

DAVISON HAS ROYAL ASCOT PLAN FOR RAPID IMPROVER BERGAMASCO



Bergamasco (left) | *Racingfotos.com*

By *Brian Sheerin*

Trainer Jack Davison says he is convinced that rapid improver **Bergamasco (Ire)** (Cappella Sansevero {GB}) is a group horse in the making and is preparing the colt for a tilt at the Britannia S. at Royal Ascot following a career-best performance in winning the Patton Race at Dundalk on Friday.

Bergamasco has gone from strength to strength at Dundalk over the winter by winning three times, including when accounting for Nerano (**War Front**) and the 104-rated Navy Seal (Ire) (Dubawi {Ire}) in the one-mile contest, which was recently downgraded from Listed status.

Despite that silky smooth success, the handler confirmed that no offers have been levelled at connections, who are happy to roll the big dice with a horse that was acquired for just €12,000 as a yearling. Davison said, "Bergamasco has loads of options now. I think he'll get nine or 10 pounds for Friday, which would get him into the Britannia Stakes at Royal Ascot. Hopefully he'd have a live chance in a race like that."

He added, "I think he's a Group horse. I really fancied him on Friday because I thought it would take a Stakes horse to win it. I watched his replay of his previous win and, when a race is run to suit, he's capable of quickening up off a fast pace. The time of the race on Friday was quite good as well." **Cont. p3**

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LORDAN BUZZING TO BE BACK RIDING EIGHT MONTHS AFTER HORROR FALL

By *Brian Sheerin*

Wayne Lordan described his return to race-riding at Dundalk on Friday following an eight-month spell on the sidelines through injury as "a great feeling" and admitted to not realising how much he missed competitive action until he got the leg up aboard Navy Seal (Ire) (Dubawi {Ire}) in the Patton Race.

Alas, the Aidan O'Brien-trained colt could not provide Lordan with a dream return, as he trailed home last of the three runners, but Lordan's spirits could not have been dented after completing the comeback.

The multiple Group 1 and Classic-winning rider, who has been a key cog in the Ballydoyle operation for some years now, suffered career-threatening injuries when he was unshipped from the ill-fated San Antonio (Ire) (Dubawi {Ire}) in the Irish Derby last July. **Cont. p4**

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Seven-figure purchase Imagination (Into Mischief) thrusts himself into the Triple Crown fray with a victory in the GII San Felipe S. at Santa Anita.

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Bergamasco races in the colours of the trainer's parents, John and Paula, who are hugely distinguished breeders in their own right under the banner of Killarkin Stud. Davison explained how, from humble beginnings, Bergamasco has provided the family with a great amount of enjoyment, and says he is confident that there is plenty more fun to be had with the improving three-year-old. He said, "I bought him off Tally-Ho Stud and a good friend of mine, Tommy Burns, who bred him, for just €12,000 at the Goffs Autumn Yearling Sale. I bought a lot of yearlings that year--some expensive ones--and then my parents said that they'd quite like a colt to race and he was the cheapest one we bought. He's pretty highly-rated now and has won almost €50,000 in prize-money so he has worked out well. It's a good story."

Davison added, "There hasn't been much interest in the horse since Friday. I think people underestimate a horse like him just because of his sire, really. It was just a three-runner race at Dundalk and I suppose all of his winning has been at Dundalk.

Maybe people want to see some turf form from him? I haven't had any solid offers for the horse since he won on Friday and I certainly won't be giving him away either because I think there is loads to come from him. He could be a horse to go to a London Sale with an entry in the Britannia Stakes. That could be an option.

"I'm very much a, 'have horse will travel,' kind of trainer, which is why I won't be giving this lad away. If you look beyond Ascot, there is a lot of money on offer in places like Saudi Arabia, which could be right up his street. He could be ideal for big-race international targets. We're under no pressure with him."

Away from Bergamasco, Davison has big plans for classy prospect She's Quality (Ire) (Acclamation {GB}), talented sprinter Thunderbear (Ire) (Kodi Bear {Ire}) and some smart youngsters who have yet to hit the track.

He explained, "I think highly of She's Quality. She might make a reappearance in a six-furlong conditions race at Dundalk in a fortnight's time. She was always going to be more of a three-year-old as she's very big. I'd say she's a nice sprinter in the making. Thunderbear really thrives for soft underfoot conditions. We might run him in a handicap on the opening day of the season at the Curragh. He'll be top weight, no doubt, but we'll probably claim off him and try and get a bit of confidence into him."

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Davison added, "I have one really nice three-year-old colt but I won't say his name for fear of jinxing him! But he's a nicer horse than Bergamasco and he hasn't even seen a racecourse yet. "We have a lovely team of 25 horses. Everything we have is worth having in training in Ireland so we're really happy with how things are building towards the season ahead. It's all about stats now. If I bring a runner to the races, I want people to take note. If we can keep that going forward, we'll be very happy."

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That left Lordan with fractures to his legs and elbow, along with a laceration to his arm, but Cork native said he never doubted that he would make a return to the saddle during his recovery.

He explained, "It was great to get back--a great feeling. A lot of the time spent off was purely recovery. I had a lot of tests that I needed to pass in order to get back and that takes time.

"I had to wait to get all of the right results back and thankfully they did. The other side to it was the injury took place towards the end of the year, so my recovery was over the winter, and that made things a bit easier. It's not a crazy busy time of the year for a jockey and it made it a bit easier watching on."

He added, "I was always confident that everything was going well. You're just waiting for the right boxes to be ticked and everyone else to be happy. I've felt good for a while now. I started back in the gym back in November."

Lordan is one of the most decorated riders in Ireland. He

cemented his relationship with O'Brien when partnering Winter (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) to victory in the 2017 1,000 Guineas. He has since been associated with top-notch horses like Iridessa (Ire) (Ruler Of The World {Ire}), for whom he was at his brilliant best aboard in the 2019 Breeders' Cup Filly and Mare Turf, Mother Earth (Ire) (Zoffany {Ire}), Magical (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) and more.

On his return, Lordan continued, "It's not until you get back race-riding that you realise how much you've missed it. I got back into Ballydoyle on January 3 and it was just a brilliant feeling to go back in there. It's a nice time of year. From finding two-year-olds, to looking forward to the three-year-olds, there's a lot of excitement in the air. Time will tell as the season goes on."

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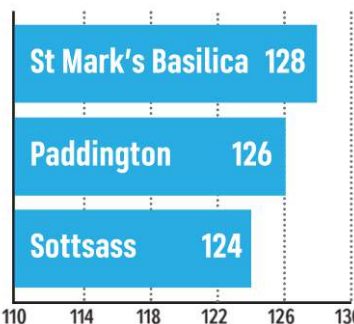
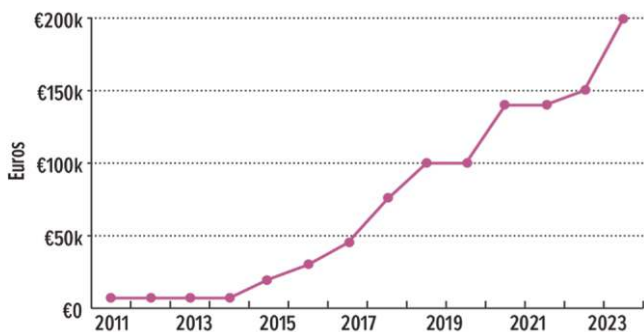
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WINNING MACHINE SPARKS FLY SET FOR LINCOLN RETURN AT DONCASTER



Sparks Fly (right) | [Racingfotos.com](https://www.racingfotos.com)

Winning machine **Sparks Fly (GB)** (Muhaarar {GB}) is firmly on course to make her seasonal return in the Lincoln at Doncaster, trainer David Loughnane confirmed.

An eight-time winner, Sparks Fly landed a listed contest at Saint-Cloud by a whopping 12 lengths last term, and connections are now eyeing big-race riches at Doncaster.

Loughnane said, "She was a real flagbearer for us [last season]. She was the winning-most horse in Britain and she started off with a rating of 59 and finished off on 107-that was exceptional."

He added, "She's wintered really nicely, she enjoyed her holiday but she gets bored pretty quickly, so we were quite keen to get her back into work. She's not one that likes to be out of work for long but she's done well for a break.

"At the moment, our first port of call will be the Lincoln if all goes to plan, she gets there on time and the ground is right for her. We'll probably look to campaign her in the first half of the season, give her a little break in the middle part and then bring her back again for the second half."

Sparks Fly, who carries the silks of her owner-breeder David Lowe, can be backed at odds of 16-1 for the Lincoln.

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BROTHER TO ADHAMO DEBUTS AT TOULOUSE

18.21 Toulouse, Mdn, €21,000, 3yo, c/g, 10 1/2ft

QUANTUM (FR) (Intello {Ger}) is the sole debutante in the line-up, but is a significant runner as a full-brother to the 2022 GI United Nations S. hero Adhamo (Ire). Related to the sire Attendu (Fr), the May-foaled Wertheimer homebred has shown trainer Christophe Ferland enough to warrant entries in the G1 Prix du Jockey Club and G1 Grand Prix de Paris.

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Sunday's Results:

3rd-Newcastle, £16,000, Novice, 3-3, 3yo/up, 6f (AWT), 1:12.76, st.

POCKLINGTON (GB) (c, 3, Blue Point {Ire}--Ladies Are Forever {GB} {MGSW-Eng, \$559,221}, by Monsieur Bond {Ire}), off the mark over course and distance last month, tracked the leader Army Ethos (GB) (Shalaa {Ire}) in second from the outset. Applying the pressure from two out, the 3-1 second favourite soon had the measure of that rival who was having his first run since finishing second in Royal Ascot's G2 Coventry S. in June and asserted to score by 1 1/4 lengths. The talented dam, who was successful in three renewals of the G3 Summer S. and four listed contests as well as finishing third in the G2 Queen Mary S., is a full-sister to the dual G1 Haydock Sprint Cup-placed Hoof It (GB). Her 2-year-old filly Glamorous Angela (GB) is by Showcasing (GB). Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$15,940. O/B-Bond Thoroughbred Limited (GB); T-Geoff Oldroyd.

FRANCE

CONDITIONS RESULTS:

7th-Pornichet, €22,000, 3-2, 3yo, 8 1/2f (AWT), 1:43.09, st.
AQUILA VOLANTE (FR) (c, 3, Gleneagles {Ire}--Hunza Dancer {Ire}, by Danehill Dancer {Ire}) Lifetime Record: 8-3-2-1, €61,350. O-Mike Pietrangelo & Natalie D'Amato; B-Haras de Montaigu (FR); T-Gianluca Bietolini. *€32,000 Ylg '22 ARQAUG.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Al Habisset (Fr), f, 3, City Light (Fr)--Habisset (Fr), by Wootton Bassett (GB). Pornichet, 3-2, 12f (AWT), 2:34.77. B-Haras du Grand Courgeon (FR). *€25,000 Ylg '22 ARQOCT.

Soul And Romance (Fr), f, 3, Goken (Fr)--Lovemenot (Ire), by Teofilo (Ire). Lignieres, 3-2, 8fT, 1:42.50. B-E Lemaitre & D Bouquil (FR). *€30,000 Ylg '22 ARQOCT.

Queen's Angel (Fr), f, 3, Le Havre (Ire)--Persuasion (Fr), by Silver Frost (Ire). Machecoul, 3-3, 1650mT, 1:47.75. B-New Blue 1 LLC & SARL Jedburgh Stud (FR). *€11,000 Ylg '22 ARQOCT; €40,000 RNA HRA '23 ARQJUL.

Terre Blanche (Fr), f, 3, Prince Gibraltar (Fr)--Sacree Nana (Fr), by Archange D'Or (Ire). Lyon-la-Soie, 3-3, 12f (AWT), 2:35.20. B-Ecurie du Sud (FR).

WORLDWIDE NEWS

HELIOS EXPRESS LEAVES IT LATE IN THE HONG KONG CLASSIC CUP *by Alan Carasso*



Helios Express (right) grabs Chancheng Glory right on the winning post in the Classic Cup | HKJC photo

Sent away as the \$16.50 (65-100) jolly to add Sunday's HK\$13-million Hong Kong Classic Cup to last month's Hong Kong Classic Mile, top-rated **Helios Express (Aus)** (Toronado {Ire}) managed to work his way out of a jackpot with 200 metres to travel and flashed home to touch off an extremely game **Chancheng Glory (Mor Spirit)** by a short head Sunday afternoon at Sha Tin Racecourse. He can join the likes of the late Rapper Dragon (Aus) (Street Boss) and Golden Sixty (Aus) (**Medaglia d'Oro**) as Triple Crown winners should he negotiate the step up to the 2000 metres in the HK\$26-million BMW Hong Kong Derby in three weeks.

Having shown a penchant to want to do too much in the Classic Mile, Helios Express was going to need to relax in the nine-furlong contest if he was to see out the trip. He switched off well enough mid-division and against the rail in the early stages as **Beauty Crescent (Ire)** (Acclamation {GB}) and Chancheng Glory came across from their wide draws to dispute whatever pace there was. But by about midway, Helios Express was tugging hard and Hugh Bowman had his hands full and his feet in the dashboard, doing everything in his power to try and save something for a finish.

The favourite went better on the turn as Beauty Crescent turned them into the Sha Tin straight, but he was going to have to be ridden for some luck.



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Held together inside, Helios Express quickly moved onto the leaders' heels, but his stablemate **Ensued** (Lemon Drop Kid) was there three off the fence and the no exit sign was illuminated for a handful of strides. But owing to the fact that Ensued lacks acceleration, Helios Express pushed away from the inside and now had dead aim on Chancheng Glory, who went to the front 250m from home. The latter, a 51-1 chance, had something left and wasn't going away, but Bowman kept after Helios Express and shoved him across the line. Ensued was a one-paced third ahead of Classic Mile third **Star Mac (Aus)** (Heroic Valour {Aus}), who got home well from the tail.

"There were a few anxious moments at the 700m when I couldn't hold him but I was given no option but to ride him as I rode him, given the way the race panned out," said Bowman, a two-time Derby winner, but registering his first in the Classic Cup. "He settled really well but then when the pace started to change, it got really muddling around the corner, he didn't cope with that very well. It's hard to be too critical of him for that reason, either. With a smooth run race (in the Derby), he'll be okay.

"He needs an even tempo, he doesn't particularly need it fast. Like all horses, he's going to benefit from an even pace. It's not only him--it's the entire field."

Pedigree Notes:

Western Australian-bred Helios Express continues an outstanding run in Hong Kong for his sire, who sits second behind Deep Field (Aus) in progeny earnings for the current season and his two stakes winners ranks as joint-best alongside **Starspangledbanner (Aus)**. His other black-type scorer this term is G1 Centenary Sprint Cup hero Victor the Winner (Aus), who is a probable starter in the G1 Takamatsunomiya Kinen at Chuyko Racecourse Mar. 24.

A three-time winner at the races, Paris Texas passed away in September 2021 according to the Australian Stud Book, but has left behind Helios Express's unraced 3-year-old full-sister Isolation Ridge (Aus), who is in training with Lindsey Smith at Linton in Victoria.

Sunday, Sha Tin, Hong Kong

HONG KONG CLASSIC CUP-LR, HK\$13,000,000, Sha Tin, 3-3, NH/SH4yo, 1800mT, 1:47.73, gd.

1--**HELIOS EXPRESS (Aus)**, 126, g, 4, by **Toronado (Ire)**

1st Dam: Paris Texas (Aus), by **Hinchinbrook (Aus)**

2nd Dam: Hialeah Star (Aus), by **Luskin Star (Aus)**

3rd Dam: Hialeah Gold (Aus), by **Sovereign Red (NZ)**

O-Andy Yung Ming Tai; B-C Wells (WA); T-John Size; J-Hugh Bowman; HK\$7,280,000. Lifetime Record: 9-7-1-1, HK\$23,070,200. *Formerly Tex Mex (Aus). **Werk Nick Rating: A++**. **Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree or the free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree.**

2--**Chancheng Glory**, 126, g, 4, Mor Spirit--Solid Scam, by Consolidator. (\$50,000 Wlg '20 KEENOV; \$110,000 Ylg '21 KEESep; \$220,000 RNA 2yo '22 OBSMAR). O-Chancheng Racing Syndicate; B-H Allen Poindexter (IA); T-Francis Lui; J-Keegan de Melo; HK\$2,730,000.

3--**Ensued**, 126, g, 4, Lemon Drop Kid--Alluvial Gold (Ire), by Danehill Dancer (Ire). (\$120,000 Ylg '21 KEESep; €260,000 2yo '22 ARQMAY). O-Ada Wong Yin Man; B-T/C Stable LLC (KY); T-John Size; J-Ryan Moore; HK\$1,495,000.



Margins: SHD, 2HF, 3/4. Odds: 65-100, 51-1, 69-10. Also Ran: Star Mac (Aus), Beauty Crescent (Ire), Helene Feeling (Ire), Chill Chibi (NZ), Unbelievable, Speed Dragon (NZ), Fallon (Ire), Elliptical (Aus), Simply Maverick (Aus), Ka Ying Generation (Ire), Awesome Fluke (Aus). **Click for the HKJC chart, PPs and sectional timing. VIDEO.**

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COSMO KURANDA PUNCHES TICKET TO JAPANESE 2000 GUINEAS

Showing modest form throughout most of his career, **Cosmo Kuranda (Jpn)** (Al Ain {Jpn}) broke through with a convincing victory as a 33-1 outsider in Sunday's Deep Impact Kinen (Japanese 2000 Guineas Trial) at Nakayama. Supported by a single win in 2023--recorded at Niigata Oct. 29--the colt kicked off this season with a workmanlike fifth over this course and trip Jan. 8.

He settled near the back of the field early as longshot **Sirius Colt (Jpn)** (Makfi {GB}) cruised uncontested in front. Quickly picking off his rivals from a wide berth with 800 meters left to negotiate, the dark bay caught the pacesetter turning for home, poked his head in front midstretch and drew clear to score by 1 1/4 lengths over the fast-closing third choice **Shin Emperor (Fr)** (**Siyouni {Fr}**) with Sirius Colt holding on for third. Favored **Trovatore (Jpn)** (Rey de Oro {Jpn}) ran an even race throughout to finish sixth.

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Pedigree Notes:

Cosmo Kuranda, a member Al Ain's limited first crop of runners, becomes the Japanese 2000 Guineas victor's first black-type/group winner. Dam Southern Speed posted her most important scores in the G1 Caulfield Cup and G2 Makybe Diva S. in addition to placing in three additional events at the highest level. The 17-year-old mare hails from the family of champion 3-year-old filly and G1 Golden Slipper heroine Ha Ha (Aus) (Danehill).

Sunday, Nakayama, Japan

HOCHI HAI YAYOI SHO DEEP IMPACT KINEN-G2, ¥104,620,000, Nakayama, 3-3, 3yo, 2000mT, 1:59.80, fm.

1--**COSMO KURANDA (JPN)**, 126, c, 3, Al Ain (Jpn)

1st Dam: Southern Speed (Aus) (G1SW-Aus), by Southern Image

2nd Dam: Golden Eagle (NZ), by Zabeel (NZ)

3rd Dam: Rising Eagle (Aus), by Danehill

1ST GROUP WIN. 1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN. O/B-Big Red Farm; T-Shizuya Kato; J-Mirco Demuro; ¥54,784,000. Lifetime Record: 7-2-2-0. **Werk Nick Rating: F.**

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2--**Shin Emperor (Fr)**, 126, c, 3, **Siyouni (Fr)**--Starlet's Sister (Ire), by Galileo (Ire). (€2,100,000 yrl '22 ARQAUG). O-Susumu Fujita; B-Ecurie Des Monceaux; ¥22,208,000.

3--**Sirius Colt (Jpn)**, 126, c, 3, Makfi (GB)--Old Flame (Jpn), by Zenno Rob Roy (Jpn). O-Masatake Iida; B-Chiyoda Farm; ¥4,112,000.

Margins: 1 1/4, 1 1/4, NK; Odds: 33.90, 2.50, 75.60.

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NEWGATE MAKES IT THREE GRADED WINS FOR BAFFERT SATURDAY



Frankie Dettori celebrates Newgate's Big 'Cap win | Benoit

The stormy forecast that delayed the Big 'Cap card originally scheduled for Saturday at Santa Anita and the scratching of his sophomore sensation **Nysos** (*Nyquist*) did little to dampen Bob Baffert's day as **Newgate** (Into Mischief)'s last-jump victory in the GI Santa Anita H. gave the trainer three graded wins--plus, the exacta in the GII San Felipe S.--in Arcadia Sunday. The stallion-making partnership of SF Racing, Starlight Racing, Madaket Stables, Robert Masterson, Stonestreet Stables, et al, co-owners of Newgate, also finished third in the Big 'Cap with **Reincarnate** (*Good Magic*) and doubled up on graded scores with **Imagination** (Into Mischief)'s win in the San Felipe.

"What a day, I am just blessed and happy that I have a hard-working crew that just works hard to get these horses ready," Baffert said, who was winning his sixth Big 'Cap, and also won the GI Kilroe Mile with **Du Jour** (Temple City). "Today they got rewarded with their wins. Those grooms, I've never seen them happier."

Newgate, sent off a slight second choice behind last-out GII San Pasqual S. winner **Newgrange** (*Violence*), settled just off the pace as longshot **Subsanador** (*Arg*) (Fortify) sprinted out to the early lead and took the field through fractions of :23.23 and :47.09. *Cont. p3*

NO NYSOS, NO PROBLEM FOR BAFFERT IN SAN FELIPE

The GII San Felipe S. lost its headliner with the scratch of the Bob Baffert-trained **Nysos** (*Nyquist*), but Baffert still dominated the race with stablemates **Imagination** (Into Mischief) and **Wine Me Up** (Vino Rosso) running in tandem for much of the 1 1/16 miles and in lockstep down the stretch before Imagination just got his nose in front on the wire Sunday at Santa Anita.

Of his one-two finish in the San Felipe, Baffert said, "We're trying to develop these horses, so it was good for both of them. Wine Me Up ran tough. It's like watching the 49ers Super Bowl game. Unfortunately, someone has to lose, but I'm proud of them both. They both showed up. That's all you can ask for."

Wine Me Up was fastest out of the gate and had the lead in the early strides, but Imagination, the 4-5 favorite, strode up to challenge for the lead into the first turn. *Cont. p5*

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DAVISON HAS ROYAL ASCOT PLAN FOR BERGAMASCO

Trainer Jack Davison confirmed recent Dundalk winner Bergamasco (Cappella Sansevero) will target Royal Ascot.

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"When I'm ranking value sires, the big four criteria I use are whether they can get you a **runner**, a **sales horse**, a **stallion**, and whether they have **momentum**. Of all the sires I examined, Dialed In did the **best and most consistent job of answering those four questions.**"

- JOE NEVILLS

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Encino (Nyquist) hit the Kentucky Derby trail with a win in the John Battaglia Memorial S. at Turfway Park Saturday night. See Monday's regional report for the full result.

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DU JOUR, RUBY NELL TAKE GRADED RACES SUNDAY

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Du Jour (Temple City) completed Bob Baffert's hat trick of graded victories at Santa Anita Sunday with his first top-level score in the GI Frank E Kilroe Mile S., while Ruby Nell (Bolt d'Oro) earned her second graded victory in the GII Buena Vista S.

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Despite Triple Crown purse increases, horsepower is MIA at many of this year's Derby prep races, T.D. Thornton writes.

DORNOCH, DETERMINISTIC EXIT WINS IN FINE SHAPE

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Dornoch (Good Magic) and Deterministic (Liam's Map) exited Saturday stakes wins in fine shape as connections look ahead to next Derby preps for the sophomores.

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Newgate Caps Big Day for Baffert *(cont. from 1)*

The field was bunching up approaching the far turn as the three-quarters went up in 1:12.15. A three-wide Newgrange was the pacesetter's nearest pursuer as Newgate shadowed the favorite into the stretch, but Subsanador showed he wasn't done yet, scampering clear into the lane. Still some two lengths in front with a furlong to run, the Argentinian invader looked set to spring the upset, but Newgate had all the momentum late to just get up for a narrow victory.

"I followed Victor [Espinoza aboard Newgrange] and I sat pretty low until the quarter pole," said winning rider Frankie Dettori, who also road Imagination to victory earlier on the card. "I took my horse to the outside, I had a bit of weight pull with some of the horses. I

thought I would get to the line okay and, in fairness, Subsanador gave me a good fight. The last 20 yards we got out in front, and I couldn't believe it. I could not believe that I had done it."



Newgate collars Subsanador to win Big 'Cap | Horsephotos

Dettori admitted winning the Big 'Cap was a special moment in his storied career.

"When I was a kid here in the late '80s, there were 60,000 people here to see Ferdinand and Alysheba and you just couldn't move," he said. "I was in awe. I rode in the Big 'Cap the first time last year and it was a dream. And to win it, I couldn't ask for anything more. It is a big feather in my cap, they don't get bigger than the Santa Anita Big 'Cap."

Newgate was bridesmaid to a pair of stablemates in the 2022 GIII Bob Hope S. and 2023 GIII Sham S. before breaking through with his first graded victory in the GIII Robert B. Lewis S. last February. Sidelined after that effort, the \$850,000 Keeneland September purchase returned with a runner-up effort in a Jan. 6 optional claimer and was second behind Newgrange in the Jan. 27 San Pasqual last time out.

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“We always thought that he was going to be a better horse as he gets older and we’ve been patient, just getting races into him and today was supposed to be his coming out party kind of race,” Baffert said. “I was getting a little worried there turning for home it looked like that other horse got away but he just dug in.”

Pedigree Notes:

Newgate gave Into Mischief his second graded win Sunday following stablemate Imagination’s win in the GII San Felipe S. He is the 18th top-level victor for the Spendthrift stallion.

Graded stakes-placed Majestic Presence, a half-sister to graded winner Victress (Include), has a 2-year-old daughter by Authentic—who sold for \$300,000 at last year’s Keeneland September sale—and she produced a filly by *Life is Good* this year.

Town and Country Horse Farm purchased Majestic Presence, in foal to *Runhappy*, for \$360,000 at the 2017 Keeneland November sale. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#) or the [TJCIS.com PPs](#). **VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

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SANTA ANITA H. PRESENTED BY YAAMAVA' RESORT & CASINO-GI, \$401,000, Santa Anita, 3-3, 4/up, 1 1/4m, 2:03.49, ft. 1--**NEWGATE, 121, c, 4, by Into Mischief**

1st Dam: Majestic Presence (GSP-USA, MSP-Can, \$227,896), by Majestic Warrior

2nd Dam: Shining Victory, by Victory Gallop

3rd Dam: Phoenix Sunshine, by Encino

1ST GRADE I WIN. 'TDN Rising Star'. (\$850,000 Ylg '21 KEESEP). O-SF Racing LLC, Starlight Racing, Madaket Stables LLC, Robert E. Masterson, Stonestreet Stables LLC, Jay A. Schoenfarber, Waves Edge Capital LLC and Catherine Donovan; B-Town & Country Horse Farms, LLC (KY); T-Bob Baffert; J-Lanfranco Dettori. \$240,000. Lifetime Record: 9-3-4-0, \$535,775. *Full to Denim and Pearls, MSP, \$212,535. **Werk Nick Rating: A. Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree or free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree.**

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2--**Subsanador (Arg)**, 120, h, 5, Fortify--Save the Date (Arg), by Hurricane Cat. O-Stud Facundito; B-El Mallin (ARG); T-John W. Sadler. \$80,000.

3--**Reincarnate**, 119, c, 4, *Good Magic*--Allanah, by Scat Daddy. (\$775,000 Ylg '21 KEESEP). O-SF Racing, Starlight Racing, Madaket Stables, R Masterson, Stonestreet Stables, Jay A. Schoenfarber, Waves Edge Capital & Catherine Donovan; B-Woods Edge Farm, LLC (KY); T-Bob Baffert. \$48,000.

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No Nysos, No Problem for Baffert in San Felipe *(cont. from p1)*

Scatify (Justify), who broke from the rail in the four-horse field found himself in tight quarters off Wine Me Up's heels with **Mc Vay (Constitution)** pressing him from the outside. Rattled in the right quarters, he came out into the first turn, knocking Imagination and forcing Mc Vay wide into the bend. Hector Berrios took a strong hold of Scatify down the backstretch and that colt took back to the rear of the field.

Imagination, meanwhile, had recovered his momentum and took a length advantage over his stablemate as the half went up in :47.04. Wine Me Up moved back on even turns with the favorite and the two turned for home together. Imagination looked to be getting the better of his rival in upper stretch, but Wine Me Up along the rail battled back on even terms and it was a ding-dong battle to the finish.

"He broke out and we went to the clubhouse turn the guy behind me struck into me," said winning jockey Frankie Dettori. "My horse got frightened, and I took him back to get him wide to get him to relax and get him back into the race. He fought a great duel. He was full of heart."

Tom Ryan of SF Racing, co-owner of the winner, admitted he wasn't sure who had won the photo finish, but he found plenty to be positive about Imagination's effort.

"That was a great race," Ryan said. "I didn't know which way it went at the wire. It was a little bit of a messy race early on, he had to recollect himself. He kind of got scared, these are young 3-year-old colts, they are learning their craft. It is amazing you could have a



Imagination just edges Wine Me Up | Horsephotos

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“It’s good to see him have the confidence to put it back together and not back down from a fight and get there at the wire. I think there is a lot of potential in this horse. He is just learning as he goes, and I think the farther the better. He is a classy colt, he’s always shown it, he looks it and thankfully his ability matches his looks.”



Imagination | Horsephotos

A \$1.05-million Keeneland September yearling, Imagination opened his career with a pair of runner-up efforts at Del Mar late last year. He graduated going one mile at Santa Anita on New Year’s Day and missed by just a neck to stablemate and ‘TDN Rising Star’ Maymun (Frosted) in a one-mile allowance Feb. 11.

Pedigree Notes:

Spendthrift’s all-conquering Into Mischief was represented by the second and third-place finishers in Saturday’s GII Davona Dale S. at Gulfstream Park and his son Timberlake put himself firmly on the Kentucky Derby trail this year with a win in the GII Rebel S. last weekend.

Magical Feeling, the fourth generation of this family bred by Peter Blum, is the dam of last year’s GIII Monmouth Oaks winner and GI Acorn S. third Occult (Into Mischief). She has a yearling colt by Gun Runner, but aborted a Flightline foal for this year.

The cross of Into Mischief over Empire Maker mares has resulted in 29 winners from 43 starters and now has seven stakes winners, including Saturday’s G3 Burj Nahaar winner Laurel River. As noted by Alan Carasso in Sunday’s TDN, the cross has also been represented by GI Kentucky Derby hero Mandaloun, the Grade II winners Occult, Center Aisle and Taraz.

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Sunday, Santa Anita

DK HORSE SAN FELIPE S.-GII, \$294,000, Santa Anita, 3-3, 3yo, 1 1/16m, 1:44.55, ft.

1--**IMAGINATION, 120, c, 3, by Into Mischief**

1st Dam: Magical Feeling (GSW & GISP, \$554,532), by Empire Maker

2nd Dam: Magical Mood (GB), by Forestry

3rd Dam: Good Mood, by Devil's Bag

1ST BLACK TYPE WIN, 1ST GRADED STAKES WIN. (\$1,050,000 Ylg '22 KEESEP). O-SF Racing LLC, Starlight Racing, Madaket Stables LLC, Stonestreet Stables LLC, Dianne Bashor, Robert E. Masterson, Waves Edge Capital LLC, Catherine Donovan and Tom J. Ryan; B-Peter E. Blum Thoroughbreds, LLC (KY); T-Bob Baffert; J-Lanfranco Dettori. \$180,000. Lifetime Record: 5-2-3-0, \$256,800. *1/2 to Magical (**Tapit**), SW, \$164,550 and Exulting (**Tapit**), MSW, \$687,370; Full to Occult, GSW & MGISP, \$451,450. **Werk Nick Rating: A+++.** *Triple Plus*

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2--**Wine Me Up**, 120, c, 3, Vino Rosso--Deanaallen'skitten, by Kitten's Joy. (\$115,000 Wlg '21 KEENOV; \$300,000 2yo '23 OBSOPN). O-Michael E. Pegram, Karl Watson and Paul Weitman; B-Kenneth L. & Sarah K. Ramsey (KY); T-Bob Baffert. \$60,000.

3--**Mc Vay**, 120, c, 3, **Constitution**--Dothraki Sea, by **Union Rags**.

1ST BLACK TYPE, 1ST GRADED BLACK TYPE. (\$1,250,000 Ylg '22 FTSAUG). O-C R K Stable LLC; B-Band of Brothers (KY); T-John A. Shirreffs. \$36,000.

 **LANE'S END SALES GRADUATE** 

Margins: HD, 6 3/4, 31. Odds: 0.90, 1.70, 9.90.

Also Ran: Scatify. Scratched: Nysos.

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DU JOUR CLAIMS FIRST TOP-LEVEL SCORE IN KILROE MILE

Du Jour (Temple City) provided the second of trainer Bob Baffert's three graded stakes victories on the card when he powered home first in the GI Frank E. Kilroe Mile at Santa Anita Sunday. Owned by Jill Baffert and Debbie Lanni, the 6-year-old gelding settled towards the back of the field as **Goliad (War Front)** took the field through fractions of :22.82 and :45.75. The pacesetter was clear into the far turn, but his advantage soon evaporated at the top of the stretch. While 3-2 favorite **Easter (Fr)** (Exosphere {Aus}) was rolling up on the outside, it was Du Jour, who had made rapid progress late on the bend, darting to the rail for racing room and striding powerfully to the lead en route to an authoritative victory.

"We had a great ride," said winning rider Flavien Prat. "The horse showed some speed then settled down nicely down the backside. You always run well fresh, and on paper it seemed like this race was going to have a good amount of pace. My job was just to make sure we were in a comfortable zone, so he was able to show his talent through the final stretch."



Du Jour | Horsephotos

Du Jour won the 2021 GII American Turf S. under Baffert's tutelage before making three starts for New York-based Bill Mott. He was fourth in the GI Belmont Derby and third in the GI Saratoga Derby before concluding his time with Mott with an eighth-place effort in the Dueling Grounds Derby. Back with Baffert, the bay gelding was a narrowly beaten second in last year's GIII Thunder Road S. and Kilroe Mile. He earned a shot at the Breeders' Cup Mile with a win in the GII Del Mar Mile and was 10th, but beaten just 3 1/2 lengths, when last seen on championship weekend.

"It was so exciting, so I won't say unexpected but very exciting," Lanni said of Du Jour's first top-level victory. "In the Breeders' Cup, he just wasn't himself, I don't think. He only finished 3 1/2 lengths behind, but 3 1/2 short."

Pedigree Notes:

One of 14 graded winners for Temple City, Du Jour became his sire's fourth Grade I winner. Guiltless, a half-sister to graded winner Northern Causeway (Giant's Causeway), was purchased by the O'Callaghans' Woods Edge Farm for \$60,000 at the 2016 Fasig-Tipton Winter Mixed Sale. The mare produced a yearling filly by **Street Sense** last year.

Du Jour's third dam, Baby Zip, produced Grade I winner City Zip and Horse of the Year **Ghostzapper**.

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Sunday, Santa Anita

FRANK E. KILROE MILE S.-GI, \$301,500, Santa Anita, 3-3, 4yo/up, 1mT, 1:33.95, gd.

1--**DU JOUR, 122, g, 6, by Temple City**

1st Dam: Guiltless, by Bernardini

2nd Dam: Getaway Girl, by Silver Deputy

3rd Dam: Baby Zip, by Relaunch

1ST GRADE I WIN. (\$19,000 Ylg '19 KEESEP; \$280,000 2yo '20 OBSAPR). O-Natalie J. Baffert and Debbie Lanni; B-Woods Edge Farm, LLC (KY); T-Bob Baffert; J-Flavien Prat. \$180,000.

Lifetime Record: 17-6-3-2, \$1,118,220. **Werk Nick Rating: A.**

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2--**Easter (Fr)**, 122, g, 6, Exosphere (Aus)--Excellent Girl (GB), by Exceed And Excel (Aus). **1ST G1 BLACK TYPE.** (€150,000 3yo '21 ARARC). O-Madaket Stables LLC; B-Aleyrion Bloodstock Ltd. (FR); T-Philip D'Amato. \$60,000.

3--**Ah Jeez**, 120, c, 4, **Mendelssohn**--Poetic, by **Violence**.

1ST G1 BLACK TYPE. (\$80,000 Ylg '21 KEESEP; \$55,000 2yo '22 OBSAPR). O-Mark Davis; B-Machmer Hall (KY); T-Doug F. O'Neill. \$36,000.

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Margins: 2, 1 3/4, HF. Odds: 3.20, 1.50, 61.00.

Also Ran: First Peace, Dandy Man Shines (Ire), Goliad, Prince Abama (Ire), Mackinnon. Scratched: Irideo (Arg).

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RUBY NELL SPARKLES IN FRONT-RUNNING BUENA VISTA SCORE



Ruby Nell | Benoit

by Stefanie Grimm

Ruby Nell returned from her trip to Florida like many do--refreshed and ready to get back to work. And back to work she went, wiring the field impressively as the 4-5 favorite in the GII Buena Vista S. at Santa Anita. Shipped East by Richard Mandella for Pegasus weekend, the daughter of Bolt d'Oro did well to race against her normal style in coming off the pace to finish third, beaten just 1 3/4 lengths, in the GII Pegasus World Cup Filly and Mare Turf Invitational Jan. 27.

Back on California soil Sunday, it was back to business as jockey Edwin Maldonado, reunited with this runner after Frankie Dettori was aboard in Florida, did all he could to restrain Ruby Nell on the front end, keeping her under a tight hold even as she opened up a sizeable gap on the run into the first turn. Left alone on the lead through fractions of :25.55 and :46.88, the favorite gradually let a trio of pursuers eat into the gap with a quarter left to run, but had more than enough in the tank to keep **Mouffy (Uncle Mo)** at bay and pick up her second graded-stakes win.

"I just let her do her thing," Maldonado said. "She wants it her way and even if you fight her, she's going to do it her way, so I just let her do her thing."

"I never had a doubt that Ruby would win, but the training schedule on all these horses the last couple weeks has been difficult," added Mandella. "Keeping their minds right is pretty tough. I'm very proud that she handled it as well as she did."



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Pedigree Notes:

Owner Spendthrift Farm went to \$1,200,000 to secure Ruby Nell as a 2-year-old after she brought just \$85,000 as a yearling at Keeneland in 2021. One of 10 stakes winners for Spendthrift's Bolt d'Oro, Ruby Nell is out of the winning Not For Love mare Rich Love, who herself last saw the auction ring late last year when she brought \$500,000 from Fast Fillies at FTKNOV. A producer of five winners from as many to race, Rich Love is a half to MSW/GSP Concealed Identity (Smarty Jones) and SW/GSP Peach of a Gal (**Curlin**). After producing back to back foals by **Good Magic**, Rich Love went to **Curlin** for 2024.

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BUENA VISTA S.-GII, \$202,000, Santa Anita, 3-3, 4yo/up, f/m, 1mT, 1:35.01, gd.

1--**RUBY NELL**, 122, f, 4, by Bolt d'Oro



1st Dam: Rich Love, by Not For Love

2nd Dam: Richetta, by Polish Numbers

3rd Dam: Riscay, by Rahy

(\$80,000 Wlg '20 KEENOV; \$85,000 Ylg '21 KEESPE; \$1,200,000 2yo '22 FTFMAR). O-Spendthrift Farm LLC; B-Solana Beach Sales (KY); T-Richard E. Mandella; J-Edwin A. Maldonado.

\$120,000. Lifetime Record: 12-6-2-2, \$491,520. **Werk Nick**

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2--**Mouffy**, 120, m, 5, **Uncle Mo**--Truly Together, by Smart Strike. O-Augustin Stables; B-George Strawbridge (KY); T-Jonathan Thomas. \$40,000.



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3--**Nadette (Fr)**, 120, m, 5, Outstrip (GB)--Ciboulette (Ire), by Pivotal (GB). (€50,000 Ylg '20 ARQDOY; €17,000 2yo '21 ARQSRM; \$340,000 RNA 4yo '23 KEENOV). O-Team Valor International; B-Herve Dardenne (FR); T-N Drysdale. \$24,000.

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Margins: 3/4, 1HF, 1. Odds: 0.80, 5.80, 25.50.

Also Ran: Be Your Best (Ire), Bellabel (Ire), Closing Remarks, Lucky Girl (Ire), Justique, Lakota Spirit. Scratched: Kissed by Fire, Thirty Carats. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#) or the [TJCS.com PPs.](#) **VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

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Newgate (Into Mischief) just gets up in GI Santa Anita H. [\(click to watch\)](#)

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Nysos | Benoit

The Week in Review, by T.D. Thornton

Within the past three months, the purses for all three Triple Crown races have been raised. Paradoxically, this increase in prize money has coincided with a 2024 prep race season that is uncharacteristically light on emphatic, leap-off-the-page contenders for the GI Kentucky Derby, GI Preakness S., and GI Belmont S.

The first weekend in March has traditionally served as a launch pad for sophomores who figure to excel in the spring Classics and beyond. Of all the prep stakes currently carded at 1 1/16 miles, the two that have historically been the most prolific producers of Derby winners have been the GII Coolmore Fountain of Youth S. at Gulfstream Park (with 14 starters going on to win the Run for the Roses) and the GII San Felipe S. at Santa Anita Park (with 13).

This year, neither race figures to be a reliable measuring stick for calibrating the division's true horsepower.

The 1-5 favorite **Dornoch** (**Good Magic**) wired four overmatched foes in Saturday's Fountain of Youth S. But it will be difficult to discern where the full-brother to 2023 Derby winner **Mage** stands in the pecking order off that effort considering four other rivals scratched out of the race, including the three ranked closest to Dornoch on the morning line.

Out in California, the San Felipe S. lured just five entrants. Three were from Bob Baffert's barn--meaning they are ineligible to compete in the Derby because of Churchill Downs's corporate banishment of the Hall-of-Fame trainer. Then the day before the race, Baffert scratched the undefeated **Nysos** (**Nyquist**). The colt's defection not only drained the San Felipe of its star, but it

meant that only two starters out of that stakes would be able to earn Derby qualifying points (the San Felipe's 6:02 p.m. Eastern post time Sunday was too late to include analysis for this column).

Using the most recent version of **TDN's Sophomore Top 12** as a guide, it is difficult to zero in on any must-use betting interests for the 150th Derby based on what we have seen so far in the '24 prep season.

You can skim the Nos. 1, 2 and 7 contenders straight off that list for Derby consideration. 'Rising Stars' **Nysos**, **Muth** (**Good Magic**), and **Maymun** (**Frosted**) are all Baffert trainees who won't be Louisville-bound because of the Churchill ban.

Seeing these top California-based colts perform in other stakes has also become elusive. Over the last two weekends, Baffert has scratched **Nysos** from the San Felipe S. because of a sudden desire to give that 1-5 morning-line favorite more time off between starts, and he opted not to enter **Muth** in the Feb. 24 GII Rebel S. (where he would have been the heavy favorite), when he didn't like how the colt's final workout for that race turned out. Both colts are reportedly fine physically; they are now tentatively expected to contest the GI Santa Anita Derby and GI Arkansas Derby, respectively.

The Nos. 3, 5, 6 and 9 contenders on the Sophomore Top 12 all share the dubious distinction of failing to advance in terms of Beyer Speed Figures from age two to three--even though three of those four won their first sophomore starts.

No. 3-rated '**TDN Rising Star**' **Sierra Leone** (**Gun Runner**)'s Beyer pattern declined from 91 to 90 when that colt won the Feb. 17 GII Risen Star S. at Fair Grounds.



Timberlake | Coady Photography

No. 5-ranked juvenile champ **Fierceness**, a '**TDN Rising Star**' by **City of Light**, saw his Beyer dip from 105 to 84 after winning the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile in November, then running a no-impact third at 1-5 odds in the GIII Holy Bull S. in February.

No. 6-slotted **Dornoch** (**Good Magic**)'s winning 88 Beyer in the Fountain of Youth S. represented a three-point haircut off a 91 earned in his Gil Remsen S. score.

The No. 9-ranked **'TDN Rising Star' Timberlake** (Into Mischief) captured the Rebel S., inheriting 4-5 favoritism when Muth wasn't entered. But his 93 Beyer from that win equates to a three-race plateau at that figure without any numerical advancement over a five-month span.

Conquest Warrior, another **'TDN Rising Star,'** was pegged at No. 8 in the most recent Sophomore Top 12. He uncorked a five-length smackdown score at 1-5 odds in a Gulfstream nine-furlong allowance on Friday against five rivals. But this son of **City of Light** remains untested against stakes company and will attempt to garner his first Derby qualifying points after replicating, not bettering, an 84 Beyer from his Jan. 13 maiden win.

The two Todd Pletcher-trained horses holding down the Nos. 10 and 12 spots on TDN's Top 12, **Locked** (**Gun Runner**) and **Speak Easy** (**Constitution**), were both unexpected defections from the Fountain of Youth S.

Pletcher scratched **'TDN Rising Star' Locked** Saturday after not liking the way the colt had moved in a morning gallop. Locked, who won the GI Breeders' Futurity S. at Keeneland and ran third as the beaten favorite in the Breeders' Cup Juvenile, has now missed consecutive starts after a fever kept him out of the GIII Sam F. Davis S. at Tampa Feb. 6. He remains unraced in 2024.

Speak Easy, a 100-Beyer winner in his Jan. 27 debut, was challenging Dornoch for favoritism in the Fountain of Youth S. when he unseated his jockey in pre-race warm-ups and reportedly ran into the rail and sustained a superficial cut, necessitating a scratch.

The plethora of recent, high-profile no-shows against the backdrop of Derby contenders being lightly raced to begin with underscores the missing-in-action vibe that is attaching itself to this year's sophomore crop.

With that in mind, maybe it's time to start looking for horses of interest in prep stakes that don't traditionally yield Derby contenders. Saturday's GIII Gotham S. at Aqueduct and the ungraded John Battaglia Memorial S. at Turfway both produced winners who, at the very least, seem to have forward momentum going for them.

Deterministic (**Liam's Map**) is now 2-for-2 after splashing home first in the Gotham S. He stalked and pounced from mid-pack, splitting rivals in the stretch to register a 93-Beyer victory coming off a nearly seven-month layoff for trainer Christophe Clement. The colt will ship back to Payson Park, where he's been training this winter, while his connections mull a next start.

Encino (**Nyquist**) improved his record to 2-for-3 in Tapeta routes at Turfway, with his only loss being a neck defeat when second in his debut for trainer Brad Cox. He overcame post 11 in the Battaglia S. despite getting hooked four wide on both turns and running up on the heels of the favorite at the three-sixteenths pole. After shifting outward and regaining his stalled momentum, Encino scored by a measured length, earning an 89 Beyer. Next-race plans have yet to be formulated.



Encino | Coady Photography

Despite a history that dates to 1953, only one Gotham S. starter has ever won the Derby--the mighty Secretariat, who won both those stakes in 1973.

The Battaglia S., which dates to 1982 but has only been a points-awarding Derby prep since 2021, has also yielded exactly one Derby winner from its roster of starters--the 80-1 shocker Rich Strike in 2022, who ran fourth in that year's Battaglia.

You can't get much farther apart on the spectrum of Derby winners than Secretariat and Rich Strike.

But then again, this is a Triple Crown prep campaign that is shaping up to be a ripe, open season for Derby dreamers, so don't dismiss the winners of the Gotham and Battaglia based solely on their unconventional prep-race paths.

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GARGAN PLEASED WITH DORNOCH AFTER FOUNTAIN OF YOUTH WIN

Dornoch (**Good Magic**) pleased Danny Gargan with his victory in Saturday's Gil Coolmore Fountain of Youth S. and the trainer said a decision on the colt's next start would likely be made by the end of the week.

"He's great. He looked good this morning. He cooled out nice. We're happy with him. He ate up well," Gargan said. "We're pleased with him."

Following Dornoch's professional performance as the 1-5 favorite in the 1 1/16-mile Fountain of Youth, Gargan said the 3-year-old full-brother to 2023 GI Kentucky Derby winner **Mage** would likely return in either the Mar. 30 GI **Curlin** Florida Derby at Gulfstream or the Apr. 6 GI Toyota Blue Grass S. at Keeneland.

Gargan said a spate of scratches from the Fountain of Youth caused him to call an audible Saturday.



Dornoch | *Coglianesse*

"We wanted to sit behind horses. The scratches hurt. We just decided to go ahead and take control of the race. He did it pretty handily," Gargan said. "He didn't have to run too hard, so we'll have plenty of horse. We should be able to come back quick and be fine. We're just got to keep moving and stay lucky."

Vicente Stella Stables LLC's **Le Dom Bro** (Mucho Macho Man), who made an inside challenge at the top of the stretch before settling for second at 27-1, also exited the Fountain of Youth in good order and is likely to make his next start in the Florida Derby.

"I'd say it's 90% for the Florida Derby," said Vicente Stella.

Also on track for the Florida Derby is **Hades** (Awesome Slew). The undefeated winner of the GIII Holy Bull S. worked four furlongs Sunday morning at Gulfstream in :48.64 (15/52).

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DETERMINISTIC FINE AFTER GOTHAM WIN

Deterministic (**Liam's Map**) exited his victory in the GIII Gotham S. at Aqueduct Saturday in fine shape and connections are still mulling a possible next start for the sophomore.

"He came back in good order. We're very much enjoying the fact that he won the Gotham yesterday. It was a very strong performance and we're happy with the way he looks this morning," trainer Christophe Clement said Sunday. "We will probably ship him to Florida this week. He's done very well in

Florida and the weather is more under control. He's been here for the last three months and training well here, so no need to change too much at the moment."

A debut winner at Saratoga last August, Deterministic was making just his second lifetime start in the Gotham.

"No decision whatsoever made for the next start," Clement said. "At the moment, the only worry is the well-being of the horse and we'll go from there. We'll get him to a work and the work will tell us what to do with him."

Clement, who won the 2014 GI Belmont S. with **Tonalist** (**Tapit**), said he would only enjoy a first GI Kentucky Derby starter, but only if his charge had a decent shot at victory on the First Saturday in May.

"To run, no--to win, yes," said Clement, with a laugh. "Running is not very exciting, but winning is. If he was to go that route, that would be very exciting. At the moment, we need to evaluate a next start and I believe, most probably, he would need to run before the Derby."

Clement also saddled **Capital Idea** (Classic Empire) in the Gotham. The bay colt, a maiden winner at Aqueduct in January, had a wide trip in his stakes debut while finishing fifth.

"I thought he ran OK. He had a very bad post and he was carried wide all the way, but he actually tried and he finished," Clement said. "We'd love to go a mile and an eighth and two turns with him next time, but where, I don't know. I think the longer the better. He came back in good order. He trained in New York all winter, so I left him in New York."

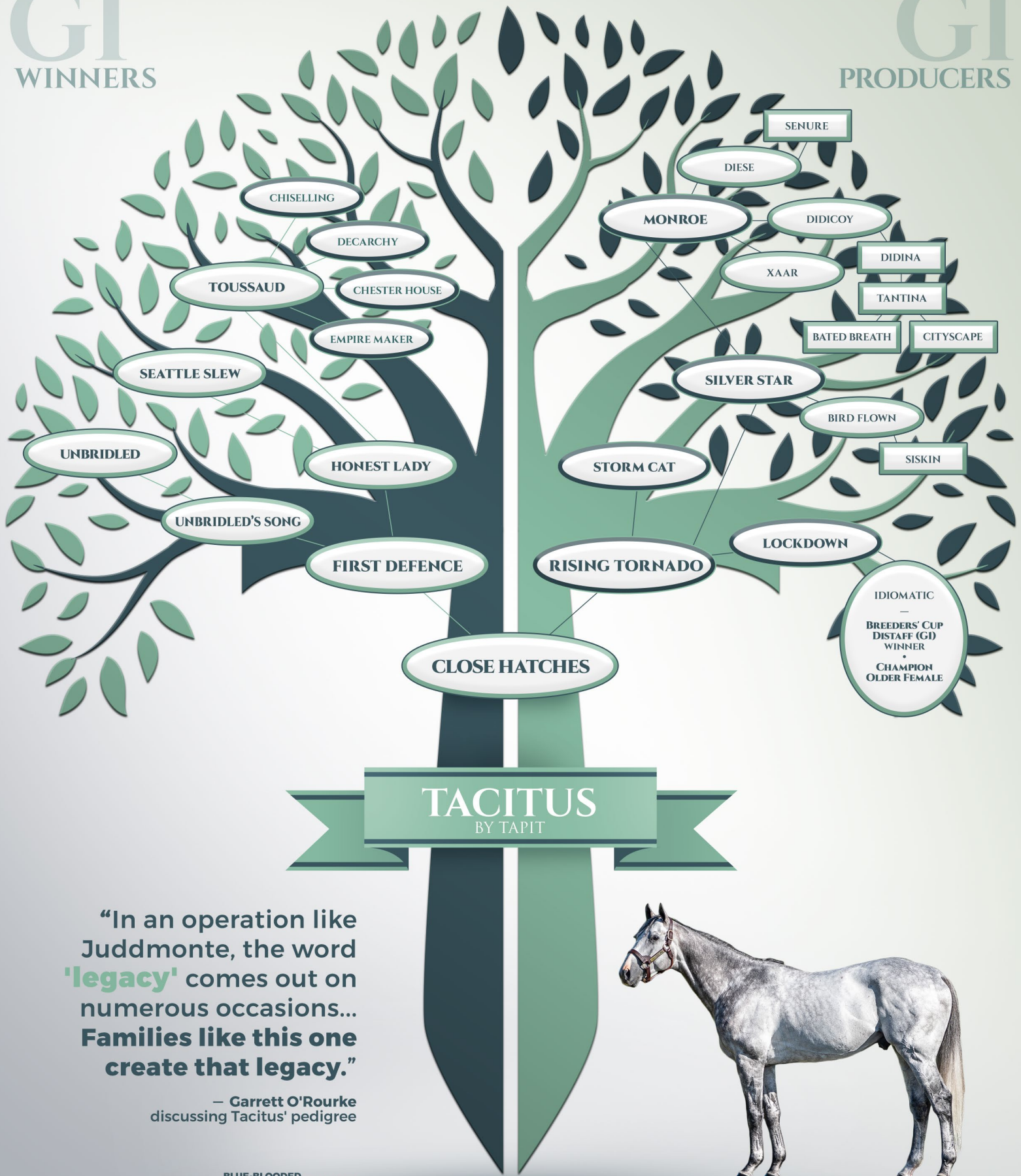
Clement agreed the Apr. 6 GII Wood Memorial might be an option for Capital Idea, as well as for stablemate **Pandagate** (Arrogate), who captured the Gander S. at Aqueduct Feb. 25. Other options for Pandagate include the Apr. 20 Federico Tesio S. at Laurel Park or the Mar. 30 G2 2 UAE Derby at Meydan Racecourse.



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“He came back last week and we'll get to a work at the end of this week. We're very happy with him. He's another one that we'll leave eligible for everything,” Clement said of Pandagate.

Also exiting a stakes win at Aqueduct Saturday in fine shape was **Jody's Pride (American Pharoah)**, who earned 50 qualifying points to the GI Kentucky Oaks with her victory in the Busher S.

“She came back great, everything is great,” said trainer Jorge Abreu. “It’s very exciting for us. Going to the Breeders’ Cup was such a fun ride for us and she showed up over there. To see the performance she put in on that day, we were like, ‘Wow,’ so we gave her 30 days [off], and then she grew up and got bigger and stronger. Yesterday, she showed it.”

Jody's Pride was second, beaten just a neck by Just F Y I (**Justify**), in the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies last November. She is likely to remain in New York and make her next start in the Apr. 6 GIII Gazelle S., according to Abreu.

“I don't want to keep moving her around,” said Abreu. “She’s already run four races at three different tracks and four different distances. She likes Aqueduct, too.”

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ARKANSAS DERBY POSSIBLE NEXT START FOR TIME FOR TRUTH

Time for Truth (Omaha Beach) likely earned himself a spot in the Mar. 30 GI Arkansas Derby with his allowance victory at Oaklawn Park Saturday. Owned by Harry Rosenblum and Cheyenne Stables and trained by Ron Moquett, the colt had to be scratched from last week's GI Rebel S. after suffering a minor shin injury the night before the race.



Time for Truth | *Coady Photography*

Making his two-turn debut in Saturday's 1 1/16-mile allowance, Time for Truth showed a new dimension by coming from off the pace to post a 1 1/2-length victory under regular rider Rafael Bejarano.

“I was [pleased], knowing where we’re at with the horse, knowing he missed some training,” Moquett said. “We didn’t come to the race exactly like we had wanted to, considering we really did have a bump on our shin. So, I’m pleased with the horse.”

A debut winner at Oaklawn at the end of December, Time for Truth was second in the six-furlong Ozark S. Feb. 10.

Moquett said he used the Ozark as a bridge to the Rebel after Oaklawn lost 11 days of training (Jan. 13-23) to winter weather. Time for Truth was 15-1 on the morning line for the Rebel. He was 5-2 Saturday.

“It was a good race for him,” said Bejarano, who rode three consecutive winners to close Saturday’s card. “I’m glad he got scratched the last time because it was a tough race. But I think this race will prepare him for the big race next time. It’s the first time going two turns. I had a beautiful trip. Hopefully, the horse came back good and we can get ready for next time.”

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<u>Date</u>	<u>Race</u>	<u>Track</u>
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	GI Beholder Mile	SA
	GIII San Simeon S.	SA
	GIII Santa Ysabel S.	SA
	GII Hillsborough S.	TAM
	GIII Tampa Bay Derby	TAM
	GIII Florida Oaks	TAM
	GIII Challenger S.	TAM
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AZERI S.-GII, \$400,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Soul of an Angel	Atreides	James, Gerald and Hall Performance LLC	James	Esquivel	119
2	Bellamore 🌿	Empire Maker	Kaleem Shah, Inc.	Asmussen	Asmussen	121
3	Misty Veil 🌿	Tonalist	Resolute Racing	Maker	Vazquez	121
4	Comparative	Street Sense	Godolphin, LLC	Cox	Franco	124
5	Saddle Up Jessie 🌿	More Than Ready	Michael J. Ryan	Russell	Toledo	124
6	Hot and Sultry 🌿	Speightster	Lieblong, Alex and JoAnn	Casse	Santana, Jr.	121
7	Tiny Temper 🌿	Arrogate	Stanley, Mark H. and Stanley, Nancy W.	Stewart	Graham	117
8	Shotgun Hottie	Gun Runner	Aldabbagh, Omar and Ganje, Jeff	DeVaux	Torres	119

Breeders: 1-Westbrook Stables, LLC, 2-Gainesway Thoroughbreds LTD., 3-William Humphries & Altair Farms, LLC, 4-Godolphin, 5-Kinnickinnic Stables, 6-Cobalt Investments, LLC, 7-Alan S. Kline Revocable Trust, 8-Vincent Colbert

Saturday, Gulfstream #10, post time: 4:36 p.m. EST

HURRICANE BERTIE S.-GIII, \$125,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2f

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Unifying 🌿	Union Rags	Greenberg, Sheri, Staghawk Stables, Reiman, Tom and Johnson, Ronald	Mott	Rosario	118
2	Red Carpet Ready	Oscar Performance	Ashbrook Farm and Upland Flats Racing	Arnold, II	Saez	120
3	Dreamster	Jess's Dream	Mary Lightner	Lightner	Panici	118
4	Spirit Wind	Bahamian Squall	Miller Racing LLC	Joseph, Jr.	Zayas	124
5	Olivia Darling	Palace	Amo Racing USA	Delgado	Egan	124
6	Lady Radler	Kantharos	Mellon Patch, Inc.	Campbell	Gonzalez	124
7	Libban	Laoban	C2 Racing Stable LLC and Braverman, Paul	Joseph, Jr.	Conner	118
8	Cheetara (Chi) 🌿	Daddy Long Legs	Repole Stable	Pletcher	Lopez	120

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It wasn't the fanciest of jumps from the gate but it was the kick in the late stages which mattered, carrying **Sedona** (f, 3, **Curlin**--America {GSW & MGISP, \$580,532}, by A.P. Indy) past her rivals to a first-out victory and on to '**TDN Rising Star**' honors.

The 8-5 favorite as the betting public set their sights on her royalty-befitting auction price and pedigree, the flashy chestnut took some time to find her feet as the entire field, save for one filly who never was involved, disputed affairs at the front. Eventual runner-up **Neat Trick** (**Good Magic**) was pressing the issue from four off the fence, and fractions sailed by in :22.68 and :45.55 splits. Still chasing that group and now with a wall of horses in front of her as they made the swing into the lane, Sedona angled out five wide to find racing room and produced an eye-catching rally when the opportunity arose. She overhauled Neat Trick by a half-length as that one held off **On Command** (Omaha Beach) to claim second. Sedona is **Curlin**'s 25th '**Rising Star**'.

"I think she's a classy filly," said winning trainer Shug McGaughey. "She's really come around the last month. I was kind of not satisfied with her earlier in the winter, development-wise. About three weeks ago, I was up there, and she worked really well. I think her development is good. I like to see her run this way, where she goes on and finish--because they learn--instead of being on the lead."

A full-sister to multiple Graded winner '**TDN Rising Star**' First Captain, who himself sold for \$1.5-million at the Fasig-Tipton Saratoga Select Yearling sale in 2019 to familiar connections, Sedona is the most recent to the races for America. In addition

to that full-brother, there is a full-sister American Caviar who never made it to the races, and last produced a now yearling colt by **Uncle Mo**. That sister RNA'd at the 2023 Keeneland November sale for \$390,000 while her **Uncle Mo** sold to AAA Thoroughbreds for \$510,000 in the same ring.

America had her own offspring by the stallion, producing unplaced Kid America (**Uncle Mo**), a \$550,000 RNA at KEESEP in 2021, as well as a 2-year-old colt who missed his reserve at FTKOCT in 2023 when the last bid came in at \$345,000. She has since produced a yearling full-sister to Sedona and is due to **Gun Runner** this season.

Their dam has her own sales stories to tell having never hit her reserve in a public auction. The multiple Grade I-placed racemare first went unsold as a yearling for \$725,000 at KEESEP '12, and later at the Fasig-Tipton November sale, an RNA in 2019 at \$3.1-million and then again in 2023 when the final bid fell short at \$1.2-million.

Along with the busy first dam, this is also the female family of Paris Bikini, who is now in Japan after selling for \$1.95-million in 2020 to Katsumi Yoshida while in foal to **Uncle Mo**. Her claim to fame is by way of her daughter, GISW Paris Lights (**Curlin**), who sold to Spendthrift Farm for \$3.1-million at KEENOV in 2021. In the extended family, Broodmare of the Year Better Than Honour makes an appearance as well as European champion Peeping Fawn.

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NEW TDN RISING STAR

7th-Gulfstream, \$70,000, Msw, 3-3, 3yo, f, 7f, 1:24.24, ft, 1/2 length.

SEDONA, f, 3, by Curlin




1st Dam: America {GSW & MGISP, \$580,532}, by A.P. Indy

2nd Dam: Lacadena, by Fasliyev

3rd Dam: Butterfly Blue (Ire), by Sadler's Wells

Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$42,000. [Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV and for the free EquineLine.com catalogue-style pedigree.](#)

O-Woodford Racing, LLC, West Point Thoroughbreds and Chris Larsen; B-B. Flay Thoroughbreds (KY); T-Claude R. McGaughey III. *\$2,000,000 Ylg '22 FTSAUG. **Full to First Captain, MGSW & GISP, \$662,100.

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JOHN BATTAGLIA MEMORIAL S., \$142,500, Turfway, 3-2, 3yo, 1 1/16m (AWT), 1:44.22, ft.

1--**ENCINO, 118, c, 3, by Nyquist**

1st Dam: Glittering Jewel, by Bernardini

2nd Dam: Bedazzle, by Dixieland Band

3rd Dam: Majestic Legend, by His Majesty

1ST BLACK TYPE WIN. O/B-Godolphin (KY); T-Brad H. Cox; J-Axel Concepcion. \$87,536. Lifetime Record: 3-2-1-0, \$141,971.

2--**Epic Ride**, 124, c, 3, **Blame**--Pick a Time, by Gio Ponti. (\$160,000 Ylg '22 KESEF). O-Welch Racing LLC; B-Fred W. Hertrich (KY); T-John Ennis. \$28,560.

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3--**Blue Eyed George**, 120, c, 3, **Flameaway**--Acting Naughty, by Offlee Wild. (\$50,000 Ylg '22 TTAYRL; \$200,000 2yo '23 OBSAPR). O-BG Stables; B-Clear Creek Stud LLC (LA); T-Michael W. McCarthy. \$9,280.

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Also Ran: Mugatu, Ode to Balius, Bolt At Midnight, Mission Ready, Karlwithanarl, Good Bali, Fidget, Mr. Faversham. Scratched: Break Out, Gettysburg Address, Katheeb.

Godolphin homebred Encino broke his maiden over course and distance Jan. 26 and parlayed that right into 20 points on the Road to the Kentucky Derby with a win in Saturday night's John Battaglia Memorial S. at Turfway Park. Debuting as the beaten favorite, albeit by only a neck, over a mile on the Tapeta Dec. 29, the Brad Cox trainee stepped up with a gate-to-wire run second-time out in a better than it seemed half-length win. Sent at 5-1 Saturday behind race favorite Epic Ride, Encino broke nearly widest of the field but was able to tuck in on the run to the first turn and sit a stalking trip behind a quartet of pacers up front. Situated just off the hip of the favorite up the backstretch, he followed that one's move into the far turn, had to swing outside of him as they straightened away and dug in gamely to get by close to home.

"After I broke pretty well from the gate I was able to get over and begin to follow Epic Ride," said winning rider and reigning Eclipse Award winner Axel Concepcion. "He relaxed very well down the backside and around the far turn I was able to ask him for his best run. I had a lot of horse still left down the lane and he continued to run hard all the way to the wire."



Encino | Coady

His dam's second foal and first to race, Encino is the 23rd stakes winner for his sire and is out of a half-sister to champion 2-year-old, GI Kentucky Derby winner **Street Sense** (Street Cry {Ire}). Glittering Jewel has since produced back-to-back fillies by Street Boss before visiting **Good Magic** for this year. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

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4th-Oaklawn, \$140,000, Alw (NW1\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$125,000), 3-3, 3yo, f, 1 1/16m, 1:45.10, ft, 8 1/2 lengths.

IMPEL (f, 3, Quality Road--Your Love {SW & GSP, \$335,000}, by Flatter) earned 'TDN Rising Star' honors with a dazzling debut win over a fast six furlongs at Fair Grounds Jan. 1. Entered as an also-eligible for last Friday's Cincinnati Trophy S. at Turfway, the Juddmonte homebred showed up in this spot as the 6-5 favorite instead and made the most of the swap. Always right off the hip of pacesetter Hayek (**Cairo Prince**), Impel was well in-hand turning for home and drew off with ease against an over-matched field to win by a geared-down 8 1/2 lengths. Another flashy debut winner, Merasol Sugar (Constitution), picked up the pieces in second. Juddmonte purchased stakes winner Your Love, a full-sister to GSW/GISP Economic Model and half to GSW/GISP Happy American (**Runhappy**) and GSW/MGISP Well Monied (Maria's Mon), for \$480,000 out of the 2019 KEENOV

sale and Impel is the dam's first foal. After losing her 2022 **War Front** foal, Your Love reported a filly by **Curlin** last year and was bred back to **Not This Time** for 2024. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$115,200. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#), sponsored by **FanDuel TV**.

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

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Impel | Coady

9th-Santa Anita, \$73,314, Alw, 3-3, (NW1\$X), 4yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2ft, 1:14.49, gd, nose.

GETTHEMONEY (f, 4, Midnight Lute--Sailing Shiksa, by Bernstein) made her first start since finishing second over the local main track May 12. Trying the turf and coming down the hill for the first time, the 9-1 shot wanted to run but stayed tucked in behind Summer Lake (Lakerville) and Just Nails (**Twirling Candy**). As space opened up crossing the dirt into the stretch, Getthemoney found a gap against the fence and came through to nail Just Nails on the wire. Sailing Shiksa has a 2-year-old full-brother to the winner, a yearling **Runhappy** colt and was bred back to **Maxfield**. Sales History: \$90,000 Ylg '21 KESEF; \$230,000 2yo '22 OBSAPR. Lifetime Record: 5-2-1-1, \$109,940. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#), sponsored by **FanDuel TV**.

O-Alan P. Klein, Philip Lebherz and Janet Lyons; B-Twin Magnolia Farm (KY); T-Brian J. Koriner.

 **SGV THOROUGHBREDS GRADUATE** 

6th-Gulfstream, \$72,000, Alw (NW1\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$25,000), 3-3, 4yo/up, f/m, 1mT, 1:33.56, fm, 1 1/2 lengths.

RO TOWN (f, 4, Mo Town--Runfor Ro {GSP-Can, SP-USA, \$211,042}, by Afleet Alex) came into this spot riding a two-race win streak, but she would have to prove her ability since those were a claiming and starter race over the Tapeta in Hallandale.

Off as a 5-1 shot, the bay closely tracked a longshot into the first turn and bided her time up the backstretch. Taking over the lead, the filly faced a brief challenge from SW Elysian Field (**Hard Spun**), but it was not enough to stop her as she ran home a winner by 1 1/2 lengths. The winner has a pair of full-sisters in 2-year-old Downtown Ro and yearling Sugar Bunny. Runfor Ro was bred to **Golden Pal** for this spring. Lifetime Record: 7-4-0-0, \$133,620. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#), sponsored by **FanDuel TV**.

O-Raroma Stable, LLC; B-Rajendra Maharajh (KY); T-Brian A. Lynch.

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6th-Fair Grounds, \$58,120, Alw, 3-3, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:10.99, ft, 5 1/4 lengths.

SWEET SHILD O MINE (f, 4, Mineshaft--To Be Determined, by Elusive Quality) broke through the maiden ranks with an eyebrow-raising 20-length win facing state-bred company at Belterra 11 months ago and added a stakes placing in her final 3-year-old start in June 2023. Brought back over course and distance with a second Feb. 3, the 5-1 shot did all the running Sunday, leading at every point of call to win easily by 5 1/4 lengths. To Be Determined, also the dam of Practicallyelusive (**Practical Joke**), SW, \$104,018, is a half to GI Del Mar Futurity runner up Zatter (**Midnight Lute**). She has a 2-year-old **Mendelssohn** colt and a yearling **Audible** filly while due back to **Practical Joke** this year. Lifetime Record: SP, 6-2-2-0, \$83,050. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#), sponsored by **FanDuel TV**.

O/B-Joseph M. Engelhart (OH); T-Joe Sharp.

7th-Fair Grounds, \$58,000, Alw, 3-3, (NW1X), 4yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2ft, 1:04.66, gd, 1/2 length.

PORT TOWNSEND (f, 4, Uncle Mo--Quiet Place, by Tapizar) was well-beaten in her first two starts sprinting over the dirt at Ellis Park last summer and in mid-November at Churchill Downs. The filly found the grass to her liking and graduated in gate-to-wire fashion by four lengths in New Orleans Dec. 14. The even-money choice here settled into fourth after the bell, but she began to go on the attack around the far turn. Entering the stretch, the 4-year-old tipped to the outside of Royal Flower (**American Pharoah**), set herself for the stretch run and rolled past her target to get up by half a length. Unraced Quiet Place was purchased by Blue Heaven Farm for \$350,000 at the 2019 Keeneland November Sale with the winner in-utero--her first registered foal. Port Townsend counts as half-siblings a 2-year-old by **Medaglia d'Oro** and a yearling filly by **Quality Road**. Her dam was bred to **Street Sense** for the spring. Second dam GSW Ivanavalot (West Acre) also produced two-time Eclipse Award

winner Songbird (**Medaglia d'Oro**). Lifetime Record: 4-2-0-0, \$73,800. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

O/B-Blue Heaven Farm (KY); T-Cherie DeVaux.

8th-Laurel, \$51,205, Alw (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$50,000-\$62,500), 3-3, 3yo, f, 7f, 1:23.26, ft, 5 lengths.

C C ROYAL (f, 3, Flatter--Summer Reading {MSP, \$238,217}, by Hard Spun) broke her maiden at second asking in early December, then over the same Laurel course ran third facing optional claimers Jan. 12 and in that same position Jan. 27 in the Xtra Heat S. The 1-5 choice here lay just off the pacesetter up the backstretch and waited for her cue. Once given, the filly accelerated around the far turn and cruised to a five-length win over Society Ball (Great Notion). The winner is a half-sister to Very Scary (**Connect**), MGSP, \$190,490. Summer Reading foaled a colt by **Knicks Go** last year and she visited **Blame** for this term. Sales History: \$55,000 Wlg '21 KEENOV; \$100,000 Ylg '22 KEESEP; \$140,000 2yo '23 OBSAPR. Lifetime Record: SP, 5-2-0-3, \$80,700. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

O-Mens Grille Racing; B-Windway Farm (ON); T-Hamilton Smith.

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4th-Gulfstream, \$71,540, Msw, 3-3, 3yo, 5ft, :55.12, fm, 6 1/4 lengths.

BONUS MOVE (c, 3, Twirling Candy--Lady Mamba, by War Front) debuted as the runner-up sprinting over Aqueduct's dirt back in mid-November and then was third in Hallandale Dec. 30. Trying turf for the first time and receiving support as the 6-5 choice here, the bay rocketed to the lead from his outside post, continued to hold that spot around the first turn and galloped to a 6 1/4-length win over first time starter Irish Heartbeat (**Mendelssohn**). The winner is his dam's first registered foal. Since then, she was bred three consecutive times to **Honor A.P.** Her 2-year-old colt went home with Donegal Racing for \$275,000 at last year's Keeneland September Sale. At that same auction back in 2015, Lady Mamba tied for the ninth highest return when she went to Mayberry Farm for \$1 million. Sales

History: \$65,000 Ylg '22 KEESEP; \$240,000 2yo '23 EASMAY.

Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-1, \$65,000. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

O-R. Lee Lewis; B-Parks Investment Group (KY); T-Mark Hennig.

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11th-Gulfstream, \$70,000, Msw, 3-3, 3yo, f, 1 1/8mT, 1:49.44, fm, 3/4 length.

SASSY PRINCESS (f, 3, Cairo Prince--Rachel Wall {SP, \$156,415}, by Blame), unraced since failing to produce a bid over the Churchill main surface Oct. 29, got back on the grass where she spent her first two starts. The 8-1 shot, racing with Lasix, stalked just off Mizoula (Ire) {Zoustar {Aus}} up front and pounced past that rival with a quarter to run to edge out the win by three-quarters of a length. Sassy Princess has a pair of half-brothers by **Collected** while her dam visited both **Global Campaign** and **Complexity** for 2024. Sales History: \$40,000 Wlg '21 KEENOV; \$50,000 Ylg '22 KEESEP; \$120,000 2yo '23 OBSMAR. Lifetime Record: 4-1-0-1, \$62,174. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

O-America's Pastime Stables and Bloom Racing Stable LLC (Jeffrey Bloom); B-Brereton C. Jones (KY); T-Brendan P. Walsh.

5th-Fair Grounds, \$57,000, Msw, 3-3, 3yo, f, 5 1/2ft, 1:05.32, gd, 1/2 length.

SHARE THE BLESSING (f, 3, Street Boss--Santa Teresa, by Awesome Again) had not shown much in her prior two jumps, finishing a long way last on debut Dec. 14 in a Turfway Park maiden, and again cabooing the field last out Jan. 27 over the mud at this venue going 1m70 on the main track. It came as no surprise when the betting public left her cold on the board at 43-1 but what did come as a shocker was her form reversal in this turf dash as third time proved the charm. Saving ground well off the pace through a :46.97 half, she'd put herself into serious contention by the sixteenth pole and snuck by in the final strides, beating Kimber Spice (**Gun Runner**) by a half-length and burning a lot of tickets in the process. A half-sister to Castleknock (Bernardini), GSP, \$128,460, Share the Blessing is the most recent to the races for Santa Teresa, who also has a 2-year-old Strong Like Sara (**Frosted**) as well as the yearling gelding Humorous Saint (Cutting Humor). She is due to Cyberknife for 2024. Sales history: \$57,000 Wlg '21 KEENOV; \$250,000 Ylg '22 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-0, \$34,709. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

O-Susan Moulton; B-Keene Ridge Racing (KY); T-Michael Stidham.

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IN ITALY:

Sun Never Sets, f, 3, **Karakontie (Jpn)**--Kodiak West (Ire) (SP-Fr), by Kodiak (GB). Rome, 3-3, Cond., 1600m, 1:40.2. O-Alma Racing Srl. B-Gaineway Thoroughbreds & Liberty Road Stables (KY). T-Stefano Botti Turf Srl. *\$75,000 yrl '22 FTKOCT; 16,000gns 2yo '23 TATDEC.



SECOND-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: MONDAY, MARCH 4

2024 Stud Fees Listed

Audible (Into Mischief), WinStar Farm, \$15,000
261 foals of racing age/34 winners/3 black-type winners
7-Santa Anita, 6:42 p.m. EST, Aoc 6fT, Highlands, 6-1
\$145,000 RNA KEE NOV wnl; \$65,000 RNA FTD OCT 2yo

Invincible Army (Ire) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}), Yeomanstown Stud, \$5,000

173 foals of racing age/15 winners/1 black-type winner
7-Santa Anita, 6:42 pm, Aoc 6fT, Invincible Molly (GB), 18,000gns
TAD EY yrl; 55,000gns TAT BRG 2yo; 85,000gns TAT AHI 2yo

Magna Grecia (Ire) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}), Coolmore Stud, \$10,000

186 foals of racing age/16 winners/1 black-type winner
7-Santa Anita, 6:42 p.m. EST, Aoc 6fT, Ms Brightside (Ire), 5-1
€10,000 RNA GOF FEB yrl

Maximus Mischief (Into Mischief), Spendthrift Farm, \$25,000

231 foals of racing age/40 winners/3 black-type winners
8-Will Rogers Downs, 5:24 p.m. EST, Msw 6f, Let Her Buck, 8-1

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

291 foals of racing age/30 winners/3 black-type winners
7-Santa Anita, 6:42 p.m. EST, Aoc 6fT, Elegant, 3-1
\$300,000 RNA KEE SEP yrl

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

14 foals of racing age/3 winners/0 black-type winners
8-Mahoning Valley, 4:12 p.m. EST, \$50K OTBO Sales Graduate
Race S., 6f, Spunky One, 10-1 \$1,000 OTB OMX yrl

Pavel (Creative Cause), Ocean Breeze Ranch

29 foals of racing age/6 winners/1 black-type winner
7-Santa Anita, 6:42 p.m. EST, Aoc 6fT, Madison Rae, 15-1
\$38,000 OBS APR 2yo

4-Santa Anita, 5:06 p.m. EST, Aoc 6f, Refocus, 2-1

4-Santa Anita, 5:06 p.m. EST, Aoc 6f, Stay On the Fence, 5-1

Rumpus Cat (Street Sense), Daehling Ranch

20 foals of racing age/2 winners/0 black-type winners
4-Santa Anita, 5:06 p.m. EST, Aoc 6f, Clever Clover, 3-1

Vino Rosso (Curlin), Spendthrift Farm, \$20,000

309 foals of racing age/32 winners/2 black-type winners
7-Santa Anita, 6:42 p.m. EST, Aoc 6fT, April Vintage, 7-2
\$175,000 OBS APR 2yo

Yoshida (Jpn) (Heart's Cry {Jpn}), Darley Japan, \$1,500,000

164 foals of racing age/19 winners/0 black-type winners
7-Parx Racing, 2:47 pm, Msw 1m, Eff Thirty Five, 6-1 \$82,000
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7-Parx Racing, 2:47 p.m. EST, Msw 1m, Lion in the Sun, 6-1
\$65,000 RNA FTK JUL yrl

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8th-Oaklawn, \$141,000, (NW2\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$62,500), 3-3,
4yo/up, 6f, 1:09.68, ft, 1 length.

HAPPY IS A CHOICE (g, 4, Runhappy--Fast Alexia, by Afleet Alex) Lifetime Record: 7-3-0-1, \$238,800. O-Hooties Racing, WSS Racing and 4G Racing; B-Builder's Mart (KY); T-John Alexander Ortiz. *\$45,000 Ylg '21 KEESEP; \$160,000 2yo '22 OBSAPR.

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4th-Aqueduct, \$81,480, (NW2\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$62,500), 3-3, 4yo/up, 6f, 1:11.36, my, neck.

DISARMED (c, 4, Maclean's Music--Saravati, by Giant's Causeway) Lifetime Record: 19-6-5-3, \$383,070. O-Michael Imperio, Rudy R. Rodriguez and Andrew Gurdon; B-Kingsport Farms, LLC (NY); T-Rudy R. Rodriguez. *\$165,000 Ylg '21 SARAUG. **1/2 to Mask Zorro (Roman Ruler), GSW-Jpn, \$1,284,552.



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10th-Gulfstream, \$72,000, (NW1\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$25,000), 3-3, 4yo/up, 1mT, 1:33.49, fm, 1/2 length.

AMERICAN DIAMOND (g, 6, American Pharoah--Causeway Lady, by Giant's Causeway) Lifetime Record: 16-4-0-4, \$197,600. O-Kenneth L. Ramsey; B-John C. Oxley (KY); T-Saffie A. Joseph, Jr. *\$48,000 3yo '21 FTKHRA; \$60,000 3yo '21 KEENOV.



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7th-Aqueduct, \$72,000, (S), 3-3, (NW1\$X), 4yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:39.44, my, 2 lengths.

KARA PARA (f, 4, The Factor--White Rock Lake, by Rock Hard Ten) Lifetime Record: 17-3-4-4, \$209,519. O-Stoneybrook Farm Trust and Edward C. Potash; B-Stonewall Farm (NY); T-James T. Ryerson.

5th-Santa Anita, \$70,206, (NW1\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$50,000), 3-3, 4yo/up, 1mT, 1:34.95, gd, 1/2 length.

GENIUS JIMMY (c, 4, Jimmy Creed--Ms Giavonna, by Medaglia d'Oro) Lifetime Record: 6-2-0-0, \$86,640. O-Pappas Horse Racing, Corp, Joseph Jaconi, Shane O'Neill and William Strauss; B-Deann & Greg Baer DVM (KY); T-Michael W. McCarthy. *\$10,000 Ylg '21 KEESEP; \$30,000 2yo '22 OBSOPN.

1st-Santa Anita, \$68,500, (S), (NW1\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$50,000), 3-3, 3yo, f, 1mT, 1:36.71, gd, 1/2 length.

ASADA FRIES (f, 3, Clubhouse Ride--Salty Fries {SW, \$139,406}, by In Excess {Ire}) Lifetime Record: MSP, 8-2-3-2, \$165,960. O/B-Legacy Ranch, Inc. (CA); T-Craig Anthony Lewis. *1/2 to Gypsy Blu (Papa Clem), SW, \$322,299.

7th-Turfway, \$54,800, (C)/Opt. Clm (\$50,000), 3-2, 3yo/up, 1m (AWT), 1:37.86, ft, 3/4 length.

HUSH OF A STORM (g, 6, Creative Cause--Hush Now, by Flatter) Lifetime Record: SW, 24-7-3-5, \$286,310. O-Joseph P. Morey, Jr. Revocable Trust; B-Berkshire Stud (NY); T-William E. Morey. *\$60,000 Ylg '19 SARAUG; \$75,000 2yo '20 OBSAPR.



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6th-Tampa Bay Downs, \$51,950, (NW2X)/Opt. Clm (\$32,000), 3-3, 4yo/up, 1m 40y, 1:40.18, ft, 2 1/4 lengths.

PASSAGE OF LINES (g, 6, Soldat--Miss May, by Northern Afleet) Lifetime Record: 33-11-8-4, \$272,015. O-Troy Johnson and Jagger, Inc.; B-Angela M. Ingenito (FL); T-Jamie Ness. *\$1,700 Ylg '19 OBSWIN.

9th-Gulfstream, \$51,300, (S), (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$20,000), 3-3, 4yo/up, 7f, 1:23.42, ft, 3 1/2 lengths.

CACCIATORE (c, 4, Accelerate--Paddy's Flight, by Paddy O'Prado) Lifetime Record: 7-2-2-2, \$93,770. O-Gran Chanito Stable LLC; B-Milan Kosanovich (FL); T-Ronald Coy. *\$50,000 Ylg '21 OBSOCT; \$75,000 RNA 2yo '22 OBSAPR.

5th-Tampa Bay Downs, \$46,850, 3-3, (NW1X), 4yo/up, 1m 40y (off turf), 1:41.81, ft, 3 1/4 lengths.

SEVEN BRIDGES ROAD (h, 5, Verrazano--Guard the Empire, by Empire Maker) Lifetime Record: 17-3-4-3, \$149,055. O-Nick of Time Stable; B-George Kerr & Tim Odonohue (FL); T-Teresa M. Pompay. *\$15,000 2yo '21 OBSOPN.

5th-Sam Houston Race, \$40,000, (S), (NW3L)/Opt. Clm (\$50,000), 3-3, 3yo, f, 7f, 1:25.84, ft, 4 1/2 lengths.

CITY GHOST (f, 3, Shaman Ghost--Zip Her Up, by City Zip) Lifetime Record: 4-3-0-0, \$71,680. O/B-Russell Welch (TX); T-Henry B. Johnson, Jr.

9th-Sam Houston Race, \$34,500, 3-3, (NW2L), 3yo, f, 1mT, 1:40.48, fm, nose.

CONTOUR (f, 3, Copper Bullet--Untapped, by Tapit) Lifetime Record: 5-2-0-1, \$50,822. O/B-Winchell Thoroughbreds LLC (KY); T-Steven M. Asmussen. *\$75,000 2yo '23 TTAAPR.

7th-Charles Town, \$28,400, (S), 3-2, (NW3L), 3yo/up, 7f, 1:26.59, my, 1 3/4 lengths.

NOCASHREFUNDS (g, 6, Juba--Dancer for Love, by Not For Love) Lifetime Record: 27-3-7-8, \$126,183. O-Shade Tree Farm, LLC; B-Abel Ramos (WV); T-M. Joanna Boggs.

5th-Golden Gate Fields, \$26,770, 3-2, (NW1\$X), 4yo/up, 5 1/2f (AWT), 1:03.65, ft, 2 lengths.

ZEUS' WAR (c, 4, Dialed In--First Tomoe, by First Samurai) Lifetime Record: 4-2-1-0, \$38,770. O-Jethorse LLC; B-Henry L. Hinkle & Thomas S. Hinkle (KY); T-Tim McCanna. *\$190,000 Ylg '21 KEESEP.



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ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Middle Market, c, 3, **Maclean's Music**--Diamond Maker, by **Mineshaft**. Aqueduct, 3-3, (C), 7f, 1:25.82. Lifetime Record: 4-1-0-0, \$37,700. B-St. Simon Place LLC (KY). *\$250,000 Wlg '21 KEENOV.

Rainbowsnsunshine, f, 3, **Rainbow Heir**--All Flatter, by Flatter. Charles Town, 3-2, 4 1/2f, :53.48. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$15,657. B-New Farm Breeding, Inc (MD). *1ST-TIME STARTER.

No No Joe, g, 4, **Exaggerator**--Seductive Charm, by Macho Uno. Turfway, 3-2, 6f (AWT), 1:10.68. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$44,198. B-Nick Hanna, Ramzy Rahib & Joe MacDougall (KY). *1/2 to Princess Vivian (Uh Oh Bango), SW, \$178,078.

Lady Claypoole (Ire), f, 4, **Starspangledbanner (Aus)**--Short Affair (GB) (GSP-Ity, \$103,334), by Singspiel (Ire). Santa Anita, 3-3, 1mT, 1:37.22. Lifetime Record: 9-1-1-1, \$65,808. B-Aston House Stud (IRE). *44,000gns Ylg '21 TADEY; \$90,000 RNA 3yo '23 KEENOV. **1/2 to Rodaballo (GB) (Lope de Vega {Ire}), Ch. 3-year-old Colt-Spa, Hwt. Older Horse-Ger- at 7 - 9 1/2 f., Ch. Miler-Spa, Ch. Grass Horse-Spa, Horse Of The Year-Spa, Ch. Older Horse-Spa, GSW-Ger, SP-Fr, \$275,845.

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Storm Man, g, 4, **Stormy Atlantic**--Ocean Spray Too, by Mr. Greeley. Sam Houston Race, 3-3, 1mT, 1:39.68. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$19,680. B-Jim Plemmons (KY). *1ST-TIME STARTER.

Girls Got Game, m, 5, **Wilburn**--Giantess, by Giant's Causeway. Sam Houston Race, 3-3, 1mT, 1:40.23. Lifetime Record: 11-1-3-1, \$47,854. B-John James Revocable Trust (OK). *\$12,000 2yo '21 TTAAPR.

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Accelerate, Cacciatore, c, 4, o/o Paddy's Flight, by Paddy O'Prado. AOC, 3-3, Gulfstream

American Pharoah, American Diamond, g, 6, o/o Causeway Lady, by Giant's Causeway. AOC, 3-3, Gulfstream

Bolt d'Oro, Ruby Nell, f, 4, o/o Rich Love, by Not For Love. Gil Buena Vista S., 3-3, Santa Anita



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Cairo Prince, Sassy Princess, f, 3, o/o Rachel Wall, by **Blame**. MSW, 3-3, Gulfstream

Clubhouse Ride, Asada Fries, f, 3, o/o Salty Fries, by In Excess (Ire). AOC, 3-3, Santa Anita

Copper Bullet, Contour, f, 3, o/o Untapped, by **Tapit**. ALW, 3-3, Sam Houston

Creative Cause, Hush of a Storm, g, 6, o/o Hush Now, by Flatter. AOC, 3-2, Turfway

Curlin, Sedona, f, 3, o/o America, by A.P. Indy. MSW, 3-3, Gulfstream

Dialed In, Zeus' War, c, 4, o/o First Tomoe, by **First Samurai**. ALW, 3-2, Golden Gate

Exaggerator, No No Joe, g, 4, o/o Seductive Charm, by Macho Uno. MSW, 3-2, Turfway

Flatter, C C Royal, f, 3, o/o Summer Reading, by **Hard Spun**. AOC, 3-3, Laurel

Into Mischief, Imagination, c, 3, o/o Magical Feeling, by Empire Maker. Gil DK Horse San Felipe S., 3-3, Santa Anita

Into Mischief, Newgate, c, 4, o/o Majestic Presence, by Majestic Warrior. Gil Santa Anita H. presented by Yaamava' Resort & Casino, 3-3, Santa Anita

Jimmy Creed, Genius Jimmy, c, 4, o/o Ms Giavonna, by **Medaglia d'Oro**. AOC, 3-3, Santa Anita

Juba, Nocashrefunds, g, 6, o/o Dancer for Love, by Not For Love. ALW, 3-2, Charles Town

Maclean's Music, Disarmed, c, 4, o/o Saravati, by Giant's Causeway. AOC, 3-3, Aqueduct

Maclean's Music, Middle Market, c, 3, o/o Diamond Maker, by **Mineshaft**. MCL, 3-3, Aqueduct

Midnight Lute, Getthemoney, f, 4, o/o Sailing Shiksa, by Bernstein. ALW, 3-3, Santa Anita

Mineshaft, Sweet Shild O Mine, f, 4, o/o To Be Determined, by Elusive Quality. ALW, 3-3, Fair Grounds



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Mo Town, Ro Town, f, 4, o/o Runfor Ro, by Afleet Alex. AOC, 3-3, Gulfstream

Nyquist, Encino, c, 3, o/o Glittering Jewel, by Bernardini. John Battaglia Memorial S., 3-2, Turfway

Quality Road, Impel, f, 3, o/o Your Love, by Flatter. AOC, 3-3, Oaklawn

Rainbow Heir, Rainbowsnsunshine, f, 3, o/o All Flatter, by Flatter. MSW, 3-2, Charles Town

Runhappy, Happy Is a Choice, g, 4, o/o Fast Alexia, by Afleet Alex. AOC, 3-3, Oaklawn

Shaman Ghost, City Ghost, f, 3, o/o Zip Her Up, by City Zip. AOC, 3-3, Sam Houston

Soldat, Passage of Lines, g, 6, o/o Miss May, by Northern Afleet. AOC, 3-3, Tampa Bay

Starspangledbanner (Aus), Lady Claypoole (Ire), f, 4, o/o Short Affair (GB), by Singspiel (Ire). MSW, 3-3, Santa Anita

Stormy Atlantic, Storm Man, g, 4, o/o Ocean Spray Too, by Mr. Greeley. MSW, 3-3, Sam Houston

Street Boss, Share the Blessing, f, 3, o/o Santa Teresa, by Awesome Again. MSW, 3-3, Fair Grounds

Temple City, Du Jour, g, 6, o/o Guiltless, by Bernardini. GI Frank E. Kilroe Mile S., 3-3, Santa Anita

The Factor, Kara Para, f, 4, o/o White Rock Lake, by Rock Hard Ten. ALW, 3-3, Aqueduct

Twirling Candy, Bonus Move, c, 3, o/o Lady Mamba, by **War Front**. MSW, 3-3, Gulfstream

Uncle Mo, Port Townsend, f, 4, o/o Quiet Place, by Tapizar. ALW, 3-3, Fair Grounds

Verrazano, Seven Bridges Road, h, 5, o/o Guard the Empire, by Empire Maker. ALW, 3-3, Tampa Bay

Wilburn, Girls Got Game, m, 5, o/o Giantess, by Giant's Causeway. MSW, 3-3, Sam Houston

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