



## MUTASAABEQ: SO GOOD THEY NAMED HIM TWICE



Mutasaabeq and Dave Austin | Emma Berry

By Emma Berry

Transatlantic travellers will have to mind their suffixes when the first foals and yearlings of **Mutasaabeq** start appearing. 'Our **Mutasaabeq** - note his (GB) suffix - is a son of the Irish National Stud's long-serving and influential Invincible Sprit (Ire) and has just retired to the National Stud in Newmarket.

In America, the other **Mutasaabeq** of the same vintage was bought by Shadwell for \$425,000 and is by Into Mischief. Winner of the GII Bourbon S. and placed in the GI Hopeful S., he is about to embark on his first season at stud at Pleasant Acres Stallions in Florida.

But let's return to Shadwell's homebred **Mutasaabeq** (GB). His seven wins, including three Group 2s, from 17 starts tell of an honourable racing career for Charlie Hills. Not one at the absolute highest echelon, but admirable and consistent nonetheless, conducted over four seasons, during which he showed a distinctive love of Newmarket's Rowley Mile. Perhaps that was ingrained in his DNA, because **Mutasaabeq** is out of the record-breaking 1,000 Guineas winner Ghanaati (Giant's Causeway). Her half-sister Rumoush (Rahy) won the Listed Feilden S. at the track before running third in the Oaks, and half-brother Mawatheeq (Danzig) was beaten only half a length by Twice Over (GB) in the G1 Champion S. when it was still run at its rightful home of Newmarket. **Cont. p3**

## DERBY WINNER AND TIGER ROLL'S SIRE AUTHORIZED TO STAND IN IRELAND NEXT YEAR

**Authorized (Ire)**, the brilliant Derby-winning son of Montjeu (Ire) who has made his name as a leading jumps sire through the exploits of Tiger Roll (Ire), Nichols Canyon (GB) and I Am Maximus (Fr), is set to return to Ireland where he will stand at Ger O'Neill's Capital Stud in County Kilkenny.

O'Neill revealed on Thursday that a deal has been struck with the Jockey Club of Turkey, where Authorized has stood since 2020, to bring the 19-year-old back to a jurisdiction where his stock is in most demand.

Dual Grand National and multiple Cheltenham festival winner Tiger Roll has advertised the prowess of Authorized over jumps with great distinction but the 2007 Derby hero is more than just a one-hit wonder. Stayers' Hurdle scorer Nichols Canyon and this year's Irish Grand National victor I Am Maximus have also done their bit to add to the reputation of Authorized over jumps. **Cont. p5**

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*2023 in photos. Big Rock dominates the G1 QIPCO Queen Elizabeth II S. at Ascot. Racingfotos.com*

**STAR COOLMORE COLTS TO BE KEPT APART NEXT YEAR 6**

*Both Group 1-winning 'TDN Rising Stars' City Of Troy (*Justify*) and Henry Longfellow (*Ire*) (*Dubawi {Ire}*) will take different paths during the Classics.*

**DAVID EUSTACE TO TRAIN SOLO IN HONG KONG 10**

*Part of a training duo with Ciaran Maher in Australia, David Eustace will hang out his own shingle in Hong Kong beginning next year.*

**FESTIVE FRIDAY KICKS OFF MEYDAN GROUP ACTION 12**

*A quintet of stakes races are on tap during Friday's Meydan card, given the title Festive Friday, including the G2 Al Maktoum Mile and the G2 Al Rashidiya.*

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**Mutasaabeq Cont. from p1**

It doesn't stop there, of course, because this is Shadwell's signature family, which blossomed for Sheikh Hamdan after his purchase of Ghanaati's granddam Height Of Fashion (Fr) (Bustino {GB}) from the late Queen more than 40 years ago.

Height Of Fashion's celebrated offspring include the stallions Nashwan, Unfuwain and Nayef, as well as Ghanaati's dam Sarayir (Mr Prospector), who also had a fondness for the Rowley Mile, where she won the Oh So Sharp S. Go back another generation from the multiple group winner Height Of Fashion and you find another 1,000 Guineas winner, Queen Elizabeth II's Highclere (GB) (Queen's Hussar {GB}). There is yet another one, King George VI's Hypericum (GB) (Hyperion {GB}), two generations back again.

Recent recruits to the global stallions ranks who share this family are the brothers Baaeed (GB) and Hukum (Ire). In short, **Mutasaabeq** is regally bred in every sense of the word.

"**Mutasaabeq** was raced by Shadwell, so we're very grateful to Sheikha Hissa to be able to have the opportunity to purchase a horse of his calibre," says the National Stud's head of bloodstock Joe Bradley. "He was incredibly well performed, has a sensational pedigree, and for us, placing him at the right price point was key to everything."

That price is £6,500, and **Mutasaabeq** joins the stud at a time when expectations are high. Lope Y Fernandez (Ire), who had 40 of first foals sell for an average just shy of £22,000, roughly two and a half times his fee, has his first yearlings on show next year,

while the first foals of Stradivarius (Ire) will start to appear from next month.

**Mutasaabeq**, who is rising six, did all of his racing between 7f and 8.5f, winning his only start at two - at Newmarket, where else? - and then landing a conditions race on his three-year-old debut before bouncing straight into the 2,000 Guineas, in which he finished midfield. His four-year-old season was speckled with group placings until he landed the G2 Al Basti Equiworld Joel S., a race he returned to win this year for the second time, having

kicked off his final season in training with victory over Goldolphin's Classic winner Native Trail (GB) in the G2 Bet365 Mile.

Bradley says, "I think his record really speaks volumes for the horse. Invincible Spirit is such a sensational stallion that gets plenty of two-year-old winners. But really, I think if you look at profiles of his progeny, they always train on and that's vital to what we're doing here, and to the industry as a whole, to have that longevity.

"He was a two-year-old winner who really came to the fore as an older horse. At four in the Joel Stakes, he made all that day, which became a trend in his races this year. On a seasonal debut in the Bet365 Mile Group, he beat Group 1 performers that day by three lengths. That was a sensational performance, if you look back on it.

"And to be able to finish his racing career with a group victory is something that that really stood out to us. His highest rating this year is 120, so he's really proved that he's one of the best colts of his generation."



**Mutasaabeq** wins the bet365 Mile | *Racingfotos.com*

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Frankel

Ardent

Won Prix Petite Etoile L., 9½f, Deauville

Owned by Juddmonte Farms Inc

Bred by Juddmonte Farms Inc

Trained by A Fabre

# PROVEN YOUNG SIRES, FROM €12,500

## CALYX

3 Group-winning 2YOs from his first crop, bettering the start made by his own sire **KINGMAN**. His % of GSHs/runners is significantly better than that of **BLUE POINT** and **TOO DARN HOT**.

## CHURCHILL

Sire of Classic winners and Champions Vadeni and Blue Rose Cen from his first two crops. Europe's leading third crop sire with earnings of almost €2m more than **ZARAK**.

## SAXON WARRIOR

4 Group winners from his first crop including Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf-Gr.1 winner Victoria Road and the only second crop sire in Europe with 4 Gr.1 performers to date.

## SIOUX NATION

Europe's leading second crop sire by Group winners (7), ahead of **HAVANA GREY** (4). His foal average at Tattersalls December also bettered that of **HAVANA GREY**.

## TEN SOVEREIGNS

11 Blacktype horses from his first 2YO crop, more than any other first crop sire including **BLUE POINT** (9) and **TOO DARN HOT** (6).



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# MORE PROVEN GROUP 1 SIRES, FROM €17,500

## AUSTRALIA

6 Group winners in 2023, the equal of **NIGHT OF THUNDER**, **KODIAC** and **SIYOUNI** and more than **NEW BAY**, **MEHMAS**, **SHOWCASING** etc.

## CAMELOT

Two Group 1 winners in 2023 viz unbeaten Classic prospect Los Angeles and Luxembourg (also a Group 1 winner at 2 & 3).

## GLENEAGLES

9 Group winners in 2023. Only **FRANKEL**, **DUBAWI**, **KINGMAN**, **SEA THE STARS** and **GALILEO** have more!

## NO NAY NEVER

Europe's Champion 2YO Sire for the second year in succession. He leads by earnings, Stakes winners (9) and Group winners (5).

## STARSPANGLED BANNER

9 Group winners in 2023 including two stars in Hong Kong and two juveniles in Europe.

## WOOTTON BASSETT

9 Group winners incl. three Group 1 winners viz King of Steel (3YO), Bucanero Fuerte (2YO) and Unquestionable (2YO).

# BIG HITTERS



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### Mutaasabeq Cont.

The National Studs of England and Ireland are both more than just stallion and boarding farms. Both are centres of excellence when it comes to providing tailored education for those wanting to work in the bloodstock industry. In Newmarket, the training courses have been reimagined of late in order to adapt to changing working practices. That includes a shift in the calendar for the 'Level 3' Stud Management and Sales Consigning course, which takes place over 26 weeks.

Anna Kerr, the chief executive officer of the National Stud, explains, "One of the biggest shifts in the last 18 to 24 months has been that we are consciously trying to make the education programme more flexible for people, because we are living in a world where there is a requirement to be more flexible. Previously our diploma students were leaving in June and would be going straight to the yearling prep and quite a few of them wouldn't have had done yearling prep before coming to us, which is quite a crucial part of the handling. So we moved the start date of the course forward to mid-September and it now runs to mid-April. The students come in, their learning curve is quite steep, but we always see that when students immerse themselves in the environment, they learn so quickly."

She continues, "They all did paid work placements at the

yearling sales or foal sales this year. Some employers were a bit nervous initially, but once they saw the calibre and the the standard that they were bringing, they were in very high demand then for December. A couple of them got offers to go to Goffs as well.

"The feedback has been really positive. When the students come in, they're not just mucking out for six months, they're immersed in that whole excitement of the sales season and seeing what the end product is and then going on and really having their skills honed during the breeding season. We're really pleased with how it's going thus far."

There is even greater flexibility in the eight-week 'Level 2' Entry to Stud Employment Course, run in conjunction with the TBA, and after which students are guaranteed a paid placement with a stud over six to nine months.

"With Level 2, there isn't a dedicated start date for that in the same way that there was previously," says Kerr. "So people can come in to that course any time. Again, that's working well. It's just so that if someone comes to us and wants to enrol in something you're not saying, 'Okay, that's great, come back to us in October.' You're actually saying, 'Yeah, you can start tomorrow.' We can get them in and get them going quite quickly." [Cont. p5](#)



Mutaasabeq pictured at The National Stud. Click above to view a video with the TDN's Alayna Cullen Birkett.

**Mutasaabeq Cont.**

She adds, "They work alongside the stud team, and there'll always be about three or four students at a time. When we had big groups of 15 to 20 coming through the attrition rate was high, but once you can get them through the training, the retention is very solid within industry. It's about 81% retention for the last five years of our graduates."



The grounds of The National Stud | [Racingfotos.com](#)

She adds, "And all the qualifications are deliverable in the workplace. If there are employers who want to upskill their workforce, they can register with us and the training can be delivered in the workplace so they don't have to lose their staff to a residential course.

"We need people and we need to develop the workplace culture so that they're being looked after in the right way."

Another new venture for the National Stud, or rather a return to previous ways, is its investment in a select number of broodmares.

"We want to be supporting our own stallions," says Kerr, who recently bought the Le Havre (Ire) mare Sacred Valley (Fr) for the National Stud at Goffs for €52,000.

"We feel that we not only need to support our stallions, but we also need to be British breeders. They're not only our customers, but also our community. And with the number of British breeders contracting, we think it's ever more important that the National Stud is helping. We need active breeders.

"Last year we bought four and a half new mares, one in partnership with MyRacehorse.com. Our plan is just that each year we would buy at least one mare to support our stallions. Sacred Valley is in foal to **Saxon Warrior** and she'll be going to **Mutasaabeq**."

The aforementioned mare owned in partnership with MyRacehorse is Blackbird Power (GB) (Dark Angel {Ire}), who is

one of the 120 mares in the first book of Stradivarius.

"She's carrying a colt and she's due reasonably early. We should have three Stradivarius foals at the stud so we're extremely excited by that," Kerr notes.

The collective excitement building up to Blackbird Power's first foal is likely to be greater than any other imminent arrival in the country as there are 1,000 micro shareholders involved in the mare.

"The last Saturday of every month we have a My Racehorse tour. Joe does them and he loves it," says Kerr.

Joe is likely to be very busy indeed when 1,000 owners are clamouring to see the mare's Stradivarius foal in January, but what a fantastic way to spread the excitement of breeding racehorses.

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### Authorized Cont. from p1

Those results have carried over to the sales ring, where 3-year-old stores by Authorized averaged over €90,000 this year, and O'Neill is convinced the move to bring the stallion back to Ireland on the eve of his 20th birthday will represent good news for National Hunt breeders.

Speaking on the *Nick Luck Daily Podcast*, O'Neill said, "We're delighted to announce that we have secured Authorized and bought him back from Turkey. He's just gone into quarantine now and he'll be back to stand with us here at Capital Stud in the new year. He [Authorized obviously won the Derby himself and is a very famous horse. Through his progeny, he's really starting to leave a legacy with Tiger Roll and I Am Maximus both Grand National winners."

O'Neill added, "[His success is] probably from a lot of Flat mares, not National Hunt mares, his statistics are unbelievable. He's 65% runners to winners and his progeny at the sales are really sought after. He's averaging 100,000 for his geldings this year at the store sales. He's really sought after by all of the best trainers and everybody wants to have an Authorized.

"I [spent] the last seven or eight months trying to buy him. The Jockey Club of Turkey have never sold a stallion. It has been a long process and we have built up the reputation. We gave a lot of money for him. He's an older horse and is turning 20 so it's a big risk. A few of us got together and put the money up. I suppose we were thinking with our hearts as much as our heads on this one as we really wanted to have him home." **Cont. p6**



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**Authorized Cont. from p1**

Authorized will stand alongside fellow recent recruits Triple Threat (GB) and Castle Star (Ire) along with Mirage Dancer (GB), Hunting Horn (Ire) and Alkumait (GB) at Capital Stud in 2024.

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**CITY OF TROY AND HENRY LONGFELLOW TO LIKELY BE KEPT SEPARATE DURING CLASSIC CAMPAIGNS**

**City Of Troy (Justify)**, a winner of the G1 Dewhurst S. and the Cartier Champion 2-Year-Old Colt, will likely not have to contend with stablemate and fellow ‘**TDN Rising Star**’ **Henry Longfellow (Ire)** (Dubawi {Ire}) in the G1 QIPCO 2000 Guineas, Aidan O’Brien confirmed.

The former, all being well, would then head to the G1 Derby at Epsom, while the latter, a winner of the G1 National S., is possible for the G1 Irish 2000 Guineas before a crack at the G1 St James’s Palace S. at Royal Ascot in June or the G1 Prix du Jockey Club in France. Both Coolmore partners’ colts received heavy praise from O’Brien during their juvenile seasons.

“I’d imagine that City Of Troy and Henry Longfellow will be kept apart for as long as the lads want to do that,” O’Brien told *Sporting Life*.

“We’re obviously thinking that City of Troy will be trained for Newmarket and then Henry Longfellow might be trained for France.

“If everything went well with City Of Troy at Newmarket, he could go straight on to Epsom whereas the other horse could do the Curragh and Ascot or something like that. There’s lots of scenarios that could happen I suppose.”

Out of Together Forever (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}), City Of Troy has

yet to taste defeat in three starts, while also sporting a win in the G2 Superlative S. and has continued to draw attention and rave reviews from the master of Ballydoyle.

He added, “He’s the first horse we’ve had come along to show such class and courage, without us feeling that we’ve got to the last gear yet.

“He always had lovely balance, a lovely shape and a lovely mind. He was a lovely size of a horse, not too big and not too small. He looked the ideal horse all the way along really.”

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**HANDSOME CHAP TOPS THOROUGH BID’S DECEMBER SALE**

Hamad Al Jehani snapped up juvenile colt **Handsome Chap (Ire)** (Camacho {GB}) (lot 13) for £42,000 to top the ThoroughBid December Sale on Wednesday.

Out of a Johannesburg half-sister to American stakes winners Malibu Light (Capote) and Lyin Goddess (Boston Harbor), the colt has finished second twice in a pair of Wolverhampton seven-furlong races in November and December. He was consigned by Harry Eustace Racing.

Second on the leaderboard was the John Reddington, Ltd.-consigned **Grass’s Jet (Ire)** (Jet Away {GB}) (lot 11), who was knocked down to Dan Astbury for £21,000. The son of Emily’s Belle (Ire) (Insatiable {Ire}) was placed in a point-to-point in four starts so far.

CEO of ThoroughBid, James Richardson, said, “Getting a good price for a nice 2-year-old like Handsome Chap and seeing it sell overseas is a brilliant example of how the online sales industry can benefit a lot of people. Racing across the Middle East is growing year-on-year and it’s great to be able to provide a shop window for owners and trainers over there.” [Cont. p7](#)





**Handsome Chap** | *ThoroughBid*

**ThoroughBid Cont.**

He said, “It’s been another successful sale, with a good mix of Flat horses, jumpers, as well as mares-in-foal all selling well, and we’re looking forward to 2024.”

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Rossa Ryan has secured the Annual Flat Jockey Title in the UK for 2023, riding 200 winners. Rossa's 200th victory of the year came aboard *Sunset In Paris* (Ire) (**Camelot {GB}**) at Lingfield Park on Wednesday. The award is given to the jockey with the most wins in a calendar year from Jan. 1, 2023-Dec. 31, 2023. | *Great British Racing*

**OCTOBRE ROSE CANCER FUNDRAISER A SUCCESS**

Almost €15,000 was raised at the Octobre Rose fundraising initiative in association with the Centre Francois Baclesse in the fight against cancer during the Arqana October Yearling Sale, the sales company announced on Thursday.

Beginning on Monday, Oct. 16 and lasting through Friday, Oct. 20, vendors and members of the Arqana team took part in a charity step challenge. Their participation and the sale of 556 caps, raised a total of €14,329.89 for charity, with all proceeds going to the cause.

The Centre Francois Baclesse, located in Caen, Normandy, is one of 18 cancer centres in France. The funds raised will support the centre’s triple mission of care, research and teaching.

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**FIRST-SEASON SIRE WITH RUNNERS**

**Friday, Dec. 22, 2023:**

**UNITED KINGDOM**

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

103 foals of racing age

17:15-WOLVERHAMPTON, 8.75f, Queen of Atlantis (GB)

£20,000 Goffs UK Premier & Silver Yearlings 2022; 40,000gns

Tattersalls Guineas Breeze Up & HIT Sale 2023

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

169 foals of racing age

17:15-WOLVERHAMPTON, 8.75f, Buttercross Flyer (Ire)

€17,000 Tattersalls Ireland September Yearling 2022; 40,000gns

Tattersalls Guineas Breeze Up & HIT Sale 2023

17:45-WOLVERHAMPTON, 5f, Collusion (Ire)

27,000gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale (Book 2) 2022

15:17-SOUTHWELL, 6f, Rust E Boy (Ire)

€37,000 Tattersalls Ireland September Yearling 2022

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

95 foals of racing age

18:45-WOLVERHAMPTON, 7.25f, Leveret (Ire)

**Sogann (Fr)** (**Frankel {GB}**), Norton Grove Stud

19 foals of racing age

17:45-WOLVERHAMPTON, 5f, Quercine (GB)

€37,000 Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2021

**Soldier's Call (GB)** (Showcasing {GB}), Dullingham Park  
121 foals of racing age  
15:17-SOUTHWELL, 6f, Alibi Warning (Ire)  
5,500gns Tattersalls December Mare Sale 2023

**Too Darn Hot (GB)** (Dubawi {Ire}), Dalham Hall Stud  
120 foals of racing age  
18:45-WOLVERHAMPTON, 7.25f, Lumiere d'Or (Ire)  
100,000gns RNA Tattersalls October Yearling Sale (Book 1) 2022;  
150,000gns Tattersalls Craven Breeze Up Sale 2023  
18:45-WOLVERHAMPTON, 7.25f, Sunblock (GB)

#### FRANCE

**Blue Point (Ire)** (Shamardal), Kildangan Stud  
161 foals of racing age  
2-CHANTILLY, 1600m, Koslovka (Fr)

**City Light (Fr)** (Siyouni {Fr}), Haras d'Etreham  
90 foals of racing age  
1-CHANTILLY, 1600m, Koa (Fr)

**Fas (Ire)** (Fastnet Rock {Aus}), Haras de Saint-Vincent  
30 foals of racing age  
5-CHANTILLY, 1900m, Bad Boy (Fr)  
€10,000 Arqana Deauville September Yearling Sale 2022  
5-CHANTILLY, 1900m, Dizzle Dazzle (Fr)  
€10,000 Osarus September Yearling Sale 2022

**Le Brivido (Fr)** (Siyouni {Fr}), Haras de la Haie Neuve  
39 foals of racing age  
1-CHANTILLY, 1600m, Brio (Fr)  
€77,000 Arqana Deauville October Yearlings 2022

**Roman Candle (GB)** (Le Havre {Ire}), Haras de la Hetraie  
36 foals of racing age  
5-CHANTILLY, 1900m, Luminesce (Fr)  
€23,000 Arqana Deauville October Yearlings 2022

**Ten Sovereigns (Ire)** (No Nay Never), Coolmore Stud  
150 foals of racing age  
5-CHANTILLY, 1900m, Dalkava (Fr)  
€30,000 RNA Arqana December Breeding Stock Sale 2021 -  
English Version; €33,000 Arqana Deauville September Yearling  
Sale 2022

#### IRELAND

**Advertise (GB)** (Showcasing {GB}), Manton Park Stud  
103 foals of racing age  
1-DUNDALK, 6f, Branding (GB)

50,000gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale (Book 2) 2022;  
125,000gns Tattersalls Craven Breeze Up Sale 2023

**Calyx (GB)** (Kingman {GB}), Coolmore Stud  
103 foals of racing age  
1-DUNDALK, 6f, Salah Belle (Ire)  
€47,000 RNA Goffs November Foal Sale 2021; €47,000 RNA  
Goffs Sportsman's Yearling Sale 2022

**Inns of Court (Ire)** (Invincible Spirit {Ire}), Tally-Ho Stud  
169 foals of racing age  
1-DUNDALK, 6f, Court Phoenix (Ire)  
€19,000 Tattersalls Ireland September Yearling 2022  
1-DUNDALK, 6f, The Poacher Daly (Ire)  
€20,000 Goffs February Sale 2022; £48,000 Goffs UK Premier &  
Silver Yearlings 2022; 165,000gns Tattersalls Craven Breeze Up  
Sale 2023



Soldier's Call sired the winner of Thursday's Al Rayyan conditions stakes in Qatar | Dullingham Park Stud

## BRITAIN

#### Thursday's Results:

**3rd-Chelmsford City, £9,999, Nov, 12-21, 2yo, f, 6f (AWT),**  
1:11.31, st.

**PANDORA'S GIFT (IRE) (f, 2, Churchill {Ire})--Amthaal {GB}, by Exceed And Excel {Aus}),** who registered a Dec. 11 second over course and distance last time, broke sharply and gained an early advantage in this return. On the front end throughout, the 9-2 chance was shaken up in early straight and kept on strongly under late rousting to easily account for Majorelle Blue (Ire) (Camacho {GB}) by an impressive four lengths. [Cont. p9](#)

### 3rd-Chelmsford City Cont.

Pandora's Gift is the second of three foals and first scorer produced by a winning daughter G3 Cornwallis S. third Darajaat (Elusive Quality), herself a half-sister to stakes-winning G3 Oak Tree S. third Shabiba (Seeking the Gold) out of G3 Nell Gwyn S. victrix Misterah (GB) (Alhaarth {Ire}). The March-foaled bay is kin to a weanling filly by **Arizona (Ire)**. Sales history: €28,000 Ylg '22 GOFSP. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$10,003. O-James Parry & Partners; B-Rossenarra Bloodstock Ltd (IRE); T-Stuart Williams.

**4th-Chelmsford City, £9,999, Nov, 12-21, 2yo, 7f (AWT), 1:26.41, st.**

**QAZAQ (FR) (c, 2, Kingman {GB}--Qabala {GSW & G1SP-Eng, \$137,294}, by Scat Daddy)** tracked the leaders in fourth through halfway in this debut. Inching closer on the home turn, the 4-5 favourite swooped for control approaching the final furlong and lengthened clear under minimal urging to comfortably defeat Pagliacci (Ire) (**Gleneagles {Ire}**) by 2 1/4 lengths. Qazaq is the first of two foals G3 Nell Gwyn S. victrix and G1 1000 Guineas third Qabala (Scat Daddy), herself a granddaughter of GI Kentucky Oaks and GI Alabama S. heroine Flute (Seattle Slew). Flute is the dam of multiple Grade I-placed GII Goldikova S. victrix Filimbi (Mizzen Mast) and the second dam of GI Ashland S. winner Weep No More (**Mineshaft**). The February-foaled bay is kin to a yearling colt by Persian King (Ire). Sales history: 300,000gns Ylg '22 TATOCT. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$6,824. O-Nurlan Bizakov; B-AI Shahania Stud Doha (FR); T-Roger Varian.

#### ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

**D J Zanetti (Ire), g, 3, Estidhkaar (Ire)--Nimbus Star (GB), by Nayef. Chelmsford City, 12-21, 7f (AWT), 1:27.86. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$10,090. B-Kellsgragne Stud Ltd (IRE). \*€9,000 Ylg '21 GOFSP; 20,000gns 2yo '22 TATBRG; £115,500 2yo '22 TATHRA.**

**Ya Hafhd (Ire), f, 3, Sea The Stars (Ire)--Daymooma (GB) (SP-Ire), by Pivotal (GB). Southwell, 12-21, 11f 23y (AWT), 2:25.45. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$5,995. B-Shadwell Estate Company Ltd.**

## FRANCE

#### Thursday's Results:

**PRIX PETITE ETOILE - FONDS EUROPEEN DE L'ELEVAGE-Listed, €52,000, Deauville, 12-21, 3yo/up, f/m, 9 1/2f (AWT), 1:56.58, st.**

**1--ARDENT, 123, f, 3, Frankel (GB)--Emollient (MGISW-US, \$1,350,400), by Empire Maker. 1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN.**

O/B-Juddmonte Farms Inc (KY); T-Andre Fabre; J-Alexis Pouchin. €26,000. Lifetime Record: 5-3-0-1, €54,550. \*Full to Raclette (GB), GSW-Fr, \$153,768; and Licence (GB), SP-Ire; and 1/2 to Peace Charter (GB) (**War Front**), MGSP-Ire.

**2--Sound Angela (GB), 125, f, 4, Muhaarar (GB)--Instance (GB), by Invincible Spirit (Ire). (£26,000 2yo '21 GOFTY). O-Yuichi Masuda; B-Charles Fox (GB); T-Roger Varian. €10,400.**

**3--Suyian (GB), 123, f, 4, Siyouni (Fr)--Deliberate (GB), by King's Best. 1ST BLACK TYPE. O-Juddmonte Farms Inc; B-Juddmonte Farms (East) Ltd (GB); T-Henri-Francois Devin. €7,800.**

Margins: 3/4, SNK, HD. Odds: 3.10, 7.00, 25.00.

Also Ran: Serie (Fr), Lakota Sioux (Ire), Behind The Scenes (Ire), Didn'thavemuchtodo (Ire), Secretive (Fr), Vaux Le Vicomte (GB), Dailymotion, Eshiya (Ire), Gypsy Gold (Fr), Autumn Starlight (GB), Paz (GB), Start Me Up (Fr).

Andre Fabre trainee Ardent was placed on sabbatical for over year after running sixth in last term's G1 Prix Marcel Bousac and returned to action with an Oct. 17 Lyon La Soie conditions score last time. Racing in a prominent third after the initial exchanges, she loomed large for her bid soon after turning for home and ran on strongly under continued rousing inside the final 300 metres to assert superiority for a career high.

Ardent is the fifth of six foals and one of four scorers produced by four-time Grade I heroine Emollient (Empire Maker), herself a half-sister to GI Belmont S. and GI Florida Derby placegetter Hofburg (**Tapit**) and GII Hall of Fame S. third Courtier (Pioneer of the Nile). The April-foaled homebred bay is a full-sister to last term's G2 Prix de Malleret victrix Raclette (GB) and Listed Devoy S. second Licence (GB). She is also a half-sister to G2 Balanchine S. and G3 Naas Juvenile Fillies Sprint placegetter Peace Charter (GB) (**War Front**) and a weanling colt by **War Front**. Ardent's dual stakes-winning third dam Glia (A.P. Indy) is a daughter of dual Group 1-winning matriarch Coup De Genie (Mr. Prospector). **Video, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**



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**2nd-Deauville, €34,000, Cond, 12-21, 2yo, 6 1/2f (AWT), 1:18.17, st.**

**LOUISE PROCTER (FR) (f, 2, Siyouni {fr}--Create A Dream {SW-US}, by Oasis Dream {GB})**, who has not been seen sighted since narrowly snagging her May 23 debut over six furlongs at Saint-Cloud, was off the pace behind all four rivals for most of this return. Making rapid headway once into the home straight, the 6-5 favourite went third approaching the final furlong and was pushed out in the closing stages to prevail by 1 1/4 lengths from Best Light (Fr) (City Light {Fr}). Louise Procter is the third of five foals and one of two scorers produced by the stakes-winning Create A Dream (Oasis Dream {GB}), herself kin to the stakes-placed Respect The Code (Honor Code) out of stakes-winning G1 Prix Saint-Alary and GI Clement L Hirsch S. placegetter Anabaa's Creation (Ire) (Anabaa). Anabaa's Creation is kin to G3 Prix Cleopatre victrix Leo's Starlet (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) and to the dam of MG1SW sire Sottsass (Fr) (Siyouni {Fr}), MG1SW US champion Sistercharlie (Ire) (Myboycharlie {Ire}) and MG1SP distaffer My Sister Nat (Fr) (Acclamation {GB}). The March-foaled bay is full to a yearling filly and a half to Listed California Derby runner-up Phosphorescence (Fr) (City Of Light) and a weanling colt by Dark Angel (Ire). Sales history: €360,000 Ylg '22 ARQAUG. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, €32,000. **Video, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

O-White Birch Farm; B-St Elias Stables LLC (FR); T-Jean-Claude Rouget.



Louise Procter kept her record perfect on Thursday | Scoop Dyga

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### IN QATAR:

**Ponga (Ire), g, 2, Acclamation (GB)--Colour Blue (Ire) (MSP-Ire, \$234,896), by Holy Roman Emperor.** Al Rayyan, 12-21, Hcp. (\$50k), 1400mT, 1:23.76. B-Rathbarry Stud. \*€6,000 Ylg '22 TATSEP; 42,000gns HRA '223 TATJUL. **VIDEO (SC 8)**

**Soldier's Gold (Ire), c, 2, Soldier's Call (GB)--Copperbeech (Ire) (G1SP-Fr, MSP-Eng, \$112,517), by Red Ransom.** Al Rayyah, 12-21, Cond. (\$150k), 1400mT, 1:24.29. B-Bernard & Eugene Heary (Ire). **VIDEO (SC 14)**

## WORLDWIDE NEWS

### DAVID EUSTACE TO TRAIN IN HONG KONG

David Eustace, who started his training career in partnership with Ciaran Maher in Australia, is set to move to Hong Kong where he will train under a solo licence.

In a statement released on Thursday, Eustace said, "I am delighted to announce that I will be joining the Hong Kong Jockey Club for the 2024/25 season. I look forward to working with CMR [Ciaran Maher Racing] until the end of January, after which my attention will turn to Hong Kong and the season approaching."

The 32-year-old became co-trainer with Maher in 2018 having moved to Australia four years earlier. Maher is Australia's leading trainer by number of winners, with bases in Ballarat, Cranbourne, Pakenham and Balnarring in Victoria and another stable in Sydney.

British-born Eustace grew up in Newmarket where his father James trained from the historic Park House Stables. In 2021 James Eustace handed over the training business to his eldest son Harry, who from next year will lease Godolphin's Highfield Stables, with his burgeoning string having outgrown his home yard.

In a statement released in conjunction with Eustace, Maher said, "This is a bittersweet announcement. Bitter, because it will be difficult to replace someone with David's skills, work ethic and all-round contribution. Sweet, because it's a fitting reward for David and at the same time gives CMR an opportunity to evolve and develop." **Cont. p11**



David Eustace | Hong Kong Jockey Club

### David Eustace Cont.

Eustace added, "As Ciaron has said, it's a bittersweet day. Obviously I am thrilled to be offered the position in Hong Kong. It has always been a dream of mine since I was a boy. It's exciting and a challenge I will relish, however I will miss being part of this extraordinary operation."

Eustace's uncle David Oughton trained in Hong Kong for almost 20 years, with his major flagbearer being the Global Sprint Challenge Champion and dual Group 1 winner Cape Of Good Hope (GB).

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## PYRO LEADS DARLEY JAPAN ROSTER, WHICH FEATURES QUARTET OF NEW RECRUITS

The 14-strong Darley Japan roster and fees for 2024 were announced on Thursday morning.

Leading the way with a ¥4 million fee is GI Forego S. victor **Pyro**, who is standing his 14th season in Japan. The sire of eight stakes winners is joined by former American-based transplants **Palace Malice** and **Yoshida (Jpn)**, who will stand for ¥3.5 million and ¥1.5 million, respectively. **Palace Malice**, a GI Belmont S.-winning half-brother to Justin Palace (Jpn) (Deep Impact {Jpn}) and Iron Barows (Jpn) (Orfevre {Jpn}) who will face off in Sunday's G1 Arima Kinen, sired his second top-level winner, the Asahi Hai Futurity S. hero **Jantar Mantar (Jpn)**, just this past weekend.

The other pair of newcomers will be standing their first seasons in 2024, with G1 Derby and G1 King George hero **Adayar (Ire)** priced at ¥1.8 million. The 2023 King George winner **Hukum (Ire)** ([Sea The Stars {Ire}](#)), a full-brother to the crack miler Baaeed (GB), is priced at ¥1.2 million.

The complete roster and fees for Darley Japan are as follows:

- Pyro, ¥4 million
- **Palace Malice**, ¥3.5 million
- **Thunder Snow (Ire)**, ¥2 million
- **Fine Needle (Jpn)**, ¥1.8 million
- Adayar (Ire), ¥1.8 million
- **Yoshida (Jpn)**, ¥1.5 million
- **Tower Of London (Jpn)**, ¥1.5 million
- **American Patriot**, ¥1.5 million
- **Will Take Charge**, ¥1.2 million
- **Talismanic (GB)**, ¥1.2 million
- Hukum (Ire), ¥1.2 million
- **Hawkbill**, ¥500,000
- **Furioso (Jpn)**, ¥500,000
- **Admire Moon (Jpn)**, private.

Shotaro Kajiyu, Darley Japan nominations manager, said, "We are proud to announce the addition of four new stallions next season, two from Europe and two from the U.S., making for an attractive line-up covering a wide variety of bloodlines and racing categories. We would like to thank you for the many applications we have already received, especially for **Palace Malice**, who is rapidly gaining popularity.

"Next year will also be an important year with the debut of Tower Of London's first crop, who is highly regarded by all. We will continue to strive to meet the expectations of owners and breeders by introducing the best stallions from around the world while offering attractive terms.

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## INAUGURAL FESTIVE FRIDAY DRAWS INTERNATIONAL CAST AT MEYDAN

by Heather Anderson

Friday marks the first edition of the Festive Friday card at Meydan, featuring two group races, three listed races and AED4.5 million in prize-money across the nine-race stand.

Returning to the scene of his 2023 G2 Godolphin Mile victory is **Isolate** (Mark Valeski), who will step out in the AED1-million G2 Al Maktoum Mile for trainer Doug Watson. Tyler Gaffalione will fly in for the race from the States.

“That was a great day and he’s moving better this year than he did last year,” said trainer Doug Watson, who also runs **Golden Goal (Ire)** (Dark Angel {Ire}), winner of this race in 2022. “They do a nice job out at Sheikh Rashid [Bin Humaid, owner]’s farm and he had a good summer off and came back looking a million dollars.

“We’ve worked him a few times over at Meydan—he loves going over there. There might be Saudi [Cup meeting] plans but we’ll see how he runs here first.”

**Royal Mews (Fr)** (**Siyouni {Fr}**) is one of nine rivals signed on, and he will be ridden by Tadhg O’Shea.

“We’re really looking forward to having Royal Mews back,” said Ryan Tongue, Racing Manager for owners Deva Racing of the three-time winner. “Isolate is the one to beat, but Tadhg O’Shea worked Royal Mews last week in blinkers for the first time and apparently he worked very well.”

Already in action this season is **Road Bloc** (**Street Sense**), who was third in a 1200-metre race at Sharjah on Nov. 26.

“He needed his first run and he’s working very well at home,” said owner Sayed Hashish. “The draw is not ideal but we believe he will appreciate the distance.”



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## Godolphin & Shadwell Out In Force In Al Rashidiya

Seven of the 11 entrants of the G2 Al Rashidiya will bear either the royal blue of Godolphin or the blue with white epaulettes of Shadwell. Charlie Appleby sends out **Measured Time (GB)** (**Frankel {GB}**), **Ottoman Fleet (GB)** (**Sea The Stars {Ire}**), and **Highland Avenue (Ire)** (Dubawi {Ire}), and he is gunning for his fourth title in five years in the 1800-metre grass affair.

Not to be outdone, is fellow Godolphin trainer Saeed bin Suroor, who is already a six-time winner of this race. His **Real World (Ire)** (Dark Angel {Ire}), a multiple group winner who was placed twice at Group 1 level last year, will break from stall seven.

G1 Jebel Hatta hero **Alfareeq (Ire)** (Dark Angel {Ire}) is one of three in the race for Shadwell, and holds pride of place, as he is the chosen mount of retained jockey Jim Crowley. The duo will leave from stall two.

## Friday's Supporting Card High On Class

A trio of listed races anchor the supporting card, among them the AED500,000 Listed Ertijaal Dubai Dash over the minimum trip of 1000 metres on grass. The youthful **Mischief Magic (Ire)** (Exceed And Excel {Aus}), a winner of the G1 Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf Sprint in 2022, squares off with desert veterans **Equilateral (GB)** (Equiano {Fr}), and **Miqyaas (GB)** (**Oasis Dream {GB}**). Johnny Murtagh sends the progressive 4-year-old filly **Ladies Church (GB)** (**Churchill {Ire}**) into the fray, as well. She ran second to Miqyaas in the G2 Blue Point Sprint in February.

“Miqyaas is doing well,” said Abo Bakr El Hefnawy, assistant trainer to Rashed Bouresly. “He raced once on dirt to be ready for this race.”

This season’s G1 Al Quoz Sprint winner **Danyah (Ire)** (Invincible Spirit {Ire}) makes his return on Friday in the 1400-metre Listed Business Bay Challenge on grass. His task is not the easiest, as among his 15 foes is G1 Summer S. victor **Mysterious Night (Ire)** (Dark Angel {Ire}) for Godolphin and Charlie Appleby.

Rounding out the listed races is the Entisar S., conducted over 1900m on dirt. Bhupat Seemar saddles a pair of horses, including **Western Symphony (Ire)** (Shamardal) and **Walk Of Stars (GB)** (Dubawi {Ire}).

“Godolphin thought Walk Of Stars was good enough to run in the Epsom Derby as a 3-year-old so he is a very exciting horse to have,” said Seemar. “We’re going to experiment with Western Symphony and try him over the 1900m. His pedigree suggests he has a chance of getting in, albeit he is a Shamardal, because there is a lot of stamina on the dam side.”

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# QATAR

## Thursday's Results:

**QATAR DERBY (Qat-G1)-Listed**, US\$500,000, Al Rayyan, 12-21, 3yo, 2000mT, 2:03.33, gd.

1--**JEFF KOONS (IRE)**, 128, c, 3, by **Frankel (GB)**

**1st Dam: Quidura (GB) (MGSW & MGISP-US, \$778,788, by Dubawi (Ire))**

**2nd Dam: Quetena (Ger), by Acatenango (Ger)**

**3rd Dam: Quebrada (Ire), by Devil's Bag**

**1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN.** O-Wathnan Racing; B-White Birch Farm, SC (Ire); T-Hamad Al-Jehani; J-Faleh Bughanaim; US\$285,000.

Lifetime Record: 8-2-3-0, \$310,696.

2--**Azka (Fr)**, 128, g, 3, **Wootton Bassett (GB)**--Scalambra (GB), by Nayef. (€55,000 Ylg '21 ARQOCT; €260,000 RNA HRA '23 ARQNOV). O-Abdellaziz Mamou; B-Gestut Zur Kuste (Fr); T-C & Y Lerner; J-Stephane Ladjadj; US\$110,000.

3--**Coco Jack (Ire)**, 128, g, 3, Wings Of Eagles (Fr)--Bright Morning, by Storm Cat. **1ST BLACK-TYPE.** (£16,000 RNA Ylg '21 TATSEP; 38,000gns HRA '23 TATOCT). O-Yousuf Al-Kuwari; B-Stuart McPhee Bloodstock, Ltd.; T-Hamad Al-Jehani; J-Tomas Lukasek; US\$55,000.

Margins: 1, SHD, 1.

Also Ran: Emperor Zen (Ire), Make Me King (Fr), Ends Of The Earth (GB), Lil' Frank (GB), Pearling Path (Fr), Bolt Action (Ire), Silawi (Ire), Dubawi Spectre (GB), Captain Winters (GB), Palais Du Louvre (Ire), Colombier (GB), Kovanof (GB), Kadovar (Ire), Serengeti Sunset (GB), Alsakib (GB).

Off of an already phenomenal year with his horses taking a Group 1 race at Royal Ascot among other stakes victories no less, the **Emir of Qatar's Wathnan Racing** scooped both the \$500,000 Listed Qatar Derby with Jeff Koons and the \$150,000 conditions race, the Al Rayyan S., with Soldier's Gold (Ire) (Soldier's Call {GB}) on Friday.

A winner at Newbury in July, the former White Birch Farm-owned colt was last seen running fourth over the Kempton all-weather in October for former trainers John and Thady Gosden, prior to joining Wathnan Racing.

Well covered up behind the leader, which was fellow Wathnan colourbearer Make Me King (Fr) (Dark Angel {Ire}), Jeff Koons was jounced around and squeezed by rivals coming toward the fence shortly after the 800-metre mark. Able to recover, the colt had over six lengths to make up as the field neared the quarter pole. Charging up between foes in the straight, Jeff Koons unleashed a devastating turn of foot to win comfortably.

He is out of the multiple graded winner Quidura, who was placed in both the GI Diana S. and the GI Jenny Wiley S. Quidura has since foaled the placed colt Autumn Winter (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}), while she has a yearling full-brother to the winner and a weanling filly by **Kingman (GB)** still to come. **Click for the VIDEO (SC 10).**

# ASIA

## Thursday's Result:

**NAGOYA GRAND PRIX-Listed (Jpn-G2)**, ¥68,400,000, Nagoya, 12-21, 3yo/up, 2100m, \*2:12.40 (NTR), gd.

1--**DIKTAEAN (JPN)**, 126, g, 5 by **King Kamehameha (Jpn)**

**1st Dam: Medeia (Jpn) (MSW-Jpn, \$2,245,704), by King Halo (Jpn)**

**2nd Dam: Witchful Thinking, by Lord Avie**

**3rd Dam: Halloween Joy, by Exuberant**

O-G1 Racing; B-Oiwake Farm (Jpn); T-Tatsuya Yoshioka; J-Makoto Okabe; ¥38,000,000. Lifetime Record: 20-8-0-2, ¥160,020,000.

2--**Grand Bridge (Jpn)**, 121, f, 4, Sinister Minister--Direttrice (Jpn), by Daiwa Major (Jpn). (¥3,410,000 Ylg '20 JBBASEP). O-Cypress Holdings; B-Yukio Kanemasu (Jpn); ¥13,300,000.

3--**Teleos Bell (Jpn)**, 119, m, 6, Kizuna (Jpn)--Early Spring (Jpn), by Kurofune. (¥6,480,000 Ylg '18 JBBAUG). O-Mieko Suzuki; B-Nozaka Farm (Jpn); ¥7,600,000.

Margins: 2, 6, 2. Odds: 1.40, 1.30, 12.70.

Also Ran: Another Truth (Jpn), Meisho Funjin (Jpn), Seika Meteo Polis (Jpn), Oniji Otani (Jpn), Transnational (Jpn), Mitono O (Jpn), Tokyo Sabuka, Sun Mach (Jpn), Material Girl (Jpn).

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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	<del>Secret Ambition (GB)</del>	<del>Exceed and Excel (Aus)</del>	<del>Scr</del>	<del>Scr</del>	<del>Scr</del>
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

**Sunday, Nakayama, Japan, post time: 3.40 p.m.**

**ARIMA KINEN (THE GRAND PRIX)-G1**, ¥955,000,000, 3yo/up, 2500mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	Sol Oriens (Jpn)	Kitasan Black (Jpn)	Kawada	Tezuka	123
2	Shahryar (Jpn)	Deep Impact (Jpn)	K Matsuyama	Fujiwara	128
3	Ho O Emmy's (Jpn) (f)	Lord Kanaloa (Jpn)	Tanabe	Ikegami	123
4	Titleholder (Jpn)	Duramente (Jpn)	K Yokoyama	Kurita	128
5	Do Deuce (Jpn)	Heart's Cry (Jpn)	Take	Tomomichi	128
6	Deep Bond (Jpn)	Kizuna (Jpn)	Marquand	Okubo	128
7	Iron Barows (Jpn)	Orfevre (Jpn)	Ishibashi	Uemura	128
8	Lilac (Jpn) (f)	Orfevre (Jpn)	Tosaki	Aizawa	123
9	Heat on Beat (Jpn)	King Kamehameha (Jpn)	Sakai	Tomomichi	128
10	Justin Palace (Jpn)	Deep Impact (Jpn)	T Yokoyama	Sugiyama	128
11	Harper (Jpn) (f)	Heart's Cry (Jpn)	M Iwata	Tomomichi	119
12	Win Mariyln (Jpn) (f)	Screen Hero (Jpn)	Morris	Tezuka	123
13	Tastiera (Jpn)	Satono Crown (Jpn)	Moore	Hori	123
14	Pradaria (Jpn)	Deep Impact (Jpn)	Murzabayev	M Ikezoe	128
15	Through Seven Seas (Jpn) (f)	Dream Journey (Jpn)	K Ikezoe	Ozeki	123
16	Stars on Earth (Jpn) (f)	Duramente (Jpn)	Lemaire	Takayanagi	123

**Breeders:** 1-Shadai Farm, 2-Northern Farm, 3-Shadai Farm, 4-Okada Stud, 5-Northern Farm, 6-Murata Bokujo, 7-Northern Racing, 8-Seiichi Serizawa, 9-Shadai Farm, 10-Northern Racing, 11-Northern Racing, 12-Cosmo View Farm, 13-Northern Farm, 14-Nagoyayuh Co Ltd, 15-Northern Farm, 16-Shadai Farm. \*All post times are local time.





# THE ROAD BACK: JOSHUA FRANKS, A STORY OF HORSES, HOPE AND HEALING



Joshua Franks | Kelcey Loges/Taylor Made Farm

by Sara Gordon

*Stable Recovery is a rehabilitation program in Lexington, Kentucky that provides a safe living environment and a peer-driven, therapeutic community for men in the early stages of recovery from drug and alcohol addiction. Along with going to 12-step meetings and support groups, residents attend the School of Horsemanship at Taylor Made Farm to learn a new vocation in the Thoroughbred industry. The School of Horsemanship is a project that was created by Taylor Made two years ago and has since seen over 100 men go through the program. Many of those graduates have gone on to pursue a career in an equine-related field. Spy Coast Farm, Brook Ledge, Hallway Feeds, Will Walden Racing, Rood & Riddle, WinStar Farm and Godolphin have recently partnered with Stable Recovery as the program looks to expand its reach throughout Lexington.*

*In this month's installment of TDN's series, 'The Road Back,' we introduce you to graduate Joshua Franks, now program coordinator for the School of Horsemanship.*

When Joshua Franks speaks about horses and the impact they've had on his life, the passion reverberates through every spoken word.

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## PLETCHER-FORTE TEAM GRANTED TEMPORARY RESTRAINING ORDER ON HOPEFUL DQ by Bill Finley

The Schenectady Supreme Court issued a temporary restraining order Thursday that put a halt on the New York Gaming Commission's efforts to disqualify Forte (**Violence**) from his win in the 2022 GI Hopeful S. at Saratoga and suspend trainer Todd Pletcher.

Acting on behalf of Pletcher and owners Mike Repole and Vinnie Viola, attorney Drew Mollica filed an Article 78 appeal. Article 78 appeals are lawsuits mainly used to challenge an action, or inaction, by agencies of New York State and local governments.

The New York Gaming Commission has alleged that Forte tested positive for meloxicam, a non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drug, widely prescribed to treat osteoarthritis and rheumatoid arthritis, and sold under the brand name Mobic. **Cont. p7**

## IN TDN EUROPE TODAY

### MUTASAABEQ: SO GOOD THEY NAMED HIM TWICE

Emma Berry finds out more about The National Stud new recruit **Mutasaabeq (GB)** (Invincible Spirit (Ire)) from Joe Bradley.

## #1 2YO SIRE OF HIS CROP IN 2023

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# THE ROAD BACK

**Joshua Franks, cont. from p1**

But it was only a year and a half ago that Franks first laid a hand on a horse, a moment he remembers vividly.

"It was at Keeneland, in Barn 10, and the horse was Big Lake [American Pharoah]. It was like I touched a ghost. Walking up to that horse, it was just magical."

It marked a turning point in Franks's life. A page was opening to the start of a new chapter, one driven by faith, purpose and passion, that would pave over a past marred by drug addiction and incarceration.

"I was born in California, but my mom and dad separated at a young age and then my mom moved back to Kentucky, so I grew up in Boone County. I lived with a single mom and two younger brothers. We lived in poverty," said Franks. "In my household, I didn't grow up with goals. My mom didn't know how to love, there wasn't a lot of love in the home, so growing up, I felt lost and alone. I got addicted to drugs at a young age and from there it spiraled out of control."

His issues with drug use eventually led him to prison, where he served a 10-year sentence. After he was released in 2020, he entered Recovery Works, a comprehensive inpatient addiction treatment center in Georgetown, Ky. It was there that he heard about Stable Recovery and its partner, the Taylor Made School of Horsemanship.

At this point, according to Franks, God stepped in. Because though he'd fallen down a path that many don't come back from, the light that kept him going was a hope that one day he would end up working within the Thoroughbred industry in some capacity. And the inspiration behind that? It was none other than the queen herself, Zenyatta (Street Cry {Ire}). **Cont.**



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**The Road Back, cont.**

"I believe she kind of changed the whole direction of my life. I used to watch Zenyatta race and she was electric. She touched me in a way that I can't even describe. She would bring tears to my eyes. Every hair on my arm would stand up when I watched her, and when she lost her last race, it just captured my heart," said Franks.

"I always wondered how to get here, how to get to Lexington to work with horses, but I never had that outlet. I think God knew in the depths of my heart what I truly loved. He met me where I was."

Franks came to Taylor Made to enter Stable Recovery and partake in the School of Horsemanship program in July of 2022, soaking up everything he could in the barn and on the farm, before graduating and heading out to join fellow School of Horsemanship graduate Will Walden at the track. He worked as the foreman of the young trainer's stable, a time highlighted by a first stakes victory for the Walden team when Kate's Kingdom (Animal Kingdom) took the 2022 My Charmer Stakes at Turfway Park.

Though Franks did struggle with a two-day relapse while on the road, he returned to Taylor Made last December to continue to work on himself, his sobriety and his career as a horseman.

"I think God took my pain, with addiction and all of that, and gave me something that would really touch my heart. It's really special," said Franks.

Things have come full circle for the 37-year-old, who now works full-time as the program coordinator for the School of Horsemanship.

"The biggest thing about this program is that we're trying to help people stay sober. It isn't necessarily about trying to change the horse industry, you know that comes with it along the way, but first and foremost we want to save lives," said Franks. "The best advice I'd give people is to seek God and trust God. That's something I've done every day. I hit my knees, day and night, and throughout the day. He's developed something that's astronomical for a guy like me."

Franks spends day in and day out with the men in the program that spans 90 days, teaching recovering individuals life skills and employable skills through working with the horses on the farm, participating in support groups and attending 12-step meetings.

"When they come in, I try to lead them in recovery first and then into horses. I tell them all the time, 'This job will always be here.'

"When it comes down to it, I want them to stay sober and develop a good foundation," said Franks.

One of the most crucial aspects of the program is instituting structure, something that a lot of the participants have never had in their lives. **Cont.**

  
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**The Road Back, cont.**

During the program they go to work daily, from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m., while also keeping up with a schedule throughout the week that includes Monday Motivation classes, School of Horsemanship meetings on Wednesdays, Community meetings on Thursdays and in-house meetings, called 'Off to the Races,' on Saturdays.

"A lot of us didn't grow up with that stuff, we didn't grow up with structure, so it's a really intense 90 days. This program is like no other. [CEO] Christian [Countzler] is very stern, he expects things to go a certain way, which I appreciate. I've been other places where as bad as it is, there's drugs filling these places, there's no accountability; while here, Christian demands that. All the outside issues, we don't have to deal with those. We're here to recover and to help each other recover," said Franks. "It goes hand-in-hand with how detailed the horse industry is. From the way the blankets are folded, to bandages, to medical charts, to bringing your horses in in the morning and checking to make sure they're well, with no cuts or swelling. It all comes down to structure and accountability."

As much as the program places an emphasis on the individual's well-being and progress in their journey to sobriety, it also helps them build comradery and a recovery network amongst their peers and the staff.



Taylor Made entrance | Sarah Andrew

"What I try to do in my barn is to gain momentum behind guys, find out what they're good at and team build around them, getting them pointed in the right direction. Getting them to work together, lean on each other, that's important.

"Sometimes throughout the day I might stop the barn, get them all together and rally them. I think momentum is key with recovery," said Franks. **Cont.**

A better racehorse than his sire **CONSTITUTION** (2024 fee \$110,000), grandsire **TAPIT** and great-grandsire **PULPIT**.

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**The Road Back, cont.**

"When they get out of treatment, most of them haven't seen the doctor, or maybe they have court stuff going on, so we try to get all of that taken care of in those 90 days. That way, when they gain full-time employment, they already have that foundation set.

"They come in here broken, they need to feel good about themselves, so I try to place them in good positions to help build themselves up."

Franks, who is just days away from celebrating his one-year anniversary of sobriety on Dec. 24, admits that if he'd told his younger self that this is where he'd be at this point in his life, he would have never believed it.

But when he looks back on the places he's been, a valley of lows and lower, Franks knows he has found renewed purpose and a true home in the presence of horses.

"I heard Will Walden say this and it's so true: the horse doesn't

ask where I'm from or what I've done, they accept me as who I am. They are the heroes. They are the therapeutic value in this thing for guys like me," he said. "What I've noticed is that most of your broken souls don't have any family support, just like myself when I came into this. My mother is deceased, my father is deceased, I never really had family growing up, that was nonexistent, so the horses became my friends. It was tough for me sitting here when they would have family days and I would have no one show or call, but the horses, they're the ones that were there for me."

If you come out to Taylor Made and look around, you'll likely see someone working on the farm that is in recovery. But

it's not until you've seen a man working with a horse, standing there with a glimmer of hope in his eye, that you understand the true impact of the program developed by Frank Taylor and Countzler. **Cont.**



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***The Road Back, cont.***

A shining testament to that, Franks gives the utmost credit to the program, Taylor Made and the Thoroughbred industry as a whole for where he is today.

"Nobody could put this together but God. He takes our pain and he develops it into something magnificent," he said. "I will say this. Though I loved her dearly, my mom and I weren't close and she didn't know how to express her love. But the only thing I knew about my mom was that her favorite animal was a horse. I'm not sure if that was passed on to me, but I do believe she looks over me every day on this farm.

"Everyone has been so supportive of Stable Recovery. This is a non-profit organization and to know that there are people around the world that care about us enough to help get us back

on our feet and heading in the right direction, it's special. I'm very grateful."

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***Hopeful DQ, cont. from p1***

Forte was disqualified and Pletcher was issued a 10-day suspension and fined \$1,000.

The Forte team has used Dr. Steven A. Barker, considered one of the foremost experts in equine drug testing and research, as a witness and Barker has said that 500 picograms or .5 nanograms of meloxicam was detected in Forte's system. Barker said he believes that such a low level of the medication would not impact a horse's performance and that the small amount is indicative of environmental contamination. **Cont.**



The photo above was submitted by *TDN* cartoonist Remi Bellocq, who writes, "During a somewhat gloomy discussion about the future of racing with my 97-year-old father Pierre `PEB' Bellocq recently, he showed me this photo. Taken by him nearly 80 years ago, the photo shows my uncle Louis--a top jockey at the time--after a race at Maisons-Laffitte racecourse in German-occupied France. The startling thing about this photo are the people in the background--including two German officers. As dad explained, beyond the utter madness of a world at war, it is worth noting that despite the presence of the occupying force, these French racing fans were able to put aside their burdens for a few hours and enjoy the simple pleasure of trying to pick a winner. Some things will never change and it's worth remembering that this amazing sport has endured quite a lot and is very much worth embracing. Words of wisdom." | *Pierre Bellocq photo*



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**Hopeful DQ, cont.**

A hearing was granted by the Gaming Commission, which voted unanimously to uphold a recommendation from a hearing officer. After that decision, Forte's legal team took the next step and went to court. The case is scheduled to resurface on Jan. 9, at which time the court can issue a permanent injunction.

"We look forward to appellate review of one of the most unfair, egregious hearing processes and commission orders that I have ever seen," Mollica said. "The facts will show that not only did Mr. Pletcher break no Gaming Commission rule, the rule by which he was charged has no applicability at all and the hearing was constitutionally flawed."

Mollica also argued that the amount found in the horse's system did not merit a violation. He said that Dr. George Maylin, the director of the New York Equine Drug Testing Programs, agreed with that finding and stated as much when going before the hearing officer.

"The scientific finding alleged by the Gaming Commission did not meet the standard of a violation," Mollica said. "Dr. George Maylin, the nation's foremost equine pharmacologist, testified as much at the hearing. It should be noted that Dr. Maylin did



Forte | Sarah Andrew

not testify for the prosecution, in this case the Gaming Commission, but testified for the defense. That speaks volumes. We look forward to an impartial review of this matter. After reviewing the transcript of the hearing all I can say is that this was a travesty of justice."

Once the positive finding was revealed Repole has been adamant that the disqualification was unwarranted and vowed to fight.

"I spent \$20 million last year on horses, I can spend \$20

million fighting this case," he said in May. "I think long-term this is going to be good for racing. This whole process, though sad and pathetic, has been a great learning experience for me."

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## CLERK OF SCALES AT PRESQUE ISLE DOWNS SUSPENDED FOR FAILURE TO WEIGH-OUT JOCKEYS

by J.N. Campbell

A longtime racetrack employee and the current Clerk of Scales at Churchill Downs Inc.-owned Presque Isle Downs in Erie, Pennsylvania was suspended by the Pennsylvania State Horse Racing Commission's Bureau of Thoroughbred Horse Racing for 30 days beginning Jan. 8. Danny Hamilton was found by the stewards to have neglected to weigh-out jockeys before the eighth race Oct. 11.

Director of Enforcement Jason Klouser, who led the investigation, said, "The Racing Commission's investigators observed Danny Hamilton failing to weigh-out the jockeys for Race 8, which is a violation of numerous sections of Pennsylvania's rules of racing."

Klouser added, "At this point, the investigation into Hamilton's activities is ongoing to determine if there were any other violations."

According to the stewards ruling which is [posted on the commission's website](#), part of the duties of the Clerk of Scales and/or their assistant is to preside over the racing process from when the jockeys assemble before the race to weigh-out, all the way through its conclusion when they come off the course to

weigh-in.

Hamilton appeared this past summer on an episode of [Horse Racing Today](#) co-hosted by [Jamie Martinez](#) in which he discussed his experiences and delved into his duties as a clerk.

On that program, Hamilton said, "We run a very tight ship here at Presque Isle." When asked what happens if a rider's weight is off when he or she comes off the course, the clerk said with a laugh, "Well then we have real problems! Then the Racing Commission gets involved and stuff gets really real."

He went on to say, "But we don't have that problem, all the riders come back heavier than what they went out. So, if you go out at 124 [pounds], chances are you're going to come in at 126 [pounds], 127 [pounds], because the saddle towel, the pad, the horses are sweaty, it soaks up into the pad and saddle towel ... it weighs a lot. If they come back lighter than they went out, major problem, if they come back heavier, then you're good to go."

Growing up around racetracks, including Beulah Park and Delaware Park, Hamilton as recently as 2019 served as an inspector for the Ohio State Racing Commission. Since then, he's had several other stops at locations such as Oaklawn Park, where he was an integrity officer.

Hamilton was hired as the Clerk of Scales by Presque Isle Downs earlier this year after he was the horse identifier at the course during the 2022 season. **Cont.**

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**Presque Isle's Clerk of Scales suspended, cont.**



**Presque Isle Downs jockeys** | Coady Photography

An attempt was made to contact the track's Matthew Ennis, Director of Racing, but several messages were not returned.

Currently, Hamilton is serving as a placing judge at Fair Grounds, which is also owned by Churchill Downs Inc.

Klouser confirmed that, "We have notified the Louisiana Racing Commission of the pending suspension."

As for the ruling, Hamilton is denied access to all grounds under the jurisdiction of the Pennsylvania State Horse Racing Commission and does have the right to appeal. He was unable to be reached for comment.

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**ARGUETA, ASSISTANT TO TRAINER SERVIS, SENTENCED TO 'TIME SERVED'** by T.D. Thornton

Henry Argueta, formerly the assistant to the now-imprisoned trainer Jason Servis, was sentenced to a prison term of "time served" and two years of supervised release after working out a cooperative plea bargain with prosecutors in the wide-ranging 2020 racehorse doping conspiracy case that has already netted several dozen convictions.

The sentencing paperwork filed Dec. 21 for Argueta's final judgment in United States District Court (Southern District of New York) stated that he pleaded guilty to three felony charges listed in a superseding information document in exchange for other charges in a separate indictment being dropped.

The court records did not state how much time Argueta had already served.

The judgment also stated that Argueta must pay more than \$28 million in restitution to an undisclosed list of victims. The documentation did not list a specific payment plan.

It is common for convicts of federal crimes who don't have the means to pay exorbitantly large restitutions to never pay more than a fraction of the court-ordered amount, although the penalty is never legally forgiven and the government can continue to try and collect it up to 20 years after a criminal's sentence expires.

Separately, Argueta's court filing stated that, "As a result of the offenses charged in Counts One and Two of the Information, to which the Defendant pled guilty, a money judgment in the amount of \$311,760 [representing] the amount of forfeitable property involved in the offenses charged [is] jointly and severally liable with the Co-Defendants..."

But the documentation went on to state that because Servis, who got **sentenced to four years in prison** on July 26, has already paid that \$311,760, "the Government shall credit the Servis Payment against the Money Judgment and the [Argueta] Money Judgment will be fully satisfied."

Argueta's name surfaced on multiple occasions in a trove of wiretapped evidence that prosecutors had planned to introduce at trials.

But the feds didn't have to use the vast majority of those taped telephone phone conversations and intercepted text messages, because the highest-profile defendants in the case all ended up cutting guilty-plea deals instead of taking their chances facing a jury.

On July 10, 2019, Servis and Argueta were listed in a transcript allegedly discussing concerns about getting caught administering performance-enhancing drugs to Thoroughbreds.

**Servis:** Be careful man, Henry, with that. Really careful, because ...

**Argueta:** Yes?

**Servis:** Because we are getting really good.

**Argueta:** Yeah, no.

**Servis:** All we need is a problem like that. Oh, with [Maximum Security crossing the finish wire first but getting disqualified for interference in the] Derby and [expletive]. Oh, my God! **Cont.**

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**Servis assisant Henry Argueta, cont.**

Argueta and Servis then discussed the likelihood that authorities would be on the lookout for them to see if they were doping horses.

**Argueta:** Yeah, but what are they going to see? Nobody going to see nothing. What are they going to see? Nothing.

**Servis:** Right.

**Argueta:** We don't do nothing--ha, ha! They can look wherever they want to look.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

**DR. JERRY BILINSKI ON THE GREAT WHITE WAY DQ**

Regarding the Great White Way fiasco: The stewards made a huge mistake! We all make them. It happens in football all the time! When it happens there are no calls to remove the Commissioner. As in this situation, there should be no calls to remove Jockey Club leadership.

What is needed is to look at the Stewards box. Stewards involved should be interviewed, past decisions reviewed and what we need is industry-wide implementation to improve the process. Possibly a fourth person "in the booth" might help when a foul occurs. Evaluation of current requirements, education, improved training, age requirements, cognitive skills, etc.

Whatever blame rests 100% with the stewards in this case!  
--Jerry Bilinski DVM, former New York Racing Chairman

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Echo Zulu winning the GI Ballerina S. She put on an impressive performance. I've always been a fan of hers. She's a hell of a horse. Exceptionally fast and a generational defining talent.

--Clay Scherer, Bloodstock Agent

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**FLORIDA HORSE OF THE YEAR SIMPLIFICATION ARRIVES AT PLEASANT ACRES FOR STUD DUTY**



Simplification | Coglianese

Pleasant Acres Stallions welcomed to its roster GISP **Simplification** (Not This Time), who will stand the 2024 season for \$6,500, the Florida farm said in a release Thursday.

"We are pleased to bring a talented son of Not this Time into our stallion barn at Pleasant Acres Stallions," said Director of Stallion Services Christine Jones. **Cont.**

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**Simplification, cont.**

“Simplification is a hometown hero for all of us in Florida and we are certain breeders will benefit from breeding to this Champion Horse of the Year, Florida-bred, graded stakes winner.”

Bred by France and Irwin Weiner and owned by Tami Bobo, as a juvenile Simplification broke his maiden by an impressive 16 3/4 lengths at Gulfstream Park. The Antonio Sano trainee began his 3-year-old campaign with a front-running four-length victory in the **Mucho Macho Man S.**, then finished as the runner-up in the GIII Holy Bull S.

Next, he won the GII Fountain of Youth S., finished third in the GI Florida Derby and was fourth in the GI Kentucky Derby. At four, he placed third in the GII WinStar Gulfstream Park Mile S. and fifth in the GIII **Ghostzapper S.** before he retired with career earnings of nearly \$900,000.

The son of Not this Time is out of the **Candy Ride (Arg)** daughter Simply Confection, who was named 2022 FTBOA Broodmare of the Year. The new stallion joins the likes of Bodexpress (Bodemeister), Doppelganger (Into Mischief) and Gunnevera (**Dialed In**) at the 220-acre farm located just northwest of Ocala.

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**SECRETARIAT CENTER EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR DEPARTS**

Shelley Mann will be stepping down from her role as Executive Director of the Lexington-based Secretariat Center effective Dec. 29, the non-profit said in a release late Wednesday.

Mann joined the organization in 2020 and has played a pivotal role in advancing the organization's mission to prepare off-track Thoroughbreds for successful post-track careers. During Mann's tenure, the organization experienced growth in both reach and impact.

Outgoing president of the board Dr. Holly Schmitt said, "We are immensely grateful for the tremendous impact Shelley has had on The Secretariat Center. Her passion has left an indelible mark on our organization, and we wish her all the best in her future endeavors."

The Secretariat Center is now actively searching for a new Executive Director to build on the organization's successes and lead it into the next chapter. Lewis Prewitt, President at Prewitt Management Consultants, LLC, is assisting with the search.

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**WAGERING AND PURSE RECORDS FALL AT ZIA PARK'S 2023 MEET**

The 19th season of horse racing at Zia Park was a record-setting one on several fronts with new standards set for average daily handle, purses and safety during the 30-day mixed Quarter Horse/Thoroughbred meet, the PENN Entertainment-owned track said in a release Thursday afternoon.

An average daily handle of \$830,371 was up 72% from the 48-date meet in 2022 to set a new track record and was the highest daily handle recorded by a racetrack in the state of New Mexico since 2010. Live handle was up an equally impressive 47% from 2022. Five of the tracks ten all-time highest daily handles were recorded in 2023, all coming in the last 15 days of the meet.

Purses were a big reason in driving the average Thoroughbred field size to nearly nine horses per race (8.91) versus last year's 7.45 per race figure.

Average daily overnight purses totaled \$344,067, both a track and New Mexico record. Total average daily purses, including stakes, was \$432,767.

Racing safety also set records with only two racing catastrophic injuries the entire meet resulting in a rate of 0.74 per 1000 starters--the lowest ever recorded for Zia Park and nearly 50% lower than the national average for dirt races as published by The Jockey Club's Equine Injury Database. There was one catastrophic injury during training which began Oct. 1.

"From all metrics the meet was a great success--records set for wagering, purses and in safety as well," said Lauren Barrows, Vice President and General Manager.

"We thank all our guests, horsemen and racing participants and team members for having a part in delivering those impressive numbers."

Todd Fincher won his third straight training title, while jockey Luis Fuentes secured his second straight leading rider title. The leading Thoroughbred owners were J. Kirk and Judy Robison.

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
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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

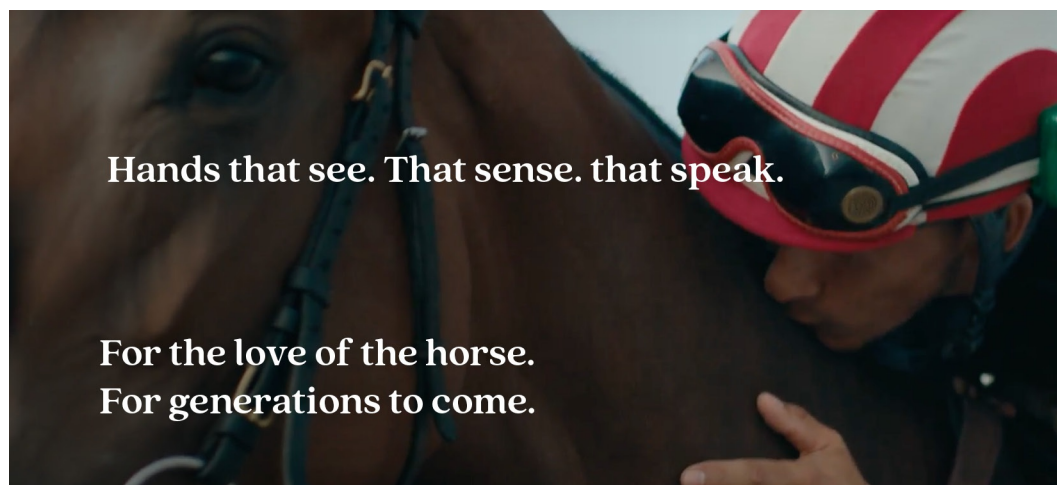
**Breeders:** 1-Ed Pendray & Edward A. Seltzer, 2-Donamire Farm, 3-John Grossi, 4-Paul L. Fowler, Jr., 5-Shalom Farm & Ramon Martinez, 6-Sheltoewe Farm & WinStar Farm, LLC, 7-Donald R. Dizney, LLC & W. S. Farish, 8-Jacks or Better Farm Inc.

**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:

**9th-Gulfstream, \$63,000, Alw (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$75,000),** 12-21, 2yo, 5fT, :55.35, fm, 3/4 length.

**OKIRO (c, 2, Yoshida {Jpn})--She Hung the Moon, by Malibu Moon),** a debut winner over the all-weather course July 28, hit the board in all three of his subsequent starts over the local synthetic, including second-place finishes in the Hollywood Beach S. Sept. 30 and an optional claimer last time Nov. 3. Adding blinkers for this first try on grass, the 3-1 chance chased the early leaders from an inside fourth and tipped out at the top of the stretch to take on longshot pacesetter Esperon (Chitu). Okiro had dead aim and looked well on his way to victory down the stretch. Esperon, however, drifted out several paths and bumped Okiro about a sixteenth from home. Okiro fell a head short at the wire, but had his number put up by the stewards. Esperon was demoted to second. The winner's dam produced a colt by **McKinzie** in 2022 (\$285,000 KEESEP yearling purchase by Ken McPeck) and a filly by **Improbable** in 2023. She was bred back to **Speaker's Corner**. Sales history: \$8,200 Ylg '22 FTKOCT; \$25,000 2yo '23 OBSMAR. Lifetime Record: SP, 5-2-2-1, \$87,680. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

O-Yutaka Enterprises Corp.; B-Burleson Farm & McKenzie Bloodstock (KY); T-Jose Garoffalo.

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### IN ORDER OF PURSE:

**1st-Gulfstream, \$60,000, Msw, 12-21, 3yo/up, f/m, 5fT, :55.87,** fm, 1 3/4 lengths.

**BEACHLAND (f, 3, Liam's Map--Snow Cone {MSW, \$353,110}, by Cryptoclearance),** second in her first two attempts on dirt June 11 and July 9, faded to fourth as the favorite over the all-weather here Nov. 24. Making her first try on grass here, the 6-1 chance tracked from fourth and shot through an opening along the rail in the stretch to graduate by 1 3/4 lengths over Up for It (More Than Ready). The winner is a half-sister to Salute With Honor (To Honor and Serve), GSW-Can, MSP-USA, \$303,177. Snow Cone, also responsible for a filly by **The Factor** of 2022, was bred to **Tacitus** for 2024. Lifetime Record: 4-1-2-0, \$56,210. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

O-Oak Ridge Farm; B-Anthony M. Warrender & Diane M. Curry (KY); T-Ralph E. Nicks.

**FOALED AND RAISED Blackburn Farm**

**7th-Fair Grounds, \$52,000, Msw, 12-21, 2yo, f, 1 1/16m,** 1:47.33, ft, neck.

**BROUGHTY FERRY (f, 2, Audible--Praia {SW & MGSP, \$233,913}, by Distorted Humor),** second at 16-1 in a \$100,000 seller at Churchill Downs Nov. 22, was given a 9-2 chance to go one better while adding Lasix here. Seventh through fractions of :24.34 and :48.82, she came rolling down the center in the stretch to eke out a neck victory over Fasta Lavista Baby (**Take Charge Indy**). She becomes the 18th winner for her freshman sire (by Into Mischief). The winner's dam produced a filly by **Audible** in 2022 and a colt by **Maxfield** in 2023. She was bred back to **Epicenter**. Sales history: \$135,000 Ylg '22 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 4-1-1-0, \$47,456. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

O-Joel Politi; B-Clearsky Farms (KY); T-Thomas M. Amoss.





**FIRST-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22**  
2023 Stud Fees Listed

**Catalina Cruiser** (Union Rags), Lane's End Farm, \$15,000  
110 foals of racing age/11 winners/0 black-type winners  
6-Fair Grounds, 4:15 p.m. EST, Aoc 5 1/2fT, Hidden Class, 7-2  
\$24,000 RNA KEE JAN wnl; \$30,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$40,000 OBS  
APR 2yo

**Catholic Boy** (More Than Ready), Claiborne Farm, \$15,000  
104 foals of racing age/14 winners/0 black-type winners  
4-Turfway, 7:25 p.m. EST, Aoc 1m, Mission Ready, 20-1  
\$80,000 KEE NOV wnl; \$100,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$55,000 OBS APR  
2yo

**Force the Pass** (Speightstown), Sau  
36 foals of racing age/2 winners/0 black-type winners  
8-Laurel, 3:49 p.m. EST, Aoc 6f, One Way Traffic, 5-1  
\$19,000 FTI DEC wnl; \$32,000 EAS OCT yrl; \$65,000 EAS MAY  
2yo

**Maximus Mischief** (Into Mischief), Spendthrift Farm, \$7,500  
136 foals of racing age/31 winners/3 black-type winners  
5-Turfway, 7:55 p.m. EST, Msw 6 1/2f, Alwaysintomischief, 8-1  
\$50,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$75,000 RNA OBS MAR 2yo; \$72,000 OBS  
OPN 2yo

**Mitole** (Eskendereya), Spendthrift Farm, \$15,000  
159 foals of racing age/32 winners/2 black-type winners  
4-Turfway, 7:25 p.m. EST, Aoc 1m, Stone Harbor, 8-1  
\$75,000 KEE JAN wnl

**SECOND-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22**  
2023 Stud Fees Listed

**Justify** (Scat Daddy), Coolmore Ashford, \$100,000  
347 foals of racing age/84 winners/20 black-type winners  
2-Gulfstream, 12:39 p.m. EST, Msw 5fT, Power of Justice, 6-1  
\$65,000 OBS OPN 2yo

**U.S.-BRED/SIRED RUNNERS IN JAPAN**



*In this continuing series, Alan Carasso takes a look ahead at US-bred and/or conceived runners entered for the upcoming weekend at the tracks on the Japan Racing Association circuit, with a focus on pedigree and/or performance in the sales ring. Here are the horses of interest for this Saturday running at Nakayama Racecourse. The feature of the weekend is Sunday's fan-voted G1 Arima Kinen, the preview for which will appear in Saturday's TDN:*



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**Saturday, December 23, 2023**

**6th-NKY, ¥13,720,000 (\$96k), Newcomers, 2yo, 1800m**

**BLUE WHIRL** (c, 2, Arrogate--Ignite, by Jump Start) is the first foal from a stakes-placed half-sister to MSP Instructor Kunu (E Dubai) and MSP Belial (Tritap) and looks to become the 15th winner from 17 Japanese starters for his sadly departed stallion. A \$90,000 purchase as a weanling by McMahon and Hill out of 2021 Fasig-Tipton Saratoga Fall Sale, the dark bay colt was led out unsold on a bid of \$140,000 at last year's Keeneland September sale. Takeshi Yokoyama, who will finish third in this year's Japanese jockeys' premiership, has the riding assignment.

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**IN SAUDI ARABIA:**

**Almosalhemah**, f, 2, **Macho Uno**--Oasis At Midnight (GSP, \$301,972), by **Midnight Lute**. King Abdulaziz, 12-21, Maiden, 1400m. B-David L Rouso (FL). \*1ST-TIME STARTER. \*\*\$30,000 Ylg '22 OBSOCT; \$95,000 2yo '23 OBSAPR. **VIDEO (SC 19)**

**Coastal Equine**  352-207-2772  
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**Warrior's Head**, c, 2, **Munnings**--Whats Yur Story, by Liaison. King Abdulaziz, 12-21, Maiden, 1200m. B-Springhouse Farm, Ballysax Bloodstock & Lynn Lodge Stud (KY). \*1ST-TIME STARTER. \*\*\$110,000 Ylg '22 KEESEP. **VIDEO (SC 3)**

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**Mo Strike**, c, 3, **Uncle Mo**--Featherbed (SW & GISP, \$227,904), by Smart Strike. King Abdulaziz, 12-21, Allowance, 1400m. B-Blue Heaven Farm & Ashford Stud (KY). \*First start in Saudi Arabia. \*\*Won 2022 GIII Sanford S. for trainer Brad Cox. \*\*\*\$90,000 Ylg '21 FTKOCT; \$325,000 2yo '22 OBSAPR. \*\*\*\*1/2 to Dynamic Impact (Tiznow), GSW, \$421,006.

**VIDEO (SC 15)**

**IN ITALY:**

**Big Riot**, g, 8, **Flatter**--Ms. Lydonia (MSW & GSP-US, \$326,937), by Labeeb (GB). Pisa, 12-21, Hcp., 1200mT. O-Riccardo Belluco. B-Carson Springs Farm (FL). T-Paolo Favero. \*\$7,500 Ylg '16 OBSAUG.

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**IN FRANCE:**

**Ardent**, f, 3, **Frankel (GB)**. See "France".

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**STAKES RESULTS:**

**JOSHUA RADOSEVICH MEMORIAL S.**, \$75,000, Mahoning Valley, 12-21, (S), 2yo, 6f, 1:12.13, gd.

1--**SHADOWY, 122, c, 2**, by **National Flag**--**Feeling Ethereal**, by **Union Rags**. **1ST BLACK TYPE WIN**. O-Blazing Meadows Farm LLC; B-Blazing Meadows Farm LLC & Brian Kahn (OH); T-Timothy E. Hamm; J-Rocco Bowen. \$45,000. Lifetime Record: 8-3-2-3, \$155,700. \*1st black-type winner for sophomore sire (by **Speightstown**).

2--**Heza Pistol**, 118, g, 2, Danza--Sheza Runaway Star, by Pride of Burkaan. (\$29,000 RNA Ylg '22 OTBOMX). **1ST BLACK TYPE**. O-McMichael, Robert and Colleen; B-Robert L. McMichael (OH); T-Jeffrey L. Greenhill. \$15,000.

3--**Lust for Life**, 118, g, 2, Cowtown Cat--Love Spun, by **Hard Spun**. (\$30,000 Ylg '22 OTBOMX). **1ST BLACK TYPE**. O-HMD Racing Stables LLC & Taste of Victory Stables; B-Mapleton Thoroughbred Farm (OH); T-Michael L. Rone. \$7,500.  
 Margins: 8HF, HF, 2. Odds: 0.05, 47.00, 23.60.

**BOBBIE BRICKER MEMORIAL S.**, (NB) \$75,000, Mahoning Valley, 12-21, (S), 3yo/up, f/m, 1m 70y, 1:46.21, gd.

1--**MOBIL CHIC, 120, m, 5**, **Mobil--Chic Cat (SP, \$166,190)**, by **Tiger Ridge**. O-James McConnell; B-Mapleton Thoroughbred Farm (OH); T-Richard Zielinski; J-Luis Raul Rivera. \$45,000. Lifetime Record: SP, 31-4-7-7, \$196,637. \*1/2 to Grizabella (Lunarpal), SW, \$550,005.

2--**Near Perfect**, 119, f, 3, Mobil--Echt, by Fusaichi Pegasus. O-Mast Thoroughbreds LLC; B-Mapleton Thoroughbred Farm (OH); T-Robert M. Gorham. \$15,000.

3--**Aunt Bee**, 118, m, 5, Tidal Volume--Silky Sami, by Margie's Wildcat. O-Built Wright Stables, LLC.; B-Hal Snowden (OH); T-Raymond E. Ginter, Jr. \$7,500.

Margins: 5, 1HF, 3/4. Odds: 8.60, 3.70, 3.70.

**ALLOWANCE RESULTS:**

**8th-Turfway, \$71,999**, 12-20, (NW1\$X), 3yo/up, f/m, 1m (AWT), 1:39.53, ft, 1 1/4 lengths.

**HURRY UP HANNAH (f, 3, Jack Milton--Malibu Song, by Power Broker)** Lifetime Record: 7-2-2-0, \$78,979. O-Run For The Hills Stable; B-Tim McCarthy (KY); T-William D. Cowans.

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**10th-Zia, \$64,500, (S), 12-20, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 5 1/2f, 1:04.80,** ft, nose.

**ARTFUL CRITIC (g, 3, Artful Run--Lamonster Majestic, by To Teras)** Lifetime Record: 13-2-2-3, \$90,723. O-Yarbar, R. Dwain, Nichols, Brent, Yarbar, Ritchie W. and Combs, Billy Joe; B-Dwain Yarber (NM); T-Simon J. Buechler.

**9th-Zia, \$62,500, (NW2\$Y)/Opt. Clm (\$35,000), 12-20, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:09.36, ft, 1 3/4 lengths.**

**MINISTER OF SOUL (g, 9, Ministers Wild Cat--Sensitive Soul, by Bernstein)** Lifetime Record: MSW, 62-18-11-9, \$575,822. O/T-Esteban Martinez; B-Dahlberg Farms LLC (CA). \*\$16,000 Ylg '15 NCAAUG. \*\*1/2 to Raised a Secret (Songandaprayer), SW & GSP, \$492,130; Sapphire Kid (Richard's Kid), SP, \$276,739.

**2nd-Gulfstream, \$53,850, (S), (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$20,000), 12-21, 3yo/up, 5f (AWT), :55.59, ft, neck.**

**IF NOT FOR LUCK (c, 4, Neolithic--Fondant, by Candy Ride {Arg})** Lifetime Record: 7-2-1-2, \$83,400. O-Clap Embroidery; B-Juan Rodriguez (FL); T-Carlos Luis Perez. \*\$18,000 Ylg '20 OBSWIN; \$35,000 Ylg '20 OBSOCT; \$35,000 2yo '21 OBSAPR.

**8th-Fair Grounds, \$53,000, 12-21, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16mT, 1:43.48, fm, nose.**

**BEST PERFORMER (f, 3, Oscar Performance--Kinsley, by Pulpit)** Lifetime Record: 12-2-2-2, \$181,700. O-Kirk, Kat and Sanders, Wayne R.; B-Candy Meadows LLC (KY); T-Joe Sharp. \*\$60,000 Ylg '21 KEESEP.

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**8th-Delta Downs, \$43,000, 12-21, (NW3L), 3yo/up, 7f, 1:26.98, ft, 1 length.**

**IRON IN THE FIRE (g, 4, Iron Fist--Robtadi {SP}, by Eurosilver)** Lifetime Record: 10-3-0-3, \$78,940. O-World War IV Racing; B-Wendell A. Templet (LA); T-Allen Landry. \*\$25,000 Ylg '20 ESLYRL.

**5th-Mahoning Valley, \$36,200, (S), 12-21, (NW4L), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:12.57, gd, 1 1/2 lengths.**

**NEXT GENERATION (f, 4, Shackleford--My Fast Friend, by Friends Lake)** Lifetime Record: 12-4-6-1, \$123,160. O-Michael A. Foster; B-Susan King (OH); T-William D. Cowans.

**4th-Mahoning Valley, \$33,700, (S), 12-21, (NW2L), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:13.45, gd, 6 1/4 lengths.**

**QUEEN OF THE BUCKEYE (f, 4, Dark Kestrel--Buckler, by Concerto)** Lifetime Record: 6-2-1-1, \$52,248. O-Ruberto Racing Stable, Inc.; B-Louis V. Ruberto (OH); T-Louis V. Ruberto, Jr.. \*Full to Buckeye Bullet, MSP, \$414,459; Midnight Mikey, MSP,

\$350,796.

**1st-Penn National, \$31,600, (S), (C)/Opt. Clm (\$25,000), 12-20, 3yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:38.41, ft, 1 1/4 lengths.**

**DATE NIGHT KISSES (f, 4, Weigelia--Tribal Verse, by Oratory)** Lifetime Record: 23-6-2-6, \$223,227. O-Walter B. Doggett III; B-Emilie M. Bateman (PA); T-A. Ferris Allen, III. \*\$1,500 Ylg '20 EASOCT; \$9,000 RNA 2yo '21 EASMAY.

**5th-Penn National, \$31,600, (S), 12-20, (NW1BX), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:10.17, ft, 6 1/4 lengths.**

**COULD BE A COUGAR (f, 3, Weigelia--Animalistic, by Animal Kingdom)** Lifetime Record: 6-2-1-0, \$44,240. O-Wasabi Ventures Stables LLC, Micovic, Daniel and Offutt, Brett; B-Wasabi Ventures Stables LLC, Connie S. Black, Thirst Productions, L, et al (PA); T-Mark V. Salvaggio.

#### ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

**Summerintahoe, f, 2, Tapit--Tossup (SP), by Pioneer of the Nile.** Turfway, 12-20, 6 1/2f (AWT), 1:18.46. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-0, \$43,528. B-Fred W. Hertrich III & the Tapit Syndicate (KY). \*\$200,000 Ylg '22 KEESEP.

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**Kant Elope, f, 3, Kantharos--Keep the Ring (SP), by Broken Vow.** Mahoning Valley, 12-21, (S), 6f, 1:14.62. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$19,080. B-Jane N. & James A. Fraser (OH). \*\$35,000 Ylg '21 FTKJUL. \*\*1ST-TIME STARTER.

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**Hartstein, g, 3, Snag--Chain Yanker, by Delta Miner.** Mahoning Valley, 12-21, (S), 6f, 1:13.51. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-0, \$25,758. B-Hurst Racing Stables LLC (OH).

**Grimes, c, 3, The Factor--There She Is, by Medaglia d'Oro.** Gulfstream, 12-21, (C), 5f (AWT), :56.35. Lifetime Record: 7-1-2-1, \$51,101. B-Jenny Mills (KY). \*\$34,000 Ylg '21 KEESEP; \$57,000 RNA 2yo '22 OBSMAR.

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**Audible**, Broughty Ferry, f, 2, o/o Praia, by Distorted Humor. MSW, 12-21, Fair Grounds

**Dark Kestrel**, Queenofthebuckeye, f, 4, o/o Buckler, by Concerto. ALW, 12-21, Mahoning Valley

**Iron Fist**, Iron in the Fire, g, 4, o/o Robtadi, by Eurosilver. ALW, 12-21, Delta Downs

**Jack Milton**, Hurry Up Hannah, f, 3, o/o Malibu Song, by Power Broker. ALW, 12-20, Turfway

**Kantharos**, Kant Elope, f, 3, o/o Keep the Ring, by Broken Vow. MSW, 12-21, Mahoning Valley

**Liam's Map**, Beachland, f, 3, o/o Snow Cone, by

Cryptoclearance. MSW, 12-21, Gulfstream

**Ministers Wild Cat**, Minister of Soul, g, 9, o/o Sensitive Soul, by Bernstein. AOC, 12-20, Zia

**Mobil**, Mobil Chic, m, 5, o/o Chic Cat, by Tiger Ridge. Bobbie Bricker Memorial S., 12-21, Mahoning Valley

**National Flag**, Shadowy, c, 2, o/o Feeling Ethereal, by **Union Rags**. Joshua Radosevich Memorial S., 12-21, Mahoning Valley

**Neolithic**, If Not for Luck, c, 4, o/o Fondant, by **Candy Ride (Arg)**. AOC, 12-21, Gulfstream

**Oscar Performance**, Best Performer, f, 3, o/o Kinsley, by Pulpit. ALW, 12-21, Fair Grounds

**Shackleford**, Next Generation, f, 4, o/o My Fast Friend, by Friends Lake. ALW, 12-21, Mahoning Valley

**Snag**, Hartstein, g, 3, o/o Chain Yanker, by Delta Miner. MSW, 12-21, Mahoning Valley

**Tapit**, Summerintahoe, f, 2, o/o Tossup, by Pioneerof the Nile. MSW, 12-20, Turfway

**The Factor**, Grimes, c, 3, o/o There She Is, by **Medaglia d'Oro**. MOC, 12-21, Gulfstream

**Weigelia**, Could Be a Cougar, f, 3, o/o Animalistic, by Animal Kingdom. ALW, 12-20, Penn National

**Weigelia**, Date Night Kisses, f, 4, o/o Tribal Verse, by Oratory. AOC, 12-20, Penn National

**Yoshida (Jpn)**, Okiro, c, 2, o/o She Hung the Moon, by Malibu Moon. AOC, 12-21, Gulfstream

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# BELMONT CHILD CARE ASSOCIATION, INC.

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November 2023

Dear Friends:

This year, BCCA launched *BCCA Blooms: Nourishing Mind · Nourishing Body · Nourishing Family* to help further our mission. Our goal is to Be Transformative by changing the lives of our families through knowledge and by providing the proper tools for success as we focus on the importance of establishing healthy eating habits, introducing new snack options to our children in an age-appropriate way, and expanding our garden to provide more fresh fruit and vegetables for our families.

BCCA Blooms because the programs we offer at *Anna House* and *Faith's House* have become an invaluable resource for the backstretch families and each year we see our children thrive as they continue on their road to success. This year, we were proud to offer a school-age program at *Faith's House* during the summer race meet. Thanks to our early childhood education program, *Anna House* graduates enter the local public school system at the same level as or ahead of their peers. Our program has proven successful as our graduates often earn a spot on the Principal's Honor Roll and are celebrated for showcasing their leadership skills in the classroom. Many of our families speak Spanish as their primary language so our children are often exposed to English for the first time at Anna House. A recent research study led by an MIT economist established a correlation between preschool-educated children and positive outcomes, which includes a boost in high school graduates and college attendance, and a decrease in problematic behavioral issues.

As *Anna House* celebrated its 20th anniversary last year, BCCA can now follow the long-term effects of providing our students with the foundation for educational success from an early age. One of our earliest graduates, Xochilt, is now pursuing a double major in Civil Engineering and Architectural Studies at Northeastern University. Our first *Anna House* graduate, Jonathan, has thrived in the Thoroughbred racing industry and he was recognized with the Godolphin Newcomer Award, sponsored by the New York Racing Association, Inc. last year. And, Lourdes, now in sixth grade, had a piece of art on exhibition at the Long Island Children's Museum earlier this year. Xochilt, Jonathan, and Lourdes participated in BCCA's early childhood education and school-age programs.

We are so grateful to you, our loyal donors, for your continued support of BCCA's early childhood education and school-age programs. Our one-of-a-kind organization is changing lives at the racetrack every day as we continue to expand our programs to better serve our families. Here's how you can help us continue to *Be Transformative!* Please consider a gift to BCCA.

We invite you to join us and Think BIG for BCCA at any level because when we come together, we can make a great impact on the lives of our children and their families. We send our best wishes for good health and happiness to you and your family.

Warmest regards,

Joanne K. Adams  
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