



BULLET-PROOF VESTS, DEMAND FOR 3-Y-O BUMPERS AND MORE AT ITBA SEMINAR



Lorna Fowler, Walter Connors, Peter Molony, Bertrand le Metayer, Anthony Bromley, Charles O'Neill, and Richard Pugh | ITBA

By Brian Sheerin

The Irish Thoroughbred Breeders' Association promised "lively debate" ahead of its eagerly-anticipated National Hunt seminar and it didn't disappoint with the introduction of three-year-old bumpers, altering the sales programme, the importance of a strong broodmare band and polarisation of the market some of the major topics discussed on the night.

The event took place on Wednesday at The Lord Bagenal Inn, County Carlow, just a stone's throw away from where Willie Mullins, one of the greatest National Hunt trainer of all time, is based.

The panel featured Anthony Bromley, Walter Connors, Bertrand le Metayer, Peter Molony, Charles O'Neill and Richard Pugh with Lorna Fowler the master of ceremonies.

ITBA chief Cathy Grassick described herself as delighted by the huge turnout, and said, "I was delighted. Not just the number of people, but the calibre of attendees as well, and it made for healthy and important debate. If you want to make change or debate the future of our industry, it's important that the people who make the decisions are in the room, and they were." [Cont. p3](#)

LORD NORTH LOOKING TO BUILD ON HISTORIC EXPLOITS *by Adam Houghton*

Lord North (Ire) (Dubawi {Ire}) might not be the most talented horse his breed-shaping sire has ever produced, but few can claim to have shown the same longevity as John and Thady Gosden's stable stalwart, the star name among 22 entries for the G3 BetUK Winter Derby at Southwell on Saturday, February 24.

Successful on his sole two-year-old start at Redcar in October 2018, HH Sheikh Zayed bin Mohammed Racing's Lord North embarks on his seventh year in training at Clarehaven Stables with relatively few miles on the clock for one of his age, boasting a career record of 10 wins from 20 starts.

After climbing through the ranks in handicaps as a three-year-old, notably winning the prestigious Cambridgeshire at Newmarket, Lord North took his form to a new level altogether during the 2020 campaign when he won the G3 Brigadier Gerard S. at Haydock. [Cont. p6](#)

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Grassick added, "It's great that there will be some things that will be followed up on.

"One of the key messages I took from the evening is that the panel were keen to point out all of the things we do right in this country and, while, yes, there are some things we could change, we need to make sure that we are not throwing the baby out with the bath water. There's an awful lot of good things happening and a lot that we can be proud of. That doesn't mean that we can't do some things better."

Despite the weight of some of the issues up for debate, the evening got off to a light-hearted start with French bloodstock agent le Metayer revealing that, when Molony called him to see if he would be interested in sitting on the panel, he also asked for his jacket size. Why so?

"It was for a bullet-proof vest," he joked, while alluding to the current reign the French thoroughbred is enjoying over its Irish counterpart.

Le Metayer's sense of humour was once again on show when, paying the Irish breeders a back-handed compliment given their penchant for fashion compared to the French breeders, he said, "Historically in France, and obviously it's a big country, but, the guy from down the road in Burgundy is not going to drive six hours to get his mare covered by Saint Des Saints.

"The reality is that [the success of the French breeding model], I wouldn't call it any brilliance or horsemanship, it's sheer luck. Overall, I think Irish people are better horse people than the French but you guys have got less common sense than us! You are thinking commercially and we are thinking of going 10 minutes down the road [to the local stallion master]."

The depth of the French broodmare band, and the sheer robustness of the mares that breeders in France can call upon, was also highlighted as a major advantage to the industry over there.

Meanwhile, Molony made the point that too much emphasis was being placed on the stallion in Ireland these days and, in borrowing a line from the excellent Jamie Railton podcast with Roger O'Callaghan, where the Tally-Ho Stud man urged breeders to look themselves in the mirror, the Rathmore Stud boss did the same.

Molony went on to give examples where broodmares with proven credentials have been sold relatively cheaply in recent times and identified an opportunity for National Hunt breeders to replenish their broodmare band in the current climate.

Pugh addressed the issue of polarisation in the National Hunt market, which has been so heavily dominated by the progeny of Walk In The Park and Blue Bresil in recent times, by doing what he does best; wheeling out some cold, hard facts. [Cont. p4](#)

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He said, "We all know the story of the 2023 Cheltenham Festival where 28 races were won by 27 different stallions. But for the purpose of this evening, I looked back over the past 12 months of Grade 1 winners in Ireland. There have been 30 individual winners of Grade 1 races in Ireland in the past 12 months and 20 of them were French while nine were Irish and one was British.

"That's what we're up against. Also, no Irish horse won two. Another thing that was interesting was that there were 23 different sires represented by those 30 Grade 1 winners so, for all of the polarisation, actually, when you get out there into those Grade 1 races, it's spread out a lot more."



A scene from The Lord Bagenal on Wednesday | ITM

Pugh added, "I have huge sympathy for the Irish breeders because they are going where they think the market is. It's got to be commercial. I sympathise with the Irish breeder who sits down and says, 'this is the covering I would like because it would suit the mare, but that is the covering I feel that I have to choose to get paid.' If that is the case, it's disappointing."

It was Pugh who summarised that the Irish thoroughbred is, on average, "a year behind" its counterpart in France and the panel agreed that the introduction of three-year-old bumpers or even two-year-old store sales could be an avenue worth exploring in an effort to meet the societal demands.

Everybody wants things quicker, it was gleaned. And to deal with the demands, or in some cases dwindling patience, three-year-old bumpers and earlier store sales were put forward as ways in which the process of blooding a National Hunt racehorse could be fast-tracked, thus, providing answers to those paying the bills that bit sooner. Grassick confirmed that both ideas could be explored following the event. **Cont. p5**

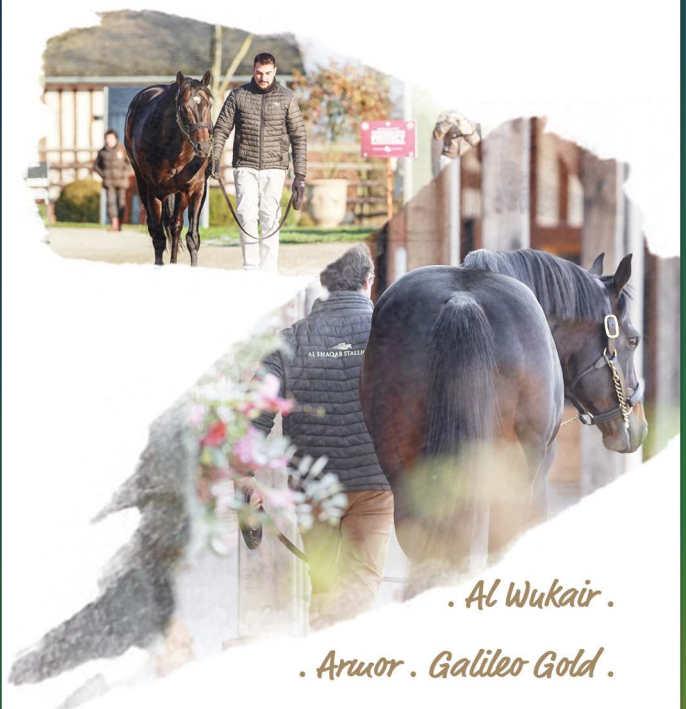
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--Cathy Grassick

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She said, "There has been a lot of study and a lot of historical evidence for slow and steady exercise across the whole range of development in the thoroughbred--so foals, yearlings, two-year-olds etc. Introducing horses to light exercise from a young age, the physiological benefits are proven to increase bone density, muscle memory, balance etc. That's what the studies are showing. When you look at some of the horses who were broken as Flat yearlings, the likes of Istabraq and Hurricane Fly who have come across and become great Champion Hurdlers and stood the test of time, it obviously wasn't any detriment to them to have begun their careers earlier than most."

One of the more surprising developments of the evening was the criticism levelled at ITM by a number of people in the audience. It resulted in a passionate riposte from O'Neill, who defended the organisation, as did Bromley, who described ITM as "the envy" of everyone in Britain which resulted in a round of applause.

It was at this point where le Metayer shared that the foundations set out by ITM, in terms of attracting buyers and promoting the Irish thoroughbred on an international scale, was copied in France. Shortly afterwards, Pugh urged breeders to examine the product and not to point fingers at the people, ie ITM, whose job it is to market the product.

One thing that everyone in the room could agree on is that the cost of producing these foals has sky-rocketed in line with inflation. Such a point was explained in no uncertain terms by Connors. The introduction and development of the mares' programme in Britain and Ireland is another thing that had the majority of those in the room singing from the same hymn sheet. The success of that relatively recent development is also reflected in the numbers.

Grassick explained, "It's staggering the success of the ITBA National Hunt Fillies Bonus Scheme. When you look at the figures between 2022 and 2017 for example, the turnover on fillies at the Tattersalls Derby Sale has more than doubled, even though they are offering roughly the same number of fillies.

"In that time, the turnover has gone from €1.8m to €3.6m for 70 to 75-odd fillies sold. It has resulted in massive increases in the demand for fillies at the sales and proves that the scheme does work and providing a race programme with such opportunities works as well."

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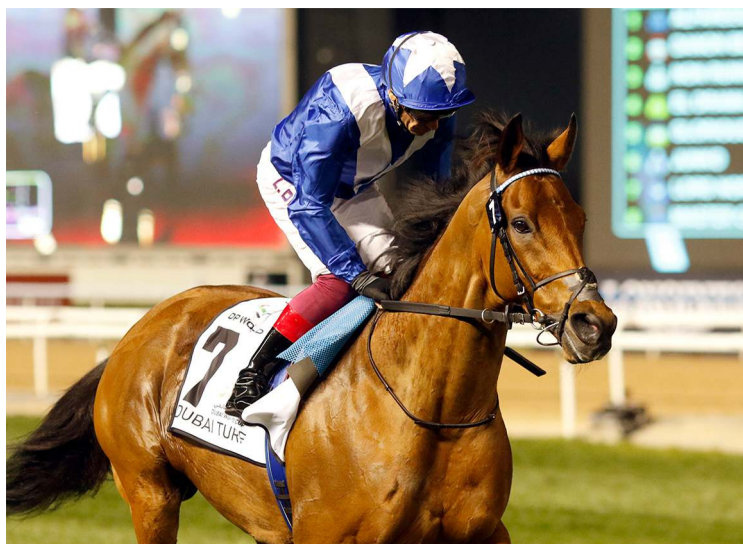


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Later that year he would take the G1 Prince of Wales's S. at Royal Ascot, beating the multiple top-level winners Addeybb (Ire), Barney Roy (GB) and Japan (GB).

That remains Lord North's only Group 1 victory on European soil, but his subsequent exploits in the Middle East have guaranteed his place in history as the first three-time winner of the G1 Dubai Turf at Meydan. His £6.3 million in career earnings also makes him the richest-ever racehorse by Dubawi ahead of Benbatl (GB) (£5.9 million), whose three Group 1 wins included the 2018 Dubai Turf.



Lord North could aim for a fourth Dubai Turf | *Racingfotos.com*

Lord North—who had the Lord North H. run in his honour at Meydan on Friday, January 12—has been on the sidelines since March last year when his trademark turn of foot sealed him his third straight win in the Dubai Turf, beating Danon Beluga (Jpn), previously Group 1-placed in Japan, by three quarters of a length.

A few weeks earlier Lord North had returned from eight months off with an emphatic success in the Winter Derby, while his dead-heat with Panthalassa (Jpn) in the 2022 Dubai Turf followed a runner-up finish when returning from an even longer absence at Lingfield.

All roads surely lead back to Meydan for the eight-year-old Lord North, who could try to complete a remarkable four-timer in the Dubai Turf on Saturday, March 30, though it won't quite be the usual tried-and-tested path if he takes up his entry in the Winter Derby along the way, with that Group 3 set to be run at Southwell for the first time this year.

The other Group 1 winner among the 22 entries is the William Haggas-trained **Dubai Honour (Ire)** (Pride of Dubai {Aus}), who

won the G1 Ranvet S. and G1 Queen Elizabeth S. in Australia in the first part of 2023, while there would arguably be no more fascinating runner than the long-absent **Eydon (Ire)** (Olden Times {GB}), last seen since finishing fourth in the 2022 G1 2000 Guineas when trained by Roger Varian.

Now in the care of Andrew Balding, Eydon needs to prove that he retains all his ability after such a significant absence, but there is certainly nothing wrong with his Newmarket form which saw him chase home a trio of multiple Group 1 winners in Coroebus (Ire), Native Trail (GB) and Luxembourg (Ire).

Balding said, "Eydon has a very high level of form, although it has been some time since he was last on the track. He has had a few niggles, but we are really pleased with him at the moment and the Winter Derby is very much the plan. The intention is to go straight there without a run—we feel that is the right thing to do."

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IN THE HOT SEAT

Martin Buick

He may not be able to dance but **Martin Buick**, bloodstock consultant for De Burgh Equine, is not afraid to face the *TDN* question master.

What was your proudest moment of 2023?

The first horse I signed for, ADMIRAL DE VEGA, won the G3 Stockholm's Stora Pris, one of Scandinavia's most prestigious races. He beat a Dubai Carnival winner and Archie Watson's Brave Emperor who went on to win Group races in France, Italy and Germany.

Give us one horse to follow and why...

Prime Art (Ire) (**Churchill {Ire}**) who is now with Jean-Claude Rouget in France. She was purchased privately by Hubie [de Burgh] after she won the G3 Firth of Clyde Stakes. She won with plenty in hand and should continue to improve.

And a young person in the industry to keep an eye on...

My younger brother Andrew who joined New Zealand Bloodstock last summer. He is thriving down there and I get a kick out of seeing him do well.

Who do you think will be champion first-season sire this year?

Pinatubo (Ire) was an outstanding two-year-old and his yearlings looked sharp, so he gets my vote. With his profile and 109 two-year-olds to run for him he should take a lot of beating.

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And the best value stallion in Europe?

Proven value is hard to find so I'll go with Churchill at €30,000. Some might disagree that he's a value play at that price but he has had two champions from his first two crops in **Vadeni** (Ire) and Blue Rose Cen (Ire) and that fee could look cheap down the line. He is still a young stallion that I suspect we'll hear plenty more about in the years to come.

What's the one horse you wish you'd bought in 2023?

A yearling filly by Sea The Moon (Ger) out of Jazz Top (GB) at Tattersalls October Book 1. She was a lovely filly from Meon Valley's famous Reprocolor (GB) family and was bought by Shadwell for 575,000gns. Her looks matched her great pedigree which can be rare.

Biggest regret?

In business I don't have too many yet but there's plenty of time to change that! On a personal level I wish I had learnt to dance. There have been occasions where I'm the awkward guy hovering around the bar, envious of fellas that can spin their partners around on the dance floor.

Biggest influence on your career?

I've spent most of my career in this industry with Hubie de Burgh and Alan Cooper, so they have definitely had the biggest influence. This really is a people's business and the way Hubie maintains and builds new relationships is an attribute that has enabled him to stay at the top of the game for decades. Aside from his astuteness as a judge of a horse I admire this quality about him and I'm trying to soak up as much of it as I can.

During my time as assistant racing manager with Alan and the Niarchos family we had nine individual Group 1 winners over six years which was unbelievable and something that I'll never

forget. Being afforded the opportunity by Alan to represent the family on the biggest of stages, amongst other responsibilities, gives me immense pride to this day.

If you could sit down for dinner with three people (dead or alive) who would they be and why?

The first would be Vincent O'Brien. I never had the chance to meet him and would love to talk to him about his life in racing, amongst other things. I married his granddaughter, Tara, so it could also be an opportunity to introduce myself! Well-known raconteur Sean Connery would be my second choice, he IS Mr Bond and his stories would keep us going well into the night. We would finish off with a private gig with my third guest, Stevie Nicks.

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EUROPEAN NEWS

ASCOT AND THE TOTE INK FIVE-YEAR AGREEMENT TO IMPROVE POOL BETTING

A five-year agreement aimed at strengthening and growing pool betting in the UK was inked by Ascot Racecourse and the Tote on Thursday.

Beginning on Jan. 1, 2024, the agreement ensures all pool bets placed on racing from Ascot Racecourse will continue to support liquidity in the UK pool which has been operated by the UK Tote Group since October 2019. The "Bet with Ascot" brand is included under this umbrella of bets as long as the bets are placed on the **Tote website**, through bookmakers and third-party partners on course.

This agreement also dovetails with the initiative that assists Ascot with being central to the World Pool since it began at Royal Ascot in 2019. Tote operators from 28 countries currently commingle pools which are hosted by the Hong Kong Jockey Club (HKJC).

Alastair Warwick, chief executive of Ascot Racecourse, said, "We are delighted have a new agreement in place with the Tote which will allow us to build on what has been achieved domestically and internationally over the last four years. As one of the original architects of World Pool, alongside the Hong Kong Jockey Club and the Tote, we are excited to support the further development of World Pool to ensure both racing fans and the sport benefit from it. We will ensure that Ascot's top-class racing continues to be at the forefront of British racing's efforts to see that the sport is watched and bet on by a growing domestic and global audience." [Cont. p8](#)

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Alex Frost, chief executive of the UK Tote Group, added, “The Tote is immensely proud to be a partner of Ascot Racecourse which hosts some of the most prestigious racedays in the sporting calendar. This new agreement ensures Ascot Racecourse and the Tote are perfectly positioned to work together to achieve a strong UK Pool, alongside the continued development of World Pool, which are crucial elements to the future financial sustainability of the sport.”

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BREEDING RIGHT IN CRACKSMAN TOPS TATTERSALLS ONLINE

A breeding right in Group 1 sire **Cracksman (GB)** (lot 92) topped the Tattersalls Online January Sale at 50,000gns to Dan Astbury post sale.

The Darley-based sire enjoyed a strong year with his progeny in 2023 anchored by undefeated Classic winner and G1 Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe hero **Ace Impact (Ire)**, who now stands at Haras de Beaumont.

Astbury said, “I am delighted to have purchased the breeding right in the exciting Cracksman on behalf of a client who is building up a very nice band of broodmares. The year the stallion has had speaks for itself, being responsible for superstar **Ace Impact** who is himself now a very exciting recruit to the stallion ranks. My client is delighted and fingers crossed it works out well for him down the line.”

Ulysses (GB) 3-year-old **Trojan Storm (GB)** (lot 2) sold from Ralph Beckett's Kimpton Down Stables to AA Bloodstock for 35,000gns. The chestnut horse-in-training ran second on debut at Wolverhampton last week and boasts a strong pedigree, as his **Pivotal (GB)** dam, **Mystic Storm (GB)**, is a full-sister to listed winner **Solar Magic (GB)** (**Pivotal {GB}**) and a half to the G1 1000 Guineas/G1 Coronation S. runner-up **Starscope (GB)** (**Selkirk**). The latter is the dam of Cartier Champion 2-Year-Old Filly **Inspirale (GB)** (**Frankel {GB}**).

Rounding out the top three lots was Houghton Bloodstock's **Renzia (Ger)** (**Sea The Stars {Ire}**) (lot 85) in foal to **Cracksman**, who changed hands for 25,000gns to One Agency. The 6-year-old mare, a relative of tough American handicapper and G1 Gulfstream Park H. and G1 Sword Dancer H. hero and Japanese sire **Cetewayo (His Majesty)** is out of a full-sister to G1 Beverly D. S. winner **Dynaforce (Dynaformer)**. **Renzia** is also a half-sister to a trio of black-type horses, among them dual Grade I-placed **Stormy Len (Harlan's Holiday)**.

Overall, 43 lots sold for a gross of 275,300gns. The average was 6,402gns and the median settled at 3,000gns.

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TORQUATOR TASSO AMONG SIRES WITH FIRST REPORTED FOALS

Several new sires, led by G1 Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe winner **Torquator Tasso (Ger)**, sired their first reported foals on Thursday. He is joined by fellow second-year sires **Caturra (Ire)** and **Tosen Stardom (Jpn)**.

The blaze-faced chestnut's first foal is a chestnut colt out of **Soleila (Ger)** (**Maxios {GB}**), who arrived at Gestut Ebbesloh on Wednesday night. He was bred by Franziska Jacobs. The celebrated middle-distance runner is standing his second season at Gestut Auenquelle for a fee of €20,000.

Caturra, a son of **Mehmas (Ire)** based at Overbury Stud, won the G2 Flying Childers S. and was placed in a pair of group races. His first foal is also a chestnut, a filly produced by **Courteous Crown (GB)** (**Helmet {Aus}**) and bred by Wayne Clifford. She arrived at Byerley Stud and is a half-sister to the 97-rated triple winner **Zoulu Chief (GB)** (**Zoustar {Aus}**). **Caturra** stands for €5,000 this year.

Tosen Stardom, a multiple Group 1 winner by **Deep Impact (Jpn)**, sired his first known foal in Saudi Arabia on Wednesday. The colt, out of four-time winner **Minnetonka (Munnings)** herself a daughter of Grade III winner **Queen Of The Catsle (Tale Of The Cat)**, is a homebred for Zenith Bloodstock. **Tosen Stardom** commands a fee of €5,000 this year at Zenith Stallion Station.

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GESTUT ROTTGEN HOSTS GERMAN STALLION PARADE



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As the countdown to the start of the covering season begins, a host of Germany's stallions will be on parade at Gestut Rottgen, in Cologne, on Saturday, January 27.

The stud's own line-up of **Windstoss (Ger)**, **Millowitsch (Ger)** and new recruit **Iquitos (Ger)** will be joined by visiting sires **Best Solution (Ire)** and **Accon (Ger)** from Gestut Lunzen, and Gestut Fahrhof's **Alson (Ger)**. Also in attendance will be **Japan (GB)**, who stands at Gestut Etzean, **Destino (Ger)** from Gestut Westerberg, Gestut Hof Ittlingen's homebred **Neatico (Ger)**, and **Rubaiyat (Ger)**, who will make the journey from Gestut Ohlerweiherhof ahead of his second season at stud.

New to the German ranks this year is **Alter Adler (Ger)**, a Group 2-winning son of Adlerflug (Ger) who was also runner-up in the G1 Deutsches Derby, and who is standing at Gestut Erftmuhle. Another Derby second, **Nerik (Ire)**, by Ruler Of The World (Ire), completes the line-up of 13 stallions.

Following the parade, renowned stud vet Fred Barrelet, who has for many years been attached to the Rosssdales practice in Newmarket, will deliver a talk entitled '*Is inbreeding nowadays a problem?*'.

The parade gets underway at 12 noon.

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BRITAIN

Thursday's Results:

3rd-Chelmsford City, £8,500, Mdn, 1-18, 3-5yo, f/m, 7f (AWT), 1:25.17, st.

MUDDY MOOY (IRE) (f, 3, Soldier's Call {GB}--Hot To Rock {Ire}),

by Kalanisi {Ire}) chased the leaders in fifth for most of this first go. Fanning wide into the straight, the 15-2 chance was shaken up to go second approaching the final furlong and ran on well under late rousting to deny Divine Breath (GB) (Harry Angel {Ire}) by a half-length nearing the line. Muddy Mooy is the sixth of seven foals and first scorer produced by an unraced full-sister to dual Group 3-placed Listed Oyster S. and Listed Ballycullen S. victrix Hasanka (Ire) (Kalanisi {Ire}). Descendants of her stakes-winning second dam Hasainiya (Ire) (Top Ville {Ire}) also include G2 Premio Dormello and G3 Premio Primi Passi victrix Folgaria (Ire) (Due Diligence) and G2 Premio Vittorio di Capua winner Amore Hass (Ire) (Azamour {Ire}). The April-foaled bay is half to a 2-year-old colt by Berkshire (Ire). Sales history: €8,500 Ylg '22 TATSPH; €65,000 2yo '23 TATGOR. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$5,819.

O-Gary Gillies; B-Rockvale Stud & Ballyhampshire Stud (IRE); T-Barry Brennan.

CONDITIONS RESULTS:

1st-Southwell, £5,700, Cond, 1-18, 4yo/up, 12f 14y (AWT), 2:38.21, st.

DESTINADO (GB) (g, 6, Lope De Vega {Ire}--Contribution {GB} {MGSP-Fr}, by Champs Elysees {GB}) Lifetime Record: 33-3-4-3, \$32,432. O-Deva Racing Group; B-Juddmonte Farms Ltd (GB); T-James Owen. *30,000gns 3yo '21 TATJUL. **1/2 to Agave (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}), GSW-Fr, \$194,430.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Alrazeen (Ire), c, 3, Galileo Gold (GB)--Jenlen, by Lemon Drop Kid. Southwell, 1-18, 11f 23y (AWT), 2:30.69. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$5,758. B-Tally-Ho Stud (IRE). *€8,000 2yo '23 TATGOR.

FRANCE

Thursday's Results:

5th-Pornichet-La Baule, €21,000, Mdn, 1-18, 3yo, 8 1/2f (AWT), 1:42.77, st.

HOLY SEE (IRE) (c, 3, Night Of Thunder {Ire}--Lady Of The Lamp {Ire}, by Invincible Spirit {Ire}) recovered from a sluggish break to race in mid division after passing the judge first time in this debut. Improving to go third at halfway, the 26-5 chance came under pressure rounding the home turn and kept on relentlessly in the straight to prevail by a neck from King Path (Ire) (**Kingman {GB}**). Holy See is the third of four foals and becomes the second scorer produced by a multiple-winning half-sister to G2 Duke Of Cambridge S., G3 Amethyst S. and G3 Desmond S. victrix Duntle (Ire) (Daneshill Dancer {Ire}). **Cont. p10**

5th-Pornichet-La Baule Cont.

Duntle, who also hit the board three times at the highest level, is the dam of MG1SW sire Circus Maximus (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}). The March-foaled bay is kin to a 2-year-old colt by Mehmas (Ire). Sales history: €70,000 Ylg '22 GOFORB. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, €10,500. **Video, sponsored by FanDuel TV.** O-Mme Rebecca Hillen; B-Airlie Stud & Mrs S Rogers (IRE); T-Christopher Head.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:s

Midsummer Dance, f, 4, **Mendelssohn**--Dance With Another (Ire), by Danehill Dancer (Ire). Pornichet-La Baule, 1-18, 15 1/2f (AWT), 3:20.90. B-Cudney Stables (KY). *\$300,000 Ylg '21 KEESEP; 12,000gns 3yo '23 TATAUT.

**IN THE UAE:**

Energetic (Ire), c, 4, **Dandy Man (Ire)**--Nancy Astor (GB), by Shamardal. Abu Dhabi, 1-18, Hcp., 1600mT, 1:37.25. B-Camouge Stud Ltd. *€37,000 Wlg '20 GOFDEC; £24,000 Ylg '21 GOFAUG. **VIDEO (SC 2)**

IN SAUDI ARABIA:

Snafiya (Ire), f, 3, **Blue Point (Ire)**--Erysimum (Ire) (SW-Ire), by Arcano (Ire). King Abdulaziz, 1-18, Cond., 1400m. B-Barouche Stud Ireland Ltd. *First Saudi winner for sire (by Shamardal). **80,000gns Ylg '22 TATOCT. **VIDEO (SC 9)**

Ya Dar (Fr), c, 3, **Cracksman (GB)**--Qatari Perfection (GB), by Dubawi (Ire). King Abdulaziz, 1-18, Maiden, 1600m. B-Ecurie Haras du Cadran & Alain Jathiere. *First starter in Saudi for sire (by Frankel {GB}). **€185,000 Ylg '22 ARQAUG. **VIDEO (SC 4)**

IN QATAR:

Odyssey (GB), c, 3, **Ulysses (Ire)**--Last Echo (Ire), by Whipper. Al Rayyan, 1-18, Cond., 1600mT, 1:37.64. B-Culworth Grounds Farm. *GSP-Eng. **10,500gns Ylg '22 TATNOV; 80,000gns 2yo '23 TATAUT. **VIDEO (SC 6)**

De Bruyne (GB), g, 4, **Dutch Art (GB)**--Danehill Revival (GB), by Pivotal (GB). Al Rayyan, 1-18, Hcp., 1600mT, 1:38.31. B-Cheveley Park Stud Limited. **27,000gns Wlg '20 TATDEF. **VIDEO (SC 5)**

Chealamy (GB), f, 4, **Siyouni (Fr)**--Carnachy (Ire) (MSW & GSP-Eng, \$114,605), by Mastercraftsman (Ire). Al Rayyan, 1-18, Cond., 2000mT, 2:06.98. B-St Albans Bloodstock Ltd.

*125,000gns HRA '23 TATAUT. **VIDEO (SC 11)**

Toromona (Ire), g, 6, **Shamardal**--Tashelka (Fr) (MGSW-Fr, \$178,310), by Mujahid. Al Rayyan, 1-18, Khor Al Adaid Cup (Qat-G3, NBT), 2800mT, 3:09.02. B-Godolphin. *1/2 to Tasaday (Nayef), Hwt. Older Mare-UAE at 9.5-11f, MGSW & MG1SP-Fr, SW & G1SP-Eng, SW-UAE, \$817,731; Tribal Beat (Ire) (Street Cry {Ire}), GSW-Ire. *16,000gns HRA '22 TATFEB. **VIDEO (SC 9)**

WORLDWIDE NEWS

ROYAL CHAMPION BOUND FOR AUSTRALIA

Sheikh Mohammed Obaid Al Maktoum's multiple listed winner **Royal Champion (Ire)** (Shamardal) will continue his career in Australia, according to published reports.

Successful in the Listed Wolferton S. last June, the homebred was third in the G2 York S. a month later and was runner-up in the GI Canadian International S. most recently in October.

"He was very impressive ... if he brings that sort of form out here--he's very lightly raced as well for an older horse, he's been well looked after and well managed--he should hopefully have a nice career ahead of him," co-trainer Sam Freedman, who holds a license with his father Anthony, told *Racing.com*.

"I think he's identified him as the right profile of horse to send out--his form in England and his run in Canada last time out was excellent.

"He's pretty versatile--he seems to handle most types of going and he's got a bit of speed, so he should hopefully suit out here." **Cont. p11**



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Royal Champion Cont.

Sheikh Obaid, who has won the G1 Melbourne Cup, already has **Dubai Poet (GB)** (Lope De Vega {Ire}) and **Legend Of Dubai (GB)** (Dubawi {Ire}) with the Freedmans in Australia.

"[Royal Champion] is still up there, so he'll fly out soonish, I'd say. The plan is to obviously have him out here and working along through the winter," Freedman added.

"There's going to be some really suitable 2000-metre races for him over the course of the spring, so we'll see where he fits in-- but he's going to arrive with a pretty high rating, so hopefully he can feature in some big ones."

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four **Shining Jewel (GB)** (Siyouni {Fr}), who is riding a two-race winning streak. The trio break from posts three, eight and four, respectively.

"Shining Jewel is a nice spare to get," said Mullen. "She won her last two starts and looks like she's improving. I had a sit on her the other day and she's a lovely big filly by Siyouni and I think she'll get further in time, as well.

"Obviously English Rose looks the pick of them, but they're all unexposed horses. The William Haggas filly [Mystic Pearl] brings the best form into it."

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CORAL DISTAFF ONE-TWO EYE CAPE VERDI RICHES

Friday's AED850,000 G2 Cape Verdi presented by DP World GCC run over 1600 metres on the grass has attracted a field of eight, with a pair of Euro raiders in **Mystic Pearl (Fr)** (Invincible Spirit {Ire}) and **Stenton Glider (Ire)** (Dandy Man {Ire}) signed on for trainers William Haggas and Hugo Palmer, respectively. The duo ran one-two in the Listed Coral Distaff S. last year.

After her July score over Stenton Glider at Sandown, the then-3-year-old was a close third in the G3 Prix de Lieurey, just two heads behind the winner Elounda Queen (Ire) (**Australia (GB)**).

Stenton Glider boasts a pair of group placings, and connections regarded her highly enough to race her in the G1 1000 Guineas at Newmarket last spring.

"This has been the target since she disappointed at Haydock [in August]," said Palmer of Stenton Glider. "She's had a break since then, the first real break of her life. She's grown and strengthened, filled out, and is a much stronger filly now.

"She's taken to Dubai really well; she's trained super and been very relaxed, so we hope she can run a very big race."

Naturally, Godolphin has a strong presence in the lone group race of the nine-race card, and their trio includes the stakes-placed **Silver Lady (GB)** (Sea The Stars {Ire}) at a mark of 101. William Buick is aboard the undefeated **English Rose (Ire)** (Frankel {GB}) who most recently took a Kempton novice in November, while Richard Mullen has the call on the two-for-



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SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	3	English Rose (Ire)	Frankel (GB)	Buick	Appleby	125
2	2	Hunting Lady	Munnings	Beasley	bin Harmash	125
3	7	Mystic Pearl (Fr)	Invincible Spirit (Ire)	Marquand	Haggas	125
4	6	Nibras Angel (GB)	Harry Angel (Ire)	de Vries	Mohammed	125
5	8	Shining Jewel (GB)	Siyouni (Fr)	Mullen	Appleby	125
6	1	Shymay (GB)	Mayson (GB)	da Silva	Aashour	125
7	4	Silver Lady (GB)	Sea The Stars (Ire)	Barzalona	Appleby	125
8	5	Stenton Glider (Ire)	Dandy Man (Ire)	Crowley	Palmer	125

Sunday, Sha Tin, Hong Kong, post time: 4.05 p.m.

STEWARDS' CUP-G1, HK\$13,000,000, 3yo/up, 1600mT (PPs)

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	2	California Spangle (Ire)	Starspangledbanner (Aus)	Bowman	Cruz	126
2	3	Voyage Bubble (Aus)	Deep Field (Aus)	McDonald	Yiu	126
3	1	Straight Arron (Aus)	Fastnet Rock (Aus)	Ho	Fownes	126
4	6	Russian Emperor (Ire)	Galileo (Ire)	Atzeni	Whyte	126
5	8	Beauty Eternal (Aus)	Starspangledbanner (Aus)	Purton	Size	126
6	5	Beauty Joy (Aus)	Sebring (Aus)	Leung	Cruz	126
7	7	Healthy Happy (Aus)	Zoustar (Aus)	Badel	Lor	126
8	4	Fantastic Treasure (Aus)	Written Tycoon (Aus)	Teetan	Hayes	126

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KEENELAND BREEDER SPOTLIGHT: ALBAUGH FAMILY BACK ON DERBY TRAIL



Dennis Albaugh and Jason Loutsch lead Brody's Cause into the winner's circle | Horsephotos

by *Chris McGrath*

To get his new business off the ground--or at least out of the basement of his house in Iowa--Dennis Albaugh took out an SBA loan of \$10,000.

"Against the house," he says. "Had to talk my wife into that. Then I bought an old tanker and, my first trip out, I loaded up with chemicals headed for South Dakota. And all the way up there I'm thinking, 'Hey, this is really a good truck.' It just runs a little better all the way up. I get there, I get out, and it's empty. The seals got eaten up, en route, and I'd dumped the whole load. It happened to be a weed killer, so didn't hurt anything."

"Except kill all the weeds all the way up to South Dakota," interjects his son-in-law, Jason Loutsch, with a chuckle.

"So I get home that next day and my wife said, 'How'd your first delivery go?' 'Well, not so good. I just put \$7,600 of the \$10,000 on the road, and I don't have any invoice out.' So it was a rough start."

That was 1979. Albaugh was in his late 20s and, within a couple of years, they had two infant daughters to feed as well.

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NJ GOVERNOR MURPHY VETOES BILL TO EXTEND PURSE SUBSIDIES THROUGH 2029; DRAZIN OPTIMISTIC DEAL WILL STILL GET DONE by *Bill Finley*

A bill that would have extended annual purse subsidy payments made to New Jersey's Thoroughbred and Standardbred tracks was vetoed Wednesday by Gov. Phil Murphy. The bill called for the \$20-million subsidy, which is split between the two breeds, to continue through 2029.

The money has already been approved for 2024. The extension was to run from 2025 through 2029.

Murphy vetoed 12 bills in all, using what is called a pocket veto. That type of veto applies only to bills sent to the governor's desk in the final 10 days of a legislative session.

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Albaugh Family, cont. from p1

“But you just kept at it,” he says with a shrug. “About '93, I bought out my biggest competitor and put the two companies together. After that we started growing real fast. And today we sell in 44 countries, we're manufacturing in nine, and we're the ninth biggest agricultural chemicals company in the world.”

So if he could achieve that in his business life, after such an unpromising start, then where might Albaugh take a racing program which, as we'll remind ourselves in a moment, could hardly have started more auspiciously? Well, we saw one answer to that last May, when Albaugh Family Stable achieved something quite incredible. From just 12 of the 10,000 eligible colts in the 2020 foal crop, no fewer than three made the gate for the GI Kentucky Derby, including the strong-finishing third. And the next cycle has started pretty well, too, with **Catching Freedom (Constitution)** laying down an early Derby marker in the Smarty Jones S. at Oaklawn on New Year's Day.

Okay, so Miss Macy Sue was not the very beginning of the family's Turf adventure. First, in 2003, Loutsch put five grand into a gelding with a buddy at Prairie Meadows. They won a few small races, even placed in a stakes for Iowa-breds. It was a lot of fun, and Loutsch's father-in-law became interested.

“So when's he going to run again?” Albaugh asked.

“Oh, these horses only run every three or four weeks.”

“Well, let's get some more.”

And so, yes, after that the first meaningful play was a half-share in a Trippi filly for \$42,000 at OBS in June 2005. They named her Miss Macy Sue for Albaugh's granddaughter, put her into training with Kelly Von Hemel, and she won a maiden at Hawthorne a few months later. The next year, she proved one of the quicker young sprinters on the local circuit, picked up some black-type at Prarie Meadows, Mountaineer.

But then, with maturity, she got on a serious roll. She won a listed race at Oaklawn, then a Grade III at Churchill. **Cont.**

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Albaugh Family, cont.

At the end of the year, they found themselves contesting the inaugural GI Breeders' Cup Filly and Mare Sprint at Monmouth, and she came through traffic out of the one hole to grab third.

"She just kept going around the country winning," Albaugh marvels. "Our first big involvement in the horse business. That horse spoiled us! And after a year or two, I was telling Jason, 'Let's get into this more.'"

Albaugh met Jerry Crawford on a plane one day and they talked about putting together a partnership to buy some colts. Under the Donegal Racing umbrella, Albaugh took 30% of one by El Prado (Ire) with Dale Romans. Paddy O'Prado ran third in the 2010 Derby before switching to grass and winning the GI Secretariat S.

On the racetrack, then, Albaugh was getting all the beginner's luck that had eluded him on that first truck ride to South Dakota.

He decided to ride the wave, and suggested that Loutsch should manage a stable for the family in its own right. Duncan Taylor came up to Iowa and listened to the business plan, gave them a couple of names. Barry Berkelhammer of AbraCadabra Farm

was one, and he has become a key player in selecting stock and then supervising their education in Florida. But Albaugh certainly meant business. Albeit the market was less demanding at that time, he wanted to pitch for 10 to 12 colts annually with a feasible Derby profile.

Yet it would turn out that the keystone had been in place all along. Albaugh had bought out his partner in Miss Macy Sue, so that he could retain her as a broodmare.

"We were up at Toronto, a very cold day," Albaugh recalls. "And I said to Kelly, 'When will we know that we need to take this horse over to be a mother?' And he said, 'She'll tell us.' I'm like, 'Yeah?'" **Cont.**



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Albaugh continued: “Sure enough, that same day, at the end of the race [third as favorite], Kelly said, ‘Look, it’s like I said. She told us. It’s time to breed her.’”

“She gave us everything,” Loutsch says. “Every race, she ran hard. She won our first graded stakes, won the Presque Isle Masters when it was worth \$400,000. Her heart was so big. Every time she’d give full effort. Kelly said she’d run on glass. She was such a sound horse, too. Never an injury, never needed a surgery or any time off. And I think that’s really carried over to her offspring.”

Albaugh rewarded Miss Macy Sue with some generosity of his own, sending her first to A.P. Indy and then to Unbridled’s Song, at the time standing at \$250,000 and \$115,000, respectively. Her A.P. Indy filly managed a single start, but her Unbridled’s Song colt brought \$800,000 at the 2012 Keeneland September sale.

A developing program couldn’t turn down seedcorn like that. Only he then turned out to be none-other-than **Liam’s Map**. As they watched him earn a lucrative career at stud, Albaugh and his team vowed that Miss Macy Sue’s latest yearling—a colt by Giant’s Causeway—would not be sold at any price. And that, of course, is how he got his name.

“At the time, we were very excited to get \$800,000,” Loutsch recalls. “We were just starting in the business, and that was a nice check.”

“Oh yeah, we were jumping up and down,” Albaugh agrees. “I was very happy. But after seeing all the success he had, and what he made to go to stud, we said about the next one: **Not This Time.**”


Unfortunately, the colt by the Iron Horse out of an iron mare derailed with an injury just as he was getting started. **Cont.**



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He'd won the GIII Iroquois S. by nine lengths and ran Classic Empire to a neck at the Breeders' Cup after giving him a start, the pair miles clear of **Practical Joke**.

"That was one of the fastest Juveniles ever," Loutsch says. "And we just went out wide on the last turn. It was so close. We saw what a special talent he was that day."

"But then we got the call from Dale Romans that he was done racing," Albaugh remembers. "Today, of course, we're very happy with what he's doing in the stallion barn. But this business is high and lows and that was certainly a low moment."

Not This Time started out with Taylor Made at just \$15,000, but has now soared to 10 times that fee, with five Grade I winners from his first three crops.

"I think what's really great is that they're so versatile," Loutsch remarks. "They're short, they're long. Dirt, turf. He's had Sibelius

win the Group 1 over six on dirt in Dubai; **Epicenter** caught at the wire when it looked like he had the Derby won; and now **Up to the Mark** going from a mile to a mile and a half on grass. So I think **Not This Time** is just like his sire. Giant's Causeway got all



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types, and I think that's what he's throwing out too."

Classic Empire nearly redeemed his debt to the Albaugh team in the Derby last year, his son Angel of Empire closing from 10th to third in the stretch. Simply to have three horses earn the necessary starting points, however, was itself astonishing.

"One of them only got cleared [to run] on the day," Albaugh recalls. "You hate to see that, for someone to have to pull a

horse out of a Kentucky Derby. But we figured the odds, oh, it was in the thousands. We had to go way back to the '30s to find somebody else that had three runners, and then it was a partnership of many people." **Cont.**

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If nothing else, their feat showed the merit of focus. Because this whole program is oriented to precisely those two minutes at Churchill on the first Saturday in May. (And by the way, while they don't wish to dwell on a negativity that disappoints them in the industry, Albaugh and his family are adamant that those two minutes would not hold the same mystique on a synthetic surface).

"The Derby, in my opinion, is the best race in the whole world," Albaugh declares. "It's the one that we have our targets set on, every year. You come into that March, April timetable and try to figure out which of all these prep races you want to be in, and you move the horses around, New York or Miami, Fair Grounds or Oaklawn."

"The next Kentucky Derby is going to be No. 150, so there have only been 149 winners that anyone could own," Loutsch says.

"We feel it's such a prestigious event, like the Masters in golf. This is our Super Bowl. So, yes, that's our goal: someday we want to win that thing. And we were so close last time. Going into the gate with the favorite, it was a special feeling. And he gave us a thrill. I've always wanted to know what that must feel like, having a chance to win the Kentucky Derby as they're running down the lane. And 'Angel' gave us that."

The Pennsylvania-bred had been found for just \$70,000 deep in the Keeneland September sale, where the stable had also recruited its two other Derby shots, Jace's Road for \$510,000 and Cyclone Mischief for \$450,000, both from Book 1.

"September is pretty much the sale we shop at every year," Loutsch explains. "And since 2015, when Dennis came up with this program to buy colts to get to the

Derby, I think we've had 10 horses that have made it across six different years. So our strike-rate has been good, and we have a great team that helps us get to our goal. **Cont.**



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“With Angel, we'd left the sale and felt like we were a colt or two short of where we wanted to be. So I asked Dennis if I could just spend \$75,000-100,000, looking for something in Book 4 or 5 with the pedigree to get two turns. And from there it's all just luck, obviously. But he was a big, rangy, good-looking colt that just fell through the cracks and it worked out for us.”

The latest to rekindle the dream, Catching Freedom, was a Book 1 find at \$575,000.

“That's our sweet spot, the four-to-six range,” Loutsch says. “That's where we gravitate to.”

Catching Freedom started his career at Churchill in the fall, winning on debut before meeting heavy traffic in an allowance race. He evidently learned from that experience, weaving through the field in the Smarty Jones, albeit still green as he organized himself on the outside to kick clear in the stretch.

Angel of Empire won the same race last year and their trainer Brad Cox sounds inclined to stay on the same route with Catching Freedom, with the GII Risen Star S. as a potential springboard to the GI Arkansas Derby.

Whatever that colt can do next, Albaugh Family Stable continues to consolidate. It would have been more typical of our business for **Not This Time**, retained after his sibling became a star, to have turned out a dud. As it is, he's brought a whole new dimension to the adventure. For a start, there were the 10 mares acquired at the 2017 Keeneland January sale to launch his stud career, including one that was sold on carrying his first Grade I winner, Princess Noor. And now the program that took the risk of keeping **Not This Time** is finding itself close to self-sufficiency, thanks to his growing stud revenue.

“I'm excited,” Loutsch says. “Dennis has obviously put a lot of money into this business, so it's great that he will finally get to reap the benefits and get a nice check every year instead of just putting more in. We've just been very patient, stayed with the plan, and it's ended up working out.”

When things do go well, it's even better with family. But when you get the inevitable tougher days, well, those are better, too. So even when Angel of Empire flew too late in the Derby last year, they knew to savor even a bittersweet experience.

“It was tough because you always have the ‘what ifs?’” Loutsch acknowledges. “What if he'd come inside? All these questions you ask yourself, because how many times do you think you're going to be the favorite for the Kentucky Derby? I mean, that might be our only time ever. So the one thing that we made sure of was that we had a fun week. It was always the same, right

back to Miss Macy Sue. Of course we like to win, but it's also about all those fun places she took us, as a family, just hanging out and experiencing the whole atmosphere together.”

“She's still living a good life,” Albaugh stresses of the mare who started it all. “We quit breeding her about three years ago, she'd lost a couple of babies and we weren't going to put her through that anymore. We did think about bringing her to Iowa, so we could see her more often. But we get ice in winter, and she wouldn't want that. But what's neat is that when

we come to Kentucky, we can look up the hill and see where Macy's at. And then, right below, in the stallion barn we've got her son.”

Which is just as it should be: a family stable. Few programs are registered that way, and there's no mistaking the genuine, intergenerational bond achieved by this one. The husband of Albaugh's oldest granddaughter, for instance, is not just working for the chemicals company, but also enthusiastically embracing the racing. Likewise Mick, the brother who stayed on at the farm when Albaugh went out into the world.

“The whole family are in it,” Albaugh says. “My brother, my daughters, everyone. The one problem is that when we go to one of these big races, we have more than a plane load. We have to run a plane back and forth two or three times to get them all there. But it's a lot of fun to have them all sat down together--especially when you get down to that winner's circle.”



Albaugh, Loutsch, and family members | Horsephotos

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NJ purse subsidies, cont. from p1

If the governor does not sign such bills within seven days of the end of a session, those bills are vetoed without being sent back to the Legislature.

Murphy’s decision came as a major surprise since he has largely supported racing during his time in office and the bill had overwhelming support in the Senate and in the Assembly. It passed the Senate by a 35-1 margin and the Assembly by a 73-0 margin.



Gov. Phil Murphy | Mark Makela/Getty Images

The purse subsidy is vital to Monmouth Park, which, without it, would offer far smaller purses and have trouble competing for horses with the many other tracks in the Mid-Atlantic region.

“If we didn’t get this money, it would be a disaster,” said Dennis Drazin, the chairman and CEO of Darby Development, the management team that operates Monmouth. “We’d either have to cut days or purses.”

Drazin admits he was alarmed when first hearing news of the veto and he immediately placed a call to Murphy. Drazin said he heard back within 15 minutes and the governor reassured him that future purse subsidies remain very much alive.

“I spoke with him and he wholeheartedly supports the industry, but he did not feel a bill like this should get passed through a lame-duck session,” Drazin said. “He is committed to continue to work on it and get it done through the budget process. I take him at his word. He has been supportive of the industry ever since he’s been in office and he says he will get it done, just not the way it was being handled. I trust this governor. He made a commitment and I am taking him at his word. If he had said, ‘I’m vetoing it’, that’s it, we’d be having a different conversation.”

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TOM HAMMOND TO RECEIVE SPECIAL ECLIPSE AWARD FOR CAREER EXCELLENCE

The National Thoroughbred Racing Association (NTRA), *Daily Racing Form* (DRF), and the National Turf Writers and Broadcasters (NTWAB) have named dynamic broadcaster Tom Hammond as the recipient of this year's Special Eclipse Award for Career Excellence, the NTRA said in a press release Thursday.

Hammond will receive the honor at the 53rd Annual Eclipse Awards Dinner and Ceremony at The Breakers Palm Beach in Florida on Thursday, Jan. 25.

A native of Lexington, Kentucky, Hammond has enjoyed a much honored and remarkable career as one of the nation's top broadcasters, most prominently as host and anchor for NBC Sports' broadcasts of the Triple Crown races and Breeders' Cup World Championships, and his coverage of a variety of major sporting events.

"I have wanted to be a part of the Thoroughbred industry since I was 15 years old, though I

could never have dreamed that involvement would come primarily as an announcer," said Hammond. "The improbable nature of the Award makes it even sweeter. As I look back on my over 50-year career, I see the many opportunities that the Thoroughbred world has provided to me. No question that I consider the Career Excellence Award to be one of the most meaningful of my life."

Hammond's passion for Thoroughbred racing evolved early when he earned an animal science degree from the University of Kentucky (UK), specializing in equine genetics, and developed a keen interest in Thoroughbred pedigrees.

His broadcasting career began with WVLK Radio in Lexington, where he was news and sports director. In 1970 and for the next 10 years, Hammond was sports director for WLEX-TV. At that station, and through Hammond Productions, he founded "The Winner's Circle," a half-hour weekly Thoroughbred program focused on the news and highlights of major races around the country. The production company aimed at the equine industry and pioneered the use of video in the marketing of horses at the sales.

It was also during this period that Hammond began his association with Keeneland, as an announcer at its premier bloodstock auctions, and at Thoroughbred sales in 16 other states.



Tom Hammond | NBC Sports

Hammond's 34-year relationship with NBC Sports dates back to the network's regional college basketball broadcasts in the late 1970s. But his big break came in 1984 when he was hired on what was intended to be a one-time-only basis as a reporter for NBC's telecast of the inaugural Breeders' Cup at Hollywood Park. That program turned into an annual assignment, blossoming into a wide-ranging network career.

Over the next three decades, Hammond was an integral part of NBC Sports, highlighted by horse racing--covering the

Kentucky Derby and the Preakness Stakes 16 times apiece, and 11 Belmont Stakes. He was a part of multiple Eclipse Award-winning programs for NBC, including the 2022 Feature Television Eclipse for his narration of the story of Cody Dorman and his bonding with Breeders' Cup Champion Cody's Wish (Curlin).

Said NBC Sports Racing Analyst and co-host of the *TDN* Writers' Room Randy Moss, "When Tom would slide into the host chair a couple of hours before the Kentucky Derby, and 'That Voice'

would suddenly fill the airwaves, it was a jolt of adrenaline for everyone on the telecast. It was like, "Okay, here we go!" And not only did he bring pure professionalism and experience, from a racing perspective Tom was unique: he called all those big-time sports, but as a native Kentuckian he knew the most about Thoroughbred racing."

Hammond has been inducted into the Joe Hirsch Media Roll of Honor, National Museum of Racing Hall of Fame; was a recipient of the National Turf Writers and Broadcasters Jim McKay Award; and is a member of the Kentucky Journalism Hall of Fame.

Hammond and his wife, Sheilagh, have a daughter, Ashley, and two sons, David and Christopher, and six grandchildren.

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VOCAL TWO-CIRCUIT SUPPORTERS IN CALI COME OUT FIRING IN FIRST OF MANY EXPECTED NORTH/SOUTH SKIRMISHES

by T.D. Thornton

The precarious, up-in-the-air future of California racing and whether or not the state can continue to support two geographic year-round circuits was made no clearer after Thursday's California Horse Racing Board (CHRB) meeting. The 3 1/2-hour session was dominated by discussion of competing North-versus-South plans that both tried to carve a sustainable path forward while underscoring the dire circumstances that face the industry with the June 9 closure of Golden Gate Fields looming like an unavoidable asteroid.

Although the CHRB concluded the meeting--which featured testimony that was at times emotional, hopeful, angry, and even ominous--without taking any voting action on the situation, proponents behind ideas that would turn one of the NorCal fairs locations into a venue capable of hosting nearly year-round Thoroughbred racing had a decided edge in turnout and vocal support.

In part, that's because those NorCal-based supporters enjoyed a home-track advantage, because the Jan. 18 CHRB meeting was held at Cal Expo in Sacramento, the preferred location for a year-round venue as outlined in a presentation by the California Authority of Racing Fairs (CARF).

But the locale wasn't the only factor, as much of the back-and-forth debate also came across as a referendum about larger racing entities allegedly trying to trump smaller ones, whether or not 1/ST Racing and Gaming--which owns both Golden Gate and Santa Anita Park--will be good for the state in the long run, and whether or not the Thoroughbred Owners of California (TOC) organization speaks for all the stakeholders in the state or just the higher-end stables based in SoCal.

Yet it was telling that no fewer than 26 industry stakeholders spoke before the board on this wide-ranging, controversial North/South topic during the public commentary period, and not a single one voiced support for an alternate plan proposed by TOC in conjunction with executives from Santa Anita Park and Del Mar Thoroughbred Club.

That TOC-backed concept would consolidate all commercial-track racing in the state at SoCal. The goal would be to maintain level purses there under a simulcast revenue "redirect" plan that would also try to accommodate displaced Golden Gate outfits by creating more opportunities for lower-level horses to race at Los Alamitos Race Course, dropping the "claiming floors" at both Santa Anita and Del Mar, and establishing "relocation allowances" for stables that had to pack up and move.

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The TOC's takeaway message was that even though it is in support of any "feasible and viable" plan to keep year-round racing afloat in NorCal, a danger exists in the form of increasing economic pressures in the South that, in turn, could contribute to millions of dollars in purse overpayments at Santa Anita and Del Mar that would likely erode the overall California product.

"With the closing of Golden Gate, can we continue to support two full-time circuits? This is a fair question," said Bill Nader, the TOC's president and chief executive officer.

"We are running out of time," Nader continued. "If there is agreement on one point, I think it would be that the latest possible decision on the allocation of 2024-25 race dates would be at the CHRB meeting in March. This would help re-establish stability and certainty for the many who are looking for answers."

Nader's tone was largely somber and straightforward as he discussed the TOC's rationale with executives from 1/ST Racing and Del Mar presenting alongside. But at times his comments were met with derision and catcalls from opponents, who greatly outnumbered the supporters of the TOC's plan.

Many of those same folks also cheered and applauded any mentions of trying to save year-round NorCal racing. **Cont.**

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At one point, CHRB chairman Gregory Ferraro, DVM, asked audience members to respect decorum so that the outbursts wouldn't bog down the meeting. But his request to "stop the clapping and the booing" went largely unheeded.

Larry Swartzlander, the executive director for CARF, detailed his organization's work-in-progress plan to install a seven-furlong track inside the current main mile oval at Cal Expo, which for years has largely hosted Standardbred racing outside of the short season that the Thoroughbred fair races in Sacramento.

Swartzlander said Cal Expo would likely race 103 Thoroughbred dates in the future (on the outer oval), with cards scheduled roughly twice weekly when the other NorCal fairs weren't in season.

"We are looking at funding from horsemen, CARF, and potential grants," Swartzlander said, admitting that his plan is just in its initial stages because horsemen in California have only known since July about 1/ST Racing's plan to close Golden Gate.

As a result, Swartzlander was light on specifics such as firm costs and a timeline.

Swartzlander said next up is a Jan. 26 meeting with the Cal Expo board of directors seeking conceptual approval.

"If the board does decline to approve racing at Cal Expo, we will move to Pleasanton," as a potential year-round NorCal racing home, Swartzlander said. "The Pleasanton board is very strongly in support of racing, and if I have to make one commitment to you, Pleasanton will race."

When CHRB executive director Scott Chaney pressed Swartzlander for cost details, Swartzlander gave an estimate for state-owned Cal Expo's overhaul in the \$1- to 1.5-million range.

Chaney expressed surprise at such a low figure.

"I'm not going to lie. I think you're very low," Chaney said.

"One of the things that concerns all of us is uncertainty right now," Chaney said. "We're, I'm sure, bleeding horses every day because there's no clear plan. We don't know what we're doing in the future [and] I am concerned about timeline and cost at Cal Expo. I just think it's unrealistic. I know it's unrealistic, to be honest."

Commissioner Wendy Mitchell said she appreciated CARF's efforts at coming up with a plan, but also expressed doubts.

"I don't see how any of this lines up," Mitchell said. "And I guess my concern from a regulatory or from the industry perspective is I don't want to create false expectations for people that are really unattainable.... I don't mean to be negative or a doubter, but I'm trying to be realistic and pragmatic about what the industry is facing."

Commissioner Damascus Castellanos said that the time crunch and uncertainty was caused by 1/ST Racing, not CARF.

"The industry was kind of slow to get going on this whole thing," Castellanos said. "We would be so further along if [1/ST Racing] came to us with proper notice [and] the groups in this room today probably could have gotten together and been done with this plan."

Ian McLean, an owner and breeder, said during the public commentary session that the CHRB itself is partly to blame.

"If I'm not mistaken, this board works for us. We don't work for you," McLean said. "The one thing that I've asked this board for years and years is to give us more attention in NorCal. Give us more time. Make us more important. Listen to what we

have to say, and make us feel like we matter. And I don't think that's been done."

McLean said the CHRB's response to CARF's proposal is too focused on negativity and "looking for the holes" in the plan.

"And I agree that you should look for the holes," McLean continued. "But you should also look for 'How could we patch those holes?'"

Jamey Thomas, a third-generation NorCal trainer, advocated for the CHRB taking a slower approach.

"CARF needs time to get all this situated and done," Thomas said. "It's kind of been a rush job. They're rushing us, forcing us, to get this stuff done faster than it can be done. Again, if they had let us know a year ago, by now everything could have been in place, we would have had a place to run. And we will have a place to run. The thing is, we just need the time."

Tom Bachman, who said he's been breeding and selling Thoroughbreds in California for 40 years, underscored that the state's bloodstock industry works on a different timeline.

"My concern as a breeder is that the decisions I make today, the results are three or four years away when I've got to sell," said Bachman. "So it's very difficult to have faith that three or four years from now there's sustainable racing in California." **Cont.**



Racing at Pleasanton last summer | Vassar Photography

CHRB meeting, cont.

"So my breeding now has moved to Kentucky."

Johnny Taboada, who was a TOC director until last Sunday, when he was one of three directors **to resign in protest** over the TOC's proposed statewide consolidation, told the CHRB that the NorCal fairs are in jeopardy without a year-round track in the region.

"If you rush into the decision without giving the chance for the NorCal [entities to come up with an plan for a] circuit, you're going to not only put people out of work, you're going to be closing the fairs as well," Taboada said. "If we don't have the dates assigned to the North and therefore the money goes to the South, that will be the end of not only NorCal racing, but also the fairs."

CHRB chairman Ferraro wrapped up the session by saying that this is only the first major discussion on an enormously important topic.

"We needed your information. We need your input," Ferraro said. "I'm telling you, it's not easy sitting in this chair looking at this situation. It is almost a no-win situation for this board. We're going to do the best we can to do right by everybody. But obviously, we have no decision-making [Thursday], so we will have to end this meeting without a decision, and we'll see what happens over the next couple of months."

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OAKLAWN SHUFFLES CARDS DUE TO CANCELLATIONS; SOUTHWEST NOW SCHEDULED FEB. 3

Oaklawn Park, forced to cancel a number of race dates this month--including this **coming weekend's live racing**--due to winter weather, has moved the entire GIII Southwest S. card to Saturday, Feb. 3. A GI Kentucky Derby points race, the \$800,000 Southwest is worth 20 points to the winner and points on a scale of 10-6-4-2 to the second- through fifth-place finishers.

Although the Southwest was originally scheduled for Jan. 27 and racing is currently scheduled at Oaklawn for that date, several stakes races have been reshuffled at the Hot Springs oval due to the cancellations.

All three Southwest undercard black-type events have also been moved to Feb. 3. They include the Martha Washington S. for 3-year-old fillies offering points on a 20-10-6-4-2 basis toward the GI Kentucky Oaks, as well as the American Beauty S. for fillies and mares three and up and the King Cotton S. for horses three and up.

"The Southwest and Martha Washington are important preps for our 3-year-old stakes program," said Oaklawn President Louis Cella.



Oaklawn | Coady

"They are also important points races for the Kentucky Derby and Kentucky Oaks. It is important for our horsemen to have ample opportunities to train their horses properly for the races. Not only has this winter weather forced us to cancel racing, but our horsemen have also missed some training days."

The Southwest will join three other 20-point Derby preps also scheduled for Feb. 3: the GIII Withers S. at Aqueduct, the GIII Robert B. Lewis S. at Santa Anita, and the GIII Holy Bull S. at Gulfstream. The entire Southwest card will be drawn Sunday, Jan. 28 with the same races originally listed in the condition book for Jan. 27.

The GIII Bayakoa S., originally scheduled for Feb. 3, has been bumped back to Feb. 2 to accommodate the new schedule. In addition, the listed Fifth Season S., originally set for this Saturday, Jan. 20, will now be run Jan. 27. It will be redrawn.

Live racing at Oaklawn is scheduled to resume next Friday, Jan. 26 with a first post at 12:30 p.m. CST.

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ALAN FOREMAN JOINS TDN WRITERS' ROOM PODCAST

These are busy times for Alan Foreman, who is the general counsel to the Maryland Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association (MTHA), is a member of Maryland's Thoroughbred Racetrack Operating Authority (MTROA) and serves as an ombudsman for the Horseracing Integrity and Safety Authority (HISA) and the Horseracing Integrity & Welfare Unit (HIWU). He took time out of his schedule to join the *TDN Writers' Room Podcast*, sponsored by **The Green Group**.

It is his work with the MTROA that has received the most attention of late as the Authority recently issued a plan that would completely overhaul Maryland racing. Pimlico will be rebuilt and when that is done, racing will cease at Laurel. **Cont.**

Foreman on Writers' Room, cont.

The Stronach Group will turn the tracks over to the state, which will become the new operator, but will maintain the rights to the GI Preakness S. and the GI Black-Eyed Susan S. A new training center will be built.

This is the evolution of a 2020 plan which called for the rebuilding of both Laurel and Pimlico. A total of \$375 million was put together for that project, which eventually stalled because of a number of factors. Those same funds will be used to for a new Pimlico.

"Pimlico became the hub property for this project, and working with the Maryland Stadium Authority and other experts that we worked with over the past six months, we have a plan to go forward and it is within range of the cost of the bonds that were initially authorized by the Maryland General Assembly," Foreman said. "So that's the genesis of this project going forward. It's a mountain of work that's been done in the last six months. But now the rubber hits the road."

It is still not clear what the agreement means, which allows The Stronach Group to retain the rights to the Preakness and Black-Eyed Susan. Major questions remain, like, how will the revenue from those two days of racing be divided up?

"There's a framework for an agreement that is now being negotiated between the state and Stronach," Foreman said. "It's estimated that agreement will be finalized within the next 30 to 60 days. It's critical that the agreement be finalized because we have started the legislative session. Legislative leadership and the governor are going to be very interested in the outcome of those negotiations. But I think both sides are confident that they will come to a final written agreement because the ink is not dry on this deal and there are still matters to be negotiated. But the framework is that because Stronach owned the rights to the Preakness, they will license the event to the state of Maryland and the state of Maryland will, as a not-for-profit, run the Preakness. The division of revenues is being negotiated. It will be a fair agreement to both sides."

As far as his work with HISA/HIWU goes, Foreman admits that there have been problems, particularly when it comes to trainers receiving hefty fines and suspensions for infractions that may be the result of environmental contamination. He says work is being done to make a fair system.



Alan Foreman | MJC

"I've never seen an intentional administration of a cocaine or a methamphetamine to a horse, and there wouldn't be a reason to do it," he said. "The industry pre-HISA did a very good job of handling these cases. This was something that was not broken and needed to be fixed. And somehow in the new system it got broken. Fortunately, it's being fixed under new rule changes that we're waiting for the Federal Trade Commission to approve that will give HIWU the discretion to determine that it is more likely than not that the positive was a case of contamination or inadvertent exposure, as we like to call it, and not an intentional administration. The penalties have been substantially reduced per this rule change that's coming."

This week's look at a Coolmore sire focused on champion 2-year-old **Corniche (Quality Road)**. He was undefeated as a juvenile with wins the GI **American Pharoah S.** and the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile.

He was purchased for \$1.5 million at the 2021 Ocala April Sale by a team that included TDN Writers' Room regular Zoe Cadman, who recalled how she was blown away the first time she saw the horse. Standing for \$25,000, **Corniche's** first foals are arriving this week.

Elsewhere on the podcast, which is also sponsored by **WinStar Farm**, the **Pennsylvania Horse Breeders Association**, **1/ST Racing**, **West Point Thoroughbreds** and **XBTV.com**, the team of Randy Moss, Cadman and Bill Finley looked back at the impressive maiden win at Gulfstream by 'TDN Rising Star' **Conquest Warrior (City of Light)** who overcame a ton of trouble to post the victory. A \$1-million Keeneland September purchase, he's one to keep an eye on as the road to the GI Kentucky Derby progresses.

The team was united in its praise of Churchill Downs for raising the purse of the Derby from \$3 million to \$5 million, while also calling on the two other Triple Crown tracks to match Churchill's move. Cadman also brought up the point that the GI Kentucky Oaks goes for \$1.25 million and is deserving of a substantial purse hike.

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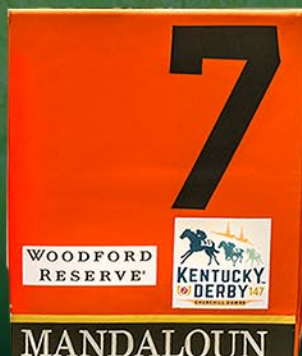
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5	Epicenter	\$40,000	2.54
6	Olympiad	\$35,000	2.51
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2024 MONMOUTH STAKES SCHEDULE TOPS \$8 MILLION; HASKELL SET FOR JULY 20

Led by the July 20 running of the \$1-million GI Haskell S., Monmouth Park is set to offer \$8.05 million in stakes races when the track kicks off its 79th season on Saturday, May 11, the venue said in a release Thursday afternoon.

This year's race meet, which runs through Sept. 15, will feature 48 total stakes, including 10 graded events, and 11 stakes restricted to New Jersey-bred horses.



Monmouth gate on Haskell Day | Sarah Andrew

Along with the featured race, the Haskell Day program will once again sport an undercard with four graded stakes races, including: the \$600,000 GII United Nations S., the \$500,000 GIII Molly Pitcher S., the \$400,000 GIII Monmouth Cup S. and the \$300,000 GIII Matchmaker S.

Monmouth will offer a "Haskell Preview Day" with four stakes on Saturday, June 15--the Pegasus S., GIII Monmouth S., GIII Salvator Mile and GIII Eatontown S.--each carrying a purse of \$150,000.

The 22nd annual New Jersey Thoroughbred Festival, with three stakes events, will be renewed Aug. 25, with the \$125,000 Charles Hesse III H. headlining the card.

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FIRST FOAL BY GAINESWAY'S GISW OLYMPIAD ARRIVES

GISW **Olympiad** (Speightstown--Tokyo Time, by **Medaglia d'Oro**) has his first foal--a filly--who arrived Jan. 18, Gainesway Farm said in a Thursday release.

Out of the mare Sophie Sophie (Unbridled's Song), a half-sister to GISW and millionaire Seattle Smooth (Quiet American), the filly was bred by Dr. Oscar Benavides and was born at his Montesacro Farm.



Sophie Sophie with new foal | Montesacro Farm

"I am very happy with my filly," said Dr. Benavides. "She looks racy and has great conformation as we expected being by **Olympiad**."

Olympiad, a five-time graded stakes winner, posted eight wins in 13 career starts for earnings of \$3,027,560 for trainer Bill Mott and owners Grandview Equine, Cheyenne Stables and LNJ Foxwoods.

Winner of the 2022 GI Jockey Club Gold Cup S., **Olympiad** also delivered a track-record setting performance over 1 1/16 miles in the GIII **Mineshaft** S. and added wins in the GII New Orleans Classic S., GII Stephen Foster S., and GII Alysheba S.

In the 2022 GI Breeders' Cup Classic, **Olympiad** rallied down the Keeneland stretch to finish second behind Horse of the Year **Flightline** (Tapit).

He earned triple-digit Beyer Speed Figures on eight occasions with victories from seven furlongs to 1 1/4 miles.

Olympiad stands for \$35,000 LFSN.

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FIRST FOAL REPORTED FOR DUAL GISW MANDALOUN

Juddmonte's **Mandaloun** (Into Mischief--Brooch, by Empire Maker) was represented by his first foal over the weekend, according to a representative for the farm Thursday afternoon.

The foal, a filly, was born at Jay Goodwin's Kentucky-based Goodwin Farm out of a mare not named in the release. The dam of the new filly is reported to be "out of a stakes-producing Gone West mare whose dam is a full-sister to [Canadian] Horse of the Year Dance Smartly and half-sister to the breed-shaping stallion Smart Strike."

The bay filly is "big and strong with a ton of class," said Goodwin. **Cont.**

Mandaloun's first foal, cont.



Mandaloun | Coady

Winner of the GI Haskell S. and two other graded events, **Mandaloun** was also promoted to first from a runner-up finish in the 2021 GI Kentucky Derby. He will stand in 2024 for a fee of \$20,000 LFSN.

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GSW MAGIC ON TAP'S FIRST FOAL A FILLY

GSW **Magic on Tap** (**Tapit**--Aubby K, by **Street Sense**) is celebrating his first foal--a filly out **Sea Gazer** (Tiznow)--who arrived just after midnight Jan. 17 for breeder Scott Miller, Pleasant Acres Stallions said in a Thursday release.

Sea Gazer's dam Seafree (Chief Seattle) collected four wins including the GII La Canada S. and was third in the GI Santa Margarita Invitational H. She produced MSW Interest Free (Exchange Rate), who is responsible for SW Market Analysis (Honor Code). Seafree is a half-sister to GI Belmont S. and GI



Sea Gazer with her new foal | Scott Miller

Travers S. runner-up Fly Down (**Mineshaft**).

Magic on Tap began his stallion career at Pleasant Acres Stallions last year and stands for \$5,000. His dam, GISW Aubby K, brought the fourth highest return--\$2.4 million--at the 2015 Fasig-Tipton Fall Mixed Sale when she was purchased by Summer Wind Equine with him in utero.

"The moment Magic on Tap stepped off the van upon his arrival at Pleasant Acres Stallions we knew he would produce exceptional foals," said Director of Stallion Services Christine Jones. "His very first foal is a filly with good bone, great conformation, and looks to be very racy! She is everything we expected!"

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MUSEUM OF RACING HOSTS SILENT AUCTION AND ONLINE FUNDRAISER FEB. 3

The National Museum of Racing and Hall of Fame will host the second annual "Countdown to the Triple Crown" fundraising event on Saturday, Feb. 3, the repository said in a release Thursday.

Scheduled exactly three months prior to the 150th GI Kentucky Derby, the museum benefit will feature dozens of silent auction items. An online auction full of unique pieces and experience packages will also be offered.

Guests can attend the event in person at the museum from 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. ET or bid on special packages online. The early-bird event will feature beer, wine, soda, light refreshments and entertainment. The cost to attend is \$15 for museum members and \$30 for non-members.

Click [here](#) to purchase tickets and [here](#) to preview the online auction. For more information about the event or to donate an item or experience, please contact Maureen Pasco at (518) 584-0400 ext. 109 or mpasco@racingmuseum.net.

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GSW IL MIRACOLO TOPS LIST OF 2023 FTHA CHAMPIONS

GSW **Il Miracolo** (**Gun Runner**) led the 2023 list of Florida-based champions, as he was named the top 3-year-old colt by the Florida Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association (FTHA), according to a press release from 1/ST Racing on Thursday.

The FTHA annually recognizes horses who compete year-round in South Florida. All winners raced and won during the non-championship meets from April to November. **Cont.**

FTHA champions, cont.

Based at Gulfstream with trainer Antonio Sano, Il Miracolo amassed \$465,025 in winnings last year. He is joined by **Time Passage** (Tunwoo), who was named Florida's champion 3-year-old filly after winning five of nine starts in 2023.

Top 2-year-old male honors went to **Bentornato (Valiant Minister)**, who has raced exclusively at Gulfstream where he reeled off four consecutive wins, while **R Harper Rose** (Khozan) was selected top 2-year-old filly after she won three of four starts.

Champion older male honors went to GSW/GISP **Dean Delivers** (Cajun Breeze). The top older female was GSW **Three Witches** (Into Mischief).

Amstrong (Tapwrit), winner of three stakes races, and **Battle Cry** (Prospective), who went five-for-nine, were named top Tapeta colt and filly, respectively.

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NYRA ANNOUNCES JOB FAIR FOR BELMONT STAKES RACING FESTIVAL AT SARATOGA

The New York Racing Association, Inc. (NYRA) will host a job fair on Wednesday, Feb. 21 from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. ET, the first in a series of events to support the Belmont Stakes Racing Festival at Saratoga Race Course, the association said in a release Thursday.

The job fair will be held on the first floor of the 1863 Club at Saratoga Race Course. Interested applicants should enter through the Wright Street entrance (Gate 8) with parking available in the 1863 Club lot.

“The 2024 Belmont Stakes Racing Festival will be an economic engine for Upstate New York,” said NYRA President & CEO Dave O’Rourke. “Much of that impact will be the creation of hundreds of temporary jobs to support a Triple Crown event at Saratoga Race Course this June. We look forward to beginning this series of job fairs on Feb. 21.”

Employment opportunities for the festival will be available with the following NYRA partners: All Pro, Integrated Staffing, Levy Restaurants, Mazzone Hospitality and Union Square Events. Positions will include restaurant staff, mutuel clerks, cashiers, cleaners, merchandise clerks and others.

Applicants must be at least 15 years of age and have New York State Certified Working Papers. Prospective security guards, cashiers and betting clerks must be at least 18 years of age to apply; security guards must have a high school degree or GED. All applicants must present a photo ID and Social Security card or I-9 alternative.

NYRA will host its traditional job fair for the Saratoga summer meet later this year.

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1/ST PARTNERS WITH EQUINE MEDIRECORD FOR PEGASUS WORLD CUP

1/ST, owned by The Stronach Group, will partner with Equine MediRecord (EMR) to digitize equine welfare protocols for this year’s running of the Pegasus World Cup at Gulfstream Park Jan. 27, the Irish technology company said in a release Thursday morning.

The added measure will enhance the stringent equine health and safety protocols, and make the process even easier as EMR representatives will be onsite to help log each horse’s information into their system.

The platform allows for the full veterinary history of the horse to be collected digitally and recorded securely. Use will be mandatory and provide the opportunity to comply with strict medication protocols. Veterinarians can send required medical record information directly to HISA, which reduces the need for double entry.

“We are excited about our partnership with 1/ST and doing all we can to help ensure that best horse welfare and transparency protocols are followed in equine sport while ensuring participants do not have to enter information multiple times to be cleared,” said Pierce Dargan, Equine MediRecord's CEO.

The Irish company's list of clients and users include the Thoroughbred Owners of California, Maryland 5 Star, Kentucky Thoroughbred Association, the Arabian Racing Organization, Breeders' Cup World Championships and the Saudi Cup.

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2023 Leading Fifth-Crop Sires Year-to-Date

Standing NA - Worldwide Earnings - NH Foals

Rank	Stallion	BTW	BTH	GSW	GSH	G1SW	G1SH	Starters	Wnrs	Highest Earner	Earnings
1	American Pharoah (2012) by Pioneerof the Nile	11	22	6	15	1	6	300	139	2,032,872	15,001,812
			FYR: 2017		Stands: Coolmore Ashford KY			Fee: \$50,000		Cafe Pharoah	
2	Constitution (2011) by Tapit	13	26	2	11	--	2	264	135	795,720	10,610,937
			FYR: 2017		Stands: WinStar Farm KY			Fee: \$110,000		Webslinger	
3	Tonalist (2011) by Tapit	4	13	--	2	--	1	179	92	3,644,000	9,260,458
			FYR: 2017		Stands: Lane's End Farm KY			Fee: \$10,000		Country Grammer	
4	Liam's Map (2011) by Unbridled's Song	9	18	2	8	--	1	207	121	320,650	8,573,299
			FYR: 2017		Stands: Lane's End Farm KY			Fee: \$40,000		Roses for Debra	
5	Tapiture (2011) by Tapit	7	21	1	2	--	1	317	165	358,800	7,982,446
			FYR: 2017		Stands: Darby Dan Farm KY			Fee: \$7,500		Repo Rocks	
6	Khozan (2012) by Distorted Humor	6	15	1	2	--	--	188	105	378,800	6,292,158
			FYR: 2017		Stands: Journeyman Stud FL			Fee: \$6,500		Foggy Night	
7	Honor Code (2011) by A.P. Indy	7	12	2	3	--	--	189	90	318,175	5,329,004
			FYR: 2017		Stands: Yushun Stallion Jpn			Fee: Private		Honor Marie	
8	Palace Malice (2010) by Curlin	4	7	1	2	1	1	196	82	802,586	5,286,281
			FYR: 2017		Stands: Darley Japan Jpn			Fee: 3,500,000		Jantar Mantar (JPN)	
9	Carpe Diem (2012) by Giant's Causeway	5	8	2	3	--	--	180	100	506,161	4,998,062
			FYR: 2017		Stands: Aztec Equine LA			Fee: \$3,500		Chancheng Prince	
10	Summer Front (2009) by War Front	6	14	1	3	--	1	152	83	199,240	4,233,450
			FYR: 2017		Stands: Airdrie Stud KY			Fee: \$5,000		Sosua Summer	
11	Karakontie (Jpn) (2011) by Bernstein	5	11	3	5	1	3	106	55	370,218	3,880,263
			FYR: 2017		Stands: Gainesway Farm KY			Fee: \$15,000		Princess Grace	
12	Golden Lad (2010) by Medaglia d'Oro	3	8	--	--	--	--	117	67	193,850	3,711,105
			FYR: 2017		Stands: Northview Stallion MD			Fee: \$5,000		Windsor Gold	
13	Competitive Edge (2012) by Super Saver	3	8	1	3	--	--	89	44	629,659	3,423,859
			FYR: 2017		Stands: Valor Farm TX			Fee: \$5,000		Ryvit	
14	Lea (2009) by First Samurai	3	9	1	3	--	--	106	65	271,000	3,403,290
			FYR: 2017		Stands: Claiborne Farm KY			Fee: Private		Nagirroc	
15	Fast Anna (2011) by Medaglia d'Oro	8	13	--	2	--	--	111	53	227,766	3,317,219
			FYR: 2017		Stands: Three Chimneys Farm (Died 2021)					All That Magic	

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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



WELL-BRED CURLIN FILLY DEBUTS FOR PLETCHER AT BIG A



American Gal | Sarah Andrew

1st-AQU, \$80k, Msw, 3yo, f, 1m, post time: 12:50 p.m. ET

WEATHER DELAY (Curlin), the first foal out of MGISW American Gal (Concord Point), kicks off her career for Repole Stable and trainer Todd Pletcher. The 3-year-old filly was a \$500,000 Keeneland September yearling purchase. Carrying the colors of Kaleem Shah, American Gal captured the 2017 GI Longines Test S. at Saratoga and the following term's GI Humana Distaff S. at Churchill Downs. She was also third as the favorite in the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies. American Gal brought \$3 million from Weather Delay's breeder Whisper Hill Farm at the 2018 Fasig-Tipton November sale. Her 2-year-old colt by Into Mischief brought \$1.1 million from Grandview Equine at last year's Keeneland September sale. **TJCS PPs**

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TODAY'S FEATURED REPLAY



GODDESS OF FIRE (Mineshaft) too hot to handle at GP. [\(click to watch\)](#)

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6th-Gulfstream, \$75,800, Alw (NW1\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$25,000), 1-18, 4yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:36.83, ft, 6 lengths.

GODDESS OF FIRE (m, 5, Mineshaft--Feel That Fire {SW, \$147,280}, by Lightnin N Thunder), winless in 10 straight starts since posting a narrow debut victory at Saratoga in the summer



Goddess of Fire | Lauren King

of 2021, got back on track with a long overdue victory here. Off as the 1-2 favorite, the 2022 GII Rachel Alexandra S. and GII Gulfstream Park Oaks runner-up and GI Alabama S. third-place finisher sat a good trip in an inside fifth, shot through a narrow opening along the rail beneath John Velazquez at the top of the stretch and took care of business from there to dominate by six lengths. A well-beaten seventh in the 2022 GI Cotillion S., Goddess of Fire returned from the shelf with a dismal fifth as the favorite in an optional claimer at Aqueduct last out Nov. 26. The winner is a half-sister to **Mind Control** (Stay Thirsty), MGISW, \$2,071,834. Feel That Fire produced fillies by **Uncle Mo** in 2022-23. Lifetime Record: GISP, 12-2-4-2, \$382,675. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.** O/B-Red Oak Stable (KY); T-Todd A. Pletcher.

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8th-Fair Grounds, \$53,000, Alw (NW2L)/Opt. Clm (\$100,000), 1-18, 3yo, 6f, 1:09.86, sy, neck.

THE DONEGAL CLAN (c, 3, Twirling Candy--Auntjenn {GSP, \$178,673}, by Uncle Mo), a maiden winner going 7 1/2 furlongs at Delta Downs Dec. 8, finished fourth at 31-1 in the Sugar Bowl S. here Dec. 23. Overlooked at 10-1 here, he jumped well and sped through an opening quarter in :21.79. Challenged to his outside by Alder (**Hard Spun**) on the far turn, those two threw down in the stretch with The Donegal Clan outgaming that foe by a hard-fought neck. The winner is a half to Petulante (Arrogate), GSW, \$236,555. Auntjenn is also responsible for the 2-year-old colt Cinister Cix (**Curlin**) and a yearling filly by **Constitution**. She was bred back to the latter for 2024. Sales history: \$240,000 Ylg '22 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 4-2-1-0, \$63,800. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

O-Donegal Racing; B-Breffni Farm (KY); T-Dane Noel.



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6th-Fair Grounds, \$52,000, Msw, 1-18, 3yo, f, 1 1/16m, 1:45.19, ft, 4 1/2 lengths.

LIUZZA (f, 3, Maximus Mischief--Elusive Candy, by Candy Ride {Arg}), sixth on debut sprinting in the Fair Grounds slop Dec. 16, took a major step forward in this two-turn debut. The 6-1 chance sat a perfect trip in an outside second, poked her head in front on the far turn and opened daylight in the stretch to graduate by 4 1/2 lengths and top an exacta for her promising young sire. Mischievousness (Maximus Mischief) was second. The rail-drawn, even-money favorite Pretty Ana (**Quality Road**), a half-sister to Horse of the Year **Gun Runner (Candy Ride {Arg})**, reported home an educational third in her debut. After producing a colt by **Modernist**, the winner's dam was bred back to Greatest Honour for 2024. Sales history: \$100,000 Ylg '22 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$31,200. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

O-Martin Racing Stable LLC; B-Ledgelands & Andrew C Ritter (KY); T-W. Bret Calhoun.



9th-Fair Grounds, \$52,000, Msw, 1-18, 3yo, f, 1m 70y (off turf), 1:43.23, sy, 3 1/4 lengths.

OUR PRETTY WOMAN (f, 3, Medaglia d'Oro--Dazzletown, by Speightstown), a \$900,000 KEESEP yearling purchase, was given a 5-1 chance to win around two turns at first asking in this off the turfer. She found a good spot just behind the early leaders in third and was up a spot into second through a half mile in :46.93. She set her sights on the pacesetting Martynas' Joy (**American Pharoah**) at the top of the stretch and powered clear in the slop to graduate by 3 1/4 lengths. Dazzletown is also responsible for a 2-year-old colt by Bolt d'Oro (\$270,000 KEESEP yearling purchase by Mayberry Farm) and a yearling colt by Yaupon. She was bred to Authentic for 2024. Our Pretty Woman is bred similarly to GISW and promising young sire **Violence (Medaglia d'Oro)**, who was produced by a Gone West mare. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$31,200. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

O-Courtlandt Farms (Donald Adam); B-Woods Edge Farm, LLC & Godolphin (KY); T-Steven M. Asmussen.



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SECOND-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: FRIDAY, JANUARY 19
 2024 Stud Fees Listed

Audible (Into Mischief), WinStar Farm, \$15,000
 261 foals of racing age/22 winners/2 black-type winners
 1-Aqueduct, 12:50 p.m. EST, Msw 1m, Just Music, 3-1
 \$70,000 FTK OCT yrl
 9-Oaklawn, 5:22 p.m. EST, Msw 6f, No Pay No Hay, 30-1
 \$130,000 KEE NOV wnl; \$65,000 FTK OCT yrl; \$60,000 RNA OBS
 APR 2yo

Catholic Boy (More Than Ready), Claiborne Farm, \$10,000
 159 foals of racing age/16 winners/0 black-type winners
 9-Oaklawn, 5:22 p.m. EST, Msw 6f, Catholic Sue, 30-1
 \$40,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$25,000 OBS APR 2yo

Coal Front (Stay Thirsty), Spendthrift Farm, \$5,000
 79 foals of racing age/10 winners/2 black-type winners
 9-Fair Grounds, 5:45 p.m. EST, Msw 1m, Coal Coal Beer, 20-1
 \$25,000 KEE SEP yrl

Divisidero (Kitten's Joy), Airdrie Stud, \$5,000

42 foals of racing age/4 winners/1 black-type winner
9-Fair Grounds, 5:45 p.m. EST, Msw 1m, Gamer Nate, 7-2
\$14,000 OBS WIN wnl; \$50,000 OBS OPN 2yo

Enticed (Medaglia d'Oro), Darley, \$5,000

156 foals of racing age/24 winners/1 black-type winner
7-Penn National, 8:55 p.m. EST, Msw 6f, Goodnightngodbless, 6-1
\$27,000 KEE NOV wnl; \$42,000 FTK OCT yrl
6-Fair Grounds, 4:15 p.m. EST, Msw 1m, Tempting Lady, 9-2
\$27,000 KEE NOV wnl; \$87,000 OBS OCT yrl; \$40,000 EAS MAY 2yo

Heart to Heart (English Channel), Crestwood Farm

60 foals of racing age/4 winners/0 black-type winners
9-Sunland, 5:54 p.m. EST, \$100K Riley Allison Derby, 1m, Ham Sandwich, 5-1
\$17,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$35,000 F '23 KEE NOV

Maximus Mischief (Into Mischief), Spendthrift Farm, \$25,000

231 foals of racing age/35 winners/3 black-type winners
5-Turfway, 7:55 p.m. EST, Msw 6 1/2f, Alwaysintomischief, 5-1
\$50,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$75,000 RNA OBS MAR 2yo; \$72,000 OBS OPN 2yo
9-Oaklawn, 5:22 p.m. EST, Msw 6f, The Big Calhouna, 15-1
\$22,000 FTK OCT yrl; \$30,000 OBS APR 2yo

Mitole (Eskendereya), Spendthrift Farm, \$15,000

293 foals of racing age/37 winners/2 black-type winners
7-Penn National, 8:55 p.m. EST, Msw 6f, Maddie Ten, 5-1
\$60,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$47,000 RNA EAS MAY 2yo
4-Aqueduct, 2:17 p.m. EST, Aoc 1m, Scarlet's Dream, 7-5
\$65,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$70,000 OBS OPN 2yo

Omaha Beach (War Front), Spendthrift Farm, \$40,000

291 foals of racing age/26 winners/3 black-type winners
7-Fair Grounds, 4:45 p.m. EST, Aoc 5 1/2ft, Prodigy Paradise, 5-1

Solomini (Curlin), McMahon of Saratoga Thoroughbreds, \$7,500

142 foals of racing age/14 winners/3 black-type winners
4-Aqueduct, 2:17 p.m. EST, Aoc 1m, Bornforgreatness, 20-1
\$7,500 FTK FEB wnl; \$12,000 OBS OCT yrl; \$32,000 EAS MAY 2yo
5-Aqueduct, 2:47 p.m. EST, Aoc 1m, Doc Sullivan, 5-1
\$58,000 SAR AUG yrl; \$59,000 OBS OPN 2yo

Vino Rosso (Curlin), Spendthrift Farm, \$20,000

309 foals of racing age/27 winners/2 black-type winners
9-Sunland, 5:54 p.m. EST, \$100K Riley Allison Derby, 1m, Crafted, 5-2
\$150,000 FTK NOV wnl; \$375,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$25,000 RNA TTA APR 2yo

World of Trouble (Kantharos), Hill 'n' Dale at Xalapa, \$5,000

129 foals of racing age/19 winners/1 black-type winner
5-Aqueduct, 2:47 p.m. EST, Aoc 1m, Lotsa Trouble, 5-1
\$70,000 OBS APR 2yo
5-Turfway, 7:55 p.m. EST, Msw 6 1/2f, Trouble's Roaring, 2-1
\$37,500 KEE SEP yrl; \$150,000 OBS MAR 2yo

**IN FRANCE:**

Midsummer Dance, f, 4, **Mendelssohn**. See "France".

DESERT DEBUTERS: BEAUTIFULLY BRED MIZZYAN LOOKS TO KEEP BALL ROLLING FOR WATSON

by Alan Carasso

The immaculately bred **MIZZYAN** becomes the first starter in the Emirates for the all-conquering **Justify** and can make her presence felt at first asking in Friday's Cocoa Beach S. (allowance), a 1600-meter event restricted to 3-year-old fillies at Meydan Racecourse. The Mar. 5 foal, a homebred for Sheikh Mohammed bin Khalifa al Maktoum, is the first foal out of Vale Dori (Arg) (Asiatic Boy {Arg}), a Group 1 winner in her native Argentina, whose two local starts for trainer Mike de Kock included a runner-up effort to Polar River (Congrats) in the 2016 G3 UAE Oaks followed by a close fourth in the G2 UAE Derby. Vale Dori was sent to continue her career in the U.S. under Bob Baffert, taking out the 2017 GI Santa Margarita S. and the GI Zenyatta S. the following season. Mizzyaan has gate two in a field of 10 and Pat Dobbs has the call for trainer Doug Watson,

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who sent out the promising Russian invader Kabirkhan (California Chrome) to victory in a 2000-meter handicap last Friday. Lining up against Mizzyaan are fellow firster **Kibo Misaki (Girvin)**, a \$210,000 Fasig-Tipton Midlantic breezer who is out of a half-sister to Grade II winner Fantastic Style (Harlan's Holiday); and the well-regarded debut winners **Manama Gold** (Star Guitar) and **Lahfaty** (Mitole).

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STAKES RESULTS:

CORRALITO STEAK HOUSE S., (NB) \$100,000, Sunland, 1-18, (S), 3yo, 6f, 1:11.70, ft.

1--**COMMUNITY LEADER**, 121, g, 3, by Diabolical--Midnight Summer, by **Midnight Lute**. O/B-J. Kirk & Judy Robison (NM); T-Todd W. Fincher; J-Felipe Valdez. \$60,000. Lifetime Record: MSW, 8-7-1-0, \$347,107.

2--**Marking Canyon**, 122, g, 3, Marking--Stormy Canyon, by Scatmandu. O-Fincher, Leroy & Maureen; B/T-Leroy Fincher (NM). \$20,000.

3--**Milk It**, 121, g, 3, Shame On Charlie--Campfire Party, by Forest Danger. O-Green, Greg, Yarbar, R. Dwain and M.C.M Stables, LLC; B-Greg Green & Dwain Yarbar (NM); T-Greg Green. \$10,000.

Margins: NK, 2, 3 1/4. Odds: 0.30, 6.40, 2.90.



LASENORA S., (NB) \$100,000, Sunland, 1-18, (S), 3yo, f, 6f, 1:11.60, ft.

1--**PAYINGOFFMYMARKER**, 121, f, 3, by Marking--Domesday Gal, by Dome. O/B-Dustin Brooks (NM); T-Todd W. Fincher; J-Tracy J. Hebert. \$60,000. Lifetime Record: SP, 8-3-3-0, \$139,620.

2--**Mark the Winner**, 121, f, 3, Marking--Unofficial Winner, by Attila's Storm. O-Brooks, Rodney and Reid, Donnie; B-Warren Franklin (NM); T-Simon J. Buechler. \$20,000.

3--**Make Up a Story**, 121, f, 3, Marking--Holiday Heat, by Southwestern Heat. O/B-J. Kirk & Judy Robison (NM); T-Todd W. Fincher. \$10,000.

Margins: 4HF, 3 3/4, 1HF. Odds: 1.70, 1.10, 4.90.

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

7th-Aqueduct, \$74,000, (S), (NW2\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$45,000), 1-18, 4yo/up, 7f, 1:27.47, ft, 2 1/4 lengths.

RADIO RED (c, 4, The Big Beast--Perfect Remark, by Majesticperfection) Lifetime Record: SP, 11-3-2-2, \$193,880. O-Reeves Thoroughbred Racing; B-Windylea Farm-New York, LLC (NY); T-Danny Gargan. *\$10,000 Ylg '21 EASOCT.

4th-Fair Grounds, \$53,000, (S), 1-18, (NW2L), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:10.77, ft, 1 1/2 lengths.

LIKE THIS (g, 4, Cloud Computing--Sweet Summer Sun, by Quiet American) Lifetime Record: 11-2-2-2, \$87,770. O/B-Allied Racing Stable, LLC (LA); T-W. Bret Calhoun.

7th-Sunland, \$51,800, (S), 1-18, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:10.36, ft, 2 lengths.

LET HIM BE (g, 4, Sway Away--Bertrando's Lady, by Bertrando) Lifetime Record: SW, 6-5-1-0, \$227,660. O-V Bar V Racing LLC; B-Jim Volk (NM); T-Joel H. Marr.

3rd-Mahoning Valley, \$33,700, (S), 1-18, (NW2L), 3yo, 6f, 1:11.49, ft, 1/2 length.

MIDNIGHT VOYAGE (c, 3, Midnight Lute--Lela, by Trippi) Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$41,800. O-Cherry Valley Farm LLC; B-T/C Stable, LLC (OH); T-William Cowans. *\$60,000 Ylg '22 KESEEP. **1/2 to Shez Shacked Up (Shackleford), MSP, \$185,590.



8th-Mahoning Valley, \$27,900, 1-18, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:39.22, ft, 5 lengths.

OAXACA (m, 5, Speightstown--Golden Age, by Bernardini) Lifetime Record: 26-4-5-3, \$106,510. O-Danielle Agnello; B-St. George Stables, LLC (KY); T-Jeffrey Skerrett.

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7th-Mahoning Valley, \$27,500, 1-18, (NW4L), 3yo/up, 1m 70y, 1:42.75, ft, 3 1/2 lengths.

SPENCER'S BOY LUNA (c, 4, Alternation--Paris Girl, by Pulpit)
Lifetime Record: 7-4-0-0, \$55,712. O/B-Tiffiney K. Veloudis (KY); T-Eric R. Reed.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Bear River, r, 3, **Flameaway**--Sixtyfivenorth, by **Midshipman**.
Fair Grounds, 1-18, 5 1/2fT, 1:03.64. Lifetime Record: 6-1-0-1, \$48,200. B-Dreamfields Farm, Don Brady & Brendan Burke (KY). *\$67,000 Wlg '21 KEENOV; \$65,000 RNA Ylg '22 KEESEP; \$50,000 2yo '23 OBSOPN. **Placed first via DQ.

Caberneigh, f, 3, **Munnings**--Boudicea's Revenge, by Warrior's Reward. Turfway, 1-17, 6 1/2f (AWT), 1:18.47. Lifetime Record: 4-1-1-0, \$62,246. B-War Horse Place, LLC (KY). *\$80,000 RNA Ylg '22 FTKOCT.

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Allied Attack, c, 3, **Omaha Beach**--Comme Chez Soi, by Empire Maker. Aqueduct, 1-18, (S), 6f, 1:16.18. Lifetime Record: 4-1-0-1, \$53,148. B-Old Tavern Farm LLC (NY). *\$185,000 Wlg '21 KEENOV; \$275,000 RNA 2yo '23 OBSMAR.

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Cora's Legacy, f, 3, **Street Sense**--Holy Empress, by **Ghostzapper**.
Fair Grounds, 1-18, 1m 70y (off turf), 1:44.26. Lifetime Record: 6-1-1-0, \$42,621. B-Charles Fipke (KY). *\$25,000 RNA Ylg '22 KEESEP; \$50,000 Ylg '22 OBSOCT; \$65,000 2yo '23 OBSAPR.

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Collect the Data, f, 3, **Upstart**--Discreet Lady, by Discreet Cat.
Aqueduct, 1-18, (S), (C), 6 1/2f, 1:23.63. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-0, \$24,913. B-Tony Carlo (NY). *\$22,000 Wlg '21 FTNMIX; \$130,000 Ylg '22 SARAUG.

No Trouble, g, 3, **World of Trouble**--Philadelphia Gold, by Touch Gold. Sunland, 1-18, 6 1/2f, 1:18.76. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$25,800. B-Hill 'n' Dale Syndicated Stallions, Inc. & Sheltoewe Farm (KY). *\$20,000 Wlg '21 KEENOV. **1/2 to Ohio Gold (Wilburn), SW, \$279,797; Somuchsugar (Texas Red), SP, \$166,955.

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Love Mami Love, f, 4, **Cordon**--Arrow of Love, by Northern Afleet. Gulfstream, 1-18, (C), 5fT, :56.46. Lifetime Record: 11-1-5-1, \$73,840. B-Glockenburg LLC (FL). *\$3,600 2yo '22 OBSOPN.

Alexis Zorba (GB), c, 4, **Zoustar (Aus)**--Rue Cambon (Ire), by Exceed And Excel (Aus). Gulfstream, 1-18, 1mT, 1:33.50. Lifetime Record: 8-1-4-1, \$108,007. B-Plantation Stud (GB). *110,000gns Wlg '20 TATFOA; 310,000gns Ylg '21 TATOCT; \$75,000 3yo '23 KEENOV.

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Cloud Computing, Like This, g, 4, o/o Sweet Summer Sun, by Quiet American. ALW, 1-18, Fair Grounds
Cordon, Love Mami Love, f, 4, o/o Arrow of Love, by Northern Afleet. MOC, 1-18, Gulfstream
Diabolical, Community Leader, g, 3, o/o Midnight Summer, by **Midnight Lute**. Corralito Steak House S., 1-18, Sunland
Flameaway, Bear River, r, 3, o/o Sixtyfivenorth, by **Midshipman**. MSW, 1-18, Fair Grounds
Marking, Payingoffmymarker, f, 3, o/o Domesday Gal, by Dome. LaSenora S., 1-18, Sunland
Maximus Mischief, Liuzza, f, 3, o/o Elusive Candy, by **Candy Ride (Arg)**. MSW, 1-18, Fair Grounds
Medaglia d'Oro, Our Pretty Woman, f, 3, o/o Dazzletown, by Speightstown. MSW, 1-18, Fair Grounds
Midnight Lute, Midnight Voyage, c, 3, o/o Lela, by Trippi. ALW, 1-18, MVR
Mineshaft, Goddess of Fire, m, 5, o/o Feel That Fire, by Lightnin N Thunder. AOC, 1-18, Gulfstream
Munnings, Caberneigh, f, 3, o/o Boudicea's Revenge, by Warrior's Reward. MSW, 1-17, Turfway
Omaha Beach, Allied Attack, c, 3, o/o Comme Chez Soi, by Empire Maker. MSW, 1-18, Aqueduct
Speightstown, Oaxaca, m, 5, o/o Golden Age, by Bernardini. ALW, 1-18, Mahoning Valley
Street Sense, Cora's Legacy, f, 3, o/o Holy Empress, by **Ghostzapper**. MSW, 1-18, Fair Grounds
Sway Away, Let Him Be, g, 4, o/o Bertrando's Lady, by Bertrando. ALW, 1-18, Sunland
The Big Beast, Radio Red, c, 4, o/o Perfect Remark, by Majesticperfection. AOC, 1-18, Aqueduct
Twirling Candy, The Donegal Clan, c, 3, o/o Auntjenn, by **Uncle Mo**. AOC, 1-18, Fair Grounds
Upstart, Collect the Data, f, 3, o/o Discreet Lady, by Discreet Cat. MCL, 1-18, Aqueduct
World of Trouble, No Trouble, g, 3, o/o Philadelphia Gold, by Touch Gold. MSW, 1-18, Sunland
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