

## POSTHUMOUS FIRST JAPANESE SIRES' CHAMPIONSHIP FOR DURAMENTE



Fillies' Triple Crown winner Liberty Island | Japan Racing Association

By Emma Berry

There's a new king of the Japanese sire ranks and his name is **Duramente (Jpn)**. However, his coronation is bittersweet for the Shadai Stallion Station as the son of King Kamehameha (Jpn) died in September 2021 at the age of just nine.

The winner in 2015 of the G1 Satsuki Sho and G1 Tokyo Yushun - the Japanese 2,000 Guineas and Derby equivalents - Duramente was quick to make an impression following his retirement to stud in 2017. The champion first-season sire of 2020, he has progressed through the senior ranks at an eye-catching rate, finishing 11th in the general sires' table in the year of his untimely death, and then fifth in 2022.

Duramente's outstanding daughter Liberty Island (Jpn) played a major role in her sire's first championship. Out of the top-class Australian mare Yankee Rose (Aus) (All American {Aus}), whose exploits on the track included Group 1 wins in the Inglis Sires' and Spring Champion S. as well as finishing runner-up to Capitalist (Aus) in the G1 Golden Slipper, Liberty Island followed up her Grade 1 success as a juvenile by landing the Fillies' Triple Crown of 2023. She then found only the mighty Equinox (Jpn) too good for her in the G1 Japan Cup. [Cont. p3](#)

## BLUE DIAMOND STAKES LATEST ADDITION TO WORLD POOL IN 2024

Australia's G1 Blue Diamond S. in February will be part of the Hong Kong Jockey Club's World Pool for the first time in 2024, the HKJC announced on Wednesday.

Held at Caulfield, the Blue Diamond on Feb. 24 will become the sixth World Pool event in Australia, after the Turnbull S. Day, The Everest Day, Caulfield Cup Day, Cox Plate Day and Victoria Derby Day. A trio of Australian races filled out the top five World Pool turnover races of 2023, with the HK\$60 million (approx. £6 million) staked on October's Cox Plate meaning it was the second highest turnover of any race last year, and the fifth highest World Pool turnover race ever run.

The first World Pool event of 2024 will be held at Kenilworth Racecourse--the Cape Town Met Day on Jan. 27. Next on the calendar will be the Blue Diamond S., which is run on the same day as the Saudi Cup meeting at King Abdulaziz Racecourse. All three World Pool fixtures will be for selected races at the meetings. [Cont. p7](#)



Dark Jet won the G1 Cape Town Met last year | Chase Liebenberg

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*Into Mischief is now a five-time Champion Sire in the U.S. (2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023). | Sarah Andrew*

**SLOW START TANKS APOSTLE'S DEBUT**

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*The well-bred relative of Megahertz (GB) (Pivotal {GB}) was given an easy time of it after a slow break in her debut at Kempton.*

**AGA KHAN-BRED WINNER FOR LE HAVRE**

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*Aga Khan homebred Simada (GB) (Le Havre {Ire}) became the latest winner for her late sire at Lyon La Soie on Wednesday.*

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**Japanese Sire Title Cont. from p1**

Duramente's leading first-crop son Titleholder (Jpn) was still running for him in 2023 at the age of five, and to his three Grade 1 wins of 2021 and 2022, which included the Kikuka Sho (St Leger), he added the G2 Nikkei Sho, as well as finishing third on Christmas Eve in the G1 Arima Kinen.

With a Classic winner from each of his crops to date, Duramente was also represented in 2023 by Stars On Earth (Jpn), his Oka Sho and Yushun Himba (1,000 Guineas and Oaks) winner of the previous year who was third in the Japan Cup and second in the Arima Kinen behind Do Deuce (Jpn).

Dura Erde (Jpn), the G1 Hopeful S winner of 2022, managed two Grade 1 placings in December, while Champagne Color (Jpn) won the G1 NHK Mile last May. The latter is a rarity in that his dam Memorial Life (GB) is by the subfertile and later gelded Reckless Abandon (GB).

Duramente, who was a son of the dual Grade 1 winner Admire Groove (Jpn), herself a half-sister to the Shadai stallion Rulership (Jpn), owned a pedigree replete with the dominant names of the Japanese breeding scene over the last decades, with his first three dams being daughters of Sunday Silence, Tony Bin (Ire) and Northern Taste respectively. It is easy to see why he succeeded in the short time granted to him at stud, and even easier to see that he will be missed.

King Kamehameha, who was also champion broodmare sire for 2023, was responsible for the quinella in the table, with another of his sons, **Lord Kanaloa (Jpn)** finishing a close second - a spot he has occupied for the last four years, the previous three being behind the 11-time champion Deep Impact (Jpn).

Among the top six sires in Japan for 2023, three were Japanese Derby winners, one a runner-up in that same Classic, and one a Japanese St Leger and Japan Cup winner. **Cont. p4**



Duramente winning the Tokyo Yushun | Japan Racing Association

**11** Group 1 winners to date including...



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



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Martin Stevens, RACING POST BLOODSTOCK, 25<sup>th</sup> Oct

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**Japanese Sire Title Cont.**

Lord Kanaloa is something of an outlier among this elite crew as five of his six Grade 1 wins came over 1,200m, with the other being the Yasuda Kinen over 1,600m. He is best known as a stallion, however, for siring the Fillies' Triple Crown and dual Japan Cup winner Almond Eye (Jpn). In 2023 he was represented by the G1 Saudi Cup winner Panthalassa (Jpn), who has himself just joined the stallion ranks at Arrow Stud, and by his fellow Grade 1 winners First Force (Jpn) and Brede Weg (Jpn).

**Kizuna (Jpn)**, a son of Deep Impact and the leading first-season sire of 2019, has managed a top-five finish in each of the last three seasons and was third overall for 2023. His globe-trotting daughter Songline (Jpn) led the way, completing back-to-back wins in the G1 Yasuda Kinen in June after winning



Kizuna | Shadai Stallion Station

the G1 Victoria Mile. She also won the G3 1351 Turf Sprint at the Saudi Cup meeting of 2022, and that same race was won by another of Kizuna's offspring, Bathrat Leon (Jpn), in 2023.

**Heart's Cry (Jpn)**, whose racing claim to fame was being the only horse to beat Deep Impact on Japanese soil when winning the G1 Arima Kinen of 2005, died in March 2023, three years after being pensioned at Shadai. He added a new Group 1 winner to his list last season, but not in Japan. His major flag-bearer was Continuous (Jpn), trained in Ireland by Aidan O'Brien and winner of the St Leger in England. Heart's Cry's previous year's Classic winner, the Japanese Derby hero Do Deuce (Jpn), holds similar dragon-slaying credentials of his own, having beaten Equinox in that race, and he was back for more in 2023, which ended with another top-level win for him in the Arima Kinen.

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**11** blacktype performing 2YOs in 2023, more than any other first crop sire including **Blue Point** (fee €60,000) & **Too Darn Hot** (fee €65,000). In fact only his sire **No Nay Never** and **Kodiac** had more!

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Kitasan Black is the sire of Equinox | Emma Berry

### Japanese Sire Title Cont.

Heart's Cry ended up in fourth place in the table, having finished in the top three in the six years prior to that. Four years after his death, **Deep Impact** finally relinquished the title, and was fifth in 2023, a year in which he too was represented in overseas Classics by the Derby and Irish Derby winner Auguste Rodin (Jpn), who is a member of his final crop of just 14 foals.

Justin Palace (Jpn), from Deep Impact's penultimate crop, was his leading scorer in Japan and won the G1 Tenno Sho in the spring. That success has doubtless contributed to the move of his 14-year-old half-brother, the GI Belmont winner Palace Malice (**Curlin**), to Darley Japan after he spent eight seasons at Three Chimneys Farm in Kentucky. Incidentally, along with the brand new recruits Adayar (Ire) and Hukum (Ire) from Europe, Darley Japan has also taken in another former American-based stallion for 2024 in Heart's Cry's son **Yoshida (Jpn)**, a name which is certainly not unfamiliar in Japanese breeding circles and beyond.

Sixth in the general sires' list for 2023 was **Kitasan Black (Jpn)**, whose fame reached new heights courtesy of his son Equinox (Jpn), the highest-rated horse in the world last year. Kitasan Black, who is by Deep Impact's full-brother Black Tide (Jpn), is the kind of horse who simply wouldn't get a look in at a Flat stud in Europe these days, but that's a pity. His seven Grade 1 wins came between 2,000m and 3,200m and just about everything in between. His back-to-back wins in the two-mile Tenno Sho (Spring) were not off-putting to Japanese breeders, however, and he was the busiest stallion in the country in 2023, covering 242 mares. His load may well be eased somewhat during this coming season, with his son Equinox now having retired to stand alongside him at Shadai.

Father and son are the two most expensive stallions in Japan at ¥20 million (€124,000) and the 'book full' sign went up for Equinox as soon as his fee, which is a record for a first-season sire, was announced.

### Up and Coming

**Suave Richard (Jpn)**, who was runner-up to Rey De Oro (Jpn) in the 2017 Japanese Derby before winning the G1 Osaka Hai at four and the Japan Cup (under Oisin Murphy) as a five-year-old, was the champion first-season sire in Japan for 2023.

The stand-out among his 21 winners is Regaleira (Jpn), who beat **Sottsass's** brother Shin Emperor (Fr) (**Siyouni {Fr}**) to win the G1 Hopeful S. on December 28. She owns a special pedigree, her dam Roca (Jpn) (Harbinger {GB}) being out of a three-parts-sister to Deep Impact. Regaleira's recent victory was also the first at Grade 1 level for Harbinger as a broodmare sire. The King George winner of 2010 finished 11th in the general sires' table.

While Suave Richard, by Heart's Cry, was also responsible for G2 winner Corazon Beat (Jpn) and was the easy winner on progeny earnings, he was not the most prolific when it came to number of winners. That honour went to **Moanin**, the Grade 1-winning dirt miler by Henny Hughes who was represented by 44 winners, a staggering number by Japanese two-year-old standards, and all recorded on dirt. In fact, the second, third and fourth in the table were all American-bred stallions. Giant's Causeway's son **Bricks And Mortar** finished runner-up with 14 winners, including the G3 Saudi Arabia Royal Cup scorer Gonbade Qabus (Jpn), and **New Year's Day**, whose career started in Kentucky but whose first Japanese-bred runners came last season, was represented by 23 winners. [Cont. p6](#)



Suave Richard is tops among first-season sires | Shadai Stallion Station

**Japanese Sire Title Cont.**

The aforementioned Japanese Derby winner **Rey De Oro** was fifth with 13 winners, the same number recorded by the dual Dubai World Cup winner **Thunder Snow (Ire)**, who was seventh, just behind Kentucky Derby and Preakness hero **California Chrome**, who is another to have been moved from America to Japan.

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on the European racing scene

**HOW THEY FARED**

**17.30 Kempton, Nov, £7,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 8f (AWT)**  
 Cheveley Park Stud homebred **Apostle (GB) (Ulysses {Ire})**, a Sir Mark Prescott-trained daughter of G1 Matron S. runner-up and dual G1 Falmouth S. placegetter **Heaven Sent (GB) (Pivotal {GB})**, made little impression after a slightly sluggish exit in this debut and finished just under eight lengths behind the winner in ninth.



Multiple Grade I winner **Megahertz**, a full-sister to **Apostle's** dam, pictured at **Kaz Hill Farm** this winter | *Sarah Andrew*

# FRANCE

**Wednesday's Results:**

**2nd-Lyon La Soie, €21,000, Mdn, 1-3, 3yo, f, 10 3/4f (AWT), 2:16.20, st.**

**SIMADA (GB) (f, 3, Le Havre {Ire}--Simiyna {Ire}), by Holy Roman Emperor {Ire}**, a Dec. 15 debut 12th tackling 7 1/2 furlongs at Deauville in her only prior start, occupied a position back in the field through halfway here. Urged forward rounding the home turn, the 12-5 favourite made relentless progress out wide in the straight and lengthened clear once hitting the front inside the final 150 metres to easily account for **Linaria (Fr) (Toronado {Ire})** by 2 1/2 lengths. Simada is the second of four foals and first scorer produced by a daughter of Listed **Martin Molony S. third Simawa (Ire) (Anabaa)**, herself a half-sister to **MG1SW European champion Sinndar (Ire) (Grand Lodge)**. Simawa's quartet of black-type performers is headed by dual Group 3 winner **Sinawann (Ire) (Kingman {GB})** and stakes-winning G3 **Vintage Crop S. third Silwana (Ire) (Peintre Celebre)**. The April-foaled homebred bay is kin to a 2-year-old filly by **Kingman (GB)** and a yearling filly by **Night Of Thunder (Ire)**. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, €10,500. **Video, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**  
 O-H H The Aga Khan; B-H H The Aga Khan's Studs SC (GB); T-Francis-Henri Graffard.



The late **Le Havre** | *Sumbe*

# BRITAIN

**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**

**Lovealot Bear (Ire)**, m, 5, **Kodi Bear (Ire)--Kindest (GB)**, by **Cadeaux Genereux (GB)**. **Kempton, 1-3, 8f (AWT), 1:41.45.** Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$4,770. B-Edmond Kent (IRE).

**CONDITIONS RESULTS:**

**7th-Lyon La Soie, €16,000, Cond, 1-3, 4yo, 12f (AWT), 2:34.94, st.**

**VIDALGO (GER) (c, 4, Brametot {Ire}--Villebaudon {Fr}), by Le Havre {Ire}** Lifetime Record: 9-2-1-1, €33,330. O-Mme Karin Brieskorn; B-Mme Bianka Schmake (GER); T-Stefan Richter. \*€24,000 RNA Ylg '21 BBAGO.



**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**

**Skadoosh (Fr)**, g, 3, **Birchwood (Ire)**--Via Con Me (Fr), by Big Bad Bob (Ire). Lyon La Soie, 1-3, 10 3/4f (AWT), 2:20.60. B-Ecurie des Ludels (FR).

## WORLDWIDE NEWS

**Blue Diamond/World Pool Cont. from p1**

Michael Fitzsimons, executive director, Wagering Products of the HKJC, said, "The introduction of World Pool in Australia in 2023 was a major success story with six new race days being opened up to global punters and exceptional turnover being generated.

"We're hoping to build on that momentum in 2024 and are thrilled that World Pool will be operational on Blue Diamond S. Day for the first time. We are excited to be covering such an important 2-year-old contest, as well as returning to Kenilworth for Cape Town Met Day and King Abdulaziz for Saudi Cup Day."

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**Friday, Meydan, Dubai, post time: 21:00p**

**ZABEEL MILE-G2**, AED850,000, NH & SH 4yo+ & SH 3yo, 1600mT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	3	Bright Melody (Ire)	Dubawi (Ire)	Bouresly	Hernandez Salas	125
2	8	El Patriota (Uru)	Ecologo (Arg)	Olascoaga	Crowley	125
3	12	El-Unico (Brz)	War Secretary	Olascoaga	Da Silva	125
4	10	First <b>Constitution</b> (Chi)	<b>Constitution</b>	Al Mheiri	Pinheiro	125
5	9	In Crowd (GB)	Dubawi (Ire)	Bin Ghadayar	Barzalona	125
6	1	Marbaan (GB)	<b>Oasis Dream (GB)</b>	Costa	Coen	125
7	6	Marshall Plan (GB)	Golden Horn (GB)	Al Shemalli	Castano Mateus	125
8	11	On The Warpath (GB)	Declaration Of War	Aashour	Santiago	125
9	2	Real World (Ire)	Dark Angel (Ire)	Bin Suroor	Demuro	125
10	13	San Donato (Ire)	Lope De Vega (Ire)	Watson	Dobbs	125
11	7	Sean (Ger)	Excelebration (Ire)	Osborne	De Vries	125
12	4	Tamborrada (GB)	Dubawi (Ire)	Bin Harmash	Beasley	125
13	5	Western Writer (Ire)	Shamardal	Seemar	O'Shea	125

**Friday, Meydan, Dubai, post time: 20:25p**

**DUBAWI S.-G3**, AED700,000, NH & SH 4yo/up & SH 3yo, 1200m

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	7	Sound Money	Flatter	Watson	Dobbs	127
2	13	Tuz	Oxbow	Seemar	O'Shea	127
3	9	Beolmaui Star (Kor)	To Honor And Serve	Lyul Bark	Seo	125
4	10	Colour Up (Ire)	Mehmas (Ire)	Watson	Buick	125
5	11	Demain	More Than Ready	Graffard	Barzalona	125
6	2	Eastern World (Ire)	Dubawi (Ire)	Bin Harmash	Beasley	125
7	4	Leading Spirit (Ire)	Exceed And Excel (Aus)	Seemar	Cosgrave	125
8	8	Magic Petition	<b>Good Magic</b>	Bin Harmash	De Vries	125
9	6	Major Cinnamon	<b>Tapiture</b>	Al Baidhaei	Van Rensburg	125
10	3	Morning	<b>Munnings</b>	Seemar	Mullen	125
11	5	Mouheeb	Flatter	Costa	Coen	125
12	12	Never Just A Dream (Ire)	<b>No Nay Never</b>	Mohammed	Pinheiro	125
13	1	Rawy	<b>Frosted</b>	Al Mheiri	Demuro	125

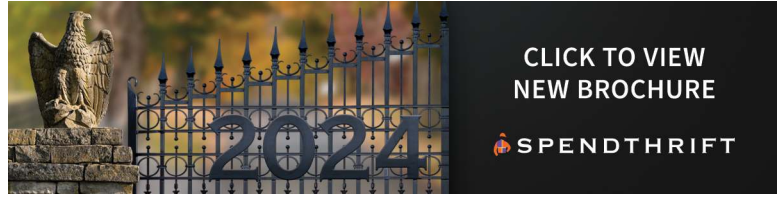
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**Maclean's Music** (pic) figures prominently in Wasabi Ventures' breeding plans for 2024 | *Lee Thomas*

by *George Adams, Housatonic Bloodstock*

Wasabi has been focused on upgrading the quality of the foals that it's breeding over the last few years, and to that end will be using some higher-end stallions in 2024 than what we've bred to in the past.

A stallion that we'll be patronizing heavily this year is **Maclean's Music**. He's about to jump from a crop of 2023 2-year-olds numbering 41 and conceived off of a \$20,000 stud fee (out of which he already has nine winners, three of whom have also picked up black-type), to a crop of 2024 2-year-olds numbering around 182 and conceived off of a \$25,000 stud fee, which will be followed by two more triple-digit crops conceived off of \$50,000 stud fees.

His 2024 2-year-olds include 113 that sold at yearling sales this year for an average of \$118,636 (up over last year's average of \$100,857 for 21 sold), including individuals that brought \$625k, \$500k, \$460k, \$400k, \$350k, \$310k, \$300k (x4), etc. Purchasers of **Maclean's Music** yearlings in 2023 include the likes of the "Avengers" group, Stonestreet, Klaravich, WinStar, Rigney Racing, Cherie DeVaux's Belladonna group and Mike Ryan.

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## PAT CUMMINGS JOINS THE TDN WRITERS' ROOM PODCAST TO DISCUSS THE NATIONAL THOROUGHBRED ALLIANCE

In late October, prominent and outspoken owner Mile Repole announced that he was launching something he called the National Thoroughbred Alliance (NTA). Repole's goal is to shake things up in the industry and makes changes for the better. That will be the goal, too, of his right hand man, Pat Cummings, who came over from the Thoroughbred Idea Foundation to serve as Repole's executive director. On this week's *TDN Writers' Room* sponsored by **Keeneland**, Cummings was asked about the goals for the Alliance, how he can build consensus in a sport famous for infighting and how the group can make changes when it doesn't have any regulatory power. Cummings was the **Green Group Guest** of the Week.

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**2023 in photos: March 4.** After unseating his rider at the start, Howgreatisnate gallops past the wire in the GIII Gotham S. | Sarah Andrew

**COX DOUBLE-FISTED FOR PEGASUS**

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Having already won the race with *Knicks Go* (Paynter) in 2021, trainer Brad Cox looks set to be represented in this year's GI Pegasus World Cup Invitational S. by 'TDN Rising Star' First Mission (*Street Sense*) and GI Pennsylvania Derby hero Saudi Crown (*Always Dreaming*).

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Wasabi will be sending four young mares to **Maclean's Music**, including their first stakes winner **Why Not Tonight** (as a daughter of **Tapiture**, her foal will be bred on one of **Maclean's Music's** most successful crosses, that with A.P. Indy-line mares), as well as **Floral Hall** (half to three black-type winners, one of which is the granddam of '23 GISW Wet Paint) and **American Thriller** (by **American Pharoah** from a deep Michael Tabor family), who are both Unbridled-line mares, and the Juddmonte-bred Kitten's Joy filly **Paw Prints**.

A year ago, Wasabi purchased a **Gun Runner** filly named **Gun Slingin** with the hopes that her full-brother Disarm could make some noise on the Triple Crown trail this year. After a solid fourth in the Kentucky Derby, he won the GIII Matt Winn S. and finished second in the GI Travers S., and will hopefully make plenty of noise in 2024 when Gun Slingin will visit Authentic. He's another that had a great sales year in 2023, with an excellent average and individuals purchased by some of the top connections in the industry, and we'll be shocked if he's not at

the top of the Freshman Sire List at this time next year. He's a gorgeous individual who will suit her physically, and he was a heck of a racehorse by the best stallion in the country. There's really nothing not to like about him.

One of the incoming stallions of 2024 that we were very impressed by--both as an individual and his race record-- was **Gunite**, and Wasabi will be sending their newly acquired **Justify** filly **Itgetsgreaterlater** to him after she delivers a **Practical Joke** foal this January.

We also believe very strongly in the chances of **Up to the Mark** to become an important stallion. Despite his success as a turf horse, **Up to the Mark** has an undeniably dirt pedigree, being a son of leading sire **Not This Time** out of a mare by leading sire **Ghostzapper**, who is herself a full-sister to a dirt sprint stakes winner, the pair of them, in turn, out of the wickedly fast GI Test S. winner Capote Belle. Given that he himself was a winner at six furlongs on dirt at Saratoga in his debut before eventually scoring top-level wins on turf at eight furlongs, nine furlongs and 10 furlongs, plus an excellent placing against the highest company at 12 furlongs, **Up to the Mark** possessed a dazzling amount of versatility in addition to his obvious quality and turn of foot. We think he has every shot to make it, and the package he brings to stud makes him strong value at his first-year \$25,000 fee.

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**Mating Plans cont.**

Wasabi will be sending four mares to **Up to the Mark**, including a pair of well-bred maiden mares in **Calling All Angels (Ire)** (a Dark Angel half to a Group 2 winner by Lope de Vega) and **Saucily** (a **Curlin** filly bred by Stonestreet from the family of Uncaptured and Interstatedaydream), as well as the Juddmonte-bred **Tapit** filly **Prosperity** (a half to Fulsome) and the Godolphin-bred **Desert Rendezvous** (a half to GISW Better Lucky and to the dam of Grade III winner Prevalence).

Other stallions that will see multiple Wasabi mares in 2024 include **Nashville**, who should have a great shot to make it as a wickedly fast and gorgeous son of the sire-of-sires Speightstown, and the promising young Maryland sire Blofeld, who continues to put up excellent statistics from small crops of modest mares in a state-bred program that is solid, but without the hugely inflated purses of some of the neighboring states.

*Editor's note: As breeding season approaches, the TDN is asking breeders where they are sending their mares in 2024. To participate in the series, email [suefinley@thetdn.com](mailto:suefinley@thetdn.com) or [katiepetrunyak@thetdn.com](mailto:katiepetrunyak@thetdn.com).*

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**BLOWN STEPS DOWN AS OLD FRIENDS PRESIDENT**



**Michael Blown and Silver Charm at Old Friends | Sarah Andrew**

Michael Blown has announced he is stepping down as president of Old Friends, the Thoroughbred retirement facility he founded in Georgetown, Kentucky in 2003. John Nicholson, who served as Executive Director of the Kentucky Horse Park from 1997 to 2014, will take over as president and CEO, effective Feb. 1.

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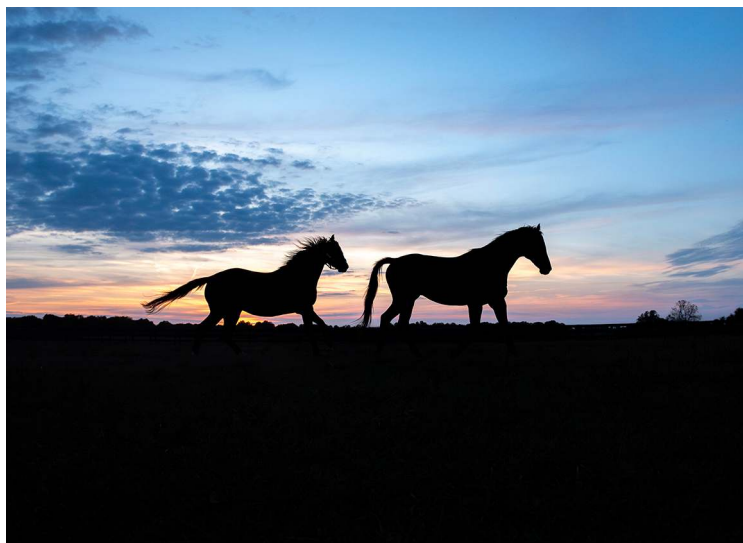
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**Michael Blowen cont.**

“I started looking a couple of years ago for someone to take over as president,” said Blowen. “The most important thing I was looking for was someone that really, really, put the horses first. It’s not like they’d just be saying it, but that they really have to think about the horses first.

“Then maybe about six months ago,” Blowen continued, “I ran into John and we started talking, and I said to him, ‘You know, I’m really looking for somebody to take over Old Friends because I’ve really taken it as far as I can take it. It started out with [wife] Diane [White] and I and a golf cart and feeding the horses; a little mom-and-pop operation on the corner. And, today it’s like a multi-million dollar corporation, and it needs somebody that can handle that kind of operation. It needs a really good CEO that has managed a much bigger facility than we have, and the only way that we can improve is to get more space for more horses, which means more money, more donations, and an executive CEO that knows how to handle big business.”



Old Friends at sunset | Sarah Andrew

In accepting the position, Nicholson said, “I am thrilled to have the opportunity of joining the Old Friends family to continue and enhance Michael Blowen’s vision and values. Old Friends has been at the vanguard of the Thoroughbred Aftercare movement and I feel privileged to be a part of such an important cause.


“I have always had a deeply felt respect and appreciation for Michael’s vision and tenacity,” Nicholson continued. “What he has accomplished is beyond remarkable. I have treasured our friendship over the years, especially having had a great collaborative relationship between Old Friends and the Kentucky Horse Park. He and I have always shared a spirit that the horse has given far more to us than we could ever give in return. Old Friends is making an important and vital contribution, not only to the racing industry, but most importantly to the lives of the

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Since its beginnings in 2003 at Afton Farm in Georgetown, Old Friends has moved twice and has grown to over 240 acres with close to 300 horses.

In addition to the main farm in Georgetown, Old Friends has two satellite farms, Old Friends at Cabin Creek: The Bobby Frankel Division, which opened in 2009 in Greenfield Center, New York; and Old Friends at Ashton Grove, a senior retirement community in Georgetown, Ky., a place that gives seniors a chance to interact with horses. There are also a few small annex farms near the main farm.

Blowen will remain a presence at the farm, greeting visitors and giving tours.

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## COX, BAFFERT, PLETCHER AIMING FOR MORE PEGASUS GLORY



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Trainers Brad Cox, Bob Baffert and Todd Pletcher all have victories to their credit in the GI Pegasus World Cup Invitational S. and each of the three champion trainers will have an opportunity to add to those numbers in this year's \$3-million feature Saturday, Jan. 27 at Gulfstream Park.

Cox, who won the the 2021 renewal with **Knicks Go** (Paynter), looks set to be represented by a pair of entrants in the nine-furlong contest. **Saudi Crown** (*Always Dreaming*), front-running winner of the GI Pennsylvania Derby last September, will seek to become the second Saudi-owned winner of the Pegasus as he looks to bounce back from a 10th in the GI Breeders' Cup Classic.

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# On the track...

**3 new Grade 1 winners in 2023. Only Into Mischief (fee \$250,000), Justify (fee Private) and Curlin (fee \$250,000) had more.**



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**Pegasus World Cup Invitees cont.**

Godolphin's 'TDN Rising Star' **First Mission** (*Street Sense*) is also among the 12 invitees and will have the chance to turn the tables on **Trademark** (*Upstart*), who beat him a nose when last seen in the GII Clark S. at Churchill Nov. 24.

**National Treasure** (*Quality Road*), whose sire accounted for 2019 Pegasus winner **City of Light**, can give Baffert a third Pegasus, joining inaugural winner **Arrogate** (*Unbridled's Song*) as well as **Mucho Gusto** (*Mucho Macho Man*). Winner of last year's GI Preakness S., the bay was just touched off by **Cody's Wish** (*Curlin*) when last seen in the GI Breeders' Cup Dirt Mile.

Pletcher is represented by **Grand Aspen** (*Dialed In*) in the main body of the race, who earned his ticket to the Pegasus with a narrow defeat at the hooves of **O'Connor (Chi)** (*Boboman*) in the GIII Harlan's Holiday S. at Gulfstream Dec. 30.

In addition to O'Connor, the Saffie Joseph, Jr. trainee might be joined by his stable companion **Skippylongstocking** (*Exaggerator*), the GII Charles Town Classic winner who was last seen finishing third in the Dirt Mile.

Also among the invitees are **Hoist the Gold** (*Mineshaft*), winner of the GII Cigar Mile H. trying to stretch out to nine furlongs; **Newgrange** (*Violence*), last-out winner of the GII San Antonio S.; Cigar Mile runner-up **Senor Buscador** (*Mineshaft*); GIII Smarty Jones S. hero **Il Miracolo** (*Gun Runner*); and multiple Argentinian Group 1 winner **Subsanador (Arg)** (*Fortify*), fourth in the San Antonio.

Defending champion **Atone** (*Into Mischief*) is among a dozen invitees to the GI Pegasus World Cup Turf, but looks to face a field much stronger on paper than 12 months ago. Chief amongst the opposition is Godolphin's **Master of The Seas (Ire)** (*Dubawi {Ire}*), who might make another trans-Atlantic trip having taken a photo in the GI Breeders' Cup Mile. **Warm Heart (Ire)** (*Galileo {Ire}*) has been kept busy by trainer Aidan O'Brien, as she proved an unlucky loser in the GI Breeders' Cup Filly & Mare Turf in November ahead of a third in the G1 Longines Hong Kong Vase last time. Arguably the most intriguing among any of the Pegasus invitees is **Integration** (*Quality Road*), who was unbeaten in three smashing victories at three in 2023, including the GIII Virginia Derby and GII Hill Prince S. **Webslinger** (*Constitution*) won three of his nine starts last term, a season that might have been even more productive but for near misses in the GI Saratoga Derby Invitational S. and GI Hollywood Derby. **Main Event** (*Bernardini*) earned his spot in the field with an all-the-way success over **Kingmax (GB)** (*Kingman {GB}*) in the GII Fort Lauderdale S. Dec. 30. **Cont. p8**

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**\$1,000,000**

Buyer: **Pin Oak Stud**  
Breeder: **Chasemore Farm**

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Buyer: **Talla Racing; Kim Lloyd**, agent  
Breeder: **Newstead Corp**

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**Master of The Seas could contest the Pegasus World Cup Turf Breeders' Cup/Eclipse Sportwire**

Chad Brown won the inaugural GIII Pegasus World Cup Filly & Mare Turf with Regal Glory (Animal Kingdom) in 2022 and has two chances to double his tally in the form of GI Matriarch S. runner-up **Fluffy Socks** (Slumber {GB}) and MGSW **Consumer Spending** (More Than Ready). **Queen Goddess** (Empire Maker) is winless in four starts since defeating the Brown-trained Shantisara (Ire) (Coulsty {Ire}) in last year's renewal.

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**Writers' Room Podcast cont. from p1**

Cummings, who describes the project as a work in progress, said one frustrating factor he has run into so far is that the fiefdoms don't want to make sacrifices for the greater good of the sport, a problem that has been around as long as the sport has.

"One of the things we found, and I think a lot of people would agree with this, is that if you started having a conversation with people in many different streams of the sport, the racing space, aftercare, the wagering side, when you're talking about kind of the big issues in racing, most people are going to agree about many of those things," Cummings said. "And we've had some tremendous calls in the first couple of months with different organizations, leaders, individuals in every space of the business. And what we have found is that there's a tremendous amount of commonality. Our interests in improving the sport are shared. But when you start to poke into areas that directly impact certain individuals, the pushback starts to come and it's like, well, I agree on 90% over here, but on this 10%, which directly affects me, maybe I'm not so interested in changing all of a sudden, or maybe I don't want to go about rethinking the way in which my business generates revenue or how my members are impacted one way or another."



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3	Olympiad	\$35,000	2.16
4	Jackie's Warrior	\$45,000	2.01
5	<b>MANDALOUN</b>	<b>\$20,000</b>	<b>1.89</b>
6	Epicenter	\$40,000	1.76
7	Jack Christopher	\$40,000	1.71
8	Golden Pal	\$25,000	1.65
9	Cyberknife	\$25,000	1.57
10	Corniche	\$25,000	1.25

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RISEN STAR  
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### Writers' Room Podcast cont.

So we are finding that there's a lot of openness to change, but there's a lot of potentially, you know, door closing that goes on when you suggest that change might need to affect everybody in some way, shape or form."

Cummings said there will be eight key areas that the NTA will focus on.

"The way we see it, racing aftercare, education, sales, wagering, PR, marketing, breeding and then horsemen support rather generic catch all about the way in which we help not just owners and trainers individually, but their staffs and how they work and operate within our business," he said. "If we have aligned that, there are these eight key areas that all need an element of focus and we have identified some opportunity areas within each of them."



But without any authority or power, which rests now with the racetracks, racing commissions, HISA, The Jockey Club, horsemen's groups and others how can you usher in changes?

"I didn't have any authority with Thoroughbred Idea Foundation either," he said. "But we inspired folks, we educated, we advocated and we did help get some things done and even some of those things that we did help facilitate getting done. They haven't always gone smoothly either, you know. So even when you do have that authority, it doesn't mean it's going to go off smoothly. When we set out five years ago and said, let's write a paper about breakage saying, 'Oh yeah, that's cute, that's nice and it's a problem and we need to fix it.' Well, yeah. So let's put a plan together to try and work on that. And we did. We had to get our law changed here in Kentucky. We tried to work with some other states. We realized some of those doors weren't open. We weren't able to work in New York, for example, on that particular topic. But maybe New York will focus on it in 2024. They've given some indications that there's a chance to do that. And if we saw New York adopt pending breakage in 2024, that be a huge win that I never saw coming."

Also on the show the hosts discussed the **Coolmore Stallion of the Week, Jack Christopher**. By **Munnings, Jack Christopher** was 5-for-5 around one turn, including three Grade I wins, in the Woody Stephens by 10, the Allen Jerkens by 1 3/4, and the Champagne by 2 3/4 lengths--all that after his eight-plus length 'TDN Rising Star' debut at Saratoga.

Elsewhere on the podcast, which is also sponsored by **Elite Power, WinStar Farm, the Pennsylvania Horse Breeders Association, 1/ST Racing, the KTA & KTOB, West Point Thoroughbreds**, and **XBTV.com**, the team of Randy Moss and Bill Finley took a look back at 2023 and a look ahead to 2024. The consensus was that 2023, for numerous reasons was not a good year for the sport. To make things better we offered solutions for 2024. Finley advocated for the SafeSTRIDE technology, which has proven it can cause a significant cut in breakdowns to become a regular fixture at the track. "What are we waiting for?" he said. But Moss warned that as long as breeders don't focus on soundness and durability and continue to breed to fast horses who had brief careers and soundness issues, then nothing would change. The team also took a look at their Eclipse Award selections, and they largely agreed on all the categories. The exception was the Filly & Mare Sprint, where Moss is casting his vote for Echo Zulu (**Gun Runner**), while Finley and Zoe Cadman said they voted for Goodnight Olive (**Ghostzapper**). All three also cast their votes for Bill Mott for champion trainer.

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### CYBERKNIFE FIRST FOAL A FILLY

The first foal for GI Arkansas Derby and GI Haskell Invitational S. winner **Cyberknife (Gun Runner)** was reported Jan. 3 when a filly was born at Irish Hill Century Farm in Stillwater, New York.

Bred by Clay Scherer, the bay is the first produce of the unraced Hildee John (Gormley), a half-sister to five-time stakes winner and GI Breeders' Cup Filly & Mare Sprint runner-up Chalon (**Dialed In**).

"This filly has a good rear end and a nice round shoulder, a lot like Cyberknife," said Irish Hill Century Farm's Rick Burke. "She has good size, leg and bone. She's a nice foal especially for a maiden [mare]."

Also runner-up in the GI Travers S. and GI Breeders' Cup Dirt Mile, Cyberknife will stand his second year at Spendthrift Farm for a fee of \$25,000, stands and nurses.

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## CHRB ADVISORY WARNS 'EPO'-LABELLED SUPPLEMENT CONTAINS CAFFEINE *by Dan Ross*

In an advisory issued to trainers just before Christmas, the California Horse Racing Board (CHRB) warned that caffeine had been detected in two supplements marketed to performance horses analyzed by the Maddy Equine Analytical Chemistry Lab at UC Davis.

"As such, Horsemen are advised to exercise extreme caution when using these products in close proximity to a race," the advisory states.

Under the Horseracing Integrity and Safety Act (HISA), caffeine is a **Class B controlled substance**, which comes with a possible 15-day suspension and \$1,000 fine for a first offense.

The advisory shows pictures of two tubs of substances broadly labelled "EPO-Equine," each labelled to sell for \$525. EPO is the shortened version of Erythropoietin, a type of protein called a growth factor.

EPO stimulates the bone marrow to make red blood cells, which contain a protein called haemoglobin that carries oxygen around the body. As such, EPO is widely known as a performance enhancing substance.

When asked if EPO had also been detected in the two substances, CHRB equine medical director, Jeff Blea, simply said that "just caffeine" was detected.

The two substances, said Blea, were found during a barn search conducted at Los Alamitos. "It was not related to a caffeine positive," he said, declining to say whose barn was searched.

"This one I think has been around for a long time," said Blea, about the "EPO-Equine" product. "The caution is, be careful what you're giving your horses."

When asked about the suggestive labelling, Blea said that he had called and emailed the company but didn't receive a response.

"It's all about marketing, right?" said Blea. "They're trying to sell a product."

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## WANAMAKER'S PA-BRED SALE CATALOGUE AVAILABLE

The catalogue for the third annual Wanamaker's Pennsylvania-Bred Sale, featuring 33 offerings and held in conjunction with the Pennsylvania Horse Breeders Association, is now available for viewing at [wanamakers.com](http://wanamakers.com). The catalogue contains yearlings, in-foal broodmares and other horses of all ages.

Bidding opens Sunday, Jan. 7 at 9 a.m. ET and will conclude Thursday, Jan. 11 with the first listing set to close at 5 p.m. ET. The subsequent listings will close in three-minute intervals thereafter.

The past PA-bred sales conducted by Wanamaker's have produced horses of racing age that have gone on to exceed their purchase price. Dixie Cannonball (Paynter), a \$5,500 graduate of the 2023 sale, has since gone on to win three races.

Among the highlights of this year's catalogue are 11 yearlings by leading fifth-crop sire Winchill and eight horses consigned by Steve Young, including four mares in foal to Peace and Justice (**War Front**).

"We are delighted by the continued enthusiastic response to our third annual PA-Bred Sale," remarked Wanamaker's CEO Liza Hendriks. "This sale provides an excellent platform for local owners and breeders to showcase their horses in a state with a robust program, particularly in anticipation of the upcoming PA-Sired PA-Bred Stallion Series for 2-year-olds in 2024 and 3-year-olds in 2025."

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## WEEKLY STEWARDS AND COMMISSIONS RULINGS DEC. 26--JAN. 1

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

Among the key rulings from the last seven days, trainer Jimmy Corrigan has been provisionally suspended as a result of his trainee, Stay Lost--who won at Belterra Park on Oct. 7 last year--testing positive for Methamphetamine.

HISA currently lists Methamphetamine--a common human recreation drug--as a banned substance, which comes with a possible two-year suspension. With banned substances under HISA, responsible parties are subject to a provisional suspension, prior to a full hearing, if the B sample confirms the positive test result from the A sample.

As part of a list of proposed rule changes before the Federal Trade Commission (FTC), drugs like Methamphetamine **could be re-categorized** as human substances of abuse.

If the FTC accepts this rule change, the trainer could still possibly face a provisional suspension for a "human substances of abuse" violation, if the B sample analysis confirms the original positive test result.

"However, the trainer would not be subject to a suspension of more than 60 days (for a first violation) if HIWU accepts that the positive test was more likely than not the result of unintentional transfer or contamination," wrote a Horseracing Integrity and Welfare Unit spokesperson.

### NEW HISA/HIWU STEWARDS RULINGS

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

Resolved ADMC Violations

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Explainer: For the presence of Phenylbutazone--Controlled Medications (Class C)--in a sample taken from Laddie Dance, who won at Delaware Park on 8/16/23. This was a possible violation of Rule 3312--Presence of Controlled Medication Substance and/or its Metabolites or Markers (Post-Race/Vets' List).

Date: 11/29/2023

Licensee: Lacey Gaudet, trainer

Penalty: A fine of \$3,000; imposition of 3 Penalty Points. Final decision by HIWU.

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

Date: 11/14/2023

Licensee: Robert Lucas, trainer

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

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

Date: 10/21/2023

Licensee: Webster Gayle, trainer

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

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

Pending ADMC Violations

Date: 12/08/2023

Licensee: Kevin Martin, trainer

Penalty: Pending

Alleged violation: Medication violation

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

Date: 12/06/2023

Licensee: Patricio Venzor (listed on Equibase as owner, listed on the HISA portal as trainer)

Penalty: Pending

Alleged violation: Medication violation

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

Date: 12/03/2023

Licensee: Angel Sanchez-Pinero, trainer

Penalty: Pending

Alleged violation: Medication violation

Explainer: For the presence of Glycopyrrolate--Controlled Medication (Class C)--in a sample taken from Le Vin, who finished second at Laurel Park on 12/3/23. This was a possible violation of Rule 3312--Presence of Controlled Medication Substance and/or its Metabolites or Markers (Post-Race/Vets' List).

Date: 11/25/2023

Licensee: Jesus Romero, trainer

Penalty: Pending

Alleged violation: Medication violation

Explainer: For the presence of Diclofenac--Controlled Medication (Class C)--in a sample taken from Blake B, who won at Aqueduct on 11/25/23. This was a possible violation of Rule 3312--Presence of Controlled Medication Substance and/or its Metabolites or Markers (Post-Race/Vets' List).

Date: 12/01/2023

Licensee: Steve Miyadi, trainer

Penalty: Pending

Alleged violation: Medication violation

Explainer: For the presence of Dimethylsulfoxide--Controlled



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Medication (Class C)—in a sample taken from Dorie Miller, who won at Golden Gate on 12/1/23. This was a possible violation of Rule 3312—Presence of Controlled Medication Substance and/or its Metabolites or Markers (Post-Race/Vets' List).

Date: 11/25/2023

Licensee: Jaime Ness, trainer

Penalty: Pending

Alleged violation: Medication violation

Explainer: For the presence of Glycopyrrolate--Controlled

Medication (Class C)--in a sample taken from

Ournationonparade. This was a possible violation of Rule 3312--

Presence of Controlled Medication Substance and/or its

Metabolites or Markers (Post-Race/Vets' List).

Date: 11/21/2023

Licensee: David Meridith, trainer

Penalty: Pending

Alleged violation: Medication violation

Explainer: For the presence of Omeprazole--Controlled

Medication (Class C)--in a sample taken from Wild Firewater,

who won at Zia Park on 11/21/23. This is a possible violation of

Rule 3312--Presence of Controlled Medication Substance and/or

its Metabolites or Markers (Post-Race/Vets' List).

Date: 11/17/2023

Licensee: Amador Sanchez, trainer

Penalty: Pending

Alleged violation: Medication violation

Explainer: For the presence of Dexamethasone--Controlled

Medication (Class C)--in a sample taken from Soy Una Dama,

who won at Gulfstream Park on 11/17/23. This was a possible

violation of Rule 3312--Presence of Controlled Medication

Substance and/or its Metabolites or Markers (Post-Race/Vets'

List).

Date: 10/07/2023

Licensee: Jimmy Corrigan, trainer

Penalty: Provisionally suspended

Alleged Violation: Medication violation

Explainer: For the presence of Methamphetamine—a banned

substance—in a sample taken from Stay Lost, who won at

Belterra Park on 10/7/23. This was a possible violation of Rule

3212—Presence of a Banned Substance and/or its Metabolites

or Markers.

#### Violations of Crop Rule

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

Golden Gate Fields

Jose Carlos Montalvo--violation date Dec 26; \$250 fine, one-day suspension

Santa Anita

Edwin Maldonado--violation date Dec 26; \$250 fine, one-day suspension, one strike over the limit

Jose Verenzuela--violation date Dec 31; \$500 fine, one-day suspension, five strikes over the limit

#### OTHER KEY RULINGS

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

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

California

Track: Santa Anita

Date: 12/30/2023

Licensee: Umberto Rispoli, jockey

Penalty: Four-day suspension

Violation: Careless riding

Explainer: Jockey Umberto Rispoli, who rode Mo Fox Given in the fifth race at Santa Anita Park on December 29, 2023, is suspended for FOUR (4) racing days (January 6, 7, 12 and 13, 2024) for failure to make the proper effort to maintain a straight course in the stretch, causing interference; a violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1699 (Riding Rules-careless riding--second offense in the last sixty (60) days).

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### WHAT WAS YOUR FAVORITE MOMENT OF 2023?: CHARLIE O'CONNOR

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## UNDERWOOD NAMED EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AT BEST

Nancy Underwood has been named executive director of the Backstretch Employee Service Team. Underwood succeeds Paul Ruchames, who retired in December after 14 years leading the organization.

Founded in 1989, BEST is a non-profit organization devoted to supporting the health and well-being of the backstretch community living and working at Saratoga Race Course and Belmont Park. BEST provides on-site counseling and primary healthcare services, access to health insurance, and case management assistance. Much of this work is accomplished by the dedicated BEST staff located at Belmont Park and Saratoga Race Course, with healthcare services provided by Saratoga Hospital and Northwell Health.

Underwood has directed BEST's efforts at Saratoga Race Course since 2014. During that period, BEST significantly expanded its presence and impact for the backstretch community living and working at Saratoga from April-November each year.

In 2023, BEST opened a new, modern health care clinic on the Oklahoma side of Saratoga Race Course. Funded by philanthropist John Hendrickson in memory of his late wife, Marylou Whitney, and Saratoga Hospital, the Saratoga Backstretch Healthcare Clinic is a state-of-the-art facility with six examination rooms, a lab for blood work and space for staff, education and on-site insurance specialists.

"BEST is successful because of the dedication of our staff, volunteers and healthcare providers," said Underwood. "I am honored for the opportunity to lead this organization at a time when the future of Thoroughbred racing in New York State is so bright. I thank the BEST Board of Directors for their commitment to advancing our mission in the years ahead."

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## TRF PRESENTS ONLINE ART AUCTION TO SUPPORT SECOND CHANCES PROGRAM

The Thoroughbred Retirement Foundation, with the support of Saratoga Arts, has launched an online art exhibit and auction to support the TRF Second Chances Program and Second Chances Prison ART, both at Pleasant Valley State Prison. The exhibit, which features artwork created by incarcerated individuals in the Second Chance Prison ART Program, opened Jan. 1 and auction bidding will begin Feb. 1 and continue through Feb. 29.

Proceeds from the auction will directly benefit the TRF Second Chances Program, supporting its mission to provide retired Thoroughbred racehorses with sanctuary and offering incarcerated individuals in the Second Chances Program the opportunity to learn valuable skills through vocational training. Proceeds will also benefit the Second Chance Prison ART Program and allow for new works to be created with the goal of raising more funds.

Saratoga Arts has provided the TRF with the online auction platform. View the online art exhibit and auction [here](#).

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PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Moonlit Sonata 	Malibu Moon	Soma Racing Stables LLC	Yakteen	Franco	120
2	Slider	Jimmy Creed	Hall Racing LLC, Pearl Racing and West Point Thoroughbreds	Sadler	Rosario	124
3	Muth 	Good Magic	Zedan Racing Stables, Inc.	Baffert	Hernandez	124
4	Pilot Commander 	Justify	CSLR Racing Partners LLC	Baffert	Prat	120
5	Formidable Man 	City of Light	Warren, Jr., William K. and Warren, Suzanne	McCarthy	Kimura	120
6	Boltage 	Bolt d'Oro	Pin Oak Stud LLC	Mandella	Smith	120

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# NORTH AMERICAN RACING



**SECOND-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: THURSDAY, JANUARY 4**  
*2024 Stud Fees Listed*



**Audible** | Sarah Andrew

**Audible** (Into Mischief), WinStar Farm, \$15,000  
261 foals of racing age/21 winners/2 black-type winners  
8-Mahoning Valley, 4:02 p.m. EST, Msw 6f, Read the Room, 10-1  
\$170,000 KEE NOV wnl; \$10,000 FTJ UNE 2yo

**Breaking Lucky** (Lookin At Lucky), Blue Star Racing  
54 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners  
3-Delta Downs, 7:01 p.m. EST, Msw 5f, Five Leaf Clover, 20-1  
3-Delta Downs, 7:01 p.m. EST, Msw 5f, My Lucky Break, 7-2  
\$12,000 TTA YRL yrl

**Coal Front** (Stay Thirsty), Spendthrift Farm, \$5,000  
79 foals of racing age/10 winners/2 black-type winners  
3-Delta Downs, 7:01 p.m. EST, Msw 5f, Coal Dancer, 5-1

**Enticed** (Medaglia d'Oro), Darley, \$5,000  
156 foals of racing age/23 winners/1 black-type winner  
6-Charles Town, 9:21 p.m. EST, Msw 4 1/2f, Sheza Gritty Bitty,  
15-1  
\$4,500 RNA FTK OCT yrl

**Force the Pass** (Speightstown), Sau  
37 foals of racing age/2 winners/0 black-type winners  
6-Charles Town, 9:21 p.m. EST, Msw 4 1/2f, Pass the Cash, 15-1

**Heart to Heart** (English Channel), Crestwood Farm  
60 foals of racing age/4 winners/0 black-type winners  
6-Charles Town, 9:21 p.m. EST, Msw 4 1/2f, Queen of Hearts,  
10-1

**Maximus Mischief** (Into Mischief), Spendthrift Farm, \$25,000  
230 foals of racing age/32 winners/3 black-type winners  
3-Gulfstream, 1:09 p.m. EST, Msw 1m, Miss Enchanted, 20-1  
\$36,000 KEE NOV wnl; \$100,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$100,000 OBS APR  
2yo

**Mitole** (Eskendereya), Spendthrift Farm, \$15,000  
293 foals of racing age/35 winners/2 black-type winners  
6-Charles Town, 9:21 p.m. EST, Msw 4 1/2f, Noble Obsession,  
20-1  
\$15,000 FTK OCT yrl; \$7,000 RNA EAS MAY 2yo

**Om** (Munnings), Harris Farms  
91 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners  
8-Mahoning Valley, 4:02 p.m. EST, Msw 6f, Cussin N Fussin, 3-1  
\$25,000 FTC AYR yrl

**Qurban** (Speightstown), Indiana Stallion Station  
21 foals of racing age/1 winner/1 black-type winner  
8-Mahoning Valley, 4:02 p.m. EST, Msw 6f, Meet You Now, 5-1



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**STAKES RESULTS:**

**VERSETS JET S.**, \$36,000, Camarero, 1-1, 3yo, f, 1m, 1:38.60, ft.

1--**SARAI, 118, f, 3, by Upstart--No Panic, by**

**Henrythenavigator.** (\$32,000 Ylg '22 FTKFEB; \$25,000 Ylg '22 FTKOCT; \$40,000 2yo '23 OBSOPN). **1ST BLACK TYPE WIN.**

O-JAL Racing; B-Mullikin Thoroughbreds (KY); T-Jose D. Velez; J-Javier Santiago. \$20,880. Lifetime Record: 4-2-2-0, \$53,790.

2--**Touch of Trouble**, 118, f, 3, **World of Trouble--Lovely Daniella**, by Gold Token. (\$30,000 Ylg '22 KEESEP; \$15,000 RNA 2yo '23 OBSOPN). O-Jackson Racing; B-Boca Horse (KY); T-Carole Donaldson. \$7,200.

3--**Another Miranda**, 118, f, 3, **Classic Empire--No Better Terms**, by Pure Prize. (\$55,000 2yo '23 OBSAPR). O-Establo Tony Guzman; B-KMN Racing, LLC (KY); T-Jason Lisboa. \$3,600.

Margins: 1 3/4, 12 1/4, NK. Odds: 1.00, 4.05, 3.55.

**ALLOWANCE RESULTS:**

**9th-Tampa Bay Downs, \$51,950**, (NW2X)/Opt. Clm (\$32,000), 1-3, 4yo/up, 1mT, 1:35.35, fm, 1 length.

**MAGICAL MARRIAGE (g, 7, Magician {Ire}--Sunnyridge Bride, by Saint Anddan)** Lifetime Record: 22-4-4-1, \$163,655. O/B-Dennis A. Drazin (FL); T-Patrick B. McBurney.

**3rd-Tampa Bay Downs, \$32,500**, (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$75,000), 1-3, 3yo, f, 1 1/16mT, 1:43.41, fm, 1 length.

**A PRIMERA VISTA (f, 3, Competitive Edge--Dazzlingsweetheart, by Dazzling Falls)** Lifetime Record: MSP, 6-2-1-1, \$83,300. O/T-Kerri Raven; B-Mary & Eric VonSeggern (MN). \*\$70,000 Ylg '22 MNSAUG. \*\*1/2 to Cupids Crush (Cupid), MSW, \$237,887.

**6th-Mahoning Valley, \$27,500**, 1-3, (NW4L), 3yo/up, 1m, 1:41.49, gd, 1 1/4 lengths.

**R CARDINAL PRINCE (g, 4, Khozan--Blue Baby {MSP, \$101,485}, by Touch Gold)** Lifetime Record: 19-4-4-4, \$99,573. O-Caryn Vecchio; B-Al Shaqab Racing (FL); T-Caryn Vecchio. \*\$7,000 Ylg '21 OBSOCT; \$11,000 2yo '22 OBSOPN.

**7th-Mahoning Valley, \$25,900**, 1-3, (NW2L), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:13.11, gd, 1/2 length.

**HITSVILLE (g, 4, Ghostzapper--Ihavetogo, by Showing Up)** Lifetime Record: 6-2-2-0, \$42,759. O-Charlie J. Williams LLC; B-Adena Springs (KY); T-Megan Fadlovich. \*\$50,000 Wlg '20 KEENOV; \$20,000 Ylg '21 KEESEP.

**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**

**Blenheim Baby**, f, 3, **Audible--Onestaratatime** (MSP, \$197,077), by Cape Canaveral. Mahoning Valley, 1-3, 6f, 1:14.17. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$27,920. B-Moreau Bloodstock International, Inc. (KY).

**Chief Lady**, f, 3, **Flatter--Come Home Lady**, by Came Home. Tampa Bay Downs, 1-3, (C), 7f, 1:24.67. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$14,940. B-B.D. Gibbs Farm. LLC & Fleetwood Bloodstock, LLC (KY). \*\$35,000 RNA Ylg '22 KEESEP; \$10,000 Ylg '22 OBSOCT; \$25,000 2yo '23 OBSOPN.

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**Audible**, Blenheim Baby, f, 3, o/o Onestaratatime, by Cape Canaveral. MSW, 1-3, Mahoning Valley

**Competitive Edge**, A Primera Vista, f, 3, o/o Dazzlingsweetheart, by Dazzling Falls. AOC, 1-3, Tampa Bay

**Flatter**, Chief Lady, f, 3, o/o Come Home Lady, by Came Home. MCL, 1-3, Tampa Bay

**Ghostzapper**, Hitsville, g, 4, o/o Ihavetogo, by Showing Up. ALW, 1-3, Mahoning Valley

**Khozan**, R Cardinal Prince, g, 4, o/o Blue Baby, by Touch Gold. ALW, 1-3, Mahoning Valley

**Magician (Ire)**, Magical Marriage, g, 7, o/o Sunnyridge Bride, by Saint Anddan. AOC, 1-3, Tampa Bay

**Upstart**, Sarai, f, 3, o/o No Panic, by Henrythenavigator. Versets Jet S., 1-1, Camarero

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# 34<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL STALLION SEASON AUCTION

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<u>CALIFORNIA</u> Cat Burglar Danzing Candy Graydar Halladay Midnight Storm Mo Forza Sir Prancealot Stanford Stay Thirsty Tizamagian Winning Cause	Roadster Seeking the Soul Tunwoo Valiant Minister Win Win Win  <u>INDIANA</u> Mor Spirit	Copper Bullet Core Beliefs Country House Cross Traffic Dialed In Drain the Clock <b>Elite Power*</b>	Knicks Go Known Agenda Leofric Lexitonian Liam's Map <b>Life is Good</b>	Tapiture Tapwrit The Factor Thousand Words Title Ready Tonalist True Timber Union Rags	Bank Heist Big Brown Bucchero Bustin Stones Central Banker Courageous Cat Disco Partner Dr Large Fire at Will Hangover Kid Honest Mischief Keepmeinmind King for a Day Lookin at Lee Mind Control Mission Impazible Redesdale Slumber Solomini Tourist Waiting Warrior's Charge	OKLAHOMA Flat Out Uncle Vinny
<u>CANADA</u> Boisterous Gufo Reload	<u>KENTUCKY</u> Aloha West Always Dreaming Arabian Lion Army Mule Audible Bal A Bali Basin Beau Liam Bee Jersey Big Blue Kitten Blame Bravazo Caracaro Catalina Cruiser Catholic Boy Channel Cat	Flameaway <b>Flightline</b> <b>Forte</b> Fulsome Game Winner Gift Box Global Campaign* Goldencents <b>Good Magic</b> Good Samaritan Happy Saver Heart to Heart Hence Higher Power Hightail Hog Creek Hustle Honor A. P. Idol Improbable*	Maximus Mischief McKinzie Midnight Lute Mo Donegal Modernist <b>Nyquist*</b> Olympiad Outwork Oxbow Palace Malice Pappacap Pinehurst Producer <b>Quality Road</b> Raging Bull Ransom the Moon Real Solution Rock Your World Sir Winston Sky Mesa Smooth Like Strait	Vino Rosso Violence Volatile War of Will West Coast Yorkton  <u>LOUISIANA</u> Calibrachoa Carpe Diem Unified	Central Banker Disco Partner Dr Large Fire at Will Hangover Kid Honest Mischief Keepmeinmind King for a Day Lookin at Lee Mind Control Mission Impazible Redesdale Slumber Solomini Tourist Waiting Warrior's Charge	PENNSYLVANIA Capo Kane Cloud Computing Pat on the Back Somelikeithot- brown Wicked Strong
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						WEST VIRGINIA Limehouse My Prankster
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\*Indicates a free return to the stallion in 2025 should the mare not get in foal or not produce a live foal. Terms apply.

### SEASON AUCTION INFORMATION

The majority of seasons will sell during the online season auction, Wednesday, Jan. 3 - Friday, Jan. 5, 4 p.m. (EST). To bid in the online season auction visit [TCA.org](http://TCA.org) for a link to the auction site. The bolded stallions above are select seasons offered at the Live Auction & Celebration on Sunday, Jan. 7 at 5:30 p.m. at Harper Hall in Lexington, Ky. To bid on select seasons you can bid in person or participate as an online or telephone bidder. To purchase tickets to the Live Auction, please visit [TCA.org](http://TCA.org). To register to bid online or by telephone for select seasons please email [ehalliwell@tca.org](mailto:ehalliwell@tca.org). All seasons are offered on a no guarantee (NG), non-refundable basis unless otherwise noted. All seasons are payable in full by February 9, 2024.

### OTHER AUCTION ITEMS

John Deere Z515E mower, meet and greet with Cody's Wish, oceanfront condo in St. Thomas, artwork, Triple Crown ticket package, halters worn by Into Mischief, Justify, Gun Runner, and more! Visit [TCA.org](http://TCA.org) to view a complete list of items.

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