



PLUMPTON GOES PREMIER AS BHA EXPERIMENT MAKES UNCONVINCING START



Plumpton owner Peter Savill has the majority of his horses trained in Ireland and France | [Racingfotos.com](https://www.racingfotos.com)

by Paul Hayward

Anfield or Old Trafford it isn't, but that didn't stop Premierisation coming to Plumpton, a National Hunt track at the foot of the South Downs more easily associated with farmers, pensioners and Brighton sharps on country forays than marketing resets.

The second track to stage a Premier fixture in a two-year trial of 170 meetings each season, dear old Plumpton didn't need labels to tell you how good it is. In the most valuable race since racing began here in 1888, a 5lb claimer called Joe Anderson found himself hanging from his horse's neck after a bad mistake, rode a circuit with no irons, finally hooked his feet back in and then thundered up the hill to win the new £75,000 stayers' hurdle on Transmission. It was a miracle ride. The Plumpton crowd fell in love with Anderson, who could make a living in rodeos.

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HITCH YOUR WAGON FOR THE STALLION TRAILS *by Emma Berry*

There is an undertone of negativity surrounding horseracing these days, almost all of which is generated by its participants and followers, and greatly exacerbated by the increasingly unpleasant arena that is social media. Where once Twitter was fun and we all gained excellent insight into trainers' yards and, for some, their sense of humour, now X marks the spot at which we should perhaps consciously uncouple from twits and trolls.

Let's get out more. And where better to start than by hitching a ride on the stallion trails? This Friday marks the tenth anniversary of the two-day ITM Irish Stallion Trail which was started in response to the rising popularity of Normandy's La Route des Etalons, which made its debut in 2011 and this year takes place on January 20 and 21.

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On the first day of the 2024 Keeneland January sale, Prank, the half-sister to the GI Belmont Stakes winner, topped the session at \$1.6-million as a broodmare prospect and will be calling Coolmore her new home..



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Kalispera (*Ten Sovereigns*) breaking her maiden at Gulfstream for Brian Lynch (trainer)/William K. Werner (owner) on Sunday. The filly, bred by Mrs Ann Marie O'Brien, was previously trained in Ireland by Joseph O'Brien. | *Coglianese*

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Paul Hayward

Paul Hayward: Plumpton Goes Premier, cont. from p1

Premierisation is on a debut tour of British racing, picking out sellable, mass market meetings and adorning them with prize-money, banners and high hopes for the sport's future. Racing is playing catch-up here. There is a Premier League of darts, an Indian Premier League in cricket and Premierships scattered across professional sport.

The use of a tag to bestow mystique on sporting events reflects trends in society, where seductive designations appeal to our social climbing. Premier accounts. Flex-Plus savings. Platinum clubs. And special-entry levels in short-term airport car parks that enable you to skip a whole flight of stairs to get to departures.

It's the cachet, you see. The message it sends about you. And in case anyone thought racing would simply swallow these trends by Premierising only Cheltenham, Ascot and Newmarket, Plumpton became the first 'gaff track' to be invited behind the velvet rope, with a card that featured an 86% increase in

prize-money for Sussex National raceday, from £105,000 last year to £195,000.

As a Plumpton regular for 40 years, I motored down Sussex lanes half proud for the course and half in trepidation that Premierisation might compromise its character. Much as non-league football is a haven from the money mania of the Premier League, so Plumpton trades on its picturesque setting and authenticity. On Monday afternoons, mostly, a familiar cast of characters greet winners with murmurs of approval or resignation.

This is National Hunt racing's heartland, and nobody ever expected to see it reclassified as 'Premier' sport, which is meant not as an insult but a compliment. The undemonstrative but hardcore Plumpton crowd knows what it wants on a cold January Monday, and none of it corresponds to what you might call glamour.

But they know their horses. Give them better runners and a prize-money injection and the crowd swells, the excitement grows, and the nectar-like local Harvey's Ale runs out even quicker than usual in the racecourse bars. Plumpton's management are skilled at looking after the regulars while also trying to entice the uninitiated.

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11 blacktype 2YOs in 2023, more than any other first crop sire!

INQUISITIVELY, winner of the **Gr.3 Cornwallis Stakes** (PICTURED) & **Listed Julia Graves Roses Stakes**, both over 5f, for Kevin Philippart De Foy

“He's got a lot of speed and he's very talented” **WILLIAM BUICK** AFTER THE CORNWALLIS

ASEAN, winner of the 5f **Listed Curragh Stakes** for Donnacha O'Brien

“showed an impressive change of pace to rattle home from the rear.”

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MYSTERIOUS SHADOW, winner of the **Listed Premio Coolmore & Listed Criterium Femminile**, both over 7½f, for Endo Botti

“Mysterious Shadow delivered the goods like a serious filly... clocked a time faster than the colts” **EBN**, 6TH NOV

Weekend winners

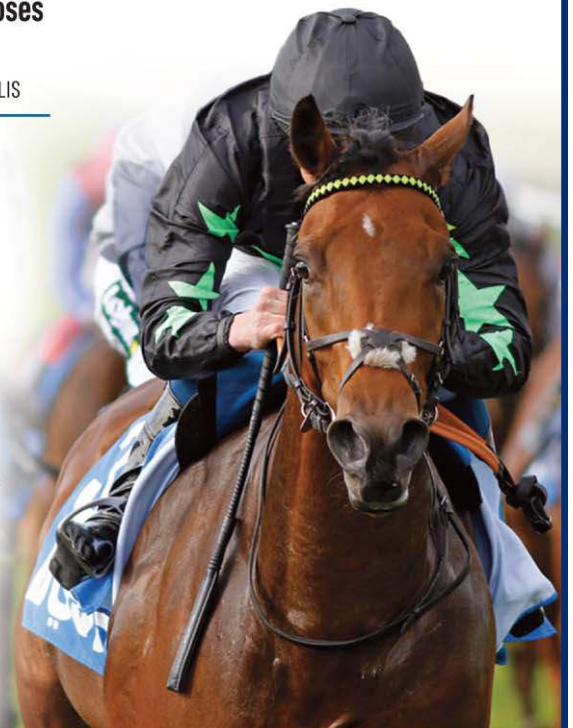
KALISPERA, Gr.2-placed in Ireland, won over 1m½f on her US debut at Gulfstream Park

QUEEN OF ZAFEEEN, won a 7f maiden at Southwell on debut for Richard Hughes

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Premierisation is largely about focusing attention on the top end while rebranding the rest as the sport's 'core' (in football, they call that the second-tier 'Championship.')

Sundays are considered ripe for plunder, which is why Plumpton was followed by a scrubbed-up evening card at Wolverhampton, with £160,000 spread across eight races. Of the 1,468 fixtures in 2024, 170 are Premier. The launch could charitably be called low-key. Cheltenham kicked it off on New Year's Day without plastering itself in logos. At Plumpton the tannoy announcements made frequent reference to the course's first Premier event but it felt like any other Sussex National day. Unlike newcomers, aficionados don't need to be told what they're watching.

From the directors' box a thoroughly enjoyable day was observed by Plumpton's joint-owner, Peter Savill, who also happens to be one of the prime movers behind Premierisation. And here's an irony. Savill, who has held secret talks with major players to improve the Premierisation concept, told the Nick

Luck podcast recently that all his horses are now trained in France and Ireland. Why, Luck asked. "Prize-money," Savill replied.

At Plumpton, Savill's son Tom told me they have an interest in a horse trained by Charlie Johnston. Otherwise, Savill snr has voted with his feet while also doubling back with a mission to rescue British racing from its broken business model.

A £90million funding boost over five years is an ambitious target, if labelling and higher prize-money are not backed up by better marketing and improved racecourse facilities.

An overlooked part of racing's great survival debate is that the experience offered by many racecourses has not changed in 30 years. In other sports, what you might call infrastructure investment is far more conspicuous. Dated catering, too few toilets and a lack of comfortable places to sit are unlikely to appeal to a generation not inclined to tolerate a 1980s ambience.

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Was Plumpton's jump into the big time a success? You bet it was. But I doubt whether many attended just because someone called it a 'Premier' meeting. They went because Plumpton has charm and always draws a big Sussex National day crowd.

Maybe Joe Anderson's ride on Transmission was an allegory for racing. You can be hanging on for dear life but recover and still come through to win. Dressing up 170 meetings a year may set off a rebirth. In its very earliest days, though, it seems to lack conviction. The theory will need supporting evidence.

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Stallion Trails, cont. from p1

A recent house move by my old *Pacemaker* boss Julian Muscat meant that I was gifted a huge pile of *Stud & Stable* magazines dating back to the 1960s. I've always held firmly to the belief that time spent reading is never time wasted, and only daily deadlines have dragged me away from this pile which has so far been a source of delight and education in equal measure. After all, the best way to avoid present unpleasantness is to bury oneself in the past. It's not only a great diversion, but also a reminder that the problems we face now are not that much different to those faced 50 or 100 years ago. Open up any edition of the *Bloodstock Breeders' Review* and you're likely to find someone bemoaning the fact that stallions are covering too many mares, though too many 50 years ago was 60 instead of 40. There may well be some grave-spinning at the current book sizes.

In the May 1968 edition of *Stud & Stable*, at the price of seven shillings and sixpence and with a rather nice cover painting of Lord Leverhulme on a hunter surrounded by mares and a lurcher, there can be found a report by Michael Ross on what was perhaps the first unofficial 'route des etalons'.

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The chateau at Haras du Mesnil | Emma Berry

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Ross's tour of Normandy was a bit more of a beano than this correspondent's has been in recent years. He spent a whole week driving around with two pals, visiting 32 studs and inspecting 66 stallions. Impressive.

Some of those mentioned are now no longer in operation as Thoroughbred studs but, comfortingly, a good number of them live on. We hear of Mme Couturie's Haras du Mesnil, where the French Guineas winner Blue Tom (Fr) had recently taken up duties alongside the farm's most famous resident and fellow Classic winner, Right Royal (Fr). These days, Couturie's grandson Henri Devin and his wife Antonia keep the Mesnil name in lights and they have recently taken charge of the G1 Champion S. winner Bay Bridge (GB) to stand alongside the popular Doctor Dino (Fr).

Ross also calls in at Haras de Mortree, which he describes as "one of the principal vendors at Deauville each year". He is shown around by the young stud manager Antoine Bozo. Sound familiar? Bozo, who later managed Haras du Mezeray and died in 2020 at the age of 83, was the father of Henri Bozo of Ecurie des Monceaux, which can also be described as one of the principal vendors at Deauville each year.

I can almost hear you thinking "get to the point", so let's try. This Friday and Saturday 37 farms in Ireland will throw open their doors to visitors, with 156 stallions on show, from the properly established to the up-and-coming, and of course the latest intake, which includes **Paddington (GB)**, Good Guess (GB), Pyledriver (GB) and Native Trail (GB). If you've missed Authorized (Ire), sire of the wonderful Tiger Roll (Ire), since he left Britain for France then Turkey, he has recently been repatriated to the land of his birth and you can call in to see him at Capital Stud, one of Ireland's newest stallion operations.

It is certainly worth checking out the informative Irish Stallion Trail pages on the [ITM website](#) to plan your route.

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Lope De Vega will be on show at Ballylinch Stud | Emma Berry

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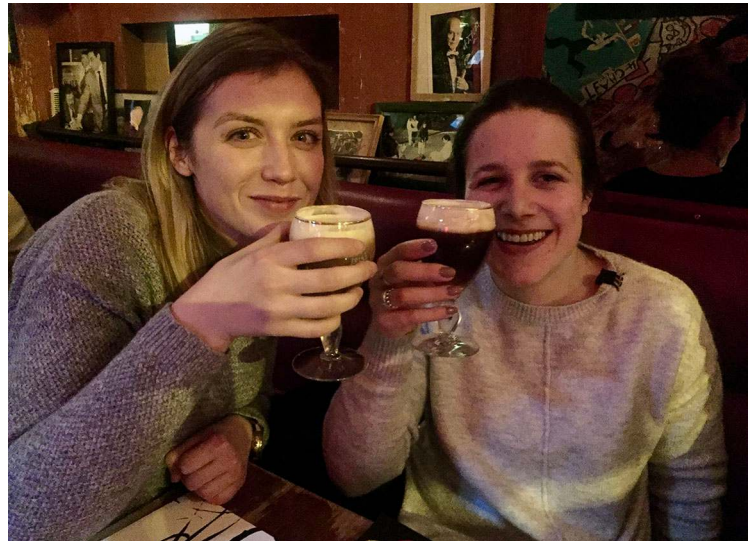
Registration is suggested, and is compulsory for visitors to Coolmore, and not all studs are open both days. You will find opening hours under the listing for each stud.

They say that there is no point getting older if you don't get a little wiser. I don't have an abundance of wisdom to impart generally but as a veteran of stallion trails I would say that less is more (and by that I don't necessarily mean when it comes to the generous hospitality on offer).

When these initiatives first started I took the view that I had to try to see as many studs as possible all in one weekend. Big mistake. Approach this weekend as if it's merely part one: you can always return next year. Study the map and try to pick a few within reasonable proximity to each other so you can properly appreciate not just the stallions, but also the farms and their surrounding countryside, chatting with fellow visitors, and of course the aforementioned hospitality.

In previous years I have toured with Nancy Sexton in Ireland and Alix Choppin in France, and far be it from me to question my dear friends' navigation skills but we spent an awful lot of time attempting to find Ballylinch Stud and Haras de Bonneval respectively. Let's just say we had them surrounded.

The time wasted negotiating three-point turns in country lanes in Co Kilkenny in particular happened to be in the year that the



Catching up with friends and fellow breeders is all part of the fun of the trails | Emma Berry

stallion trail coincided with the Bacchanalian gathering otherwise known as the ITBA Awards. The long hours on the road, culminating in a dram or two of Maurice Burns's whiskey during our last port of call at Rathasker Stud, meant a shamefully early departure from the dance floor, though in our defence the dancing at the ITBA Awards never really starts until the wee small hours at the earliest. [Cont.](#)

ONE OF THE WORLD'S LEADING SIRES

LOPE DE VEGA.

Sire of **2** STAKES WINNERS already in **2024**

3yo **OZARA** wins her 2nd consecutive Stakes race with victory in the LR Ginger Brew Stakes at Gulfstream Park on Saturday.

Congratulations to breeder Fleche D'Or Partnership.





Sottsass | Coolmore

If you manage to see Workforce (GB), Waldgeist (GB) and **Sottsass (Fr)** in Ireland this weekend, in France a week later you can view the latest winner of the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe, Ace Impact (Ire), who drew plenty of visitors during Arqana's Breeding Stock Sale in early December. He is the most expensive new stallion in the country and is bound to ensure that Haras de Beaumont remains busy during the route des etalons, which includes 20 studs and 97 stallions.

The French TBA has compiled another **excellent website** with a full list of farms and stallions, as well as that all-important map. Depending on which studs you would like to visit there is often quite a bit of driving to be done, but even in gloomy January a tour through Calvados country and beyond does wonders to lift the spirits.

Back on that first official route des etalons in 2011, Elusive City topped France's list of stallions at a covering fee of €15,000. It is not simply this initiative which has helped to revive the French breeding industry, though it is easy to believe that it has helped. That was also the first year **Siyouni (Fr)** stood on the Aga Khan Studs roster, at an introductory fee of €7,000. Now he's top of the pops and commands the lofty nomination price of €200,000. They were shrewd breeders who backed him in the early days.

Guessing who will follow in his wake is all part of the fun of being involved in the breeding industry. So let's leave the naysayers to their doom-scrolling and take to the great outdoors to see if we can narrow it down ourselves with some important research on the stallion trails.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

LETTER TO THE EDITOR: A TALE OF TWO FRANKELS

I think we can all agree that Juddmonte both know what they are doing and have an eye on the bottom line.

Last year they had two Group 1-winning **Frankel** colts with stud potential. Both have similar profile dam-lines and both are good-looking colts. One was rated seven pounds superior to the other.

You can't get in to the winner of the less-than-vintage renewal of the 2,000 Guineas the 119-rated **Chaldean (GB)** at Banstead, meanwhile the 126-rated Irish Derby winner Westover (GB) was quietly shuffled off to Japan without a whimper and I would suspect at a fraction of the €12million Prix du Jockey Club winner and his Arc conqueror Ace Impact is being syndicated for in France. **Frankel's** last son to win the Irish Derby is standing at Coolmore's National Hunt division for €6,000. There's your valuation.

Juddmonte know they would hardly get a Flat mare to Westover and certainly not at £25,000 because he is a mile-and-a-half horse and Flat breeders aren't interested in them, but the Champion two-year-old and Guineas winner is a different proposition altogether. We can also assume that Juddmonte believe that **Chaldean** is the better stallion prospect and they would prefer to use him for their own mares rather than Westover, who was by far the better racehorse.

Would Westover have won the same Irish Derby at 10 furlongs? As he only beat a Group 3 winner and a horse that never even won a Listed race (sadly the norm these days) we can assume so. Would he then have been worth considerably more? Yes. **Cont.**



Patrick Cooper | Tattersalls



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So because the race is run at a distance that no longer interests European mare owners and, after all they are the ones that decide a stallion's value, Juddmonte's racing arm has missed out on the extra millions that a potential bidding war between European and Japanese interests would have attracted, and Japan has ended up with the better of the two Frankels.

The Prix du Jockey Club is without any doubt the preeminent stallion-making race for middle-distance horses in Europe. The reason is simple. It is a 10.5-furlong race and a proven success in the stallion-making business since it became so. **St Mark's Basilica (Fr)**, **Vadeni (Fr)** and **Ace Impact (Ire)** are the next three in line. All will be given a proper shot.

Westover is just the latest example of an Irish Derby winner who was both unloved and unwanted by European breeders. The present format makes no sense for owner, breeder, fan or even for the breed in Europe.

Shorten the Irish Derby.

Patrick Cooper, BBA Ireland

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orchestrator. "It's fantastic to be able to donate over £35,000 to both the Irish Cancer Society and the Irish Motor Neurone Disease Association, and very well-deserved."

BRITAIN

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Buzz Box (GB), g, 3, **Adaay (Ire)**--Litewska (Ire), by Mujadil. Newcastle, 1-8, 6f (AWT), 1:13.18. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-0. B-R F & S D Knipe (GB). *8,000gns Wlg '21 TADEWE; £14,000 Ylg '22 GOFOCT.

True Promise (GB), g, 3, **Washington DC (Ire)**--In Trutina (GB), by Firebreak (GB). Newcastle, 1-8, 6f (AWT), 1:13.18. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$5,015. B-The In Trutina Partnership (GB). *£22,000 Ylg '22 GOFFUK.

FRANCE

Monday's Results:

6th-Pau, €21,000, Mdn, 1-8, 3yo, f, 8f (AWT), 1:33.90, st. **TAROB (IRE) (f, 3, Shalaa {Ire}--Iltemas {SW-Fr}, by Galileo {Ire})**, a Dec. 1 debut runner-up over course and distance in her only prior start, broke well from the inside gate and asserted for an early lead. Holding sway throughout, the 1-2 favourite kicked clear off the home turn and kept on relentlessly under mild urging to easily account for **Jakima (GB) (Kodiac {GB})** by 5 1/2 lengths. Tarob is the fifth of six foals and second scorer produced by Listed Prix des Tourelles winner **Iltemas (Galileo {Ire})**, herself a half-sister to GIII Robert G Dick Memorial victrix **Guilty Twelve (Giant's Causeway)** out of G3 **Give Thanks S. third Arkadina (Ire) (Danehill)**. The February-foaled homebred bay, who is kin to a 2-year-old colt by **Mehmas (Ire)**, hails from the family of elite-level winners **Montjeu (Ire) (Sadler's Wells)**, **Again (Ire) (Danehill Dancer {Ire})** and **Aclaim (Ire) (Acclamation {GB})**. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, €15,100. **Video, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**
O/B-Al Shaqab Racing (IRE); T-Francois Rohaut.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Coronado (Fr), c, 3, **Toronado (Ire)**--Cavalseulles (Fr), by Le Havre (Ire). Pau, 1-8, 8f (AWT), 1:35.70. B-Ecurie Cerdeval (FR). *€27,000 Ylg '22 ARQOCT.

EUROPEAN NEWS

RACING FOR A REASON AUCTION RAISES OVER £70,000

After 130 lots went through the virtual ring, including stallion nominations, mornings on the gallops, paintings, and memberships to various syndicates, over £70,000 was raised in the Racing For A Reason Online Charity Auction, announced ThoroughBid on Monday.

The sales topper was the donation from Capital Stud consisting of a nomination to NH sire **Triple Threat (Fr)**, which sold to **Richie Cleary** for £3,750, but nominations to **Dawn Approach (Ire)** (£3,000); **Ocovango (GB)** (£2,750); **Shaman (Ire)** (£2,500); and **Inns Of Court (Ire)** (£2,250) saw lively bidding as well. A two-year membership to the **Byerley Indians Racing Syndicate** sold for £1,700 while a yard visit to **Willie Mullins** proved most popular with a £700 bid.

"I never imagined, when starting up Racing For A Reason, that it would ever grow to this scale. To see the online auction raise over £70,000 was staggering and I can't thank everyone enough for their involvement," said **Simon Besanson**, the auction



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NOBLE ROGER ROLLS HOME FOR RED-HOT PALACE MALICE IN SHINZAN KINEN

by Alan Carasso



Noble Roger | Horsephotos/Tomoya Moriuchi

Having been announced as one of the newest members of the stallion roster at Darley Japan, Palace Malice remained in a rich vein of form with his young progeny, as US-bred **Noble Roger** was given a perfect steer by Yuga Kawada to take out Monday's G3 Shinzan Kinen at Kyoto. It was the sire's second pattern winner in the last month, adding to the success of the American-conceived, but Japanese-foaled Jantar Mantar (Jpn) in the G1 Asahi Hai Futurity.

Looking to build on a smart debut victory going a mile at Tokyo Nov. 12, the \$70,000 OBS April juvenile settled back in the field as they went a good gallop on the pointy end. Slipped a bit of rein on the turn, Noble Roger crept into contention while securing a clear, albeit deep, run around the turn and had every conceivable chance five wide into the lane. Popped the question by Kawada in the straight, Noble Roger responded in kind, outfinishing favored **Ecoro Bloom (Jpn)** (Daiwa Major {Jpn}) to score comfortably. **Water Licht (Jpn)** (Drefong) was up for third at cricket-score odds.

"It was quite difficult at times, but I think it was a race that showed his high level of ability," Kawada told *Netkeiba*. "I was able to find a spot in the middle of the pack and built the race from there. Everyone has been using the inside [of the track] since opening day, so I deliberately chose the outside here. I am glad this horse has become a stakes winner."

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Pedigree Notes:

The 14-year-old Palace Malice, winner of the GI Belmont S. over a mile and four furlongs and the GI Metropolitan H. going eight furlongs, is now the sire of 12 black-type winners, six at the graded/group level.

Everett Dobson's Candy Meadows purchased Noble Roger's dam for \$180,000 as a foal at the 2014 Keeneland November Sale and raced her to a pair of victories and three placings in black-type company. Noble Ready is a full-sister to Grade II winner Zindaya, the dam of the outstanding multiple graded stakes-winning 'TDN Rising Star' Carl Spackler (Ire) (Lope de Vega {Ire}), Godolphin's 3-year-old filly Regal Gallery (Ire) (Frankel {GB})--a 450,000gns TATOCT yearling--and a 2-year-old sister to Carl Spackler that made the same amount from A.C. Elliott, agent, at Tattersalls last October. Noble Ready is a half-sister to Western Aristocrat (Mr. Greeley), who won the 2011 GI Jamaica H. in New York for Jeremy Nosedo and is now a leading sire in India.

Noble Ready is the dam the 2-year-old colt Sock It to Me (Violence), a \$50,000 purchase at last year's Keeneland September Sale, and was sold to Saudi Arabian interests for \$25,000 in foal to Mystic Guide at last year's Keeneland November Sale.

Monday, Kyoto, Japan

NIKKAN SPORTS SHO SHINZAN KINEN-G3, ¥78,230,000, Kyoto, 1-8, 3yo, 1600mT, 1:34.50, gd/fm.

1--**NOBLE ROGER, 126, c, 3, by Palace Malice**

1st Dam: Noble Ready (MSP), by More Than Ready

2nd Dam: Aristocratic Lady, by Kris S.

3rd Dam: American Dynasty, by Quiet American

1ST STAKES WIN, 1ST GROUP WIN. (\$70,000 2yo '23 OBSAPR).

O-Normandy Thoroughbred Racing; B-Candy Meadows LLC (KY); T-Tatsuya Yoshioka; J-Yuga Kawada; ¥41,651,000.

Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, ¥48,851,000. **Werk Nick Rating: A.**

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2--**Ecoro Bloom (Jpn)**, 126, c, 3, Daiwa Major (Jpn)--Sugar Shock, by Candy Ride (Arg). (¥84,000,000 Ylg '22 JRHAJUL).

O-Masatoshi Haramura; B-Northern Farm; T-Yukihiko Kato; J-Christophe Lemaire; ¥16,186,000.

3--**Water Licht (Jpn)**, 126, c, 3, Drefong--Water Peony (Jpn), by Victoire Pisa (Jpn). O-Masato Yamaoka; B-Fushikida Farm;

T-Hiroshi Kawachi; J-Hideaki Miyuki; ¥10,093,000.

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'TDN Rising Star' Prank leads the opening Keeneland session at \$1.6 million | Keeneland

by Jessica Martini & Stefanie Grimm

LEXINGTON, KY - The Keeneland January Horses of All Ages Sale, which hadn't had a million-dollar mare since 2019, had two reach seven figures during its opening session Monday in Lexington, with 19-year-old Tom Wachman making the day's highest bid of \$1.6-million to acquire the broodmare prospect **Prank** (Into Mischief) on behalf of his grandfather, John Magnier's Coolmore. Late in the session, Tomoyuki Nakamura of K I Farm purchased **Curlin's Voyage** (Curlin) for \$1 million.

"I think we've got to be very happy with the way the session turned out," Keeneland's Vice President of Sales Tony Lacy said Monday evening. **Cont. p3**

MATING PLANS, PRESENTED BY SPENDTHRIFT: NICOMA BLOODSTOCK

Headley Bell has run Nicoma Bloodstock for 40 years, planning matings for clients at his Mill Ridge Farm and beyond. "It's like being an artist," says Bell. "You're crafting, and planning matings is part of that whole creation." Bell said he uses various tools for his matings, including TDN's statistics on percentages of black type to foals, mare produce records, five-cross pedigrees, and examines patterns of broodmare sires with certain families. Finally, he takes physical traits of mares into consideration to determine, he said, "who that mare really is." He does the same with sires. Bell then grades his clients' mares into A, B, and C categories, values them, and tries to find a stud fee of around one-fifth the value of the mare.

He shared matings with six Nicoma clients in a conversation with the TDN, which we share here.

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This is the Tolie Otto family, and we raced Keeper Hill together. Sadly, Tolie died this year, but her daughter Audie has been running it for several years now, and they have four mares with us.

Justaroundmidnight (Ire), 17, Danehill Dancer (Ire)-- Strategy (GB), by Machiavellian. To be bred to Up to the Mark.

This is a mare that we bought back in 2012. **Cont. p10**

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MOYNIHAN 'SAFE' AFTER AUSTRALIAN PLANE CRASH

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Bloodstock advisor John Moynihan was one of 10 people who survived a plane crash in Australia Monday. Trainer Phil Bauer was also reportedly on board and also safe.

416 ENTRIES FOR FASIG-TIPTON KY WINTER MIXED SALE

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The Fasig-Tipton Kentucky Winter Mixed Sale will be held at the auction house's Newtown Paddocks complex Monday and Tuesday, Feb. 5 and 6.

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Lacy continued: “We had two million-dollar plus horses, which is the first time since 2019. The numbers were pretty much on par for much of the day compared to last year and last year was a very strong sale.”

A total of 225 horses sold Monday for \$17,547,500 for an average of \$77,989 and a median of \$32,000. Bolstered by the two million-dollar mares, the session average was up 7.43% from a year ago, while the median declined 20%.

With 97 horses reported not sold, the buy-back rate was 30.12%. It was 31.29% a year ago.

Bloodstock agent Steve Young, accompanied by Ramona Bass, was the session's leading buyer with three mares purchased to support Bass's recently retired Grade I-winning sire **Annapolis**. The session featured a diverse buying bench with the 16 top-priced horses selling to 14 different buyers.



Cormac Breathnach and Tony Lacy on Monday | Keeneland

“I was really pleased with the depth of the buyer bench here,” said Keeneland's Director of Sales Operations Cormac Breathnach. “There were a lot of people signing tickets in the ring and a lot of important buyers from America and also from around the world.”

Demand for short yearlings, a segment of the market which was competitive at the Keeneland November Breeding Stock Sale two months ago, remained strong Monday in Lexington. Hill 'n' Dale at Xalapa, the session's leading consignor, sold the day's two top-priced yearlings, with a colt by **Curlin** selling to Milan Bloodstock for \$375,000 and a son of **Maclean's Music** selling for \$300,000 to Muir Hut Stables.

“The demand for yearlings was strong,” Breathnach said. “We sold 22 six-figure yearlings today versus 17 for the same day last year.”

Still there was a familiar polarization in the market. **Cont.**



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“The market is very, very selective right now,” said Hill 'n' Dale manager Jared Burdine. “There are no end-users for the weanlings and pinhookers are very professional. They line up on the same horse.”

Lacy acknowledged the selectivity in the market, but also saw some positivity in Monday's results.

“Quality was very much to the fore,” Lacy said. “I think there was a little weakness on the ones of perceived lesser quality. But in saying that, I think the sellers were very pleased the way the market was shaking out and the buyers found it tough to buy what they were looking for. So, all in all, a good day.”

The Keeneland January sale continues through Thursday with sessions beginning daily at 10 a.m.

\$1.6M Prank Kickstarts January Sale

Prank (Into Mischief) (**hip 77**), never able to follow up on a scintillating debut victory on the racetrack due to injury, had a star turn in the sales ring at Keeneland Monday, selling for \$1.6 million to Coolmore. The 4-year-old was consigned by Gainesway, which campaigned her in partnership with LNJ Foxwoods and StarLadies Racing to that 9 3/4-length victory which earned her 'TDN Rising Star' honors at Saratoga in 2022.



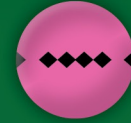
Tom Wachman | Keeneland

“She's a lovely filly and a very good race filly,” said Tom Wachman after signing the ticket on the bay filly on behalf of the Coolmore team. “I'd say she will go to **Justify**. He's a phenomenal stallion doing it on the grass and the dirt. So I'd say that's where she'd go.”

Wachman, the 19-year-old grandson of Coolmore founder John Magnier, said this was the highest-priced horse he has signed for to date.

“I'm just trying to learn the ropes at the moment,” he said.

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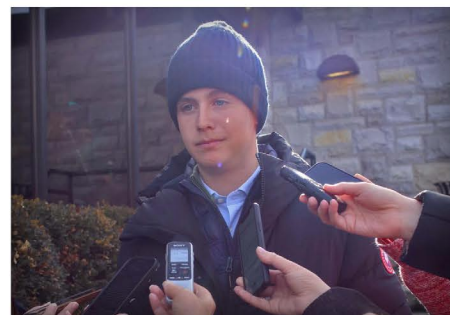
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Out of Callingmissbrown (Pulpit), Prank is a half-sister to GI Belmont S. winner Mo Donegal (**Uncle Mo**). Bred by Ashview Farm and Colts Neck Stables, she was purchased for \$500,000 at the 2021 Keeneland September sale.

“She was a real talent,” Gainesway's Brian Graves said of Prank. “She broke her maiden by 10 at Saratoga when she won by the length of the stretch basically. She got injured and wasn't able to make it back. But she had that brilliance that people want, the type that if you pass that along to your foals, they can be Grade I winners. We certainly thought she had the ability to be a Grade I winner. On the day she broke her maiden, you would have said she was the best 2-year-old in America, colts or fillies. Her figures were among the fastest in six years in Saratoga. And those horses were Grade I winners, so the ability was there.”



Prank | Keeneland

Prank's last recorded works came in August and her presence in the January sale was largely an issue of timing, according to Graves.

“We were going on with her and she developed a little issue,” Graves said. “And it was obvious that we weren't going to be able to continue on and it was time for her to be a broodmare and dissolve the partnership. So she landed here.”

Graves admitted the filly's \$1.6-million price tag exceeded expectations.

“The young and beautiful have been selling well,” Graves said. “It's been holding up and we thought she would be in the top end, but that was a bit more than we were expecting.”

Prank was the first seven-figure horse sold at Keeneland January since Abel Tasman (**Quality Road**) sold--also to Coolmore--for \$5 million in 2019. @JessMartiniTDN

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Canadian champion **Curlin's Voyage** (**Curlin**) (hip 413) became the second seven-figure offering of Monday's first session of the Keeneland January sale when bringing a final bid of \$1 million from Tomoyuki Nakamura of K I Farm. The 7-year-old mare, who was supplemented to the auction, sold in foal to **Flightline** from the Hill 'n' Dale at Xalapa consignment.

"I liked the pedigree, the physical and who she was in foal to," Nakamura said through an interpreter. "Everything matched up. I liked everything about her."

Curlin's Voyage, who produced a filly by **Tapit** in 2022 and a filly by **Uncle Mo** in 2023, was bred by John Sikura's Hill 'n' Dale. Racing for the partnership of Sikura and Windsor Boys Racing, the chestnut won the 2019 GIII Mazarine S. and 2020 Woodbine Oaks. She was named Canada's champion 2-year-old filly in 2019 and came back to be named champion 3-year-old filly in 2020.

The mare is out of Atlantic Voyage (Stormy Atlantic), a full-sister to Grade I winner Stormello.

Asked about his plans for the mare, Nakamura said, "I haven't decided yet. Still in the decision-making process."

Annapolis Date for Bridlewood Cat

Bloodstock agent Steve Young, sitting alongside Ramona Bass, signed the ticket at \$750,000 to acquire **Bridlewood Cat** (**Street Sense**) (hip 267). The 8-year-old mare, in foal to **Tapit**, was consigned by Denali Stud, as agent for Bridlewood Farm. She

now has an impending date with the Bass family's recently retired Grade I winner **Annapolis** (**War Front**).

"She was bought for the Bass family with the intention to give **Annapolis** the best mare support he could possibly get," Young said. "She is a terrific, talented horse who won her first two races with mid-90s Beyers. She had Grade I talent and is a very good-looking horse on her own. She is probably one of the fastest **Street Sense** fillies that there ever was, breaking her maiden going three-quarters in :09 and change and she is the type of mare that the family is going to support this horse with."

Purchased by Bridlewood Farm for \$750,000 at the 2017 Keeneland September sale, Bridlewood Cat was stakes-placed while winning two of 10 starts for earnings of \$115,090.

She is out of Ithinkisawapudycat (Bluegrass Cat) and is a half-sister to GI Spinaway S. winner Sweet Loretta (**Tapit**). Ithinkisawapudycat is a half-sister to Canadian champion 2-year-old filly Spring in the Air (Spring At Last).



Bridlewood Cat | Keeneland

"She is from a highly talented 2-year-old family," Young said. "Her half-sister is a Grade I winner on the dirt at Saratoga as a 2-year-old. Under the second dam is the 2-year-old champion of Canada. And we are going to breed her to an undefeated 2-year-old stakes winner in **Annapolis**."

Bred and campaigned by the Bass family, **Annapolis** earned his first graded victory as a juvenile, winning the 2021 GII Pilgrim S. In 2022, he added the GI Coolmore Turf Mile and GIII Saranac S. He will begin his stud career next month at Claiborne Farm at a fee of \$12,500. **Cont.**

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“He is going to throw a lot of quality 2-year-olds,” Young said of the stallion. “He’s going to throw dirt. We never got a chance to run him on the dirt, but he always trained tremendous on the dirt. This is the type of mare he deserves.”

Young signed for My Miss Sophia (Unbridled’s Song), with **Annapolis** in utero, on behalf of Bass for \$4 million at the 2018 Keeneland November sale.

Bridlewood Cat produced a colt by Authentic in 2022 and a colt by **Essential Quality** in 2023.

Young and Bass returned later in the session to acquire **Kaling** (**Practical Joke**) (hip 387), third in 2022 GI Spinaway S., for \$650,000 from the Bluewater Sales consignment and closed out the opening session of the auction with **Juniper’s Moon** (Galileo {Ire}) (hip 419), purchased for \$625,000 from Taylor Made Sales Agency. @JessMartiniTDN

Hill 'n' Dale Consigns Pair Of Top-Priced Colts

Hip 236, a son of **Curlin** out of 'TDN Rising Star' A Z Warrior (Bernardini), went to Milan Bloodstock on a final bid via phone of \$370,000 during Monday's first session of the Keeneland January sale. The colt was the second of two top-priced short yearlings to sell within a matter of minutes consigned by John Sikura's Hill 'n' Dale at Xalapa.

“Curlin sets records year after year,” said Jared Burdine, general manager at Hill 'n' Dale. “This foal fit everyone's criteria. All of them [buyers] want kind of the same thing and the same five or six people were on the horse. So when it lines up, you get paid on those.”

Hip 236 hails from a family of 'TDN Rising Stars' including not only his dam but also three of his dam's half-siblings in Jojo Warrior (Pioneerof the Nile), herself the dam of another 'Rising Star' in Under Oath (Speightstown), along with E Z Warrior (Exploit) and J Z Warrior (Harlan's Holiday). He is also a half to

last year's **Runhappy** Ellis Park Debutante S. winner Justa Warrior (**Justify**).

The yearling was bred by Cypress Creek Equine, which purchased A Z Warrior in foal to **Uncle Mo** for \$550,000 at the 2021 Keeneland January sale.



Hip 236 | Keeneland

Just a few minutes earlier, Muir Hut Stables went to \$300,000 for **hip 200**, an Ontario-bred short yearling by **Maclean's Music**. Bred by Josham Farm's Ted Burnett, the colt is out of Wild N Ready (More Than Ready), a mare purchased by Josham Farm for \$170,000 out of Keeneland November in 2017.

“We thought he'd in the 100 range,” said Burnett. “He had a few minor vet issues that I thought might hurt him but, if you've got the right horse and the issue is not a big one, I don't think it makes much difference [in the price],” said Burnett. “We have a very strong program in Ontario. So we always find that Ontario-breds have a special market and often we feel that we get a little bit of a premium because of that.”

Burnett sold Wild N Ready two months ago at Keeneland November for \$60,000 carrying a full-sibling to this colt.

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KEENELAND JANUARY MONDAY'S TOP MARES

Hip	Name	Status	Price (\$)
77	Prank	Broodmare Prospect	1,600,000
	<i>(4, Into Mischief--Callingmissbrown, by Pulpit)</i>		
	<i>Consigned by Gainesway, Agent III</i>		
	<i>Purchased by Tom Wachman</i>		
413	Curlin's Voyage I/f to Flightline		1,000,000
	<i>(7, Curlin--Atlantic Voyage, by Stormy Atlantic)</i>		
	<i>Consigned by Hill 'n' Dale at Xalapa, Agent</i>		
	<i>Purchased by K I Farm</i>		
267	Bridlewood Cat I/f to Tapit		750,000
	<i>(8, Street Sense--Ithinkisawapudycat, by Bluegrass Cat)</i>		
	<i>Consigned by Denali Stud, Agent for Bridlewood Farm</i>		
	<i>Purchased by Steven W. Young, Agent</i>		



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- 419 Juniper's Moon Broodmare Prospect 625,000**
(4, Galileo--I'm a Chatterbox, by Munnings)
Consigned by Taylor Made Sales Agency, Agent LXXIX
Purchased by Steven W. Young, Agent
- 277 Capital Structure (GB) I/f to Uncle Mo 450,000**
(7, Lope de Vega--Moi Meme, by Teofilo)
Consigned by Hunter Valley Farm, Agent
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Hip 61 | Keeneland

MONDAY'S TOP SHORT YEARLINGS

HIP	SEX	SIRE DAM	PRICE (\$)
236	Colt	Curlin--A Z Warrior <i>Breeder: Cypress Creek Equine (KY)</i> <i>Consigner: Hill 'n' Dale at Xalapa, Agent</i> <i>Purchaser: Milan Bloodstock</i>	375,000
200	Colt	Maclean's Music--Wild N Ready <i>Breeder: Josham Farm (ON)</i> <i>Consigner: Hill 'n' Dale at Xalapa, Agent</i> <i>Purchaser: Muir Hut Stables</i>	300,000
61	Colt	Omaha Beach--Our Unbridled Gem <i>Breeder: Don & Pam Mattox (KY)</i> <i>Consignor: Taylor Made Sales Agency, Agent XLI</i> <i>Purchaser: Brady Bloodstock</i>	260,000
245	Colt	Not This Time--Beauty Parlor <i>Breeder: Newstead Corp (KY)</i> <i>Consigner: Hunter Valley Farm, Agent</i> <i>Purchaser: Quinns Ride LLC</i>	230,000

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Hip	Sex	Sire	Dam	Price
056	filly	Bolt d'Oro	Oh Wise One	155,000

Consigned by Baldwin Bloodstock, Agent VII

Purchased by Knollwood Stables

WinForce Thoroughbreds, on behalf of breeder Gregory Houston Moore, purchased Oh Wise One, with this filly in utero, for \$60,000 at the Fasig-Tipton February sale last winter. Moore enjoyed more success about 100 hips later when selling a colt by **Army Mule (hip 154)** for \$180,000 to Guess Work Bloodstock. Moore purchased Swap Meet (**Street Sense**), with the colt in utero, for \$23,000 at the 2022 Keeneland November sale.

165	colt	Yaupon	Tabor Fleet	185,000
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Consigned by Legacy Bloodstock, Agent XVII

Purchased by Dexta Bloodstock

Fred Hertrich purchased Tabor Fleet, in foal to **Gift Box**, for \$21,000 at the 2021 Keeneland November sale. The in utero colt sold for \$17,000 at Keeneland November in 2022, but this short yearling proved popular Monday at Keeneland. The mare was bred back to **Golden Pal** last year.

366	filly	Charlatan	Heavenly Tap	140,000
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Consigned by Taylor Made Sales Agency, Agent III

Purchased by R Dalyn Jones, agent

Sun Valley Farm purchased Heavenly Tap, with this filly in utero, for \$45,000 at the 2022 Keeneland November sale. The now 11-year-old mare was bred back to Cyberknife in 2023.



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- The once-raced Prank (Into Mischief), who sold for \$1.6 million, became the first seven-figure horse at Keeneland January since Abel Tasman (**Quality Road**) was purchased for \$5 million. Both were purchased by Coolmore. Seven figures was reached again late in the day when Tomoyuki Nakamura of K I Farm went to \$1 million to acquire Canadian champion **Curlin's Voyage (Curlin)**, in foal to **Flightline**.
- Ramona Bass, alongside bloodstock agent Steve Young, was busy buying mares to support her recently retired stallion **Annapolis (War Front)**. Young signed for three mares: Bridlewood Cat (**Street Sense**) for \$750,000; Kaling (**Practical Joke**) for \$650,000; and Juniper's Moon (Galileo {Ire}) for \$625,000, and was the session's leading buyer.
- In addition to the million-dollar mare, John Sikura's Hill 'n' Dale at Xalapa also sold the day's two top-priced short yearlings. With a colt by **Curlin** bringing \$375,000 from Milan Bloodstock and a colt by **Maclean's Music** selling for \$300,000 to Muir Hut Stables, Hill 'n' Dale was the session's leading consignor with 20 horses sold for \$2,937,000.
- A pair of yearlings from the first crop of Yaupon made a positive impression on buyers as **Hip 82** and **Hip 165** sold for \$190,000 and \$185,000 respectively Monday. The son of **Uncle Mo** was the only first-crop sire to be represented in the top seven prices of the session while a colt by **Maxfield (Hip 76)** rounded out the top 10. The boys also had the measure of the day for the yearlings with each of the top 10 hips being colts.
- Diversity was strong amongst the buying bench with the day's 16 top-priced horses selling to 14 different buyers Monday. There was also strong representation, not only from North American buyers, but also those from across

Europe and Japan's K I Farm striking for the second-highest hip of the day late in the session.

- During Monday's session, 225 horses sold for \$17,547,500. The average of \$77,989 rose 7.91% from a year ago, while the median fell 20% to \$32,000.

MATING PLANS

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Nicoma Bloodstock, cont. from p1 Justaroundmidnight (cont.)

We bred Duopoly from her, who was a Group 1 winner by Animal Kingdom She had a lovely Omaha Beach yearling that we sold this year, and she's currently not in foal, but we've chosen **Up to the Mark** with this mare. I didn't know the horse until the end of the year like most people probably because that's when he really did his thing, but he really was brilliant. And I believe **Not This Time** and **Liam's Map** are going to have a lot of influence, and this is a good son of **Not This Time**. And obviously, he ran on the grass, and it's a good pedigree blend that blends well with this mare, a first-year stallion. She's a commercial breeder, this is a Group 1-producing mare and it's a good value point. **Cont.**



The dam of GISW Duopoly (shown) will be sent to **Up to the Mark** for 2024 | Sarah Andrew



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SCHENECTADY, N.Y. (Tuesday, December 19, 2023) — At the December 12, meeting of The New York State Thoroughbred Breeding & Development Fund Corporation (the Fund) Board of Directors', a motion was unanimously approved to increase the breeder award rates for all New York-breds who compete in New York starting January 1, 2024.

The increase in breeder awards was approved by the Fund board due to projected revenue increases expected by the Fund in 2024. An increased holdback rate from 10 percent to 15 percent will also be implemented to ensure the Fund can payout awards up to the new advertised rates. We anticipate being able to pay the holdback in its entirety upon completion of the fiscal year.

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"These bigger better bonuses reward breeders for creating quality race horses," said Tracy Egan. "Board Chairman Brian O'Dwyer encouraged the Board to find a way to get award money out the door to award earners as quickly as possible and by hiking breeder awards, we will do that."

"This historic increase in breeder awards is monumental news for all breeders currently participating in the New York-bred program. It's another reason why New York remains the top regional state-bred program in the nation and why more breeders should bring their mares to foal in New York," said New York Thoroughbred Breeders executive Najja Thompson.

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Nicoma Bloodstock Mating Plans, cont.

Smart Shopping, 10, Smart Strike--Shop Again, by Wild Again. To be bred to Life Is Good.

We bought her dam, Shop Again, some years ago, and she was a foundation mare for the Ottos. And this is her 2013 daughter by Smart Strike that Ms. Otto raced, who was trained by Brendan Walsh. She showed form and we thought she was an Oaks filly, but she ended up injuring herself. Her first two foals are stakes-caliber, and show some quality. This is a foundation-replacing mare for Audie, and she's currently in foal to Life Is Good. Life Is Good and Flightline are the best two horses I've seen for a long time.

She's in foal to Life Is Good and we're going to repeat the mating, not just because it's Life Is Good, but, it blends very well with this particular mare and we pick up a lot of features that we like in that combined pedigree blend. And that's really all you can do, is try to put enough good ingredients into the stew and get lucky. Because the reality is that you don't look like your brother or your sister, and the idea to think that you can replicate something is not realistic. So you try to put as many things as you can into the stew, and that's what Life Is Good, for me, does. So we're sending her foundation mare back to Life Is Good.

NANCY DILLMAN

Nancy Dillman is a dear friend and client for 40 years. She bred Diminuendo from the first crop of Diesis (GB), and we bred Havre de Grace together.

Mademoiselle Coco, 11, Medaglia d'Oro--Easter Brunette, by Carson City. To be bred to Cody's Wish.

She's a half-sister to Havre de Grace, and this family has always bred a little small, and so we want to try to put a little size into her, if we can. She's currently in foal to Essential Quality and has an Essential Quality '23 foal as well. We had obviously great luck with Havre de Grace and Nancy likes first-year stallions whenever possible. She's a commercial breeder, and so we're breeding her back to Cody's Wish. Again, it's a pedigree blend with Medaglia d'Oro and the Mr. Prospector line works well with other things within that family, and Cody's Wish is a brilliant horse.

Seastone, 7, Cairo Prince--Church by the Sea, by Harlan's Holiday. To be bred to Epicenter.

She's a half-sister to Significant Form. She has a Maxfield 2023 foal and is in foal to Epicenter, who is a son of Not This Time. We like that blend. And so we're going to go back to Epicenter with Seastone. *Cont.*

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Nicoma Bloodstock Mating Plans, cont.

JERRY AND JOHN AMERMAN

The Amermans breed to race, one of those rare items today. And they've really built their entire program, of which there are about 10 mares now, off of two foundation mares--a mare called Miss Chapin, who's a very good producing mare, and then Devine Actress, who's the Dam of **Oscar Performance** and Oscar Nominated, among others.

Dream Fuhrever, 14, Langfuhr--Society Dream (Fr), by Akarad (Fr). To be bred to Oscar Performance.

One of the mares that I'm suggesting for **Oscar Performance** is the dam of Endlessly (**Oscar Performance**), who is a granddaughter of Miss Chapin. She's by Langfuhr, so the Northern Dancer line. Endlessly was the top 2-year-old by **Oscar Performance** who was three-for-three before running in the Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf and ended up being beaten three lengths there after going off as one of the favorites in that race. But breeding back Dream Fuhrever to **Oscar Performance** is a natural thing to do. You had to get lucky the first time, and we did.



The dam of 2023 MGSW Endlessly (shown) will return to **Oscar Performance** this year | *Benoit*

Catch the Eye, 8, Quality Road--Turns My Head (Ire), by Montjeu (Ire). To be bred to Oscar Performance.

Another is a 2016 **Quality Road** mare by the name of Catch the Eye, who's from a European family, a Montjeu mare from the family of Egyptian Queen. She has a '23 Caravaggio foal and is in foal to **Oscar Performance**. **Quality Road** has done well with **Oscar Performance**, it seems, and so we're breeding her back to **Oscar Performance**. **Cont.**

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Nicoma Bloodstock Mating Plans, cont.**CLOVER HILL FARM**

Sadly, we lost Lynn Schiff whom I'd been working with for 15 years or so, and her daughter, Maggie Gieseke, now runs the operation. Mom (Alice Chandler) was a magnet for women because she was such a strong woman herself, and so a lot of our clients are women, which is fantastic. Clover Hill bred the Breeders' Cup winner Ria Antonia and has about five mares. They're commercial breeders. And a few years ago, while Lynn was still with us in 2017, we bought three mares, two of which have really worked out very well.



Headley Bell | Keeneland

Wild Silk, 11, Street Sense--**Spun Silk, by A.P. Indy. To be bred to Cody's Wish.**

One of those three mares is Wild Silk. We paid \$70,000 for her, and she is the dam of Red Carpet Ready, by Oscar Performance, who has earned nearly \$600,000. She is a daughter of Street Sense, but also has a blend of Wild Again in the family and she provided a Hyperion-line blend of pedigree that crosses so beautifully with Oscar Performance and really crosses beautifully with Kitten's Joy through Lear Fan. We've gone back to Oscar Performance a couple of times. She is in foal to Liam's Map now, and Not This Time and Liam's Map are very strong sources that I'm using quite a bit. They're going to go to Cody's Wish with this mare. She can use some size and blend-wise, we're happy with that.

Maya Princess, 11, Street Sense--Hartfelt, by Kafwain. To be bred to Jack Christopher.

Here is another daughter of Street Sense and we bought her in foal to Ghostzapper in 2017. We were very fortunate that she produced a beautiful Ghostzapper that Phil Bauer and Richard Rigney bought and named Mariah's Princess, who earned \$250,000 as her first foal. She has an Essential Quality filly foal

and is in foal to Charlatan and is going to Jack Christopher. They are commercial breeders. Charlatan was a brilliant horse, and again, provides a pedigree blend, and Jack Christopher also is a brilliant horse. And we would just as soon not be in a sire's first book. I said that Nancy Dillman wants to be in the first year, but

I don't mind being in another year, because if you believe in the horse, it's worth the gamble, really, because you're not up there against 200 other foals.

FRANK GARRISON

Frank Garrison is an old college friend who owns a couple of mares together with us, and is godfather to Price. These are ones we share.

Humor Me Dixie, 6, Distorted Humor--Dixie City, by Dixie Union. To be bred to Oscar Performance.

Humor Me Dixie is a mare that we bought in 2020 with an

outstanding blend of family. Distorted Humor is a great broodmare sire with the El Prado/Medaglia d'Oro line in particular. She's in foal to Upstart, and we are going to breed her to Oscar Performance. The Hyperion line that you're picking up through Oscar Performance, I think will blend well and add some size to the mare.

Proximity Bias, 8, Flatter--Sidle, by Seeking the Gold. To be bred to Liam's Map.

We bought this mare in 2016 from a family I'm very fond of, the Stroll family, which I think is a very tough family. We bought her in foal to Practical Joke in '20 and sold that Practical Joke to Steve Asmussen, and he's made her a stakes winner of \$150,000 for which we're most appreciative. And she has a '23 Oscar Performance and is in foal to Oscar Performance and is going back to Liam's Map.

BYRON NIMOCKS

Byron Nimocks is from Rye, New York and is fairly new to the business. We share five mares together, and last year was the first time we bought any mares. Cont.

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Nicoma Bloodstock Mating Plans, cont.

Patna, 5, Into Mischief--Barbadia, by Speightstown. To be bred to **Blame.**

Most importantly, she is from the Willstar family of Juddmonte's, which is one of their foundation families. And it has Nureyev in it, and I can't get enough of Nureyev. Theatrical (Ire) is by Nureyev, which is **Oscar Performance's** broodmare sire. She was a maiden at the time we bought her, and we bred her to **Twirling Candy**. We're going to go to **Blame** this year. Chris McGrath described **Blame** so well in his Value Sires, and we believe he is a value sire also, and we're going to go to **Blame** and see if we can breed a race horse.

Tea Olive, 5, First Samurai--Conquest Superstar, by Super Saver. To be bred to **Aloha West.**

We bought this mare last year as a maiden. Gatewood (Bell) had bought her as a yearling. Gatewood's a second cousin and worked with me at Nicoma for a while. It was in the slop at Keeneland, but she beat **Gunite** in her first start, which I thought was pretty impressive. She earned about \$100,000. We had bred her to **Speaker's Corner**. Unfortunately, she aborted. And we're going to come back to **Aloha West**. For us, we believe that **Aloha West** resembles his broodmare sire, Speightstown, more than his sire **Hard Spun**. He gives you a great pedigree blend with the **Hard Spun**--some Danzig, some Gone West, and some A.P. Indy. He was a very fast horse, obviously. He won the Breeders' Cup Sprint. And we're excited about his future and we're going to send what we believe is an exciting mare to him in Tea Olive.

Interested in sharing your own mating plans? Email garyking@thetdn.com.

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MOYNIHAN 'SAFE' AFTER PLANE CRASH

Bloodstock advisor John Moynihan was one of 10 people who survived a plane crash in Australia Monday.

"We all made it and are safe," Moynihan texted the *TDN*.

Nine tourists from Kentucky and the pilot all survived the crash of a light plane which came down on the remote Lizard Island off the Great Barrier Reef in Queensland, according to multiple reports. Moynihan is visible [in this video](#) from a local news outlet as he walks onto an ambulance.

According to Yahoo News, the plane experienced a mechanical malfunction shortly after takeoff on its way to Cairns, a city in northern Queensland considered to be the gateway for the Great Barrier Reef. **Cont.**



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Moynihan plane crash, cont.



John Moynihan | Fasig-Tipton photo

The plane clipped trees on the way down and crash-landed on the island and then flipped, according to Yahoo, while other news outlets said the plane crashed while taking off after clipping the trees. Two emergency helicopters were sent to the site and took four people back to a hospital in Cairns. It was unclear if Moynihan was among that group.

Brina Keating from Queensland Ambulance told Yahoo News that the pilot's efforts in landing the aircraft were "incredible. The pilot's clearly done an incredible job," she said. "To walk away from something like that is just incredible."

All 10 people are said to be in stable condition. One passenger was said to have suffered a broken arm. Moynihan indicated trainer Phil Bauer and his wife were also among the survivors.

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416 ENTRIES FOR FASIG-TIPTON KENTUCKY WINTER MIXED SALE

A total of 416 entries have been received for the Fasig-Tipton Kentucky Winter Mixed Sale to be held at the auction house's Newtown Paddocks complex Monday and Tuesday, Feb. 5 and 6, 2024. Bidding begins each morning at 10 a.m. ET.

The first 300 horses will be offered during the Monday session, while hips 301 and through the conclusion of the supplemental catalogue will sell Tuesday.

"Positioned right before the start of breeding season, Kentucky Winter Mixed annually offers a healthy and active marketplace," said Fasig-Tipton President Boyd Browning. "We have an attractive group of racing and broodmare prospects catalogued, and good quality and depth among the covering sire and yearling sire ranks."

Entries remain open for the supplemental catalogue and Fasig-Tipton will accept additional entries over the next few weeks.



Fasig-Tipton photo

"We have a good number of supplemental entries already in the pipeline and we encourage sellers to consider additional entries--especially horses with a significant pedigree or racing update in the coming weeks," noted Browning.

The Winter Mixed Catalogue is available for viewing [online](#). Print catalogues will be available beginning Jan. 15 and the catalogue will also be available via the EquineLine sales catalogue app.

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SWEET NAMED COO OF THOROUGHBRED RETIREMENT FOUNDATION

Maggie Sweet has been named the new chief operating officer of the Thoroughbred Retirement Foundation (TRF), the Saratoga-based operation announced Monday.

"We are thrilled to welcome Maggie Sweet to the Thoroughbred Retirement Foundation as our new Chief Operating Officer," said Patrick H. Mackay, Chairman of the Board of Directors at TRF. "Maggie's desire to support equine welfare, coupled with her extensive leadership experience, will undoubtedly contribute to the continued success and growth of our organization. Her skills and enthusiasm align seamlessly with our commitment to providing a dignified retirement for these magnificent animals."

Sweet served the Todd Pletcher Racing Stables in a variety of roles for over a quarter-century, most recently as its COO, a position from which she stepped down in September 2023.

As COO, Sweet will be responsible for overseeing the day-to-day operations of the organization, implementing strategic initiatives, and fostering collaborative relationships with stakeholders and donors. **Cont.**

Sweet named TRF COO, cont.



Maggie Sweet | TRF photo

“I am honored to join the Thoroughbred Retirement Foundation and be part of an organization that is making a significant impact in the lives of retired racehorses,” said Sweet. “I look forward to working with the talented team at the TRF and contributing to the ongoing success of their vital mission.”

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MTHA TO HOST COMMUNITY MEETING ON MTROA REPORTS



Alan Foreman | Veronica Branson

An online community meeting for members will be hosted by the Board of Directors of the Maryland Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association (MTHA) on Thursday, Jan. 11 at 11 a.m. ET to discuss the **reports recently released** on behalf of the Maryland Thoroughbred Racetrack Operating Authority (MTROA).

The MTROA has been examining options for the future of the Thoroughbred racing and breeding in the state, specifically facilities and operating models. The reports are to be considered by the Maryland General Assembly, which begins its 2024 legislative session Jan. 10.

MTROA Chair Gregory Cross and Alan Foreman, a member of the Board of the MTROA, will make presentations and field questions from attendees.

Registration is required. Join-in instructions will be provided by email following registration.

Read T.D. Thornton's **Week In Review** for further analysis.

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NASHVILLE SIRES FIRST FOAL



Nashville winning the Perryville S. | Coady

WinStar Farm's 'TDN Rising Star' **Nashville** (Speightstown) was represented by his first foal when a filly was born Monday, Jan. 8, at Maryland's Murmur Farm. Bred by Wasabi Ventures Stables LLC, Robert Angelo, Terry Schuck and Greenspring Mares, the filly is the first foal from Maryland-bred stakes winner Why Not Tonight (**Tapiture**).

“She’s a leggy, correct filly with plenty of quality, and we are ecstatic with her as the first foal out of Wasabi’s first stakes winner,” said George Adams of Housatonic Bloodstock. “We’ll be breeding multiple mares back to **Nashville** this year.”

The brilliantly fast **Nashville** won his maiden by 11 1/2 lengths at first asking at Saratoga, covering 6 1/2 furlongs in 1:14.48 and followed up with an equally dominating allowance win at Keeneland before winning the 2020 Perryville S. in 1:07.89, a time significantly faster against the clock than that of the GI Breeders' Cup Sprint (1:08.61). He also won a Fair Grounds allowance in 1:08.61 in 2022, the fastest time at the six-furlong distance in over two years. **Cont.**

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First foal for Nashville, cont.

“We are thrilled to receive the first live foal report for Nashville,” said Elliott Walden, president, CEO, and racing manager of WinStar Farm. “He was extremely well received in his first season at stud in 2023 and he will be very busy again in 2024. With the recent loss of our beloved Speightstown, news of Nashville’s first foal has brought plenty of smiles around WinStar.”

Having bred 204 mares in his first year at stud in 2023 and with his in-foal mares fetching up to \$850,000, Nashville is standing the upcoming breeding season at a fee of \$15,000 S & N.

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Always Dreaming (Bodemeister) <i>(Tocayo--Dania Beach S.-L)</i>	3	1
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Constitution (Tapit) <i>(Catching Freedom--Smarty Jones S.-L)</i>	40	17
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Curlin (Smart Strike) <i>(Otello--Mucho Macho Man S.-L)</i>	101	56
Hard Spun (Danzig) <i>(Drum Roll Please--Jerome S.)</i>	82	40
Into Mischief (Harlan's Holiday) <i>(Devil's Tower--Sam's Town S.; Into Champagne--Glitter Woman S.)</i>	143	68
Omaha Beach (War Front) <i>(Kopion--Santa Ynez S.-GIII)</i>	3	1
Street Sense (Street Cry {Ire}) <i>(Comparative--Ladies S.)</i>	85	34
Tonalist (Tapit) <i>(Misty Veil--Pippin S.-L)</i>	14	3

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Union Rags (Dixie Union) <i>(Power Squeeze--Cash Run S.)</i>	32	15
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Upstart (Flatter) <i>(Sarai--Versets Jet S.-L)</i>	14	5
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NTRA LAUNCHES #LOVEOFTHEHORSE CAMPAIGN ON SOCIAL MEDIA

The National Thoroughbred Racing Association (NTRA) has launched #LoveofTheHorse, a social media promotion in conjunction with the 53rd annual Eclipse Awards. The promotion encourages fans and enthusiasts to share photos of themselves that demonstrate their connection and love of the equine.

Participants are encouraged to use the hashtags #LoveOfTheHorse and #EclipseAwards and tag NTRA on Facebook, X and Instagram. The NTRA will share many of the contributions and a few will be featured during the Eclipse Award ceremonies Thursday, Jan. 25 from The Breakers Palm Beach, hosted by Britney Eurton, Acacia Courtney Clement and Nick Luck.

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1/ST, MJC ANNOUNCE 'ART OF RACING' CONTEST

The third annual 'Art of Racing', an annual partnership between 1/ST, the Maryland Jockey Club and the Maryland Institute College of Art (MICA) announced the launch of its 2024 program Monday.

The 'Art of Racing' commemorates the GI Preakness S., and beginning Monday and continuing through Mar. 11, artists nationwide may **submit their original, two-dimension visual art** celebrating the second leg of the Triple Crown.

In the past two years, more than 300 entries from 19 states have been received each depicting different elements of Thoroughbred racing as reflected in the Preakness. The public is encouraged to take part in the open voting phase from Mar. 12 to Mar. 26 to **cast their vote** for their favorite piece of art.

The winning artist will be awarded a \$4,000 prize and two tickets to Preakness 149 on Saturday, May 18. In addition, their work will be reproduced on a curated collection of Preakness 149 merchandise that will be available for purchase online and onsite during Preakness weekend. Proceeds from merchandise sales will be directed--for the third consecutive year--to the Park Heights Renaissance, a non-profit organization pursuing employment opportunities and affordable housing for Park Heights residents.

“As we kick off the third-annual Art of Racing competition, we’re thrilled to invite artists nationwide to capture the Preakness Stakes through their unique perspectives,” said Audra Madison, Director of Marketing, Maryland Jockey Club. “Once again, we look forward to blending artistic achievement with the vibrant world of Thoroughbred horse racing.”

The winner of last year’s competition was Justin Johnson, a Baltimore-based artist, whose original illustration titled “The Face of Victory” was selected from among the 207 total submissions.

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ROOD & RIDDLE TO HOST CLIENT EDUCATION SEMINAR *Edited Press Release*

Rood & Riddle Equine Hospital will conduct its upcoming annual Client Education Seminar, catering to professionals and enthusiasts in the equine industry, Thursday, Jan. 18, 2024, at the Fasig Tipton Sales Pavilion in Lexington, KY. Registration is free and open to the public.

Now in its 37th year, the Rood & Riddle Client Education Seminar remains committed to delivering comprehensive, evidence-based medical insights tailored to the equine community.

The seminar lineup features a range of speakers and topics covering key areas of equine healthcare. Dr. Katie Garrett will discuss Diagnostic Imaging Options, while Dr. Daniel Devis will

shed light on Laser Therapy and What to Expect. Dr. Charlie Scoggin provides an exclusive look inside the Rood & Riddle In Vitro Fertilization Lab, and Krista **Lea**, UK Forage Extension Program, shares expertise on Mitigation Strategies for Tall Fescue in the Broodmare.

Additionally, Dr. Liz Elzer will provide guidance on Rib Fractures in Neonatal Foals, Dr. Hannah Chenail will discuss Geriatric Colic versus Mature Colic, Dr. Colton Thacker will cover An Update on Sesamoiditis, and Dr. Craig Lesser will provide valuable insights into Chronic Abscesses.

Dr. Woodrow Friend, Director of Marketing of Rood & Riddle Equine Hospital, stated, "Rood & Riddle takes pride in sponsoring this ongoing educational forum, offering our valued clients and friends a platform for continuous learning and development."

Refreshments will be served from 5-6 p.m., followed by presentations from 6-8 p.m. RSVPs to the event (not required, but helpful) by Monday, Jan. 15. For more information and to register, go to the Rood & Riddle Website, www.roodandriddle.com/ce/.

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Rank	Stallion	BTW	BTH	GSW	GSH	G1SW	G1SH	Starters	Wnrs	Highest Earner	Earnings
1	Into Mischief (2005) by Harlan's Holiday	14	28 Crops: 12	6	17	1	6	143	76	1,703,250 Pretty Mischievous	11,732,157
2	Good Magic (2015) by Curlin	6	11 Crops: 2	3	5	1	3	104	58	2,507,450 Mage	7,543,770
3	Gun Runner (2013) by Candy Ride (Arg)	4	14 Crops: 3	4	8	--	3	86	50	989,850 Red Route One	7,362,276
4	Uncle Mo (2008) by Indian Charlie	5	12 Crops: 9	2	7	1	2	105	56	1,458,250 Arabian Knight	6,883,139
5	Quality Road (2006) by Elusive Quality	8	13 Crops: 10	3	7	1	2	74	41	1,315,000 National Treasure	6,435,357
6	Bolt d'Oro (2015) by Medaglia d'Oro	7	17 Crops: 2	3	6	--	--	118	64	590,462 Major Dude	5,982,976
7	Kingman (GB) (2011) by Invincible Spirit (Ire)	15	27 Crops: 6	8	18	2	4	141	88	578,269 Sauterne (FR)	5,668,692
8	Candy Ride (Arg) (1999) by Ride the Rails	6	9 Crops: 16	5	5	1	1	83	44	980,200 Geaux Rocket Ride	5,610,876
9	Cracksman (GB) (2014) by Frankel (GB)	5	5 Crops: 2	1	3	1	2	95	44	4,249,849 Ace Impact (IRE)	5,468,622
10	Violence (2010) by Medaglia d'Oro	6	11 Crops: 7	2	6	1	2	67	39	1,434,680 Forte	5,131,799
11	Siyouni (Fr) (2007) by Pivotal (GB)	5	10 Crops: 10	3	6	2	2	88	50	2,209,890 Paddington (GB)	5,120,640
12	Justify (2015) by Scat Daddy	6	14 Crops: 2	4	7	2	3	106	45	654,956 Verifying	5,035,641



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UNBRIDLED VISION (c, 3, Maclean's Music--Queen Bernardina, by Bernardini) marked his career debut with a close-up second going six panels at this venue Dec. 9 and was backed down to 4-5 favoritism to go one better while cutting back here. Settled toward the back through an opening quarter in :21.62, the California-bred colt narrowed the gap on the leader on the far turn. Sent after the pacesetter in between rivals turning for home, the chestnut ground his way to the front midstretch and was 1 1/4 lengths clear of Everydayissaturday (Mohaymen) at the wire. The colt's dam Queen Bernardina is out of graded winner and \$628,312 earner Cherokee Queen (Cherokee Run). Sales history: \$145,000 Ylg '22 FTCAAR; \$240,000 2yo '23 OBSAPR. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$25,350. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

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1-Mahoning Valley, 12:45 p.m. EST, Msw 1m, Lieutenant General, 6-5
\$385,000 RNA KEE SEP yrl

Preservationist (Arch), Airdrie Stud, \$5,000
103 foals of racing age/15 winners/0 black-type winners
7-Mahoning Valley, 3:33 p.m. EST, Alw 1m, Artistic Laney, 5-2
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Xtina, f, 4, **Karakontie (Jpn)**--Board Battle, by Seeking the Gold. Presidente Remon, 1-7, Clasico Ano Nuevo (Pan-G1, Black-Type), 1800m. B-William B Harrigan (KY). *\$13,000 Ylg '21 KEESEP. **VIDEO (SC 2)**

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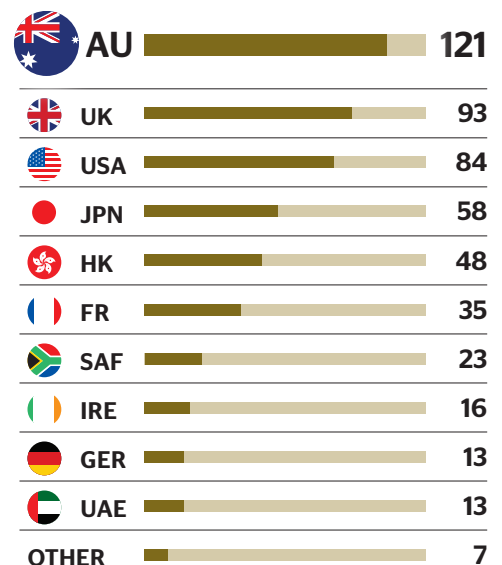
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9th-Parx Racing, \$57,800, (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$16,000), 1-8, 4yo/up, f/m, 1m 70y, 1:45.34, gd, 2 lengths.

EMIRATES AFFAIR (m, 6, Handsome Mike--Emirates Girl {SP-Fr, SP-Ger}, by Unbridled's Song) Lifetime Record: 36-5-10-5, \$208,120. O-J Armstrong; B-Helen & Joseph Barbazon (FL); T-R Mosco. *1/2 to Fly At Dawn (Discreet Cat), SP-UAE, \$190,974.

8th-Parx Racing, \$55,200, (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$16,000), 1-8, 4yo/up, 6f, 1:11.63, gd, 1/2 length.

MIDLANER (g, 6, Flatter--Ansible {SP, \$107,160}, by Street Sense) Lifetime Record: 33-5-4-4, \$175,820. O-Hardesty Stables; B-Green Lantern Stables, LLC (KY); T-Michael M. Moore.

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7th-Mahoning Valley, \$36,200, (S), 1-8, (NW4L), 3yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:40.93, gd, 2 lengths.

NEAR PERFECT (f, 4, Mobil--Echt, by Fusaichi Pegasus) Lifetime Record: SW, 17-4-5-4, \$203,213. O-Mast Thoroughbreds LLC; B-Mapleton Thoroughbred Farm (OH); T-Robert M. Gorham. *1/2 to Authentic Cowtown (Cowtown Cat), MSP, \$319,375.

8th-Sam Houston Race, \$34,500, 1-7, (NW1X), 4yo/up, 1m 70y, 1:44.56, ft, 3/4 length.

MIDNIGHT PRANKS (g, 4, Into Mischief--Midnight Girl, by Drosselmeyer) Lifetime Record: 10-2-1-2, \$78,238. O-Tom R. Durant; B-Twin Hopes Farm, LLC (KY); T-H. Ray Ashford, Jr. *\$500,000 Ylg '21 KEESEP.

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1st-Mahoning Valley, \$29,400, 1-8, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:12.16, gd, neck.

EPICUREAN (m, 6, Speightster--Woodland Sprite, by Woodman) Lifetime Record: 35-6-7-7, \$197,603. O-Valls Thoroughbreds, LLC; B-Kathie Maybee & Rhianon Farm, Inc. (KY); T-Jay P. Bernardini. *\$50,000 Ylg '19 KEESEP.

8th-Mahoning Valley, \$25,900, 1-8, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:11.61, gd, 1/2 length.

ASKIN FOR A BASKIN (g, 6, Distorted Humor--Spirit of the Dawn, by Malibu Moon) Lifetime Record: 41-10-7-2, \$305,452. O-Ultra Championship Racing LLC; B-International Equities

Holding, Inc. (KY); T-Anthony Farris. *\$500,000 Ylg '19 KEESEP.



4th-Golden Gate Fields, \$25,600, 1-7, 4yo/up, 1 1/16m (AWT), 1:44.84, ft, neck.

I'MGONNABESOMEBODY (g, 6, Will Take Charge--Brown Rice {SP}, by Big Brown) Lifetime Record: MSW & GSP, 25-9-6-2, \$350,380. O-Nin Auyeung, Philip Crosby, Cheryl Hauck, Bill McLean, Todd Miller, Elizabeth Moran and Marilyn S. Taylor; B-Elm Tree Farm, LLC (KY); T-Bill McLean. *\$30,000 Ylg '19 KEESEP.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Reigning Dream, g, 3, Dreamliner--Reigning Gal, by First Dude. Mahoning Valley, 1-8, (S), 1m, 1:43.20. Lifetime Record: 6-1-1-1, \$32,133. B-Jack Cannon (OH).

Leopard Bait, f, 4, Always Dreaming--Miss Spot On, by Union Rags. Sam Houston Race, 1-7, 1mT, 1:42.90. Lifetime Record: 10-1-2-4, \$46,702. B-Susan Moulton (KY). *\$50,000 RNA Wlg '20 FTKNOV; \$0 RNA Ylg '21 TTAYHR.

City Exile (GB), g, 4, Cityscape (GB)--Curious Fox (GB), by Bertolini. Santa Anita, 1-7, 1mT, 1:35.47. Lifetime Record: 8-1-1-2, \$47,412. B-Carson Francis & Partners (GB). *28,000gns Ylg '21 TATSOM.

Pass the Baton, g, 4, Sharp Azteca--White Stiletto, by Tapit. Golden Gate Fields, 1-7, 1m (AWT), 1:37.74. Lifetime Record: 6-1-2-1, \$33,910. B-Gene Tenbrink & Frank Ables (CA). *\$19,000 RNA Ylg '21 FTCAJR.

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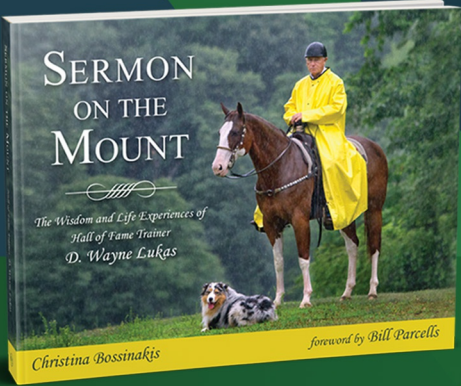
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- Flatter**, Midlaner, g, 6, o/o Ansible, by **Street Sense**. AOC, 1-8, Parx Racing
- Handsome Mike**, Emirates Affair, m, 6, o/o Emirates Girl, by Unbridled's Song. AOC, 1-8, Parx Racing
- Into Mischief**, Midnight Pranks, g, 4, o/o Midnight Girl, by **Drosselmeyer**. ALW, 1-7, Sam Houston
- Maclean's Music**, Unbridled Vision, c, 3, o/o Queen Bernardina, by Bernardini. MSW, 1-7, Golden Gate
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