

## CLASSIC HOPE VESPERTILIO PUT FORWARD TO FILL JANNAH ROSE VOID BY AL SHIRA'AA



Vespertilio | [Racingfotos.com](https://www.racingfotos.com)

by Brian Sheerin

Al Shira'aa boss Kieran Lalor has admitted that it will be hard to top last season's achievements in winning the G1 Prix Saint-Alary with Jannah Rose (Ire) but nominated the Willie McCreery-trained Group 2 scorer Vespertilio (Fr) (Night Of Thunder {Ire}) as being the operation's best chance of delivering big-race riches in 2024.

Meanwhile, the decision has been made to retire the powerful owner-breeder's flagship performer Jannah Rose, with a visit to superstar stallion Dubawi (Ire) pencilled in for the four-year-old this spring.

Lalor explained how retiring the Group 1-winning daughter of Frankel (GB) became one of the most difficult decisions he has faced as racing and bloodstock manager at Al Shira'aa but said the outfit still has so much to look forward to on the racetrack this season with Vespertilio primed to lead the team into battle.

He said, "Jannah Rose has been retired. We made that decision in mid-January and I tell you, it was one of the most difficult decisions I have ever had to make."

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## A DUBAWI FILLY FOR ARC HEROINE ALPINISTA

Kirsten Rausing's G1 Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe winner **Alpinista (GB)** (Frankel {GB}) has produced her first foal, a filly by Dubawi (Ire).

A fourth-generation Lanwades homebred, Alpinista, who is out of the Listed-winning Hernando (Fr) mare Alwilda (GB), herself a daughter of the treble Group 1 winner Albanova (GB) (Alzao), won six Group 1 races during her four seasons in training with Sir Mark Prescott in Newmarket.

Rausing said, "Following family tradition, the daughter of the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe winner is a grey - all females in her family going back to [twelfth dam] Lady Josephine having been of that coat colour."

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## IN TDN AMERICA TODAY

### FROM NEW ORLEANS TO KENTUCKY: SIERRA LEONE SPLASHES INTO DERBY RELEVANCE

The 'TDN Rising Star' checked off quite a few boxes on his GI Kentucky Derby development chart with a half-length score in the GII Risen Star at Fair Grounds. T. D. Thornton highlights the son of **Gun Runner** in his Week in Review.

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Mrs. John Magnier, Michael B. Tabor, Derrick Smith, Westerberg, Brook T. Smith and Peter M. Brant's Sierra Leone winning the GII Risen Star S. on Saturday. The son of **Gun Runner** was purchased at Fasig-Tipton Saratoga for \$2.3 million.

**Replay.** | Hodges Photography

**WELL-BRED VIGATATA STRIKES AT FIRST ASKING 5**

The daughter of Sea The Moon, out of a full-sister to a pair of Group 1 scorers, posted a comfortable three-length verdict at Pau.

**PEPTIDE NILE EARNS BREEDERS' CUP BERTH 5**

The G1 February S. presented a golden opportunity with a trip to the GI Breeders' Cup Classic on the line, and Peptide Nile proved not for catching in the upset effort. Alan Carasso reports.

**SUPERSTAR VERRY ELLEEGANT DIES 7**

Conditioner Chris Waller took to social media late Sunday evening to announce the passing of Australasian Horse of the Year Verry Elleegant from foaling complications.

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### Vespertilio, cont. from p1

"Generally speaking, our fillies race on as four- and five-year-olds if they are sound but, aside from Mutamakina (GB) (Nathaniel {Ire}), she's our only Group 1 winner and is very important to us."

"Not only that, but Dubawi is not getting any younger so we thought it was the right time to retire her. She's our first European Group 1 winner and has a very exciting future as a broodmare."

Casting his mind back to that Saint-Alary victory, Lalor simply said, "Unbelievable. A day I will never forget. The fact that it was her first Group 1, it was very, very exciting. I remember being in Toronto for Mutamakina's EP Taylor. I was on my own and there wasn't another soul in the place because it took place during Covid. So, while that was our first Grade I, it was quite a lonesome celebration. We had some celebration after the Saint-Alary, though."

Vespertilio showed rare brilliance when coming from last to first in the matter of a few seconds to win the G2 Debutante S. at the Curragh last season. McCreery's ace performer followed up on that victory with a game second to Fallen Angel (GB) (Too Darn Hot {GB}) in the G1 Moyglare S. at the Irish Champions Festival, with the pair pulling well clear of their challengers.

Lalor says that he is optimistic that Vespertilio can confirm herself a top-notch filly in the making this season and nominated the Irish 1,000 Guineas as her most likely destination before explaining why she may not need a prep for the race.

He said, "The way she won the Debutante was extremely impressive. She was so relaxed at the rear of the field and, without being insulting, made everything else in the race appear ordinary by the way that she quickened up past them in the finish."

Lalor added, "She's so chilled out. Even in her training, she just drops her head and trucks along--she wouldn't jump out at you in her training. That's why we think she could go straight to a Guineas rather than taking in a trial. It will be ground depending. I think she likes a bit of fast ground, at least a bit of good anyway, so she could go straight to either the French or the Irish 1,000 Guineas.

"She's obviously French-bred so there's definitely an attraction to that. But on the other hand, she loves the Curragh, and that



**Kieran Lalor with Jannah Rose's breeder John Hayes at Longchamp**

*Emma Berry*

would appear to be her main target at the moment. You know, that would be a safer bet as it's on home soil and it's essentially a trip across the road compared to travelling over to France."

It is not the policy of the powerful owner-breeder Sheikhha Fatima bint Hazza bin Zayed Al Nahyan to race the colts that come through the system but, when Atlantic Coast (Ire) (Kodiac {GB}) kicked a wall and was therefore forced to miss the Goffs Orby Sale in 2022, he was put into training with Joseph O'Brien. It has turned out to be for luck with the dual winner, including at Group 3 level, on course to take in the Irish or French 2,000 Guineas this season.

Lalor said, "Atlantic Coast is doing great. He ran very well on Irish Champions Weekend when third behind Diego Velazquez (Ire) (Frankel {GB}), who could be anything, before winning the

Group 3 Killavullan Stakes at Leopardstown. We're looking at either the French or Irish 2,000 Guineas and he can handle a bit of cut in the ground. He'll probably go for a prep beforehand."

High-class older filly Ocean Jewel (Ire) (Sioux Nation) looks set to be on her travels, with top-flight races in America pencilled in for the Group 3 winner, with Lalor explaining that there are 13 two-year-olds that will be added to the system this year.

He said, "Ocean Jewel could run on the opening day at the Curragh but Willie and I have spoken about racing her in America where you are guaranteed nice ground. She's developed into a lovely filly and is from a very good family. I think she will get the mile pretty easily and we'd love to win a Group 1 with her."

On the youngsters, he added, "We have 13 two-year-olds and shopped the sales pretty hard last year. It was a very difficult sales season and we might have ended the year as the champion underbidder! We bought five lovely fillies who will add to the nice group of homebreds that we will be putting into training. We're trying mostly to focus on those Classic types and, while we haven't picked trainers for the youngsters yet, we have some lovely types.

"We have the American Pharoah half-sister to Onesto (Ire), the Wootton Bassett (GB) out of a sister to Saxon Warrior (Jpn), the Siyouni (Fr) half-sister to Al Husn (Ire) (Dubawi {Ire}) and the Sea The Stars (Ire) filly out of Jumooch (GB) (Monsun {Ger}) and then we have a blast of our own homebreds who we are very excited about as well." **Cont.**



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Al Shira'aa has quickly established itself as a leading international player. The modus operandi is quality over quantity and, in a week where a host of Classic plans have been hatched for some of the less-exposed fillies in training in France and decisions made to send some of the more ground-dependant runners to continue their careers stateside, there seems to be unparalleled levels of excitement building for the upcoming campaign even in the absence of the star performer Jannah Rose.

Lalor said, "We've Saadiyat (Ire), a lovely Lope De Vega (Ire) filly who is a sister to Broome (Ire), Point Lonsdale (Ire) and Diego Velazquez, who was with Carlos Laffon-Parias last year. She is going to head out to America this year to Christophe Clement. Foxtrot Zulu (Ire), a **Saxon Warrior** half-sister to Going Global (Ire) (Mehmas {Ire}), is going to join Christophe as well. I think they will prefer the ground out there."

He added, "And then we have Rumi's sister Jannah Pearl (Fr) (Galileo {Ire}) who is entered for the French Oaks. She is yet to run but we're not too far away with her. The **Siyouni (Fr)** half-sister to Native Trail (GB), named Native Pearl (Fr), is actually a very good filly. We ran her once last year on bottomless ground and that was a mistake. She is a much better filly than that and will be entered in the French 1,000 Guineas and the French Oaks."

"A filly we have a lot of hope for this year is [Waldgeist's half-sister] Caelestis (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}). She's a filly who has just taken a bit of time mentally but she's won her maiden we're hoping for some good black-type from her this year. It's going to be very hard to match the achievements of last year but God loves a dreamer."

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### Alpinista, cont. from p1



Alpinista and her Dubawi filly | Lanwades

She continued, "I had been hoping for the mare to produce a filly, so I'm obviously thrilled and very grateful to Alpinista, who, as usual, can do no wrong."

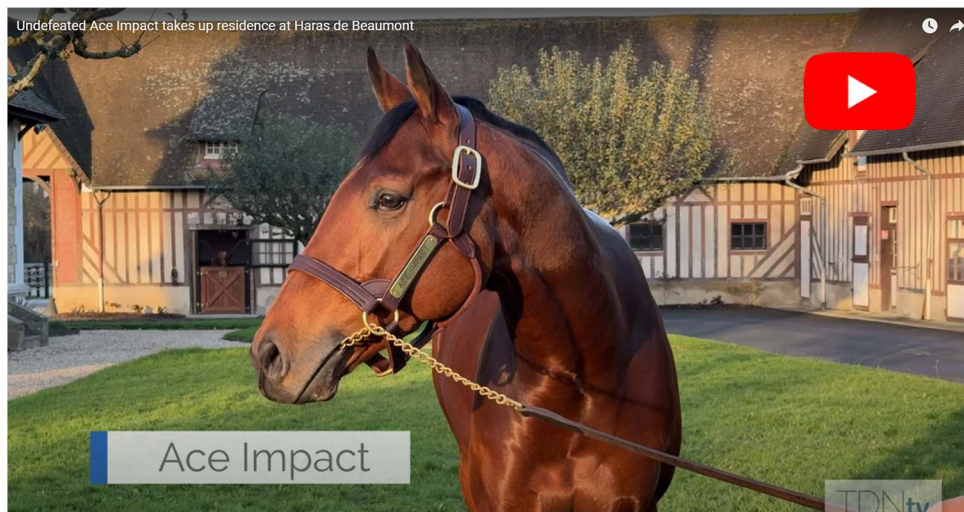
Alpinista is set to visit **Siyouni (Fr)** at the Aga Khan Studs' Haras de Bonneval in Normandy in her second season.

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## BRITAIN

### Sunday's Results:

**4th-Kempton, £16,000, Mdn, 2-18, 3yo/up, 6f (AWT), 1:13.49, st/sl.**

**SEE YOU TONIGHT (GB) (f, 3, Siyouni {Fr}--Moonlit Garden {Ire} {MSP-Ire}, by Exceed And Excel {Aus}),** fourth on her sole start over six furlongs at Wolverhampton in November, raced enthusiastically behind the leader throughout the early stages. Sent to the front a furlong from home, the 11-1 shot readily asserted to score comfortably by half a length from Arctic Dawn (GB) (Blue Point {Ire}). The triple listed-placed dam has already produced the G3 Cornwallis S.-placed Mokaatil (GB) (Lethal Force {Ire}) and the dual listed-placed Dan (GB) (Slade Power {Ire}). Her yearling colt is by Too Darn Hot (GB). Sales history: 160,000gns Ylg '22 TATOCT. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$11,408. O-Mrs A M Swinburn; B-Biddestone Stud Ltd (GB); T-James Fanshawe.

### ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

**Roberto Caro (Ire), g, 3, Inns Of Court (Ire)--Bett's Gift (GB),** by Teofilo (Ire). Kempton, 2-18, 7f (AWT), 1:26.39. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$11,433. B-J McGlynn & C Lyons (IRE). \*€13,000 Ylg '22 GOFFEB.

## FRANCE

### Sunday's Results:

**3rd-Pau, €21,000, Debutantes, 2-18, 3yo, 10f (AWT), 2:07.40, st.**

**VIGATATA (FR) (f, 3, Sea The Moon {Ger}--Abys {Fr} {SP-Fr & Ger}, by Montjeu {Ire}),** sent off at 6-1, was green initially in mid-pack. Angled wide at the top of the straight, the grey was in command a furlong out en route to a three-length verdict over Nonancourt (Fr) (Cracksman {GB}). The dam, who has produced the listed-placed Suffrage (Fr) (Mastercraftsman {Ire}), is a full-sister to the G1 Prix Ganay hero Corre Caminos (Fr) and the G1 Criterium de Saint-Cloud scorer Recital (Fr) and a half to the multiple group-winning sire Racer (Fr) (Spectrum {Ire}). Also connected to the GI Beverly D. S. heroine Dalika (Ger) (Pastorius {Ger}), her 2-year-old full-sister to the winner named Sea The Aurora (Fr) was a €22,000 purchase by Janda Bloodstock at Arqana Deauville October. Sales history: €240,000 Ylg '22 ARQAUG. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, €10,500. **Video, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

O-George Strawbridge; B-E Puerari, Herald Bloodstock Ltd & Ecurie du Parc Monceau (FR); T-Francois Rohaut.

**1st-Nimes, €14,000, Debutantes, 2-18, 3yo, 9 1/2fT, 2:05.90, sf.**

**L'HOTELLERIE (IRE) (f, 3, Almanzor {Fr}--La Hoguette {Fr} {MSW & G1SP-Fr, \$222,694}, by Le Havre {Ire}),** keen initially, settled behind the leading duo. Swamping Il Capo (Fr) (Ectot {GB}) a furlong out, the the homebred drew away for a commanding three-length success. The dual listed-winning dam, who was third in the G1 Prix Jean Prat, also has a yearling filly by De Treville (GB) named Herouvillette (Fr). Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, €7,000. **Video, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

O-Gerard Augustin-Normand; B-Franklin Finance S.A. (IRE); T-Jerome Reynier.

## WORLDWIDE NEWS

### PEPTIDE NILE EARNS BREEDERS' CUP BERTH WITH FEBRUARY SUPRRISE *by Alan Carasso*



Peptide Nile | JRA/Yukio Shimono

With the cream of the Japanese dirt crop readying for next weekend's G1 Saudi Cup, Sunday's G1 February S. presented a golden opportunity for gallopers perhaps just a cut below the very best to shine, with a trip to the GI Breeders' Cup Classic on the line. When the dust had settled, the majority of the market leaders faltered and it was the unheralded **Peptide Nile (Jpn)** (King Kamehameha {Jpn}) that proved the chief beneficiary at boxcar odds.

Away cleanly from stall nine, Peptide Nile raced prominently through the early stages as the hulking **Don Frankie (Jpn)** (Daiwa Major {Jpn})--a son of dual Grade I-winning juvenile filly Weemissfrankie (Sunriver)--led from 29-10 second favorite **Wilson Tesoro (Jpn)** (Kitsan Black {Jpn}). **Cont.**



Tracking four wide on the turn while traveling well within himself, Peptide Nile was held together into the long straight and went up to challenge Don Frankie for the lead about five off the inside with a bit more than 200 metres to travel. Wilson Tesoro was still plugging away between the two of them, but Peptide Nile proved not for catching from there and scored comfortably in the finish. **Gaia Force (Jpn)** (Kitasan Black {Jpn}) ran home gamely for second in his first go on the dirt, while **Sekifu (Jpn)** (Henny Hughes) came from well back to win a photo for third. Wilson Tesoro faded to eighth, while the unexposed **Omega Guinness (Jpn)** (Logotype {Jpn}) beat just two home as the 21-10 chalk.

“The pace was tough, but he ran a great race,” said jockey Yusuke Fujioka, winning his second Group 1 on the JRA. “We were able to sit in a better position than expected, but I didn’t imagine he would take over the lead that early and that easily. The wire seemed very far today. His last start didn’t turn out as hoped, but as long as he’s able to run in good rhythm as he did today, I’m sure we can look forward to solid performances in the future.”

**Pedigree Notes:**

A member of the third-last crop of the outstanding King Kamehameha, Peptide Nile is one of 100 of his black-type

winner and became the 68th to strike at group level. He is a 15th elite-level winner for King Kamehameha and fourth of those on the dirt, joining Hokko Tarumae (Jpn), Chuwa Wizard (Jpn) and Jun Light Bolt (Jpn).

Queen Olive has a 3-year-old filly by King Kamehameha's G1 Tokyo Yushun (Japanese Derby)-winning son Rey de Oro (Jpn) and a yearling colt by top dirt sire Sinister Minister. She is due to Drefong this term.



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1st Dam: Queen Olive (Jpn), by Manhattan Cafe (Jpn)

2nd Dam: Olive Branch (Jpn), by Machiavellian

3rd Dam: Sopranino, by Theatrical (Ire)

**1ST GROUP WIN, 1ST GROUP 1 WIN.** O-Kazuhiko Numakawa; B-Kineusu Farm; T-Hidenori Take; J-Yusuke Fujioka; ¥123,612,000. Lifetime Record: 20-8-1-1, ¥262,596,000. **Werk Nick Rating: A+++ \*Triple Plus\***. Click for the **eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree** or the **free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree**.



Peptide Nile and jockey Yusuke Fujioka | Horsephotos

2--**Gaia Force (Jpn)**, 128, h, 5, Kitan Black (Jpn)--Natale (Jpn), by Kurofune. **1ST GROUP 1 BLACK-TYPE.** (¥30,000,000 Wlg '19 JRHAJUL). O-KR Japan; B-Oiwake Farm; T-Haruki Saugiyama; J-Yoshihito Nagaoka; ¥49,032,000.

3--**Sekifu (Jpn)**, 128, h, 5, Henny Hughes--Siyabona, by Kingmambo. **1ST GROUP 1 BLACK-TYPE.** O-Akira Nakatsujii; B-Bamboo Farm; T-Koshiro Take; J-Yutaka Take; ¥30,516,000.

Margins: 1 1/4, NK, NO. Odds: 37.00, 12.00, 47.20.

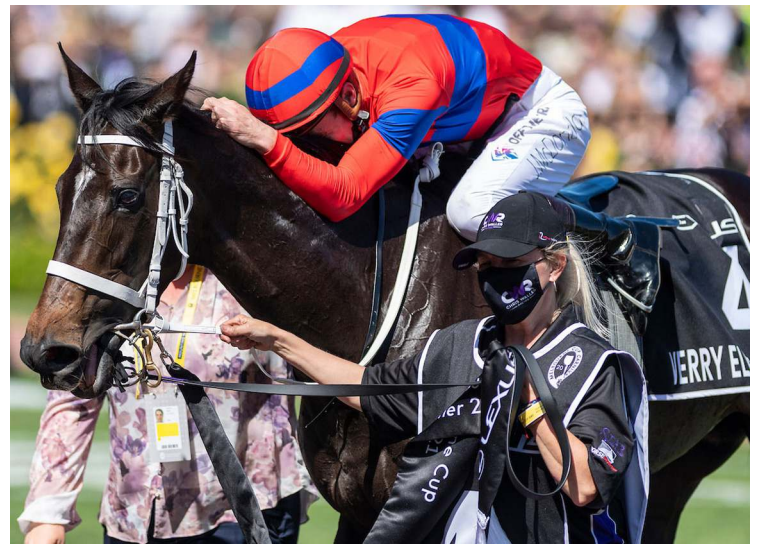
Also Ran: Tagano Beauty (Jpn), King's Sword (Jpn), Red le Zele (Jpn), Mick Fire (Jpn), Wilson Tesoro (Jpn), Don Frankie (Jpn), Alpha Mom (Jpn), Igniter (Jpn), Dura Erede (Jpn), Speedy Kick (Jpn), Omega Guinness (Jpn), Karate (Jpn), Champagne Color (Jpn). **Click for the [JRA chart](#) and [VIDEO](#).**

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## VERRY ELLEGANT DIES FROM FOALING COMPLICATIONS

The 2021 Australasian Horse of the Year **Verry Ellegant (NZ)** (Zed {NZ}) has passed away due to foaling complications, announced [Chris Waller via X](#) on Sunday evening.

The 11-time Group 1 winner tallied the 2021 G1 Melbourne Cup to a venerable career and had been sent to France to race for conditioner Francis-Henri Graffard. After four winless outings in the Northern Hemisphere in 2022, including appearances in the G1 Darley Prix Jean Romanet, G1 Qatar Prix de Royallieu, and her final jump in the G1 QIPCO British Champions Fillies & Mares S., the four-time champion had been retired and bred to [Sea The Stars \(Ire\)](#). [Cont.](#)



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"It is incredibly sad that we pass on the news on behalf of the ownership group that Verry Elleegant has passed away due to complications giving birth to her foal," said Waller.

"The news is just filtering through to stable staff now and other close connections who are coming to terms with the tragic news. She was in fantastic hands on a farm who did all they could for her, and we would like to thank them for their efforts which we will be forever grateful for."

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**Sunday, Kokura, Japan**

**KOKURA DAISHOTEN-G3**, ¥82,600,000, Kokura, 2-18, 4yo/up, 1800mT, 1:45.10, fm.

1--**EPIPHANY (JPN), 126, h, 5, by Epiphaneia (Jpn)**

**1st Dam: Rule Britannia (Jpn), by Deep Impact (Jpn)**

**2nd Dam: Musical Way (Fr), by Gold Away (Ire)**

**3rd Dam: Mulika (Fr), by Procida**

**1ST BLACK TYPE WIN, 1ST GROUP WIN.** O-Silk Racing; B-Northern Farm; T-Keisuke Miyata; J-Makoto Sugihara; ¥43,560,000. Lifetime: 14-6-1-2, ¥135,166,000.

**Werk Nick Rating: A+++.** \*Triple Plus\*. **Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.** **Click for the free EquineLine.com catalogue-style pedigree.**

2--**Long Run (Jpn), 126, g, 6, Victoire Pisa (Jpn)--Notte Bianca (Fr), by Kendargent (Fr).** **1ST GROUP BLACK TYPE.**

(¥17,000,000 Wlg '18 JRHJUL). O-Akira Umezawa; B-Shadai


Farm; ¥17,160,000.

3--**Selberg (Jpn), 126, h, 5, Epiphaneia (Jpn)--Enachan (Jpn), by Kinshasa no Kiseki (Aus).** O-Natsumi Kuwahata; B-Takeshi Maetani; ¥11,080,000.

Margins: 1, HF, NO; Odds: 4.80, 5.60, 17.80.

Also Ran: Al Naseem (Jpn), Feengrotten (Jpn), Kurino Premium (Jpn), Catedral (Jpn), Dandyism (Jpn), Explosion (Jpn), Admire Virgo (Jpn), Asamano Itazura (Jpn), Gold Eclipse (Jpn), Meiner Fanrong (Jpn), Sifflement (Jpn). DNF: Ho O Amazon (Jpn).

Scratched: Deep Monster (Jpn). **Click for the JRA chart & video.**

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## FROM OUT OF THE NEW ORLEANS GLOAMING, SIERRA LEONE SPLASHES INTO DERBY RELEVANCE



**Sierra Leone surges to lead in Risen Star Stakes**  
*Hodges Photography/Amanda Hodges Weir*

### **The Week in Review, by T.D. Thornton**

'TDN Rising Star' **Sierra Leone** (**Gun Runner**) checked off quite a few boxes on his GI Kentucky Derby development checklist with Saturday's **half-length score** in the GII Risen Star S. at Fair Grounds. In just his third career start, he handled shipping away from his home base, winning as the 5-2 favorite off an 11-week layoff, rating from mid-pack while equipped with blinkers for the first time, and racing under the lights on a sloppy, sealed and eerily shadowy track.

And yet, jockey Tyler Gaffalione still believes there's room for improvement--which is exactly what you want to hear if you fancy the chances of this \$2.3-million Fasig-Tipton Saratoga sale-topper on the first Saturday in May.

"He's a very special horse. We haven't even gotten close to the bottom of him," Gaffalione told FanDuel TV's Caton Bredar post-win. "He's still learning. He's still green. You can see when he made the lead, he still wanted to lug in a little bit. But [he was] much more professional today. He honestly didn't hit his best stride until the gallop-out."

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## SUNLAND POINTS PUT STRONGHOLD ON DERBY TRAIL

Eric and Sharon Waller's homebred **Stronghold** (**Ghostzapper**) shipped from trainer Phil D'Amato's Southern California base to Sunland Park in New Mexico and will return home with 20 additional qualifying points to the GI Kentucky Derby after his two-length victory in the GIII Sunland Park Derby Sunday.

Second behind Nysos (**Nyquist**) in the Nov. 19 GIII Bob Hope S., Stronghold earned five Derby points when he was last seen finishing second in his two-turn debut in the Dec. 16 GII Los Alamitos Futurity. Sent off the 6-5 favorite in his sophomore debut Sunday, the bay colt shared pacesetting duties with 3-1 second choice **Lucky Jeremy** (Lookin at Lucky) through fractions of :23.69 and :47.45, as longshot **Alotaluck** (Sir Prancealot {Ire}) shadowed the top two while racing three wide. Stronghold began asserting control approaching the stretch as the three-quarters went up in 1:11.32. **Cont. p5**

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Trainer Jena Antonucci celebrates in the rain after her horse Do Gooder (*Good Samaritan*) broke her maiden in race 7 at Gulfstream Park on Sunday afternoon. | Ryan Thompson

**CLEMENT DUO EYE GOTHAM**

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## The Week in Review *(cont. from p1)*

After winning his one-turn-mile debut Nov. 4 at Aqueduct, trainer Chad Brown tried Sierra Leone in the Dec. 2 GII Remsen S., where the colt uncorked a sweeping, seven-wide move over a muddy surface that produced a heavily speed-slanted bias (five wire-to-wire and five on-the-pace winners). Sierra Leone sling-shotted to the lead, but bore in once it looked like he'd blow past **Dornoch** (*Good Magic*), who **clawed back to the lead to win** in the shadow of the wire.

It was an unfortunate loss-of-focus result for Sierra Leone, but Brown shrugged off the second-place finish and immediately suggested he'd equip the colt with blinkers to start his sophomore season.



**Dornoch and Sierra Leone battle in Remsen** | Sarah Andrew

The blinkers weren't intended to suddenly transform this deep closer into a speed freak. But on Saturday the equipment change did make a mid-pack trip easier to attain under the patient Gaffalione. The second-favorite in the Risen Star, the 3-1 **Track Phantom** (*Quality Road*), was sent to the lead as expected, and Joel Rosario was able to milk a moderate tempo at the head of affairs, splashing through catch-me-if-you-can splits of :24.32, :25.35 and :25.07 for the first three quarter-miles of the nine-furlong race.

As a come-from-behinder, Sierra Leone might end up being one of those Derby hopefuls who is always going to be at the mercy of the pace and potential traffic. Three-eighths out, it became apparent that trying to reel in a relatively untaxed Track Phantom would be a good test of Sierra Leone's ability to overcome exactly that sort of adversity.

Going into the Risen Star, Track Phantom had won three straight two-turn races while controlling the cadence and then having to swat back legitimate stretch challenges, and he turned for home in the New Orleans gloaming still looking strong with the additional benefit of having taken no kickback at the front of the slop-spattered pack.

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Sierra Leone takes a long while to unwind, but there was no panic in Gaffalione's tactics as he let his colt build momentum starting three-eighths out. Turning for home, Gaffalione was still content to be choosy about picking his path, spinning four-, six-, eight- and then nine wide for the drive, exchanging all that lost real estate for being able to get a clear shot at the hard-trying Track Phantom.

Sierra Leone was still four lengths in arrears at the eighth pole. But he sliced that margin in half a sixteenth from the finish while edging inward toward **Catching Freedom (Constitution)** and then Track Phantom despite left-handed urging from Gaffalione to stay straight.

With the line looming, Gaffalione knew he had Track Phantom zeroed in on his striking sights 50 yards from home, and Sierra Leone seemed to relish the task of inhaling that rival, striding out powerfully to stop the timer in 1:52.13.

Don't judge Sierra Leone's effort by that raw final clocking on a quagmire of a track that got more sluggish after sunset. By .66 seconds, it was the slowest Risen Star in six runnings (including split divisions in 2020) since the Risen Star got elongated to nine furlongs from 1 1/16 miles five years ago.

The winning Beyer Speed Figure came back as 90, which is more or less on par with the 91 Sierra Leone earned in the Remsen.

The timing to take note of out of the Risen Star is the fourth quarter clocked in :24.66.

For comparison, of the nine points-awarding Derby qualifying stakes run at 1 1/8 miles during the entire 2022-23 campaign, only one of those races (the GI Santa Anita Derby in early April) yielded a sub-25 seconds fourth quarter.

And the final furlong, during which Sierra Leone gained 2 1/2 lengths to win, was clocked in a respectable (given the course conditions) :12.73.

The Apr. 6 GI Toyota Blue Grass S. at Keeneland will be next for Sierra Leone.

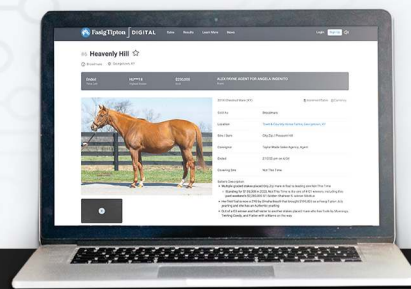
"What we had planned on win or lose--but assuming a good race--is to use the Blue Grass as our Kentucky Derby prep," Brown said after the Feb. 17 win. "So things went well today and we'll stick to that, but having the points is a nice-to-have in case there's a rough trip or something doesn't go according to plan in the Blue Grass."

History could be on Sierra Leone's side in the Blue Grass. The last six times Brown has started a horse in that stakes, the results have been two wins, three close seconds, and a third.

But another recent angle--winning the Kentucky Derby off of just two starts at age three--could pose a historical hurdle. After that game plan produced eight Derby winners between 2007 and 2016, horses with only two sophomore starts prior to trying their luck in Louisville have been a collective 0-for-39 since 2017.

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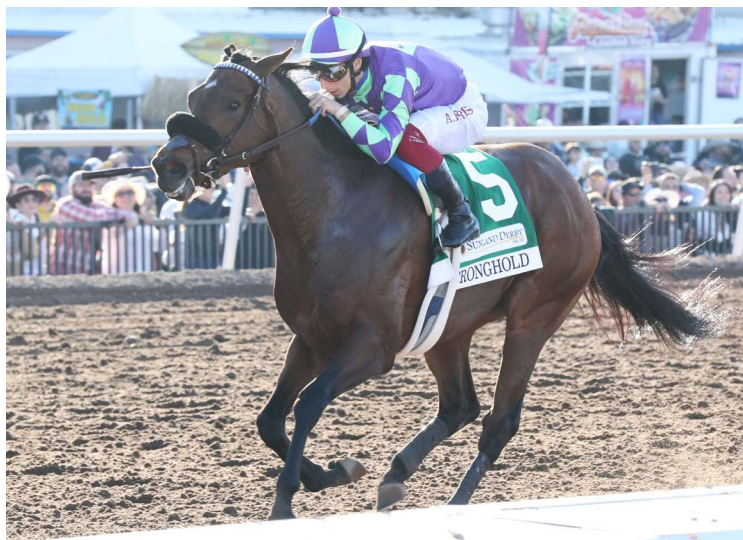
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## Sunland Points Put Stronghold on Derby

### Trail (cont. from p1)

The favorite drifted out into the lane, allowing Lucky Jeremy and Alotaluck a chance to come back on him, but jockey Antonio Fresu straightened him out and he surged clear to the wire. Alotaluck just edged Lucky Jeremy for second. The final time for the Sunland Derby, which was shortened to 1 1/16 miles this year and run five weeks earlier than its traditional slot, was 1:42.64.

“It was a really great ride by Antonio and he got the job done,” said winning trainer Phil D’Amato. “I liked where we were sitting right there on the outside stalking. This horse likes that spot. The six [Alotaluck] put a little pressure on us at the half-mile pole, but Stronghold was able to find another gear there and once he shook loose at the top of the lane, I thought we had a great chance.”



**Stronghold** | Coady Photography

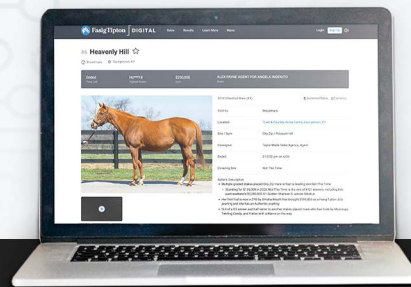
Asked about the colt’s drifting trip at the top of the lane, D’Amato said, “It’s only his second race long. I think he’s a horse who is still learning, but this race should hopefully do him a world of good.”

Stronghold opened his career with a runner-up effort going six furlongs at Ellis Park in August and graduated going one mile at Churchill Downs Oct. 1. Finishing third in the maiden race that day was Track Phantom (**Quality Road**), second in Saturday’s GII Risen Star S., while the runner-up that day, Resilience (Into Mischief), was fourth in the Risen Star.

Stronghold cut back to seven furlongs for the Bob Hope and found only the impressive Nysos too good that day. He missed by just a half-length when second in the 1 1/16-miles Los Al Futurity Dec. 16.

Looking ahead for the improving colt, D’Amato said, “Probably one prep that we have not determined yet. And hopefully that prep will lead us to the Kentucky Derby.”

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**Pedigree Notes:**

Stronghold is the only foal out of another Waller homebred, Spectator, who won the 2017 GI Sorrento S. and was second in the 2018 GI Santa Anita Oaks and third in the 2017 GI Del Mar Debutante for the couple and D'Amato. The mare died in 2021.

The Wallers also bred Stronghold's second and third dams: the unraced Diva's Tribute--who sold as a 5-year-old for \$4,700 at the 2015 Keeneland November sale and again for \$175,000 to Calvin Nguyen at that sale in 2022--and her dam, stakes-winner and graded-placed Swiss Diva.

Diva's Tribute produced a filly by **Improbable** in 2022 and a filly by **Maxfield** last year. She was bred back to Nguyen's Grade I winner **Idol** in 2023.

Stronghold is the 55th graded stakes winner for his sire, **Ghostzapper**, and he is the first stakes winner as a broodmare sire for Jimmy Creed (Distorted Humor). **Ghostzapper's** graded winners out of daughters of Distorted Humor include Guarana, Molly Morgan and last year's GI Saratoga Special winner Rhyme Schemes. **Click for the Equibase.com chart and the TJCIS.com PPs. VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

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**SUNLAND PARK DERBY-GIII, \$400,000, Sunland, 2-18, 3yo, 1 1/16m, 1:42.64, ft.**

1--**STRONGHOLD, 122, c, 3, by Ghostzapper**

**1st Dam: Spectator (GSW & MGISP, \$323,551), by Jimmy Creed**

**2nd Dam: Diva's Tribute, by Henny Hughes**

**3rd Dam: Swiss Diva, by Swiss Yodeler**

**1ST BLACK TYPE WIN, 1ST GRADED STAKES WIN.** O/B-Eric & Sharon Waller (KY); T-P D'Amato; J-A Fresu. \$232,800. Lifetime Record: 5-2-3-0, \$377,200. **Werk Nick Rating: A+++.** \*Triple Plus\*

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3--**Lucky Jeremy, 122, c, 3, Lookin At Lucky--Powder N Blush, by War Chant. 1ST GRADED BLACK TYPE.** (\$14,000 Ylg '22 KEEJAN; \$50,000 2yo '23 OBSOPN). O-Jeremy Ramsland; B-Craig L. Minten (KY); T-William E. Morey. \$38,800.

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## CLEMENT DUO AIM FOR GOTHAM

St. Elias Stable, Ken Langone, Steven Duncker and Vicarage Stable's **Deterministic** (*Liam's Map*), off since earning 'TDN Rising Star' status with a debut victory at Saratoga last August, could make his return to the races in the Mar. 2 GIII Gotham S., according to trainer Christophe Clement.



**Deterministic** | Sarah Andrew

"He won very impressively as a 2-year-old. We put him aside and he's on his way back," Clement said. "He's a very exciting horse to have, but the question is, where should we bring him back? He might come back in the Gotham. I will make my mind up later this week."

Purchased for \$625,000 at the 2022 Keeneland September sale, Deterministic has worked six times at Payson Park since mid-January. Most recently, he went five furlongs Saturday in 1:01.80 (1/8).

Clement is also considering Reeves Thoroughbred Racing's **Capital Idea** (Classic Empire) for the Gotham. The bay colt romped to an 8 1/4-length maiden score going one mile at Aqueduct Jan. 28. He worked five furlongs in 1:02.90 (6/12) over the Belmont Park dirt training track Friday.

"He's doing well. If he works well next week, we'll go for the Gotham," Clement said. "He's getting more mature and better. It's the right time of the year. He's learning his job."

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## RAMJET RAMBLES HOME IN HYACINTH

by Alan Carasso



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Koji Maeda, whose homebred Lani (**Tapit**) finished ninth to **Nyquist** in the 2016 GI Kentucky Derby, could have another Classics contender on his hand after **Ramjet (Jpn)** (Majestic Warrior) turned on the afterburners in the final 300 meters to post a convincing victory in Sunday's Listed Hyacinth S. at Tokyo Racecourse. Having earned 30 Derby points as a result, the dark

bay now leads the Japanese series with one race remaining.

Clearly last away from the stalls, Ramjet had only one rival behind as he came under a ride at halfway, and he had just two beaten turning into the long Tokyo straight. Put to a wide drive by Kosei Miura, he began to bridge the considerable gap while hanging on his left lead, but once switching over at midstretch, kicked it into another gear and won going away. Favored **Unquenchable (Jpn)** (Discreet Cat) sat handy to the pace while wide, but could not resist the winner's late rally and just held on for second over **Habire (Jpn)** (Henny Hughes).

Maeda acquired Ramjet's second dam for \$320,000 at the 2007 Keeneland September Sale and campaigned her to 11 wins for better than \$4 million in earnings in Japan. No fewer than eight of those came in listed company, including three victories in the Sparkling Lady Cup, and a runner-up effort in Group 3 company. Nefertiti, one of five winners from six to race out of La Verita, is also the dam of a yearling colt by dual-surface Group 1 winner Mozu Ascot (**Frankel {GB}**) and was most recently bred to Scat Daddy's Group 1-winning son Mr Melody.

Maeda has had further success with Unbridled's Song fillies sourced in the U.S. He purchased Rhodochrosite for \$385,000 at KESEEP in 2011 and she would go on to become the dam of North Hills' Triple Crown winner and Horse of the Year Contrail (Jpn) (Deep Impact {Jpn}).

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1st Dam: **Nefertiti (Jpn)**, by **Gold Allure (Jpn)**

2nd Dam: **La Verita**, by **Unbridled's Song**

3rd Dam: **Go Classic**, by **Gone West**

**1ST STAKES WIN.** O-Koji Maeda; B-North Hills Co Ltd; T-Shoso Sazaki; J-Kosei Miura; ¥19,252,000. Lifetime Record: 5-3-0-1, ¥40,131,000.

2--**Unquenchable (Jpn)**, 126, c, 3, **Discreet Cat--Smoldering (Jpn)**, by **Pyro**. **1ST BLACK-TYPE.** O/B-Godolphin; T-Mizuki Takayanagi; J-Christophe Lemaire; ¥7,672,000.

3--**Habire (Jpn)**, 126, c, 3, **Henny Hughes--Tomo Tomo River (Jpn)**, by **Black Tide (Jpn)**. **1ST BLACK-TYPE.** (¥16,500,000 Ylg '22 HOKSUM). O-Shinichi Koga; B-Akiba Bokujo; T-Ryo Takei; J-Akira Sugawara; ¥4,836,000.

Margins: 3, NO, 1HF. Odds: 12.90, 1.30, 33.70. **VIDEO (SC 1)**

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**TURF WRITER ART WILSON PASSES AWAY**

Southern California News Group's veteran turf writer Art Wilson died early Sunday morning near his home in Victorville, California. He was 71. Wilson, who gallantly fought a form of blood cancer for more than 10 years, was scheduled to attend Sunday Winter Corgi Nationals at Santa Anita, but had to be transported to St. Mary's Hospital in Apple Valley late Saturday afternoon and subsequently passed away due to heart failure.

First introduced to racing by his late father, Wilson fell in love with the game as a railbird and relished the opportunity to cover the sport dating back to the mid-1980s and as recently as this past weekend, when he was at Santa Anita to cover the GIII Palos Verdes S. for the Southern California News Group, a consortium of newspapers that includes the *LA Daily News*, *Pasadena Star-News*, *San Gabriel Valley Tribune*, *Long Beach Independent*, and many others.

In addition to covering stakes action and writing feature stories, Wilson wrote a weekly column for the So Cal News Group, with his final contribution, "**Toby Keith's love for horse racing went beyond 'Beer for My Horses'**" on the passing of the country music star running Feb. 16.

"Art was alert and coherent and then he went quickly this morning from heart failure," said his brother and frequent racetrack confidant, Eddie Wilson. "He had stabilized and when I left to come back home last night at 10:30, he was watching the race replays on his cell phone."

From the Santa Anita press box Sunday, FanDuel's Kurt Hoover said, "Art was a great guy and he loved this place. He paid attention and his last column on Toby Keith was, without a doubt, one of his best. He'll be sorely missed."



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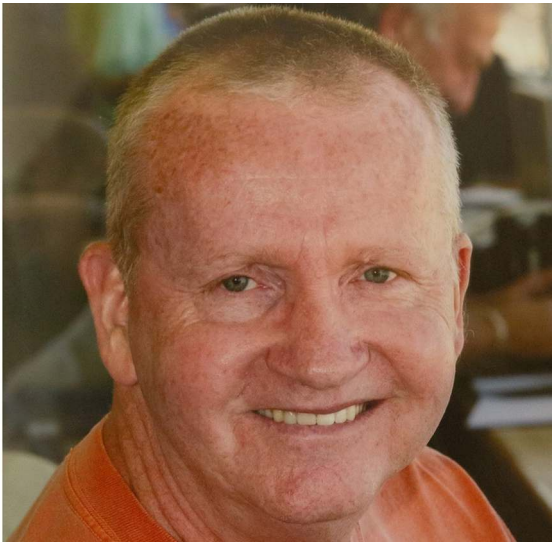
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Art Wilson was predeceased by his parents and is survived by his brother Eddie, sister Deborah Wills (Charles), nephew Cody Wills and his wife Kimberley, as well as cousins James Costa, Mark Costa and Heather McAvoy.



**Art Wilson** | *Benoit*

A memorial service will be held next month at Oakdale Mortuary in Glendora, with specific information to come in the next few days.

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**BELMONT BARN 15 QUARANTINE TO END SATURDAY**

The quarantine of Barn 15 at Belmont Park will expire next Saturday at 3 p.m. The barn had been placed in quarantine Feb. 3 when an unraced filly trained by Danny Gargan presented acute neurological symptoms and was subsequently euthanized. Cornell University then returned a positive test for EHV Feb. 4.

An additional horse in Barn 15 developed a fever Feb. 5, which extended the quarantine through Feb. 26. That horse tested negative for EHV Feb. 6. Upon review of the circumstances, the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets will allow the quarantine to expire 21 days from the positive case of EHV.

The 34 horses stabled in Barn 15, which is home to stalls for Gargan, Jim Ryerson and Gustavo Rodriguez, are being monitored daily for fever and other signs of illness. Should all horses remain asymptomatic, horses stabled in Barn 15 will be permitted to enter races and train among the general population following a barn inspection and examination of horses to be performed by NYRA and NYSAM Saturday.

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ON THE HEELS OF SIERRA LEONE'S IMPRESSIVE VICTORY ON SATURDAY IN THE RISEN STAR (G2), IT WAS A GUN RUNNER EXACTA IN THE \$250,000 SUNLAND PARK OAKS. WINCHELL THOROUGHBREDS' **RECHARGE** REMAINED UNDEFEATED IN A GUTSY PERFORMANCE WHICH SAW RUNNER-UP CANDY AISLE, ALSO BY GUN RUNNER, A SHORT HEAD BEHIND THE WINNER, SOME FOUR LENGTHS TO THE GOOD OF THE THIRD PLACE FINISHER.

## 1st dam

**QUIET GIANT**, by Giant's Causeway. 7 wins in 12 starts at 3 and 4; \$405,389, Hill 'N' Dale Molly Pitcher S. [G2] (MTH, \$150,000), Lady's Secret S. [L] (MTH, \$60,000), Rare Treat S. (AQU, \$39,000), Lady on the Run S. (AQU, \$36,000), Polly's Jet S. (DEL, \$10,000). Dam of 4 foals, 3 to race, 2 winners.

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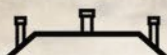
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## FIRST MARE OF 2024 TESTS IN FOAL TO EARLY VOTING

**Early Voting** (*Gun Runner*), who was taken out of stud duties after one season at Ashford while suffering from **Anejaculatory Syndrome**, has had his first mare test in foal since resuming his stud career at Taylor Made Farm this year, according to a press release from the Early Voting Consortium and Taylor Made. Dr. Paddy O’Casaigh, who treated the 2022 GI Preakness S. winner, confirmed a heartbeat which he described as, “spot on, embryonic development.”

Early Voting stands at Taylor Made at a fee of \$20,000.

“This attractive breeding opportunity has already seen 40 mares booked to him,” said Ben Taylor, president of Taylor Made Stallions. “Early Voting has already served five mares this 2024 breeding season.”

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## SANTA ANITA, CAL POLY POMONA PARTNER ON INTERNSHIPS

Students who are currently enrolled in the Cal Poly Pomona Department of Animal and Veterinary Sciences Equine Studies Minor program will have the opportunity to intern at Santa Anita in a partnership announced Sunday.

“We are truly excited about this new partnership with Cal Poly Pomona,” said Santa Anita Senior Vice President and General Manager Nate Newby. “This is a tremendous way for us to introduce up-and-coming young professionals, as well a large group of highly motivated Cal Poly students, to our industry and best veterinary practices in Thoroughbred racing. We look forward to welcoming our new interns and we hope to make fans out of them as well.”

Fourth-year students Tina Kabbouche and Vanessa Cardenas have been selected as “debut” interns at Santa Anita from Feb. 18 through May 12.

Kabbouche, an Animal Science major with a Pre-Veterinary/ Graduate School option, plans to begin attending veterinary school next year. Her interests include the sports medicine aspects of the equine world.

Cardenas, an Animal Health Science major, intends to become a registered veterinary technician. Her goals include working within the equine industry, with an emphasis on the Thoroughbred racetrack industry.

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## FOALING NEWS

**ELLAN VANNIN**, 10, Spring At Last--Vulcan Rose, by Fusaichi Pegasus

Foal born Feb. 1, a colt by **Violence**.

Will be bred back to **Olympiad**.

Owned by R Glenn Sikura and M Serrani Farm.

Accomplishments: SW of \$120,021.

**SOUND THE TRUMPETS**, 11, Bernardini--My Flag, by Easy Goer

Foal born Feb. 7, a filly by **Curlin**.

Will be bred back to **Cody's Wish**.

Owned by River Bend Farm.

Accomplishments: Dam of Miles D (**Curlin**), SW & GISP, \$422,380.







**Saturday, Oaklawn #11, post time: 6:23 p.m. EST**

**REBEL S.-GII, \$1,250,000, 3yo, 1 1/16m**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Carbone	Mitole	Heiligbrodt, L. W & C & Flurry Racing Stables LLC	Asmussen	Castillo	119
2	Northern Flame	Flameaway	Oxley, J, H Lerner, AWC Stables & Magdalena Rcg	McPeek	Leparoux	122
3	Common Defense 	Karakontie (Jpn)	Bernsen, D, Holmes, T & M & Norevale Farm	McPeek	Hernandez, Jr.	117
4	Tejon Pass	Justify	Williamson Racing LLC	Miller	Landeros	117
5	Magic Grant 	Good Magic	Willis Horton Racing LLC	Milligan, Jr.	Hernandez	117
6	Dimatic	Gun Runner	Winchell Thoroughbreds LLC	Asmussen	Gaffalione	117
7	Timberlake 	Into Mischief	WinStar Farm LLC	Cox	Torres	119
8	Next Level 	Vino Rosso	Don't Tell My Wife Stables	Desormeaux	Riquelme	117
9	Lagynos 	Kantharos	HRH Prince Sultan Bin Mishal Al Saud	Asmussen	Asmussen	119
10	Mena	Hard Spun	George A. Sharp	Hobby	Arrieta	117
11	Just Steel 	Justify	BC Stables, LLC	Lukas	Vazquez	117
12	Woodcourt 	Ransom the Moon	Contreras Stable Inc.	Contreras	Esquivel	119
13	Time for Truth	Omaha Beach	Rosenblum, Harry T. and Cheyenne Stable LLC	Moquett	Bejarano	117

**Breeders:** 1-William&Corinne Heiligbrodt, 2-Debby M Oxley, 3-Tony Holmes, Norevale Farm & Union Dale, 4-Williamson Racing, LLC, 5-Hill N Dale Equine Holdings, Inc, 6-Winchell Thoroughbreds LLC, 7-St. Elias Stables, LLC, 8-White Fox Farm, 9-Robert Spiegel, 10-Shortleaf Stable, 11-Summerhill Farm, 12-Michelle Lovell, 13-Dominique Damico

**Saturday, Oaklawn #10, post time: 5:45 p.m. EST**

**RAZORBACK H.-GIII, \$600,000, 4yo/up, 1 1/16m**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Seize the Night 	Carpe Diem	Willis Horton Racing LLC	Milligan, Jr.	Torres	117
2	Frosted Departure 	Frosted	R.T Racing Stable	McPeek	Vazquez	118
3	Speed Bias 	Uncle Mo	Johnston, Keith F. and Sparks, William S.	Moquett	Bejarano	117
4	Ain't Life Grand	Not This Time	RPM Thoroughbreds	Von Hemel	Garcia	117
5	Octane	Brethren	Arindel	Alvarado	Leparoux	118
6	Midnight Rising 	Mendelssohn	Surfside Stables, LLC	Blair	Chuan	116
7	U. S. Army 	Army Mule	George A. Sharp	Davis	Quinonez	116
8	Magic Tap 	Tapit	Winchell Thoroughbreds LLC	Asmussen	Gaffalione	117
9	O P Firecracker	Will Take Charge	Medina, Robert and Conte, Kyle	Medina	Castillo	114
10	Promise Keeper 	Constitution	Randy Howg	Diodoro	Hernandez	118
11	Notary 	Street Sense	Antonio Donato	Hernandez	Esquivel	117
12	Escapologist 	Good Magic	Walking L Thoroughbreds, LLC	McPeek	Hernandez, Jr.	115
13	Bolzy	Gun Runner	Robert H. Zoellner	Von Hemel	Arrieta	115

**Breeders:** 1-Cove Springs Farm LLC, 2-Alastar Thoroughbred Company, LLC, 3-Alpha Delta Stables, LLC, 4-RPM Thoroughbreds, 5-Arindel, 6-White Fox Farm, 7-St. Elias Stables LLC, 8-Don Alberto Corporation, 9-E. J. M. McFadden Jr., 10-Rock Ridge Thoroughbreds, LLC, 11-John Gardiner & Frank McEntee, 12-Bryan Anderson & Carol Anderson, 13-Robert H. Zoellner



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**Saturday, Oaklawn #9, post time: 5:10 p.m. EST**

**HONEYBEE S-GIII, \$400,000, 3yo, f, 1 1/16m**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Alys Beach 🌿	Omaha Beach	Gregory Tramontin	Amoss	Leparoux	117
2	Band of Gold 🌿	Preservationist	Dixiana Farms LLC	McPeck	Hernandez, Jr.	122
3	Honor Cat 🌿	Honor Code	Holleman, John and Howg, Randy	Diodoro	Hernandez	117
4	Neom Beach	Omaha Beach	Bloom Racing Stable LLC and The Line Racing	Asmussen	Gaffalione	117
5	Edistrudis 🌿	Practical Joke	R.T Racing Stable	Gutierrez	Castillo	117
6	West Omaha	West Coast	Gary and Mary West	Cox	Torres	122
7	Lemon Muffin 🌿	Collected	Aaron Sones	Lukas	Asmussen	117
8	Tapit Jenallie	Tapit	Willis Horton Racing LLC	Milligan, Jr.	Esquivel	117
9	In Just My Heels	Midnight Lute	Anita Ebert Racing LLC	Moquett	Bejarano	117
10	Midshipman's Dance 🌿	Midshipman	Holleman, John and Howg, Randy	Diodoro	Vazquez	117

**Breeders:** 1-Jeff Kerber, 2-Brereton C. Jones, 3-Veloce LLC, 4-Tami Bobo, 5-Eylon Joseph & Orly Lancet Joseph, 6-Gary & Mary West Stables, Inc., 7-Mr. & Mrs. Theodore R. Kuster & Collected Syndicate, 8-Willis Horton Racing LLC, 9-Anita Cauley Breeding, LLC, 10-Woods Edge Farm, LLC



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**SUNLAND PARK OAKS**, \$250,000, Sunland, 2-18, 3yo, f, 1m, 1:37.27, ft.

1--**RECHARGE**, 121, f, 3, by **Gun Runner**

1st Dam: **Remit (MSW, \$257,556)**, by **Tapit**

2nd Dam: **Free Spin**, by **Olympio**

3rd Dam: **Spin n Win**, by **Private Account**

**1ST BLACK TYPE WIN.** O/B-Winchell Thoroughbreds LLC (KY); T-Steven M. Asmussen; J-Joel Rosario. \$148,500. Lifetime Record: 3-3-0-0, \$189,498. \*1/2 to **Reride (Candy Ride {Arg})**, MSW-USA, GSP-UAE, \$461,010; 1/2 to **Finite (Munnings)**, MGSW & GISP, \$849,869.

2--**Candy Aisle**, 121, f, 3, **Gun Runner**--Rosalie Road, by Street Cry (Ire). (\$250,000 Wlg '21 KEENOV; \$350,000 RNA Ylg '22 KEESEP). O-Randy Andrews, Jim Cone, Brad King and Lee Lewis; B-**Gun Runner** Syndicate & C. W. Swann (KY); T-Todd W. Fincher. \$54,450.

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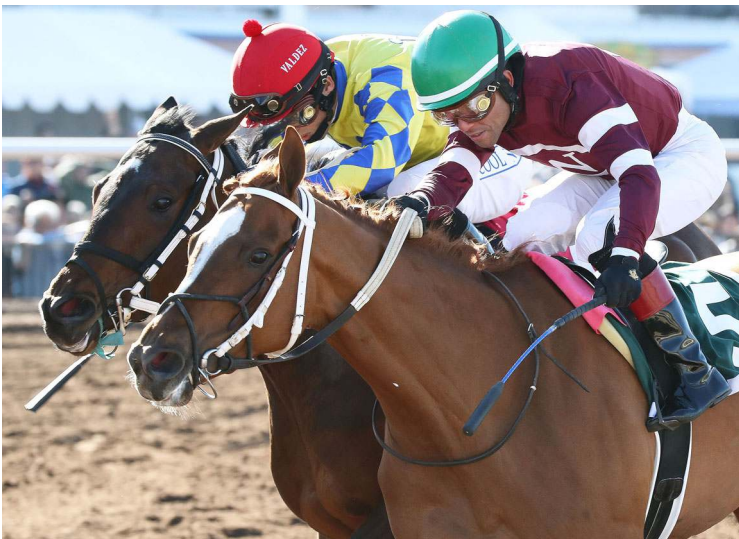
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3--**Simply Enchanting**, 121, f, 3, **Nyquist**--Enchante, by Bluegrass Cat. (\$475,000 Ylg '22 KEESEP). **1ST BLACK TYPE.**

O-MyRacehorse, Old Bones Racing Stable, LLC and Platts, Joey; B-Jumping Jack Racing LLC (KY); T-Philip D'Amato. \$24,750.

Margins: NK, 4, 4. Odds: 2.30, 2.30, 0.90.

Also Ran: Methods, Raspberry Wine. Scratched: Floating Beauty.



Recharge (Inside) | Coady Photography

Recharge wound up banking 20 points in her Kentucky Oaks checking account after she got the money at Sunland Park on Sunday afternoon.

The homebred arrived in El Paso with two wins to her credit in as many races. Breaking her maiden by nine lengths in mid-December at Remington Park, the filly shipped to Houston and passed the two-turn test when she cleared the allowance ranks with a 4-3/4 win Jan. 21.

Sent on her way at odds of 2-1 here, the 3-year-old established a lead heading into the first turn and continued to modulate the pace up front along the backstretch. With the field bearing down on her position around the far turn, Recharge responded to Joel Rosario's urging past the eighth pole, turned back a major challenge from Candy Aisle and poked her head in front at the wire.

The winner has a 2-year-old full-brother named Remix and a yearling half-brother by **Silver State**. A full-sister to MGSW and sire **Tapiture**, and also to SW Retap and GSW Rotation, Remit was bred to **Epicenter** for this season.

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**MADDIE MAY S.**, \$100,000, Aqueduct, 2-18, (S), 3yo, f, 1m, 1:40.64, ft.

1--**MY MANE SQUEEZE**, 125, f, 3, by **Audible**

1st Dam: **In Spite of Mama**, by **Speightstown**

2nd Dam: **Mama Theresa**, by **Carson City**

3rd Dam: **Nothing Special**, by **Tejabo**

O/B-William Butler (NY); T-Michael J. Maker; J-Jose Lezcano. \$55,000. Lifetime Record: 6-4-0-2, \$293,960. \*1/2 to **Rotknee (Runhappy)**, MSW & GSP, \$582,955 and **Lookin for Trouble (Into Mischief)**, MSP, \$170,220.

2--**Landed**, 120, f, 3, Omaha Beach--Glory Gold, by **Medaglia d'Oro**. (\$220,000 Wlg '21 FTKNOV; \$500,000 Ylg '22 FTSAUG).

**1ST BLACK TYPE.** O-Lael Stables; B-Final Furlong Racing Stable & Maspeth Stable (NY); T-Wesley A. Ward. \$20,000.

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3--**Bernietakescharge**, 122, f, 3, **Take Charge Indy**--Berning Rose, by Freud. O/B-Robert D. Rosenthal & Bradford Bernstein (NY); T-Domenick L. Schettino. \$12,000.

Margins: 4 3/4, 8, HF. Odds: 0.65, 8.80, 4.20.

Also Ran: Walk With Me, Midnight Concerto, Munny Grab, Cara's Time, Baroness Bourbon, Rumint, Blue Eyed Warrior.

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**Maddie May S. cont.**

Heavy favorite My Mane Squeeze took home her third state-bred stakes win in a row at Aqueduct on Sunday afternoon.

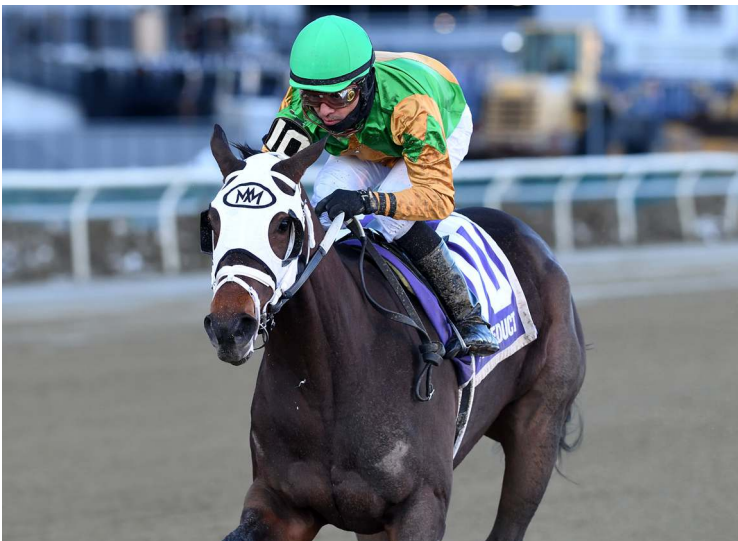
After breaking her maiden by 4 1/2 lengths at second asking upstate last summer and then finishing a well-beaten third in the Joseph A. Gimma S. during the Belmont at the Big A meet in late September, the filly rolled home a winner by three lengths in the Maid of the Mist S. over the same surface a month later. Shelved for the season, the dark bay kept her streak going in the Franklin Square S. to kick off her winter in Ozone Park Jan. 14.

The 3-5 choice here, the homebred shadowed a longshot and landed up the backstretch. Ready to go rounding the far turn, the 3-year-old caught the latter at the top of the lane, turned on the jets and cruised home.

“When you’ve got a 3-5 shot, my belly is churning,” said owner and breeder William “Buck” Butler. “When she took the lead there and started to spread out a little bit, I started to get real comfortable. I think I was hugging my wife [Loretta] by the time the finish line came up. I’m thrilled.”

The winner's dam is responsible for 2-year-old filly Willful Mama (*War of Will*), but sadly she lost a weanling colt by *Runhappy* last year. In Spite of Mama was bred to *Honest Mischief* for this spring.

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**HARRY HENSON H.**, \$100,000, Sunland, 2-18, 3yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:35.98, ft.

1--**FLYING CONNECTION**, 125, f, 4, **Nyquist**--Free Flying Soul (**MSW & MGISP, \$423,177**), by **Quiet American**. (\$250,000 Ylg '21 KEESEP). O-Brad King, Randy Andrews, G. Chris Coleman, Jim Cone, Suzanne Kirby and Lee Lewis; B-Liberty Road Stables (KY); T-Todd W. Fincher; J-Joel Rosario. \$60,000. Lifetime Record: GSP, 13-7-1-1, \$617,300.

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2--**Love Tank**, 122, f, 4, Kitten's Joy--Perichole (Brz), by Fahim (GB). (\$30,000 Ylg '21 FTKOCT; \$55,000 2yo '22 KEENOV). O-Judge Lanier Racing and James L. Drought; B-Bonne Chance Farm LLC (KY); T-Nancy Summers. \$20,000.

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3--**Loana**, 118, f, 4, Neolithic--Sarahline, by Northern Afleet. (\$8,500 Ylg '21 OBSWIN; \$65,000 2yo '22 EASMAY). **1ST BLACK TYPE**. O-Masino Racing Stable and Bruce Maller; B-Mary K. Haire (PA); T-Bart G. Hone. \$10,000.

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Margins: 4 1/4, NO, 5 1/4. Odds: 0.05, 17.90, 32.40.

Also Ran: Cityonthenile, Charlee Mae, Birdie Curdy.

Flying Connection made her first start since Nov. 28 and picked up her third straight win Sunday when taking the Harry Henson H. as the popular 1-9 choice.

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**Harry Henson S. cont.**

Having run with the best of her generation last year, including a sixth-place finish behind Pretty Mischievous (Into Mischief) in the GI Kentucky Oaks, the daughter of **Nyquist** picked up a graded stakes placing in the GIII Torrey Pines S. at Del Mar Sept. 2 before finishing her year with back-to-back stakes wins in the Charles Taylor Derby at Albuquerque and the Zia Park Oaks. Sharp from the gate as the outside marker, Flying Connection took pressure early from Cityonthenile (Temple City) through a half in :47.72 but turned that rival back and went on to win as much the best ahead of a closing Love Tank.

One of 22 stakes winners for **Nyquist**, Flying Connection is out of MSW and GI Breeders' Cup Filly and Mare Sprint third Free Flying Soul. The dam produced a **McKinzie** 2-year-old colt, a **Constitution** colt last year and is due back to **McKinzie** this year. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

**SPRING FEVER S.**, \$100,500, Santa Anita, 2-18, (S), 4yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:09.28, ft.

1--**BIG POND, 124, f, 4, Mr. Big--Beside Still Water, by Lemon Drop Kid.** O/B-George Krikorian (CA); T-Tim Yakteen; J-Lanfranco Dettori. \$60,000. Lifetime Record: GISP, 6-3-2-0, \$273,230.

2--**Scary Fast Ride, 120, m, 5, Clubhouse Ride--Scary Fast, by Congaree.** O/B-Harris Farms, Inc. (CA); T-Sean McCarthy. \$20,000.

3--**Daddysruby, 124, f, 4, Frac Daddy--Youtheprizeandi, by You and I.** O-Jethorse LLC, Wachtel Stable and Gary Barber; B-Jethorse LLC (CA); T-Peter Miller. \$12,000.

Margins: 3, 2, 2 1/4. Odds: 1.00, 9.80, 1.70.

Also Ran: Rose Maddox, All **Dialed In**, Rose Dawson.

Big Pond snatched her second state-bred black-type win and was able to avenge the bob she lost to Daddysruby in the GI La Brea S. when she put away her rival in the Spring Fever S. at 'The Great Race Place' on Sunday. A maiden-breaker first out last summer in Arcadia, the homebred won the Fleet Treat S. at Del Mar, but was unable to keep pace in the seaside oval's GI Oaks in August--finishing ninth. After a rest, Big Pond was the runner-up facing optional claimers at Del Mar in late November and then was unable to get to Daddysruby in the La Brea at Santa Anita on opening day. Well-backed at the windows by the faithful here, the 4-year-old tracked her adversary up the backstretch and around the far turn. Poised to pounce at the top of the lane, the filly uncorked a drive at the eighth pole and sailed home.

The winner's dam is responsible for a yearling colt by **Spun to Run** and she visited Rivers Run Deep for this term. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

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**9th-Gulfstream, \$72,420, Alw, (NW1\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$25,000), 2-18, 4yo/up, 1 1/16m, 1:45.65, sy, neck.**

**DONEGAL FOREVER (c, 4, Pioneerof the Nile--Flatter Up {GSP, \$137,557}, by Flatter)** impressed with a 90 Beyer Speed Figure in his only prior start to date when going 1 1/16 miles at Belmont June 17. Off since that 4 1/4-length win, the 3-5 favorite collared front-running Sara's Shaman (Shaman Ghost) late, posting a neck victory over Bourbon Resolve (**Hard Spun**) with the pacesetter three-quarters of a length back in third. From the family of GISW and sire Midnight Storm (Pioneerof the Nile), Donegal Forever has a 3-year-old **Gun Runner** half-brother who brought \$825,000 as a yearling at Keeneland in 2022 and a yearling **Connect** half-sister. His dam went back to **Gun Runner** for this year. Sales History: \$170,000 Ylg '21 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$92,700. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

O-Donegal Racing; B-Three Chimneys Farm, LLC (KY); T-Todd A. Pletcher.



**Big Pond | Benoit**

**6th-Santa Anita, \$70,242, Alw (NW2\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$80,000),** 2-18, 4yo/up, 6f, 1:09.46, ft, 1 3/4 lengths.

**ELWOOD BLUES (c, 4, Justify--Blingismything {GSW & GISP, \$294,830}, by Arch)** made a single start at two, finishing behind ultimate Grade I winner Arabian Lion (Justify). Second in his next start last at this venue June, that time to Sir Atticus (Gormley), he finally broke through with a win at Los Alamitos last December. Sent off the 3-5 choice for his latest, he came home a nose winner in Arcadia Jan. 7 and was sent off the 5-2 second choice to repeat here. In front following a half in :44 1/5, the 4-year-old didn't miss a beat late, scoring by 1 3/4 lengths over Escape Route (Hard Spun). Blingismything, a \$850,000 Keeneland November purchase in 2017, sold for \$80,000 carrying a colt by City of Light at Keeneland last January. She was bred back to Uncle Mo for 2024. Sales history: \$380,000 Ylg '21 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 5-3-2-0, \$133,000. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.** O-Pegram, Michael E., Watson, Karl and Weitman, Paul; B-Woodford Thoroughbreds, LLC (KY); T-Bob Baffert.

**4th-Aqueduct, \$80,000, Msw, 2-18, 3yo, f, 1 1/8m, 1:58.14, ft, 5 1/2 lengths.**

**PRINCESS VINO (f, 3, Vino Rosso--Lunar Gaze {MSP, \$205,036}, by Malibu Moon),** third as the beaten favorite in each of her three starts at Aqueduct, stepped up to the 1 1/8-mile distance for the first time and was sent off third choice at 5-2. With speed from the outside gate, she took aim at pacesetting-favorite Monarch (Tapit), drove past with a quarter to run and drove to the line to graduate 5 1/2-lengths ahead of Just Music (Audible). Lunar Gaze reported a Catalina Cruiser filly last year and is due to Audible for this year. Sales History: \$350,000 2yo '23 EASMAY. Lifetime Record: 4-1-0-3, \$69,200. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.** O-Repole Stable; B-Sequel Thoroughbreds, LLC & Lakland Farm (NY); T-Todd A. Pletcher.

**7th-Gulfstream, \$70,000, Msw, 2-18, 3yo, f, 1m, 1:38.54, sy, 4 lengths.**

**DO GOODER (f, 3, Good Samaritan--Comare, by Street Boss),** runner up as the favorite in her debut going a furlong shorter in Hallandale Jan. 28, went off the 8-5 choice here. Up to press a solid early pace, the dark bay took over turning for home and drew off to graduate by four lengths over Restless Dreamer (Street Sense). Dam Comare, a full-sister to GSW and GISP Bobby Abu Dhabi (Macho Uno), produced a colt by Algorithms in 2022. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$56,700. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuelTV.** O-Copper Thoroughbreds; B-Suzanne S & Michael W Masters (KY); T-Jena M. Antonucci.

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**1st-Aqueduct, \$80,000, Msw, 2-18, 3yo, 1 1/8m, 1:55.68, ft, 4 1/2 lengths.**

**UNIQUE INSIGHT (c, 3, Gun Runner--Raucous {SW & GSP, \$113,260}, by Speightstown)** unsuccessful on both the dirt and turf at Aqueduct last year, fared no better then fifth last time out Dec. 31. Trying his longest distance to date as half of a coupled entry and racing with the addition of both blinkers and Lasix, the 7-5 favorite chased First Trumpet (Carpe Diem) for much of the early running but was able to edge past that leader with an outside move around the far turn. Let loose into the lane, he opened up for the 4 1/2-length win over Eusebius (City of Light). A half to Drake's Passage (Tonalist), SW, \$271,480, Unique Insight has a 2-year-old Tonalist half-brother and a yearling full-sister. Raucous was bred to Not This Time for 2024. Sales History: \$360,000 Ylg '22 FTKOCT. Lifetime Record: 4-1-0-0, \$48,585. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

O-Klaravich Stables, Inc.; B-R. S. Evans (KY); T-Chad C. Brown.



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**2nd-Santa Anita, \$65,500, Msw, 2-18, 3yo, f, 6 1/2f, 1:16.47, ft, 2 lengths.**

**NAY V BELLE (f, 3, Midshipman--Cafe Belle, by Medaglia d'Oro),** a \$200,000 OBSAPR grad, broke with the field but was soon outrun and settled in fifth. Advancing on pacesetter Show Card (Into Mischief) with a furlong to run, the 5-1 shot soon took over and proved best by two lengths over favored Bonaqua (Tonalist). The mare's **Street Sense** 2-year-old sold at Keeneland September for \$250,000 last year and she visited **Nyquist** for 2024. Sales History: \$67,000 Ylg '22 FTKOCT; \$200,000 2yo '23 OBSAPR. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$39,000. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

O-Saints or Sinners; B-Scott Clarke, Reynard Bloodstock, Nicky Drion, S. Murat & Michael Banahan (KY); T-Mark Glatt.

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**7th-Fair Grounds, \$57,000, Msw, 2-18, 3yo, f, 5 1/2ft, 1:03.77, gd, 4 1/4 lengths.**

**BIG TROUBLE (f, 3, Kantharos--Into Trouble {SW, \$182,749}, by Into Mischief),** second over this course and trip Jan. 21, was installed the 9-5 choice to go one better. Settled in an inside third early, she gained control in early stretch and proved best to score by 4 1/4 lengths over Zoe's Prime (Bolt d'Oro). Stakes winning Into Trouble foaled a colt by **Not This Time** in 2022 followed by a colt by **Dialed In** last term. She was bred back to **Nashville**. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$44,600. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

O/B-Donamire Farm (KY); T-Gregory D. Foley.



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**Catalina Cruiser (Union Rags),** Lane's End Farm, \$10,000 172 foals of racing age/17 winners/0 black-type winners 6-Sam Houston Race, 4:30 p.m. EST, Msw 6f, Hooch Her, 12-1 \$15,000 KEE JAN wnl; \$40,000 RNA FTK OCT yrl

**Flameaway (Scat Daddy),** Darby Dan Farm, \$15,000 200 foals of racing age/25 winners/4 black-type winners 6-Sam Houston Race, 4:30 p.m. EST, Msw 6f, Birdy's On Fire, 20-1 \$10,000 KEE SEP yrl



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**Mitole (Eskendereya),** Spendthrift Farm, \$15,000 294 foals of racing age/40 winners/3 black-type winners 6-Sam Houston Race, 4:30 p.m. EST, Msw 6f, Equus, 12-1 \$50,000 KEE NOV wnl; \$115,000 KEE SEP yrl

**Vino Rosso (Curlin),** Spendthrift Farm, \$20,000 309 foals of racing age/29 winners/2 black-type winners 8-Parx Racing, 3:14 p.m. EST, Aoc 1m, Le Vin, 9-2 \$57,000 RNA KEE NOV wnl; \$50,000 KEE SEP yrl



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**STAKES RESULTS:**

**DUST COMMANDER S.**, \$125,000, Turfway, 2-17, 4yo/up, 1 1/16m (AWT), 1:42.64, ft.

1--**SURLY FURIOUS, 120, g, 6, Upstart--Perfect Prediction (SW), by Majesticperfection.** (\$15,000 Ylg '19 FTKOCT). O-Novogratz Racing Stables Inc.; B-Brereton C. Jones (KY); T-Glenn S. Wismer; J-Abel Cedillo. \$74,219. Lifetime Record: 27-8-3-4, \$578,898.

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2--**Kitodan, 120, g, 5, Point of Entry--Divine Presence, by A.P. Indy.** (\$9,000 Ylg '20 KEESEP). O-Foster Family Racing, Douglas E. Miller and William J. Wargel; B-Flaxman Holdings Limited (KY); T-Eric N. Foster. \$24,232.

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3--**Santorini, 120, c, 4, Twirling Candy--Giant's Jewel, by Giant's Causeway.** (\$275,000 Ylg '21 KEESEP; \$90,000 3yo '23 FTKHRA). O-Storyteller Racing, Dave Russel and Scott Catlett; B-Mary Abeel Sullivan Revocable Trust (KY); T-Rodolphe Brisset. \$12,116.

**LANTERN HILL FARM GRAD**

Margins: 8, 3/4, 1HF. Odds: 3.45, 10.64, 5.15.

**BILL THOMAS MEMORIAL S.**, \$100,000, Sunland, 2-18, 3yo/up, 6 1/2f, 1:14.90, ft.

1--**JAXON TRAVELER, 122, h, 6, Munnings--Listen Boy (SP), by After Market.** (\$80,000 Ylg '19 KEESEP; \$140,000 2yo '20 OBSAPR). O-West Point Thoroughbreds; B-A. Leonard Pineau (MD); T-Steven M. Asmussen; J-Joel Rosario. \$60,000. Lifetime Record: GSW, 27-8-7-5, \$741,849.

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2--**Loco Luna, 124, c, 4, Ransom the Moon--Wild Catomine, by Milwaukee Brew. 1ST BLACK TYPE.** O-Marcos Ordóñez; B-Calumet Farm (KY); T-Andres Gonzalez. \$20,000.

3--**Perfect Dude, 120, g, 8, Majesticperfection--Gadget Queen, by Flying With Eagles.** O-HX3 Incorporated; B-Todd & Shawn Hansen (WA); T-Todd W. Fincher. \$10,000.

Margins: 3, 3HF, HF. Odds: 1.70, 14.80, 11.60.

**RED HEDEMAN MILE S.**, (NB) \$100,000, Sunland, 2-18, (S), 3yo, 1m, 1:37.75, ft.

1--**COMMUNITY LEADER, 122, g, 3, by Diabolical--Midnight Summer, by Midnight Lute.** O/B-J. Kirk & Judy Robison (NM); T-Todd W. Fincher; J-Felipe Valdez. \$60,000. Lifetime Record: 9-8-1-0, \$407,107.

2--**Shame On Whiskey, 122, g, 3, Shame On Charlie--Drink Mo Hennessy, by Roll Hennessy Roll.** O/B-Mary W Balch (NM); T-Casey T. Lambert. \$20,000.

3--**Marking Canyon, 122, g, 3, Marking--Stormy Canyon, by Scatmandu.** O-Leroy and Maureen Fincher; B/T-Leroy A. Fincher (NM). \$10,000.

Margins: 8 1/4, 5 1/4, HF. Odds: 0.40, 15.10, 2.20.

**ENCHANTRESS S.**, (NB) \$100,000, Sunland, 2-18, (S), 3yo, f, 1m, 1:38.75, ft.

1--**PAYINGOFFMYMARKER, 121, f, 3, Marking--Domesday Gal, by Dome.** O/B-Dustin Brooks (NM); T-Todd W. Fincher; J-Joel Rosario. \$60,000. Lifetime Record: 9-4-3-0, \$199,620.

2--**Honky Tonk Honey, 121, f, 3, Kentucky Wildcat--La Rita, by Chimes Band.** O/B-Dilly Dilly Racing (NM); T-Simon J. Buechler. \$20,000.

3--**Street Mark, 121, f, 3, Marking--Sophronia, by Street Sense.** O-Glen Robertson & Bobby J McQueen; B-Glen Robertson (NM); T-Dick Cappellucci. \$10,000.

Margins: 8, HF, 3. Odds: 0.50, 26.40, 35.50.

**ALLOWANCE RESULTS:**

**8th-Oaklawn, \$140,000, 2-18, (NW1\$X), 3yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:39.58, ft, head.**

**BOW DRAW (m, 6, Oxbow--Wicked Draw, by Wild and Wicked)** Lifetime Record: 16-3-4-2, \$169,465. O-Wesley Cook; B-Calumet Farm (KY); T-Henry West, Jr. \*\$1,000 3yo '21 KEEJAN.

**8th-Laurel, \$56,840, (C)/Opt. Clm (\$44,000-\$55,000), 2-18, 4yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2f, 1:05.00, ft, neck.**

**TAPPIN JOSIE (f, 4, Anchor Down--Homemaker {MSW, \$303,485}, by Afternoon Deelites)** Lifetime Record: SW, 19-7-6-3, \$359,560. O-DEA Thoroughbred Racing LLC; B-Charles Blanford (PA); T-Horacio De Paz. \*\$15,000 Ylg '21 EASOCT. \*\*1/2 to Mischievous Mama (Into Mischief), SW, \$187,730.

**7th-Laurel, \$54,890, (NW2X)/Opt. Clm (\$32,000-\$40,000), 2-18, 4yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:38.80, ft, 2 1/4 lengths.**

**DOCTOR ABBIE (f, 4, Sky Kingdom--La Estrellita {MSP, \$123,128}, by Crypto Star)** Lifetime Record: 18-7-4-1, \$190,634. O/B-Brian C. Schartz (PA); T-Bruce M. Kravets.



**4th-Sunland, \$51,800, (S), 2-18, 4yo/up, 1m, 1:36.62, ft, 6 3/4 lengths.**

**I'MAGAMBLER (g, 5, King Bull--Gamblers Odyssey, by El Corredor)** Lifetime Record: 22-8-4-1, \$164,218. O-Alfred Alvarado; B-Greg Green, David Ehmann & Mark Miller (NM); T-Martin Valdez-Cabral, Jr.

**6th-Laurel, \$51,505, 2-18, (NW1X), 4yo/up, 1 1/16m, 1:46.20, ft, 1 length.**

**HAY CHIEF (g, 4, Brody's Cause--Aruban Truth, by Yes It's True)** Lifetime Record: 19-4-3-2, \$137,640. O-Mi Patria Racing and J R Sanchez Racing Stable; B-Christopher Elser (VA); T-Rodolfo Sanchez-Salomon. \*\$18,000 Wlg '20 EASDEC.

**7th-Delta Downs, \$42,300, 2-17, (C), 3yo/up, f/m, 5f, 1:00.17, ft, head.**

**SIX STRING (f, 3, Star Guitar--Oh Whata Holiday {MSP, \$157,291}, by Harlan's Holiday)** Lifetime Record: 3-3-0-0, \$79,800. O-World War IV Racing and Rebel Tide Racing, LLC; B-World War IV Racing & Rebel Tide Racing LLC (LA); T-Allen Landry.

**10th-Sunland, \$42,100, (S), 2-18, (NW3L), 3yo/up, 6 1/2f, 1:16.48, ft, 3 1/2 lengths.**

**AR YA WEEGEE (g, 4, To Teras--Silver Stairs {MSW, \$138,782}, by Demidoff)** Lifetime Record: 6-3-1-0, \$63,180. O-Maurcenia Cross; B-Maurcenia Cross & Gary Cross (NM); T-Gary W. Cross.

**5th-Sam Houston Race, \$34,500, 2-18, (NW1X), 4yo/up, 1m 70y, 1:43.16, ft, head.**

**BATTLE STRIKE (c, 4, Connect--Hold the Sugar, by Forest Wildcat)** Lifetime Record: MSP, 10-2-2-2, \$142,083. O-Judge Lanier Racing, LLC and H.P. Drought and Company; B-James A. Everatt, Janeane A. Everatt & J. Arika Everatt - Meeuse (ON); T-H. Ray Ashford, Jr. \*\$130,000 Ylg '21 KEESEP; \$45,000 3yo '23 KEENOV. \*\*1/2 to Spring Tempest (Spring At Last), SW & GSP, \$184,085.



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**8th-Sam Houston Race, \$34,500, 2-18, (NW1X), 4yo/up, 6f, 1:11.49, ft, 1/2 length.**

**MALIBU S S (h, 5, Malibu Moon--Darling My Darling {MSW & MGISP, \$352,359}, by Deputy Minister)** Lifetime Record: 21-5-3-3, \$146,478. O-Zachary Roush; B-Debby M. Oxley (KY); T-Karl Broberg. \*\$100,000 Ylg '20 KEESEP. \*\*Full to Heavenly Love, GISW, \$346,200; 1/2 to Forever Darling (Congrats), GSW, \$217,545.

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**8th-Tampa Bay Downs, \$32,500, (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$16,000), 2-18, 4yo/up, 1m 40y, 1:41.54, sy, 1 1/4 lengths.**

**CONSPIRACY FACT (g, 5, Unified--Tanda {MGSW & GISP, \$358,626}, by Sweetsouthernstain)** Lifetime Record: 24-5-6-4, \$174,594. O/T-Juan Arriagada; B-Tommy Hutton's Dream Stable, LLC (KY).

**7th-Charles Town, \$28,400, (S), 2-17, (NW3L), 3yo, 6 1/2f, 1:21.10, ft, 3 3/4 lengths.**

**ROBBIELIKESHIM (c, 3, Warrior's Reward--Harbin Ice, by First Dude)** Lifetime Record: 6-2-1-0, \$41,074. O-John M. Link; B-Newborne Farm (WV); T-Anthony Farrior.

**3rd-Charles Town, \$27,400, (S), 2-17, (NW2L), 3yo/up, 7f, 1:27.82, ft, 6 1/4 lengths.**

**TREASURER (g, 4, Blofeld--Profit Girl, by General Meeting)** Lifetime Record: 12-2-3-1, \$58,664. O-Aspire Equine LLC; B-Debbie Rhodes (WV); T-Madison F. Meyers. \*\$20,000 Ylg '21 EASOCT.

**5th-Charles Town, \$27,400, 2-17, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 7f, 1:28.21, ft, neck.**

**THE SKY IS FALLING (m, 5, Cupid--Miss Henny Penny {SP}, by Half Ours)** Lifetime Record: MSW, 18-9-2-3, \$308,714. O-David M. Raim; B-Catherine K Jennings & Scott Mallory (WV); T-Jeff C. Runco. \*\$40,000 Ylg '20 KEEJAN. \*\*1/2 to Door Buster (Speightster), MSW, \$254,981.

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#### ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

**Eric From Miami, g, 3, Alternation--Bernadine, by Bernardini.**

Aqueduct, 2-18, (S), (C), 1m, 1:42.22. Lifetime Record: 7-1-0-3, \$56,020. B-Stonewall Farm (NY).

**Salty Girl, f, 3, Audible--Terminology, by Bernardini.** Laurel,

2-18, (C), 1m, 1:40.66. Lifetime Record: 5-1-2-0, \$43,950.

B-Michael & J.B. Orem (KY). \*\$43,000 RNA 2yo '23 OBSAPR.

**Cajun Doll, f, 3, Cinco Charlie--Shezadoll (SP), by Early Flyer.**

Sam Houston Race, 2-18, (S), 6 1/2f, 1:20.68. Lifetime Record:

5-1-2-1, \$43,637. B-Springhill Farm & Hickory Bay Farm (TX).

\*\$7,200 Ylg '22 TTAYRL.

**Flotation Station, c, 3, Exaggerator--Christina's Comet (MSP),**

by Successful Appeal. Sam Houston Race, 2-18, 6f, 1:11.76.

Lifetime Record: 6-1-2-2, \$55,985. B-Glory Days Breeding, Inc.

(KY).

**Lady Good Trouble, f, 3, Jersey Town--Sambista, by Afleet Alex.**

Golden Gate Fields, 2-18, 1m (AWT), 1:40.97. Lifetime Record:

3-1-0-0, \$18,450. B-Mack Williams & Greg Payne (CA).

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**El Rey Rey**, c, 3, **Karakontie (Jpn)**--Ch Ch Cherry Bomb, by Not For Love. Santa Anita, 2-18, 1mT, Lifetime Record: 4-1-1-0, 1:35.55. \$55,360. B-Rock Talk Farm LLC (KY). \*\$35,000 2yo '23 OBSJUN.

**English Danger**, f, 3, **Karakontie (Jpn)**--English Dancer, by English Channel. Santa Anita, 2-18, (C), 1 1/8mT, 1:49.92. Lifetime Record: 4-1-0-0, \$26,720. B-Nick Cosato (KY).

**Brilliant Man**, c, 3, **Tale of Verve**--Rubywood, by Woodman. Oaklawn, 2-18, (C), 1 1/16m, 1:44.81. Lifetime Record: 6-1-2-0, \$61,380. B-Charles Fipke (KY). \*\$9,500 Ylg '22 FTKOCT. \*\*1/2 to Tale of Vienna (**Tale of Ekati**), GSP, \$126,585.

**Stop Being Greedy**, g, 3, **Tapwrit**--Stonerageous, by Smoke Glacken. Charles Town, 2-17, 6 1/2f, 1:21.28. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$15,819. B-Black Star Stable (MD). \*1ST-TIME STARTER.

**Mr. American**, c, 4, **American Freedom**--Unanimous Decision, by Distorted Humor. Gulfstream, 2-18, (C), 5f (AWT) (off turf), :56.33. Lifetime Record: 14-1-5-2, \$75,320. B-Gary & Mary West Stables Inc. (KY). \*\$55,000 Wlg '20 KEENOV; \$50,000 2yo '22 OBSAPR. \*\*1/2 to Distorted Flash (Flashback), MSW, \$186,904 and Landslid (Flashback), SP, \$161,603.

**Battalion Strike**, g, 4, **Battalion Runner**--Miss Rombauer, by Scat Daddy. Fair Grounds, 2-18, (S), 5 1/2fT, 1:04.64. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-1, \$43,340. B-Brandon Adcock (LA). \*\$800 Wlg '20 ESLMIX.

**Jennifer's d'Light**, f, 4, **City of Light**--Modesty Blaise, by A.P. Indy. Santa Anita, 2-18, 6 1/2fT, 1:16.05. Lifetime Record: 6-1-0-1, \$55,720. B-Flaxman Holdings Limited (KY). \*\$650,000 Ylg '21 FTSAUG. \*\*1/2 to Poupee Flash (Elusive Quality), SW & MGSP-Fr, \$118,614; 1/2 to High Noon Rider (Distorted Humor), SW, \$671,981.

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**Tissa**, g, 4, **Flat Out**--Flying Tinkerbelle, by Musket Man. Delta Downs, 2-17, 6 1/2f, 1:22.02. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$21,000. B-Michelle French & Alyssa Clukey (TX). \*1ST-TIME STARTER.

**Dissolved**, c, 4, **Quality Road**--Sweet Dreams (MSP), by **Candy Ride (Arg)**. Turfway, 2-17, 6 1/2f (AWT), 1:17.88. Lifetime Record: 4-1-0-1, \$50,243. B-Lynch Bages LTD & Camas Park Stud (KY). \*\$750,000 Ylg '21 KEESEP; \$250,000 2yo '22 KEENOV; \$125,000 3yo '23 KEENOV. \*\*1/2 to Subconscious (**Tapit**), GSW & GISP, \$307,820.

**HIGHGATE SALES GRAD**

**Caribbean King**, g, 4, **Speightstown**--Fast Mama, by Kitten's Joy. Santa Anita, 2-17, (C), 1mT, 1:34.81. Lifetime Record: 9-1-1-3, \$65,380. B-Robert Slack (KY). \*\$200,000 Ylg '21 KEESEP.

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**Alternation**, Eric From Miami, g, 3, o/o Bernadine, by Bernardini. MCL, 2-18, Aqueduct

**American Freedom**, Mr. American, c, 4, o/o Unanimous Decision, by Distorted Humor. MOC, 2-18, Gulfstream

**Anchor Down**, Tappin Josie, f, 4, o/o Homemaker, by Afternoon Deelites. AOC, 2-18, Laurel

**Audible**, My Mane Squeeze, f, 3, o/o In Spite of Mama, by Speightstown. Maddie May S., 2-18, Aqueduct

**Audible**, Salty Girl, f, 3, o/o Terminology, by Bernardini. MCL, 2-18, Laurel

**Battalion Runner**, Battalion Strike, g, 4, o/o Miss Rombauer, by Scat Daddy. MSW, 2-18, Fair Grounds

**Blofeld**, Treasurer, g, 4, o/o Profit Girl, by General Meeting. ALW, 2-17, Charles Town

**Brody's Cause**, Hay Chief, g, 4, o/o Aruban Truth, by Yes It's True. ALW, 2-18, Laurel

**Cinco Charlie**, Cajun Doll, f, 3, o/o Shezadoll, by Early Flyer. MSW, 2-18, Sam Houston

**City of Light**, Jennifer's d'Light, f, 4, o/o Modesty Blaise, by A.P. Indy. MSW, 2-18, Santa Anita

**Connect**, Battle Strike, c, 4, o/o Hold the Sugar, by Forest Wildcat. ALW, 2-18, Sam Houston

**Cupid**, The Sky Is Falling, m, 5, o/o Miss Henny Penny, by Half Ours. ALW, 2-17, Charles Town

**Diabolical**, Community Leader, g, 3, o/o Midnight Summer, by **Midnight Lute**. Red Hedeman Mile S., 2-18, Sunland

**Exaggerator**, Flotation Station, c, 3, o/o Christina's Comet, by Successful Appeal. MSW, 2-18, Sam Houston

**Flat Out**, Tissa, g, 4, o/o Flying Tinkerbelle, by Musket Man. MSW, 2-17, Delta Downs

**Ghostzapper**, Stronghold, c, 3, o/o Spectator, by Jimmy Creed. GIII Sunland Park Derby, 2-18, Sunland

**Good Samaritan**, Do Gooder, f, 3, o/o Comare, by Street Boss. MSW, 2-18, Gulfstream

**Gun Runner**, Recharge, f, 3, o/o Remit, by **Tapit**. Sunland Park Oaks, 2-18, Sunland



**Gun Runner**, Unique Insight, c, 3, o/o Raucous, by Speightstown. MSW, 2-18, Aqueduct

**Jersey Town**, Lady Good Trouble, f, 3, o/o Sambista, by Afleet Alex. MSW, 2-18, Golden Gate

**Justify**, Elwood Blues, c, 4, o/o Blingismything, by Arch. AOC, 2-18, Santa Anita

**Kantharos**, Big Trouble, f, 3, o/o Into Trouble, by Into Mischief. MSW, 2-18, Fair Grounds

**Karakontie (Jpn)**, El Rey Rey, c, 3, o/o Ch Ch Cherry Bomb, by Not For Love. MSW, 2-18, Santa Anita

**Karakontie (Jpn)**, English Danger, f, 3, o/o English Dancer, by English Channel. MCL, 2-18, Santa Anita

**King Bull**, l'magambler, g, 5, o/o Gamblers Odyssey, by El Corredor. ALW, 2-18, Sunland

**Malibu Moon**, Malibu S S, h, 5, o/o Darling My Darling, by Deputy Minister. ALW, 2-18, Sam Houston

**Marking**, Payingoffmymarker, f, 3, o/o Domesday Gal, by Dome. Enchantress S., 2-18, Sunland

**Midshipman**, Nay V Belle, f, 3, o/o Cafe Belle, by **Medaglia d'Oro**. MSW, 2-18, Santa Anita

**Mr. Big**, Big Pond, f, 4, o/o Beside Still Water, by Lemon Drop Kid. Spring Fever S., 2-18, Santa Anita

**Munnings**, Jaxon Traveler, h, 6, o/o Listen Boy, by After Market. Bill Thomas Memorial S., 2-18, Sunland

**Nyquist**, Flying Connection, f, 4, o/o Free Flying Soul, by Quiet American. Harry Henson H., 2-18, Sunland

**Oxbow**, Bow Draw, m, 6, o/o Wicked Draw, by Wild and Wicked. ALW, 2-18, Oaklawn

**Pioneerof the Nile**, Donegal Forever, c, 4, o/o Flatter Up, by Flatter. AOC, 2-18, Gulfstream

**Quality Road**, Dissolved, c, 4, o/o Sweet Dreams, by **Candy Ride (Arg)**. MSW, 2-17, Turfway

**Sky Kingdom**, Doctor Abbie, f, 4, o/o La Estrellita, by Crypto Star. AOC, 2-18, Laurel

**Speightstown**, Caribbean King, g, 4, o/o Fast Mama, by Kitten's Joy. MCL, 2-17, Santa Anita

**Star Guitar**, Six String, f, 3, o/o Oh Whata Holiday, by Harlan's Holiday. ALW, 2-17, Delta Downs

**Tale of Verve**, Brilliant Man, c, 3, o/o Rubywood, by Woodman. MCL, 2-18, Oaklawn

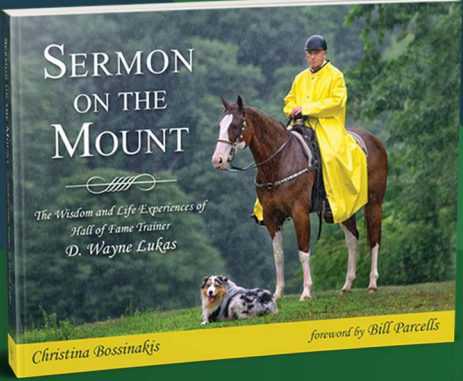
**Tapwrit**, Stop Being Greedy, g, 3, o/o Stonerageous, by Smoke Glacken. MSW, 2-17, Charles Town

**To Teras**, Ar Ya Weegee, g, 4, o/o Silver Stairs, by Demidoff. ALW, 2-18, Sunland

**Unified**, Conspiracy Fact, g, 5, o/o Tanda, by Sweetsouthernstaint. AOC, 2-18, Tampa Bay

**Upstart**, Surly Furious, g, 6, o/o Perfect Prediction, by Majesticperfection. Dust Commander S., 2-17, Turfway

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**Vino Rosso**, Princess Vino, f, 3, o/o Lunar Gaze, by Malibu Moon. MSW, 2-18, Aqueduct

**Warrior's Reward**, Robbielikeshim, c, 3, o/o Harbin Ice, by **First Dude**. ALW, 2-17, Charles Town



**Gun Runner** had the top two finishers in Sunday's Sunland Oaks  
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