse in the sales ring.

Prior to the sale, Tom chose Tim Eggleston to train his new acquisition. Highspeed Justice is currently at Eggleston’s farm in southern Indiana and began her training regime at the beginning of December.

“We started with our Quarter Horse yearlings first and got them broke and then started in on our Thoroughbred yearlings the first of December,” explained Eggleston. “So far, we really like the filly Tom (Congalosi) bought at the sale. She seems very sensible and is getting settled in. I think he got a nice value for the price, and we are excited to see what she can do next summer.”

As far as venturing into unknown territory, Tom is adjusting to his new role in racing. The longtime horseplayer has a deep passion for the sport that appears to be expanding with the addition of Highspeed Justice.

“Tom (Congalosi) has been great so far,” added Eggleston. “He’s really trying to educate himself on being an owner and trying to understand all the things that go on behind the scenes with the filly. He and his wife, Pat, plan to come up to the farm to see her over the winter, so we are excited to have him as part of our team.”

Tom and Pat are currently taking care of small details, from licensing to designing their silks, in preparation for the racing season at Horseshoe Indianapolis in 2024.

“We are excited to be part of ITOBA and joining the many members that have built careers around the horse breeding and racing industry. You’re never too old to learn. We look forward to the Spring meet and watching Highspeed Justice win her way to, wait a minute, I’m getting ahead of myself,” Tom laughed.

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KEEP AWARDS SEATTLE SLEW GRANTS

The Kentucky Equine Education Project Foundation has awarded \$30,000 to Kentucky equine non-profit organizations through its Seattle Slew Grant Program. With this latest grant round, the KEEP Foundation has provided more than \$42,000 in grants to equine organizations across the state in 2023.

The KEEP Foundation's Seattle Slew grants are available to Kentucky non-profits providing equine-related educational programs, events and initiatives. The Seattle Slew Grant Program is part of the Foundation's efforts to support education and promote the importance of the equine industry to Kentucky's economy and culture.

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Favorite Moment 

WHAT WAS YOUR FAVORITE MOMENT OF 2023: KOSTA HRONIS

As 2023 draws to a close, the TDN is asking industry members to name their favorite moment of the year. Send yours to suefinley@thetdn.com

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AUSHORSE 2024 INVESTOR'S GUIDE SHOWCASES APPEAL OF AUSTRALIAN RACING INDUSTRY

Aushorse has released its 2024 Investor's Guide, which pulls together the latest information on the Australian Thoroughbred industry. The guide presents investors with plenty of reasons to participate in the industry, according to Aushorse, including: Australia will host a race worth a million dollars or more every 3.8 days in 2024, while prizemoney across the country has soared 45% in the past five years; the average prizemoney per race in Australia is A\$50,800; and in four of the past five years Australia has hosted more of the top-rated Group 1 races than any other jurisdiction.


"It's incredible that there are close to 100 races worth a million dollars or more next year, but it's also really important that the average race value has also soared, giving all owners a chance to get a return on their investment," says Tom Reilly, chief executive of Aushorse. "As we have seen with the recent breeding stock sales in the Northern Hemisphere, the top end of the market is very buoyant and Australia offers those high-end investors a wonderful opportunity. What's more, as anyone who went to a major race meeting during spring would testify, racing is very much part of the Australian way of life."

The guide also delves into sales statistics and reports that the price of the top colts and fillies in Australia is significantly lower than in other yearling markets.


"The guide gets a huge amount of cut through, especially with people overseas," says Aushorse chairman Antony Thompson. "If you're investing in a significant scale in the global bloodstock industry, then the Guide makes clear that you really need to be involved here."

The Investor's Guide, which has been designed to be easily viewed from mobile devices, is available at investorsguide.aushorse.com.au.

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SOVIET PROBLEM S., \$100,000, Los Alamitos, 12-10, (S), 2yo, f, 1m, 1:38.52, ft.

1--**MADISON RAE**, 118, f, 2, by Pavel

1st Dam: Taffeta, by Scat Daddy

2nd Dam: Spring Style (Ire), by Pivotal (GB)

3rd Dam: Clear Spring, by Irish River (Fr)

(\$38,000 2yo '23 OBSAPR). **1ST BLACK TYPE WIN.** O-CYBT, Rafter JR Ranch LLC, STD Racing Stable & Michael Nentwig; B-Reddam Racing, LLC (CA); T-Peter Miller; J-Edwin A. Maldonado. \$60,000. Lifetime Record: 4-2-0-1, \$109,940.

2--**Loretta Lynn**, 117, f, 2, Grazen--Sunday Rules, by Tribal Rule.

1ST BLACK TYPE. O/B-Nicholas B. Alexander (CA); T-Philip D'Amato. \$20,000.

3--**Asada Fries**, 118, f, 2, Clubhouse Ride--Salty Fries, by In Excess (Ire). **1ST BLACK TYPE.** O/B-Legacy Ranch, Inc. (CA); T-Craig Anthony Lewis. \$12,000.

Margins: HF, HF, 3. Odds: 9.10, 0.70, 3.00.

Also Ran: Petit Filet, Putt for Dough. Scratched: Fly a Fantasy.

Madison Rae, stretching out to a mile for the first time in her young career, went wire-to-wire to win her first stakes victory in the Soviet Problem S. at Los Alamitos Sunday evening. The 9-1 shot in the five-horse field broke sharply and was in control while under a snug hold through pedestrian fractions of :24.38 and :48.50. She still hadn't been let loose as a pair of rivals moved up to challenge on the far turn, but Madison Rae cut the corner to reasserted control into the stretch. She was all out late to hold on as favored Loretta Lynn finally found her best stride in the dash to the wire.

"[Edwin Maldonado] on the lead is very, very hard to run down," said trainer Peter Miller, who saddled three winners on the Sunday card at Los Alamitos.



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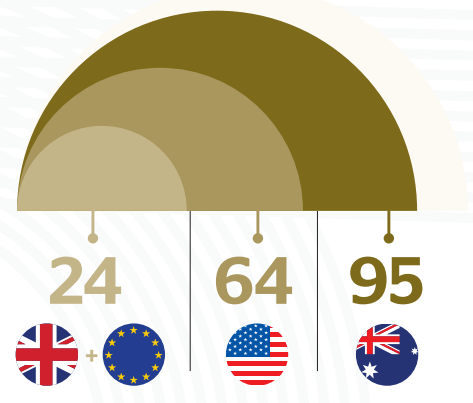
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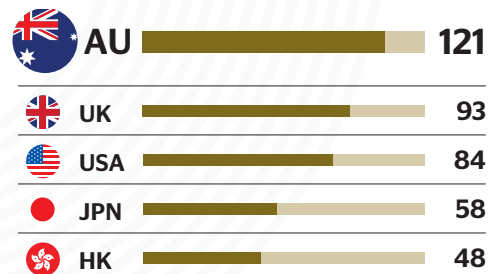
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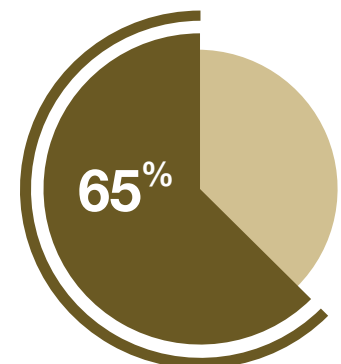


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Miller continued, “When I saw the splits I felt pretty good. “She was very game and tenacious. I thought the favorite [runner-up Loretta Lynn] looked tough and I thought it wasn't an easy race, but I thought if this filly could get clear and make an easy lead she might get brave. Sometimes everything works out.”

Madison Rae, third against state-bred foes in her 5 1/2-furlong debut at Del Mar Sept. 9, graduated by a neck going six furlongs Oct. 8 at Santa Anita. She suffered a wide trip when a well-beaten sixth in the Nov. 3 Golden State Juvenile Fillies S.

Taffeta produced a colt by Mrazek in 2022 and a filly by Pavel this year. She was bred back to Pavel. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**



IN PERU:

Sunshine Danny, c, 2, **Creative Cause**--Gottah Penny, by Stravinsky. Monterrico, 12-8, Maiden, 1500m. B-Keith Crupper & Doug Cauthen (KY). *1ST-TIME STARTER. **1/2 to Tonka Warrior (**Cupid**), SP, \$275,492. ***\$7,000 Ylg '22 FTKOCT. **VIDEO (SC 2)**

Estrella de Fuego, f, 3, **Oscar Performance**--Settle 'n Speight, by **Speightstown**. Monterrico, 12-10, Clasico Batalla De Ayacucho-Listed, 2000mT. B-Woodslane Farm (KY). *1ST STAKES WIN. **Sixth stakes winner for sire (by Kitten's Joy). ***GSP-Per. ****\$7,000 Ylg '21 KEESEP; \$25,000 2yo '22 OBSJUN.

VIDEO (SC 6)



Saturday's Results:

6th-Nakayama, ¥13,720,000 (**\$93,735**), **Newcomers**, 2yo, 1800m, 1:56.5, ft.

COSMO GIN BUCK (JPN) (c, 2, **Good Magic**--**Disposablepleasure {MGSW & GISP, \$535,460}**, by **Giacomo**) became the first Japanese winner for his in-form stallion with a mild upset on debut. Alertly away from stall eight, the gray colt stalked the pace from second going easily down the back of the track. Ridden along 600 meters out and put to a more vigorous drive at the quarter pole, Cosmo Gin Buck nosed in front at the furlong grounds and kept on gamely to take it by a half-length at odds of 9-1.



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Acquired for \$35,000 with this colt in utero at Keeneland November in 2020, Disposablepleasure did not produce a foal in 2022 and foaled a colt--already gelded--by the temperamental Gold ship (Jpn) this season. Sales history: \$35,000 in utero '20 KEENOV. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$49,667. O/B-Big Red Farm; T-lkuo Aizawa.

Sunday's Results:

6th-Hanshin, ¥14,880,000 (\$101,645), Allowance, 2yo, 1200m, 1:12.1, ft.

ECORO GAIA (c, 2, Speightstown--Charge of Angels, by Distorted Humor) won his maiden two back over a sloppy Kyoto main track Oct. 9 and was cutting back to this trip off an allowance fourth over 1400 meters at that same venue Oct. 22. Outsprinted to the front by heavily favored Love on Top (Jpn) (Henny Hughes), the full-brother to the stakes-placed Winning Number raced on his wrong lead in the straight, but refused to go away and clawed past the pacesetter in the final 70 meters en route to a 3/4-length victory. A \$120,00 Keeneland September yearling, Ecoro Gaia is out of a half-sister to nine winners from 11 to race, including GISW Bluegrass Cat (Storm Cat), MGSW Lord of the Game (Saint Ballado), and SW Sonoma Cat (Storm Cat); and a full-sister to GSW Dramedy. The Grade III-winning third dam Get Lucky (Mr. Prospector) is responsible for MGSW Daydreaming (A.P. Indy)--dam of GISW Imagining Giant's Causeway); GISW Girolamo (A.P. Indy); MGSW/GISP Accelerator (A.P. Indy); and Supercharger (A.P. Indy), the dam of GI Kentucky Derby winner Super Saver (Maria's Mon). Charge of Angels foaled a filly by Speightstown's 'TDN Rising Star' son **Charlatan** after selling to Chad Schumer for \$40,000 at KEENOV last fall and was most recently bred to Caracaro. Sales history: \$120,000 Ylg '22 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 7-2-1-2, \$140,730. O-Masatoshi Haramura; B-Spry Family Farm (KY); T-H Mori.

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2-Zia, 2:33 p.m. EST, Alw 5 1/2f, Zorina, 6-1

Preservationist (Arch), Airdrie Stud, \$10,000
78 foals of racing age/13 winners/0 black-type winners
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STAKES RESULTS:

MISS AMERICA S., \$52,100, Golden Gate Fields, 12-10, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m (AWT), 1:44.11, ft.

1--**SIGNORINA MERISI (GB)**, 125, f, 4, **Caravaggio--Novalina (Ire)**, by **Galileo (Ire)**. (37,000gns Ylg '20 TATOCT; £17,850 3yo '22 TATHRA). **1ST BLACK TYPE WIN**. O-Ronald Charles & Samuel Gordon; B-Barry Walters (GB); T-Manuel Badilla; J-Assael Espinoza. \$30,000. Lifetime Record: 16-4-3-1, \$106,008.

2--**Anthony's Cleopatra**, 125, f, 4, **Constitution--Luxor Lady**, by Pioneerof the Nile. O/B-Cacchiotti Ranch (WA); T-Tim McCanna. \$10,000.

3--**Ladywearsthering**, 125, f, 4, **Uncle Mo--Southern Ring**, by **Speightstown**. (\$450,000 3yo '22 KEENOV). O-Fairview, LLC; B-Sam-Son Farm (ON); T-Steven Specht. \$6,000. Margins: 1, 1 1/4, HD. Odds: 3.00, 2.50, 5.40.

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

3rd-Zia, \$64,500, (S), 12-11, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 1m 70y, 1:41.72, ft, neck.

PLAYTHEMARKER (g, 3, Marking--Playoftheday, by Attila's Storm) Lifetime Record: 13-2-3-2, \$87,885. O-Morgan Cox; B-R. D. Hubbard (NM); T-Sherry Armstrong. *Full to Marking Time, SP, \$180,801; 1/2 to Sunscreen (Southwestern Heat), SW, \$387,938.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Kachow, f, 2, **Fast Anna--Aura Rose**, by **Uncle Mo**. Mahoning Valley, 12-11, 5 1/2f, 1:07.52. Lifetime Record: 3-1-2-0, \$22,680. B-Horseshoe Racing, LLC (KY). *\$6,500 RNA Ylg '22 KEEJAN.

Alotaluck, g, 2, **Sir Prancealot (Ire)--Colinda Dawn**, by Lucks Mine. Zia, 12-11, 6f, 1:09.59. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$27,000. B-Eleanor Martin (CA). *1ST-TIME STARTER.

Graceful Mischief, g, 3, **Curlin to Mischief--Say Your Grace**, by Grace Upon Grace. Golden Gate Fields, 12-10, 1m (AWT), 1:37.68. Lifetime Record: 8-1-1-1, \$31,430. B-Sarah J. Jennings & James Marsden (CA).

Tiger Too, g, 3, **Smiling Tiger--Limitless Alex**, by Afleet Alex. Golden Gate Fields, 12-10, 5 1/2f (AWT), 1:04.32. Lifetime Record: 8-1-1-2, \$38,820. B-Dunn Bar Ranch LLC (CA). *\$6,000 Ylg '21 WASSEP.

Windy Valley, f, 4, **Callide Valley--Odessa Wind**, by U S Ranger. Mahoning Valley, 12-11, (S), 1m, 1:44.26. Lifetime Record: 7-1-2-2, \$40,545. B-Michelle Winters (OH).

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Curlin to Mischief, Graceful Mischief, g, 3, o/o Say Your Grace, by Grace Upon Grace. MSW, 12-10, Golden Gate

Fast Anna, Kachow, f, 2, o/o Aura Rose, by **Uncle Mo**. MSW, 12-11, Mahoning Valley

Marking, Playthemarket, g, 3, o/o Playoftheday, by Attila's Storm. ALW, 12-11, Zia

Pavel, Madison Rae, f, 2, o/o Taffeta, by Scat Daddy. Soviet Problem S., 12-10, Los Alamitos Thoroughbred

Sir Prancealot (Ire), Alotaluck, g, 2, o/o Colinda Dawn, by Lucks Mine. MSW, 12-11, Zia

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