



## ED HARPER Q&A: "WHAT EXCITES ME MOST IS OUR HORSES WINNING ON THE TRACK"



Ed Harper | Tattersalls

*It has been a big year for Whitsbury Manor Stud. From a landmark success with homebred Chaldean going on to win the 2,000 Guineas for Juddmonte, his half-sister Get Ahead selling for 2.5m gns at public auction and the continued rise of superstar stallion Havana Grey, 2023 has been the gift that keeps on giving for Ed Harper and his team.*

*There is plenty, still, to look forward to next year, with fellow Whitsbury-based stallion Sergei Prokofiev set to be represented by his first crop of runners and Dragon Symbol taking up his position on the roster. From all things Whitsbury to reflecting on the breeding stock sales, the ever-engaging Harper makes for required reading in this week's Q&A. [Cont. p3](#)*

## EQUINOX NAMED HORSE OF THE YEAR IN INAUGURAL TIMEFORM AWARDS

Japan's **Equinox (Jpn)** (Kitsan Black {Jpn}) has been named Horse Of The Year by Timeform--besting G1 Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe hero **Ace Impact (Ire)** (Cracksman {GB}) and GI Breeders' Cup Turf winner **Auguste Rodin (Ire)** (Deep Impact {Jpn})--in the inaugural Timeform Awards, it was announced Wednesday. Trained by Tetsuya Kimura, the colt earned a 136 rating in his career finale in the G1 Japan Cup.

Equinox, who also stood atop of the Leading Male 3yo/up category, also garnered the Champion Of The Rest Of The World award, ahead of **Golden Sixty (Aus)** (**Medaglia d'Oro**), who equalled his highest ever rating (129) with a score in this month's G1 Hong Kong Mile, and GI Breeders' Cup Dirt Mile winner **Cody's Wish (Curlin)** (129), who finished as joint runners up.

Leading the fray in other divisions:

- G1 Dewhurst S. victor **City Of Troy (Justify)** earned a 125 rating thus securing the Leading 2YO award.
- **Ace Impact** (133) was crowned Champion Of Europe ahead of **Westover (GB)** (**Frankel {GB}**) (131) and **Hukum (Ire)** (**Sea The Stars {Ire}**) (130)
- **Emily Upjohn (GB)** (**Sea The Stars {Ire}**) (126) led her John and Thady Gosden-trained stablemate **Inspiral (GB)** (**Frankel {GB}**) (125) in the Female 3yo+ Category

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Mark McStay



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*Freshman sire **Calyx** recorded his 25th winner for the season with first-time starter **Zandita**, winning at Lingfield Wednesday,*

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**You must look back on 2023 pretty fondly with Whitsbury Manor Stud homebred Chaldean winning the 2,000 Guineas for Juddmonte?**

We wouldn't have a lot of runners in Classic races because of the types of stallions we stand but, obviously, we use a few outside stallions every year. When you use the best stallion around [Frankel], you hope to provide yourself with a chance to step up on quality. It couldn't have worked out any better with Chaldean winning the 2,000 Guineas.

**Where would that rank?**

A great milestone. It ranked very highly but I don't feel as though it was a whole heap of hard work that produced the result. For example, producing a stallion like Showcasing or Havana Grey, that takes five or six years of hard work from every team member pulling in the same direction.



Dragon Symbol (right) | racingfotos.com

A result like Chaldean is a piece of good judgement in the sales ring to buy the mare by Dad, which isn't to be underestimated, but even he would admit that there is a lot of luck involved. So, you get yourself a diamond mare in Suelita, what are you going to do with her? You're going to send her to a diamond stallion. It's brilliant, and it's fantastic, but it's not comparable to the whole Whitsbury machine working together for years to make a stallion. I see the two things very differently.

**You must have got a lot of pleasure at seeing Chaldean's half-sister Get Ahead, a talented mare in her own right, selling for 2.5m gns to Ian MacAleavy's First Bloodstock?**

I'd have rathered if we didn't have to sell her! We have to remind ourselves that the function of Whitsbury is not to have a small, uber broodmare band sending mares to the best stallions on the planet.

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**BLUE ROSE GEN**

- 2022 **Champion 2YO in France**
- 2022 Prix Marcel Boussac-Gr.1 by 5 lengths
- 2023 Poule d'Essai des Pouliches-Gr.1
- 2023 Prix de Diane-Gr.1 by 4 lengths
- 2023 Prix de l'Opera-Gr.1



**VADENI**

- 2022 **Champion 3YO in Europe**
- 2022 Prix du Jockey Club-Gr.1 by 5 lengths
- 2022 Eclipse Stakes-Gr.1

**LEADING 3RD CROP SIRES IN EUROPE 2023**

Sire	2024 Fee	GSWs	G1Ws	Earnings
1 <b>CHURCHILL</b>	€30,000	7	1	€5,963,050
2 <b>ZARAK</b>	€60,000	8	1	€4,234,033

Arion Pedigrees, 6/12/23

**CHURCHILL**

Yearlings in 2023 sold for €380,000, €365,000, €365,000, €340,000 etc.

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Our job is to keep small breeders alive in England because, without them, there is no breeding industry in this country. If we can sell Get Ahead and support the business in areas that help, such as the grassroots by making stallions, then that's our job. Effectively, weighing up the sale of Get Ahead, we can't be everything to everyone. You can't be brilliant at everything. It doesn't work like that for anybody. So weighing it up, we ask ourselves what our priority is. Is it looking out into the paddock and seeing the occasional super mare going to the super stallion or is it making the next stallion? We effectively prioritised the buying of Dragon Symbol over keeping Get Ahead. That's the choice we made.

**I'll go on to Dragon Symbol in a second but, when you mentioned Whitsbury supporting the grassroots players in England, I just wonder how you would look back on the breeding stock sales on a personal level taking into consideration how many smaller breeders took a kicking?**

The most satisfying thing for us this year was the 20 to 30 smaller breeders who really benefited from Havana Grey. That means that some of those breeders can reinvest and possibly step up the next rung up the ladder, which is great, or, on a slightly scarier level, it means some will survive another two or three years. Without stallions like Havana Grey, that doesn't happen. I'm not pretending to have the answers as to why this is but, culturally, when smaller breeders in England stop, they stop for good. They don't come back. When small breeders in Ireland stop because, say there's a dip in the market or maybe there's overproduction, for whatever reason, they seem to have the ability to come back when times get better. I feel like we have to be the lifeboat throwing the vests out to keep some of the smaller breeders alive and, when you get it right and you help a load of people, it's very satisfying. Obviously, we're trying to run a profitable business as well, we're not a charity, but we need a thriving industry and we have to provide our clients with a chance to make money and it's very satisfying when it happens.



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**Darley**

**Did you listen to this month's Jamie Railton podcast where Roger O'Callaghan was the guest? Roger singled out Whistbury for high praise. A lot of people would say there are similarities between how Whistbury and Tally-Ho Stud is run. What would those similarities be?**

I listened to it, yes. There's lots of other places in England who had good years, so we don't have a monopoly on that. But what do we do similar? For starters, we don't really worry what other people are doing and Tally-Ho certainly don't worry either. The one thing that we would agree on is that we need to see success scattered around the business from time to time. It can't be for one outfit all the time because that's not how a sport works. I've a few friends and connections who have never been involved in the breeding industry who have started to ask me questions about getting involved for the first time. I've known some of these people for 20 years and they've never asked me that so it's nice to think we have just pricked the interests of a few new players because we can't just have people going out of the market. We need new people as well.

**For me, one of the stories from the mares sale was your neighbour Katrina Yarrow getting 52,000gns for Havana Grey foal with the first mare she ever bought.**

Exactly. And that was someone who was brave enough to listen to us when we recommended the mare. Fair play to Katrina for giving it a go. You're only ever going to find out by giving it a go and, if you don't risk too much and keep top of what you are prepared to invest, it can be a lot of fun.

**Getting back to the Railton podcast, when Roger said that some breeders need to look themselves in the mirror over some of the poor results in the ring, rather than blaming the game, did you think that was fair comment?**

Yea, I would agree with Roger completely. We're all good at seeing the difficulties in our game but the skill is figuring out how to combat it. Sending back the same mares, who are a year older, year after year, and then saying, 'oh, it hasn't happened for me,' is not the approach. If you asked that same person what they have done to give themselves a chance, what have they actively gone and done, they often don't have any answer for you. Some will say, 'oh, well I can't go out and buy a new mare, I had to play it safe because the foal sales didn't go well or the yearling sales didn't go well.' Well, the answer to that is no, when the foal or yearling sales don't go well, that's when you have to go out and buy a new mare! You almost have to be more active when things aren't going well. People tend to almost go back into the shell when things aren't working for them.

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# PALACE PIER

The World Champion and Kingman's peerless best is **the only first-crop sire with both a six-figure average and median** at the foal sales.

**£45,000** Oct 1, SLF  
Dalham Hall Stud, UK

**Darley**

Everyone should be trying to improve all the time. I mean, I read Emma Berry's piece with Peter Kavanagh in the TDN on Tuesday, and he made some excellent points. The bit I would completely agree with is that, part of the puzzle, and the piece of the game that we rarely talk about, is horse husbandry. It's arguably the most important part of the puzzle. From choosing stallions, to buying mares or even sending horses into training, it's all completely irrelevant if the horse husbandry hasn't been good enough. That is the area that is slipping in Britain; the horse husbandry is going the wrong way a lot of the time. Obviously there are plenty of people doing a good job but, in general, the slide is in the quality of husbandry, and that's difficult to get around. When husbandry slides, the rest of it becomes irrelevant.

**What are we talking about here? Just poorly presented foals at the sales with regards to lack of bone, poor feet etc?**

Everything. The quality of the land, management of the pasture, the attention to detail on the stock, general care of the stock; it's everyday stuff. Thinking that you can just turn out horses and forget about them, be it mares, foals, whatever, horse husbandry is an everyday job. If you are not on it every day, it slips.

**I was at the pinhookers panel at Tattersalls on the evening before the foals sales where you came out with a great line when referencing a conversation you had with your accountant. I think he was questioning one of your decisions and you said something along the lines of, 'you don't get to have a say, you just keep the score!' With that in mind, and I know you won't mind me saying this, but I would say there were a few people questioning the decision to stand Dragon Symbol at Whitsbury. Lucky you don't care what other people think!**

We had the same reaction with Showcasing and Havana Grey. When we bought Showcasing, I was told that the Gimcrack wasn't a stallion-making race. You had to go back to Mill Reef where a Gimcrack winner became a good stallion. What a load of rubbish that was. With Havana Grey, people were saying, why are we getting excited about a son of a stallion who was

standing for eight or 10 grand, or whatever it was at the time. That made no sense to me either because, first of all, Havana Gold had already proved himself as a bloody good stallion and, also, you could give 10 examples in about three seconds of horses who were more successful than their sires. In terms of Dragon Symbol, he's very easy to defend. He was five pounds a better racehorse than Havana Grey ever was and it's about



Roger O'Callaghan | Tattersalls

standing a quality racehorse at the end of the day. To be first past the post in a Commonwealth Cup, with himself and Campanelle six lengths clear of the rest, and to then go and be beaten just a neck behind Starman in a July Cup as a three-year-old, those are serious performances. I happened to think Cable Bay was a bloody good stallion as well. He just didn't have the rub of the green in terms of fertility and soundness, in that he had one or two issues that held him back, which was nobody's fault. He got eight

black-type two-year-olds in his first crop which is better than ninety per cent of stallions and that allowed them to double his fee to 15 grand, which nobody batted an eye over. He absolutely deserved it.

**Is it extra special bringing Dragon Symbol back to where he was bred or does it even matter?**

The answer to that is I couldn't give a monkeys who bred him! It's a nice thing to talk about but it had zero influence on the decision. In fact, I think it could have the opposite effect as people might get the wrong end of the stick in thinking Dragon Symbol was a vanity project when the reality is that it couldn't be further from the truth. We're far too business-minded and commercial to worry about that sort of thing.

**And what's the vibe ahead of Sergei Prokofiev's first runners next year?**

I don't even want to hear things from trainers in February, let alone December, but all I would say is that the Sergeis are very easy customers to deal with. They are relaxed and compliant. As we were saying earlier, sadly with the staffing in the industry, we don't have the time to deal with difficult horses compared to back in the day, so having a stallion who produces even-tempered and nice horses is a step in the right direction.

**We almost got to the end of the conversation without waxing lyrical about Havana Grey. I know you find it boring to continue to heap praise on him but even you must have been punching yourself over the continued support behind him at the foal sales?**

It's fantastic but my pulse doesn't raise much at the sales. When we're selling our own stock for good money, we need to do that to keep the cogs turning in the right direction and to reinvest in the industry, but it's not something I get excited about. What excites me most is watching our horses win on the track. I do get nervous watching a two-year-old we thought a lot of make its debut. Even if it's a Class 5 at Wolverhampton, I'll be far more nervous about that than a horse going through the ring. The other thing that makes us happy is trying our best to help and advise people and, when it works out even better than what we'd hoped it would, that is very satisfying. Celebrating the result of our clients is more satisfying.

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## EUROPEAN NEWS

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Timeform's Leading First-season Sire of 2023--based on an average Timeform master rating of a sire's top 10 progeny in Britain and Ireland--was **Too Darn Hot** (GB) Dubawi {Ire} (99), who claimed top honours ahead of Blue Point (Ire) Shamardal (96) in second place, while **Calyx** (GB) (Kingman {GB}) and **Ten Sovereigns** (Ire) (No Nay Never) tied for third place (93).

The race of 2023 was determined based on an average Timeform master rating of the first three horses. Longchamp's

Arc came out on top with the first three finishers--Ace Impact, Westover and Onesto (Ire) (**Frankel** {GB})--earning the race an average rating of 130, 1 lb higher than Kyoto's G1 Tenno Sho (Autumn) and the G1 Dubai Sheema Classic, which finished joint-second.

For the complete results of the Timeform Awards, click [here](#).

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## LONGINES WORLD RACING AWARDS SET FOR LONDON'S SAVOY HOTEL

The 2023 Longines World Racing Awards will be held at London's Savoy Hotel Jan. 23, the International Federation of Horseracing Authorities announced Wednesday. The event, co-hosted by the Swiss watch brand Longines, will honour the highest-rated horse in the 2023 Longines World's Best Racehorse Rankings as well as the Longines World's Best Horse Race.

The Longines World's Best Racehorse Rankings are established by international handicappers according to the performance of the horses in top races. The highest rated race is determined by averaging the rankings of the first four placed horses.

The trophies are engraved with the name of the Longines World's Best Racehorse and Horse Race, respectively, and the representatives of the winners are presented with Longines timepieces.

The complete list on the Longines World's Best Racehorse Rankings is available at <http://www.ifhaonline.org>.

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## HRI OUTLINES RACING DEPARTMENT CHANGES

Horse Racing Ireland (HRI) will undergo a number of structural and personnel changes in the Racing Department, the organization announced Wednesday. With effect from Mar. 1, Jason Morris, who has been Director of Racing since 2002, will become Horse Racing Ireland's Director of Strategy where his focus will be on the delivery and execution of HRI's strategic plan for 2024-2028, which will be launched early in the New Year. Also with effect from Mar. 1, Jonathan Mullin, who has served as Director of Communications and Public Affairs since 2017, will be taking over the position of Director of Racing. HRI has begun recruiting for a new Director of Communications and Public Affairs. From Jan. 1, Shane Doyle will be moving to the position of Breeding Development Manager with Andrew Finnegan, currently Assistant Race Planning Manager and Scheduling Manager, succeeding Shane as Race Planning Manager. For more information, click [here](#).

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## FIRST-SEASON SIRES WITH RUNNERS

Thursday, Dec. 21, 2023:

### UNITED KINGDOM

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

103 foals of racing age

18:30-CHELMSFORD CITY, 7f, Desert Raider (GB)

62,000gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale (Book 1) 2022

17:30-CHELMSFORD CITY, 6f, Star Mind (GB)

€32,000 Goffs Orby Yearling Sale 2022; 7,000gns Tattersalls

Autumn Horses-in-Training Sale 2023

17:00-CHELMSFORD CITY, 5f, Talking Rubbish (GB)

**Blue Point (Ire)** (Shamardal), Kildangan Stud

161 foals of racing age

15:08-SOUTHWELL, 6f, Blue Prince (Ire)

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

169 foals of racing age

15:08-SOUTHWELL, 6f, John Steed (Ire)

50,000gns Tattersalls Somerville Yearling Sale 2022

17:00-CHELMSFORD CITY, 5f, Krysdanjord (Ire)

20,000gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale (Book 2) 2022;

14,000gns Tattersalls Craven Breeze Up Sale 2023

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

95 foals of racing age

15:08-SOUTHWELL, 6f, Callianassa (Ire)

€23,000 Goffs November Foal Sale 2021; £14,000 RNA Goffs UK Premier & Silver Yearlings 2022

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

109 foals of racing age

15:08-SOUTHWELL, 6f, Loaded Gun (Ire)

€30,000 Goffs November Foal Sale 2021; €75,000 Goffs Orby Yearling Sale 2022

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

121 foals of racing age

15:08-SOUTHWELL, 6f, Call Glory (Ire)

€16,000 Goffs November Foal Sale 2021; €26,000 Tattersalls Ireland September Yearling 2022

### FRANCE

**City Light (Fr)** (Siyouni {Fr}), Haras d'Etreham

90 foals of racing age

2-DEAUVILLE, 1300m, Best of Light (Fr)

€20,000 Arqana Deauville February Mixed Sale 2022

2-DEAUVILLE, 1300m, La Belle Poete (Fr)

€8,000 Arqana December Breeding Stock Sale 2021 - English Version

## OBSERVATIONS

on the European racing scene

### HOW THEY FARED

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

George Strawbridge's **Friendly Soul (GB)** (**Kingman {GB}**), a half-sister to elite-level winners We Are (Ire) (Dansili {GB}), With You (GB) (Dansili {GB}) and Call The Wind (GB) (**Frankel {GB}**), raced prominently throughout and ran on strongly in the straight to make a winning debut.

## BRITAIN

### Wednesday's Results:

**4th-Kempton, £6,800, Mdn, 12-20, 2yo, f, 8f (AWT), 1:40.92, st/sl.**

**FRIENDLY SOUL (GB) (f, 2, Kingman {GB})--In Clover {GB}**

**{GSW-Fr, \$222,716}, by Inchinor {GB}**, who became distressed in the stalls and was withdrawn from her intended unveiling at Lingfield earlier this month, chased the leaders in third through halfway. Making headway in the straight, the 5-2 second choice was pushed to the front approaching the final furlong and kept on strongly to hold stablemate Izipizi (GB) (**Kingman {GB}**) by a half-length. Friendly Soul is the latest of 13 foals and ninth scorer produced by G3 Prix de Flore victrix In Clover (GB) (Inchinor {GB}), herself a half-sister to stakes-winning G3 Prix de la Nonette runner-up Bayourida (Slew O' Gold) and stakes-winning G3 Prix Cleopatre third Bellona (Ire) (Bering {GB}) out of G3 Prix de Royaumont winner Bellarida (Fr) (Bellypha {Ire}). The homebred bay is kin to six black-type winners headed by G1 Prix de l'Opera heroine We Are (Ire) (Dansili {GB}), G1 Prix Rothschild victrix With You (GB) (Dansili {GB}) and G1 Prix du Cadran winner Call The Wind (GB) (**Frankel {GB}**). Descendants of In Clover also include this term's G1 Prix de la Foret heroine Kelina (Ire) (**Frankel {GB}**) and last year's G1 Prix Saint-Alary third Queen Trezy (Fr) (Almanzor {Fr}). Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$4,675.

O/B-George Strawbridge (GB); T-John & Thady Gosden.



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**4th-Lingfield, £6,600, Nov, 12-20, 2yo, f, 7f 1y (AWT), 1:24.91, st.**

**ZANDITA (IRE) (f, 2, Calyx {GB}--Zanoubiya {Ire}, by Dalakhani {Ire})** broke well from the outside stall and tracked the leaders in a handy fourth through the early fractions of this debut. Bustled along approaching the home turn, the 40-1 chance quickened to the front passing the furlong pole and was ridden out from there to prevail by two lengths Moonfire (Ire) (Blue Point {Ire}), becoming the 25th winner for her freshman sire (by **Kingman {GB}**). Zandita is the seventh of eight live foals and sixth scorer from as many runners out of a winning half-sister to stakes-winning G3 Diamond S. third Zanughan (Ire) (Azamour {Ire}) and Listed Grand Prix de la Region Alsace victor Zand (Ire) (Zamindar). The March-foaled bay is a half-sister to G3 Give Thanks S. victrix Zannda (Ire) (Azamour {Ire}), the dual stakes-placed Zannabad (Ire) (Iffraaj {GB}) and a weanling colt by Time Test (GB). Sales history: €26,000 Wlg '21 GOFNO1. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$4,538. O-Markus Graff; B-Linacre House Ltd (IRE); T-Charlie Johnston.

**CONDITIONS RESULTS:**

**2nd-Lingfield, £6,600, Nov, 12-20, 2yo, 8f 1y (AWT), 1:37.17, st.**  
**DASHING DARCEY (GB) (c, 2, Muhaarar {GB}--So Claire {GB}, by Kyllachy {GB})** Lifetime Record: 4-2-1-0, \$12,137. O-Opulence Thoroughbreds; B-Kassala Ltd & Charlock Stud (GB); T-Roger Varian. \*6,000gns Ylg '22 TATSOM; 20,000gns 2yo '23 TATBRG.

**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**

**The Ferret (GB), g, 2, Due Diligence--Miskin Diamond (Ire), by Diamond Green (Fr).** Lingfield, 12-20, 8f 1y (AWT), 1:39.04. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-0, \$4,538. B-Maywood Stud (GB). \*£22,000 Ylg '22 GOFFUK.



Yoox | ScoopDyga

**Cool Legend (GB), c, 2, Sea The Stars (Ire)--Childa (Ire) (SW & GSP-Fr, \$106,049), by Duke Of Marmalade (Ire).** Kempton, 12-20, 10f 219y (AWT), 2:23.36. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-1, \$8,330. B-Highview Bloodstock Ltd (GB). \*€410,000 Ylg '22 ARAUG. \*\*1/2 to Chilean (GB) (Iffraaj {GB}), GSW-Fr & SW-Eng, \$106,528.

FRANCE

**Wednesday's Results:**

**3rd-Deauville, €34,000, Cond, 12-20, 2yo, 9 1/2f (AWT), 1:59.69, st.**

**YOOX (IRE) (c, 2, Lope De Vega {Ire}--Arcmania {Ire}, by Dansili {GB})**, who shed maiden status when promoted from second to first over course and distance last month, tracked the leaders in fourth for the most part here. Nudged along rounding the home turn, the 9-10 favourite made continued headway in the straight to launch his challenge passing the furlong pole and was pushed out in the closing stages to assert by two lengths from Piano Bar (Fr) (Dream Ahead). Yoox is the lone reported foal produced by a winning daughter of G1 Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe heroine Solemia (Ire) (Poliglote {GB}). Solemia is one of seven black-type performers out of G3 Prix Cleopatre victrix Brooklyn's Dance (Fr) (Shirley Heights {GB}) and thus a half-sister to MGSW G1 Prix du Jockey Club runner-up Prospect Park (GB) (Sadler's Wells) and GSW G1 Grand Prix de Paris second Prospect Wells (Fr) (Sadler's Wells). Descendants of Brooklyn's Dance include dual Group 1 winners The Gurkha (Ire) and Silasol (Ire) (Monsun {Ger}). Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-1, €39,000. **Video, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

O/B-Wertheimer & Frere (IRE); T-Carlos Laffon-Parias.

**CONDITIONS RESULTS:**

**8th-Deauville, €28,000, Cond, 12-20, 3yo, 12 1/2f (AWT), 2:41.52, st.**

**AVOLTA (IRE) (f, 3, Mastercraftsman {Ire}--Alakhana {Fr} {SW & GSP-Fr, \$111,686}, by Dalakhani {Ire})** Lifetime Record: 7-4-0-1, €50,200. O/B-Wertheimer & Frere (IRE); T-Christophe Ferland.

**1st-Deauville, €23,000, Cond, 12-20, 4yo/up, 12 1/2f (AWT), 2:42.38, st.**

**PIETER DE HOOCH (FR) (g, 4, Ectot {GB}--Uryale {Fr} {SP-Fr}, by Kendor {Fr})** Lifetime Record: 8-3-1-0, €48,450. O-Baron Edouard de Rothschild; B-SC Ecurie de Meautry (FR); T-Stephane Wattel. \*1/2 to Elliptique (Ire) (New Approach {Ire}), G1SW-Ger, MGSW-Fr & G1SP-Itly, \$465,256; and Cicerole (Fr) (Barathea {Ire}), MSW & MGSP-Fr, GSP-Eng, \$232,384.

**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**

**Ali (Fr)**, g, 2, **Kingman (GB)**--Sotka (GB) (SP-Fr), by Dutch Art (GB). Deauville, 12-20, 6 1/2f (AWT), 1:17.80. B-Zalim Bifov (FR). \*1/2 to Silva (Ire) (Kodiac {GB}), GSW-Fr & SW-UAE, \$221,335; and Fas (Ire) (Fastnet Rock {Aus}), GSW-Fr & GSP-Ire, \$177,035.

**Team Building (GB)**, f, 2, **Starspangledbanner (Aus)**--Flarepath (GB), by Exceed And Excel (Aus). Deauville, 12-20, 6 1/2f (AWT), 1:19.22. B-Haras des Pyrenees (GB). \*€47,000 RNA Ylg '22 ARQOCT.

## IRELAND

**Wednesday's Results:**

**6th-Dundalk**, €17,500, Cond, 12-20, 2yo, 8f (AWT), 1:41.26, st. **BIG DYNASTY (GB)** (c, 2, **Almanzor {Fr}**--**Garance {Fr}** {MSP-Fr}, by **Teofilo {Ire}**) settled off the tempo towards the rear through the early stages of this debut. Inching into midfield at halfway, the 15-2 chance came under pressure when fanning wide into the home straight and was driven out inside the final furlong to defeat Barnso (GB) (Belardo {Ire}) by a length. "They looked to go slow which probably wouldn't have suited him," said assistant trainer Sean Corby. "He's a lovely big horse and picked up well. He is going to come on from the experience and he could be a horse to look forward to." Big Dynasty is the third of four foals and second scorer produced by Listed Prix La Sorellina, Listed Prix Casimir Delamarre and Listed Prix Petite Etoile placegetter Garance (Fr) (Teofilo {Ire}), herself the leading performer out of G1 Prix Saint-Alary heroine Germance (Silver Hawk). The February-foaled bay is half to a yearling colt by Sea The Moon (Ger). Sales history: €37,500 Ylg '22 ARAUG; €60,000 RNA 2yo '23 ARQMAY. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$11,530.

O-D A Creighton, Josh Schwartz & C Douglas; B-Haras d'Etream & Riviera Equine (GB); T-Joseph O'Brien.

**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**

**Morning Logic (Ire)**, g, 6, **Dream Ahead**--Tiz All Over, by Tiznow. Dundalk, 12-20, 12f (AWT), 2:36.96. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$11,530. B-Michael Daly & Dream Ahead Syndicate (IRE).

## WORLDWIDE NEWS

**Wednesday, Sonoda, Japan**

**HYOGO GOLD TROPHY-G3-NAR (Listed)**, ¥57,000,000, Sonoda, 12-20, 3yo/up, 1400m, 1:28.80, yl.

1--**SUNRISE HAWK (JPN)**, 126, g, 4, by **Leontes (Jpn)**

1st Dam: **Roman Bridge (Jpn)**, by **Brian's Time**

2nd Dam: **Mainly**, by **Wild Again**

3rd Dam: **Primarily**, by **Lord At War (Arg)**

O-Life House; B-Shimokobe Farm; T-Mitsunori Makiura; J-Mirco Demuro; ¥30,000,000. Lifetime Record: 10-6-0-0.

2--**Keiai Dorie (Jpn)**, 131, h, 6, **Espoir City (Jpn)**--**Alvena**, by **Seeking the Gold**. O-Keiai Stallion; B-Takae Farm; ¥12,000,000.

3--**Special X (JPN)**, 117, c, 3, by **Danon Legend**--**Pharma Cream (Jpn)**, by **Snitzel (Aus)**. O-Kunihiro Joja; B-Masuo Farm; ¥7,500,000.

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Thursday, Al Rayyan, Qatar, post time: 7.45 p.m.

**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
18		Kadovar (Ire)	Dark Angel (Ire)	No Rider	Mikhalides	128

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**Friday, Meydan, UAE, post time: 7.50 p.m.**

**AL MAKTOUM MILE S.-G2**, AED1,000,000, 3yo/up, 1600m

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 	<b>Street Sense</b>	Chavez	Refai	126
7	2	Royal Mews (Fr)	<b>Siyouni (Fr)</b>	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)	<b>City of Light</b>	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)	<b>Sea The Stars (Ire)</b>	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)	<b>Kingman (GB)</b>	Salas	Bouresly	126
11	4	Measured Time (GB)	<b>Frankel (GB)</b>	Buick	Appleby	123

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## VALUE SIRES FOR 2024, PART 3: THE \$10K CLUB



Cross Traffic | Sarah Andrew

by Chris McGrath

Somehow this is a real sweet spot in the market. For a stallion farm, the \$10,000 cover is a particular pitch: you're a cent away from offering a horse at four figures, but you feel that dropping him into a low-rent neighborhood might be beneath his dignity. You're offering a very accessible fee, but you're not going to let him look cheap.

That makes this a surprisingly congested zone, ample for separate assessment. And since clinging to a five-figure fee somewhat represents a show of faith, some of these sires tend to have a fair case in their favor. At a time when fees are widely perceived to be challenging, this is a nook that harbors some decent value.

It is broadly populated by three types. First are the veterans who have achieved an honorable viability over the years (and we know how difficult that is) but are now suffering the commercial prejudice in favor of fresher blood.

On the other hand, we have a bunch of younger guns, typically riding out the bumps between the vogue of novelty and distrust of racetrack exposure.

And then there are a few in between, horses in their prime who have settled into a workable niche that keeps them competitive with the next tier up.

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## AFTER GREAT WHITE WAY STAKES FIASCO, REPOLE CALLS FOR JOCKEY CLUB LEADERS TO RESIGN by Bill Finley

In the aftermath of the controversial running of Saturday's Great White Way S. at Aqueduct, in which Brick Ambush (Laoban) crossed the wire second but was disqualified and placed last, outspoken owner Mike Repole has called for the resignation of The Jockey Club's president and CEO Jim Gagliano and its chairman Stuart Janney III.

He did so Wednesday in a post to his account on the social media website X.

Repole, who did not have a horse in the race, recently announced the formation of The National Thoroughbred Alliance (NTA), an organization he hopes can bring needed change to a sport he has said is rudderless and in steep decline.

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### Q & A WITH ED HARPER

In this week's Q & A, Brian Sheerin chats with Ed Harper, who reflects on the success of Whitsbury Manor Stud both in the sales ring and on the race course in 2023.



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**2023 in photos: September 19.** *Street Sense* requests a carrot from Graham Lovatt during a *Breeders' Cup 40* series photo shoot at Godolphin, Jonabell Farm, home of the Darley Stallions. | Sarah Andrew

**CHAN ASKS FOR REVISION TO DOPING SENTENCE**

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*The former New York-based veterinarian Alexander Chan has filed a handwritten plea from prison asking for a reduction to his 30-month sentence that was handed down in May as punishment for his role in the wide-ranging 2020 racehorse doping conspiracy case.*

**FAVORITE MOMENT OF 2023: AURELIEN VOILEAU**

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*The assistant manager to the Niarchos family shares the extra-special reason why his favorite moment of 2023 took place on Epsom Derby Day.*

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**Value Sires, cont. from p1**

The senior group is headed by a remarkable pair, both about to enter their 20th year at stud, with a body of work behind them that will forever embarrass the vast majority of this lot. And there's plenty of life left in **MINESHAFT**, judging from seven stakes scorers this year (one for each of his lifetime Grade I winners) at a ratio that **Uncle Mo**, **Medaglia d'Oro** and **Tapit** have barely matched. A one-two in the GII Cigar Mile showcased his continued prowess, both **Hoist the Gold** and **Senor Buscador** already owning wins at that level earlier in the year. The former is now in the millionaires' club, and will soon be joined there by the latter assuming he perseveres in 2024.

**SKY MESA** is still more neglected, yet similarly remains in the top 15 active sires by lifetime earnings, with ratios of black-type and graded stakes action that measure up respectably against all but the elite names. Remember that these old boys can draw some venerable influences close: **Sky Mesa's** first three dams are by Storm Cat, Affirmed and Round Table, yet the continued vigor of his family has been lately evinced by his half-sister's son **Maxfield (Street Sense)**. **Mineshaft's** first three dams, meanwhile, are by Mr. Prospector, Hoist the Flag and Herbager (Fr)!

Both **Mineshaft** and **Sky Mesa** have superb families and to be able to access their blood, relatively undiluted by the huge books nowadays flooding the gene pool, is a diminishing opportunity too obvious to any enlightened breeder to require the formal gilding of a place on the Value Podium.

Really I should have them both up there, but they covered 40 mares between them last year and that tide is hardly going to turn at this stage. Happily, we know them to be in good hands and they will remain long cherished once their service is finally over.

Ditto another veteran, **MIDNIGHT LUTE**, who had a few more mares than that pair last spring but again hardly the numbers commensurate with his five elite winners--including not just Midnight Bisou but more recently Smooth Like Strait, himself now launching a stud career at a bargain fee--and the solid ratios that also keep him inside the top 20 active sires.

At the other end of the spectrum, meanwhile, most of the younger sires are awaiting the emergence of their first runners. (By the way, don't forget that we gave the absolute beginners a separate assessment, at the outset of this series, highlighting the claims of one standing at this fee in **COUNTRY GRAMMER**.)

One of the younger guns that has already tested the water on the racetrack, however, has done so with quite promising results. For while **COLLECTED** found himself in a very competitive intake, his first sophomores this year included winners of the GII Del Mar Derby, GII Pennine Ridge S. and GII Black-Eyed Susan S. *Cont.*

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**Value Sires, cont.**

Among several only just embarked on their new careers, **INDEPENDENCE HALL** and especially **DRAIN THE CLOCK** have some big numbers behind them--unsurprisingly, in view of the 101 Beyer clocked by the former in his record-margin romp in the GIII Nashua S., or the similar precocity displayed by the latter as prelude to his GI Woody Stephens success. **TACITUS, HAPPY SAVER** and **IDOL** were contrasting brands, on the margin of the elite around a second turn but amply demonstrating the functionality of their aristocratic genes. **Happy Saver**, in fact, has none other than Weekend Surprise replicated top and bottom: she's his third dam, while her son A.P. Indy is the damsire of Super Saver.

The latter has another son trading in this bracket in **RUNHAPPY**, whose fee slips despite producing a GI Hopeful winner in the \$12,000 yearling **Nutella Fella**. We saw another

glimpse of the real **Smile Happy** in the GII Alysheba S., meanwhile, and the stakes are now pretty minimal for those keeping the faith with **Runhappy**.

A couple of nuggets at this level are the Lane's End pair, **THE FACTOR** and **TONALIST**. The former had a quiet year by his very consistent standards, and needed to come down in line with his yearling yield, but there's no knocking a stellar lifetime ratio of two winners to three named foals. As for **Tonalist**, a single horse has blatantly distorted his earning power but what Country Grammer has represented much more fairly is all the toughness one would hope to inherit from **Tapit** over Pleasant Colony. It's heartening to see that this was recognized by as many as 115 mare owners last spring, twice as many as **Tonalist** entertained in 2021.

Another farm that demands a visit for those working to this kind of budget is Spendthrift. Admittedly its \$10k trio have all long shed the novelty value prized by its more commercial clients, as was clear when their latest yearlings entered the ring.



**Drain the Clock** | Sara Gordon

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## 2023 LEADING 2-YEAR-OLD SIRES

Rk	SIRE	2024 FEE	WNRS	BTWs	BTHs	EARNINGS
1	<b>JUSTIFY</b> (2015) Scat Daddy	Private	26	9	13	\$4,824,456
2	<b>Constitution</b> (2011) Tapit	\$110,000	30	3	6	\$2,623,960
3	<b>Gun Runner</b> (2013) Candy Ride	\$250,000	16	5	8	\$2,444,167
4	<b>MENDELSSOHN</b> (2015) Scat Daddy	\$15,000	31	2	7	\$2,398,261
5	<b>Into Mischief</b> (2005) Harlan's Holiday	\$250,000	19	2	4	\$2,358,760

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**340** **SURGE CAPACITY** (by Flintshire (GB)), 4 wins in 5 starts at 3, 2023, \$518,975. Matriarch S (**G1**), Bank of America Valley View S (**G3**), Lake George S. (**G3**), 2nd Lake Placid S (**G2**).

**240** **Ways and Means** (by Practical Joke), 1 win at 2, \$117,750, 2nd Spinaway S (**G1**).

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Continued demand in the breeding shed, however, suggests that people can glimpse a different type of value here.

Sure enough, on the track **JIMMY CREED** produced another three graded stakes winners including the evergreen **Casa Creed**, whose Fourstardave H. win was his fourth at the top level. Jimmy Creed is carving out a very viable place at this level, with his book back up into three figures last spring, and only narrowly misses joining one of his neighbors on the podium.

**VALUE PODIUM**

**Bronze: HONOR A.P.**

**Honor Code--Hollywood Story (Wild Rush)**

**Lane's End \$10,000**

This is our clear pick among the many young stallions whose farms are hoping that this kind of fee will prove only a foundation, once some actual runners can attest to their genetic prowess.



**Honor A.P.** | Sara Andrew

That, of course, is the reverse of the usual scenario. As a rule, the commercial market backs away faster and faster, the closer a stallion gets to the unsparing exposure of the racetrack. Everyone knows that most young sires will fail, and tries to ride their fleeting commercial momentum. If you truly believe in a horse, however, this is the time to double down.

Only where could you hope to find a combination of top-class pedigree, physique and performance for just 10 grand? Well, right here at Lane's End--that's where.

**Honor A.P.** beat the subsequent Horse of the Year at Santa Anita, and did so fair and square. He would surely have gone close to doing so again, but for his nightmare trip in the September "Derby". The matter was left unresolved by his further misfortune, but nobody could deny that he had ticked the performance box in the little opportunity he had. **Cont.**

  
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**Value Sires, cont.**

Physique? How does \$850,000 Saratoga yearling sound? And as for the genetic package, he's out of a Grade I winner (at both two and five) by a sire from one of the great modern families. True, Honor Code himself has proved a rather disappointing sire, to the extent that he recently became another far-sighted "rescue" by a Japanese industry prepared to play a longer game. Honor Code promptly came up with Honor Marie's GII Kentucky Jockey Club S. as something to remember him by, but his departure is probably good news for his son. It must have been difficult to launch **Honor A.P.** alongside his own sire, when the latter had failed to pull away into a higher tier of the market.

**Honor A.P.** now gets a clear run even as he prepares to launch his first runners. He made a perfectly solid sales debut, his 48 yearlings processed at \$55,145 highlighted by a \$375,000 colt. Just because Honor Code did not prove consistently potent, that doesn't alter the fact that **Honor A.P.** converted a stellar genetic legacy into something luminously functional on the track. Unsurprisingly he struggled for numbers in his third book, but we've been given every incentive to hang in there with a fee cut from \$15,000. With luck, his quality will start to now take his mares past those floundering against the dull tides of quantity.

**Silver: FROSTED**

**Tapit--Fast Cookie (Deputy Minister)  
Darley \$10,000**

Could it be that **Frosted** has finally reached a point where he becomes a value proposition?

There's no denying that he has been a letdown to this point. The fastest GI Met Mile winner in history retired with his 123 Beyer as the most expensive option of the 2017 intake, at \$50,000, and averaged around \$225,000 with his first yearlings. And here he is, after 344 starters, still waiting for that breakout Grade I winner.

In the meantime, his fee has slumped consecutively until settling at \$10,000 last year.

But if we reset our bearings accordingly, we'd have to concede that he has had a quietly productive campaign, his 18 black-type performers including three graded stakes winners (plus one in Australia).

True, he's still benefiting from some of the classy mares he received early on: Keeneland Grade III winner Frost Point, for instance, is out of a Grade I-winning millionaire.

So we'll have to see whether he can maintain this kind of output with rather lesser raw materials, but it's very striking that last spring **Frosted** moved his book up from 108 to 154.

*Cont.*

# BONUS DEPRECIATION CHANGES ON THE WAY

Bonus Depreciation, a tax incentive designed to stimulate business investment that allows the taxpaying company to accelerate the depreciation of qualifying assets, such as equipment, horses etc., will be reduced from the current 80% to 60% in 2024. The NTRA encourages racetracks, farms and other industry businesses to consult their tax advisors on how to best utilize this incentive prior to yearend.

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**Value Sires, cont.**



**Frosted** | Darley

Evidently the kind of commercial breeders who could not initially afford him have by no means given up on the gray, and it may be that a different kind of cocktail will shake some fresh flavors--as a sprint influence, for instance, and even as a turf one, as in the case of globetrotting Jasper Krone--out of a horse that once seemed to have the world at his feet.

After all, he traded 66 of his latest crop of yearlings at \$65,475,

which would do very nicely indeed off this kind of fee; while one sold for \$50,000 in the previous crop soared to \$900,000 at OBS in April.

**Frosted** is still only on his fourth crop and that leaves ample scope for a market thaw.

**Gold: CROSS TRAFFIC**

**Unbridled's Song--Stop Traffic (Cure The Blues)**

**Spendthrift \$10,000**

This horse has endured some dazing fluctuations since being crowned champion freshman by multiple indices in 2018. His reward in 2019 was the attention of 188 mares at \$25,000, up from just 60 at \$7,500 the previous year.

The resulting crop were juveniles of 2022, when 33 individual winners from 79 starters put him second in the all-comers' 2-year-old table, with no fewer than 13 of them earning black-type.

And how did they follow through this year? Well, 63 of his 105 sophomore starters won, notably GI Ashland S. winner **Defining Purpose**. And another 3-year-old filly was on track for a stunning Grade I debut when taking her unbeaten spree of five (Saratoga maiden and stakes at two, another stakes and two graded stakes at three) into the Test S. Her name, you will scarcely need reminding, was Maple Leaf Mel. **Cont.**



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**Darley**

**Value Sires, cont.**

From his older stock, Cross Traffic also produced homebred Here Mi Song to win the Gill Commonwealth S. for a three-horse program that also includes her dam, an apt measure of the type of service he can perform for the smaller breeder.

Ludicrously, however, his 2020 book plunged by two-thirds and he ended up with only 28 live foals, of which a bare dozen started this year, leaving him submerged in the general sires' table despite 14 black-type performers. He must continue to ride out this slump after another couple of quiet years, but his book last spring responded to his 2022 deeds with a rally to 84.

The hope now must be that Cross Traffic can consolidate the second chance he has earned from those fickle breeders. It will assist his cause that the familiar precocity of his stock tends to be fortified with maturity, after the fashion of near-millionaire Ny Traffic who soaked up four campaigns. Cross Traffic himself, remember, raced only as a 4-year-old, when making up for lost time with a GI Met Mile second and GI Whitney success on just his fourth and fifth starts.

His family has some fairly exotic seeding, albeit no more so than the big horse on this farm. And it is full of runners, not least his dual Grade I-winning dam. She has additionally given Unbridled's Song the mother of Gulfport (**Uncle Mo**), who won the Bashford Manor by a dozen lengths last year before his promotion to replace Forte (**Violence**) in the GI Hopeful S. There's some real genetic vigor here, then, and Cross Traffic has now shown twice over--with his juveniles of 2018 and 2022--the kind of crop he can produce if only he's given the chance. And, at this kind of money, a proper, sustained chance is just what he deserves.

**Sires At \$10,000: Breeder Selections**

*Fabricio Buffolo, Buffalo Bloodstock*

**Gold Medal: Happy Saver**

I think he is a nice example of what a true American dirt horse looks like, especially with such an impressive and powerful shoulder. I think it's hard to not think about his name and not associate it with such a solid and sturdy front end. He was a very good racehorse who showed grit and resilience throughout his races against all the best in the country. He is an interesting young stallion.

**Silver Medal: Midnight Lute**

When considering the group of stallions with runners standing at \$10,000, I think that he stands out with a solid percentage of black-type horses and black-type winners to runners, including five Grade I winners which is not usual at this price bracket.

He's quite versatile with his progeny having good performers on different surfaces and distances, and the key lies in finding a mare that can suit him physically.



**Fabricio Buffolo** | *Keeneland*

**Bronze Medal: Jimmy Creed**

He is another horse that has done fairly well at this stud fee bracket getting a good percentage of black-type horses compared to others, including some with higher price tags. It's evident that the market can be quite tough on horses like him that have had a decent number of crops, but he has received continued support in the last few years attesting to the confidence that breeders have found in him.

*Elgin Hamner, Prime Bloodstock*

**Gold Medal: The Factor**

If **The Factor** had not left for a couple of years, I believe he would be a constant top 25 sire. He's great value to have a shot at a good runner.

**Silver Medal: Frosted**

I was really high on him coming out, he's a strong horse with a strong race record. Love the **Tapit** over Deputy Minister. Now, he has established himself as a racehorse producer.

He's always top two or three of his crop and gets a bigger, stronger horse than **The Factor**. **Cont.**

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**Breeder Selections, cont.**

They seem to run anywhere and are selling ok. He just needed a couple of big horses earlier.

**Bronze Medal: Goldencents**

It's hard to make it as a sire, but they run early and often. They don't sell as well as they should (can lack size), but each one born could be a runner.



Goldencents | Sarah Andrew

**Honorable Mention: Honor A.P.**

No runners yet, but the physical when he stamps them is pretty strong. We have to keep that A.P. blood going, it's the best two-turn blood of the last 20 years, and he is one of the last of that line with a shot.

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**Repole calls for resignations, cont. from p1**

"I'm asking for the immediate resignation of both the Chairman/CEO and President of The Jockey Club and I appeal to the board members of The Jockey Club to terminate the operating leadership," Repole wrote. "The industry needs help, we are in an extreme crisis. Let's take action!!!!!"

Neither Gagliano nor Janney responded to a request for comment at deadline for this story.

The Jockey Club employs Samantha Randazzo, one of the three stewards working at the NYRA tracks. Other than that, it was unclear why Repole placed the blame for controversy on The Jockey Club. He did, however, make it clear that he is frustrated with the organization and labeled it the "old guard."



Mike Repole | Keeneland

In a roughly run race, there was an incident near the quarter pole in which three horses came together, bumped and were steadied. At the time, Brick Ambush was racing well outside of that trio, kept a straight path and did not make contact with another horse. The consensus since the race is that the stewards mistakenly took down the wrong horse.

Race winner Antonio of Venice (Laoban) may have started the pile-up when he came off the rail under Manny Franco after being blocked. It's also possible that the stewards mistook Brick Ambush for Solo's Furry (Solomini), who may have come over a path or two. Brick Ambush was racing outside of Solo's Fury, who was eased after the incident, and the jockeys of both horses wore green silks.

Brick Ambush's owners Dean and Patti Reeves attempted to appeal the decision, but were informed by the New York Gaming Commission that **disqualifications are final once the race is made official** and cannot be reversed.

The **disqualification cost the owners** second-place money of \$100,000. **Cont.**

**Repole calls for resignations, cont.**

Not only did the stewards disqualify Brick Ambush, they handed his jockey, Junior Alvarado, a three-day suspension for careless riding.

"Dean and Patti Reeves are great owners and wonderful people," Repole wrote. "This sport is very fortunate to have them. The events at Aqueduct last Saturday were brutally unfair to them. Their horse should have been placed first, instead he was disqualified. The bettors, the fans, the trainers, jockeys and owners were blatantly hurt in this situation. With no governing body in place or people policing the sport, they can't even appeal an atrocious ruling.

"The more I dig deeper into this situation, the more I place the blame on the operating leaders, Chairman/CEO and President of The Jockey Club," Repole wrote. "I have an incredible respect for the great leaders on the board of The Jockey Club. They have great passion for this sport. Let's unite and work together and rebuild The Jockey Club into a trusting organization that can represent and govern this wonderful sport while working with all people associated in the industry to make racing better. We all need to have an immense sense of urgency and we must move quickly."

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## FORMER VET CHAN ASKS FOR REVISION TO 30-MONTH DOPING CONSPIRACY SENTENCE

by T.D. Thornton

The former New York-based veterinarian Alexander Chan has filed a hand-written plea from prison asking for a reduction to his 30-month sentence that was **handed down in May** as punishment for his role in the wide-ranging 2020 racehorse doping conspiracy case.

In December 2022, Chan had cut a deal with prosecutors that involved pleading guilty to a single felony charge of drug adulteration and misbranding in exchange for two other felony counts against him being dropped.

Chan's filing with the court on Monday was submitted without an attorney acting on his behalf.

But the 10-page motion laid out a cogent case for reconsideration based on an amendment recently adopted by the United States Sentencing Commission that allows for downward revisions of sentencing levels for petitioners who have zero criminal history points on their records.

According to Chan's filing, the new sentencing commission guidelines allow, in certain cases, for retroactive recalculation of the "offense levels" that are used to determine prison terms, so long as the offenses didn't involve things like violent behavior, the use of weapons, sex crimes, or hate crimes.

Chan is arguing that a recalculated offense level in his instance would reduce his sentence to a 24-to-30 month prison term, and he is asking the court to revise his imprisonment to the lowest end of that tier because of his record of good behavior while jailed at Fort Dix, a low-security federal correctional institution in New Jersey.

Chan wrote in his motion that he has "pursued [computer] programming to a greater degree than any other similarly situated inmate and has been free from disciplinary actions."

Chan was arrested in March 2020 as part of a series of coordinated law enforcement sweeps in the years-long federal investigation of a network of more than 30 horsemen, veterinarians, and equine pharmaceutical suppliers who ended up facing charges.

In the lead-up to sentencing, federal prosecutors had described Chan in court documents as "a former veterinarian for the New York Racing Association (NYRA), and a practicing veterinarian for over 15 years [who] abdicated his duty of responsibility to the horses under his care."

The feds' portrayal of Chan continued: "After spending three years as a traveling veterinarian for NYRA, the defendant worked under convicted co-defendant Kristian Rhein at Empire Veterinary Group and soon after began providing and/or administering adulterated and misbranded drugs without valid prescriptions, knowing that their use violated New York's racing rules, medical ethics, and the law."

Chan's own presentence report filed by his legal team had stated that, "Dr. Chan's sterling career and the beautiful young family it supported have since been destroyed because--at the direction of his boss and the owner of the veterinary practice in which he worked, Dr. Kristian Rhein--Dr. Chan participated in the distribution of misbranded substances for use on Thoroughbred racehorses." **Cont.**



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**Chan asks for revision, cont.**

According to a trove of wiretap evidence, plus implicating testimony from plea-bargaining defendants, Klein and Chan's client list included the **now-imprisoned former trainer Jason Servis**, whom the feds alleged doped almost all the horses under his control in early 2019.

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Not the first race day for Millie but the first big win for her and definitely a favorite moment of mine this year!

--Aurelien Voileau, Assistant Manager to the Niarchos Family

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## ARCANGELO TRAINER JENA ANTONUCCI'S MEMORABLE YEAR

*Edited Press Release*

Trainer Jena Antonucci sat down with the NYRA Press Office to discuss her accomplishments, MGISW Arcangelo (Arrogate) and the memorable moments that happened to her this year.

**NYRA:** *What did it mean to you personally to win the GI Belmont S. and GI Travers S.?*

**Antonucci:** "It opened the window for people to see what we've been doing. I've chuckled a little bit at the people who say, 'Oh, she's only ever had one horse.' No, we've actually had a lot, and have won stakes beforehand. Yes, these are our first Grade 1s, but our goal is to continue doing this. If it has afforded us to have a better quality of horses, then we will just continue to do all of that the best possible way we can. We'll just continue to be true to who we are.

"It's honestly most gratifying watching the team. When you take those little moments during an event and look at a team member's face and see how proud they are--to watch that and to see the people accomplish career and lifetime goals and dreams, it's literally the most gratifying part.

"I will forever be grateful for the horse and what he gave us, and him believing in us, but to watch your team check boxes in a way that maybe they never thought would happen and to potentially make that happen for them is by far and above the most rewarding and gratifying."

**NYRA:** *You've said before that you would need some time to think about exactly what this means for women in this sport. How have your thoughts come together with time?*

**Antonucci:** "I think it's resonated more hearing it from other people and what it means to them. Hearing how it made women who have watched the journey feel and to make people excited about our sport and what we have accomplished is such a gift.

"Recently, I was able to speak to an all-girls school from fifth graders to seniors, and did a talk with the group of almost 700 young ladies. To see where their questions fell and what they got excited about, and to be able to speak about what we've accomplished in our sport, it definitely resonates.

"To be able to look at young girls and say, 'This hadn't happened in 155 years,' and to see how they receive that is special." **Cont.**

## Favorite Moment

### WHAT WAS YOUR FAVORITE MOMENT OF 2023: AURELIEN VOILEAU

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](mailto:suefinley@thetdn.com).



**Aurelien Voileau | Arqana**

I think my favorite moment of 2023 was Epsom Derby day. The Derby was a great race which included Passenger for Flaxman Stables Ireland Ltd., who was a bit too immature for this big event but who has won the G3 Winter Hill Stakes at Windsor since. The winner, Auguste Rodin, doesn't need any introduction now but what an impressive horse. Winning a Group 1 as a 2-year-old and four Group 1s this year in three different countries is very special. I am really looking forward to seeing him on the track again. Well done to all his connections to keep him in training next year.

But that day was also very special to me because my wife, Kelsey Lupo, connected through Jamie McCalmont, was supporting Prosperous Voyage who won the Princess Elizabeth Stakes, trained by Ralph Beckett for Andrew Rosen and Marc Chan. Kelsey was able to walk into the winner's circle with our less than three-month-old daughter Millie that day.

**Jena Antonucci, cont.**

Jena Antonucci | Sarah Andrew

“You watch other women accomplish things in other sports and careers, but to watch it from the front row is very interesting and a gift that I will absolutely carry with much regard for a very long time to make sure it is meaningful and we can push the ball forward to encourage a young girl to rock on and to do her.”

**NYRA:** *One of your most repeated and applauded comments about your accomplishments was your metaphor of making your own seat at the table. What does it mean to you that it resonated so well with so many?*

**Antonucci:** “There was a space that was missing something, and that filled that space for people. I like to be behind the scenes making things happen, and we have created what we did because of what we’ve built. Being able to organize that into something that was short and concise for people is flattering. I hope it helps anybody, any gender or any age, fulfill something and understand that sometimes you’ve got to do it a different way.”

**NYRA:** *Patience and working on the horse’s schedule were always central to your plans with Arcangelo and each of your trainees. How does your training program revolve around that model?*

**Antonucci:** “Fiona [Goodwin, assistant] and I talk non-stop about every single horse. It’s just making sure we are doing our best to tend to each individual horse specifically. If it’s a colt or filly that needs a little more time, or something that we need to be a little tighter on and they need to be on a more stringent schedule--we just really try to give the breathing room to each horse.

“I greatly understand owners get a little impatient, so I just try to be respectful and mindful of, ‘Yes, we need to be running, but

here are these things and here is why.’ Allowing the owner to be part of the process instead of just, ‘No, we’re not ready.’ I’ve found over my career that trying to explain it to them and allowing them to be part of the ‘whys’ is important.”

**NYRA:** *After winning two of racing’s most prestigious events, what are some other goals you hope to achieve?*

**Antonucci:** “We’re just going to stay present. We have a handful we really like in the barn and the ones we are hopefully getting as 2-year-olds for the coming season, and we’re going to let them tell their story like we let Arcangelo tell his. To put a burden on anyone in the team--as far as expectations--I don’t think is fair. We’ll let them run their races and tell their story.”

**NYRA:** *With Arcangelo now retired, what will you remember most about him and his career?*

**Antonucci:** “His personality. He’s such a cool guy, and his personality was bigger than the stall or the barn. We were able to get him to focus for the two minutes of his races and put that big personality to work. His desire to win and to want to be a champion is something that you can’t bottle.

“He still has a ton of personality. I keep in touch with the farm [Lane’s End], and the stallion manager and I have some chuckles. His personality is in full effect. He’s doing awesome and they’re very much enjoying having him there. It will be wild and cool to train some of the kiddos one day.”

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## WEEKLY STEWARDS AND COMMISSIONS RULINGS, DEC. 12-18 by Dan Ross

Every week, the *TDN* posts a roundup of the relevant Horseracing Integrity and Safety Act (HISA)-related rulings from around the country.

Among the key rulings from the last seven days is the saga surrounding Tankinator (Uncle Lino), a horse at the center of two positives within 17 days.

On Oct. 21, Tankinator finished sixth at Delaware Park. Tankinator was claimed out of Webster Gayle’s barn that day before running again on Nov. 7 for Bonnie Lucas at Parx Racing. Tankinator was pulled up and vanned off in that race. It’s unclear whether Tankinator was euthanized.

In pending rulings posted on the Horseracing Integrity and Welfare Unit (HIWU)’s website, the 5-year-old gelding’s post-race sample after his Oct. 21 appearance tested positive for the corticosteroid Dexamethasone, a controlled drug commonly used as an anti-inflammatory.

Tankinator’s post-race sample after his Nov. 7 run tested positive for Xylazine, a controlled drug that can be used to sedate or tranquilize horses. **Cont.**

**Weekly rulings, cont.**

According to a HIWU spokesperson, the notice for the first positive test was sent out after the horse ran again on Nov. 7, as the post-claim owner would not have had the option to void the claim through HISA without being aware of the first positive test. Gayle and the post-claim owner were alerted to the Dexamethasone positive at the same time, the spokesperson added.

In a separate case, trainer Michael Lauer was handed down a 2 1/2-month suspension after his horse, Mowins (Mohaymen), had tested positive for the diabetes drug, Metformin, after finishing third at Horseshoe Indianapolis Aug. 5. He was also fined \$2,600. Lauer's suspension began on Oct. 12.

HISA lists Metformin as a banned drug, meaning it comes with a possible two-year suspension.

According to the [case resolution](#) posted on HIWU's website, the groom looking after Mowins had a prescription for Metformin, which he took twice daily. The day of the race, the groom, Jorge Ceballos, took the medication during lunch, before preparing Mowins for the race, "which included putting the bridle in Mowins' mouth," according to the case resolution.

HIWU agreed that "Mr. Lauer was able to establish the source of Metformin by a balance of probability was unintentional contamination by Mr. Ceballos during his pre-race grooming preparations," according to the case resolution.

Trainers [Jeffrey Englehart](#) and [A. Ferris Allen](#) were each issued seven-day suspensions and \$1,000 fines for Phenylbutazone positives. Phenylbutazone is a Class C controlled medication. For both trainers, the sanctions handed down constituted their second Class C substance violations under HISA.

**NEW HISA/HIWU STEWARDS RULINGS**

The following rulings were reported on HISA's "[rulings](#)" portal and through the Horseracing Integrity and Welfare Unit (HIWU)'s "[pending](#)" and "[resolved](#)" cases portals.

*Resolved ADMC Violations*

**Date:** 11/05/2023

**Licensee:** Anthony Farris, trainer

**Penalty:** No penalty. Equine anti-doping charges withdrawn. B Sample volume insufficient for analysis.

**Explainer:** For the presence of Metformin-a banned substance-in a sample taken from Geothermal, who raced at Laurel Park on 11/5/23. This was a possible violation of Rule 3212-Presence of a Banned Substance and/or its Metabolites or Markers.

Read more on the story [here](#).

**Date:** 10/28/2023

**Licensee:** Tony Lello, trainer

**Penalty:** A fine of \$500; imposition of 1.5 Penalty Points. Admission.

**Explainer:** For the presence of Methocarbamol-Controlled Medication (Class C)-in a sample taken from Reel Em In. This was a possible violation of Rule 3312-Presence of Controlled Medication Substance and/or its Metabolites or Markers (Post-Race/Vets' List).

**Date:** 10/25/2023

**Licensee:** Joe Pizzurro, trainer

**Penalty:** A fine of \$500; imposition of 1.5 Penalty Points. Final decision by HIWU.

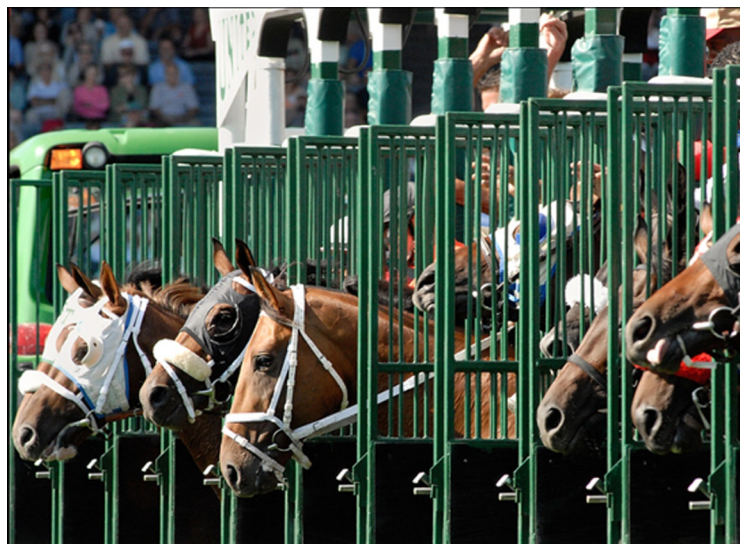
**Explainer:** For the presence of Phenylbutazone-Controlled Medication (Class C)-in a sample taken from Atlantic Firestorm. This is a possible violation of Rule 3312-Presence of Controlled Medication Substance and/or its Metabolites or Markers (Post-Race/Vets' List).

**Date:** 09/28/2023

**Licensee:** Terry Eoff, trainer

**Penalty:** Disqualification of Covered Horse's Race results, including forfeiture of all purses and other compensation, prizes, trophies, points, and rankings and repayment or surrender (as applicable); a fine of \$500; imposition of 1.5 Penalty Points. Admission.

**Explainer:** For the presence of Methocarbamol-Controlled Medications (Class C)-in a sample taken from Kentucky Dawn, who finished second at Remington Park on 9/28/23. This was a possible violation of Rule 3312-Presence of Controlled Medication Substance and/or its Metabolites or Markers (Post-Race/Vets' List).



Starting gate | Sarah Andrew

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**Date:** 09/01/2023

**Licensee:** A. Ferris Allen, trainer

**Penalty:** 7-day period of Ineligibility, beginning on December 13, 2023; Disqualification of Covered Horse's Race results, including forfeiture of all purses and other compensation, prizes, trophies, points, and rankings and repayment or surrender (as applicable); a fine of \$1,000; imposition of 1.5 Penalty Points. Admission.

**Explainer:** For the presence of Phenylbutazone-Controlled Medication (Class C)-in a sample taken from Aristocratic, who finished second at Colonial Downs at 9/1/23. This was a possible violation of Rule 3312-Presence of Controlled Medication Substance and/or its Metabolites or Markers (Post-Race/Vets' List).

**Date:** 08/05/2023

**Licensee:** Michael Lauer, trainer

**Penalty:** Two and 1/2 month (i.e., 75-day) period of Ineligibility for Covered Person, beginning on October 12, 2023; 60-day period of Ineligibility for Covered Horse, beginning on August 31, 2023 (already served); Disqualification of Covered Horse's Race results obtained on 08/05/23 and 08/23/23, including forfeiture of all purses and other compensation, prizes, trophies, points, and rankings and repayment or surrender (as applicable); a fine of \$2,600. Final decision of HIWU, and admission.

**Explainer:** For the presence of Metformin-a banned substance-in a sample taken from Mowins who finished third at Horseshoe Indianapolis on 8/5/23. This was a possible violation of Rule 3212-Presence of a Banned Substance and/or its Metabolites or Markers.

**Date:** 07/17/2023

**Licensee:** Jeffrey Englehart, trainer

**Penalty:** 7-day period of Ineligibility, beginning on December 13, 2023; Disqualification of Covered Horse's Race results, including forfeiture of all purses and other compensation, prizes, trophies, points, and rankings and repayment or surrender (as applicable); a fine of \$1,000; imposition of 1.5 Penalty Points. Admission.

**Explainer:** For the presence of Phenylbutazone-Controlled Medication (Class C)-in a sample taken from Graywing, who finished fourth at Finger Lakes on 7/17/23. This is a possible violation of Rule 3312-Presence of Controlled Medication Substance and/or its Metabolites or Markers.

#### *Pending ADMC Violations*

**Date:** 11/29/2023

**Licensee:** Lacey Gaudet, trainer

**Penalty:** Pending

**Alleged violation:** Medication violation

**Explainer:** A possible violation of Rule 3314-Use or Attempted Use of a Controlled Medication Substance or a Controlled Medication Method-on the horse, Graceful Union. This is also a possible violation of Rule 4222-Intra-Articular Injections Within Seven (7) Days of Timed and Reported Workout.

**Date:** 11/25/2023

**Licensee:** Peter Walder, trainer

**Penalty:** Pending

**Alleged violation:** Medication violation

**Explainer:** A possible violation of Rule 3314-Use or Attempted Use of a Controlled Medication Substance or a Controlled Medication Method-on the horse, Hello Jack. This is also a possible violation of Rule 4222-Intra-Articular Injections Within Seven (7) Days of Timed and Reported Workout.

**Date:** 11/14/2023

**Licensee:** Robert Lucas, trainer

**Penalty:** Pending

**Alleged violation:** Medication violation

**Explainer:** For the presence of Dexamethasone-Controlled Medication (Class C)-in a sample taken from Shake N Fries. This is a possible violation of Rule 3312-Presence of Controlled Medication Substance and/or its Metabolites or Markers (Post-Race/Vets' List).

**Date:** 11/13/2023

**Licensee:** Librado Barocio, trainer

**Penalty:** Pending

**Alleged violation:** Medication violation

**Explainer:** For the presence of Phenylbutazone-Controlled Medication (Class C)-in a sample taken from Sugar Fish. This is a possible violation of Rule 3312-Presence of Controlled Medication Substance and/or its Metabolites or Markers (Post-Race/Vets' List).

**Date:** 11/13/2023

**Licensee:** Librado Barocio, trainer

**Penalty:** Pending

**Alleged violation:** Medication violation

**Explainer:** For the presence of Phenylbutazone-Controlled Medication (Class C)-in a sample taken from Barristan the Bold. This is a possible violation of Rule 3312-Presence of Controlled Medication Substance and/or its Metabolites or Markers (Post-Race/Vets' List).

**Date:** 11/13/2023

**Licensee:** Ron Rozell, trainer

**Penalty:** Pending

**Alleged violation:** Medication violation

**Explainer:** For the presence of Pemoline-a banned substance-in a sample taken from Bavaria. This was a possible violation of Rule 3212-Presence of a Banned Substance and/or its Metabolites or Markers (Post-Race/Vets' List).

**Date:** 11/08/2023

**Licensee:** Ilmar Loaiza, trainer

**Penalty:** Pending

**Alleged violation:** Medication violation

**Explainer:** For the presence of Dexamethasone-Controlled Medication (Class C)-in a sample taken from Roseinthesky, who finished second at Finger Lakes on 11/8/23. This is a possible violation of Rule 3312-Presence of Controlled Medication Substance and/or its Metabolites or Markers (Post-Race/Vets' List).

**Date:** 11/07/2023

**Licensee:** Bonnie Lucas, trainer

**Penalty:** Pending

**Alleged violation:** Medication violation

**Explainer:** For the presence of Xylazine-Controlled Medication (Class B)-in a sample taken from Tankinator, who was pulled up and vanned off in a race at Parx Racing on 11/7/23. This is a possible violation of Rule 3312-Presence of Controlled Medication Substance and/or its Metabolites or Markers (Post-Race/Vets' List).

**Date:** 10/21/2023

**Licensee:** Webster Gayle, trainer

**Penalty:** Pending

**Alleged violation:** Medication violation

**Explainer:** For the presence of Dexamethasone-Controlled Medication (Class B)-in a sample taken from Tankinator, who finished sixth at Delaware Park on 10/21/23. This is a possible violation of Rule 3312-Presence of Controlled Medication Substance and/or its Metabolites or Markers (Post-Race/Vets' List).

**Date:** 09/21/2023

**Licensee:** Bret Calhoun, trainer

**Penalty:** Pending

**Alleged violation:** Medication violation

**Explainer:** For the presence of Diclofenac-Controlled Medication (Class C)-in a sample taken from Ain't Broke, who won at Churchill Downs on 09/21/23. This is a possible violation of Rule 3312-Presence of Controlled Medication Substance and/or its Metabolites or Markers (Post-Race/Vets' List).

Violations of Crop Rule

One important note: HISA's whip use limit is restricted to six strikes during a race.

Los Alamitos

Diego Herrera - violation date Dec 16; \$250 fine, one-day suspension, 2 strikes over limit

Giovanni Franco - violation date Dec 16; \$250 fine, one-day suspension, 1 strike over limit

Kyle Frey - violation date Dec 17; \$250 fine, one-day suspension, 1 strike over limit

**OTHER KEY RULINGS**

The *TDN* also publishes a roundup of key official rulings from the primary tracks within the four major racing jurisdictions of California, New York, Florida and Kentucky.

[Here's a primer](#) on how each of these jurisdictions adjudicates different offenses, what they make public (or not) and where.

New York

**Track:** Aqueduct

**Date:** 12/14/2023

**Licensee:** Manuel Franco, jockey

**Penalty:** Three-day suspension

**Violation:** Careless riding

**Explainer:** For having waived his right to an appeal Jockey Mr. Manuel Franco is hereby suspended for three (3) NYRA racing days January 1st 2024, January 4th 2024, January 5th 2024 inclusive. This for careless riding during the running of the 6th race at Aqueduct Racetrack on December 9th 2023.

**Track:** Aqueduct

**Date:** 12/18/2023

**Licensee:** Junior Alvarado, jockey

**Penalty:** Three-day suspension

**Violation:** Careless riding

**Explainer:** For having waived his right to an appeal Jockey Mr. Junior Alvarado is hereby suspended three (3) NYRA racing days January 1st 2024, January 4th 2024, January 5th 2024 inclusive. This for careless riding during the running of the 9th race at Aqueduct Racetrack on December 16th 2023.

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## WOODBINE'S 2023 THOROUGHBRED MEET PRODUCES MIXED RESULTS

Woodbine Entertainment's 2023 Thoroughbred season produced an all-sources handle of \$613,125,180 CAD, which was the second largest single-season recorded, but that overall number was down \$8 million from 2022, the organization said in a release Wednesday.

In 2023, a total of 1,180 races were contested over 128 dates of racing compared to 1,198 races over 132 dates in 2022. Woodbine ran four less dates and 18 less races in 2023 due to an unprecedented number of cancelled race cards (five) because of extreme heat and poor air quality caused by smoke from forest fires across Canada. The average field size for those races was 8.2, the same as 2022, and above the industry average.

In Ontario, wagering on Woodbine Thoroughbred racing by customers across the province was down 6.2% (\$81.8 million this season vs. \$87.2 million in 2022).

The decline in home market wagering was partially mitigated by a foreign market handle of \$512 million, a decrease from \$515 million in 2022, though still a remarkable gain from the previous record of \$420 million in 2021. The \$512 million in foreign market handle was supported by a strong U.S. dollar.

The average handle per race in 2023 was a record \$519,597. This is an increase of \$580 per race from 2022.

To address the increased competition from an emerging licensed sports betting market, Woodbine Entertainment announced a partnership with global sports betting leader bet365 prior to The King's Plate.

"We are operating on a very solid foundation that positions us well to manage the current industry and economic trends," said Michael Copeland, CEO, Woodbine Entertainment. "We also have opportunities before us that have not been fully realized yet, like the integration of racing into licensed sportsbooks, which will have a positive impact."

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## 2024 FLORIDA-BRED INCENTIVES AT GULFSTREAM PARK RELEASED

An unprecedented \$2.1 million will fill the Florida-Bred Incentive Fund (FBIF) for overnight race conditions to start the new year, the Florida Thoroughbred Breeders' and Owners' Association (FTBOA), Gulfstream Park and the Florida Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association said in a combined release Wednesday.

Independently, the FTBOA revealed that an additional \$1.3 million of Florida-bred race incentives on Gulfstream Park stakes and selected overnights to complement the expanded FBIF and longstanding Florida Sire Stakes 2-year-old series is on tap.

The combined programs, totaling \$4.6 million, are substantially enabled by HB 7063, a 2023 Florida tax package directing more than \$55 million into the Thoroughbred industry over two years.

In addition to the FBIF, the total pool of \$5,000 bonuses for 2-year-old Florida Sire Stakes eligible winners in maiden special weights will triple to \$300,000 from the \$100,000 total bonus pool offered in prior years.

In overnight conditions, the FTBOA will boost maiden special weights, allowances and handicaps with \$5,000 win bonuses for Florida-breds in open races and Florida Sire Stakes eligible winners in restricted races.

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## NEW DIRECTORS ELECTED TO THOROUGHBRED AFTERCARE ALLIANCE BOARD

The Board of Directors of the Thoroughbred Aftercare Alliance (TAA) voted at its Dec. 14 meeting to elect six new directors for 2024, the non-profit said in a release Wednesday afternoon.

Directors beginning service in 2024:

- Christina Blacker, Racing Host and Analyst at FanDuel
- Jay Privman, Former National Correspondent at *Daily Racing Form*
- Dean Roethemeier, Assistant Director of Sales Operations at Keeneland
- Barbara Vanlangendonck, Owner of Summerfield Sales

Directors returning for a second term in 2024:

- Walter Robertson, Attorney at Stites & Harbison
- Yvonne Schwabe, Owner of Persley Den Farms

Each Thoroughbred Aftercare Alliance director may serve for up to five consecutive years. Upon completion, each is required to rotate off the board for at least one year before becoming eligible for renomination.

Having dedicated five years of their time, expertise and resources, Craig Bandoroff, Simon Bray, Donna Brothers, Boyd Browning, Chip McGaughey and Tom Ventura will conclude their service at the end of 2023.

For a third consecutive year, Jeffrey Bloom, Managing Partner of Bloom Racing Stable, will serve as TAA President.

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## PEGASUS FILLY & MARE TURF TABBED AS AUTOMATIC QUALIFIER FOR GOODWOOD



Queen Goddess won the 2023 Pegasus Filly & Mare Turf | Lauren King

Gulfstream Park's GII Pegasus World Cup Filly & Mare Turf Invitational, just **upgraded this week from a Grade III to Grade II event**, got another boon Wednesday when 1/ST Racing announced the race will serve as an automatic qualifier for the G1 Qatar Nassau S. at England's Qatar Goodwood Festival Aug. 1. The Filly & Mare Turf will be held Jan. 27 as part of Gulfstream's Pegasus World Cup Day presented by Baccarat, which features the \$3 million GI Pegasus World Cup Invitational and six other graded races.

"Goodwood Racecourse is one of the crown jewels in global racing," said 1/ST Racing & Gaming CEO Aidan Butler. "It's an honor to work together with Goodwood on growing each of our events and brands at home and abroad."

Goodwood's Director, Lord William Gordon Lennox, concurred: "Goodwood is thrilled to be partnering with 1/ST on this exciting initiative. This is a great first step in what we hope will be an exciting partnership over the coming years."

1/ST also began a partnership this year with Royal Ascot, making Gulfstream's Royal Palm Juvenile and Royal Palm Juvenile Fillies races automatic qualifiers for entry into one of six 2-year-old races during Royal Ascot in June. Crimson Advocate (**Nyquist**) won both the Royal Palm Juvenile Fillies and Ascot's G2 Queen Mary S.

The Goodwood partnership will include a \$25,000 travel stipend to the winning connections of the Pegasus World Cup Filly & Mare Turf.

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## CONSIGNORS AND COMMERCIAL BREEDERS ASSOCIATION INSTALLS NEW BOARD MEMBERS

The Consignors and Commercial Breeders Association (CBA), whose 300-strong membership accounts for over 80% of the annual auction revenue in North America, elected new officers and board members at a recent meeting, the organization said in a release Wednesday evening.

The CBA's 15-member Board features eight members from the top 20 consignors and seven members from other consignors and commercial breeders. Each year, a portion of the Board completes their term and new members fill the positions. Joining the board for 2024 will be Lakota Gibson (Gainesway), Jill Gordon (Highgate Sales), Robyn Murray (Coolmore), and Hunter Simms (Warrendale Sales).

"I'd like to thank Liz Crow, Conrad Bandoroff, Adrian Regan, and Sean Tugel for their service to the CBA over the last three years," said CBA President Walker Hancock. "Their input and participation has been invaluable and has helped increase the CBA's reputation throughout the industry. We look forward to welcoming the new board members as we continue to strive to better serve all consignors and breeders."

Continuing their terms on the Board are Carrie Brogden (Machmer Hall Sales), Neal Clarke (Atlas Farm/Bedouin Bloodstock), Pat Costello (Paramount Sales), Tommy Eastham (Legacy Bloodstock), Lynn Hancock (Stone Farm), Walker Hancock (Claiborne Farm), Scott Mallory (Scott Mallory, Agent), Samantha McGreevy (Taylor Made), Allaire Ryan (Lane's End), Rob Tribbett (Watercress Farm), and Caroline Wilson (SF Bloodstock).

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**Saturday, Gulfstream #9, post time: 4:06 p.m. EST**

**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

**Breeders:** 1-Holly Crest Farm, 2-University of Kentucky, 3-Stoneway Farm, 4-Mulholland Springs LLC, 5-Haymarket Farm LLC, 6-eLGeer farm, 7-Dividing Ridge Farm, 8-Willis Horton Racing LLC, 9-Taylor Brothers Properties LLC, Pollock Farms, Patrick H. Payne et al.

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### IN ORDER OF PURSE:

**3rd-Zia, \$62,500, Alw (NW2\$Y)/Opt. Clm (\$35,000), 12-20, 3yo/up, 1m, 1:37.78, ft, 1 3/4 lengths.**

**WILDATLANTICSTORM (c, 3, Stormy Atlantic--Imsortaspecial, by Big Brown),** winner of last year's Clever Trevor S. and Springboard Mile, was making just his third start of the year and cutting back to a mile after finishing a close-up third in the Sept. 30 Iowa Breeders' Derby and fourth in the Nov. 28 Zia Park Derby, both at 1 1/16 miles. The even-money favorite was away sharply and caught five wide into the first turn. Mid-pack down the backstretch, the chestnut rushed up to join a four-way battle heading into the far turn. He took charge at the top of the lane and strode clear before sailing under the wire 1 3/4 lengths in front. Imsortaspecial has a yearling filly by **Midnight Lute** and was bred to **Charlatan** this year. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.** Lifetime Record: MSW, 9-5-2-1, \$428,668.

O/B-James Lee Jorgensen (IA); T-H. Ray Ashford, Jr.

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## MAIDENS

### IN ORDER OF PURSE:

**8th-Tampa Bay Downs, \$34,100, Msw, 12-20, 2yo, f, 6 1/2f, 1:18.71, ft, 2 1/4 lengths.**

**RUNAWAY DIVA (f, 2, Runhappy--Thee Pie, by Stormy Atlantic),** dismissed at 15-1, was hustled out of the gate to maintain contact with the early leaders. The bay filly moved to challenge for the lead while four wide into the far turn and turned for home in tandem with favored Managing Mischief (Maximus Mischief). She put that foe away with a furlong to run and drew clear to score by 2 1/4 lengths. Runaway Diva was a \$120,000 KEESEP yearling. Thee Pie, who sold for \$35,000 at the 2022 Keeneland January sale, produced a colt by Mitole that year and a colt by **Maclean's Music** this year. She was bred back to Mohaymen. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.** Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$18,240. O-Holly Hill Stables; B-Alex & Kendra Penn (KY); T-M Bowersock.

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### FIRST-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: THURSDAY, DEC. 21

#### 2023 Stud Fees Listed

**Audible** (Into Mischief), WinStar Farm, \$25,000

150 foals of racing age/17 winners/2 black-type winners  
7-Fair Grounds, 4:45 p.m. EST, Msw 1 1/16m, Broughty Ferry, 9-2 \$135,000 KEE SEP yrl

**Dreamliner** (More Than Ready), CI-The Speedhorse Farm  
5 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners  
7-Mahoning Valley, 3:33 p.m. EST, \$75K Joshua Radosevich Memorial S., 6f, Reigning Dream, 15-1

**Dynamic Racer** (Run Away and Hide), R.C. Cline Thoroughbred Farm, \$1,500

10 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners  
7-Mahoning Valley, 3:33 p.m. EST, \$75K Joshua Radosevich Memorial S., 6f, C V Dynamic, 30-1

**World of Trouble** (Kantharos), Hill 'n' Dale at Xalapa, \$5,000  
89 foals of racing age/16 winners/1 black-type winner  
9-Gulfstream, 4:06 p.m. EST, Aoc 5fT, Shea D World, 10-1 \$3,500 KEE JAN wnl; \$40,000 OBS OCT yrl

**Yoshida (Jpn)** (Heart's Cry {Jpn}), WinStar Farm, \$10,000  
103 foals of racing age/10 winners/0 black-type winners  
9-Gulfstream, 4:06 p.m. EST, Aoc 5fT, Okiro, 6-1 \$8,200 FTK OCT yrl; \$25,000 OBS MAR 2yo

### SECOND-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: THURSDAY, DEC. 21

#### 2023 Stud Fees Listed

**Always Dreaming** (Bodemeister), WinStar Farm, \$10,000  
215 foals of racing age/52 winners/2 black-type winners  
1-Turfway, 5:55 p.m. EST, Msw 6f, Bricklayer, 8-1 \$20,000 FTK JUL yrl

**National Flag** (Speightstown), Blazing Meadows Farm, \$1,500  
38 foals of racing age/25 winners/0 black-type winners  
8-Mahoning Valley, 4:02 p.m. EST, \$75K Bobbie Bricker Memorial S., 1m, Better Half, 15-1  
7-Mahoning Valley, 3:33 p.m. EST, \$75K Joshua Radosevich Memorial S., 6f, Shadowy, 6-5  
7-Mahoning Valley, 3:33 p.m. EST, \$75K Joshua Radosevich Memorial S., 6f, Villian, 6-1



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**Rivers Run Deep** (Ready's Image), Poplar Creek Horse Center, \$2,000

19 foals of racing age/5 winners/0 black-type winners  
 8-Mahoning Valley, 4:02 p.m. EST, \$75K Bobbie Bricker Memorial S., 1m, In Troubled Waters, 10-1  
 7-Mahoning Valley, 3:33 p.m. EST, \$75K Joshua Radosevich Memorial S., 6f, Rivers of Deniro, 12-1

**Tale of Verve** (Tale of Ekati), Haras La Concordia, \$2,000

30 foals of racing age/3 winners/0 black-type winners  
 1-Turfway, 5:55 p.m. EST, Msw 6f, Ten Bits, 15-1  
 \$10,000 FTK OCT yrl

**Tough It Up** (Lemon Drop Kid), Maccabee Farm

4 foals of racing age/2 winners/0 black-type winners  
 7-Mahoning Valley, 3:33 p.m. EST, \$75K Joshua Radosevich Memorial S., 6f, Tough Cat, 4-1



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**ALLOWANCE RESULTS:**

**10th-Zia, \$71,500**, (S), (NW2\$Y)/Opt. Clm (\$35,000), 12-19, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:09.35, ft, 5 3/4 lengths.

**LEMON DROP GOLD** (m, 6, Mr. Gold Mover--Poison Pen, by Lemon Drop Kid) Lifetime Record: SW, 16-6-1-2, \$254,298. O-Paul Jenson; B-JT & B Racing (NM); T-Todd W. Fincher.

**9th-Parx Racing, \$69,302**, (C)/Opt. Clm (\$50,000), 12-20, 3yo/up, 7f, 1:25.03, ft, 2 3/4 lengths.

**MOVISITOR** (c, 3, Uncle Mo--Ristretto, by Medaglia d'Oro) Lifetime Record: SW, 13-5-0-1, \$255,165. O-Waldorf Racing Stables; B-Forgotten Land Investment (PA); T-Marya K. Montoya. \*\$135,000 RNA Ylg '21 FTKOCT; \$120,000 3yo '23 FTKHRA.

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**2nd-Zia, \$62,500**, (NW2\$Y)/Opt. Clm (\$35,000), 12-20, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:09.68, ft, 1 1/4 lengths.

**PEPPER MILL** (f, 3, Strong Mandate--A P Pepper, by A. P. Warrior) Lifetime Record: SP, 16-4-4-3, \$129,227. O/B-Roys Mansur (KY); T-Edward J. Kereluk. \*1/2 to Pepper Spray (Tale of Ekati), MSW & GSP, \$242,352.

**8th-Zia, \$55,000**, 12-19, (NW2X), 3yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2f, 1:16.89, ft, 1 1/4 lengths.

**HALOSNHEAVEN** (f, 3, Curlin--Indian Blessing {Ch. 2-year-old Filly, Ch. Female Sprinter, MGISW-USA, G1SP-UAE, \$2,995,420}, by Indian Charlie) Lifetime Record: 10-3-4-0, \$158,190. O-Patti & Hal Earnhardt III; B-Hal Earnhardt (KY); T-D McFarlane. \*1/2 to Ten Blessings (Smart Strike), GISP, \$162,610.

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**9th-Zia, \$53,865**, 2-19, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 6 1/2f, 1:16.50, ft, 1 1/2 lengths.

**WHAT AN IDEA** (g, 5, Shackleford--That's the Idea {MSW, \$291,275}, by Diabolical) Lifetime Record: 10-3-1-1, \$71,585. O/B-J. Kirk & Judy Robison (CA); T-Todd W. Fincher. \*1/2 to Competitive Idea (Competitive Edge), MSW, \$434,400.

**7th-Tampa Bay Downs, \$53,000**, (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$16,000), 12-20, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:10.63, ft, 3 lengths.

**SASSY CHARLEE** (f, 4, Speightster--Ahaya, by Indian Charlie) Lifetime Record: 16-6-2-0, \$99,860. O-Endsley Oaks Farm, Inc.; B-Bobby Jones Equine, LLC (FL); T-Kathleen O'Connell. \*\$19,000 RNA Ylg '20 OBSOCT.

**2nd-Delta Downs, \$45,000**, (S), 12-20, (NW3L), 3yo/up, f/m, 7f, 1:27.31, ft, 1 1/2 lengths.

**CUTE DINERO QUEEN** (f, 4, Mo Tom--Cute Cadet {SP}, by Officer) Lifetime Record: 16-3-4-2, \$114,640. O-Ramirez Racing; B-Cloyce Clark (LA); T-Rosa E. Ramirez. \*\$13,000 Ylg '20 ESLYRL.

**8th-Delta Downs, \$39,100**, 12-20, (C), 3yo/up, 7f, 1:25.60, ft, 1/2 length.

**LIFE IS A BANQUET** (g, 4, Creative Cause--Aunt Mame, by Uncle Mo) Lifetime Record: SP, 15-4-2-2, \$118,245. O/B-Marablue Farm, LLC (KY); T-Brett A. Brinkman.

**8th-Mahoning Valley, \$27,500**, 12-20, (NW4L), 3yo/up, 1m, 1:39.07, ft, 3 3/4 lengths.

**CREDIT RIVER** (g, 5, More Than Ready--Like a Gem {MSW, \$554,216}, by Tactical Cat) Lifetime Record: SW, 16-4-1-1, \$135,658. O-Barbara Madrigal; B-Garland E. Williamson (ON); T-Raquel A. Castro. \*1/2 to Hard Not to Like (Hard Spun), MGISW-USA, SW-Can, \$1,262,171.

**9th-Mahoning Valley, \$26,400**, 12-20, (NW3L), 3yo/up, 1m, 1:39.76, ft, 2 lengths.

**SPENCER'S BOY LUNA (c, 3, Alternation--Paris Girl, by Pulpit)**  
 Lifetime Record: 6-3-0-0, \$39,212. O/B-Tiffiney K. Veloudis (KY);  
 T-Eric R. Reed.

**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**

**Horns N Halos**, g, 2, **Monterey Jazz**--Halosoverhollywood, by Iron Halo (Arg). Zia, 12-20, (S), 1m, 1:40.73. Lifetime Record: 7-1-1-3, \$43,802. B-Warren Franklin (NM).

**Doctored Deal**, g, 3, **El Deal**--Like a Doc (SP), by Mauk Four. Delta Downs, 12-20, (S), 6 1/2f, 1:20.63. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$28,200. B-Jerry D. Cart & Marion Lanasa (LA).

**Irish Coco**, f, 3, **Irish War Cry**--Great Love Story, by Great Notion. Parx Racing, 12-20, 6f, 1:13.27. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-1, \$49,180. B-Miranda R Fazio (PA).

**Vamonos Piacente**, f, 3, **Mobil**--Pyrite Adios, by Adios Charlie. Mahoning Valley, 12-20, (S), 6f, 1:13.02. Lifetime Record: 10-1-1-0, \$31,221. B-David J Casalinova (OH).

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**Alternation**, Spencer's Boy Luna, c, 3, o/o Paris Girl, by Pulpit. ALW, 12-20, Mahoning Valley

**Creative Cause**, Life Is a Banquet, g, 4, o/o Aunt Mame, by **Uncle Mo**. ALW, 12-20, Delta Downs

**Curlin**, Halosnheaven, f, 3, o/o Indian Blessing, by Indian Charlie. ALW, 12-19, Zia

**El Deal**, Doctored Deal, g, 3, o/o Like a Doc, by Mauk Four. MSW, 12-20, Delta Downs

**Irish War Cry**, Irish Coco, f, 3, o/o Great Love Story, by Great Notion. MSW, 12-20, Parx Racing

**Mo Tom**, Cute Dinero Queen, f, 4, o/o Cute Cadet, by Officer. ALW, 12-20, Delta Downs

**Mobil**, Vamonos Piacente, f, 3, o/o Pyrite Adios, by Adios Charlie. MSW, 12-20, Mahoning Valley

**Monterey Jazz**, Horns N Halos, g, 2, o/o Halosoverhollywood, by Iron Halo (Arg). MSW, 12-20, Zia

**More Than Ready**, Credit River, g, 5, o/o Like a Gem, by Tactical Cat. ALW, 12-20, Mahoning Valley



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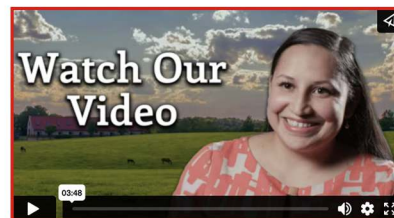
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**Mr. Gold Mover**, Lemon Drop Gold, m, 6, o/o Poison Pen, by Lemon Drop Kid. AOC, 12-19, Zia

**Runhappy**, Runaway Diva, f, 2, o/o Thee Pie, by Stormy Atlantic. MSW, 12-20, Tampa Bay

**Shackleford**, What an Idea, g, 5, o/o That's the Idea, by Diabolical. ALW, 12-19, Zia

**Speightster**, Sassy Charlee, f, 4, o/o Ahaya, by Indian Charlie. AOC, 12-20, Tampa Bay

**Stormy Atlantic**, Wildatlanticstorm, c, 3, o/o Imsortaspecial, by Big Brown. AOC, 12-20, Zia

**Strong Mandate**, Pepper Mill, f, 3, o/o A P Pepper, by A. P. Warrior. AOC, 12-20, Zia

**Uncle Mo**, Movisor, c, 3, o/o Ristretto, by **Medaglia d'Oro**. AOC, 12-20, Parx Racing

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