



## DAVID STACK Q&A: 'BREEDERS ARE LOOKING FOR VALUE NOW MORE SO THAN EVER'



David Stack, left, manages a five-strong roster | Coolagown Stud

By Brian Sheerin

There are few more recognisable figures on the breeding circuit than David Stack. The ever-enthusiastic stallion master at Coolagown Stud has a five-strong roster to look forward to in 2024 and confidence has never been higher in the County Cork camp.

That is in no small part due to the emergence of Storm Heart (Fr), who made a blisteringly-hot start to his hurdling career for Willie Mullins, and more importantly, is by Coolagown's emerging force that is Storm The Stars.

Stack revealed that over 100 mares have been booked into Storm The Stars on the strength of Storm Heart's scintillating debut. The high-class son of *Sea The Stars (Ire)* stands alongside fellow unexposed dual-purpose sires Kenway (Fr) and Way To Paris (GB) to go with Shantaram (GB) and Zambezi Sun (GB).

In this week's Q&A with Brian Sheerin, Stack speaks about polarisation in the National Hunt game, why he feels he has assembled his strongest roster yet, how difficult it is to run a sustainable business model as an independent stud and more.

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## FIRST FOAL FOR STRADIVARIUS ARRIVES AT THE NATIONAL STUD

The first foal of multiple champion stayer and seven-time Group 1 winner **Stradivarius (Ire)** was born at the National Stud on Monday.

The chestnut filly was bred by Wretham Stud and is a daughter of the former Sir Michael Stoute trainee Give Me Breath (GB) (**Bated Breath {GB}**).

"She is a lovely first foal for Stradivarius and looks to have his strength and athleticism at this early stage which bodes well for future arrivals," said Joe Bradley, head of bloodstock for the National Stud. "We have two more mares due in the next week so it is a very exciting time for everyone on the farm."

He added, "Stradivarius's book for 2024 is looking very strong and breeders are really taken with him. His physique, temperament and of course his walk which I'm sure will be replicated in his progeny."

Stradivarius's owner-breeder Bjorn Nielsen said, "I'm astonished at how much this first foal is like 'The Strad' in both her colouring and movement, being chestnut with a big white blaze." [Cont. p8](#)



Stradivarius's first foal steps out at the National Stud | Dominic James

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**David Stack Q&A Cont. from p1**

**How was footfall at the Irish Stallion Trail and did you do much business over the weekend?**

Everyone is looking for value and, with the way the horses are priced with me, they are not going to break breeders' pockets. Kenway, Storm The Stars and Way To Paris are €2,000 for a colt and €1,000 for a filly. Storm The Stars will go up, hopefully, if Storm Heart (Fr) wins the Triumph Hurdle but he won't go too high. He actually has a huge book of mares to cover this year and was very popular on the Stallion Trail. But, a lot of the talk over the weekend was about people getting value for their money. Say for example, the lads who are breeding a mare with an average pedigree, they are only going to be getting €5,000 to



**Storm Heart: has boosted the profile of his sire Storm The Stars**  
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€10,000 for a foal out of that mare at the sales. There's no point spending €5,000 on a nomination on a mare like that. Breeders have to distinguish that not all mares are going to get you the €30,000 or €40,000 for a National Hunt foal so they are going to have to cut their cloth to measure.

**And especially over the past few years in particular, you could say that the waters have been even trickier to navigate as a National Hunt breeder.**

They have. Way To Paris is a good example. The first year we stood him was in 2020 when Covid just kicked off so we couldn't get people in to see him in the flesh. I'd say my phone number has been blocked on a number of breeders' phones because I had no other option but to harass people about using him. I bombarded people on What's App and that resulted in us covering about 120 mares with him. **Cont. p4**



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**David Stack Q&A Cont.**

**DS Cont:** When the first foals arrived, I did the same thing again, kept pushing it out and sending the photos around to make sure they knew who Way To Paris was and, more importantly, where he was standing. He seems to have earned a reputation now as a stallion that can get breeders a good foal and a decent return from. The market has become very choosy. It's all about fashion.

**Is choosy a Cork term for polarisation?**

There's a few others I could use but I better not! To get a nice stallion, it's just become very hard. I am lucky I have good friends in this game and they help me out a lot but there are two things I can't skimp on when recruiting a stallion. That's soundness and a good walk. If they are not good wind and limb, I won't be going to see them and

then it's very important that they have the walk as well. Any other pieces with stallions for me, you can forgive, but not those. In fairness to Kenway, Mathieu Alex and the Chehboub family were easy people to deal with. Richard Venn does most of my work and he knows exactly the type of horse I look for. Any time Richard has come on to me, he's usually right. He came to me with Storm The Stars and, you know, when Richard comes to you with one, you have a proper chance. But yes, it has become very fashion orientated and it's tougher now more so than ever.



Way To Paris | Scoop Dyga

**I'd imagine that Storm The Stars's status has soared since Storm Heart shot towards the head of the Triumph Hurdle**

**market after his impressive debut win for Willie Mullins at Punchestown. How much of a difference can one horse make in a stallion's popularity?**

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**David Stack Q&A Cont.**

**DS Cont:** Over 100 mares have been booked into Storm The Stars since New Year’s Day. That’s purely down to Storm Heart. They’ve finally seen the light! But that shows you what one horse can do. It can be quite reactionary at times but it was hard not to be impressed by Storm Heart’s performance and, in many ways, Willie Mullins is the stallion-making trainer.

**That’s interesting you say that because, while Galiway is a top-class stallion in his own right, you could also say that you are banking on Willie Mullins to a certain degree with Kenway given how well he has done with Gala Marceau (Fr), Vauban (Fr) and more of the former’s progeny over jumps.**

Absolutely. I’ll be honest, that’s the main reason I went for Kenway. I saw how well that Willie was doing with the progeny of Galiway and felt that Kenway had the right credentials to make it as a good National Hunt stallion. When you look at it, there’s Gala Marceau, Vauban, Jimmy Du Seuil (Fr) and a couple more for Willie and then Gary Moore’s horse, Royal Way (Fr), hosed up over hurdles the other day as well. He had been second to the Triumph Hurdle favourite [Sir Gino (Fr) (It’s Gino {Ger})] the time before that so he’s a pretty serious horse in his own right. The Galiways are tough and consistent horses and

that’s why I decided to give Kenway a chance. We’re going to go down the dual-purpose route and market him as a proper dual-purpose horse. We have set up a syndicate comprising myself and Haras de Beaumont and we bought a good few half-sisters to Group 1 and Grade 1 horses on the Flat and National Hunt. We’ve bought half-sisters to Harry Angel (Ire), Dasher Drasher (GB), Mojo Star (Ire), Rich Tapestry (Ire) and more. They’ll all visit him this year. **Cont. p6**



Kenway | Scoop Dyga

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**David Stack Q&A Cont.**

And am I right in saying that you are planning on playing the long game with the progeny of Way To Paris, Kenway and Storm The Stars by putting some in training over the coming years?

We will be trying to do that, mainly with Ger Lyons. I've always found him the easiest to deal with. I can hear you laughing at that comment but it's true! You have Johnny Murtagh, Michael Halford and a few others there as well. We have clients who have horses with these trainers so they would be a natural choice for us. In an ideal world, whatever the horses do as two-year-olds, they will step up to a mile or further, show a bit of form, and then rock up to a horses-in-training sale and get sold on to one of the bigger National Hunt operators. If we could blood a few Triumph Hurdle types, that would be great. The market for those types of horses bought out of training is quite strong so it's just another avenue worth exploring. I'm not stupid, I know that the Flat game is very tough, so I'm under no illusions. I'm very good friends with Joe Foley and, what the likes of Joe has to go through to make a Flat stallion successful, it's very tough. The new stallions on the Flat, they have one or two years at a maximum to prove their worth. It's crazy. In my

business, the stallions have that bit longer.

As it says on the website, Coolagown Stud is the culmination of over 30 years of hard work. You mentioned that things have never been tougher for the independent studs. How sustainable is it going forward in 2024 for the smaller operations?

The doom and gloom of the game comes with the rise in costs. The price of feed, straw, hay, staff and everything else has gone up. You have to be optimistic about the future but the reality is that things are very tough. You can't skimp on feed, otherwise you don't have a product. This is not a game to half-arse things because then nobody will want to buy off you. The breeders are in the same boat. We get people through our gate because they know they're getting value for money. I know you say 30 years of hard work to get to where we are now but we are still trying to get it right. You have to keep trying. Breeders are going to be watching their pockets this year more so than ever and we think we can offer value. [Cont. p7](#)



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– Coolagown's David Stack

**David Stack Q&A Cont.**

Well, there you go. They can't all go to Blue Bresil (Fr) or Walk In The Park (Ire).

We'd all love a Blue Bresil or Walk In The Park but, unfortunately, both horses cover about 200 mares and are the most sought after National Hunt stallions in the country. With that comes a pecking order. To be fair to the Cashmans, they took a chance on Blue Bresil. I've always been a fan of the stallion—he gets you a stunning individual and he gets you a racehorse. It's great to see him doing so well.

**But you clearly feel you offer a value alternative for the man whose mare may not be in that top percentile of what the Walk In The Parks or Blue Bresils of this world will cover?**

If you're paying me €2,000 for a colt and €1,000 for a filly and then you go to the sale and get €8,000 for your foal, that's good business. You're in profit from your nomination. We're akin to the small friendly neighborhood corner shop. My roster is stronger this year than ever. We've five stallions here; Storm The Stars has a number of potentially classy horses to run for him while Way To Paris and Kenway have interesting profiles and are going well as well. This game is unrivaled when things go well. For me, it provides you with a buzz that drugs would never compare to. Don't get me wrong, it's a difficult business. But as I said earlier, I'm confident that if breeders cut their cloth to measure in 2024, they can make money.” **Cont. p8**

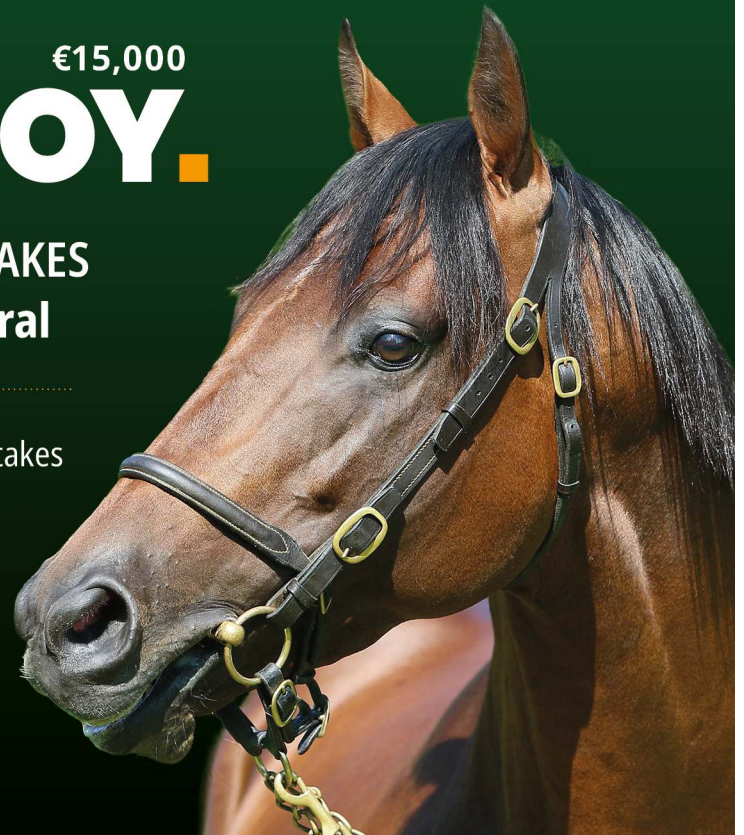
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### David Stack Q&A Cont.

**DS Cont:** "We've carved out a niche as being easy to deal with and easy to pay. I don't send out a bill until July of the following year so I'm not knocking on your front door. My bank manager might want me to do it--and definitely my wife does--but I don't. I try to work with people and there's always a middle ground with me."

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## EUROPEAN NEWS

### Stradivarius's First Foal Cont. from p1

The Stradivarius breeders' bonuses originally offered in 2023 will continue for breeders of members of his second crop. The breeders of the first 10 2-year-old winners will receive a £25,000 bonus, Group 2 and 3 winners in Britain, Ireland and France will earn a bonus of £100,000, while there is £250,000 for the breeder of a Group 1 winner.

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## ADAM HOUGHTON APPOINTED ASSOCIATE EDITOR OF TDN EUROPE

Adam Houghton has joined the *TDN's* burgeoning team in Europe in the role of associate editor.

Based in Yorkshire, Houghton has spent the last eight years working for *Timeform* and *Sporting Life*. He was shortlisted for the HWP Racing Writer of the Year award in 2022.

The *TDN's* senior vice president Gary King said, "We are delighted to welcome Adam to the *TDN's* European team. The wealth of experience and knowledge he gained working for *Timeform/Sporting Life* will only enhance our editorial coverage. Adam's appointment is also a testament to our focus on *TDN Europe*, and to build on the significant increase in readership we have had there in recent years."

Houghton joins the *TDN Europe* team of Emma Berry, Alayna Cullen Birkett and Sean Cronin in the UK, Brian Sheerin in Ireland, Tom Fray in France, and Heather Anderson and Gary King in America. The line-up was further bolstered last year by the appointment of multiple award-winning sports journalist and author Paul Hayward as a regular columnist. The team is also supported by the top-class editorial and advertising departments of *TDN America*.

Houghton said, "I am delighted to have joined *TDN* and hope I can prove a worthy addition to a team I've long admired from afar. Their collective voice provides what I consider to be the definitive view on all things bloodstock, from the sales grounds

to the stallion yards, plus everything in between.

"I've spent the last eight years working for *Timeform*--and latterly with *Sporting Life* as well--and the part of the job I've always enjoyed the most is getting out and meeting people in the industry, telling their stories and those of the horses who have put them on the map.

"In my opinion this is where *TDN's* coverage on a global scale is unparalleled and that is just one of the reasons why the opportunity to join the team was so exciting to me. I can't wait to get started and hope to become a familiar face at the sales, studs and yards in the coming months and years."

European editor Emma Berry added, "Since the launch of our dedicated European publication in 2015, we have endeavoured to broaden our reach across Britain, Ireland, France, Germany and beyond, and it has been hugely encouraging to see the readership figures soar.

"We are all looking forward to working with Adam. To have a journalist of his quality on the team will be of huge benefit as we continue to deliver unrivalled bloodstock coverage 363 days of the year."

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Adam Houghton

## BRITAIN

### Wednesday's Results:

**3rd-Kempton, £7,000, Mdn, 1-17, 3yo/up, 6f (AWT), 1:14.72, st/sl.**

**AIDAN ANDABETTIN (GB) (c, 3, Blue Point {Ire}--Nadia Glory {GB}, by Oasis Dream {GB})**, who ran fourth over this trip at Chelmsford in his Dec. 11 debut last time, broke sharply from an outer stall and raced in a prominent second for the most part here. [Cont. p9](#)



**3rd-Kempton Cont.**

Nudged along passing the quarter-mile marker, the 11-2 chance quickened to the fore approaching the final furlong and was driven out in the closing stages to hold the late thrust of Gaiden (Ire) (Mehmas {Ire}) by a short head. Aidan Andabettin is the third of four foals and second scorer produced by an unraced daughter of stakes-winning G3 Gallinule S. and G3 Noblesse S. placegetter Soon (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}), herself a half-sister to MG1SP sire Walk In The Park (Ire) (Montjeu {Ire}). The February-foaled bay, whose third dam is G1 Irish 1000 Guineas heroine Classic Park (GB) (Robellino), is kin to a 2-year-old filly by Sea The Moon (Ger). Sales history: £65,000 Ylg '22 GOFFUK. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$5,571. O-Aidan Cunningham; B-Graham Smith-Bernal (GB); T-Richard Spencer.

**CONDITIONS RESULTS:**

**6th-Newcastle, £10,650, Cond, 1-17, 4yo/up, 6f (AWT), 1:13.92, st.**

**BENEFICIARY (GB) (g, 5, Profitable {Ire})--La Roumegue, by Henrythenavigator** Lifetime Record: 19-2-4-1, \$24,810. O-Oakfield Racing & Partner; B-La Roumegue Partnership (GB); T-Liam Bailey. \*15,000gns Wlg '19 TATFOA; £58,000 Ylg '20 GOFFUK; 7,000gns 4yo '23 TATFEB.

**4th-Newcastle, £7,650, Cond, 1-17, 4yo/up, 5f (AWT), 1:00.28, st.**

**STALLONE (IRE) (g, 8, Dandy Man {Ire})--Titian Queen {GB}, by Tobougg {Ire}** Lifetime Record: 63-6-6-9, \$55,784. O-Dods Racing Club; B-Ms Marie Higgins (IRE); T-Michael Dods. \*€40,000 Wlg '16 GOFNOV; £100,000 Ylg '17 GOUKPR; 17,000gns 3yo '19 TATAHI; 11,000gns 4yo '20 TATAHI.

**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**

**Alfa Kellenic (GB), f, 3, Havana Grey (GB)--Silhouette (Ire), by Canford Cliffs (Ire).** Newcastle, 1-17, 6f (AWT), 1:15.67. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-1, \$7,123. B-Five Gates Stud Farm (GB). \*12,000gns Wlg '21 TADEWE; £20,000 Ylg '22 GOFOCT.

**FRANCE****CONDITIONS RESULTS:**

**5th-Cagnes-sur-Mer, €26,000, Cond, 1-17, 5yo/up, 10 3/4ft, 2:22.86, hy.**

**ALWAYS WELCOME (FR) (g, 7, Manduro {Ger})--Around Me {Ire} {SP-Fr}, by Johannesburg** Lifetime Record: MSP-Fr, 38-7-6-5, €183,500. O/T-L Baudron; B-Herald Bloodstock Ltd (FR). \*Nice To See You (Fr) (Siyouni {Fr}), MSW & GSP-Fr, \$401,045; and

Against Rules (Fr) (Aussie Rules), MSW & GSP-Fr, \$338,850.

**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**

**Darlinghurst (Ire), c, 3, Dark Angel (Ire)--Dr Simpson (Fr)** (GSW-Ire & MSP-Eng, \$112,528), by Dandy Man (Ire). Cagnes-sur-Mer, 1-17, 7 1/2ft, 1:39.26. B-Yeomanstown Stud (IRE). \*230,000gns Ylg '22 TATOCT.

**Partir (Fr), f, 3, Zarak (Fr)--Spotless Mind (Ire), by Invincible Spirit (Ire).** Cagnes-sur-Mer, 1-17, 7 1/2ft, 1:37.88. B-Jean-Pierre-Joseph Dubois (FR). \*€80,000 Ylg '22 ARQAUG.

**WORLDWIDE NEWS****SOUTH AFRICAN STAR CHARLES DICKENS RETIRES TO DRAKENSTEIN STUD**

South African wunderkind **Charles Dickens (SAf)** (Trippi--Demanding Lady (SAf), by Dynasty (SAf)) has been retired to Drakenstein Stud in South Africa, according to published reports.

Bred and raced by Drakenstein, the 4-year-old won 10 of his 13 starts and was placed in his other three for total earnings of R5,119,813 (£211,799/€247,085/\$268,544). An undefeated stakes winner at two, the chestnut went six-for-eight at three with a score in the G1 Cape Guineas, followed by runner-up efforts in the G1 L'Ormarins King's Plate and G1 Cape Derby. Back in the winner's enclosure with a victory in the G2 Guineas, he added the G1 Gold Challenge in his sophomore finale. His final three starts were a half-length win in the G3 Matchem S. this October, a third in the G2 Green Point S. in December, and he signed off with a victory in the 2024 L'ormarins King's Plate this month, a "Win And You're In" for the 2024 GI Breeders' Cup Mile.

Drakenstein's Gaynor Rupert told TBA South Africa, "Retiring Charles Dickens was a very hard decision to make. I would have loved to have seen him race until the end of the season, he would undoubtedly have won a few more big races but he has nothing left to prove.


"It is in the interest of the horse and of the shareholders that after much consultation, we decided to retire him and give him plenty of time off before the start of the breeding season. He was blessed with speed, an incredible turn of foot, sheer brilliance, intelligence and remarkable cadence. I'm sure he will pass these traits on to his future progeny and we can't wait to see them."

The Equus Champion 3-Year-Old and Equus Champion Miler is out of South African Broodmare of the Year Demanding Lady, who won the G2 Ipi Tombe Challenge. **Cont. p10**

**Charles Dickens Cont.**

Charles Dickens is a full-brother to the G1 Cape Derby runner-up Charles (SAf) (Trippi) and to the stakes-winning Somerset Maugham (SAf) (Trippi), who was third in a pair of Grade 3s. This is the extended family of Group 1 winners War Command (**War Front**) and Rollout The Carpet (Aus) (**Holy Roman Emperor {Ire}**), who was also the champion 2-year-old filly in New Zealand.

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**Charles Dickens zipped home a three-length winner of the King's Plate in his final start. | Chase Liebenberg Photography and Design**





## FASIG-TIPTON TO CONDUCT LOTHENBACH DISPERSAL AT WINTER MIXED, DIGITAL SALES



**Bell's the One** | *Coady Photography*

The Lothenbach Stables of the late Robert Lothenbach will completely disperse its breeding stock, yearlings, and horses of racing age with Fasig-Tipton over the next three weeks. All breeding stock and yearlings will be sold at Fasig-Tipton's Kentucky Winter Mixed Sale, to be held Feb. 5 and 6 in Lexington.

The 65 entries of breeding stock and yearlings at the Winter sale will be spread among two consignors: Vinery Sales and Taylor Made Sales Agency. The majority of these entries will be offered in the sale's supplement, but the main catalogue also contains entries that had been previously catalogued prior to the estate's decision to completely disperse.

Included among the breeding stock offerings are Grade I winner **Bell's the One** (Majesticperfection) (hip 476) and graded stakes winner **She Can't Sing** (Bernardini) (hip 485).

Mares in foal to Authentic, **Blame**, Bolt d'Oro, **Candy Ride** (Arg), **Charlatan**, Into Mischief, Jackie's Warrior, Maclean's Music, Omaha Beach, **Uncle Mo**, and Yaupon are also on offer.

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## MATING PLANS, PRESENTED BY SPENDTHRIFT: WILLIAM S. SPARKS

*As we approach the opening of the 2024 breeding season, the TDN staff is once again sitting down with leading breeders to find out what stallions they have chosen for their mares, and why.*

Today we caught up with William S. Sparks of Monroe, Louisiana. Originally from Arkansas where he grew up attending Oaklawn races with his grandfather, Sparks has assembled a band which reflects his philosophy of breeding to race.

"I'm really deeply committed to breeding a sound racehorse who is going to do what they do best--run," said Sparks. "Regional breeding and racing are the backbone of this business and I love it. I wish I didn't so much, but I do."

The Monroe dealership owner boards with Sara Patterson of Cedar Run Farm in Arkansas and with Wayne and Cathy Swezey in Kentucky, and utilizes Ron Moquett as his conditioner.

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## IN TDN EUROPE TODAY

### DAVID STACK Q&A

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A filly by **Nashville** out of **Why Not Tonight (Tapiture)** dashes through the snow at St. Omer's Farm in Forest Hill, Maryland in style, sporting a blanket customized with her sire's name and his Perryville S. winning time. Born on January 8, she is the **first reported foal** for her sire. | George Adams/Wasabi Ventures Stables

**BELMONT STAKES LOGO UNVEILED**

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The official logo for the 2024 GI Belmont S. was unveiled by the New York Racing Association Wednesday. This year's Classic will be contested at Saratoga Race Course for the first time.

**FIRST FOALS FOR A QUARTET OF GRADE I WINNERS**

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Gainesway's **Drain the Clock**, Mill Ridge's **Aloha West**, and Ocala Stud's duo of **Roadster** and **Colonel Liam**—all Grade I winners—each welcomed their initial foals over the last few days.


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**Lothenbach dispersal, cont. from p1**



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The Kentucky Winter Mixed offerings also include 22 yearlings by such sires as **American Pharoah**, **Candy Ride**, **City of Light**, **Essential Quality**, **Ghostzapper**, **Gun Runner**, Into Mischief, **Maxfield**, Medaglia d'Oro, Omaha Beach, **Practical Joke**, **Twirling Candy**, and **War Front**.

“Mr. Lothenbach’s breeding program was old-time--pedigrees he had developed as part of an operation that was 100% breed to race,” commented Fasig-Tipton President Boyd Browning. “His families have never been offered on the public market and his yearlings have been raised with one goal--to be racehorses.”

Prior to the Kentucky Winter Mixed Sale, the complete dispersal of Lothenbach Stable’s horses of racing age will be conducted on **Fasig-Tipton Digital**, the company’s online platform. The approximately 90 horses of racing age, which consist of 3-years-old or older, will be consigned by Taylor Made Sales Agency.

Bidding for the Lothenbach Dispersal of Horses of Racing Age on Fasig-Tipton Digital will open Monday, Jan. 29 and will close on Friday, Feb. 2. The catalogue will be made available for previewing prior to the start of the digital sale.

A prominent Minnesota owner and breeder for more than 30 years, Lothenbach passed away in November of 2023. Since 2000 alone, Lothenbach colorbearers have won more than 800 races and earned more than \$30 million on the racetrack, according to Equibase. His stable ranked in the top 10 nationally in 2020 and 2022.

“Mr. Lothenbach’s passing is an immense loss to Thoroughbred racing, as he loved and participated in all aspects of our sport as an owner and breeder, while also highly active at auctions,” said Browning. “We are honored that his family has chosen Fasig-Tipton for the dispersal of the majority of his Thoroughbred holdings.”

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# MATING PLANS

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*Louisiana's William S. Sparks, cont. from p1*

**BESS (8, Mineshaft--Brenda Leigh, by Forest Wildcat) will be bred to Petrov**

This is a hard-knocking mare who made almost \$300,000 over 38 starts. I bought Bess as a yearling and raced her until she was claimed away. Ron Moquett and I bought her back. She is in foal to Beau Liam and is in the Arkansas breeding program. Like a lot of other folks, I am impressed with the look of these Petrov foals.

**DANCE FOR DADDY (8, Scat Daddy--Dance to the Sea, by Gone West) will be bred to Gunite**

I have bred speed into this mare and her last couple of offspring speak to that, including 3-year-old colt Ceepeegee (Army Mule). This colt broke his maiden in September, and my partner Keith Johnston and I are excited about his prospects. I had actually entered him at last April's OBS and once my wife

and I saw him there she asked, "why exactly are you selling this horse?"

Dance for Daddy is currently in foal to Volatile. The next move is to send her to Gunite with hopes for a precocious foal. This mare has shown she can get an early runner. Gunite is a grand-looking horse who proved himself a fighter at the races. I hope he passes that on.

**FINE FAMILY (5, Upstart--Great Family, by Harlan's Holiday) will be bred back to Girvin**

I was fortunate enough to partner with Bret Jones of Airdrie Stud in racing Fine Family. She is in foal to Girvin for this year and I think the plan is to go back to him. Bret obviously knows what he is doing, so I am just following his lead. Girvin is certainly proving to be a successful sire.

**MARTZ (12, Scat Daddy--Opulent, by Meadowlake) will be bred to either Complexity, Nashville or Yaupon**

Ron Moquett picked out Martz as a 2-year-old at OBS. We raced her and kept her to breed. She is a big, strong mare who throws lovely foals. I have an affinity for Scat Daddy mares. Martz's best foal so far is MSP Sarah Harper (Vancouver {Aus}) whose mating recommendation was the product of John Prather. **Cont.**

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**TACITUS** (c. by Tapit). Black-type winner, see record.

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**RISING TORNADO**, by Storm Cat. Winner at 3, €26,100, in France. (Total: \$39,366). Dam of 6 foals to race, all winners, including--

**CLOSE HATCHES** (f. by First Defence). Champion, above.

**LOCKDOWN** (f. by First Defence). Winner at 2 and 3, \$445,900, Busanda S. (AQU, \$60,000), 2nd Gazelle S. [G2] (AQU, \$60,000), Mother Goose S. [G2] (BEL, \$50,000), 3rd Cotillion S. [G1] (PRX, \$107,900), Longines Kentucky Oaks [G1] (CD, \$91,000). Dam of--

**IDIOMATIC** (f. by Curlin). 9 wins in 12 starts at 3 and 4, 2023, \$2,456,840, Breeders' Cup Distaff S. [G1] (SA, \$1,040,000), Juddmonte Spinster S. [G1] (KEE, \$367,350), Personal Ensign S. [G1] (SAR, \$275,000), Delaware H. [G2] (DEL, \$300,000), Shawnee S. [G3] (CD, \$136,520), Latoria S. (TP, \$150,210), 2nd Ruffian S. [G2] (BEL, \$40,000).

**Hail** (f. by Tapit). Winner at 2, \$76,151, 3rd Busanda S. (AQU, \$10,000).



**Mating Plans, cont.**

Martz has big, nice yearling colt by Astern (Aus), and we are going to breed her to speed. I am certainly liking what I am seeing from both **Complexity** and Yaupon.

**MAXINE'S TAP ROOM (8, Bourbon Courage--Sunday In Malibu, by Malibu Moon) will be bred to The Big Beast**

This is a stakes-placed mare who was quick, but who unfortunately had an abbreviated racing career. She's in the Arkansas breeding program and alternates between Arkansas and Kentucky stallions. The Big Beast is going to be a super addition to Arkansas and I'm a fan of the good-looking son of Yes It's True.



Sarah Harper | Coady Photography

**SARAH HARPER (6, Vancouver (Aus)--Martz, by Scat Daddy) will be bred to Nyquist or Street Sense**

Our plan with Sarah Harper is to have her compete at Oaklawn this spring and then she will head to the breeding shed. She's just been spectacular and nicks well with a lot of stallions. Wayne [Sweezy] and I are talking it over, but **Nyquist** or **Street Sense** are our options, in that order.

**TIPAZAR (9, Tapizar--Topsy At Midnight, by Midnight Lute) will be bred to The Big Beast**

I raced this mare in partnership with my friend Jim Brown. We are breeding Tipazar in the Arkansas program, and the plan is to continue to alternate every other year with that state entity and then with a Kentucky stallion. **Cont.**

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**Mating Plans, cont.**



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**TRIP MOM (16, El Corredor--Fifty Mil Short, by Johannesburg) will be bred to either **Highly Motivated** or **Runhappy****

Trip Mom, who I have bred and raced in the Arkansas program, was recommended to me by the late pedigree consultant Les Brinsfield. Upon entering the business, I had the good fortune to meet Les, and also John Prather through friends George Waggoner and Monty Hinton. They provided me with valuable guidance and endless hours of pedigree discussion.

Interested in sharing your own mating plans? Email [garyking@thetdn.com](mailto:garyking@thetdn.com).

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**BELMONT STAKES LOGO UNVEILED**

The official logo for the 2024 GI Belmont S. was unveiled by the New York Racing Association Wednesday. This year's Classic will be contested at Saratoga Race Course for the first time in order to allow for the uninterrupted construction of Belmont Park. This year's Belmont logo pays tribute to the history of Saratoga, home to an annual Thoroughbred race meet since 1863. The logo was developed by NYRA in collaboration with the creative team at Learfield.

Highlighted by the 156th edition of the Belmont on Saturday, June 8, the 2024 Belmont Stakes Racing Festival will begin Thursday, June 6 and continue through Sunday, June 9. The four-day Festival at Saratoga will include 23 stakes races with the richest purses since the launch of the multi-day Belmont Stakes Racing Festival in 2014.

**Cont.**



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*Belmont logo, cont.*



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For more information about the 2024 Belmont Stakes Racing Festival at Saratoga Race Course, visit [www.BelmontStakes.com](http://www.BelmontStakes.com).

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## FIRST FOAL OF GISW DRAIN THE CLOCK ARRIVES



**Drain the Clock's first foal**

The first foal of Grade I-winning sprinter **Drain the Clock** (*Maclean's Music*--Manki, by Arch) arrived Wednesday, Jan. 17 at Machmer Hall in Lexington, Kentucky. The colt is out of the mare Egyptian Bride, a half-sister to Grade I-placed Generous Tipper. *Cont.*

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**Drain the Clock's first foal, cont.**

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A debut winner at Gulfstream at two, **Drain the Clock** returned the following season to add wins in the GIII Swale S., GIII Bay Shore S. and GI Woody Stephens S., where he defeated subsequent champion sprinter Jackie’s Warrior.

**Drain the Clock** retired with seven wins in 15 career starts, including three victories in graded stakes races, for earnings of \$698,000.

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**FIRST FOAL FOR ALOHA WEST**

**Aloha West** (**Hard Spun**--Island Bound, by Speightstown) was represented by his first foal when Bashful (Orb) produced a colt by the GI Breeders' Cup Sprint winner Monday at Machmer Hall Farm.

“The baby has great bone, size, and substance,” said Machmer Hall owner Craig Brogden. “Very happy with the beautiful baby.”



**Aloha West**--Bashful, by Orb

In addition to the 2021 Breeders' Cup Sprint, **Aloha West** also finished second in that year's GII Stoll Keenon Ogden Phoenix S. and third in the 2022 GI Churchill Downs S.

**Aloha West** stands at Mill Ridge Farm for \$8,500 LF.

“As a side note, this foal was born on my grandmother, Alice Chandler’s birthday,” said Mill Ridge's Price Bell. “Also, **Oscar Performance**’s first foal was born on her birthday, Jan. 15, 2020...serendipitous!”

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Grade I winners **Roadster** (**Quality Road**--Ghost Dancing, by Silver Ghost) and **Colonel Liam** (**Liam's Map**--Amazement, by Bernardini), both standing at Ocala Stud, were represented by their first foals earlier this month.

Yooou Den (Kiss the Kid) produced Roadster's first foal, a filly, Jan. 8. Dominique Damico bred the filly, whose dam was a 12-time winner and an earner of \$185,340.

Colonel Liam, a two-time winner of the GI Pegasus Turf Invitational S., was represented by his first foal when a filly out of the winning Jess's Dream mare More Glory was born Jan. 12. The filly was bred by Peter Mirabelli.

Roadster, winner of the 2019 GI Santa Anita Derby and second in that year's GI Malibu S., bred 153 mares in his first season at stud in 2023. He stands for \$7,500 S&N.

In addition to his 2021 and 2022 wins in the Pegasus Turf, Colonel Liam also won the 2021 GI Old Forester Bourbon Turf Classic. He bred 138 mares in his first season at stud in 2023 and he stands for \$6,500 S&N.

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## OBS WINTER SUPPLEMENTS ONLINE

The supplemental catalogue--featuring 46 horses--for the Ocala Breeders' Sales Company's Winter Mixed Sale is now **online** for the two-day sale, which will be held Jan. 23 and 24.

Fifteen horses have been supplemented to the Preferred Session, which begins Tuesday at 12 p.m. EST. In addition, 11 supplements have been added to the Horses of Racing Age Session, which begins immediately following the Preferred Session. Twenty horses have also been added to the following day's Open Session.

The Racing Age section's optional Under Tack Show is scheduled for Monday, Jan. 22 at 9:00 a.m.

The supplemental catalogue will be available in print at the sales grounds. Supplements are still being accepted; however, their catalogue pages will not be available in the printed supplement but will be available in the online catalogue and in print at the sales grounds.

The sale will be streamed live on various platforms, including [thetdn.com](http://thetdn.com).

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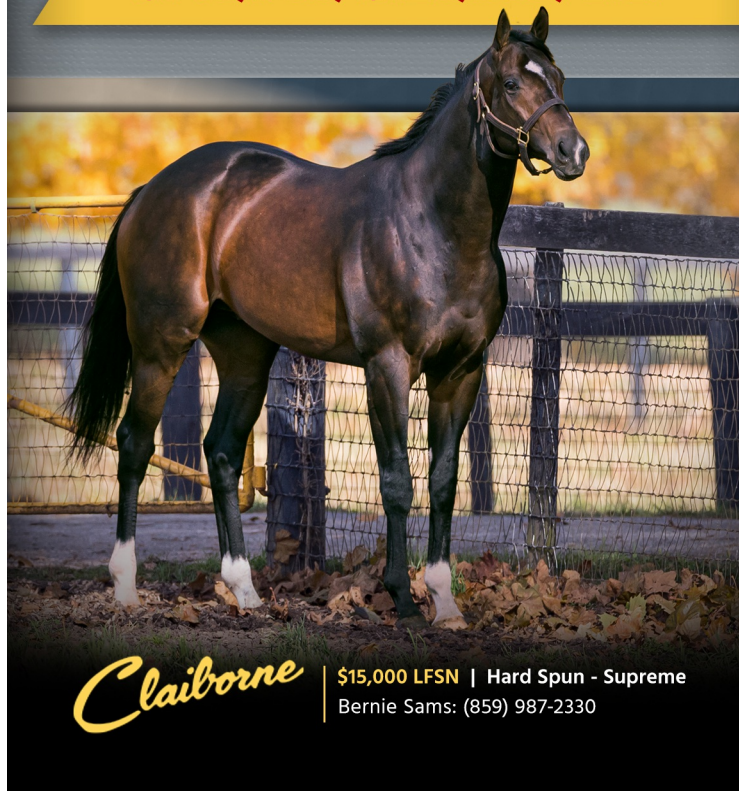
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### NEW HISA/HIWU STEWARDS RULINGS

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

**Date:** 11/25/2023

**Licensee:** Jesus Romero, 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. Admission.

**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:** Jesus Romero, trainer

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trophies, points, and rankings and repayment or surrender (as applicable); Treated as 1 violation with Blake B. under 09/08/23 HISA Guidance. Admission.

**Explainer:** For the presence of Diclofenac-Controlled Medication (Class C)-in a sample taken from Hang Tight, who won at Aqueduct 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:** 12/12/2023

**Licensee:** Alfredo Velazquez, 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 Phenylbutazone-Controlled Medication (Class C)-in a sample taken from Lucky Flush, who finished ninth at Parx Racing on 12/12/23. This is a possible violation of Rule 3312-Presence of Controlled Medication Substance and/or its Metabolites or Markers (Post-Race/Vets' List).

**Date:** 12/03/2023

**Licensee:** Angel Sanchez-Pinero, trainer

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**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).

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**Date: 12/01/2023****Licensee: Steve Miyadi, 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 Dimethylsulfoxide-Controlled 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: 11/17/2023****Licensee: Amador Sanchez, 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 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: 12/06/2023****Licensee: Patricio Venzor (currently listed on Equibase as owner)**

**Penalty:** None. Equine controlled medication charges were withdrawn.

**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: 12/08/2023****Licensee: Kevin Martin, 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, Strings. This was also a possible violation of Rule 4222-Intra-Articular Injections Within Seven (7) Days of Timed and Reported Workout.

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**Pending ADMC Violations**

**Date:** 12/06/2023

**Licensee:** Gerald Brooks, trainer

**Penalty:** Pending

Alleged violation: Medication violation

**Explainer:** For the presence of Phenylbutazone-Controlled Medication (Class C)-in a sample taken from Jareth, who won at Turfway Park on 12/06/23. This is a possible violation of Rule 3312-Presence of Controlled Medication Substance and/or its Metabolites or Markers (Post-Race/Vets' List).

**Date:** 12/13/2023

**Licensee:** Jonathan Thomas, trainer

**Penalty:** Pending

Alleged violation: Pre-workout intra-articular injection 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, Esme. This is also a possible violation of Rule 4222-Intra-Articular Injections Within Seven (7) Days of Timed and Reported Workout.

**Violations of Crop Rule**

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

**Aqueduct**

**Daylor Shakil Berrios** - violation date Jan. 11; \$250 fine, one-day suspension

**Sunland Park**

**Alejandro Medellin** - violation date Jan. 11; \$250 fine, one-day suspension

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**DERBY FUTURE WAGER POOL OPENS FRIDAY**

The third pool of the Kentucky Derby Future Wager will open Friday with 40 betting options led by individual favorite **Fierceness (City of Light)**, who is 8-1 on the morning line, and "All Other 3-Year-Olds" from the 2021 foal crop not listed in the field as the 7-5 overall betting choice. The three-day pool closes Sunday at 6 p.m.



Fierceness | Benoit

There are six Future Wager pools scheduled in advance of the 2024 Kentucky Derby: Oct. 31-Nov.2 (Pool 1); Nov. 23-26 (Pool 2); Jan. 19-21 (Pool 3); Feb. 16-18 (Pool 4); Mar. 15-17 (Pool 5); and Apr. 4-6 (Pool 6).

The lone Kentucky Oaks Future Wager will coincide with Kentucky Derby Future Wager Pool 5.

For the complete pool and wagering information, click [here](#).

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**LITTLE NAMED EQUIBASE VP OF RACING SERVICES**

Scott Little has been appointed vice president of racing services at Equibase. Little, who has served as the company's director of track services since 2021, will directly oversee setup, operation, and maintenance of the E-GPS technology systems being utilized at 28 racetracks and coordinate chart-calling staff at more than 125 tracks across the country.

A graduate of the Racetrack Industry Program at the University of Arizona, Little served as a product manager for AmTote prior to joining Equibase. Before transitioning to horse racing, Little spent his career in the hospitality and customer service industry, managing four-star resorts and serving as a vice president of a leading hospitality software company.

"In a short amount of time, Scott has proven to be an invaluable asset in leading our data collection efforts, both in working with racetracks and our team," said Kelley Kraeszig, Equibase's senior vice president for business operations and administration. "His strong background with technology and skills in project management will serve him well in this expanded role."

Equibase Company is a partnership between The Jockey Club and the Thoroughbred Racing Associations of North America and serves as the Thoroughbred industry's official database.

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## TAA'S OFF TO THE RACES CAMPAIGN OPENS JAN. 25



Saratoga's Whitney features among the VIP packages | Sarah Andrew

The Thoroughbred Aftercare Alliance (TAA)'s annual online benefit auction featuring VIP racing experience packages will open bidding Thursday, Jan. 25 at 10 a.m. EST and close Friday, Feb. 2 at 10 p.m. EST. All proceeds from the 'Off to the Races Campaign' will go to support accredited aftercare.

The auction features 18 VIP packages which grant access to major race days across North America in 2024 and 2025. Each package features an exclusive itinerary of horse racing-related activities.

"These VIP experiences are more than just events, they're gateways to unforgettable moments and a chance to share the magic of the racetrack for new and longtime race goers," said TAA's Director of Funding and Events Emily Dresen. "We're excited to bring these once-in-a-lifetime adventures to people who share our love for the sport."

The first VIP experience by date is the Mar. 9 Tampa Bay Derby and the last is the 2025 Pegasus World Cup. All three Triple Crown races are featured, as is the Breeders' Cup, the King's Plate, and a number of other top events in the sport. To see a list of the packages and to register to bid, visit [thoroughbredaftercare.org/offtotheraces](http://thoroughbredaftercare.org/offtotheraces).

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## CATALOGUE FOR WANAMAKER'S JANUARY SALE ONLINE *Edited Press Release*

The Wanamaker's January Sale catalogue is now available online at [www.wanamakers.com](http://www.wanamakers.com). The catalogue features horses of racing age, open broodmares, in-foal broodmares, and stallion seasons.

Bidding will open at 8:00 a.m. ET Wed. Jan. 24, with the first listing set to close at 5:00 p.m. Subsequent listings will close in

three-minute increments. Detailed information on the buying process can be found at [www.wanamakers.com/buy](http://www.wanamakers.com/buy).

### Highlights of the Catalog Include:

- A 2024 NG season to **Great Notion**. Great Notion is the No. 1 Maryland sire six years running.
- **Luna Santa**, a broodmare by Birdstone offered open for the 2024 breeding season. She is a stakes-placed mare out of a stakes-winning mare.
- **Cartesian**, a 3-year-old racing prospect by Grade I-winning sire Liam's Map. She is out of the Kitten's Joy mare Pure Elation, who is a full-sister to two stakes winners.
- **Topazio**, a stakes-placed mare by More Than Ready. She is out of a multiple black-type producing mare by Dixieland Band.



Great Notion | Louise Reinagel

Prospective buyers may browse the website to view pedigrees, pictures, and videos of each hip offered. In-person inspections may be scheduled by contacting sellers with the information provided in the catalogue. For more information, click [here](#).

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## LOUISIANA DOWNS, TURFWAY AND OAKLAWN CANCEL DUE TO WINTER FREEZE

Following a spate of cancellations throughout the east, Louisiana Downs announced it will cancel the Thursday, Jan. 18 card due to continuing storms and freezing conditions throughout the region. The Bossier City oval also cancelled Monday and Tuesday's cards.

Also forced to alter plans due to the weather, Turfway Park in Florence, Kentucky announced it will cancel Friday and Saturday's live racing. Saturday's Leonatus S. will be redrawn and is expected to be carded for Feb. 2. Friday's forecast called for about one inch of snow during the day with the feels-like temperature around 8 degrees and a northwest wind at 9 to 15 mph during the evening. Although the snow is expected to depart by Saturday, the wind chill will remain frigid, around 6 degrees at first post. Thursday's card remains unchanged.

Oaklawn Park in Hot Springs, Arkansas has also added its name to those forced to cancel this week. The track has cancelled racing Friday, Jan. 19 through Jan. 21. Simulcast will remain open Thursday through Sunday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

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## HARRIS, GREEN AND MATHIS TO JOIN TOC BOARD

*Edited Press Release*

John C. Harris, Ty Green and Andy Mathis have been appointed to the board of the Thoroughbred Owners of California (TOC).

Owner of Harris Farms, Harris was inducted into the California Racing Hall of Fame in 2008 and was honored last year by the Edwin J. Gregson Foundation for his industry service. Harris Farms has been connected to over 50 California divisional champions, including eight California Horses of the Year. He is a former California Horse Racing Board (CHRB) Commissioner and currently serves on the board of the California Thoroughbred Breeders Association (CTBA).

Green, also an owner and breeder, is a current Board Member of the CTBA. The San Luis Obispo-based lawyer has raced under the name of SLO Racing Stable since 2010.

Mathis was the 2021 California Trainer of the Year. He was also leading trainer at the 2023 Golden Gate Fall Meet and finished seventh in the standings during the 2022 Del Mar Summer Meet. Based at Golden Gate Field, the 44-year-old is the winner of just under 800 races in his career. His winners include stakes winners Jimmy Blue Jeans and Give Me The Lute.

All three will serve the TOC Board as representatives of the North. According to TOC president and CEO Bill Nader, board members volunteered names to fill vacancies. "We spoke yesterday and had a productive discussion and will officially ratify the new members in short order," Nader said.

"We are honored that John, Ty and Andy, well-respected North horsemen, will join our board," said TOC Chairman Gary Fenton. "We are in a period of great transition and their passion, wisdom and institutional knowledge of California horse racing, in particular the North, will be of tremendous value to the board and our members as we work together to find the right path for the future of California racing."

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## DIPIETROS ACQUIRE DONIDA FARM

Joseph DiPietro, owner of DiPietro Thoroughbreds, and Wendy DiPietro, owner of We Plan It and Stem Floral Design, announced the recent purchase of Donida Farm in Auburn, Washington.

Already an established Thoroughbred owner and breeder, Joseph DiPietro plans to combine his racing experience with Wendy's event planning to create an operation appealing to a wide range of equestrian enthusiasts and industry professionals. While maintaining its dressage history, Donida Farm will be further developed into an event destination, Bello Acres, enhancing its services to the Thoroughbred industry.

"We are thrilled to embark on this new journey with the acquisition of Donida Farm," said Joseph DiPietro. "Our combined passion for equestrian excellence, Thoroughbred racing and a wide range of personal and professional events is combined with the incredible potential of this property and facilities, [and] fills us with great excitement for what's to come."

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## TDN CRITERIA

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**Saturday, Fair Grounds #13, post time: 7:00 p.m. EST**

**LECOMTE S.-GIII, \$200,000, 3yo, 1 1/16m**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Next Level 🦄	Vino Rosso	Don't Tell My Wife Stables 2022, LLC	Desormeaux	Cohen	122
2	Nash	Medaglia d'Oro	Godolphin, LLC	Cox	Geroux	122
3	Tizzy Indy	Take Charge Indy	Calumet Farm	Desormeaux	Graham	122
4	Can Group	Good Samaritan	D. J. Stable LLC and Cash is King LLC	Casse	Loveberry	122
5	Ethan Energy	Uncle Mo	Stonestreet Stables LLC	Cox	Saez	122
6	Lat Long 🦄	Liam's Map	Walking L Thoroughbreds, LLC	McPeek	Hernandez, Jr.	122
7	Track Phantom 🦄	Quality Road	L and N Racing, Clark Brewster, Jerry Caroom, and Breeze Easy, LLC	Asmussen	Rosario	122
8	Awesome Road 🦄	Quality Road	Albaugh Family Stables LLC and Donegal Racing	Cox	Concepcion	122

**Breeders:** 1-White Fox Farm, 2-Godolphin, 3-Calumet Farm, 4-Wynnstay Inc. & H. Allen Poindexter, 5-Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC, 6-Town & Country Horse Farms, LLC, 7-Breeze Easy, LLC, 8-Claiborne Farm

**Saturday, Fair Grounds #12, post time: 6:30 p.m. EST**

**LOUISIANA S. PRESENTED BY RELYNE GI BY HAGYARD-GIII, \$175,000, 4yo/up, 1 1/16m**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Red Route One	Gun Runner	Winchell Thoroughbreds LLC	Asmussen	Rosario	118
2	Smile Happy 🦄	Runhappy	Lucky Seven Stable	McPeek	Hernandez, Jr.	118
3	Saudi Crown 🦄	Always Dreaming	FMQ Stables	Cox	Geroux	124
4	Happy American 🦄	Runhappy	Lothenbach Stables, Inc.	Pessin	Loveberry	118
5	Five Star General 🦄	Distorted Humor	Elttaes Stable	Forster	Pedroza, Jr.	122
6	Confidence Game 🦄	Candy Ride (Arg)	Don't Tell My Wife Stables 2022, LLC	Desormeaux	Lanerie	118
7	Kupuna 🦄	Hard Spun	Wayne Sanders and Larry Hirsch	Calhoun	Gutierrez	118

**Breeders:** 1-Winchell Thoroughbreds, LLC, 2-Moreau Bloodstock Int'l Inc. & White Bloodstock LLC, 3-CHC Inc., 4-Claiborne Farm, 5-WinStar Farm, LLC, 6-Summer Wind Equine LLC, 7-Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC & Greg Biagi

**Saturday, Santa Anita #8, post time: 7:00 p.m. EST**

**LA CANADA S.-GIII, \$100,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Musical Mischief 🦄	Into Mischief	Stoneway Farm	McCarthy	Rispoli	120
2	Coffee in Bed 🦄	Curlin	Spendthrift Farm LLC	Mandella	Smith	120
3	Signorina Merisi (GB)	Caravaggio	Ronald L. Charles and Samuel Gordon	Badilla	Pereira	122
4	Desert Dawn	Cupid	H and E Ranch, Inc.	D'Amato	Prat	124
5	Cliquish 🦄	Bernardini	H and E Ranch, Inc.	D'Amato	Kimura	120
6	Midnight Memories	Mastery	Michael E. Pegram, Karl Watson, & Paul Weitman	Baffert	Hernandez	124

**Breeders:** 1-Clearsky Farms, 2-Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC, 3-Barry Walters, 4-H & E Ranch, 5-Pope McLean, Marc McLean & Pope McLean Jr. & Godolphin, 6-Michael E. Pegram, Paul Weitman & Karl Watson







## SECOND-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: THURSDAY, JANUARY 18 2024 Stud Fees Listed



**Audible** | Sarah Andrew

**Audible** (Into Mischief), WinStar Farm, \$15,000  
261 foals of racing age/22 winners/2 black-type winners  
8-Fair Grounds, 5:15 p.m. EST, Aoc 6f, Cats by Five, 7-2  
\$575,000 KEE SEP yrl  
2-Turfway, 6:25 p.m. EST, Msw 1m, Sanctify, 15-1  
\$7,500 KEE JAN yrl  
2-Turfway, 6:25 p.m. EST, Msw 1m, Voice From Above, 9-2  
\$24,000 FTK OCT yrl

**Catalina Cruiser** (**Union Rags**), Lane's End Farm, \$10,000  
172 foals of racing age/16 winners/0 black-type winners  
2-Turfway, 6:25 p.m. EST, Msw 1m, Everything Bugs Me, 7-2  
\$50,000 KEE NOV wnl; \$22,000 RNA KEE SEP yrl; \$30,000 OBS  
APR 2yo

**Catholic Boy** (More Than Ready), Claiborne Farm, \$10,000  
159 foals of racing age/16 winners/0 black-type winners  
7-Fair Grounds, 4:45 p.m. EST, Msw 1mT, Aunt Alex, 6-1  
\$80,000 OBS OCT yrl; \$170,000 OBS APR 2yo  
7-Turfway, 8:55 p.m. EST, Aoc 1m, Mission Ready, 20-1  
\$80,000 KEE NOV wnl; \$100,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$55,000 OBS APR  
2yo

**Coal Front** (Stay Thirsty), Spendthrift Farm, \$5,000  
79 foals of racing age/10 winners/2 black-type winners  
1-Sunland, 2:25 p.m. EST, Msw 6 1/2f, Right in Front, 9-2  
\$25,000 FTK OCT yrl; \$40,000 OBS APR 2yo

**Copper Bullet** (More Than Ready), Darby Dan Farm, \$7,500  
53 foals of racing age/7 winners/1 black-type winner  
1-Sunland, 2:25 p.m. EST, Msw 6 1/2f, Copper State, 15-1

**Enticed** (**Medaglia d'Oro**), Darley, \$5,000  
156 foals of racing age/24 winners/1 black-type winner  
7-Fair Grounds, 4:45 p.m. EST, Msw 1mT, Saranac Lake, 8-1  
\$15,000 KEE NOV wnl; \$57,000 OBS OCT yrl

**Flameaway** (Scat Daddy), Darby Dan Farm, \$15,000  
200 foals of racing age/23 winners/4 black-type winners  
5-Fair Grounds, 3:45 p.m. EST, Msw 5 1/2fT, Bear River, 8-1  
\$67,000 KEE NOV wnl; \$65,000 RNA KEE SEP yrl; \$50,000 OBS  
OPN 2yo

**Kentucky Wildcat** (**Tapit**)  
23 foals of racing age/3 winners/0 black-type winners  
9-Sunland, 5:54 p.m. EST, \$100K LaSenora S., 6f, Honky Tonk  
Honey, 12-1  
9-Sunland, 5:54 p.m. EST, \$100K LaSenora S., 6f, Wildcat Reese,  
15-1

**Maximus Mischief** (Into Mischief), Spendthrift Farm, \$25,000  
231 foals of racing age/34 winners/3 black-type winners  
6-Fair Grounds, 4:15 p.m. EST, Msw 1 1/16m, Liuzza, 8-1  
\$100,000 KEE SEP yrl  
6-Fair Grounds, 4:15 p.m. EST, Msw 1 1/16m, Mischievousness,  
12-1  
\$60,000 KEE NOV wnl; \$120,000 KEE SEP yrl  
8-Aqueduct, 4:16 p.m. EST, Msw 6f, Sorority Prank, 12-1  
\$45,000 RNA FTK OCT yrl; \$75,000 OBS APR 2yo

**Mitole** (Eskendereya), Spendthrift Farm, \$15,000  
293 foals of racing age/37 winners/2 black-type winners  
10-Fair Grounds, 6:15 p.m. EST, Msw 6f, Sister Ella, 5-1

**Omaha Beach** (**War Front**), Spendthrift Farm, \$40,000  
291 foals of racing age/25 winners/3 black-type winners  
8-Aqueduct, 4:16 p.m. EST, Msw 6f, Allied Attack, 8-1  
\$185,000 KEE NOV wnl; \$275,000 RNA OBS MAR 2yo  
7-Fair Grounds, 4:45 p.m. EST, Msw 1mT, Without Cause, 3-1  
\$180,000 KEE SEP yrl





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**St Patrick's Day** (Pioneerof the Nile), Journeyman Stud, \$3,500  
 90 foals of racing age/10 winners/0 black-type winners  
 8-Fair Grounds, 5:15 p.m. EST, Aoc 6f, Drewmania, 12-1  
 \$55,000 RNA OBS APR 2yo; \$40,000 OBS OPN 2yo

**Solomini** (Curlin), McMahon of Saratoga Thoroughbreds, \$7,500  
 142 foals of racing age/14 winners/3 black-type winners  
 8-Aqueduct, 4:16 p.m. EST, Msw 6f, Heavyweight Champs, 2-1  
 \$6,000 FTN MIX wnl; \$65,000 SAR AUG yrl; \$290,000 OBS APR  
 2yo  
 8-Aqueduct, 4:16 p.m. EST, Msw 6f, Solo Empire, 20-1

**Sporting Chance** (Tiznow), A & A Ranch  
 45 foals of racing age/3 winners/0 black-type winners  
 1-Sunland, 2:25 p.m. EST, Msw 6 1/2f, Cash Follows Me, 5-1

**Vino Rosso** (Curlin), Spendthrift Farm, \$20,000  
 309 foals of racing age/27 winners/2 black-type winners  
 8-Aqueduct, 4:16 p.m. EST, Msw 6f, Red Flyer, 10-1  
 \$100,000 FTN MIX wnl

**World of Trouble** (Kantharos), Hill 'n' Dale at Xalapa, \$5,000  
 129 foals of racing age/18 winners/1 black-type winner  
 1-Sunland, 2:25 p.m. EST, Msw 6 1/2f, No Trouble, 5-2  
 \$20,000 KEE NOV wnl

**THIS DATE IN HISTORY...**

**January 19, 1955...**Swaps won the San Vicente S., the first race of his three-year-old campaign, by 3 1/2 lengths at Santa Anita Park. He went on to triumph over Nashua in the Kentucky Derby, but was in turn defeated by his rival in a \$100,000 match race at Washington Park on Aug. 31, his only loss that year.

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**ALLOWANCE RESULTS:**

**3rd-Gulfstream, \$53,850**, (S), (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$20,000), 1-17, 4yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:40.77, ft, 1 length.

**GREAT ANALOGY** (f, 4, **Tonalist**--Curlin's Princess, by Curlin)  
 Lifetime Record: 10-3-0-1, \$78,210. O-Alter's Racing Stable, Inc.; B/T-Happy Alter (FL).

**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**

**Destiny Star**, f, 3, **Catholic Boy**--Reiko, by Declaration of War.  
 Tampa Bay Downs, 1-17, 5fT, :57.61. Lifetime Record: 4-1-0-0, \$29,860. B-Siena Farms LLC (KY). \*\$35,000 RNA Ylg '22 KEESEP.

**Valiant West**, g, 4, **West Coast**--Run and Go, by Union Rags.  
 Tampa Bay Downs, 1-17, 1m 40y, 1:42.59. Lifetime Record: 3-1-2-0, \$29,480. B-Gary & Mary West (KY).

**Royal Quality**, g, 5, **Quality Road**--Surfside Tiara (SW, \$109,125), by Scat Daddy. Gulfstream, 1-17, (C), 5fT, :56.53. Lifetime Record: 10-1-2-4, \$78,595. B-Bridlewood Farm (FL). \*\$400,000 RNA 2yo '21 FTFMAR; \$400,000 2yo '21 OBSOPN.

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**Quality Road**, Royal Quality, g, 5, o/o Surfside Tiara, by Scat Daddy. MOC, 1-17, Gulfstream

**Tonalist**, Great Analogy, f, 4, o/o Curlin's Princess, by Curlin. AOC, 1-17, Gulfstream

**West Coast**, Valiant West, g, 4, o/o Run and Go, by Union Rags. MSW, 1-17, Tampa Bay

