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IN HONOR OF AUTISM



In Honor of Autism winning at Golden Gate in December
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by Tom Frary

When you live within the world of autism, you have a special antenna for the word and its associations, a heightened sensitivity. It was on a late December evening that a horse called In Honor of Autism came onto this radar running at Golden Gate Fields. In fact, there were two runners in the silks of Johnny Taboada in the race, the other named Talk About Autism. Lo and behold, the former--a son of Stanford--won and my interest was peaked. I have a son, Dylan, who is non-verbal and, we now know, very intelligent after we discovered he can use a letterboard to communicate. He also loves racing (thanks to me) and Frankie Dettori, **Frankel (GB)** and **Stradivarius (Ire)**, among others. It's his love of all things important to those around him that shines.

In autism, there is very little space for certainty or dogma but the one thing that unites all is the knowledge that it requires a radius of positivity around the child, other relative or friend that it has touched. Negativity may be the natural go-to resort of the overwhelmed and the stressed, that's normal, but nothing works or moves forward without its opposing energy in this sphere.

Unsurprisingly, given the salvation, emotional shelter and sanctuary that horses offer to the most vulnerable, autism and this animal make for the perfect blend.

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THE KENTUCKY OAKS TOP 10 FOR FEBRUARY 16 by Bill Finley

All eyes last week were on the Suncoast S. at Tampa Bay Downs, where 38-1 shot **Dreaming of Snow** (Jess's Dream) scored a huge upset over 2-year-old filly champion **Wonder Wheel** (Into Mischief) and the highly regarded **Julia Shining (Curlin)**. That wasn't enough for Dreaming of Snow to make this week's Top 10 for the GI Kentucky Oaks, but it was certainly a herculean effort to defeat two such highly regarded horses.

The spotlight this week will be on Fair Grounds, where the mega-talented **Hoosier Philly** (Into Mischief) will make her 3-year-old debut in Saturday's GI Rachel Alexandra S. presented by Fasig-Tipton. The Rachel Alexandra field also includes **Chop Chop (City of Light)**, the beaten favorite in the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies and runner-up in the Silverbulletday S., and Untapable S. winner 'TDN Rising Star' **Pretty Mischievous** (Into Mischief).

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Foaled Feb. 11 at Indian Creek, this **Gun Runner** filly is the first foal out of MSP Velvet Crush (**Tapit**), and the first **Gun Runner** to be foaled at Indian Creek. "The filly was standing and nursing within 25 minutes," said farm manager Juan Aguilar. "She looks incredible!" Velvet Crush is the first horse raced by Karin and Christian Bradeen's Famousstyle Stables. [Click here](#) to submit your own foal photos to TDN. | Courtesy Karin Bradeen

BREEDERS' CUP LATE FOAL NOMS CLOSE FEB. 28 **5**

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At the highest point of reference to prove the connection, there is “The Horse Boy”, the magical story of a non-verbal, agonised youth who was unlocked by a chance encounter with this animal which eventually led to a period of engagement with a Mongolian tribe of nomadic shamans.

Autism and horse racing have yet to combine with real potency, but the beginnings of a relationship are forming. Witness Britain’s “Autism In Racing” movement which has prompted high-profile racecourses to offer specialist services such as sensory rooms, thanks to the exploits of Bobby Beavers, one of many who have had autism enter their lives and turned crusader as a result.

Another is Taboada, who has taken his son’s diagnosis and turned it into a force for good.

When you speak to Taboada, the power of his own positivity also emanates like a physical force. At the moment that the Pleasanton mortgage consultant bought his first yearling, his 2-year-old son Renzo was given the label autistic.

Instead of escaping his new reality and turning inward, he faced the challenge head-on (and this was in the early 2000s, when believe me, autism was still very much a hidden enigma shrouded in mystery) and named the runner Autism Awareness, a \$1,000 purchase at the CTBA Northern California Yearling Sale who raced on the kind of wave of optimism and hope that graces the likes of Cody’s Wish now as well as countless others with lower profiles. In early March 2008, the Genaro Vallejo-trained son of Tannersmyman went to Bay Meadows and brought the house down in the GIII El Camino Real Derby at 62-1. The following May, the dark bay was at it again at inflated odds in the GIII Berkeley S. and he continued to carry the word over several seasons. **Cont.**



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These days, the sight of Taboada’s horses bearing the flame for the awareness of, understanding of and help for autism is thankfully a common one.

“It’s my duty, my mission to combine the name of autism with every horse,” he states after a period that has seen him name 50-plus horses in that way. “We try and raise awareness in different parts of the world. We have something in common with others who have autism in their lives; we can talk and come together. Fifteen years on from that El Camino Real Derby, I can see it was nothing more than good karma and the vibes around it that made that happen. We’re keeping the message into the second and third generations now. I want autistic people to be embraced, to have the opportunity to belong and to be treated with respect. I’m very blessed and want to try and always send the message across.”

Taboada’s colours include the autism “puzzle” trademark, with the horse motif squarely in the middle. He has a Facebook page, “Horses For Autism”, which promotes inclusivity and provides the opportunity for the community to come together. On it there is a promo for the stallion Touched by Autism, who stands at Whitehouse Equine in Stockton, California.

There are plans afoot to partner with a local ranch to create a special place for the horses and provide a space for families to connect. “I want to take it to the next level,” he says. “This is not just about me and my family; it’s about all of us. We need to spread the word. The soul of a horse is so deep. How they connect with us and particularly with those with special needs, it’s meant to be--it’s for us to facilitate it. In our industry, there are a lot of things to correct, but when people see positive messages, it can only be good for it.” **Cont.**



Northern California’s Golden Gate Fields has been the scene for much of the awareness spread by Taboada | Vassar Photography

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“I never thought we were going to do well, it’s just happened organically,” Taboada concludes. “You never know which horses will do well, you just keep at it and for me, the more I talk about autism, the more I feel like I’m doing my part. Renzo is very well-liked in the racing world, his passion is for meeting new people as he’s a very sociable young man. The racing setting always welcomes him, so it makes it a very pleasant place for him to be. For him, it’s about being part of something more than the winning and losing. I feel we can carry this to a higher level—we need the positive message and positive news. Horses are definitely the animals that can connect with this community. We need to keep that karma and the right vibes and maybe there’s something else that’s beyond our comprehension that looks after us.”

When it comes to autism, the most important thing may be inclusion. Racing is the perfect environment for it, with the ideal mix of humility and empowerment that the horse provides so naturally. For Renzo, Dylan and millions of others who have been given that diagnosis, it offers another avenue to the place of greater self-esteem and greater self-worth that they deserve to inhabit. All power to the people who are paving the way now and those who continue to do so.

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BC LATE FOAL NOMS CLOSE FEB. 28

The deadline to nominate foals of 2022 to the Breeders' Cup program for a one-time late fee of \$1,500 is Tuesday, Feb. 28, 2023 at 11:59 p.m. ET.

The \$1,500 nomination entitles each foal with lifetime eligibility to the Breeders' Cup World Championships and the Breeders' Cup Racing Programs, which include the global Breeders' Cup Challenge Series: Win & You're In and the U.S.-based Dirt Dozen Bonus Series. **Cont.**



Horsephotos

2022 Leading Sires - by G1 Winners

Rk	STALLION	2023 FEE	G1 WNRS
1	Curlin	\$225,000	6
2	AMERICAN PHAROAH	\$60,000	4
-	Gun Runner	Private	4
-	Arrogate	-	4
5	Into Mischief	\$250,000	3
-	Tapit	\$185,000	3

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2021 Leading Sires - by Stakes winners

Rk	STALLION	SWs
1	Into Mischief	29
2	Munnings	19
-	Curlin	19
4	Medaglia d'Oro	18
5	AMERICAN PHAROAH	15
6	Uncle Mo	14

2020 Leading Second-Crop Sires - by earnings

Rk	STALLION	GSW	EARNINGS
1	AMERICAN PHAROAH	6	\$6,969,839
2	Constitution	2	\$6,565,790

2019 Leading First-Crop Sires - by earnings

Rk	STALLION	BTH	EARNINGS
1	AMERICAN PHAROAH	11	\$2,873,170
2	Constitution	8	\$2,200,411

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Breeders' Cup foal nominations, cont.

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Forty Doriana | Courtesy Wanamaker's

Paisley Singing (Golden Lad), a three-times stakes-placed winner of over \$340,000, is one of 32 horses catalogued for the 2023 Wanamaker's February Sale, which also includes horses of racing age, yearlings, broodmares, stallions and stallion seasons.

Bidding opens Feb. 23 at 8 .m. ET with the first listing set to close at 5 p.m. Subsequent listings will close in three-minute increments.

Paisley Singing is the third highest-earning daughter of Golden Lad, one of Maryland's top stallions. **Cont.**



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- AG Bullet**, 1st, Lady of Shamrock S. at Santa Anita, 2/12
- Gilmore**, 2nd, El Camino Real Derby at Golden Gate, 2/11
- Tensas Candy**, 3rd, LA Bred Premier Starlet S. at Delta Downs, 2/4



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Wanamaker's, cont.

Golden Lad's other top runners include Hello Beautiful, who sold for \$410,000 at the 2022 Keeneland January Horses of Racing Age Sale, and Cinnabunny, who hammered down at \$240,000 at Keeneland November in 2021.

Among the other offerings are **Princess Adira (Cairo Prince)**, a half-sister to recent Dixie Belle S. runner-up Pate (Super Saver); **Wundahowigothere** (Big Brown), a 13-year-old daughter of Wonder Lady Anne L; **Wisdom Keeper (Quality Road)**, an unraced 3-year-old racing prospect out of GI Breeders' Cup Ladies' Classic winner Life Is Sweet (Storm Cat), a recent bullet worker at Charles Town; and three Argentinian-bred broodmares, including champion sprinter and MG1SW **Forty Doriana (Arg)** (Roar).

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Afternoon Deelites (1992-2023) | Old Friends

AFTERNOON DEELITES, BACHARACH'S BEST RUNNER, DIES AT OLD FRIENDS

Just six days after the passing of his owner Burt Bacharach, Afternoon Deelites, a six-time graded-stakes winner, was euthanized Feb. 14 at Old Friends, the Kentucky-based

Thoroughbred retirement farm, due to complications from colic. He was 31.

Old Friends President and Founder Michael Blowen announced his passing Wednesday morning.

The dark bay stallion, who was the farm's oldest resident, was just two weeks shy of his 31st birth date. **Cont.**

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KNICKS GO compared to first-year stallions standing for \$25,000 and above

Stallion	2023 Fee	BC Wins	GI1s	2YO GI1s	Earnings
Jackie's Warrior	\$50,000	0	6	2	\$2,959,164
KNICKS GO	\$15,000	2	5	1	\$9,258,135
Flightline	\$200,000	1	4	0	\$4,515,800
Life Is Good	\$100,000	1	4	0	\$4,541,700
Jack Christopher	\$45,000	0	3	1	\$1,216,400
Cyberknife	\$35,000	0	2	0	\$2,087,520
Corniche	\$30,000	1	2	2	\$1,263,500
Mandaloun	\$25,000	0	2	0	\$3,356,052
Epicenter	\$45,000	0	1	0	\$2,940,639
Olympiad	\$35,000	0	1	0	\$3,027,560
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GIII Santa Ynez S. winner **Ice Dancing (Frosted)** comes off the list as trainer Richard Mandella reports that she had to have a chip removed and will miss the Oaks. **Munnys Gold (Munnings)** has also been dropped from the list as it appears that her immediate future will include races in sprints.



Hoosier Philly | Horsephotos

1) HOOSIER PHILLY (f, Into Mischief--Tapella, by Tapit) O-Gold Standard Racing Stable, LLC. B-Candy Meadows, LLC (Ky). T-Thomas Amoss. Sales history: \$510,000 yrl '21 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: GSW, 3-3-0-0, \$432,610. Last Start: Won GII Golden Rod S. at Churchill Downs Nov. 26. *Kentucky Oaks Points: 10. Next Start: GII Rachel Alexandra S., FG, Feb. 18*

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With previous No. 1 Wonder Wheel going down to defeat in the Suncoast S., Hoosier Philly takes over the top spot for trainer Tom Amoss. Her start in the Rachel Alexandra has been widely anticipated since she concluded her 2-year-old campaign and Amoss professed that she was not just the best filly, but the best

horse he has ever trained. That's high praise from someone who won the 2019 GI Kentucky Oaks with Serengeti Empress (**Alternation**).

So far as Saturday's race goes, Amoss had this to say: "We have a lot of expectations for her based on what she's done so far, so there's a lot of anticipation about how she's going to come back at three.

"Her morning preparation has been just as it was when she was two, so that gives us some feeling of confidence going into the race. But still, it is just her first race at three."

The bettors are on board. Though Amoss has only hinted at a possible start in the GI Kentucky Derby for his star, Hoosier Philly closed at 11-1 in the latest round of the Derby Future Wager. Only the "all others" selection and Forte (**Violence**) closed at lower odds. Is the hype justified? We'll know more after the Rachel Alexandra.

2) WONDER WHEEL (f, Into Mischief--Wonder Gal, by Tiz Wonderful) O-D. J. Stable LLC. B-Three Chimneys Farm, LLC & Clearsky Farm (Ky). T-Mark Casse. Sales history: \$275,000 yrl '21 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: Ch. 2-year-old filly, MGISW, 5-4-1-0, \$1,550,725. Last Start: 2nd Suncoast S. at Tampa Bay Downs Feb. 11. *Kentucky Oaks Points: 48. Next Start: To Be Determined*



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There are a couple of ways of looking at Wonder Wheel's loss in the Suncoast S. at Tampa Bay Downs. It was her first start of the year and the connections said she got tired in the stretch. With much larger goals out there, it was not a race she had to win and she will certainly run better next time.

"[Jockey] Tyler [Gaffalione] said she just got a little tired at the end," trainer Mark Casse told the *Daily Racing Form* after the race. "I'm not at all unhappy. In fact, it kind of reminded me of her Spinaway effort."

Wonder Wheel was second in last year's GI Spinaway S., her only defeat as a 2-year-old. **Cont.**

Oaks Top 10, Wonder Wheel, cont.


Then again...shouldn't a horse of her caliber have been able to get by a horse with modest credentials in Dreaming of Snow? She had the entire length of the stretch to pass her and just couldn't do it. Dreaming of Snow was 38-1 for a reason--her form coming into the race was nothing to brag about. All of which makes Wonder Wheel's next start very important. With anything less than an A effort, she will fall from the ranks of the top contenders for the Kentucky Oaks. The jury is out.

 **3) FAIZA (f, Girvin--Sweet Pistol, by Smart Strike) 'TDN Rising Star'** O-Michael L Petersen. B-Brereton C. Jones (Ky). T-Bob Baffert. Sales history: \$90,000 yrl '21 KEESSEP; \$725,000 2yo '22 FTMMAY. Lifetime Record: GISW, 2-2-0-0, \$222,000. Last Start: Won the GI Starlet S. at Los Alamitos on Dec. 10. *Kentucky Oaks Points: 0. Next Start: To Be Determined*

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So far, 'TDN Rising Star' Faiza has yet to run a big number, as the 77 Beyer she got when winning the GIII Las Virgenes S. in her most recent outing is her best to date. Other than that, she's hard to knock. After breaking her maiden in November at Del Mar, she came back to win the GI Starlet S. at Los Alamitos and then ground out a half-length win in the Las Virgenes. She's had one work since, covering three furlongs in :37.80 on Feb. 11 at Santa Anita.

Like the Bob Baffert-trained 3-year-old colts, she might have to be moved into another barn so that she can be eligible to run in the Oaks. As of now, Baffert is banned from starting horses at Churchill Downs. By Girvin, Faiza cost \$725,000 at the 2022 Fasig-Tipton Midlantic 2-Year-Olds in Training Sale. Girvin, who got off to a fast start last year at stud, began his stallion career in Florida but now stands in Kentucky at Airdrie Stud.

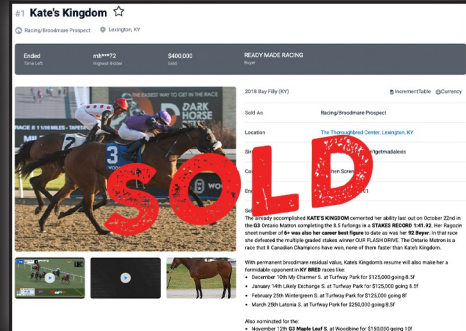
 **4) LEAVE NO TRACE (f, Outwork--Tanquerry, by Good Journey)** O-WellSpring Stables. B-Red Cloak Farm, LLC (Ky). T-Philip Serpe. Sales history: \$8,000 yrl '21 FTFFEB; \$40,000 yrl '21 FTMOCT. Lifetime Record: GISW, 4-2-1-1, \$598,650. Last Start: 2nd in the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies at Keeneland Nov. 4. *Kentucky Oaks Points: 15. Next Start: GII Davona Dale S., GP, Mar. 4*

 **VINERY SALES GRADUATE** 

She may not have always won but at two this blue-collar filly was one who always showed up.

A \$40,000 purchase at the 2021 Fasig-Tipton Midlantic Fall Yearling Sale, the daughter of Outwork won the GI Spinaway S. and then was third in the GI Frizette S. and second in the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies. *Cont.*

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Oaks Top 10, Leave No Trace, cont.

Having finished behind Wonder Wheel in the Breeders' Cup and Chocolate Gelato (**Practical Joke**) in the Frizette, Leave No Trace may need to improve as a 3-year-old in order to win a race like the Oaks. Trainer Phil Serpe has taken to preparing her for her 3-year-old debut in the GII Davona Dale S. by working her on the Tapeta surface at Gulfstream, where she has worked five furlongs in :59.25 and four furlongs in :48.85. Leave No Trace is owned by Dr. Robert Vukovich and his wife Laura, who have a farm in Colts Neck, New Jersey.



5) RED CARPET READY (f, Oscar Performance–Wild Silk, by Street Sense) O-

Ashbrook Farm and Upland Flats Racing; B-Lynn B. Schiff; T-Rusty Arnold. Sales history: \$180,000 ylr '21 FTSAUG. Lifetime Record: GSW, 3-3-0-0, \$265,470. Last Start: Won the GIII Forward Gal S. at Gulfstream Park on Feb. 4. *Kentucky Oaks Points: 20. Next Start: To Be Determined*

Joins the Top 10 after a win in the GIII Forward Gal S. at Gulfstream at seven furlongs. She's 3-for-3 and obviously has a lot of ability, having also won the Fern Creek S. after breaking her maiden by 10 lengths. But she must prove she can go a distance. Trainer Rusty Arnold thinks that she can and is pointing for the one-mile GII Davona Dale S.

"She's not a rank filly that just tries to run off, so I'm pretty optimistic she will stretch out," Arnold said. That she has been winning while sprinting on the dirt goes against logic when it comes to her pedigree. She is by **Oscar Performance** (Kitten's Joy), which should mean that her best fit is distance races on the turf. That might be her future, but, for now, she looks like a talented filly who could be very dangerous if making the adjustment to longer, two-turn races.

6) JULIA SHINING (f, Curlin--Dreaming of Julia, by A.P. Indy) **'TDN Rising Star'** O-Stonestreet Stables LLC. B-Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC (Ky). T-Todd Pletcher. Lifetime

Record: GSW, 2-2-0-0, \$194,075. Last Start: 3rd Suncoast S. at Tampa Bay Downs Feb. 11. *Kentucky Oaks Points: 16. Next Start: To Be Determined*

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Her story mirrors that of Wonder Wheel. She ran OK to finish third in the Suncoast S. and should move forward off of the race, but surely her connections were expecting better than a third-place finish while going down to defeat to a 38-1 winner. The **'TDN Rising Star'** lost by 1 1/2 lengths and had no apparent excuses. Then again, she is a filly who has shown a ton of

potential and is a full-sister to champion Malathaat. She very easily can bounce back and, for her, the Ashland will be a huge test. Along with Hoosier Philly, is one of only two fillies nominated to the Triple Crown. Trainer Todd Pletcher likely did so with the GI Belmont S. in mind.



Red Carpet Ready | Lauren King

7) THE ALYS LOOK (f, Connect--Foul Play, by Harlan's Holiday) O-Ike and Dawn Thrash. B-G. Watts Humphrey (Ky). T-Brad H. Cox. Sales history: \$60,000 yrl '21 KEESEP. Lifetime Record:

SW, 5-2-1-1, \$150,528. Last Start: Won the Silverbulletday S. at Fair Grounds Jan. 21. *Kentucky Oaks Points: 24. Next Start: GII Fair Grounds Oaks, FG, Mar. 25*

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Will sit out this weekend's Rachel Alexandra and point to the GII Fair Grounds Oaks for trainer Brad Cox. She defeated stablemate Chop Chop last out in the Silverbulletday, posting a mild upset. Only a \$60,000 yearling purchase, she was anything but an overnight sensation and lost her second career start, a maiden race at Churchill Downs, by 15 3/4 lengths. She's been a different horse since then, going two-for-three. Like a lot of Cox-trained horses, she seems to be on the improve and could prove to be the best 3-year-old filly from one of the sport's top barns. Cox has won two of the last five runnings of the Oaks.

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Oaks Top 10, cont.

8) JUSTIQUE (f, Justify--Grazie Mille, by Bernardini) 'TDN Rising Star'

O-C R K Stable, LLC. B-John D. Gunther & Eurowest Bloodstock (Ky). T-John A Shirreffs. Sales history: \$725,000 yrl '21 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: SW & GSP, 3-2-0-1, \$132,000. Last Start: 3rd in the GIII Las Virgenes S. at Santa Anita Jan. 28.

Kentucky Oaks Points: 9. Next Start: To Be Determined

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Since Justique is 2-for-2 sprinting and 0-for-2 going a route of ground, there is speculation that she is a one-turn horse, even though she closes from another area code. Trainer John Shirreffs does not agree.

"I don't think she really has a problem going around two turns," Shirreffs said. "I know other people think that she does. She just hasn't had the right situation yet. Santa Anita sometimes has a big speed bias and it's hard for horses to close. Del Mar didn't have that and she really shined there. I think that's been a big factor."

The 'TDN Rising Star' looked great in her two sprint races, but was a non-threatening third last time out in the Las Virgenes. She'll have to do better next time out in the Santa Ysabel to be considered a top threat for the Oaks.

9) OCCULT (f, Into Mischief--Magical Feeling, by Empire Maker)

O-Alpha Delta Stables, LLC. B-Peter E. Blum Thoroughbreds, LLC (Ky). T-Chad C. Brown. Sales history: \$625,000 yrl '21 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: SW, 3-2-0-0, \$107,450. Last Start: Won the

Busanda S. at Aqueduct Jan. 14. *Kentucky Oaks Points: 20. Next Start: To Be Determined*

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STEVEN W. YOUNG Yearling Purchase

Occult, the winner of the Busanda S. at Aqueduct in her most recent start, remains in New York for trainer Chad Brown and has had three four-furlong workouts since her last start. Brown has yet to announce where she will run next. She probably didn't beat much in the Busanda, but she's got the credentials to be a major player in this division. She's by Into Mischief and is trained by Chad Brown, signs pointing to a bright future. She'll need to get better, but there's no reason why she can't.



10) CHOP CHOP (f, City of Light--Grand Sofia, by Giant's Causeway)

O-Selective LLC. B-Cobra Farm & MRJ Thoroughbreds. T-Brad Cox. Sales history: \$230,000 yrl '21 FTKJUL. Lifetime Record: GSP, 5-2-2-0, \$455,450. Last Start: 2nd in the Silverbulletday S. at Fair Grounds Jan. 21. *Kentucky Oaks Points: 12. Next Start: GII Rachel Alexandra S., FG, Feb. 18*

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Oaks Top 10, Chop Chop, cont.



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She started her career with two straight grass starts before losing by just a nose to Wonder Wheel in the GI Darley Alcibiades S.

After finishing up the track as the betting favorite in the Juvenile Fillies, she finished second in the Silverbulletday, losing by a length to stablemate The Alys Look.

Trainer Brad Cox takes the blinkers off for the Rachel Alexandra, where she'll need a good performance to remain among the top members of her division.

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OVER 500 TRAINERS ACCEPTED TO THOROUGHBRED MAKEOVER *Edited Press Release*



Sarah Andrew

Some 512 trainers have been accepted to the 2023 Thoroughbred Makeover and National Symposium, presented by Thoroughbred Charities of America, officials with the Retired Racehorse Project (RRP) have announced. The event takes place Oct. 11-14, 2023, at the Kentucky Horse Park in Lexington and offers prize money in excess of \$100,000.

“On behalf of TCA, we congratulate all of the trainers accepted into the 2023 Thoroughbred Makeover,” said Erin Halliwell, executive director of TCA. “We appreciate the time and resources trainers dedicate to transitioning Thoroughbreds into their next careers, and we appreciate the impact that the RRP and the Thoroughbred Makeover has made on the lives of thousands of Thoroughbreds over the years.”

The Makeover, the flagship event of the RRP, is open to professionals, juniors, amateurs and teams, all of whom compete with Thoroughbreds who raced or trained to race within the past two years and who have no more than 10 months of retraining. New for 2023, the Former Broodmare Division, sponsored by Claiborne Farm, will include former broodmares who recently retired from the breeding industry as well.

Competition at the Thoroughbred Makeover is available in 10 disciplines, and trainers can choose to compete in up to two: barrel racing, competitive trail, dressage, eventing, field hunter, polo, ranch work, show hunter, show jumper, and freestyle (a free-form discipline to demonstrate skills of the trainer’s choice).

“The 2023 Thoroughbred Makeover marks ten years since the event’s pilot, a showcase of 23 horses on the homestretch of Pimlico Racecourse in 2013,” said Kirsten Green, executive director of the RRP. “While the Makeover still serves as a showcase for the breed, it has evolved to become an integral part of the aftercare industry, driving demand for Thoroughbreds who are completing their racing careers and offering participants the community and support needed to ensure they’re successful with their horses.”

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Saturday, Fair Grounds #13, post time: 7:14 p.m. EST

RISEN STAR S. PRESENTED BY LAMARQUE FORD-GII, \$400,000, 3yo, 1 1/8m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Quiet as Midnight 🍀	Midnight Lute	PoBoy Racing, LLC and Metoyer, Rand S.	Chatters	Nieves	122
2	Single Ruler 🍀	Empire Maker	Rocker O Ranch, LLC	Desormeaux	Riquelme	122
3	Shaq Diesel	Khozan	Bishop, Chester A., Hinkson, Anthony and Stanford, Donovan	Richards	Beschizza	122
4	Determinedly 🍀	Cairo Prince	John C. Oxley	Casse	Gutierrez	122
5	Harlocap 🍀	Justify	Harlo Stables Corp. and Villa Rosa Farm, Inc.	Asmussen	Velazquez	122
6	Angel of Empire 🍀	Classic Empire	Albaugh Family Stables LLC	Cox	Saez	122
7	Sun Thunder	Into Mischief	R.T Racing Stable and Cypress Creek Equine	McPeek	Hernandez, Jr.	122
8	Tapit's Conquest 🍀	Tapit	LaPenta, Robert V., e Five Racing Thoroughbreds and Madaket Stables LLC	Cox	Geroux	122
9	Curly Jack 🍀	Good Magic	Michael McLoughlin	Amoss	Morales	122
10	Two Phil's 🍀	Hard Spun	Patricia's Hope LLC and Sagan, Phillip	Rivelli	Loveberry	122
11	Silver Heist 🍀	Tapit	Whisper Hill Farm, LLC	Asmussen	Lanerie	120
12	Crupi 🍀	Curlin	Repole Stable and St. Elias Stable	Pletcher	Graham	122
13	Victory Formation 🍀	Tapwrit	Spendthrift Farm LLC and Frank Fletcher Racing Operations, Inc.	Cox	Prat	122
14	Private Creed 🍀	Jimmy Creed	Mike McCarty	Asmussen	Gaffalione	120

Breeders: 1-Four Pillars Holdings, LLC, 2-Don Alberto Corporation, 3-Bishop Racing, Inc., 4-Bedouin Bloodstock LLC, 5-Breed First LLC, 6-Forgotten Land Investment Inc & BlackDiamond Equine Corp, 7-Southern Equine Stables, LLC, 8-WinStar Farm, LLC & Tapit Syndicate, 9-Betz/J.Betz/Burns/Camaquiki/C.Kidder/etal, 10-Phillip Sagan, 11-Whisper Hill Farm, LLC, 12-Claiborne Farm, 13-Gainesway Thoroughbreds Ltd.,

Saturday, Fair Grounds #12, post time: 6:41 p.m. EST

RACHEL ALEXANDRA S. PRESENTED BY FASIG-TIPTON-GII, \$300,000, 3yo, f, 1 1/16m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Vahva 🍀	Gun Runner	Belladonna Racing, LLC, Hudson, Jr., Edward J., West Point Thoroughbreds, LBD Stable LLC, Nice Guys Stables, Manganaro Bloodstock, Runnels Racing, Hornstock, Steve and Twin Brook Stables	DeVaux	Saez	122
2	Hoosier Philly 🍀	Into Mischief	Gold Standard Racing Stable, LLC	Amoss	Morales	122
3	Knockyoursocksoff 🍀	Kitten's Joy	Town and Country Racing, LLC	Block	Prat	122
4	Chop Chop	City of Light	Selective, LLC	Cox	Geroux	122
5	Pretty Mischievous	Into Mischief	Godolphin, LLC	Walsh	Gaffalione	122
6	Miracle	Mendelssohn	WinStar Farm LLC and Siena Farm LLC	Pletcher	Velazquez	122

Breeders: 1-Woodford Thoroughbreds, LLC, 2-Candy Meadows LLC, 3-Zayat Stables, 4-Cobra Farm & MRJ Thoroughbreds, 5-Godolphin, 6-Magnolia Mares, LLC & Pony ExpressSales,Inc.



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Saturday, Oaklawn #9, post time: 5:42 p.m. EST**RAZORBACK H.-GIII, \$600,000, 4yo/up, 1 1/16m**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Long Range Toddy	Take Charge Indy	Zenith Racing	Stewart	Bejarano	115
2	Law Professor	Constitution	Twin Creeks Racing Stables, LLC	Atras	Ortiz	120
3	Rated R Superstar	Kodiak Kowboy	Danny R. Caldwell	Villafranco	Cabrera	118
4	Ginobili 🦟	Munnings	Slam Dunk Racing, McClanahan, J & Nentwig, M	Miller	Santana, Jr.	119
5	Trademark 🦟	Upstart	BBN Racing, LLC	Oliver	Garcia	116
6	West Will Power	Bernardini	Gary and Mary West	Cox	Rosario	122
7	Last Samurai 🦟	Malibu Moon	Willis Horton Racing LLC	Lukas	Torres	118
8	Hero Status	Flatter	MyRacehorse and Agnew, Dan J.	Glatt	Smith	116
9	Keystone Field 🦟	Candy Ride (Arg)	Three Diamonds Farm	Maker	Castillo	115
10	Caddo River	Hard Spun	Shortleaf Stable, Inc.	Lukas	Saez	116

Breeders: 1-Willis Horton Racing LLC, 2-Twin Creeks Farm, 3-Thorndale Stable L.L.C., 4-Hinkle Farms, 5-Brereton C. Jones, 6-Gary & Mary West Stables Inc., 7-Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC, 8-Fred W. Hertrich III, 9-CRK Stables, LLC, 10-Shortleaf Stable

Saturday, Fair Grounds #10, post time: 5:37 p.m. EST**MINESHAFT S. PRESENTED BY RELYNE GI BY HAGYARD-GIII, \$250,000, 4yo/up, 1 1/16m**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Hoist the Gold 🦟	Mineshaft	Dream Team One Racing Stable	Stewart	Hernandez, Jr.	118
2	Run Classic 🦟	Runhappy	Tom R. Durant	Calhoun	Gutierrez	118
3	Tawny Port 🦟	Pioneerof the Nile	Peachtree Stable	Cox	Geroux	118
4	Farmington Road	Quality Road	Chrysalis Stables LLC	DeVaux	Gaffalione	118
5	Big Blue Line 🦟	Atreides	Silverton Hill LLC	McGee	Lanerie	118
6	Happy American 🦟	Runhappy	Lothenbach Stables, Inc.	Pessin	Graham	124
7	Pioneer of Medina 🦟	Pioneerof the Nile	Sumaya U.S. Stable	Pletcher	Saez	118
8	Mr. Wireless	Dialed In	Lapczenski, Jon and JIL Stable	Calhoun	Parker	118
9	King Fury	Curlin	Fern Circle Stables & Three Chimneys Farm LLC	McPeck	Murrill	118

Breeders: 1-Dream Team Racing, 2-Millennium Farms, 3-WinStar Farm, LLC, 4-Chrysalis Stables, 5-Barak Farm, 6-Claiborne Farm, 7-International Equities Holding, Inc., 8-John Kerber & Iveta Kerber, 9-Heider Family Stables, LLC

Saturday, Laurel #8, post time: 3:58 p.m. EST**BARBARA FRITCHIE S.-GIII, \$250,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 7f**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Prodigy Doll 🦟	Shanghai Bobby	HnR Nothhaft Horse Racing, LLC	Schoenthal	Karamanos	122
2	Liscolvin 🦟	Speightstown	Hill N' Dale Equine Holdings, Inc.	Lynch	Pennington	122
3	Pass the Champagne	Flatter	R. A. Hill Stable, Black Type Thoroughbreds, Rock Ridge Racing, BlackRidge Stables & Brown, J	Weaver	Cruz	122
4	Quiet Imagination	Imagining	Harry Kassap LLC	Woolley	Marquez	122
5	Swayin to and Fro	Straight Talking	Baxter Racing Stable	Serey, Jr.	Monterrey	122
6	Union Lake	Speightster	Steven Schoenfeld	Terranova, II	Cancel	122
7	Moody Woman	Gormley	Robert James McGee	McMullen	Lopez	122
8	Fille d'Esprit	Great Notion	C J I Phoenix Group and No Guts No Glory Farm	Robb	Perez	122

Breeders: 1-Tolo Thoroughbreds & Michael A. Spirito, 2-Springhouse, W. Duignan, TranquilityInvestments & Speightstown Syndicate, 3-Preston Madden, 4-Harry Kassap LLC, 5-Franklin G. Smith Sr., 6-Richard Bosshard Jr., 7-Double Eagle Thoroughbreds, 8-Sweet Spirits Stables, LLC

Saturday, Laurel #9, post time: 4:29 p.m. EST**GENERAL GEORGE S.-GIII, \$250,000, 4yo/up, 7f**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Sir Alfred James 🦟	Munnings	Built Wright Stables, LLC.	Cash	Acosta	124
2	Momos	Distorted Humor	Ironhorse Racing Stable, LLC and Bobo, Tami	Trombetta	-	122
3	Beren	Weigelia	St. Omer's Farm and Feifarek, Christopher J.	Reid, Jr.	Pennington	122
4	Yodel E. A. Who	Creative Cause	Johnson, Troy, Lo, Charles and Jagger, Inc.	Ness	Rodriguez	120
5	John the Bear 🦟	The Factor	Euro Stable	Gonzalez	Toledo	122
6	Pirate Rick 🦟	Liam's Map	Built Wright Stables, LLC.	Cash	Gomez	122
7	Eastern Bay	E Dubai	Built Wright Stables, LLC.	Cash	Humphrey	122
8	Factor It In 🦟	The Factor	Michael Scheffres	Mancilla	Cruz	122

Breeders: 1-Mt. Joy Stables, Pope McLean, MarcMcLean & Pope McLean Jr., 2-Tami D. Bobo & Distorted Humor Syndicate, 3-Susan C Quick & Christopher J Feifarek, 4-Heinz H. Steinmann, 5-George Bolton & Barry Lipman, 6-Woods Edge Farm, LLC, 7-Nancy Lee Farms, 8-Pope McLean, Marc McLean, Pope McLeanJr. & Phil Hager

Saturday, Fair Grounds #11, post time: 6:09 p.m. EST**FAIR GROUNDS S.-GIII, \$150,000, 4yo/up, 1 1/8mT**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Tiz the Bomb	Hit It a Bomb	Brookdale Racing, Inc.	McPeek	Hernandez, Jr.	118
2	Two Emmys 🦟	English Channel	Wolfe Racing LLC and Robertson, Hugh H.	Robertson	Graham	118
3	Cavalry Charge	Honor Code	West Point Thoroughbreds, Sandbrook, William and Masiello, Robert	Stewart	Cohen	118
4	Gentle Soul	Tapizar	Mueller, Martin, Ladd, Don, Reid, Richard, Bowley, Joe and Cieminis, Arvydas	Calhoun	Gutierrez	122
5	English Tavern 🦟	English Channel	Romans, Jr., Jerry and Smith, Hamilton A.	Lovell	Parker	118
6	Pixelate	City Zip	Godolphin, LLC	Stidham	Saez	118
7	Corelli	Point of Entry	Augustin Stable	Thomas	Geroux	118
8	Bay Street Money	Street Sense	Sanford J. Goldfarb	Maker	Gaffalione	118

Breeders: 1-Spendthrift Farm, LLC, 2-Tottenwood Thoroughbreds, Inc., 3-Glencrest Farm LLC, 4-Martin Mueller, Richard Reid, DonaldLadd, Joe Bowley & Garry Randall, 5-Dr. Charles H. Huber & English ChannelCo-Owners, 6-Godolphin, 7-George Strawbridge Jr., 8-Adena Springs

Saturday, Gulfstream #11, post time: 5:06 p.m. EST**ROYAL DELTA S.-GIII, \$150,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Don't Get Khozy	Khozan	Imaginary Stables	Dobles	Vasquez	120
2	Kathleen O. 🦟	Upstart	Wingate Stables, LLC	McGaughey III	Castellano	120
3	Midnight Stroll	Not This Time	Gatsas Stables, R. A. Hill Stable & Schoenfeld, S	Terranova, II	Zayas	120
4	Jungle Juice (Ire)	Bungle Inthejungle (GB)	Ford, Beth and Meah, David	Meah	Bridgmohan	120
5	Classy Edition	Classic Empire	Low, Lawana L. and Robert E.	Pletcher	Ortiz, Jr.	120
6	Soul of an Angel	Atreides	James, Gerald and Hall Performance LLC	James	Morelos	118
7	Tap Dance Fever 🦟	Tapiture	J.P.G. 2 LLC, Mr Pug LLC, Winning Stables, Inc. and Team Equistaff, LLC	Bennett	Ferrer	120

Breeders: 1-Special Effort Farm, Laura Colon & Michael Colon, 2-Gainesway Thoroughbreds Ltd & BridlewoodFarm, 3-Dr. Carolin Von Rosenberg DVM, 4-Ballybrennan Stud Ltd, 5-Chester Broman & Mary R. Broman, 6-Westbrook Stables, LLC, 7-John R. Penn

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8th-Gulfstream, \$74,800, Alw (NW1\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$25,000),
2-15, 4yo/up, f/m, 5fT, :56.24, fm, 1 1/4 lengths.

FROZEN SOLID (f, 4, **Frosted--Solid Appeal {Ch. Grass Mare-Can, MGSW-Can, GSP-USA, \$583,721}, by **Successful Appeal**)** attempted to break her maiden three times last year at Gulfstream, with her best finish coming when she switched to the grass with a second-place finish Mar. 13. After 10 months off, she graduated Jan. 6 with a driving performance over the lawn going five panels. Flying the flag of Jim and Susan Hill, the 9-2 chance bided her time in third down the backstretch, rounded the far turn on the outside with intent and was full of run to win by 1 1/4 lengths over 5-1 shot Firespice (Uncaptured). Solid Appeal is a half-sister to MSW It Tiz (Tiznow), who produced GISW It Tiz Well (Arch). The winner's dam is responsible for 3-year-old colt Emperor's Appeal (Empire Maker), who broke his maiden at second asking Dec. 16 at Gulfstream, and a yearling colt by **West Coast**. She was bred to **Twirling Candy** last year. Lifetime Record: 5-2-1-0, \$98,980. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#), sponsored by TVG.**
O/B-Jim Hill & Susan Hill (KY); T-Brian A. Lynch.



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Bolt d'Oro (Medaglia d'Oro), Spendthrift Farm, \$35,000
256 foals of racing age/34 winners/6 black-type winners
6-Turfway, 8:25 p.m. EST, Aoc 1m, Flashy Gem, 2-1

City of Light (Quality Road), Lane's End Farm, \$60,000
209 foals of racing age/14 winners/4 black-type winners
9-Gulfstream, 4:06 p.m. EST, Msw 1m, Fearless Soldier, 6-1
\$700,000 KEE SEP yrl
5-Gulfstream, 2:09 p.m. EST, Msw 7 1/2fT, Kayleigh's Pride, 10-1
\$160,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$110,000 FTF MAR 2yo

Justify (Scat Daddy), Coolmore Ashford, \$100,000
343 foals of racing age/32 winners/6 black-type winners
5-Gulfstream, 2:09 p.m. EST, Msw 7 1/2fT, Idle Chatter, 10-1
\$370,000 RNA KEE NOV wnl; \$325,000 RNA FTS AUG yrl
9-Gulfstream, 4:06 p.m. EST, Msw 1m, Justin's Legacy, 7-2
\$28,000 FTK OCT yrl; \$47,000 RNA OBS APR 2yo
1-Gulfstream, 12:10 p.m. EST, Msw 7 1/2fT, La Mazel, 6-1
\$230,000 KEE SEP yrl



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46 foals of racing age/3 winners/0 black-type winners
7-Charles Town, 9:49 p.m. EST, Alw 7f, Tobi Wan Kenobi, 10-1
7-Charles Town, 9:49 p.m. EST, Alw 7f, Xanthe, 10-1

Army Mule (Friesan Fire), Hill 'n' Dale at Xalapa, \$12,500
142 foals of racing age/28 winners/7 black-type winners
9-Gulfstream, 4:06 p.m. EST, Msw 1m, Stanley House, 8-1
\$80,000 KEE NOV wnl; \$110,000 RNA FTK JUL yrl; \$120,000 FTK OCT yrl



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Sharp Azteca (Freud), Three Chimneys Farm, \$15,000
 200 foals of racing age/41 winners/4 black-type winners
 1-Gulfstream, 12:10 p.m. EST, Msw 7 1/2ft, Kentucky Kiss, 15-1
 7-Mahoning Valley, 3:34 p.m. EST, Alw 6f, Media Darling, 7-2

Tapwrit (Tapit), Gainesway Farm, \$10,000
 176 foals of racing age/19 winners/2 black-type winners
 5-Gulfstream, 2:09 p.m. EST, Msw 7 1/2ft, Queen Rocket, 15-1

West Coast (Flatter), Lane's End Farm, \$10,000
 198 foals of racing age/13 winners/2 black-type winners
 9-Gulfstream, 4:06 p.m. EST, Msw 1m, Nate the Great, 4-1
 \$15,000 KEE JAN wnl; \$8,000 OBS OCT yrl; \$70,000 OBS OPN
 2yo



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See U Again (Aus), g, 4, **Jimmy Creed**--Winter Solace (Aus), by Apologia (Aus). Happy Valley, 2-16, Hcp. (C4), 1200mT, 1:09.83. B-Mrs G P Hand (Vic). *First Hong Kong winner for sire. **VIDEO**



ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

10th-Parx Racing, \$76,880, 2-15, 4yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2f, 1:05.15, ft, 6 3/4 lengths.

DISCO EBO (f, 4, Weigelia--Katarica Disco, by Disco Rico)
 Lifetime Record: MSW, 15-7-2-2, \$426,244. O-Cash is King LLC & LC Racing LLC; B-St. Omer's Farm (PA); T-Robert E. Reid, Jr.
 *\$52,000 Ylg '20 EASOCT. **Full to Disco Rose, GSP, \$449,280; Smooth B, MSW, \$732,398; Pink Princess, SP, \$572,135; Fat Kat, SW, \$423,318.

8th-Mahoning Valley, \$35,100, (S), 2-15, (NW3L), 3yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:46.37, ft, head.

ANGEL WINGS (f, 4, Revolutionary--Comeflywithanangel {SW, \$210,817}, by Equality) Lifetime Record: 16-3-2-1, \$82,016. O/B-Froilan Flores (OH); T-Israel Flores.

4th-Mahoning Valley, \$33,700, (S), 2-15, (NW2L), 3yo/up, 1m, 1:44.65, ft, 1 3/4 lengths.

LIL RICKYS JEWEL (g, 4, Birdrun--Angelsmadisongrace, by Graeme Hall) Lifetime Record: 8-2-1-1, \$52,921. O-Helen Corriveau & Julie Alcott; B-John E Corriveau (OH); T-Robert C. Cline.

7th-Mahoning Valley, \$26,900, 2-15, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2f, 1:08.77, ft, 1/2 length.

LUCY'S LOOKIN LEFT (f, 4, Revolutionary--A Date With Kate, by Silver Ghost) Lifetime Record: 15-4-5-3, \$72,779. O-Daddy's Dip Racing Stable; B-John & Kay King & Gretchen Eaton (MN); T-Joel Campbell. *\$7,000 Ylg '20 MNSAUG.

6th-Tampa Bay Downs, \$25,500, (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$16,000), 2-15, 4yo/up, 1m 40y, 1:40.91, ft, 2 1/4 lengths.

SAVVY LAYLA (g, 5, Big Screen--Lyndenshire, by Langfuhr) Lifetime Record: SP, 29-4-9-4, \$111,080. O-Winning Stables, Inc.; B-Spring Farm (ON); T-Gerald S. Bennett. *C\$18,000 Ylg '19 CANSEP. **Full to Full Screen, MSW, \$124,039.

8th-Tampa Bay Downs, \$25,500, (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$16,000), 2-15, 4yo/up, f/m, 7f, 1:22.68, ft, 2 1/4 lengths.

MONEY'S WORTH (f, 4, Jimmy Creed--Tattooed Girl, by More Than Ready) Lifetime Record: 4-2-0-0, \$44,160. O-Shamrock Farm; B-Timothy J. Rooney (MD); T-H. Graham Motion.

4th-Turf Paradise, \$21,400, (C)/Opt. Clm (\$15,000-\$20,000), 2-15, 4yo/up, 1m, 1:37.02, ft, nose.

HOODLUM (g, 4, Pioneerof the Nile--Venus Valentine {GSW, \$168,141}, by Congrats) Lifetime Record: 12-2-0-0, \$33,228. O-John McCulloch; B-WinStar Farm, LLC (KY); T-Manuel Ortiz, Sr. *\$290,000 Ylg '20 KEESEP.

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Professor Kool, c, 3, **Weigelia**--C J's Little Girl, by Attorney. Parx Racing, 2-15, (S), 6f, 1:14.51. Lifetime Record: 4-1-1-0, \$42,390. B-Wynoaks Farm, LLC (PA). *Full to Johnny Ritt, MSP, \$243,203.

Graeme Hall. ALW, 2-15, Mahoning Valley

Frosted, Frozen Solid, f, 4, o/o Solid Appeal, by Successful Appeal. AOC, 2-15, Gulfstream

Jimmy Creed, Money's Worth, f, 4, o/o Tattooed Girl, by More Than Ready. AOC, 2-15, Tampa Bay

Pioneer of the Nile, Hoodlum, g, 4, o/o Venus Valentine, by Congrats. AOC, 2-15, Turf Paradise

Revolutionary, Angel Wings, f, 4, o/o Comeflywithanangel, by Equality. ALW, 2-15, Mahoning Valley

Revolutionary, Lucy's Lookin Left, f, 4, o/o A Date With Kate, by Silver Ghost. ALW, 2-15, Mahoning Valley

Uncaptured, Free to Roam, f, 3, o/o Sequoyah Hills, by Hear No Evil. MOC, 2-15, Gulfstream

Weigelia, Disco Ebo, f, 4, o/o Katarica Disco, by Disco Rico. ALW, 2-15, Parx Racing

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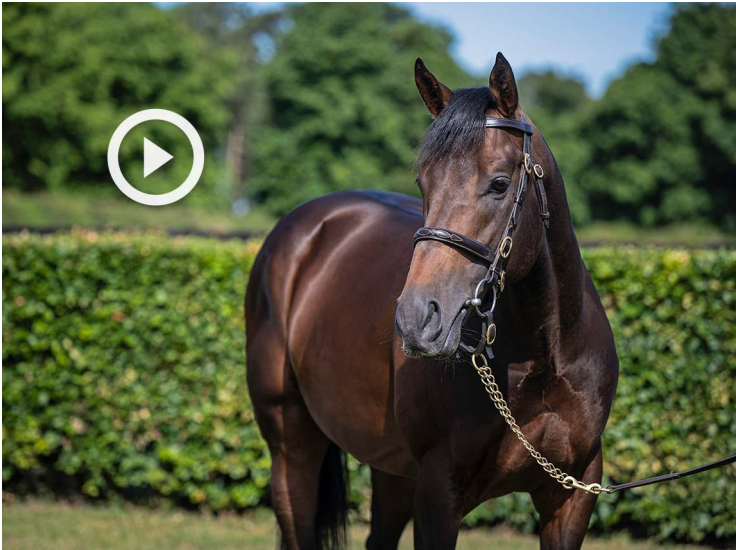
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Lope Y Fernandez is standing his second season at The National Stud, and Alayna Cullen speaks with several individuals connected with the stallion | TDN TV

By Alayna Cullen

There is no denying that the stallion market is becoming increasingly difficult with appetites for stud prospects growing. There is also no questioning that the support a young stallion receives in their first few years is paramount to their success. Most stallions are an easy sell in their first year with many being oversubscribed and then numbers falling off in the years leading up to that first crop hitting the track. **Cont. p3**

GALILEO MARE IN FOAL TO MEHMAS LEADS THE WAY AT ARQANA

The stakes-producer **Rasmiya (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}), in foal to Tally-Ho Stud's Mehmas (Ire), topped the second and final session of the Arqana February Mixed Sale on Thursday.

Offered by the sale's top vendor Haras de Bouquetot, lot 308 made €315,000 from the sale's leading buyer, BBA Ireland. Already the dam of the French listed winner Jouza (Ire) (Toronado {Ire}), the 10-year-old is a half-sister to group winners Above Average (Ire) (High Chaparral {Ire}) and Sent From Heaven (Ire) (**Footstepsinthesand {GB}**), as well as the listed winner Freyja (Ire) (**Gleneagles {Ire}**) and she is a full-sibling to the G3 Bart Cummings H. second Granddukeoftuscany (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}).

"She's a very nice mare," said BBA Ireland's Michael Donohoe, who was buying in tandem with fellow BBA Ireland agent Eamon Reilly. "She'll first go to Ireland have her foal, and then we'll decide afterwards which stallion she'll be covered by. She's been bought for one of our clients."

The leading buyer with nine acquired for €743,000 over two days of selling, BBA Ireland also signed for lot 249, **Zerziyna (Fr)** (Fastnet Rock {Aus}), at €200,000. **Cont. p4**

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Coming France (Ire) (Camelot {GB}) is the latest winner for her Coolmore sire after she won a Cagnes-sur-Mer maiden by 1 1/4 lengths on Wednesday. Out of the Haras de Capucines draft, she is a €38,000 Arqana October Yearling Sale graduate. | Scoop Dyga

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However, one stallion whose numbers and support could very likely stay consistent throughout those primitive years is **Lope Y Fernandez (Ire)** (Lope de Vega {Ire}), given the number of influential breeders that are involved in his ownership.

Although standing at The National Stud in England, Lope Y Fernandez is owned by Whitsbury Manor Stud, Nick Bradley and the Newmarket-based operation as well as Coolmore, for whom the horse raced, retaining an interest. It may seem a slightly unusual set up given that Whitsbury Manor Stud have a successful stallion operation themselves, but as Ed Harper explains, when the right prospect presents itself you cannot let it pass you by.

"We really weren't planning on buying a new stallion last year," said Harper. "We were having a busy year at Whitsbury and we wanted to give Sergei Prokofiev another year in the limelight. But when I went and saw Lope Y Fernandez, I just thought, 'this is a horse we need to get involved with.'"

At a similar time, Bradley, who is best known for his successful racing syndicate, was seeing a worrying trend in the British stallion ranks.

"The year prior to Lope Y Fernandez being available, I was noticing a post-Brexit trend that all of these top racehorses were going to stand, primarily, in Ireland," noted Bradley. "I spoke to

a lot of UK breeders and I said, 'Come on, we need to get ourselves organized here.' And Ed Harper was listening."

Once it became apparent that the Group 1-placed son of Lope de Vega was available to buy the wheels were set in motion.

"I got talking with The National Stud and Nick Bradley and thought, 'you know, can we put a group together,'" explained Harper. "So we are the major shareholder, the National Stud owns 25% and Nick Bradley owns a nice portion as well, with Coolmore staying in too."

From The National Stud's perspective this structure seems a no brainer with Joe Bradley citing, "We're stronger together," when asked about being involved. "To incorporate really prominent breeders such as Whitsbury Manor, who have had the most unbelievable year, and Nick Bradley to really support the stallion means he will have every chance."

In the last few weeks, we have **seen several foals** by the stallion on social media platforms and it appears that Lope Y Fernandez is passing on his good looks.

"One of his best qualities is the way he walks," said Joe Bradley. "He's such an athletic horse. He stands over 16hh and physically he's just a very imposing horse."

Of the first few that have hit the ground, Nick Bradley has a number that have had his team "waxing lyrical," with one colt in particular having "a great shoulder, great hip and a great action to go with it." **Cont. p4**

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“Going nicely, he is doing everything that we ask him so far, a lovely mind, nice and laid-back. Doing well and very happy with him at the moment.” **Aidan O'Brien** on the colt ex *Twitch*



“He's a quality colt, very strong and looks like will be out in the first half of the season.” **Jessica Harrington** on the colt ex *Prosper*



“A gorgeous horse that's doing everything nicely. Strong, moves very well and with a sharp mind. He's one of my favourite 2YOs. The Loulwa is another lovely horse, moves well with plenty of strength. He has a good laid-back attitude and will make a lovely horse for the middle of the season.” **Donnacha O'Brien** on the colts ex *Lilting* and ex *Loulwa* respectively



“He's a very good actioned, big scopey colt with a great mind and is pleasing us at the moment” **James Horton** on the colt ex *Maria Lee*



“Very pleased with the Magna Grecias. The Fasnela is a 7f/mile horse for later on and the Byron Bay is a very forward type, looking forward to his prospects hopefully in the first part of the season” **Joseph O'Brien**



“The Magna Grecia filly out of New Terms has ticked every box so far. I'm looking forward to the season ahead with her.” **Edward Lynam**



“She eats sleeps and works, has a very good attitude and is a filly to look forward to.” **Paddy Twomey** on the filly ex *Quick Chat*



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Lope Y Fernandez Cont.

Aside from the mares that will be sent to Lope Y Fernandez by his owners as well as the wider breeding population, it may not be surprising to hear that all the operators are already looking ahead to the foal and yearling sales.

"We're probably going to send in more mares this year, his second season," said Harper. "I think we've got 25 on the list to send him this season and we'll be buying foals as well the in the ring.

All three entities were busy at the recent Tattersalls February Sale buying mares to send to Lope Y Fernandez, but Bradley is thinking further down the line.

"I'll be out there trying to buy the best fillies for Nick Bradley Racing," said Bradley. "Last year, we had seven stakes winners, so if a couple of them could be by Lope Y Fernandez in years to come, that'd be great."

This unique situation is not lost on those involved with it as Harper points out, "I've never been involved in a stallion that's not just had the supply side of the mares helping him, but actually the demand side buying the progeny as well, which is fairly unique for a commercially priced horse."

As the old sayings go, there is strength in numbers and teamwork makes the dream work. For Lope Y Fernandez both sayings seem to be meeting each other in the middle. As the breeding season rolls on, it is not inconceivable to expect Lope Y Fernandez's foals to stand out during a social media scroll or to imagine his second and future books being just as large as his first.

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Nick Bradley is pleased with Lope Y Fernandez's first foals
Laura Green/Tattersalls

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Arqana February Mixed Sale Cont. from p1

Part of the Aga Khan Stud's draft, the unraced 4-year-old filly is a granddaughter of G1 Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe heroine Zarkava (Ire) (Zamindar).

Reilly said, "We've bought her for an Irish client. We're very happy--she's a lovely filly from a great family. She'll be covered by Lucky Vega {Ire}."



Lot 308, Rasmiya, topped the sale in foal to Tally-Ho's Mehmas
Zuzanna Lupa

Rounding out the top three was a colt (lot 264) from the first crop of Persian King (Ire), who sold to Hamish Macauley Bloodstock for €105,000. Hailing from the consignment of Camille and Guillaume Vitse's **Normandie Breeding**, the bay is a half-brother to G3 Prix Texanita heroine Alistair (Fr) (Panis). Group 1 winners Goldmark (Lyphard), Gabina (Caro {Ire}) and Galetto (Fr) (Caro {Ire}) are part of the extended family.

"He's a lovely colt and very athletic," said Reilly. "He'll go to Tally-Ho Stud, with the objective to give him a bit of time before putting him through the sales again later."

Wednesday's stats were similar to the 2022 edition, with 128 sold from 159 offered (80.5%) for a gross of €1,981,000. The average rose 3.3% to €15,477, but the median ticked down marginally to €5,500 (-1.5%).

From a smaller overall catalogue that offered 68 fewer horses, the clearance rate was essentially unchanged at 80% for 245 sold of 307 through the ring. The gross was €3,806,000, while the average and median improved by 15.3% (€15,535), and 8.3% (€6,500), respectively.

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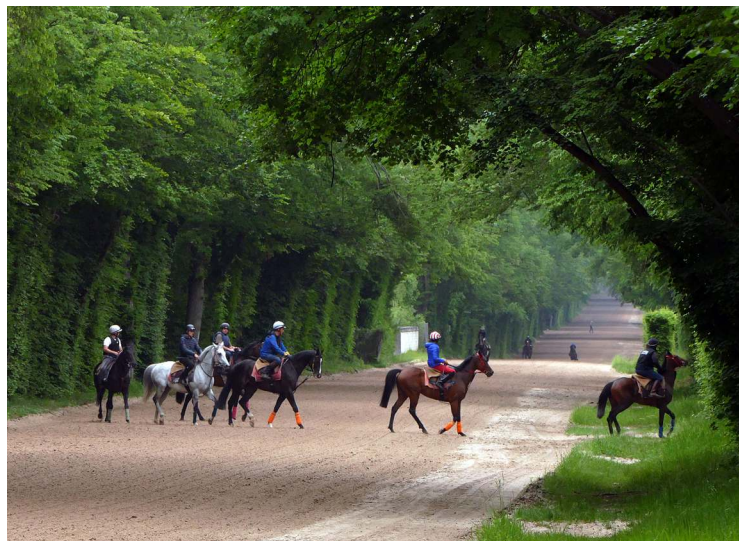
SESSION TOTALS	2022	2021
• Catalogued	181	234
• Number Offered	159	194
• Number Sold	128	159
• Not Sold	31	35
• Clearance Rate	80.5%	82%
• High Price	€315,000	€200,000
• Gross	€1,981,000	€2,382,000
• Average (% change)	€15,477 (+3.31%)	€14,981
• Median (% change)	€5,500 (-1.5%)	€6,000
CUMULATIVE	2022	2021
• Catalogued	372	460
• Number Offered	307	375
• Number Sold	245	299
• Not Sold	62	76
• Clearance Rate	80%	80%
• High Price	€315,000	€200,000
• Gross	€3,806,000	€4,029,000
• Average (% change)	€15,535 (+15.3%)	€13,475
• Median (% change)	€6,500 (+8.3%)	€6,000

SESSION TOPPERS

ARQANA FEBRUARY MIXED SALE DAY 2

Lot	Name	Status	Price (€)
308	Rasmiya (Ire)	i/f to Mehmas (Ire)	315,000
	<i>(m, 10, Galileo {Ire}--Crystal Valkyrie {Ire}, by Danehill)</i>		
	<i>Bred by C. O. P. Hanbury (Ire)</i>		
	<i>Consigned by Haras de Bouquetot</i>		
	<i>Purchased by BBA Ireland</i>		
249	Zerziyna (Fr)	Broodmare Prospect	200,000
	<i>(f, 4, Fastnet Rock {Aus}--Zerkaza {Ire}, by Dalakhani {Ire})</i>		
	<i>Bred by S.A. Aga Khan (Fr)</i>		
	<i>Consigned by Aga Khan Studs</i>		
	<i>Purchased by BBA Ireland</i>		
264	Unnamed	Yearling	105,000
	<i>(c, 1, Persian King {Ire}--Alliance d'Or {Ire}, by Linnigari {Ire})</i>		
	<i>Bred by French Bloodstock Agency, FBA (Fr)</i>		
	<i>Consigned by Normandie Breeding</i>		
	<i>Purchased by Hamish Macauley Bloodstock</i>		

ITALY HIT HARDEST AS 25 BLACK-TYPE RACES CUT FROM EUROPEAN PROGRAMME



The 2023 Flat programme was changed by the EPC on Wednesday
Emma Berry

Italy's major races will see the most significant downgrades among European countries after the European Pattern Committee announced alterations to the 2023 Flat programme on Wednesday, as a host of that country's major races are set to be demoted in status.

There will be 827 black-type races run in Europe this year, compared to the 852 in 2022, while group races have been cut by 13 to 412 and listed races drop to 415 from 427.

One of the most significant changes to the Irish programme comes in the case of the seven-furlong 2000 Guineas Trial, run at Leopardstown in April, being upgraded to a Group 3 from listed status. Ireland will also stage a new listed race for fillies and mares aged three years and older over eight furlongs at Navan in June.

Germany will stage two new listed races in 2023, both with a view to strengthening the stayers' black-type programme in that country. The first will be a race for 3-year-olds and older over 3000m at Hannover in July and the other will be a race for 2-year-olds over a distance of 2000m, also at Hannover, and scheduled for October.

However, the Italian racing programme has largely been downgraded, with the G2 Milano and G2 Federico Tesio, changed to Group 3s while the G3 Tudini, G3 Umbria and G3 Sergio Cumani all demoted to listed events.

Speaking about the changes, Jason Morris, the Chairman of the European Pattern Committee, said, "2023 will see a significant reduction in the number of Flat group and listed races staged within Europe, with 25 less black-type races to be staged overall. This reflects the voluntary downgrades that Britain has already announced for this year to aid the competitiveness of their Pattern race programme as part of an ongoing strategic review."

25 Black-Type Races Cut From European Programme Cont.

He added, "Downgrades were also applied by the European Pattern Committee to a number of Group 2, Group 3 and listed races under ground rules which strictly enforce the highest standards of international quality control with underperforming races facing automatic demotion.

"At the same time the committee remains keen to encourage the development of the sport in the smaller racing jurisdictions throughout Europe, and Poland will now become the 11th country with a black-type race in 2023 (Britain, France, Germany and Ireland are full EPC members; Italy, Scandinavia (representing Denmark, Norway and Sweden) and Turkey are associate members; while Spain and Poland are emerging nations with one listed race each)."

Boost for Polish and Swedish Programme

While the Italian fixture list has been hit with a number of downgrades, the Eastern European programme in Poland and the Scandinavian division in Sweden has been boosted by a number of upgrades.

Sweden will stage a new black-type race in 2023, with the Challenge S. at Bro Park over seven furlongs for 3-year-olds and older being upgraded to listed status.

The EPC also agreed to upgrade Poland's flagship race, the Wielka Warszawska, to listed status as part of the committee's support of the emerging racing nations in the European and Mediterranean Horseracing Federation. The race will be run at Sluzewiec in Warsaw on the first Sunday of October, over a distance of 2600m for 3-year-olds and older.

Other changes were some alterations in dates for notable Pattern races in Europe in 2023. In France, the G1 Prix Saint-Alary at ParisLongchamp will move from late May to the Poule d'Essai fixture on May 14. The G1 Grand Prix de Saint-Cloud will move back by a week to Saint Cloud's evening fixture on July 8.

In Ireland, the G2 Curragh Cup will move from the Irish Derby weekend in late June to the Irish Oaks weekend on 22 July.

Across Europe, a total of 11 Pattern races have been downgraded in 2023, with a further eight listed races losing that status.

Meanwhile, as **previously announced earlier this year**, Britain took the decision to voluntarily downgrade 11 black-type (three Pattern races and eight listed races) for 2023, as part of a wider--and ongoing--strategic review of the Pattern and listed programme. A total of 48 Pattern and listed races will be at risk of potential downgrade in 2024 depending on their performance this year.

The full list of changes made to the European programme are as follows:

France

- G2 Greffulhe downgraded to Group 3
- G2 Hocquart downgraded to Group 3

Germany

- G2 Badener Meile downgraded to Group 3
- G3 Von Lotto Hamburg downgraded to listed
- Listed Grosser Preis Von Meravis loses listed status
- Listed Grosser Preis der Sparkasse Hannover loses listed status
- Listed Sparkassenpreis loses listed status
- Listed Dusseldorfer Stutenpreis loses listed status

Ireland

- G2 Kilboy Estate downgraded to Group 3
- G3 Concorde downgraded to listed

Italy

- G2 Milano downgraded to Group 3
- G2 Federico Tesio downgraded to Group 3
- G3 Tudini downgraded to listed
- G3 Sergio Cumani downgraded to listed
- G3 Umbria downgraded to listed
- Listed Criterium Nazionale loses listed status
- Listed Gardone loses listed status
- Listed Bersaglio loses listed status
- Listed Unire loses listed status

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TOM MARQUAND BENCHED AFTER SHOULDER SURGERY

Jockey Tom Marquand, who **sustained a concussion after parting ways with his mount in Australia on Saturday**, underwent shoulder surgery as a result of the incident, as well on Wednesday.

Marquand was forcefully removed from his mount in the A\$2-million Inglis Millennium due to interference from another rider, and was originally diagnosed with just a concussion. Subsequent MRI scans revealed a dislocated sternoclavicular joint.

"It has basically dislocated backwards, so I have to go for an operation today [Wednesday] to get it wired back in," Marquand said in a video posted to Instagram.

"I will probably spend a week here now in Australia just because I can't fly straight after having an operation.

"Then the plan will be to come back to England and go through my rehab there and hope that I can get back in action by the time the last couple of days of The Championships are on and all being well, head back down to Sydney." **Cont. p7**

Marquand Cont.

Marquand's wife, fellow jockey Hollie Doyle, is also on the sidelines after **dislocating her elbow last month**, and she is set to have surgery next week.

He added, "Hollie is having a bit of a shocker as well, off with her elbow and she is going under the knife I think early next week.

"We will be in rehab and recuperation together and be a right pair so at least we've got two arms between us. It's obviously not ideal what's going on, but I think we can both count ourselves pretty lucky in the circumstances."

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ADDITIONAL CHANGES TO UK FLAT PROGRAMME ANNOUNCED BY BHA FPC

Following ratification by the European Pattern Committee (EPC), there are several additional changes to the UK 2023 Flat Pattern and listed race programme, the British Horseracing Authority (BHA) Flat Pattern Committee (FPC) announced on Wednesday.

The following races have been repositioned or relocated within the existing programme to help achieve a better spread of black-type opportunities in the relevant age and distance categories in 2023:

- Listed Abingdon S. (10f, 3yo, f, early June), previously run at Newbury, will now take place at Goodwood on Sunday, June 11 and be run as the Listed Agnes Keyser S. (10f, 3yo, f) with a prize fund of £70,000
- Listed Tapster S. (1m 3f 218y, 4yo+) will also be run at Goodwood on Sunday, June 11, rather than in late May, and will also offer prizemoney of £70,000, to mirror that of the Agnes Keyser
- Listed Cathedral S. (6f, 3yo+) at Salisbury will move to Saturday, May 27 (previously mid-June)
- Listed Stonehenge S. (8f, 2yo) at Salisbury will take place on Wednesday, Aug. 16 (a race which was otherwise due to be run in early September in 2023)

These adjustments follow the reduction of Group 3 and listed races **announced earlier this year**.

BHA Director of International Racing and Racing Development, Ruth Quinn, said, "The tactical adjustments announced today will help see that races are spaced more appropriately--providing a more balanced spread and volume of opportunities for connections at optimal times in the calendar, and supporting the shorter-term objectives of enhancing the competitiveness of Pattern and listed contests in 2023.

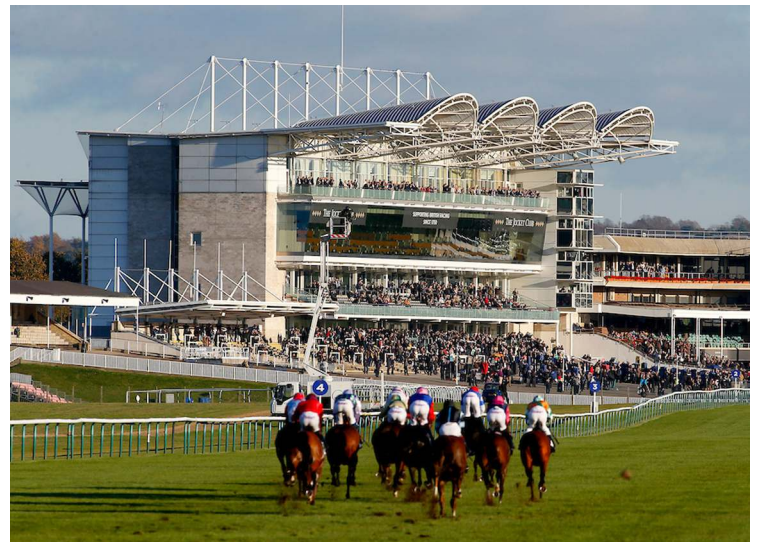
"On behalf of the FPC, I would like to thank Goodwood and Salisbury--and other racecourses with whom we work closely

through these processes--for their support and cooperation with implementing these adjustments and with the industry's ongoing efforts to refine and strengthen the British Pattern."

Edward Arkell, Director of Racing at Goodwood, said, "Goodwood is delighted to be hosting The Weatherbys Digital Solutions Agnes Keyser S. on the same card as the William Hill Tapster S. to provide a high class Sunday in June.

"We are grateful for Weatherbys sponsorship and the support of the Flat Pattern Committee in allocating us this race as part of Goodwood's continued commitment to the top end of British racing."

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Additional changes were made to the UK Flat programme | BHA

BRITAIN

Wednesday's Results:

3rd-Kempton, £7,000, Mdn, 2-15, 3-5yo, 7f (AWT), 1:28.97, st/sl.

MCLEAN HOUSE (FR) (c, 3, Dream Ahead--Private Cashier {GB}, by Leroidesanimaux {Brz}), third on debut over six furlongs at Southwell last month, followed the pace against the rail. In front travelling easily passing two out, the 2-1 favourite readily asserted despite drifting left to register a 1 1/2-length verdict over Naaser (Ire) (New Bay {GB}). The winner is the first of two foals so far out of a descendant of Juddmonte's exceptional broodmare Slightly Dangerous, connecting her with the champions Commander In Chief (GB) and Warning (GB). Her yearling is a son of Postponed (Ire). Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, \$5,860.

O/B-Mr Richard Wilmot-Smith (FR); T-Andrew Balding.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Master Of Chant (GB), g, 3, **Gregorian (Ire)**--Arctic Moon, by Raven's Pass. Kempton, 2-15, 7f (AWT), 1:28.03. Lifetime Record: 5-1-2-0, \$9,765. B-Alvediston Stud (GB). *£11,000 RNA Ylg '21 GOFFUK.

Desert Cop (GB), g, 3, **Oasis Dream (GB)**--Speed Cop (GB) (SW & MGSP-Eng, \$113,346), by Cadeaux Genereux (GB). Kempton, 2-15, 6f (AWT), 1:13.49. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-0, \$6,792. B-Littleton Stud (GB).

IRELAND

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNER:

Dabana (Ire), f, 4, **Iffraaj (GB)**--Dabulena (Ire), by **Siyouni (Fr)**. Dundalk, 2-15, 8f (AWT), 1:41.79. Lifetime Record: 8-1-2-3, \$17,671. B-His Highness The Aga Khan's Studs SC (IRE). *€10,500 HRA '22 GOFNO2.

FRANCE

Wednesday's Results:

4th-Cagnes-sur-Mer, €23,000, Mdn, 2-15, 3yo, f, 10f (AWT), 2:03.42, st.

COMING FRANCE (IRE) (f, 3, **Camelot {GB}**--**Trail Of Tears {Ire}**, by **Exceed And Excel {Aus}**), fifth over 7 1/2 furlongs on debut here last month, was happy to take a lead early from Romina Power (Fr) (Le Havre {Ire}). Taking that rival's measure with 300 metres remaining, the 5-2 shot asserted to score by 1 1/4 lengths. The dam, whose 2-year-old is a full-sister to the winner, is a daughter of the G1 Prix Maurice de Gheest and G1 Haydock Park Sprint Cup heroine Cherokee Rose (Ire) (Dancing Brave), which links her with a host of high-class performers including the G1 St Leger and G1 Hong Kong Vase hero **Mastery (GB)** (Sulamani {Ire}), the G1 Eclipse winner Mukhadram (GB)

(Shamardal) and fellow sire Cable Bay (Ire) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}). She also has a yearling colt by **Churchill (Ire)**. Sales history: €38,000 Ylg '21 ARQOCT. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, €12,650.

Video, sponsored by TVG.

O-Joseph Lesguer; B-Camas Park Stud, Lynch-Bages Ltd & Summerhill Bloodstock (IRE); T-Jean-Claude Rouget.

CONDITIONS RESULT:

8th-Pau, €22,000, 2-15, 4yo/up, 8f (AWT), 1:37.60, st.

MON BEL CANTO (FR) (g, 5, **The Wow Signal {Ire}**--**Monatora {Fr}**, by **Hector Protector**) Lifetime Record: SP-Fr, 19-7-3-4, €140,846. O-Nicolas Saltiel; B-Haras de la Haie Neuve & SAS Regnier (FR); T-Jean-Claude Rouget. *€60,000 Ylg '19 ARQAUG; €60,000 RNA HRA '21 ARQARC. **1/2 to Hurricane (Fr) (Hurricane Cat), SW-Fr, \$124,680; & to Francesco Bere (Fr) (Peer Gynt {Jpn}), SW-Fr, \$130,939.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Blas (Fr), c, 3, **Anodin (Ire)**--Tuna Papita, by Henrythenavigator. Cagnes-sur-Mer, 2-15, 10f (AWT), 2:03.27. B-SCEA Chateau Montlandrie (FR).

Le Central (Fr), c, 3, **Goken (Fr)**--Place Des Ternes (Fr), by Evasive (GB). Cagnes-sur-Mer, 2-15, 6 1/2f (AWT), 1:19.45. B-Boutin (S) & Mme S Doussot Bilot (FR).

Artemiss (Fr), f, 3, **Olympic Glory (Ire)**--Labyrinth (Ire), by Lawman (Fr). Pau, 2-15, 10f (AWT), 2:07.70. B-Haras du Grand Lys & G Berardelli (FR). *€38,000 Ylg '21 ARQOCT.

Torneo (Fr), c, 3, **Toronado (Ire)**--Abbronzatissima (Ire), by Teofilo (Ire). Pau, 2-15, 10f (AWT), 2:05.10. B-SAS IEI & Percy Holding APS (FR).

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Friday, Dubai, UAE, post time: 20:20 p.m.

NAD AL SHEBA TROPHY-G3, \$200,000, NH 4yo/up, & SH 3yo/up, 2810mT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	12	Al Nayyir (GB)	Dubawi (Ire)	Dobbs	Watson	125
2	2	Away He Goes (Ire)	Farhh (GB)	Barzalona	Mohammed	125
3	14	Brilliant Light (GB)	Sea The Stars (Ire)	Steward	bin Suroor	125
4	1	Charging Thunder (GB)	War Command	Tudhope	O'Meara	125
5	13	Count Rostov (Fr)	Oasis Dream (GB)	Dawson	bin Harmash	125
6	5	Emperor Of The Sun (Ire)	Galileo (Ire)	de Vries	Nass	125
7	10	Global Heat (Ire)	Global Heat (Ire)	Cosgrave	bin Suroor	125
8	3	Kemari (GB)	Dubawi (Ire)	Doyle	Appleby	125
9	11	Magical Morning (GB)	Muhaarar (GB)	Scott	Murphy	125
10	4	Siskany (GB)	Dubawi (Ire)	Buick	Appleby	125
11	8	Tides Of War (Ire)	Galileo (Ire)	Fresu	Simcock	125
12	6	White Heart (Ire)	Camelot (GB)	O'Neill	Petersen	125
13	9	Ardakan (GB)	Reliable Man (GB)	Coen	Botti	121
14	7	Wickywickywheels (Ire)	The Carbon Unit	Mullen	Seemar	121

Friday, Dubai, UAE, post time: 20:55 p.m.

DUBAI MILLENNIUM S-G3, \$150,000, NH & SH 4yo/up, 2000mT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	6	Nations Pride (Ire)	Teofilo (Ire)	Buick	Appleby	136
2	12	Daramethos (Ire)	Sea The Stars (Ire)	Fresu	Al Mheiri	130
3	3	Desert Fire (Ire)	Cape Cross (Ire)	Tudhope	bin Suroor	130
4	8	Freescape (GB)	Cityscape (GB)	Dobbs	Marnane	130
5	7	Good Fortune (Den)	Appel Au Maitre (Fr)	Barzalona	Jensen	130
6	2	Midlife Crisis (Fr)	Wootton Bassett (GB)	Moutard	Shimizu	130
7	10	Ursa Minor (Ire)	Sea The Stars (Ire)	Dawson	bin Harmash	130
8	5	Aeonian (Ire)	Ulysses (Ire)	Pinheiro	Al Mheiri	129
9	1	Ottoman Fleet (GB)	Sea The Stars (Ire)	Doyle	Appleby	129
10	11	Withering (GB)	Mondialiste (Ire)	de Vries	Nass	129
11	4	Zagrey (Fr)	Zarak (Fr)	Soumillon	Barberot	129
12	9	Annerville (Ire)	Iffraaj (GB)	Coen	Murtagh	125

Friday, Dubai, UAE, post time: 19:10 p.m.

UAE OAKS-G3, \$150,000, NH & SH 3yo, f, 1900m

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	5	Ami Please	Goldencents	Fresu	O'Neill	125
2	4	Asawer	Nyquist	Dobbs	Watson	125
3	3	Awasef	Cairo Prince	Hitchcott	Watson	125
4	7	Habooba	Nyquist	Dawson	bin Harmash	125
5	2	Mimi Kakushi	City Of Light	Barzalona	bin Ghadayar	125
6	1	Priyanka	Mendelssohn	Mullen	Seemar	125
7	6	Solaire (Fr)	Dabirsim (Fr)	de Vries	Caulley	125

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Saturday, Al Rayyan (Doha), Qatar, 16:15 p.m.

HH THE AMIR TROPHY (Presented by Longines)-Listed, \$2,500,000, 4yo/up, 2400mT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	13	Broome (Ire)	Australia (GB)	Lordan	O'Brien	128
2	7	Hellenistique (Fr)	Wootton Bassett (GB)	Mazur	El Ahmad	128
3	12	In The Night (Ire)	Shamardal	Lukasek	Al Ramzani	128
4	1	Mutabahi (Fr)	French Fifteen (Fr)	Guyon	Pantall	128
5	11	Riocorvo (Ger)	Pastorius (Ger)	Peslier	Parias	128
6	4	Russian Emperor (Ire)	Galileo (Ire)	Sanna	Whyte	128
7	8	Senor Toba (Aus)	Toronado (Ire)	Bentley	Fownes	128
8	6	Bolthole (Ire)	Free Eagle (Ire)	Thomas	de Mieulle	126
9	9	Inverness (Ire)	Highland Reel (Ire)	Barzalnoa	de Mieulle	126
10	10	Scherzo (Fr)	Wootton Bassett (GB)	Atzeni	Mikhalides	126
11	3	Stone Age (Ire)	Galileo (Ire)	Moore	O'Brien	126
12	5	Warren Point (GB)	Dubawi (Ire)	Buick	Appleby	126
13	2	Romagna Mia (GB) (f)	Mastercraftsman (Ire)	Mosse	Reynier	121

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MELBOURNE HOSTS 39TH ASIAN RACING CONFERENCE



Winfried Engelbrecht-Bresges opened proceedings | ARC

by Oz Wedmore

The 39th Asian Racing Conference (ARC) kicked off on Wednesday. With a range of the industry's leaders descending on the Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre, *TDN AusNZ* runs through the highlights from the day.

The day was kicked off with an address from Asian Racing Federation Chairman and Hong Kong Jockey Club (HKJC) Chief Executive Officer Winfried Engelbrecht-Bresges, who outlined the many challenges and opportunities facing racing around the world.

He touched on topics ranging from wagering and welfare to global collaboration and engaging younger generations in the sport.

On wagering, Engelbrecht-Bresges pointed to the opportunities presented by the increasingly popular World Pool betting system. The World Pool, essentially a pari-mutuel wagering pool in which money from around the world is commingled in a single pool, has grown significantly in recent years.

The annual turnover went from US\$139 million (AU\$201.5 million) in 2019 to US\$878 million (AU\$1.2 billion) last year, and Engelbrecht-Bresges note that it will soon surpass a billion US dollars. Pertinently, he also pointed out that the World Pool will include an Australian event for the very first time this weekend,

taking in the G1 Lightning at Flemington.

Page-Harvey Cuts Through

During a panel discussion involving some of racing's leading administrators, Katie Page-Harvey offered her frank (and at times amusingly honest) take on racing's state of affairs--admitting with some delight that she is not bound so heavily by committees and boards when she decides to take action as Harvey Norman's CEO or as co-owner of Magic Millions alongside husband Gerry Harvey--or indeed when she makes her opinions plain to a room full of international racing delegates.

Fresh from a trip to Silicon Valley, Page-Harvey's opening remarks were optimistic as she drew attention to the many young people she witnessed engaging with the industry at the Magic Millions Gold Coast Yearling Sale in January.

She intriguingly hinted at a game-changer in technology that she bore witness to during that trip, and told the conference that the social media formats we're familiar with today will quickly be consigned to the past.

Long a passionate advocate for women in racing, she also pointed proudly to the progress achieved in this area in Australia over the last decade, and cited Skirt The Law (Better Than Ready)'s 40-strong all-female syndicate of owners, with the juvenile in receipt of the \$500,000 Magic Million ladies' bonus for her R. Listed Magic Millions 2YO Classic victory last month.



Katie Page-Harvey & Gerry Harvey | Darren Tindale

In a comment which became increasingly apposite as the day went on, Page-Harvey also added that in her opinion, for all that technology may be useful, it's getting people to the races that is vital to our sport's future: "That's our product."

Jones's Insider Problem

Andrew Jones, Racing Victoria's (RV) CEO, kicked off his solo presentation with an audience-engaging performance to make clear his warning that the industry must avoid looking inwards, as he drew attention to racing sitting outside the top-10 most-watched sports in the world.

"We need to refresh our fanbase to keep our sport relevant," he told the conference. "All sports are run by insiders, by people who like the sport. That's normal, that's natural--you need people who are passionate about their jobs.

"But it creates a problem. The people who work in the sport have already voted with their feet.

"It's like asking people who work in a French restaurant whether they like French food."

"The insider problem", as Jones terms it, is something that we need to move past, and he argued that, "It's our job to offer what fans want."

On the racing side, Jones advocated for a change in format, pushing racing to the public by running meetings in the evenings, later in the week and both on Saturdays and Sundays, so that racing isn't showing whilst the public--its current or potential supporters--are at work.

Jones is evidently not ignorant of the issues such moves would create in racing, as he was quick to jump to the implications this would have on racing staff, and was clear that early morning starts should be resigned to the past.

Acutely aware of racing's need to attract younger audiences, he also spoke out against dress codes at race meetings, and asked delegates: "Why don't we let people wear what they want?"

Jones's honesty (and perhaps modesty) over the lack of depth of his own racing knowledge only served to validate his penetrating insight, true even more so of perhaps the day's most enlightening speaker.

The Future's Here

If you think a company 'dropping' a product indicates that they will no longer sell it, you're not in Gen Z according to Gary Liu, former CEO of Hong Kong's *South China Morning Post*.

Liu gave an overarchingly positive speech outlining the many ways in which those born between 1995 and 2010 have wildly different consumer tastes to the rest of the population.

As he spoke about the intersection of Gen Z behaviour and

digital technologies, the underlying inference was that racing must arm itself quickly if it's not to fall further out of touch with younger audiences.

Liu's argument was that we must not ignore them, and the statistics he presented might make alarming reading for those who've yet to download TikTok. He told the conference that, currently at 21% of the population (1.68 billion), Gen Z will surpass millennials as the largest consumer base by 2026.

He also posited that it's because those in Gen Z are 'true' digital natives--the first generation who solely grew up with technology--that older generations struggle to understand their behaviour.

Then there were Liu's startling statistics to back this up: "40% of Gen Z will use TikTok for search instead of Google;" and "50% are not motivated by money," he told the conference.

However, his optimism was consistent throughout his presentation, and he argued that by harnessing the power of Web 3.0 (the latest internet technologies powered by the blockchain), racing has massive opportunities not only to grow youth engagement, but also to democratise ownership and increase global access to horse racing.

Day 2 commences Thursday with topics including the owner, the horse, the sustainable and the mind.

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	G2 Silver Slipper S.	Rosehill
	G2 Millie Fox S.	Rosehill