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## 'HERO, LEGEND, DUDE': BRAVE EMPEROR HAS THE WORLD AT HIS FEET



Brave Emperor with his regular travelling companion Louis Wicks  
*Racingfotos.com*

By Emma Berry

With an increasing number of international stamps in his passport, the multiple Group winner Brave Emperor (Ire) (**Sioux Nation**) is fast becoming one of the most admirable horses in training.

Only twice in his 16 starts has the Archie Watson-trained four-year-old ever been out of the first three, but more impressive is that 10 of those runs have ended in victory - in five different countries, and counting. On Saturday, his 2024 debut resulted in a win in the Irish Thoroughbred Marketing Cup in Qatar, a local Group 2 staged during the HH The Amir Sword meeting.

Brave Emperor, owned by the members of the Middleham Park Racing LX syndicate, held off the globally famous colours of Coolmore's Derrick Smith, carried by runner-up Cairo (**Quality Road**), with an equally renowned set of colours on the third horse, Godolphin's Real World (Ire) (Dark Angel {Ire}).

"I've run out of superlatives," says Middleham Park Racing's Tom Palin of the horse who is a syndicator's dream. "I've described him in every which way I possibly can. Hero, legend, dude." **Cont. p3**

## JAPANESE CONTINGENT IN FINE FORM BEFORE THE SAUDI CUP

Japan's **Crown Pride (Jpn)** (Reach The Crown {Jpn}), a winner of the 2022 G2 UAE Derby and last year's G3 Korea Cup, galloped over the dirt track in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia in advance of a start in the \$20-million G1 Saudi Cup on Saturday. He is one of five Japanese horses in the world's richest race, which will go postward at 8:40 p.m. local time.

"We did a 1200m gallop on the dirt track today. He moved and accelerated well. We are happy," Yohei Kotobuki, a stable representative, said of the G1 Champions Cup runner-up.

Also out for a spin, although in his case a canter, was 2023 GI Breeders' Cup Classic second **Derma Sotogake (Jpn)** (Mind Your Biscuits) on Tuesday morning. The 2023 UAE Derby hero was just a length behind the re-opposing White Abarrio (Race Day) in that Santa Anita contest in November, his most recent race.

"He has recovered well from the travel and he is very fresh. Christophe Lemaire will ride his gallop tomorrow," Masatoshi Segawa, a stable representative, said. **Cont. p7**

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*Gai Waterhouse pictured at Coolmore Australia on Tuesday with Pelican and her filly foal by **St Mark's Basilica (Siyouni)**. Pelican, the dam of Gai's unbeaten Golden Slipper favourite Storm Boy (**Justify**), is owned by Coolmore and Eddie Irwin's Marlhill House Stud. | Courtesy of Coolmore*

**RECOLETOS FILLY ANCHORS MAKING WAVES**

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*The Sweet Life S. went to Antifona (Fr), who features in the latest Making Waves from Heather Anderson.*

**DUBAWI COLT OFF THE MARK AT NEWCASTLE**

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*Sisyphean (Ire) (Dubawi {Ire}), a homebred for Sheikh Mohammed Obaid Al Maktoum, won a Newcastle novice on Tuesday.*

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**Brave Emperor Cont. from p1**

He adds, "I don't think we've ever quite had a horse like him, and I don't think many trainers or owners could ever dream of having a horse like him. He can go on good to firm or heavy, and he has won over five, six, seven, eight, and nine furlongs."

This time last year, Brave Emperor recorded his first stakes success on his first foray outside the British Isles when winning the Listed Prix de la Californie at Cagnes-sur-Mer. He then set about clocking up points on the European Road to the Kentucky Derby, winning a qualifying conditions race at Kempton before finishing second in the final leg of the series at Chelmsford in the Cardinal S.

The Run for the Roses was probably sensibly ruled out, but Brave Emperor and Archie Watson's travelling team continued the globetrotting a little closer to home, with victory in the G3 Grosser Preis der

Wohnstatts Krefeld next on the horse's agenda, followed by third in the G3 Stockholms Stora Pris. Royal Ascot and his run out the back in the G3 Hampton Court S. was really the only blip in an otherwise exemplary season, and he recovered from that

to win four of his five subsequent starts, including the G2 Premio Vittorio di Capua, G3 Prix Daphnis and G3 Grosser Preis der Landeshauptstadt Dusseldorf. Luke Morris has been Brave Emperor's regular partner in all bar three of these starts, and the pair could be off to Hong Kong next for the G1 FWD Champions Mile and a pop at superstar Golden Sixty (Aus).

"He's been invited out there at the end of April and that looks the route that we'll travel with him," Palin confirms. "It's a \$2.5 million race. I think we probably have to finish about sixth or

better to get our declaration fee back. And look, he's very versatile." **Cont. p4**



**Brave Emperor and some of his happy owners celebrating success in Deauville | Scoop Dyga**

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**Brave Emperor Cont.**

He says, "We know Hong Kong can throw up varying ground states, so you wouldn't be going there terribly worried about whatever the underfoot conditions are. But obviously, it's a race Golden Sixty's made his own."

He added, "That was a career best there on Saturday, so it feels a sensible race to be going for at this point. And we know he takes traveling very well. Obviously, it'd be a bit different because he's got the quarantine procedures to go through there for five days before and five days allowed on the track, so it'd be a bit longer than what he's used to, but if there's ever a horse you're just going to go, 'Look, he'll travel fine', it's him, isn't it?"

With Brave Emperor set to arrive back in the UK on Wednesday followed by a brief spell at Hillwood Stud, Palin outlines some of the key mile contests in Europe as possible

targets after his potential Hong Kong voyage. The Prix d'Ispahan, Lockinge and Queen Anne S. are all under consideration during the first half of the European season. It's a bold call, but this is a horse who clearly thrives on his racing, as his 11 runs from January to November last year showed.

"I think he's just growing up with racing as well," says Palin. "He's figuring out what the game's about. Obviously, Luke's been on board him for the vast majority of his career now and he feels he's getting faster, he's getting smarter about his racing, which is why I think even the [Prix de la] Foret, back a furlong at some point wouldn't be a bad thing with him."

"Louis Wicks looks after him every day, he knows him inside out, and he says the horse is just so easy to do at home. That has to help with his consistency. He doesn't over-exert himself on a day-to-day basis." **Cont. p5**

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-Tom Palin on Brave Emperor

**SIOUX NATION**

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**Brave Emperor Cont.**

Palin insists that Brave Emperor's earnings, which have now exceeded £500,000, pale in comparison to the experience he's providing his loyal band of owners who have enjoyed some exciting foreign trips of their own. It also makes his yearling price tag of £19,000, when bought at Goffs UK by Rodrigo Goncalves and Robson Aguiar, look incredibly reasonable.

"We had 14 people over there in Doha on Saturday and they couldn't have looked after us any better," he says. "Everybody had a fantastic time, and that's what it's all about, dinners and drinks with not just fellow owners, we've become friends, and all thanks to the wonderful Brave Emperor. That's the great thing about this game, you formulate great friendships. We have a couple of two-year-olds now with Archie and, sure enough, the money Brave Emperor's earned his owners has now paid for their shares in the others. They're rolling the dice again into them."

Palin adds, "I can't take any credit really for any of the placement, it's all been Archie. He's placed him to a tee, superb. And obviously the team who travels him around - Louis has been great."



**Brave Emperor (left) winning the G3 Prix Daphnis | Scoop Dyga**

Brave Emperor is a member of the first crop of **Sioux Nation**, Coolmore's son of Scat Daddy who has perhaps been a little overshadowed when it comes to recognition. He was of course in the same graduating year as Havana Grey (GB) and was behind him in both the first- and second-season sires' championships of the last two years. It's nip and tuck between the pair when it comes to comparing stakes performers, however. In 2023, Havana Grey's offspring were headed by the dual

Group 1 winner Vandeeek (GB), one of his 16 black-type winners overall, compared to 13 for **Sioux Nation**. But it is **Sioux Nation** who is ahead when it comes to Group winners, with nine on the board to Havana Grey's seven. **Cont. p6**



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### Brave Emperor Cont.

Thanks to the exploits of Brave Emperor, **Sioux Nation** currently heads the list of European third-crop sires by worldwide earnings at this early point in the year, and he has Matilda Picotte (Ire) flying the flag for him and Ireland in Saturday's G2 1351 Turf Sprint at the Saudi Cup meeting. She is also a Group 2 winner, in the Challenge S. at Newmarket, where she also won the Listed Bosra Sham S. and was third in the 1,000 Guineas. Her stakes wins are completed by the G3 Sceptre S. at Doncaster.

Last year's G3 Acomb S. winner Indian Run (Ire) is a potential Classic challenger for this season, while in the *TDN* on Monday Kieran Lalor outlined plans to send Group 3 winner Ocean Jewel (Ire) to race in America for Al Shira'aa Farms.

Of course, **Sioux Nation's** achievements have not exactly gone under the radar, and his fee in 2024 of €27,500 is more than double his starting point at stud, but it will be interesting to follow his progress, especially if he can come up with horses as tough as Brave Emperor. The sire can't take sole credit for the 10-time winner, however. A first foal, Brave Emperor's 55-rated dam Roman Gal (Ire) (**Holy Roman Emperor {Ire}**) was nothing to write home about as a racehorse but she is a half-sister to the G1 Coronation Cup and G1 Prix Jean-Luc Lagardere runner-up Salouen (Ire) (Canford Cliffs {Ire}), and her granddam Asterita (GB) (Rainbow Quest) won the Lingfield Oaks Trial. Further back again the family includes some prolific black-type earners in champion miler Keltos (Fr) and his half-siblings Krataios (Fr), Loxias (Fr), Iridanos (GB) and Kavafi (Ire). Together the quintet notched 38 wins between them from 97 starts. That hardiness, with more than a dash of talent, is echoing down the line.

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### CALIFORNIA DREAMIN' FOR ANTIFONA

*In this series, the TDN takes a look at notable successes of European-based sires in North America. This column is highlighted by the victory of Antifona at Santa Anita Park.*

### Recoletos Filly Lands Sweet Life Stakes

The runners by G1 Prix du Moulin/G1 Prix d'Ispahan winner

and French-based stallion Recoletos (Fr) in the U.S. are extremely rare, and it was his 3-year-old filly **Antifona (Fr)** who became his first stakes winner there with a score in the Sweet Life S. at Santa Anita for Hronis Racing, LLC and trainer John Sadler ([video](#)).

Bred by SARL Darpat France, the filly was an €18,000 Arqana October Yearling Sale buy-back and won her debut at Le Mans for her breeder and trainer Carlos Laffon-Parias. [Cont. from p1](#)

Also fifth to Ramatuelle (**Justify**) in the G3 Prix du Bois at Chantilly, she ended her French career with a win at Le Lion d'Angers that September several starts later. Purchased by these connections, the filly was making her third start in the U.S. The fifth foal out of the stakes-placed Survived (GB) (Kyllachy {GB}), Antifona's latest sibling is a full-brother born in 2023. Third dam Dazzle (GB) (Gone West), a winner of the G2 Cherry Hinton S., was third in the G1 1000 Guineas.

Recoletos stands at Haras du Petit Tellier. Of his three American starters, Antifona is his first winner, but his Revalita (Fr) was second in the GII Edgewood S. and third in the GII Wonder Again S.



Antifona | Benoit Photo

### Kingman Colt Graduates At Tampa

Klaravich Stables' **Going Concern (GB)** (**Kingman {GB}**) rallied to a debut victory at Tampa Bay Downs on Valentine's Day for Chad Brown ([video](#)).

The grey gelding was bred by Monceaux/Lordship/Mc Alpin/Langlais and brought €120,000 as an Arqana October yearling. His dam, the winning Newton's Night (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}), is a full-sister to GIII Orchid S. winner Dress Rehearsal (Ire) and a half to stakes winner Fairy Of the Night (Ire) (Daneshill). Both of those mares are multiple stakes producers, with dual Group 2 winner Muthmir (Ire) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}) and G3 Weld Park S. heroine My Titania (Ire) (**Sea The Stars {Ire}**) out of the latter. [Cont. p7](#)



**Making Waves Cont.**

Progeny of Juddmonte's son of Invincible Spirit (Ire) thrive under American turf conditions, and **Kingman** has 37 winners from 62 runners (59%) so far. Eight of that cohort (13%) have won stakes, anchored by GI Manhattan S., GI Turf Classic S., and GI Hollywood Derby winner Domestic Spending (GB).

**Repeat Winner**

**Spirit And Glory (Ire)** (Cotai Glory {GB}), who won the **Listed Miss Liberty S. at Monmouth last May**, added the Listed Albert M. Stall Memorial S. at the Fair Grounds on Saturday ([video](#)). She races in the colours of Michael Nentwig, Michael Dubb, Beast Mode Racing, LLC, John Rochfort and part-owner/trainer Robert Falcone, Jr.

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**OBSERVATIONS**  
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**HOW THEY FARED**

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

**No Retreat (Ire)** (**Siyouni {Fr}**), the €1.2million Arqana May Breeze Up topper, was the confident 5-6 favourite on his debut and looked a potent threat inside the final furlong only to lose out by a nose and a neck in third.

**BRITAIN**

**Tuesday's Results:**

**5th-Newcastle, £11,400, Novice, 2-20, 3yo/up, 8f 5y (AWT), 1:42.79, st.**

**SISYPHEAN (IRE)** (c, 3, **Dubawi {Ire}**--**Lunar Vega {Ire}**), by **Lope De Vega {Ire}**), last seen finishing fourth in a maiden over this trip at Newmarket in October, raced enthusiastically on the lead from the outset. Running out of rope late, the 15-8 second favourite held on to prevail by a nose from Native King (GB) (**Kingman {GB}**). The unraced dam, whose 2-year-old colt The Watcher (Ire) is by Invincible Spirit (Ire), is a granddaughter of Robert Barnett's G3 Musidora S. winner and G1 Prix de Diane third Time Away (Ire) (**Darshaan {GB}**) connected to the G1 Moyglare Stud S. heroine **Cursory Glance (Distorted Humor)**. Lifetime Record: 4-1-1-0, \$14,723.

O/B-Sheikh Mohammed Obaid Al Maktoum (IRE); T-Kevin Ryan.

**WORLDWIDE NEWS**

**Japanese Contingent Cont.**

There was also a positive bulletin on 2023 Japanese Champion Dirt Horse **Lemon Pop** (Lemon Drop Kid), who stretched his legs and jogged one lap on the dirt. A winner of both the Listed Mile Championship Nambu Hai and the G1 Champions Cup in October and December, respectively, the 6-year-old entire represents Godolphin and trainer Hiroyasu Tanaka.

"He has been getting familiarised with the new surroundings here and has eaten up very well. He cantered nicely and has been the same as how he is at home," assistant trainer Toshihiko Hokari said.

Only fifth to Lemon Pop in the Champions Cup, multiple group winner **Meisho Hario (Jpn)** (Pyro) has been twice placed at the highest level, to fellow Saudi Cup hopeful and 2023 G1 Dubai World Cup victor **Ushba Tesoro (Jpn)** (Orfevre {Jpn}) in the G1 Tokyo Daishoten, and to Lemon Pop once again in the G1 February S. last year. Connections reported he cantered 1 1/2 laps over the Riyadh dirt on Tuesday.

"He was a bit tired for a few days after his arrival but his condition has recovered a lot and he appears to be back to how he is. He will have a fast gallop on the dirt track tomorrow," assistant trainer Atsushi Obayashi said.

The aforementioned Ushba Tesoro jogged a quarter mile and finished his training with a 1 1/4-mile canter on the dirt at King Abdulaziz Racecourse on Tuesday.

"He has been relaxed and getting used to the new surroundings since he has arrived. He has a great balance with his conformation and he looks great," assistant trainer Masakazu Fukami said. **Cont. p8**



**Crown Pride has a spin over the King Abdulaziz dirt on Tuesday**  
Jockey Club of Saudi Arabia



**Japanese Contingent Cont.**

Besides the \$20-million big dance, Japan is strongly represented in the undercard races, and GI Belmont S. winner Palace Malice’s half-brother **Iron Barows (Jpn)** (Orfevre {Jpn}) turned in a strong canter on Tuesday, as well. The 7-year-old will compete in Saturday’s G3 Longines Red Sea Turf H. over 3000 metres on the grass.

"He moved comfortably with lots left in his tank. He felt really good. He really enjoys his life here and he seems fit on the dirt surface even though he is a turf runner," assistant trainer Shoritsu Kurono said.


A trio of Yoshito Yahagi runners were out for a gallop together on Tuesday: G2 Saudi National Bank 1351 Turf Sprint hopeful **Bathrat Leon (Jpn)** (Kizuna {Jpn}), who is defending his title after taking the race in 2023; Red Sea Turf H. entrant **Libyan Glass (Jpn)** (Kizuna {Jpn}); and undefeated G3 Saudi Derby runner **Forever Young (Jpn)** (Real Steel {Jpn}). Both Libyan Glass and Forever Young are first-time travelers.

"Libyan Glass travels overseas for the first time in his career and he has been settled because he is with other two horses," assistant trainer Yusaku Oka said. "He is tuning up for the race and is very well."

"He [Bathrat Leon] showed great acceleration in the stretch. Hopefully he keeps good form until the race."

Oka said of dual listed winner Forever Young, "As he did all he needed to before we brought him here, we had not asked him too much today."

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**Friday, Meydan, Dubai, post time: 19:50 p.m.**

**SINGPSIEL S-G2**, AED850,000, NH & SH 4yo/up & SH 3yo, 1800mT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	2	Alfareeq (Ire)	Dark Angel (Ire)	Al Mheiri	Crowley	129
2	9	Ottoman Fleet (GB)	Sea The Stars (Ire)	Appleby	Buick	127
3	7	San Donato (Ire)	Lope De Vega (Ire)	Watson	Dobbs	127
4	11	Celtic Prince (GB)	Shamardal	Bouresly	Pinheiro	125
5	1	Erzindjan (Ire)	Lope De Vega (Ire)	bin Harmash	Beasley	125
6	12	Highland Avenue (Ire)	Dubawi (Ire)	Appleby	Mullen	125
7	5	Make Me King (Fr)	Dark Angel (Ire)	Al Jehani	Marquand	125
8	14	Marbaan (GB)	Oasis Dream (GB)	Costa	Coen	125
9	13	Maydanny (Ire)	Dubawi (Ire)	Al Badwawi	Chavez	125
10	10	Moqtarreb (GB)	Kingman (GB)	Al Badwawi	O'Shea	125
11	8	Naval Power (GB)	Teofilo (Ire)	Appleby	Barzalona	125
12	6	Quip	Distorted Humor	Aashour	Hitchcott	125
13	3	Royal Dubai (Fr)	Seahenge	Botti	Cosgrave	125
14	4	Sean (Ger)	Excelebration (Ire)	Osborne	de Vries	125

**Friday, Meydan, Dubai, post time: 18:40 p.m.**

**BALANCHINE-G2**, AED850,000, NH & SH 4yo/up, f/m, 1800mT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	1	English Rose (Ire)	Frankel (GB)	Appleby	Barzalona	125
2	4	Mimi Kakushi	City Of Light	bin Ghadayer	Ffrench	125
3	7	Mystic Pearl (Fr)	Invincible Spirit (Ire)	Haggas	Marquand	125
4	6	Nibras Angel (GB)	Harry Angel (Ire)	Mohammed	Stott	125
5	2	Sapphire Seas (GB)	Frankel (GB)	Appleby	Buick	125
6	5	Shining Jewel (GB)	Siyouni (Fr)	Appleby	Mullen	125
7	3	Stenton Glider (Ire)	Dandy Man (Ire)	Palmer	Crowley	125

**Friday, Meydan, Dubai, post time: 18:05 p.m.**

**UAE OAKS-G3**, AED700,000, NH & SH 3yo, f, 1900m

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	6	Fatinah	Girvin	bin Harmash	Beasley	125
2	3	Kibo Misaki	Girvin	bin Ghadayer	Ffrench	125
3	1	Lightning Paradise	Congrats	Nass	Cosgrave	125
4	4	Manama Gold	Star Guitar	Nass	de Vries	125
5	5	Mizzyaan	Justify	Watson	Dobbs	125
6	2	Sensatiable	Audible	bin Ghadayer	Barzalona	125

**Friday, Meydan, Dubai, post time: 21:00 p.m.**

**NAD AL SHEBA TROPHY-G3**, AED700,000, NH & SH 4yo/up & SH 3yo, 2810mT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	5	New Comedy (Ire)	Sea The Stars (Ire)	Al Shemali	Pinheiro	125
2	4	New London (Ire)	Dubawi (Ire)	Appleby	Barzalona	125
3	2	Rakeez (GB)	Dubawi (Ire)	Seemar	O'Shea	125
4	6	Scottish Anthem (GB)	Lope De Vega (Ire)	S & E Crisford	de Vries	125
5	7	Sea Stone (Ire)	Sea The Stars (Ire)	Mohammed	Crowley	125
6	1	Siskany (GB)	Dubawi (Ire)	Appleby	Buick	125
7	3	Gallerist (Fr)	Zoffany (Ire)	Graffard	Marquand	121



**Saturday, King Abdulaziz (Riyadh), Saudi Arabia, post time: 19:10 p.m.****HOWDEN NEOM TURF CUP-G2, \$2,000,000, NH 4yo/up & SH 3yo/up, 2100mT**

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	4	Alooqaal (Ire)	Zoffany (Ire)	Alabdmonim	Morales	125
2	11	Astro King (Ire)	Kingman (GB)	D & C Kubler	Kingscote	125
3	7	Bolthole (Ire)	Free Eagle (Ire)	de Mieulle	Barzalona	125
4	1	Calif (Ger)	Areion (Ger)	Nass	de Vries	125
5	3	Grocer Jack (Ger)	Oasis Dream (GB)	Jerkens	Velazquez	125
6	12	Hearts Concerto (Jpn)	Heart's Cry (Jpn)	Takei	Moreira	125
7	2	Jack Darcy (Ire)	Gleneagles (Ire)	J & T Gosden	Shoemark	125
8	5	Killer Ability (Jpn)	Deep Impact (Jpn)	Saito	C Demuro	125
9	13	Luxembourg (Ire)	Camelot (GB)	O'Brien	Moore	125
10	9	Spirit Dancer (Ire)	Frankel (GB)	Fahey	Orr	125
11	8	Starcat (GB)	Lope De Vega (Ire)	Nawaf	Alfouraidi	125
12	10	Studley (Jpn)	Harbinger (GB)	Okumura	Buick	125
13	6	The Foxes (Ire)	Churchill (Ire)	Balding	Murphy	125

**Saturday, King Abdulaziz (Riyadh), Saudi Arabia, post time: 18:25 p.m.****SAUDI NATIONAL BANK 1351 TURF SPRINT-G2, \$2,000,000, NH 4yo/up & SH 3yo/up, 1351mT**

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	2	Aguri (Jpn)	Caravaggio	Yasuda	Lemaire	125
2	12	Annaf (Ire)	Muhaarar (GB)	M Appleby	Ryan	125
3	13	Art Power (Ire)	Dark Angel (Ire)	Easterby	Allan	125
4	10	Bathrat Leon (Jpn)	Kizuna (Jpn)	Yahagi	Sakai	125
5	3	Byline (GB)	Muhaarar (GB)	Smith	Mosse	125
6	11	Cold Front (GB)	Lope De Vega (Ire)	Al Harabi	Ferreira	125
7	1	Dr Zempf (GB)	Dark Angel (Ire)	Alsubaie	Saez	125
8	6	Jumby (Ire)	New Bay (GB)	Houghton	Soumillon	125
9	5	King Gold (Fr)	Anodin (Ire)	Caullery	Pasquier	125
10	9	Mysterious Night (Ire)	Dark Angel (Ire)	C Appleby	Buick	125
11	7	Raaed (Ire)	Dark Angel (Ire)	Al Rasheed	Rosario	125
12	4	Win Greatest (Jpn)	Screen Hero (Jpn)	Hatakeyama	Matsuoka	125
13	8	La La Christine (Jpn)	Mikki Isle (Jpn)	Saito	C Demuro	121
14	14	Matilda Picotte (Ire)	Sioux Nation	Cotter	Murphy	121

**Saturday, King Abdulaziz (Riyadh), Saudi Arabia, post time: 19:50 p.m.****LONGINES RED SEA TURF H-G3, \$2,500,000, NH 4yo/up & SH 3yo/up, 3000mT**

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	8	Giavellotto (Ire)	Mastercraftsman (Ire)	M Botti	Murphy	136.5
2	11	Breakup (Jpn)	Novellist (Ire)	Morita	Moreira	135
3	5	Iron Barows (Jpn)	Orfevre (Jpn)	Uemura	C Demuro	134
4	2	Echt (Jpn)	Rulership (Jpn)	Mori	Kawada	133
5	10	Al Nayyir (GB)	Dubawi (Ire)	Doleuze	Soumillon	132
6	6	Big Call 🐾	Animal Kingdom	Ferland	Buick	132
7	9	Libyan Glass (Jpn)	Kizuna (Jpn)	Yahagi	Sakai	132
8	7	Skazino (Fr)	Kendargent (Fr)	Cottier	Barzalona	132
9	14	Enemy (GB)	Muhaarar (GB)	Williams	Kingscote	131
10	3	Roberto Escobarr (Ire)	Galileo (Ire)	M Appleby	Ghani	131
11	12	Tower Of London (Ire)	Galileo (Ire)	O'Brien	Moore	131
12	1	Diva Donna (Fr)	Cima De Triomphe (Ire)	Carayon	Moutard	128
13	13	First Minister (Ire)	Galileo (Ire)	Jerkens	Saez	127
14	4	Pin Your Hopes (Ire)	Rock Of Gibraltar (Ire)	Almindeel	Moreno	125

**Saturday, King Abdulaziz (Riyadh), Saudi Arabia, post time: 17:00 p.m.**

**BOUTIQUE GROUP SAUDI DERBY-G3**, \$1,500,000, NH & SH 3yo, 1600m

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	4	Oasis Boy (Arg)	Asiatic Boy (Arg)	Olascoaga	Soumillon	131
2	1	Ajwadi (GB)	Dutch Art (GB)	Aldaihani	Aldaham	121
3	3	Almotahed (GB)	Bobby's Kitten	Alquintash	Alfairouz	121
4	10	Bentornato	Valiant Minister	D'Angelo	Saez	121
5	8	Book'em Danno	Bucchero	Ryan	Ortiz Jr	121
6	9	Forever Young (Jpn)	Real Steel (Jpn)	Yahagi	Sakai	121
7	2	Haayeet 🦿	Outwork	Albadah	Ospina	121
8	12	Mashhur 🦿	Creative Cause	Alsubaie	Velazquez	121
9	5	Salam Alkhair 🦿	Enticed	Gaitan	Moreno	121
10	11	Satono Phoenix (Jpn)	Henny Hughes	Nishizono	Moreira	121
11	7	Saudi Neom	Connect	Alathaab	Alfouraidi	121
12	6	Set Up (Jpn)	Declaration Of War	Shikato	T Yokoyama	121

**Saturday, King Abdulaziz (Riyadh), Saudi Arabia, post time: 17:40 p.m.**

**RIYADH DIRT SPRINT-G3**, \$1,500,000, NH & SH 3yo/up, 1200m

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	1	Alfaisaleyah (GB) (f)	Rajasinghe (Ire)	Alfehaid	Alfouraidi	121
2	12	Bakeel (GB)	Sioux Nation	Aldaihani	Ferreira	125
3	8	Bold Journey 🦿	Hard Spun	Mott	Rosario	125
4	7	Cairama 🦿	Cairo Prince	Aladhayani	Ramos	125
5	3	Jasper Krone 🦿	Frosted	Mori	A Danno	125
6	9	Keiai Dorie (Jpn)	Espoir City (Jpn)	Murayama	Lemaire	125
7	4	Power Of Beauty (Ire)	Slade Power (Ire)	Almulawah	Almussa	125
8	2	Rebellious Stage 🦿	Justify	Albadah	Ospina	125
9	6	Remake (Jpn)	Lani	Shintani	Kawada	125
10	10	Skelly	Practical Joke	Asmussen	Santana Jr	125
11	5	Sunset Flash (Ire) (f)	Mayson (GB)	Almindeel	Moreno	121
12	11	Tuz 🦿	Oxbow	Seemar	O'Shea	125

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# TDN SOPHOMORE TOP 12: 'RISING STARS' ANCHOR TOP THREE SPOTS



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by T.D. Thornton

You may have noticed a change in the title of this column, from “Derby Top 12” to “Sophomore Top 12.”

Churchill Downs, Inc., has barred trainer Bob Baffert from competing in the GI Kentucky Derby, and that left us in a quandary over how to assess the nation's best 3-year-old prospects.

It didn't seem right to dismiss the accomplishments of elite-level sophomores, regardless of whether they were eligible for the Derby or not. Nor did it seem proper to ignore the benchmarks their performances provide to help establish the overall pecking order.

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# HOW TO BEAT THE ODDS AND HAVE A SUCCESSFUL SUCCESSION OF YOUR HORSE-RELATED BUSINESS

By John Wollenberg, JD, CPA, and Leonard C. Green, CPA, MBA

*Editor's Note: Chris McGrath's popular TDN series "Succession" about horse racing-industry businesses passed from one generation to the next sparked this column by Len Green and John Wollenberg.*

The odds are frightening that only 50% of family businesses that are successful are passed to the second generation. Only 10% are successfully passed on to the third generation. There are many reasons for this and volumes of material have been written on this subject. But few provide you with the answers on how to successfully do it.

We are going to give you a strategy and business plan to succeed.

We will start by listing:

1. The challenges
2. The strategies
3. Some of the best tools
4. Tax considerations

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### BRAVE EMPEROR HAS THE WORLD AT HIS FEET

The multiple group winner **Brave Emperor (Ire)** (**Sioux Nation**) is eyeing plenty of international starts this season including the G1 FWD Champions Mile in Hong Kong, where he could face Hong Kong wunderkind Golden Sixty (Aus) (Medaglia d'Oro). Emma Berry has the details.

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**CHALLENGES**

*Structuring a succession plan should evaluate:*

1. The current owner's desire to retain control during his or her lifetime and the willingness to transfer interests now or wait until death.
2. Weighing the importance of an income stream if transfers are made now.
3. The skills and qualifications of the next generation.
4. Family dynamics and relationships.
5. Equalizing asset transfers to family members who will not be participating in the business.
6. The welfare of employees and preserving the goodwill that has been built up.
7. A plan to meet the new demands of the business.

**STRATEGIES**

*Discussions and implementation should facilitate:*

1. Assemble a team of both inside and outside experienced people who have expertise in your business and the industry.
2. Compose a business plan with objectives.
3. Provide alternative structures and possibilities for discussion purposes.
4. Hire an appraiser to perform a valuation.
5. Evaluate liquidity needs, including life insurance.
6. Discuss a buy/sell agreement with a professional.

**CONTENTS OF THE PLAN**

*Benefits of a written plan would include:*

1. Provide a blueprint to resolve differences and reach a consensus.
2. Establish transitional timetables, including gifting of interests.



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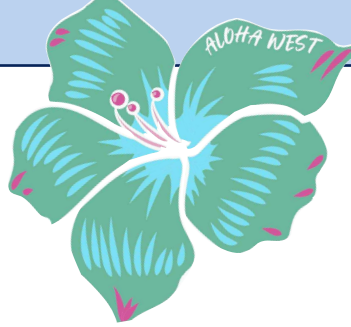
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**BETTORS-VS.-BAFFERT SUIT TRANSFERRED TO KENTUCKY; THIRD FEDERAL COURT TO TAKE ON CASE IN THREE YEARS** *by T.D. Thornton*

A New Jersey federal judge's order on Tuesday transferred a class-action lawsuit brought by a group of bettors against trainer Bob Baffert to the Western District of Kentucky, meaning that the nearly three-year-old case will now go before its third different court since 2021.

The **original federal lawsuit** was filed in California. In it, a group of horseplayers alleged they were cheated out of their property by Baffert when his betamethasone-positive trainee, Medina Spirit, crossed the finish wire first in the GI Kentucky Derby and purportedly prevented the plaintiffs from cashing winning tickets on the runner-up.

Baffert has denied those allegations, asked for the case to be dismissed, and has stated in court documents that the plaintiffs have twisted their case so far from reality that their alleged misstatements amount to libel.

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But after receiving written rationale from both parties, the judge on Feb. 20 instead mandated that Kentucky was now the proper jurisdiction for the case.

"[B]alancing all the factors, this case should be transferred to the Western District of Kentucky," U.S. District Judge Michael Farbiarz wrote in his 30-page order.

"This case, simply put, has virtually nothing to do with New Jersey," the order continued. "And the remoteness from New Jersey is to the point that personal jurisdiction is questionable here--with implications for both cost [and] the certainty of being able to enforce any eventual judgment."

"It is true that the Plaintiffs chose to bring suit in New Jersey [after originally filing in California]," the judge wrote. "But that is less meaningful than is typically the case. This is a putative nationwide class action that has little to do with the state."

Kentucky, the judge wrote, "is where the claim arose" based on being the host state for the horse race in question.

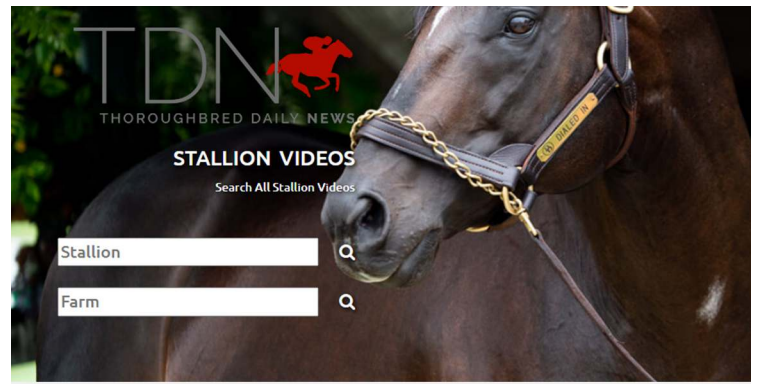
"And the federal court in Kentucky has recently resolved a case that is factually similar to this one and involves the Defendants in this case," the order continued.

The original version of the suit that just got transferred was led by Michael Beychok, the winner of the 2012 National Horseplayers Championship. It was filed in California four days after Baffert's May 9, 2021, disclosure that Medina Spirit had tested positive for betamethasone after winning the May 1 Derby.

It wasn't until Aug. 22, 2023, that the Kentucky Horse Racing Commission's disqualification of Medina Spirit from the 2021 Derby--which also affirmed the elevation of runner-up **Mandaloun** as the official winner--was sustained after a long appeals process.

The more than 30 class members of the Beychok suit chose the Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act (RICO) Act as a tool to try and collect damages from Baffert, plus his incorporated racing stable. The plaintiffs also sought an order from the judge stating that Baffert must divest himself from the sport.

RICO is a sweeping 1970 federal statute initially designed to combat the Mafia. But in a legal sense, it has long since lost its "organized crime" stigma. RICO today is rarely used to go after stereotypical "godfather" figures. Instead, RICO has evolved as a civil litigation component, and is most often asserted by purported victims of white-collar crimes, such as mail and wire fraud.



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The Beychok class-action complaint was withdrawn from the California federal court on July 22, 2021. One day later, an amended version of it resurfaced in New Jersey.

The New Jersey complaint from July 23, 2021, alleged that "[Baffert's] multiple and repeated acts of doping and entering horses into Thoroughbred races, including the Kentucky Derby, constituted racketeering activity."

The separate Kentucky case to which Farbiarz alluded was a different class-action lawsuit initiated against Baffert by another group of horseplayers who alleged negligence, breach of contract, and unjust enrichment because their losing pari-mutuel bets on the 2021 Derby also weren't honored as winners. It was **dismissed by a federal judge** in Kentucky on July 20, 2023, for failure to state a claim.

Farbiarz explained the significance of that dismissed Kentucky case in his order.

"[T]he Western District of Kentucky has already resolved, on the merits, a case that is closely similar to this one," Farbiarz wrote.

"There are, in short, fundamental similarities between the Kentucky case and this lawsuit," Farbiarz continued. "Given the work that has already been invested in the Kentucky case, it would save a good deal of judicial time if this case were sent to Kentucky.

"And returning to the same decision-maker is not just a matter of efficiency," the New Jersey transfer order summed up. "Having the same court handle both cases would help ensure that like cases—and these are very much like cases—are treated alike. That is a fundamental goal of our justice system."

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## SOPHOMORE TOP 12

So we're including Baffert's trainees in the Sophomore Top 12—along with horses from any other stable—so long as those horses are Triple Crown aspirants.

Once all the major preps have been run in April, we'll still expand the Top 12 to the Top 20 like we do each year.

And in the week leading up to each Triple Crown race, these rankings will again focus on race-specific, horse-by-horse analysis for the Derby, GI Preakness S., and GI Belmont S.

### 1) NYSOS (c, **Nyquist--Zetta Z, by Bernardini**) '**TDN Rising Star**'.

O-Baoma Corp; B-Susie Atkins (KY); T-Bob Baffert. Sales history: \$130,000 Wlg '21 KEENOV; \$150,000 Ylg '22 FTKOCT; \$550,000 2yo '23 OBSAPR. Lifetime Record: MGSW, 3-3-0-0, \$216,600. Last start: WON Feb. 3 Gill Robert F. Lewis S.

The 3-for-3 '**TDN Rising Star**' Nysos has plenty of sophomore prowess in his pedigree. Sire **Nyquist** won the 2016 Kentucky Derby. Damsire Bernardini took the 2006 Preakness. Grand-damsire A.P. Indy won the 1992 Belmont, and his sire, Seattle Slew, swept the 1977 Triple Crown. All three female-side of those sires were crowned 3-year-old champions, and the latter two were also voted Horse of the Year at age three.

Nysos won't be Derby-bound because of the ban imposed upon trainer Bob Baffert. But this colt will have other opportunities to tee it up against Grade I competition, with a possible Santa Anita Derby/Preakness combo looming on his calendar.

That schedule is pure speculation, because Baffert generally does not disclose advance stakes engagements for his horses. In the long run it might be futile to try and guess the projected paths of Baffert's top-tier sophomores.

But right now in the dead of winter it's an interesting exercise considering the legitimate hype surrounding Nysos.

This nimble but powerful colt has now won at six, seven and eight furlongs by a combined 26 3/4 lengths while earning Beyer Speed Figures of 96, 97 and 105.

Two other items stand out in Nysos's past performance block: 1) How did a colt this talented ever go off at 6-1 odds in his debut? 2) Given his apparent mental maturity, it's a bit of a surprise to see Nysos was a comparatively late May 8 foal.

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**2) MUTH (c, Good Magic--Hoppa, by Uncle Mo) 'TDN Rising Star'**. O-Zedan Racing Stables Inc; B-Don Alberto Corporation (KY); T-Bob Baffert. Sales history: \$190,000 Ylg '22 KEESEP; \$2,000,000 2yo '23 OBSMAR. Lifetime Record: GSW, 5-3-2-0, \$716,600. Last start: WON Jan. 6 GII San Vicente S.

'TDN Rising Star' Muth had been expected to start as the favorite in Saturday's GII Rebel S. at Oaklawn, but trainer Bob Baffert wasn't satisfied with how a Feb. 18 workout at Santa Anita unfolded and declined to enter him.

Muth was clocked in :47.40 (10/128) while covering a half-mile "handily" to the inside of a workmate. But *DRF.com*'s Steve Andersen reported that the move came during a time in morning training when another horse had been pulled up in the stretch with a fatal injury and the warning siren was blaring to alert other riders to pull up and get out of the way.

"He's not going to Arkansas," Baffert told *DRF*. "He didn't get a proper work."

Plan B was not disclosed.

Muth has already shipped cross-country and been scratched on the morning of a race, when Baffert backed the **Good Magic** colt out of the GI Hopeful S. at Saratoga on Labor Day, citing a "salty" field and a desire to try two turns at a later date.

That secondary option turned out to be the GI **American Pharoah** S. at Santa Anita Oct. 7, in which Muth manhandled an overmatched field at 2-5 odds.

Muth then ran second in the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile and started off his 3-year-old season with an assertive, 90-Beyer win in the GII San Vicente S. over seven furlongs.



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wide to avoid trouble.

Speed-centric horses racing either on the front end or just off it have won eight of the last 10 Derbies, with Rich Strike in 2022 and **Mage** in 2023 the off-the-pace exceptions.

But it's difficult not to take a shine toward 'TDN Rising Star' Sierra Leone after seeing this locomotive-like **Gun Runner** colt overcome both a slow pace and a sloppy, sealed racetrack when

inhaling No. 4-ranked Track Phantom (**Quality Road**) in the GII Risen Star S. at Fair Grounds.

Equipped with blinkers and ridden by Tyler Gaffalione (both first-time changes), Sierra Leone got bet down to 5-2 favoritism off an 11-week break after running second in the GII Remsen S. at Aqueduct. He settled mid-pack, then uncorked a prolonged far-turn rally during which Gaffalione sat chilly before setting down his colt in the nine path for the drive.

Sierra Leone had his work cut out for him while still four lengths behind the pacemaker at the eighth pole, but steadily eroded the gap between him and the hard-trying Track Phantom.

The margin got sliced to two lengths inside the sixteenth marker, and even though Sierra Leone lugged in a bit--a habit carried over from his first two races--within a few strides it was evident that Gaffalione had timed his move perfectly, reeling in his target 50 yards from the wire while Sierra Leone extended his powerful finishing pop into the gallop-out.

Next up is the Apr. 6 GI Toyota Blue Grass S. at Keeneland.

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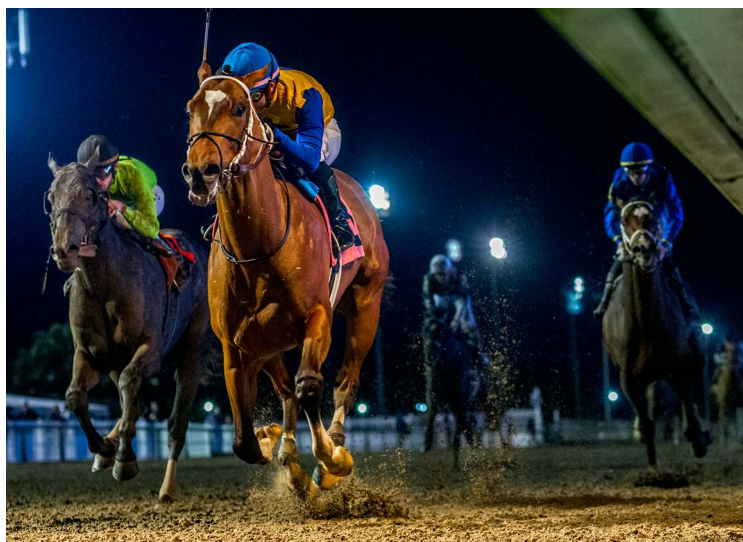
**3) SIERRA LEONE (c, Gun Runner--Heavenly Love, by Malibu Moon) 'TDN Rising Star'**. O-Mrs John Magnier, Michael B Tabor, Derrick Smith Westerberg, Rocket Ship Racing LLC & Peter M Brant; B-Debby M Oxley (KY); T-Chad Brown. Sales history: \$2,300,000 Ylg '22 FTSAUG. Lifetime Record: GSW, 3-2-1-0, \$336,750. Last start: WON Feb. 17 GII Risen Star S.

It can be hazardous to your bankroll to fall in love with deep closers in a 20-horse field and the list of Derby also-rans is littered with stout-hearted stayers who came up short because they either ran into traffic or ran out of real estate after circling

**4) TRACK PHANTOM (c, Quality Road--Miss Sunset, by Into Mischief)** O-L & N Racing LLC, Clark O Brewster, Jerry Caroom & Breeze Easy LLC; B-Breeze Easy LLC (KY); T-Steve Asmussen. Sales history: \$500,000 Ylg '22 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: GSW, 6-3-2-1, \$365,000. Last start: 2nd in Feb. 17 GII Risen Star S.

Track Phantom's Feb. 17 birthday didn't end with a party in the Fair Grounds winner's circle. But his runner-up effort behind Sierra Leone in the Risen Star S. didn't diminish his reputation as a straightforward speed horse who is capable of outrunning rivals for the lead, dictating the tempo, and then refusing to fold in the stretch. He was neither tiring nor quitting. He simply got collared by an A-list closer.

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**Track Phantom** | Hodges Photography

“He ran a great race but ended up just being second best,” said jockey Joel Rosario. “He tries hard every time and keeps getting better.”

This \$500,000 KEESEP colt by **Quality Road** now has a foundation of six lifetime races, all at a mile or longer. In each of his last three two-turn starts, he has drawn either the outermost post (in fields of six and seven) or gate 11 of 12 (on Saturday). Yet Track Phantom has ably swatted back inside challengers by clearing them on the first turn.

With wins over the New Orleans track in both the **Gun Runner** S. and the **Gill Lecomte S.**, plus his second-place finish over nine furlongs in the **Risen Star**, it's no surprise trainer Steve Asmussen has circled the Mar. 23 GII Louisiana Derby at 1 3/16 miles for Track Phantom's next start.

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**5) FIERCENESS (c, City of Light--Nonna Bella, by Stay Thirsty) 'TDN Rising Star'.** O/B-Repole Stable (KY); T-Todd Pletcher. Lifetime Record: Ch. 2yo, GISW, 4-2-0-1, \$1,127,250. Last start: 3rd Feb. 3 GIII Holy Bull S.

Since the advent of the Eclipse Awards, no 2-year-old champion colt has ever lost his first race back at age three and then won the Kentucky Derby.

After running a punchless third at 1-5 odds in the **Gill Holy Bull S.**, wearing a blanket of roses on the first Saturday in May might now seem too tall an order for juvenile champ Fierceness, especially considering trainer Todd Pletcher's plan all along was to have just one other pre-Derby start.

But all is not lost in terms of Derby aspirations for this **'TDN Rising Star.'**

For starters, we're now firmly entrenched in the “less is more” era of prepping 3-year-olds to run 10 furlongs and Fierceness could easily cycle back to being a hot commodity with a big nine-furlong effort in the Mar. 30 GI Florida Derby.

Fierceness, based on his five-race career arc, hasn't yet shown an ability to deliver back-to-back strong performances. Nor has he checked the “overcomes adversity” box.

But his two victories in his Saratoga debut and in the Breeders' Cup have both been delivered with enough of a "Wow!" factor to signal that this Repole Stable homebred has what it takes to assert himself at the top of the crop if he ever gets into a groove.

**LANE'S END FOALD & RAISED**

**6) DORNOCH (c, Good Magic--Puca, by Big Brown)** O-West Paces Racing LLC, R A Hill Stable, Belmar Racing and Breeding LLC, Two Eight Racing LLC & Pine Racing Stables; B-Grandview Equine (KY); T-Danny Gargan. Sales history: \$325,000 Ylg '22 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: GSW, 4-2-2-0, \$257,400. Last start: WON Dec. 2 GII Remsen S.

Dornoch hammered for \$325,000 at KEESEP in 2022, a price that now looks like a bargain considering his older brother, **Mage**, at the time was an unknown colt four months away from winning his career debut and nine months away from soaring home first at 15-1 in the Kentucky Derby.

By way of comparison, four months after **Mage's** career-defining Derby victory, the next foal out of the mare Puca, a colt by **McKinzie**, sold for \$1.2 million at the 2023 edition of KEESEP.

Trainer Danny Gargan has spent the better part of his winter at Palm Meadows trying to get Dornoch to maintain focus. Gargan doesn't want a repeat of the antics that Dornoch displayed when winning the Remsen S.

In that nine-furlong stakes, Dornoch outgunned five rivals for the lead, took mid-race pace pressure, repulsed fresh challengers on the far bend, then got to "goofing off" in the stretch according to Gargan, brushing the inside rail before re-surfing to snatch back the lead from No. 3-ranked Sierra Leone.

Although Dornoch has raced on or near the front in all four of his races, Gargan said after the Remsen that a change in tactics might be a worthwhile experiment. He believes that by coming from a bit farther off the pace, Dornoch will see other horses and remain more mentally locked in on his task.

We'll find out in the GII Fountain of Youth S. at Gulfstream Mar. 2.





**7) MAYMUN (c, Frosted--Handwoven, by Indian Charlie) 'TDN Rising Star'**. O-Zedan Racing Stables, Inc.; B-Vision Racing & Sales LLC (KY); T-Bob Baffert. Sales history: \$50,000 Ylg '22 KEESEP; \$900,000 2yo '23 OBSAPR. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$79,200. Last start: WON Feb. 11 Santa Anita AOC.

Maymun's one-mile allowance victory at 3-10 odds at Santa Anita didn't vault him any higher in these rankings. But the effort did maintain his perfect record while posing an open question about what this colt might do when tasked with tougher competition after being unveiled with a flourish in a **'TDN Rising Star'** sprint romp back on Jan. 20.

Breaking from the rail in his second lifetime start Feb. 11, this son of **Frosted** brushed a foe at the break, then sideswiped stablemate and second-favorite Imagination (Into Mischief) when bearing out into the first turn.

Flavien Prat settled Maymun into a slower second-quarter split down the backstretch. The real running started three-eighths out when Imagination engaged Maymun from the outside and the pace ratcheted up into a more spirited cadence while the two Bob Baffert trainees peeled off from the pack.

Imagination (previous Beyers 70, 78, 78) clearly attained the lead on three distinct occasions from the quarter to the sixteenth poles while never quite putting away Maymun for good.

But Maymun clawed back a half-length deficit inside the final 100 yards, winning by a neck through a final eighth in :12.83 while 10 1/2 lengths clear of the three remaining stragglers.

Maymun's winning time of 1:36.65 equated to an 89 Beyer, a four-point haircut off his 93-Beyer debut.



Conquest Warrior | Ryan Thompson

**8) CONQUEST WARRIOR (c, City of Light--Tea Time, by Pulpit) 'TDN Rising Star'**. O-Courtlandt Farms (Donald Adam); B-Betz/B&K Canetti/J.Betz/CoCo Equine/D.J. Stables (KY); T-Claude R. McGaughey III. Sales history: \$1,000,000 Ylg '22 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, \$52,200. Last start: WON Jan. 13 Gulfstream MSW.

Conquest Warrior, dubbed a **'TDN Rising Star'** off an adversity-overcoming maiden win going a mile through traffic in his second lifetime race Jan. 13 at Gulfstream, will make his next start there for trainer Shug McGaughey in either an allowance/optional claimer at 1 1/8 miles Feb. 29 or in the Fountain of Youth S. at 1 1/16 miles two days later.

"Ideally, the allowance race goes and we get that next little step into him without quite going into the deep end," Ernie Retamoza, the manager for owner Courtlandt Farms, told *TDN's* Steve Sherack last week. "But with the way that he ran and the way he's trained since, I think Shug feels like if the allowance doesn't go, we're sure not gonna sit around and wait on another one. We're gonna go ahead and get him going and see if he can take us there."

The stout-framed \$1-million KEESEP colt has breezed four times since his last start, including two "bullet" clockings at four and five furlongs at Payson Park.

"He's trained really well and came out of that race in great order," Retamoza said. "He's had some [fast] workouts, really atypical of Shug's horses. Shug doesn't fire bullets all the time, but that colt kind of does. Hopefully, that's a good indicator of what kind of horse he is and where we're headed. Those good horses work fast, that's just the way it is."

**9) TIMBERLAKE (c, Into Mischief--Pin Up (Ire), by Lookin At Lucky) 'TDN Rising Star'**. O-Siena Farm LLC and WinStar Farm LLC; B-St. Elias Stables, LLC (KY); T-Brad H. Cox. Sales history: \$350,000 Ylg '22 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: GISW, 5-2-1-0, \$475,600. Last start: 4th Nov. 3 GI FanDuel Breeders' Cup Juvenile S.

This son of Into Mischief started his career in three sprints, and while his best races have been at seven furlongs and a one-turn mile, it's noteworthy that his dam's only two wins in Great Britain came over 1 1/2 miles and 1 3/4 miles.

This **'TDN Rising Star'** was installed as the 6-5 morning line favorite for Saturday's Rebel S. at Oaklawn, and trainer Brad Cox is hoping the 1 1/16-miles distance will be a launch pad for Timberlake to earn Derby qualifying points in his sophomore debut.

Timberlake's fourth-place try as the 3-1 third choice in the Breeders' Cup Juvenile was essentially over before the first turn when he resisted efforts to settle and never fired when called upon for run.

But go two starts back in his past performances, and that emphatic sloppy-track pasting of a GI Champagne S. field that included eventual champ Fierceness could be the race that is the more useful benchmark for prognosticating Timberlake's future.

Florent Geroux won't be aboard on Saturday for the first time in Timberlake's five-race career. He's booked to ride Saudi Crown (**Always Dreaming**) for Cox in the \$20-million G1 Saudi Cup. Christian Torres will pick up the mount.

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**10) LOCKED (c, **Gun Runner**--Luna Rosa, by Malibu Moon) 'TDN Rising Star'**. O-Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners & Walmac Farm; B-Rosa Colasanti (KY); T-Todd Pletcher. Sales history: \$425,000 yrl '22 KESEP). Lifetime Record: GISW, 4-2-0-2, \$608,400. Last start: 3rd Nov. 3 GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile.

'TDN Rising Star' Locked was the beaten favorite when third in the Breeders' Cup Juvenile, and his sophomore season was delayed when he had to miss the Feb. 10 GIII Davis S. at Tampa after spiking a fever. But bettors haven't forgotten that this \$425,000 KESEP colt put up mid-90s Beyer numbers three times at age two, and his win in the Oct. 7 GI Breeders' Futurity S. at Keeneland was punctuated by Locked twice re-seizing the lead inside the eighth pole.

As such, he was installed as a 16-1 choice in the Kentucky Derby Future Wager pool that closed Sunday, the same price as 2-year-old champ and stablemate Fierceness.

Trainer Todd Pletcher plans to start Locked in the Fountain of Youth S., which could end up luring three Top 12 contenders.

**11) MYSTIK DAN (c, **Goldencents**--Ma'am, by Colonel John)** O/B-Lance Gasaway, Daniel Hamby & 4G Racing, LLC (KY); T-Kenneth G. McPeek. Lifetime Record: GSW, 5-2-1-0, \$510,110. Last start: WON Feb. 3 GIII Southwest S.

Last fall, trainer Kenny McPeek started this Goldencents colt's career by running twice in sprints and three times within a 33-day span. He now believes Mystik Dan's future will be in longer races with more time between starts.

After Mystik Dan's eight-length, 101-Beyer GIII Southwest S. score, McPeek told the TDN Writers' Room podcast that, "This horse is really fast. He has been from the beginning. Initially, I ran him twice in sprint races and after I did that, I kind of regretted it a little bit because we had to retool him a little bit. He's so quick that you had to kind of re-teach him and he needed to learn how to go longer."

McPeek explained that this homebred for Lance Gasaway, Daniel Hamby, and 4G Racing made that learning process straightforward because of Mystik Dan's capacity to absorb and repeat what he has been schooled to do.

"This is the kind of mind that you need for these high-level races," McPeek said.

After running up the score on a sealed, muddy track that he clearly relished, it remains to be seen whether Mystik Dan can repeat his gaudy Southwest performance on a dry surface going longer against a deeper field, with the Mar. 30 GI Arkansas Derby as his target.


**12) SPEAK EASY (c, **Constitution**--Fun, by Harlan's Holiday)** O-Siena Farm LLC & WinStar Farm LLC; B-WinStar Farm LLC (KY); T-Todd Pletcher. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$42,000. Last Start: WON Jan. 27 Gulfstream MSW.



In the last five years, trainer Todd Pletcher has started 185 firsters at odds of 8-1 or higher. Of the 11 who won, according to DRF's Formulator, Speak Easy, who earned a 100 Beyer, is the only one to have run a figure greater than 90. That means this **Constitution** colt gets serious consideration for this list, even if it is getting a touch too deep into the season to have Derby aspirations for sophomores who've only started once.

This WinStar Farm homebred who races in partnership with Siena Farm broke from the one post in his Jan. 27 Gulfstream debut, sluiced through a four-way early duel to latch on to the 3-2 favorite, then relentlessly ran down that rival in a seven-furlong clocking that was :01.08 seconds faster than older fillies and mares ran in a Grade II stakes later that afternoon.

"We had him going pretty well last summer and was getting close to a race when he had a minor setback, so we gave him some time," Pletcher said after that win. "The fact that he had a pretty good foundation last summer I think helped in preparing him for his debut. He'd always trained really well, but I think that performance even exceeded our expectations.

"If we get the opportunity to run in an allowance race, that could be an option," Pletcher continued. "I guess running as fast as he did, if he had to go into a stakes, I suppose you could make an argument for that as well."

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## DELAWARE APPROVES 2024 DATES, RELEASES STAKES SCHEDULE



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The Delaware Thoroughbred Racing Commission (DTRC) approved the 2024 Delaware Park live racing dates, punctuated by a \$2.75 million stakes schedule. The 87th live racing season--featuring 75 days beginning on Wednesday, May 15 and concluding Saturday, Oct. 12--will be highlighted by the \$500,000 GII Delaware H. July 7.

For the first time since 2009, the Delaware H. will be run on a Sunday, highlighting a festival weekend of racing that includes the \$250,000 GIII Robert G. Dick S. on the July 7 undercard. The \$300,000 GII Delaware Oaks will kick off the weekend July 6.

“We want to carry the positive momentum established last year into this upcoming season,” said Chief Financial Officer Kevin DeLucia. “The horsemen, commission and management have continued working together to ensure competitive, fair and safe racing. We have also been aggressively expanding our wagering menu and finding the right niches to make our signal attractive on the national landscape. It will be challenging to keep moving the needle in a positive direction in the highly competitive Mid-Atlantic market, but our team is eager for the opportunity.”

Total live racing handle increased 7.0%, to \$152.3 million for the 85-day meet in 2023 from \$142.3 million for the 87-day meet in 2022. The daily average handle increased 9.6%, to \$1.8 million in 2023 from \$1.6 million in 2022.

Live racing will be conducted on a Wednesday, Thursday, and Saturday weekly format for the majority of the 2024 meet. Nine Friday cards will be added: June 7, June 14, Aug. 2, Aug. 9, Sept. 13, Sept. 20, Sept. 27, Oct. 4 and Oct. 11. Live racing is not scheduled on July 11. Daily first race post time is set for 12:30 p.m. For the complete 2024 stakes schedule, click [here](#).

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## UNCAPTURED STORM NAMED HBPA CLAIMING HORSE OF THE YEAR

Nine-time winner **Uncaptured Storm** (Uncaptured)--who changed hands five times last year, winning at least once for each owner--has been selected the 2023 National Claiming Horse of the Year by the National Horsemen’s Benevolent & Protective Association. The NHBPA presents the award annually to shine the spotlight on horses that are exceptional at their level of competition, with claiming horses comprising the largest segment of racing across America. Uncaptured Storm and his connections will be honored at the NHBPA annual conference to be held at Iowa's Prairie Meadows in July.

Uncaptured Storm, now four, is currently owned by Rick Burnsworth and Bush Racing Stable and trained by the Mid-Atlantic-based Anthony Farris.

“He just brings his race with him wherever he goes,” Farris said. “This award is terrific. It’s hard to get stakes horses. But if you can claim a horse and still get a little publicity over it, that’s great.”

Burnsworth, the president of Douglas Explosives, said, “He loves to win. Heart of gold. Temperament is incredible. Beautiful animal. I’ve played a lot of sports in my life, and he’s what we call a winner.”

Uncaptured Storm won nine of 18 starts last year, with four seconds and a third while racing predominantly against older horses at Laurel Park, Hollywood Casino at Charles Town Races and Timonium Race Track. All his wins and \$208,726 of his \$220,476 came in 2023. The nine victories tied for second-most in North America, as the gelding raced from \$12,500 maiden-claiming up to \$40,000 claiming to an entry-level allowance, back to \$10,000 claiming and back up to \$40,000.



**Uncaptured Storm** | *Jim McCue/MJC*



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Uncaptured Storm was claimed five times: for maiden-claiming \$12,500 on Jan. 8, \$10,000 on July 29, \$20,000 on Sept. 8, \$16,000 on Nov. 5 and \$20,000 on Nov. 12. Each time he won at least once before being claimed again.

Farrior has had the gelding more than anyone, claiming Uncaptured Storm three times, including for himself at the beginning of the year. Farrior lost the horse via claim to trainer Mario Serey, Jr. and owner John Chamatsos twice, claiming him back both times for Burnsworth, who at the end of the year sold part-interest to Bush Racing Stable.

Burnsworth has dozens of horses in training, plus more on a farm he and Farrior bought near Charles Town in the lower Shenandoah Valley. He tied for seventh in victories in last year's North American owner standings with 80 wins out of 301 starts for purses exceeding \$1.35 million, according to Equibase statistics. Burnsworth won another 18 races in 2023 in partnerships, including with fiancée Kristina Buyea.

Claiming accounts for about 70 % of his horse business, he said, but he does buy some young horses and he is also acquiring broodmares.

Burnsworth owned horses for several years when his toddler daughter, Kelsey, was diagnosed with leukemia. He got almost completely out of racing to concentrate on Kelsey's health, a battle the animal lover and aspiring photographer lost at age 18 in 2011 after twice seemingly beating the blood cancer.

Burnsworth said that he and Buyea, along with his former wife Jessica Burnsworth, began teaming with North Mar Church in Warren, Ohio, on an initiative called Kelsey's Angels, which assists families staying around the clock at hospitals to be with their critically ill children--an underserved need he saw first-hand.

A chance encounter with Farrior at Charles Town led to Burnsworth plunging back into racing in a big way in 2022.

"... Since Anthony and I hooked up two years ago, it's been a blast," he said.

He added, "Kristina and I got blue silks with a white cross. These are God's creatures. He's just letting me borrow them, and I've got to treat it that way."

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**GSW FIRST CAPTAIN TO BRAZIL**



**First Captain** | Sarah Andrew

MGSW **First Captain** (Curlin–America, by A.P. Indy) has been retired and will stand the 2024 Southern Hemisphere season at Stud Eternamente Rio in Brazil, according to *Turf Diario*. The 6-year-old, who arrived in Brazil Feb. 9, was acquired by a partnership that includes Stud Eternamente Rio, Stud Red Rafa and Stud H e R.

Bred by Bobby Flay, who also campaigned GSW America, the colt brought \$1.5 million at the Fasig-Tipton Saratoga Select Yearling Sale in 2019. Flay retained a piece of the colt, who was ultimately raced by a partnership including West Point Thoroughbreds, Siena Farm and Woodford Racing.

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Trained by Shug McGaughey, the chestnut won his first three career starts, including the GIII Dwyer S. and subsequently added an allowance win at Gulfstream and the GIII Pimlico Special S. later in the 2022 season. He also finished second in the GII Suburban S. and third in the GI Jockey Club Gold Cup. He retired with five wins from 11 career starts and earnings of \$662,100.

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## WEEKLY RULINGS



### STEWARDS AND COMMISSIONS RULINGS

FEB. 13 - FEB. 19

Every week, the TDN posts a roundup of the relevant Horseracing Integrity and Safety Act (HISA) related rulings from around the country.

Among this week's rulings, trainer Gerald Brooks has been suspended seven days for a post-race gabapentin positive dating from Sept. 4. The case was **resolved without a hearing**.

Gabapentin is a Class B controlled drug under HISA, and used as an anti-seizure medicine in humans. Brooks was cited in January for a post-race phenylbutazone positive.

#### NEW HISA/HIWU STEWARDS RULINGS

The following rulings were reported on HISA's "**rulings**" portal and through the Horseracing Integrity and Welfare Unit's (HIWU) "**pending**" and "**resolved**" cases portals.

#### RESOLVED ADMC VIOLATIONS

**Resolution Date: 02/20/2024**

**Licensee: Gerard Ochoa, trainer**

**Penalty:** Disqualification of Covered Horse's Race results, including forfeiture of all purses and other compensation, prizes, trophies, points, and rankings and repayment or surrender (as applicable); a fine of \$500; imposition of 1.5 Penalty Points. Admission.

**Explainer:** For the presence of Phenylbutazone--Controlled Medication (Class C)--in a sample taken from Unexpected Tiger, who finished second at Tampa Bay on 12/31/23. This was a possible violation of Rule 3312--Presence of Controlled Medication Substance and/or its Metabolites or Markers (Post-Race/Vets' List).

**Resolution Date: 02/20/2024**

**Licensee: Anthony Carango, trainer**

**Penalty:** Disqualification of Covered Horse's Race results, including forfeiture of all purses and other compensation, prizes, trophies, points, and rankings and repayment or surrender (as applicable); a fine of \$500; imposition of 1.5 Penalty Points. Final decision by HIWU.

**Explainer:** For the presence of Glycopyrrolate--Controlled Medication (Class C)--in a sample taken from Esor, who finished second at Parx Racing on 12/19/23. This was a possible violation of Rule 3312--Presence of Controlled Medication Substance and/or its Metabolites or Markers (Post-Race/Vets' List).

**Resolution Date: 02/19/2024**

**Licensee: Richard Dutrow, trainer**

**Penalty:** A fine of \$500; imposition of 1.5 Penalty Points. Admission.

**Explainer:** For the presence of Phenylbutazone--Controlled Medication (Class C)--in an out-of-competition sample taken from Cage Match on 1/12/24. This was a possible violation of Rule 3312--Presence of Controlled Medication Substance and/or its Metabolites or Markers (Post-Race/Vets' List).

**Resolution Date: 02/19/2024**

**Licensee: Arnold Torres, trainer**

**Penalty:** A fine of \$500; imposition of 1.5 Penalty Points. Admission.

**Explainer:** For the presence of Triamcinolone--Controlled Medication (Class C)--in an out-of-competition sample taken from Its Thievery on 1/12/24. This was a possible violation of Rule 3312--Presence of Controlled Medication Substance and/or its Metabolites or Markers (Post-Race/Vets' List).

**Resolution Date: 02/19/2024**

**Licensee: Robert Dibona, trainer**

**Penalty:** A fine of \$3,000; imposition of 3 Penalty Points. Admission.

**Explainer:** A possible violation of Rule 3314--Use or Attempted Use of a Controlled Medication Substance or a Controlled Medication Method--on the horse, Surrogate. This was also a possible violation of Rule 4222--Intra-Articular Injections Within Seven (7) Days of Timed and Reported Workout.

**Resolution Date: 02/15/2024**

**Licensee: Gustavo Delgado, trainer**

**Penalty:** A fine of \$3,000; imposition of 3 Penalty Points. Admission.

**Explainer:** A possible violation of Rule 3314--Use or Attempted Use of a Controlled Medication Substance or a Controlled Medication Method--on the horse, Ocean Vision. This was also a possible violation of Rule 4222--Intra-Articular Injections Within Seven (7) Days of Timed and Reported Workout.

**Resolution Date: 02/15/2024**

**Licensee: Gerald Brooks, trainer**

**Penalty:** 7-day period of Ineligibility, beginning on February 16, 2024; Disqualification of Covered Horse's Race results, including forfeiture of all purses and other compensation, prizes, trophies, points, and rankings and repayment or surrender (as applicable); a fine of \$1,000; imposition of 2 Penalty Points. Admission.

**Explainer:** For the presence of Gabapentin--Controlled Medication (Class B)--in a sample taken from Breezy Connection, who finished second at Timonium on 09/04/23. This was a possible violation of Rule 3312--Presence of Controlled Medication Substance and/or its Metabolites or Markers (Post-Race/Vets' List).

#### Pending ADMC Violations

**Date: 01/07/2024**

**Licensee: Erin Carpio, trainer**

**Penalty: Pending**

**Alleged violation:** Out-of-competition medication violation

**Explainer:** For the presence of Acepromazine--Controlled Medication (Class B)--in a sample taken from Nazareno on 1/7/24. This is a possible violation of Rule 3312--Presence of Controlled Medication Substance and/or its Metabolites or Markers (Post-Race/Vets' List).

**Date: 11/11/2023**

**Licensee: James Watkins, trainer**

**Penalty: Pending**

**Alleged violation:** Medication violation

**Explainer:** For the presence of Xylazine--Controlled Medication (Class B)--in a sample taken from Dennis's Pride, who finished fifth at Fanduel Sportsbook and Horse Racing on 11/11/23. This is a possible violation of Rule 3312--Presence of Controlled Medication Substance and/or its Metabolites or Markers (Post-Race/Vets' List).

#### **VIOLATIONS OF CROP RULE**

*One important note: HISA's whip use limit is restricted to six strikes during a race.*

#### **AQUEDUCT**

**Dylan Scott Thomas** – violation date Feb 16; \$250 fine and one-day suspension

#### **GOLDEN GATE FIELDS**

**Catalino Martinez** – violation date Feb 16; \$250 fine and one-day suspension, 8 strikes

#### **SANTA ANITA**

**Juan Hernandez** – violation date Feb 18; \$250 fine and one-day suspension, 8 strikes

**Santiago Gonzalez** – violation date Feb 18; \$250 fine and one-day suspension, 7 strikes

#### OTHER KEY RULINGS

The TDN also publishes a roundup of key official rulings from the primary tracks within the four major racing jurisdictions of California, New York, Florida and Kentucky.

[Here's a primer](#) on how each of these jurisdictions adjudicates different offenses, what they make public (or not) and where.

#### **CALIFORNIA**

**Track: Santa Anita**

**Date: 02/16/2024**

**Licensee: Diego Herrera, jockey**

**Penalty: Three-day suspension**

**Violation:** Careless riding

**Explainer:** Jockey Diego Herrera, who rode Zzyzx in the third race at Santa Anita Park on February 15, 2024, is suspended for 3 racing days (February 23, 24 and 25, 2024) for crossing over without sufficient clearance going into the first turn, causing interference; a violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1699 (Riding Rules - careless riding).

**Track: Santa Anita**

**Date: 02/17/2024**

**Licensee: Kyle Frey, jockey**

**Penalty: Three-day suspension**

**Violation:** Careless riding



**Cont.**

**Explainer:** Jockey Kyle Frey, who rode Ghostly Act in the first race at Santa Anita Park on February 16, 2024, is suspended for 3 racing days (February 24, 25 and March 1, 2024) for failure to make the proper effort to maintain a straight course in the stretch, causing interference, resulting in the disqualification of his mount from second to fourth; a violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1699 (Riding Rules-careless riding).

**Track:** Santa Anita

**Date:** 02/18/2024

**Licensee:** Joel Rosario, jockey

**Penalty:** One-day suspension

**Violation:** Participated in designated races out of state

**Explainer:** Jockey Joel Rosario is suspended for 1 additional racing day (February 25, 2024) pursuant California Horse Racing Board rule #1766(g) (Designated Races--participated in designated races out of state on February 18, 2024).

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## BREEDERS' CUP LATE FOAL NOMINATION

### DEADLINE FEB. 28

The final deadline to nominate foals born in 2023 to the Breeders' Cup program for a one-time fee of \$1,500 is Feb. 28 at 11:59 p.m. ET.

The \$1,500 nomination fee entitles each foal to lifetime eligibility to the Breeders' Cup World Championships and the Breeders' Cup racing programs. All foals sired by a fully nominated North American Breeders' Cup stallion are eligible for nomination to the Breeders' Cup program in their year of birth and up to Feb. 28 of their yearling year.

Breeders' Cup foal nominators will earn \$10,000 for every victory in the Breeders' Cup Win and You're In Challenge Series, and every horse that starts in a Breeders' Cup World Championship race will earn a nominator award. The individual nominating the foal receives these nominator awards even though the horse may change hands throughout its racing career.

For more information and to nominate online, visit [members.breederscup.com](https://members.breederscup.com).

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## THE JOCKEY CLUB RELEASES INDUSTRY INITIATIVES IMPACT REPORT

The Jockey Club has released its **2024 Industry Impact Report**. The report, which has traditionally been released at The Jockey Club's annual Round Table Conference in August, details how at least \$7 million will be used in the coming year to support initiatives ranging from equine safety and aftercare to industry promotion and national and international collaboration, according to a Tuesday press release from the organization.

"The initiatives supported by The Jockey Club, together with others or wholly backed by The Jockey Club, have increased substantially in the last decade and a half," said James Gagliano, president and COO, The Jockey Club. "They reflect the commitment by the board of stewards to invest our profits into a wide array of projects and activities that may serve as catalysts for growth of the sport and for ensuring the safety and welfare of its participants."

The Jockey Club, a non-profit organization, has created a group of for-profit subsidiaries and partnerships, including the The Jockey Club Information Systems (TJCIS), InCompass Solutions, Equibase Company, and The Jockey Club Technology Services (TJCTS). These companies provide the industry with technology services and products and the profits they create are dispersed to The Jockey Club for investment back into the sport.

The Jockey Club supports two charities: the Grayson-Jockey Club Research Foundation and the The Jockey Club Safety Net Foundation.

Other Jockey Club initiatives include the multi-media fan development platform, American's Best Racing, while its aftercare efforts include support of the Thoroughbred Aftercare Alliance, as well as the Jockey Club Thoroughbred Incentive Program.

According to the impact report, The Jockey Club's 2024 investments in racing include over \$3.5 million in industry growth initiatives and over \$1.5 million in aftercare initiatives.

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## DERBY MUSEUM LAUNCHES EXHIBIT UPGRADE

The Kentucky Derby Museum has launched a \$1-million upgrade to its 'Riders Up!' exhibit. Construction began this month and the new exhibit is expected to debut Apr. 12.

The museum originally built the 'Riders Up!' exhibit in 2000 as a way to immerse visitors in the Derby and race day experience from the viewpoint of a jockey and Thoroughbred racehorse. The game was last updated in 2010 during a previous museum expansion project. With significant changes in virtual and augmented reality since then, the new version will look to captivate visitors with state-of-the-art technology designed to bring the thrill of horse racing into the 21st century.



Courtesy: Kentucky Derby Museum

Kentucky Derby Museum

Involved in the exhibit upgrade are Catalyst, an Australian-based production studio dedicated to virtual and augmented reality, and The Laboratory Creative, a design company based in Southern Indiana.

“We’re not just upgrading a game; we’re revolutionizing the way you experience the magic of the Derby,” said Patrick Armstrong, Kentucky Derby Museum President and CEO. “Every day, we’re committed to sharing the exhilaration and history of Derby with all our guests. Bigger and bolder with cutting-edge technology, the new 'Riders Up!' is the epitome of that commitment.”

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“This exhibit has been a fan favorite for guests of all ages ever since the original debuted in 2000,” said Chris Goodlett, Kentucky Derby Museum Senior Director of Curatorial and Educational Affairs. “With 'Riders Up!,' we’re not just entertaining; we’re bringing the Derby’s rich history to life. This exhibit drives home our mission of engaging everyone with the excitement of Derby every single day.”

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# Stallions' Top Runners

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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

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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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**Audible** (Into Mischief), WinStar Farm, \$15,000

261 foals of racing age/30 winners/3 black-type winners  
7-Turfway, 8:55 p.m. EST, Msw 1m, Voice From Above, 3-1  
\$24,000 FTK OCT yrl

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

157 foals of racing age/28 winners/1 black-type winner  
6-Penn National, 8:26 p.m. EST, Msw 6f, Goodnightngodbless,  
2-1  
\$27,000 KEE NOV wnl; \$42,000 FTK OCT yrl

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

291 foals of racing age/29 winners/3 black-type winners  
7-Turfway, 8:55 p.m. EST, Msw 1m, Real Queen, 8-1  
\$70,000 RNA KEE SEP yrl; \$40,000 RNA FTK OCT yrl; \$30,000 FTK  
FEB 2yo

**One Sided** (Quality Road), R. A. Rowe Farms

14 foals of racing age/3 winners/0 black-type winners  
7-Mahoning Valley, 3:33 p.m. EST, Alw 6f, Spunky One, 6-1  
\$1,000 OTB OMX yrl

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

129 foals of racing age/20 winners/1 black-type winner  
3-Turfway, 6:55 p.m. EST, Aoc 6 1/2f, Happy World, 20-1  
\$25,000 KEE JAN wnl; \$60,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$5,000 EAS MAY 2yo;  
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## ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

**9th-Parx Racing, \$57,000**, (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$16,000), 2-20,  
4yo/up, f/m, 1m 70y, 1:46.24, ft, 9 1/4 lengths.

**PATTY CAKES** (m, 5, **Dialed In--Hard Sun, by Rock Hard Ten**)

Lifetime Record: 22-5-4-5, \$182,675. O-Morris E. Kernan, Jr. &  
Jagger Inc.; B-Dixiana Farms LLC (KY); T-Jamie Ness. \*\$13,000  
Wlg '19 KEENOV; \$35,000 Ylg '20 FTKOCT.

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**2nd-Mahoning Valley, \$27,400**, 2-20, (NW2X), 3yo/up, 6f,  
1:13.01, ft, neck.

**ROCKSTAR RO** (g, 6, **Gemologist--Runfor Ro {GSP-Can, SP-USA,**  
**\$211,042}**, by **Afleet Alex**) Lifetime Record: 33-6-4-6, \$214,779.

O-Lion Palm Racing Stable and Sixth Gear, LLC; B-Rajendra  
Maharajh (KY); T-Ricardo Bailey.

**7th-Mahoning Valley, \$25,900**, 2-20, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 1m,  
1:42.57, ft, head.

**FIVEFIVE SIX CHAMP** (g, 5, **First Dude--Home in Time, by Came**  
**Home**) Lifetime Record: 20-4-1-4, \$79,060. O/T-Jay P.

Bernardini; B-Tom McCrocklin (FL). \*\$165,000 2yo '21 OBSMAR.

## ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

**Dark Baron**, g, 4, **Outwork**--Baroness Juliette, by Speightstown.  
Mahoning Valley, 2-20, 1m, 1:42.94. Lifetime Record: 10-1-1-0,  
\$23,800. B-MAMAS Thoroughbreds, LLC (IA). \*1/2 to No More  
Time (**Not This Time**), GSW, \$156,780.



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**Dialed In**, Patty Cakes, m, 5, o/o Hard Sun, by Rock Hard Ten.

AOC, 2-20, Parx Racing

**First Dude**, Fivefive Six Champ, g, 5, o/o Home in Time, by Came

Home. ALW, 2-20, Mahoning Valley

**Gemologist**, Rockstar Ro, g, 6, o/o Runfor Ro, by Afleet Alex.

ALW, 2-20, Mahoning Valley

**Outwork**, Dark Baron, g, 4, o/o Baroness Juliette, by

Speightstown. MSW, 2-20, Mahoning Valley

## FOALING NEWS

**JC'S SHOOTING STAR**, 12, Miracle Man--American Passage, by

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Foal born Jan. 30, a colt by **Honest Mischief**.

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