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'WE CAN'T QUITE BELIEVE OUR LUCK': OSBORNE ON A MEMORABLE 24 HOURS IN THE GULF



Jamie Osborne and Emaraaty Ana in Doha | GBRI

By Emma Berry

"Some people looked at me like I'd lost my marbles," admits Jamie Osborne. The trainer is back in rainy Lambourn following a couple of glorious days under the Middle Eastern sun. The potential moment of madness to which he refers came last October when he bid 160,000gns for the then-seven-year-old Emaraaty Ana (GB) (Shamardal).

The gelding already had 32 runs under his belt and an impressive track record for Kevin Ryan, which included victory in the G2 Gimcrack S., backed up later by his win at five in the G1 Haydock Sprint Cup. He had also won the Listed Rous S. a couple of weeks before heading to the Tattersalls Horses-in-Training Sale, so he was clearly still a competitive animal but one would naturally start to wonder, as he embarked on his eight-year-old campaign, about the general wear and tear that might come with being in training all those seasons.

That old fighting spirit was still very much in evidence, however, as Emaraaty Ana held on gamely to win Saturday's Dukhan Sprint on Saturday, a local Group 3 in Qatar worth just shy of £180,000 to the winner.

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GUINEAS OPTIONS OPEN FOR RAMATUELLE

Christopher Head won his first Classic last season with Blue Rose Cen (Ire) (**Churchill {Ire}**) and he is now eyeing a possible run on the Qipco 1,000 Guineas for **Ramatuelle (Justify)**, who was the top-rated juvenile in France in 2023.

The winner of the G2 Prix Robert Papin, and runner-up in the G1 Prix Morny, Ramatuelle is also entered for the G1 Poule d'Essai des Pouliches and she will begin her preparations for the Classics in Deauville on Apr. 9.

"Ramatuelle has been a tremendous filly for us as a 2-year-old and we are now preparing her for pretty much the mile programme in France, but not only in France, in the UK too," said Head. "We're looking all over Europe to make the best programme for her as a 3-year-old. [Newmarket] is of course a possibility, but at the end of the day her owner will decide where she will run. She's going to go to the Prix Imprudence and then from there we will see where we go. To be a successful miler is the main objective this year." **Cont. p5**

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CHAMPION ECHO ZULU EUTHANIZED

Champion juvenile filly and four-time Grade I winner Echo Zulu (**Gun Runner**) was euthanised following a stall accident Feb. 18.

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James McDonald and Verry Elleegant winning the Melbourne Cup in 2021. The 11-time Group 1 winner sadly died following complications giving birth to her first foal. | Bronwen Healy

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His success was a rather large cherry on top of a fine 24 hours for the Osborne stable which began not that far away in Dubai with the second victory this winter at Meydan for another eight-year-old, Ouzo (GB) (Charm Spirit {Ire}). Both horses were ridden by the trainer's daughter, Saffie, who notched a notable landmark in becoming the first woman to ride a winner at Meydan.

"We can't quite believe our luck," says Osborne. "It's nice when plans come off because most of them don't."

He adds of Emaraaty Ana, "Buying a horse like that, you could potentially make yourself look stupid. I mean, I'm very fortunate that Ian and Claire Barratt have given me a bit of a budget to entertain them with and I felt that, at the money, he made sense as long as we could maintain him. And look, it's easy



Ouzo and Jimmy McCarthy at Meydan | *Racingfotos*

after the event, but I did say to them that he had the potential to win his purchase price back in Doha in February." Job done then, and we could see Emaraaty Ana back at Meydan next month.

"We're hoping he's going to get an invitation for the Al Quoz," Osborne says. "Obviously he's going to have to up his game to compete in that, I still think there's a chance that he can improve again."

"Barratt Racing have given me the opportunity to actually spend a bit more money than I've had to spend in the past to give them some fun. Now, how do you spend it? What they're about is going to nice places and competing at a decent level. So if you spend your budget on

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on the colt ex Princess Theodora



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Sean Davis of
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"In doing this, we have to accept that we've been buying horses that clearly other people feel their best days are behind them. And they are probably right, but hopefully we can maintain them for a year or two to give the Barretts the fun that they would like."

He continues, "I know some people looked at me like I'd lost my marbles by giving 160,000 for a seven-year-old, but if you think about it, there's so many £160,000 yearlings out there and not many of them are going to end up being rated 110. And, yes, you've got a different journey, you've got a huge amount of hope and excitement with those horses that they could have a successful career, but the reality is most of them don't."

"We're abandoning that hope that we're buying a champion and exchanging it really for a bit of reality. We accept that we're not buying a champion, but we're buying good horses. And as long as we can manage them, and keep them sound, and keep them wanting to do it, then there is some instant fun available with them."

Osborne admits to having found the Horses-in-Training Sale frustrating last year as he regularly played the role of underbidder, and he points to how the expansion of the racing programme in the Gulf has driven prices up.

"If you just value them as a function of how much prize-money they can win around the world, it makes sense when you see what horses are going to race for in Saudi this weekend, and what they've been racing for in Qatar, what they can race for in Dubai. It's not a surprise that they're expensive," he says.

"All the horses that we've got out there have come from very good trainers who have done very well with them: Kevin Ryan, Solid Stone came from Sir Michael Stoute, Ouzo came from Richard Hannon, we've got a nice horse called Sean out there that runs on Friday in the Singspiel Stakes. He came out of Germany, and he's been very well looked after and very well trained, he's seven."

"We're just probably doing things with them that the previous owners and trainers weren't really wanting to do. We've got the same horse, but if you just campaign them differently, you can find almost a new lease of life for them to compete. These are not English Group 1 races. A British Group race I think is the hardest race to win. So while some of these horses are

competing in Middle Eastern Group races, they may well not compete in the British ones, but if we look after them and campaign them very much with a return to the Middle East in mind for next year, there's no reason why we can't go overseas."

Ouzo is owned by The Other Club, a syndicate which comprises Osborne's wife, the artist Katie O'Sullivan, and a group of her friends.

"He's been a bit of a revelation, really, and I'm still unsure why," Osborne says. "We failed to win with him for two years and he was running very consistently, getting placed in some very good races, and I was very worried about taking him to Dubai off 98, but he's found another leg since we've been out

there this year. Maybe the extra little bit of trip has helped.

"There's one thing for certain, he isn't going to win the Hunt Cup now. He plied his trade around that 95 mark for two years, being slightly a victim of his own consistency, and now he's gone and won off 102, so it's fantastic for his owners who have enjoyed him immensely in spite of not winning for a couple of years, and now he's won three on the trot."

He adds of the ownership group, "They certainly enjoy

themselves wherever they go. I'd said to them before his first start, 'If you're only going to come out [to Dubai] once, come for his second start.'" So obviously when he won first time, I thought I'd completely messed it up."

He adds, "We'll get his little bag packed and bring him back here. He's still in the Lincoln off 98 plus a penalty. I wouldn't completely rule that out, but we'll just see how he comes back." Osborne's biggest win in Dubai came a decade ago when Toast Of New York won the G2 UAE Derby. He ended that same season by being beating just a nose in the GI Breeders' Cup Classic. Now 13, the son of Thewayyouare has an active life as a riding horse with the family of Osborne's right-hand man and fellow former jump jockey Jimmy McCarthy, who is overseeing the trainer's horses in Dubai.

Despite enjoying multiple top-level successes in his own career over jumps, Osborne admits to being a bit of a fair-weather racing man, making the Middle East at this time of the year an appealing prospect beyond just the prize-money on offer.



Jamie Osborne and Katie O'Sullivan with daughter Saffie at Goodwood last year | *Racingfotos*



Saffie Osborne on Sean, who was a close second in the G3 Dubai Millennium S. and returns to Meydan on Friday | *Racingfotos*

He says, "One of the downsides of being a jump jockey was that it happened in the winter. I suppose, to a degree, I've driven this concept motivated by my hatred for the British winter, but thankfully I've got owners that enjoy it too."

Saffie Osborne is doubtless enjoying it too, especially as she had to curtail her season last November when seeking treatment for torn ligaments in her knee. It was still her best year to date, with 70 winners on the board and a first Group success in the Valiant S. aboard Random Harvest (Ire) (**War Front**). And before you start thinking she's a nepo baby, it's worth reading what her father has to say about her.

"She's been a liability most of her life but it finally looks like she's turning into an asset," he says, though even down the phone it's easy to detect the smile on his face.

"She's had a tough few months. I'm not totally certain that if we hadn't had the nice horses in the Middle East that she would be back yet. But she worked very hard to get back and did what she had to do with her knee, and hopefully it'll keep improving as the year goes on, but she does have damage in there. "Obviously, for Katie and me, doing what we're doing with her on board just makes it extra special."

He continues, "There was a time when she was riding, she rode Alignak at Meydan for us a couple of years ago, and I was happy with her riding the horse, but she was just proficient. Now, I would say, without being biased, which is a difficult thing not to be, I think I would rather have her on the horses than anyone else now, from a professional point of view, and regardless of the pleasure that I get from seeing her riding for us. She's got the hang of it now."

"She's not afraid to get beat on a horse, which sounds stupid, but I think that's a very important thing that a jockey must have. The route she took on Ouzo, that could have ended up as a real hard-luck story, but if she'd come around them, she wasn't going

to win. So you've got to be prepared to take that chance and sometimes it pays off, sometimes it doesn't, but she has the confidence to take that calculated risk. And maybe it stems from the fact that as her mother owns it and her father trains it, she knows she's not going to get jockeyed off.

"But on the other hand, I'm trying to regrow this business at the moment, I don't have enough horses. I would like to grow both sides of the business, both here and a travelling team for the Middle East for next winter, and if I thought her involvement was in any way going to be detrimental to the growth of this business, well I'm afraid nepotism would go out the window. I'm not going to employ her at the expense of the business."

He adds, "She's extremely driven and I think there's a chance that Saffie can really make it and she's almost certainly going to grow out of me, I hope. In which case, I'll just have to stand in line with everyone else."

The next big test for Saffie Osborne comes on Friday in Riyadh, where she is one of 14 jockeys to have been called up for the Saudi Cup International Jockeys' Challenge. Ryan Moore is also in the line-up, as is Australia's Damien Oliver, who is making a brief comeback from his recent official retirement.

With a line that only a father could get away with, Osborne says of his daughter's participation, "That's a big step for a little girl."

"I think if she'd been involved in that competition last year, you'd be living in fear that she's going to be outwitted or out-jockeyed by that class of a rider that she's going to be competing against, but now I don't think that's a concern. I think that rule number one if you're going to be a good jockey is you've got to know how fast you're going and it seems that she's innately got that now. I'll be in Dubai watching with interest."

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EUROPEAN NEWS

Guineas options for Ramatuelle, cont. from p1

"I think Ramatuelle is a really nice filly and **Justify** has proven he can sire very versatile horses. I'm very happy to have her at three and can't wait to see what she is going to do for us in the mile races this year."

Ramatuelle, like Blue Rose Cen and fellow Group 1 winner Big Rock (Ire) (Rock Of Gibraltar {Ire}), was bred by Yeguada Centurion but she was sold as a yearling to a syndicate involving Tony Parker's Infinity Nine Horses and Ecurie des Monceaux. While Blue Rose Cen has been moved over the winter to the stable of Maurizio Guarnieri, Big Rock remains under Head's care.

He said of the G1 Queen Elizabeth II S. winner, "Big Rock is brilliant and has done very well over the winter. He will have a nice programme in Europe and we will be able to come over to the UK again.

"I will speak with the owners before saying anything about where he is going to start, but don't worry the horse is doing very well and we're very happy with his training. We can't wait to see him back on track."

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THREE NEW MEMBERS FOR HORSE WELFARE BOARD



Sulekha Varma represents racecourses on the Horse Welfare Board | *Racingfotos*

Sulekha Varma, Kate Sigsworth and Robin Mounsey have been appointed to British racing's Horse Welfare Board (HWB).

Varma, head of racing and clerk of the course at Aintree, joins as racecourse representative, while Sigsworth, who is the deputy chair of the Thoroughbred Breeders' Association (TBA), will represent the Thoroughbred Group. Mounsey is head of communications for the British Horseracing Authority (BHA) and will represent that body on the board.

Projects undertaken as part of the sport's 'A Life Well Lived Strategy' include British racing's first Thoroughbred census, which was completed in December 2023. Work is ongoing to develop and improve hurdles and fences in jump racing, as well as research into multiple aspects of ground and going on racecourses, and ongoing support of the sport's charity, Retraining of Racehorses.

The HWB is supported by The Racing Foundation and Horserace Betting Levy Board (HBLB). Since its inception the Racing Foundation has awarded the HWB over £3.5 million and the HBLB has provided £2.2 million.

Barry Johnson, independent chair of the HWB, said, 'We're delighted to welcome Sulekha, Kate and Robin to the team at such a pivotal time for the board, with the culmination of several key projects this year. Their combined knowledge spans the entire sport and will be of huge value to us as we enter the final phase of our current five-year strategy.'

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DEBUT FOR ARQANA BREEZE UP TOPPER

19.00 Newcastle, Novice, £11,400, 3yo/up, 8f 5y (AWT)

NO RETREAT (IRE) (Siyouni {Fr}) is a key debutante on a quiet day, having topped the charts at last year's Arqana May Breeze Up Sale when selling to Oliver St Lawrence Bloodstock for €1.2million. Carrying the silks of Victorious Racing and hailing from the Roger Varian stable, he is a son of the dual listed scorer Isabel De Urbina (Ire) (Lope De Vega {Ire}), a full-sister to the G2 Lancashire Oaks winner Manuela De Vega (Ire).

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Siyouni's No Retreat topping Arqana's Breeze Up Sale last May
Zuzanna Lupa

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BRITAIN

Monday's Results:

7th-Lingfield, £11,000, Novice, 2-19, 3yo, 7f 1y (AWT), 1:24.36, st.

CRACKING GOLD (GB) (c, 3, Havana Gold {Ire}--Meaning Of Time {GB}, by Captain Gerrard {Ire}), off the mark on debut at Kempton last month, instantly had the lead. Never in any danger, the 8-13 favourite hit the line strong to record an emphatic 5 1/2-length success from Risen Again (Fr) (**No Nay Never**). The winner is the last known foal out of the unraced dam whose half-siblings include Havana Gold's Hong Kong Derby-placed Crack On Crack On (GB) and the G2 July S. runner-up Lewisham (GB) (Sleeping Indian {GB}). Sales history: 19,000gns Wlg '21 TADEWE; €95,000 Ylg '22 TATIRY. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$12,056. O-Paul & Clare Rooney; B-Whitwell Bloodstock (GB); T-Clive Cox.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

King Of Spain (Ire), c, 3, Phoenix Of Spain (Ire)--Clarinda (Fr), by Montjeu (Ire). Wolverhampton, 2-19, 9f 104y (AWT), 2:02.94. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-1, \$9,527. B-Mrs Margaret Sinanan (IRE). *€19,000 Wlg '21 GOFNO1; 31,000gns Ylg '22 TATOCT.

FRANCE

Monday's Results:

1st-Cagnes-sur-Mer, €26,000, Cond, 2-19, 3yo, 8f (AWT), 1:38.25, st.

DARLINGHURST (IRE) (c, 3, Dark Angel {Ire}--Dr Simpson {Fr} {GSW-Ire & MSP-Eng, \$112,528}, by Dandy Man {Ire}), off the mark at this track last month, was settled behind the leading trio early. Staying on to take the advantage with a furlong remaining, the 13-5 second favourite asserted to score by 1 1/4 lengths from Lord Of War (Fr) (Ruler Of The World {Ire}). The winner is the first foal out of the dam, a smart sprinter who was successful in the G3 Mercury S. From the family of the high-class miler Soviet Song (Ire) (Marju {Ire}) and Ribbons (GB) (Manduro {Ger}), her 2-year-old and yearling colts are also by Dark Angel, with the former having been snapped up by SackvilleDonald for Manor House Stables for 60,000gns at the Tatts Book 1 Sale. Sales history: 230,000gns Ylg '22 TATOCT. Lifetime Record: 4-2-0-1, €29,450. **Video, sponsored by FanDuel TV.** O-Jean-Etienne Dubois, Haras d'Etream, Gerard Augustin-Normand & Jean-Pierre-Joseph Dubois; B-Yeomanstown Stud (IRE); T-Jerome Reynier.

2nd-Cagnes-sur-Mer, €23,000, Mdn, 2-19, 3yo, 10f (AWT), 2:02.12, st.

VALZAK (FR) (c, 3, Zarak {Fr}--Val Bever {Fr}, by Denon), third on debut over this course and distance last month, was anchored with two behind early. Delivering a sustained charge down the outer in the straight, the 9-10 favourite overhauled Forever Given (Fr) (**Sea The Stars {Ire}**) 100 metres from the line en route to a half-length success. The winner is the first foal out of the dam, a half to two listed scorers from the family of the G1 Grand Prix de Paris and G1 Prix Jean Prat-winning sire Vespone (Ire) and the G1 Hong Kong Vase heroine Vallee Enchantee (Ire) (Peintre Celebre). Her 2-year-old colt Sylvester (Fr) (The Grey Gatsby {Ire}) was bought by Rouget for €75,000 at Arqana Deauville August, while her yearling full-brother to the winner was a €80,000 purchase by Avenir Bloodstock at Arqana December. Sales history: €45,000 Wlg '21 ARQDEC; €80,000 RNA Ylg '22 ARQAUG; €55,000 2yo '23 ARQMAY. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, €14,950. **Video, sponsored by FanDuel TV.** O-Ecurie Antonio Caro; B-Haras De Saint Julien & Mme R Vannod (FR); T-Jean-Claude Rouget.

CONDITIONS RESULTS:

3rd-Cagnes-sur-Mer, €18,000, 2-19, 4yo, 7 1/2ft, 1:35.16, sf.

IZASTEP (FR) (c, 4, Footstepsinthesand {GB}--Izalia {Fr} {GSW-Fr, \$149,676}, by Iron Mask) Lifetime Record: 18-5-4-1, €77,100. O/B-Jean-Claude Seroul (FR); T-Jerome Reynier.

5th-Cagnes-sur-Mer, €16,000, 2-19, 4yo/up, 8f (AWT), 1:34.69, st.

BELL SONG (FR) (f, 4, Saxon Warrior {Jpn}--Summer Chorus {GB}, by Exceed And Excel {Aus}) Lifetime Record: 15-2-2-4, €32,359. O-Le Marais SAS, Ecurie Edgar Messaoud, Alessandro Marconi & Noman Ozguler; B-Rabbah Bloodstock Limited (FR); T-Jerome Reynier. *16,000gns HRA '23 TATJUL.



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IN JAPAN:

Best Me Ever (Jpn), f, 3, **No Nay Never**--Delphinia (Ire) (SW & G1SP-Eng, G1SP-Fr, MGSP-Ire, \$332,191), by Galileo (Ire). Tokyo, 2-18, Maiden, 1800mT. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-1, \$65,946. O-Silk Racing; B-Northern Farm; T-Sakae Kunieda.



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Dr. Waleed Sanab, Head of Veterinary Committee at Jockey Club Of Saudi Arabia, Finlay Dargan, COO Equine MediRecord, Pierce Dargan, CEO Equine MediRecord | Debbie Burt

Equine MediRecord's software platform will be used for all equine participants during the upcoming two-day Saudi Cup festival. An Arabic version of the Equine MediRecord platform to assist local trainers and veterinarians will also be available to help clear the Saudi-based horses through the festival's equine welfare protocols.

The software platform allows for the full veterinary history of each horse to be recorded securely, supporting horse welfare as well as aiding with anti-doping procedures. The new system EMR, developed for the 2023 Saudi Cup, will automatically inform trainers from across the world of the safety and integrity regulations that need to be followed and what documents need to be submitted through the system to allow horses to run at the Saudi Cup. Records entered into the system cannot be altered, providing integrity and transparency.

Equine MediRecord's platform is employed internationally, including by the British Horseracing Authority, Thoroughbred Owners of California, Maryland 5 Star, Kentucky Thoroughbred Association, the Arabian Racing Organisation, Pegasus World Cup, Preakness S. and Breeders' Cup World Championships. In 2022 Equine MediRecord received a multi-million dollar investment from Merits Holdings to become part of their Business Infusions group, the largest equine veterinary software group in the world.

"We are excited to have our Arabic version of our Equine MediRecord system, which was developed with Jockey Club of Saudi Arabia's support, used for the local Saudi racehorses," said Pierce Dargan, Chief Executive Officer of Equine MediRecord. "We hope this will drive adoption of our system by more equine events in the region who want to ensure the best equine welfare and bio-security protocols are being followed at their events."

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CHAMPION ECHO ZULU EUTHANIZED FOLLOWING STALL ACCIDENT



Echo Zulu | Sarah Andrew

L and N Racing and Winchell Thoroughbreds' Eclipse Award-winning 'TDN Rising Star' Echo Zulu (Gun Runner--Letgomyecho, by Menifee), was euthanized Sunday at the Chino Valley Equine Hospital in Southern California. *Daily Racing Form* was first to report the news. Trainer Steve Asmussen told the *Form*'s Steve Andersen that the filly became cast in her stall and injured herself when trying to get back on her feet.

"She was beyond special. My condolences to all who loved her," Asmussen told the *Form*.

David Fiske, who has served as the racing and farm manager for Winchell Thoroughbreds for 44 years, told *TDN* via phone on Monday what he knew about the Feb. 18 accident, his voice at times cracking with emotion. **Cont. p3**

MATING PLANS, PRESENTED BY SPENDTHRIFT: RESOLUTE BLOODSTOCK

As the 2024 breeding season is now underway, the *TDN* staff is sitting down with breeders to find out what stallions they have chosen for their mares, and why. Here we catch up with Chelsey Stone, the Director of Breeding for John Stewart's Resolute Bloodstock. Stewart made a huge splash at the yearling and breeding stock sales in 2023 and he purchased the former Shadwell Stud property in Midway, Kentucky to launch Resolute Farm.

"We have such an awesome fleet of mares, but we are always looking to add to the group," said Stone. "We have 16 mares total. 5 of those are maidens and so we are due for eleven foals this year."

GOODNIGHT OLIVE (m, 6, Ghostzapper – Salty Strike, by Smart Strike) bred to Not This Time

Purchased for \$6 million at 2023 Fasig-Tipton November

She was the first mare to visit **Not This Time** this year. We're very excited about this mating. **Not This Time** has really been impressive over the past few years and we thought it would be a great fit with Goodnight Olive. It nicked well. We have a great relationship with the Taylors and love what they're doing at Taylor Made, so it was the perfect fit. **Cont. p5**

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"What I was told--since I wasn't there, I don't have firsthand knowledge--is that she got cast in her stall [Sunday] evening and broke her leg above the plate that had been inserted, and [worsened the injury] trying to get up. There was no real option other than euthanasia."

Bred in Kentucky by Betz/J. Betz/Burns/CHNNHK/Magers/CoCo Equine/Ramsby, Echo Zulu was hammered down to Winchell Thoroughbreds for \$300,000 from the Betz Thoroughbreds consignment at the 2020 Keeneland September Sale.

A highly impressive debut winner at Saratoga in July 2021, Echo Zulu took the GI Spinaway S. and GI Frizette S. by open lengths and locked up the Eclipse Award with a dominating 5 1/4-length success in the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies at Del Mar ([video](#)).

Kept around two turns for the first half of her sophomore season, the bay wired the GII Fair Grounds Oaks, but didn't see out the nine-furlong trip of the GI Kentucky Oaks and finished a close third. Returned to sprint trips for the rest of the season--and her career--she posted a towering victory in the GIII Dogwood S. that September and ran Goodnight Olive ([Ghostzapper](#)) to 2 1/2 lengths when runner-up in the GI Breeders' Cup Filly & Mare Sprint.



Echo Zulu following the Ballerina | Sarah Andrew

Kept in training at four, Echo Zulu took out the GIII Winning Colors S. with a then career-best 97 Beyer Speed Figure, but she upped her game further still, romping by 7 1/4 lengths in Saratoga's GII Honorable Miss H. in July before overpowering Goodnight Olive in the GI Ballerina H. She earned 112 Beyers for both efforts. She was training towards a start in the Breeders' Cup when she suffered fractured sesamoids in an October workout, underwent surgery and had remained at the clinic since. **Cont. p4**



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In the estimation of 70 voters, Echo Zulu was the top filly and mare sprinter of 2023, but Goodnight Olive secured 142 first-place votes after defending her Filly & Mare Sprint title at Santa Anita and took home the statuette for the second straight year.

Up until the stall accident, Fiske said Echo Zulu's post-surgery recovery had been progressing on an optimistic arc.

"It had been going really well," he said. "Steve [Asmussen] and I had been talking about her on Saturday morning, how she was getting very close to being able to travel. We kind of saw on the horizon her getting to a point where she could walk onto an airplane and come back to Lexington. So she was very close."

Fiske added that the reality of Echo Zulu's passing still hasn't sunk in for him or those directly involved in her care.

"Even though I knew about the situation [Sunday] evening, and had anticipated having to deal with these questions and text messages and whatever else today, even with the lead time, I still don't have the vocabulary to adequately express what she meant to us and what she meant to our program," he said.

In a social media posting on the X platform, Michael Levinson, the racing manager and a partner of L & N Racing, wrote: "Extremely sad and upset about the passing of Echo Zulu, she was a true champion and will forever be in our hearts at L & N Racing. Rest in peace champ."

Added Ron Winchell: "It's devastating and beyond sad for our team. This happened at a point when we were just starting to feel good about her recovery. She is absolutely irreplaceable."

A half-sister to fellow 'Rising Star' Echo Town (Speightstown) and GSW J Boys Echo (Mineshaft), Echo Zulu posted a record of 9-1-0 from 11 starts and amassed earnings of \$2,640,375.

--Additional reporting by T.D. Thornton

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Goodnight Olive, the back-to-back winner of the Breeders' Cup Filly and Mare Sprint, was bred to **Not This Time** in 2024 | *Horsephotos*

CARAVEL (m, 7, Mizzen Mast – Zeezee Zoomzoom, by Congrats) to be bred to **Frankel**

Purchased privately in January, 2024

John and I actually visited **Frankel** last week at Juddmonte. He's big-boned and the shoulder and hip on him is so impressive. He's every bit of what he's hyped up to. We were more than thrilled with that mating.

Caravel will leave the farm in the first part of March. The idea is to keep her over there, let her foal out and then we'll breed her back and then bring her back home.

QUEEN CAROLINE (m, 11, **Blame** – Queens Plaza, by Forestry) to be bred to **Tapit**

Dam of Forte (Violence). Purchased for \$3 million at 2023 Fasig-Tipton November

Queen Caroline had a massive filly by **Flightline** this weekend. Once we nicked her, it was kind of a no-brainer to send her to King **Tapit**.

PIZZA BIANCA (m, 5, Fastnet Rock {Aus} – White Hot {Ire}, by Galileo {Ire}) to be bred to **Justify**

Purchased for \$3 million at 2023 Fasig-Tipton November

Pizza Bianca is currently in foal to Into Mischief with her first foal. We are taking her to **Justify**. She's by Fastnet Rock and that pairing to **Justify** has worked time and time again.

PUCA (m, 12, Big Brown – Boat's Ghost, by Silver Ghost) to be bred to Into Mischief

Dam of Mage (Good Magic). Purchased for \$2.9 million at 2023 Keeneland November

Puca is currently in foal to **Good Magic** and will be bred to Into Mischief. There was definitely a lot of discussion between John, Gavin [O'Connor, General Manager] and me. There were a lot of options for her, but we kept coming back to Into Mischief.

LENNI GIRL (m, 5, **Candy Ride {Arg}** – Unicorn Girl, by A.P. Five Hundred) to be bred to **Practical Joke**

Purchased for \$500,000 at 2023 Fasig-Tipton November



Queen Caroline, the dam of champion Forte, will be bred to **Tapit** in 2024 | *Sara Gordon*

She is currently in foal to **Not This Time** and we are taking her to **Practical Joke**. **Practical Joke** has been a favorite of ours and we actually have his full brother, who we purchased at the Keeneland September Sale [for \$1 million]. That was the horse John bought all on his own when Gavin and I weren't around. He liked the horse that much. We have a great relationship with Coolmore and supporting their stallions is important to us.

GODDESS PELE (m, 4, **West Coast** – Fiery Pulpit, by Pulpit) to be bred to **Munnings**

Purchased for \$300,000 at 2023 Fasig-Tipton November

Goddess Pele recently had the first foal at Resolute Farm, a very nice **Epicenter** filly. We will be sending her to **Munnings**. We have a couple of yearlings on the farm sired by him and they're fantastic. They all have a great look about that. I think he'll pair up very nicely with this mare. **Cont. p6**



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Resolute Bloodstock Mating Plans cont.

CHAMPAGNE (Ire) (m, 5, Galileo {Ire} – Red Evie {Ire}, by Intikhab) to be bred to Justify

Purchased privately in 2024.

This is the full-sister to champion Found (Ire). Champagne is in foal to Siyouni and we are breeding her back to Justify. Justify is on fire and we are excited to be sending mares to him this season.

DRAMATICALLY (m, 9, War Front – Wonder of Wonders, by Kingmambo) to be bred to Curlin

Purchased privately in 2024.

Dramatically is in foal to Wootton Bassett and she will go to Curlin.

HAPPEN (m, 8, War Front – Alexandrova {Ire}, by Sadler's Wells) to be bred to Into Mischief

Purchased privately in 2024.

Happen, a daughter of multiple Group 1 winner Alexandrova, is also in foal to Wootton Bassett and she will visit Into Mischief.

PINK DOGWOOD (Ire) (m, 8, Camelot {GB} – Question Times {GB}, by Shamardal) to be bred to Justify

Purchased privately in 2024.

This is the full-sister to Group 1 winner Latrobe (Ire). She is in foal to Frankel and is due in April, so we're ecstatic that she will have the first Frankel on our farm. John is a huge fan of Frankel. We will be sending her back to Justify.

Interested in sharing your own mating plans? Email garyking@thetdn.com.

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THOROUGHBREDS *by Katie Petrunyak*



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Five-time Grade I winner and 2021 Eclipse Champion Older Dirt Female Letruska (Super Saver) produced her first foal, a filly by **Curlin**, on Feb. 4 at Terrazas Thoroughbreds in Lexington, KY.

Farm owner Eduardo Terrazas reported that the foaling was normal and that as the leggy filly has flourished in her first few weeks of life, she seems to have adopted her sire's physical and her dam's personality.

"Her mama is a very secure type of mare, very sure of herself, and the baby definitely shows that," he said. "Ever since day one, she'll come straight to you. She's very independent and curious. She's a little bit of a handful. I think my night crew spends a little too much time with her, but my daughter is the night watchman and she likes to play with all her kids, so it makes sense."

It's fair to say that everyone at Terrazas Thoroughbreds gives just a little bit of extra attention to the talented Letruska and now her young daughter.

While Terrazas did not foal Letruska, she was raised on their farm and spent well over a year growing up there before she was sent to race in Mexico, where she would be named champion 3-year-old filly. The St. George Stable homebred made the move to America with trainer Fausto Gutierrez in 2019 and soon rose to the top of the game in the U.S.

Some of her more memorable wins came in a battle against champion Monomoy Girl (Tapizar) in the 2021 GI Apple Blossom H. and her near six-length victory in the 2021 GII Fleur de Lis S. The winner of 19 races from 28 lifetime starts, Letruska retired in 2022 with over \$3.05 million in earnings.

Terrazas Thoroughbreds is also home to several of Letruska's family members, including her dam Magic Appeal (Successful Appeal), who was purchased by St. George Stable for \$100,000 in 2015 with Letruska in utero. This year Magic Appeal has an Into Mischief yearling filly and is in foal to **Gun Runner**. Letruska's half-sister Mixteca (Tapizar) also resides at Terrazas and she recently produced a **Charlatan** filly.

"We have always been attached to Letruska's siblings, but we get attached to everything," Terrazas admitted. "With all of her brothers and sisters that we have had, we know them like family. Having Letruska here is great, just to be able to say that you had something to do with a horse of that quality."

Terrazas said they are in conversation with St. George Stable as they close in on their choice for which stallion Letruska will visit in 2024.

St. George Stable is owned by Mexican billionaire businessman German Larrea. His racing and breeding operation has a massive presence in Mexico and up until recently, he would race only a handful of his best horses in the U.S. Terrazas said those numbers have grown substantially over the past few years now that St. George Stable's trainer Fausto Gutierrez has planted a base in the U.S.

"In the past Mr. Larrea would probably breed around 10 or 12 mares here and most of them would be used to race in Mexico," Terrazas explained. "Nowadays we are producing roughly 20 to 22 foals for them each year and the vast majority of them are staying here to race."

St. George Stable has been active at the Kentucky breeding stock sales in recent years. At last year's Keeneland November Sale they bought nearly a dozen mares, including the \$300,000 purchase of Ambassador Kelly (Pioneer of the Nile), a daughter of GISW Rachel's Valentina (Bernardini). At the 2022 Keeneland January Sale they went to \$390,000 for Siempre Mia (Scat Daddy), the dam of MGSW Consumer Spending (More Than Ready).

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Letruska cont.

The operation will also send mares who were successful in Mexico north to breed in Kentucky. Jala Jala (Mex) (Point Determined) and Malinche (Fast Anna) were both champions in Mexico before they joined St. George Stable's broodmare band at Terrazas Thoroughbreds.

Terrazas said it is a privilege to work with a client like St. George Stable that breeds exclusively to race.

"There are not a lot of people like that anymore," he noted. "Everybody is so gung-ho on the market. This allows us to cater to him from a different perspective. Over the past few years, he has accumulated a really strong group of quality mares. We spend normally in the \$250,000 to \$300,000 range. That makes me really think high for the future. He's the type of owner that we need in the industry."

Terrazas decided to launch his own boarding operation because of the changes in the commercial breeding industry. He served as stallion manager for Overbrook Farm and Taylor Made Farm for almost 30 years before opening Terrazas Thoroughbreds in 2005.



Eduardo Terrazas | Sara Gordon

"Frank Taylor is the one who talked me into going on my own," Terrazas said. "At the time I decided that I needed a bit of a break. As a stallion manager there is a lot of pressure. I started noticing that the books for the stallions kept getting bigger and bigger. All of that pressure comes to you. When you're a stallion manager, you have to find a happy medium between the horse and the business side of it. We started stressing more about [the book sizes] and I said, 'Well, maybe I don't want to do this for the rest of my life. It's not fun anymore.' That's when I decided to try it on my own. I never had any big plans and I still don't. We all know this is a finicky business. We're fine today. Tomorrow, who knows?"

But Terrazas Thoroughbreds had found plenty of successes over the years. Along with St. George Stable, their client list has included White Fox Farm and Corser Thoroughbreds, who recently bred 2023 GI Pacific Classic S. winner Arabian Knight (**Uncle Mo**).

Terrazas credits their operation's success to keeping things simple and hands on. He and his daughter, Jenny, take their time with each and every horse.

"My daughter and I do all the dirty work," he said. "We foal every single horse. When we are raising horses, we just try to stay out of their way. Our horses come in each morning, eat, and an hour later they go back outside."

Terrazas Thoroughbreds will consign horses, but only those that they foaled and raised themselves. Terrazas said he wants buyers to have the confidence factor of speaking to a consignor that has known the horse for his entire life.

"I've never run an ad; it's all by word of mouth," he shared. "I turn down mares every year because I'd rather say no than do a bad job."

Terrazas said that being able to share his passion for the business with his daughter is what gets him out of bed for those late night foalings and the early morning feedings.

"I've always joked to people that if it wasn't for my daughter, I probably would have quit a while ago and just gotten a real job," he admitted. "I tried to steer her away from a young age, but it didn't work out. She loves it. She's a very hard worker. She's a lot like me. You can be out here with triple pneumonia or whatever and still show up. I'm very proud of her. To see these horses doing so well is just unbelievable and to see our clients do good is really what we're here for."

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POLITICALLY POWERFUL LAW FIRM HIRED TO ISSUE NORCAL PRA REQUESTS *By Dan Ross*

At a make-or-break time for Northern California racing interests as they attempt to build a racing circuit in the void left by Golden Gate Fields's imminent closure, two key players in those efforts have been on the receiving end of public records requests from **Benbrook Law Group**, a law firm well-known for their involvement in high-profile political campaigns, **including the failed effort** to recall Governor Gavin Newsom.

Some Northern California stakeholders said they suspected political intimidation was the motive for the request when the balance of the industry's economic power in California is up for grabs, and at a time of heightened tensions between industry interests in the North and South of the state.

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NorCal PRA Requests cont.

"This constant back and forth that's happened is really unfortunate. It's not sustainable," said owner-breeder Justin Oldfield, who chairs a working group to help facilitate ongoing racing in the North. "Racing in California is in jeopardy here. We need the North. We need the South. We need to figure out a way to make this all work."

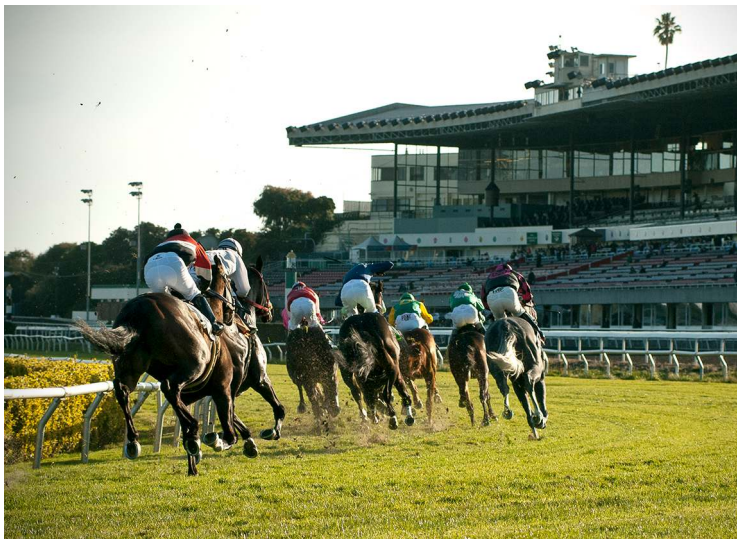
It's currently unclear who or what entity hired Benbrook Law group to file the 10-page Public Record Act (PRA) requests sent to the California Authority of Racing Fairs (CARF) and the Alameda County Fair.

Broadly speaking, the PRA requests ask for records and communications related to the closure of Golden Gate Fields, and to the continuation of Thoroughbred racing after the closure of Golden Gate Fields. This includes any records related to the creation of a new entity, "whether public or private," that would "participate in hosting or conducting Thoroughbred racing," and the allocation of wagering proceeds once Golden Gate closes.

Aside from its role in the campaign to recall Gov. Newsom, Benbrook Law Group has been involved in several high-profile politically-driven legal campaigns with a right-wing bent, including in recent years challenges to **affirmative action programs**, and a **lawsuit against the state** by the **Firearms Policy Coalition** challenging gun and ammunition disclosure laws.

After a Sacramento County Superior Court judge ruled to give supporters of the effort to recall Gov. Newsom more time to collect the necessary signatures for a special election, **it transpired** that the judge and Bradley Benbrook--who founded Benbrook Law Group--were once attorneys at the same Sacramento law firm, and had served as co-counsel on at least two cases.

Before last month's California Horse Racing Board (CHRB) meeting, the Thoroughbred Owners of California (TOC), The Stronach Group (TSG) Los Alamitos and Del Mar Thoroughbred Club (DMTC) issued a joint submission to the CHRB, asking the regulator to allocate race dates for the last 14 weeks of 2024 and for 2025--beyond the Northern fair meet dates--with operations concentrated in the South.



Golden Gate Fields | Vassar Photography

Citing the tough economics of maintaining parallel North-South racing circuits, the letter also outlined a broader set of proposals, including a possible legislative change to permit Los Alamitos to card night Thoroughbred races beyond 4 1/2 furlongs for \$5,000 claimers and below, and \$8,000 maiden claimers.

Against a backdrop of strong vocal support from NorCal stakeholders, representatives from CARF unveiled during the CHRB January meeting **possible plans** for a racing circuit in the North to be based at Cal Expo in Sacramento or at Pleasanton, which hosts the Alameda County Fair.

Stakeholders in the North appear to have until the March 21 CHRB meeting to assemble a concrete proposal for extended racing operations beyond the summer fairs.

According to Jerome Hoban, CEO of the Alameda County Fair and CARF board chair, Pleasanton has become the primary focus for a racing HQ in the North.

"CARF Board voted last week to support Pleasanton as being a potential hub for Northern Racing," wrote Hoban, in an email on Feb. 11. He added that "many details need to be worked out to make this a reality," including contract negotiations related to the property and on financing.

One such negotiation would appear to concern Pleasanton Golf Center Driving Range, which currently operates within the fairgrounds.

"The Alameda County Fair Board will need to approve the plan and ultimately, the CHRB would need

to allocate the dates and license the meeting," wrote Hoban. "We know that Northern California racing is vital to the entire industry as well as the Fairs. The economic impact of Northern racing is staggering and has a broad reach across several states."

Prior to the January CHRB meeting, **three TOC board members resigned** from the organization in protest at the joint submission to the state regulator.

"It is clear to us that the current leadership is not being transparent and not working to represent the entire state of California," wrote Lindsay LaRoche, Johnny Taboada and Ed Moger, in their resignation letter.

TOC leadership subsequently pushed back against several claims made in the letter.

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Another point of leverage in the ongoing negotiations concerns legislation passed **last September** that means if Golden Gate Fields is not licensed to operate beyond July 1, proceeds from simulcast wagering in the north are funnelled south when there is no live racing in the northern half of the state after that date.

It is currently unclear who or what entities have hired the Benbrook Law Group to issue the PRAs. The TOC, TSG, DMTC, Los Alamitos and PETA have all denied hiring the firm. Benbrook declined to answer the same question.

In response to claims that the company had been hired to intimidate Northern racing interests at such a sensitive stage of negotiations, Benbrook wrote that it is "hardly political bullying or intimidation" to ask a public entity to comply with its public record disclosure obligations.

"All the more so considering that these public entities appear to be using public resources to figure out how to make money from gambling proceeds," Benbrook wrote. "Your questions suggest that some parties think all of this should be happening outside the public's view; we respectfully disagree with that."

Long-time Northern California owner-breeder Tom Bachman said that "there's a lot of skulduggery going on" as the fight over the future of horse racing in California plays out.

"I think they're going to make whatever push they can to collapse the North," Bachman added. "If they threaten Pleasanton, that's the heart of being able to keep the North up and going."

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ROSARIO PICKS UP SAUDI CUP MOUNT

by Alan Carasso

Joel Rosario has picked up the ride on RRR Racing's **Isolate** (Mark Valeski) for Saturday's \$20-million G1 Saudi Cup at King Abdulaziz Racecourse, his agent Ron Anderson confirmed in a text message Monday.

The 6-year-old Isolate made the first 12 starts of his career in the U.S. for Reeves Thoroughbred Racing, winning two from his first five for trainer Kathy Ritvo before joining the barn of Tom Amoss. The Florida-bred posted four victories from seven outings for that barn, winning the Work All Week S. at Hawthorne and the Tale of the Cat S. at Saratoga ahead of a runner-up effort in the Louisville Thoroughbred Society S. in 2022.

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The mount of Joel Rosario in the G3 Riyadh Dirt Sprint, Bold Journey takes in the sights at King Abdulaziz | Jockey Club of Saudi Arabia

Rosario On Isolate In Saudi Cup cont.

Subsequently acquired by Sheikh Rashid bin Humaid Al Nuaimi's RRR Racing and turned over to trainer Doug Watson in Dubai, Isolate was runner-up in a pair of group sprint races at Meydan, then stretched out in distance to post an impressive win in the G2 Godolphin Mile with Tyler Gaffalione in the irons. He has made just one appearance since, a handy success in the G2 Al Maktoum Mile at Meydan Dec. 22.



Joel Rosario | Sarah Andrew

Isolate did not originally draw into the Saudi Cup, but gained a run when Aidan O'Brien elected to re-route the gifted multiple Group 1-winning turf horse Luxembourg (Ire) (Camelot {GB}) to the G2 Neom Turf Cup.

Rosario will also take the ride aboard Pantofel Stable, Wachtel Stable and Gary Barber's **Bold Journey** (Hard Spun) in the G3 Riyadh Dirt Sprint. Winner of the GIII Fall Highweight H. and Gravesend S. in his two most recent appearances, Bold Journey carried Rosario to a first-level New York-bred allowance victory at the Big A in 2022. Bold Journey is trained by Bill Mott.

Rosario rode no fewer than six stakes winners over the weekend, including Beatbox (Pioneerof the Nile) in the GIII Fair Grounds S. He was runner-up in the GII Risen Star S. atop Track Phantom (Quality Road).

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Connect (Curlin) <i>(Apple Picker--Barbara Fritchie S.-GIII)</i>	11	5
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Frosted (Tapit) <i>(Post Time--General George S.-GIII; Security Code--Broadway S.)</i>	22	6
Ghostzapper (Awesome Again) <i>(Stronghold--Sunland Park Derby-GIII)</i>	99	54
Gun Runner (Candy Ride {Arg}) <i>(Recharge--Sunland Park Oaks; Sierra Leone--Risen Star S.-GII)</i>	28	20
Mitole (Eskendereya) <i>(Halina's Forte--Ruthless S.)</i>	3	1
Not This Time (Giant's Causeway) <i>(It's Sizzling Time--John B. Campbell S.)</i>	33	14
Practical Joke (Into Mischief) <i>(Money Supply--Mineshaft S.-GIII)</i>	20	9

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Too Much Bling (Rubiano) <i>(Too Much Action--David E. Hooper S.)</i>	32	---
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SIERRA LEONE INDIVIDUAL FAVORITE IN DERBY FUTURE POOL

Sierra Leone (**Gun Runner**), who captured the GII Risen Star S. Saturday, was the 6-1 individual favorite when the Kentucky Derby Future Wager Pool 4 closed Sunday evening. The pari-mutuel field of 'all other 3-year-olds' closed as the 5-1 favorite.

Other horses who attracted interest from bettors: **Dornoch** (**Good Magic**) (9-1), the GII Remsen S. winner and full-brother to 2023 Derby winner **Mage**; GI Champagne S. winner **Timberlake** (Into Mischief) (15-1); GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile third **Locked** (**Gun Runner**) (16-1); and champion 2-year-old **Fierceness** (**City of Light**) (16-1).

Total handle for the Feb. 16-18 KDFW pool--the fourth of six scheduled wagering pools in advance of this year's Derby--was \$408,422 (\$309,393 in the Win pool and \$99,029 in Exactas). That was a 20% increase from last year's \$340,880 (\$259,489 in the Win pool and \$81,391 in Exactas).

Through the first four pools, a total of \$1,218,084 has been bet on Derby future wagers, a 26% surge from last year's \$964,540.

Other Future Wager dates are set for Mar. 15-17 (Pool 5) and Apr. 4-6 (Pool 6). The lone Kentucky Oaks Future Wager will coincide with Kentucky Derby Future Wager Pool 5.

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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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7th-Aqueduct, \$84,000, (NW2\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$62,500), 2-19, 4yo/up, f/m, 7f, 1:27.02, ft, 3/4 length.

ROYAL POPPY (f, 4, Classic Empire--M'Dearest, by Macho Uno) hasn't been off the board since a fifth last summer at Belmont and comes in with a pair of seconds over six furlongs over the local surface. Trying seven panels for the first time since nearly a year ago, the 5-2 shot kept heavy pressure outside Stonewall Star (Flatter) on the lead and was able to pull away as that rival faded with enough left to hold off Tough Street (Speightster) and win by three-quarters of a length. Out of a half to MGISP Riveting Reason (Fusaichi Pegasus), Royal Poppy's only younger sibling is 3-year-old colt Benezuelan Feeling (**Bucchero**). Sales History: \$40,000 Ylg '21 OBSOCT; \$170,000 2yo '22 OBSAPR. Lifetime Record: 13-3-5-2, \$266,950. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

O-Adelphi Racing Club, Pavilion Racing, Zilla Racing Stables and Surrey Lane Stables; B-Orlyana Farm (FL); T-Raymond Handal.

5th-Aqueduct, \$74,000, (S), Alw (NW2\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$45,000), 2-19, 4yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:41.24, ft, 3 1/4 lengths.

BON ADIEU (m, 5, Ghostzapper--Viva Sheila, by Tiznow) has never been worse than second since being claimed off Danny Gargan for \$30,000 at Saratoga last summer. First by a nose last out over a sloppy course and distance Jan. 7, the 2-1 shot led the field at every point of call Monday and was well clear on the run in, cruising to a 3 1/4-length victory over Clover Street (Tueflesberg) to extend her win streak to three. Viva Sheila has a yearling **McKinzie** colt and visited **Golden Pal** for 2024. Sales History: \$25,000 Wlg '19 KEENOV. Lifetime Record: 11-4-3-1, \$192,585. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

O-Werner J Stable and Rudy R. Rodriguez; B-Lady Sheila Stable, Edition Farm & Reilly McDonald (NY); T-Rudy R. Rodriguez.

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6th-Oaklawn, \$115,000, Msw, 2-19, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:10.70, ft, nose.

MIRACLE WORKER (c, 4, Into Mischief--Talk Show, by Smart Strike) made a pair of starts over course and distance last year but jumped from the gate Monday for the first time since April 1. The narrow 2-1 second choice off the layoff, he sat off Don Corleone's (More Than Ready) speed but was able to capitalize off a three-wide move in the far turn to just gut out the win over a closing Simovic (More Than Ready). Miracle Worker has a 2-year-old **Maximum Security** half-brother while his dam is due to **Game Winner**. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-1, \$83,500. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.** O/B-Gary & Mary West Stables Inc. (KY); T-Brad H. Cox.



Miracle Worker (pink silks) gets the bob | Coady

8th-Sam Houston Race, \$33,000, Msw, 2-19, 4/5yo, f/m, 5fT, :58.68, fm, 3/4 length.

GO BETTY JO (f, 4, Tapwrit--Party Smart, by Smart Strike) closed for second at odds of 6-1 in her course and distance debut Jan. 21. Favored Monday, she ran just off Just Plain Bad (Twice as Bad) from second, took over with a furlong to run and drove past to win by three-quarters of a length over Clay's Ruby Love (Caleb's Posse). A half to Time to Party (**Kantharos**), SP, \$244,184, Go Betty Jo traces to Canadian champion 3-year-old

colt Archers Bay (Silver Deputy). She has a 2-year-old full-brother and a yearling **Spun to Run** half-sister while Party Smart is pregnant to **Dialed In**. Sales History: \$70,000 Ylg '21 FTKOCT. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$25,960. [Click for the Equibase.com chart.](#)

O-Carl R. Moore Management LLC; B-Gainesway Thoroughbreds LTD & Bridlewood Farm, LLC (KY); T-Karen E. Jacks.

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IN JAPAN:

Roly Glory, f, 3, **Justify**. See 'US-Bred & -Sired Winners in Japan'

Sorrel Bullet, c, 3, **Malibu Moon**--Curluck, by **Curlin**. Tokyo, 2-17, Maiden, 1600m. Lifetime Record: 5-1-2-1, \$75,993.

O-Silk Racing; B-St Simon Place LLC & Scott Stephens (KY); T-Keisuke Miyata. *\$310,000 Ylg '22 KEESEP.

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Advance Pharoah, c, 4, **American Pharoah**--Fair Huntress, by Tiznow. Kyoto, 2-17, Allowance, 1400m. Lifetime Record: 14-2-2-0, \$132,654. O-Norihide Kubota; B-John D Gunther & **American Pharoah** Syndicate (KY); T-Hideyuki Mori. *\$140,000 Ylg '21 KEESEP.

IN SOUTH KOREA:

Sinui Ereum, g, 3, **Palace Malice**--Snack Shack, by Into Mischief. Seoul, 2-18, Hcp. (C4), 1200m. B-Stoneriggs Farm (KY).

*\$27,000 Ylg '22 FTKOCT. [VIDEO \(SC 6\)](#)



Sunday's Results:

1st-Tokyo, ¥10,480,000 (\$69,786), Maiden, 3yo, 1400m, 1:26.1, ft.

ROLY GLORY (f, 3, **Justify**--Roly Poly {MG1SW-Eng, G1SW-Fr, G1SP-Ire, \$939,537}, by **War Front**) was a debut second over six furlongs at Nakayama Jan. 20 and was the 3-2 second favorite to go one better here. Urged along early to sit second off a moderate pace, gained inch-by-inch into the final furlong and found just enough of a burst when switching her leads about 100 meters from the wire to best 6-5 Red Allegro (Jpn)

(Lord Kanaloa {Jpn})--Scatladybdancing) by a neck. Roly Glory is the first foal out of her dam, winner of the G1 Sun Chariot S. and G1 Falmouth S. in England and the G1 Prix Rothschild in France. Produced by two-time champion and treble Group 1 winner Misty For Me (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}), Roly Poly is a full-sister to European champion three-time elite-level scorer U S Navy Flag and a half-sister to Grade III winner Cover Song (Fastnet Rock {Aus}), who RNAd for \$2.1 million at Keeneland November last fall. Misty For Me is herself a full-sister to G1SW Ballydoyle (Ire), the dam of **Justify's** Group 3 winner Red Riding Hood (Ire); SW & MGSP Twirl (Ire); and GSP April Showers (Ire). Roly Poly is also represented by the 2-year-old filly Misty Quality (Ire) (**Quality Road**) and a yearling filly by **Wootton Bassett** (GB). Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$53,481.

O-Insel Racing; B-Orendale, Chelston & Wynatt (KY); T-Masayoshi Ebina.



STAKES RESULTS:

MOLLY P S., (NB) \$60,000, Turf Paradise, 2-19, 4yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:35.81, ft.

1--**YANKEE DOLLAR, 122, m, 5, California Chrome--Red Neck Song, by Unbridled's Song.** (\$7,000 RNA Wlg '19 KEE NOV).

O/B-Crossed Sabres Farm, LLC (KY); T-Marcus J. Vitali; J-Karlo Lopez. \$36,000. Lifetime Record: SP, 18-7-5-1, \$204,862.

2--**Kynlie's Empire, 120, m, 5, Classic Empire--Undeterred, by More Than Ready.** (\$40,000 Ylg '20 KEESEP; \$10,000 RNA Ylg '20 ARZNOV). O-C J Racing LLC; B-Alastar Thoroughbred Company, LLC (KY); T-Kevin Eikleberry. \$11,400.

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3--**Pepper Mill, 124, f, 4, Strong Mandate--A P Pepper, by A. P. Warrior.** O/B-Roys Mansur (KY); T-Edward J. Kereluk. \$6,000. Margins: HD, 1 1/4, 1. Odds: 3.80, 2.10, 3.10.

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ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

7th-Oaklawn, \$140,000, (S), (NW3L)/Opt. Clm (\$30,000), 2-19, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:11.60, ft, head.

BETTYS CASH (g, 5, Mo for the Money--Be My Caroline {SW}, by Storm and a Half) Lifetime Record: SP, 13-3-2-3, \$273,844. O/B-Sanders Brothers (AR); T-Donnie K. Von Hemel.

9th-Parx Racing, \$60,772, (C)/Opt. Clm (\$50,000), 2-19, 4yo/up, 6 1/2f, 1:19.32, ft, head.

HOLLYWOOD JET (g, 6, Uncaptured--Travelator {MSW & MGSP, \$647,672}, by A. P Jet) Lifetime Record: SW, 25-11-4-3, \$335,230. O-Gonzalez Racing; B-William Terrell & Frank De Savino (FL); T-Jose Gonzalez-Milian. *1/2 to Stone Silent (Adios Charlie), MSW, \$290,838.

7th-Sam Houston Race, \$34,500, 2-19, (NW1X), 4yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:11.74, ft, 2 1/2 lengths.

YVONNE'S MISS (f, 4, Bucchero--Deputy Miss, by Posse) Lifetime Record: 15-3-6-3, \$77,654. O-Carlton Blake Sanders; B-Ari F. Herbertson (CA); T-Sarah Nicole Davidson.

6th-Turf Paradise, \$31,500, (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$12,500-\$16,000), 2-19, 3yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2f, 1:01.85, ft, 1 1/4 lengths.

BLESSED ANGEL (f, 4, Mastery--Real Sister, by Into Mischief) Lifetime Record: 8-4-0-2, \$65,639. O-Stuart Tsujimoto, LLC; B-SF Bloodstock LLC (KY); T-Vann Belvoir. *\$7,000 Ylg '21 KEESEP.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Lilms Constitution, f, 3, **Constitution**--Shenandoah Queen (MSW & GISP, \$281,610), by Henny Hughes. Oaklawn, 2-19, (C), 6f, 1:12.57. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-0, \$37,993. B-T & G Farm of Kentucky LLC (KY). *\$210,000 Ylg '22 KEESEP.

Birdy's On Fire, f, 3, **Flameaway**--Birdmudiful, by Birdstone. Sam Houston Race, 2-19, 6f, 1:12.56. Lifetime Record: 4-1-1-1, \$28,072. B-Sycamore Bark Thoroughbreds, LLC (KY). *\$10,000 Ylg '22 KEESEP.

Everydayissaturday, g, 3, **Mohaymen**--Rodhwaan, by Daaher. Golden Gate Fields, 2-18, 5 1/2f (AWT), 1:04.48. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$18,000. B-Sharon Shepard (KY). *\$25,000 Wlg '21 KEENOV; \$28,000 Ylg '22 KEESEP.

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Mister Monte Carlo, c, 3, **Texas Chrome**--Conquest Tapgirl, by Tapizar. Sam Houston Race, 2-19, (S), 6 1/2f, 1:18.60. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-1, \$32,915. B-Ashley Hiller (TX). *\$5,000 Ylg '22 TTAYRL; \$39,000 RNA 2yo '23 TTAAPR.

Zashixiarayan, f, 4, **Animo de Valeroso**--Break for Diamonds, by Sunday Break (Jpn). Mahoning Valley, 2-19, (S), 6f, 1:17.65. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$19,080. B-Craig & Lindy Powell (OH). *\$2,500 Ylg '21 OTBOMX. **1ST-TIME STARTER.

Goddess of War, f, 4, **Atta Boy Roy**--Amariah Grace, by **Sky Mesa**. Turf Paradise, 2-19, (S), 5 1/2f, 1:03.28. Lifetime

Record: 4-1-2-0, \$49,420. B-Kristin Boice & Valorie Lund (AZ). **Debs Tiz**, g, 4, **I'll Have Another**--Tiz Kissable (GSP), by Tiz Wonderful. Golden Gate Fields, 2-18, 6f (AWT), 1:10.59. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$25,350. B-Jethorse LLC (CA).

Didja, h, 5, **Competitive Edge**--Dingiada, by Bandini. Oaklawn, 2-19, (S), 6f, 1:11.46. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$69,000. B-Cynthia Wade (AR). *1ST-TIME STARTER.

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Animo de Valeroso, Zashixiarayan, f, 4, o/o Break for Diamonds, by Sunday Break (Jpn). MSW, 2-19, Mahoning Valley

Bucchero, Yvonne's Miss, f, 4, o/o Deputy Miss, by Posse. ALW, 2-19, Sam Houston

California Chrome, Yankee Dollar, m, 5, o/o Red Neck Song, by Unbridled's Song. Molly P S., 2-19, Turf Paradise

Classic Empire, Royal Poppy, f, 4, o/o M'Dearest, by Macho Uno. AOC, 2-19, Aqueduct

Competitive Edge, Didja, h, 5, o/o Dingiada, by Bandini. MSW, 2-19, Oaklawn

Constitution, Lilms **Constitution**, f, 3, o/o Shenandoah Queen, by Henny Hughes. MCL, 2-19, Oaklawn

Flameaway, Birdy's On Fire, f, 3, o/o Birdmudiful, by Birdstone. MSW, 2-19, Sam Houston

Ghostzapper, Bon Adieu, m, 5, o/o Viva Sheila, by Tiznow. AOC, 2-19, Aqueduct

I'll Have Another, Debs Tiz, g, 4, o/o Tiz Kissable, by Tiz Wonderful. MSW, 2-18, Golden Gate

Into Mischief, Miracle Worker, c, 4, o/o Talk Show, by Smart Strike. MSW, 2-19, Oaklawn

Mastery, Blessed Angel, f, 4, o/o Real Sister, by Into Mischief. AOC, 2-19, Turf Paradise

Mo for the Money, Bettys Cash, g, 5, o/o Be My Caroline, by Storm and a Half. AOC, 2-19, Oaklawn

Mohaymen, Everydayissaturday, g, 3, o/o Rodhwaan, by Daaher. MSW, 2-18, Golden Gate

Tapwrit, Go Betty Jo, f, 4, o/o Party Smart, by Smart Strike. MSW, 2-19, Sam Houston

Texas Chrome, Mister Monte Carlo, c, 3, o/o Conquest Tapgirl, by Tapizar. MSW, 2-19, Sam Houston

Uncaptured, Hollywood Jet, g, 6, o/o Travelator, by A. P Jet. AOC, 2-19, Parx Racing