



## EASY AS HOLIDAY PIE FOR ISOLATE IN AL MAKTOUM MILE



Isolate and Tyler Gaffalione | DRC

by Heather Anderson

**Isolate** (Mark Valeski) gave trainer Doug Watson a truly Festive Friday, leading home stablemate and G2 Al Maktoum Challenge Round 1 winner **Golden Goal (Ire)** (Dark Angel {Ire}) in the AED1-million G2 Al Maktoum Mile at Meydan Racecourse.

Already a winner over track and trip in the G2 Godolphin Mile on Dubai World Cup night at the end of March, the bay, making his first start back, settled in a good rhythm in second under Tyler Gaffalione for a few jumps. He took over a handful of strides later while shadowed by Listed UAE 1000 Guineas and G3 UAE Oaks heroine **Mimi Kakushi** (City Of Light), with Golden Goal to his outside in third. [Cont. p3](#)

## JOINT COOPERATION COMMITTEE FORMED BY JAPANESE, BRITISH AND IRISH RACING INDUSTRIES

A partnership to encourage international initiatives and working practices between the Japanese and British and Irish horseracing industries was announced by the British Horseracing Authority (BHA), Horse Racing Ireland (HRI) and Japan Racing Association (JRA) on Friday.

The creation of the Joint Cooperation Committee is to serve as a formal platform for members within the British and Irish horseracing industries to engage with their counterparts in Japan via the JRA. It will consist of agreed representatives from key shareholders in the respective territories including the BHA, HRI, Racecourse Media Group (RMG), and principal courses like The Jockey Club Racecourses, York, Ascot, Goodwood, and Leopardstown.

The group's earliest groundwork includes a variety of schemes, and marketing and media initiatives to promote Japanese horses and connections travelling to Great Britain and Ireland, and vice versa by raising awareness of those markets among domestic participants, media, bettors, and fans. Another goal is to create a direct regulatory partnership which will perform its duties but not cut across pre-existing arrangements. Ultimately, the goal is to further internationalise the sport of horse racing and support the breeding industries. [Cont. p5](#)

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“ He was always a good foal and he matured into a very nice horse; very strong with a lot of quality. He had an awful lot of speed and he was built for speed. I should think he'll be a very easy horse to breed to because of his physicality and his quality.”

Co-breeder **Timmy Hyde**



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**MEASURED TIME DOMINATES AL RASHIDIYA**

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Bred-in-the-purple for the royal Godolphin blue, the son of *Frankel* drew off by 3 1/4 lengths to win the G2 Al Rashidiya, one of two group contests on the Meydan card on Friday.

**HALF-BROTHER TO BAAEED, HUKUM DEBUTS**

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*Waleefy*, a son of *Night Of Thunder*, will debut at Lingfield against five others for owner/breeder Shadwell and conditioner William Haggas.

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*Do Deuce (Jpn)* (*Heart's Cry (Jpn)*) is one of the favourites in the G1 Arima Kinen on Sunday.

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**G2 Al Maktoum Mile Cont. from p1**

At the half-way point, he appeared to be just putting in a paid workout, with most of his rivals being asked to keep pace.

Barely extended, he surged away from his pursuers with a mere tap from Gaffalione, and won with every appearance of more to come. Golden Goal stayed on for second 3 1/2 lengths back, with **Celtic Prince (GB)** (Shamardal) getting up for third, 2 1/4 lengths to the good of **Desert Wisdom (GB)** (Dubawi {Ire}), who rallied past Mimi Kakushi for fourth.

“It’s a pleasure to be here and thanks to connections for bringing me over,” said multiple Grade I-winning jockey Gaffalione. “He took control early and he seems a lot stronger this year. I have a ton of confidence in this horse and the way he ran today I don’t think stepping up in distance would be a problem.”

“I take everything with a little bit of pressure, so I’m glad it’s over,” added Watson. “He showed today that he’s pretty classy and he should improve for the run. I’ll leave it up to everyone else to decide if we go to Saudi [in February].”

A winner of the Tale of the Cat S. by six lengths at Saratoga last August, Isolate ran second by a nose in the Louisville Thoroughbred Society S. in September prior to packing his bags for the desert. He filled the runner-up spot in both the G3 Al Shindagha Sprint in February, and the G3 Mahab Al Shimaal in

March, prior to his Dubai World Cup night heroics in the G2 Godolphin Mile.

**Pedigree Notes**

One of four stakes winners and two Pattern race winners for his Arkansas-based sire, Isolate is one of six winners from seven to race out of Tranquil Song (Unbridled’s Song), who won as a 3-year-old. Since foaling her star progeny, her 3-year-old filly My Aunt Snookie (Cloud Computing) has won, while her **Enticed** juvenile colt For Your Pleasure has been placed. Her latest is a weanling colt by **Tacitus**, and she was bred to Cyberknife this spring.

His second dam, Travelator (A. P Jet), was a six-time stakes winner on the East Coast, before foaling two stakes winners in Hollywood Jet (Uncaptured) and Stone Silent (Adios Charlie). Another half-sister, the Forestry mare Fantasy Forest, is the dam of GIII Challenger S. winner Last Judgment (Congrats).

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**Friday, Meydan, Middle East**

**AL MAKTOUM MILE-G2**, AED1,000,000, Meydan, 12-22, NH3yo/up & SH3yo/up, 1600m, 1:37.21, ft.

1--**ISOLATE, 128, h, 5, by Mark Valeski**

**1st Dam: Tranquil Song, by Unbridled’s Song**

**2nd Dam: Travelator, by A. P Jet**

**3 NEW GROUP 1 WINNERS!**

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**KING OF STEEL** (3c) Champion Stakes **Gr.1**  
2nd Epsom Derby **Gr.1**

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**3rd Dam: Rajadiddle, by Raja's Revenge**

(\$70,000 Wlg '18 KEENOV). O-RRR Racing; B-Woodford Thoroughbreds (FL); T-Doug Watson; J-Tyler Gaffalione. AED600,000. Lifetime Record: MSW & GSP-US, 16-8-4-2, AED1,587,015. **Click for the**

**free EquineLine.com catalogue-style pedigree. Werk Nick Rating: C. Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.**

**Scanlon Training and Quarantine Graduate**

2--**Golden Goal (Ire)**, 126, g, 9, Dark Angel (Ire)--Golden Rosie (Ire), by Exceed And Excel (Aus). (£240,000 Ylg '15 DNPAUG). O-Dale Brennan; B-Yeomanstown Stud (IRE); T-Doug Watson. AED200,000.

3--**Celtic Prince (GB)**, 126, g, 8, Shamardal--Opera Comique (Fr), by Singspiel (Ire). **1ST BLACK TYPE. 1ST GROUP BLACK TYPE.** O-Bouresly Racing Syndicate; B-Godolphin (GB); T-Rashed Bouresly. AED100,000.

Margins: 3HF, 2 1/4, 2 3/4.

Also Ran: Desert Wisdom (GB), Mimi Kakushi, Road Bloc, Mr Raj, Quality Humor, Royal Mews (Fr). Scratched: Secret Ambition (GB). **Click for the ERA chart & video.**

**MEASURED TIME AN EIGHTH AL RASHIDIYA WINNER FOR GODOLPHIN** by Heather Anderson

The bred-in-the-purple **Measured Time (GB) (Frankel {GB}--Minidress {GB}, by Street Cry {Ire})** gave the boys in blue their eighth AED850,000 G2 Al Rashidiya winner when drawing off to win by 3 1/4 lengths in the 1800-metre grass contest on Friday. One of two group races on the nine-race Meydan card, the Al Rashidiya featured 10 rivals for the lightly raced 3-year-old, who was receiving a break in the weights.

Part of the early pace discussion, the near-black colt was keen and tugging as he tracked **Wirko (Ger) (Kingman {GB})** down the backstretch. Buick finally had him relaxed next to **Goemon (GB) (Dark Angel {Ire})**, and that duo moved up to challenge Wirko on the far turn. Those two went on with it with 550 metres to travel, with Measured Time edging ahead before storming home

a 3 1/4-length victor. **Erzindjan (Ire) (Lope De Vega {Ire})** closed up the inside to run second, 3/4 of a length ahead of Godolphin's **Ottoman Fleet (GB) (Sea The Stars {Ire})**.

"He's a horse full of promise and it's great to have a winner here on the first night," said Buick. "Today was a new test for him; first time away from England; first time at Meydan. I still think he's a horse full of potential."

Flawless in his first three starts for Charlie Appleby and Godolphin at Kempton in February and August, and at Newmarket on Aug. 25, Measured Time lost his unbeaten tag with a second-place finish in the Listed Floodlit S. back on the Kempton all-weather on Nov. 6.



Measured Time in the UK | Racingfotos.com

**Pedigree Notes**



Measured Time became the 135th stakes winner and 92nd group winner for his Juddmonte sire with his score on Friday. Other Frankels to excel in the desert include G1 Jebel Hatta winner Dream Castle (GB), who also won the Al Rashidiya; and With The Moonlight (Ire). **Cont. p5**

NEW GROUP WINNER

# Frankel

## Measured Time

Won Al Rashidiya **Gr.2**, 9f, Meydan  
 Owned by Godolphin  
 Bred by Godolphin  
 Trained by Charlie Appleby

JUDDMONTE

## G2 Al Rashidiya Cont.

The much-missed Street Cry (Ire)'s daughters have foaled 150 stakes winners to date, with this colt his 83rd Pattern race winner. His Minidress (GB), second in the Listed Height Of Fashion S., is the dam of UAE top-notch Rebel's Romance (Ire) (Dubawi {Ire}), a winner of the G1 Breeders' Cup Turf, G1 Grosser Preis von Berlin, and G1 Preis von Europa; and the stakes-placed Petticoat (GB) (Cape Cross {Ire}). Her latest is a weanling colt by Dubawi (Ire).

A grandson of G3 Musidora S. and G3 St. Simon S. victress and G1 Oaks placegetter Short Skirt (GB) (Diktat {GB}), Measured Time is also kin to Group 1 winners Asakusa Den'En (GB) (Singspiel {Ire}) and Victoire Pisa (Jpn) (Neo Universe {Jpn}), as well as their dam, the multiple graded winner Whitewater Affair (GB) (Machiavellian), who was second in the G1 Yorkshire Oaks and third in the G1 Irish St Leger. Young sire Cappella Sansevero (GB) (Showcasing {GB}), a winner of the G3 Round Tower S. and third in the G1 Phoenix S., is also part of this clan.

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## Friday, Meydan, Middle East

**AL RASHIDIYA-G2**, AED850,000, Meydan, 12-22, NH3yo/up & SH3yo/up, 1800mT, 1:46.97, gd.

1--**MEASURED TIME (GB)**, 123, c, 3, by **Frankel (GB)**

**1st Dam: Minidress (GB)**, by **Street Cry (Ire)**

**2nd Dam: Short Skirt (GB)**, by **Diktat (GB)**

**3rd Dam: Much Too Risky (GB)**, by **Bustino (GB)**

**1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN. 1ST GROUP WIN.** O/B-Godolphin (GB); T-Charlie Appleby; J-William Buick. AED510,000. Lifetime Record: 5-4-1-0, AED916,430. \*1/2 to Rebel's Romance (Ire) (Dubawi {Ire}), Hwt. 3yo-UAE at 9 1/2-11f, GSW-Eng & UAE, GISW-US, MG1SW-UAE, \$3,060,232; and Petticoat (GB) (Cape Cross {Ire}), S-Ire. **Click for the**

**free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree. Werk Nick Rating: A+. Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.**

2--**Erzindjan (Ire)**, 126, g, 5, Lope De Vega (Ire)--Eshera (Ire), by Oratorio (Ire). (€160,000 HRA '21 GOFNOV). O-Mohammed Ahmad Ali Al Subousi; B-H H The Aga Khan's Studs SC (IRE); T-Ahmad bin Harmash. AED170,000.

3--**Ottoman Fleet (GB)**, 128, g, 4, **Sea The Stars (Ire)**--Innevera (Fr), by Motivator (GB). (€290,000 Wlg '19 ARQDEC; 425,000gns Ylg '20 TATOCT). O-Godolphin; B-SCEA Marmion Vauville & Alain Jathiere (GB); T-Charlie Appleby. AED85,000.

Margins: 3 1/4, 3/4, 2.

Also Ran: Alfareeq (Ire), Real World (Ire), Goemon (GB), Laneqash (GB), Highland Avenue (Ire), Maydanny (Ire), Marshall Plan (GB), Wirko (Ger).

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# EUROPEAN NEWS

## Joint Cooperation Committee Cont. from p1

"I am delighted that the horse racing organisations in Britain and Ireland with their history, tradition, quality and innovation, have now united to form the Joint Cooperation Committee with the Japanese Racing Association," said JRA CEO, Masayoshi Yoshida. "It is an important and significant step for the JRA, and Japanese horse racing. We will be working together more strongly than ever before to achieve further development in all areas. I look forward to working hand-in-hand to create the future of horse racing together."

Joe Saumarez Smith, chairman of the new Joint Cooperation Committee as well as the chair of the BHA, said, "We are delighted to be collaborating with the JRA and are hugely grateful for their significant support. The creation of this Committee is the next step in our relationship, as we further pool our knowledge and insight, and combine our considerable marketing and media assets. This can only lead to increased participation in each other's racing, resulting in deeper fan engagement, and increased and new revenues."



**Breeders' Cup champion, and Aidan O'Brien-trained, Auguste Rodin is by Japan's late super-sire Deep Impact | Benoit**

HRI's CEO, Suzanne Eade, shared the enthusiasm of her counterparts for the future of the new committee. "Ireland looks forward to being a full and active partner with Britain and Japan in the Joint Cooperation Committee to share our collective wisdom and progress our shared objectives of increasing participation and engagement."

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## THOROUGHBID HOSTS 'RACING FOR A REASON' ONLINE CHARITY AUCTION



**Dawn Approach** is one of the available Flat sires with a nomination on offer for the charity auction | [Racingfotos.com](https://www.racingfotos.com)

The Racing for a Reason online charity auction, hosted by ThoroughBid, will run from Jan. 1-7 starting 9 a.m. that first day, and 100% of the proceeds will be donated equally between the Irish Cancer Society and the Irish Motor Neurone Disease Association.

On offer are yard visits with some of the top racing operations in the UK and Ireland, stallion nominations to the likes of **Inns of Court (Ire)** and **Dawn Approach (Ire)**, and membership to the Byerley Indians Syndicate. The last was created to increase awareness of the disappearance of two of the three Male Trial lines--Byerley Turk and Godolphin Arabian.

Stallion nominations including Flat and National Hunt sires and of the 37 trainers who donated a yard visit, notable additions include Nicky Henderson, Henry de Bromhead, and Lucinda Russell, among others.

A total of 123 lots will go up for bidding and the collection can be [found here](#). Buyers must have a registered account with ThoroughBid if they wish to partake.

"We cannot thank ThoroughBid enough for hosting the Racing For A Reason online charity auction. We would also like to extend our sincere thanks to those who so generously donated lots for the auction itself," said Sinead Gillespie, the National Fundraising Lead for the Irish Cancer Society. "The Irish Cancer Society receives only 5% of its funding from the Government, so it's because of fundraising efforts like the Racing For A Reason online charity auction, that we can provide free services and supports, to ensure nobody in Ireland faces cancer alone."

Gillespie added, "Your generosity provides free information, vital services like our Freephone Support Line 1800 200 700, patient travel, Night Nursing and funds ground-breaking cancer research to support people affected by cancer across the country. On behalf of those who benefit from this support, thank you."

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### UNITED KINGDOM

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12:15-LINGFIELD PARK, 7f, Midnight Ravens (Ire)

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

95 foals of racing age

12:15-LINGFIELD PARK, 7f, Hatadora (Ire)

60,000gns Tattersalls Somerville Yearling Sale 2022



**Catholic Boy** | [EquiSport Photos](#)



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## HALF-BROTHER TO BAAEED AND HUKUM FACES FIVE IN LINGFIELD DEBUT

**12.15 Lingfield, £6,600, Nov, 2yo, 7f 1y (AWT)**

Shadwell's hitherto unraced **WALEEFY (IRE) (Night Of Thunder {Ire})** is a homebred son of Listed Prix de Liancourt victrix Aghareed (Kingmambo) and thus a half-brother to multiple Group 1 winners Baaeed (GB) (**Sea The Stars {Ire}**) and Hukum (Ire) (**Sea The Stars {Ire}**). The William Haggas trainee, who is also kin to this term's Listed Noel Murless S. third Naqeeb (Ire) (Nathaniel {Ire}), encounters five opponents in this debut.

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## BRITAIN

### CONDITIONS RESULTS:

**4th-Wolverhampton, £9,950, Nov, 12-22, 2yo, f, 7f 36y (AWT), 1:28.51, st.**

**QUEUES LIKELY (GB) (f, 2, Massaaf {Ire}--Bakoura {GB}, by Green Desert)** Lifetime Record: 9-3-0-1, \$19,628. O-Ms H N Pinniger & Partner; B-Mickley Stud (GB); T-Stan Moore.  
\*14,000gns Ylg '22 TATOCT.

### ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

**El Bufalo (GB)**, c, 2, **Havana Grey (GB)**--Pryers Princess (GB), by Medicean (GB). Wolverhampton, 12-22, 5f 21y (AWT), 1:00.70. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$6,630. B-Fernham Farm Ltd (GB). \*30,000gns Ylg '22 TATSOM; 22,000gns RNA 2yo '23 TATBRE.

## FRANCE

### Friday's Results:

**2nd-Chantilly, €30,000, Mdn, 12-22, 2yo, f, 8f (AWT), 1:37.66, st.**

**HALFDAY (FR) (f, 2, Lope De Vega {Ire}--Daytime {GB}, by Frankel {GB})**, who posted a Dec. 3 debut second going 9 1/2 furlongs at Deauville in her only prior start, broke smartly from the outside stall and was handily placed throughout this return. Nudged along passing the quarter-mile marker, the 8-5 favourite gained an edge entering the final furlong and was pushed out to assert by 1 1/2 lengths from Iradie (Fr) (Sommerabend {GB}).

Halfday, half to a yearling filly by Le Havre (Ire), is the first of two foals produced by a daughter of six-time elite-level heroine Midday (GB) (**Oasis Dream {GB}**). The January-foaled homebred bay's dam is a full-sister to stakes-winning G2 Ribblesdale S. second Mori (GB) (**Frankel {GB}**) and kin to G3 Sandown Classic Trial and G3 N E Manion Cup victor Midterm (GB) (Galileo {Ire}) and stakes-winning G3 Musidora S. runner-up Noon Star (Galileo {Ire}). Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, €21,000. **Video, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

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



Halfday | *Scoop Dyga*

### CONDITIONS RESULTS:

**7th-Chantilly, €38,000, Cond, 12-22, 4yo/up, 9 1/2f (AWT), 1:54.86, st.**

**ROCK BLANC (FR) (g, 6, Youmzain {Ire}--Rock Harmonie {Fr} {GSP-Fr}, by Rock Of Gibraltar {Ire})** Lifetime Record: SP-Fr, 32-12-4-4, €259,205. O-Mme Micheline Leurson & Mme Christiane Head; B-Mme Micheline Leurson (FR); T-Mikel Delzangles. \*1/2 to Coachello (Fr) (Dunkerque {Fr}), SW-Fr & UAE, SP-Ire, \$237,357; and Richemont (Fr) (Anodin {Ire}), SP-Fr, \$189,771.

**3rd-Chantilly, €27,000, Cond, 12-22, 4yo/up, 7 1/2f (AWT), 1:30.03, st.**

**DEEP HOPE (g, 4, Siyouni {Fr}--Addictive, by Twirling Candy)** Lifetime Record: 20-7-1-3, €121,170. O-Niccolo Rugani; B-LNJ Foxwoods (KY); T-Gianluca Bietolini. \*€90,000 Ylg '20 ARQOCT; €10,000 4yo '23 ARQNOV.

### ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

**Brio (Fr)**, g, 2, **Le Brivido (Fr)**--Lastuce (Fr) (SP-Eng, \$154,416), by Orpen. Chantilly, 12-22, 8f (AWT), 1:37.20. B-Jocelyn Targett (FR). \*3rd winner for freshman sire (by **Siyouni {Fr}**).  
\*\*€77,000 Ylg '22 ARQOCT.

**Vedamiya (Fr)**, f, 3, **Charm Spirit (Ire)**--Veda (Fr) (G1SP-Fr, \$236,013), by Dansili (GB). Chantilly, 12-22, 9 1/2f (AWT), 1:55.89. B-H H The Aga Khan's Studs SC (FR). \*€27,000 3yo '23 ARQDEC. \*\*1/2 to Valia (Fr) (**Sea The Stars {Ire}**), MGSW & MG1SP-Fr, \$399,282.

## IRELAND

### Friday's Results:

**1st-Dundalk, €12,000, Mdn, 12-22, 2yo, 6f (AWT), 1:15.01, st.**  
**SALAH BELLE (IRE) (f, 2, Calyx {GB})--Poole Belle {Ire}, by Canford Cliffs {Ire}** raced in a midfield seventh through halfway in this unveiling. Taking closer order off the home turn, the 33-1 outsider was launched her challenge passing the furlong pole and was ridden out to prevail by 3/4-of-a-length from Hemight (Ire) (Zoffany {Ire}), becoming the 27th winner for her freshman sire (by **Kingman {GB}**). "She's a filly that had a little setback in the spring, but I'm just delighted with her," said winning trainer Sheila Lavery. "She just wants to please, she has a great attitude and won on pure ability. She's a six-furlong filly, she is small and speedy, and I think there is more to come. She has a bit of filling out to do and I think she is going to grow a little bit, but not a huge amount. She might have a break and then I'll look at the programme." Salah Belle is the third live foal and scorer produced by a winning half-sister to the dual stakes-placed Masaya (GB) (Dansili {GB}), herself the dam of Listed Dragon S. victor Gussy Mac (Ire) (Dark Angel {Ire}). Descendants of her second dam, Listed Prix Roland de Chambure winner Anbella (Fr), include G1 Prix Marcel Boussac runner-up Marieta (Fr) (**Siyouni {Fr}**) and G3 Prix Texanita third Cigalera (Fr) (by Elusive City). The April-foaled bay is a half-sister to Listed King Charles II S. victrix Bellosa (Ire) (Awtaad {Ire}) and a weanling filly by Awtaad (Ire). Sales history: €47,000 RNA Wlg '21 GOFNO1; €0 RNA Ylg '22 GOFSP. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$7,928. O/T-Sheila Lavery; B-Miss Claire Noone (IRE).

### CONDITIONS RESULTS:

**4th-Dundalk, €12,500, Cond, 12-22, 3yo/up, 8f (AWT), 1:40.14, st.**  
**CHEERS AGAIN (GB) (g, 4, Mukhadram {GB})--Mawheba {Ire}, by Dubawi {Ire}** Lifetime Record: 12-3-1-0, \$26,504. O-John Raymond Eastwood; B-Shadwell Estate Company Ltd (GB); T-Paul Flynn. \*€8,000 2yo '21 GOFFEB.

### ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

**Nahori (GB)**, f, 3, **Night Of Thunder (Ire)**--Avongrove (GB) (SP-Fr), by Tiger Hill (Ire). Dundalk, 12-22, 7f (AWT), 1:27.85. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$8,259. B-Godolphin (GB).

\*17,000gns 3yo '23 TATJUL. \*\*1/2 to Don't Give Up (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}), SP-UAE, \$200,873.



### IN BAHRAIN:

**The Parent (GB)**, c, 3, **Frankel (GB)**--Sophie P (GB) (GISW-US, SP-Eng, \$285,260), by Bushranger (Ire). Sakhir, 12-22, Cond., 1800mT, 1:53.09. B-D Pearson. \*235,000gns Wlg '20 TATDEF; 280,000gns Ylg '21 TATOCT; 105,000gns HRA '23 TATJUL.

### VIDEO (SC 6)

**Panning For Gold (Ire)**, g, 3, **Galileo Gold (GB)**--Sweet Temptation (Ire), by Amadeus Wolf (GB). Sakhir, 12-22, Hcp., 2200mT, 2:21.61. B-Rossenarra Bloodstock Ltd. \*First start in Bahrain. \*\*Won by 5 1/2 lengths. \*\*\*€18,000 Ylg '21 GOF OCT; £115,000 2yo '22 GOF APR; 85,000gns HRA '23 TATAUT. **VIDEO (SC 3)**

**Winforglory (Ire)**, g, 4, **Cotai Glory (GB)**--Sideliner (Ire), by Fast Company (Ire). Sakhir, 12-22, Hcp., 1600mT, 1:40.65. B-Eoin Duignan. \*First start in Bahrain. \*\*36,000gns HRA '23 TATJUL. **VIDEO (SC 5)**

### IN DUBAI:

**Measured Time (GB)**, c, 3, **Frankel (GB)**. See "Euro Group Results".

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## WORLDWIDE NEWS

### ARIMA KINEN AN EARLY CHRISTMAS FEAST

by Alan Carasso

With the recent retirement of the world's top-rated racehorse Equinox (Jpn) (Kitsan Black {Jpn}) and with Triple Tiara heroine Liberty Island (Jpn) (Duramente {Jpn}) spelling with destinations unknown for 2024, Sunday's G1 Arima Kinen is missing its top two votegetters. But the 2500-metre event, which easily attracts the largest single-race betting in the world on an annual basis, is certainly not lacking for quality.

While Equinox is not back to defend his title, a good deal of how to solve the contest from a pari-mutuel perspective goes through him. **Cont. p9**



**Arima Kinen Preview Cont.**

**Do Deuce (Jpn)** (Heart's Cry {Jpn}) is one of four runners pressing on to the Christmas Eve feature from the G1 Japan Cup, where Equinox had four lengths on Liberty Island. In the estimation of many, the 4-year-old--one of just two horses to finish ahead of the reigning Horse of the Year, in his case in the 2022 G1 Tokyo Yushun--would have been the one to beat in the G1 Dubai Turf in March, but was scratched and missed seven months. The bay was disappointing when seventh behind Equinox in the G1 Tenno Sho (Autumn) in October and fell a bit short of expectations when only fourth in the Japan Cup. His connections still have not lost faith.



Do Deuce defeated Equinox in the 2022 Japanese Derby | JRA

'[Jockey Yutaka] Take rode work last week and, as I'd thought, they really looked good together," said trainer Yasuo Tomomichi. "Take said the horse had moved really well as usual. This will be his third start of the fall season but I don't think he's tired at all. I'd say he has improved quite a bit and there is no need for more work. Equinox is out of the picture now and I think any horse has a chance."

Do Deuce is one of three Derby winners in the race, joining 2021 hero **Shahryar (Jpn)** (Deep Impact {Jpn}) and **Tastiera (Jpn)** (Satono Crown {Jpn}). The former was a cracking third to Auguste Rodin (Ire) (Deep Impact {Jpn}) in the G1 Longines Breeders' Cup Turf Nov. 4 and was an intended runner in the G1 Longines Hong Kong Vase two weeks ago, but was a vet scratch. In spite of his obvious quality, the 5-year-old is no better than a 50-1 chance ante-post. Tastiera dropped a narrow decision to the sometimes mercurial **Sol Oriens (Jpn)** (Kitsan Black {Jpn}) in April's G1 Satsuki Sho before turning the tables in the Derby. He exits a second--with Sol Oriens third--in the G1 Kikuka Sho (Japanese St Leger) over 3000 metres Oct. 22.

No fewer than six fillies and mares feature in the 16-strong field, but two most-fancied have drawn the widest gates in a race that is run around three turns at Nakayama. **Through Seven**

**Seas (Jpn)** (Dream Journey {Jpn}) put a bit of a scare into Equinox when flashing home for second in the G1 Takarazuka Kinen in June, after which it was announced that she'd be programmed for the G1 Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe. A highly creditable fourth to Ace Impact (Ire) (Cracksman {GB}), she is capable if able to work out a trip from barrier 15. Drawn widest is the oft-unlucky **Stars on Earth (Jpn)** (Duramente {Jpn}), who was unfortunate not to complete the 2022 Triple Tiara and looks to snap a frustrating streak of placings, including a latest third in the Japan Cup. Her late sire is also responsible for **Titleholder (Jpn)**, a pacesetter ninth in this last year. **Win Marilyn (Jpn)** (Screen Hero {Jpn}), victorious in the 2022 G1 Longines Hong Kong Cup and an outstanding fourth to Inspiral (GB) (**Frankel {GB}**) in the G1 Breeders' Cup Filly & Mare Turf Nov. 4, makes the final start of her career and is the longest price at north of 115-1.

Adding further intrigue are the half-brothers **Justin Palace (Jpn)** (Deep Impact {Jpn}), winner of the G1 Tenno Sho (Spring) over 3200 metres and third in the Tenno Sho (Autumn), and **Iron Barows (Jpn)** (Orfevre {Jpn}), who punched his ticket to this with a victory in the G2 Stayers S. going 3600 metres of this course Dec. 2. The pair are half-brothers to recent Darley Japan import **Palace Malice (Curlin)**.

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## DUBAI

**Friday's Results:**

**BUSINESS BAY CHALLENGE-Listed**, AED500,000, Meydan, 12-22, NH3yo/up & SH3yo/up, 1400mT, 1:22.23, gd.

1--**VAFORTINO (IRE)**, 128, g, 5, **New Bay (GB)--Arbaah, by Invasor (Arg)**. (€48,000 Wlg '18 GOFNOV; €60,000 Ylg '19 GOFOCT; 28,000gns RNA HRA '21 TATOCT). O-Venice Consulting SA & Gilberto Gambini; B-China Horse Club (IRE); T-Kevin Philippart de Foy; J-James Doyle. AED300,000. Lifetime Record: SW-Eng, 23-6-3-5, AED1,127,500.

**KPF** Trained by **KEVIN PHILIPPART DE FOY**

2--**Danyah (Ire)**, 134, g, 6, **Invincible Spirit (Ire)--Cuis Ghairé (Ire)**, by Galileo (Ire). O-Shadwell; B-Shadwell Estate Company Ltd (IRE); T-Musabbeh Al Mheiri. AED100,000.

3--**Al Salt (Ire)**, 126, g, 6, **Mukhadram (GB)--Estedaama (Ire)**, by Marju (Ire). **1ST BLACK-TYPE**. O-Shadwell; B-Shadwell Estate Company Ltd (IRE); T-Ali Al Badwawi. AED50,000.

Margins: HD, NK, NK.

Also Ran: Major Partnership (Ire), Mysterious Night (Ire), Zainhom, Es-Unico (Brz), Taamol (Ire), Wild Lion (Ire), Story Of Light (Ire), Lucius Tiberius (Ire), On The Warpath (GB), Bright Melody (Ire), Cloudbridge, Hawa Bilady. Scratched: Linguistic (Ire), San Donato (Ire).

### Listed Business Bay Challenge Cont.

A winner of the Listed Guisborough S. at Redcar in October, Vafortino doubled his stakes tally with a game win over G1 Al Quoz Sprint winner Danyah in the Listed Business Bay Challenge on Friday. It was trainer Kevin Philippart de Voy's first win at Meydan.

Forwardly placed from the bell, Vafortino was able to save some ground while glued to the rail as Shadwell rivals slugged it out on the lead. Poised to make his bid at the 400-metre mark, a hole slammed shut between Danyah and Zainhom (Street Cry {Ire}), forcing James Doyle to steer his charge off the back of their hooves and go around towards the outside. Vafortino did not give up, and re-rallied in between rivals to pass the new leader Danyah in the shadow of the post.

"That was a worry today--it can get a bit messy today in these big fields and Kevin told me that he can take a bit of time to warm to the task," said Doyle. "So I was trying to look for a bit of room at the top of the straight. Thankfully, he got me out of trouble."

Regularly found in handicaps from Kempton to York and Ascot, the consistent gelding was making his eighth start of the year, and, with his victory, it was his sixth top-three finish. Also stakes-placed in Ireland, the 5-year-old is one of two winners from three to race for Arbaah. Her latest produce is a 3-year-old filly by Zoustar (Aus).

Second dam Alshadiyah (Danzig), who won the Listed Firth Of Clyde S. and was third in the G3 Fred Darling S., is the dam of group winners Haatheq (Seeking The Gold) and Farhaan (Jazil). Her dam in turn, the Shadeed mare Shadayid, was top of her class in Europe, England and France as a juvenile, and took the G1 1000 Guineas in 1991. The 1990 G1 Prix Marcel Boussac winner was also placed in another five Group 1 races, including the Oaks, before throwing a trio of stakes winners, among them G3 Prestige S. winner Bint Shadayid (Nashwan), second in both the G1 Fillies' Mile and 1000 Guineas. **Click for the ERA chart & video.**

**ERTIJAAL DUBAI DASH-Listed**, AED500,000, Meydan, 12-22, NH3yo/up & SH3yo/up, 1000mT, :56.77, gd.

1--**PONNTOS (IRE), 126, h, 5, Power (GB)--Blessing Box (GB), by Bahamian Bounty (GB)**. (€2,200 Wlg '18 GOFNOV; €6,800 Ylg '19 TATSEP). O-Dr Eva Nieslanikova; B-Liam Butler & Churchtown House Stud (IRE); T-Miroslav Nieslanik; J-Antonio Fresu. AED300,000. Lifetime Record: 31-6-2-3, AED824,490.

2--**Bilhayl (Ire)**, 126, g, 5, Shamardal--Soraaya (Ire), by Elnadim. **1ST BLACK-TYPE**. O-Sheikh Ahmed bin Rashid Al Maktoum; B-Godolphin (IRE); T-Michael Costa. AED100,000.

3--**Thunder Of Niagara (Ire)**, 126, g, 5, Night Of Thunder (Ire)--Cairncross (Ire), by Cape Cross (Ire). O-Mohammed Mubarak & Hamad Mubarak bin Shafya; B-Rabbah Bloodstock Ltd (IRE);

T-Ahmad bin Harmash. AED50,000.

Margins: 3/4, 3, HF.

Also Ran: Mischief Magic (Ire), Equilateral (GB), Ladies Church (GB), Miqyaas (GB), Asad Zabeel (GB), Rawy, Celtic Voyager (SAf), Erasmo (GB). Scratched: Topper Bill (Fr).

Ponntos, a group winner in France last year, padded his stakes resume with an all-the-way victory in the Listed Dubai Dash. Racing for Dr. Eva Nieslanikova, the bay became the first winner for the Czech Republic at Meydan.

Breaking on top, the dark bay motored straight to the top of the vanguard while being tracked by Miqyaas (GB) (**Oasis Dream**). Still traveling sweetly, he rebroke at the 300-metre mark and withstood the strong challenge of Bilhayl in determined fashion to register another stakes victory.

"It's nice to be back with a bang!" said Fresu. "I was thinking, going to the gate, that the horse was more relaxed than last season. He is very speedy and always runs to the wire, so I'm just very happy for connections--they deserve it."

A winner in both the Czech Republic and Italy, the 5-year-old gelding also won the 2022 G3 Prix de Saint-Georges, ran third in this race on Jan. 6, and was also second in the G3 Prix du Petit Couvert later this year. He entered Friday's contest with a ninth-place run in the G3 Prix de Seine-et-Oise at Chantilly on Oct. 27.

His winning dam is a full-sister to the dual listed winner Bounty Box (GB) (Bahamian Bounty {GB}), while a stakes-placed Acclamation (GB) half-sister produced triple group winner Rohaan (Ire) (Mayson {GB}), who was third in the G1 Betfair Sprint Cup S. Blessing Box's latest is the 4-year-old colt All Might (Ire) (Zoffany {Ire}). **Click for the ERA chart & video.**



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**THE ENTISAR-Listed**, AED500,000, Meydan, 12-22, NH3yo/up & SH3yo/up, 1900m, 1:59.36, ft.

1--**ATLETICO EL CULANO (URU), 126, h, 7, Alcorano (Brz)--Alegre Baby (Brz), by Yagli**. O-Haras Bage Do Sul; B-Bage Do Sul (URU); T-Jose da Silva; J-Julio Olascoaga. AED300,000.

Lifetime Record: Ch. Stayer-Uru, G1SW-Uru, 27-9-5-6, AED776,850.

2--**Military Law (GB)**, 126, g, 8, Dubawi (Ire)--Marine Bleue (Ire), by Desert Prince (Ire). (900,000gns RNA Ylg '16 TATOCT; 110,000gns HRA '19 TATJUL). O-Naser Askar; B-Qatar Bloodstock Ltd (GB); T-Musabbeh Al Mheiri. AED100,000.

3--**Walk Of Stars (GB)**, 126, g, 4, Dubawi (Ire)--Sound Reflection, by Street Cry (Ire). (AED1,200,000 HRA '23 ERAAPR). O-Athbah Racing; B-Godolphin (GB); T-Bhupat Seemar. AED50,000.

Margins: HD, 2 1/4, 3/4.

Also Ran: Western Symphony (Ire), Everfast, Ajuste Fiscal (Uru), Al Jaddaf (GB), Book Review (GB). Scratched: Made In Dubai.

Named Uruguay's Champion Stayer in 2021, Atletico El Culano put his stamina to good use in a come-from-behind victory in the Listed The Entisar over 1900 metres on Friday.

Breaking from the widest stall in the eight-horse field, the chestnut was soon outfooted and running by his lonesome spotting his rivals almost 10 lengths at times. Still well off his foes as the field entered the turn, the chestnut had caught up to the backmarkers by the 500-metre mark. He unleashed a strong turn of foot to reach the front with only 100 metres remaining and defeated Military Law by a narrow margin in dramatic fashion.

"In our stable this was probably the horse that most deserved a win," said trainer Julio Olascoaga after his third success of the campaign. "He got the job done today with his characteristic of coming from behind from a strong pace. It was a well-timed ride by Jose [da Silva], who also suggested to remove the blinkers during the week."

A winner of the G1 Gran Premio Jose Pedro Ramirez in his native land, the 7-year-old entire has been knocking on the door of a stakes victory in seven lifetime starts at Meydan. Third in the G2 Godolphin Mile behind today's G2 Al Maktoum Mile winner Isolate (Mark Valeski) in March, he ran fifth first up in the Listed Dubai Creek Mile over 1600 metres here on Nov. 24.

The fifth of eight foals out of the winning Yagli mare Alegre Baby, the winner is a full-sibling to group winner Pacholli (Uru) (Alcorano {Brz}) and the group-placed La Dernieri (Uru) (Alcorano {Brz}). This is the extended family of G2 Grande Premio Presidente Fabio Da Silva Prado winner Jandira Baby (Brz) (Rasputin {Chi}). **Click for the ERA chart & video.**

**8th-Meydan, AED300,000, Hcp., 2410T, 2:27.90, gd.**

**DHAHABI (IRE) (g, 5, Frankel {GB})--Fleche D'Or {GB}, by Dubai Destination)**, a debut winner at Newmarket in the summer of 2020, ran third later that year in the G3 Autumn S. before spending significant time on the sidelines. Back in action last year, he managed a nose win in a Newmarket handicap over 1 1/2 miles, and was then shipped to the desert where he failed to place this year. His latest start was a sixth in a handicap over this course and distance in early February. Bearing the white cap

on Friday, the 5-year-old gelding secured a good position in midfield against the rail, although he was more than a touch keen a half-mile into the race. Still well covered up on the final bend, William Buick gave Dhahabi his cue, and he dove through a gap at the 250-metre mark before gliding home an 2 1/4-length winner over Scottish Anthem (GB) (Lope De Vega {Ire}). The winner is a half-brother to stakes winner Eastern Belle (GB) (Champs Elysees {GB}), who placed thrice at graded level in the U.S. prior to throwing G3 Diomed S. and G3 Sovereign S. winner Megellan (GB) (**Kingman {GB}**); and the incomparable Golden Horn (GB) (Cape Cross {Ire}), who won both the G1 Derby and the G1 Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe among other star prizes. Still to come from Fleche D'Or is a weanling colt by **Sea The Stars (Ire)**. Under the stakes-winning second dam is G1 Coronation S. winner Rebecca Sharp (GB) (Machiavellian), as well as the G2 Ribblesdale S. winner Frankly Darling (GB) (**Frankel {GB}**), who was third in the G1 Oaks. Sales history: 3,100,000gns Ylg '19 TATOCT. Lifetime Record: GSP-Eng, 10-3-2-2, \$107,089. **Click for the ERA chart & video.** O-Godolphin. B-Fleche D'Or Partnership (Ire). T-Charlie Appleby.

**9th-Meydan, AED190,000, Hcp., 1200m, 1:12.15, ft.**

**MORNING (g, 3, Munnings--View, by Birdstone)** stood well in the gate, but broke awkwardly, tossing his head around in the opening strides as Richie Mullen did his best to keep his charge collected. A habitual speedster now racing in the back of the pack, he traveled farthest off the fence for most of the race as the grey Mr Kafoo (**Frosted**) attempted to give the field the slip with 400 metres remaining after setting the pace. That one's long-time tracker Al Tariq (Fr) (**Oasis Dream {GB}**) had produced his rally and taken control with 120 metres left to run, but Morning was relentlessly inching closer from the middle of the course. In the shadow of the post, the blaze-faced son of **Munnings** put a half-length on his elder challenger to claim the nightcap. Able to break his maiden in his second jump as a juvenile, Morning had a quiet first half of the 2023 season before experiencing something of a repeat in his last race on Nov. 24 when the steward's report claimed he 'commenced awkwardly'. He'd finish fifth there behind another well-regarded son of **Munnings**, Southern Artist. Hailing from the female family of multiple Grade I winner Belle Gallantey (After Market), Morning has one other winning sibling named Spring Spinning (**Hard Spun**). His dam's most recent offspring is an unplaced 2-year-old Street View (Street Boss) and a 2022 full-sister. She visited **Complexity** for 2024. This is the extended family of G1 Dubai World Cup hero, the late Arrogate. Sales history: \$150,000 Ylg '21 KESEP; \$85,000 2yo '22 OBSAPR. Lifetime Record: 7-2-0-1, AED69,750. **Click for the ERA Chart & VIDEO.** O-Naser Askar; B-Jack Swain III (KY); T-Bhupat Seemar.



**3rd-Meydan, AED210,000, Cond., 12-22, 1400m, 1:24.64, ft. MANAMA GOLD (f, 2, Star Guitar--Charged Cotton, by Dehere),** who attracted plenty of hype prior to this first start, ran to her billing and emerged a 2 1/2 length winner at Meydan. Kept off the fence as Frost At Dawn (**Frosted**) made the running, the Louisiana-bred was keen to go on rounding the bend and Adrie de Vries had his hands full keeping her content. She tackled the leader at the head of the straight, and ground determinedly past her 250 metres from home, before going on to win a shade cozily. "This is a bit what I expected," said the winning jockey.

He added, "She trialed really well; trained on from then, got more professional and she's a very clever filly. She was having a nice look at the winning post. I always like it when a horse is having a look around, it often means there's a bit left in the tank." Originally sold for \$100,000 as a Keeneland September yearling, the chestnut caught the eye of Oliver St Lawrence after breezing a furlong in :10 1/5, and was knocked down for \$200,000 out of the OBS April Sale. Charged Cotton, who won the All Brandy S. at Laurel, has already foaled the stakes-placed Sethamee Street (**Street Sense**), and multiple stakes winner Ova Charged (Star Guitar), who was second in the GIII Victory Ride S. at Belmont Park. Her latest is a weanling filly by **Not This Time**. Sales history: \$100,000 Ylg '22 KESESEP; and \$200,000 2yo '23 OBSAPR. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, AED126,000. **Click for the ERA chart & video.**


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

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1	Sol Oriens (Jpn)	Kitasan Black (Jpn)	Kawada	Tezuka	123
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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
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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 Maryln (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

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After playing a starring role in a story that the racing world--and many circles outside the equine industry--will not soon forget, **Cody's Wish** will now work toward cementing his legacy as he takes up stud duty at Darley's Jonabell Farm.

With a \$75,000 initial fee, the son of **Curlin** is the priciest newcomer to join the Kentucky stallion ranks this year, but also the only one to boast five Grade I victories. His resume is further enhanced by a Grade I-winning dam--a distinction that only one other incoming stallion can claim and it's another member of the Darley roster.

**Proxy**, a son of 2007 GI American Oaks Invitational S. and Juddmonte Spinster S. victress Panty Raid (Include), earned his own Grade I status in last year's Clark S. The son of **Tapit** will launch his stud career at \$25,000. **Cont. p3**

## NEW YORK GAMING COMMISSION ISSUES UPDATE ON GREAT WHITE WAY STAKES DQ, BUT ONLY ADDS TO THE CONFUSION

by Bill Finley

The New York Gaming Commission issued a statement Friday regarding the controversial disqualification of **Brick Ambush** (Laoban) in the Dec. 16 Great White Way S. at Aqueduct that was meant to bolster the argument that the stewards made the right call, but it included a photo that could be construed as doing the exact opposite.

The *TDN* and other news outlets received an email from New York Gaming Commission Director of Communications Brad Maione that included six screen shots from the race taken at the point where there was contact and horses were steadied. One of the shots included arrows pointing to four jockeys, Ruben Silvera, Manny Franco, Junior Alvarado and Jose Lezcano. Alvarado was aboard **Brick Ambush**, who, though disqualified after crossing the wire second and placed last, appeared to be free of the trouble while racing outside and clear of the horses who were bothered. The arrow pointing to what was supposed to be Alvarado's mount was instead **The Big Torpedo** (Big Brown), who was ridden by Javier Castellano.

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## IN TDN EUROPE TODAY

### ISOLATE ROMPS IN AL MAKTOUN MILE

Festive Friday took place at Meydan on Friday, with five stakes races spread throughout the nine-race card. **Isolate** (Mark Valeski), a winner on Dubai World Cup night earlier this year, captured the G2 Al Maktoum Mile in stirring fashion.



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Two-time champion sprinter Roy H (More Than Ready) gets into the Christmas spirit at the Kentucky Horse Park in Lexington, KY. | Sarah Andrew

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### Darley's New Sires cont. from p1

With two homebreds joining the stallion barn on the heels of champion **Essential Quality** and MGSW **Maxfield** getting started last year and Grade I winners **Mystic Guide** and **Speaker's Corner** coming in for 2023, there will be plenty of activity at Jonabell once the shed doors open for 2024.

“For our operation to have produced two homebreds that hit these high notes on the racetrack and then complete the circle and come to the stallion barn is hugely gratifying and hugely exciting,” said Darley Sales Manager Darren Fox.

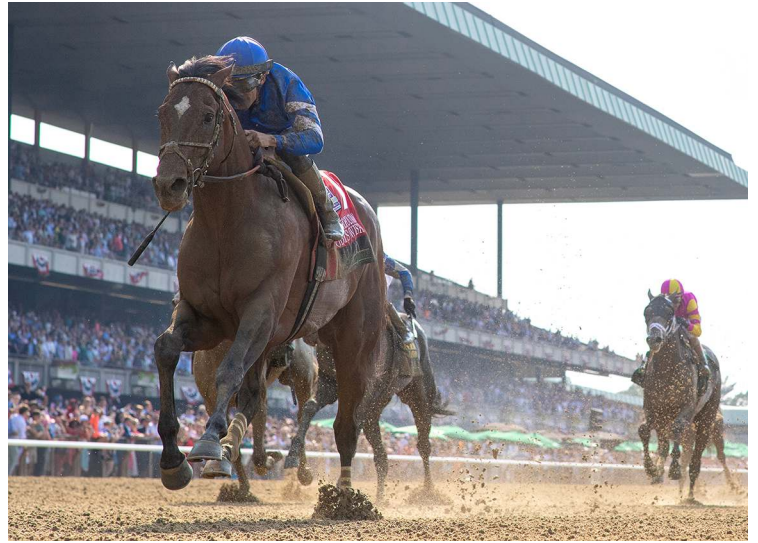
There was no shortage of demand as Fox and the rest of the team fielded calls from eager breeders when Cody's Wish arrived at Jonabell following his hard-fought Breeders' Cup victory. The back-to-back Dirt Mile champ who was never off the board in 16 career starts quickly accumulated plenty of high-caliber race mares and producers.

“We are very pleased with breeders' reception to him and the book of mares he has assembled,” said Fox. “It is going to be a very strong book of young mares, a lot of graded stakes winners and producers, and Grade I winners. It certainly is going to set him up for every success going forward.”

Over his three-year career Cody's Wish earned eight triple-digit Beyer Speed Figures including a standout 112 in this year's Met Mile, so breeders were more than familiar with the multi-

millionaire's race record. Fox said that breeders studying the horse during the busy open house season at Jonabell over the past few weeks only served to further interest.

“Cody's Wish is just an imposing, jaw-dropping physical,” he explained. “He's quite a good-sized horse--16'3 and three quarters. So he's a substantial horse, but he is so well balanced and so well proportioned. From afar, you would be forgiven for



**Cody's Wish gets his fourth of five Grade I scores in the GI Metropolitan H. | Sarah Andrew**



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not thinking he was that big at all. He is just so well made with the depth of his shoulder, the strength of his hip, the length of his limbs and how he carries himself.”

The only son of **Curlin** on the Darley America roster, Cody's Wish's pedigree suggests an appealing blend of speed and stamina. His dam Dance Card (**Tapit**) won the 2012 GI Gazelle S. as a 3-year-old going a mile and an eighth but turned back to finish third in the GI Breeders' Cup Filly and Mare Sprint the next year. While Cody's Wish didn't break his maiden until October of his 3-year-old year, his half-brother Endorsed (**Medaglia d'Oro**) won on debut at Saratoga as a juvenile and has been a presence for the last six seasons since, this year claiming the GIII Fred W. Hooper S. and GII Gulfstream Park Mile S.

“Curlin as a sire of sire is one of the most sought-after lines in North America currently, so it's very exciting to add a son of **Curlin** to our roster both for our own broodmare brand and our clients and to complement our existing roster,” said Fox. “Being by **Curlin** out of a **Tapit** mare, he certainly is a little sharper in terms of his distance aptitude than one might initially expect based on a cursory glance of his pedigree. But when you delve a little deeper into his dam's race record and you watch his replays and see the speed he had from seven furlongs to a mile, it makes him a very exciting stallion prospect to mix that stamina and speed crossed with some of the best mares in the country. It really sets him up to have a very exciting stallion career going forward.”

Across the barn aisle, Cody's Wish's new studmate Proxy has also garnered plenty of looks during open houses.

Breeders will recall the talents of not only his dam, but also his half-sister Micheline (Bernardini), a Grade II winner for Godolphin who was runner-up in the 2020 GI Queen Elizabeth II Challenge Cup S., as well as Panty Raid's full-sister St. John's River (Include), who was second by a neck in the 2011 GI Kentucky Oaks.

“Proxy is a horse who has definitely attracted a lot of fans from people viewing him in person,” said Fox. “He is a stunning-looking horse. 16'3, a lot of class and quality, very sharp and attractive with a lot of shoulder and a lot of shape. I've said repeatedly during our open house season that anyone who brings a yearling version of Proxy to the sales will be very handsomely rewarded. He is just that commercial type and breeders have recognized that and supported him accordingly. He's got the multiple Grade-I winning race mare, he's a half to a really good filly and he is a very high-performing racehorse in his own right.”

Fox said that many might forget how Proxy showed brilliance at two, breaking his maiden in November and following that effort with a two-and-a-half length allowance win at Fair Grounds a month later.



Proxy at Jonabell Farm | Sara Gordon

A presence on the Triple Crown trail early on at three and the winner of the GI Clark S. over GISW West Will Power (Bernardini) at four, Proxy continued his upward trajectory this year with scores in the GII Oaklawn H. and GIII Monmouth Cup, a pair of runner-up efforts in the GI Santa Anita H. and GI Jockey Club Gold Cup, and a fast-closing third to conclude his career in the GI Breeders' Cup Classic.

All in all, the competitive son of **Tapit** placed in all but four of his 20 lifetime starts and earned over \$2.7 million. Plus, Proxy holds an interesting record at Jonabell.

“He defeated 18 Grade I winners throughout his career, which is a record for the barn,” Fox shared. “For context, **Medaglia d'Oro** lies second on 17. So it really tells you how good of a racehorse this guy was. He kept top company throughout his career and was so consistent. He has that toughness, soundness and durability and certainly has high level form as well. He is a very well-rounded, high-performing horse to bring into the stallion barn.”

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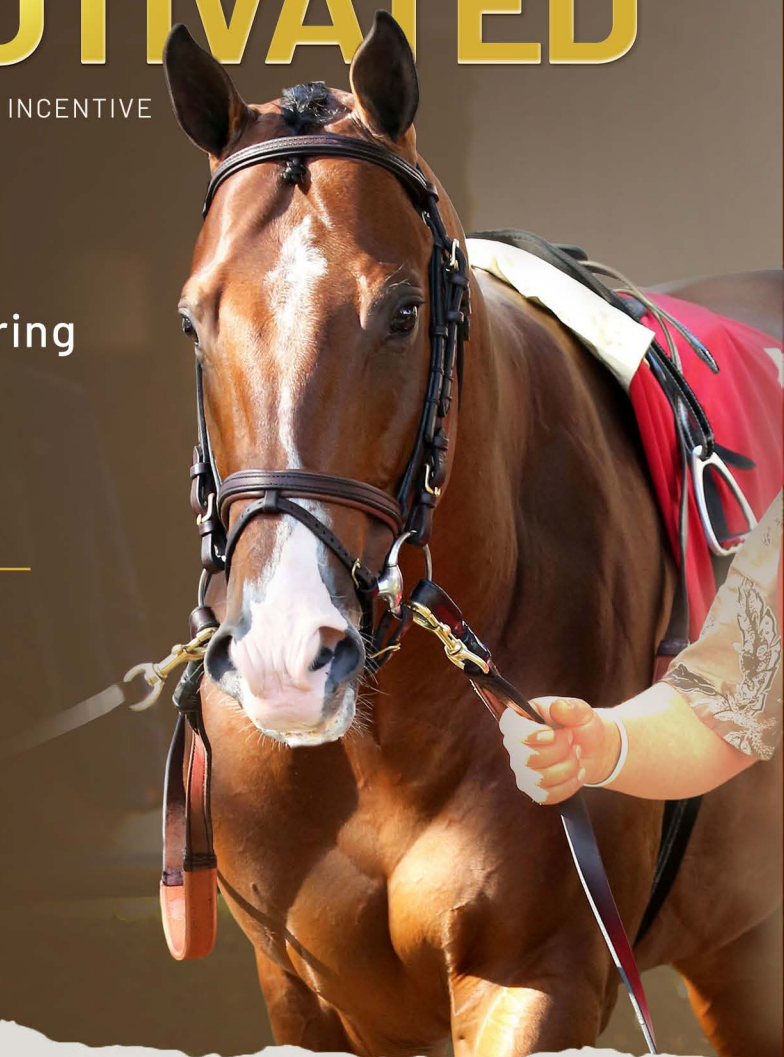
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### New York Gaming Commission cont. from p1



Great White Way S. second image | NYSGC


When the *TDN* notified Maione that there was an error concerning the identification of the horses and their riders, he sent a new version of the original statement that fixed the mistake. However, with Alvarado now properly identified, the pictures offered no evidence that he was at fault.

The second version of the statement included the following explanation: "Please note the first screenshot in the previous version incorrectly identified the riders on specific horses. Please disregard those reference screenshots. Corrected versions are attached and included below. The narrative remains unchanged."

The disqualification set off a controversy that has yet to die down and the consensus in the sport is that, for whatever reason, the stewards simply DQ'd the wrong horse by mistake. Many believe that the horse that caused the bumping and deserved to come down was actually the race winner, **Antonio of Venice** (Laoban).



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The statement made the case that the stewards carefully reviewed the race after the decision was made to disqualify Brick Ambush and that they stood by their decision. The stewards officiating the race were Braulio Baeza, Jr. (N.Y.S. Gaming Commission), Juan Dominguez (The New York Racing Association, Inc.) and Samantha Randazzo (The Jockey Club).

“The three Stewards’ attention was focused on the field as it arrived near the quarter-pole, where several horses converged and were in close contact,” the statement read. “As evident in the below/attached screenshots, horse Brick Ambush (#12), ridden by Junior Alvarado, came up on three horses that were crowded together--Antonio of Venice (#1) ridden by Manuel Franco, The Big Torpedo (#7) ridden by Javier Castellano, and Solo’s Fury (#11), ridden by Jose Lezcano--and made disruptive contact. The Stewards were concerned that Castellano’s contact with the other horses and their riders could have impacted the results of the race.”

According to the statement, the stewards examined six separate camera views of the area of concern and conducted telephone interviews with Franco, Castellano, Lezcano and Alvarado. Castellano told reporters after the race that he attempted to claim foul, but the stewards have said they were unaware that he wanted to file an objection.

“After review of the footage and interviews with the jockeys, the Stewards unanimously concluded that Alvarado’s movement of Brick Ambush to the inside at quarter-pole pole caused a chain reaction that impacted the race. Accordingly, the Stewards disqualified Brick Ambush for interference,” the statement continued.

Alvarado was hit with a three-day suspension for careless riding.

“The following morning, all four jockeys were required to participate in a film review of the race and discussed the event with all three Stewards,” the statement continued. “At the conclusion of the review, State Steward Baeza issued a 3-day careless riding suspension to Mr. Alvarado, to be effective January 1 through January 5, 2024. Mr. Alvarado accepted the penalty and declined to appeal.”

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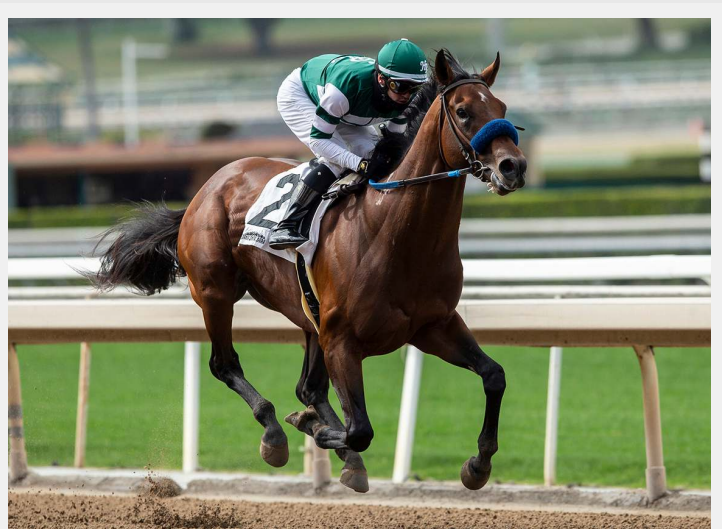
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The Midwestern sage, Mark Twain espoused, "The secret of getting ahead is getting started." Nothing could be more apropos when considering joining a Thoroughbred racehorse partnership.

Getting started is the hardest part for most prospective owners. The world of Thoroughbred racing can seem as inaccessible as the Churchill Down's Turf Club on Derby Day. The good news is joining a partnership makes getting started easier.

In the **first part of this series**, we provided basic information such as investment levels, tax considerations and the entertainment value partnerships offer.

In Part 2, we will provide insights into the experiential considerations that can make your personal journey into ownership more valuable.

**Owning More Than 5%**

You should always begin by considering what is going to be financially comfortable for you. If your investment level is below \$1,000, your focus should be directed toward micro-share opportunities like MyRacehorse, Wasabi Venture Stables, or a racing club at your local racetrack. These vehicles offer participation for as little as a couple hundred dollars and generally offer less than 1% interest in a horse. Micro-share partnerships rarely present any financial windfalls, but do give

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you the excitement of participation and a friendly conversation starter at your next social event. They also make great gifts for a horse lover in your life.

If you are comfortable in investing \$1,000 or more, look for an opportunity where you can buy in for at least 5%. Truth be told, percentages have their privilege in Thoroughbred ownership. We all know that 5% of a \$10,000 claimer is quite a bit less than 5% of a \$1 million yearling.

What you may not know, there are significant benefits of being at least a 5% partner. Owning 5% means that most racing jurisdictions will require you to become a licensed owner. Once you are licensed, you now have access, and access is where the real fun begins.

With a state-issued owner's license, you typically will have access to the stable area and your horse. Watching morning workouts, spending time in and around a functioning training operation, and gaining insight into how the stable area operates are a handful of the most fascinating activities an owner can experience. Feeding carrots and treats to your horse can be worth the price of your investment alone.

On race day, you will have access to the paddock area to see your horse prepare to head out to the racetrack. The paddock is where you can interact with your jockey, trainer and other partners. Most racetracks also offer owner privileges like free admission, free programs, reserved seating areas and invitations to special events. These perks are part of your return on investment and an enticing incentive to own at least 5% of a racehorse and becoming a licensed owner.

### ***The Partnership Personality***

You are now at the point where you are hungry to get started. Do not make the mistake of buying the proverbial sizzle of a partnership... you want the steak. What a partnership portrays in

advertising or by the general partner may not be what is served. You need to learn about the partnership's personality, in other words, where the meat is. How does the partnership communicate with its owners? How often does the partnership send out updates on horses? Do they use social media, e-mail, or other platforms? What level of input will you have?

Some general partners are great at taking input, others prefer to remain focused and rely on their own experience and skills. If you are a person that likes to socialize, do not hesitate to ask what events, or get together, are typically planned. Talk to current partners and get their feedback while simultaneously gaining a sense of whom you will be sharing the experience. Part of your return on investment are the relationships you develop. Simply make sure you get the steak and not just a bunch of sizzling mushrooms.\*

### ***Geography***

Most partnerships run their horses at specific racetracks or on a circuit. You need to determine if you are ok with watching your horse race on the computer or if you want to go to the racetrack and enjoy watching your horse race live. There are racetracks that are great for bringing friends and family with you and others that do not make the greatest first impressions.

Where you live or where you are willing to travel is important in how immersed you can get into ownership. Living in Missouri does not mean you should not own a racehorse, it just means you may have to travel more vs. someone that lives in Southern California. Conversely, if you are solely interested in a financial return on your investment or are allergic to hay and hate the smell of manure, seeing your horse in person may not matter. The bottom line is: know where your horses are most apt to race and determine it if falls in line with what you are seeking.



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With these partnerships, you can make your investment one day and be at the races to watch your horse run within weeks. Typically, new owners start in a claiming partnership, move to buying into unraced younger horses, then yearlings and down the road becoming part of a breeding opportunity. All are available to you with partnerships, and you will be learning and becoming more adept along the way.

### The Cherry on Top

An area that has become especially important to new owners coming into the sport, and rightfully so, is aftercare. Prospective new partners should ask, "What will happen once our horse is done racing? Can we still follow our horse after it retires?" Do not hesitate to ask these questions about any partnership you are looking to get involved in.

Some partnerships have aftercare programs in place, some have aftercare organizations they work with, and others unfortunately have no answer to this question. When you buy a Thoroughbred racehorse, you will discover an intrinsic connection to the horse, it is inevitable. Making sure you participate in a partnership that cares for their horses after their racing career is over is to be applauded and supported.

The path to becoming a Thoroughbred racehorse owner has never been easier. Partnerships have led the way in making ownership more accessible to everyone that loves horse racing

or horses.

Finding the right partnership for you is a process, a process that hopefully has been made simpler by knowing what to ask, what to look for, and what really matters to you personally.

*Note: a mushroom is a term in racing is often referred to an owner who is kept in the dark and fed manure.*

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## GULFSTREAM CHAMPIONSHIP SEASON GRADED RACES READY TO UNWRAP



Sibellius | Nicole Thomas

by J.N. Campbell

A pair of graded stakes races will signal that the Gulfstream Park Championship season is officially underway on Saturday.

First, the GIII Sugar Swirl S. for older females going six furlongs on the main track includes veteran mare **Bluefield** (Field Commission), who won by a neck against state-breds in a Tampa black-type race Dec. 9.

"She went up to Tampa and it was nice to get a stakes win on her resume at this age," said trainer Saffie Joseph, Jr. "She came to us late but she just keeps getting better and better. She's never run back this quick, but she's in good order so I think she should run well. Hopefully she has a good week leading up to it."

Bluefield will be joined by her new stablemate **Intrepid Daydream** (Jess's Dream). Purchased privately just last week, the filly rides in on a four-race win streak at the Mid-Atlantic tracks.

Also entered is **Napa Candy** (**Candy Ride {Arg}**). The chestnut prepped for this spot when she came from off the pace to win an optional claimer at Churchill Downs Nov. 22. Joining her will be **Headland** (**Paynter**), who was third last out in the Garland of Roses S. at Aqueduct Dec. 9, while AMO Racing's SP **Olivia**

**Darling** (Palace) will look to improve after a fifth-place finish in the GIII Princess Rooney S. in Hallandale Oct. 7.

The other half of the graded stakes Saturday offering is the seven-furlong GIII Mr. Prospector S. for older males. Last year's edition was used as the springboard for **Sibelius** (**Not This Time**) as he won three straight, including traveling to Dubai to collect the G1 Golden Shaheen S.

"Maybe it's the time of year where he's best, I don't know," said trainer Jeremiah O'Dwyer. "We'll find out this year. It's going to be his second year in a row trying to take the same path. We're looking forward to it. I couldn't be happier with the horse."

Sibelius might not have such an easy task ahead with the presence of MGSW **Long Range Toddy** (**Take Charge Indy**). After winning both of his starts at Gulfstream over the summer, the 7-year-old returns here with the capability to run this field off their feet.

Trainer Brendan Walsh sends **Gilmore** (**Twirling Candy**) back to the post to finish off what could be considered a consistent year for the 3-year-old colt. The gray was the runner-up in the GIII Bay Shore S., then was third in both the GII Pat Day Mile S. and GI Woody Stephens S.

An entry who could be a pace factor is AMO Racing's **Hurricane J** (**Nyquist**). Formerly under Paulo Lobo's care, the dark bay colt made his first start for Jorge Delgado over the Gulfstream main track against optional claimers and won by 2 3/4 lengths Nov. 19.

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### MT. BRILLIANT FAMILY FOUNDATION SPONSORS TCA'S STALLION SEASON AUCTION AGAIN

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"We greatly appreciate the continued support of Mt. Brilliant," said Erin Halliwell, executive director of TCA. "The Stallion Season Auction is vital to our organization as it allows us to make grants to qualified organizations across the country. Mt. Brilliant's support of the auction and TCA are a testament to their strong commitment to our mission of assisting Thoroughbreds and those who care for them."

The online version of the auction opens at 9 a.m. ET Jan. 3, runs through 4 p.m. ET on Friday, Jan. 5 and will offer nearly 200 seasons to stallions standing in 14 states and Canada.

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While the majority will be offered during the online auction, several seasons will be sold in the live event on Sunday, Jan. 7 at Harper Hall in Lexington, Kentucky. Those include Cody's Wish, Elite Power, **Life is Good**, **Constitution**, **Nyquist**, **Quality Road**, **Flightline**, Forte, **Good Magic** and Taiba.

Bidders or their authorized agents may attend the live auction or they can email [ehalliwell@tca.org](mailto:ehalliwell@tca.org) to register online or by telephone. A silent auction will also be offered. All non-season items will be available via online bidding.

## Favorite Moment

### WHAT WAS YOUR FAVORITE MOMENT OF 2023: GEOFFREY RUSSELL

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

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## FINAL LEG OF THE PENNSYLVANIA STALLION SERIES ON TAP NEXT WEEK

The final leg of the \$1,000,000 Pennsylvania-Sired/Bred Stallion Series is set for Wednesday, Dec. 27th at Parx Racing with the Miss Behaviour S. and the Wait for It S.--both purses are \$200,000.

Initially, four races were carded for the inaugural series in 2022, while this year saw the expansion to six. Following the conclusion of the Stallion Series, a \$50,000 trainer's bonus will be split among the conditioners of the horses who accumulated the first, second and third highest number of points over the six series races.

The first leg kicked off on PA Day at the Races in August.

**Gamboling Ghost** (Weigelia) took home the \$100,000 Whistle Pig S. and **Jody's Ruby** (Talent Search) topped the \$100,000 Miss Blue Tye Dye S. for fillies.

The series continued with the second leg on the Pennsylvania Derby Day undercard. **Notice of Action** (Hoppertunity) held on to take the \$150,000 Prince Lucky S. and filly **Aoife's Magic** (Smarty Jones) romped in the \$150,000 Imply S. Both winners return for the final leg of the series.

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## NEW TRAINING TRACK AT SANTA ANITA ON COURSE FOR MID-JANUARY OPENING

As part of a larger \$32 million improvement plan, Santa Anita's training track should re-open in mid-January after it was closed for construction Nov. 12, as it changes from a sand-based surface to an all-weather synthetic one, the track said in a release Friday afternoon.

Constructed by Tapeta Footings, the new surface is designed to improve safety while also helping to limit weather-related training disruptions.

"The main thing is having synthetic will alleviate a complete stoppage of training because of weather," said Jason Egan, Santa Anita Director of Racing and Racing Secretary.

This week has provided a perfect example of the potential impact of a synthetic training track at Santa Anita. With back-to-back rainstorms hitting the area, the main track was "sealed" on Tuesday and has since been closed entirely for training.

"We have some unique situations in California with rules as it relates to weather," Egan said. "Like with the rain this week. It either closes our racetrack entirely or limits what our training activities can be."

With the worst of this week's rainstorms having passed, Santa



Santa Anita | *Horsephotos*

Anita's main track is expected to be unsealed Friday. Per rules of the California Racing Board, only joggers will be allowed on the track Saturday. Full training is slated to resume on Sunday given the current forecast.

"Having a synthetic training track, we can continue on with workouts, gallops, that sort of thing. I think it will be a big assist," Egan added.

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### THIS DATE IN HISTORY...

**December 22, 1991...**Jockey Kent Desormeaux, at age 21, won his 2,000th race aboard Saron Lake, trained by Gary Jones, at Hollywood Park. He was the youngest jockey to reach that mark and did so faster than any other rider.

**December 25, 1934...**Santa Anita Park opened in Arcadia, CA. The five-year-old mare Las Palmas won the inaugural race before a crowd of 30,777.

*Courtesy of the National Thoroughbred Racing Association.*



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

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

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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
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**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.

**Tuesday, Santa Anita #5, post time: 4:00 p.m. EST**

**AMERICAN OAKS-GI, \$300,000, 3yo, f, 1 1/4mT**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Khinjani (GB)	Sir Percy (GB)	Jackpot Farm, Lordship Stud, Rancho Temescal Thoroughbred Partners and Navarro, Joseph A.	Glatt	Dettori	124
2	Anisette (GB)	Awtaad (Ire)	Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners	Powell	Rispoli	124
3	Grace Period (Fr)	Creative Cause	Glen Hill Farm, Haras d'Etream, De Seroux, Laura and Naify, Marsha	Powell	Lezcano	124
4	Elounda Queen (Ire)	Australia (GB)	Agave Racing Stable, Living The Dream Stables, LLC and Medallion Racing	D'Amato	Hernandez	124
5	Sakura Flavor (Ire)	Kingman (GB)	Oda Racing and U.S. Equine	Gallagher	Fresu	124
6	Be Your Best (Ire)	Muhaarar (GB)	Michael J. Ryan	De Paz	Ortiz, Jr.	124

**Breeders:** 1-Miss K. Rausing, 2-Morera Partnership, 3-Haras D'Etream & Armitage Bloodstock, 4-Skyfarm Farm & Scea Marmion, 5-Ridgemont Stud (Ltd), 6-St. Croix Bloodstock, 7-Clearsky Farms

**Tuesday, Santa Anita #8, post time: 5:30 p.m. EST**






**MALIBU S.-GI, \$300,000, 3yo, 7f**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Giant Mischief 	Into Mischief	Big Easy Racing LLC, Kueber Racing LLC, Spendthrift Farm LLC, Steve Landers Racing LLC, Stonestreet Stables LLC, Ten Strike Racing, Tittletown Racing Stables, Winners Win, Bakke, J., Caruso, M., Dubb, M., and Schwartz, M.,	Cox	Kimura	120
2	Fort Bragg	Tapit	SF Racing LLC, Starlight Racing, Madaket Stables LLC, Masterson, Robert E., Stonestreet Stables LLC, Schoenfarber, Jay A., Waves Edge Capital LLC and Donovan, Catherine	Baffert	Ortiz, Jr.	122
3	Speed Boat Beach	Bayern	Pegram, Michael E., Watson, Karl & Weitman, Paul	Baffert	Prat	120
4	Sharp Aza Tack 	Sharp Azteca	R3 Racing LLC	O'Neill	Fresu	120
5	Damon's Mound	Girvin	Love, Cliff and Love, Michele	Lovell	Alvarado	122
6	Matanzas Creek 	Empire Maker	SF Racing LLC, Starlight Racing, Madaket Stables LLC, Masterson, Robert E., Stonestreet Stables LLC, Schoenfarber, Jay A., Waves Edge Capital LLC and Donovan, Catherine	Yakteen	Smith	120
7	Hejazi	Bernardini	Zedan Racing Stables, Inc.	Baffert	Hernandez	120
8	Raise Cain 	Violence	Warren, Andrew N. and Warren, Rania	Colebrook	Dettori	122

**Breeders:** 1-Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC, 2-SF Bloodstock LLC & Henry FieldBloodstock, 3-Caperlane Farm, 4-Joe Cowles & Emily Cowles, 5-Cliff Love, 6-Betz/Burns/Kidder/Cole/DJStables/CoCo/Empire Maker Syndicate, 7-Chester Broman & Mary R. Broman, 8-Rock Ridge Thoroughbreds, LLC

**Tuesday, Santa Anita #10, post time: 6:30 p.m. EST**

**LA BREA S.-GI, \$300,000, 3yo, f, 7f**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Blessed Touch 	Girvin	Amestoy, Leslie A., Amestoy, Jr., Pierre Jean and Beasley, Roger K.	Yakteen	Berrios	120
2	Daddysrubby	Frac Daddy	Jethorse LLC, Wachtel Stable and Barber, Gary	Miller	Hernandez	120
3	Howl 	Practical Joke	LNJ Foxwoods	Cox	Prat	120
4	Big Pond	Mr. Big	George Krikorian	Yakteen	Dettori	120
5	Royal Spa	Violence	Breffni Farm	Brisset	Ortiz, Jr.	120
6	Ice Dancing	Frosted	Bass II, Perry R. and Bass, Ramona S.	Mandella	Smith	122
7	Fast and Shiny 	Bernardini	Pegram, Michael E., Watson, Karl & Weitman, Paul	Baffert	Frey	120
8	Bangs 	Into Mischief	Rockingham Ranch	Barocio	Kimura	120
9	Clearly Unhinged	Into Mischief	Rock Brother Racing LLC	McCarthy	Rispoli	120
10	Satin Doll 	Congrats	The Del Mar Group	O'Neill	Fresu	120

**Breeders:** 1-Brereton C. Jones, 2-Jethorse LLC, 3-Fredrick Wieting, John McCormick & Bridget Sperl & Castle Park Farm, LLC, 4-George Krikorian, 5-Breffni Farm, 6-Bass Stables, LLC, 7-Douglas Scharbauer, 8-Whisper Hill Farm, LLC, 9-Rock Brothers Breeding LLC, 10-Upton Downs Farm

**Tuesday, Santa Anita #3, post time: 3:00 p.m. EST****SAN GABRIEL S.-GII, \$200,000, 3yo/up, 1 1/8mT**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Eastern Ocean	Stormy Atlantic	Abbondanza Racing, LLC & David A. Bernsen, LLC	Eurton	Dettori	121
2	Easter (Fr)	Exosphere (Aus)	Madaket Stables LLC	D'Amato	Fresu	125
3	War At Sea	War Front	Doubledown Stables, Inc.	Ellis	Smith	123
4	Missed the Cut 🐾	Quality Road	Bee Zee LLC, Lanes End Racing, St. Elias Stables, LLC, Babington, Edward P., Hudson, Jr., Edward J. and Hudson, Lynne	Sadler	Ortiz, Jr.	123
5	Tio Magico	Uncle Mo	Agave Racing Stable and Sam-Son Farm	D'Amato	Prat	121
6	Astronaut	Quality Road	John M. B. O'Connor	Shirreffs	Hernandez	121

**Breeders:** 1-Dr. Rodney E. Orr, 2-Aleyrion Bloodstock Ltd., 3-Lewis Thoroughbred Breeding, 4-Framont LTD, 5-Sam-Son Farm, 6-Anastasia Astrid Christiansen-Croy

**Tuesday, Santa Anita #6, post time: 4:30 p.m. EST****SAN ANTONIO S.-GII, \$200,000, 3yo/up, 1 1/16m**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Stillete Boy	Shackleford	Steve Moger	Moger, Jr.	Hernandez	123
2	Salesman (Ire)	Dubawi (Ire)	Wertheimer and Frere	Mandella	Smith	125
3	Brickyard Ride	Clubhouse Ride	Alfred Pais	Lewis	Rispoli	121
4	Newgrange 🐾	Violence	David A. Bernsen, LLC, Little Red Feather Racing and Rockingham Ranch	D'Amato	Ortiz, Jr.	123
5	Subsanador (Arg)	Fortify	Stud Facundito	Sadler	Prat	125
6	Mixto	Good Magic	Calumet Farm	O'Neill	Fresu	119

**Breeders:** 1-John Kerber & Iveta Kerber, 2-Wertheimer et Frere, 3-Alfred A. Pais, 4-Jack Mandato & Black Rock Thoroughbreds, 5-EI Mallin, 6-Farfellow Farms Ltd.

**Tuesday, Santa Anita #9, post time: 6:00 p.m. EST****SANTA ANITA MATHIS MILE S.-GII, \$200,000, 3yo, 1mT**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Reiquist	Nyquist	CUYATHY LLC	Yakteen	Ortiz, Jr.	120
2	Panic Alarm (Ire)	Kuroshio (Aus)	Hronis Racing LLC	Sadler	Berrios	120
3	Calm Sea 🐾	Mendelssohn	Valiant Ranches Ltd.	Papaprodromou	Gutierrez	120
4	Almendares (GB)	Havana Grey (GB)	CYBT, McLean Racing Stables, Gevertz, Saul, Nentwig, Michael and Pagano, Ray	D'Amato	Prat	120
5	Ah Jeez 🐾	Mendelssohn	Great Friends Stables, LLC and Davis, Mark	O'Neill	Alvarado	120
6	Dandy Man Shines (Ire)	Dandy Man (Ire)	Rancho Temescal Thoroughbred Partners and Red Baron's Barn LLC	Mullins	Rispoli	122
7	Watsonville	Jack Milton	Pine Racing Stables and Saints or Sinners	Glatt	Fresu	120

**Breeders:** 1-Cuyathy LLC, 2-McCracken Farms, 3-Elaine MacPherson, 4-D. R. Tucker, 5-Machmer Hall, 6-Mr John Frances Keegan, 7-Kings and Queens Farm



**Saturday, Gulfstream, post time: 3:36 p.m. EST**

**TROPICAL PARK OAKS, \$125,000, 3yo, f, 1 1/16mT**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Cairo Consort	Cairo Prince	Repole Stable and Town and Country Racing, LLC	Pletcher	Ortiz, Jr.	123
2	Riding Pretty	Jack Milton	Holly Crest Farm	Owens, Jr	Panici	120
3	Personal Pursuit	Tapit Tracy Farmer	Casse	Castellano	118	
4	Sun Bee	English Channel	Calumet Farm	Motion	Ruiz	120
5	Zipadoo	Ghostzapper	Wertheimer and Frere	Motion	Velazquez	118
6	Speed Trap	Bernardini	Mark Dodson	Carroll	Bravo	118
7	Dolce Sopresa	Maclean's Music	John Di Scola	Carroll	Lopez	120
8	Alpha Bella	Justify	Don Alberto Stable	Pletcher	Saez	120
9	Implicated	Connect	Bradley Thoroughbreds, Belmar Racing & Breeding Cambron Equine, LLC and Laura Leigh Stable	Brown	Gaffalione	123,
10	Breath Away (GB)	Bated Breath (GB)	Reeves Thoroughbreds, Tango Uniform Racing, and Rocco, Steven	Clement	Cheminaud	118
11	Be My Sunshine	Frosted	Kenneth L. Ramsey	Joseph, Jr.	Zayas	120
12	Startup Mentality (Ire)	Kingman (GB)	Klaravich Stables, Inc.	Brown	Ortiz	118
13	Notinamillionyears (Ire)	No Nay Never	Peter M. Brant	Brown	Ortiz	118

Breeders: 1-Frankfort Park Farm, 2-Holly Crest Farm, 3-KMN Racing, LLC & Tapit Syndicate, 4-Calumet Farm, 5-Wertheimer Et Frere, 6-Sam-Son Farm, 7-Minshall Farms, 8-Don Alberto Corporation, 9-Somewhere Stables KY, LLC, 10-Highgate Stud, 11-Kenneth L. Ramsey & Sarah K. Ramsey, 12-Mountarmstrong Stud, 13-Lynch-Bages & Rhinestone Bloodstock

**Saturday, Gulfstream, post time: 5:06 p.m. EST**

**TROPICAL PARK DERBY, \$125,000, 3yo, 1 1/16mT**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Eyes On the King	Street Sense	M Racing Group, LLC	Casse	Jaramillo	120
2	Legacy Isle	Shackleford	Walters, Daniel L., Smith, Dennis, Smith, Anthony, and Crichton, Rohan	Crichton	Alvarado	120
3	Boppy O	Bolt d'Oro	Oxley, John C. and Breeze Easy, LLC	Casse	Castellano	124
4	April Fools Andy	Summer Front	John Conforti	Moysey	Cedeno	122
5	Anglophile	English Channel	Michael Thomas Paradis	Lynch	Velazquez	124
6	Torigo	Munnings	Ammore Thoroughbreds & Belmar Racing	Gargan	Saez	118
7	Souper Blessing	Temple City	Live Oak Plantation	Trombetta	Gonzalez	118
8	Smokey Mandate	Strong Mandate	Freddy Lewis, Jr.	Maker	Zayas	118
9	Ohana Honor	Honor Code	West Point Thoroughbreds, Woodford Racing, and Hudson, Jr., Edward J.	McGaughey III	Gaffalione	120
10	Mutaawid	Quality Road	Daniel C. Hurtak	Hurtak	Rios	118
11	Amstrong	Tapwrit	Soldi Stable LLC and Ohana Racing Stable, LLC	D'Angelo	Vasquez	124
12	Souzak (Fr)	Kodiac (GB)	R. Larry Johnson	Motion	Ruiz	122
13	Irish Aces	Mshawish	Pocket Aces Racing LLC	Walsh	Ortiz, Jr.	120
14	Harrington	Always Dreaming	B.A. Bloodstock	Moubarak	Levey	118

Breeders: 1-Rigney Racing LLC, 2-Erv Woolsey & Ralph Kinder, 3-Rustlewood Farm, Inc., 4-Stoneway Farm, 5-Upson Downs Farm & Louie W. Wright, 6-Haras d'Etream, Meridian InternationalSarl, EARL Elevage du Sarail, et al, 7-Live Oak Stud, 8-Freddy Lewis, Jr., 9-Daniel J. Burke, 10-Shadwell Farm, LLC, 11-Gainesway Thoroughbreds LTD & Bridlewood Farm, 12-Ecurie Skymarc Farm & LanglaisBloodstock, 13-Lynch Bages LTD, 14-Burleson Farm, Sequel Thoroughbreds & McKenzie Bloodstock



**Saturday, Fair Grounds, post time: 4:45 p.m. EST**

**WOODCHOPPER S., \$100,000, 3yo, 1mT**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Velocitor	Mor Spirit	Ulwelling, Al and Bill	Scherer	Cohen	116
2	Winters Lion	Accelerate	Calumet Farm	Sharp	Torres	116
3	Deccan Prince (Ire)	Kingman (GB)	Wayne T. Davis	Wilson	Guerrero	116
4	Gigante	Not This Time	Iapetus Racing and Diamond T Racing	Asmussen	Morales	122
5	Desert Duke	Kitten's Joy	William Brook Henderson	Hartman	Murrill	116
6	Mor Victory	Mor Spirit	Norman Stables, LLC	Gelner	Loveberry	116
7	Northern Invader	Collected	West Point Thoroughbreds and Ingordo, David	DeVaux	Hernandez, Jr.	122
8	Dapper Dude	California Chrome	Ricardo Rodriguez	Rodriguez	Pedroza, Jr.	116
9	Gluckstadt	Malibu Moon	J. Patrick Lee Racing LLC	Sanchez	Nieves	116
10	Point Proven	Gun Runner	Norman C. Miller IV	Cohn	Lanerie	116
11	Machine Gun Man	Mor Spirit	J. Patrick Lee Racing LLC	Sanchez	Gutierrez	116
12	Cash Fever	Speightster	Joel B. Hunsburger	Tracy	Roman	116

Breeders: 1-Al Ulwelling & Bill Ulwelling, 2-Center Hills Farm, 3-Diamond Creek Farm, 4-Ann Mudge Backer & Smitten Farm, 5-Sam Henderson, 6-Susan Bedwell, 7-Anderson Farms Ont. Inc. & Peter A.Berglar Racing Interests, LLC., 8-Team Block & Rich Ege, 9-Mikhail Yanakov, 10-Three Chimneys Farm, LLC, 11-St. Simon Place LLC, 12-Kimberly Crabtree & Danny Wills

**Saturday, Fair Grounds, post time: 5:45 p.m. EST**

**PAGO HOP S., \$100,000, 3yo, f, 1mT**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Mo Bills	Uncle Mo	Mt. Brilliant Farm LLC and Ingram, Orrin	Stidham	Loveberry	116
2	Spartan Queen	Medaglia d'Oro	Spartan Team Investments, LLC	Lovell	Hernandez	116
3	Tufani	Distorted Humor	Susan Moulton	Stidham	Curtis	116
4	Watch This Birdie	Astern (Aus)	Michael House	Correas, IV	Graham	116
5	Musical Score	American Pharoah	Magnier, Mrs. John, Smith, Derrick & Tabor, Michael	Cox	Pedroza, Jr.	116
6	Storm Bay	Cross Traffic	Mueller Thoroughbred Stable, Ltd.	DeVaux	Parker	116
7	Callie's Grit	Maclean's Music	Carl R. Moore Management LLC and Grady, Brad	Sharp	Torres	118
8	Ann Alee	Midshipman	Sprick, Cheryl and Bremer, Richard	Biehler	Gutierrez	116
9	Financial Advice (Fr)	Wootton Bassett (GB)	Chris Nolan	Forster	Morales	116
10	Kerry	Practical Joke	Jordan V. Wycoff	Sharp	Cohen	116
11	Condensation	Frosted	Pravin A. Patel	Hartman	Lanerie	116
12	Free Look	Tapit	Blue Diamond Stud Farm, LLC	Cox	Geroux	116
13	Secret Statement	Runhappy	Baker, Candie, Hoeweler, Robert and Monen, Jeff	Baker	Morales	116
14	Batucada	Union Rags	Full of Run Racing II, LLC and Madaket Stables LLC	Russell	Lanerie	116
15	Fit and Famous	Sock Hop	Joel B. Hunsburger	Tracy	Roman	116

Breeders: 1-Mt Brilliant Broodmares II LLC, 2-Spartan Team Investment, 3-Chance Farm & Distorted Humor Syndicate, 4-McDowell Farm, 5-Orpendale, Chelston & Wynatt, 6-Mueller Thoroughbred Stable, LTD., 7-Dr. John C. Weed Jr. & Maclean's MusicSyndicate, 8-Richard Bremer & Cheryl Sprick, 9-Mr. Jean Uzel, 10-Waterville Lake Stable LLC, 11-William Humphries & Altair Farms LLC, 12-KatieRich Farms, 13-Robert Hoeweler, 14-Wygod Equine, LLC, 15-Joel B. Hunsburger

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**Justify** at Coolmore's Ashford Stud | Sarah Andrew

## GULFSTREAM MAIDENS HEADLINE PRE-CHRISTMAS ACTION

**2nd-GP, \$70K, Msw, 2yo, 1 1/16mT, 12:39 p.m.**

Returning to the track for his second start after being disqualified from second at Monmouth Aug. 6, **WONDERFINN (Justify)** enters off back-to-back bullet works Nov. 13 (four furlongs in :48 1/5 {1/14}) and Nov. 20 (three furlongs in :36 2/5 {1/11}). The 2-year-old is out of a full-sister to trio of prolific Galileo siblings led by G1 Tattersalls Irish Two Thousand Guineas winner Magician (Ire) along with GSW Apple Betty (Ire) and SW/GISP Outstanding (Ire), herself the dam of MGSW Masteroffoxhounds (**War Front**).

Making his debut, **My G (Medaglia d'Oro)** brought \$400,000 from Spendthrift as a yearling at the Saratoga Select sale last year. Dam Perfect Note, herself a \$800,000 FTKNOV broodmare buy, is out of MGISW Music Note (A.P. Indy), making her a half-sister to G1 Emirates Airline Dubai World Cup hero **Mystic Guide (Ghostzapper)**. This is also the family of French G1SW Musical Chimies (In Excess {Ire}). The Todd Pletcher trainee fired a bullet of his own Dec. 16, going five furlongs in 1:00 2/5 (1/8). **TJCS PPS**

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**JOSEPH E. SPANKY BROUSSARD MEMORIAL S.**, \$98,000, Fair Grounds, 12-22, 3yo/up, f/m, 1m 70y, 1:43.01, ft.

1--**HIDDEN CONNECTION**, 118, f, 4, **Connect--C J's Gal**, by **Awesome Again**. (\$49,000 RNA Wlg '19 KEENOV; \$40,000 Ylg '20 KEESEP; \$55,000 RNA 2yo '21 OBSAPR; \$85,000 2yo '21 OBSOPN). O-Hidden Brook Farm and Black Type Thoroughbreds; B-St. Simon Place (KY); T-W. Bret Calhoun; J-Reylu Gutierrez. \$60,000. Lifetime Record: GSW, 17-4-5-1, \$765,125.

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 2--**Corningstone**, 121, f, 3, **Kantharos--Ice Women**, by **Street Sense**. (\$90,000 Wlg '20 KEENOV; \$75,000 Ylg '21 KEESEP). O-Five Fillies Stable LLC and Balios Racing Stable; B-Deann & Greg Baer DVM (IN); T-Kenneth G. McPeek. \$20,000.

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 3--**Unbridled Mary**, 118, f, 4, **Maclean's Music--Bauble**, by Tale of the Cat. (\$39,000 Ylg '20 KEESEP; \$155,000 2yo '21 FTSANA; \$220,000 4yo '23 KEENOV). O-Payson Stud, Inc.; B-Merriebelle Stable, LLC (KY); T-Kenneth G. McPeek. \$10,000.

  
 Margins: 4, 2HF, NK. Odds: 2.20, 3.60, 16.80.  
 Also Ran: Skcratch Kat, Bow Draw, Rose Palace, The Alys Look.  
 Scratched: Lexa.



**Hidden Connection** | Hodges Photography

Contesting her eighth-straight stakes race, Hidden Connection picked up her first win in over year with a four-length score in Friday's Joseph E. Spanky Broussard Memorial S. On the board in four of those eight races, the 4-year-old was looking to rebound off a less-than-stellar effort when eighth in the GIII Chilukki S. at Churchill Downs Nov. 18. Up and on the pace from the jump, the 2-1 second choice raced wide outside of pacesetters Bow Draw (Oxbow) and Corningstone. Never far off that pair, she kept the pressure on into the turn before pulling even with them into the lane and sprinting away through the final furlong. One off 11 stakes winner for third-crop sire **Connect**, Hidden Connection is out of a half-sister to the dam of GISP juvenile Alys Beach (Omaha Beach). C J's Gal, sold for \$450,000 as a broodmare in foal to **Frosted** at the 2021 FTKNOV Sale, produced a full-brother to Hidden Connection this year before visiting **Good Magic** for 2024. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**



**Chop Chop** | Coady Photography

**8th-Laurel, \$54,000, Alw (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$50,000-\$62,500), 12-22, 2yo, 6f, 1:11.76, ft, 1 3/4 lengths.**

**MISSION BEACH (c, 2, Curlin--Stoweshoe {SW}, by Flatter)** was a winner on debut for then trainer Bob Baffert but failed to hit the board in either the GI Hopeful S. or the GIII Bob Hope S. before moving east to the barn of Brittany Russell. Away a step slow, the 2-5 favorite hugged the rail on the turn back to six furlongs, angled out to find space between runners into the stretch and drove clear to win by 1 3/4 lengths. Uncle Cat (**Nyquist**) hung around for the exacta. Stoweshoe, a full-sister to GISW and \$2.35m FTKNOV broodmare Taris--herself the dam of GSW King Fury (**Curlin**)--is out of \$1.5m KEENOV purchase Comedy. Her **Medaglia d'Oro** yearling filly sold for \$270,000 at FTKOCT and she has a **Munnings** weanling while carrying to **Jack Christopher** for the spring. Sales History: \$400,000 Ylg '22 KESEEP. Lifetime Record: 4-2-0-0, \$99,600. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

O-SF Racing LLC, Starlight Racing, Madaket Stables LLC, Dianne Bashor, Robert E. Masterson, Waves Edge Capital LLC, Catherine Donovan and Tom Ryan; B-Doug Branham & Felicia Branham (KY); T-Brittany T. Russell.

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**8th-Turfway, \$77,790, Alw (NW2\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$40,000), 12-21, 3yo/up, f/m, 1m (AWT), 1:38.18, ft, 9 1/4 lengths.**

**CHOP CHOP (f, 3, City of Light--Grand Sofia, by Giant's Causeway)**, a stakes-winning juvenile and runner up by just a nose to last year's champion 2-year-old filly Wonder Wheel (Into Mischief) in the GI Darley Alcibiades S., has failed to find the winner's circle thus far in 2023. Fifth last out facing allowance horses at Churchill Nov. 24, Thursday's 3-2 favorite stepped onto the Tapeta for the first time with a five-pound weight break from jockey Axel Concepcion. Eased along through the early going, she made a strong move into the turn to challenge for command, hit the stretch in front and drew off as the class of the field to cruise by 9 1/4 lengths over Beach Walkin (Cross Traffic). Dam Grand Sofia, who RNA'd for \$875,000 at last month's FTKNOV sale, is a half to GSW Rail Trip (Jump Start) and saw her **Constitution** yearling filly bring \$400,000 at KESEEP earlier this year. She is due to **Flightline** for 2024. Sales History: \$230,000 Ylg '21 FTKJUL. Lifetime Record: SW & GISP, 11-3-3-2, \$556,369. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

O-Selective; B-Cobra Farm & MRJ Thoroughbred (KY); T-B. Cox.

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**IN ORDER OF PURSE:**

**2nd-Gulfstream, \$60,000, Msw, 12-22, 3yo/up, 5fT, :56.59, fm, 1 1/2 lengths.**

**DETERMINED EFFORT (c, 3, Karakontie {Jpn}--Graceful Grit {Ire}) {MSP-Fr, \$123,098}, by Holy Roman Emperor {Ire})** took back to race near the rear of the field through opening fractions of :22.35 and :45.25. Angled out for room as he swung off the far turn, the 9-2 shot broke through with a furlong to run and swept to the lead to defeat a closing Secret Threat (**Candy Ride {Arg}**) by 1 1/2 lengths. The winner has a pair of full-siblings, a 2-year-old and a yearling, both still to race. Sales History: \$310,000 Ylg '21 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$36,000. **Click for the**

**Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

O-Repole Stable and St. Elias Stables LLC; B-Gainesway Thoroughbreds Ltd. (KY); T-Todd A. Pletcher.



**IN ITALY:**

**Don Checco, c, 3, Good Samaritan--Clara Kelly, by War Front.** Rome, 12-22, Hcp., 1600m (AWT), 1:40.60. O-Colasanti Luigi; B-Eric & Randi Moreau-Sipiere (KY); T-Affe' Agostino. \*\$47,000 RNA Ylg '21 FTKJUL; \$28,000 Ylg '21 FTKOCT. \*\*Half to Charlene's Dream (Qurbaan), MSW, \$99,800. **Chart and Video.**



**IN DUBAI:**

**Manama Gold, f, 2, Star Guitar.** See "Dubai".

**Morning, g, 3, Munnings.** See "Dubai".

**Isolate, h, 5, Mark Valeski.** See "Euro Group Results".



**FIRST-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23**

*2023 Stud Fees Listed*

**Audible** (Into Mischief), WinStar Farm, \$25,000  
150 foals of racing age/18 winners/2 black-type winners  
1-Fair Grounds, 1:00 p.m. EST, Msw 6f, Autie, 2-1  
\$175,000 KEE SEP yrl

**Coal Front** (Stay Thirsty), Spendthrift Farm, \$5,000  
49 foals of racing age/8 winners/2 black-type winners  
5-Laurel, 2:24 p.m. EST, Aoc 6f, Beachfront Breeze, 8-1

**Flameaway** (Scat Daddy), Darby Dan Farm, \$7,500  
116 foals of racing age/20 winners/3 black-type winners  
5-Fair Grounds, 3:00 p.m. EST, Msw 1 1/16m, Funnyflame, 6-1  
\$57,000 FTK JUL yrl; \$25,000 OBS APR 2yo  
6-Turfway, 8:25 p.m. EST, \$125K Gowell S., 6f, Julias Dream, 9-2  
\$15,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$180,000 OBS APR 2yo


**Maximus Mischief** (Into Mischief), Spendthrift Farm, \$7,500  
136 foals of racing age/31 winners/3 black-type winners  
5-Laurel, 2:24 p.m. EST, Aoc 6f, Shake It Baby, 8-1  
\$55,000 KEE JAN wnl; \$95,000 KEE SEP yrl


**Mitole** (Eskendereya), Spendthrift Farm, \$15,000  
159 foals of racing age/32 winners/2 black-type winners  
7-Fair Grounds, 4:00 p.m. EST, \$100K Letellier Memorial S., 6f, Halina's Forte, 2-1  
\$130,000 OBS WIN wnl; \$250,000 FTK JUL yrl  
1-Fair Grounds, 1:00 p.m. EST, Msw 6f, Wish Carefully, 9-5  
\$40,000 RNA KEE SEP yrl

**Preservationist** (Arch), Airdrie Stud, \$10,000  
78 foals of racing age/13 winners/0 black-type winners  
9-Fair Grounds, 5:00 p.m. EST, \$100K Untapable S., 1m, Band of Gold, 8-1  
\$70,000 KEE NOV wnl

**Vino Rosso** (Curlin), Spendthrift Farm, \$15,000  
180 foals of racing age/23 winners/2 black-type winners  
6-Fair Grounds, 3:30 p.m. EST, Msw 1 1/8mT, Cabernaydo, 5-1  
\$60,000 FTK OCT yrl  
7-Fair Grounds, 4:00 p.m. EST, \$100K Letellier Memorial S., 6f, Mixer, 8-1

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\$50,000 KEE SEP yrl  
12-Fair Grounds, 6:30 p.m. EST, \$100K **Gun Runner S.**, 1 1/16m,  
Next Level, 20-1  
\$20,000 KEE SEP yrl

## SECOND-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: SATURDAY, DEC. 23

### 2023 Stud Fees Listed

**Always Dreaming** (Bodemeister), WinStar Farm, \$10,000  
215 foals of racing age/52 winners/2 black-type winners  
1-Fair Grounds, 1:00 p.m. EST, Msw 6f, Brittany's Dream, 8-1  
11-Gulfstream, 5:06 p.m. EST, \$125K Tropical Park Derby, 1  
1/16mT, Harrington, 30-1  
\$65,000 KEE JAN wnl; \$20,000 OBS OPN 2yo

**Bolt d'Oro** (**Medaglia d'Oro**), Spendthrift Farm, \$35,000  
256 foals of racing age/93 winners/10 black-type winners  
11-Gulfstream, 5:06 p.m. EST, \$125K Tropical Park Derby, 1  
1/16mT, Boppy O, 5-1  
\$190,000 KEE SEP yrl  
4-Fair Grounds, 2:30 p.m. EST, \$100K Sugar Bowl S., 6f, Triple  
Trea, 10-1 \$75,000 FTK OCT yrl

**City of Light** (**Quality Road**), Lane's End Farm, \$60,000  
209 foals of racing age/54 winners/7 black-type winners  
5-Fair Grounds, 3:00 p.m. EST, Msw 1 1/16m, Bisate, 6-1  
\$325,000 KEE SEP yrl

**Girvin** (**Tale of Ekati**), Airdrie Stud, \$20,000  
183 foals of racing age/62 winners/10 black-type winners  
8-Tampa Bay Downs, 4:19 p.m, Msw 7f, Capitan George, 12-1

**Justify** (Scat Daddy), Coolmore Ashford, \$100,000  
347 foals of racing age/84 winners/20 black-type winners  
8-Gulfstream, 3:36 p.m. EST, \$125K Tropical Park Oaks, 1  
1/16mT, Alpha Bella, 10-1  
8-Tampa Bay Downs, 4:19 p.m. EST, Msw 7f, Anger Rising, 6-1  
2-Gulfstream, 12:39 p.m. EST, Msw 1 1/16mT, Sir Magistrate  
(Ire), 20-1  
160,000gns TAD EWE wnl; €160,000 RNA ARA UG yrl

**McCraken** (**Ghostzapper**), Airdrie Stud, private  
49 foals of racing age/22 winners/2 black-type winners  
6-Turfway, 8:25 p.m. EST, \$125K Gowell S., 6f, What's Crackin,  
30-1 \$23,000 KEE SEP yrl

**Sea Wizard** (**Uncle Mo**), Colonial Farms, \$1,500  
20 foals of racing age/8 winners/1 black-type winner  
10-Gulfstream, 4:36 p.m. EST, \$125K GIII Mr. Prospector S., 7f,  
Great Navigator, 3-1

**Tapwrit** (**Tapit**), Gainesway Farm, \$10,000  
177 foals of racing age/52 winners/4 black-type winners  
11-Gulfstream, 5:06 p.m. EST, \$125K Tropical Park Derby, 1  
1/16mT, Armstrong, 12-1 \$51,000 KEE SEP yrl

**West Coast** (Flatter), Lane's End Farm, \$10,000  
198 foals of racing age/60 winners/3 black-type winners  
9-Fair Grounds, 5:00 p.m. EST, \$100K Untapable S., 1m, West  
Omaha, 5-2

**Whence** (Scat Daddy), Averett Farm, \$1,000  
23 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners  
1-Fair Grounds, 1:00 p.m. EST, Msw 6f, Hennessy Wild, 15-1



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### ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

**7th-Laurel, \$64,420, (NW2X)/Opt. Clm (\$32,000-\$40,000),**  
12-22, 3yo/up, 1m, 1:37.73, ft, 4 3/4 lengths.

**SEVEN'S ELEVEN (g, 3, Bandbox--Seniorita Siete, by Senior Swinger)** Lifetime Record: MSW, 13-6-1-1, \$262,250.  
O/B-Cottonwood Stable LLC (MD); T-Carlos A. Mancilla.

**5th-Fair Grounds, \$54,000, (NW2\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$50,000), 12-22,**  
3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:10.18, ft, 4 lengths.

**MISS ARLINGTON (f, 3, Mark Valeski--Luvnotionumbernine, by Notional)** Lifetime Record: 12-3-1-4, \$217,511. O/B-Nancy  
Vanier, B. Tauber, S. Gordon & M. Tauber (KY); T-B. Williamson.

**8th-Tampa Bay Downs, \$54,000, (NW2X)/Opt. Clm (\$32,000),**  
12-22, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:09.64, ft, 1 3/4 lengths.

**MISH (g, 6, Field Commission--Wicked Great, by Greatness)**  
Lifetime Record: GSP, 26-8-5-3, \$398,682. O-C2 Racing Stable  
LLC; B-Joyce Mary Kielty (FL); T-Saffie A. Joseph, Jr.

**8th-Fair Grounds, \$54,000**, (NW2\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$50,000), 12-22, 3yo/up, 1 1/16mT, 1:41.61, fm, 2 lengths.

**JAMES ALOYSIUS (g, 4, More Than Ready--Olorda {Ger} {GSW & G1SP-Fr, MGSW-USA, \$331,947}, by Lord of England {Ger})** Lifetime Record: SP, 10-3-3-1, \$189,600. O-West Paces Racing LLC; B-Martin Schwartz (KY); T-Thomas Morley. \*\$200,000 Ylg '20 KEESEP. \*\*1/2 to Gala Brand (**Violence**), GSW, \$153,900.

**9th-Fair Grounds, \$54,000**, (S), (NW2X)/Opt. Clm (\$20,000), 12-22, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:11.16, ft, 3 1/2 lengths.

**SUMITUP (m, 5, Sum of the Parts--Cataballerina, by Tabasco Cat)** Lifetime Record: 20-4-1-4, \$141,115. O-Pendleton Larsen, Jr.; B-J. Adcock (LA); T-Courtney Dandridge Jr. \*\$5,000 Ylg '19 ESLYRL. \*\*1/2 to Lemon Chiffon (Lemon Drop Kid), SW & MGSP, \$282,109 and Masked Maiden (**Sky Mesa**), SW, \$178,542.

**3rd-Gulfstream, \$53,850**, (S), (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$20,000), 12-22, 3yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:38.67, ft, 4 1/4 lengths.

**STEEL RACER (f, 3, Girvin--Silver to Gold, by Zensational)** Lifetime Record: 8-3-0-0, \$89,331. O-TEC Racing (Elliott S. Logan); B-Brad & Misty Grady (FL); T-Martin Drexler. \*\$15,000 Wlg '20 KEENOV; \$24,000 RNA Ylg '21 FTKOCT; \$45,000 2yo '22 OBSOPN; \$55,000 RNA 3yo '23 FTDAUG.

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**6th-Fair Grounds, \$53,000**, (NW2L)/Opt. Clm (\$100,000), 12-22, 2yo, 5 1/2ft, 1:03.18, fm, 1/2 length.

**VITEMENT (c, 2, Mizzen Mast--Showed Up Late, by Discreet Cat)** Lifetime Record: 4-2-0-0, \$106,667. O-Showdown Kings II, Matthew Wiley and Richard Donworth; B-Scarteen Stud (KY); T-Eddie Kenneally.

**7th-Tampa Bay Downs, \$32,500**, 12-22, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 1mT, 1:35.93, fm, 1 length.

**DIAMOND HANDS (f, 4, Frosted--Love Cove {MSW, \$396,739}, by Not For Love)** Lifetime Record: SP, 13-2-5-2, \$201,087. O-LSU Stables; B-Brant Laue & Godolphin (KY); T-C. Clement. \*\$25,000 Ylg '20 KEESEP; \$425,000 2yo '21 OBSAPR; \$375,000 3yo '22 FTKHRA. \*\*1/2 to Bibby (Stormy Atlantic), SW, \$143,163.

#### ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

**Joe Shiesty**, g, 2, **Air Force Blue**--Ready to Unleash, by More Than Ready. Turfway, 12-21, 6f (AWT), 1:10.02. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-0, \$27,053. B-Rodney E Orr (KY). \*\$16,000 Ylg '22 KEEJAN. \*\*1/2 to Johnny Unleashed (Colonel John), GSP, \$340,971.

**Epic Knight**, c, 2, **Constitution**--Tiz Blu, by Tiznow. Turfway, 12-21, (C), 1m (AWT), 1:40.70. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$22,884. B-Susan Casner (KY). \*\$100,000 RNA Ylg '22 KEESEP.

**Reef Runner**, c, 2, **The Big Beast**--Paradise Bay, by **Blame**. Gulfstream, 12-22, (C), 5f (AWT), :56.14. Lifetime Record:

3-1-0-1, \$34,700. B-Alex & JoAnn Lieblong (FL).

**Army Girl**, f, 3, **Army Mule**--Sheza Rounder, by Star Dabbler. Turfway, 12-21, 6 1/2f (AWT), 1:18.47. Lifetime Record: 5-1-0-1, \$48,683. B-Noelle P Ramsey (KY). \*\$37,000 RNA Ylg '21 FTKOCT.

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**Air Force Blue**, Joe Shiesty, g, 2, o/o Ready to Unleash, by More Than Ready. MSW, 12-21, Turfway

**Army Mule**, Army Girl, f, 3, o/o Sheza Rounder, by Star Dabbler. MSW, 12-21, Turfway

**Bandbox**, Seven's Eleven, g, 3, o/o Senorita Siete, by Senior Swinger. AOC, 12-22, Laurel

**City of Light**, Chop Chop, f, 3, o/o Grand Sofia, by Giant's Causeway. AOC, 12-21, Turfway

**Connect**, Hidden Connection, f, 4, o/o C J's Gal, by Awesome Again. Joseph E. Spanky Broussard Memorial S., 12-22, Fair Grounds

**Constitution**, Epic Knight, c, 2, o/o Tiz Blu, by Tiznow. MCL, 12-21, Turfway

**Curlin**, Mission Beach, c, 2, o/o Stoweshoe, by Flatter. AOC, 12-22, Laurel

**Field Commission**, Mish, g, 6, o/o Wicked Great, by Greatness. AOC, 12-22, Tampa Bay

**Frosted**, Diamond Hands, f, 4, o/o Love Cove, by Not For Love. ALW, 12-22, Tampa Bay

**Girvin**, Steel Racer, f, 3, o/o Silver to Gold, by Zensational. AOC, 12-22, Gulfstream

**Karakontie (Jpn)**, Determined Effort, c, 3, o/o Graceful Grit (Ire), by **Holy Roman Emperor (Ire)**. MSW, 12-22, Gulfstream

**Mark Valeski**, Miss Arlington, f, 3, o/o Luvnotionumbertine, by Notional. AOC, 12-22, Fair Grounds

**Mizzen Mast**, Vitement, c, 2, o/o Showed Up Late, by Discreet Cat. AOC, 12-22, Fair Grounds

**More Than Ready**, James Aloysius, g, 4, o/o Olorda (Ger), by Lord of England (Ger). AOC, 12-22, Fair Grounds

**Sum of the Parts**, Sumitup, m, 5, o/o Cataballerina, by Tabasco Cat. AOC, 12-22, Fair Grounds

**The Big Beast**, Reef Runner, c, 2, o/o Paradise Bay, by **Blame**. MOC, 12-22, Gulfstream



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