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JAPAN'S TRIPLE TIARA WINNER LIBERTY ISLAND HEADS TO DUBAI



Mitsumasa Nakauchida at the Arqana yearling sales in Deauville Scoop Dyga

By Emma Berry

Back in 2000, the amateur rider Mr Mitsumasa Nakauchida rode the first of what would be two eventual winners from just 10 rides on the Flat in Britain, following three appearances in Irish bumpers a couple of years earlier.

Having left Japan at the age of 16 to study initially in Ireland, the young would-be jockey had just turned 22 at the time of his first victory for Richard Hannon aboard Dolphinelle (Ire), beating Eve Johnson Houghton, on her father's Corn Dolly (Ire), by a head.

That was half a lifetime ago for Nakauchida, who, 21 years later was crowned champion trainer in Japan. A year after that he took charge of the filly who will take some beating in the race to be his horse of a lifetime. Liberty Island (Jpn) (Duramente {Jpn}) wasn't just the best filly in Japan last year, she was the top-rated three-year-old filly in the world on a mark of 121, and she is set to head a star-studded cast on Dubai World Cup night on March 30.

Bred by Northern Farm and campaigned in the colours of Sunday Racing, she has amassed four Grade 1 victories from only seven lifetime starts.

NATIONAL HUNT CHASE TO BE NAMED IN MEMORY OF MAUREEN MULLINS

The G2 National Hunt Chase at next week's Cheltenham Festival will be run in honour of the late Maureen Mullins, who died last month at the age of 94.

The move, which was announced by Cheltenham Racecourse on Monday, was welcomed by her son Tony, who said, "Undoubtedly the correct race for a great stayer."

The matriarch of a hugely successful Irish racing dynasty, Mullins's late husband Paddy saddled six Festival winners, including one of the greatest National Hunt mares of all time, Dawn Run (Ire), who remains the only horse ever to win both the Champion Hurdle and Cheltenham Gold Cup, in 1984 and 1986 respectively.

A successful rider, owner and breeder herself, Mullins's five children have also had a huge impact on the Cheltenham Festival. Cont. p5

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JAYSON WERTH ON DERBY TRAIL WITH DORNOCH

Retired baseball star Jayson Werth lands on the Kentucky Derby trail with recent GII Fountain of Youth S. winner Dornoch.



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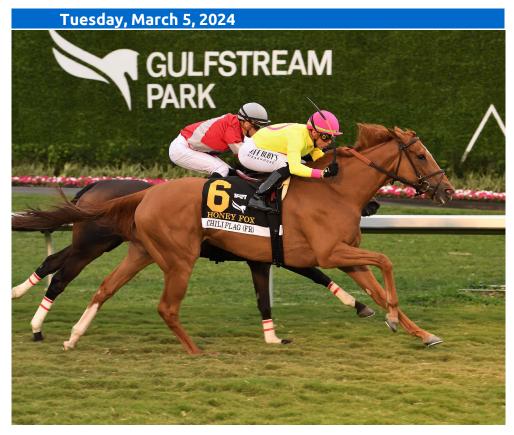
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Chili Flag winning Gulfstream's G3 Honey Fox S. on Saturday. Mandore International bought the daughter of Cityscape for €140,000 at Arqana's Arc Sale in 2022. Replay. | Coglianese

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At two, Liberty Island won the GI Hanshin Juvenile Fillies before returning the following April to sail through the Fillies'

Triple Crown of the Oka Sho, Yushun Himba and Shuka Sho. Only one horse could get the better of her last year, and that was the mighty Equinox (Jpn) (Kitasan Black {Jpn}), to whom she finished second in the Japan Cup. Next, she will aim to emulate his international smash and grab on the G1 Dubai Sheema Classic.

We've seen plenty of Japanese trainers at the top meetings around the world over the years. Nakauchida is one who won't be calling on the excellent translating skills of Naohiro Goda

or Mariko Seki as he is a fluent English speaker, having completed a thorough grounding in international racing since flying the nest at such a tender age. His list of former bosses reads like's a who's who of the Turf and includes Richard

Hannon, Criquette Head and Bobby Frankel.

"As a student I wanted to learn equine science at college or university in Europe and I decided to go to Ireland first," says



training in his own right in 2014 and, now 45, is a permanent

fixture in the JRA's list of top ten trainers. Liberty Island could

yet bring his name and talents to even wider prominence.

After eventually returning to Japan and initially assisting Mitsuru Hashida, Nakauchida started



Liberty Island is being primed for the Dubai Sheema Classic Scoop Dyga

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"It's such an honour to have a horse like her," he says. "Her racetrack record is incredible. She's just a natural in her races and she has such talent. It's a pleasure to have her in my stable.

"After the Japan Cup she had a little rest and she was actually tired after the race so it took her a little while to recover. After that she bounced back and she did quite well during the winter. She looks much stronger now and she looks like she is starting to fill out."

Liberty Island, a product of the mating between dual Japanese Classic winner Duramente, who died woefully young at the age of just nine, and champion Australian filly Yankee Rose (Aus) (All American {Aus}), will travel to Dubai 10 days prior to what will be her 2024 debut. She follows in the footsteps of the great Japanese fillies Gentildonna (Jpn) and Almond Eye (Jpn), both of whom were crowned Horse of the Year in their native country. The Sheema Classic has been a happy hunting ground for Japanese raiders, with the fourth running in 2001 going to Stay Gold (Jpn). Since then Heart's Cry (Jpn), Gentildonna, Shahryar (Jpn) and Equinox have all joined the roll of honour.



Roger Varian, Andrea Atzeni & Mitsumasa Nakauchida | H Varian

Liberty Island will be the red-hot favourite to bring up a third consecutive win for Japan in the mile-and-a-half contest and, should she prevail, she would become the first major international winner for her trainer.

"Considering the international racing programme, we look throughout the year to choose which horses we can take to Dubai or Saudi or Europe, even Hong Kong and Australia. All around the world there are great races and I am always looking for an opportunity to run in them," he says.

Nakauchida was represented in Dubai and Hong Kong last year by the Grade 1 winner Serifos (Jpn) (Daiwa Major {Jpn}), and he came close in Sha Tin's G1 FWD QEII Cup with Prognosis (Jpn) (Deep Impact {Jpn}), who was runner-up to Romantic Warrior (Ire) (Acclamation {GB}).

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Coventry Stakes-Gr.2 (6f)

Queen Mary Stakes-Gr.2 (5f)

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Airlie Stud Stakes-Gr.2 (6f)

Sha Tin Trophy-Gr.2 (8f)

Progeny have won over distances from 4½f to 12f

STARSPANGLED BANNER

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He also managed to call in on family when represented at Royal Ascot in 2022 by Grenadier Guards (Jpn) (Frankel {GB}), who was stabled in Newmarket with his brother-in-law Roger Varian. Nakauchida and Varian are married to the sisters Yoko and Hanako (née Sonobe) respectively.

Through his experience working for trainers in Britain, Ireland, France and America, Nakauchida has accrued vital knowledge of the aspects of different racecourses and racing styles.

"That's why I can't take anything and everything overseas," he says. "I have to think very carefully. You cannot take light-footed horses to Europe. You have to think of the suitable track for each horse.

"We are planning to take Prognosis to Hong Kong this year again. He likes Sha Tin and performs well there. We tried to run Serifos in Dubai and Hong Kong but we didn't get the result we wanted so, this is another good example. He's good in Japan, he's well built and a muscular horse, and you'd think he would run well overseas but we tried and it didn't work. So we will concentrate on Japan for him this spring."

In the past, Nakauchida has spoken of having to relearn about training on his return to Japan, and he outlines the differences between his overseas experience, were he recalls "every person was good to me", and the way he now operates back at home, where he has 20 boxes at Ritto.

"The whole system in Japan is different to any other country," he says. "Each trainer is allocated a certain number of boxes in the training centre but you obviously have more horses than the number of stables, so we shuffle the horses around a lot, which is quite different. The racing style is different too. [The going is] like concrete here and the racing time is different, much faster than any other country. You have to jump off well, settle down, then you have to finish strong. Even the top level of races, they jump off fast and then there is no slowing down in the middle part of the race, but then you still need to quicken at the end. The races are very tough."

On the home front this year his main Classic hopes appear to rest on Queen's Walk (Jpn) (Kizuna {Jpn}), the winner of last month's G3 Daily Hai Queen Cup, whose brother, the aforementioned Grenadier Guards, won the G1 Asahi Hai Futurity for the stable in 2020. The latter has just commenced his first covering season at Shadai Stallion Station. Their dam is the GI Breeders' Cup Filly & Mare Sprint winner Wavell Avenue (Harlington).

"We are lucky to have a filly going to the Classics this year," says Nakauchida. "She is a half-sister to Grenadier Guards, who has just become a stallion this year. We really liked him and took him to Royal Ascot. Actually it was the other way round: he took us to Royal Ascot. That's the way I look at it."

Now it is the turn of Liberty Island to take her trainer and

owners to Meydan for Dubai's biggest meeting of the year. Whether that will be her only overseas trip of 2024 is yet to be decided.

He says, "With Liberty Island we still don't know how good she is. So we will just see how she performs in Dubai against the top international horses, then she will probably open the door for other options. It's nice to be in this position."



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Maureen Mullins with her grandson Patrick | Racingfotos

Her son Willie is the winningmost trainer with 94 winners to his name, while his brothers Tony and Tom have also also saddled winners at the Festival, and grandsons Patrick, Danny and Emmet have all ridden Festival winners.

"The National Hunt Chase has a long tradition of commemorating some of jump racing's most famous names and we are delighted that the Mullins family has agreed to have the historic contest run in honour of Maureen Mullins in 2024," said lan Renton, Managing Director, West, The Jockey Club.

"A true stalwart of jump racing, Maureen Mullins was a regular visitor to the Festival and her sad passing last month leaves a big void. We hope that putting her name to the National Hunt Chase celebrates her tremendous legacy in the appropriate way."

Willie Mullins added, "Our family are delighted and honoured to have a race named after our mother Maureen who had a great affinity for Cheltenham and enjoyed every moment there."

CHAMPION HURDLE FAVOURITE CONSTITUTION HILL TO MISS CHELTENHAM



Constitution Hill and Nicky Henderson | David Davies PA Wire

Constitution Hill (GB) (Blue Bresil {Fr}) will not run at the Cheltenham Festival, trainer Nicky Henderson has announced.

The unbeaten and defending Champion Hurdle hero worked poorly at Kempton Park last Tuesday, putting his participation at the showpiece meeting in major doubt.

A scope showed mucus in his lungs and despite slightly more positive news in the following days, results of a blood test on Thursday proved to be another blow.

However, Henderson stressed that another blood test on Monday would probably prove to be the "acid test", and on receiving the results he posted on his Twitter account, "Very sadly we are going to have to admit defeat in the battle to get Constitution Hill ready for the Champion Hurdle and therefore have to declare that he will not be running there this year.

"He has undoubtedly improved over the weekend and seems noticeably brighter than he was at the end of last week and I really did think he was much perkier when ridden this morning. "Unfortunately the all important blood test shows that although the figures have also improved, they are quite a way from being satisfactory for a horse to commence serious training and to race in a week's time.

"There are three significant markers on the blood test all of which have come down since Thursday's sample but are still raised enough to indicate that he has not fully recovered from whatever was ailing him.

"The only way to continue the improvement is not to stress him and he obviously cannot run in these Olympic games if he's not trained sufficiently.

"This is very sad for all of us and particularly Michael [Buckley, owner] but it is in everybody's best interests that we ensure we

have a fit and healthy Constitution Hill to win back his crown next year."

The Willie Mullins-trained State Man (Fr) (Doctor Dino {Fr}), who was the nine-length runner-up to Constitution Hill in last year's Champion Hurdle, is now the 1-3 favourite for the race.

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ROD STREET TO LEAVE GBR NEXT MONTH

Rod Street has announced his intention to step down from his role as CEO of Great British Racing (GBR) at the end of April.

Street has led British horseracing's marketing body since 2010 but has plans to launch his own mentoring venture. He will continue in his role as CEO of British Champions Series Limited until later in the year.

"It is my privilege to work in horseracing. I enter my 31st year in the sport in May this year and that time has been split evenly between senior leadership roles - both at racecourses and at the centre of the sport," he said. "The time feels right to do something new and it is my intention to launch a new venture in coaching and mentoring leaders of the future, which many people know is a passion of mine.

"I am very proud of the achievements of the team at GBR. Racing is significantly better promoted now than it was 15 years ago. Jockeys are developing into superb ambassadors for the sport, we produce content on an almost daily basis and it is rare for a news opportunity or milestone to be missed. GBR has delivered large national campaigns on themes as diverse as equine welfare, under 18s race free and Sports Personality of the Year. Such is the extent of GBR's work that our name goes largely unnoticed, as it should do, because our job is to tell the stories - not be the story."



Rod Street

He continued, "Reflecting on my time at GBR, there have been so many positive moments. Often it is the hard-earned wins that provide the most satisfaction - such as the team landing coverage of a sporting achievement on the national six o'clock or ten o'clock news programmes, or securing a big feature in the tabloids and broadsheets. But, in terms of major impact, I would cite QIPCO British Champions Series and Day and National Racehorse Week as huge innovations. And we also now have a Flat Racing Hall of Fame, which has been an honour to work on.

"Looking to racing's future, this is a time of both challenge and opportunity. It is encouraging that the sport has come together to address declines in revenue and engagement. Racing is not alone - most sports outside football face precisely the same challenge - and we are competing for customers' attention in a fiercely competitive environment. The principle of leading with our best quality products through Premier Racing is the right one. I remain optimistic for the sport, because we have history, heritage and a level of coverage that other sports would die for."

The BHA's chief executive Julie Harrington paid tribute to Street's "trademark optimism and vivacity".

She said, "Rod is an experienced, respected and much-loved individual in racing. Working in a multi-stakeholder environment is not easy and it is testament to Rod's qualities that he has thrived in the role of CEO at Great British Racing for nearly 15 years.

"More recently he has been an integral part of the Industry Strategy, working across multiple areas, and has made a huge contribution to that.

"We are sincerely sorry to lose him, but respect his decision and on behalf of racing's stakeholders thank him for all he has done, including the energy and passion he has brought to every task. Rod has made a big difference to how racing is promoted, compared to when he joined GBR in 2010. I'm sure we will continue to see lots of him in the future."

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on the European racing scene

HOW THEY FARED

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

Christophe Ferland trainee **Quantum (Fr)** (Intello {Ger}), a full-brother to GI United Nations S. hero Adhamo (Ire), made little impression from off the pace and finished just over 8 1/2 lengths behind the winner in seventh.

BRITAIN

Monday's Results:

3rd-Wolverhampton, £**11,400, Nov**, 3-4, 3, 4,/5yo, 6f 20y (AWT), 1:14.12, st.

DYRHOLAEY (FR) (c, 3, City Light {Fr}--Agua de Mar {Fr}, by Myboycharlie {Ire}), who notched a Jan. 11 debut success over this trip at Chelmsford when last seen, broke well and asserted for an early lead in this return. Holding sway throughout, the 1-2 chalk was rowed along turning for home and surged clear under continued yurging inside the final furlong to easily account for Perfect View (GB) (Outstrip {GB}) by 5 1/2 lengths. Dyrholaey is the second and scorer produced by an unraced half-sister to Listed Criterium du Bequet second Anima Rock (Fr) (Shamalgan {Fr}). The March-foaled dark bay is a half-brother to the 2-year-old filly Dabal'i (Fr) (Threat {Ire}). Sales history: €16,000 Ylg '22 ADSY22; €55,000 2yo '23 TATGOR. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$13,461.

O-Hambleton Racing Ltd XXXVII & Partner; B-Mme Isabelle Mauger & Guy Benachour (FR); T-Archie Watson.

FRANCE

Monday's Results:

3rd-Toulouse, €21,000, Mdn, 3-4, 3yo, f, 10 1/2fT, 2:24.30, vhy. BETTY NELSON (IRE) (f, 3, New Approach {Ire}--Amhurst {GB}, by Holy Roman Emperor (Ire)), a Jan. 25 debut runner-up going 10 furlongs at Pau last time, raced in midfield through halfway here. Coaxed into sixth off the home turn, the 19-5 chance made continued headway in the straight to lead approaching the final furlong and bounded clear to easily defeat Exactamundo (Ire) (Gleaneagles {Ire}) by 5 1/2 lengths. Betty Nelson, half-sister to a yearling filly by Wooded (Ire), is the first of two foals thrown by a dual-winning granddaughter of G3 Prix Fille de l'Air winner Marie De Ken (Fr) (Kendor (Fr)). Marie De Ken produced four black-type performers headed by GI Shoemaker Breeders' Cup Mile runner-up Charmo (Fr) (Charnwood Forest {Ire}) and MG1SP G2 Prix d'Harcourt and G3 Prix Vanteaux victrix Ana Marie (Fr) (Anabaa), herself the dam of stakes-winning G1 Prix Saint-Alary third Ana Americana (Fr) (American Post {GB}). Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, €14,700. Video, sponsored by FanDuel TV.

O-James Rowsell; B-Ashbrittle Stud (IRE); T-Xavier Thomas-Demeaulte.

CONDITIONS RESULTS:

6th-Toulouse, €**22,000, Cond**, 3-4, 3yo, 10 1/2fT, 2:25.10, vhy. **SAINT AQUILIN (GB) (c, 3, Le Havre {Ire}--Sary Arqa {GB}, by Dubawi {Ire})** Lifetime Record: 7-2-2-0, €37,400. O-Gerard Augustin-Normand; B-Haras d'Haspel (GB); T-Jerome Reynier. **€50,000 Ylg '22 ARQOCT.

2nd-Toulouse, €22,000, Cond, 3-4, 4yo/up, 10f (AWT), 2:13.80, vhy.

VERITABLE (FR) (g, 4, Ribchester {Ire}--Absolutely True {GB}, by Westerner {GB}) Lifetime Record: SP-Fr, 12-2-2-5, €54,380. O/B-Jean-Claude Seroul (FR); T-Jerome Reynier. *1/2 to Absolute City (Fr) (Elusive City), SW & GSP-Fr, \$143,930; and Allons Y (Fr) (Soldier Of Fortune {Ire}), SW-Fr.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Revanche (Fr), f, 3, **Goken (Fr)**--Temsia (Fr), by Delfos (Ire). Angouleme, 3-3, 5 1/2fT, 1:02.02. B-Mme Angelique Castela & Eric Castela (FR).

Gualda (Ire), f, 3, Holy Roman Emperor (Ire)--Glittering Star (Fr), by Lomitas (GB). Toulouse, 3-4, 8fT, 1:51.00. B-Nearco Producciones SL (IRE). *€14,000 RNA Ylg '22 GOFSPT.

**1/2 to Cajun (Fr) (Stormy River {Fr}), SP-Fr.

Lor Lagoon (Fr), c, 3, Kool Kompany (Ire)--Haruka (GB), by Exceed And Excel (Aus). Toulouse, 3-4, 8fT, 1:42.50. B-Lucarmada SL (FR).

Edoardo (Fr), c, 3, Zarak (Fr)--She Loves You (GB), by Lawman (Fr). Toulouse, 3-4, 10 1/2fT, 2:25.40. B-Fair Salinia Ltd (FR). *€85,000 Ylg '22 ARQOCT. **1/2 to Layla (Fr) (Lope De Vega {Ire}), MSP-Fr, \$141,147.



IN JAPAN:

Labeling (GB), c, 4, Frankel (GB)--Noyelles (Ire), by Docksider. Hanshin, 3-3, Cond., 1400mT. Lifetime Record: 9-4-1-1, \$542,267. O-Big Red Farm; B-Sir Nicholas & Lady Nugent; T-Yuichi Shikato. *G1SP-Jpn. **€360,000 Wlg '20 GOFDEC; 300,000gns Ylg '21 TATOCT; €520,638 2yo '22 GOFDUB. ***1/2 to Lily's Angel (Ire) (Dark Angel {Ire}), GSW-Eng, SW & G1SP-Ire, \$509,233; Zhurigha (Ire) (Cape Cross {Ire}), SW-Eng, MGSP-UAE, \$167,204.

WORLDWIDE NEWS

DEAN HAWTHORNE BUYS 925K SNITZEL FILLY AT PREMIER



Snitzel back on top Day 2: a filly out of Jestajingle brings \$925,000 Inalis

by James Thomas/TTR AusNZ

A filly whose pedigree could have been precision engineered for the Inglis Premier Yearling Sale provided the main flashpoint on Day 2 at Oaklands Junction as the headline sessions wrapped up on a positive note.

Lot 314 - Snitzel x Jestajingle (Lonhro), filly - \$925,000

A full sister to G3 McNeil S. winner and Widden Victoria resident Bruckner became the second-most expensive filly in Inglis Premier Sale history when knocked down to Dean Hawthorne Bloodstock (BAFNZ), acting on behalf of GSA Bloodstock's Jonathan Munz, at \$925,000.

Offered by Blue Gum Farm, the sales-topping filly continued the remarkable Premier Sale run of her dam Jestajingle (Lonhro). The mare topped the 2020 edition of the sale when Bruckner sold to Aquis Farm and Ciaron Maher Racing for \$725,000, while her 2-year-old Zoustar colt, since named Tuned, fetched \$500,000 from Annabel Neasham at last year's auction.

"It was a bit more than we expected to pay, but certainly on the sale ground she stood out as the best horse," said Hawthorne. "Not only the best filly, but the best horse on the sales ground. A big, strong Snitzel like the good types that can get up and run early. She just ticked all the boxes.

"They don't come along like these Snitzel fillies very often and so we thought we would have a crack at her. With that pedigree she had one of the best pages in the book, and when you get here and the type matches, away you go. She had that big middle, a big gaskin and hindquarter and looked like she was going to be a 2-year-old."

Hawthorne added: "She moved very well and I watched her a lot, she just seemed to get on with the job. They're the ones you can see fronting up in the autumn 2-year-old races in Melbourne and Sydney. They're the ones you're after. If it all goes to plan, you've got a good type for a broodmare as well."

Not only is the filly a full sibling to Bruckner, who ran second to Home Affairs in the 2021 G1 Coolmore Stud S., but she is also closely related to the G3 Vain S. scorer Jukebox, a half-sister to Jestajingle by Snitzel.

Her price has been bettered by a filly only once in Premier Sale history when Tony Fung Investments gave \$1.1 million for the I Am Invincible half-sister to Miss Roseiano (Exceed And Excel) 12 months ago.

The six-figure transaction continued Blue Gum Farm's hot run of form with daughters of Snitzel, having sold the filly out of Vaujany (Lonhro) to David Ellis CNZM (BAFNZ) for \$1.3 million at the Magic Millions Gold Coast Yearling Sale, while Sean Dingwall's nursery also topped Day 1 of the Premier Sale with the filly out of Charleston Dancer (Lonhro) who sold to Peter Moody for \$650,000.

"When we brought her here we always thought she would be well liked," said Dingwall. "The family has had a real connection to the sale, obviously owned in majority by Philip Campbell and Mike Howard and the other owners have all been big supporters of Premier for a long time, so it was wonderful to get the result for them."

On his presale expectations, Dingwall added: "As the week went on, we knew we were going to be up there. We were confident she would make between six and eight (hundred thousand), then it falls back to the men at the other end who're buying her. We're very happy. She's been bought for Jonathan Munz and is going to Anthony Freedman. It's a fabulous result for the farm and a great chance for her in life."

Blue Gum Farm ended the Premier session as the second-highest grossing vendor with 23 lots sold for a combined \$4.32 million.

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Lot 560 - Zoustar x Swiss Rose (NZ) (Thorn Park), colt - \$650,000

The session's equal-second top lot was the final yearling to pass through the ring, with Oliver Koolman showing his determination to land Segenhoe Stud's Zoustar colt with a bid of \$650.000.

The imposing youngster is out of the Listed-winning Swiss Rose (NZ) (Thorn Park) who has bred four winners from as many runners. The best of the quartet is Bella Rosa (Snitzel), winner of the G3 Ottawa S. at two.

When asked about what appealed, Koolman said: "Lovely, big, strong, a bit of a rare combination of size and athleticism, but he seems to have it. He's probably going to go through an ugly duckling stage and he might not look as good as he does today in the next eight to 10 weeks, but I'm sure in 18 months' time he will look absolutely sensational."

Segenhoe's General Manager Peter O'Brien admitted that being the last lot of the day added a certain amount of pressure, but said the \$650,000 price-tag ultimately surpassed all expectations.

"It's always nerve-wracking when you're the last in but he had 18 vets and was a beautiful animal and all the right people were on him," he said. "We didn't expect to get that much being the last lot in the sale but I'm delighted, particularly for Ollie and his owners because he's going to stay here in Australia. He was right up there with all our yearlings. For me, he was in the top five yearlings on our farm, including the ones at Magics, so I think they've bought really well."

O'Brien also explained that the colt had been scheduled to come under the hammer on the Gold Coast before a setback saw him rerouted to Victoria.

"He was originally going to Magic Millions but he had a haematoma on his chest, so we took him out," he said. "Then we thought we have a draft coming here but didn't have a marquee horse, so we thought we'd bring him down and let him stand out more - and it worked!"

Segenhoe sold eight lots for an aggregate of \$1.295 million and an average price of \$161,875. Reflecting on the Premier Sale market, O'Brien said: "Horses have found their homes and most of them were on budget or above so we're delighted. We'll be back again. Inglis have done a great job and the crowds here are unbelievable so we couldn't be happier."

Book 1 ends slightly down on 2023

The top of the market remained strong, with a new sale-topping price of \$925,000 achieved for a Snitzel filly out of the Lonhro mare Jestajingle. Five of the horses that sold for \$500,000 or more were sold on Monday.

But the market fell away a little beyond the most keenly sought-after lots.

As Sunday's pass in rate reached 80 per cent, Day 2 closed at 72 per cent on Monday night. The median price of \$80,000 (vs \$100,000 on Day 1) further underscored the tougher nature of the lower to middle market.

"We had an objective at the end of (Sunday) to get the clearance to 80 per cent or better. It's at 80 and still increasing which is very positive," Inglis Bloodstock CEO Sebastian Hutch said. "(Monday) was more selective."

"Demand for horses in the top percentage of the market is strong with a variety of people participating on those. The deeper into the market you got, the more selective it became.

"The clearance rate is not at (the level we want), but by the same token, it's going up all the time. We want to get as close to 80 per cent as possible."

Hutch said there were no real surprises at the behaviour of the market, as it had been evident at other sales this year as well.

"It's a long sales year, a lot of money has been spent and there's a lot of money still to be spent," he said.

"Our main vendors in advance of the sale were very aware of what the market was likely to be. They were pleased with how strong competition was on popular horses.

"The sale is pretty consistent. It says the same thing here as what is says anywhere else.

"There will be some tough decisions made by breeders on mares over the next couple of months.

"Some breeders will reevaluate their portfolio (and) the more pronounced focus on quality is something that is going to become more and more evident over the balance of the sales season and into 2025."

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JAYSON WERTH HITS IT OUT OF THE PARK WITH DORNOCH



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by Bill Finley

Plagued by injuries and getting up there in age, Jayson Werth announced his retirement from baseball on June 28, 2018. He finished with 229 career home runs, was an All-Star in 2009 and won a World Series in 2008 with the Philadelphia Phillies. It had been a great run, but when it was over Werth wasn't exactly ready to move on. He never lost the feelings that baseball gave him, the excitement, the ups and downs, the camaraderie with his teammates and the pride that comes with knowing that you have succeeded at the highest level.

There was golf but he needed something else. And in horse racing Jayson Werth has found exactly what he was looking for. **Cont. Pg. 3**

TDN SOPHOMORE TOP 12: GETTING READY TO MARCH INTO NINE-FURLONG PROVING GROUNDS

by T.D. Thornton

We're at the two-month mark for the GI Kentucky Derby, and we're on the cusp of the major prep races getting extended to nine furlongs and beyond. Not all of the Triple Crown-caliber horses on this list, however, are pointing for the first Saturday in May.

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 GIII Robert F. Lewis S.



On Saturday, trainer Bob Baffert scratched 1-5 morning-line favorite Nysos from Sunday's GII San Felipe S. He told Daily Racing Form's Brad Free that a "gut feeling" was prodding him to give the undefeated 'TDN Rising Star' more time off between races.

"My original plan to was to just wait," Baffert told DRF, referencing the time since Nysos's 7 1/2-length win in the Feb. 3 GIII Lewis S. Cont. Pg 5

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Japan's Triple Tiara winner Liberty Island is on course for the Dubai Sheema Classic.



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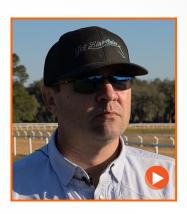
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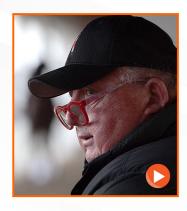
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Jayson Werth Cont.

Running under the name of Two Eight Racing (Werth wore number 28 during his playing days), the 44-year-old native of Springfield, Illinois has enjoyed remarkable early success.

Involved in the sport only since 2021, Werth could be on his way to the GI Kentucky Derby. He is the co-owner of Dornoch (Good Magic), the winner of the GII Fountain of Youth S., as well as recent maiden winner Drip (Good Magic), who will be out to pick up Derby points in this Saturday's GII Tampa Bay Derby. Then there's R Calli Kim (Revolutionary), who won the GIII Very One S., which was part of the Fountain of Youth card.

"On some level, horse racing has filled a really large void in my life that has been created by my

retiring from baseball," he said. "Horse racing picked up where baseball left off. Its's a great industry for me to be in.

Professional baseball, when you do it for 22 years, it takes over

your whole life. My wife has a sign in the kitchen that says 'We interrupt this family for baseball season.' Then it's over and you think 'what do I do now?'

Werth lived near a Standardbred farm when he was growing

up and befriended the owner and helped out with the horses, something that he enjoyed. But his family moved when he was 13 and Werth would soon be immersed in baseball. He didn't have time for anything else.

He soon found out that the passion he had for horses when he was young had never disappeared. Werth began playing golf with Richard Averill, who runs under the name of Averill Racing, and the owner introduced him to Thoroughbred racing.

"I started picking Richard's

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Dornoch after winning the Fountain of Youth | Ryan Thompson

brain and then partnered with him on some horses," Werth said. "Racing became a passion and a love really fast for me. It started out with me thinking this is fun, let's claim this horse for \$8,000.



"But I found out that's like playing in the minor leagues. It's not where you want to be."

When asked to compare the feeling of winning a big race like the Fountain of Youth with his accomplishments in baseball, Werth said the biggest difference is that when it comes to racing he is a nervous wreck.

"I never got nervous playing sports," he said. "Even before big games, the morning of, the day of, I never felt pressure or nervous. I was very comfortable, very calm. Horse racing has been the exact opposite. I get sick to my stomach before a race. I'm experiencing emotions I never knew existed. The winning and losing when it comes to racing is very comparable to winning in the divisional series, winning in the World Series. Having success or failure in racing, that feels very familiar to me. It's the lead-up into the race that gives me panic attacks."

Dornoch may be his best horse, but he is most passionate about R Calli Kim. After a 55-week layoff, she came back in July and won a \$35,000 claimer at Saratoga. That began a four-race win streak that included a victory in the GIII Long Island S. After finishing second in the GIII La Prevoyante S. she returned to the winner's circle in the The Very One.

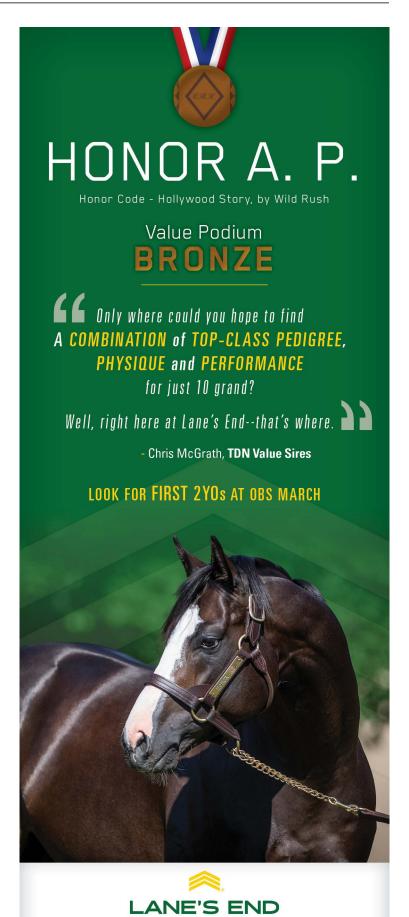
"She got hurt and then didn't run for a whole year," he said. "We thought she was done racing and then all of a sudden she was doing really well and we sent her back to (trainer) Brendan (Walsh) and she has won six of seven. She's such a great horse, so sweet and nice. After my wife, she's my favorite girl in the whole world."

Werth has been in the sport for just a little over three years and already has a GII Remsen S. winner, a Fountain of Youth winner and could have two horses in this year's Kentucky Derby. The game is supposed to be a lot tougher than that. Werth gets that.

"I've been in the right place at the right time," he said. "Here we are, just a couple of years into it, and we are having unbelievable luck and success. I'm torn. Yes, I love horse racing but if we tried to do this again I don't know if we'd be this lucky or have a chance of doing some of the stuff we are doing. We're enjoying the fruits of our success. It's been such a great run and we're having a lot of fun with it. It's hard to believe and I tell people that. I could do this for the rest of my life and invest \$10 million a year and not be in this position. It's storybook stuff and I am cherishing every second of this. I can guarantee you that isn't lost on me."

Dornoch, the full brother to 2023 Derby winner Mage (Good Magic), did his job in the Fountain of Youth, but the race became a lot easier Speak Easy (Constitution), Victory Avenue (Arrogate), Merit (Mastery) and Locked (Gun Runner) were all scratched.

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"I would not discount Dornoch on any level just because those horses weren't in there," Werth said. "If they were, I think we would have seen the same result."

Dornoch will go next in either the GI Florida Derby or the GI Blue Grass S. Trainer Danny Gargan has yet to decide. The Derby, of course, is the main goal. It's the toughest race in the world to win, but one of his owners has one of the hottest hands in the sport. He has that going for him.

"I understand why people spend millions of dollars on chasing this dream," Werth said. "That's exactly what it is, a dream. What's happening, I think it is incredible."

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TDN Sophomore Top 12 Cont. From Pg. 1

"I don't need to run [Nysos] [Sunday]. I just might wait for the [Apr. 6 GI] Santa Anita Derby," Baffert told DRF, adding the colt was physically fine.

This powerful, dynamic son of Nyquist (\$130,000 KEENOV, \$150,000 FTKOCT, \$550,000 OBSAPR) 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.

Despite the San Felipe scratch, bettors zealously backed this colt to heavy 5-2 favoritism in the first round of the GI Preakness S. futures pool that closed Saturday.

Churchill Downs has barred Baffert's trainees from participating in the Derby, and the purported wisdom of crowds is banking that his top Derby-skipping sophomore will not only show up in the Preakness, but dominate it.

But Baffert has yet to publicly declare which, if any, of his trainees might be Baltimore-bound 2 1/2 months from now, which makes Nysos's Preakness futures price look like a huge underlay.

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.

With Nysos likely slotted for the Santa Anita Derby, that leaves stablemate and fellow 'TDN Rising Star' Muth as the most likely candidate to lead Bob Baffert's traveling team to Oaklawn for the GI Arkansas Derby Mar. 30. Cont.



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Kentucky-breds captured important events around the world over the weekend, topped by **NEWGATE** winning the prestigious **Santa Anita H. (G1)** and **DU JOUR** scoring in the **Kilroe Mile (G1)** at Santa Anita on Sunday.

Kentucky-breds also impressed on Super Saturday at Meydan in Dubai with **LAUREL RIVER** winning the **Burj Nahaar (G3)** by a commanding 6 ¾ lengths, and **FROST AT DAWN** taking the **Nad Al Sheba Turf Sprint (G3)**.

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Muth (\$190,000 KEESEP, \$2 million OBSMAR) had already been pegged to hit the road to Hot Springs this season, for the Feb. 24 GII Rebel S. This son of Good Magic would have been heavily favored in that spot, but after Baffert wasn't satisfied with the way Muth's final workout for the race went, he declined to enter.

Muth has alternated wins and seconds in five lifetime races since breaking his maiden back on June 18. He was second in the GIII Best Pal S., first in the GI American Pharoah S., second in the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile, then a winner in the GII San Vicente S.

Muth would be facing a nearly three-month layoff in the Arkansas Derby, a stakes that Baffert has won four times.

Favorites crossed the finish wire first in the Arkansas Derby for five straight runnings, from 2017 through split divisions in 2020. But the chalk has lost in each of the last three years.



Muth | Benoit

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 Gll Risen Star S.

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If he goes next in the GI Blue Grass S. at Keeneland as expected, Sierra Leone will have three straight races at nine furlongs spanning from December to April prior to attempting 10 furlongs in the Kentucky Derby.

That experience over a distance of ground will help, especially considering this \$2.3 million FTSAUG sale-topper by Gun Runner is projected to have just four lifetime races prior to heading to Louisville.

Since 1937, only four horses have won the Derby going into the race with four or fewer lifetime starts: Animal Kingdom (four) plus Justify, Big Brown and Mage (three each).

Sierra Leone will also be going up against the grain of another recent hurdle--winning the Derby off of just two starts at age three. That angle produced eight Derby winners between 2007 and 2016. But since then, horses with only two sophomore starts have been a collective 0-for-39 in the Derby.

Still, beyond those historical trends, it's tough to knock this 'TDN Rising Star' on the basis of his on-track performance.

He won his one-turn-mile debut Nov. 4 at Aqueduct despite repeated trip trouble, and that race produced two next-out winners, one a fellow 'Rising Star'.

Sierra Leone then rallied seven wide from last in the mud against a stern speed bias in the GII Remsen S., but had to settle for second after losing the lead late.

His 3-year-old debut featured another resolute rally over a wet track when he shot home from the back of the pack over the long Fair Grounds stretch in the Feb. 17 GII Risen Star S.

Sierra Leone's Beyer arc now stands at 71-91-90.

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 Gll Risen Star S.

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Track Phantom isn't a shock-and-awe type of colt, but he rates near the top of the crop in terms of steadiness and reliability over six races.

Since trainer Steve Asmussen stretched out this \$500,000 KEESEP son of Quality Road in lifetime start number three, Track Phantom has responded with three speed-centric wins and one half-length loss that was a decent try, with Beyers trending 88-89-90-89 in two-turn races.

He's handled different types of pace pressure despite being drawn in or near the outside stall in his last three races, has routinely had to engage in stretch battles, and has capably handled two different types of wet tracks at Fair Grounds and Churchill.

After getting outrun in the deep stages of the Risen Star S. by No. 3-ranked Sierra Leone, Track Phantom remains on target for the GII Louisiana Derby at 1 3/16 miles.



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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.



LANE'S END FOALED & RAISED



With a bullet half-mile breeze Feb. 23 and a third-best, in-company morning move over the same distance Mar. 1 that featured a strong gallop-out, trainer Todd Pletcher expressed confidence from Palm Beach Downs that 2-year-old champ Fierceness is making progress for the GI Florida Derby.

Back on Feb. 3, the Repole Stable homebred and Breeders' Cup Juvenile winner ran a punchless third at 1-5 odds when making his 3-year-old debut.

Pletcher explained that this 'TDN Rising Star' by City of Light had been training well leading up to that subpar performance in the GIII Holy Bull S., and he's still a little perplexed as to why Fierceness didn't truly fire.

"I don't think he needed a race. I think our expectations were so high for him that maybe we're not looking at it realistically. If you watch the start of the race, he got slammed pretty hard from both sides. Johnny [Velazquez], in order to execute the game plan, had to use him pretty hard to get to the first turn in the position we wanted to," Pletcher said.

"He could have been a little rusty off the layoff, even though he was training great. He was top weight. [There are] a lot of subtle excuses that, for an ordinary horse, you would try to justify it. In his case, he trained so well and we expected so much of him, sometimes you think he can overcome everything."

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: MGSW, 5-3-2-0, \$505,400. Last start: WON Mar. 2 GII Coolmore Fountain of Youth S.

There's a lot to be said for simply showing up, and that adage was especially true for this \$325,000 KEESEP son of Good Magic in Saturday's GII Fountain of Youth S. That race was decimated by four scratches, and Dornoch ended up towering over four rivals at 1-5 in the betting while administering a straightforward wiring that earned him an 88 Beyer, a three-point dip off his most recent victory in the GII Remsen S. back on Dec. 2.

Trainer Danny Gargan had outlined prior to the Fountain of Youth S. that he wanted Dornoch to get some schooling by rating slightly behind the pace. But the scratches changed the way the race shaped up on paper, and Gargan called a last-minute audible, telling jockey Luis Saez to instead head straight to the front.

"We didn't want to be on the lead [because] he gets out there and he kind of plays around," Gargan said. "You can see him with his ears kind of goofing off. I told Luis, 'Just go ahead and go.' We had no choice. We really wanted to stalk, it just didn't work out that way. He won fine enough. Surely it won't be his fastest race. We didn't expect to win. It just kind of played out that way. I don't think he ran very hard."

As for Dornoch's next start, Gargan said "we could run in the Florida Derby or the Blue Grass. We're lucky enough now where we can pick our spot. Sixty [Kentucky Derby qualifying] points usually gets you in, so now we're on cruise control. We'll figure out where we want to go next and try to enjoy this for a minute."



Deterministic | Sarah Andrew

7) DETERMINISTIC (c, Liam's Map--Giulio's Jewel, by Speightstown) 'TDN Rising Star'. O-St. Elias Stable, Langone, Ken, Duncker, C. Steven and Vicarage Stable; B-Hinkle Farms (KY); T-Christophe Clement. Sales history: \$625,000 Ylg '22 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: GSW, 2-2-0-0, \$222,750. Last start: WON Mar. 2 GIII Gotham S.

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Deterministic (Liam's Map) is an intriguing new shooter within the Top 12, anchoring his status with a hard-charging, 93-Beyer win off a seven-month layoff in Saturday's GIII Gotham S. over a sealed and sloppy one-turn mile at Aqueduct for trainer Christophe Clement.

Clement himself is part of the appeal, because if he does end up sending this \$625,000 KEESEP colt on a prep path that leads to Louisville, you can have confidence knowing that the well-respected veteran conditioner believes the colt truly belongs. Clement has never saddled a horse in the Kentucky Derby, although he did win the GI Belmont S. with Tonalist in 2014.

"To [just] run [in the Derby], no," Clement told the Aqueduct notes team, underscoring that he's not interested in entering Triple Crown races just to take a shot. "To win, yes," he added with a laugh.

But if Deterministic ends up running big in a race like the Florida Derby or GII Wood Memorial, where he'd be sure to get wiseguy betting attention based on Clement's impeccable reputation for proper placement of his horses, the Kentucky Derby could be a "go."

Clement said Deterministic would be nominated to a number of Derby points-awarding preps.

"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.

"I had a long talk with Joel [Rosario] and he was delighted with the horse," Clement said, alluding to that jockey also being aboard for Deterministic's maiden debut win at Saratoga last August. "He thought that he was a lot more mature yesterday than what he was in his first race."



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: 3-2-0-1, \$96,000. Last start: WON Mar. 1 Gulfstream AOC.

You got the feeling trainer Shug McGuaghey wanted not just a win, but a good learning experience for 'TDN Rising Star' Conquest Warrior (City of Light) out of last Friday's nine-furlong allowance try at Gulfstream. The Hall-of-Fame trainer ended up getting both, and now has the luxury of choosing among several different prep stakes for this long-striding \$1 million KEESEP colt.

Exiting an adversity-overcoming maiden win going a mile, Conquest Warrior got bet down to 3-5 favoritism against five rivals Mar. 1. He initially tried to resist Jose Ortiz's rating hold through the first turn, but Ortiz chose not to fight him, and Conquest Warrior adeptly settled into a more rhythmic cadence once Ortiz guided him off heels and away from outer cover seven-eighths out.

But by the six-furlong pole, Ortiz was already on the prowl to re-engage, and he chose an inside passage for Conquest Warrior, who ate some kickback but methodically picked off two backstretch targets before slicing outside of the tiring leader on the far turn.

By upper stretch this son of City of Light had attained the lead without coming anywhere close to being fully unleashed, and with no new threats emerging from behind, Ortiz put Conquest Warrior under cruise control for the final sixteenth. The 1:50.52 clocking translated to an 84 Beyer, the same figure the colt earned when breaking his maiden.

The Florida Derby, Blue Grass S., and GII Wood Memorial are all options.

9) 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.

Bred, Raised & Sold by Baccari Bloodstock

Maymun (\$50,000 KEESEP, \$900,000 OBSAPR) owns a 2-for-2 record for trainer Bob Baffert, but next-race plans for this '**TDN Rising Star**' have yet to be publicly disclosed.

This son of Frosted romped by 7 1/2 lengths in his Jan. 20 unveiling over 6 1/2 furlongs at Santa Anita (93 Beyer), then registered a one-mile allowance victory Feb. 11 despite racing rambunctiously on the first turn (89 Beyer).

Maymun's stablemate, Imagination (Into Mischief), was the second-place finisher in that allowance race. That colt returned Mar. 3 to win the San Felipe S. by a head with a 96 Beyer.

10) 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, 6-3-1-0, \$1,094,350. Last start: WON Feb. 24 GII Rebel S.

Consigned by GAINESWAY THOROSTRIDE - featured horse

'TDN Rising Star' Timberlake was a 93-Beyer winner in his sophomore debut, and while the speed figure he earned in that Rebel S. was only good enough to match the last two numbers he posted at age two when capturing the GI Champagne S. and

running fourth in the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile, there was improvement in the "how he did it" category.

That's because in the Juvenile, this \$350,000 KEESEP son of Into Mischief resisted efforts to settle among horses on the clubhouse turn, and it cost him the race.

Nearly four months later at Oaklawn, Timberlake was tasked with essentially the same assignment, and this time he handled it capably, rating between horses before advancing into contention on the far turn.

Roused for run three-eighths out, Timberlake loomed five wide into the lane. Charging hard while widest and always under a drive, he put away three wilting pacemakers but had a touch more difficulty dispatching a 28-1 shot who had slipped through at the rail.

Timberlake momentarily stalled and shifted outward at the eighth pole, narrowly losing the lead for several strides. But after jockey Christian Torres re-engaged his interest, Timberlake drew off under encouragement to win by two lengths with no serious closers firing from the back of the pack.

A final prep race prior to the Kentucky Derby is in the cards, with trainer Brad Cox indicating that the preference will be a Grade I race, with the Arkansas Derby or Blue Grass S. the likeliest landing spots.



Timberlake | Sarah Andrew

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: SW, 5-2-1-0, \$510,110. Last start: WON Feb. 3 GIII Southwest S.

Mystik Dan, who celebrated a birthday Mar. 4, is training at Fair Grounds for a repeat trip to Oaklawn for the Arkansas Derby.

Last time out at Oaklawn, this son of Goldencents unleashed an eight-length, 101-Beyer romp in the GIII Southwest S.

Considering Mystik Dan was let go at 11-1 in the betting, and taking into account that he might have relished a muddy, sealed surface that other horses didn't handle, it remains an open question as to whether this homebred for Lance Gasaway, Daniel Hamby, and 4G Racing can conjure up a similar effort against tougher competition going a longer distance over a dry surface.

The Southwest hasn't shaken out to be a productive stakes. The horses who ran second, fifth, seventh and tenth behind Mystik Dan in the Southwest came back to run seventh, second, sixth and tenth, respectively, in the Rebel S. The fourth-place Southwest horse dropped into an allowance race and again ran fourth. A ninth-place maiden out of the Southwest ran a next-out third in a MSW route.

Still, McPeek has pointed to intangibles when sizing up Mystik Dan's potential, explaining that he believes the colt has a good mind and an easygoing attitude, both of which are helping to adapt this his ample natural speed to two-turn pacing.

12) ENCINO (c, Nyquist--Glittering Jewel, by Bernardini) O/B-Godolphin, LLC (KY); T-Brad Cox. Lifetime Record: GSW, 3-2-1-0, \$141,971. Last start: WON Mar. 2 John Battaglia Memorial S.

Encino (Nyquist) is an under-the-radar but quietly improving colt from trainer Brad Cox's barn. Over the weekend he upped his record to 2-for-3 in Tapeta routes at Turfway by winning the John Battaglia Memorial S. over 1 1/16 miles by one length with an 89 Beyer.

This Godolphin homebred's only loss was by a neck when second in his mile debut. He then wired the field at odds-on in start number two, and overcame post 11 in the Battaglia S. despite giving up four paths of real estate on both turns and running up on the heels of the favorite at the three-sixteenths pole. After regaining his momentum, Encino refocused to reel in that more experienced, stakes-winning foe.

Encino's connections now must decide whether to keep him on a Tapeta surface they know he can handle by targeting the Mar. 23 GIII Jeff Ruby Steaks S. at Turfway, or if he's ready for a transition to a dirt surface against what would likely be more difficult competition.

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INVESTIGATORS TRADECRAFT DISPLAYED ON DAY ONE AT PARX CONFERENCE



ORI Parx Conference | J.N. Campbell

by J.N. Campbell

With a strong first day program which ran the gambit from the centrality of horse racing's societal license to the destructive use of xylazine to an update from the Horseracing Integrity & Welfare Unit, horse racing investigators at the annual Organization of Racing Investigators were immersed in some of the most pressing issues affecting the sport.

Hosted by Parx Racing and sponsored by everyone from Keeneland to the Breeders' Cup, over 100 specialists who protect racetracks in America and several other countries, listened, asked questions and made connections, all in the service of equine athletes.

As one investigator said about why he was in attendance, "We are here to protect those who cannot protect themselves and being in a room with like-minded individuals on our 24/7 mission is how we stay ahead."

Each year conference participants swap tradecraft and those conversations lead to communication which crosses jurisdictions. It is a network behind the scenes, and that is why industry afficionados and the public do not necessarily have the opportunity to see the machinery at work.

"What we talk about here isn't secret, but our members need to have a degree of anonymity as they liaise with various groups of law enforcement, and that is one of the reasons why we don't open this conference to just anyone," said this year's conference chairman Jason Klouser.

The morning sessions included several case studies about a variety of topics including horse welfare and how investigations have yielded important results. Members of the FBI's Philadelphia Office presented how xylazine used to sedate horses can enter the drug trade on the street illegally.

A highlight was the University of Kentucky's Dr. Camie Heleski, who spoke about the need for all horse sports to improve their optics by directly addressing its societal license to operate.

In other words, developing categorical areas to focus studies like recognizing physical and emotional stress in horses, what happens to them during the other 23 hours in a day when they are not performing and how tack and equipment can be used differently to improve the overall health of the sport.

HIWU's Shawn Loehr and Shaun Richards gave an update concerning their investigative operations. The pair now have four investigators on staff, along with a pair of analysts, and they will be adding more soon. Concerning states that do not have a voluntary agreement with HIWU--like New York or Oklahoma--they explained how they have come to rely on independent contractors and that their developing relationship with ORI members continues to be significant to their operations.

"Our mission is to catch doping, protect the horses, serve the Thoroughbred industry, and for instance, our 150 plus barn searches and tip lines continue to yield results," Loehr said. "ORI is such a valuable resource and being able to talk with them during this conference is essential to our mission."

During the evening, which shifted venues from the Parx racetrack to the casino, an awards banquet included the *TDN's* CEO/Publisher Sue Finley, who delivered the keynote over the power of integrity and the precarious position news outlets find themselves in when it comes to coverage of horse racing.



HIWU's Shawn Loehr and Shaun Richards | J.N. Campbell

"Some organizations and individuals accuse us of being pro-HISA," said Finley, speaking about the importance of independent journalism in horse racing. "The only thing we're accused of more? Is being ANTI-HISA. Sometimes, we write an article which generates complaints from some that we are pro-HISA, while others write us and say we're showing an obvious anti-HISA bias. All from the same article."

The first day activities ended with the awarding of the organization's most prestigious honor which is named for longtime investigator John F. Wayne. The lifetime membership award went to Tampa Bay Downs's Deanna Nicol.

ORI's 28th meeting continues on Tuesday, Mar. 5. Click here to access the schedule.

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A rendering of Belmont Park | courtesy of Populous

NY GOVERNOR HOCHUL PROVIDES BELMONT PARK UPDATE

Edited Press Release

New York Governor Kathy Hochul provided a project timeline and additional updates Monday on the construction of new racing facilities at Belmont Park. The New York Racing Association, which will oversee construction, also released a series of architectural renderings to bring the project's vision to life. Expected to be completed in late 2026, the multi-year project to build a new Belmont Park will generate \$1 billion in construction-related economic impact and create 3,700 construction-related jobs. Following the return of thoroughbred racing to Belmont in 2026, additional racing and non-racing activities at the new facility will generate \$155 million in annual economic output and produce \$10 million in new state and local tax revenue per year.

"The redevelopment of Belmont Park is a critical investment in one of New York's most historic sporting venues," said Governor Hochul. "The new facility will support year-round racing, thousands of new jobs for Long Islanders and provide an enhanced experience for customers attending the iconic Belmont Stakes for generations to come."

The demolition of the current Belmont Park grandstand/clubhouse is expected to begin in March and continue through early July with the new building beginning to take shape in early 2025.

NYRA has developed a project plan that will allow for the Belmont S. to return to Belmont Park in June of 2026 prior to the full opening of the new building, which is scheduled for September of 2026. Although a venue for the 2026 Breeders' Cup World Championships has yet to be determined, the new Belmont Park will be complete and ready to host the 2026 Breeders' Cup should the opportunity arise.

The Breeders' Cup has announced its commitment to add Belmont to the rotation of host venues following NYRA's modernization of the facility.

NYRA will also make further investments to improve the quality of life in the backstretch community, including:

- --Improvements to the on-site medical facility
- --Installing a modern Blue Light security system
- -- Upgrading the Recreation Hall and Track Kitchen facilities
- --Renovating the on-site Gymnasium
- --Implementing new flood mitigation strategies
- -- Ensuring access to reliable Wi-Fi
- --Replacing fencing throughout the backstretch
- --Improving multi-modal travel through constructing bicycle storage sheds
- --Assess the feasibility of subsidized assistant trainer efficiency apartments

While the new Belmont Park will have the same 50,000-person capacity as the existing venue, the layout of seats, suites, and standing spaces has been adjusted to accommodate flexible seasonal attendance. The addition of a winterized building paired with new racing surfaces and a synthetic track will result in a facility suitable to host thoroughbred racing on a year-round basis. As required by the 2024 Enacted Budget, NYRA will consolidate all downstate racing and training activities at the new Belmont Park to unlock 110 acres of New York State-owned land at Aqueduct Racetrack for development opportunities.

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PARTNERSHIPS: ROCKET WRENCH RACING

By Joe Scurto

From bustling cities to quiet rural towns, the potential for achievement and success knows no geographical boundaries. The same goes for Thoroughbred racing partnerships. Successful partnerships are not always born on major circuits like Kentucky, New York, or California. Sometimes they are born in a barn just south of a rural town in Minnesota called Elko New Market.

For Rocket Wrench Racing's managing partner Justin Revak, what started out as a dream one summer while stomping divots on Canterbury Park's turf course has developed into a partnership group on a meteoric rise. From a daydreaming

teenager to top-10 owner at his home track, this story proves all you need is for the planets to align and a rocket to get you there.

"It really has been an extraordinary adventure that began over a decade ago when I came across a Craigslist ad offering one percent of a Minnesota-bred 2-year-old colt for \$300," Revak began. "Loving horse racing since I was a kid, I decided to pick up the phone and call the number on the ad. Hell, it was only \$300." The horse's name was Rocket Wrench, an unimpressive dark

Ida Schenck, one of Rocket Wrench Racing's partners

Courtesy Rocket Wrench Racing

bay with donkey-like ears and a blaze on his face resembling an open-faced wrench.

The trajectory of the new venture started out with a series of not-so-impressive races, thus the general partner was ready to give up on the horse after the second year. "I still had faith in Rocket, as we called him around the barn, so I agreed to buy

him. The next day I brought him to my farm for the winter," recalled Revak. At the start of Rocket's third season, Justin took to Craigslist himself and looked for nine partners asking \$1,000 each. The ad, to his surprise, took. Revak was now the general partner of Rocket Wrench Racing.

Rocket Wrench partner Shawn Valek recalls the day the stars aligned for him. "I was looking for a lawn mower about 12 years ago on Craigslist. I clearly got sidetracked and found an ad for a partnership in a racehorse. The price was \$1,000 for a 10%

share. I quickly called my friend Joe McBroom and said I had two questions for him. First, I asked him if he would like to go in on



this horse. He said, "Yes but what is your other question?" The second question was, "Can you tell my wife you found the ad on Craigslist?" McBroom granted the request, and the first group of partners were on their way.

McBroom has never regretted that day either. "When your horse is at the top of the stretch, it's absolutely thrilling to me and, the fact that we have a group of friends involved makes it a decidedly social endeavor."

Revak sent Rocket to Canterbury Hall of Fame trainer Bernell Rhone to see if he could work his magic. On June 30th, 2012, Rocket Wrench Racing officially became a winning partnership as Rocket Wrench pulled away from the field by four lengths and crossed the finish line first.

Since that first win in 2012, Rocket Wrench Racing has amassed over \$1,000,000 in earnings, boasts a 28% win percentage, and an in-the-money rate of 64%. "We have always been an aggressive claiming partnership. If a horse we have in the barn can't win or at least hit the board, we will drop him to where they belong," explains Revak.



Chris McCarron, Angel Cordero, and Justin Revak

Courtesy Justin Revak

The team of trainers still includes Rhone but is now led by Karl Broberg and Tony Rengstorf. "We currently race in multiple states and all our trainers have impressive teams that do the day-in and day-out work that is ultimately responsible for our success," said Revak. "Karl has taught me so much about finding good claims and we've become a really strong team. If both of us like the same horse, there's a pretty good chance it is going to do well for us."

Partner Bret Woodson recalls, "I was in a previous partnership with some friends when I lived in Kansas City. It was a decent-sized group that claimed horses mostly in Louisiana. At the time, we were always going up against, and usually getting beat by, trainer Karl Broberg. Now I am a partner in Rocket

Wrench Racing with Karl as our trainer. If you can't beat 'em, join 'em, right?"

Plenty of other racing enthusiasts have joined Rocket Wrench Racing in recent years including Lisa Migletz. "After my parents passed away, I wanted to honor them and our tradition of going to races by doing something special," she said. "After doing some research, I was eventually led to Justin Revak and Rocket Wrench, and I became a partner. It was one of the greatest and most exciting things to ever happen to me."

Rocket Wrench Racing has zero markups on any of their claiming partnerships and has gone from one group to seven in the last decade and now have 37 different owners. "We have had Canterbury-only groups, groups with higher investment levels, and groups with specific circuits in mind," said Revak.

"We are currently offering our first Hoosier group to race at Horseshoe Indianapolis in 2024, which is exciting." Each partnership group has \$300 per month set aside to pay for all necessary legal and accounting services. The minimum investment level for a group starts at \$2,500 and partners can own anywhere from five percent to 25 percent.

"I work to retain enough capital for each group so that we have few, if any, cash calls while the group is still active," remarked Revak. "I am proud to say that we haven't had a single cash call since the first group was formed. That is not to say we haven't had swings in the total value from year to year, but overall, I work hard to manage our cash and horses, so I don't have to send out invoices."

Partner Ida Schneck was drawn to the business model. "What I liked about Rocket Wrench Racing was that it was affordable and had a solid business plan so the risk of having to pay additional fees beyond my initial investment was minimal. Plus, I could own 5% and get an owner's license."

Rocket Wrench Racing will be moving into the yearling market with Marcus and Crystal Ryan from Mason Springs Farm this year, due to a number of current partners looking for something new to experience.

"I am fortunate to be able to be a part of the main group of owners who have a piece of all the diverse groups within Rocket Wrench," said partner Woodson. "My wife and I have three adult kids and they are all interested in and supportive of the Rocket Wrench partnership. Our four-year-old grandson has already been in the paddock and the winner's circle on numerous occasions, and we are hoping for many more as the years progress."

Revak not only has learned that partnerships are the best vehicle to introducing new owners to the industry, but also that new owners expect more from the industry as it relates to racehorse aftercare and supporting the people who live and work in the stable areas.

Nebraska native 29-year-old Derek Drews is one of those partners. "I love being able to take family and friends to the barns to feed the horses," he said. "Watching horses train in the morning is something special to see. Justin has always been great about getting myself and my family involved with the entire experience of ownership. Rocket Wrench participates and supports many of the charitable organizations, such as the Leg Up Fund down at the track. Yes, our ownership group is managed as a business, but we believe in much more than just winning races."



Justin Revak | Minnesota Thoroughbred Association

Revak and several Rocket Wrench Racing partners unintentionally started a campaign in 2021 to buy air conditioner units for the dorms at Canterbury Park. "It was a sweltering summer, especially for Minnesota, and I went out and bought a couple of air conditioners at Home Depot for our groom's dorm rooms. Before I knew it, the HBPA, and the Minnesota Thoroughbred Association (Minnesota's breeding organization) and our partners chipped in even more money. Home Depot gave me a discount to help and away we went," recalled Revak.

The giving did not stop there. Rocket Wrench Racing is a generous supporter of Jockeys and Jeans, the Leg Up Fund, and an exciting new organization that operates at Canterbury Park called Abijah's on the Backside. Sally Mixon, the founder of Abijah's, summarized the program. "Abijah's is the bridge between the racing industry and community wellness, pairing off-track Thoroughbreds with counselling professionals who are trained in a mental health experiential framework called ARCH. Justin and Rocket Wrench Racing have been big supporters of the work we do not only with horses and horse people, but also local first responders who participate in the program."

The Rocket Wrench Racing story has now come full circle as the very first horse to launch this partnership, Rocket himself, is now one of the horses providing care for the clients of Abijah's. "It's cool being able to see Rocket work with people who need help, plus I get to see him most of the summer," said Revak. "It is fun to look back at winner's circle photos on my wall from 2012 when my kids were eight and six and Rocket won his first race for us, until now when they are all grown up. My family and these horses are so important to me. The whole thing is wild. This horse, and this partnership has brought so much to so many."

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A number of Newtownanner's mares are heading to Into Mischief Sarah Andrew

The TDN's popular annual series 'Mating Plans, presented by Spendthrift,' continues today in a conversation with Hanzly Albina of Newtownanner Stud.

"I don't take this lightly at all," said Albina, who is both general manager of Newtownanner's Kentucky farm and North American bloodstock manager of the operation. "It's a ton of fun when it works out. For me, the physical is what I'm shooting for as I can't predict performance. We want to produce what we would buy in a sales ring, want to produce as nice a horse as we can, whether it's to sell or to race. We raise them all as if we were going to race them all, then if we sell, we're confident we're selling the best product we can. Cont.

"Some people are traditionalists and breed to race or breed to sell, but there's not really a difference anymore. At the end of the day, everyone is technically a seller--unless you keep every single foal, you're going to see the marketplace, and that goes for either a filly or a colt. You'll eventually either breed your mare or market your stallion, so you must consider these things. I find there's a lot of commonality among the guys who do the best with this."

Wamathaat (8, Speightstown--Special Me, by Unbridled's Song), to be bred to Into Mischief

We bought her from Tattersalls (220,000gns) in 2019 and brought her over here. At the time we bought her, I thought it was a family that was on the uptake and it has rewarded us. She's a half to Gina Romantica, Gift Box, Stonetastic, Special Forces. It looked like a family that was exploding. She's a very good-looking mare. She has a 2-year-old Twirling Candy filly we sold to Mike Akers last year (FTSAUG, \$385,000) and a Candy Ride (Arg) colt that is very nice.

She went to Into Mischief last year and this year is going to go back to him. It's hard to go wrong with Into Mischief. (MGISW) Gina Romantica obviously has continued to run very well and so we kind of wanted to bring that out of her. We tried the Candy Ride with her and there will probably be more of him in her

future, maybe some Gun Runner in there, but for right now we went to Into Mischief and we'll see what happens.



Toni Tools as a 2-year-old on the track | Sarah Andrew

Toni Tools (10, Roaring Fever--Patine, by Smart Strike), to be bred to Gun Runner

We bought her for \$330,000 at the (2023) Fasig-Tipton Mixed Sale. She is the dam of Candied, a Grade I winner of the Alcibiades. She's going to Gun Runner. It's a natural inclination from a body perspective, plus we get a little more consistency



from Gun Runner than Candy Ride (sire of Candied). She's a young mare and deserves to be bred to the best sire out there; she warrants the money. This is her time.

Flourish (17, Distorted Humor--Viviana, by Nureyev), to be bred to Into Mischief

She's the dam of (MGSW & GISP) Fulsome, an Into Mischief millionaire. She's going back to him for obvious reasons. She has an Into Mischief sister to Fulsome on the ground and basically this is the third year in a row we've gone to him with her.

Kosmo's Buddy (19, Outflanker--Vaulted, by Allen's Prospect), to be bred to Gun Runner

She's the dam of (Horse of the Year) Knicks Go. She recently had a Paynter colt and will be going back to Gun Runner. It was more of a physical match for us. She's not the biggest mare in the world, but she transfers a lot of the stallion through. I think if you breed her to a strong stallion, that is pretty bulletproof for her. Gun Runner is the horse for me and is the hot stallion right now. This mating was more of a physical one than from a pedigree perspective. In the past we'd bred her to Justify and Ghostzapper, trying to follow the Awesome Again, but we think Gun Runner makes a lot of sense as she brings out a lot of the stallion. We all try to figure it out; you develop your theories and see what has validity or not.

Kadira (19, Kafwain--Raw Gold, by Rahy), to be bred to Tapit

This is the dam of Paola Queen, winner of the Test. She is going to Tapit. We loved Flatter (sire of Paola Queen) and he was very generous to us, but he's gone. We sold one Flatter filly out of Kadira and retained another. She's in foal to Tapit and going back to him, because of the Pulpit/A.P. Indy factor. She has very beautiful foals and he will be a good match. When the mare has already proven herself, it makes my job easy.

Malibu Pier (17, Malibu Moon--Blue Moon {Fr}, by Lomitas {GB}), to be bred to Forte

She's the dam of Malibu Stacy, who was Grade II placed, and Coasted, who was Grade-I placed in the Breeders' Cup. She's an older mare, but we bred her to Medaglia d'Oro and got a nice filly. She's in foal to Jackie's Warrior now and is going to be bred back to Forte. I thought the body types matched well. We like the Medaglia d'Oro (yearling) filly very much and with Forte a first-year sire we wanted to breed to and it being a very hard season to get a hold of, we wanted to make sure we used it well.

Meg Fitz (9, Tapit--Meguial {Arg}, by Roy), to be bred to Justify This is a Tapit mare we bred. She's in foal to Olympiad right now; we'll go back to Justify because she's a half-sister to (GISW) I Want Revenge, more than a half-sister. Her first foal is a

Mendelssohn, who was second in the Kentucky Jockey Club (Real Men Violen). We're excited about the Olympiad. She had a Speightstown sell for \$600,000 at Saratoga last year and has been very generous to us so far, so we're going to Justify since that's a Scat Daddy line. She brings the best out of every stallion we've bred her to and has beautiful foals.

Kateri (12, Indian Charlie--Sue's Good News, by Woodman), to be bred to Cody's Wish

She's a mare we've had her entire career; again, very generous to us. She's a stunning mare, an Indian Charlie mare. We sold a Tiznow out of her for \$420,000 as a 2-year-old, a Curlin for \$725,000. Obviously, her best racehorse to date is (GSW & GISP) Souper Sensational (by Curlin). We bred her to Curlin again and are retaining that 2022 colt to race. He's in training with Robbie Medina. She has a yearling filly by Curlin and went back to him again. That would have been four years in a row to Curlin if we went this year, so we're going to Cody's Wish. She puts a great body on a horse and we thought he was a standout physically. If you went to see that horse, you bred to him.



Shopit's 2021 colt in the sales ring | Fasig-Tipton

Shopit (9, Yes It's True--Shop Here, by Dehere), to be bred to Into Mischief

Dam of (SW & MGISP) Shoplifted. It's probably not that interesting, but we just breed her to Into Mischief every year since it already worked. She has amazing foals.

Afleet Maggi (17, Afleet Alex--Mindset, by Coronado's Quest), to be bred to Nyquist

Dam of Grade I winner Dream Tree. We bought her, have an Uncle Mo filly out of her that I was pretty happy with. She went back to Uncle Mo, but aborted. This year, we went to Nyquist. With him taking off last year, we think he's now done enough to warrant being bred to her.

Fancier (13, Bernstein--Princess Pegasus, by Fusaichi Pegasus), to be bred to Flightline

She is the dam of (GISW) Get Her Number by Dialed In, which is the Mineshaft/A.P. Indy line. She has a Tapit colt and is back in foal to Tapit, but this year we'll be breeding her to Flightline. We typically wouldn't breed a mare of this caliber to a second-year sire; we'd go to a proven or a first -year sire, but he's going to defy the odds. He has a lot of buzz, a lot of industry support, and looks exactly what you think a horse of his race record is going to look like. I think he'll defy the trend; I don't think he'll have the usual slump of a second and third year. We're seeing if we can improve the Tapit we have with him. We think he's a good fit for this mare.

Go Go Princess (4, Justify--Kosmo's Buddy, by Outflanker), to be bred to Mage

She's more than a half to Knicks Go and we're going to breed her to Mage. The reasoning is she's a very typical Justify, she's an even leggier version of him. I think from a body perspective, she is a beautiful mare and we had a little flexibility on who to breed to. We're very excited about Mage at Airdrie. A first-year Derby winner is one of the soundest bets in our sport. We're actually sending two to Mage.



OAKS WINNER PLUM PRETTY DIES AT 16

2011's GI Kentucky Oaks winner Plum Pretty (Medaglia d'Oro) died Monday at Gainesway Farm according to a release by Patrick Mahan. The 16-year-old was a multiple Grade I winner throughout her career for Peachtree Stable and trainer Bob Baffert and ultimately captured the lilies before retiring in 2012 with earnings of over \$1.7m and a final record of 12-5-2-3.

A \$130,000 OBS yearling, Plum Pretty would last secure a final bid of \$4.2m from Mandy Pope's Whisper Hill Farm at KEENOV in 2012. She produced a total of 8 foals and still has a 2-year-old Speightstown filly and a yearling Charlatan filly to represent her on the track.

"She was a pleasure to be around and always a great mom." Pope remembered. "We are blessed to have several fillies out of her still to race and one that has already produced a foal. The colts have gone on to secondary careers in the show world and have her awesome personality."

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'TDN Rising Star' Deterministic capped a giant weekend for Lane's End's Liam's Map in the Gotham S. | Chelsea Durand

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Sire (Sire's Sire)	#SWs	#GSW (G1SW)
Constitution (Tapit)	41	18
(Steal SunshineGulfstream Park Mile S	SGII)	
Divisidero (Kitten's Joy)	2	
(AbrumarColonel Liam SL)		
Frosted (Tapit)	23	7
(Frost At DawnNad Al Sheba Turf Spri	nt-G3)	
Into Mischief (Harlan's Holiday)	146	69 (19)
(ImaginationSan Felipe SGII		
NewgateSanta Anita HGI)		
Liam's Map (Unbridled's Song)	25	11
(Camaro ZBlack Gold S.;		
DeterministicGotham SGIII;		
Starting OverMac Diarmida SGII)		
STANDING AT LANE'S END • CLIC	CK HERE F	OR MORE
NOMINATE A MARE • EMAI	IL CHRIS K	(NEHR
Nyquist (Uncle Mo)	23	11

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St Patrick's Day (Pioneerof the Nile) 1 1
(Fiona's Magic--Davona Dale S.-GII)

(Encino--John Battaglia Memorial S.-L)

Runhappy (Super Saver)

(Kinetic Sky--Stymie S.-L)

Temple City (Dynaformer)

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(Du Jour--Frank E. Kilroe Mile S.-GI)

Italics indicate new activity, statistics include Northern Hemisphere results only. Want to promote your stallion? Email suefinley@thoroughbreddailynews.com.



MINE THAT BIRD SHOWCASED DURING 2024 **LEGEND SERIES**

Kentucky Derby 135 winner Mine That Bird (Birdstone) will begin a temporary residence in the Kentucky Derby Museum's stable Mar. 27 and will be showcased as part of the final event of the 2024 Legends Series with Maker's Mark, announced via press release by the Kentucky Derby Museum.

The Legends Series brings together horseracing and bourbon enthusiasts for an exclusive lineup of five tastings, and is considered a highlight on the Museum's annual calendar. Tickets for the event, held Mar. 27 from 5-8:00 p.m., are available for purchase. Mine That Bird will be at the Museum through mid-April.



Mine That Bird | Sarah Andrew

"We are thrilled to bring Mine That Bird to the Museum's Stable for this extraordinary Legends event," said owner Mark Allen. "It's a unique opportunity for fans to get close to a living legend and explore the captivating history of long shots in the Kentucky Derby."

Other highlights include dinner on the newly renovated Oaks Terrace, a sneak peek at the brand new Long Shots display before it opens to the public, and the opportunity to purchase bottles of the limited supply of the Museum's Private Barrel

Selection. There will be a live auction for a prize package that includes several rare memorabilia items from Derby-winning long shots, and the funds raised will benefit the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society and the Museum.

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HALLWAY FEEDS AN OFFICIAL SPONSORSHIP PARTNER OF TOBA

Hallways Feeds is now an official sponsorship partner of the Thoroughbred Owners and Breeders Association (TOBA), the organization announced via press release Monday.

Founded in 1964, Hallways Feeds and the Hall family have a long history in Bluegrass and whose products can be found throughout Kentucky, at all major equine population centers throughout the country and in more than one dozen countries globally.

"The team at Hallway Feeds is proud to serve as a partner to those involved in the Thoroughbred industry; from supplying feed to the stallions and mares on the farms, playing a role in the development of young, growing horses, preparing horses for the sale, horses in training and racing, and careers after racing," said Hallway Feeds' director of sales and marketing Anthony H. Koch.

"It is only natural that we support the Thoroughbred Owners and Breeders Association in their mission to improve the sport."

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TIM TEBOW TO BE KEYNOTE SPEAKER AT RACE FOR **GRACE**

The 2007 Heisman Trophy winner Tim Tebow will be the keynote speaker at the 2024 Race for Grace Gala and Auction, the Kentucky Chaplaincy announced via a release Monday.

Held in conjunction with Kentucky Derby 150 week celebrations Monday, Apr. 29 at Churchill Downs on Millionaires' Row, a silent and live auction including items such as 2025 Kentucky Derby and Oaks boxes; halters from Derby 150 contenders; sign Tebow items; horse racing art, etc., look to be the feature. Along with the keynote speaker, WinStar Farm's Elliott Walden and Hall of Famer Pat Day will host the evening events.

Race for Grace tickets are limited and sponsorships are welcome with more information available here.

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KEENELAND HIRING CENTER OPENS TUESDAY TO RECRUIT FOR SPRING MEET

Keeneland will open its hiring center Tuesday, Mar. 5 and invites interested parties to apply either in person or online for the 2024 Spring meet to run Apr. 5-26. Positions to be filled

include concessions, culinary dining, guest services, parking, retail, security, track kitchen and other areas at the racecourse.

The majority on offer are entry level and do not require formal training beyond the paid training provided by Keeneland. The hiring center is located on the second floor of the grandstand and will be open every Tuesday and Thursday in March from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. beginning Mar. 5. On-site interviews will be conducted, and applicants are encouraged to bring two forms of identification with them.

In addition to employment opportunities, Keeneland also offers the Volunteer Group program for certified groups with a tax identification number. For every hour a member works during the Spring meet, a contribution of \$10 will be made to the organization. Information on the Volunteer Group program is available here.

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The Keeneland paddock | Coady

SIXTH ANNUAL PHOTO FINISH EXHIBIT ACCEPTING **SUBMISSIONS**

The sixth annual *Photo Finish* juried exhibition hosted at the National Museum of Racing is now accepting submissions from professional and amateur photographers.

Hopefuls are encouraged to submit up to two entries relating to Thoroughbred racing in America. These include, but are not limited to, racing and training scenes, backstretch shots, life on the farm, and crowd emotions. Creative and unique perspectives are also encouraged. Applications are available at the Museum's visitor services desk as well as digitally here.

A panel of judges from racing and arts communities will select the photographs for the von Stade Gallery, which will open in November.

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LONE STAR PARK HOLDS NATIONAL ANTHEM **AUDITIONS**

The annual National Anthem auditions at Lone Star Park will be held Monday, Mar. 25 from 11:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. for any soloists, duets, choirs, instrumentalists and groups wishing to perform during the 2024 Thoroughbred racing season, the track announced via press release.

Auditions will be held outdoors, weather permitting, on a walk-up basis only and anyone interested must audition in person. Hopefuls must perform the 'The Star-Spangled Banner' a cappella in two minutes or less and must have the lyrics memorized.

All participants will be notified via email by Apr. 5 of their results, and if chosen to perform, the date and all relevant information will be included. Each selected person will receive four (4) reserved seats on their performance date. Lone Star's season runs Apr. 18 to July 14.

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SIX NEW BOARD MEMBERS JOIN THOROUGHBRED OWNERS OF CA BOD

Six new members were elected to the Board of the Thoroughbred Owners of California the organization announced Monday. Owner and trainer Mark Glatt, owner/breeder Ty Green, owner/trainer Ryan Hanson, owner/breeder John Harris, current finance committee member Stephanie Hronis and 2021's California Trainer of the Year Andy Mathis will begin their respective terms July 1, 2024. They will join current members Nick Alexander, Gary Barber, Joe Ciaglia, Tim Cohen, Matthew Dohman, Gary Fenton, Bob Liewald, Terry Lovingier and Samantha Siegel for the 2024-2025 year.

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GRADED STAKES ENTRIES



Saturday, Oaklawn #9, post time: 5:55 p.m. EST

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 <a>**	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,	Mott	Rosario	118
			Reiman, Tom and Johnson, Ronald			
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

Breeders: 1-Lynn B. Schiff, 2-Lynn B. Schiff, 3-Eric J. Wirth, 4-Jacks or Better Farm Inc., 5-Shalom Farm & Ramon Martinez, 6-Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC, 7-Southern Equine Stables, LLC, 8-No Registrado







2024 YTD Leading Second-Crop Sires by Earnings

Standing NA - Wo	rldwide Earnings - NH Foals
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Rank	Stallion	BTW	втн	GSV	V GSH	G1SW	G1SH	Starters	Wnrs	Highest Earner	Earnings
1	Audible	2	3	1	2			57	16	\$167,795	\$910,685
	(2015) by Into Mischief	FYR: 20	21 C	rops: 2	Stands: W	inStar Fa	rm KY F	ee: 15,000)	Life's an Audible	9
2	Mitole	1	2					65	15	\$84,000	\$862,251
	(2015) by Eskendereya	FYR: 20	21 C	rops: 2	Stands: Sp	endthrift	Farm KY	Fee: 15,	000	Booth	
3	Omaha Beach	1	6	1	1			52	9	\$113,250	\$720,059
	(2016) by War Front	FYR: 20	21 C	rops: 2	Stands: Sp	endthrift	Farm KY	Fee: 40,0	000	Time for Truth	
4	Maximus Mischief		2		1			59	12	\$92,740	\$676,584
	(2016) by Into Mischief	FYR: 20	21 Cr	ops: 2	Stands: Sper	ndthrift F	arm KY	Fee: 25,0	000	Thirteen Red Flag	gs
5	Vino Rosso		1		1			58	9	\$100,000	\$673,962
	(2015) by Curlin	FYR: 20	21 C	rops: 2	Stands: Sp	endthrift	Farm KY	Fee: 20,0	000	Wine Me Up	
6	Flameaway		3		1			44	10	\$187,125	\$519,141
	(2015) by Scat Daddy	FYR: 20	21 Cr	ops: 2	Stands: Dark	oy Dan Fa	rm KY	Fee: 15,0	000	Northern Flame	
7	Coal Front	1	2					21	4	\$174,000	\$478,501
	(2014) by Stay Thirsty	FYR: 20	21 C	rops: 2	Stands: Sp	endthrift	Farm KY	Fee: 5,00	00	Xtreme Diva	
8	Preservationist	1	1					29	10	\$145,000	\$459,905
	(2013) by Arch	FYR: 20	21 C	rops: 2	Stands: Air	drie Stu	d KY	Fee: 5,00	00	Band of Gold	
9	Enticed		3		1			36	9	\$55,380	\$425,218
	(2015) by Medaglia d'Oro	FYR: 20	21 Cı	rops: 2	Stands: Da	rley KY		Fee: 5,00	00	City Blocks	
10	Solomini		1					34	5	\$59,600	\$373,917
	(2015) by Curlin FYR: 202	21 Crops	: 2 Sta	ands: Mo	:Mahon/Sar	atoga TBs	NY Fee	7,500		Doc Sullivan	
11	St Patrick's Day	1	1	1	1			21	8	\$163,510	\$357,319
	(2015) by Pioneerof the N	Nile FYR:	2021	Crops:	2 Stands:	Journey	man Stud	FL Fee: 3	,500	Fiona's Magic	
12	Catholic Boy	1	3					42	8	\$44,932	\$333,815
	(2015) by More Than Rea	dy FYR:	2021	Crop	s: 2 Stands:	: Claiborn	e Farm K	Y Fee: 10	,000	Mission Ready	
13	Demarchelier (GB)		1					25	9	\$39,720	\$309,185
	(2016) by Dubawi (IRE)	FYR: 20	21 C	rops: 2	Stands: Cla	aiborne F	arm KY	Fee: 7,50	00	Illustrator	
14	Divisidero	2	2					11	3	\$162,240	\$308,217
	(2012) by Kitten's Joy	FYR: 20	21 C	rops: 2	Stands: Air	drie Stud	d KY	Fee: 5,00	00	Abrumar	
15	World of Trouble		1					36	6	\$36,250	\$260,253
	(2015) by Kantharos FYF	R: 2021 (Crops:	2 Stand	ds: Hill 'n' Da	ale at Xala	apa KY Fe	ee: 5,000		Low Society	

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ALLOWANCE WINNERS



IN ORDER OF PURSE:

4th-Santa Anita, \$67,000, (S), Alw (NW1\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$50,000), 3-4, 3vo, 6f, 1:11.36, ft, 3/4 length.

REFOCUS (c, 3, Pavel--Redo It, by Square Eddie), a debut winner going 4 1/2 furlongs against fellow Cal-breds May 21, was third against open company in the June 17 Fasig-Tipton Futurity and was making his first start since finishing fourth in the Graduation S. last August at Del Mar. The 3-5 favorite chased the pace of Prince Prancealot (Sir Prancealot (Ire)) down the backstretch and inched up to press that foe into the far turn. He took over at the top of the stretch and held sway over Stay on the Fence (Pavel) late to give Reddam Racing the one-two homebred finish. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by **FanDuel TV.** Lifetime Record: SP, 4-2-0-1, \$96,300. O/B-Reddam Racing, LLC (CA); T-Doug F. O'Neill.

MAIDEN WINNERS #1 Consignor by Average You 🏖 @Keeneland September '23 Session 5 ROUD TO REPRESENT TOP HORSEMEN

IN ORDER OF PURSE:

3rd-Santa Anita, \$65,000, Msw, 3-4, 4/5yo, 1mT, 1:35.89, fm, 1 1/4 lengths.

SNEAKING CANDY (c, 4, Into Mischief--Candavar, by Candy Ride (Arg)) was well beaten in a pair of sprints over the main track, most recently finishing sixth in a six-furlong maiden special weight Jan. 21. Sent off at 5-2 in this first try over the lawn, the bay colt sprinted out to the early lead and was under a snug hold through an opening quarter in :23.45. He scampered away midway down the backstretch and was joined by favored Captain Choochies (Classic Empire) entering the far turn. He turned back the favorite into the stretch and strolled home a 1 1/4-length winner despite drifting out down the lane. One Time Mark (Hard Spun) was second and Captain Choochies third. Candavar, a half-sister to graded stakes winners Master Command (A.P. Indy) and Aurora Lights (Pulpit), has a 2-year-old colt by American Pharoah and a yearling colt by Constitution.

She was bred back to American Pharoah last year. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-0. \$43.400.

O-Larry & Marianne Williams; B-L Williams (KY); T-Mike Puype. Foaled & Raised at Elm Tree Farm Fleetwood Bloodstock Recommended Mating



IN JAPAN:

Air Samsara, c, 3, Nyquist. See 'US-Bred & -Sired Winners in Japan'

Reggae Beach, c, 3, Omaha Beach. See 'US-Bred & -Sired Winners in Japan'





Shigeru Sorosoro, f, 4, Runhappy--Distinguishable, by Distorted Humor. Hanshin, 3-2, Allowance, 1400m. Lifetime Record: 20-2-1-5, \$181,939. O-Miwa Seki; B-Kathryn Nikkel, Old Dominion & Sanford Robertson (KY); T-Kiyoshi Tani. *¥46,200,000 2yo '22 HOKMAY.

IN SOUTH KOREA:

Captain Samchiri, c, 3, Bayern--Sweet Marini (SW & MGSP, \$411,668), by Marini Marini. Seoul, 3-2, Hcp. (C3), 1200m. B-Andrew Warren (KY). *\$3,500 Ylg '22 KEEJAN; \$30,000 Ylg '22 OBSOCT. *Full to Sweet Harmony, SW, \$102,250. VIDEO (SC 9)

Geoljak Choegang, c, 3, Preservationist--Bronze Beauty, by Latent Heat. Seoul, 3-3, Hcp. (C4), 1200m. B-Amy Bayle, Alyse Roberts & Liz Roberts (OK). *\$32,500 Wlg '21 KEENOV; \$44,000 RNA Ylg '22 FTKJUL; \$10,000 Ylg '22 FTKOCT; \$30,000 2yo '23 OBSAPR. VIDEO (SC 4)

IN SAUDI ARABIA:

Aljood, f, 3, Frosted--Ghost Dancer, by Ghostzapper. King Abdulaziz, 3-3, Allowance, 1600m. B-Stoneway Farm (KY). *\$22,000 RNA Ylg '22 FTKJUL. VIDEO (SC 3)

TODAY'S FEATURED REPLAY



Sneaking Candy (Into Mischief) graduates in turf debut at Santa Anita Monday.

(click to watch)



Saturday's Results:

3rd-Hanshin, **¥10,480,000** *(\$69,640)*, **Maiden**, 3yo, 1800m, 1:55.7, my.

AIR SAMSARA (c, 3, Nyquist--Yuzuru {SW, \$105,759}, by Medaglia d'Oro) finished a promising second going this distance at Kyoto Feb. 3 and was favored at 7-5 for this second go. Tipping the scales at 584kg (1287 pounds), the homebred raced ahead of midfield and a bit wide into the first right-handed turn and was always in touch down the back. Ridden patiently on the turn by the visiting Bauyrzhan Murzabayev, he was asked for his best leaving the second bend, went calling for the lead about four off the inside with 100 meters to race end edged clear to take it by a length. Air Samsara is a half-brother to Yuugiri (Shackleford), MGSW & GISP, \$1,360,585, and the family has performed sensationally well on the tough JRA circuit. The stakes-winning Yuzuru is a half-sister to Nokaze (Empire Maker), whose five winners from five to race include Group 2 winner Air Almas (Majestic Warrior), two-time listed winner Air Fanditha (Hat Trick {Jpn}) and Air Sage (Point of Entry), victorious in a 2000-meter turf allowance at Kyoto Feb. 10. Air Samsara is the last listed produce from Yuzuru. The is the extended female family of Saint Ballado, Devi's Bag and Danon Ballade (Jpn). Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$53,486.

O-Lucky Field; B-Sekie & Tsunebumi Yoshihara (KY); T-Y Tsujino.

2nd-Nakayama, ¥**10,480,000** *(\$69,640)*, **Maiden**, 3yo, 1800m, 1:55.1, my.

REGGAE BEACH (c, 3, Omaha Beach--Reggae Rose, by Touch Gold), a half-brother to Shakhimat (Lonhro {Aus}), MGSW-US, SW & GSP-Can, \$516,71; and Whatmakessammyrun (We Miss Artie), GSW, \$412,490, was an educational fifth going 1400 meters at Tokyo Feb. 10 and had some support at 7-1 for this step up in distance. Away beautifully from the 14 hole, the \$90,000 KEESEP buyback turned \$200,000 OBSAPR juvenile, settled beautifully off the flank of the leader, was allowed to make the lead with 500 meters to travel and stayed on gamely for a 1 1/4-length victory. A second Japanese winner from three starters for his young sire, Reggae Beach is out of a half-sister to GSW/GISP Celtic New Year (North Light {Ire}) and his third stakes-winning third dam Valid Victress (Valid Appeal) produced champion Perfect Sting (Red Ransom). Reggard Rose delievered a colt by Violence last season and was bred back to Liam's Map. Sales history: \$90,000 RNA Ylg '22 KEESEP; \$200,000 2yo '23 OBSAPR. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$40,791.

O-Masamichi Hayashi; B Nursery Place, Donaldson & Broadbent (KY); T Makoto Saito.



SECOND-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: TUESDAY, MARCH 5

2024 Stud Fees Listed

Vino Rosso (Curlin), Spendthrift Farm, \$20,000 309 foals of racing age/32 winners/2 black-type winners 9-Parx Racing, 3:41 p.m. EST, \$75K City of Brotherly Love S., 1m, Le Vin, 5-1

\$57,000 RNA KEE NOV wnl; \$50,000 KEE SEP yrl





STAKES RESULTS:

OTBO SALES GRADUATE RACE S., (NB) \$50,000, Mahoning Valley, 3-4, 3yo, 6f, 1:12.58, ft.

- 1--GUNNER GABRIEL, 121, g, 3, Dialed In--Simonetta, by Harlan's Holiday. (\$27,000 RNA Ylg '22 KEESEP; \$15,000 Ylg '22 OTBOMX). O-Jason DaCosta & Calypso Stable; B-Daniel J. & Patricia J. Yates (OH); T-Jason DaCosta; J-Fernando Salazar Becerra. \$29,700. Lifetime Record: 4-2-1-1, \$58,700. *1/2 to Mitos Y Leyendas (Kantharos), SP, \$192,885.
- 2--Compute This, 119, f, 3, Cloud Computing--I Like It, by Henny Hughes. (\$14,500 RNA Ylg '22 OTBOMX). O-Peter Sheppell & Royer Family Stables LLC; B-Peter J. Sheppell (OH); T-David Wolochuk. \$9,900.
- 3--**Gold Honey**, 119, f, 3, Goldencents--Rush to War, by Majestic Warrior. (\$15,000 Ylg '22 OTBOMX). O-Rivera Racing Stables (Nestor R. Rivera); B-Daniel J. & Patricia J. Yates (OH); T-Nestor Rivera. \$4,950.

Margins: 6 1/4, 3 1/4, 3. Odds: 0.10, 10.40, 5.70.

CLASICO DEFENSORA S., \$41,040, Camarero, 3-3, 3yo, f, 1 1/16m, 1:47.22, my.

- 1--ANOTHER MIRANDA, 120, f, 3, Classic Empire--No Better Terms, by Pure Prize. (\$55,000 2yo '23 OBSAPR). O-Establo Tony Guzman; B-KMN Racing, LLC (KY); T-Carlos M. Diaz, Jr.; J-Juan C. Diaz. \$23,803. Lifetime Record: 10-5-2-3, \$94,705. *1/2 to Kimberlea K (Indian Evening), SW, \$118,995; 1/2 to Stealthediamonds (Unusual Heat), SW & GSP, \$335,655.
- 2--Touch of Trouble, 120, f, 3, World of Trouble--Lovely Daniella, by Gold Token. (\$30,000 Ylg '22 KEESEP; \$15,000 RNA 2yo '23 OBSOPN). O-Jackson Racing; B-Boca Horse (KY); T-Carole Donaldson. \$8,208.
- 3--Awesome Lucky, 120, f, 3, Accelerate--Mean Irene, by Scat Daddy. (\$2,000 Ylg '22 FTKOCT; \$20,000 2yo '23 OBSOPN).

 1ST BLACK TYPE. O-Skull Stable PR; B-Mike Mike Abraham (KY); T-Edwin Texidor, Jr. \$4,104.

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Margins: 3, HF, 1HF. Odds: 1.80, 3.10, 6.10.

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

9th-Parx Racing, \$54,800, (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$16,000), 3-4, 4yo/up, 6f, 1:10.75, ft, 4 lengths.

COUNTERSPY (g, 4, Gun Runner--Simplify {SW & GSP, \$261,658}, by Pulpit) Lifetime Record: 11-3-3-0, \$118,917. O-Jack J. Armstrong; B-Winchell Thoroughbreds LLC (KY); T-Robert Mosco. *\$150,000 Ylg '21 KEESEP; \$47,000 3yo '23 KEENOV. **Full to Optionality, MSW, \$193,798; 1/2 to Simple Surprise (Cowboy Cal), SW, \$185,446.

3rd-Will Rogers Downs, \$31,200, 3-4, (C), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:11.09, ft, 3/4 length.

TIFFANY TWIST (m, 6, Flat Out--Successful Slew, by Successful Appeal) Lifetime Record: 23-4-9-3, \$146,519. O/B-Cowboy Stables,LLC (KY); T-Scott E. Young. *\$14,000 RNA Wlg '18 KEENOV. **1/2 to Daaher's Success (Daaher), SP, \$180,880; and to Hailstorm Slew (Munnings), MSW, \$325,807.

6th-Golden Gate Fields, \$30,154, 3-3, (NW1\$X), 4yo/up, 1m (AWT), 1:38.10, ft, neck.

UNION WAVE (g, 6, Unionize--Heat Wave, by Unusual Heat) Lifetime Record: 17-5-4-5, \$125,868. O-Bellasis, Tim, O'Leary, Timothy Francis and Tschanz, Cassandra A.; B-Timothy Francis Oleary (CA); T-Tim Bellasis.



Click on a **stallion's name** to learn more about them on their page on the farm's website.

7th-Mahoning Valley, \$25,900, 3-4, (NW2L), 3yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:43.27, ft, 1 length.

SHEWEARSMYRING (f, 4, Overanalyze--Happybirthdaybaby {SP, \$211,695}, by Successful Appeal) Lifetime Record: 10-2-1-3, \$48,149. O-Karl Green; B-Cove Springs, LLC (KY); T-Jason DaCosta. *\$12,000 Ylg '21 FTKOCT.

5th-Will Rogers Downs, \$25,300, 3-4, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:11.15, ft, 3 3/4 lengths.

C W PRIZE (g, 4, Code West--M B Prize {MSP, \$137,934}, by Pure Prize) Lifetime Record: SP, 6-4-1-1, \$91,435. O/B-Bryan Hawk (OK); T-Joe S. Offolter.

5th-Golden Gate Fields, \$24,863, (NW1\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$50,000), 3-3, 3yo, f, 6f (AWT), 1:10.72, ft, 2 1/2 lengths.

ARCTIC BREEZE (f, 3, Arrogate--Sweater Weather {MSW, \$545,726}, by Milwaukee Brew) Lifetime Record: 8-2-1-2, \$45,710. O-Peter Redekop B. C., Ltd.; B-Wilbert Tan (KY); T-Blaine D. Wright. *\$240,000 Ylg '22 KEESEP; \$375,000 2yo '23 OBSAPR.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Amore d'Oro, g, 3, Warrior's Reward--Ultimate Avary, by Love of Money. Parx Racing, 3-4, 1m 70y, 1:46.17. Lifetime Record: 4-1-2-0, \$50,250. B-Smith Farm & Stable (NJ).

Marinas Tina (Ire), f, 4, Belardo (Ire)--Pile Ou Face (Ire), by Exceed And Excel (Aus). Santa Anita, 3-4, (WC), 1mT, 1:37.24. Lifetime Record: 5-1-0-3, \$39,979. B-Mrs Noreen O'Donovan (IRE). *€31,000 Ylg '21 GOFSPT.



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Belardo (Ire), Marinas Tina (Ire), f, 4, o/o Pile Ou Face (Ire), by Exceed And Excel (Aus). WMC, 3-4, Santa Anita

Classic Empire, Another Miranda, f, 3, o/o No Better Terms, by Pure Prize. GII Clasico Defensora S., 3-3, Camarero

Code West, C W Prize, g, 4, o/o M B Prize, by Pure Prize. ALW, 3-4, Will Rogers

Dialed In, Gunner Gabriel, g, 3, o/o Simonetta, by Harlan's Holiday. OTBO Sales Graduate Race S., 3-4, Mahoning Valley **Flat Out**, Tiffany Twist, m, 6, o/o Successful Slew, by Successful Appeal. ALW, 3-4, Will Rogers

Gun Runner, Counterspy, g, 4, o/o Simplify, by Pulpit. AOC, 3-4, Parx Racing

Into Mischief, Sneaking Candy, c, 4, o/o Candavar, by Candy Ride (Arg). MSW, 3-4, Santa Anita

Overanalyze, Shewearsmyring, f, 4, o/o Happybirthdaybaby, by Successful Appeal. ALW, 3-4, Mahoning Valley

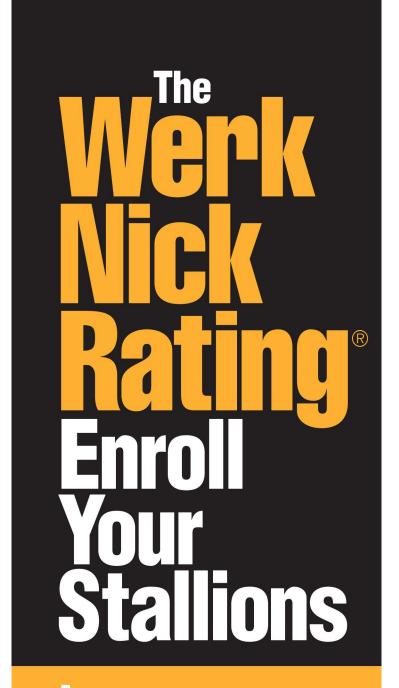
Pavel, Refocus, c, 3, o/o Redo It, by Square Eddie. AOC, 3-4, Santa Anita

Unionize, Union Wave, g, 6, o/o Heat Wave, by Unusual Heat. ALW, 3-3, Golden Gate

Warrior's Reward, Amore d'Oro, g, 3, o/o Ultimate Avary, by Love of Money. MSW, 3-4, Parx Racing

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	GII Azeri S.	OP
	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
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