



'BOTTI INTERNATIONAL' AS LUCIE BOTTI IS SET TO HAVE FIRST DUBAI RUNNER



Lucie Botti during trackwork at Meydan | [Racingfotos.com](#)

By Emma Berry

In Newmarket the rain is pouring and the sun, if it still exists, is being defiantly reclusive. But just one small click on a Zoom link and suddenly there is a backdrop of endless blue sky, and in the foreground the smiling face of Lucie Botti, back in Dubai for her umpteenth winter and looking understandably pleased to have escaped the English weather.

Botti is of course married to Newmarket trainer Marco Botti, and for years their stable has had runners all over the world, but most often in Dubai for the Carnival. Now, with the rules changed to allow international participants throughout the racing season in Dubai, unsurprisingly the enterprising Bottis have been among the first to seize this opportunity, with Lucie Botti now licensed to train under her own name and at the helm of the stable's burgeoning dual presence in the UK and the UAE.

"I think that we are going to call this adventure Botti International," she says, and in many respects that global outlook has been at the heart of the family's operation since she and Marco set up their own operation at Green Ridge Stables in Newmarket in 2006. Some years later, they built their own 100-box yard, Prestige Place, which remains their primary base.

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SHAUN HINDS NEW CEO OF NEWBURY

Shaun Hinds has been appointed as the new chief executive officer of Newbury Racecourse, succeeding Julian Thick who announced his resignation in August, the racecourse announced on Wednesday. Thick served in the role for 10 years.

Hinds will begin his tenure as CEO and join the company's board in the summer of 2024 once he has served out his notice period with his current employer, Manchester Central Convention Centre. He has held that role for the past 6 1/2 years.

Dominic Burke, the chairman of Newbury Racecourse PLC, said, "Julian has made an enormous contribution to Newbury over the past ten years. We wish him the very best for the future.

"The board is delighted to be announcing Shaun's appointment following a wide-ranging and competitive search." [Cont. p6](#)

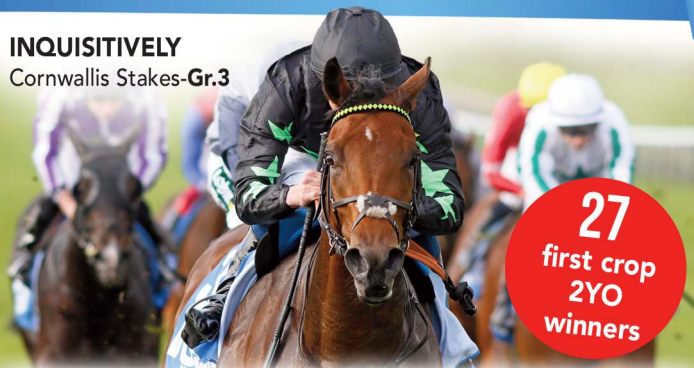
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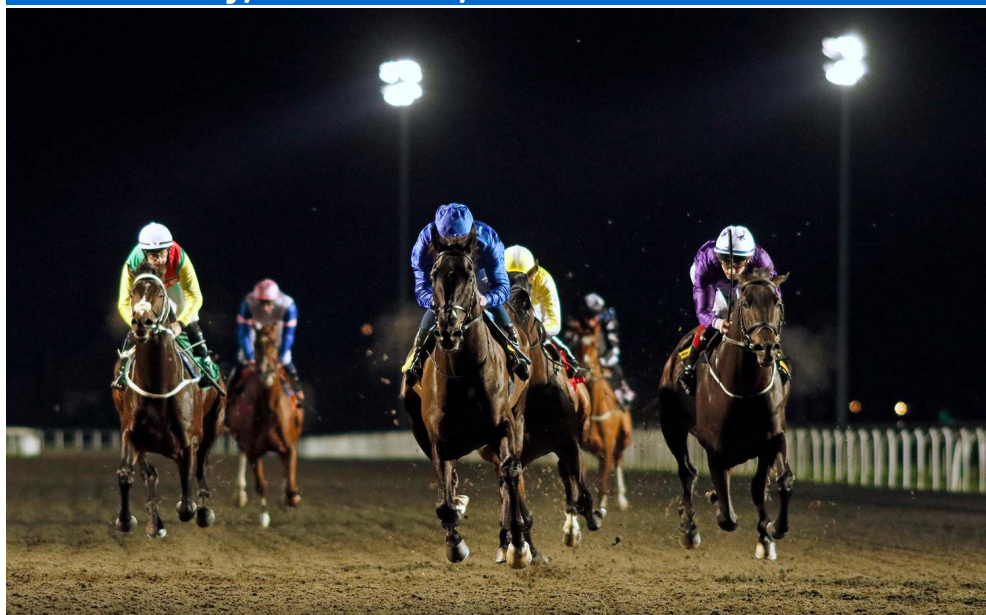
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Rebel's Romance (Ire) (Dubawi {Ire}), the 2022 GI Breeders' Cup Turf winner, won the Listed Wild Flower S. at Kempton on Wednesday evening. It was the Godolphin runner's first victory since his Breeders' Cup score. See p8 for more. | [Racingfotos.com](https://www.racingphotos.com)

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Botti continues, "We have always had runners in Dubai since we set up and we are very privileged to own the yard in Newmarket. It was purpose-built and it's working really well. Now what we are able to offer to our clients is to have horses trained here too. Again we are lucky to have some locally-based owners who want to have horses in Dubai in the winter, and we can also offer them the opportunity to have horses with us in the UK.

"We hope this new set-up will be a base for the Middle East in general, so we can run horses from here in Saudi, Bahrain, etc. Hopefully we can expand slowly and have a nice setting here for the winter. From a horse's point of view this time of the year is the best out here."

Soneva became the first winner for the Botti team in Dubai in the G3 Cape Verdi in 2010, but Lucie Botti's association with the



Lucie Botti, right, at Meydan | *Racingfotos.com*

emirate stretches back further, some 20 years or more, to the days of Endless Hall (GB), who was fourth in the Dubai Sheema Classic, when it was still a Group 2, in 2001.

"When I first came to England I worked for Luca Cumani and I accompanied the first horse that he sent to Dubai, Endless Hall," says the Czech-born former jockey. "After the Sheema Classic he went to Singapore and won the Singapore Cup.

"Later I worked for David Loder as one of his assistants for a couple of seasons and was still going to Dubai in the winter with the International horses.

"When we set up training we had runners in Dubai as soon as we could. Soneva was our first winner here, and I've been every year."

The stable's success during that time has included victory for Jakkalberry (Ire) in the G2 City of Gold.

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He was also third in the Sheema Classic, while Euro Charline (GB) was runner-up in both the G1 Dubai Turf and G2 Balanchine, and Planteur (Ire) was third in the G1 Dubai World Cup. Felix (GB), too, has been placed in the Dubai Turf, while Lazzam (GB) was runner-up in the UAE 2,000 Guineas. And the international roll call has not been restricted to Dubai, for Marco Botti has trained group/graded winners in America, Canada, France, Germany, and of course his native Italy as well.

While Lucie Botti, as familiar with Meydan as she is with Newmarket Heath, stresses that it's very much business as usual, she does admit that next week will see two major landmarks for her personally. On December 20 she graduates in anthroposophic psychology. The following day she is set to have a first runner in her own name, the two-year-old Onigiri (GB) (**Expert Eye {GB}**), who is owned by Ahmed Bintouq and partner.

"It has always been in our mind and now obviously racing in the Middle East has really expanded over the last few years, which is great," she says. "Dubai has always been a second home for us, so to have a base here was always a dream in my mind, and now that they have opened the season, that was the key. We can run at the other racecourses and in all the races at Meydan, and that is what has prompted us to make this decision this year. We are going to keep the base running all year round. If they are suitable horses to go back to the UK they will, and if they are suitable horses to go somewhere else, they can go there, or stay in Dubai for the summer."

In addition to Onigiri, Botti also has another juvenile, the Patrick Doyle-owned Drink Dry (Ire) (**Saxon Warrior {Jpn}**), and Saeed Sultan Al Rahoomi's Royal Dubai (Fr) (Seahenge) under her care at the moment, and she is assisted by a local rider and a groom. **Cont. p5**



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"The other two are set to run on 5 January. It's all building up and going fine so far," she says. "We have another couple of horses arriving on 20 December and then Giavellotto will come out at the beginning of February."

Scuderia La Tesa's homebred Giavellotto (Ire) (Mastercraftsman {Ire}) currently holds stable-star status in the Botti yard. The winner of the G2 Yorkshire Cup in May, he was also third in the G2 Lonsdale Cup and he will return to Dubai for another crack at the country's major staying contest, the G2 Dubai Gold Cup, in which he was ninth last season. His first intended start is a prep race in the Nad Al Sheba Trophy.

"The Emirates Racing Authority has been super helpful and the BHA has also been very good," says Botti. "It's a huge privilege to be here in Dubai and at Meydan. Over the years here the racing has been very good to us and we are lucky to have clients supporting us."

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Making Waves

by Heather Anderson



ANOTHER JUVENILE FILLY WINNER FOR CALYX

In this series, the TDN takes a look at notable successes of European-based sires in North America. This week's column is highlighted by the victory of Imaboutago in Florida.

Debut Winner For Calyx In Florida

Wesley Ward sent out **Imaboutago (Ire)** (**Calyx {GB}**) to a debut victory at Gulfstream Park for e Five Racing Thoroughbred on Friday (*video*).

Bred by Ennistown Stud, the juvenile filly is out of Newtown Pippin (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}) and brought €12,000 as a Goffs November weanling from Rockview Stables, before making 105,000gns as a Tattersalls October Book 3 yearling on the bid of BBA Ireland. **Cont. p6**

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She was the joint-fifth highest price during that book at Park Paddocks. The half-sister to the stakes-placed Felix Natalis (Ire) (Harry Angel {Ire}) has a weanling half-brother by Cotai Glory (GB). His granddam, Vista Bella (GB) (Diktat {GB}), won the Listed Masaka S., and ran third in the G1 1000 Guineas.

All four of the Coolmore Stud resident's American runners--all fillies--have won. Calyx's best in that locale are the GIII Jimmy Durante S. heroine Zona Verde (Ire), and the dual listed-placed Angiolleta (Ire), who are both incidentally out of Dark Angel (Ire) mares. His quartet of winning U.S. fillies is completed by Ever So Sweet (Ire).

Repeat Winner:

Cheyenne Stable's **Ozara (Ire)** (Lope De Vega {Ire}) returned to the winner's circle in the Wait A While S. at Gulfstream Park for trainer Christophe Clement (*video*) recently.

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He added, "Shaun has a longstanding interest in racing stemming from his childhood in Newmarket and will work closely with clerk of the course, George Hill." Shaun's proven success in running a business with multiple physical assets combined with his wealth of commercial experience made him the outstanding candidate."

Hinds added, "It's a great privilege to be joining a racecourse with the prestige and heritage of Newbury, and I'd like to thank Dominic and the board for the opportunity. I'm tremendously excited to be joining such a fantastic team."

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Newbury Racecourse will have Shaun Hinds as its new CEO in the summertime | *Racingfotos.com*

UK SAFEGUARDING AND HUMAN WELFARE STRATEGY UPDATED BY BHA

An updated version of the *Safeguarding and Human Welfare Strategy* was published by the British Horseracing Authority on Wednesday. **Cont. p7**

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UK Strategy Update Cont.

The Strategy, covering a four-year period, seeks to protect and promote the safety and wellbeing of everyone involved in the sport. These objectives are supported by a comprehensive action plan, which includes:

- Enhanced safeguarding and human welfare education for industry leaders, employers and employees, with specific training around sexual abuse and misconduct
- Refining reporting mechanisms, simplifying the existing referral processes and ensuring appropriate support for those reporting allegations
- Improving how we manage concerns, so that cases are dealt with effectively, in a sensitive, timely manner and in accordance with regulatory best practice
- Creating a network of 'Respect in Racing champions' – role models who can help influence, inform, support and provide confidential advice to others
- An industry-wide awareness campaign to improve understanding of what sexual misconduct is, why it is unacceptable and what to do if it occurs
- Using the latest data and research most effectively to identify, better understand and respond to emerging risks and trends. This includes further research to explore the lived experience of people working in British racing.

BHA Chair, Joe Saumarez Smith, said, "British horseracing is dependent on the hard work and dedication of the people who ensure our sport can take place throughout the year. Everyone involved in our industry should feel safe, supported and confident in the knowledge that they will always be treated with dignity and respect.

"On behalf of British racing, I apologise unreservedly to anyone who has experienced harm and behaviour that is unacceptable. I

also want to thank those who have shared their stories and provided powerful personal testimony. We are sorry and we will work determinedly to put this right.

"There is no place in British racing for sexual misconduct, bullying or any form of discrimination or conduct that makes people feel inferior, inadequate or excluded. We must always maintain the highest standards, no matter our role or responsibility, and strive to build a universal culture of respect.

"There is much more to do, and the updated Safeguarding and Human Welfare Strategy--which has the unanimous support of the BHA Board and racing's leadership--is another important milestone in this journey".

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SIRE POLARISATION CONTINUES AT GOFFS DECEMBER

Tuesday's session featured Walk In The Park (Ire) as the sire of the top three lots at the Goffs December National Hunt Sale, and Wednesday's trade reflected much the same story, with that aforementioned sire responsible for two of the three top lots. However, it was No Risk At All (Fr)'s lot 605 that stole the show, when Glenvale Stud made a winning bid of €120,000 to top the sale and the session as a whole.

Out of the Kayf Tara (GB) mare Hidden Harmony (Ire), the colt entered the ring midway through the session. Consigned by Galbertstown Stables, the bay is a grandson of Shirley Casper (Ire) (Presenting {GB}), who won a Grade 2 NH Flat race, and was third in the G1 Paddy Power Champion INH Flat Race, as well as taking the G3 EBF Mares Novice Final Hurdle. The colt is from the family of G1 Irish Grand National H. Chase winner Thunder And Roses (Ire), a full-sister to his second dam.

Colts by Walk In The Park brought €88,000 and €82,000 from Tally-Ho Stud and Redpender Stud, respectively. Lot 543, part of the Yellowford & Drumlin consignment, is from the same female line as Grade 1-winning hurdlers Best Mate (Ire) (Un Desperado {Fr}) and Cornish Rebel (Ire) (Un Desperado {Fr}).

The third highest price was lot 557, who was consigned by Ballintry Stud. He is the first foal out of listed hurdle winner Getaway Gorgeous (Ire) (Getaway {Ger}), who was second in the G2 Island H. Hurdle.

Of the 208 horses offered, 121 sold (58%). The gross was €2,139,600. Both the average and median showed improvement from fewer sold from those lots sent through the ring, with the average up 8% to €17,683. The median rose by 14% to €12,000.

Thursday's session will see foals, broodmares, and breeding prospects go under the hammer from 10 a.m. local time.

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FIRST-SEASON SIRES WITH RUNNERS

Thursday, Dec. 14, 2023:

UNITED KINGDOM

Calyx (GB) (Kingman {GB}), Coolmore Stud
 103 foals of racing age
 18:00-CHELMSFORD CITY, 8f, Habrdi (Ire)
 40,000gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale (Book 3) 2022

City Light (Fr) (Siyouni {Fr}), Haras d'Etreham
 90 foals of racing age
 18:00-CHELMSFORD CITY, 8f, Alfred (Fr)
 25,000gns Tattersalls Autumn Horses-in-Training Sale 2023

Phoenix of Spain (Ire) (Lope de Vega {Ire}), Irish National Stud
 97 foals of racing age
 18:30-CHELMSFORD CITY, 10f, Rubio de Oro (GB)
 25,000gns Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2021; 35,000gns
 Tattersalls October Yearling Sale (Book 3) 2022

Study of Man (Ire) (Deep Impact {Jpn}), Lanwades Stud
 55 foals of racing age
 17:30-CHELMSFORD CITY, 8f, Judgementofsolomon (GB)
 35,000gns Tattersalls December Yearling Sale 2022



City Light has runners in France and the UK | Haras d'Etreham

FRANCE

City Light (Fr) (Siyouni {Fr}), Haras d'Etreham
 90 foals of racing age
 1-CHANTILLY, 1900m, Salma (Fr)
 €22,000 Arqana December Breeding Stock Sale 2021 - English
 Version; €30,000 Arqana Deauville October Yearlings 2022

Taj Mahal (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}), Haras de la Haie Neuve
 46 foals of racing age
 1-CHANTILLY, 1900m, Private Cave (Fr)

BRITAIN

Wednesday's Results:

UNIBET WILD FLOWER S.-Listed, £50,000, Kempton, 12-13, 3yo/up, 11f 219y (AWT), 2:31.99, st/sl.
 1--**REBEL'S ROMANCE (IRE), 134, g, 5, Dubawi (Ire)--Minidress (GB) (SP-Eng), by Street Cry (Ire)**. O/B-Godolphin (IRE); T-Charlie Appleby; J-William Buick. £28,355. Lifetime Record: MG1SW-Ger, GISW-US, GSW-Eng & UAE, 16-10-0-0, \$3,060,232. *1/2 to Measured Time (GB) (**Frankel {GB}**), SP-Eng; and Petticoat (GB) (Cape Cross {Ire}), SP-Ire.
 2--**Elegant Man**, 130, c, 3, Arrogate--Her Smile, by Include. (\$115,000 Ylg '21 KESEEP). **1ST BLACK TYPE**. O-Amo Racing Ltd; B-KatieRich Farms (KY); T-Adrian Murray. £10,750.
 3--**Base Note (GB)**, 134, g, 4, Shamardal--Fragrancy (Ire), by Singspiel (Ire). **1ST BLACK TYPE**. O-Mohammed Al Nabouda; B-Rabbah Bloodstock Ltd (GB); T-Simon & Ed Crisford. £5,380. Margins: 1 1/4, HF, 1 3/4. Odds: 0.80, 7.50, 22.00. Also Ran: Blanchland (Ire), Goldspur (Ire), Max Vega (Ire), Salt Bay (Ger), Zarabanda (Ire).

Rebel's Romance annexed last term's G1 Grosser Preis von Berlin, G1 Preis von Europa and G1 Breeders' Cup Turf and lined up for this European return coming back off a fourth in October's G1 Joe Hirsch Turf Classic. Positioned behind the leaders in fourth until taking closer order in the home straight, he was ridden to launch his challenge approaching the final furlong and stayed on strongly under mild coaxing in the latter stages to easily register a seventh black-type triumph.

Rebel's Romance is the leading performer out of Listed Height Of Fashion S. second Minidress (GB) (Street Cry {Ire}), who also produced Listed Cairn Rouge S. third Petticoat (GB) (Cape Cross {Ire}) and last month's Listed Floodlit S. runner-up Measured Time (GB) (**Frankel {GB}**). Minidress is a full-sister to G3 Nad Al Sheba Trophy victor Volcanic Sky (GB) out of G3 Musidora S.-winning G1 Oaks and G1 Yorkshire Oaks placegetter Short Skirt (GB) (Diktat {GB}). **Cont. p9**



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Listed Wild Flower S. Cont.

Rebel Romance's third dam is the excellent producer Much Too Risky (GB) (Bustino {GB}), whose quartet of stakes winners includes G2 Prix de Pomone winner Whitewater Affair (GB) (Machiavellian), herself the dam of multiple Group 1-winning Dubai World Cup hero Victoire Pisa (Jpn) (Neo Universe {Jpn}) and G1 Yasuda Kinen victor Asakusa Den'en (GB) (Singspiel {Ire}). Short Skirt's three-parts brother Little Rock (GB) (Warning {GB}) annexed the G2 Princess of Wales's S. while Much Too Risky is kin to G1 Irish St Leger hero Arctic Owl (GB) (Most Welcome {GB}) and G1 Sydney Cup winner Marooned (GB) (Mill Reef). Minidress has a weanling colt by Dubawi (Ire) to come.

2nd-Kempton, £9,900, Nov, 12-13, 2yo, 7f (AWT), 1:27.32, st/sl.

LESSAY (IRE) (c, 2, Churchill {Ire}--For Now {Ire}, by Lawman {Fr}) was well away to track the leaders in a handy third after the initial exchanges of this debut. Nudges along soon after turning for home, the 10-1 chance was ridden along to challenge Rascal Recknell (Fr) (Wootton Bassett {GB}) and kept on strongly in the closing stages to assert by a neck from that rival. Lessay is the third of four foals and first scorer produced by an unraced half-sister to stakes-winning G3 Pinnacle S. runner-up Freedom's Light (GB) (Galileo {Ire}), Listed Prix Vulcain victrix Oh Beautiful (GB) (Galileo {Ire}) and Listed Jockey Club Rose Bowl S. winner Face The Facts (Ire) (Nathaniel {Ire}). His second dam Aricia (Ire) (Nashwan) is a half-sister to MG1SP sire Verglas (Ire) (Highest Honor {Fr}) and MGSW matriarch Cassandra Go (Ire) (Indian Ridge {Ire}). The April-foaled dark bay is kin to a yearling filly by Ghaiyyath (Ire). Sales history: 40,000gns Ylg '22 TATOCT. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$6,716.

O-Michael Payton; B-Barouche Stud (Ireland) Ltd (IRE); T-Andrew Balding.



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3rd-Kempton, £6,800, Mdn, 12-13, 2yo, f, 8f (AWT), 1:42.88, st/sl.
MIZUUMI (FR) (f, 2, Shalaa {Ire}--Lady Of The Lake {Fr}, by Camelot {GB}) was positioned in a midfield seventh through halfway in this first go. Turning for home in sixth, the 8-1 chance made continued headway in the straight to challenge out wide approaching the eighth pole and kept on well under continued urging to prevail by 3/4-of-a-length. Mizuumi is the latest of two foals and first scorer out of an unraced half-sister to G3 Prix Thomas Bryon runner-up Homeryan (Fr) (Sea The Stars {Ire}). The February-foaled bay's second dam Roxelana (Fr) (Red Ransom) is an unraced daughter of the dual stakes-winning Rosawa (Fr) (Linamix {Fr}) and thus a half-sister to G1 Prix Marcel Boussac heroine Rosanara (Fr) (Sinndar {Ire}), G3 Prix de Fontainebleau runner-up Rosanabad (Fr) (Selkirk) and Listed Prix Ceres second Roshanara (Fr) (Sea The Stars {Ire}). Roshanara, in turn, is the dam of Listed Prix Marchand d'Or victor Rozgar (Ire) (Exceed And Excel {Aus}). Sales history: €18,000 Ylg '22 ARQDOY. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$4,613.

O-Keep Kicking Racing & Partner; B-SARL Haras de la Mercerie, Paolo Luigi Enrico Gariboldi & Jack Newman (FR); T-Marco Botti.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Arcturian (Ire), g, 2, Cotai Glory (GB)--Star Of Malta (GB), by Kyllachy (GB). Kempton, 12-13, 8f (AWT), 1:39.93. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$4,613. B-Kangyu International Racing (IRE). *€16,000 Wlg '21 GOFNO1; £40,000 Ylg '22 GOFFUK.

Mahboob (Ire), g, 3, Sea The Stars (Ire)--Albaraah (Ire) (SW & GSP-Fr, \$101,503), by Oasis Dream (GB). Lingfield, 12-13, 10f (AWT), 2:09.76. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$5,156. O-Shadwell Estate Company Ltd (IRE). *1/2 to Alrahma (GB) (Shamardal), GSW & G1SP-Fr, \$149,238; and Efaadah (Ire) (Dansili {GB}), GSW-Fr, \$130,452.

FRANCE

CONDITIONS RESULTS:

3rd-Pau, €22,000, Cond, 12-13, 4yo/up, 8f (AWT), 1:37.20, st.
WALLY (IRE) (g, 6, Siyouni {Fr}--Full Of Beauty {GB} {GSP-Ity}, by Motivator {GB}) Lifetime Record: MGSW & G1SP-Fr, GSW-Ity, 27-13-2-2, €472,583. O-Ecurie Jean-Pierre Barjon; B-Ecurie Haras du Cadran, SAS I.E.I., Carlos Lerner & Yann Lerner (IRE); T-Jean-Claude Rouget. *€130,000 Ylg '18 ARAUG; €140,000 RNA '20 ARQARC.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Charlus (Ire), g, 2, Churchill (Ire)--Nobilis (GB) (MGSP-Fr), by Rock Of Gibraltar (Ire). Pau, 12-13, 10f (AWT), 2:08.20. B-RJB Bloodstock (IRE). *€70,000 Ylg '22 ARQAUG.

IRELAND

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:


McVay (Ire), c, 2, **U S Navy Flag**--Blossom Deary (Ire), by Duke of Marmalade (Ire). Dundalk, 12-13, 7f (AWT), 1:27.67. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$10,233. B-Killarkin Stud (IRE).

Billboa (GB), g, 3, **Brazen Beau (Aus)**--Sugar Free (Ger) (SP-Ger), by Exceed And Excel (Aus). Dundalk, 12-13, 6f (AWT), 1:13.31. Lifetime Record: 7-1-1-1, \$11,879. B-Hall of Fame Bloodstock Pty Ltd (GB). *12,000gns Wlg '20 TATFOA; €17,000 Ylg '21 GOFSP; €34,000 RNA 2yo '22 TATGOR.



IN ITALY:

Ballyrichard (Ire), c, 2, **Ten Sovereigns (Ire)**--Along The Shore (Ire), by Dylan Thomas (Ire). Varese, 12-13, Mdn, 1950m. B-Equorom, Ltd. (Ire). *€40,000 Ylg '22 GOFSEP. **27th winner for his first-season sire (by **No Nay Never**).

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Jack a Rose | Dr. Patricia Hogan

by Bill Finley

Minutes after a \$40,000 claimer named Jack a Rose (**Midshipman**) broke down in an Apr. 3 race at Parx Racing, part-owner Lisa Novak got a call and was told she had two choices, have the gelding euthanized or go through with an expensive and complex surgery that may or may not save his life. She didn't see it that way. There was only one choice. She would do whatever it took to save Jack A Rose's life.

"I have so much love for him," Novak said. "You can't just throw a life away."

Not everyone would have seen it that way.

It was the tenth race at Parx that day, a \$40,000 claimer for the type of horses who come and go without hardly anyone noticing. Trained by Michael Stidham, Jack a Rose had won two of eight career starts and earned \$87,430. He would never be a stallion, be a star or make a lot of money, but Novak didn't care. She instructed the veterinary team at Parx to send Jack a Rose to Dr. Patty Hogan's clinic, where he would undergo a surgical procedure known as arthrodesis. An arthrodesis is where surgeons artificially fuse the joints through the use of ancillary devices like plates and screws.

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STAUNCH HORSE RACING SUPPORTER DAMON THAYER WILL NOT SEEK STATE RE-ELECTION

Kentucky State Senate Majority Floor Leader Damon Thayer, (R-Georgetown), a staunch supporter of horse racing in the Bluegrass, will not seek re-election for the 17th Senate District and will allow his term to expire in December 2024, the Commonwealth of Kentucky Senate Majority Caucus said in a release early Wednesday afternoon.

"I have decided not to seek re-election to the state Senate in 2024," Senator Thayer said. "The end of my current term next year will mark 22 years in the Senate and 12 as Majority Floor Leader. After conversations with my adult children, close friends and colleagues, I have concluded this is the right decision."

Thayer is the longest-serving Republican Senate Majority Floor Leader in Kentucky history.

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“This horse is just so sweet, kind and intelligent,” Novak said. “I had to do this for him.”

The injury occurred in the left hind leg.

“You hear the common term breakdown injury all the time, on the newscasts and TV shows,” said Hogan, who would perform the surgery on Jack a Rose. “They are very serious injuries that happen to the ankle. It’s when the horses lose the integrity of the function of the ankle whether by breaking a sesamoid or suspensory. These surgeries are difficult and they are expensive. It has a lot of complications associated with it. It’s a huge investment.”

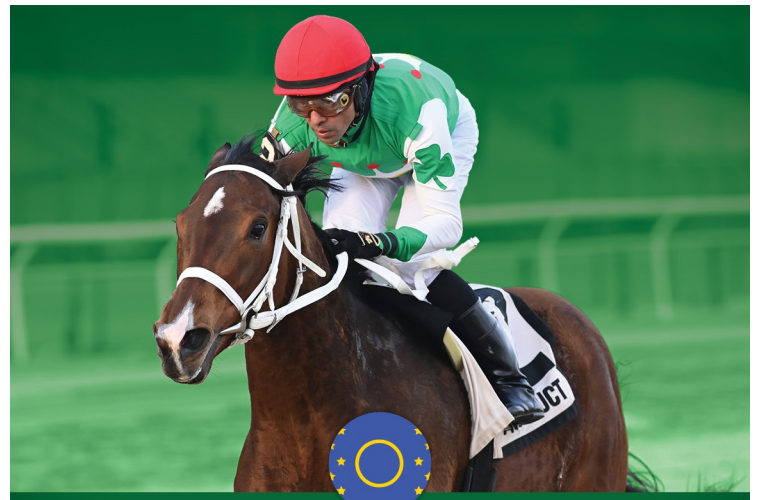


Jack a Rose on his day of admission | Hogan Equine

Performing an arthrodesis on a horse is not uncommon. Echo Zulu (**Gun Runner**) underwent the surgery after she broke down prior to the Breeders’ Cup and so did Geaux Rocket Ride (**Candy Ride {Arg}**) before he was also injured while preparing for the Breeders’ Cup. Echo Zulu survived; Geaux Rocket Ride did not. For those horses, the surgery made economic sense. Both had tremendous residual value and were worth far more than the cost of the surgery. No matter what happened with his surgery, Jack a Rose would never race again and could not even be ridden. He would be a pasture pet, one with no economic value.

“The people who owned this horse are working-class people who bred and loved this horse,” Hogan said. “He was a modest race horse but they didn’t feel like bailing on him. They wanted to fix him even if that meant he was just going to live somewhere for the rest of his life. He has no economic value whatsoever. What they did, that kind of got to us. It was really touching that they took this to the extremes they did as responsible horse owners. Euthanasia was an absolutely reasonable choice for this kind of injury.”

And there were no guarantees that he would survive the surgery. **Cont.**



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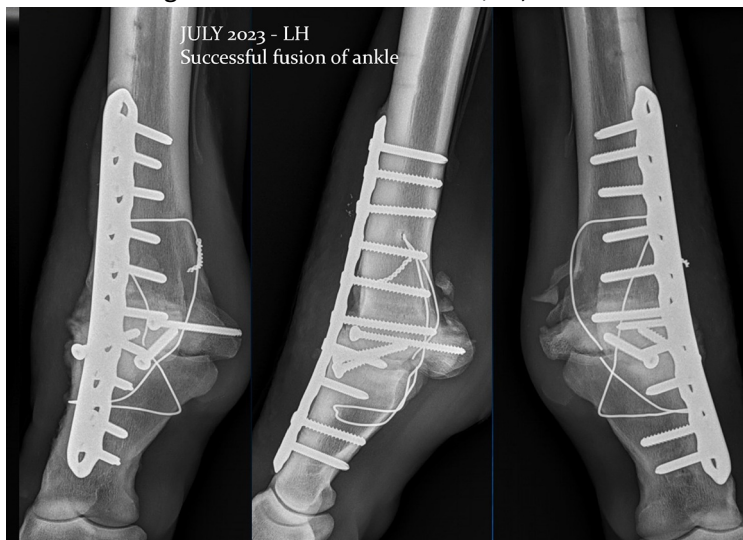
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“There are a lot of problems with this surgery,” Hogan said. “They are prone to laminitis in the other leg. They get infections because of all the metal. There’s a lot of stress and a lot of tissue trauma. It’s a big undertaking. Even if you have a horse that is insured, many insurance companies consider the surgery an extreme measure and they won’t honor the insurance policy.”

Hogan normally gives a horse a break of a few days between the time they are injured and when she operates. Novak could have changed her mind, something a lot of people might have done when they started to add up the numbers. The cost of the operation plus the payments for the time the horse is laid up and recovering would come out to about \$25,000.



Jack a Rose's fused ankle | Hogan Equine

Novak grew up in Chicago and followed racing since she was very young. The first horse she fell in love with was Timely Writer, who had to be euthanized after breaking down in the 1982 GI Jockey Club Gold Cup. She said she was always haunted by his death and that it was never far from her mind when she had to start making decisions about Jack a Rose. Then there was the finances.

“I am a supervisor at a carwash here in Chicagoland,” Novak explained. “I’ve made \$61,000 so far this year and my take home pay has been about \$48,000. No, I really didn’t have the money to do this. I’ve been through hard times financially before. I had to do it.”

She said she used credit cards to make the payments.

Jack a Rose was operated on Apr. 18 and everything went according to plan.

“We removed all the cartilage of his joint and put it back in perfect alignment with screws and wiring and a plate and let bone heal to bone so it becomes one single unit of bone that’s very functionable,” Hogan explained. “It no longer bends but horses who have had this surgery can get around fine.” **Cont.**


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Jack a Rose in the paddock | Dr. Patricia Hogan

Hogan said that she and her entire team rallied around the horse.

“This was a completely heart-warming story,” Hogan said. “We do this surgery for horses, but it’s always for ones that are worth a ton of money. To do one for a horse who is a 5-year-old gelding was just amazing.”

“Our whole crew, we were heavily invested in this horse. He’s a wonderful horse. Just an amazing animal. To know how much these people cared about him was special. It was very satisfying to have been able to do a good job for them. Horse racing gets bashed so much. I like to get these stories out there to educate people and show them there are plenty of people out there who really love their horses.”

Unable to have a second career, Jack a Rose is among the newest arrivals at Old Friends. Novak is hoping to visit him in January.

“I love animals,” she said. “If I could save every horse I would.”

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"Senator Thayer is one of ours--he's been a tireless and vital advocate in Frankfort for two decades and will leave a legacy of the greatest racing circuit in the United States," said Chauncey

Morris, executive director of the Kentucky Thoroughbred Association (KTA).

As a leading voice for Thoroughbred racing, Thayer has championed the passage of historical horse racing and last year successfully co-led the fight to **dissolve penny breakage**, which has already returned millions of dollars back to horseplayers.

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FASIG-TIPTON DECEMBER DIGITAL SALE 'A SLAM DUNK' AFTER LARGEST OFFERING EVER

With more than 700 users registered to bid and buyers in 27 states plus another three countries, Fasig-Tipton's December Digital Sale closed Tuesday evening with 186 horses sold for \$3,167,000 across the catalogue, which was the largest ever offered on the platform to date, the auction company said in a release Wednesday.

The online sale featured broodmares, horses of racing age, broodmare prospects, yearlings, weanlings and a stallion share in and lifetime breeding right to first-crop sire **Flameaway** (Scat Daddy). **Cont.**

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Breeze Easy (GB) (Hip 310), a 4-year-old race filly, topped the sale when she went for \$180,000 to Glenn Burrows from the consignment of St George Sales, agent. Fresh off an allowance win Friday at Fair Grounds, Breeze Easy is a GSP daughter of **Bated Breath (GB)** and has earned just shy of \$200,000 racing in England, Ireland and the United States. Out of the stakes winning Royal Academy mare Polar Circle, Breeze Easy is a half-sister to Group 2 placed and group stakes winner Arctic Sound (GB) (Poet's Voice {GB}).

KBS went to \$150,000 to secure the sale's second highest-priced offering, **Googol Joke (Hip 32)**, a 2-year-old son of **Practical Joke** consigned by Greenfield Farms, agent. A maiden winner last time out at Fair Grounds, Googol Joke came into the sale with one win and one third from two career starts and earnings of \$35,978.



Breeze Easy | Fasig-Tipton WEB

Rounding out the top three prices of the sale was **Sherif Ali (Hip 12)**, a 2-year-old colt by **American Pharoah**, sold for \$115,000 to Jonathan Green from the consignment of Taylor Made Sales Agency, agent. Sherif Ali broke his maiden on debut at Woodbine in October and came into the sale off a good second in allowance company over the same track and distance shortly after bidding opened on Thursday. The colt has a record of one win and one second from two lifetime starts and earnings of \$29,628.

"This was a 'slam dunk' to close out the year. I'm very happy with the results," said Fasig-Tipton Director of Digital Sales Leif Aaron. "The number of entries, registered bidders, and gross all exceeded previous records for our digital sales. We got the stallion share and lifetime breeding right done. We did in a week online what normally takes sales companies, stud farms, and buyers 60 days." **Cont.**

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The next Fasig-Tipton Digital Sale will be the February Digital Sale, which opens for bidding on Thursday, Feb. 15, and closes on Tuesday, Feb. 20. Nominations are now being accepted.

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FOREVER YOUNG ANOTHER POTENTIAL

STAR FOR YAHAGI by Alan Carasso

Real Steel (Jpn) (Deep Impact {Jpn}) gave the theretofore relatively unknown Yoshito Yahagi a first victory on foreign soil when taking out the G1 Dubai Turf at Meydan in 2016. There has been a stack of overseas success since then--including Real Steel's full-sister Loves Only You (Jpn) in America and Hong Kong--and Susumu Fujita's **Forever Young (Jpn)** (Real Steel {Jpn}) stands an excellent chance to add to the colorful conditioner's record following a smashing victory in the Zen-Nippon Nisai Yushun at Kawasaki, 20 miles south of Central Tokyo.

Drawn widest in a field of 12, the firming 11-10 favorite on the back of his victory in the Listed JBC Nisai Yushun at northern Mombetsu Nov. 3 broke a bit to his right, but was done no damage, as he quickly zoomed up to press the pace of longshot **Oscar Brain (Jpn)** (Danon Legend {Jpn}). Second choice **Aigle Noir (Jpn)** (Bricks and Mortar) chased the pair from out wide in third. The two market leaders made moves in unison entering the second turn, and Aigle Noir appeared to stick his nose in front nearing the straight, but Forever Young counterpunched inside and careered away in the final furlong to score convincingly. The win was worth 20 points on the Japan Road to the Kentucky Derby.

The Yahagi-trained Continuar (Jpn) (Drefong) was an intended runner in last year's Run for the Roses, having competed in the G3 Saudi Derby the G2 UAE Derby, where he was behind last year's Zen-Nippon winner Derma Sotogake (Jpn) (Mind Your Biscuits). A physically below-par Continuar was withdrawn from

the Derby in the days leading up to the race. Forever Young could chart a similar course, but Yahagi said that the owner is also keen on the new NAR Dirt Triple Crown, consisting of the Haneda Hai (1800m) in April, the Toyko Derby (2000m) in June and the Japan Dirt Derby (2000m), which moves from July to October.

Fujita has made a big splash at home and abroad, paying sometimes-lofty sums for yearlings and 2-year-olds at public auction. Fujita, the founder of Japanese digital advertising company CyberAgent Inc, splashed out ¥517.1 million (\$4.7 million) for a then-juvenile colt by Deep Impact (Jpn)--Premier Steps (Ire) (Foostepsinthesand {GB}) at the Chiba 2YO Sale in 2021. Dobune is a two-time listed winner and Group 2-placed in Japan this season with earnings north of ¥156 million.

More recently, Fujita and Yahagi have been represented by Shin Emperor (Fr) (**Siyouni {Fr}**), a full-brother to G1 Prix de l'Arc de Troiomphe winner **Sottsass (Fr)** who topped the 2022 Arqana August Sale on a bid of €2.1 million. The chestnut colt is two-from-two in his young career, including a last-out victory in Group 3 company, and heads to the G1 Hopeful S. (2000mT) in two weeks' time.

In 2021, Fujita paid a sales-topping \$750,000 for the **Practical Joke** filly Clos de Mesnil at OBS March and from the same sale, he acquired Jasper Krone (**Frosted**), a \$90,000 purchase who won twice at group level this term before traveling to the G1 Breeders' Cup Turf Sprint and last weekend's G1 Longines Hong Kong Sprint. **Cont.**



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Jean Gros (More Than Ready), bought out of the 2021 OBS March Sale for \$265,000, gave Fujita his first winner at group level in 2022.

Forever Young is one of three winners from four to race out of Forever Darling, whose marquee success came in the GII Santa Ynez S. in 2016. Second dam Darling My Darling was twice Grade I-placed at two in the colors of Debby Oxley and later won the

Raven Run S. and Doubledogdare S. at Keeneland before producing 2017 GI Darley Alcibiades S. winner Heavenly Love (Malibu Moon), whose **'TDN Rising Star'** son Sierra Leone (**Gun Runner**) was part of a thrilling finish in the GII Remsen S. Dec. 2. Shug McGaughey trained third dam Roamin Rachel to a victory in the GI Ballerina H. in 1994, and she was sold to Japanese interests for \$750,000 in foal to Storm Cat at the 1998 Keeneland November Sale before producing Zenno Rob Roy (Jpn) (Sunday Silence), Japan's Horse of the Year and winner of the G1 Japan Cup in 2004.

Forever Darling is also the dam of a yearling filly by Kizuna--like Real Steel a son of Deep Impact--and her foal of 2023 is a filly by Epiphaneia (Jpn).

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Zen-Nippon Nisai Yushun result, cont.

2--**Aigle Noir (Jpn)**, 123, c, 2, Bricks and Mortar--Ultima Blood (Jpn), by Symboli Kris S. O-Shadai Race Horse; B-Shadai Farm; ¥14,700,000.

3--**Saint Honore (Jpn)**, 123, c, 2, Epicharis (Jpn)--Lingus Uno (Jpn), by South Vigorous. **1ST BLACK-TYPE**. O-La Mere Inc; B-Matsuura Bokujo; ¥8,400,000.

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SANTA ANITA PADDOCK CAPTAIN JOHN SHEAR PASSES AT 102

Santa Anita’s popular Paddock Captain, John Shear, passed away Tuesday from natural causes at age 102 in a rehabilitation facility in Arcadia, according to a statement from the Shear family that was shared via a racetrack press release.

Beloved by the many fans with whom he came in contact, as well as by his fellow employees, jockeys and horsemen, Shear opted to retire at age 100 in 2021. That same year he was honored by the National Turf Writers and Broadcasters with the Mr. Fitz Award for typifying the spirit of racing.



John Shear | Benoit

“John will be deeply missed by countless life-long friends here at Santa Anita,” said Nate Newby, Santa Anita Senior Vice President and General Manager. “We were honored to have him as part of the Santa Anita family for more than 60 years of dedicated service and we’ll never forget him.”

Born Jan. 17, 1921 in England, Shear was raised in an orphanage from age four to 14. **Cont.**

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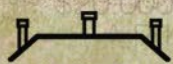
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John Shear, cont.

At four feet, 11 inches, Shear, who sustained a shoulder injury while serving in an anti-aircraft unit during World War II, originally aspired to be a jockey and following the war, he emigrated to Vancouver, B.C., from where he came to Santa Anita as an exercise boy in 1954.

Shear, who was an assistant trainer when he first began working in Santa Anita's parking lot in 1961, led an amazing life and remained fit thanks to a good diet and a consistent exercise regimen.

He earned national acclaim at age 90, when on March 12, 2011, he saved a 5-year-old girl from catastrophic injury when he shielded her from a loose horse that bolted out of Santa Anita's Seabiscuit Walking Ring.

John Shear is survived by his wife, Diane, and their son, Michael Shear, who said that at some point in the near future, the family would have a private ceremony in honor of his father.

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Favorite Moment

WHAT WAS YOUR FAVORITE MOMENT OF 2023: CODY'S WISH

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

"Cody's Wish was definitely one of my racing highlights of 2023."
 --Susan Anderson, Trainer

"There was no shortage of amazing horse racing memories in 2023. But one story that transcends racing is the incredible journey Cody's Wish and Cody Dorman (and his family) took us on. Beyond inspiring and heartwarming, it showed us in vivid color the genuine beauty of the magical connection between horses and humans. The Breeders' Cup victory of Cody's Wish and celebration of Cody and his family is truly the feel-good moment of the year."

--Jeff Bloom, Bloom Racing Stable and TAA President

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Favorite Moment, cont.



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“There are several moments and races to choose from, but if I had to pick one, it would be the story of Cody's Wish and Cody Dorman, which was already incredible leading to the 2023 Breeders' Cup Dirt Mile. The excitement and anticipation was huge and the way the race unfolded all the way to the end was absolutely breathtaking!”

--Ramon Dominguez, retired Hall of Fame jockey

“Cody's Wish showed his resolve and determination to win the 2023 Breeders' Cup Dirt Mile by a narrow margin and to remember his namesake, Cody, who brought us all together this year to root him on.”

--John Dooley, track announcer

“My favorite moment was Cody's Wish giving everything he had to win one last time for his namesake, Cody Dorman. Cody is a special, gifted horse who understood and fulfilled his mission, one that transcends racing.”

--Deirdre Duke, racing fan

“Cody's Wish and the Breeders' Cup Dirt Mile. With a lot of talk throughout the year about what is wrong with the sport, the last eighth of a mile was a reminder of what makes horse racing so uniquely special.”

--Amy Zimmerman, Executive Producer, Santa Anita Park

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WEST VIRGINIA TRIMS DATES FOR '24, EXACT SCHEDULES HINGE ON OUTCOME OF HISA LEGALITY by T.D. Thornton

Both Charles Town Races and Mountaineer Park got approval Wednesday from the West Virginia Racing Commission (WVRC) to reduce live racing dates in 2024 compared to recent seasons.

The Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association (HBPA) chapters at both tracks supported the diminished schedules based on available purse funds and projected horse populations.

Right now the placeholders are 158 dates for Charles Town and 121 for Mountaineer.

But the exact number of programs will ultimately be contingent on the outcome of several overlapping federal lawsuits that have to do with the legality of the Horseracing Integrity and Safety Act (HISA).

In July of 2022, the states of West Virginia and Louisiana **won a preliminary injunction** that has kept the HISA rules from being implemented in those two states until their lawsuit challenging the constitutionality of HISA gets decided in full.

Then in September of 2023, the judge handling that case **ordered it** to be "administratively terminated" until the United States Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals made a ruling in a separate (but related) suit in which the National HBPA is also alleging that HISA is unconstitutional.

Oral arguments in the HBPA vs. HISA case were **heard Oct. 4** but no Fifth Circuit decision has been issued yet.

WVRC executive director Joe Moore explained during the Dec. 13 meeting that if HISA were to be deemed legal nationwide and/or the court's injunction barring implementation in West Virginia got lifted, both tracks would need to recalculate how much purse money was available and how many racing dates those funds could cover.

That's because Charles Town and Mountaineer would be subject to HISA assessments for safety oversight and drug testing services that they currently don't pay because of the injunction that grants them an exception. **Cont.**

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West Virginia trims dates, cont.



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According to HISA's 2024 budget, West Virginia's assessment for next year is \$4,448,269 (Charles Town \$3,281,367; Mountaineer \$1,166,902).

Moore said that "if HISA were to become effective in West Virginia, I suspect Charles Town and the horsemen would consider reducing their race days by a number to ensure that there were purse monies available after the [HISA] assessments were calculated for them."

Charles Town's director of racing, Charlie McIntosh, concurred. "If HISA were to come back into effect, we'd have to sit down and evaluate" funding options, McIntosh said.

No representative from Mountaineer spoke on the track's behalf during the meeting.

The two tracks handled their dates reduction requests differently. Charles Town asked for and received 158 dates but left the door open to come back to the commission for a further reduction request if necessary.

Mountaineer took the opposite approach, asking for and receiving the commission's approval for two dates contingencies so the track wouldn't have to come back a second time to request another trim if HISA gets legalized in the state.

So the WVRC approved 121 dates for Mountaineer, with Moore explaining that "if feasible and [if West Virginia continues to] remain exempt from HISA, their number of live race days would increase to 128."

Moore said Mountaineer's season would run Apr. 28-Dec. 4 under the first contingency, with the meet extending through Dec. 11 if the second plan got utilized.

Charles Town's 2024 schedule, according to the track's website, will consist of four- and three-date weeks nearly year-round, with breaks Aug. 25-Sept. 11 and Dec. 15-31.

Charles Town's 158 dates for 2024 continues a downward trend. The track was awarded 164 dates in 2023 and 179 in 2022.

Unless Mountaineer ends up running the bumped-up 128 dates, its 121-date allotment also represents a decrease, from 124 dates in 2023 and 130 dates in 2022.

(All dates cited above are based on dates as originally assigned by the commission, and do not reflect any in-season program losses that might have occurred because of weather cancellations.)

Even in years when the costs of HISA assessments have not been in play, the awarding of race dates in West Virginia has been a somewhat confusing several-step process. A state statute requires Charles Town to apply for 220 programs every year, and Mountaineer is required to apply for 210 dates. But those quotas haven't been reached for quite some time.

What has ended up happening in recent seasons is that after the initial approvals of those mandated 220 and 210 dates every November by the WVRC, both venues have subsequently come back before the commission to ask for reductions that reflect what each track and its HBPA representatives think is a workable schedule.



Mountaineer gate | Coady Photography

The dates reduction votes were unanimous Dec. 13, with WVRC chairman Ken Lowe, Jr. and commissioner J.B. Akers voting in the affirmative, while commissioner Tony Figaretti was listed as being absent from the meeting because of a travel conflict.

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HISA LAUNCHES APP TO STREAMLINE EQUINE TREATMENT REPORT ENTRY

HISA has launched MedEnt, an app designed to give veterinarians a streamlined process for entering treatments into the HISA portal on mobile devices, the organization said in a release Wednesday.

The app reinforces HISA's commitment to working with veterinarians and other stakeholders to improve HISA's processes as well as its focus on leveraging technology to advance equine health.

Attending veterinarians can use the app on their smartphones or tablets to access the list of horses under their care, add treatment reports and update protocols.

In cases where they are giving the same set of treatments to several horses, they can create a shortcut for those treatments rather than creating a new entry for each individual horse, thus reducing the amount of time they spend on data entry.

Veterinarians may use the app even when offline, as it automatically will upload the new entries to the HISA portal the next time users have cellular or internet connectivity.

"Serving as an equine veterinarian is an incredibly demanding job," said HISA CEO Lisa Lazarus. "We aim to make their difficult jobs easier through the launch of this application, which is the latest in a series of steps undertaken by HISA to use technological solutions to promote the health and wellbeing of our equine athletes. This streamlined process, which allows veterinarians to submit multiple treatment reports with ease even while on the go, means that veterinarians have more time for the hands-on care of horses."

While the use of the new app is not mandatory, HISA's goal is to provide user-friendly technology for veterinarians across the country.

Key features of the app include:

- The ability to create treatment reports and add information such as time, date and supporting photos, videos or documents, for any horse, including those not on the user's horses list.
- The ability to configure treatment protocols to speed up record entry.
- A convenient widget containing information about the user's horses and recent treatment reports. The option to use the app online or offline; data captured while offline automatically syncs when reconnected to the internet.

The mobile app is available on the App Store and Google Play. Users can access the [tutorial video](#) or [PDF guide](#) to learn more about the app and how to use it.

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WANAMAKER'S DECEMBER SALE CATALOGUE RELEASED

The 2023 Wanamaker's December Sale catalogue is now available online with bidding open at 8:00 a.m. EST on Thursday, Dec. 21. The first listing completes that day at 5:00 p.m. EST and subsequent listings close in three-minute increments, the company said in a release Wednesday.

With weanlings, yearlings, horses of racing age, open broodmares and broodmares in foal all catalogued this month, top first-crop stallions of 2023 will also be represented. Yearlings by Mitole, Maximus Mischief and Vino Rosso are included.

Highlights of the catalogue:

- A yearling filly by Mitole (**Hip 6**). Mitole is the leading first-crop sire by earnings and co-leader by winners.
- A yearling filly by Vino Rosso (**Hip 3**), out of SW Awesome Alexandra.
- A yearling filly by Maximus Mischief comes from the family of MGSW Candy Man Rocket (**Hip 4**).

In-person inspections may be scheduled by contacting sellers with the information provided in the [catalogue](#).

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TICKETS ON SALE FOR KEENELAND LIBRARY'S 2024 WINTER/SPRING LECTURE SERIES

Keeneland Library's Lecture Series returns in winter/spring 2024 with four ticketed events that celebrate recently published works about Thoroughbred racing whose authors conducted research at Keeneland Library, the repository said in a release Wednesday.

During programs planned from January through May, the following authors will discuss their books, with each presentation followed by a reception and book signing:

- Jan. 24 – Kim Wickens, *Lexington: The Extraordinary Life and Turbulent Times of America's Legendary Racehorse*.
- Feb. 21 – Fred M. Kray, *Broken: The Suspicious Death of Alydar and the End of Horse Racing's Golden Age*.
- March 7 – John Paul Miller, *False Riches*.
- May 9 – Avalyn Hunter, *The Kentucky Oaks: 150 Years of Running for the Lilies*.

"The authors in this lineup cover varied and engrossing territory," Keeneland Library Director Roda Ferraro said. **Cont.**

Keeneland Library lecture series, cont.

“From a chronicle of legendary racehorse and sire Lexington to a gripping account of superstar Alydar, and from a novel of race track intrigue to a comprehensive history of the Kentucky Oaks, this series is sure to please our fans of racing and newcomers alike.”

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whole of the Thoroughbred racing industry,” said Tom Rooney, President and CEO of the NTRA. “Together with our other many supportive partners, we are excited to bring the Eclipse Awards back to the Breakers Palm Beach for the second consecutive year to celebrate another exhilarating year of racing.”

FanDuel will also broadcast live the Eclipse Awards ceremony Jan. 25.

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FANDUEL JOINS SPONSOR LIST FOR 53RD ECLIPSE AWARDS

FanDuel will join John Deere, Keeneland and The Jockey Club as a presenting sponsor for the 53rd Annual Eclipse Awards, which will be held Thursday, Jan. 25 at The Breakers Palm Beach in Florida, the NTRA said in a release Wednesday morning.

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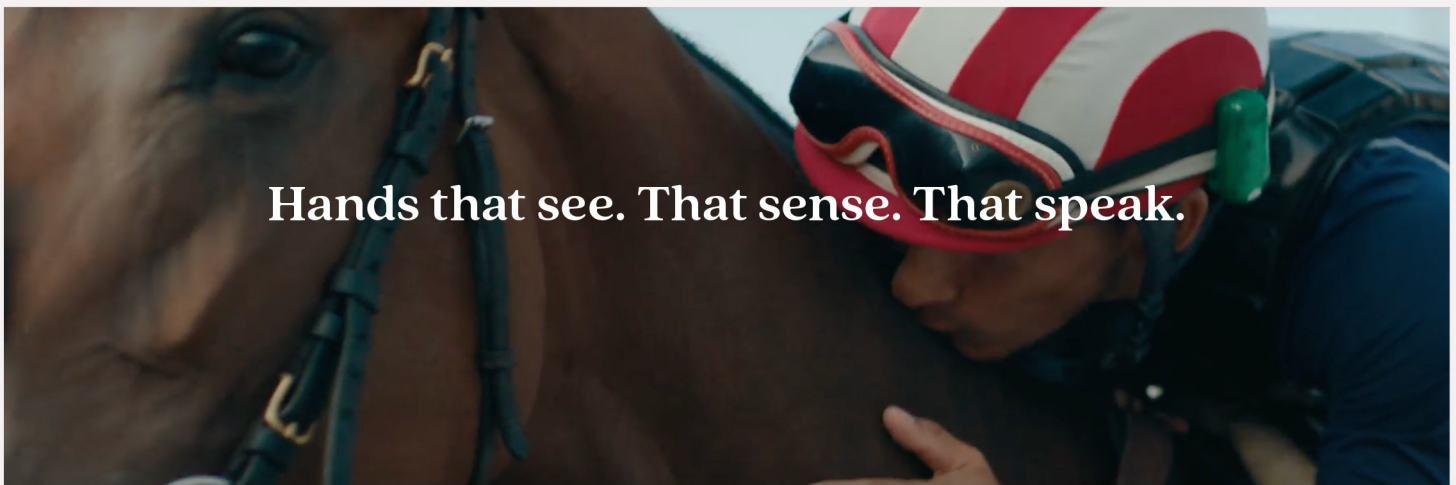
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6	Trouville	Will Take Charge	Mark Banuelos and Mathilde Powell	Powell	Herrera	119
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Breeders: 1-Michael E. Pegram, Paul Weitman & Karl Watson, 2-Lee McMillin & Anita Cauley Breeding, 3-Gainesway Thoroughbreds LTD, Brian Graves & Michael E. Hennon, 4-NP Thoroughbreds, Inc., 5-William Humphries & Altair Farms LLC, 6-WinStar Farm, LLC, 7-H & E Ranch

Saturday, Los Alamitos #9, post time: 7:30 p.m. EST
LOS ALAMITOS FUTURITY-GII, \$200,000, 2yo, 1 1/16m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Moonlit Sonata	Malibu Moon	Soma Racing Stables LLC	Yakteen	Franco	120
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FIRST-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: THURSDAY, DEC. 14

2023 Stud Fees Listed

Audible (Into Mischief), WinStar Farm, \$25,000
150 foals of racing age/17 winners/2 black-type winners
9-Fair Grounds, 5:45 p.m. EST, Msw 1 1/8mT, Broughty Ferry, 4-1
\$135,000 KEE SEP yrl
6-Fair Grounds, 4:15 p.m. EST, Msw 6f, Kingscote, 5-1
\$19,000 RNA OBS OPN 2yo

Catalina Cruiser (Union Rags), Lane's End Farm, \$15,000
110 foals of racing age/11 winners/0 black-type winners
5-Turfway, 7:55 p.m. EST, Msw 6f, Tammy's Cruiser, 8-1
\$35,000 KEE NOV wnl; \$50,000 RNA OBS OCT yrl; \$150,000 OBS MAR 2yo

Coal Front (Stay Thirsty), Spendthrift Farm, \$5,000
49 foals of racing age/8 winners/2 black-type winners
6-Fair Grounds, 4:15 p.m. EST, Msw 6f, **Blame** Dennis, 20-1
\$2,500 FTK OCT yrl; \$4,500 RNA FTD MAY 2yo

Dynamic Racer (Run Away and Hide), R.C. Cline Thoroughbred Farm, \$1,500
10 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners
2-Mahoning Valley, 1:12 p.m. EST, Alw 6f, Oh Glorious Day, 8-1

Enticed (Medaglia d'Oro), Darley, \$5,000
104 foals of racing age/19 winners/1 black-type winner
9-Fair Grounds, 5:45 p.m. EST, Msw 1 1/8mT, Tempting Lady, 9-2
\$27,000 KEE NOV wnl; \$87,000 OBS OCT yrl; \$40,000 EAS MAY 2yo
8-Fair Grounds, 5:15 p.m. EST, Msw 6f, Trust Issues, 7-2
8-Fair Grounds, 5:15 p.m. EST, Msw 6f, Vincita, 6-1
\$65,000 KEE SEP yrl

Leofric (Candy Ride {Arg}), Darby Dan Farm, \$7,500
57 foals of racing age/4 winners/1 black-type winner
3-Aqueduct, 1:46 p.m. EST, Aoc 6f, Alley's Song, 8-1

Maximus Mischief (Into Mischief), Spendthrift Farm, \$7,500



Mitole | Sarah Andrew

136 foals of racing age/31 winners/3 black-type winners
6-Fair Grounds, 4:15 p.m. EST, Msw 6f, Fly'n Frisbee, 20-1
\$4,500 RNA FTK OCT yrl
8-Remington, 11:23 p.m. EST, Msw 5f, Let Her Buck, 7-2
4-Delta Downs, 7:32 p.m. EST, Alw 5f, True Princess, 9-2
\$45,000 KEE NOV wnl; \$25,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$47,000 OBS APR 2yo

Mitole (Eskendereya), Spendthrift Farm, \$15,000
159 foals of racing age/30 winners/2 black-type winners
4-Delta Downs, 7:32 p.m. EST, Alw 5f, Katies Spirit, 5-1
\$32,000 FTK OCT yrl; \$87,000 OBS APR 2yo

Om (Munnings), Harris Farms, \$6,000
35 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners
1-Mahoning Valley, 12:45 p.m. EST, Msw 5 1/2f, Cussin N Fussin, 8-1
\$25,000 FTC AYR yrl

Omaha Beach (War Front), Spendthrift Farm, \$30,000
138 foals of racing age/21 winners/2 black-type winners
9-Fair Grounds, 5:45 p.m. EST, Msw 1 1/8mT, Without Cause, 8-1
\$180,000 KEE SEP yrl

Preservationist (Arch), Airdrie Stud, \$10,000
78 foals of racing age/13 winners/0 black-type winners
2-Mahoning Valley, 1:12 p.m. EST, Alw 6f, Artistic Laney, 5-1
\$20,000 KEE SEP yrl

St Patrick's Day (Pioneerof the Nile), Journeyman Stud, \$3,500

74 foals of racing age/6 winners/0 black-type winners
 1-Mahoning Valley, 12:45 p.m. EST, Msw 5 1/2f, Sir Mason, 5-2
 \$14,000 RNA OBS OCT yrl; \$15,000 RNA OBS OPN 2yo

Solomini (Curlin), McMahan of Saratoga Thoroughbreds, \$6,500
 78 foals of racing age/11 winners/1 black-type winner
 4-Mahoning Valley, 2:08 p.m. EST, Msw 6f, **Curlin** Pearls, 5-1
 \$9,000 OTB OMX yrl

Vino Rosso (Curlin), Spendthrift Farm, \$15,000
 180 foals of racing age/22 winners/2 black-type winners
 8-Fair Grounds, 5:15 p.m. EST, Msw 6f, Crafted, 9-2
 \$150,000 FTK NOV wnl; \$375,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$25,000 RNA TTA
 APR 2yo
 3-Aqueduct, 1:46 p.m. EST, Aoc 6f, P Mutter Pickle, 6-5
 \$125,000 SAR AUG yrl

World of Trouble (Kantharos), Hill 'n' Dale at Xalapa, \$5,000
 89 foals of racing age/15 winners/1 black-type winner
 5-Turfway, 7:55 p.m. EST, Msw 6f, Nothing But Time, 15-1
 \$38,000 KEE NOV wnl; \$58,000 FTK OCT yrl

SECOND-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: THURSDAY, DEC. 14
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Code West (Lemon Drop Kid), Westwin Farms, \$2,000
 40 foals of racing age/10 winners/1 black-type winner
 8-Remington, 11:23 p.m. EST, Msw 5f, Code of the South, 6-1
 \$14,000 RNA TTA YRL yrl

Collected (City Zip), Airdrie Stud, \$10,000
 234 foals of racing age/76 winners/7 black-type winners
 4-Mahoning Valley, 2:08 p.m. EST, Msw 6f, Collect Gold, 3-1
 \$37,000 KEE NOV wnl; \$45,000 RNA FTK JUL yrl; \$30,000 OBS
 APR 2yo



Girvin (Tale of Ekati), Airdrie Stud, \$20,000
 182 foals of racing age/61 winners/10 black-type winners
 1-Mahoning Valley, 12:45 p.m. EST, Msw 5 1/2f, Spyro, 15-1

Good Samaritan (Harlan's Holiday), WinStar Farm, \$7,500
 172 foals of racing age/56 winners/4 black-type winners
 6-Fair Grounds, 4:15 p.m. EST, Msw 6f, Den's Good Grace, 6-1
 \$40,000 KEE SEP yrl

Oscar Performance (Kitten's Joy), Mill Ridge Farm, \$20,000
 173 foals of racing age/46 winners/5 black-type winners
 5-Turfway, 7:55 p.m. EST, Msw 6f, Toffee Apple, 15-1
 \$42,000 KEE SEP yrl

Tale of Verve (Tale of Ekati), Darby Dan Farm, \$2,000
 30 foals of racing age/3 winners/0 black-type winners
 1-Mahoning Valley, 12:45 p.m. EST, Msw 5 1/2f, Over My Limit,
 6-1
 \$3,000 FTK OCT yrl

Tapwrit (Tapit), Gainesway Farm, \$10,000
 177 foals of racing age/49 winners/4 black-type winners
 6-Fair Grounds, 4:15 p.m. EST, Msw 6f, Sharma'd, 10-1
 \$24,000 RNA FTK OCT yrl



ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

9th-Parx Racing, \$67,250, (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$16,000), 12-13,
 3yo/up, 1m, 1:41.34, ft, head.

TIME TO CRUISE (c, 3, First Dude--Majestic Melresa, by Majestic Warrior) Lifetime Record: MSP, 13-4-3-1, \$186,895.
 O-Kernan Jr., Morris E., Yo Berbs Racing and Jagger Inc.; B-Best A
 Luck Farm LLC (PA); T-Jamie Ness. *\$23,000 Ylg '21 EASOCT;
 \$40,000 2yo '22 EASMAY.

10th-Zia, \$59,115, 12-12, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:09.49, ft,
 1/2 length.

HEY FRIEND (f, 4, Mr. Gold Mover--Island Shine, by Hennessy)
 Lifetime Record: 9-4-1-1, \$130,330. O/B-Mason Meadows (NM);
 T-Nancy Summers.

5th-Tampa Bay Downs, \$47,850, (NW2X)/Opt. Clm (\$32,000),
 12-13, 3yo/up, 1 1/16mT, 1:42.31, fm, 1/2 length.

SPACE RUNNER (g, 4, Brody's Cause--Brilliant Humor, by



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Distorted Humor) Lifetime Record: 14-3-1-4, \$120,900. O-Soldi Stable LLC & Ohana Racing Stable, LLC; B-Farm III Enterprises (FL); T-Jose Francisco D'Angelo.

7th-Mahoning Valley, \$39,400, 12-13, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:12.73, ft, 1 1/2 lengths.

ZAKARIA (g, 5, Professor Fate--Miss Posse, by Posse) Lifetime Record: 17-5-1-0, \$122,701. O/T-Susan D. Yoder; B-Lori Yoder (OH).

4th-Mahoning Valley, \$36,200, (S), 12-13, (NW4L), 3yo/up, 1m, 1:40.96, ft, 2 3/4 lengths.

CASUAL ATTIRE (g, 3, National Flag--Miss Emma Maria, by Tiznow) Lifetime Record: 15-4-4-2, \$150,559. O/B-Winblaze, LLC (OH); T-Timothy E. Hamm.

6th-Mahoning Valley, \$27,900, 12-13, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:13.32, ft, 1 1/4 lengths.

CORNER KICK (f, 3, Frosted--True Elegance, by Distorted Humor) Lifetime Record: 10-3-0-0, \$91,501. O-Paul Woosley; B-Dixiana Farms LLC (KY); T-Jeffrey A. Radosevich. *\$135,000 RNA Ylg '21 KEESEP.

5th-Mountaineer Casino & Resort, \$20,988, 12-12, (NW3LX), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:14.27, gd, 3/4 length.

SENECA ROCKS (f, 4, Summer Front--Cleft in the Rock, by Arch) Lifetime Record: SW, 20-7-5-2, \$211,892. O/B-O'Sullivan Farms LLC(WV); T-Javier Contreras. *1/2 to Nico (Trappe Shot), MSP, \$305,342.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Commissioner D, f, 2, **Mobil**--Angel Falls, by City Zip. Mahoning Valley, 12-13, (S), 6f, 1:16.65. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$19,419. B-Mapleton Thoroughbred Farm LLC (OH). *\$25,000 Ylg '22 OTBOMX.

Shewearsmyring, f, 3, **Overanalyze**--Happybirthdaybaby (SP, \$211,695), by Successful Appeal. Mahoning Valley, 12-13, 1m, 1:42.38. Lifetime Record: 6-1-1-2, \$25,566. B-Cove Springs, LLC (KY). *\$12,000 Ylg '21 FTKOCT.

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Brody's Cause, Space Runner, g, 4, o/o Brilliant Humor, by Distorted Humor. AOC, 12-13, Tampa Bay

First Dude, Time to Cruise, c, 3, o/o Majestic Melresa, by Majestic Warrior. AOC, 12-13, Parx Racing

Frosted, Corner Kick, f, 3, o/o True Elegance, by Distorted Humor. ALW, 12-13, Mahoning Valley

Mobil, Commissioner D, f, 2, o/o Angel Falls, by City Zip. MSW, 12-13, Mahoning Valley

Mr. Gold Mover, Hey Friend, f, 4, o/o Island Shine, by Hennessy. ALW, 12-12, Zia

National Flag, Casual Attire, g, 3, o/o Miss Emma Maria, by Tiznow. ALW, 12-13, Mahoning Valley

Overanalyze, Shewearsmyring, f, 3, o/o Happybirthdaybaby, by Successful Appeal. MSW, 12-13, Mahoning Valley

Professor Fate, Zakaria, g, 5, o/o Miss Posse, by Posse. ALW, 12-13, Mahoning Valley

Summer Front, Seneca Rocks, f, 4, o/o Cleft in the Rock, by Arch. ALW, 12-12, Mountaineer

THIS DATE IN HISTORY...

December 15, 1973...Sandy Hawley became the first jockey in history to win 500 races in a single year when he rode Charlie Jr. to victory in the third race at Laurel Racecourse.

December 17, 1936...Crooner Bing Crosby announced plans to construct a new racetrack, to be called the Del Mar Turf Club.

December 17, 1970...Canonero II, winless in a pair of starts at Del Mar in the summer, returned to Venezuela to earn a one-length decision in a H. at Rinconada. The colt returned to the United States the following spring to win the Kentucky Derby and Preakness S., en route to being named that year's champion three-year-old colt.

December 17, 1993...Fire destroyed the 122-year-old grandstand of Fair Grounds, the nation's third-oldest racetrack.



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