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CHAMPION SPINTER MUHAARAR STARTS NEW CHAPTER AT HARAS DU PETIT TELLIER



Muhaarar bows out in style at Ascot | [Racingphotos.com](https://www.racingphotos.com)

by Adam Houghton

For a horse who won the G2 Gimcrack S. as a juvenile before torching the sprinting scene with a sequence of four straight Group 1 victories the following year, Muhaarar (GB) has been a surprisingly slow burner in his second career as a stallion, certainly compared to the fast start that was expected of him when he was retired to stand his first season at Sheikh Hamdan Al Maktoum's Nunnery Stud in 2016.

It seemed like all the ingredients were there for Muhaarar to make an immediate and significant impact, a two-year-old winner in May who was blessed with brazen speed on the racecourse and the fiercest of support from Sheikh Hamdan in his second career at stud.

Not only did Sheikh Hamdan send a handful of Shadwell's best mares to his prized homebred in that first year, but he also went to great lengths to secure the pick of Muhaarar's debut yearlings at the sales in 2018, including the top-priced filly at 925,000gns.

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SWANBRIDGE GOES TO 150K FOR WINNING DAUGHTER OF QUEVEGA AT GOFFS

By Brian Sheerin

Princess Vega (Ire) (Beat Hollow {GB}), a winning daughter of six-time Cheltenham festival scorer Quevega (Fr) (Robin Des Champs {Fr}), proved to be worth the wait at the Goffs February Sale when selling as one of the last lots through the ring [431G] on Thursday evening for €150,000 to agent Gerry Hogan on behalf of Swanbridge Bloodstock.

It was Liz Lucas's Swanbridge Bloodstock who signed for the Order Of St George (Ire) filly out of Princess Vega at the November National Hunt Sale at Goffs for €48,000 last year. According to Hogan, so pleased are the new owners with their Order Of St George filly from the top-notch family, they decided to push the boat out to secure the dam who was sold by the Irish National Stud in foal to Walk In The Park (Ire). [Cont. p7](#)

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Gerry Hogan (left) bought the sale topper, Princess Vega (Ire) (Beat Hollow {GB}), for €150,000 on behalf of Swanbridge Bloodstock during the second and final day of the Goffs February Sale. | Goffs

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Muhaaarar Cont. from p1

It was an immense show of faith from the legendary owner-breeder in the hope that Muhaarar might one day prove to be a worthy successor to his grandsire, Green Desert, the flagship stallion on the Shadwell roster for many years and a hugely influential sire of sires, having produced the likes of Cape Cross (Ire), Invincible Spirit (Ire) and, of course, Muhaarar's own sire, **Oasis Dream (GB)**.

Perhaps the best compliment that can be paid to Muhaarar is that he was arguably a better racehorse than any of them.

Having made the breakthrough in Group 1 company when winning the inaugural running of the Commonwealth Cup at Royal Ascot, Muhaarar then went on an unstoppable run which saw him add the G1 July Cup, G1 Prix Maurice de Gheest and G1 Champions Sprint S. to his unique haul.



Marhaba Ya Sanafi | Scoop Dyga

A few other top-class performers came along shortly after him in what can often be a muddled sprinting division, the likes of Battaash (Ire)--also trained by Charlie Hills for Sheikh Hamdan--Blue Point (Ire) and Harry Angel (Ire), but none of them achieved what Muhaarar did in winning four Group 1 races in the same season.

However, whereas Blue Point romped to top honours in the first-season sire ranks last year, having 41 individual winners in Britain and Ireland, it's fair to say that Muhaarar found it altogether tougher going with his first runners four years earlier.

Ranked joint-sixth among the leading first-season sires in Britain and Ireland in 2019, Muhaarar did have a black-type performer among his 12 winners in that first crop of two-year-olds, the Group 3-placed filly Unforgettable (Ire), but otherwise it was a rather forgettable debut year. **Cont. p4**



Muhaaarar's fortunes are on an upward spiral and he will stand his first season at Haras du Petit Tellier this year. Adam Houghton finds out more.

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Muhaaarar Cont.

Better was to come in 2020 when Muhaarar was the leading second-season sire in Britain and Ireland with 44 individual winners. His 17 juvenile winners included Sheikh Hamdan's G3 Horris Hill S. hero Mujbar (GB), plus Amo Racing's Baradar (Ire), who won two of his first three starts before finishing third in the G1 Futurity Trophy.

It was Muhaarar's 27 three-year-old winners that year who surprised most observers, though, chiefly with the range of distances they were capable at. Unforgettable continued to look cut from the same cloth as her sire when Listed-placed over five and a half furlongs and Group 3-placed over seven, but Muhaarar's other highly-rated runners in Britain and Ireland included Albaflora (GB), runner-up in the Listed Noel Murless S. over a mile and five furlongs, while, in France, Paix (Ire) won the G3 Prix de Lutece over a mile and seven.

It's in France that Muhaarar finds himself in 2024 for the third

straight year. It was announced in the autumn of 2021--just a few months after the death of Sheikh Hamdan--that Muhaarar would be relocating to Alain Chopard's Haras des Faunes in Bordeaux where he covered 54 mares at a fee of €5,000 in 2022 and 124 mares at a fee of €7,500 in 2023.

Now, Muhaarar is limbering up for his first season standing at Haras du Petit Tellier following a deal which saw him make the move from Bordeaux to Normandy in August last year. Shadwell owner Sheikha Hissa retains half of the shares in the stallion, with the other half being made up of a consortium of French breeders.

Eric Puerari of Haras des Capucines is at the helm of the new syndicate, managed by Capucines Bloodstock, and it's

clear in his view that Britain's loss is France's gain with a stallion who has so much to offer--if not the guarantee of speedy, two-year-old winners which eventually saw his popularity on home soil decline. **Cont. p5**



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Muhaarar Cont.

"It's a very exciting, new adventure," Puerari begins when explaining how the stallion came to be at Haras du Petit Tellier. "Muhaarar had been leased in the south-west with Haras des Faunes for two years. My partner, Michel Zerolo, loved the horse and we made an offer to Shadwell to purchase half of him.

"He didn't totally convince the English breeders because they thought his progeny were not precocious enough. They take a bit of time to come [to hand], but they're durable and very resistant. They've won all over the world--France, England, Ireland, United States, everywhere. He's a very versatile sire and they can win from six furlongs to a mile and a half."

Muhaarar stands at an increased fee of €14,000 this season--albeit still a fair way below the £30,000 he stood for in his first

three years at Nunnery Stud--following what was arguably the most successful year yet for his progeny on the racecourse in 2023.

The versatility Puerari speaks of was certainly on show throughout last year. G1 July Cup runner-up Run To Freedom (GB) and G3 Bengough S. winner Annaf (Ire) both achieved notable results over six furlongs, while Israr (GB) won the G2 Princess Of Wales's S. and Trevaunance (Ire) filled the runner-up spot in the G1 Preis Von Europa, both races run over a mile and a half.

Above all else, the highlight in 2023 was provided by Classic hero Marhaba Ya Sanafi (Ire), who became Muhaarar's second individual Group 1 winner in the Poule d'Essai des Poulains

before going on to finish third behind the top-class pair of Ace Impact (Ire) (Cracksman {GB}) and Big Rock (Fr) (Rock Of Gibraltar {Ire}) in the G1 Prix du Jockey Club. **Cont. p6**



Eric Puerari | Sue Finley

2023 LEADING EUROPEAN FIRST CROP SIREs
(by individual Blacktype performers)

RK	STALLION	2024 FEE	BTHs	% BTHs
1	TEN SOVEREIGNS	€17,500	11	13.92
2	Blue Point	€60,000	9	7.96
3	CALYX	€12,500	6	11.11
-	Too Darn Hot	£65,000	6	8.57

TEN SOVEREIGNS

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Muhaarar Cont.

Incidentally, Muhaarar's first Group 1 winner was Shadwell homebred Eshaada (GB) when she won the Fillies & Mares S. back in 2021. That was a thrilling contest in which she just held off paternal sibling Albaflora by a short head after the two talented, middle-distance performers had gone head-to-head for much of the Ascot straight.

Neither filly finished with the same ferocity that Muhaarar did when blitzing down the same straight to win the Commonwealth Cup and Champions Sprint S. six years earlier, but clearly there are other qualities which have been passed down, both from him and his maternal grandsire Linamix (Fr), a noted influence for stamina at stud.

Expertly unpicking Muhaarar's pedigree, Puerari says, "Interestingly, he has inbreeding on both sides to Lyphard and Mill Reef who were two real champions of their time. They are the two grandsires of the dam of **Oasis Dream**.

"Muhaarar traces back to Pugnacity, one of the top-class mares of Major Holliday's breeding operation. Pugnacity was the dam of Relkino, who was a champion horse in England. He was by Relko and you'll find again that Relko blood in Linamix.

"Linamix is a top broodmare sire. He's the broodmare sire of Kendargent and it gives that will to win to his progeny. And this is very important when you are breeding, to try to find blood with a will to win."

Everything seemed to come easily to Muhaarar in most of his Group 1 victories, but that will to win was certainly in evidence the day he won the July Cup, looking on the back foot for much of the race before edging ahead close home to get the verdict by

a nose.

The last few years of Muhaarar's stallion career have arguably been characterised in much the same way, having to fight hard for every bit of success he's enjoyed having been written off in some quarters, deserted by many of the breeders who rushed to him early on.

Now, Muhaarar can start to enjoy the fruits of his labour with a limited book of up to 130 mares due to visit him at Haras du Petit Tellier in 2024, the most expensive stallion on a roster which also includes Elvstroem (Aus), Reoletos (Fr) and The Grey Gatsby (Ire).

Jean-Daniel Manceau, responsible for stallion nominations at Capucines Bloodstock, says, "He will be used by plenty of French and international breeders, including Henri Bozo from Haras des Monceaux, Guy Pariente and Jean-Claude Seroul, who races all of his stock. He will also be supported by Shadwell, obviously. They will send a full-sister to the champion mare Taghrooda.

"We also have a good group of shareholders. We've got the Dubois family who will support him a lot. They have bred already some very good horses this year, and in the past, like Sauterne and Elusive Princess.

"We've also got Haras de Saint Pair [owned by Andreas Putsch], a very good breeder here in France, and Peter Kavanagh of Kildaragh Stud. And, obviously, we have Haras des Capucines who will support him a lot with some of our best mares."



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Princess Vega, pictured with Brady Betlamini, is the Goffs February Sale topper | Goffs

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Hogan said, "She was bought for Swanbridge Bloodstock, who bought the Order Of St George, who is the daughter of this mare. She's a nice mare and the pedigree speaks for itself. They know the family and they were very anxious to get her."

It was Catherine Magnier who pushed Hogan furthest and filled the role as determined underbidder. The pair were left fighting it out from the six-figure mark for Princess Vega, who, like her superstar dam Quevega, was trained by the champion trainer in Ireland, Willie Mullins.

Princess Vega, a winner of a Tramore bumper on debut for Mullins, will now join the broodmare band of Swanbridge Bloodstock in Britain, which features well-known mares like Alasi (GB) (Alflora {Ire}), Intense Tango (GB) (Mastercraftsman {Ire}), Western Victory (Ire) (Westerner {GB}) and more.

Graduates of the British National Hunt breeding operation includes Midnight River (GB) (Midnight Legend {GB}), Prince Of Scars (Ire) (Flemensfirth) and last year's impressive Goffs UK Spring Sale Bumper winner Crest Of Glory (GB) (Black Sam Bellamy {Ire}).

Princess Vega proved to be the highlight of the two-day sale which saw turnover fall by 29% to €3,082,400 compared to 12 months ago. The average fell 19% to €12,898 while the median was also down 11% to €8,000. The clearance rate stood at 65%.

Goff chief executive Henry Beeby commented, "As ever Goffs February has been dominated by weanlings and once again has delivered the highest-priced Flat and National Hunt weanling of the February sales season by some margin. That is the strength of the sale and what sets it apart as, like November and December, Kildare Paddocks was awash with pinhookers finalising their 2024 yearling drafts and adding to their three-year-old stores of two years' time which led to several

lively bidding duels for those youngsters adjudged to be the most commercial.

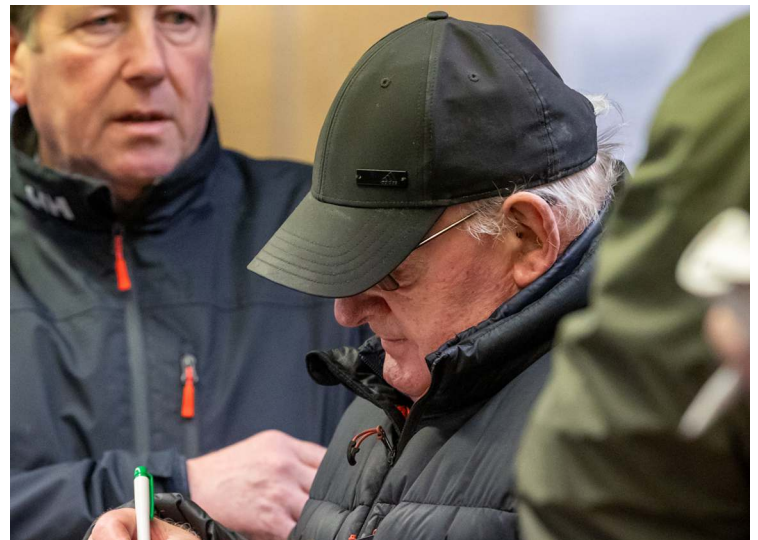
"Of course, a clearance rate of 65% is a clear mirror of the autumn sales season and those the market deemed less appealing were friendless in the ring. However, the familiar cry of 'it's hard to buy the good one' was as evident as ever and we are all having to adapt to the evolving nature of the market."

Beeby added, "Trade for the breeding stock session mirrored the weanlings with keen competition for some headed by the €150,000 top price and less interest in others but we have welcomed a diverse overseas contingent over the two days who are enticed year after year by the undeniable quality of Irish bloodlines and the proactivity of ITM working alongside the Goffs Purchaser Attraction Team and our superb international agents. Indeed, buyers from Denmark, France, Germany, Italy, Libya, Poland, Saudi Arabia, Spain, Turkey, UK and Zambia have all featured in the results and ensured a truly cosmopolitan feel to the sale.

"So Goffs February confirms its market leading status again with two vibrant sessions and a big crowd from start to finish. As ever, we extend our thanks to each vendor and all our purchasers for we are nothing without them."

"It's Not Rocket Science," - Havana Grey Continues To Shine

There's no such thing as a dull day when it comes to Havana Grey (GB). The Whitsbury Stud-based stallion lit the touch paper to the February Sale on Wednesday when a colt of his was knocked down to Yeomanstown Stud for €85,000 and the big results kept coming for the sire sensation on Thursday when top judge Willie Browne signed for a Havana Grey filly under the banner of JB Bloodstock to the tune of €90,000. **Cont. p8**



Willie Browne bought a Havana Grey weanling for €90,000 | Goffs



Lot 291, a filly by Havana Grey, was purchased by Willie Browne Goffs

Goffs February Sale Cont.

That meant that Havana Grey accounted for three of the top five weanlings sold at Kildare Paddocks this week. The €90,000 filly (lot 291) was offered by The Castlebridge Consignment on behalf of her breeder Tommy Severns, who was rightfully overjoyed by the result.

He said, "I've loved her from day one. She was always a pretty classy filly and the dream was to keep her, but as a small operation, we have to keep trading. Billy Jackson-Stops felt she would stand out a bit here, so we targeted this sale as a result.

"It's all a credit to the team at Stoneyhill Stud in Gloucestershire, where she was born and bred. We then sent her to Triermore Stud in County Meath, where Paul McDonnell and Terry Denning do a great job. The filly has thrived since she went there and having seen the videos, she looked great on the complex, so Bill and his team at The Castlebridge Consignment deserve a lot of praise too."

The January-born Havana Grey filly is out of the Selkirk mare Scots Fern (GB), a three-time winner. Scots Fern has already produced two winners, Giava Dream (GB) (**Oasis Dream {GB}**) and Hebridean Nomad (GB) (Ulysses {Ire}), from five foals.

Severns added, "It's our (Stonehill Stud) second year in operation and a result like this is so important. Ed Harper deserves a lot of credit, too, as he was very strong on Havana Grey and advised me to use him.

"We've got six mares at home, so we're a pretty small operation, though a result like this may help us to go out and improve the quality of stock on the farm. I'm a polo player by day, so I'm currently in Argentina. I'm actually gutted to not be there, but that's the way it is.


"Scots Fern has been great for us and she foaled a smart filly by Perfect Power (Ire) last week. We haven't finalised our mating plans for the year, but there are an exciting bunch of stallions on the list so far."

For Browne, who revealed to be down on numbers with regards to his foal purchases in 2023, the Havana Grey filly proved to be exactly what he was searching for. The legendary breeze-up trainer and pinhooker admitted that his new acquisition didn't come cheap but explained how she could slot into any yearling sale in the autumn.

He said, "She is a very good model and I couldn't fault her in any way. She was plenty expensive now but I suppose that's what you have to pay to get a Havana Grey these days--it's not rocket science.

"I actually underbid another Havana Grey earlier in the day so I am very pleased to have gotten her. I usually buy around 12 foals a year and we were down on numbers this time round. They were very hard to buy in the winter. This filly could come back to the Orby or even to Book 2 but I've been very lucky selling at Goffs down through the years so we might keep her for the Orby."

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SESSION TOTALS	2024	2023
• Catalogued	227	251
• Number Offered	182	209
• Number Sold	125	142
• Not Sold	57	67
• Clearance Rate	69%	68%
• High Price	€150,000	€340,000
• Gross	€1,615,300	€2,266,800
• Average (% change)	€12,923 (-19%)	€15,964
• Median (% change)	€7,500 (-17%)	€9,000

CUMULATIVE	2024	2023
• Catalogued	456	510
• Number Offered	370	424
• Number Sold	239	273
• Not Sold	131	151
• Clearance Rate	65%	64%
• High Price	€150,000	€340,000
• Gross	€3,082,400	€4,348,550
• Average (% change)	€12,898 (-19%)	€15,929
• Median (% change)	€8,000 (-11%)	€9,000

SALES TOPPERS

GOFFS FEBRUARY SALE DAY 2

Lot	Name	Status	Price (€)
431G	Princess Vega (Ire)	i/f to Walk In The Park (Ire)	150,000
	<i>(m, 8, Beat Hollow {GB}--Quevega {Fr}, by Robin Des Champs {Fr}) Bred by Hammer & Trowel Syndicate (Ire) Consigned by Irish National Stud Purchased by Gerry Hogan Bloodstock</i>		
291	Unnamed	Short Yearling	90,000
	<i>(f, 1, Havana Grey {GB}--Scots Fern {GB} by Selkirk) Bred by Tommy Severn (GB) Consigned by The Castlebridge Consignment Purchased by JB Bloodstock</i>		
397	Miss McLeod (Ire)	i/f to Bayside Boy (Ire)	43,000
	<i>(m, 6, Dark Angel {Ire}--Miss Indigo {GB}, by Yeomanstown Stud) Bred by Yeomanstown Stud (Ire) Consigned by Baroda Stud Purchased by Richard Ryan</i>		

JILLY COOPER TO BE SOLD AT TATTERSALLS ONLINE

Eighty-three lots will be offered for sale during the next Tattersalls Online sale, which takes place on February 14 and 15 and includes the four-time winner **Jilly Cooper (Ire)** (lot 21). The five-year-old daughter of Lope De Vega (Ire) is being offered by Philip Makin's PJM Racing.

The mixed offerings from the Flat and National Hunt include at least one horse who could do either job in the 84-rated dual winner **Queen Of Seduction (Ire)** (Mastercraftsman {Ire}) (lot 35), who is trained by Jessica Harrington.

Along with the horses in training, the sale features a breeding right to Manton Park Stud stallion Aclaim (Ire), the sire of 1,000 Guineas winner Cachet (Ire). There are also nine broodmares catalogued, including **Eltham Palace (GB)** (Invincible Spirit {Ire}) (lot 75), who is in foal for the first time to Without Parole (GB). The daughter of Group 3 winner Moment In Time (Ire) (Tiger Hill {Ire}) is from the family of **Chaldean (GB)**.

Bidding opens at noon on Wednesday, February 14.

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EUROPEAN NEWS

RICHARD PUGH LEAVES ROLE WITH TATTERSALLS IRELAND TO JOIN HRI

Richard Pugh and Freya Hammer have been appointed to the Racing Department of Horse Racing Ireland, HRI announced on Thursday.

The former is now the head of Racing and Insights and will report to the director of Racing, Jonathan Mullin. Previously with Tattersalls Ireland since 2012 and their director of Horses-in-Training Sales since 2015, he will be responsible for the management of the Racing Department and the Race Planning Function. Pugh will also cease in his role of director of Point-to-Point Services, which he co-founded in 2003.

Hammer is the new senior data insights manager and will begin her role in May. She will report to the head of Racing & Insights. Her earlier roles include Flutter from 2018 and she is currently trading business insights manager at BoyleSports, which she joined in 2022.

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IRISH NATIONAL STUD & EM NORMANDIE LAUNCH MANAGEMENT COURSE

The Irish National Stud has joined forces with the EM Normandie business school in France to offer a certified course in equine industry management.

Aimed at professionals who wish to acquire or perfect their general management skills, the 'Equine Management Executive Certificate' takes place over eight months, mostly online, but with two weeks spent in Kildare and Normandy with visits to businesses and farms, particularly involving Thoroughbreds.

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INS/EM Normandie Cont.

The €8,000 course will have a maximum of 15 to 20 students who will be coached by academic and equine industry experts. A range of management courses on leadership, entrepreneurship, economic performance, financial management, marketing and sales, and innovation are conducted in English and will take place online on Fridays and Saturdays from April to October.

"This new professional and international training offer is an obvious choice for EM Normandie, a world-renowned business school based in both Normandy and Ireland," said Elian Pilvin, group CEO and dean of EM Normandie. "Our aim is to develop programmes that reflect the excellence and specific characteristics of our region--Normandy is renowned for its equine industry--and to support students and professionals throughout their careers."

Cathal Beale, CEO of the Irish National Stud added, "For over 50 years, the Irish National Stud has been offering world-class equine education programmes, and we are delighted to be collaborating with EM Normandie on the Equine Management Executive Certificate program, combining our know-how and enhancing the skills of future participants in our courses."

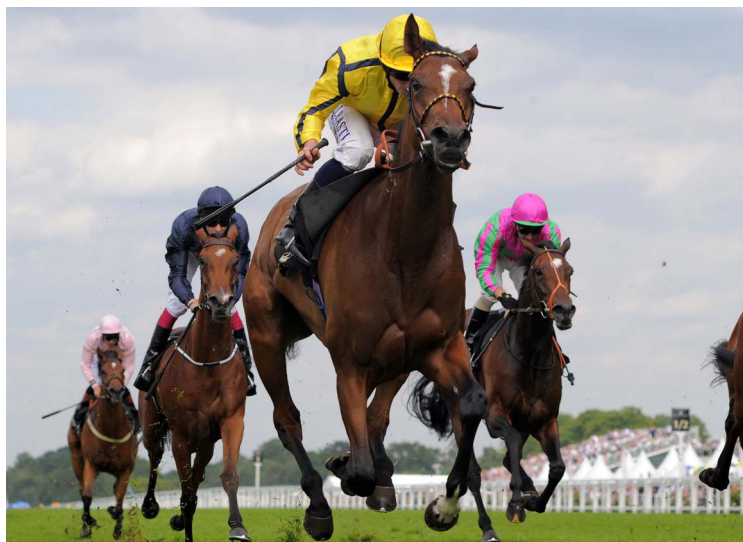
Potential candidates must be proficient in English. Further details can be found on the [EM Normandie website](#).

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HALF TO RIZEENA DEBUTS AT CHANTILLY



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15.10 Chantilly, Debutantes, €27,000, 3yo, f, 8f (AWT) FUJIWHARA (IRE) (Night Of Thunder {Ire}) is a half-sister to the

G1 Coronation S. and G1 Moyglare Stud S. heroine Rizeena (Ire) (Iffraaj {GB}) and the G2 Balanchine S. scorer and GI Just A Game S. and GI Diana S. winner Summer Romance (Ire) (**Kingman {GB}**) who debuts for LNJ Foxwood and the Tim Donworth stable. Among her peers is the Wertheimers' **Eurasienne (Ire) (Frankel {GB})**, a Christophe Ferland-trained daughter of the G1 Prix Marcel Bousac winner Indonesienne (Ire) (Muhtathir {GB}).

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BRITAIN

Thursday's Results:

2nd-Lingfield, £11,400, Novice, 2-8, 3yo, f, 7f 1y (AWT), 1:25.31, st.

QUEEN OF ZAFEEN (IRE) (f, 3, Ten Sovereigns {Ire})--Grand Zafeen {GB}, by Zafeen {Fr}, successful over this trip on debut at Southwell last month, shadowed the early leader from the break. Taking command in early straight, the 3-1 second favourite drew away impressively to beat Kinako Mochi (Ire) (**Siyouni {Fr}**) by 3 3/4 lengths. The dam, who has produced the Listed Premio Pisa winner Nice Name (Ire) (Royal Applause {GB}), the GIII Santa Ana S. and GIII Megahertz S.-placed Zaffinah (Ire) (Casamento {Ire}) and the Listed Criterium de Vitesse scorer Band Practice (Ire) (Society Rock {Ire}), is a daughter of the owner-breeder's dual Group 3 winner and multiple Group 1-placed Majestic Desert (GB) (Fraam {GB}). Sales history: €26,000 Wlg '21 GOFNO1; £110,000 Ylg '22 GOFFUK. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$12,774.

O-Jaber Abdullah; B-Fergus Cousins (IRE); T-Richard Hughes.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Strive (Ire), g, 3, Exceed And Excel (Aus)--Ghany (Ire), by Lawman (Fr). Newcastle, 2-8, 8f 5y (AWT), 1:41.73. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-0, £6,156. B-Shadwell Estate Company Limited (IRE). *€22,000 Wlg '21 GOFNOV; €15,000 RNA 2yo '23 GORMAY.

FRANCE

Thursday's Results:

4th-Lyon-la-Soie, €21,000, Mdn, 2-8, 3yo, 2150m (AWT), 2:16.00, st.

SAFWAN (GB) (c, 3, Wootton Bassett {GB})--Al Mayhola {Fr}, by Sea The Stars {Ire}, third at Cagnes-sur-Mer last month, enjoyed an easy lead from the outset. **Cont. p11**

4th-Lyon-La-Soie Cont.

Working hard up the straight, the 6-5 favourite kept plugging on to prevail by half a length from Linaria (Fr) (Toronado {Ire}). The winner is the first foal out of a daughter of the GIII The Very One S. and GIII La Prevoyante H. winner and G1 Flower Bowl runner-up Changing Skies (Ire) (Sadler's Wells). Connected to Galileo's high-class Nathaniel (Ire) and G1 Irish Oaks heroine Great Heavens (GB), her 2-year-old colt by Showcasing (GB) is named Heybetli (Ire) while she also has a yearling colt by **Starspangledbanner (Aus)**. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-1, €16,950.

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ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Rakhman (Fr), c, 3, **Due Diligence--Rasima (GB)** (SW & GSP-Eng), by Iffraaj. Lyon-la-Soie, 2-8, 9f (AWT), 1:55.18. B-Sumbe (FR).



IN SAUDI ARABIA:

Not Even Close (Ire), f, 4, **Zoustar (Aus)--Street Marie**, by Street Cry (Ire). King Abdulaziz, 2-8, Cond., 1200m. B-Yulong Investments (Australia) Pty. *£45,000 Ylg '21 GOF AUG; 40,000gns HRA '23 TATAUT. **VIDEO (SC 6)**

WORLDWIDE NEWS

MOORE, OLIVER, SAEZ HEADLINE SAUDI JOCKEYS' COMPETITION

Fourteen world-class jockeys from eight jurisdictions around the world will participate in the International Jockeys' Challenge to be held on the eve of the Saudi Cup meeting at King Abdulaziz Racecourse in Riyadh on Friday, Feb. 23. A team of seven male riders will compete against seven of their female counterparts in the four-race series.

Ryan Moore will feature in the Jockeys' Challenge for the first time in its brief history. The veteran reinsman, who was recognized as the Longines World's Best Jockey in Hong Kong last December, is one of five male participants based overseas, alongside the defending champion Luis Saez from the United States, Maxime Guyon from France and Japan's Ryusei Sakai.

Legendary Australian jockey Damien Oliver, the last of the overseas invitees, officially retired from the saddle Dec. 16, taking a Group 3 race named in his honour at Ascot in his hometown of Perth in Western Australia. But similar to his compatriot Glen Boss in 2022, Oliver--a three-time winner of the G1 Melbourne Cup--will pause his retirement to take part in the event, which is worth US\$30,000 to the winner from a total pool of US\$100,000. Oliver will look to add to the 3,168 winners he rode during an illustrious 34-year career in the saddle.

Eight-times Saudi champion Camilo Ospina and current titleholder Adel Alfouraidi round out the line-up for the males.

New Zealand's Lisa Allpress made history in 2020 when becoming the first female to win a race in Saudi Arabia, and the four-time leading rider returns to Riyadh for another crack. Australasia is also set to be represented by the Sydney-based Alysha Collett. America's Katie Davis makes her debut in the event and will be joined by South Africa's Rachel Venniker, Victoria Mota from Brazil, French jockey Maryline Eon and Great Britain's Saffie Osborne, the daughter of trainer Jamie Osborne, who was part of the female team that emerged victorious at last year's Shergar Cup at Ascot.

"The jockeys challenge on the Friday of Saudi Cup weekend is always one of the event highlights for me," said HRH Prince Bandar Bin Khaled Alfaisal, Chairman of the Jockey Club of Saudi Arabia. We are justifiably proud of the variety of racing showcased across the two days. To be in a position to offer a global stage to 14 of the world's best jockeys, seven men and seven women, is highly gratifying.

"We wish the best of luck to all the jockeys competing and hope that their feats on the racecourse serve to inspire new generations of riders both in Saudi Arabia and beyond."

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DE MERIC'S ODYSSEY BRINGS HIM 'HOME' TO HORSES



Nick de Meric | Photos by Z

by Chris McGrath

The island is still there, nearly 50 years later, which would have surprised Nick de Meric at the time. He'd have assumed that there could be nothing left by now.

"Because they were basically mining it off the map," he recalls. "It was made of iron ore. So they had these massive Euclid trucks, wheels high as a building. And all these men on shift work, living in long huts. Not quite a prison environment, but it was all-male, tropical heat, nothing to do but drink beer and play cards. A lot of these guys would have a cooler beside them while driving these huge trucks on night shift. So there were accidents. Some that drove over cliffs. Most of them, if they weren't already, were on the way to becoming alcoholics. Either running away from bad marriages, or from the law. They all had a story."

This young Englishman was still in the early chapters of his own tale, one that would eventually bring him into our community as one of the most respected horsemen in Ocala.

Back then, however, the Australian toughs working Koolan Island (next stop Indonesia) must have found him an object of some curiosity.

How did he get here? Well, horses had already long captured his imagination.

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WHEN IS A MAIDEN NOT A MAIDEN? IT COST THIS OWNER \$5,331 TO FIND OUT

by T.D. Thornton

When is a maiden not considered a maiden for entry purposes? Pennsylvania-based owner Albert "Abby" Abdala III lost \$5,331 in second-place purse money trying to find out after an "ineligible entry" ruling was imposed upon him and his trainer, Bernard Dunham, on Feb. 2 by the Turfway Park stewards.

Abdala, who has owned Thoroughbreds for 10 years after getting started in horse ownership with Standardbreds, told TDN in a Feb. 8 phone interview that he still doesn't understand why Turfway officials accepted his entry for the 0-for-9 Magnolia Wind (Central Banker) in a \$30,000 maiden-claiming race Jan. 4 if the stewards later deemed the 4-year-old filly to be ineligible.

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IN TDN EUROPE TODAY

MUHAARAR SET TO COVER QUALITY BOOK AT HARAS DU PETIT TELLIER

Classy sprinter **Muhaarar (GB)** (**Oasis Dream (GB)**) is starting a new chapter of his stallion career at France's Haras du Petit Tellier. Adam Houghton has the info.

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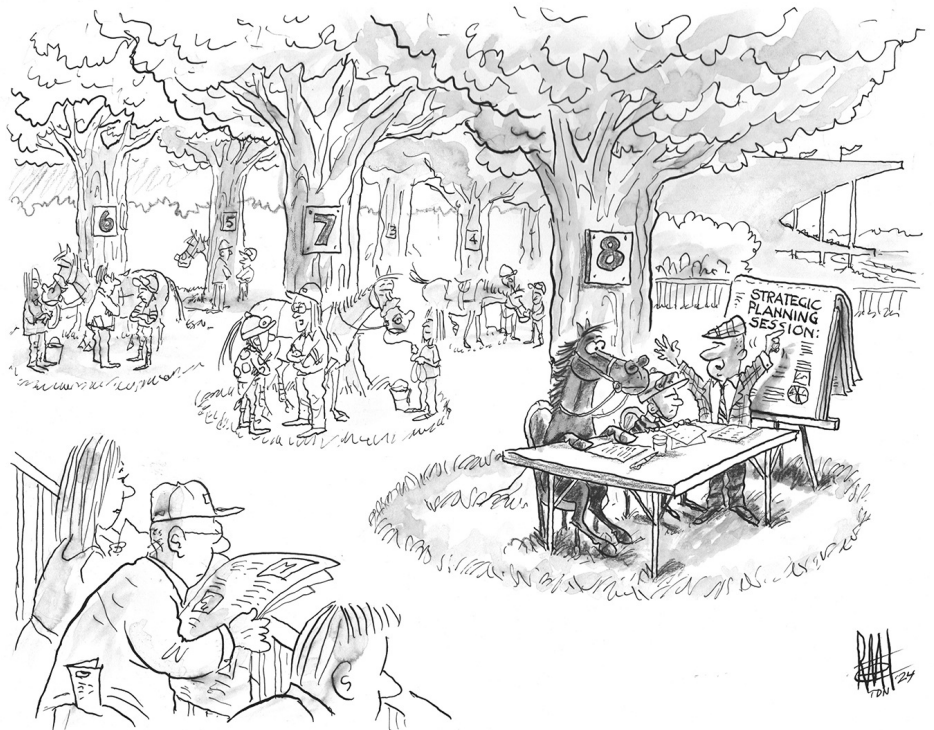
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TURF WRITERS PRESIDENT AIRS ECLIPSE DISAGREEMENTS

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Turf writer Tom Law, the president of the National Turf Writers and Broadcasters Association, appeared on Steve Byk's radio show Thursday to discuss the disagreements the group had with its fellow Eclipse presenters over this year's awards.

FAMED EXERCISE RIDER MCNAMARA PASSES AT 67

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Joanne McNamara--the first to be dubbed by the turf media as 'Exercise Rider to the Stars' for the long list of champions and world-class horses she rode in morning training--passed away this past Sunday in Ocala, Fla., after a short battle with cancer.

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Nick de Meric, cont. from p1

Back in England, he'd shown ponies as a boy, moved onto eventing and steeplechasing, worked in racing yards. He'd passed up a university place to read English and Philosophy to make a first trip to Australia, working on a cattle ranch; went home to dabble in journalism; then a stint in agricultural college. At one point he exercised horses over the ancient gallops of Salisbury Plain for one of the great throwbacks of the English Turf. As somewhat of "a rebel and a wanderer," however, de Meric was soon resuming his travels, returning Down Under to work a couple of years under Tommy Smith.

"A great trainer," de Meric recalls. "Very much in the Woody Stephens, Jack Van Berg school. He would chew a few of them up, but when he found a good one, nothing was too good for them. And there were some great horses in the stable at the time. So that was a really good education."

But the routine was numbing: up at 3 a.m., all the usual chores but also hours at the walk, riding and leading, round city blocks, in the mornings and then bareback in the afternoons. Or vanning over to Mascot Bay to swim them--behind a rowing boat.

"So picture this," de Meric says. "Your legs are over the back of the boat and you've a shank in your hand, and there's a guy behind you rowing. A lot of horses, the first time they swim, they say, 'I'm not going in there. I'm not going there. Okay, I'm going.' And they practically get in the boat with you."

"One time a filly got loose and disappeared into the mangrove swamps. They found her two weeks later, standing there with her head down, covered in crab bites and sores. Dehydrated, but alive. And actually I think she was able to race again."

Next de Meric bought an old car and drove up the coast with a pal. "We followed this little road through the rainforest, and it opened up onto a massive beach, just miles and miles of sand," he recalls. "And we were like, 'Yee-hah!' And we're doing 'donuts' over the sand. Well, guess what? The car gets slower and slower, until eventually it sinks up to the hubcaps. And then suddenly that huge beach starts to get smaller and smaller, as the tide came in."

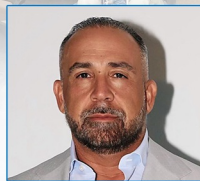
"I remember standing on the roof of the car, saying, 'We need to get our s*** out of here.' So we threw what we could into a backpack, waded ashore, and hitchhiked the rest of the way to Cairns."

After staying there for a few months, de Meric traveled down to Perth where he was hired to work on Koolan Island, climbing giddy poles with a line-belt and handing kit to the electricians working on the power cables. But none of these hard-drinking men around him seemed to notice that they were surrounded by a dazzling marine environment. The one exception was a chef from New Zealand. **Cont.**

Fasig-Tipton's FOURTH EPISODE



Fasig-Tipton FOCUS



Featuring:

Rich Mendez,
of Rich Music

"After the Fasig Saratoga Sale, I got a call from one of the [music] managers that manages a big artist as well. I'd reposted one of [the ring videos] on social media. And he said, 'Why are you still in this business? I'm sure [the horses] don't talk back to you.' I said, 'That's what I'm saying, they don't!'"

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Nick de Meric, cont.

"So we found this old catamaran, and spent three months fixing it up," de Meric explains. "What was cool is that everybody on the island got a bit interested in what we were doing. So on night shift, the welders would make us a little bracket for the motor, the mechanics overhauled the motor, the carpenters helped fabricate new rudders. And then we took off, up the coast. Our grand plan was to cross the Timor Sea and island hop up the Indonesian chain to Thailand."

At the time, it wasn't even charted: just countless little islands and reefs, with 35-foot tides rushing in between and 20-knot currents. They put in at a tiny settlement on stilts, where Japanese merchants hired Thursday Islanders to dive for pearls. Three days out from this last outpost of civilization, they anchored off one of these tiny islands.



Courtesy Nick de Meric

"And in the middle of the night we got hit by what they call a cockeyed bob, like a mini-hurricane," de Meric says.

"We fought this thing for three hours and finally drove the boat onto the reef. And when the tide went out, here we are high and dry. It's the right way up, but it's got holes all through the bottom."

At least they had plenty to salvage: rice, flour, firearms, fishing tackle, not to mention plenty of wine and whiskey. They dragged it all up the beach, made a tent fly of the sail, and made camp. His buddy, remember, was a chef. So that was something, and they fished every night. When sharks started hauling off fish and fishing tackle combined, they switched to a meat hook and

caught shark instead.

"Just barely edible, but Graham was good," de Meric recalls. "The problem we did have was water. There was no fresh water, and our supply was diminishing." **Cont.**



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Nick de Meric, cont.

"We made a bunch of solar stills: you make a little depression in the ground, fill it with leaves and brush, put a garbage bag over the top with a pebble in it and a cup underneath. And you get condensation and it drips. But that was nothing like enough."

They had a radio, but the distances were hopeless. In certain conditions they could get onto the "Skip" frequency but only managed to raise a taxi driver somewhere in Japan. There was nothing else for it: de Meric would try to row the catamaran's dinghy back through the three days' sail to the pearl-diving hamlet. He'd go from island to island, riding each tide, resting in between. But if he could get there, then he could organize Graham's rescue as well.



de Meric's island 'home' | courtesy Nick de Meric

The initial leg went to plan: de Meric made it to the first island, rested, then took off with the tide for the next one. But half a mile or so out, the tide turned and started rushing him back the way he came. "A depressing moment," he says wryly.

So he must have thought he was more or less done for?

"We were kind of thinking that before I left, actually," de Meric admits. "Leaving Graham behind was a very hard thing to do. But he was a chef and I was the seaman, son of a naval officer. Anyway there I am, scanning the horizon, and suddenly I glimpse this little bow wave just caught by the sunset. We hadn't seen a vessel of any description in 13 days out there. So I'm standing up in the dinghy, waving my arms, yelling, but it just keep going. And then, miraculously, it turns round and this boat is coming towards me."

It turned out to be Australian coastguards, exceptionally patrolling that remote stretch because "Boat People," as Vietnamese refugees of the time were known, had been washing up along there. They hadn't seen him, of course, but picked up a ping on the radar--and only because the dinghy was aluminum. Otherwise, well, maybe two piles of bones on two

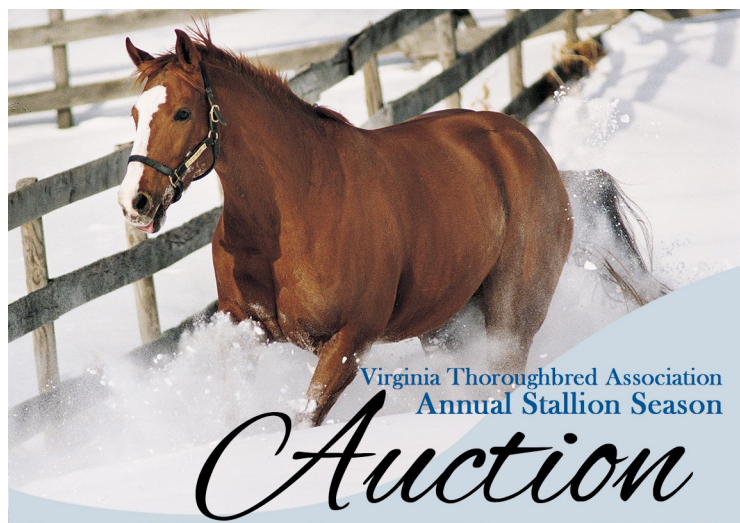
different islets might yet remain undiscovered. And nor would dozens of stakes and graded stakes winners (including a Horse of the Year) have benefited from de Meric's eventual discovery, after all these peregrinations, of a vocation that could keep him settled in one place.

And how did that happen? Usual story: *Cherchez la femme!* Next time he went traveling, de Meric tried the States, got a job with Lee Eaton. Met a girl on Eaton's fall yearling crew of 1981; independently they both got hired by the same Louisiana farm to prep yearlings for the 2-year-old sales; and wound up in the same staff house. "Rancho Malaria, we called it affectionately," de Meric says. "It was right by the bayou."

Here, they yielded to two lasting enchantments: one professional, one personal. The first yearling they pinhooked together, a filly by Nearly on Time, cost \$15,000: de Meric himself had scraped together five grand, and his parents and then his uncle put in the same. Nick and Jaqui would come home from their work as freelance gallopers, and tend their filly with manic attention. They cooked bran mash on the kitchen stove and rushed it over to her hot. She made \$30,000 at OBS March in 1983, and that summer they married.

"Although that may seem a paltry profit, today, at the time it felt like we'd won the lottery," de Meric recalls. "If that filly had sold for \$3,500, or gone lame, my life could have been very different. But the fact that we were able to show even a modest profit inspired us to keep going, to see whether we could make a career of this."

So they leased a plot outside Ocala, found a couple of believers to send them a horse or two: Moreton Binn, Gerry Nielsen. **Cont.**



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Nick de Meric, cont.

Then they bought a first, 40-acre parcel, and expanded in gradual accretions until acquiring the 230 acres in 1997 that became the Eclipse Training Center.

"It had been let go, was a bit run down, but basically a really nice piece of land, with a really good track," de Meric recalls. "So we spent time fixing it up, built two more barns, leased out some stalls. That allowed us enough cash flow to pay the mortgage, until I got rid of that about eight or nine years later, by selling some adjacent tracts with track rights."

They had started their own program even as the 2-year-old game was itself still in its infancy. In fact, de Meric reckons that Ocala Stud must be the only outfit then selling juveniles that's still doing so today. The changes in this sector, after all, have been wild.

"And I think that's why there's been quite a high attrition rate, among those of us playing that game," de Meric says. "Because

if you don't adapt to the changing mores of buyers, and the changing dynamics of the market, you're left behind. Yes, some aspects of the business have maybe evolved in a slightly unhealthy direction.



Keeneland photo

"But you either quit playing, or you play by the new rules in order to survive.

"We used to 'two-minute lick' them in pairs, on the bridle. Bow neck, nice strong gallop down the lane, eyeball-to-eyeball, make them look good. And we'd average somewhere between 30 and 70% on our money. Never hit one out of the park, but made a decent living. And then Luke McKathan started breezing his horses singly. He was a pioneer in his own way, and very good at what he did. He had this little Quarter Horse rider that could

make them go fast, would whip them all the way down the lane. And then one could hear Luke in the barn saying, 'Yeah, did it real easy.' That was before videos, electronic timers, any of that!" **Cont.**

"He's always been neck-and-neck with Constitution among North American F2017 sires yet stands for less than half the price. A bargain." Bill Oppenheim

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1	American Pharoah (2012) by Pioneerof the Nile FYR: 2017 Stands: Coolmore Ashford KY	6	15	1	6	300	139	\$15,001,812 Fee: \$50,000
2	Constitution (2011) by Tapit FYR: 2017 Stands: WinStar Farm KY	2	11	--	2	264	135	\$10,610,937 Fee: \$110,000

AMERICAN PHAROAH

Champion 2YO & Triple Crown winner

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Nick de Meric, cont.

Nowadays, of course, time is money with these bullet breeders. But surely the old ways sufficed for the better horsemen, who didn't need the crutch of the stopwatch?

"Well, people were quite good at covering up a mediocre horse!" de Meric cautions with a smile. "But yes, the better horsemen could certainly identify the better horses, and plenty of good ones came out of those sales. But it gradually became apparent that you were putting a cap on your upside, doing it the way we were. So, little by little, I started out breeding in pairs and then singly."

In the process Darrin Miller, who now operates a public stable, proved a real asset. "Riding a horse, he was a master at making it look like he had three more gears, when in fact he was all out," de Meric says. "One isn't completely comfortable with every facet of the way it has evolved, with speed becoming more and more the thing. But my feeling is that there's a lot you can do to make it easier on your horses."

And apart from anything else, that starts with selecting the right stock. "We're quite conservative, by comparison to some of our peers," de Meric says. "But our horses usually show up when it's time to push the button. We aren't famous for bullet works. We don't complain if we get one, but we never demand them. We focus on good movers, and if they're a tick slower than some, that hasn't really hurt us that badly. We just shop carefully and, when we get them home, treat them the best we possibly can."

A cornerstone of which philosophy is a "resistance-free" education. In fact, de Meric dislikes the very word "breaking," with its connotations of confrontation. The celebrated Idaho horseman Martin Black worked with their program for three seasons, teaching his methods, and Jaqui has become especially adept at tutoring the young horses.

But while they duly prioritize mentality, physique remains central to their shortlisting.

"I think that's what we start with because, to be honest, everything else follows," de Meric reasons. "We're looking for horses with a little more to come, but also for that element of precocity. And we like to see that in the pedigree also. But, yes: athletic, balanced, good-moving individuals. If they're athletes, first and foremost, then we'll handicap pedigree and value."

And how hard is it to gauge competence for such a specific role, if you only get a fleeting glimpse of these yearlings glossed for the sale ring?

"Well, there's an element of guesswork, and also an element of judgment based on experience," de Meric says. "You're

watching for little clues. I got past the point where I look for what you might call 'projects,' or 'fixer-uppers.' Some people make a good living doing that. But I'm looking for horses that will appeal to higher-end buyers, if possible."

Which is another reason why a horse needs to do more than merely flash precocity. It was this program, remember, that honed **Knicks Go**. In fact, de Meric says that it was at his urging that the KRA, who had five in the sale, changed their minds and retained the future Horse of the Year to

race. He wasn't fashionably bred, of course, nor very big—but he had shown de Meric unusual grit.

"We're asking them to do a lot," de Meric remarks. "These days, as we've said, people want to see these horses work fast. But they also want horses that will possibly have Classic potential, train on as 3- and 4-year-olds. So they need to have it all, and to vet well at the end of it. When you actually stop and add it all up, you think, 'What the heck are we doing? This is madness.' Because the odds are stacked against you from the minute you set foot on the sales ground. But it's what we do. It's the bed we've made. And it's been good to us over the years."

As you can read in tomorrow's *TDN*, in de Meric's contribution to our "Succession" series, he's as proud of the parallel program developed by his son Tristan (and daughter-in-law Valerie) as he is concerned by the kind of future that may await the next generation. **Cont.**



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Nick de Meric, cont.

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The way things are going for our sport's reputation in Main Street, it must almost feel like watching that bow wave diminishing into the sunset, all those years ago. But maybe this boat can also turn round.

"There's a lot of momentum in the wrong direction right now," de Meric acknowledges. "We keep running into these unexpected headwinds, into challenge after challenge. As a generation, I don't think we've done a spectacular job as stewards of our sport. At the same time, I feel we have to stay positive.

"There's enough of us, collectively, that are passionate about this game, that would almost die rather than see it go under. People talk about greyhounds, about harness racing. Ours is a different world. When it gets under your skin, there's no fighting it. That's why billionaires become millionaires playing this game. Because there's no feeling like it.

"It's all those lows that make the highs even more exciting. It doesn't matter if you're racing, pinhooking, breeding, selling: those highs, it's a euphoric feeling. I think all of us, by definition, tend not to be the kind who like the middle ground. Because this is not that kind of business. It's a rollercoaster. And it's not for the faint of heart. When it's good, it's great; and when it sucks, it really sucks. But at the end of the day, we're working with the animals we love. And in that we are truly blessed."

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Twice-DQ'd maiden, cont. from p1

The eligibility issue arose after the Jan. 4 race when Magnolia Wind was going to be entered again, and Turfway stewards Barbara Borden, Ron Herbstreit, and Brooks Becraft III learned that Abdala had an appeal pending with the Maryland Racing Commission over Magnolia Wind's race-interference

disqualification from first to second in a \$30,000 maiden-claimer at Laurel Park Nov. 9.

In that Laurel race, the 12-1 Magnolia Wind led all the way in a 5 1/2-furlong grass sprint. According to the Equibase chart, she "drifted out near the sixteenth pole, dug in and prevailed."

"She won the race," Abdala said. "But the stewards said we were 'herding,' which I thought was ridiculous because both riders were riding to the wire, nobody checked, and we held on. I appealed it, but the hearing wasn't going to be until Feb. 6."

In the interim, after Magnolia Wind had gone nearly two months without a start, Abdala said he told Dunham, who has been a licensed trainer for 33 years, "She's good right now, we've got to race her."

Although Magnolia Wind trains at Fair Hill in Maryland, Abdala did not want to run her on the dirt somewhere closer to home, because that's not her best surface, he explained.

"That's why I went out to Turfway, because she needs the Tapeta or the turf," Abdala said.

Because Magnolia Wind's record on Equibase clearly showed she had zero lifetime wins, "I assumed that the horse was eligible as a maiden," Abdala said.

"I told my trainer to put her in, and he put her in. He entered her [electronically via] the computer. And we never said anything to anybody [about the Maryland appeal], because I didn't know we had to. "They accepted the entry. Then we drove that filly nine hours to get to Turfway."

The long journey appeared to pay off. Magnolia Wind ran second at 5-1 odds.

"And now they come after me saying that we knew she wasn't eligible, and that we're unlawful," Abdala said.

Abdala said that after being notified of the ineligibility, he didn't come away from a conversation with Borden, Herbstreit, and Becraft with a clear understanding of why the Turfway's racing office officials or the stewards didn't bear some responsibility for allowing the entry in the first place. **Cont.**



Magnolia Wind (#6) at Laurel in her first DQ Nov. 9 | Jim McCue/MJC

Twice-DQ'd maiden, cont.

TDN emailed Borden, the chief state steward, plus Kentucky Horse Racing Commission (KHRC) executive director Jamie Eads, asking for some context behind the ruling and for clarification about why the Jan. 4 entry was approved by Turfway officials.

A different KHRC spokesperson replied with an email that outlined some of the sequence of events on "background only." Because what was disclosed in that email could not be attributed to a specific KHRC official, the entire explanation has not been provided here. A follow-up request by TDN asking if the KHRC wanted to provide any response for the record did not yield a reply prior to deadline for this story.

The Turfway stewards' report for that date that is signed by all three stewards and posted on the Kentucky Horse Racing Commission website makes no mention of the ineligibility.

But the subsequent Feb. 2 stewards' ruling disqualified Magnolia Wind from second place and ordered her \$5,331 in purse earnings redistributed.

"I'm an accountant, a CPA, and I have an accounting firm," Abdala said. "We have a lot of horse racing people as clients. I've asked everybody, and they all told me, 'Abby, your horse was eligible.'"

Abdala said he is no longer pursuing any appeals in Maryland or Kentucky regarding his twice-DQ'd filly.

"I didn't want to cause trouble or anything, and I want the filly to be able to race," Abdala said. "So I just dropped everything—I dropped the hearing in Maryland, and I dropped the [potential appeal] at Turfway. I just want her to run. It's detrimental to her. After I dropped everything, they said they'll accept our entry now."

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TURF WRITERS PRESIDENT MAKES ECLIPSE DISAGREEMENTS PUBLIC

by Sue Finley

Turf writer Tom Law, the president of the National Turf Writers and Broadcasters Association (NTWAB), appeared on Steve Byk's radio show Thursday to discuss the disagreements the group had with its fellow Eclipse presenters, *Daily Racing Form* and the National Thoroughbred Racing Association, over this year's awards. Law said that the NTWAB's disagreements centered around two issues: industry organizations being added to those up for consideration for media Eclipse Awards, and the awarding of this year's Eclipse Award of Merit to Stuart Janney.

Woodbine Entertainment went on to win an Eclipse Award in the category of Feature Television programming for their production of "Secretariat: the Last Race," and America's Best Racing, a multimedia marketing program run by The Jockey Club, received an Honorable Mention in the multimedia

category for their video with Mage's owner, Ramiro Restrepo, at this year's Kentucky Derby.

Law, who represents the Turf Writers on the six-person Eclipse Award steering committee, said that in the past, the lack of unanimous approval had been enough to negate a rules change like the one to the media Eclipse Awards this year, or the awarding of a Special Eclipse Award or Eclipse Award of Merit.

"Obviously, as we all know, everything went through," said Law of the rules change and the awarding of the Eclipse Award of Merit. "They presented the award and I asked them if we could not be included in the press release because we didn't really feel like our organization was behind it. We had basically full agreement by our board about this and about how it was handled, about how we were either ignored, or our concerns were ignored."



Horsephotos

The NTRA disputed Law's claims. In a statement emailed to the TDN on Thursday, NTRA President and Tom Rooney said, "With regards to the rules change, the Steering Committee continually converses to keep the rules reflective of the ever dynamic and changing landscape. Allowing industry outlets to submit media nominations, with the approval of the Steering Committee, is reflective of the changing media landscape and was agreed to by the committee. Additionally, the process for selecting any Eclipse Award of Merit and Special Award is decided on in coordination with the *Daily Racing Form* and the National Turf Writers and Broadcasters in the same way that it has been for the past 25 years. This year was no different."

Byk, also an NTWAB board member, agreed with Law.

"Both of these topics essentially dictated the spirit of cooperation and collective approach that has essentially ruled this system over the last 50 years," he said. "It was clearly abandoned here. And the Eclipse Award of Merit, in fact, three of the last four years, or three out of the last five years, I think, wasn't awarded." **Cont.**

Eclipse disagreements, cont.

"It's something that you mentioned at Steering Committee, it gets floated and everybody has to agree. Everybody did not agree, and I was very proud of the collective, frankly, of the Turf Writers and Broadcasters when we had these discussions that we forcefully said, 'This is a divisive decision and inappropriate at this juncture, but it was basically forced upon us and the forum.'"

Law, who won an Eclipse Award in 2022 for his story "Big Tally" in the *Mid-Atlantic Thoroughbred*, told Byk, also an NTWAB board member, "I'm not even a year removed from winning one myself, so I understand what it means to win one. I don't take any of this lightly, and it was a serious business to me, and it still is. And after 12 years as President of the Turf Writers, I take it seriously and it means a lot, and I feel like I'm representing a large majority of our members with these statements that I'm making to you now. And, certainly, with the support of my board, which is very diverse and has a great representation of all the trade publications and geographic locations, as well, in print and broadcasting."

The Turf Writers hadn't gone public with their disagreement until they had had the opportunity to discuss the issue with their members, which happened in a Zoom call Wednesday.

Law said that the Turf Writers had put an individual forward several years ago, and despite a 5-1 vote to award the Eclipse of Merit to that person, the one 'nay' vote overruled that. "I didn't agree, but I played the game," said Law. "Didn't complain about it. Didn't cry about it. But as I mentioned to our members yesterday, someone asked 'what do they think will happen going forward?' I said, 'Well, I mean, we've just emboldened them now. If you think that this won't happen again, you're mistaken.'"

Archives of Byk's show may be heard [here](#).

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'EXERCISE RIDER TO THE STARS' JOANNE MCNAMARA PASSES AT 67

by Cathy Riccio and Jennie Rees

Joanne McNamara--the first to be dubbed by the turf media as 'Exercise Rider to the Stars' for the long list of champions and world-class horses she rode in morning training--passed away this past Sunday in Ocala, Fla., after a short battle with cancer. She was 67.

Working for Hall of Fame trainer MacKenzie Miller and Rokeby Stables in her first racetrack job, she galloped her barn favorite Rokeby Rose, a multiple stakes winner who also became a prominent broodmare, producing Kentucky Oaks winner Silverbulletday.



Joanne McNamara and Charismatic | Getty Images

McNamara trained a small stable for her dad and a few other clients for several years, one memorable win being her dad's homebred Campbell Hall in a maiden-claimer at 67-1 odds in 1984 at Aqueduct. But the lure of working with top horses won out, and she returned to riding and working to help develop horses in the mornings.

"She was more interested in riding than running a training business," Patricia McNamara said. "So she went back to what she truly loved: galloping fast horses."

McNamara went to work for record-setting D. Wayne Lukas in the late 1980s in what proved a long and fortuitous association for both.

"Joanne had such a passion for the sport," Lukas said. "There was never a day she would come to work and not like what she was doing. There were several of the horses she rode for us that she truly bonded with. One horse that comes to mind is Editor's Note and how well he was doing before the Belmont Stakes in 1996 when he defeated Skip Away and the Preakness winner Louis Quatorze.

"Cash Run was another one that Joanne truly was a big part of her success," Lukas continued. "When Cash Run was training up to the Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies, we also had Surfside, who was outstanding. But Cash Run really stepped up and we secretly were not surprised when she won the race, defeating Chilukki and Surfside. And later in the day we won the Classic with Cat Thief, and boy did he beat a good field in that race.

"I truly loved her and her passion for our animals."

McNamara later went to work for trainers Dallas Stewart and Nick Zito before returning to Lukas' barn. Among the horses she got on for Stewart were 2001 Breeders' Cup Distaff winner Unbridled Elaine.

"She was unbelievable," Stewart said of McNamara, who became one of his assistants. **Cont.**



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Joanne McNamara, cont.

"All that pressure was nothing to her. Pressure just rolled off her back. She could handle Wayne Lukas, all the great horses like nothing. She was just that good. She knew everything about what needed to be done. She was one of a kind, Jojo. I don't really know if she knew how good she was. That's what she did, and she did it well. She cared about things, cared about people. You talk about other 'exercise riders to the stars.' She was the real deal."

McNamara is survived by sister Patricia and brother Edward. It was Joanne's wish to be cremated. A future memorial and life celebration is being planned.

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CONNECTIONS EYE FLORIDA ROUTE TO DERBY FOR HOLY BULL WINNER HADES



Hades just prior to the Holy Bull | Ryan Thompson

D. J. Stable LLC and Robert Cotran's **Hades** (Awesome Slew), upset winner of Saturday's **GIII Holy Bull S.** over juvenile champion and 'TDN Rising Star' Fierceness (**City of Light**), may be pointed to either the Mar. 2 GII Fountain of Youth S. or the Mar. 30 GI **Curlin** Florida Derby, hinted trainer Joe Orseno to the Gulfstream Park notes team Thursday.

"We're obviously working backwards from the first Saturday in May," said Orseno. "We'll do what's best for the horses. I don't think both races are in the plans. If I had to guess today, I'd say the latter one."

Orseno said the undefeated Hades came out of his Holy Bull win in good shape.

"My both feet are on the ground and everything's fine," said Orseno. "The horse is doing great. He came out of it really well in his training. He's been back training two days. He's galloping great."

Orseno continued: "Yesterday, he was more aggressive. It was windy and it was his first day back on the track. Today, he was more settled."

The trainer also detailed the decision that led to gelding the bay, who is now unbeaten in three starts. Orseno had spotted Hades at the 2023 OBS April Sale, where he worked two furlongs in :21 1/5. D. J. Stable signed the ticket and Orseno brought his longtime client Cotran in to team up on the Florida-bred colt.

"When I bought him out of the sale, I gave him a week and brought him down here. He just wasn't training like I thought he should have been," Orseno said. "He was stud-ish, really stud-ish. He was a little weak behind. He didn't seem to be himself. I said, 'This isn't the horse I bought,' because we really loved him."

Despite extra time turned out in Ocala, Hades showed no improvement.

"He was being real stud-ish, not going forward. I said, 'Just cut him and help him grow up a little bit.' That's what we did. We just gave him time and cut him. He's a son of Awesome Slew. Nobody was thinking 'stallion' at that point. Nobody was thinking anything. We bought a racehorse and we've got to get him to the races."

The result is an unbeaten prospect who has earned 20 points on the Road to the Kentucky Derby.

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ECONOMIC IMPACT STUDY CONFIRMS FLORIDA'S EQUINE POWER AS A TOP NATIONAL HORSE INDUSTRY

According to the recently released American Horse Council Foundation 2023 Equine Economic Impact Study, the Florida equine industry contributes \$12.8 billion to the Florida economy.

Florida Thoroughbreds contribute \$3.24 billion annually to the Florida economy, more than one-quarter of that horsepower.

The study commissioned by the American Horse Council reaffirmed the status of the Florida equine industry, and specifically Thoroughbred horse racing, as a major sports and agricultural industry within the state.

Florida remains the third-leading equine state by population (behind Texas and California) with 335,000 head creating more than 112,000 jobs. **Cont.**

Florida's equine impact, cont.

Florida's 87,600 Thoroughbreds--one of every four horses in Florida--support 33,500 jobs total, or 30% of equine employment.

One-in-five Florida households participate in equine activities and more than 30% register as horse enthusiasts having owner, participant or spectator status. Florida lands dedicated to equine and equine-related activities total 561,000 acres.

"Florida, and specifically Marion County, has clearly maintained its rightful position as Horse Capital of the World by population, participation and economic value," Florida Thoroughbred Breeders' and Owners' Association CEO Lonny Powell said.

"Even better, Sunshine State Thoroughbreds are consistently a top-three leading producer of Thoroughbred runners and second-ranked source of national stakes winners."

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TRAINER SARAH DELANY SERIOUSLY INJURED AT DELTA DOWNS

Sarah Delany, who trains along with her husband Benny Martinez, was injured Wednesday morning at Delta Downs when she was kicked by a horse in the back of her neck,

according to family friend and client Brian Poppenberg. The local Lake Charles hospital sent her via CareFlight to Houston, where she underwent emergency surgery.

"She was kicked in the back of the neck, and had spinal surgery as well as fusion," said Poppenberg, "and luckily enough she has feeling in all extremities but recovery will be lengthy.

"Let me express that her and her husband are a small barn outfit, and absolutely love the horses, and this will be a difficult time for her as the trainer and her husband."

According to EquineLine's official statistics, Delany made her first start as a trainer in 2012. She has 280 wins from 1,941 career starts.

A GoFundMe campaign has been established for Delany and [can be accessed here.](#)

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CHURCHILL BRINGS ON SAP AS AN OFFICIAL SIGNATURE PARTNER

Churchill Downs, Inc. (CDI) has entered a multi-year agreement naming SAP America, Inc. (SAP), a global market leader in enterprise application software, an official signature partner of Churchill Downs Racetrack, CDI said in a release Thursday. **Cont.**

Sarah Delany Martinez Medical Recovery Fund



Hi! If you have been anywhere around horse racing in Louisiana or Texas you have probably become familiar with Thoroughbred racehorse trainer, Sarah Delany (Martinez). I have known Sarah about 7-8 years now and she is the reason many wonderful horses have found amazing new careers/lives after their racing careers concluded. These horses are her passion and she loves each and every one that crosses her path. Not only is she an exceptional horse woman she is just an all around amazing human!

Sarah was injured a little over a day ago in a freak horse accident Feb 2024. She was transported by air medical and underwent surgery. She is currently in ICU and while she has a good long term prognosis, it's still going to be a little bit of a bumpy road to get there. Training horses is her livelihood but she needs to focus on her recovery right now.

Sarah has helped soo many other people. It is our time to help her! Please consider a donation, no matter how big or small to help this wonderful woman and her family! And definitely keep prayers coming!

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 Nicole Snyder is organizing this fundraiser.



Churchill and SAP partner, cont.

SAP is the first official technology partner of Churchill, as well as of the Kentucky Derby and Kentucky Oaks. The agreement includes naming rights within Churchill and use of SAP technology solutions.

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1	War Front (2002) by Danzig	2	4	2	3	--	--	30	7	105,245	453,532 First World War
2	Cairo Prince (2011) by Pioneerof the Nile	2	2	1	1	--	--	19	6	69,000	306,630 Doncic
3	Constitution (2011) by Tapit	1	1	--	--	--	--	21	6	57,600	253,520 Neat
4	Twirling Candy (2007) by Candy Ride (Arg)	1	2	1	1	--	--	26	3	90,000	245,690 Walkathon
5	Into Mischief (2005) by Harlan's Holiday	--	--	--	--	--	--	31	3	54,600	238,504 Bring Theband Home
6	Kitten's Joy (2001) by El Prado (Ire)	--	2	--	1	--	1	37	2	88,500	232,404 Catnip
7	Grazen (2006) by Benchmark	1	1	--	--	--	--	12	3	90,000	227,692 Rose Maddox
8	Quality Road (2006) by Elusive Quality	1	2	--	--	--	--	16	3	60,000	227,640 Strong Quality
9	American Pharoah (2012) by Pioneerof the Nile	1	2	--	--	--	--	34	4	56,035	225,467 Forever Souper
10	Cloud Computing (2014) by Maclean's Music	--	1	--	1	--	1	5	1	177,000	209,183 I'm Very Busy
11	Kantharos (2008) by Lion Heart	--	--	--	--	--	--	24	6	52,000	209,170 Girl of My Dreams
12	Clubhouse Ride (2008) by Candy Ride (Arg)	--	1	--	--	--	--	10	4	39,000	195,246 Shamrockin
13	Temple City (2005) by Dynaformer	1	2	1	1	--	--	14	2	114,000	173,589 Dynadrive
14	Hard Spun (2004) by Danzig	--	1	--	1	--	--	24	5	42,000	173,097 Refuel
15	Acclamation (2006) by Unusual Heat	1	1	--	--	--	--	8	3	110,000	172,600 Kings River Knight

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Saturday, Tampa Bay Downs #10, post time: 5:15 p.m. EST

SAM F. DAVIS S.-GIII, \$250,000, 3yo, 1 1/16m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	El Principito	Accelerate	Michael V. Laurato	Laurato	Maldonado	120
2	Tireless K	Not This Time	St. Elias Stable, Repole Stable and LNJ Foxwoods	Pletcher	Gallardo	120
3	Patriot Spirit	Constitution	Mellon Patch, Inc.	Campbell	Camacho	120
4	Crazy Mason	Coal Front	Donna Wright and Reeves Thoroughbred Racing	Sacco	Sanchez	120
5	No More Time	Not This Time	Morplay Racing LLC	D'Angelo	Lopez	120
6	Agate Road	Quality Road	Repole Stable and St. Elias Stables LLC	Pletcher	Ortiz	124
7	Copper Tax	Copper Bullet	Rose Petal Stables	Capuano	Marquez	122
8	Everdoit	Gary D	Donald L. Ming	Rice	Villa-Gomez	120
9	Change of Command	Into Mischief	Courtlandt Farms	McGaughey III	Gaffalione	120
10	West Saratoga	Exaggerator	Harry L. Veruchi	Demeritte	Castanon	122
11	Fulmineo	Bolt d'Oro	Starlight Racing and Mark B. Grier	Delacour	Centeno	120
12	Elysian Meadows	City of Light	Team Penney Racing	Mott	Alvarado	120

Breeders: 1-Southwind Stables, Inc., 2-LNJ Foxwoods, 3-Blue Heaven Farm, 4-Gmbracstables LLC, Mr. & Mrs. RamonRangel & Mr. & Mrs. Zachary Madden, 5-MAMAS Thoroughbreds, LLC, 6-CHC, Inc., 7-Lance Sullenberger, 8-Don Ming, 9-OXO Equine LLC, 10-Two Hearts Farm II LLC, 11-Country Life Farm & Starr of Quality LLC, 12-Moni Market Breeders & M & M Equine

Saturday, Santa Anita #2, post time: 4:00 p.m. EST

PALOS VERDES S.-GIII, \$100,000, 4yo/up, 6f

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	The Big Wam	Mr. Big	Michael Bello LLC and Charles Bartlett	O'Neill	Fresu	122
2	Mystification	Good Magic	Roadrunner Racing, West Coast Stables, LLC, Barbara Evenson, and Jeffrey Lambert	O'Neill	Rosario	120
3	Big City Lights	Mr. Big	William R. Peeples	Mandella	Prat	122
4	See Through It	Curlin to Mischief	Belico Racing LLC and Lizbeth Medina	Vallejo	Pereira	122
5	Hopkins	Quality Road	SF Racing LLC, Starlight Racing, Madaket Stables LLC, Stonestreet Stables LLC, Golconda Stable, Siena Farm LLC and Robert E. Masterson	Baffert	Hernandez	124

Breeders: 1-Keith E. Marks, 2-Fred W. Hertrich III, John D. Fielding& Robert L. Tribbett, 3-Bar C Racing Stables, Inc., 4-Edward Allred, 5-Nursery Place

Saturday, Santa Anita #5, post time: 5:30 p.m. EST


LAS VIRGENES S.-GIII, \$100,000, 3yo, f, 1m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Nothing Like You	Malibu Moon	Georgia Antley Hunt, Jeff Giglio, and John L. Rogitz	Baffert	Dettori	124
2	She's a Tempest	Connect	Beerman Family Trust and Sayjay Racing LLC	Knapp	Pereira	120
3	Kinza	Carpe Diem	Michael Lund Petersen	Baffert	Hernandez	120
4	Kopion	Omaha Beach	Spendthrift Farm LLC	Mandella	Prat	120
5	Great Forty Eight	Constitution	Firebird Racing LLC	Yakteen	Kimura	120

Breeders: 1-Notch Hill Farm, Wolverton Mountain Farm& Spendthrift Stallions, LLC, 2-SAYJAY Racing, LLC & Beerman FamilyTrust, 3-JD Business Ventures LLC, Brushy HillStable & Carpe Diem Syndicate, 4-Tall Oaks Farm, 5-Iapetus Racing, LLC

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

SAN MARCOS S.-GIII, \$100,000, 4yo/up, 1 1/4mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Missed the Cut 	Quality Road	Bee Zee LLC, Lanes End Racing, St. Elias Stables, LLC, Edward P. Babington, Edward J. Hudson, Jr., and Lynne Hudson	Sadler	Rosario	124
2	Irish Prophet	Irish Surf	Thor-Bred Stables, LLC	Drysdale	Hernandez	120
3	Balladeer	Distorted Humor	Calvin Nguyen and Joey C. Tran	Papaprodromou	Espinoza	124
4	Eastern Ocean	Stormy Atlantic	Abbondanza Racing, LLC & David A. Bernsen, LLC	Eurton	Fresu	120
5	Planetario (Brz)	Il Doge (Brz)	Red Rafa Stud, Inc	Mandella	Berrios	124
6	Shortman	Prince of Love	Zepeda Racing, Inc	Vallejo	Pereira	120

Breeders: 1-Framont LTD, 2-Thor-Bred Stables, LLC, 3-Bonne Chance Farm, LLC, 4-Dr. Rodney E. Orr, 5-Stud Red Rafa, 6-Sergio Zepeda



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5th-Turfway, \$74,000, Alw (NW1\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$25,000), 2-7, 3yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2f (AWT), 1:19.20, ft, neck.

VICTORIOUS (f, 4, Into Mischief--Cashing Tickets, by Indian Charlie) won at second asking by 2 1/4 in Florence Jan. 4 before being installed as the 2-1 favorite here. The bay settled in fourth along the rail up the backstretch. Launching her bid around the far turn, the filly tipped to the outside, overtook the pacesetter at the eighth pole and outlasted by a neck a late-running Sweet Duchess (Will Take Charge). The winner is a half-sister to Leggs Galore (Bayern), GSW, \$695,048, who just went to Gainesway Farm for \$200,000 at the Fasig-Tipton Winter Mixed Sale.

Unraced dam Cashing Tickets is responsible for a 2-year-old colt by **Instagrاند** and she returned to Into Mischief for this season. Sales History: \$800,000 Ylg '21 FTKJUL. Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, \$88,826. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

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8th-Gulfstream, \$72,000, Alw (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$75,000), 2-8, 3yo, f, 5f (AWT), :56.07, ft, 1/2 length.

TWIRLING QUEEN (f, 3, Twirling Candy--Adventurous Lady {MSW, \$143,876}, by Kantharos) won first out against sales restricted company at Ellis Park last June before finishing fifth in the Debutante S. there in mid-August. A well-beaten fourth against optional claimers at Churchill Downs in September, she filled the same spot in her final appearance for Norm Casse at Keeneland Oct. 6. Getting Lasix for this return, the bay was let go at 31-1 odds. Running to the outside in third up the backstretch, the 3-year-old took over the lead towards the end of the far turn as heavy favorite Pretty Liam (**Liam's Map**) was bottled up on the inside. Twirling Queen found her best stride with a furlong left and hung on late to score by 1/2 length over Dot (**Munnings**). Her dam's first foal, the winner is a sister to 2-year-old Lady Crush (**Liam's Map**) and a yearling by **Dialed In**, who went to Lantern Hill Farm for \$15,000 at the recent Fasig-Tipton Winter Mixed Sale. Adventurous Lady was bred to **Upstart** for this foaling season. Sales History: \$15,000 Ylg '22 KEEJAN. Lifetime Record: 5-2-0-0, \$101,483. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.** O-GU Racing Stable, LLC; B-Pursuit of Success LLC (KY); T-Jose Francisco D'Angelo.

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2nd-Gulfstream, \$70,420, Msw, 2-8, 4yo/up, 1 1/2mT, 2:26.00, fm, 3/4 length.

SGT. PEPPER (g, 4, Uncle Mo--Dame Dorothy {GISW, \$749,740}, by Bernardini) finished runner-up at fourth asking in what was his initial attempt on grass at Belmont Park last May. Gelded and taking the rest of the year off, the second topper at the 2021 Fasig-Tipton Saratoga Yearling Sale returned to run second going nine furlongs over the Tapeta in Hallandale Jan. 11. Well-supported as the 3-5 choice while trying 12 panels for the first time, the 4-year-old trailed until just before the top of the lane, dove to the outside and timed his final burst to win by 3/4 over War Officer (**War Front**). The winner is a half-brother to the Low's Spice Is Nice (**Curlin**), GSW, \$259,688. Last year, Dame Dorothy foaled a filly by **Curlin**, then was purchased by Repole Stable for \$900,000 at Keeneland November while in foal to **Gun Runner**. Sales History: \$1,600,000 Ylg '21 FTSAUG. Lifetime Record: 6-1-2-0, \$79,640. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

O-Robert E. and Lawana L. Low ; B-B. Flay Thoroughbreds (KY); T-Todd A. Pletcher.

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7th-Fair Grounds, \$57,000, Msw, 2-8, 3yo, 5 1/2ft, 1:04.88, fm, head.

ROCK'N A HALO (c, 3, Catholic Boy--She Will Rock, by Will Take Charge) was listed at 8-1 odds on the morning-line but went off at 28-1 by post time. The dark bay took a position mid-pack up the backstretch and went on the attack around the far turn. At the top of the lane, the 3-year-old dove towards the center of the course, uncorked his rally and chased down Hero Worship (**Uncle Mo**) in the final jumps. The winner is his dam's last known registered foal. She Will Rock was purchased by Rosilyn Polan for \$200,000 at the 2018 Keeneland November Sale. Rock'n a Halo's second dam is responsible for multiple stakes winners, Mark My Way (Noonmark), Hard To Stay Notgo (More Than Ready) and Haul Anchor (Bernardini). MGSW Fed Biz (Giant's Causeway) and the stallion's half-sister, Spun Silk (A.P. Indy)--the dam of GI Vosburgh S. hero Joking (Distorted Humor)--can be found under the third dam. Sales History: \$100,000 Ylg '22 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$34,200. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.** O-Pocket Change Racehorses; B-Rosilyn Polan (KY); T-Thomas M. Amoss.

1st-Delta Downs, \$35,000, Msw, 2-7, 3yo, f, 6 1/2f, 1:22.14, ft, 3 1/2 lengths.

SIMULTANEITY (f, 3, Justify--Lottie {MGSP, \$270,500}, by Arch) debuted with Lasix as the 1-5 choice here. The 3-year-old hooked up with longshot Mrs. Katz (Kitten's Joy) under an honest pace into the first turn. Poking a head in front up the backstretch, the filly put away her rival around the far turn en route to breaking her maiden by 3 1/2 lengths. The winner, her dam's first registered foal, has a 2-year-old half-brother by **Street Sense**, who was purchased for \$110,000 by Powerstown Stud at last year's Keeneland September Sale and sent to Ireland. Out of SW/MGSP Apple Charlotte (Smart Strike), Lottie foaled a colt by **Twirling Candy** in 2023 and she was bred to **Jack Christopher** for the spring. Sales History: \$175,000 Ylg '22 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$21,000. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.** O-Highlander Training Center; B-Jack Swain (KY); T-Thomas M. Amoss.

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IN SAUDI ARABIA:

Qamra Almohamadia, f, 3, **Malibu Moon**--Zarmella (Fr), by Lawman (Fr). King Abdulaziz, 2-8, Maiden, 1800m. B-Gestut Zur Kuste AG (KY). *\$85,000 Ylg '22 KEESEP. ***Won by 5 3/4 lengths. **VIDEO (SC 13)**

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Yuafiquk Allah, c, 3, **Medaglia d'Oro**--Belvoir Bay (GB) (GISW-US, G1SP-UAE, \$1,699,787), by Equiano (Fr). King Abdulaziz, 2-8, Allowance, 1400m. B-Julianna Hawn, Cross Triangle Farm LLC (KY). *Won by 4 1/2 lengths to take his record to two wins from two starts. **\$220,000 Ylg '22 KEESEP; €200,000 2yo '23 ARQMAY. **VIDEO (SC 9)**

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IN AUSTRALIA:

Three Gongs (Aus), g, 3, **Bolt d'Oro**--Rub Doubt (Aus), by Not A Single Doubt (Aus). Gatton, 2-8, Allowance, 1400mT, 1:23.49. B-P L Bennett (SA).



In this continuing series, Alan Carasso takes a look ahead at US-bred and/or conceived runners entered for the upcoming weekend at the tracks on the Japan Racing Association circuit, with a focus on pedigree and/or performance in the sales ring. Here are the horses of interest for this weekend running at Tokyo Racecourse. An otherwise-typical Sunday afternoon of racing at headquarters is spiced up considerably by the seasonal debut of the US-conceived reigning Japanese champion 2-year-old male Jantar Mantar (Jpn) (Palace Malice) in the G3 Kyodo News Hai over 1800 meters:



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2nd-TOK, ¥11,850,000 (\$79k), Newcomers, 2yo, 1400m

GRAND MEADOW (c, 3, **American Pharoah**--Meadow Breeze, by Meadowlake), a \$150,000 Keeneland September graduate, is out of the 2006 GI Matron S. winner who is also responsible for Grade III winner Magic Star (Scat Daddy) and GI Hopeful S. runner-up Royal Copy (Bodemeister). Meadow Breeze is kin to 11 winners from 15 to race, including GI Arkansas Derby hero Overanalyze (Dixie Union), GISP Majesto (Tiznow) and GSP Mighty Monsoon (Forestry). *B-Betz/D J Stables/CoCo/Burns/American Pharoah Syndicate (KY)*

REGGAE BEACH (c, 3, **Omaha Beach**--Reggae Rose, by Touch Gold) was bought back on a bid of \$90,000 at Keeneland September in 2022, but was hammered down to JS Company for \$200,000 after breezing an eighth of a mile ([video](#)) at last year's OBS April Sale. The May 6 foal, whose dam is a half-sister to GSW/GISP Celtic New Year (North Light {Ire}), is herself related to MGSW Shakhimat (Lonhro {Aus}) and GSW Whatmakessammyrun (We Miss Artie). The stakes-winning third dam Valid Victress (Valid Appeal) produced champion Perfect Sting (Red Ranson), whose seven winners as a broodmare include GIII Selene S. victress Smart Sting (Smart Strike). *B-Nursery Place, Donaldson, Broadbent (KY)*

Sunday, February 11, 2024

7th-TOK, ¥14,880,000 (\$100k), Allowance, 3yo, 1600m

DISTANT SKY (c, 3, **Uncle Mo**--Elisheva, by Smart Strike) opened his account with a 1 1/4-length victory in a 1400-meter newcomers' event at Kyoto Jan. 11 ([video](#), SC 13) and looks to repeat the dose here over a bit more ground with Yutaka Take back in the irons.

The North Hills homebred is out of a daughter of champion Believe (Jpn) (Sunday Silence), also the dam of G1 Sprinters' S. winner Gendarme (Kitten's Joy), MSW/G1SP Faridat (Kingmambo) and SW & GSP Fiducia (**Medaglia d'Oro**).
B-North Hills Co Ltd (KY)

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SECOND-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9

2024 Stud Fees Listed

Audible (Into Mischief), WinStar Farm, \$15,000
 261 foals of racing age/24 winners/3 black-type winners
 5-Gulfstream, 2:09 p.m. EST, Msw 5fT, Artemis Sound, 3-1
 \$145,000 KEE NOV wnl; \$250,000 FTS AUG yrl
 1-Aqueduct, 12:50 p.m. EST, Msw 1m, Call Her Bluff, 4-1
 \$60,000 RNA SAR AUG yrl; \$22,000 EAS MAY 2yo
 1-Aqueduct, 12:50 p.m. EST, Msw 1m, Calling an **Audible**, 2-1
 \$165,000 FTK FEB wnl; \$85,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$115,000 RNA OBS
 MAR 2yo
 5-Gulfstream, 2:09 p.m. EST, Msw 5fT, Mac to Moore, 8-1
 \$175,000 KEE NOV wnl; \$210,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$310,000 OBS
 APR 2yo
 7-Charles Town, 10:02 p.m. EST, Alw 4 1/2f, Play It Loud, 9-2
 \$125,000 FTK NOV wnl; \$235,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$20,000 KEE JAN
 2yo

Breaking Lucky (Lookin At Lucky), Blue Star Racing
 55 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners
 8-Sam Houston Race, 11:00 p.m. EST, Alw 1mT, Lucky Appeal,
 15-1
 \$8,000 TTA YRL yrl

Coal Front (Stay Thirsty), Spendthrift Farm, \$5,000
 80 foals of racing age/10 winners/2 black-type winners
 3-Fair Grounds, 2:45 p.m. EST, Msw 1m, Coal Coal Beer, 6-1
 \$25,000 KEE SEP yrl
 2-Sunland, 2:51 p.m. EST, Msw 6 1/2f, Right in Front, 6-1
 \$25,000 FTK OCT yrl; \$40,000 OBS APR 2yo

Divisidero (Kitten's Joy), Airdrie Stud, \$5,000
 42 foals of racing age/4 winners/1 black-type winner
 3-Fair Grounds, 2:45 p.m. EST, Msw 1m, Gamer Nate, 3-1
 \$14,000 OBS WIN wnl; \$50,000 OBS OPN 2yo
 7-Tampa Bay Downs, 3:48 p.m. EST, Aoc 1mT, Oishi, 15-1
 \$15,000 KEE JAN wnl; \$19,000 RNA OBS OPN 2yo

Enticed (**Medaglia d'Oro**), Darley, \$5,000
 157 foals of racing age/25 winners/1 black-type winner
 7-Fair Grounds, 4:45 p.m. EST, Msw 1 1/16mT, Tempting Lady,
 8-1
 \$27,000 KEE NOV wnl; \$87,000 OBS OCT yrl; \$40,000 EAS MAY
 2yo

Flameaway (Scat Daddy), Darby Dan Farm, \$15,000
 200 foals of racing age/24 winners/4 black-type winners
 5-Gulfstream, 2:09 p.m. EST, Msw 5fT, Firecracker Fiona, 30-1
 \$46,000 RNA KEE SEP yrl
 5-Turfway, 7:55 p.m. EST, Msw 1m, Last U Turn, 15-1
 \$20,000 KEE NOV wnl; \$32,000 RNA FTK JUL yrl; \$27,000 RNA
 EAS MAY 2yo

Heart to Heart (English Channel), Crestwood Farm
 60 foals of racing age/6 winners/0 black-type winners
 1-Charles Town, 7:00 p.m. EST, Alw 4 1/2f, Queen of Hearts, 9-5

Leofric (**Candy Ride {Arg}**), Darby Dan Farm, \$7,500
 104 foals of racing age/7 winners/2 black-type winners
 5-Aqueduct, 2:51 p.m. EST, Aoc 6f, Alley's Song, 12-1

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Maximus Mischief (Into Mischief), Spendthrift Farm, \$25,000
 231 foals of racing age/37 winners/3 black-type winners
 7-Gulfstream, 3:08 p.m. EST, Aoc 1m, Miss Sayely, 8-1
 \$32,500 OBS WIN wnl; \$28,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$50,000 OBS APR
 2yo
 5-Aqueduct, 2:51 p.m. EST, Aoc 6f, Thirteen Red Flags, 9-2
 \$32,000 FTN MIX wnl; \$70,000 FTK JUL yrl; \$19,000 EAS MAY
 2yo; \$5,500 FTD OCT 2yo
 7-Gulfstream, 3:08 p.m. EST, Aoc 1m, Wee Bit O Mischief, 10-1
 \$25,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$50,000 OBS MAR 2yo

Mitole (Eskendereya), Spendthrift Farm, \$15,000
 293 foals of racing age/39 winners/2 black-type winners
 7-Tampa Bay Downs, 3:48 p.m. EST, Aoc 1mT, Mi Dinero, 30-1
 \$47,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$50,000 RNA OBS MAR 2yo

Om (Munnings), Harris Farms
 91 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners
 2-Sunland, 2:51 p.m. EST, Msw 6 1/2f, Captain Fabulous, 5-2

Omaha Beach (War Front), Spendthrift Farm, \$40,000
 291 foals of racing age/29 winners/3 black-type winners
 7-Fair Grounds, 4:45 p.m. EST, Msw 1 1/16mT, Without Cause,
 9-2, \$180,000 KEE SEP yrl

Rogueish (Into Mischief), Solera Farm
 35 foals of racing age/2 winners/0 black-type winners
 5-Gulfstream, 2:09 p.m. EST, Msw 5fT, Baby Blocks, 30-1

Solomini (Curlin), McMahon of Saratoga Thoroughbreds, \$7,500
 142 foals of racing age/15 winners/3 black-type winners
 1-Aqueduct, 12:50 p.m. EST, Msw 1m, Brooklyn Dantz, 15-1
 \$6,000 RNA FTN MIX wnl; \$18,000 OBS OCT yrl; \$37,000 RNA
 EAS MAY 2yo
 1-Aqueduct, 12:50 p.m. EST, Msw 1m, Fast and Frisky, 10-1
 \$37,000 KEE NOV wnl
 5-Aqueduct, 2:51 p.m. EST, Aoc 6f, Sohana, 4-1
 \$200,000 OBS MAR 2yo
 5-Aqueduct, 2:51 p.m. EST, Aoc 6f, Soloshot, 3-1
 \$30,000 FTN MIX wnl; \$290,000 EAS MAY 2yo

Sporting Chance (Tiznow), A & A Ranch
 45 foals of racing age/3 winners/0 black-type winners
 4-Sunland, 3:43 p.m. EST, Msw 5 1/2f, Cherokee Cherry, 5-1



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**4th-Fair Grounds, \$59,000, (S), 2-8, (NW3L), 4yo/up, f/m, 1m
 70y, 1:44.82, ft, 3 3/4 lengths.**

**CRYSTAL D'ORO (f, 4, Gemologist--Expresso Run, by Medaglia
 d'Oro)** Lifetime Record: 11-3-1-2, \$100,000. O-Trahan Racing
 LLC; B-Strait Pine Farm LLC (LA); T-Allen Landry.

**9th-Fair Grounds, \$59,000, (S), (NW2X)/Opt. Clm (\$20,000), 2-8,
 4yo/up, 1mT, 1:41.29, fm, 1 1/4 lengths.**

**MOMENT OF STARDOM (g, 6, Star Guitar--Moment of Majesty
 {MSW & MGSP, \$630,269}, by Saint Liam)** Lifetime Record:
 15-4-0-2, \$120,620. O/B-Brittlyn, Inc. (LA); T-Shane Wilson. *Full
 to Star Moment, MSW, \$216,530; 1/2 to Fools Gold (Medaglia
 d'Oro), GSW, \$316,520.

**5th-Fair Grounds, \$58,000, (S), (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$12,500), 2-8,
 4yo/up, f/m, 1mT, 1:40.59, fm, neck.**

**DIXIE FARMER (f, 4, Mo Tom--Exceedexpectations, by Tale of
 the Cat)** Lifetime Record: 13-4-2-2, \$114,280. O-Maggi Moss;
 B-Brandon Adcock (LA); T-Thomas M. Amoss. *1/2 to
 Politicallycorrect (Kitten's Joy), MSW & MGSP, \$685,861.

**8th-Fair Grounds, \$58,000, (S), 2-8, (NW2L), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:10.75,
 ft, 1/2 length.**

**SONOFASHIP (g, 3, Midshipman--Cindy Says, by Elusive
 Quality)** Lifetime Record: 9-2-3-1, \$124,375. O-Paradise Farms
 Corp., David Staudacher and Norman Stables, LLC; B-Brandon
 Adcock (LA); T-Michael J. Maker. *\$80,000 Ylg '22 TTAYRL. **1/2
 to Untitled (Khozan), GSP-USA, SP-Can, \$173,087.



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7th-Delta Downs, \$44,000, (S), 2-7, (NW1X), 4yo/up, f/m, 5f, :59.86, ft, 1 1/2 lengths.

FIRE VISION (m, 5, Court Vision--Warrior's Fire, by Warrior's Reward) Lifetime Record: 15-3-5-3, \$83,320. O-Blick Stables; B-Russell Dean Louviere (LA); T-George Allan Bryant.

7th-Penn National, \$40,250, 2-7, (NW1X), 4yo/up, 6f, 1:10.31, ft, 2 3/4 lengths.

HOUGHTON SHUFFLE (g, 4, Medallist--Runs Like L, by Sunday Break {Jpn}) Lifetime Record: 3-3-0-0, \$59,328. O/B-Melissa Houghton (PA); T-T. Bernard Houghton.

7th-Mahoning Valley, \$35,100, (S), 2-8, (NW3L), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:13.92, ft, 4 lengths.

SWEET UNIQUE (f, 4, Free Drop Billy--Great Go in Rose {SP}, by Albert the Great) Lifetime Record: 4-3-0-1, \$66,390. O/B-Nancy Lavrich (OH); T-Richard Zielinski. *1/2 to Uptown Gal (Don't Get Mad), SW, \$140,980 and Altissimo (Noble Causeway), MSW & GSP, \$1,190,200.

8th-Mahoning Valley, \$35,100, (S), 2-8, (NW3L), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:14.72, ft, 3 1/2 lengths.

GOODNESS SAKES (m, 5, Cowtown Cat--Sweetnessgoodness {MSP}, by Cuvee) Lifetime Record: 21-3-3-2, \$138,516. O-Mast Thoroughbreds LLC; B-Mapleton Thoroughbred Farm (OH); T-Robert M. Gorham.

6th-Mahoning Valley, \$33,700, (S), 2-8, (NW2L), 3yo/up, 1m 70y, 1:47.97, ft, 3/4 length.

PRESSLEY RIDGE (g, 4, Itsthesameoldsong--Baby Collette, by Paddy O'Prado) Lifetime Record: 8-2-3-0, \$62,500. O/B-Glen Bunnell (OH); T-Julie A. Pappada.

4th-Charles Town, \$31,300, 2-7, 3yo/up, 6 1/2f, 1:20.15, ft, 1/2 length.

SOCIAL CHIC (g, 6, Upstart--Tres Chic, by Harlan's Holiday) Lifetime Record: SW, 28-11-10-3, \$383,430. O-Smart Angle LLP; B-James Franklin Miller (WV); T-Jeff C. Runco. \$47,000 RNA Wlg '18 EASDEC.

7th-Charles Town, \$28,300, (S), (C)/Opt. Clm (\$20,000), 2-7, 3yo/up, 6 1/2f, 1:19.60, ft, 1/2 length.

MUAD'DIB (g, 7, Fiber Sonde--Holy Pow Wow, by Indian Charlie) Lifetime Record: GSP, 21-15-2-2, \$916,178. O-David M. Raim; B-John McKee (WV); T-Jeff C. Runco. *Full to Late Night Pow Wow, MGSW & GISP, \$700,400.



6th-Charles Town, \$27,400, 2-7, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 6 1/2f, 1:20.00, ft, 2 lengths.

BOSS E BOOGS (g, 6, Limehouse--Hot and Bothered, by A. P Jet) Lifetime Record: 25-5-1-5, \$126,582. O/B/T-Tabitha M. Wilhelm.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Fantastical, f, 3, **Air Force Blue**--Wangari, by Giant's Causeway. Turfway, 2-7, 1m (AWT), 1:41.17. Lifetime Record: 5-1-0-2, \$61,744. B-Paul Schwartz & James Reiley McDonald Jr. (KY). *\$17,000 Wlg '21 KEENOV; \$75,000 Ylg '22 KEESSEP. **1/2 to Portilla (**Dialed In**), SP, \$243,858.

Our Valentino, g, 3, **Attila's Storm**--Applelina, by Survivor Slew. Sunland, 2-8, (S), 5 1/2f, 1:05.15. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-1, \$25,800. B-Pierre J. Amestoy & Leslie A. Amestoy (NM). *Full to Attilianno, SW, \$229,659.

Eddie Felson, c, 3, **Tapiture**--Unfulfilled Dream, by **Munnings**. Penn National, 2-7, 1m, 1:40.17. Lifetime Record: 6-1-1-3, \$43,593. B-Z Racing LLC (KY).




Camulus, g, 4, **Irish War Cry**--Participate, by Include. Penn National, 2-7, 6f, 1:09.79. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$20,400. B-Wasabi Ventures Stables, LLC, Jeff Musgrove & Greenspring Mares LLC (MD). *1ST-TIME STARTER.



Midnight Wonder, f, 4, **Midnight Lute**--Lela, by Trippi. Penn National, 2-7, 6f, 1:10.68. Lifetime Record: 5-1-1-1, \$39,900. B-T/C Stable, LLC (OH). \$67,000 Ylg '21 KEESSEP. *1/2 to Shez Shackled Up (Shackleford), MSP, \$185,590.



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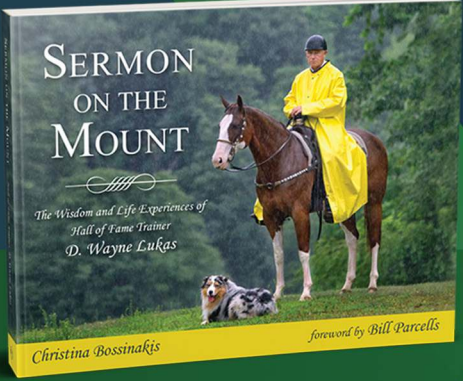
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