

VANDEEK HEADS KHK RACING'S CLASS OF 2024



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by Adam Houghton

Chris Wall, racing manager for owners KHK Racing, has issued a positive bulletin on last year's star juvenile Vandeeek (GB) and dual Classic winner Eldar Eldarov (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}) as the countdown continues to the start of the Flat season on turf.

The yellow-and-black-striped colours of KHK Racing have been carried to notable success since they first appeared on British racecourses in 2020 and the latest campaign was arguably the operation's best yet following the emergence of the unbeaten Vandeeek, who proved himself a high-class sprinting two-year-old for Simon and Ed Crisford when signing off with back-to-back Group 1 victories in the Prix Morny at Deauville and Middle Park S. at Newmarket.

By Havana Grey (GB) and out of a mare who raced exclusively at five furlongs, Vandeeek looked all speed in his four starts as a juvenile and his connections have no plans to step him up in trip for a tilt at the G1 2,000 Guineas, with all roads instead leading to the G1 Commonwealth Cup at Royal Ascot on Friday, June 21.

"Vandeeek has wintered well so far and everybody is very happy with him," Wall said of the exciting colt. "He's just started cantering away and the Sandy Lane at Haydock [on Saturday, May 25] is hopefully where we'll make our seasonal debut en route to the Commonwealth Cup. It's so far so good and hopefully the old British weather won't interfere too much with him. [Cont. p3](#)

BRITISH DEVELOPMENTAL SERIES EXPANDED WITH OVER £3M IN PRIZE-MONEY

There is now another reason--or make that 84 reasons--to look forward to the Brocklesby S. in a little over five weeks. The traditional curtain-raiser for the British two-year-old season is the first of 84 races this year to benefit from increased funding through a programme of high-value developmental races in 2024.

This initiative, which was launched last year with a series of 63 races, is driven by British stallion studs through the European Breeders' Fund (EBF), Juddmonte, Darley and Tattersalls, and will provide more than £3 million in prize-money for novice and maiden races. It is also receiving support from the British Horseracing Authority (BHA) Development Fund.

For the two-year-old programme, it means that 32 open novice/maiden races will be worth a minimum of £40,000, and another 29 restricted novice/maidens will carry a minimum of £30,000. There will also be 23 open novice/maiden races for three-year-olds plus, worth a minimum of £40,000. [Cont. p5](#)



Doddie's Impact, left, wins the 2023 Brocklesby S. | [Racingphotos.com](https://www.racingphotos.com)

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Francis Lui has become only the sixth trainer to produce 900 wins in Hong Kong after a Happy Valley treble on Thursday night with General Ace (NZ) (Telperion {Aus}), Joy Coming (Aus) (Sooboog {Aus}) and Golden Empire (Fr) (Fastnet Rock {Aus}). | Hong Kong Jockey Club

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"It's exciting and hopefully he can build on what he achieved last year. You'd be thinking that he'd be capable of doing that looking at the type of horse he is. Physically, you'd be expecting him to strengthen and improve as a three-year-old, so we'll hope that proves to be the case."

Vandeeek's big target in the first part of the season, the Commonwealth Cup, was in the news on Tuesday when it was announced that the Group 1 event was in danger of being downgraded in 2025, depending on its performance this year.

Wall, who retired from the training ranks in 2022 after 36 years in that career, was clearly taken aback by the news as he said, "I would be very surprised if that was to be demoted. All races have cycles and some years where they perform better than others. I would have thought overall that the Commonwealth Cup has performed very well. I can't believe that it would be demoted just yet."

"I was on the racing committee when I was still training, back in the day when that [the introduction of the Commonwealth Cup] was actioned, and we always thought it was a positive move. It hasn't been going that long, but it's had some pretty good winners in that time. You can't take too short-term a view of a race like that, you've got to give it time to work. I think it's worked well so far and I was very surprised to hear that they were thinking of demoting it."

One of the leading contenders for the 2023 running of the Commonwealth Cup was KHK Racing's Sakheer (Ire) (Zoffany {Ire}), who failed to meet expectations in the race itself and hasn't been seen in competitive action since.

An emphatic winner of the G2 Mill Reef S. at Newbury as a two-year-old, Sakheer has stayed in training with Roger Varian according to Wall, who is hopeful that the team's patient approach will pay off when the colt returns to the track in 2024.

"Sakheer just wasn't thriving last year," said Wall. "The couple



Eldar Eldarov | Racingfotos.com

of runs he had were disappointing to say the least. We gave him a break after Ascot and tried to get him ready for an autumn campaign, but he still wasn't thriving. We couldn't find anything amiss, so we decided we'd give him time and freshen him up.

"He's done well physically and another one who has strengthened and put on weight. He looks very well, but we haven't decided yet where he might go. To start with we need to get him back on the track and performing well. Then we can develop a plan from there."

More concrete plans are in place for fellow Varian trainee Eldar Eldarov, who has been a terrific servant to his connections having won the G1 St Leger at Doncaster in 2022 before doubling his top-level tally with victory in last year's Irish equivalent.

Eldar Eldarov has been off the track since that success at the Curragh in September, but that has all been part of the plan, reported Wall, as the five-year-old gears up for a potential trip to Dubai next month.

"Eldar Eldarov has done very well this winter and put on a lot of weight," said Wall. "If he's performing well enough at home he may well go for the Dubai Gold Cup on World Cup night. If the weather interferes and we can't get him ready for that, then he'd make his debut like last year in the Yorkshire Cup." **Cont. p4**

KHK Racing Cont.

He said, "There was nothing wrong with him [after the Irish St Leger]. We had pretty terrible ground everywhere and Roger Varian took the view that the horse's optimum trip is a mile and six furlongs. Although he stays two miles, he's probably better at a slightly shorter trip. The only other race he could have run in was the Long Distance Cup on Champions Day, but that was always going to be very testing ground.

"We thought if we were going to have him ready for Dubai it made sense for him to have his break a bit earlier, so that he could come into training earlier in the year to get him fit enough for that, if everything goes right."

Away from the well-established names in the KHK Racing ranks, My Cloud (Ire) (Blue Point {Ire}) and True Cyan (Ire) (**No Nay Never**) also came in for a positive mention from Wall, both three-year-olds who showed plenty of ability on their respective debuts.

True Cyan looks set to step up in grade having impressed when beating a pair of next-time-out winners at Newmarket in September, while My Cloud--a half-brother to the multiple Group 1-winning miler Palace Pier (GB) (**Kingman {GB}**)--was beaten only narrowly when having his first start at Newcastle earlier this week.

"We'll probably start her off in one of the Classic trials if all is

well," Wall said of True Cyan. "We'll see what that tells us. She did win well on debut and she's a filly who, physically, you'd expect her to be a better three-year-old. She remains an exciting prospect and all the reports so far are positive.

"My Cloud did everything right at Newcastle bar getting the win. It was just his lack of experience which got him beaten. He came to win his race and when he was challenged he had no idea what was expected of him until the penny dropped a bit too late.

"He remains a nice prospect and he's clearly got talent. He's a big horse and you'd expect him to improve through this year. I think Roger may not throw too much at him early on, but we'll see what he can do, how he progresses, and work a plan out as we go."

The KHK Racing team earned total prize-money of £685,623 in Britain last year and that came from only 17 individual horses who carried their colours on the racecourse. Wall confirmed that there is no plan to massively expand their boutique team for 2024, preferring to focus on quality over quantity.

"I don't think KHK is ever going to be about large numbers," said Wall. "I think we'll probably be around the 20-mark for horses this year and I'm sure that Shaikh Khalid [bin Hamad Al Khalifa] will be wanting to restock at the breeze-ups where he's had quite a bit of success in the past." **Cont. p5**



And the best value stallion in Europe?

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LOS ANGELES, UNBEATEN GROUP 1-WINNING 2YO AND EXCITING CLASSIC PROSPECT



CAMELOT

2023 yearlings sold for **€850,000** (to Godolphin), **€520,000** (to Sackville Donald for Juddmonte), **€320,000, €300,000, 250,000gns, 250,000gns, €250,000** etc.

Wednesday's French Classic entries.....

LOS ANGELES	AIDAN O'BRIEN/COOLMORE PARTNERS.....	French 2,000 Guineas & French Derby
DANCING GEMINI	ROGER TEAL/FISHDANCE LTD.....	French 2,000 Guineas & French Derby
DEIRA MILE	OWEN BURROWS/GREEN TEAM RACING.....	French Derby
ROCK'N SWING	ANDRE FABRE/GODOLPHIN.....	French 1,000 Guineas & French Oaks
FINSCEAL LUAS	JIM BOLGER/MICHAEL RYAN.....	French 1,000 Guineas & French Oaks
DARE TO DREAM	GAVIN HERNON/DUN SHING LEE.....	French Oaks

COOLMORE

KHK Racing Cont.

He added, "We have a nice, exciting team and one or two horses still to run who are three-year-olds now and well-bred. You never know whether something might pop up out of those as well. It's an exciting time and we've got some nice horses to go to war with."

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British Developmental Series Cont. from p1

The series was initially launched in 2023 with the backing of Juddmonte and Darley with the aim of supporting the British breeding industry and encouraging owners to buy and race in Britain.

In a press release issued on Thursday, Juddmonte noted the "healthy field sizes achieved by 2023's sponsored races (average 10.5) with an average cost of the winners at public auction just shy of £31,000."

Juddmonte CEO Douglas Erskine Crum said, "After the success of last year's BHA initiative to kick-start a long-term plan to

enhance prize-money substantially for developmental races, Juddmonte is delighted to support financially this year's further enhancements. These high prize-money developmental races directly support owners and breeders in areas that can be overlooked and thereby support our UK breeding industry."

Sam Bullard, director of stallions at Darley shared his sentiments and added, "Following the success of last year's race series and the many positive comments received, we are delighted to continue our sponsorship of this important development fund.

"Darley remains committed to supporting breeders through both race sponsorship and our contribution to the EBF and we hope that these elements will continue to work together for the benefit of British racing."

The involvement in the series of the British EBF, which last year boosted prize-money across British racing by £2 million from the contributions made to the fund by stallion owners, has added over £325,000 for more than 30 of the high-value developmental races.

Simon Sweeting, chairman of British EBF, said, "One of the unique features of our prize-money contributions is to encourage racecourses to 'match-fund'; it is wonderful to see the model we pioneered and embedded, replicated by our fellow sponsors in these races." [Cont. p6](#)



Darley

Too Darn Hot

It's rare for a stallion to sire two juveniles in Europe's official top 10. War Front and Wootton Bassett have done it, as have Justify and Scat Daddy.

Some have even had three on the list – Dubawi and Shamardal among the select few.

But **only one stallion this century has had a colt and a filly in the top 10 from his first crop.** Yes, that's right: think darn hot two-year-olds.

British Developmental Series Cont.

He continued, "For example, the Brocklesby Stakes will be run at £40,000 for the first time in 2024, a 70 per cent increase from before British stallion studs (EBF) involvement."

He added, "By supporting these races, we hope to showcase to owners and breeders the valuable impact our stallion owners' contributions have on raising prize-money levels across the maiden and novice programme."

Richard Wayman, chief operating officer of the BHA, acknowledged the "common purpose" behind the sponsorship of the series by the British EBF, Juddmonte, Darley and Tattersalls.

"I am extremely grateful for their support in this project, along with the many racecourses involved and the Horserace Betting Levy Board, and am confident that these races will be well supported by our owners and trainers," he said.

"We are delighted to expand the programme of high-value developmental races for 2024. These races play a hugely important role within the race programme and yet, historically, it is an area where prize-money has been behind our international competitors. It is essential that steps are taken to retain quality horses on our shores and with over 80 of these races scheduled for the coming season, this is one initiative that we believe will support this broader aim."

Tattersalls has also lent its support to the series by backing 10 two-year-old novice and maiden races in addition to its own bonus schemes which reward purchasers of horses at the October Yearling Sales and Craven Breeze-up Sale.

Jimmy George, Marketing Director of Tattersalls, said, "We introduced the hugely popular £25,000 Tattersalls October Book 1 Bonus Scheme back in 2016 with the aim of rewarding owners with the best maiden and novice prize-money in Europe. Since then we have paid out more than £8 million directly to owners and the Tattersalls support of these high-value maidens and novices is an extension of our commitment to this area of the racing programme."

"Prize-money for British Group and Listed races is the best in Europe, but maidens and novices are less competitive and alongside the BHA, EBF, Darley and Juddmonte, Tattersalls will continue to focus on this crucial sector."

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JAMIE MOORE FORCED TO RETIRE ON MEDICAL ADVICE

Jamie Moore, who was aboard Sire De Grugy (Fr) (My Risk {Fr}) when he won the Queen Mother Champion Chase at the Cheltenham Festival, has announced his retirement from the saddle on medical advice from a fall sustained last autumn.

A fall at Lingfield in November resulted in fractured vertebra,

broken ribs, and a broken nose for Moore, who hangs up his boots after a 22-year career. His team of doctors advised him not to return to race riding as a result.

Moore announced his retirement via a statement issued by the Professional Jockeys' Association (PJA) and it read, "It is with huge regret that, following my last fall in November 2023, I will not be returning to race riding.

"After being checked by top neurologists and spinal specialists, and taking advice from Dr Jerry Hill and the doctors who've seen me the most in my career--Dr Rizwan Ghani and Dr Lucy Free--I have been medically advised not to race ride again.

"I would like to thank everyone who has stuck by me and supported me throughout my 22-year career. Obviously I have been very lucky to have such a good trainer in my father Gary, who's always supported me, along with his brilliant, faithful owners. My mother Jayne and my wife Lucie have also always been there for me.

"Back to the start and my first boss, Mr [Martin] Pipe, who helped me become champion conditional. To every other trainer and every owner I've ridden for; my agent Dave Roberts; my sponsors; all the brilliant stable staff and the PJA and the Injured Jockeys Fund, who have always been so supportive.

"Finally, to the best place you could wish to work--the weighing room. To all the physios, tea boys and ladies, nurses and weighing room staff who have made each day of going to work much more enjoyable.

"And to all the brilliant jockeys and valets past and present who I've made lifelong friends with. I will hugely miss the weighing room. There have been some ups and plenty of downs but everyone is always there for you. You've all been top class.

"It's impossible to put into words how thankful I am to each and every one of you." [Cont. p7](#)



Jamie Moore with his father, owner/trainer Gary Moore after Sire De Grugy's win in the Queen Mother Champion Chase during the Cheltenham Festival | PA Sport

Jamie Moore Cont.

The 39-year-old is the son of trainer Gary, and the brother of Josh, Ryan, and Hayley, who are also involved in the racing industry. Moore began riding in 2001, and was the champion conditional rider by the end of the 2003-2004 season during his time with Martin Pipe. Sire De Grugy, named British Jumps Horse of the Year in 2014 and co-owned by Gary, and Moore combined for 17 victories together, a highlight for both Moore and his father. Moore, who is credited with 968 winners throughout his career, also rode Al Co (Fr) (Dom Alco {Fr}) to victory in the 2014 Scottish Grand National for trainer Peter Bowen.

PJA executive director Dale Gibson added, "Jamie unfortunately suffered more than his fair share of long-term injuries and missed the equivalent of four years race riding during his career as a result, but his remarkable fortitude and appetite for race riding shone like a beacon throughout his career.

"Jamie was and will remain universally popular within the weighing room and wider racing industry. His down to earth, no-nonsense approach alongside his genuine love of the horse [should] be wholeheartedly applauded.

"He also served his colleagues and the PJA exceptionally well as southern-based National Hunt safety officer since December 2019, as well as being a dependable source for general advice to the PJA and younger jockeys both on and off the racecourse.

"Jamie has been a pleasure to represent and will be sorely missed in the weighing room. We wish him, his wife Lucie and their family all the very best and we look forward to seeing him on a racecourse soon in his second career."

Gary Moore told *Racing TV*, "I'm very proud of him, you're proud of your children anyway, aren't you? He was champion conditional one year, thanks to Martin Pipe. He always wanted to do it from the age of 14 and he's done remarkably well.

"It's a shame he didn't quite make the thousand [winners], but at least he's come out in one piece."

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EAVESDROPPING CLAIMS TOP SPOT AT TATTERSALLS ONLINE FEBRUARY SALE

Eavesdropping (GB) (Kayf Tara {GB}) (lot 47), a two-time winner over hurdles, brought a sale-topping price of 24,000gns at the close of the Tattersalls Online February Sale on Thursday.

Consigned by trainer Olly Murphy's Warren Chase Stables, Eavesdropping is a full-sister to the talented hurdler Butch (GB), who will be bidding for a fourth straight victory when he lines up in the G2 Rendlesham Hurdle at Haydock on Saturday, February 17. The eight-year-old Eavesdropping was sold to Whitson Bloodstock who were acting on a positive recommendation from

the mare's trainer.

Following the sale, Murphy said, "Eavesdropping has been bought by my father and uncle to go to the breeding paddocks. Obviously, I have Butch, the full-brother, at home who is favourite for the Grade 2 on Saturday. She was a filly we were keen to have back if possible and she's made a nice price for her owners, Deva Racing."

Murphy also consigned the top lot from the horses-in-training section of the sale when wildcard entry **Macanudo (Ire)** (Invincible Spirit {Ire}) (lot 84) sold to Ian Williams for 21,000gns. Manacudo was a late addition to the catalogue after opening his account at Chelmsford last week and Murphy was able to celebrate a job well done with a three-year-old he'd only had in his care since October.

"Macanudo was bought for 9,000gns at Tattersalls last October," Murphy explained. "He has won a race and doubled his price tag so we're delighted. My father and uncle own the mare so hopefully he can win more races for our home pedigree. We look forward to supporting the Tattersalls Online sales again going forward."

Three-year-old filly **Pomeriggio (Ire)** (Caravaggio) (lot 32), consigned by Jessica Harrington's Commonstow Stables, was the pick of the other lots from the horses-in-training section of the sale having fetched a bid of 15,500gns from Gerard O'Neill.

The overall top four was completed by the 13-year-old broodmare **Jufoon (GB)** (Dubawi {Ire}) (lot 77), who has already produced two winners from two runners and was offered in foal to Kameko. Jufoon, who was Listed-placed herself as a three-year-old, was sold to Gordian Troeller Bloodstock, on behalf of Gabe Hall, for 18,500gns.

Of the 78 lots offered, 39 sold (50%) for a gross of 250,200gns. The average was 6,415gns and the median was 4,000gns.

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BRITAIN

Thursday's Results:

4th-Chelmsford City, £7,000, Mdn, 2-15, 3-5yo, f/m, 6f (AWT), 1:12.53, st.

SHALLOW (GB) (f, 3, Rajasinghe {Ire}--Velvet Band {GB}, by Verglas {Ire}), not seen since finishing runner-up to the smart and still-unbeaten Fair Angellica (GB) (Harry Angel {Ire}) over six furlongs on debut at Kempton in September, broke sharply to lead. Staying on strongly in the straight, the 4-1 shot drew away to score by 2 1/4 lengths from Miss Sunset Strip (Ire) (Kodiac {GB}). The dam is a daughter of the G3 Cherry Hinton S. winner Applaud (Rahy), responsible for the Listed Masaka S. scorer Jazz Jam (GB) (Pivotal {GB}). Her 2-year-old filly Grey Selkie (GB) is by Outstrip (GB), while she also has a yearling filly by Aclaim (Ire). Sales history: 17,000gns Ylg '22 TATOCT. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$6,758. O-Phil Cunningham; B-Hellwood Stud Farm & G P Clarke (GB); T-Richard Spencer.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

La Fleur Petrus, f, 3, Street Boss--Cheval Blanche, by Stay Thirsty. Southwell, 2-15, 7f 14y (AWT), 1:27.56. Lifetime Record: 4-1-0-0, \$5,959. B-Stratford Place Stud (KY).

FRANCE

Thursday's Results:

1st-Chantilly, €27,000, Debutantes, 2-15, 3yo, f, 9 1/2f (AWT), 2:00.41, st.

THE WHITE LADY (FR) (f, 3, The Grey Gatsby {Ire}--Three French Hens {Ire} {SW-Ger}, by Elnadim), sent off the 18-5 second favourite, tracked the leading trio throughout the early stages. In front with 300 metres remaining, the grey was either idling or tiring late but held on to prevail by a neck from Lilly Lux (Fr) (Free Port Lux {GB}). The dam, whose yearling colt is by Highland Reel (Ire), is out of an unraced half-sister to the past Wildenstein notables Vin De France and Vacarme. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, €13,500. **Video, sponsored by FanDuel TV.** O/B-Haras de Saint Julien (FR); T-Fabrice Chappet.

3rd-Chantilly, €27,000, Debutantes, 2-15, 3yo, c/g, 9 1/2f (AWT), 1:57.54, st.

FANATIC (IRE) (c, 3, No Nay Never--High Quality {Ire}, by Invincible Spirit {Ire}), sent off the 2-1 favourite, was settled in midpack early. Coaxed into the lead approaching the final furlong, the homebred asserted to score by 2 1/2 lengths from

Nobleman (Fr) (French Fifteen {Fr}). The dam is a daughter of the group-placed stayer High Maintenance (Fr) (Highest Honor {Fr}), which makes her a half-sister to the five-times group 1-winning sensation Solow (GB) (Singspiel {Ire}) and the GII Thoroughbred Aftercare Alliance S. scorer Salesman (Ire) (Dubawi {Ire}). She also has the 2-year-old filly Vegetale (Ire) (Lope De Vega {Ire}) and the yearling colt High Note (Ire), a full-brother to the winner. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, €13,500.

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O/B-Wertheimer et Frere (IRE); T-Christophe Ferland.

CONDITIONS RESULTS:

4th-Chantilly, €27,000, 2-15, 4yo/up, 9 1/2f (AWT), 1:54.84, st. DOLAYLI (FR) (g, 5, Siyouni {Fr}--Dolnya {Fr} {G1SW-UAE, GSW & MG1SP-Fr, G1SP-Eng, \$4,225,405}, by Azamour {Ire}) Lifetime Record: SP-Fr, 7-5-1-1, €80,300. O-H H Aga Khan; B-S A Aga Khan (FR); T-Francis-Henri Graffard. *1/2 to Dilawar (Ire) (Dubawi {Ire}), GSW-Fr, \$198,133.



IN QATAR:

Jungle Mate (Ire), g, 3, Bungle Inthejungle (Ire)--Play Mate (GB), by Showcasing (GB). Al Rayyan, 2-15, Thoroughbred 3YO Sand Championship (Cond.) (\$100k), 1700m. B-Ballyhane. *30,000gns HRA '23 TATAUT. **VIDEO (SC 4)**

WORLDWIDE NEWS

BOX TO BOX HAS SIGHTS SET ON TURF SERIES BONUS PRIZE

A \$40,000 bonus prize is up for grabs when the fifth and final round of the 2023-24 Bahrain Turf Series takes place at the Rashid Equestrian and Horseracing Club on Friday, February 16.

The bonus is awarded to the leading points scorer in the middle-distance division which is currently the George Scott-trained **Isle Of Jura (GB)** (New Approach {Ire}) with 25 points, ahead of old rival **Lucander (Ire)** (**Footstepsinthesand {GB}**) on 22 points. However, neither horse is eligible to run in the Vision 2030 race (sponsored by Beyon), the final points-scoring opportunity in the middle-distance division, following rises in their handicap ratings. **Cont. p9**

Bahrain Turf Series Cont.

Ranked third with 18 points, **Box To Box (Ire)** (Kodiak {GB}) therefore has the potential to leapfrog the two horses above him and secure the bonus if he was to win or finish second in the Vision 2030 race. Likewise, **Parlando (GB)** (Dubawi {Ire}) still has a chance of landing the prize having already amassed 13 points, though only a win would be good enough for him to jump to the top of the standings.

Trainer Hugo Palmer said of Box To Box, "He had five long weeks between his second and third runs and as a consequence of him training on the flat terrain and enjoying the sunshine, he did a little too well in the interim. He definitely needed the run last time out. Indeed, beforehand he was heavier than he has ever been for a race but he's lost all that now and is back to where we want him. Getting him back down to his racing weight and the step back up to 2000m will be in his favour."

In the sprint division, **Brazen Bolt (GB)** (Brazen Beau {Aus}) holds an unassailable lead on 40 points heading into the final round and is guaranteed the \$40,000 bonus, worth \$25,000 to the owners and \$15,000 to the trainer.

The feature race on Friday's card is the His Highness Shaikh Nasser Bin Hamad Al Khalifa Cup (sponsored by Bapco Energies) in which Isle Of Jura and Lucander are set to go head-to-head for a fourth time this season. Lucander won the 2023 running of the Shaikh Nasser Cup but has found Isla Of Jura too strong in two of their three previous meetings, latterly in the Listed Crown Prince's Cup earlier this month.

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Robin and Gary Hemp will offer the dam of No More Time at the Fasig-Tipton February Digital Sale | courtesy Hemp family

by Chris McGrath

Hemp Meats, a beef farm and butcher shop, is a family business now into its sixth generation. In fact, it's the oldest of its type not just in Maryland, but in the whole country. So you could say that Gary Hemp is accustomed to taking the long view. But something remarkable has just happened, really out of nowhere.

"About two weeks ago," Hemp says. "That's when I got this call from Lexington, Kentucky, which is one I don't see too often."

The voice on the other end of the line introduced itself as belonging to Steve Castagnola of Taylor Made Farm. He just wanted to draw Hemp's attention to the fact that a foal out of the Speightstown mare he had bought for only \$7,000 at Keeneland a couple of winters ago had been given an entry in the GIII Holy Bull S.

Hemp told Castagnola apologetically that he simply hasn't the time to keep on top of all that stuff. Though in his late 70s, he's still working hard to ensure that the Hemp Meats legacy remains as venerable for the next generation as it had been for his own. It was founded way back in 1849, so 2024 brings up its 175th anniversary. A few years ago, another family of butchers made contact: they'd done the research, hoping to prove themselves the oldest in the game, only to discover this outfit in Jefferson that had been at it even longer. **Cont. p3**

SECOND CHANCES: 'IT'S ALL SYSTEMS GO TO A TWO-TURN SPOT' FOR PRICEY SON OF CURLIN CORPORATE POWER by Steve Sherack

In this continuing series, TDN's Senior Racing Editor Steve Sherack catches up with the connections of promising maidens to keep on your radar.

In a race completely dominated on the front end, **Corporate Power** (c, 3, **Curlin**--Road to Victory, by **Quality Road**) stamped himself as one to watch finishing with interest for fourth in an absolutely **stacked maiden special weight** on the Pegasus World Cup undercard at Gulfstream Park Jan. 27.

Out of the blocks last of 11 at debut odds of 17-1 for Hall of Famer Shug McGaughey, the Courtlandt Farms colorbearer bumped into a rival at the start and was quickly outspurred while under a ride by Javier Castellano. **Cont. p8**

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SAUDI CUP RUNNERS ARRIVE IN RIYADH

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The plane carrying the Japanese contingent to Riyadh for next Saturday's Saudi Cup meeting touched down at King Khalid International Airport, and each of the nation's four entrants for the \$20-million G1 Saudi Cup appear to have taken the flight in good order.

LAUREN ROBSON SADDLES FIRST WINNER

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Trainer Lauren Robson saddled her first career winner Thursday, bringing a rather extensive resume with her into the Gulfstream Park winner's circle. Robson saddled Jabran to a 3 1/2-length victory under Hall of Fame jockey John Velazquez in Race 2, a five-furlong maiden claiming event for 3-year-olds on Tapeta.

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For Hemp, moreover, there’s also a sense of heritage about the small Thoroughbred breeding program--currently comprising six mares, and shared with his wife Robin--that has in modern times operated alongside the one raising beef cattle. Because this originated with his father, Bill.

“We bought and sold cattle down the East Coast, and used to have a trucking business too,” Hemp explains. “But we’re just a small, family operation, and it got to be stressful. So the doctor said to my dad, ‘Why don’t you try something a little different?’ Well, every so often he would go to the track, and he knew people from buying cattle that had horses, so he started out with two mares. I was the stable boy. That was back in the late ‘60s. And I’m still doing the same thing today.”

They launched their Thoroughbred stable with the help of family friend S.O. Graham in Virginia.

“He had a lot of horses,” Hemp explains. “So we got a good bloodline from him. My dad did very well. Mostly in Charles Town, but we also did Laurel, Pimlico, Penn National, Delaware. Didn’t have any superstars, but he did win a couple of West Virginia Futurities. I’m still trying to catch him, as far as wins, don’t know if I ever will or not. He didn’t have computers, any of that. He did it all by going through the books. But he was pretty good at it, and he’s the reason why I’m able to do it too.”

That said, when his father died in 2003, Hemp pretty well had to start over. The old man had been down to a last mare from the original Graham line: she’d won an allowance and was all set to win another when she broke down on the final turn. So Hemp found a couple of local mares, and started to build up again. Just as his father had been indebted to Graham, so Hemp speaks warmly of succeeding Virginian breeders: O’Sullivan Farm, Cyndy and John McKee, and above all James W. Casey.

“They all treated me so well,” he says. “Mr. Casey helped West Virginia racing like no person I ever knew. He was very kind: helped me out with some broodmares, really kept me going.”

A few years ago, Hemp bought a mare by Speightstown at Keeneland. She produced some good types until unfortunately coming up with a huge colt, and proving unable to survive the complications. So when he looked through the catalogue for the 2021 November Sale, back at Keeneland, his shortlist of replacements included another daughter of Speightstown. Baroness Juliette had only won a maiden claimer at Prairie Meadows, but she was out of a Medaglia d’Oro half-sister to Siphonic (Brz) and had youth on her side, six years old and carrying her third foal (by Mor Spirit).

“I liked that breeding on both ends,” said Hemp. “I work on pedigrees almost every day a little bit, always trying to learn a little more, and I’d picked out about eight or 10 altogether. And actually I didn’t even go down there. With this family business,

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"I was sure that I would get outbid on that mare. I was waiting for somebody to throw something up there [against his \$7,000 bid], but they didn't. I thought, 'There's no way...' And then they called and said, 'You got her.' I really couldn't believe it. I guess Mor Spirit wasn't doing much. But I thought it was a deal, personally. I thought I got very lucky."

Nor did he change his opinion when she stepped off the lorry.

"I loved her right off the bat," he says. "I have mares from around here, and that's okay. But when you see these mares coming from Kentucky? She stood out straightaway, you could just see the class."

Hemp liked the colt she delivered, too, and then bred her back locally. She has a yearling filly by Golden Years, and she's now pregnant by a son of Into Mischief named Cancun. That cover may not do a great deal for her value, as a late entry for Fasig-Tipton's current digital sale, [where she sells as Hip 40 \(click here\)](#) in the sale which runs through February 20. But here's where we need to rewind to that call from Lexington. But here's where we need to rewind to that call from Lexington.



Not This Time | Mary Ellet

In fact, we need to go back a good bit farther than that. Because the team at Taylor Made have had a connection to this mare tracing back to 2020, when their young gun **Not This Time** was hitting that bump in the road nowadays faced by any stallion pending his first runners.

"Yes, he was in that tricky fourth year," Castagnola explains. "Often we're having to cut deals on stallions even in their second and third years. So **Not This Time** didn't have a huge book of mares for his fourth."

In the circumstances, then, everyone could be a winner when the Albaugh Family Stable--the Iowa-based program that had raced the horse--donated a **Not This Time** season to an auction for their home state's Thoroughbred Breeders and Owners

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Association. The successful bid of \$6,850 was made by MAMAS Thoroughbreds, which included ITBOA president Steve Rentfle.

At the time this partnership had custody of Baroness Juliette. They'd bred her first foal, an **Outwork** colt that never made the track. But after **Not This Time's** debut crop made a flying start, they were able to sell his Iowa-bred son for \$40,000 to Hartley/De Renzo at the 2022 Keeneland September Sale.

He was sent into training with Jose D'Angelo, and Castagnola monitored his progress with interest: second on debut at Gulfstream last September, he then stretched out to win by nearly seven lengths over a mile, earning a crack at the Mucho Macho Man S. on New Year's Day.

"He got a terrible trip, he was hard to handle, I just looked at it as possibly a throw-out race," Castagnola says. "And so when he entered back in the Holy Bull, that's when I reached out to Gary and just made him aware that, 'Hey, you own the dam of this horse.'

"In the end he scratched that day, because the trainer felt he needed one more work, and kept him for the [GIII] Sam Davis. And he proved correct in making that move."

Did he ever. For this colt is No More Time, who dominated the race throughout at Tampa Bay Downs last Saturday.

"Gary and I had stayed in touch through the week," Castagnola says. "He and his wife were actually on vacation, and he literally walked in the door as they'd run the race. I called him up and told him, and he was almost in disbelief."

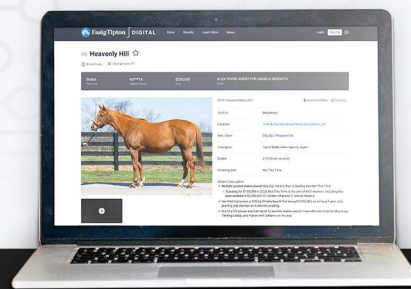
Hemp candidly acknowledges his inexperience with this kind of opportunity, and he's grateful for the counsel he has received. Castagnola laid the options before him.

"You could cash in now," he said. "I can get her supplemented to this Fasig-Tipton digital sale. We have the resources here to execute that late entry and get everything lined up. The second option is maybe to sell 50 percent of the mare, take some chips off the table and stay in for any upside. Or you can just ride it out, breed her back to **Not This Time** and then offer her in November."

Hemp pondered for a couple of days and then decided to strike while the iron was hot. Because, actually, it's even hotter than most people will have realized. For Baroness Juliette's dam counts among her siblings not only the Grade I winner Siphonic but also his full-sister Lady Siphonica, who had surfaced just a week previously as second dam of Mystik Dan, winner of the GIII Southwest S.

"Obviously being by Speightstown out of a Medaglia d'Oro mare, this mare is herself extremely well-bred," Castagnola notes. "But it's always nice to see new activity, and her son not only sits sixth on the Derby points list but is virtually tied with a horse right under her second dam. [Mystik Dan has one point extra, on 21, enough to put him third overall.] So that will give

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two rooting interests for the new owner of this mare.”

Whoever that turns out to be, Castagnola is naturally hoping that Baroness Juliette might return to **Not This Time** this spring.

“And we hope that it turns out that she’d then be carrying a full sibling to a Kentucky Derby winner!” he says.

He emphasizes that **Not This Time** has elevated his fee tenfold to \$150,000 without yet having launched a single runner conceived even at \$40,000.

“This is the only active sire with an Eclipse champion on both dirt and turf,” he remarks. “Yet he’s done it all from his first four crops, all bred at \$15,000 or less. The thing is that he now has both volume and quality. His 2-year-old crop is a really big one, and every year the quality of his mares has just got better and better. Last breeding season, his comparative index was second only to **Gun Runner**. Having done so much with the sort of mares that we just took to try and fill his book, his future is certainly looking very bright.”

Obviously the **Not This Time** team are now in a position to pick and choose his partners.

“And we’re fortunate that, having seen his first four or five crops, we know what kind of mare fits him physically and genetically,” Castagnola says. “Obviously we’re overrun with applications, and we’ve really focused on getting mares that we think will fit him. Our guys do a lot of recruiting, reaching out to people that have the type of mare that we’d like to get him.”

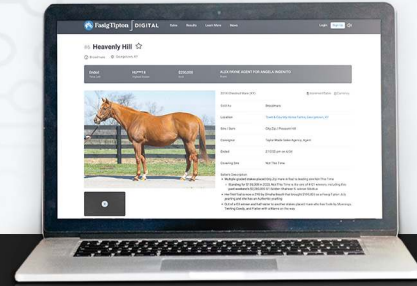
Not This Time could scarcely have made a more auspicious start to the new season, welcoming none other than Goodnight Olive (**Ghostzapper**) for her maiden cover on his first day of trade.

He’s certainly come a long way since the charity cover that has put an Iowa-bred on the Derby trail. Having stumbled into the slipstream of a stallion turning everything to gold, then, Hemp is



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feeling as dazed as he is blessed.

“Everybody’s trying to help me out here, because nothing like this has ever happened to me,” he marvels. “There’s always so much going on with our business here, and I’m getting older, so I can’t keep up with everything. I knew she had an **Outwork** the first time, but when I found out that she had one in a prep race, wow. And then Steve called and said, ‘Well, he not only just ran, he won it.’ I know he’s not mine, but I almost can’t describe the feeling of watching that colt go wire to wire, how it gets your adrenaline going.”

Hemp will have another decision to make with the Mor Spirit colt he acquired in utero.

“I’m considering putting him in a 2-year-old sale,” he admits. “But then again, I raised him and I like the racing, too. I only have one other 2-year-old, a filly by a West Virginia sire called Redirect. And I do like this colt. You never know, he could do pretty well.”

But while Baroness Juliette has introduced him to exciting novelties, Hemp has always been at home with an environment that calls for the same instincts of stockmanship as those that underpin the long survival of the family farm.

“The genetics are a big part of both,” he says. “And you always have to upgrade. That’s why I try to get these broodmares from Kentucky, when I can. You have to keep moving forward. You just sit in one spot, it’ll be done. I’m the fifth generation in our business, and I’ve upped the level of what we sell.

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Having put three daughters through college, Hemp concedes that “not many girls want to be meat carvers,” but his nephew represents a sixth generation in the business. Not that Hemp or his wife are anywhere near quitting, despite each experiencing significant health hurdles in recent times.

“All those years standing on concrete cutting meat, for six, eight hours, plus doing the cattle on the farm, it pretty much wears on you,” Hemp admits. “I got arthritis, and then I had a fall, broke my neck and back and hip. At the hospital they told my wife I would probably never walk again. I had to learn how to do everything. But I’m up and going, I’m lucky. The last time I had my hip done, they said I could go home next day. The guy looked at me and said, ‘You some kind of a freak or something?’ I said, ‘No, I’m just doing what you told me to.’ Because that’s just kind of the way we were raised.”

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If that ethic has underpinned half a century of working life, it has proved no less useful with the Thoroughbreds that have also been on the scene throughout.

“I was doing actually pretty well with them and then COVID came and, boy, I tell you, I came close to throwing the towel in a couple times,” he says. “I’m still struggling to get things turned around, but this mare now might help me pull it out. I don’t know if I deserve it or not, but it’s just really nice being able to experience something like this. It makes you feel like you’ve maybe done a little something correct. My dad was tough. They were all tough, they were hard, they pushed their butts. You

didn't back talk or anything. But he would love this. He'd be very proud."

Castagnola sums it up well. "There's nothing I love more than this kind of story," he says. "First of all, the kind gesture of the Albaugh family in donating the season. As a result, an Iowa breeder made a \$40,000 sale. And then, for Gary and his wife, things have been hard the past couple of years. The racing gods, the universe, however you want to describe the way some things happen in our world, that may not be by chance: I just think it's a beautiful thing. And it couldn't be happening to a nicer guy."

"I'm just a small-town dude trying to do what I can," Hemp says. "I do study the pedigrees a lot. And I'm still trying to learn. But this is all new to me. It's pretty overwhelming. She's a good-looking, well-bred mare. But I guess I just got lucky, if you want to know the truth." He pauses and chuckles. "Some old farm boy got lucky."

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BIDDING OPEN FOR FASIG-TIPTON

FEBRUARY DIGITAL SALE *Edited Press Release*

Fasig-Tipton has catalogued 139 entries for its February Digital Sale, including phase one of the Ruis Racing LLC Dispersal. [Entries may be viewed here](#) and bidding is open now through Tuesday, Feb. 20, beginning at 2 PM ET.

"Fasig-Tipton Digital continues to gather momentum and traction with buyers and sellers, evidenced by the size and quality of this February Digital Sale catalogue," said Leif Aaron, Fasig-Tipton Director of Digital Sales.

The catalogue includes horses of racing, breeding stock, a 2-year-old, and 22 yearlings.

Offerings include several recent winning and stakes-winning horses of racing age, a group of graded-stakes performing broodmare prospects and a current graded stakes producer in the dam of GIII Sam F. Davis winner [No More Time \(Not This Time\)](#).

Covering sires include [Army Mule](#), [Epicenter](#), [Essential Quality](#), [Flameaway](#), [Golden Pal](#), [Mitole](#), and [Not This Time](#).

Also featured in the catalogue are breeding stock and yearlings from Phase One of the Dispersal of Ruis Racing LLC, which are consigned by Taylor Made Sales Agency. The Ruis Racing LLC entries consist of breeding stock and yearlings and all are selling

without reserve.

The dispersal features several mares in foal to Bolt d'Oro, as well as [Hard Spun](#), Lexitonian, and [Mystic Guide](#). Sires of broodmares and broodmare prospects include Bolt d'Oro, Elusive Quality, Harlan's Holiday, Into Mischief, and [Kingman \(GB\)](#).

"Phase One of the Ruis Racing LLC Dispersal adds significant interest to this catalogue," added Aaron. "His program is truly unique in that it is a family operation that bred and trained their own horses and has had tremendous results doing so. Horses were raised and developed with one goal--to win the sport's biggest races."

Phase Two of Ruis Racing LLC's Dispersal will be conducted in Fasig-Tipton's April Digital Sale, and includes horses of racing age, 2-year-olds, and additional yearlings.

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Corporate Power/Second Chances cont. from p1



Corporate Power brought \$925,000 from Courtlandt Farms as a Keeneland September yearling | Keeneland

Three from the back marker and taking plenty of dirt as the highly regarded firster from the Gustavo Delgado barn **Victory Avenue** (Arrogate) and the Todd Pletcher-trained newcomer **Speak Easy (Constitution)** sped through a half mile in :44.61, Corporate Power finally entered the picture advancing along the rail as they approached the top of the stretch.

He continued to make steady progress racing along the fence as Speak Easy kicked clear from the aforementioned 3-2 favorite



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Corporate Power, sporting a white shadow roll, was steered out by Castellano to avoid a tiring rival close to home and kept his mind on business from there--his gallop out past the winner on the clubhouse turn is worth a view of the replay alone--after splitting horses to cross the line 8 1/4 lengths adrift Speak Easy.

Speak Easy, the recipient of a 100 Beyer Speed Figure, defeated Victory Avenue by 1 3/4 lengths at odds of 8-1. It was another 3 3/4 lengths back to second-time starter **Big City (City of Light)**, who chased the top two throughout in third. The final time for seven furlongs was a swift 1:21.96.

Corporate Power earned an 84 Beyer Speed Figure for the effort.

"Those maiden races on those big days are always loaded like that," Courtland Farm Manager Ernie Retamoza said. "We really had a ton of regard for that colt going into the race and probably even a little more coming out of it. Javier (Castellano) was really complimentary about the way that he split horses and took some kickback and kept on and galloped out. We're super excited about him getting to two turns."



Corporate Power reported home fourth behind Speak Easy in a live maiden special weight on Pegasus day | *Coglianes*

Corporate Power's dam Road to Victory, a winner of her first three career starts at two, highlighted by a neck victory over subsequent two-time champion Monomoy Girl (Tapizar) in the GII Golden Rod S., brought \$1.45 million from breeder Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings in foal to **War Front** at the 2019 Fasig-Tipton November sale. Corporate Power's sire the mighty **Curlin** is responsible for 56 graded/group winners worldwide.

Corporate Power brought \$925,000 from Donald Adam's operation on day three of the 2022 Keeneland September Yearling sale. Adam purchased 11 yearlings at the auction for a total of \$8.235 million.

"When we bought him, the purchase price resembles how many people liked the horse," Retamoza said. "We had him ready to run last November--he got himself ready pretty quick--but we ended up not running him up there (in New York) and Shug (McGaughey) said, 'Let's just get him down to Florida.' We didn't run him quite as quick as we thought we might, but nonetheless, here we are and we're really happy with him."

Corporate Power returned to the worktab with a four-furlong breeze in :50.60 (28/34) at Payson Park Feb. 11. He'll make his next start in a route, Retamoza said.

"Shug hasn't shared with us when yet, but it's all systems go to a two-turn spot," Retamoza said. "We're all looking forward to that. It was a great effort to get him started. We're really excited about him."

Courtland Farms and McGaughey also campaign fellow sophomores **Change of Command** (Into Mischief) (\$1.05 million yrl '22 KESEEP), a disappointing 11th in last weekend's GIII Sam F. Davis S. and '**TDN Rising Star**' **Conquest Warrior (City of Light)** (\$1 million yrl '22 KESEEP), who overcame an impossible trip to graduate impressively at second asking Jan. 13. Working bullets since, the latter will make his next start in either an allowance race Feb. 29 or the GII Fountain of Youth S. Mar. 2, per Retamoza.

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The 'Second Chances' Honor Roll is headed by recently crowned Horse of the Year **Cody's Wish** (*Curlin*), fellow two-time Breeders' Cup winner **Golden Pal** (*Uncle Mo*) and GISWs **A Mo Reay** (*Uncle Mo*), **Honor A. P.** (Honor Code), **Locked** (*Gun Runner*), **Paradise Woods** (*Union Rags*) and **Speaker's Corner** (*Street Sense*).

Tipsy Tammy (f, 3, Arrogate), featured in this same space Jan. 26, graduated impressively next out for trainer Phil Bauer at Fair Grounds Feb. 1. Godolphin homebred **Cornishman** (c, 3, *Curlin*), the subject of a **Second Chances** profile Feb. 7, is entered to make his second career start in a maiden special weight on Saturday's *GII Risen Star S.* program.

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SAUDI CUP RUNNERS ARRIVE IN RIYADH FROM JAPAN, U.S. by Alan Carasso



Lemon Pop | Horsephotos/Tomoya Moriuchi

The plane carrying the Japanese contingent to Riyadh for next Saturday's Saudi Cup meeting touched down at King Khalid International Airport, and each of the nation's four entrants for the \$20-million G1 Saudi Cup appear to have taken the flight in good order.

Looking to make it back-to-back successes in the world's richest horse race following the stunning all-the-way victory by Panthalassa (Jpn) (Lord Kanaloa {Jpn}) last February are Japan's champion dirt horse **Lemon Pop** (Lemon Drop Kid); reigning G1 Dubai World Cup winner **Ushba Tesoro** (Jpn) (Orfevre {Jpn}); **Derma Sotogake** (Jpn) (Mind Your Biscuits), last year's G2 UAE Derby hero and runner-up to **White Abarrio** (Race Day) in the GI Breeders' Cup Classic; and the MGSW/MG1SP **Meisho Hario** (Jpn) (Pyro).

Lightly raced for a 6-year-old, with just 14 starts under his belt, Lemon Pop won last year's G1 February S. and ventured overseas for the first time for the G1 Dubai Golden Shaheen. An outpaced 10th behind Sibelius (**Not This Time**), the chestnut successfully stepped up in trip and wired the G1 Champions Cup in his first try over nine furlongs last December. Connections have opted for the path of greater resistance for his seasonal debut a week from Saturday.

"There's going to be plenty of competition there and that nine furlongs will test him now because we're not absolutely sure

SECOND CHANCES HONOR ROLL

- **Cody's Wish** (*Curlin*), Horse of the Year & Ch. Older Dirt Male, 2x GI Breeders' Cup Dirt Mile winner, MGISW, \$3,106,030. *Standing at Darley's Jonabell Farm.
- **Golden Pal** (*Uncle Mo*), 2x Breeders' Cup winner, GISW, \$1,825,131. *Standing at Ashford Stud.
- **Honor A. P.** (Honor Code), GISW, \$532,200. *Standing at Lane's End.
- **Speaker's Corner** (*Street Sense*), GISW, \$739,963. *Standing at Darley's Jonabell Farm.
- **Paradise Woods** (*Union Rags*), MGISW, \$1,123,890.
- **A Mo Reay** (*Uncle Mo*), GISW, \$862,775.
- **Spielberg** (*Union Rags*), GSW & MGISP, \$546,900.
- **Backyard Heaven** (*Tizway*), GSW, \$386,240.
- **Moonlight d'Oro** (*Medaglia d'Oro*), GSW, \$222,670.

CURRENT TOP PERFORMERS

- **Locked** (*Gun Runner*), GISW, \$608,400.
- **Disarm** (*Gun Runner*), GSW & GISP, \$1,000,200.
- **First Mission** (*Street Sense*), GSW, \$489,110.
- **War at Sea** (*War Front*), GSW, \$290,472.
- **Skinner** (*Curlin*), MGISP, \$287,300.
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- **Sheriff Bianco** (Speightster), MSP, \$628,173.

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that's his best distance," Godolphin Japan President Harry Sweeney told the TDN's Emma Berry in a recent interview. "But anyway, the option really is either to stay at home in Japan and run in the February S...or to go abroad and run in the Saudi Cup. So that's what we're doing."

A field of 16 will be drawn Friday for Sunday's February S., a 'Win and You're In' challenge race that offers a berth in the field for the 2024 Breeders' Cup Classic at Del Mar. But while the February does not lack for quantity, the racing calendar dictates that the country's stars are elsewhere.

"In truth, [the Saudi Cup] hurts the February S. a little bit, which is only one of two Grade 1 races in the JRA calendar on dirt," Sweeney opined. So you have horses like Lemon Pop, Ushba Tesoro, Derma Sotogake all going to Saudi. Whereas in a different era they would all run in the February S."

The Japanese have been major players in the brief history of the Saudi Cup races, and their other main chances include defending champion **Bathrat Leon (Jpn)** (Kizuna {Jpn}) in the G2 1351 Turf Sprint; **Forever Young (Jpn)** (Real Steel {Jpn}) in the G3 Saudi Derby; and **Remake (Jpn)** (Lani), who will try to improve on his third-place effort in the G3 Riyadh Dirt Sprint.

The American representatives also touched down in Riyadh late Wednesday evening, including the Saudi Cup-bound White Abarrio, **National Treasure (Quality Road)** and **Saudi Crown**

(Always Dreaming).

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RESOLUTE BLOODSTOCK PURCHASES CARAVEL, TO VISIT FRANKEL IN 2024



John Stewart and Chelsey Stone visit Frankel | courtesy Chelsey Stone

John Stewart's Resolute Bloodstock has purchased 2022 Breeders' Cup Turf Sprint champion **Caravel** (Mizzen Mast) in a

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private sale conducted early in 2024. Resolute's breeding director Chelsey Stone said the 7-year-old mare will visit Juddmonte's champion sire **Frankel (GB)** in 2024.

Bred and initially campaigned and trained by Elizabeth Merryman, Caravel earned nearly \$2 million and amassed 15 career victories. In addition to her Breeders' Cup score, she earned a second Grade I win in the 2023 Jaipur S. In her final career start at the 2023 Breeders' Cup, the mare was campaigned by the ownership group of Qatar Racing, Madaket Stables and Marc Detampel. She then RNA'd for \$2.4 million at the Keeneland November Sale.

"Chelsey and I are were surprised to find out that both Puca (Big Brown) and Caravel had RNA'd," Stewart said. "We ended up purchasing Puca that night and the idea of having Caravel too haunted me all year. After the first of the year when we heard Caravel was going to be at Fasig-Tipton in November of 2024, we reached out and were able to purchase her in a private sale. We couldn't be happier to have her joining the other mares on our farm."

Stone said that Caravel will depart from Resolute Farm in early March to visit **Frankel**. She will be bred back to a stallion in Europe after she foals there and then return to Kentucky next year.

"John and I visited **Frankel** just last week at Juddmonte and we are very excited to send her to him," said Stone. "He's big-boned and the shoulder and hip on him is just so impressive. He's every bit of what he's been hyped up to and we are more than thrilled."

Resolute Farm has also been in the news as of late with the announcement of the retirement of champion female sprinter **Goodnight Olive (Ghostzapper)**, who will visit Taylor Made's **Not This Time** in 2024.

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LAUREN ROBSON SADDLES FIRST WINNER THURSDAY AT GULFSTREAM

Trainer Lauren Robson saddled her first career winner Thursday, bringing a rather extensive resume with her into the Gulfstream Park winner's circle.

"I came over from England in 2004. I worked for various, really good trainers. I was an assistant for Jonathan Sheppard, Wesley Ward and Jerry Hollendorfer," Robson said. "I galloped for Todd Pletcher. I rode many good horses for him. There were other good trainers I worked for also, like Richard Mandella."

Robson saddled Jabran to a 3 1/2-length victory under Hall of Fame jockey John Velazquez in Race 2, a five-furlong maiden claiming event for 3-year-olds on Tapeta.

"I'm really happy Johnny rode him. He's been a longtime friend, he and his wife Leona," Robson said. "It's great to get the




Lauren Robson | Ryan Thompson

first one under my name."

A tragic accident that left her husband, former jockey Rudy Delguidice, paralyzed led Robson into training a small stable at Gulfstream.

"I was in Ocala. We were breaking and training horses, and my



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husband had an accident and broke his neck in July 2022," Robson recalled. "So, we came down here for him to do his rehab, and I thought to myself, 'Well, since I have these couple horses, I just may as well train them myself.'"

Following her first training success on her own, Robson doesn't aspire to build a large stable in the future.

"This is fun for me and my husband. He comes out in the morning to watch the horses train. It keeps him involved," she said. "I'm hoping to get a few more, but I'm not looking to have too many. I'd like to be kind of small and be hands-on, get on my own horses and just do good with what I've got. I'd like young horses. I've learned from some good people. It makes me happy to get the best out of each individual."

Robson owns Jabran, a son of **Munnings**, and co-owns British Empress, a 4-year-old maiden daughter of Classic Empire. Jabran was only Robson's 10 starter dating back to Sept. 30.

"When you only have two horses, it seemed to take a while," Robson said. "I guess if you had 20 horses, it would be a week's worth of runners."

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POPULAR CAL-BRED BRICKYARD RIDE RETIRED

Popular California-bred **Brickyard Ride** (h, 7, Clubhouse Ride--Brickyard Helen, by Southern Image) has been retired at age seven after suffering a minor injury in a workout at Santa Anita late last month, trainer Craig Lewis said.

"It was nothing serious," Lewis said. "But Father Time is catching up with him."

Brickyard Ride won 13-of-31 starts, including eight stakes, and banked \$925,477 for owner-breeder Alfred A. "Sonny" Pais. His resume includes a trio of graded stakes victories--the 2021 GII San Carlos S. and the GIII Kona Gold S. in both 2022 and 2023.



Brickyard Ride | Benoit

Most recently, Brickyard Ride finished second to The Chosen Vron (Vronsky) in the California Cup Sprint Jan. 13.

"He was a fun horse. A fast horse that won a lot of races," Lewis said. "All good things come to an end. It sure was fun while he was here."

Brickyard Ride last week was sent to a farm in nearby Bradbury where he'll remain for the rest of the year.

"He's going to take the year off and then go to stud somewhere next season," Lewis said.

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HORSE INDUSTRY DRIVES HUGE ECONOMIC GAINS ACROSS CALIFORNIA *Edited Press Release*

As California grapples with a budget deficit in the tens of billions of dollars, the horse industry has grown financially for the state over the last five years; responsible for billions of dollars in economic impact and tens of thousands of jobs, according to a report released by the American Horse Council.

In 2023, the equine ecosystem provided a total value of \$11.6 billion to California's economy and a direct contribution of \$6.5 billion to state GDP, according to the report. This marks a significant increase from the American Horse Council's previous report in 2018, which found a total value of \$8.3 billion to the state economy and a direct contribution of \$4.5 billion to state GDP.

Through the care of the state's near-500,000 horses, events and recreation, and the ripple effect on other sectors of the economy, the California equine industry generates 132,496 jobs across the state and directly employs 93,467 workers. Five years ago, those numbers were 115,474 and 77,703, respectively.

Horses remain incredibly popular in the state of California. In total, 30.48% of households--4.1 million in California--have a "horse enthusiast" in their home. No fewer than 220,000 California residents volunteer their time to horses, and the industry generates \$6.2 billion in tourism for California.

"The American Horse Council report confirms what those of us in the industry have always known: Horses hold a special place in the hearts and minds of Californians," said Bill Nader, President and CEO of Thoroughbred Owners of California. "With over 4 million households participating in horse events and activities across the state--38% of whom are under the age of 18--it is clear that the equine industry is more than just an impressive economic driver for the state; it is an integral part of California's culture."

Racing continues to be the greatest contributor to the state in the industry, with a total economic impact of \$2.5 billion and a direct value of \$1.5 billion to California GDP.

"These data points show that the horse industry's contributions to California are enormous--and growing," said

Amy Zimmerman, of the California Horse Power Coalition. "Our commitment to supporting California's economy and workforce, preserving our state's beautiful land, providing therapeutic services to Californians who need it, and caring for the horses we love has never been greater. We look forward to seeing our industry grow and evolve in the years to come."

More information and the 2023 Economic Impact Study can be found on the American Horse Council website:

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SANTA ANITA'S 54TH ANNUAL CHARITY BASKETBALL GAME MONDAY, FEB. 26



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A time honored tradition dating back more than five decades, the 54th annual Santa Anita Jockeys vs. Holy Angels Middle School Charity Basketball Game will be held Monday, Feb. 26 at La Salle High School in Pasadena, Ca. The La Salle High gymnasium will open to the public at 6 p.m. and tip-off is set for 7 p.m. Admission tickets will be available on-site and a \$5 donation will generate proceeds to the Permanently Disabled Jockey Fund (PDJF) and Holy Angels athletics. A distinguished group of Hall of Fame jockeys will be on-hand beginning at 6:30 p.m. to sign posters and other memorabilia courtside.

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CHURCHILL DOWNS TO HOST 2024 CLAIMING CROWN

Churchill Downs will host the 2024 Claiming Crown Nov. 16, the NBPA announced Thursday. The event, held at Fair Grounds last year, will return to Kentucky for the second time in three years. Created in 1999 by the National Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association and the Thoroughbred Owners and Breeders Association, the Claiming Crown provides claiming horses with a multi-race program to spotlight their importance.

"In a year when Churchill Downs celebrates the 150th [GI] Kentucky Derby, we are honored to host the Claiming Crown on center stage in the same historic venue," said TOBA president Dan Metzger.

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BREEDERS' CUP TICKETS ON SALE APR. 22

Tickets for this year's Breeders' Cup World Championships, to be held Nov. 1-2 at Del Mar, will go on sale Apr. 22. Featuring 14 Grade I races and over \$31 million in purses, the 2024 World Championships bring together the world's best horses, jockeys and trainers over two days in Del Mar California. Fans can view ticket information [here](#).

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KEENELAND SPRING MEET TICKETS ON SALE FEB. 20

Tickets for Keeneland's 16-day Spring Meet, which runs Apr. 5-26, go on sale Feb. 20. Headlined by the 100th running of the GI Toyota Blue Grass S., the meet will award more than \$8.1 million in purse money over 19 stakes races. [Tickets can be purchased in advance here](#) and fans are also welcome to tailgate on The Hill without a ticket or reservation. Keeneland will so also host fans for Kentucky Derby Day with general admission and Equestrian Room dining tickets available along with upgraded tailgate packages.

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PA HORSE BREEDERS ASSOCIATION TO HOST 23 STATE-BRED STAKES IN 2024 *Edited Press Release*

The Pennsylvania Horse Breeders Association will run 23 stakes at Pennsylvania tracks throughout 2024, including five for PA-Sired, PA-Bred runners.

Two-year-olds will have added opportunities, as the PA-Sired, PA-Bred Stallion Series returns in its third year with four stakes worth \$400,000. The Series will continue into 2025 with races for 3-year-olds, with a \$50,000 breeder bonus paid out to the top three point-earning horses after the third leg.

The first of 23 stakes with purses of \$100,000 will be run Apr.

22 at Parx Racing: the Unique Bella for fillies and mares, and the Page McKenney H., each at seven furlongs for older horses.

Penn National will host two \$100,000 stakes on its Penn Mile card Friday, May 31--on the turf for older horses.

State-bred stakes action continues at Parx and Presque Isle Downs throughout the summer, with the Pennsylvania Horse Breeders Association's signature event, Pennsylvania's Day at the Races, to be held Aug. 26 at Parx. Four \$100,000 stakes are on the card that celebrates state-bred runners.

Kicking off the PA-Sired, PA-Bred Stallion Series are the Whistle Pig and Miss Blue Tye Dye (the latter for fillies), both worth \$100,000 and run at a distance of six furlongs. They are among the four state-bred stakes offered on Pennsylvania Derby Day Sept. 21 at Parx.

Presque Isle Downs will host five \$100,000 Pennsylvania-bred stakes starting in July and two for juveniles on back-to-back weeks in October. The \$100,000 Shamrock Rose S. for juvenile fillies will once again be run on Thanksgiving Eve at Penn National in November, followed by the \$100,000 Pennsylvania Nursery at Parx one week later.

Over a five-week span at the end of the year, \$400,000 in purses for juveniles is up for grabs as the PA-Sired PA-Bred Stallion Series continues Dec. 30. The \$100,000 Wait For It S. and \$100,000 Miss Behaviour S. (for fillies) will be contested at seven furlongs.

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HORSE RACING WOMEN'S SUMMIT RETURNS TO SANTA ANITA IN 2024

The third annual Horse Racing Women's Summit will be held at Santa Anita Park Sept. 25-26 the group announced Thursday, with satellite events at Keeneland, Saratoga, Del Mar and the 2024 Global Symposium on Racing and Gaming. The HRWS, founded in 2022, brings speakers, networking opportunities and events together from across the horse racing industry.

"Our executive committee and volunteers are working hard to pull together another series of great events across the country in addition to growing the membership and tackling the other priorities identified at the 2023 Summit," said HRWS Chair Stephanie Hronis. "We look forward to fostering opportunities to engage, elevate and invest in women to transform our sport of horse racing."

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2024 THOROUGHBRED MAKEOVER WELCOMES 396 TRAINERS

Three hundred ninety-six trainers have been accepted to the 2024 Thoroughbred Makeover and National Symposium presented by Thoroughbred Charities of America. Announced in a release from the Retired Racehorse Project, the event, a retraining competition for recently retired racehorses and broodmares, will be held Oct. 9-12 in Lexington, KY with over \$100,000 in available prize money across 10 disciplines.


"We sincerely appreciate the time and dedication it takes to transition Thoroughbreds into their next careers," said Executive Director of TCA Erin Halliwell. "We're looking forward to October where we'll see hundreds of Thoroughbreds demonstrating their new skills in many different disciplines."

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CTHS ALBERTA OFFERS NEW 2025 FOAL INCENTIVE AND OPEN MARE PROGRAM

Current Alberta division members of the CTHS with mares that have no foaled in either 2023 or 2024 will be eligible for additional funding per a release from the CTHS. Members will receive \$2,500 if the foal is sired by a stallion standing in Alberta and \$1,500 if sired by an out-of-province stallion. Yearlings from the program will be eligible for the 2026 Alberta Thoroughbred Sale with the cost of sales entry fees covered by the CTHS. Members can visit the [CTHS Alberta website](#) for additional information.

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Saturday, Fair Grounds #14, post time: 7:17 p.m. EST

RISEN STAR S.-GII, \$400,000, 3yo, 1 1/8m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Tizzy Indy	Take Charge Indy	Calumet Farm	Desormeaux	Graham	122
2	Awesome Ruta	Mendelssohn	Tri-Star Racing, LLC & Cimarron TTT Farms LLC	Foster	Murrill	122
3	Honor Marie 🌿	Honor Code	Ribble Farms LLC, Eiserman, Michael H., Silver, Earl I., Fishbein, Kenneth E. and Fishbein, Daniel	Beckman	Bejarano	122
4	Sierra Leone	Gun Runner	Magnier, Mrs. John, Tabor, Michael B., Smith, Derrick, Westerberg, Smith, Brook T. & Brant, Peter	Brown	Gaffalione	122
5	Moonlight	Audible	Town and Country Racing & Madaket Stables LLC	Pletcher	Geroux	122
6	Real Men Violin 🌿	Mendelssohn	Tilted Shamrock Stables	McPeek	Hernandez, Jr.	122
7	Hall of Fame	Gun Runner	Magnier, Mrs. John, Tabor, Michael B., Smith, Derrick, Westerberg, Gandharvi & Smith, Brooke T	Asmussen	Santana, Jr.	122
8	Catching Freedom 🌿	Constitution	Albaugh Family Stables LLC	Cox	Saez	122
9	Cardinale	Speightstown	Stonestreet Stables LLC	Pletcher	Prat	122
10	Resilience	Into Mischief	Bushnell, Emily and Waldman, Ric	Mott	Velazquez	122
11	Track Phantom 🌿	Quality Road	L and N Racing LLC, Brewster, Clark O., Caroom, Jerry and Breeze Easy, LLC	Asmussen	Rosario	122
12	Bee Dancer	Bee Jersey	Charles E. Fipke	Stewart	Lanerie	122

Breeders: 1-Calumet Farm, 2-Brian Levings, 3-Royce Pulliam, 4-Debby M. Oxley, 5-Peter E. Blum Thoroughbreds, LLC, 6-Newtown Anner Stud, 7-Earle I. Mack LLC, 8-WinStar Farm, LLC, 9-Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC, 10-Pam & Martin Wygod, 11-Breeze Easy, LLC, 12-Charles E. Fipke

Saturday, Fair Grounds #13, post time: 6:48 p.m. EST

RACHEL ALEXANDRA S. PRESENTED BY FASIG-TIPTON-GII, \$300,000, 3yo, f, 1 1/16m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Tarifa	Bernardini	Godolphin, LLC	Cox	Prat	122
2	Pennick 🌿	Hard Spun	Ulwelling, Al and Bill	Scherer	Loveberry	122
3	Perfect Shot 🌿	Gun Runner	Whisper Hill Farm, LLC	Asmussen	Rosario	122
4	Intricate 🌿	Gun Runner	Bradley Thoroughbreds, Laura Leigh Stable, Estes, Scott and Cambron Equine, LLC	Walsh	Gaffalione	122
5	Alpine Princess 🌿	Classic Empire	Full of Run Racing II, LLC & Madaket Stables LLC	Cox	Geroux	122
6	V V's Dream 🌿	Mitole	MJM Racing and Magdalena Racing	McPeek	Hernandez, Jr.	122
7	West Omaha	West Coast	Gary and Mary West	Cox	Saez	122

Breeders: 1-Godolphin, 2-Anderson Farms Ont. Inc., 3-Sierra Farm, 4-LBD Stable, LLC, 5-Betz/DJ Stables/Peter V.Lamantia/Classic Empire Syndicate, 6-Mark Stansell, 7-Gary & Mary West Stables, Inc.



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Saturday, Fair Grounds #11, post time: 5:50 p.m. EST**MINESHAFT S. PRESENTED BY RELYNE GI BY HAGYARD-GIII, \$250,000, 4yo/up, 1 1/16m**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Red Route One	Gun Runner	Winchell Thoroughbreds LLC	Asmussen	Rosario	118
2	Hayes Strike	Connect	Dixiana Farms LLC	McPeek	Cohen	118
3	Best Actor 🦄	Flatter	Gary and Mary West	Cox	Prat	120
4	Gasoline	Curlin	Harrell Ventures, LLC and CHC INC.	Pletcher	Velazquez	120
5	Notary 🦄	Street Sense	Antonio Donato	Hernandez	Gutierrez	120
6	Dubuyhnell 🦄	Good Magic	West Paces Racing LLC & Stonestreet Stables	Gargan	Saez	120
7	Money Supply 🦄	Practical Joke	Jordan V. Wycoff	Sharp	Gaffalione	120
8	Happy American 🦄	Runhappy	Neil L. Pessin	Pessin	Loveberry	118
9	Smile Happy 🦄	Runhappy	Lucky Seven Stable	McPeek	Hernandez, Jr.	118

Breeders: 1-Winchell Thoroughbreds, LLC, 2-Dixiana Farms, LLC, 3-E. H. Beau Lane, Gail McMichael Lane, J. B. Lane Orem & Michael Orem, 4-China Horse Club International, LTD., 5-John Gardiner & Frank McEntee, 6-Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC, 7-Jeff Little, Teresa Little, Marilyn Little & William Lynn, 8-Claiborne Farm, 9-Moreau Bloodstock Int'l Inc. & White Bloodstock LLC

Saturday, Laurel #8, post time: 4:02 p.m. EST**BARBARA FRITCHIE S.-GIII, \$200,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 7f**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Last Leaf 🦄	Not This Time	Monarch Stables, Inc.	Kenneally	Cruz	122
2	Prodigy Doll 🦄	Shanghai Bobby	HnR Nothhaft Horse Racing, LLC	Schoenthal	Barbosa	122
3	Freccia d'Argento 🦄	Liam's Map	Lugamo Racing & J R Sanchez Racing Stable	Sanchez-Salomon	Cruz	122
4	Disco Ebo	Weigelia	Cash is King LLC and LC Racing LLC	Reid, Jr.	Pennington	122
5	Apple Picker	Connect	Michael Dubb	Russell	Russell	122
6	Intrepid Daydream	Jess's Dream	Miller Racing LLC	Joseph, Jr.	Toledo	122
7	Bluefield	Field Commission	Edward A. Seltzer	Joseph, Jr.	Rodriguez	122
8	Continentalcongres	Constitution	R. Larry Johnson	Trombetta	Karamanos	122
9	Beneath the Stars	Connect	Team Gaudet, David Bernsen & Susanna Wilson	Gaudet	Lyapustina	122

Breeders: 1-Khalid Mishref Alkahtani, 2-Tolo Thoroughbreds & Michael A. Spirito, 3-Rusty Roberts, 4-St. Omer's Farm, 5-Michael Dubb, 6-Paul L. Fowler, Jr., 7-Ed Pendray & Edward A. Seltzer, 8-R. Larry Johnson, 9-Sparks View Farm LLC

Saturday, Laurel #9, post time: 4:33 p.m. EST**GENERAL GEORGE S.-GIII, \$200,000, 4yo/up, 7f**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	No Cents	Goldcents	de Tomaso, Isabelle and Hope Jones	Lynch	Lopez	122
2	Cowan 🦄	Kantharos	Built Wright Stables, LLC.	Ginter, Jr.	Barbosa	122
3	Post Time	Frosted	Hillwood Stable LLC	Russell	Russell	122
4	Nimitz Class	Munnings	Qatar Racing, Black Type Thoroughbreds, Swinbank Stable, Steve Adkisson & Campeche Stable	Weaver	Toledo	124
5	Seven's Eleven	Bandbox	The Cottonwood Stable LLC	Mancilla	Cruz	122
6	Greeley and Ben	Greeley's Conquest	DEA Thoroughbred Racing LLC	De Paz	Rodriguez	122
7	Tenebris 🦄	Violence	Thoroneck Corp and Floresta	Tessore	Barbosa	122

Breeders: 1-Hope Jones & Isabelle de Tomaso, 2-Hill 'n' Dale Equine Holdings, Inc., 3-Dr. & Mrs. Thomas Bowman, Dr. Brooke Bowman & Milton P. Higgins III, 4-Arrowwood Farm, 5-Cottonwood Stable LLC, 6-Millard R. Seldin Rev. Trust, 7-ERJ Racing, LLC



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Saturday, Fair Grounds #12, post time: 6:19 p.m. EST**FAIR GROUNDS S. PRESENTED BY HORSE RACING NATION-GIII, \$175,000, 4yo/up, 1 1/8mT**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Johnny's Fireball 🌿	Tonalist	AJ Suited Racing Stable, D C Racing & Brilliant Racing	N Casse	Santana, Jr.	120
2	Chasing the Crown	Skipshot	Paradise Farms Corp., Staudacher, David & Carlesimo, Angelo	Maker	Loveberry	118
3	Strong Quality	Quality Road	Barber, Gary and Kinsman Stable	M Casse	Geroux	122
4	Rising Empire 🌿	Empire Maker	Welch, Russell and Leonard, Ran M.	Walsh	Saez	118
5	Palazzi 🌿	Pioneerof the Nile	John C. Oxley	M Casse	Gaffalione	122
6	Duke of Carthania 🌿	Constitution	Yovani Munoz	Munoz	Pedroza, Jr.	118
7	Money Supply 🌿	Practical Joke	Jordan V. Wycoff	Sharp	Ashton	118
8	Camp Hope 🌿	Summer Front	Walking L Thoroughbreds, LLC	McPeek	Hernandez, Jr.	118
9	Harlan Estate 🌿	Kantharos	Graham Grace Stable	Beckman	Cannon	122
10	Beatbox 🌿	Pioneerof the Nile	Comestro, Rob and Ganje, Jeff	DeVaux	Rosario	118
11	Gigante 🌿	Not This Time	Diamond T Racing LLC and Iapetus Racing LLC	Asmussen	Morales	122
12	English Tavern 🌿	English Channel	Romans, Jr., Jerry and Smith, Hamilton A.	Lovell	Torres	120

Breeders: 1-R. S. Evans, 2-Mikhail Yanakov, 3-Kinsman Farm, 4-Gainesway Thoroughbreds LTD., 5-HnR Nothhaft Horseracing LLC & Pioneerof the Nile Syndicate, 6-Machmer Hall, 7-Jeff Little, Teresa Little, Marilyn Little & William Lynn, 8-Bret Jones, 9-Tall Oaks Farm, 10-Three Chimneys Farm, LLC, 11-Ann Mudge Backer & Smitten Farm, 12-Dr. Charles H. Huber & English Channel Co-Owners

Saturday, Gulfstream #11, post time: 5:07 p.m. EST**ROYAL DELTA S.-GIII, \$150,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Soul of an Angel	Atreides	James, Gerald and Hall Performance LLC	James	Lopez	120
2	Maryquitecontrary	First Dude	Rodney G. Lundock	Plesa, Jr.	Panici	120
3	Magical Lute	Maclean's Music	Whitham Thoroughbreds LLC	Wilkes	Egan	118
4	Yuki (Chi)	The Lumber Guy	Haras Lizzie, Inc.	Sanchez	Reyes	120
5	Tizzy in the Sky	Sky Kingdom	KimDon Racing, LLC	Pletcher	Ortiz, Jr.	118
6	Honor D Lady 🌿	Honor Code	Final Furlong Farm and Madaket Stables LLC	Joseph, Jr.	Ortiz	123
7	Rosie's Halo	Jess's Dream	Sean Defreitas	Joseph, Jr.	Castellano	118
8	Opus Forty Two	Mendelssohn	Mark B. Grier	Delacour	Centeno	120
9	Imonra	Violence	Vegso Racing Stable	Joseph, Jr.	Zayas	118
10	Libban	Laoban	C2 Racing Stable LLC and Braverman, Paul	Joseph, Jr.	Gonzalez	118
11	Nostalgic	Medaglia d'Oro	Godolphin, LLC	Mott	Alvarado	120

Breeders: 1-Westbrook Stables, 2-R. G. Lundock, 3-Whitham Thoroughbreds, LLC, 4-Haras Lizzie, 5-Westrock Stables LLC, 6-William Harrigan & Mike Pietrangelo, 7-Colin Mouttet & Paul Mouttet, 8-Rose Hill Farm & John Trumbulovic, 9-Vegso Racing Stable, 10-Southern Equine Stables, LLC, 11-Godolphin

Sunday, Sunland #9, post time: 6:17 p.m. EST**SUNLAND PARK DERBY-GIII, \$400,000, 3yo, 1 1/16m**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	No Trouble 🌿	World of Trouble	Jim Volk	Marr	Tohill	122
2	Surroundedbyangels	Smiling Tiger	Jeremy Ramsland	Hone	Medellin	122
3	Curlin's Kaos	Clubhouse Ride	Zephyr Racing LLC and Pais, Alfred	Garcia	Herrera	122
4	Lucky Jeremy 🌿	Lookin At Lucky	Jeremy Ramsland	Morey	Ramos	122
5	Stronghold	Ghostzapper	Waller, Eric M. and Waller, Sharon	D'Amato	Fresu	122
6	Alotaluck	Sir Prancealot (Ire)	Eleanor Martin	Garrett	Ceballos	122
7	Da Ringo 🌿	Union Rags	Cecil Peters	Gonzalez, Jr.	Juarez, Jr.	122
8	Informed Patriot 🌿	Hard Spun	Robison, J. Kirk and Robison, Judy	Asmussen	Rosario	122

Breeders: 1-Hill 'n' Dale Syndicated Stallions, Inc. & Sheltowee Farm, 2-Willow Tree Farm & G. W. Thomas, 3-James Shenouda & Alfred Pais, 4-Mr. & Mrs. Craig L Minten, 5-Eric Waller & Sharon Waller, 6-Eleanor Martin, 7-WinStar Farm, LLC, 8-Gainesway Thoroughbreds LTD & WhisperHill Farm

2024 Leading Sires Year-to-Date by Starters

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Rank	Stallion	BTW	BTH	GSW	GSH	G1SW	G1SH	Starters	Wnrs	Highest Earner	Earnings
1	Into Mischief (2005) by Harlan's Holiday	5	8	1	2	--	--	193	38	\$120,000	\$2,308,154
				FYR: 2010, Crops: 13		Stands: Spendthrift Farm KY				Fee: 250,000	Three Witches
2	Goldencents (2010) by Into Mischief	1	4	1	2	--	--	154	29	\$418,800	\$1,228,005
				FYR: 2016, Crops: 7		Stands: Spendthrift Farm KY				Fee: 10,000	Mystik Dan
3	Kantharos (2008) by Lion Heart	--	2	--	1	--	--	143	39	\$89,726	\$1,261,255
				FYR: 2012, Crops: 11		Stands: Hill 'n' Dale at Xalapa KY				Fee: 15,000	Shefflin
4	Practical Joke (2014) by Into Mischief	3	6	--	1	--	--	138	26	\$87,750	\$1,376,285
				FYR: 2019, Crops: 4		Stands: Coolmore Ashford KY				Fee: 45,000	Skelly
5	Munnings (2006) by Speightstown	--	2	--	1	--	--	130	22	\$93,525	\$1,081,315
				FYR: 2012, Crops: 11		Stands: Coolmore Ashford KY				Fee: 75,000	Let's Be Clear
6	The Factor (2008) by War Front	--	1	--	--	--	--	120	16	\$126,668	\$807,867
				FYR: 2014, Crops: 9		Stands: Lane's End Farm KY				Fee: 10,000	Sunrise Arion (Jpn)
7	American Pharoah (2012) by Pioneerof the Nile	1	3	--	--	--	--	119	25	\$84,000	\$1,135,343
				FYR: 2017, Crops: 6		Stands: Coolmore Ashford KY				Fee: 50,000	Faithful Ruler
8	Mendelssohn (2015) by Scat Daddy	2	4	1	2	--	--	119	12	\$118,451	\$805,357
				FYR: 2020, Crops: 3		Stands: Coolmore Ashford KY				Fee: 15,000	Mendelssohn Bay
9	Twirling Candy (2007) by Candy Ride (ARG)	1	2	1	1	--	--	117	23	\$90,000	\$990,930
				FYR: 2013, Crops: 10		Stands: Lane's End Farm KY				Fee: 60,000	Walkathon
10	Quality Road (2006) by Elusive Quality	4	8	3	5	1	1	116	18	\$1,719,000	\$2,931,552
				FYR: 2012, Crops: 11		Stands: Lane's End Farm KY				Fee: 200,000	National Treasure
11	Tapiture (2011) by Tapit	1	4	--	--	--	--	116	27	\$158,159	\$1,007,458
				FYR: 2017, Crops: 6		Stands: Darby Dan Farm KY				Fee: 7,500	Nice as Pie
12	Constitution (2011) by Tapit	3	5	--	1	--	--	109	25	\$162,000	\$1,322,002
				FYR: 2017, Crops: 6		Stands: WinStar Farm KY				Fee: 110,000	Catching Freedom
13	Street Sense (2004) by Street Cry (IRE)	2	4	2	2	--	--	109	19	\$217,500	\$1,078,110
				FYR: 2009, Crops: 14		Stands: Darley KY				Fee: 60,000	Comparative
14	Hard Spun (2004) by Danzig	1	3	--	1	--	--	108	13	\$107,401	\$855,733
				FYR: 2009, Crops: 14		Stands: Darley KY				Fee: 35,000	Hardwired
15	Khozan (2012) by Distorted Humor	2	3	1	2	--	--	106	16	\$86,725	\$722,755
				FYR: 2017, Crops: 6		Stands: Journeyman Stud FL				Fee: 6,500	R Harper Rose

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FRIDAY'S RACING INSIGHTS:

By J.N. Campbell



Bored No More (Hip 26) | Fasig-Tipton

FASIG-TIPTON GRAD BY QUALITY ROAD UNVEILED AT GULFSTREAM

8th-GP, \$89K, Msw, 3yo, f, 1mT, 3:37 p.m. ET.

Rich Shermerhorn, a real estate developer and Upstate New York neighbor of trainer Chad Brown, began buying racehorses two years ago. He purchased **BORED NO MORE (Quality Road)** for \$700,000 at the Fasig-Tipton Saratoga Sale, which was the 10th highest yearling sold by that sire in 2022. The Brown trainee counts G3 UAE Oaks victress Nomorerichblondes (**Hard Spun**) as a half-sister, while dam SP Miss Luann (Unbridled's Song) is a full-sister to Catch My Eye, who is responsible for GI Gamely S. winner Maxim Rate (Exchange Rate). **TJCS PPS**

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7th-Santa Anita, \$71,742, Alw (NW2\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$80,000), 2-15, 4yo/up, 6 1/2ft, 1:11.41, fm, 1/2 length.

FIRST PEACE (c, 4, **Funtastic--Peace Opportunity, by Point of Entry)** won Santa Anita's John Shear S. last April, but missed by a nose facing GSW Conclude (**Collected**) in the Desert Code S. the next month. Sent off the 3-1 second choice here, he tracked a longshot down the slope and crossed the dirt like a professional. Full of run down the lane, he fought off favorite and stablemate Beef Winslow (Honor Code) by a half-length. Out of an extended female family including Canadian MGSW/GISP Tower of Texas (**Street Sense**), the winner is his dam's first registered foal. Peace Opportunity is also responsible for a 2-year-old filly by Cloud Computing, a yearling colt by Thousand Words and was bred to **Corniche** for this year. Sales History: \$15,000 Ylg '21 FTKFEB; \$65,000 Ylg '21 FTKOCT; \$75,000 2yo '22 OBSOPN. Lifetime Record: GSP, 8-3-3-1, \$202,700. **Click for the [Equibase.com](#) chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

O-Rancho Temescal, Red Baron's Barn and Rodney Orr; B-Chris Baker & Mullikin Thoroughbreds (KY); T-Mark Glatt.

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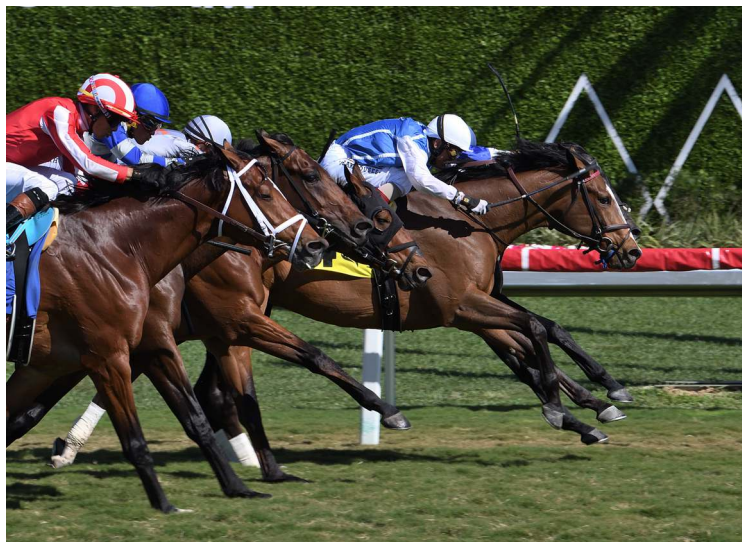
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5th-Gulfstream, \$70,000, Msw, 2-15, 4yo/up, 7 1/2ft, 1:27.75, fm, nose.

PORQUEROLLES (g, 4, Speightstown--Corail, by Indian Charlie), sent off at 11-1 for his debut, was keen early into the first turn, but John Velazquez kept his mount under wraps and just off longshot Kake's Arrow (Arrogate). With plenty of horse left on the far turn, the gelding pulled even with the leader at the top of the lane and surged late to win by a nose. A half-sister to GSW Meteore (Pulpit), the winner's dam is also responsible for unraced 3-year-old Kitco (Kitten's Joy) and 2-year-old colt Charlienite (*Karakontie {Jpn}*). Corail was bred to Fiber Sonde for this spring. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$42,000. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

O/B-Wertheimer et Frere (KY); T-H. Graham Motion.

 ANOTHER TRAVIS DURR GRADUATE



Porquerolles | Lauren King

6th-Fair Grounds, \$57,000, Msw, 2-15, 3yo, 1 1/16mT, 1:43.47, fm, 1/2 length.

PURE POETRY (c, 3, Quality Road--Dickinson {GISW, \$781,316}, by Medaglia d'Oro) was a well-beaten eighth in his career unveiling over the Ellis Park grass last summer. Six and a half months later, the tepid 3-1 choice broke on top and set the tone into the first turn. The homebred slowed the pace to :49.13 for the first half-mile and from the eighth pole, she was able to fend off Rock N Roll Bolt (Bolt d'Oro) to win by a half-length. Pure Poetry is a full-brother to Wadsworth, MSW, \$608,286 in addition to a 2-year-old colt by the Lane's End sire. Out of GI Ashland S. heroine and GI Kentucky Oaks runner-up Little Belle (A.P. Indy), Dickinson produced a filly by *Gun Runner* last year and she visited *Justify* for this season. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$34,200. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

O/B-Godolphin (KY); T-Brad H. Cox.



SECOND-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16

2024 Stud Fees Listed

Audible (Into Mischief), WinStar Farm, \$15,000
261 foals of racing age/28 winners/3 black-type winners
7-Oaklawn, 4:46 p.m. EST, Msw 6f, Braven, 8-1
\$190,000 RNA OBS APR 2yo

Candygram (*Candy Ride {Arg}*)
27 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners
4-Charles Town, 8:32 p.m. EST, Msw 7f, Candy Tricks, 3-1

Catholic Boy (More Than Ready), Claiborne Farm, \$10,000
160 foals of racing age/17 winners/1 black-type winner
6-Turfway, 8:25 p.m. EST, Aoc 1m, Barbratina, 5-2
\$10,000 FTK JUL yrl; \$21,000 FTK FEB yrl

Demarchelier (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}), Claiborne Farm, \$7,500
99 foals of racing age/18 winners/0 black-type winners
3-Golden Gate Fields, 5:44 p.m. EST, Msw 1m, Tennyson Way, 2-1
\$29,000 RNA KEE SEP yrl

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Lost Treasure (Ire) (War Front), Hill 'n' Dale at Xalapa
 19 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners
 5-Turfway, 7:55 p.m. EST, Msw 6 1/2f, Yellow Card, 12-1
 \$19,000 RNA KEE SEP yrl; \$87,000 OBS APR 2yo

Maximus Mischief (Into Mischief), Spendthrift Farm, \$25,000
 231 foals of racing age/37 winners/3 black-type winners
 5-Charles Town, 9:02 p.m. EST, Msw 6 1/2f, Dr Jack Flyer, 5-2
 \$40,000 FTK NOV wnl; \$65,000 KEE SEP yrl

Omaha Beach (War Front), Spendthrift Farm, \$40,000
 291 foals of racing age/29 winners/3 black-type winners
 7-Oaklawn, 4:46 p.m. EST, Msw 6f, Major Mack, 15-1
 \$125,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$95,000 EAS MAY 2yo
 2-Delta Downs, 6:43 p.m. EST, Alw 5f, Prodigy Paradise, 3-1
 5-Turfway, 7:55 p.m. EST, Msw 6 1/2f, Two Beers by Ten, 8-1
 \$110,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$70,000 EAS MAY 2yo

Pavel (Creative Cause), Ocean Breeze Ranch
 29 foals of racing age/5 winners/1 black-type winner
 9-Santa Anita, 7:29 p.m. EST, Aoc 6fT, Recalcitrant, 15-1

St Patrick's Day (Pioneerof the Nile), Journeyman Stud, \$3,500
 90 foals of racing age/11 winners/0 black-type winners
 7-Fair Grounds, 4:45 p.m. EST, Aoc 5 1/2fT, Drewmania, 10-1
 \$55,000 RNA OBS APR 2yo; \$40,000 OBS OPN 2yo

Vino Rosso (Curlin), Spendthrift Farm, \$20,000
 309 foals of racing age/29 winners/2 black-type winners
 6-Turfway, 8:25 p.m. EST, Aoc 1m, Shiloh's Mistress, 2-1
 \$235,000 KEE SEP yrl



IN GREAT BRITAIN:

La Fleur Petrus, f, 3, **Street Boss**. See "Great Britain".

IN QATAR:

Al Shaman, g, 10, **War Front**--Communique (MGSW & MGISP, \$594,841), by Smart Strike. Al Rayyan, 2-15, Thoroughbred Sand Championship (Allowance), 1700m. B-G Watts Humphrey Jr (KY). *\$600,000 Ylg '15 KEESEP. **1/2 to Woodfield Springs (Raven's Pass), GSP, \$137,713; and Media Blitz (**Medaglia d'Oro**), MGSP, \$247,380. **VIDEO (SC 2)**



*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 Kyoto and Tokyo Racecourses. Group 1 racing returns to Japan this weekend with Sunday's running of the G1 February S., whose defending champion Lemon Pop (Lemon Drop Kid) swerves the race in favor of next weekend's G1 Saudi Cup. The co-featured Listed Hyacinth S. is the third of the four races on the Japan Road to the Triple Crown and includes the expensive US-bred 3-year-old filly Pikari (**Twirling Candy**):*

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1st-TOK, ¥10,480,000 (\$70k), Maiden, 3yo, f, 1400m

COLLEVILLE (JPN) (f, 3, Omaha Beach--Tiz a Chick, by Tiznow), who was purchased for \$200,000 in utero by J S Company at the 2020 Keeneland November Sale, is out of an own sister to 2009 GI Demoiselle S. heroine Tizahit, who has since gone on to produce GI Ballerina S. winner Come Dancing (Malibu Moon), GSP So Darn Hot (**Ghostzapper**) and the dam of SW & MGSP Skipalute (**Midnight Lute**). This is also the female family of Tiznow's champion 2-year-old filly Folklore, multiple Eclipse Award winner **Essential Quality (Tapit)** and Japanese Triple Crown winner and Horse of the Year Contrail (Jpn) (Deep Impact {Jpn}). *B-Kazuyoshi Yamagami*

4th-KYO, ¥11,850,000 (\$79k), Newcomers, 3yo, 1800m

KENJO (c, 3, Gun Runner--Be Fair, by Exchange Rate) is a half-brother to 2022 GI Del Mar Debutante S. winner And Tell Me Nolies (Arrogate) whose Grade III-winning and GI Apple Blossom H.-placed dam was purchased for \$35,000 with this colt in utero at the 2021 OBS January Sale. An April foal, Kenjo also made an appearance at OBS, selling for \$200,000 at last year's April Sale, having made \$150,000 as a weanling at Keeneland November in 2021. Be Fair is a half-sister to GISW Macho Again (Macho Uno). *B-Lara Run LLC (KY)*

4th-TOK, ¥11,850,000 (\$79k), Newcomers, 3yo, 1600m

WIDE ETOILE (f, 3, Justify--Overheard, by Macho Uno) is the latest to the races for her dam, a two-time graded winner on the grass for the late Josephine Abercrombie's Pin Oak Stud and trainer Malcolm Pierce. A daughter of SW Whisper To Me (Thunder Gulch) and from the extended family of the Grade I-winning juvenile filly Confessional (Holy Bull), Overheard was purchased by Arch Bloodstock for \$300,000 in foal to **McKinzie**

out of the Pin Oak sale at Fasig-Tipton and produced a colt in 2022 who has since been sent to Russia. Overheard passed away in 2022. *B-The Justify Syndicate & Pin Oak Stud LLC (KY)*

Sunday, February 18, 2024

9th-TOK, Hyacinth S.-Listed, ¥36,200,000 (\$241k), 3yo, 1600m

PIKARI (f, 3, Twirling Candy--Laudation, by Congrats) fetched \$265,000 from Redwings Enterprises at the 2022 Keeneland September Sale before blossoming into a \$900,000 OBS March breeder that was purchased by trainer Hideyuki Mori for owner Susumu Fujita. Placed once from three starts on the grass to begin her career, she switched to the dirt for the first time in her most recent appearance and managed to break her maiden going six furlongs ([video](#), SC 9). She tries a one-turn mile in this spot. Pikari's dam is a daughter of GSW Rite Moment (Vicar), herself responsible for the Group 3-winning '**TDN Rising Star**' Mimi Kakushi (**City of Light**) and dual stakes winner Moment Is Right (**Medaglia d'Oro**). Woods Edge Farm acquired Laudation for \$150,000 with this filly in utero at KEENOV in 2020. *B-Woods Edge Farm LLC (KY)*

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STAKES RESULTS:

WALTER R. CLUER MEMORIAL S., \$60,000, Turf Paradise, 2-15, 4yo/up, 1m, 1:36.28, ft.

1--**REDLINE, 121, g, 5, Texas Red--Guadalupe High (MSW, \$403,098), by Cuvee. 1ST BLACK TYPE WIN.** O-Jeffrey Sengara; B-Wayne Detmar, Gene Voss, Keith Desormeaux & Rose Hill Farm (KY); T-Craig Dollase; J-Assael Espinoza. \$36,000. Lifetime Record: 24-5-6-3, \$254,240. *1/2 to Stella Noir (Stay Thirsty), GSP, \$288,842.

2--**Truth Seeker, 124, g, 8, Into Mischief--For Royalty, by Not For Love.** O-Hole-In-One Racing Stables, LLC; B-WinStar Farm, LLC (KY); T-Rafael S. Barraza. \$11,400.

3--**Tulane Tryst, 120, h, 6, Into Mischief--Desire Street, by Congrats.** (\$310,000 Ylg '19 KEESep; \$125,000 5yo '23 FTKHRA). O-Jeremy Ramsland; B-Machmer Hall (KY); T-Miguel L. Hernandez. \$6,000.

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ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

8th-Turfway, \$72,830, (NW1\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$25,000), 2-14, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/4m (AWT), 2:05.74, ft, 5 1/4 lengths.

TOWER BRIDGE (f, 4, Street Sense--London Mist, by Afleet Alex) Lifetime Record: 6-2-0-0, \$86,036. O/B-John D. Gunther (KY); T-Cherie DeVaux. *\$65,000 RNA Ylg '21 KEESEP. **1/2 to Dancing Belle (**First Samurai**), GSP, \$216,055.

Hidden Brook Florida Graduate

5th-Santa Anita, \$68,000, (S), (NW1\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$20,000), 2-15, 4yo/up, f/m, 1mT, 1:35.66, fm, neck.

RUFF RIDE (f, 4, Clubhouse Ride--Oscillator, by Decarchy) Lifetime Record: 10-4-0-2, \$173,140. O/B-Six-S Racing Stable (CA); T-Craig Anthony Lewis.

8th-Fair Grounds, \$58,000, 2-15, (NW1X), 4yo/up, f/m, 1mT, 1:36.94, fm, 1 1/4 lengths.

PAINT ME PERFECT (f, 4, Munnings--Kabella {SW}, by Kitten's Joy) Lifetime Record: 12-2-2-2, \$100,676. O/B-Robert Low & Lawana Low (KY); T-Steve Margolis. *\$92,000 RNA Ylg '21 KEESEP; \$195,000 RNA 2yo '22 OBSMAR.

6th-Turfway, \$54,800, (C)/Opt. Clm (\$50,000), 2-14, 3yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2f (AWT), 1:18.31, ft, 1/2 length.

PURR SEA (m, 5, Midshipman--Kitty's Castle, by Cashel Castle) Lifetime Record: MSP, 15-6-2-3, \$205,575. O/B-S.D. Brilie (IL); T-Michele Boyce. *1/2 to Cat Attack (Get Stormy), MSP, \$198,691.

4th-Sunland, \$39,000, (S), 2-15, (NW2L), 3yo, f, 5 1/2f, 1:04.88, ft, 5 3/4 lengths.

STORM IN THE VALLE (f, 3, Attila's Storm--Super Sister, by Your Eminence) Lifetime Record: 6-2-0-1, \$52,625. O/B-Wesley Gray & Glenda Gray (NM); T-Simon J. Buechler. *Full to Waltzing Attila, MSW, \$458,334; 1/2 to Mindofmyown (Diligent Prospect), SW, \$184,256.

1st-Penn National, \$35,000, 2-14, (NW1X), 3yo, 5 1/2f, 1:04.07, gd, 1/2 length.

I KNOW MAP (g, 3, Street Boss--Ima Three Blinger {MSP}, by Too Much Bling) Lifetime Record: 4-2-1-0, \$45,380. O-Ultra Championship Racing LLC; B-Forever Spring Farm (KY); T-Michael W. Salvaggio, Jr. *1/2 to Ima Discreet Lady (Discreet Cat), MSW, \$700,670.

7th-Mahoning Valley, \$27,500, 2-15, (NW4L), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:13.85, ft, 2 lengths.

CENTSOFWANDER (g, 6, Goldencents--Well Traveled, by Perfect Soul {Ire}) Lifetime Record: 34-4-5-9, \$118,642.

O-Teresa K. Fisher and James Fisher; B-RGP Ocala Holdings LLC. (KY); T-Candace M. Huffman. *\$32,000 RNA Ylg '19 OBSWIN; \$32,000 RNA Ylg '19 KEESEP; \$30,000 RNA 2yo '20 OBSAPR; \$26,000 RNA 2yo '20 OBSOPN.

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2nd-Mahoning Valley, \$25,900, 2-15, (NW2L), 3yo, 6f, 1:15.38, ft, 4 1/4 lengths.

(DH) LUCKY COUGAR (f, 3, Madefromlucky--Another Cougar, by With Distinction) Lifetime Record: 8-2-0-3, \$51,675. O-Jason DaCosta and Calypso Stable; B-Maria Haire (MD); T-Jason DaCosta. *\$6,000 Wlg '21 FTIDEC; \$27,000 Ylg '22 EASOCT.

(DH) DESTINO (g, 3, Mastery--Pinchbeck, by Mineshaft) Lifetime Record: 9-2-0-0, \$30,630. O-N and E Racing Stables; B-Elm Tree Farm, LLC (KY); T-Saul M. Morales.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Belle Epoque, f, 3, **Audible**--Yankee Victoria (SP, \$193,510), by Yankee Victor. Santa Anita, 2-15, (C), 5 1/2f, 1:05.25. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-0, \$25,500. B-Crawford Farms (KY). *\$17,000 Ylg '22 KEEJAN; \$82,000 Ylg '22 FTKOCT; \$47,000 RNA 2yo '23 EASMAY; \$47,000 RNA 2yo '23 FTJUNE. **1/2 to Shang Shang Shang (Shanghai Bobby), GSW-Eng, \$103,380.

Two by Four, g, 3, **Clubhouse Ride**--Sausalito Sunset, by Slew's Tiznow. Santa Anita, 2-15, (S), 6 1/2f, 1:17.40. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$52,000. B-Legacy Ranch, Inc. (CA).

Sweet Gal of Mine, f, 3, **Dialed In**--So Sweetitiz (MSW, \$180,480), by Grand Slam. Turfway, 2-14, 6 1/2f (AWT), 1:17.84. Lifetime Record: 4-1-2-1, \$95,191. B-Pamela Cee Ziebarth (KY). *1/2 to Sweet Azteca (Sharp Azteca), GSP, \$121,200.

Overnight Pow Wow, f, 3, **Fiber Sonde**--Holy Pow Wow, by Indian Charlie. Charles Town, 2-14, (S), 4 1/2f, :53.29. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$15,819. B-John McKee (WV). *Full to Muad'dib, MSW & GSP, \$916,178 and Late Night Pow Wow, MGSW & GISP, \$700,400. **1ST-TIME STARTER.

TODAY'S FEATURED REPLAY



Pure Poetry (by *Quality Road*) wires the field over the turf in the sixth race at Fair Grounds
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Big Pop, f, 3, **Mr. Big**--Propero, by Yes It's True. Santa Anita, 2-15, (S), 6f, 1:12.31. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$39,000. B-George Krikorian (KY). *\$75,000 Ylg '22 FTCA YR. **1ST-TIME STARTER.

Big Rainbow, f, 3, **Mr. Big**--Twin Spirit, by Yankee Gentleman. Santa Anita, 2-15, (S), (C), 6f, 1:12.47. Lifetime Record: 8-1-3-1, \$55,800. B-George Krikorian (KY). *\$3,000 Ylg '22 CTBAJA.

Youthful Energy, g, 3, **Unbridled Energy**--Conquest Ms **Curlin**, by **Curlin**. Charles Town, 2-14, (S), 4 1/2f, :52.92. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-1, \$17,520. B-Williams Racing Corp (WV).

La Macchina Rossa, f, 3, **Vino Rosso**--Katie Lane (Ire), by **Quality Road**. Charles Town, 2-14, 6 1/2f, 1:21.52. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-0, \$17,377. B-Oak Lodge Bloodstock (KY). *\$52,000 Ylg '22 KEEJAN; \$63,000 2yo '23 EASMA Y.

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Jodhpur, g, 3, **William's Kitten**--Lil Egypt, by War Chant. Mahoning Valley, 2-15, (S), 6f, 1:16.56. Lifetime Record: 4-1-1-0, \$26,538. B-Western Ebony, LLC (OH).

Let Em Rip, g, 4, **Fusaichi Zenon (Jpn)**--Bella Anatola (SP), by Eskendereya. Sunland, 2-15, (S), 6 1/2f, 1:20.00. Lifetime Record: 9-1-2-1, \$42,524. B-Dilly Dilly Racing (NM).

Reason to Dream, g, 4, **Old Forester**--Dreamy Moonlite (MSP, \$256,011), by Dance to Destiny. Fair Grounds, 2-15, 6f, 1:10.46. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-0, \$34,566. B-CamHaven Farms (ON). *C\$12,000 RNA Ylg '21 CANN OV.

Kaye, f, 4, **Proceed**--Dawn Is Affirmed (SP), by Shooter. Sunland, 2-15, (S), 6f, 1:12.15. Lifetime Record: 4-1-1-0, \$28,796. B-Teresa Kaye Marr (NM).

Islandinthestream, f, 4, **Quality Road**--Colorful Charades (GISP), by Discreet Cat. Mahoning Valley, 2-15, 1m, 1:44.30. Lifetime Record: 7-1-1-0, \$27,116. B-Woodford Thoroughbreds, LLC (KY). *\$185,000 RNA Ylg '21 KEESEP; \$15,000 3yo '23 KEENOV.

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Victor. MCL, 2-15, Santa Anita

Clubhouse Ride, Ruff Ride, f, 4, o/o Oscillator, by Decarchy. AOC, 2-15, Santa Anita

Clubhouse Ride, Two by Four, g, 3, o/o Sausalito Sunset, by Slew's Tiznow. MSW, 2-15, Santa Anita

Dialed In, Sweet Gal of Mine, f, 3, o/o So Sweetitiz, by Grand Slam. MSW, 2-14, Turfway

Fiber Sonde, Overnight Pow Wow, f, 3, o/o Holy Pow Wow, by Indian Charlie. MSW, 2-14, Charles Town

Funtastic, First Peace, c, 4, o/o Peace Opportunity, by Point of Entry. AOC, 2-15, Santa Anita

Fusaichi Zenon (Jpn), Let Em Rip, g, 4, o/o Bella Anatola, by Eskendereya. MSW, 2-15, Sunland

Goldencents, Centsofwander, g, 6, o/o Well Traveled, by Perfect Soul (Ire). ALW, 2-15, Mahoning Valley

Madefromlucky, Lucky Cougar, f, 3, o/o Another Cougar, by With Distinction. ALW, 2-15, Mahoning Valley

Mastery, Destino, g, 3, o/o Pinchbeck, by **Mineshaft**. ALW, 2-15, Mahoning Valley

Midshipman, Purr Sea, m, 5, o/o Kitty's Castle, by Cashel Castle. AOC, 2-14, Turfway

Mr. Big, Big Pop, f, 3, o/o Propero, by Yes It's True. MSW, 2-15, Santa Anita

Mr. Big, Big Rainbow, f, 3, o/o Twin Spirit, by Yankee Gentleman. MCL, 2-15, Santa Anita

Munnings, Paint Me Perfect, f, 4, o/o Kabella, by Kitten's Joy. ALW, 2-15, Fair Grounds

Old Forester, Reason to Dream, g, 4, o/o Dreamy Moonlite, by Dance to Destiny. MSW, 2-15, Fair Grounds

Proceed, Kaye, f, 4, o/o Dawn Is Affirmed, by Shooter. MSW, 2-15, Sunland

Quality Road, Islandinthestream, f, 4, o/o Colorful Charades, by Discreet Cat. MSW, 2-15, Mahoning Valley

Quality Road, Pure Poetry, c, 3, o/o Dickinson, by **Medaglia d'Oro**. MSW, 2-15, Fair Grounds

Speightstown, Porquerolles, g, 4, o/o Corail, by Indian Charlie. MSW, 2-15, Gulfstream

Street Boss, I Know Map, g, 3, o/o Ima Three Blinger, by Too Much Bling. ALW, 2-14, Penn National

Street Sense, Tower Bridge, f, 4, o/o London Mist, by Afleet Alex. AOC, 2-14, Turfway

Texas Red, Redline, g, 5, o/o Guadalupe High, by Cuvee. Walter R. Cluer Memorial S., 2-15, Turf Paradise

Unbridled Energy, Youthful Energy, g, 3, o/o Conquest Ms **Curlin**, by **Curlin**. MSW, 2-14, Charles Town

Vino Rosso, La Macchina Rossa, f, 3, o/o Katie Lane (Ire), by **Quality Road**. MSW, 2-14, Charles Town

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