

COSTA LIVING THE DREAM AFTER SWITCH FROM AUSTRALIA TO DUBAI



Michael Costa | ARM Racing

By Georgia Cox

Michael Costa may be a new name to some European readers, but he is not new to success. The Australian trainer has switched his home of Surfers Paradise for the stunning views of the Dubai skyline. A life-changing move, both personally and professionally, he flew his wife Melanie and four children 12,000km across the Indian Ocean and for the last 18 months has been based at Sheikh Ahmed bin Rashid Al Maktoum's private stable of Jebel Ali.

It must be said that he has made an eye-catching start: with 19 wins from 60 runs so far this season, Costa is currently the leading trainer in the region. He is set to saddle five runners at Meydan's meeting this Friday.

Head-hunted by the sheikh's racing manager Mohamed Al Shehhi, he is highly respected in his homeland. In the words of Australian Hall of Fame trainer Chris Waller, "Michael Costa gets improvement out of any horse he's given."

Costa previously studied Equine Acupuncture and spent time as a steward before starting training the hard way from scratch. Famed for having an enviable strike rate, he was also known for getting the best from his team and placing his horses well. His stable star, Phobeter (Aus) (Dream Ahead), won the 2021 G2 Missile S., a highlight to Costa's CV and the perfect way to end that chapter of his career. [Cont. p3](#)

BOLSHOI BALLETT RETIRES TO THE BEECHES STUD

Bolshoi Ballet (Ire), the dual Grade I-winning son of Galileo (Ire) and Alta Anna (Fr) (Anabaa), has been retired from racing to join Coolmore's National roster. He will stand at the McCarthy family's The Beeches Stud in Co Waterford.

Having been named a 'TDN Rising Star' when breaking his maiden at Leopardstown at two, Bolshoi Ballet, bred by Lynch Bages and Rhinestone Bloodstock, then emulated his sire, as well as Yeats (Ire) and High Chaparral (Ire), when winning both the G3 Ballysax S. and G3 Derrinstown Stud Derby Trial the next season. Following a seventh-place finish in the Derby at Epsom, he bounced back to win the GI Belmont Derby, earning the highest Beyer Speed Figure of any turf horse in North America last year. He closed out his career with another Grade I success at Saratoga, recording an easy win in the Sword Dancer S. this August. [Cont. p5](#)

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GALIWAY SHARE TOPS ARQANA ONLINE SALE

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A share in Galiway (GB), sire of Group 1 winners Sealiway (Fr) and Sunway (Fr), topped the Arqana Online December Sale on Laurent Benoit's bid of €160,000.

WALDGEIST COLT GOES 2-2 IN ITALY

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Walop de L'Alguer (Ire) (Waldgeist {GB}) followed up on an impressive debut score last month with an equally taking performance in winning an 1800-metre conditions contest Tuesday at Villacidro, Italy.

ROMANTIC WARRIOR GETS A BREAK

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Two-time G1 Longines Hong Kong Cup winner Romantic Warrior (Ire) Acclamation {GB} will not surprisingly pass next month's G1 Stewards' Cup in favour of the G1 Citi Hong Kong Gold Cup Feb. 25.

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The move to a different country has reshaped the trainer's professional trajectory. When based at the Gold Coast, Costa primarily purchased from horses-in-training sales to sweeten horses up for improvement via a change of scenery before strategically placing them for syndicate ownership. Going from mostly syndicating to now working exclusively for Sheikh Ahmed, much adapting has taken place. Expanding from six afternoon staff to 76 full-time staff members is just one difference that illustrates the magnitude of training for such a prominent owner.

He says, "The fact that we've hit the ground running this season is all due to the staff's determination and positive outlook over the summer which has put us in this position of the horses performing so well.



Costa (second from right) after a victory at Jebel Ali | ARM Racing

"Being a trainer in Australia you have to wear many hats: you're selling, you're marketing, you're doing all these things, whereas in this role you're more usually pointing the people in the right direction and the hard work is done by the staff. We've got a great team."

Costa continues, "The biggest hurdle that trainers have to face in Australia, and I'm sure it's the same in other parts of the world, is owners' communication, accounts and staffing issues, and those three things are now completely lacking in my role. My role is about finding the best horses that we can and getting the greatest outlook, as well as managing my team.

"I treat this operation as if it is still my own business. We're not going crazy at the sales. We've only purchased one horse in Book 1 so far. The rest has all been below the average and just buying good physicals, and that filters through to how we operate, with no excess, and with efficiency.

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11 Group 1 winners to date including...



LUXEMBOURG won the **Tattersalls Gold Cup-Gr.1** defeating 2022 Champion Stakes winner Bay Bridge. Also a Group 1 winner at both 2 and 3 years.



LOS ANGELES, winner of the **Criterion de Saint-Cloud-Gr.1** for Aidan O'Brien to remain unbeaten.

“rocketed up the European 2YO sire table thanks to his youngsters coming to hand later in the season, just as Montjeu’s did every year from 2004 to 2015”

Martin Stevens, RACING POST BLOODSTOCK, 25th Oct

CAMELOT

Yearlings in 2023 sold for **€850,000** (to Godolphin), **€520,000** (to Sackville Donald for Juddmonte), **€320,000**, **€300,000**, **250,000gns**, **250,000gns**, **€250,000** etc.

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Michael Costa cont.

"I'm still in the mode of running my own business as I did in Australia, but I'm just very lucky that I don't have to spend as much time on chasing accounts and those sorts of things. That puts me in a very lucky position to do what most trainers get involved in it to do, and that's because they love the horse. So I've managed to get back close to the horse and now I go home smelling like a horse and that's what it all about."

For Costa, last year was very much a fact-finding mission. He had to get to know all the horses for starters, as well as his new facilities, from dirt tracks, to the traits in the European pedigrees of some of his horses. Costa and his team found their feet quickly and managed to bring 13 winners home, which was more than the previous four seasons combined for the Jebel Ali stable.

This injection of fresh ambition, along with significant investment in horseflesh, is all part of Sheikh Ahmed's rejuvenation of Jebel Ali. Plans include a new grandstand along with using more of the desert land that surrounds the racecourse and training stables to better effect, including planting more trees. The revival mission is well underway and starting to reap rewards.

As a modern-day trainer with global ambitions, Costa has every corner covered when it comes to recruiting horses, from buying yearlings and having agents in a variety of countries looking out for any early potential and sourcing exciting prospects such as Mawthog (NZ) (Echoes Of Heaven {Aus}), who was noticed when winning a trial at Ruakaka. Another is Homebrew (**Street Sense**), a lightly-raced listed winner in the US for Brad Cox, while Carolina Reaper (NZ) (Vespa {NZ}) won a Group 3 at Pukekohe Park in New Zealand. These are just three examples that were all privately purchased, and they have joined a good mix of battle-hardened older horses who know the walks of Jebel Ali well. Then there are the annual picks from Sheikh Ahmed's European-based horses who bring strong form. This year they include Newbury maiden winner Lajooje (GB) (Showcasing {GB}) and last year's G2 Vintage S. winner Marbaan (GB) (**Oasis Dream** {GB}).

As the temperatures rose for the UAE summer, Costa conducted an international shopping spree, starting from the Inglis Australian Easter Yearling Sale in Sydney to the United States for the breeze-ups and horses-in-training sales.

A number of trainers in Dubai have more horses than he does. Jebel Ali holds 70, and one of those boxes is home to a past successful homebred in Morshdi (GB) (Slip Anchor {GB}), who is now 25 and long retired. He was quite the jet-setter back in his prime, taking the G1 Derby Italiano before finishing second to Galileo (Ire) in the G1 Irish Derby.

Costa's attention to detail has prompted some major upgrades to facilities at Jebel Ali. The changes include grass pens, an equine swimming pool, two treadmills, a spa, plus an arena with some poles and jumps, which can be hugely beneficial to the horse's mind with getting them to think and use themselves in a completely different way than when galloping around a track.

Costa was temporarily joined by his fellow Australian, jockey James Orman, who flew over to kick the first six winners home before Irishman Ben Coen took over as retained first jockey for the season.

"The season we are in now is about getting back Dubai dominance," he says. "Once our yearlings come in and start to filter through for year three and onwards, we will start to look at travelling horses more abroad. With the way that the 2-year-olds have hit the track so far and the way we are rebuilding in the stable from the ground up, the 2-year-olds turning three will be the best opportunity for our horses to travel, so we are just getting into the crunch time now of coming into the better races, and we will know shortly what will travel."

So if all goes to plan, we could be seeing more of Michael Costa and his team on the world stage.

He continues, "Initially, the first season I was just looking at what the other successful trainers in the UAE were doing, and their approach was a lot of form horses and a lot of breeze-up horses. What I wanted to do was ask the question--you get all these internationals arrive, and while we do get some UAE horses who are competitive on the big night, it is dominated a lot by the international horses, and there are not a lot of UAE horses who travel. So the question I asked myself was, 'Why is this?' The simple answer we came up with was that we've got to be buying the same horses that Chad Brown is buying, or William Haggas is buying, or the prominent trainers.

"His Highness's approach was to go to buy yearlings of varying types from Australian speed to European stamina to the dirt horses. Ultimately we just look for an athletic horse and a fast horse, and we've got the beauty of running on the dirt or the turf. Ultimately we want a fast horse first, and if they win a Group 1 on the turf, we're not going to be worried, or if they win a Group 1 on the dirt then that's great as well. I've spent some time with a few very good agents in the US, and everyone has their own idea of what makes a good dirt horse, but I think you can overcomplicate it. You're just looking for an athletic horse and if you start there then the rest should fall into place."

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Bolshoi Ballet cont. from p1

"Bolshoi Ballet is an exceptional looker and walker, extremely genuine and clean-winded," said his trainer Aidan O'Brien. "He had the class to win a Grade I over a mile and a quarter and also stayed a mile and a half well."

Robert McCarthy of The Beeches Stud added, "I was very taken with Bolshoi Ballet when we went to see him at Ballydoyle earlier in the year. He's a super-looking horse with real presence about him, a great colour, plenty of size and a very good walk. I have no doubt that breeders will be impressed when they come to see him."

Bolshoi Ballet's fee will be announced in the coming days.

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Bolshoi Ballet | Sarah Andrew

A share in Sealiway, whose first foals are due next season, was knocked down to France Turf International for €56,000, while a breeding right in **Cracksman (GB)** (**Frankel {GB}**), sire of G1 Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe winner Ace Impact (Ire), was sold to Ladyswood Stud for €50,000.

Following over 200 bids, seven of the eight breeding rights and stallion shares were sold for a total of €383,000 (outside of the sealed bid).

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Galiway | Haras de Colleville

EUROPEAN NEWS

GALIWAY SHARE TOPS FINAL ARQANA ONLINE SALE FOR 2023

A share in Haras de Colleville stallion **Galiway (GB)** (Galileo {Ire}) was purchased by the Broadhurst Agency's Laurent Benoit for €160,000 to be the top-priced offering during Arqana's final online sale of the year Tuesday, Dec. 19.

The rising 13-year-old is the sire of 14 black-type winners, eight at group level, including G1 Champion S. and G1 Prix Jean Luc Lagardere hero **Sealiway (Fr)** and Sunway (Fr), victorious in the G1 Criterium International. Galiway is also the sire of Vauban (Fr), a Group 3 winner on the flat and a jumps horse of considerable talent.

PREMIER RACEDAYS TO KICK OFF AT CHELTENHAM JAN. 1

Premier Racedays, an undertaking by British Racing to market and promote racing's best racedays, will launch with the New Year's Day fixture at Cheltenham, the first of some 170 such programs to be staged in 2024.

Premier Racedays is part of a two-year series of changes with the aim of growing British racing by 'increasing engagement among new and existing customers, improving revenues across all areas of the industry, promoting investment in the sport through the recruitment and retention of owners, and encouraging the best horses to be bred, trained and raced in Britain.'

Premier Racedays will be supported by marketing and promotional support, racecourse marketing spend and plans for a national promotional campaign, pending the submission of an application to the Horserace Betting Levy Board in line with the body's funding criteria.

Premier Racedays cont.

Premier Racedays through 2024 will also see the introduction of innovation in the fan experience on an ongoing basis, for those attending on racecourses, betting, and watching on broadcast. Over 90% of Premier Racedays are to be broadcast across ITV and encompass the majority of racing's best and most popular racedays.

The key areas of innovation include customer promotion, broadcast innovation, customer experience, a digital content strategy, promotion of horse racing's equine and human athletes and betting, to offer a variety of incentives around Premier Racedays. Significant work is also in development to improve the ownership experience both on and off-course, with initiatives to be rolled out in 2024.

"British racing's stakeholders unanimously agreed the way to grow our sport is to better showcase and sell our best racing. The pilot of Premier Racedays is the start of this process," said Joe Saumarez Smith, chair of the British Horseracing Authority. "Due to the way that our sport is structured, the first priority for the sport was to put the building blocks in place in the form of the changes to the fixture list and race programme and secure the improved funding of prize money. There is little point trying to sell Premier Racedays if the product is not, in fact, Premier. "I am grateful to everyone who has been involved in the ongoing development of these plans, including those directly involved in the sport and our partners in broadcast, the media and betting".

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BRITAIN

Tuesday's Results:

2nd-Wolverhampton, £9,950, Mdn, 12-19, 2yo, 8f 142y (AWT), 1:49.36, st.

ARABIAN TRIBE (GB) (c, 2, Dubawi {Ire}--Alina {Ire}, by Galileo {Ire}) raced in a prominent second and gained an edge soon after passing the half-mile marker. Bustled along when tackled and headed by Sunny Street (Ire) (Exceed And Excel {Aus}) off the home turn, the 8-11 chalk rallied gamely under continued urging and kept on strongly in the closing stages to deny that rival by a length. Arabian Tribe is the sixth of eight foals and fifth scorer produced by a daughter of G3 Ridgewood Pearl S. and G3 Brownstown S. victrix Cheyenne Star (Ire) (Mujahid). The March-foaled bay is full to a yearling filly and a half-brother to four-time Group 1 winner Barney Roy (GB) (Excelebration {Ire}), Listed Maggie Dickson S. runner-up Wisdom Mind (Ire) (Dark Angel {Ire}) and a weanling filly by **Kingman (GB)**. Sales history: 750,000gns Ylg '22 TATOCT. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$6,796. O-Godolphin; B-Sun Kingdom Pty Ltd (GB); T-Charlie Appleby.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Crown Board (Ire), g, 3, Lope De Vega (Ire)--Against Rules (Fr) (MSW & GSP-Fr, \$338,850), by Aussie Rules. Wolverhampton, 12-19, 8f 142y (AWT), 1:49.94. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$5,191. B-Ballylinch Stud (IRE). *180,000gns Ylg '21 TATOCT.

OBSERVATIONS

on the European racing scene

WELL-RELATED DAUGHTER OF KINGMAN SET FOR BELATED DEBUT

18.30 Kempton, £6,800, Mdn, 2yo, f, 8f (AWT)

George Strawbridge's homebred **FRIENDLY SOUL (GB) (Kingman {GB})**, one of two nominees from the John and Thady Gosden stable, is a half-sister to six stakes performers headed by elite-level winners We Are (Ire) (Dansili {GB}), With You (GB) (Dansili {GB}) and Call The Wind (GB) (**Frankel {GB}**). She was scratched from her intended debut at Lingfield earlier this month, having become distressed in the stalls during the loading process, and faces one dozen rivals here. Opposition includes Roger Varian trainee **Lightning Touch (GB) (Frankel {GB})**, who is a once-raced daughter of dual group-winning G1 Prix Marcel Bousac and G1 Prix de l'Opera third Legerete (Rahy).

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HOW THEY FARED

17.30 Wolverhampton, Mdn, £9,950, 2yo, 8f 142y (AWT)

Arabian Tribe (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}), Godolphin's 750,000gns Book 1 half to multiple Group 1 winner Barney Roy (GB) (Excelebration {Ire}), displayed a willing attitude and rallied gamely under urging in the straight to prevail by a length on debut.

FRANCE

CONDITIONS RESULTS:

3rd-Pau, €27,000, Cond, 12-19, 2yo, 8f (AWT), 1:38.60, st.
DENISJONH (FR) (c, 2, Born To Sea {Ire}--Flower {GB}, by Zamindar) Lifetime Record: 3-2-1-0, €30,400. O-Regis Besse; B-Regis Besse & Denis Picat (FR); T-Jane Soubagne. *1/2 to Yayajonh (Fr) (Muhaymin), MSP-Fr, \$188,797.



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6th-Marseille-Pont de Vivaux, €22,000, Cond, 12-19, 3yo/up, 10f (AWT), 2:04.63, st.

DAR TOUNGI (FR) (g, 5, **Kendargent {Fr}**--**Toungi {Ire}** {**SW-Fr**, \$116,259}, by **Rock Of Gibraltar {Ire}**) Lifetime Record: SP-Fr, 28-5-7-6, €153,820. O/B-Jean-Claude Seroul (FR); T-Jerome Reynier.

ITALY

Tuesday's Results:

5th-Villacidro, €14,300, Cond., 2yo, 1800mT, 1:57.5, gd.

WALOP DE L'ALGUER (IRE) (c, 2, **Waldgeist {GB}**--**Antiochia {Ire}**, by **Lope de Vega {Ire}**) was a facile debut winner over 1600 metres of this course Nov. 21 and was a warm favourite while trying a bit further Tuesday. Prominent from the bell, the bay colt was allowed to stride into the lead at the midpoint of the back straight, opened up on his rivals off the home corner and was punched out to score by a convincing four lengths. The winner's dam, purchased by Alberto Da Giussano for €10,000 with this colt in utero at the 2020 Goffs November Sale, is out of an unraced half-sister to G1 Preis der Diana third Aigrette Garzette (Ire) (Peintre Celebre) and is also responsible for Walop de L'Alguer's yearling full-brother. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, €8,500. **VIDEO (SC 11)**

O-Sc San Giuliano; B-Domenico Manca; T-Leonardo Chessa.



IN JAPAN:

Love Comedy (Ire), f, 2, **No Nay Never**--Sweet Charity (Fr) (SW-Fr, GSP-US, \$170,312), by Myboycharlie (Ire). Hanshin, 12-16, Newcomers, 1200mT, 1:10.1. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$50,645. O-Tristar Racing; B-Lynch Bages Ltd & Summerhill B/S; T-Ryo Terashima. *1ST-TIME STARTER. **€75,000 Ylg '22 GOFORB.

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FIRST-SEASON SIRE WITH RUNNERS

UNITED KINGDOM:

Advertise (GB) (Showcasing {GB}), Manton Park Stud
103 foals of racing age
18:00-KEMPTON PARK, 8f, Modern Verse (GB)
18:00-KEMPTON PARK, 8f, Mulciber (GB)
18:00-KEMPTON PARK, 8f, Publicity (GB)

Blue Point (Ire) (Shamardal), Kildangan Stud
161 foals of racing age/51 winners/5 black-type winners
13:10-LINGFIELD PARK, 7f, Moonfire (Ire)

Calyx (GB) (Kingman {GB}), Coolmore Stud
103 foals of racing age
12:35-LINGFIELD PARK, 8f, Rosy Kiss (GB)
57,000gns Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2021; 28,000gns
Tattersalls October Yearling Sale (Book 2) 2022
13:10-LINGFIELD PARK, 7f, Zandita (Ire)
€26,000 Goffs November Foal Sale 2021

Magna Grecia (Ire) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}), Coolmore Stud
109 foals of racing age
12:35-LINGFIELD PARK, 8f, Mon Etoile (GB)
18,000gns RNA Tattersalls October Yearling Sale (Book 2) 2022

Masar (Ire) (New Approach {Ire}), Dalham Hall Stud
104 foals of racing age
12:00-LINGFIELD PARK, 8f, Snooker McCrew (GB)
3,000gns Tattersalls December Yearling Sale 2022

Phoenix of Spain (Ire) (Lope de Vega {Ire}), Irish National Stud
97 foals of racing age
18:30-KEMPTON PARK, 8f, Flying Finn (Ire)
€13,000 RNA Goffs November Foal Sale 2021; €9,000 Goffs
Autumn Yearling Sale 2022

Study of Man (Ire) (Deep Impact {Jpn}), Lanwades Stud
55 foals of racing age
18:30-KEMPTON PARK, 8f, Kalpana (GB)
18:30-KEMPTON PARK, 8f, Sapphire Sirocco (GB)

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Ten Sovereigns (Ire) (No Nay Never), Coolmore Stud

150 foals of racing age
 13:10-LINGFIELD PARK, 7f, Elderflower (Ire)
 29,000gns RNA Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2021; 50,000gns
 Tattersalls October Yearling Sale (Book 3) 2022
 13:10-LINGFIELD PARK, 7f, Midnight Drive (Fr)
 €50,000 Arqana December Breeding Stock Sale 2021 - English
 Version; €85,000 Goffs Orby Yearling Sale 2022
 18:30-KEMPTON PARK, 8f, Private Getaway (GB)
 9,000gns RNA Tattersalls December Yearling Sale 2022;
 15,000gns Tattersalls Autumn Horses-in-Training Sale 2023

Too Darn Hot (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}), Dalham Hall Stud

120 foals of racing age
 12:35-LINGFIELD PARK, 8f, Lennon (Fr)
 30,000gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale (Book 2) 2022;
 12,000gns Tattersalls Autumn Horses-in-Training Sale 2023

FRANCE:**Inns of Court (Ire) (Invincible Spirit {Ire})**, Tally-Ho Stud

169 foals of racing age
 2-DEAUVILLE, 1300m, Spezial (GB)
 €32,000 Arqana Deauville September Yearling Sale 2022

Invincible Army (Ire) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}), Yeomanstown Stud

95 foals of racing age
 6-DEAUVILLE, 1300m, Mister Gan (GB)
 36,000gns Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2021; £32,000 Goffs
 UK Premier & Silver Yearlings 2022; £60,000 Goffs UK 2yo
 Breeze Up Sale 2023; 6,500gns Tattersalls Autumn
 Horses-in-Training Sale 2023

Soldier's Call (GB) (Showcasing {GB}), Dullingham Park

121 foals of racing age
 6-DEAUVILLE, 1300m, Dromedario (Ire)
 6-DEAUVILLE, 1300m, Finders Keepers (Ire)
 28,000gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale (Book 3) 2022
 2-DEAUVILLE, 1300m, Wahayeb (Fr)
 €75,000 Arqana Deauville October Yearlings 2022

Ten Sovereigns (Ire) (No Nay Never), Coolmore Stud

150 foals of racing age
 2-DEAUVILLE, 1300m, Grand Dream (Fr)
 €45,000 Arqana Deauville October Yearlings 2022
 2-DEAUVILLE, 1300m, Zoe (Fr)
 €57,000 RNA Arqana Deauville October Yearlings 2022

IRELAND:**Advertise (GB) (Showcasing {GB})**, Manton Park Stud

103 foals of racing age
 5-DUNDALK, 8f, Serious Notions (GB)
 50,000gns RNA Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2021; €68,000
 Goffs Orby Yearling Sale 2022

Blue Point (Ire) (Shamardal), Kildangan Stud

161 foals of racing age/51 winners/5 black-type winners
 2-DUNDALK, 7f, Blue Soul (Ire)

Calyx (GB) (Kingman {GB}), Coolmore Stud

103 foals of racing age
 2-DUNDALK, 7f, Enchanted Garden (Ire)
 €17,000 Goffs November Foal Sale 2021; €13,000 Goffs
 Sportsman's Yearling Sale 2022; €6,000 Goffs Autumn Yearling
 Sale 2022

Invincible Army (Ire) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}), Yeomanstown Stud

95 foals of racing age
 2-DUNDALK, 7f, Signor Ferrari (Ire)
 €25,000 Tattersalls Ireland September Yearling 2022; £15,000
 Goffs UK 2yo Breeze Up Sale 2023

Magna Grecia (Ire) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}), Coolmore Stud

109 foals of racing age
 2-DUNDALK, 7f, Mary Bagot (Ire)
 €50,000 RNA Goffs November Foal Sale 2021; €50,000 RNA
 Goffs Orby Yearling Sale 2022
 2-DUNDALK, 7f, Masonbrook Meadow (Ire)
 12,000gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale (Book 3) 2022

Phoenix of Spain (Ire) (Lope de Vega {Ire}), Irish National Stud

97 foals of racing age
 5-DUNDALK, 8f, Galician Girl (Ire)
 €10,000 Goffs November Foal Sale 2021; €16,000 Goffs
 Sportsman's Yearling Sale 2022

Soldier's Call (GB) (Showcasing {GB}), Dullingham Park

121 foals of racing age
 5-DUNDALK, 8f, Alabama Calling (Ire)
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Western Frontier (Scat Daddy),

7 foals of racing age
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ROMANTIC WARRIOR TO SKIP STEWARDS' CUP, HK GOLD CUP NEXT



Romantic Warrior (rail) | HKJC

Romantic Warrior (GB) (Acclamation {GB}), who successfully defended his title in a thrilling renewal of the G1 Longines Hong Kong Cup at Sha Tin Dec. 10, will be given a short break before building back up in time for an appearance in the G1 City Hong Kong Gold Cup Feb. 25. The not-unexpected decision means the 5-year-old will sidestep a clash with Longines Hong Kong Mile winner and three-time Hong Kong Horse of the Year Golden Sixty (Aus) (**Medaglia d'Oro**) in the G1 Stewards' Cup over 1600 metres Jan. 21.

Romantic Warrior's nose defeat of a never-say-die Luxembourg (Ire) (**Camelot {GB}**) came just 43 days after his landmark victory in the G1 W. S. Cox Plate in Melbourne, and trainer Danny Shum is focused on not squeezing the lemon dry.

“He looks great, but I feel he will be a little bit tired because it was a hard run, both two races were very hard. He’ll have a short break now,” Shum said. “He’ll have enough time to recover if we go to the Gold Cup next--2000 metres is his trip, I think that’s a better idea. He’s easy to train but he won both of those two races with his fighting heart, he uses a lot of energy. I have to look after him because he uses himself a lot, it’s better to give him a bit of a break and go again.”

Romantic Warrior has six wins from seven starts over the Sha Tin 2000 metres, his lone blemish coming when beaten by Golden Sixty in last year's Gold Cup. With earnings of nearly HK\$120 million, Romantic Warrior is just the third horse to surpass HK\$100 million, along with Golden Sixty and Beauty Generation (NZ) (Road to Rock {Aus}).

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SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	6	Isolate 	Mark Valeski	Gaffalione	Watson	126
2	4	Celtic Prince (GB)	Shamardal	Pinheiro	Bouresly	126
3	7	Desert Wisdom (GB)	Dubawi (Ire)	Fresu	Al Shemalli	126
4	9	Golden Goal (Ire)	Dark Angel (Ire)	Dobbs	Watson	126
5	3	Quality Humor 	Distorted Humor	C Demuro	Bin Harmash	126
6	10	Road Bloc 	Street Sense	Chavez	Refai	126
7	2	Royal Mews (Fr)	Siyouni (Fr)	O'Shea	Seemar	126
8	1	Secret Ambition (GB)	Exceed and Excel (Aus)	Mullen	Seemar	126
9	8	Mr Raj 	Bolt d'Oro	Beasley	Bin Harmash	125
10	5	Mimi Kakushi (f)	City of Light	Barzalona	Bin Ghadayar	120

Friday, Meydan, UAE, post time: 8.25 p.m.

AL RASHIDIYA S.-G2, AED850,000, 3yo/up, 1800mT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	2	Alfareeq (Ire)	Dark Angel (Ire)	Crowley	Al Mheiri	130
2	8	Ottoman Fleet (GB)	Sea The Stars (Ire)	Doyle	Appleby	128
3	1	Erzindjan (Ire)	Lope de Vega (Ire)	Beasley	Bin Harmash	126
4	5	Goemon (GB)	Dark Angel (Ire)	Shoemark	Shaheen	126
5	11	Highland Avenue (Ire)	Dubawi (Ire)	Mullen	Appleby	126
6	9	Laneqash (GB)	Cable Bay (Ire)	O'Shea	Seemar	126
7	10	Marshall Plan (GB)	Golden Horn (GB)	Fresu	Al Shemalli	126
8	3	Maydanny (Ire)	Dubawi (Ire)	Cosgrave	Al Badwawi	126
9	7	Real World (Ire)	Dark Angel (Ire)	C Demuro	Bin Suroor	126
10	6	Wirko (Ger)	Kingman (GB)	Salas	Bouresly	126
11	4	Measured Time (GB)	Frankel (GB)	Buick	Appleby	123

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QATAR DERBY (Qat-G1, International Black-Type), US\$500,000, 3yo, 2000mT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	10	Alsakib (GB)	Kingman (GB)	Murphy	Balding	128
2	12	Azka (Fr)	Wootton Bassett (GB)	Ladjadj	C & Y Lerner	128
3	5	Bolt Action (Ire)	Kessaar (Ire)	Casamento	Ghazali	128
4	2	Captain Winters (GB)	Lope de Vega (Ire)	Guyon	Al Balushi	128
5	8	Coco Jack (Ire)	Wings Of Eagles (Fr)	Lukasek	Al-Jehani	128
6	6	Colombier (GB)	Kingman (GB)	Saadi	De Mieulle	128
7	11	Dubawi Spectre (GB)	Dubawi (Ire)	C Demuro	Ghazali	128
8	7	Emperor Zen (Ire)	Holy Roman Emperor (Ire)	Delozier	Al Sahn	128
9	9	Ends of the Earth (GB)	Territories (Ire)	Lemaitre	Pantall	128
10	4	Jeff Koons (Ire)	Frankel (GB)	Bughanaim	Al-Jehani	128
11	16	Kovanof (GB)	Dubawi (Ire)	Sanna	De Mieulle	128
12	13	Lil' Frank (GB)	Frankel (GB)	Mosse	Al-Jehani	128
13	14	Make Me King (Fr)	Dark Angel (Ire)	Doyle	Al-Jehani	128
14	1	Palais du Louvre (Ire)	Galileo (Ire)	Crowley	Head	128
15	3	Pearling Path (Fr)	Holy Roman Emperor (Ire)	Smith	Ghazali	128
16	15	Silawi (Ire)	Dubawi (Ire)	Barzalona	De Mieulle	128
Reserves						
17		Serengeti Sunset (GB)	Roaring Lion (GB)	No Rider	Al-Jehani	128
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DRUG TESTING UNDER HISA: WHEN UNIFORMITY AND VARIABILITY COLLIDE



Sarah Andrew

by Dan Ross

From an altitude of 10,000 feet, the Horseracing Integrity and Safety Act (HISA)'s mandated goal is a simple two-pronged affair. Uniformity in welfare and safety. Uniformity in drug testing.

Over the past few months, the Horseracing Integrity and Welfare Unit (HIWU)--HISA's enforcement arm--has made several announcements that have peeled the curtain back on just how difficult the second part of that equation will be to accomplish.

Internal reviews of the **six HIWU-contracted laboratories** uncovered different limits of detection in blood for diabetes drug **Metformin** and for **benzoylecgonine (BZE)**, a metabolite of cocaine. In the case of Metformin, all the positives originated from just the one lab.

After dropping several cases against trainers for Metformin and BZE positives, HIWU explained that it had subsequently harmonized its "testing sensitivity" in blood across the six labs for these two substances, and that it would repeat the harmonization process for other drugs, including **banned substances** of which there are listed well over a thousand.

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REEVES RESPONDS TO GAMING COMMISSION'S APPEALS DISMISSAL

Dean Reeves, the owner of recently disqualified Brick Ambush (Laoban), issued a statement Tuesday, following the **Gaming Commission's decision to not allow appeals relating to last Saturday's Great White Way S. at Aqueduct**. The statement read:

"After receipt of the letter from the NY Gaming commission and further discussion with our attorney Drew Mollica, our trainer Danny Gargan, Patti and I have decided to not to pursue any further action regarding the disqualification of Brick Ambush in the 9th race at Aqueduct on Dec. 16th, 2023.

We maintain our belief that Brick Ambush caused no interference in the race, however, we recognize that all owners who enter a race must adhere to the rules of racing in the State of New York. **Cont. p10**

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TRANSPLANTED COSTA LIVING THE DREAM

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"There are an awful lot of substances out there that we need to sort through, and we won't sort through them until they're actually identified by a laboratory," said HIWU chief of science, Mary Scollay, at a recent HISA town hall. "But we are committed to harmonizing across laboratories in fairness to stakeholders."

Scollay then added this coda: "It's important to realize that the lack of harmonization across laboratories has existed for decades."

For those who have watched drug testing evolve in the sport over the years, Scollay's words hardly came as a shot from the dark. One of the key drivers of federal regulation of horse racing was to eliminate the crap-shoot nature of drug testing under a state-by-state system.

But under HISA, why haven't these differences been ironed out?

The answer involves a bracing plunge into the opaque waters of drug testing, where clear answers can be as easy to retrieve as Excalibur from its stone, and where arcane terminology is used interchangeably depending upon the person talking.

But it turns out that a variety of issues--from different testing equipment to different testing methodologies to different sets of staff interpreting the results--have all played a part in leading the sport to where it finds itself now.

HIWU has "testing specifications" for more than 300 "core" analytes--most of them controlled medications but some banned substances--to which all HIWU-contracted laboratories are required to test.

"Beyond those analytes, HIWU has asked each laboratory to utilize the broadest scope of analysis available to them," wrote Scollay, in response to a list of questions.

Outside of those 300 or so core analytes, therefore, testing variability from facility to facility means the six HIWU-contracted labs are screening for different numbers of substances, and have varying abilities to screen for the same substances, according to drug testing experts. In other words, the same sample sent to two different laboratories could result in two different sets of results.

Furthermore, as HIWU--which was built by Drug Free Sports International--continues to work through a laborious "lab harmonization" process, what are the implications for the horsemen and women facing potentially life-changing sanctions for banned substance violations? And how can stakeholders be assured that newly established harmonized limits adequately factor in the risk of inadvertent contamination, especially those banned substances ubiquitously used by humans?

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"It would be one thing if this was just a fine and a ten-days [ban]," said Cynthia Cole, former director of the University of Florida's (UF) laboratory. No contractual agreement was reached between the UF lab and HISA. In different equine anti-doping cases, Cole has both provided testimony for HIWU, and prepared opinions for trainers defending themselves.

"But these bans, these are career ending for people," Cole added. "I just feel really strongly that the bar should be very high, and that there should be no doubt that there was a violation."

History

"Incredulity and disbelief ran neck and neck, but outrage outstripped them both at Santa Anita Saturday as horsemen reacted angrily to the latest drug scandal to rock thoroughbred racing."

The above paragraph, which reads as though plucked from a story from recent years, instead **originates from a 1989 LA Times article**, when a spate of cocaine positives had entangled several trainers, including leading lights like Wayne Lukas and Laz Barrera.

The reason given for the sudden rash of cocaine positives? That Truesdail Laboratories, the drug testing laboratory used at the time by the California Horse Racing Board (CHRB), had started to use more sophisticated equipment to analyze the samples.

According to **one official at the time**, the "improvements in testing" had suddenly increased the sensitivity of the equipment "10-fold."

In other words, new state-of-the-art instruments were detecting substances in blood and urine at previously unachievable levels. Some said at the time the levels were so small as to be inconsequential--a refrain that has turned into a steady drumbeat in the intervening years.

"The increased sensitivity in drug testing has resulted in a number of things being called positives that never would have been called before," said Eric Hamelback, chief executive officer of the National Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association, **speaking at the 2019 National HBPA Convention**.

The same drumbeat has reverberated around other equine sports, as well.

Nearly 20 years ago, one Irish veterinarian who had administered a "mild sedative" to the high-level show jumper, Landliebe, one-month prior to a failed drug test subsequently issued a **public statement evoking "amazement"** that traces of the drug could still be found in a horse's system after that time.

On a practical front, drug testing has evolved in an attempt to keep up with an ever more sophisticated array of performance enhancing drugs and doping methods.



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In human sports at least, regulators don't appear to be winning that war, for there **remains quite a lag-time** between new drugs coming onto the scene and reliable ways to test for them.

But advances in testing sensitivity has also had the effect of widening the gap between possibility and practice from one lab to the next. For it turns out there exists a complicated set of issues that weigh into testing variability between facilities.

The instruments used to analyze samples, the way tests are prepared for sampling, the types of tests run, the substances being tested for, staffing expertise, ongoing research into the detection of emerging substances and a slew of other issues all play a part.

Just Why Are Labs Different?

In pre-HISA days, individual state commissions contracted their drug testing programs out to individual laboratories. And though most states followed the Association of Racing Commissioners International's (ARCI) model rules, it still left a lot of contractual wriggle room around things like the scope and type of testing performed, what specific matrices--blood or urine, for example--were being tested, and so on.

At the end of the day, however, the relative accuracy and breadth of each drug testing program can--like so many things in life--be distilled down to money. Funding for the drug testing program, for one. And funding to keep the laboratories at the cutting edge of science.

"In a lot of cases, the determining factor in those contracts was price, with the low bidder winning the work," said Richard Sams, an expert in racing chemistry and toxicology. Sams is also a former lab director currently advising several defendants in cases against HIWU.

"Low-bidding often meant limited testing, and oftentimes, not very high quality testing," Sams added.

Take Joe Gorajec's term as executive director of the Indiana Horse Racing Commission.

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Back in 2015, he organized for blood samples taken from harness and Quarter horses to be sent to the California-based Truesdail Laboratory--the Commission's official lab at the time--and to two audit laboratories: LGC in Kentucky, and Industrial Laboratories in Colorado.

Gorajec's actions led to the Indiana racing commission severing ties with Truesdail after it failed to detect in three samples high levels of commonly used corticosteroids that the other two laboratories detected.

Under HISA, of course, the regulatory dynamic in drug testing has changed. But horse racing has swapped out a patchwork quilt of different rules for a patchwork quilt of different labs.

Though a single entity now contracts out a set of testing requirements to six different laboratories, the fact that no two labs are created equal remains a thorn in the side of testing uniformity. And experts single out two primary reasons why.

One concerns the instruments used to analyze the samples. In a recent presentation at the Global Symposium on Racing in Arizona, Scollay compared the situation to the use of different ovens from kitchen to kitchen.

This is where the specter of poor funding continues to loom large. "Some of the laboratories have brand new instruments--state of the art," said Cole. "Other laboratories, not so much."

Historically well-funded laboratories like UC Davis's "Maddy Lab" in California and the University of Kentucky's Equine Analytical Chemistry Laboratory have "a lot of new equipment and a lot of very well-trained chemists and technicians," said Cole.

When it comes to HIWU-contracted laboratories like the Ohio Department of Agriculture's Analytical Toxicology Laboratory, and the Animal Forensic Toxicology Laboratory at the University of Illinois-Chicago, "these are smaller laboratories with generally older equipment," Cole said.



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"Over the years, they've adapted to what they've been asked to do, and they've developed their own methods of testing and confirmation methods, and they're not the same," said Cole.

To get a gauge on just how crucial funding can be, a top-of-range liquid chromatography-mass spectrometry system can retail around the \$750k mark. And these machines can have a shelf-life of only around a decade, give or take a few years, due to ongoing technological advances.

The other key area concerns drug testing extraction methods. This is the process by which the substance or analyte is removed from the blood or urine to be examined under an instrument like a mass spectrometer.

There are all sorts of different extraction processes for different analytes, and each of these processes can be "substantially different" depending on the lab, Sams said.

"The fraction of the drug that's present in the sample that gets removed by the process can vary considerably from one lab to the next," said Sams.

Horse racing is far from the only sport confronting these sorts of problems. Just take this 2022 paper, in which three Norwegian researchers focus on the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA)'s approach to drug testing in human athletics.

"Some laboratories are capable of detecting lower concentrations of prohibited substances than other laboratories, simply because the laboratories may use different equipment and/or test methods," the researchers write.

HIWU'S Approach

If lab variability has been a decades-long problem ensnaring all professional sports, not just horse racing, why has it become a lightning rod under HISA?

One of HISA's most compelling selling points has been the advent of a level playing field comprising the same drug testing rules and a stable of accredited laboratories "testing for the same banned and controlled medicines at the same level," as HISA CEO, Lisa Lazarus, **put it in September of this year.**

But for the reasons already identified, the goal of a completely fair drug testing playing field for all participants--no matter their location in the country and no matter where a sample is sent--is a major challenge when dealing with multiple laboratories.

The more labs needing to be unified in their capabilities, equipment and approaches, the more complex and expensive the problem.

For U.S. horse racing, the crux of this issue primarily surrounds HISA's lengthy list of banned substances--those substances, in other words, beyond the more than 300 core analytes that

HIWU's six labs can test for reliably.

Banned substances are not supposed to be detected in a horse's system at any point, racing or training. As such, violations for these substances come with the heaviest penalties under HISA, including a potential two-year ban for the trainer. No trifling matter, therefore.

Unlike most controlled substances under HISA--those with set thresholds and screening limits--banned substances under HISA are being tested to **limits of detection**, which is the lowest concentration of a substance that can be identified by a laboratory. And different labs can have different limits of detection for the same substances. That's if they're testing for them at all.

As Cole puts it, "I think the really difficult issue has come up with the banned substances, which is where they basically have said, 'if it's there at all, it should be called.' That's been a problem because you can have a laboratory that's very, very good at finding [a banned substance], and then another lab where their ability to detect [a banned substance] isn't as good."

When asked about this aspect of the drug testing program, Lazarus wrote in emailed answers to questions that "it is important to remember that all samples at any given racetrack go to the same Laboratory," so lab variability is not a problem within the same "races and meets."

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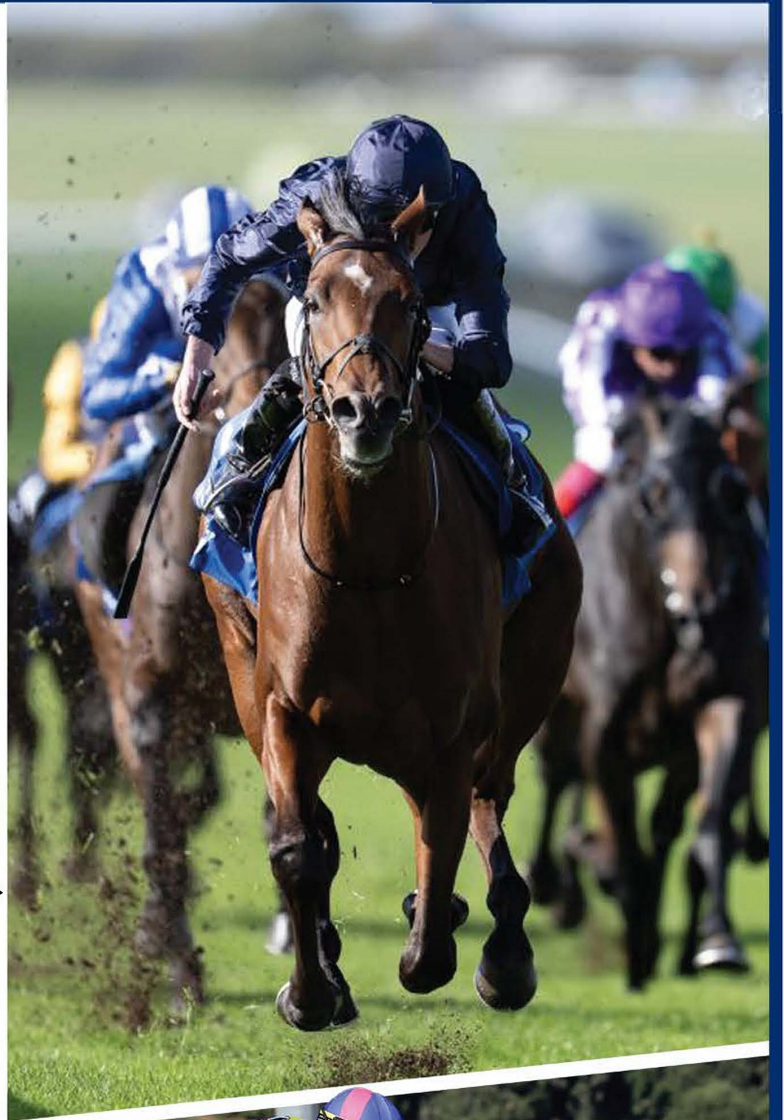
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It's unclear just how many banned substances for which HIWU has set harmonized limits of detection. Nor will the specific limits be made public, once established.

"HISA/HIWU cannot comment on the number of Banned Substances that have a harmonized Limit of Detection," wrote Scollay. "Since Banned Substances should never be in a horse, laboratory testing specifications for them are not published."

Another key question is this: Exactly how many substances is each lab routinely screening for?

According to one state regulator--who asked to remain anonymous--the most proficient HIWU-contracted laboratories are screening for around double the number of substances as some other HIWU-contracted labs.

Scollay didn't deny the claim, but explained how beyond the more than the 300 "core" analytes, "HIWU cannot speak to the overall capabilities of each lab." She added, however, that a key part of the harmonization process is the "collaboration and sharing of information" between labs.

Human Drugs

Which leads to the issue of those banned substances which are commonly found in everyday life, like legitimately prescribed human drugs.

What process is the agency using to ensure that the harmonized limits of detection weigh the possibility of intentional misuse of a banned drug in a racehorse against the threat of inadvertent contamination?

In her written responses, Scollay explained that the agency uses any or all of the following criteria to set "relevant, effective, and achievable" harmonized limits of detection in banned drugs:

1--A survey of the laboratories to determine their current capabilities to detect the substance.

2--Conducting a review of the science surrounding the substance to determine illicit use in human and equine sports, or its effects in other mammalian species.

3--Assessing the threat level of the substance. "I.e., the potential for that substance to be present in the horse's environment beyond the control of the trainer," Scollay wrote.

Scollay wrote that HISA and HIWU also consult the international community on testing specifications, "and consider their controls on Banned Substances and Controlled Medications that are not regulated by Screening Limits or Thresholds."

A feature of the new regulatory environment is the potential for trainers to be provisionally suspended for banned drug positives while they await a hearing.

In Jonathon Wong's case, for example, the trainer has been **provisionally suspended** for at least 170 days for a June 1 Metformin positive.

What happens if one of the six HIWU-contracted labs detects a new banned substance without a harmonized limit of detection? How will the cases be handled while the harmonization process takes place?

"The actions taken will depend on the specific circumstances of the case with an emphasis on fairness to all racing participants," wrote Scollay.

International Community

International regulators like the **British Horseracing Authority** avoid the issue of lab variability by using only using one primary facility to test their samples in their jurisdiction.

But how do other international jurisdictions handle substances with no established international threshold, residue or screening limits?

In Europe, at least, the answer sounds familiar.

The European Horserace Scientific Liaison Committee (EHSCL) considers some substances to be prohibited-at-all-times, as is the case with anabolic steroids and other anabolic agents. For these substances, European laboratories generally work to the lowest concentrations their confirmatory analysis procedures allow.

But the EHSCL also maintains an evolving list of substances that have "target sensitivities"--in other words, agreed-upon screening concentrations similar in effect to HIWU's "harmonized limits of detection," said Clive Pearce, an internationally renowned animal sports medication and doping control expert.

To generate this list, the EHSCL's veterinarians, analytical chemists, pharmacologists, and racing administrators work together to select substances whose presence in a racehorse's blood or urine sample would be of particular concern.

What are these concerns? That such substances are, for example, unlicensed veterinary products, routinely used human medicines, or environmental and plant-based contaminants, Pearce explained.

The "sensitivities" agreed upon for each substance reflect the concentrations considered to have the potential to affect a racehorse's performance or to compromise its welfare.

More broadly, for all substances subject to the EHSCL's process for achieving drug screening harmonization, the most important consideration is that all its laboratories are able to routinely deliver the same level of detection, said Pearce.



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According to Pearce, the list of substances with "target sensitivities"--drug substances and their major metabolites in both blood plasma and urine--total about 150.

At the symposium in Arizona, Scollay explained that there are now new "open lines of communication" between HIWU and the EHSCL.

Why can't the EHSCL simply share all relevant information on substances with "target sensitivities" with HIWU, therefore? It turns out it's not that simple.

"The international community's research and laboratory testing specifications are confidential," Scollay wrote. "International jurisdictions limit their information dissemination due to potentially compromising their own anti-doping and medication control programs."

Other experts consulted for this story were more specific. They explained that the litigious nature of U.S. horse racing can make international jurisdictions wary of sharing with their American counterparts sensitive information that might be publicly divulged during a case.

If all boats can't be lifted by readily shared information across international borders, how else then to make the program here better, quicker?

Solutions

Gorajec is all in on federal oversight of racing. He played an instrumental part in getting HISA passed in Washington. But he said he has his reservations about the current drug testing program.

"This shouldn't be an issue at this juncture," said Gorajec, highlighting the documented problems associated with uniformly detecting BZE, the cocaine metabolite long on regulators' radars. "They had a couple, three years to get their arms around this. Cocaine has been around for decades."

HIWU-contracted labs must be accredited with an international standards organization and with the Racing Medication and Testing Consortium (RMTTC), the latter of which handles an external quality assurance program, which includes single- and double-blind testing of the six labs.

HIWU officials are also putting together another accreditation

program to "build on the foundations" of the international and RMTTC accreditation systems as the agency "moves testing laboratories towards harmonization of methodologies and sensitivities across the spectrum of Prohibited Substances."

What would help, Gorajec said, would be to significantly raise accreditation standards to whittle down the number of

HIWU-contracted labs to just the most proficient. "That should have already been done," he said.

When asked about Gorajec's comments, Lazarus wrote that HIWU will evaluate the contracted laboratories on a regular basis, "and if a Laboratory does not meet HIWU's performance criteria, it will not be continued in the program."

Cole suggested for HIWU to establish an oversight committee-possibly populated by a chemist, a veterinary pharmacologist and an industry figure-to review new or unusual

findings and make recommendations as to whether they should be pursued.

"They are trying to fix the plane while it is in the air," said Cole, about the work HIWU officials are doing to fix the problem of lab variability. "But they are trying."

According to Ed Martin, president of the Association of Racing Commissioners International (ARCI)--another key industry figure **not shy of voicing his concerns and frustrations** with the federal law--HIWU should convene a long meeting between the various lab directors with the sole purpose of reaching an agreement as to what the "point of regulatory action" is on a list of some of the more commonly called substances.

"It would seem to me, the best way to insulate themselves from legal challenges would be to get that done sooner rather than later," Martin added.

In response to Martin's suggestion, Scollay wrote that HIWU conducts weekly meetings with the directors of its contracted laboratories.

"There have been multiple discussions regarding strategies to achieve harmonization," she wrote. "All the directors are committed to this goal, but all parties recognize that time is needed to reach it. In short, meetings are already happening on a weekly basis."

When asked about her overall thoughts as to the harmonization process, Lazarus wrote that she was "absolutely thrilled" at the progress made in the time given.



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"The discrepancies amongst states under the prior system were significant, so to be where we are at such an early stage is a major benefit to the industry," wrote Lazarus. "I am also proud of the transparency and adjustments HIWU has made when a non-harmonized analyte is identified. These adjustments have all been to the benefit of horsemen. Prior to HISA, this level of transparency did not exist at the Laboratory level."

As racing continues to grapple with the practical and legal conundrums posed by lab variability, stakeholders can seek cold comfort from the fact they are not alone.

The Norwegian researchers critical of WADA's drug testing program zero in on the testing of "so-called non-threshold substances" for accusations of subjectivity. "These tests lack objective and quantifiable decision limits that undisputedly resolve whether test results should be interpreted as positive or negative," they write.

The lack of "clearly defined criteria for doping tests," the researchers added, "carries a great risk of punishing innocent athletes and undermines the fight against doping in international sports."

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Dean Reeves Statement, cont. from p1

Reeves continued, "However it is our hope that by shining light on this unfortunate disqualification we, in someway, help to improve our industry moving forward for the betterment of all of us who love this sport, not only owners, trainers, and jockeys, but those who wager as well.

Patti and I have enjoyed racing in New York, and we value our relationship with everyone at NYRA.

We would like to thank the racing community for all their support and encouragement as a result of this disqualification."

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NEW YORK-BRED BREEDING AWARD RATE INCREASED FOR 2024

The New York State Thoroughbred Breeding & Development Fund Corporation (the Fund) Board of Directors' unanimously approved a motion during its Dec. 12 meeting to increase the breeder award rates for all New York-breds, the organization announced Tuesday. The increase, which covers all New York breds competing in the state beginning Jan. 1, was approved by the Fund board due to projected revenue increases expected in the upcoming season.

An increased hold-back rate from 10-15% will also be implemented to ensure the Fund can payout awards up to the new advertised rates.

"This historic increase in breeder awards is monumental news for all breeders currently participating in the New York-bred program. It's another reason why New York remains the top regional state-bred program in the nation and why more breeders should bring their mares to foal in New York," said New York Thoroughbred Breeders executive Najja Thompson.

The new breeder's awards rate schedule for NY-breds in 2024:

2024 New York-Bred Program Breeder Awards

New York-Sired*	'24 Award (% Earned)	2023 Rate
First Place	40%	30%
Second Place	20%	15%
Third Place	10%	15%
Cap per Award	\$40,000	\$40,000

Non-New York-Sired*	'24 Award (% Earned)	2023 Rate
First Place	20%	15%
Second Place	10%	7.5%
Third Place	5%	7.5%
Cap per Award	\$20,000	\$20,000

"These bigger better bonuses reward breeders for creating quality race horses," said the Fund's Tracy Egan. "Board Chairman Brian O'Dwyer encouraged the Board to find away to get award money out the door to award earners as quickly as possible and by hiking breeder awards, we will do that."

The Fund pays breeder, owner and stallion awards across six pay periods a year: Jan-Feb, Mar-April, May-June, July-August, Sept.-October, November-December.

In conjunction with the these higher awards, 15% will be held back each period, however, are expected to be paid back at the conclusion of the fiscal year.

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REMINGTON CONCLUDES 2023 MEET

Remington Park's 2023 meeting concluded Dec. 16, after having set a new record in pari-mutuel handle Sept. 24 when a 10-race card generated \$4,128,147. The 67-day season ended with a decrease in pari-mutuel handle—a total of \$82,494,143 wagered throughout the season, a 3.8% decrease from the 2023 total of \$85,761,277. Export handle from outside Remington provided the largest portion of the handle at \$79,426,201. That is a 3.7% dip from last year's handle of \$82,494,002.

Remington Park controlled handle, on-track and one off-track site, was \$3,067,942, down 6% from \$3,267,225 in 2022.

Remington hosted 605 races this season, five more than in 2022. From opening day Aug. 18 through the conclusion of the turf season Nov. 11, 92 races were run over the turf this season compared to 108 a year ago. The total purses for the season of \$15,847,215 produced a daily average of \$236,525. A total of 4,767 horses competed in the 605 events for an average field size per race of 7.9.

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(My Shea D Lady--New York Stallion Series S.; Wynstock--Los Alamitos Futurity-GII)

Stay Thirsty (Bernardini) 20 3
(Last Call London--King Glorious S.)

Street Sense (Street Cry {Ire}) 84 34
(Otto the Conqueror--Remington Springboard Mile S.-L)

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Favorite Moment

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Mark Taylor | *Fasig-Tipton*

There are so many great moments from 2023. It really is hard to choose. I would say that from a "Taylor Made" perspective it has to be selling the highest-priced yearling in North America. The **Curlin** colt out of the legendary Beholder was raised and prepped beautifully by the team at Spendthrift. Having the opportunity to represent Spendthrift on a horse of that quality was a blessing for our whole Team!

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SUGAR SWIRL S.-GIII, \$125,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Bluefield	Field Commission	Edward A. Seltzer	Joseph, Jr.	Zayas	120
2	My Destiny	Majesticperfection	Sam Wilensky	Wilensky	Gonzalez	122
3	Magna Massa	The Big Beast	Heather Irion	Irion	Arrieta	118
4	Intrepid Daydream	Jess's Dream	Miller Racing LLC	Joseph, Jr.	Gaffalione	120
5	Olivia Darling	Palace	Amo Racing USA	Delgado	Ortiz, Jr.	120
6	Headland	Paynter	Thomas Brockley	Weaver	Saez	120
7	Napa Candy	Candy Ride (Arg)	Donald R. Dizney LLC	Oliver	Velazquez	120
8	Spirit Wind	Bahamian Squall	Jacks or Better Farm, Inc.	David	Ortiz	120

Breeders: 1-Ed Pendray & Edward A. Seltzer, 2-Donamire Farm, 3-John Grossi, 4-Paul L. Fowler, Jr., 5-Shalom Farm & Ramon Martinez, 6-Sheltoewe Farm & WinStar Farm, LLC, 7-Donald R. Dizney, LLC & W. S. Farish, 8-Jacks or Better Farm Inc.

Saturday, Gulfstream #10, post time: 4:36 p.m. EST

MR. PROSPECTOR S.-GIII, \$125,000, 3yo/up, 7f

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Great Navigator	Sea Wizard	Holly Crest Farm	Owens, Jr	Diaz, Jr.	120
2	Howbeit	Secret Circle	David A. Bernsen LLC, Weijland Holdings LLC, Aldabbagh, Omar and Lambert, Jeffrey	Morey	Bravo	122
3	Scaramouche	Munnings	Nicholas Cammarano, Jr.	Preciado	Velazquez	122
4	Winfromwithin	Into Mischief	David A Bernsen LLC and Aldabbagh, Omar	Morey	Saez	122
5	Hurricane J	Nyquist	Amo Racing USA	Delgado	Ortiz, Jr.	118
6	Dreaming of Kona	Fast Anna	Aldana Gonzalez Racing, Ballou, Lisa & Steve	Spieth	Spieth	122
7	Gilmore	Twirling Candy	SF Racing LLC, Starlight Racing, Madaket Stables, Masterson, R, Stonestreet Stables, Schoenfarber, J Waves Edge Capital LLC and Donovan, Catherine	Walsh	Ortiz	120
8	Long Range Toddy	Take Charge Indy	Veb Racing Stable Corp	Barboza, Jr.	Jaramillo	122
9	Sibelius	Not This Time	Park, Jun H. and Nash, Delia	O'Dwyer	Alvarado	124

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IN SOUTH KOREA:

Good Happy, c, 2, **Cloud Computing**--Thundering Gale, by Thunderello. Seoul, 12-17, Hcp. (C4), 1400m. B-C Kidder & N Cole (KY). *1/2 to Thundering Creed (Jimmy Creed), GSP, \$422,415. **\$22,000 Wlg '21 KEENOV; \$30,000 Ylg '22 FTKOCT. **VIDEO (SC 6)**

I Am Jjang, c, 2, **Sky Mesa**--Sly Beauty (SW & GSP-Can, \$143,455), by Into Mischief. Seoul, 12-17, Hcp. (C3), 1400m. B-Debby M Oxley (KY). *\$42,000 Ylg '22 FTKOCT. **VIDEO (SC 2)**

IN THE DARBY DAN TRADITION

Eclairfury, f, 2, **Take Charge Indy**--Moon Princess, by Songandaprayer. Seoul, 12-16, Hcp. (C4), 1200m. B-Silver Lining Farm LLC (KY). *Won by two lengths as the 1-10 favorite to take her record to two wins from two starts. **\$15,000 Ylg '22 FTKOCT; \$40,000 2yo '23 FTMMAY.

Yeoungung Buhwal, c, 2, **West Coast**--Bay River, by Pioneer of the Nile. Seoul, 12-16, Hcp. (C4), 1200m. B-Stoneriggs Farm (KY). *Won by six lengths. **\$40,000 Ylg '22 FTKOCT. **VIDEO (SC 4)**

IN PERU:

Macanuda, f, 2, **Noble Mission (GB)**--Bronte (GB), by **Oasis Dream (GB)**. Monterrico, 12-16, Allowance, 1900mT. B-Don Alberto Corporation (KY). *\$7,500 Ylg '22 KEESEP. **VIDEO (SC 4)**

IN MEXICO:

Liam's Crown, c, 2, **Liam's Map**--Intermittent, by Bernardini. Hipodromo de las Americas, 12-16, XXIII Campeonato Juvenil (Mex-G1, NBT), 1 1/16m. B-Siena Farms LLC (KY). *Won by 10 3/4 lengths to remain unbeaten in six career tries. **\$1,500 RNA Ylg '22 FTKOCT.

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Briseida, f, 2, **Runhappy**--La Piba (SW, \$157,001), by **Lookin At Lucky**. Hipodromo de las Americas, 12-16, XIII Campeonato Juvenil (Mex-G1, NBT), 1 1/16m. B-Clarkland Farm LLC (KY). *\$80,000 Ylg '22 KEESEP.

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Mi Vecino, h, 5, **Jack Milton**--Best of Times, by **Mineshaft**. Hipodromo de las Americas, 12-16, LXXI Handicap Copa de Oro (Mex-G1, NBT), 1 3/16m. B-Rebel Racing, R Hancock & David Walker (KY). *1/2 to Promise of Spring (Drosselmeyer), MSW, \$226,442. **Ch. 2yo Colt, Ch. Older Horse & Ch. Imp. Horse of the Year-Mex. ***\$3,000 Ylg '19 KEESEP.

IN THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC:

El Exterminador D, c, 2, **Bucchero**--Bernie's Gold (MSP, \$254,441), by Hunting Hard. V Centenario, 12-16, Allowance, 1100m. B-Raymond Mamone Jr (FL). *Having won his maiden by 16 3/4 lengths at first asking Oct. 31, followed up to score here by about 15 lengths. **1/2 to Rayarewethereyet (**First Dude**), SP, \$170,747. ***\$9,500 Ylg '22 OBSOCT; \$10,000 2yo '23 OBSJUN. **VIDEO (SC 1)**



Saturday's Results:

3rd-Chukyo, ¥15,200,000 (\$105,366), Allowance, 3yo/up, 1400m, 1:24.2, my.

JOVIAN (c, 3, Justify--Runway Doll, by Majestic Warrior) broke his maiden in the second of two runs as a juvenile and was looking to return to winning ways in his third start off a 10-month absence. Quickest away from gate eight for Hollie Doyle, the 3-5 favorite argued the pace three wide down the back and held that position for the run around the turn. Asked to kick with 400 meters to travel, the \$250,000 OBS March breezer edged in front and held on with good determination to take it by a head. DS Stable purchased the winner's dam for \$380,000 in foal to **American Pharoah** at the 2018 Keeneland November sale and for that operation, the mare produced the now-juvenile colt Donegal Warrior (**Uncle Mo**), a \$200,000 FTKJUL yearling. Runway Doll changed hands for \$200,000 at KEENOV in 2021 and the in-utero foal, a colt by **Nyquist**, was hammered down to AMO Racing for \$400,000 at Keeneland September this past fall. Runway Doll is also represented by a weanling **Medaglia d'Oro** filly and is due to Authentic. Sales history: \$250,000 2yo '22 OBSMAR. Lifetime Record: 5-2-1-0, \$121,611. O-Kazumi Yoshida; B-DS Stable LLC (KY); T-Yutaka Okumura.



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2023 Stud Fees Listed

Audible (Into Mischief), WinStar Farm, \$25,000
 150 foals of racing age/17 winners/2 black-type winners
 5-Turfway, 7:55 p.m. EST, Msw 6 1/2f, Nota Belle, 8-1

Big Time Player (Candy Ride {Arg})
 12 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners
 7-Turfway, 8:55 p.m. EST, Aoc 6f, Rodeo Zone, 15-1

Maximus Mischief (Into Mischief), Spendthrift Farm, \$7,500
 136 foals of racing age/31 winners/3 black-type winners
 8-Tampa Bay Downs, 4:22 p.m. EST, Msw 6 1/2f, Managing Mischief, 5-2
 \$160,000 KEE SEP yr; \$115,000 FTD OCT 2yo
 8-Tampa Bay Downs, 4:22 p.m. EST, Msw 6 1/2f, Princess Gladys, 8-1
 \$32,000 KEE SEP yr; \$37,000 RNA OBS APR 2yo; \$50,000 OBS OPN 2yo

World of Trouble (Kantharos), Hill 'n' Dale at Xalapa, \$5,000
 89 foals of racing age/16 winners/1 black-type winner
 7-Turfway, 8:55 p.m. EST, Aoc 6f, Untroubled, 15-1

SECOND-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: WEDNESDAY, DEC. 20

2023 Stud Fees Listed

Tapwrit (Tapit), Gainesway Farm, \$10,000
 177 foals of racing age/52 winners/4 black-type winners
 5-Turfway, 7:55 p.m. EST, Msw 6 1/2f, These Apples, 10-1
 \$34,000 RNA FTK OCT yr; \$110,000 OBS APR 2yo

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ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

10th-Zia, \$71,500, (S), (NW2\$Y)/Opt. Clm (\$35,000), 12-18, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:10.62, ft, 2 lengths.

LARIAT (g, 6, Southwestern Heat--Charlotte's Drone, by B. G.'s Drone) Lifetime Record: SW, 24-8-3-1, \$262,203. O-Margaret V. Bloss; B-Robert & DelRae Driggers (NM); T-Nancy Summers. *\$41,000 Ylg '18 RUIAUG. **1/2 to Tilla Cat (Attila's Storm), SW, \$369,369; Bella Dona (Attila's Storm), MSW, \$858,918; and No Pasa Nada (Attila's Storm), MSP, \$433,488.

7th-Zia, \$61,635, 12-19, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 5f, :57.68, ft, 2 1/4 lengths.

TIZ A JOURNEY (f, 3, Punctuate--J Dreamer, by Stellar Rain) Lifetime Record: SP, 6-3-1-0, \$142,640. O/B-Lonnie Huseman (NM); T-Joel H. Marr.

7th-Delta Downs, \$36,300, 12-19, (NW2LX), 3yo/up, f/m, 5f, 1:00.14, ft, 3/4 length.

RING TWICE (f, 3, Atreides--Ringmistress, by Bandini) Lifetime Record: 11-2-3-2, \$80,303. O-Kindred Thoroughbreds LLC; B-George Krikorian (CA); T-Karl Broberg. *\$5,000 Ylg '21 FTKOCT. **1/2 to Ring Leader (Paynter), SW, \$193,239.

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2nd-Delta Downs, \$36,000, 12-19, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2f, 1:20.18, ft, 3 1/4 lengths.

TENNESSEE MOON (f, 3, Ransom the Moon--Tennessee Whiskey, by Smart Strike) Lifetime Record: 14-5-3-1, \$74,740. O/T-Mark N. Hibdon; B-Calumet Farm (KY). *1/2 to Dack Janiel's (Tonalist), GSP, \$206,277.

7th-Mahoning Valley, \$28,400, 12-19, (NW2X), 3yo/up, f/m, 1m 70y, 1:45.26, my, 1 1/4 lengths.

GRAY ROYALTY (m, 5, Graydar--Young Royalty, by Royal Academy) Lifetime Record: 35-7-7-6, \$132,786. O-Jill Sweeting; B-George E. Bates Trustee (KY); T-Craig Sweeting. *\$2,500 Wlg '18 KEENOV; \$8,000 2yo '20 OBSOPN.

6th-Mahoning Valley, \$25,900, 12-19, (NW2L), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:14.48, my, head.

SICILIAN STYLE TWO (f, 4, Protonico--Addibel Lightning {MSP, \$197,128}, by Colonel John) Lifetime Record: 9-2-1-3, \$46,585. O-Hurst Racing Stable LLC; B-International Equities Holding, Inc. (KY); T-Johanna Urieta.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Gunner Gabriel, g, 2, **Dialed In**--Simonetta, by Harlan's Holiday. Mahoning Valley, 12-19, (S), 6f, 1:13.77. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, \$22,260. B-Daniel J. & Patricia J. Yates (OH). *\$27,000 RNA Ylg '22 KEESOP; \$15,000 Ylg '22 OTBOMX. **1/2 to Mitos Y Leyendas (Kantharos), SP, \$192,885.

Ogallala, f, 2, **Hard Spun**--Clara Allen, by **Curlin**. Zia, 12-19, 6f, 1:11.58. Lifetime Record: 5-1-1-3, \$44,837. B-Stoneriggs Farm (KY). *\$22,000 Ylg '22 KEESOP.

Lonesome Boy, c, 2, **Nationhood**--Atta Girl Pearl, by Atta Boy Roy. Parx Racing, 12-19, (C), 7f, 1:26.84. Lifetime Record: 7-1-2-1, \$46,594. B-Pat & Mullan Chinn (WA).

Summertime Peppers, c, 2, **Peppered Cat**--Summertime Gal, by Summer Bird. Delta Downs, 12-19, (S), (C), 5f, :59.37. Lifetime Record: 4-1-1-1, \$36,130. B-Perry & Denise Martin (LA). *\$23,000 RNA Ylg '22 LTBSYM.

Booster Shot, g, 3, **Arrogate**--Jazaalah, by **Hard Spun**. Parx Racing, 12-19, 1m 70y, 1:47.53. Lifetime Record: 10-1-1-3, \$58,457. B-Nice Guys Stable (KY). *\$47,000 RNA 2yo '22 OBSAPR.

Itsablingthing, f, 3, **Pontiff**--It's My Knight, by Yes It's True. Mahoning Valley, 12-19, 6f, 1:13.63. Lifetime Record: 8-1-2-2, \$39,894. B-Warlock Stables (WA). *\$11,000 RNA Ylg '21 FTCAJR.

No Gain N No Will, g, 3, **Punctuate**--Colors of Pompeii (SP, \$122,875), by Tricky Creek. Zia, 12-19, (S), 6f, 1:10.60. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, \$38,500. B-Terry Bill Adams (NM).

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Atreides, Ring Twice, f, 3, o/o Ringmistress, by Bandini. ALW, 12-19, Delta Downs

Dialed In, Gunner Gabriel, g, 2, o/o Simonetta, by Harlan's Holiday. MSW, 12-19, Mahoning Valley

Graydar, Gray Royalty, m, 5, o/o Young Royalty, by Royal Academy. ALW, 12-19, Mahoning Valley

Hard Spun, Ogallala, f, 2, o/o Clara Allen, by **Curlin**. MSW, 12-19, Zia

Nationhood, Lonesome Boy, c, 2, o/o Atta Girl Pearl, by Atta Boy Roy. MCL, 12-19, Parx Racing

Peppered Cat, Summertime Peppers, c, 2, o/o Summertime Gal, by Summer Bird. MCL, 12-19, Delta Downs

Pontiff, Itsablingthing, f, 3, o/o It's My Knight, by Yes It's True. MSW, 12-19, Mahoning Valley

Protonico, Sicilian Style Two, f, 4, o/o Addibel Lightning, by Colonel John. ALW, 12-19, Mahoning Valley

Punctuate, Tiz a Journey, f, 3, o/o J Dreamer, by Stellar Rain. ALW, 12-19, Zia

Punctuate, No Gain N No Will, g, 3, o/o Colors of Pompeii, by Tricky Creek. MSW, 12-19, Zia

Ransom the Moon, Tennessee Moon, f, 3, o/o Tennessee Whiskey, by Smart Strike. ALW, 12-19, Delta Downs

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