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SEVEN DAYS: REAWAKENING



Atlas and Maxim Guyon return after the Prix La Force
Emma Berry

By Emma Berry

The curtain came up at Longchamp on Sunday, with the 'reouverture' being conducted in extremely testing conditions but nevertheless providing a welcome return to action at France's premier racecourse.

The most important thing on arrival in the Bois de Boulogne is to make it into the track without being mown down by one or more of the cyclists within the relentless peloton that streams past the gates of Longchamp of a weekend. Everything after that feels like a blessing.

And indeed we were blessed with an almost dry and definitely warm day. Every trainer, breeder, farmer and clerk of the course has been preoccupied with the exceptionally wet spring that has seen race meetings abandoned and paddocks poached. In assessing the results from Leopardstown to Longchamp on Sunday it will be hard to gauge how well these three-year-olds will fare on faster underfoot conditions but Christophe Ferland believes that his G3 Prix La Force winner Atlas (Fr) (Farhh {GB}) is simply a good horse who, as the old adage goes, will go on any ground.

A solid and flashy chestnut, the Wertheimers' homebred is certainly an imposing specimen and won decisively despite his slightly awkward head carriage. [Cont., p3](#)

DAY 2 OF INGLIS EASTER: WINX SMASHES MORE RECORDS

by James Thomas/TTR Aus/NZ

At A Glance

- The Pierro (Aus)--Winx (Aus) filly broke the highest price yearling record selling for AU\$10 million, with the previous record being AU\$5million. Fourteen lots sold for AU\$1-million or more on a strong day of trading, making eighteen in total for the sale, compared to 26 to reach that figure in 2023.
- The median price stayed steady at AU\$300,000--the same as the first day of the sale--although the Winx filly pushed the day two average up to AU\$491,190. The sale average was AU\$429,786 (351 sold) compared to AU\$386,971 (360 sold) last year.

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All the nine-furlong prep races have been run, and the Triple Crown-caliber players have stepped forward and established themselves. T. D. Thornton gives his Kentucky Derby 20.

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Fandom (GB) (left, yellow cap) claimed the Palisades S. at Keeneland on Sunday. It was his first race back since last summer's G2 Coventry S. at Royal Ascot. | Coady

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Activity explodes at Deauville ahead of the European Classics as the G3 Prix Imprudence and G3 Prix Djebel share the spotlight, with the former showcasing 'Rising Star' Ramatuelle.

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Seven Days

by Emma Berry



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His Sangster-bred granddam Pitamakan (Danzig) had been bought as a Keeneland yearling for \$400,000 and is herself a third-generation descendant of the influential matriarch Courtly Dee (Never Bend).

It remains regrettable that Atlast's sire Farhh is only able to cover small books of mares owing to his poor fertility, but perhaps that is key to his success, and this looks another really interesting prospect for the son of Pivotal (GB), who on Monday was represented by the G3 Prix Edmond Blanc winner Tribalist (GB). Atlast will surely now be aimed with the intention that he joins Fonteyn (GB) and King Of Change (GB) on the list of Group 1 winners by Farhh. The latter of that pair has his first two-year-old runners this season, as does Farhh's unusually fast son Far Above (Ire).

Hernon Dreams On

Gavin Hernon, who eschewed his native Ireland to start training in Chantilly six years ago, was the toast of the winner's enclosure at Longchamp on Sunday. His fellow Chantilly trainer Tim Donworth shouted "The Irish are taking over" as Hernon collected his trophy from sponsor Kieran Lalor after Dare To Dream (Fr) (Camelot {GB}) opened her season in portentous fashion with victory in the G3 Al Shira'aa Racing Prix Vanteaux.

Bred by Ecurie des Monceaux, Meridian International and Scuderia Waldeck, Dare To Dream was well bought by her trainer at €67,000 from Arqana's October Yearling Sale, especially when one considers that the mission Hernon was given by owner Dun Shing Lee was to buy a filly good enough to

run in the Oaks. And that's not just any Oaks, either. Lee meant the original Oaks, at Epsom, where he was born and raised.

So far, so good, as Dare To Dream is the only French-trained filly among the 58 entries for the Betfred Oaks on May 31. With a Classic trial under her belt, a Derby winner as a sire and Arc winner Danedream (Ger) as her aunt, she will have every right to be there.

Another Ballysax Star?

I've always loved the Ballysax Stakes. For a particularly heady period at the turn of this century its roll of honour featured Galileo (Ire), High Chaparral (Ire) and Yeats (Ire) in just four years. It ebbs and flows, of course, but since then there have been some proper names added, such as Fame And Glory (GB), Banimpire (Ire), Fascinating Rock (Ire) and Rekindling (GB). The most recent Derby winner to emanate from the Ballysax was Harzand (Ire) in 2016.

Dallas Star (Fr) took the 2024 Ballysax on Sunday and could be the horse to elevate the profile of his sire Cloth Of Stars (Ire), who was eighth behind Harzand at Epsom and went on to win the G1 Prix Ganay as well as finishing second and third in consecutive Arcs won by Enable (GB). **Cont.**



Dare To Dream with her trainer Gavin Hernon, third left, and team
Emma Berry

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Dallas Star is another to have been sold by Monceaux, this time as a foal for breeders Eliane Dieuaide and Domaine Billard et Fils, for €30,000. He was picked up by Robson Aguiar for 50,000gns as a yearling at Tattersalls and, when he failed to sell, was retained at the Craven Breeze-up Sale for 180,000gns and now runs in the Amo Racing colours, which were so narrowly vanquished in last year's Derby aboard King Of Steel (**Wootton Bassett {GB}**).

Sent off at 50/1, Dallas Star's victory was clearly not expected, and he had two better fancied rivals from Ballydoyle behind him. The third home, Illinois (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}), had been sent off favourite and he is a half-brother to Debutante (Fr) (Gold Away {Fr}), dam of the above-mentioned Dare To Dream, and to Danedream.

Cloth Of Stars was also responsible for the third-placed Birr Castle (Fr) in the G2 Prix d'Harcourt. The race provided yet another triumph for Jerome Reynier, and was won by Zarakem (Fr) (**Zarak {Fr}**) on his second start for Ecurie Benaroussi Sofiane after being bought for €500,000 at Arqana's Arc Sale.

The previous weekend, Reynier, who is currently top of the French trainers' table, had enjoyed his first winner on Dubai World Cup night when Facteur Cheval (Ire) won the G1 Dubai Turf.

Another Classic Contender for Wellenspiel

If you saddle a horse with the name Weltbeste (Ger) you'd better hope that she can live up to it, but Gestut Rottgen had something of a clue in the fact that the daughter of Soldier Hollow (GB) is a full-sister to a Deutsches Derby winner, Weltstar (Ger), and a half-sister to another, Windstoss (Ger) (Shirocco Ger)).

Now two from two in her races to date following victory at Mulheim on Sunday for Rottgen's new trainer Maxim Pecheur, Weltbeste heads the market for the G1 Preis der Diana on August 4. That's a long way off, of course, but if it seems too fantastical to imagine that their dam Wellenspiel (Ger) (Sternkoenig {Ire}) could produce three German Classic winners, it is worth remembering that that feat was achieved not too long ago by Sacarina (GB) (Old Vic {GB}), the dam of Samum (Ger), Schiaparelli (Ger) and Salve Regina (Ger), all sired by Monsun (Ger),

Ward Starts Ascot Hype Rolling

These days, nothing quite says spring is here like a Wesley Ward speedball rocketing from the gates to tear up the early Keeneland juvenile races and book a place on the plane for Royal Ascot.



DARE TO DREAM won the Prix Vanteaux-Gr.3 by 2 lengths at ParisLongchamp on Sunday

“I had it in my head all winter that she would go Vanteaux-Saint-Alary-Diane and then the Irish Oaks... We always thought that she was going to take us to the top table and I think today she's proved that she can.”

Trainer **Gavin Hernon**



CAMELOT

Other Classic prospects include unbeaten Gr.1 winner **LOS ANGELES** (Aidan O'Brien), Listed winner **DANCING GEMINI** (Roger Teal), unbeaten filly **ROCK'N SWING** (Andre Fabre) etc.

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Step forward Shoot It True, a daughter of **Munnings**, who claimed a **TDN Rising Star** with her victory in the first two-year-old race of the season after scoring in emphatic fashion by an eased-down seven and a half lengths.

Queen Mary ahoy? It would be no surprise.

Stefano Cherchi Remembered at Santa Anita and Beyond

At Santa Anita on Saturday, Frankie Dettori stole the show as only he can do, winning six races in a row, including the GII Santa Anita Oaks aboard Nothing Like You (Malibu Moon) for his main ally Bob Baffert.

Dettori wasn't the only Italian to triumph at the 'Great Race Place', however, with Umberto Rispoli winning the GIII Monrovia S., before Antonio Fresu claimed the major race of the day, the GI Santa Anita Derby, on the Phil d'Amato-trained Stronghold (**Ghostzapper**).

Of course, the Italian jockey who has been in the thoughts of racing folk the world over this week is Stefano Cherchi, who died last Wednesday, a fortnight after sustaining devastating head injuries in a race fall at Canberra, Australia.



Stefano Cherchi | Conor Norris

Fresu paid an emotional tribute to his compatriot after his first Grade I win on American soil. He said, "I want to dedicate this to my friend who passed away the other day. I felt like he was there with me today. Stefano Cherchi was an amazing guy."

The death of Cherchi at the age of just 23 has rocked so many of his friends and colleagues in the business. In Newmarket, where the Sardinian had been based since the age of 16 with Marco Botti, the trainer said simply, "I feel like I've lost a son."

Cherchi's former weighing-room colleague in Britain, Callum Shepherd, perhaps summed up his loss most eloquently.

"He was not defined by his abilities in the saddle, or by the races he has won," Shepherd said. "What defined him to us, those lucky enough to have known him, and I really do mean lucky, was the human being he was."

"He was a great friend, he was incredibly kind, and I think he thrived off making those around him happy. Certainly he was far more bothered about others than he was about himself."

There can really be no finer tribute than that. It has been a terribly sad week, and we offer sincere condolences to Stefano Cherchi's family and friends. His life was celebrated at a remembrance mass in Sydney on Monday and another service will take place on Sunday, April 28, at Our Lady Immaculate and Saint Etheldreda Church in Newmarket. He will not be forgotten.

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RACE PREVIEWS

IMPRUDENCE AND DJEBEL SHARE CENTRE STAGE ON TUESDAY *by Tom Frary*

With the European Classics around the corner, expect an explosion of activity over the next few days beginning at Deauville on Tuesday with the G3 Prix Imprudence and G3 Prix Djebel. **TDN Rising Star Ramatuelle (Justify)** lines up in the former, stepping up to seven furlongs for the first time after a storming juvenile campaign that saw her take the G2 Prix Robert Papin and G3 Prix du Bois and finish a narrow second to Vandeek (GB) (Havana Grey {GB}) in the G1 Prix Morny here in August.

Godolphin's Listed Bosra Sham S. winner **Romantic Style (Ire)** (Night Of Thunder {Ire}) also goes beyond six furlongs for the first time and Charlie Appleby is not certain that she will excel. "She won the Bosra Sham Stakes on testing ground, so similar conditions shouldn't be an issue, but the step up to seven furlongs is the slight question mark," he said.

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Vandeek (far left) and Ramatuelle in the G1 Prix Morny
Scoop Dyga

Also from Britain is the David Menuisier-trained G3 Prix Miesque scorer **Tamfana (Ger)** (Soldier Hollow {GB}), while Juddmonte’s Polytrack debut winner **Abstract (Fr)** (**Wootton Bassett** {GB}) is an intriguing contender from the Henri-Francis Graffard stable.

In the Djebel, Nurlan Bizakov’s unbeaten gelding **Lazzat (Fr)** (Territories {Ire}) has won his three starts by a cumulative margin of 14 lengths including in the Listed Prix de la Californie on similar ground last time. Trainer Jerome Reynier said, “Tomorrow will be pretty deep and sticky, he’s running around a straight course for the first time. I am very happy with Lazzat, he looks good, has been training very well and I’m very enthusiastic about him.”

Menuisier saddles Clive Washbourn’s G1 Futurity Trophy runner-up **Devil’s Point (Ire)** (New Bay {GB}), who sets the standard on that form. “He seems well, it’s a prep run and the ground will be testing but we know he likes those sorts of conditions,” he said. “We will take his races one by one and we feel he might be more efficient over seven furlongs than a mile.” Jean-Claude Rouget usually targets something significant at these preps and he relies on The Aga Khan’s impressive Cagnes-Sur-Mer conditions winner **Keran (Fr)** (Blue Point {Ire}) as he shuffles his Classic pack.

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EUROPEAN NEWS

INSPIRAL LIMBERING UP FOR POSSIBLE LOCKINGE RETURN

Chris Richardson, managing director of Cheveley Park Stud, has issued a positive bulletin on star mare **Inspiral (GB)** as she prepares to embark on her five-year-old campaign.

Trained by John and Thady Gosden, Inspiral was last seen running out an impressive winner of the G1 Breeders' Cup Filly & Mare Turf at Santa Anita in November, her third top-level success of the season having already won the Prix Jacques le Marois at Deauville for the second year in a row and the Sun Chariot S. at Newmarket. The daughter of **Frankel (GB)** subsequently won the 2023 Eclipse Award for Champion Turf Female, a notable achievement for the Cheveley Park team who have made the sporting decision to keep her in training in 2024, with the G1 Al Shaqab Lockinge S. at Newbury on Saturday, May 18 being identified as a likely first port of call.

"The Lockinge is the plan, but obviously she is a filly that likes to take her time to come in the spring as we've seen before," said Richardson. "Certainly the Lockinge looks the first engagement we can consider and, if she tells us she's not quite ready, then we can wait until the Queen Anne [at Royal Ascot on Tuesday, June 18]. [Cont.](#)



Inspiral | *Scoop Dyga*

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"She seems to be happy and well back in the yard and I watched her come up Warren Hill the other morning and she went up there nicely and quietly, so we will see how we go."

Inspiral had not raced beyond a mile before her Breeders' Cup triumph, but that performance over 10 furlongs provides more options ahead of a five-year-old campaign which will see her try to add to her six Group 1 victories.

Richardson added, "I think John is keen to start her off at a mile and then we can build over the campaign hopefully, all being well. We will definitely be considering going a mile and a quarter.

"She's five now and a lovely filly who is still maturing and developing. She had a lovely break at the stud after America and they are a long time in the paddocks, so she is a mare we can really enjoy. She had a nice visit to us and was out in the paddock with her usual companions. She is always very inquisitive with her ears pricked, seeing who is coming round the corner next."

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GAIN THE ADVANTAGE SERIES RETURNS FOR 2024 WITH NINE RACES

GAIN The Advantage Series will be supported by Horse Racing Ireland (HRI) and GAIN Equine Nutrition for the fourth consecutive year, it was announced on Monday. In 2023, the trainer league was clinched during the final leg by Tipperary-based Andrew Slattery, who secured the overall prize of €5,000 worth of GAIN equine products.

Building on three successful years, the 2024 series includes nine races which will be run for points over a variety of conditions to cater to different trainers and horses throughout the Flat season. All races in the series will continue to benefit from a 50% increase in prize-money.



GAIN The Advantage Series returns for a fourth year in 2024

Bryan Keane

The series will commence at Cork on Sunday, April 21 and then proceed to Leopardstown, Navan, Ballinrobe, Tramore, Down Royal, Tipperary and Killarney. The series finale will be hosted at Naas on Thursday, September 19.

"This initiative has truly thrived over the past three years, becoming an integral part of our commitment to supporting the thoroughbred racing and bloodstock industries, which are vital to our business," said Philip Gilligan, GAIN Equine Nutrition's Irish country manager.

"The series' success stems from its inclusive recognition of all stakeholders involved. Not only does it offer increased prize-money for owners, but it also acknowledges the hard work of trainers through the league table, as well as breeders and the dedicated stable staff. On behalf of our team, I extend our heartfelt best wishes to all connections involved. Here's to an exciting and successful year ahead!"

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Monday's Results:

5th-Lingfield, £9,650, Nov, 4-8, 2yo, 5f 6y (AWT), :59.09, st. KUWAITYA (IRE) (f, 2, Soldier's Call {GB}--Smooth Sailing {GB}, by Bated Breath {GB}), who was a half-length runner-up over this trip in her Mar. 25 unveiling at Newcastle last time, missed a beat at the kick and chased the leading duo in third from flagfall here. Shaken up rounding the home turn, the 4-1 market drifter went second approaching the final furlong and came under a late drive to deny Target Man (Ire) (Earthlight {Ire}) by a neck in the dying strides. Kuwaitya, half to a yearling colt by Elzaam (Aus), is the third of four foals and second scorer produced by a winning daughter of Listed Sceptre S.-winning G2 Rockfel S. third Royal Confidence (GB) (Royal Applause {GB}), herself a full-sister to the stakes-placed Imperious One (Ire) out of G2 Prix Robert Papin victrix Never A Doubt (GB) (Night Shift).

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Descendants of Royal Confidence include Listed Prix La Fleche and Listed Prix des Lilas placegetter Anterselva (Fr) (Fast Company {Ire}). Sales history: 29,000gns Ylg '23 TATOCT. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$10,095. O-Refai Alghurban; B-Ballyhane (IRE); T-Alice Haynes.

FIRST WINNER FOR SIRE

2nd-Wolverhampton, £9,650, Novice, 4-8, 2yo, 5f 21y (AWT), 1:02.47, st.

LADY LIGHTNING (GB) (f, 2, Earthlight {Ire}--Lady Liberty {Ire} {SW-Ger}, by Shirocco {Ger}), sent off at 12-1, was taken straight to the front by Rossa Ryan. Staying on strongly up the straight, the 30,000gns Tatts Book 1 purchase registered a 1 3/4-length verdict over Ashen Glow (Ire) (Earthlight {Ire}) to provide Kildangan Stud's first-season sire with his first winner and a one-two in the bargain. The listed-winning dam, whose yearling colt is by Twilight Son (GB), is a half-sister to the GI Northern Dancer Turf S. and G2 Jebel Hatta winner Wigmore Hall (Ire) (High Chaparral {Ire}) and the GI Gamely S. heroine Ocean Road (Ire) (**Australia {GB}**). Sales history: 30,000gns Wlg '22 TADEWE; 30,000gns Ylg '23 TATOCT. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$6,581. O-The Serendipity Partnership; B-Cashel Rock Bloodstock Ltd (GB); T-Ed Dunlop.

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ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Cynosure (Ire), g, 3, **No Nay Never**--Llew Law (GB), by Verglas (Ire). Lingfield, 4-8, 8f 1y (AWT), 1:37.66. Lifetime Record: 4-1-1-1, \$9,917. B-Newstead Breeding (IRE). *1/2 to Who's Steph (Ire) (Zoffany {Ire}), MGSW-Ire, \$268,378; and Long Arm (Ire) (Rock Of Gibraltar {Ire}), MGSP-Aus, \$259,778.

Gunlock, g, 4, **Into Mischief**--Samsational, by Unbridled's Song. Newcastle, 4-8, 8f 5y (AWT), 1:38.42. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$8,991. B-Newtownanner Stud Farm (NY). *\$525,000 RNA Ylg '21 FTSAUG.

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ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Natural Gift (Fr), f, 3, **Frankel (GB)**--Mairwen (GB), by Dubawi (Ire). Toulouse, 4-8, 10 1/2fT, 2:15.30. B-Godolphin (FR).

Mister President (Fr), c, 3, **The Grey Gatsby (Ire)**--Idee Libre (Fr), by Librettist. Toulouse, 4-8, 10 1/2fT, 2:14.30. B-Ecurie Haras du Cadran & Mme C Levy (FR). *€10,000 Ylg '22 ARQSEP.

WORLDWIDE NEWS

Winx Filly Record, cont. from p1

- The clearance rate is currently 79 per cent, but if the same trend of horses being sold outside the ring continues overnight, then this may rise by tomorrow too.
- Aside from Woppitt Bloodstock who spent AU\$10-million on one yearling, the highest spending buyer across both days of the sale was the China Horse Club / Newgate Farm / Go Racing / Trilogy partnership group who spent AU\$7.6-million on ten yearlings. Dean Hawthorne Bloodstock spent AU\$5.9-million on 11 yearlings. Hawthorne also led the buyers' list for most yearlings purchased, equal with Queensland's KPW Bloodstock who also purchased 11 yearlings (spending AU\$4.56-million).
- Unsurprisingly Coolmore Stud led the vendors list with AU\$27-million worth of yearlings sold, however, with the Winx filly removed, they would still be the leading vendor with 31 other yearlings sold for AU\$17.6-million, ahead of Arrowfield Stud who sold 42 yearlings for AU\$15.8-million.
- Coolmore Stud were also the leading vendor by average price: AU\$862,960 with the Winx filly and AU\$568,225 without. The Chase came in second, selling four yearlings at an average price of AU\$543,750, while Yarraman Park Stud sold 11 yearlings at an average price of AU\$539,545.
- Zoustar (Aus) led the sires list by aggregate with 27 sold for AU\$18.7-million at an average of AU\$693,333 and a median of AU\$550,000, edging out I Am Invincible (Aus) whose 28 yearlings sold made AU\$18.6-million at an average of AU\$666,964 and a median of AU\$525,000.
- Across the two days of selling, the leading first season sire was **Wootton Bassett (GB)** with 22 yearlings sold for an average of AU\$391,364.

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The show-stopper herself: Lot 391, Winx's AU\$10-million heiress *Inglis*

Lot 391 - Pierro x Winx (Street Cry {Ire}), filly, AU\$10,000,000

Drama. Emotion. History. Arguably the most highly anticipated offering ever seen at public auction delivered all that and more as the Pierro filly out of wondermare Winx (Lot 391) brought a jaw-dropping AU\$10-million in front of a packed Inglis auditorium.

There had been much speculation about how much the blue-blooded, Coolmore-consigned youngster would make, and an opening bid of AU\$2-million duly foretold an utterly unprecedented price. The bid board struggled to keep pace with the scale and speed with which the increases came in. The bidding leapt from AU\$3-million to AU\$5-million in one fell swoop and continued to bound upward in seven-figure increments as an offer of AU\$6-million was superseded by a play of AU\$7.5-million.

As proceedings reached the business end Inglis's managing director Mark Webster, taking instructions on the phone from ebullient American owner John Stewart, signalled a bid of AU\$9-million. However, within mere seconds that hand was gazumped when the Woppitt Bloodstock team around Debbie Kepitis, one of Winx's co-owners, delivered the AU\$10-million knockout blow.

"These opportunities do not come along very often," said auctioneer Jonathan D'Arcy as he tried to coax another increase from the assembled crowd. "Once in a lifetime." But with no further bids forthcoming, a visibly emotional Kepitis had seized the moment.

Kepitis raced Winx in partnership with Peter and Patty Tighe's Magic Bloodstock and the late Richard Treweek. In continuing her association with the star mare by buying out her partners in the filly, Coolmore's Tom Magnier said Kepitis had helped to

write "the perfect story". Kepitis explained that she had not set out to secure the filly when the decision was made to bring her to market, but said she had a change of heart as the date with destiny neared.

"I didn't come here to buy this horse originally," she said. "We put her up for auction and then in the last few weeks, all of the family, we started to miss our daughter, granddaughter, so we just decided as best we could, if we could get her we would. I'm privileged to be able to secure this filly on behalf of my family to be able to see if she can get to the racetrack. If she can't get to the racetrack she'll be an amazing mum.

"She's Australian forever. She's going to be just fabulous. Hopefully she'll do a Winx, but it doesn't matter if she doesn't. Thank you to everybody around the world who has taken this on board. It's been thrilling to watch it and we're lucky enough that we came out winners."

Kepitis confirmed that Winx's trainer Chris Waller would oversee the racing career of her daughter. She also expanded on the rationale behind bringing the filly to the Inglis Australian Easter Yearling Sale, saying: "Inglis were amazing. Along with Magic Millions, they are two amazing companies that do a fabulous job of presenting horses for sale in the Australian market. The ownership group had a big decision to decide when and where to sell her. She was always going to be a little bit of a later horse so leaving her until the April sale was really the major thing in our consideration."

Winx rates as arguably the greatest racehorse to grace the Australian turf. Her completely unparalleled race record features no less than 37 victories, the last 33 of which were gained in consecutive fashion. Those successes include a world record tally of 25 Group 1s and saw her career earnings exceed AU\$26-million in prize-money. [Cont.](#)



Conditioner Chris Waller meeting the filly who would grow to become the Inglis Easter topper and a future member of his stable
Chris Waller Racing

She is perhaps best remembered for being the only horse in history to win four runnings of the prestigious Cox Plate, while she also claimed the Horse of The Year title on four occasions.

Unsurprisingly the filly's price totally eclipsed the sum her celebrity dam fetched when she came under the hammer, as Winx was signed for by Guy Mulcaster at 'just' AU\$230,000 at the 2013 Magic Millions Gold Coast Yearling Sale.

Winx has endured a challenging start to her breeding career having lost her first foal, by I Am Invincible, in October 2020. Magnier not only heaped praise on those who helped nurse Winx back to full health, but reiterated how close the story came to ending in complete tragedy.

"It's no secret that Winx lost her first foal and she nearly died," he said. "To be fair to Paddy Sheehan (foaling manager) and all the team at Scone Equine (Hospital) they did an unbelievable job in saving the mare. To think that we have this mare today, who's had a foal, now a yearling, by Pierro, and such a good-looking filly, the behind the scenes of what we went through to get here today, it couldn't happen without the most understanding owners. They've been so patient and so understanding and the team at the farm have done an unbelievable job."

Reflecting on the pressure of selling such a high-profile yearling, a relieved-looking Magnier said: "I think I have a little bit of an idea about the pressure Chris might've felt in some of those races!"

He continued: "The Kepitis family grew up beside us because our farms are next to each other in the Hunter Valley so I've known Debbie since I was young. They've been so good to us and they keep their horses at Coolmore. They won the Derby last week and I thought 'God, how do we beat that?!' and then we've come here today and done this. It's really fitting that this filly is going to the Kepitis family and it's just the perfect story. That was the most important result for me today so I'm just thrilled. I just want to say thanks to Paddy Sheehan and all the staff at Coolmore. To save the mare and get the foal, it's just a dream story."

When asked whether the record-breaking price matched his expectations, Magnier said: "John Stewart was in Australia a couple of weeks ago and he was very confident of getting the filly, but when you come up against Debbie you want to have will and determination! I knew she was going to make a very

high figure because someone is buying history. This is like a classic and a collector's item."

"There's only one person who deserved today and that was Debbie and Paul and the whole family. I don't think you can put a value on a filly like that, especially to someone like Debbie who really wanted this filly. We've been through so much on this journey to get here today. It's just incredible."

The filly's price was exactly double the previous record for an Australian yearling, with BC3 Thoroughbreds giving AU\$5-million for the ill-fated Redoute's Choice (Aus) half-brother to Black Caviar (Aus) (Bel Esprit {Aus}) at the 2013 Easter Sale.

Among those on hand to witness the record-breaking transaction was another of Winx's co-owners, Peter Tighe.

"It was pretty exciting for everybody, not just me!" he said. "It's good for racing, good for breeding, there's no losers here.

It's something you couldn't imagine. People want something and they're prepared to pay for it. If they can afford it, then good luck to them. It's great for Debbie Kepitis and great for the ownership group who'll benefit from the sale, we're really happy."

He continued: "Winx is pregnant again so we're keen to get a nice healthy foal at the end of the year and see where that takes us. There's no guarantees that we'll sell or keep (that foal), we'll just take it as it comes. We do it because we love the sport and we love our horses. It's a

funny thing to say but we didn't come here today for the money, we came here for a purpose and I think we've achieved that with getting the horse out into the breeding world. I'm looking forward to many more years of great stories that all stem from Winx."

Inglis's CEO Sebastian Hutch also shared the sales company's view on proceedings, saying: "It's fantastic and a real privilege for our company to have the opportunity to offer a horse of this magnitude. Obviously Winx is an iconic figure in Australian sport, not just in racing. To have had the opportunity to bring her daughter to market was fantastic. For it to play out the way it has, and to facilitate the scale of interest we've had, has been incredible."

Winx was bred by John Camilleri under the banner of Fairway Thoroughbreds from the Listed-winning Al Akbar mare Vegas Showgirl (NZ).



Patrick (Paddy) Sheehan, Coolmore Australia's foaling manager, handled the record-breaking filly in the ring
Coolmore Australia



Lot 443 went the way of John Stewart, the underbidder for the Winx filly | Inglis

This makes the mighty mare a half-sister to El Divino (Aus) (Snitzel {Aus}), who did his bit to uphold family honour by dead-heating with Astern (Aus) in the Group 3 Kindergarten S.

The presence of Winx's daughter wasn't Camilleri's only involvement in the Easter Sale as he was the client behind James Harron when the agent secured day one's top lot, the Zoustar filly out of Prompt Response (Aus), at AU\$2.2-million. Sunday's session-topper held the record of most expensive yearling filly sold at Inglis for less than 24 hours.

The Winx filly becomes Pierro's most expensive yearling to date by some margin. The stallion's previous best came at last year's Easter Sale when Mick Wallace and Gandharvi signed at AU\$1.75-million for the half-sister to Learning To Fly (Aus) (Justify {USA}).

Pierro, who was crowned leading first- and second-season sire during the 2016-17 and 2017-18 campaigns, stood the most recent breeding season at a fee of AU\$82,500 (inc GST). The son of Lonhro (Aus) is the sire of six Group 1 winners.

Lot 443 - I Am Invincible x Booker (Written Tycoon), filly, AU\$3,000,000

Owner John Stewart may have filled the role of underbidder on the filly out of Winx but the man behind the up-and-coming Resolute Racing operation wasn't to be denied when he went to AU\$3-million for the daughter of I Am Invincible and Booker (Aus) (Written Tycoon {Aus}) later in the session.

Another from the Coolmore draft, the filly is the second foal out of the Group 1 winner, whose finest hour came when landing the 2019 Oakleigh Plate. The full-sister to the Listed-winning Banquo also won the Group 2 Thousand Guineas Prelude and Group 3 Kevin Hayes S.

"She's absolutely stunning and a big thanks goes to John

Stewart," said Magnier. "He came to the farm two weeks ago and looked at the yearlings. He loved the Winx filly and loved this filly as well so I'm delighted that he's got her. What's going on here this week shows the strength of the Australian sport at the moment. It's a bit like Keeneland back in the '80s. The team back at the farm have these horses looking unbelievable."

Booker joined the Coolmore broodmare band at a cost of AU\$1.6-million at the 2020 Chairman's Sale. She has more than repaid connections for their investment as her first foal, a colt by I Am Invincible, sold to Ciaran Maher Bloodstock for AU\$2.5-million at last year's Magic Millions Gold Coast Yearling Sale.

The AU\$3-million price tag would have been an Australian record for a yearling filly prior to the high drama that preceded around 50 lots earlier, with the previous high mark set at AU\$2.6-million. That figure has been reached twice, first by Black Caviar's half-sister Belle Couture (Redoute's Choice) then by Clean Energy (Zoustar), a full-sister to Sunlight who changed hands 12 months ago.

Lot 328 - Zoustar x Summer Sham (Not A Single Doubt), colt, AU\$1,550,000

Another day, another seven-figure yearling for Zoustar as the partnership of China Horse Club, Newgate Farm, Go Bloodstock and Trilogy combined at AU\$1.55-million for the full-brother to the stakes-winning Schwarz. The Widden-consigned colt is the third foal out of Summer Sham (Not A Single Doubt) who won the Group 2 Angus Armanasco S. during her time on the track. The colt boasts a genuine stallion's pedigree as the breed-shaping Redoute's Choice and his half-brother Manhattan Rain appear beneath the fourth dam, Shantha's Choice (Canny Lad).

"He was a very special colt, very fast and by Zoustar, who's flying," said Newgate's managing director Henry Field. "His full-brother is a good horse and he's a beautiful colt. If he can run, he'll make a beautiful stallion, so I'm really pleased to get that horse."

"He's come off a great farm at Widden and the partnership, China Horse Club, Trilogy, Go Bloodstock and the team, are excited. I love being part of the Inglis Easter Sale. It's the best of the best blue-chip stock, and it's great when we can participate and buy the horses we want to buy."

The partnership of China Horse Club, Newgate, Go Bloodstock and Trilogy signed for 11 lots over the two days of the Easter Sale. Their haul on Monday also included Lot 346, the AU\$1.35-million Written Tycoon half-brother to the top-class Shoals (Fastnet Rock) offered by Arrowfield Stud, and Lot 418, an I Am Invincible colt out of the triple Group 2 winner Anaheed (Fastnet Rock), who brought AU\$1.2-million when presented by Segenhoe Stud. [Cont.](#)

Lot 349 - Dundee x Tides (Fastnet Rock), colt, AU\$1,500,000

Agent Dean Hawthorne and the Alpha Syndicate secured the second-most expensive colt of the day when going to AU\$1.5-million for this son of Dundee (NZ) from the Arrowfield draft. The youngster is the third foal out of Tides (Fastnet Rock {Aus}), a winning half-sister to Lot 346 who made AU\$1.35-million. This means Tides is sister to the three-time Group 1 winner Shoals and the Listed-winning Groundswell, while the siblings are out of a half-sister to Redoute's Choice and his illustrious relations.

When reflecting on his purchase, Hawthorne highlighted the competition at the top of the market by saying: "We didn't think we would have to go that high. Quality, quality, quality horse. The best Dundee on the ground with a pedigree. Just moves so well, just an athlete. The Dundee sireline is going along alright at the moment. He was our target colt."

"The Dundeels have a lot of elegance and movement and they get on with the business. This horse will be an autumn 2-year-old and do hopefully what Militarize did through those 1400 metres, 1600 metres Group 1s and then hopefully go on as a 3-year-old."

The colt is the second most expensive yearling by Dundee, with his price beaten only by the filly out of Thousand Guineas winner Stay With Me (Street Cry {Ire}) bought by Hawkes Racing for AU\$1.7-million at Easter in 2022.

Lot 329 - Wootton Bassett x Sunlight (Zoustar), colt, AU\$1,400,000

Paul Moroney and Catheryne Bruggerman stepped up to the mark at AU\$1.4-million to secure the second foal out of the champion filly Sunlight (Zoustar). The Coolmore-consigned colt is from the debut southern hemisphere crop of Wootton Bassett, a group that has already yielded two other seven-figure yearlings this Australian sales season.

Sunlight joined the Coolmore broodmare band at a Magic Millions record of AU\$4.2-million during the 2020 National Broodmare Sale after a remarkable racing career that included three Group 1 scores. She headed up a Zoustar trifecta in the 2018 Coolmore Stud S. with Zousain and Lean Mean Machine in behind, before she claimed the Newmarket H. and William Reid S.

"It's one of the best-bred colts in the sale and it's a fantastic family," said Moroney. "Everyone wants it. The sire is proven in Europe and is doing well down here already. I bought it for a stud, they want to remain undisclosed at this stage but they will obviously be looking at it as a stallion prospect."

"If he can get out there and compete like the rest of the family has, well, he has a great chance. If he can become a Group 1-winning racehorse, he's very well bought at AU\$1.4-million.

It's speed on speed and he's got every chance to be back here doing it for the people involved." Moroney was unable to confirm training plans but indicated it was unlikely to be his brother, Mike, taking charge of the colt as the client involved already has an existing roster of trainers.

Wootton Bassett once stood for as little as €4000 (inc GST) during his early years at Haras d'Etremham in France but, thanks in no small part to siring nine Group/Grade 1 winners, is standing the current northern hemisphere season at Coolmore at a career high of €200,000 (inc GST). The sire of 66 stakes performers was available to Australian breeders at a fee of AU\$93,500 (inc GST) in 2023.

Sunlight is out of the two-time Group 3 winner Solar Charged (Charge Forward) and Widden Stud sold the mare's latest yearling, a colt by Sunlight's sire Zoustar, to the China Horse Club, Newgate, Go Bloodstock and Trilogy partnership for AU\$850,000 as Lot 304.

Earlier in the day the siblings' 2-year-old sister, the AU\$2.6-million buy Clean Energy, registered an impressive trial at Randwick in the colours of Yulong Investments for Gai Waterhouse and Adrian Bott.

Lot 343 - Extreme Choice x Tempt Me Not (Strategic Maneuver), colt, AU\$1,400,000

Sir Owen Glenn's Go Bloodstock tasted Golden Slipper glory courtesy of Lady Of Camelot (Written Tycoon) and the operation was already thinking ahead to next year's Group 1 prize having purchased this Extreme Colt choice for AU\$1.4-million. The ticket was signed in conjunction with Lady Of Camelot's trainers Gai Waterhouse and Adrian Bott, and Kestrel Thoroughbreds.

The dam's three wins on the track include the Group 3 PJ Bell S. and she is already passing on her talent to the next generation having bred two winners from as many runners. [Cont.](#)



Lot 349 - Dundee x Tides colt | Inglis

The seven-figure colt, a great grandson of the Australasian Oaks winner Tempest Morn (Thunder Gulch), was offered by Newgate Farm.

“Sir Owen is travelling back from the States at the moment and he said go get this colt today because he was the standout on physical after our first inspections,” said Go Bloodstock director Steve O'Connor. “Lady Of Camelot, who won the Slipper, was raised at Newgate so we have the utmost confidence in the job that Jim (Carey, stud manager) and Henry (Field) do. He’s by a stallion we’re a shareholder in and we raced Stay Inside. He’s from a really fast family so we thought he was a horse who might take us back to the Slipper next year, touch wood.”

“Gai even has a barn named after the great granddam so it’s a family she was extremely keen on and she also identified this colt early on in the inspection phase. Her and Adrian do a remarkable job with their 2-year-olds so we’re happy to support them for many years. Lady Of Camelot has given us a fantastic ride with them and hopefully that’s only just the beginning and this colt will be the next chapter.”

The Go Bloodstock operation turned seller later in the session when an Exceed And Excel filly out of Group 2 winner Dame Giselle (I Am Invincible) went the way of Kia Ora, Waterhouse and Bott at AU\$1-million. The seven-figure youngster was consigned by The Chase.

“We’re really proud of the foals that we’re breeding,” added O'Connor. “We balance it between buying some colts and selling some fillies each year and she’s a lovely filly. Dame Giselle was a beautiful yearling we bought here at Inglis. Sir Owen’s good friends with Mark Webster and the Inglis family and he loves coming here each year and looking at the big pedigrees and the physicals, so we have a lot of confidence buying here.”

Go Bloodstock was among the busiest buyers at the Easter Sale having also signed alongside China Horse Club, Newgate and Trilogy for 11 lots secured by their colts partnership. O'Connor said: “Henry’s track record with the colt partnership speaks for itself. He’s bought In The Congo here and Wild Ruler and stallions that are standing on his roster. We have the utmost confidence in Henry when he’s buying these colts and I’m glad to see him buying several today.”



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2	3	Ramatuelle	Justify	C Head	Lemaitre	126
3	2	Abstract (Fr)	Wootton Bassett (GB)	Graffard	Barzalona	126
4	5	Tamfana (Ger)	Soldier Hollow (GB)	Menuisier	O Murphy	126
5	6	Shady Lady (Fr)	Blue Point (Ire)	Clement	Pasquier	126
6	7	Great Generation (Ire)	Holy Roman Emperor (Ire)	M Botti	H Doyle	126
7	1	Alabama Moon (Fr)	Jimmy Two Times (Fr)	Blume	Pouchin	126

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2	4	Tortisambert (Fr)	Sioux Nation	Chappet	Pasquier	128
3	6	Lazzat (Fr)	Territories (Ire)	Reynier	Orani	128
4	3	Skylight Brochard (Hol)	Mehmas (Ire)	Donworth	Guyon	128
5	1	Megarry (Ire)	Inns Of Court (Ire)	Bietolini	Moutard	128
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MITOLE, OMAHA BEACH FILLIES BRING THE HEAT AT OBS MONDAY



Hip 199 | Judit Seipert

by Jessica Martini

A filly by Omaha Beach (hip 308), consigned by Omar Ramirez Bloodstock, set the benchmark with a furlong work in :9 3/5 early in Monday's second session of the under-tack preview of the Ocala Breeders' Sales Company's Spring 2-Year-Olds in Training Sale and the time was matched about a half-hour later by a filly by Mitole (hip 335) consigned by Hartley/DeRenzo Thoroughbreds.

Hip 308 is the first foal out of the unraced Marla (Frosted), a half-sister to multiple graded stakes winner Envoutante (Uncle Mo).

"I was expecting a good work from her," said Omar Ramirez. "She prepped really well on the farm. My brother Jose and I were really excited with the way she prepped over there. We knew she would work well. And she did everything right."

Eric Antonio Delvalle purchased the bay filly for \$20,000 at last year's Keeneland September sale.

"She was on the small size when we bought her," Ramirez, who worked with Delvalle to pick out the filly last fall, said. "But she had a beautiful walk and she had all the right parts. We thought about putting her in March, but we thought she was still a little too small for the March sale, so we decided to give her the extra month and that was the best decision." **Cont. Pg 3**

TDN SOPHOMORE TOP 20: SEPARATING CONTENDERS FROM PRETENDERS

by T.D. Thornton

All the nine-furlong prep races have been run, and the Triple Crown-caliber players have stepped forward and established themselves. We're three weeks away from a campaign's worth of enjoyable chaos sorting itself into some semblance of order, which means there's still plenty of time before you have to lock in your GI Kentucky Derby horse. Or maybe you'd prefer to wait for the GI Preakness S., like several top sophomores might end up doing. **Full list continues on pg. 4.**

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The AU\$10,000,000 (\$6,581,500) filly. Debbie Kepitis (part owner of Winx)'s Woppitt Bloodstock purchased the much anticipated Pierro-Winx yearling at Inglis on Monday. John Stewart, bidding on the phone through Inglis's Mark Webster, was underbidder at AU\$9-million. | *Inglis*

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The Pierro (Aus) filly out of wondermare Winx (Aus) (Street Cry {Ire}) brought a jaw-dropping AU\$10-million (US\$6.6-million) in front of a packed Inglis auditorium

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Also on behalf of Delvalle, Ramirez sent out a colt by Omaha Beach (hip 299) to work a quarter in :20 4/5 Monday. The chestnut is out of stakes-placed Malibu Party (Hard Spun), a daughter of Grade I winner Malibu Mint (Malibu Moon). He was purchased for \$120,000 at Keeneland last September.

"[Delvalle] really loved the horse," Ramirez said. "He wanted him for the March sale. But he was the opposite of the filly. He's a big, strong colt. I didn't think he belonged in March. I thought we would give him a little more time and take him to April to let him get stronger. And he worked great, too."

Ramirez will offer a colt by Army Mule (hip 839) on behalf of Delvalle during next week's sale.

"We have big hopes for him," Ramirez said of the juvenile who is slated to work Thursday.

Of Delvalle, Ramirez said, "This is only his second year with me. He had a couple of horses with me last year that he had bought with somebody else. So this is the first year I bought the horses for him."



Randy Hartley | Photos by Z

Just before the hour mark of Monday's under-tack session, Randy Hartley and Dean DeRenzo sent out hip 335 for her bullet breeze.

"She looks like a colt. She's a big two-turn looking filly. And she did it pretty easy," Hartley said of the work. "I was impressed with her."

The filly is out of Mischief Galore (Into Mischief). She was bred by Bill and Corinne Heiligbrodt and, after selling for \$100,000 as a weanling at the 2023 Keeneland January sale, was purchased by

Hartley/DeRenzo for \$200,000 at the Fasig-Tipton July sale.

"We paid pretty good money for her as a yearling," Hartley said. "She was just as beautiful then. She's just gotten a little bit

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bigger. Brian Graves had bought her as a weanling, so you know he buys nothing but good-looking horses.”

Looking ahead to the filly’s date in the sales ring next week, Hartley said, “The stallion is doing good enough and people are giving him enough respect. And I think the Into Mischief on the bottom is just going to help give people that much more confidence.”

A filly from the first crop of Grade I-placed Caracaro (hip 199) turned in Monday’s fastest quarter-mile breeze when working in :20 2/5. Consigned by Global Thoroughbreds, the bay is out of Key d’Oro (Medaglia d’Oro). She was bred by LLP Performance Horses.

Hartley said conditions during Monday’s session of the under-tack show were fairly consistent with Sunday’s opening session, but he is watching the weather forecast for the coming days in Central Florida.

“It was pretty good today,” he said. “We had a little bit of a tailwind today. It seemed like a pretty good track. It was very similar to yesterday. The only thing that really changes this track condition is the wind. That’s what we are going to get into in the next few days because we are supposed to get a major headwind with a storm coming in on Thursday.”

The under-tack show continues through Saturday with sessions beginning each day at 8 a.m. The OBS Spring sale will be held next Tuesday through Friday with bidding starting each day at 10:30 a.m.

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SOPHOMORE TOP 12

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On Apr. 2, three days after Muth's two-length score in the GI Arkansas Derby, trainer Bob Baffert confirmed that this 4-for-6 'TDN Rising Star' is Baltimore-bound for the May 18 GI Preakness S.

"My plan's always been, if he ran well [in Arkansas], we're just pointing him for the Preakness," Baffert told the Oaklawn media team.

Then the very next day, Muth's owner, Zedan Racing Stables, filed a lawsuit in a Kentucky court with the aim of overturning Churchill Downs's corporate ban of Baffert so that Muth (and possibly other horses trained by Baffert) could run in the Kentucky Derby.

We'll leave the ongoing debate about Baffert's Derby eligibility to the judge for the purposes of this writeup.



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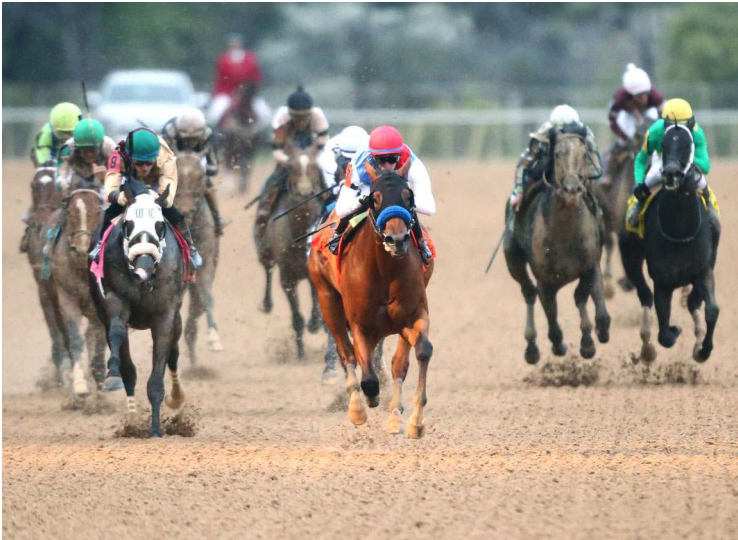
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The assessment still stands that this son of **Good Magic** (\$190,000 KESEEP, \$2 million OBSMAR) is the most consistent and reliable contender at the top of the crop, and he looms as a major threat to blossom into a dominant divisional force. Muth's chief attribute is speed-oriented athleticism fused with a straightforward way of doing whatever has to be done to win.

Baffert said Muth's trip from Santa Anita to Oaklawn "was good for him. First time shipping was important. He ran well."

"Everything went smoothly for him. He looked great in the stretch. Distance is not going to be a problem for him, so that was very encouraging. A mile and an eighth, I've always felt, really starts to separate them. It was a very tough, competitive race."

2) 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: GISW, 4-3-1-0, \$918,000. Last start: WON Apr. 6 GI Blue Grass S.

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In Saturday's GI Blue Grass S., '**TDN Rising Star**' Sierra Leone (**Gun Runner**) built up serious momentum with one of his customary off-the-tailgate runs to mow down the competition.

Although he's still not the most polished version of the racehorse his potential and pedigree suggest he will be, this \$2.3 million FTSAUG sale-topper has enough raw, off-pace power to establish his status as the top-ranked closer in his class.

After being reluctant to load into the outermost post in front of a lively Keeneland crowd that caught his attention, this Chad Brown trainee broke without incident and was dropped down



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next to the fence at the back of the pack by Tyler Gaffalione. With stablemate Top Conor (**Twirling Candy**) establishing an ambitious tempo up front, Sierra Leone waited patiently at the rear, settling unto a rhythmic stride before beginning to unfurl five furlongs out.

Gaffalione sliced him between two rivals nearing the far turn, then popped outside to pick off the mid-pack stragglers. Although still exhibiting a tendency to lean in during his stretch runs like he's shown since age two, Sierra Leone did respond to being roused, and you get the feeling he would have easily shouldered aside any rival who dared get in his way. He won by 1 1/2 lengths and finished up the final sixteenth with his ears pricked forward, indicating he was eager for more.

Sierra Leone's 98 Beyer was a tricky fig to make considering there was only one other main-track route race at Keeneland that afternoon.

Despite being visually arresting, the timing of Sierra Leone's finish was on the tepid side. While the early part of the Blue Grass featured revved-up opening quarter-mile splits of :23.15 and :23.33, Sierra Leone closed ground through a final furlong clocked in :13.43. That's the slowest last eighth among all nine points-awarding Derby preps run at 1 1/8 miles in 2023-24.

3) FOREVER YOUNG (JPN) (c, Reel Steel {Jpn}--Forever Darling, by Congrats). O-Susumu Fujita; B-Northern Racing; T-Yoshito Yahagi. Sales History: ¥98,000,000 Ylg '22 JRHAJUL. Lifetime Record: 5-5-0-0, \$2,049,451. Last start: WON Mar. 30 G2 UAE Derby.

The 5-for-5 Forever Young (Jpn) (Real Steel {Jpn}) raced outermost to win the Feb. 24 one-turn mile G3 Saudi Derby with a long, well-timed drive. He was then parked in the four path on both turns to prevail in the G2 UAE Derby over 1900 meters Mar. 30.

For the most part, those ground-conceding tactics have been by design to keep Forever Young from being pelted by kickback from horses in front of him. His connections are on record as saying that the colt dislikes the dirt spray, and he was equipped with a sort of facemask (like blinkers without the cups) in his last race at Meydan.

Is Forever Young's aversion to kickback a reason to discount his chances in the Kentucky Derby? Probably not if you otherwise like his chances. In any given 20-horse Derby, we end up hearing plenty of post-race comments from the trainers of also-rans stating how their horses just couldn't handle the kickback. Some horses persevere through it, some don't and some are race-to-race about how they handle it.

Plus, it isn't like Forever Young, who sold for the equivalent of \$720,603 at the JRHA Select Yearling and Foal sale, has never dealt with dirt before. He won three times in Japan at age two

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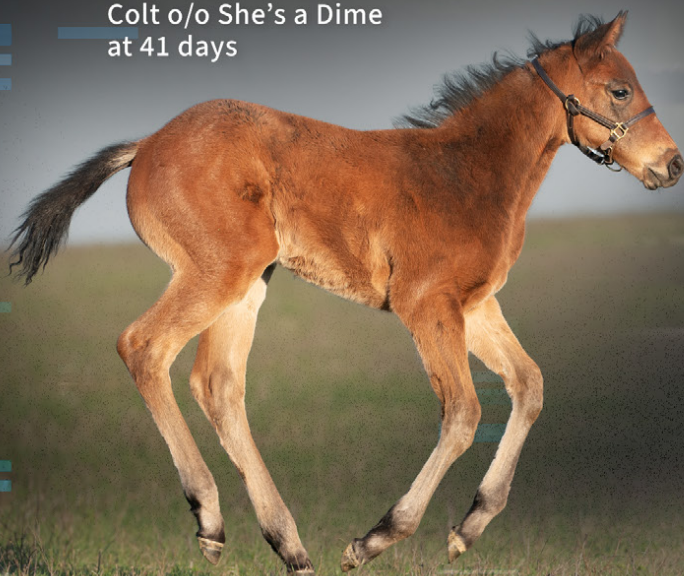
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despite being in spots where he was forced to take at least some kickback.

In his Oct. 14 maiden win, Forever Young was buried behind the first-flight wall of horses before bursting through near the inside rail. Against stakes company Nov. 3, he was covered up toward the rear for most of the trip before tipping outside to win going away. And on Dec. 13, Forever Young raced just off the heels of the pacemaker before punching past on the far turn to romp by seven lengths.

4) 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, MGISW, 5-3-0-1, \$1,703,850. Last start: WON Mar. 30 GI Curlin Florida Derby.

LANE'S END FOALÉD & RAISED

With this past weekend's final nine-furlong prep races yielding wins by two stalkers and one closer, Fierceness's stock upticked because he now looms as the most legitimate speed threat among horses pointing for the Derby.

But bettors in the latest pool for the Kentucky Derby Future Wager--which closed Saturday prior to any of those stakes being run--apparently didn't need to know that bit of pace information before staunchly backing Fierceness. He was established as the 5-2 favorite, a pre-race price that could end up being lower than the 2-year-old champ's actual mutuel odds 3 1/2 weeks from now on Derby Day.

This Repole Stable homebred by City of Light heads to Louisville off a hammer-dropping, 13 1/4-length pasting of an underwhelming GI Curlin Florida Derby field. The impressive 110 Beyer Speed Figure he earned is five points faster than any other number put up by a sophomore so far this year.

But realists will legitimately question the figure's face value considering Fierceness established an all-his-own-way cadence without having to fight hard for the lead or repulse any serious stretch bids.

Eight of the last 10 horses to cross the finish wire first in the Derby have raced on or near the lead. If Fierceness can establish control early, he avoids a lot of potential trouble simply by being out ahead of the first-turn scrum that is an inherent risk in any 20-horse Derby.

5) TRACK PHANTOM (c, Quality Road--Miss Sunset, by Into Mischief) O-L and N Racing LLC, Clark Brewster, Jerry Caroom & Breeze Easy LLC; B-Breeze Easy (KY); T-Steve Asmussen. Sales history: \$500,000 yrl '22 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: GSW, 7-3-2-1, \$405,000. Last start: 4th in Mar. 23 GII Louisiana Derby.

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Track Phantom has been sporting blinkers in the mornings at Churchill Downs in preparation for wearing them for the first time in the Kentucky Derby.

Trainer Steve Asmussen told Daily Racing Form's Marcus Hersch last week that "The blinkers are for what he did from the quarter pole to the wire last time, not what he does in the morning."

Asmussen was referring to this \$500,000 KEESEP son of Quality Road setting a moderate pace in the GII Louisiana Derby, then fading to fourth in deep stretch.

Track Phantom has won three of seven starts, all at a mile or longer, and he consistently breaks well enough to lead the pack,

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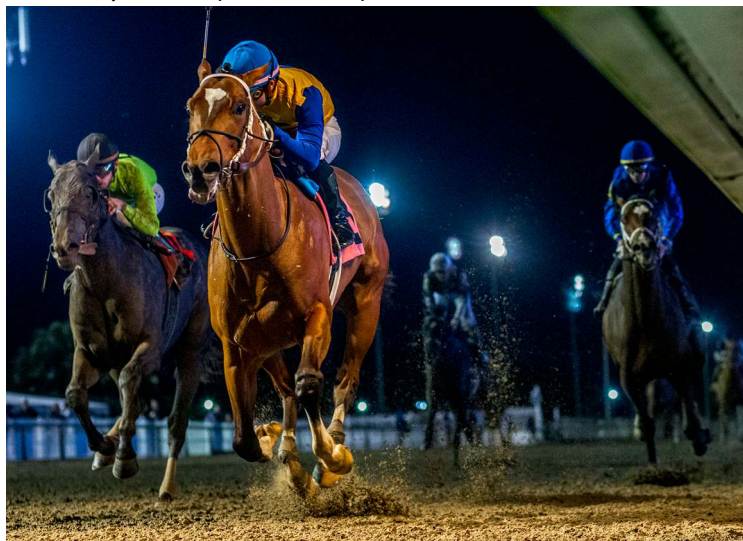
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despite often getting disadvantaged by outside draws. He has experience in fighting off rivals in the stretch, and even though this colt isn't always on the winning end, he has gained valuable experience.

According to DRF's Formulator tool, Asmussen's win percentage with all starters over the past five years is 18%. His 205 trainees adding blinkers for the first time during that time frame won 15% of the time. On five occasions in the past five years, Asmussen has tried first-time blinkers on a Grade I starter. None have won, with the best finish among them a second by Disarm (**Gun Runner**) in the 2023 GI Travers S.



Track Phantom | Hodges Photography

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 KESEEP. Lifetime Record: MGSW, 6-3-2-0, \$552,275. Last start: 4th in the GI Blue Grass S. Apr. 6.

==== **Runnymede Farm Foaled, Raised, and Sold** ====

Dornoch's punchless fourth in the Blue Grass S. is a little easier to make sense of moving forward knowing his connections weren't satisfied with the experiment of rating him off the pace, and that trainer Danny Gargan plans on changing tactics back to letting this colt freewheel on the front end in the Derby.

This \$325,000 KESEEP son of **Good Magic**, who is a full brother to 2023 Derby winner **Mage**, broke running from post four, but Luis Saez had a handful trying to keep his colt under wraps around the first turn. Dornoch was pegged down at the rail in fourth for most of his trip and had only a mild response when asked to pick it up around the far bend. He briefly ran up on the heels of a rival in front of him three-sixteenths from home, then drifted out towards the onrushing Sierra Leone, who blew by Dornoch in upper stretch with zero resistance. **Cont.**

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"He got in there behind," Gargan said. "It's his first time really getting a lot of dirt like that, he resented it a little bit early, Luis said. He said he kind of ran away from the horses. [Dornoch was] a little bit stuck in there. Next time, we'll break him out of [the gate on the lead] and keep his face clean, and he'll run better next time. There's no pressure now. We're going to go over [to Gargan's hometown of Louisville] and have fun."



Dornoch | Sarah Andrew

7) IMAGINATION (c, Into Mischief--Magical Feeling, by Empire Maker) O-SF Racing LLC, Starlight Racing, Madaket Stables LLC, Stonestreet Stables LLC, Dianne Bashor, Robert Masterson, Waves Edge Capital LLC, Catherine Donovan & Tom Ryan; B-Peter Blum Thoroughbreds (KY); T-Bob Baffert. Sales history: \$1,050,000 yrl '22 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: GSW, 5-2-3-0, \$406,800. Last start: 2nd in the GI Santa Anita Derby Apr. 6.

Imagination was a narrowly-beaten second in Saturday's GI Santa Anita Derby. The fact that he forced the issue through a quick opening quarter (:22.72), went after the leader on the far turn, then held the lead for most of the stretch while taking constant pressure from eventual winner Stronghold (**Ghostzapper**) gives his effort an edge in terms of performance under duress--even though he didn't come out on the winning end of the photo.

In fact, it's now three straight route races in which this \$1.05-million KEESEP colt by Into Mischief has hooked up in prolonged late-race fights. One was a win in the Grade II San Felipe S., the two others were neck losses.

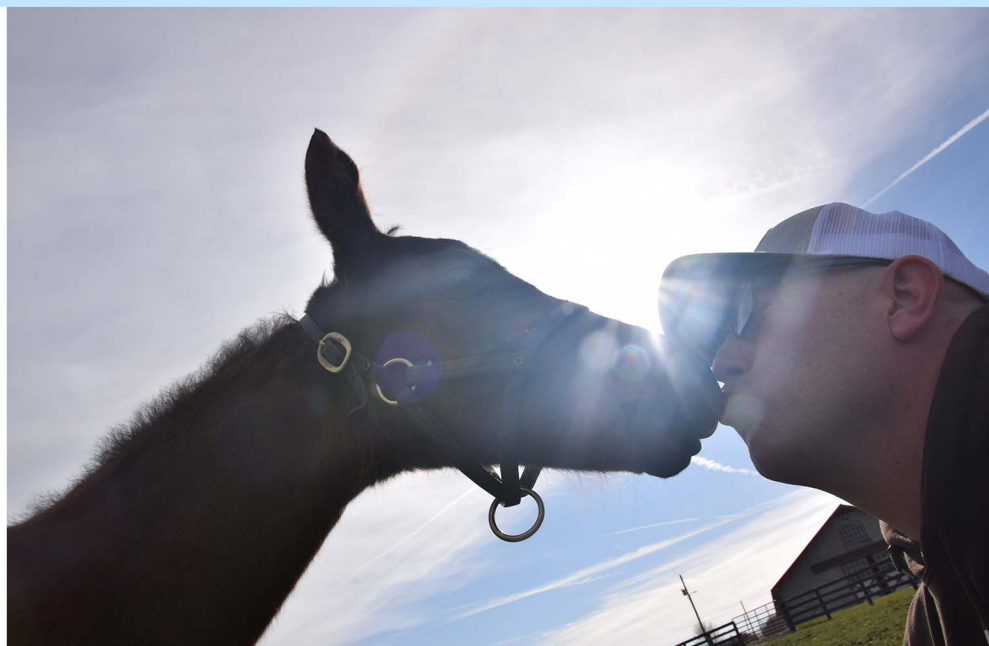
"We jumped good and we had a good pace," said jockey Franke Dettori, noting that pressure from an outside rival turning onto the backstretch meant he pushed Imagination "a little bit earlier than I wanted to. **Cont.**

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"In the stretch I was vulnerable for a closer," Dettori said. "When [Stronghold] passed us, my horse kept fighting back. We were head and head, and he was too strong for me down the line."

Imagination is now 2-4-0 from six lifetime starts. Trainer Bob Baffert has not publicly declared next-race plans.

8) Just a Touch (c, Justify–Touching Beauty, by Tapit) O-Qatar Racing LLC, Resolute Racing & Marc Detampel; B-Don Alberto Corp. (KY); T-Brad Cox. Sales history: \$170,000 RNA '22 KEESAP; \$125,000 yrl '22 FTKOCT; \$300,000 2yo '23 OBSAPR. Lifetime Record: 3-1-2-0, \$281,700. Last start: 2nd in GI Blue Grass S. Apr. 6.

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The second-place effort by Just a Touch in Saturday's Blue Grass S. was commendable on several levels.

This son of **Justify** (\$170,000 RNA KEESAP, \$125,000 FTKOCT, \$300,000 OBSAPR) gets credit for attending a fast pace, then wresting control of the lead from the three-sixteenths marker until just before the sixteenth pole. When Sierra Leone torqued by him, Just A Touch was tiring but not folding, and he galloped out more or less on even terms with the winner.

That performance rates additional credibility considering it was only the third lifetime start and first race around two turns for Just a Touch. And this is a colt who also won't hit his third birthday until the day after the Kentucky Derby.

"The pace was a bit quicker than I thought it would be," said jockey Florent Geroux. "Turning for home, I thought I had it, but was just taken down by Sierra Leone. My horse had a good finish to be second. He ran a good race against really good horses."

Trainer Brad Cox explained that Just a Touch is "going to have to move forward in the next four weeks. Colts can do that. If he moves forward, he will be able to compete in the Derby."

9) RESILIENCE (c, Into Mischief–Meadowsweet, by Smart Strike) O-Emily Bushnell & Ric Waldman; B-Pam & Martin Wygod (KY); T-Bill Mott. Lifetime Record: GSW, 6-2-1-1, \$494,630. Last start: WON Apr. 6 GI Wood Memorial S.

 **LANE'S END FOALED & RAISED** 

Resilience, an Into Mischief colt out of a Smart Strike mare, leapfrogged into Derby relevance with a 2 1/4-length stalking victory (90 Beyer) in Saturday's GI Wood Memorial S. at Aqueduct.

Off at 9-2 odds and adding blinkers for the first time, this Bill Mott trainee broke fluidly from the rail under John Velazquez, then conceded the lead while in a touch tight at the fence through the clubhouse turn.

Resilience enjoyed a no-excuse, ground-saving trip behind sparring 52-1 and 80-1 shots on the front end. Velazquez edged him off the rail 4 1/2 furlongs out, then commenced to chipping away at the leaders' margin through the far bend before collaring those spent rivals at the quarter pole.

There was a spill in upper stretch behind Resilience, but it did not appear to hamper any serious threats to his lead. This colt willingly stayed on late to outfinish 106-1 and 38-1 long shots.

"We broke really well, which was what we wanted to do," Velazquez said. "He got a little bit aggressive, more than I wanted to in the first part. Then I put him out and he kind of relaxed better on the outside of horses. The reason we put blinkers on is because he's kind of hesitant in passing the horses. So, I kind of engaged him a little bit early to see if he'd pass horses and he passed them. Then I was like, 'Oh, man I might've broken a little too soon.' Then he just kept me busy down the lane."



Resilience | Sarah Andrew

10) CATCHING FREEDOM (c, Constitution--Catch My Drift, by Pioneerof the Nile) O-Albaugh Family Stables LLC; B-WinStar Farm (KY); T-Brad Cox. Sales history: \$575,000 yrl '22 KEESAP. Lifetime Record: GSW, 5-3-0-1, \$877,350. Last start: WON Mar. 23 GI Louisiana Derby.

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This **Constitution** colt (\$575,000 KEESAP) is now one breeze into a series of four planned workouts before starting in the Derby, where he's likely to be mid-priced in the betting and expected to close from off the pace.

"He's settled in nicely since we shipped him back to Churchill from Fair Grounds," trainer Brad Cox said after training on Friday. "He was impressive [winning] from that far back in the Louisiana Derby and I think the longer stretch at Churchill, plus the mile-and-a-quarter, should only help him in the Derby."

Catching Freedom is a medium-framed stayer, and ever since he got on the Derby radar with a grind-'em-down win in the Smarty Jones S. at Oaklawn Jan. 1, Cox has reiterated that this colt won't be wowing anyone with his morning workouts.

So the key to figuring out whether you want to back him or beat him in the Derby is going to have to rely more or race-to-race assessment rather than how Catching Freedom trains over the next 3 1/2 weeks. His Beyer progression has been 72-77-87-87-97.

11) JUST STEEL (c, Justify--Irish Lights {Aus}, by Fastnet Rock {Aus}). O-BC Stables, LLC; B-Summerhill Farm (KY); T-D. Wayne Lukas. Sales History: \$500,000 Ylg '22 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: GISP, 11-2-4-1, \$724,545. Last start: 2nd Mar. 30 GI Arkansas Derby.

Even though he's an outlier likely to go off north of 30-1, you don't have to squint too hard at Just Steel's past performances to make a case for this D. Wayne Lukas trainee.

This \$500,000 KEESEP son of 2018 Triple Crown champ Justify has a bedrock (by today's standards) foundation of 11 starts leading up to Louisville. On three occasions at age three, he's finished second around two turns in points-awarding prep stakes, and the one time he didn't, Just Steel was five wide round both turns at Oaklawn.

His final Kentucky Derby tune-up in the Arkansas Derby was also better than it might seem on paper: Just Steel raced close to the pace despite getting hooked four wide on the first turn, and he sustained his run through the lane in workmanlike fashion without tossing in the towel, finishing only two lengths behind No. 1-ranked Muth.



Just Steel | Coady

12) STRONGHOLD (c, Ghostzapper--Spectator, by Jimmy Creed) O/B-Eric M. and Sharon Waller (KY); T-Philip D'Amato. Lifetime Record: GISW, 6-3-3-0, \$827,200. Last start: WON Apr. 6 GI Santa Anita Derby.

Foaled & Raised at Mulholland Springs

This Ghostzapper-sired homebred for Rick and Sharon Waller is Kentucky-bound after winning the stretch slugfest in the Santa Anita Derby at 2.2-1 odds. His Beyer of 89 matches the figure he earned when victorious in the GIII Sunland Derby Feb. 18.

Of the nine 1 1/8-miles prep stakes on the Kentucky Derby qualifying calendar this season, the Santa Anita Derby holds the distinction of featuring the fastest opening quarter-mile (:22.72) and the slowest fourth-quarter split (:25.98).

Stronghold broke for the lead straight out of the gate, then was rated back to fourth by Antonio Fresu. After stalking the pacemakers, Stronghold shadowed Imagination on the far turn, split horses in upper stretch, then took over at the eighth pole. For the second straight race, he lost but recaptured the lead in the stretch, prevailing in the final 50 yards with admirable tenacity.

"Stronghold is a horse that just continues to improve, and I think it's the farther the better with him," trainer Phil D'Amato said. "He does just enough. He's shown the will to win, but those are usually the kinds of horses that stretch out well because they don't use themselves too much early and drain the gas tank. They have something left. I'm happy where we're at with him right now."

Potentially rounding out the Derby starting gate...

13) Endlessly (Oscar Performance)

After Endlessly won the Mar. 23 GIII Jeff Ruby Steaks S. to run his record to 5-for-6, with all wins on turf or Tapeta, trainer Michael McCarthy said that this Amerman Racing homebred would be pointed for the GII American Turf S. on the Kentucky Derby undercard instead of using the colt's eligibility points to get into the Derby itself.

Endlessly's connections have since caught Derby fever--or at least a whiff of it.

"After the Jeff Ruby, Mr. Amerman and I talked and we're going to leave all of our options open," McCarthy said after Endlessly breezed an easy four furlongs in :49.60 (78/111) over the Churchill dirt Saturday morning. "We still have a few weeks to train here and have some time to make a final decision as to what we do next."

You wouldn't blame them for taking a shot. Endlessly has six starts, all at a mile or longer, and has already twice won over nine furlongs. His four-length, complete-control win with a big outside move in that Turfway stake completely outclassed the field.

14) Mystik Dan (Goldencents)

Mystik Dan was carried out wide entering the backstretch of the Arkansas Derby and took the second turn in the four path. But he stalled when called upon for run and ended up third, beaten 6 1/2 lengths, in his nine-furlong debut.

He currently makes the Kentucky Derby qualifying cutoff with 46 points and will be in "regroup" mode for trainer Kenny McPeck, who hopes a little extra distance will allow this homebred son of Goldencents for owners Lance Gasaway, Daniel Hamby and 4G Racing to get back to his 101-Beyer winning form from the GIII Southwest S.

15) Domestic Product (Practical Joke)

Domestic Product, a Chad Brown-trained homebred for Klaravich Stables, won the GIII Tampa Bay Derby with an 82 Beyer Speed Figure, a five-point regression off his 87-Beyer second in the GIII Holy Bull S.

The Tampa Derby was run as a non-wagering race because of bet-processing problems that caused a delay of more than half an hour past scheduled post.

Domestic Product was a midpack fifth behind a dawdling pace before being shaken up for run and surviving a three-way bob for the win.

For the second straight race, Domestic Product closed into unusually slow fractions. The first two quarter-mile splits in the Holy Bull were :25.03 and :25.50. The Tampa Derby's three opening quarters were clocked in :25.25, :25.89 and :25.07.

Trainer Chad Brown told *TDN* on Monday that Irad Ortiz, Jr. will pick up the Derby mount on Domestic Product while Tyler Gaffalione sticks with Sierra Leone.

16) Honor Marie (Honor Code)

Honor Marie, a modest-framed \$40,000 KEESEP colt by Honor Code who turns three on Derby Day, won the GII Kentucky Jockey Club S. at Churchill back on Nov. 25 by rating from last after five horses dueled early and two others took late-race runs at the lead.

In two starts in 2024, this Whit Beckman trainee was fifth in the GII Risen Star S., a key race that notably produced next-out, nine-furlong graded stakes winners Sierra Leone, Catching Freedom and Resilience. Honor Marie was second in his next outing, a 96-Beyer deep-closing try in the Louisiana Derby.

17) Society Man (Good Magic)

Now trainer Danny Gargan will have not one, but two **Good Magic** colts aiming for the Derby. Society Man's runner-up effort at 106-1 odds in the Wood Memorial secured the points berth to make the qualifying cutoff.

This \$85,000 KEESEP yearling does have three races worth of

experience at nine furlongs, although his only win was an on-Lasix score over a muddy, one-turn mile at Aqueduct Mar. 9.

"His mother won going a mile and an eighth and he's getting better," Gargan said.

That win by dam You Cheated was her only dirt-track score from four wins, and it came at Churchill Downs in the slop in 2018.

18) West Saratoga (Exaggerator)

West Saratoga, an \$11,000 KEESEP colt, is currently 11th on the Derby qualifying list with 67 points. He closed at 121-1 in this past weekend's Kentucky Derby Future Wager.

West Saratoga won the very first points-awarding prep stakes of the campaign, the GIII Iroquois S. back on Sept. 16 at Churchill. He sat fourth behind a breakaway pacemaker, then came with a long, lumbering run to score at 12-1 odds.

This gray hasn't won since. At age three, he's been second, third, then second in the Pasco S., GIII Davis S. and Jeff Ruby S.



West Saratoga | Coady

19) Catalytic (Catalina Cruiser)

Catalytic (\$70,000 KEENOV, \$125,000 FTSAUG) hit the side of the starting gate then got fanned four wide into the clubhouse turn of the Florida Derby. He was no match for runaway winner Fierceness, but held second in a best-of-the-rest performance that earned 50 qualifying points to get into the Kentucky Derby.

In his only other two starts, this son of **Catalina Cruiser** (out of a Distorted Humor mare) broke his maiden sprinting at Gulfstream last October, then finished second as the beaten favorite in an optional claimer/allowance at Tampa Mar. 8.



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20) T O Password (Jpn) (Copano Rickey {Jpn})

The connections of the 2-for-2 T O Password (Jpn) have accepted an invitation to compete in the Derby for accruing 40 points in the Japan Road to the Kentucky Derby series.

This is a forward-running colt whose two victories have come against lesser company than that kept by fellow Japanese contender Forever Young.

In the Mar. 23 1,800-meter Fukuryu S., this 13-1 Daisuke Takayanagi trainee went straight to the lead but had to be saved by the wire after losing a four-length cushion in the final half a furlong.

Woodbine's leading rider last year, Kazushi Kimura, has been booked to ride in the Derby.

T O Password won't hit his third birthday until May 20.

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REPORT: CDI FILES MOTION TO DISMISS ZEDAN'S DERBY LAWSUIT

Churchill Downs, Inc. (CDI) filed a motion Apr. 8 to dismiss a lawsuit by Zedan Racing Stables, Inc., that seeks to lift a CDI-imposed ban against horses trained by Bob Baffert in the GI Kentucky Derby.

Jason Frakes of the Louisville Courier Journal was among the **first to report** on the motion, which was filed in Kentucky the same morning as a Jefferson County Circuit Court hearing was held on the matter.

That Monday hearing put off until at least Apr. 15 a decision on owner Amr Zedan's request for an injunction or on CDI's motion to dismiss.

"Everybody involved in horse racing is watching this issue, I'm sure," Judge Mitch Perry was quoted in the Courier Journal.

Zedan owns the GI Arkansas Derby winner Muth (**Good Magic**), who would be among the Derby favorites if allowed to race.

It is unclear if a ruling in favor of Zedan would allow other Baffert trainees owned by different entities to also participate in the Derby, or if any lifting of the ban would also permit Baffert's trainees to enter the GI Kentucky Oaks.

According to the Courier Journal, CDI's motion stated that "The demand for a last-minute judicial takeover of the world's most storied horse race...is baseless, outrageous and should be immediately rejected."

After Medina Spirit tested positive for betamethasone in the 2021 Derby, Baffert was banned from CDI's properties for two years. A federal judge in February 2023 denied Baffert a preliminary injunction that the Hall-of-Fame trainer had sought to be eligible to race in the Derby. Last July CDI extended the ban at least through 2024.

Baffert is not a party to this latest lawsuit filed by Zedan in a Kentucky state court.

"CDI's spurious, illegal extension of the suspension does not withstand scrutiny and imperils a host of interested stakeholders," Zedan's **Apr. 3 complaint** stated.

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DEBBIE KEPITIS SECURES WINX FILLY FOR RECORD-BREAKING PRICE *by TTR Aus/NZ*



The AU\$10-million Piero x Winx filly | *Inglis*

Drama. Emotion. History. Arguably the most highly anticipated offering ever seen at public auction delivered all that and more as the Piero (Aus) filly out of wondermare Winx (Aus) (Street Cry {Ire}) brought a jaw-dropping AU\$10-million (US\$6.6-million) in front of a packed Inglis auditorium.

There had been much speculation about how much the blue-blooded, Coolmore-consigned youngster would make, and an opening bid of \$2-million duly foretold an utterly unprecedented price. The bid board struggled to keep pace with the scale and speed with which the increases came in. The bidding leapt from \$3-million to \$5-million in one fell swoop and continued to bound upward in seven-figure increments as an offer of \$6-million was superseded by a play of \$7.5-million.

As proceedings reached the business end Inglis's managing director Mark Webster, taking instructions on the phone from ebullient American owner John Stewart, signalled a bid of \$9-million. However, within mere seconds that hand was gazumped when the Woppitt Bloodstock team around Debbie Kepitis, one of Winx's co-owners, delivered the \$10-million knockout blow.

In the weeks leading up to the sale, Stewart had been promising on X to buy the horse. "We're 100% buying the Winx filly," he said. After the sale, he Tweeted, "I am so happy for Debbie. Well played. Lots of respect."

"These opportunities do not come along very often," said auctioneer Jonathan D'Arcy as he tried to coax another increase

from the assembled crowd. "Once in a lifetime." But with no further bids forthcoming, a visibly emotional Kepitis had seized the moment.

Kepitis raced Winx in partnership with Peter and Patty Tighe's Magic Bloodstock and the late Richard Treweek. In continuing her association with the star mare by buying out her partners in the filly, Coolmore's Tom Magnier said Kepitis had helped to write "the perfect story". Kepitis explained that she had not set out to secure the filly when the decision was made to bring her to market, but said she had a change of heart as the date with destiny neared.

"I didn't come here to buy this horse originally," she said. "We put her up for auction and then in the last few weeks, all of the family, we started to miss our daughter, granddaughter, so we just decided as best we could, if we could get her we would. I'm privileged to be able to secure this filly on behalf of my family to be able to see if she can get to the racetrack. If she can't get to the racetrack she'll be an amazing mum.

"She's Australian forever. She's going to be just fabulous. Hopefully she'll do a Winx, but it doesn't matter if she doesn't. Thank you to everybody around the world who has taken this on board. It's been thrilling to watch it and we're lucky enough that we came out winners."

Kepitis confirmed that Winx's trainer Chris Waller would oversee the racing career of her daughter. She also expanded on the rationale behind bringing the filly to the Inglis Australian Easter Yearling Sale, saying: "Inglis were amazing. Along with Magic Millions, they are two amazing companies that do a fabulous job of presenting horses for sale in the Australian market. The ownership group had a big decision to decide when and where to sell her. She was always going to be a little bit of a later horse so leaving her until the April sale was really the major thing in our consideration."

Winx rates as arguably the greatest racehorse to grace the Australian turf. Her completely unparalleled race record features no less than 37 victories, the last 33 of which were gained in consecutive fashion. Those successes include a world record tally of 25 Group 1s and saw her career earnings exceed \$26-million in prize-money.

She is perhaps best remembered for being the only horse in history to win four runnings of the prestigious Cox Plate, while she also claimed the Horse of The Year title on four occasions.

Unsurprisingly the filly's price totally eclipsed the sum her celebrity dam fetched when she came under the hammer, as Winx was signed for by Guy Mulcaster at 'just' \$230,000 at the 2013 Magic Millions Gold Coast Yearling Sale.

Winx has endured a challenging start to her breeding career having lost her first foal, by I Am Invincible, in October 2020. Magnier not only heaped praise on those who helped nurse Winx back to full health, but reiterated how close the story came to ending in complete tragedy.

"It's no secret that Winx lost her first foal and she nearly died," he said. "To be fair to Paddy Sheehan (foaling manager) and all the team at Scone Equine (Hospital) they did an unbelievable job in saving the mare. To think that we have this mare today, who's had a foal, now a yearling, by Pierro, and such a good-looking filly, the behind the scenes of what we went through to get here today, it couldn't happen without the most understanding owners. They've been so patient and so understanding and the team at the farm have done an unbelievable job."

Reflecting on the pressure of selling such a high-profile yearling, a relieved-looking Magnier said: "I think I have a little bit of an idea about the pressure Chris might've felt in some of those races!"

He continued: "The Kepitis family grew up beside us

because our farms are next to each other in the Hunter Valley so I've known Debbie since I was young. They've been so good to us and they keep their horses at Coolmore. They won the Derby last week and I thought 'God, how do we beat that?!' and then we've come here today and done this. It's really fitting that this filly is going to the Kepitis family and it's just the perfect story. That was the most important result for me today so I'm just thrilled. I just want to say thanks to Paddy Sheehan and all the staff at Coolmore. To save the mare and get the foal, it's just a dream story."

When asked whether the record-breaking price matched his expectations, Magnier said: "John Stewart was in Australia a couple of weeks ago and he was very confident of getting the filly, but when you come up against Debbie you want to have will and determination! I knew she was going to make a very high figure because someone is buying history. This is like a classic and a collector's item." **Cont.**



Coolmore Australia's Tom Magnier and American Pharoah
Coolmore Australia

“There’s only one person who deserved today and that was Debbie and Paul and the whole family. I don’t think you can put a value on a filly like that, especially to someone like Debbie who really wanted this filly. We’ve been through so much on this journey to get here today. It’s just incredible.”

The filly’s price was exactly double the previous record for an Australian yearling, with BC3 Thoroughbreds giving \$5-million for the ill-fated Redoute’s Choice half-brother to Black Caviar (Bel Esprit) at the 2013 Easter Sale.

Among those on hand to witness the record-breaking transaction was another of Winx’s co-owners, Peter Tighe.

“It was pretty exciting for everybody, not just me!” he said. “It’s good for racing, good for breeding, there’s no losers here. It’s something you couldn’t imagine. People want something and they’re prepared to pay for it. If they can afford it, then good luck to them. It’s great for Debbie Kepitis and great for the ownership group who’ll benefit from the sale, we’re really happy.”



Winx and her 2022 Pierro filly | Chris Waller Racing

He continued: “Winx is pregnant again so we’re keen to get a nice healthy foal at the end of the year and see where that takes us. There’s no guarantees that we’ll sell or keep (that foal), we’ll just take it as it comes. We do it because we love the sport and we love our horses. It’s a funny thing to say but we didn’t come here today for the money, we came here for a purpose and I think we’ve achieved that with getting the horse out into the breeding world. I’m looking forward to many more years of great stories that all stem from Winx.”

Inglis’s CEO Sebastian Hutch also shared the sales company’s view on proceedings, saying: “It’s fantastic and a real privilege for our company to have the opportunity to offer a horse of this magnitude. Obviously Winx is an iconic figure in Australian sport, not just in racing. To have had the opportunity to bring her daughter to market was fantastic. For it to play out the way it

has, and to facilitate the scale of interest we’ve had, has been incredible.”

Winx was bred by John Camilleri under the banner of Fairway Thoroughbreds from the Listed-winning Al Akbar mare Vegas Showgirl. This makes the mighty mare a half-sister to El Divino (Snitzel), who did his bit to uphold family honour by dead-heating with Astern in the Group 3 Kindergarten S.

The presence of Winx’s daughter wasn’t Camilleri’s only involvement in the Easter Sale as he was the client behind James Harron when the agent secured day one’s top lot, the Zoustar filly out of Prompt Response, at \$2.2-million. Sunday’s session-topper held the record of most expensive yearling filly sold at Inglis for less than 24 hours.

The Winx filly becomes Pierro’s most expensive yearling to date by some margin. The stallion’s previous best came at last year’s Easter Sale when Mick Wallace and Gandharvi signed at \$1.75-million for the half-sister to Learning To Fly (**Justify** {USA}).

Pierro, who was crowned leading first- and second-season sire during the 2016-17 and 2017-18 campaigns, stood the most recent breeding season at a fee of \$82,500 (inc GST). The son of Lonhro is the sire of six Group 1 winners.

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IRAD ORTIZ, JR. PICKS UP DERBY MOUNT ON DOMESTIC PRODUCT

by Bill Finley

Chad Brown has selected Irad Ortiz Jr. to ride his GIII Tampa Bay Derby winner **Domestic Product** (**Practical Joke**) in this year’s GI Kentucky Derby.

The mount opened up when **Sierra Leone** (**Gun Runner**) won Saturday’s GI Blue Grass S. with Tyler Gaffalione aboard. Gaffalione, also the regular rider of Domestic Product, will stick with the highly regarded Sierra Leone, who could be the second choice in the Derby.

“We were lucky enough to pick up Irad Ortiz on (Domestic Product). So he’s going to ride him in the Derby, which is great,” Brown said.

Ortiz has had seven mounts in the Derby and has yet to hit the board with any. Brown is also 0-for-7 in the race.

While Sierra Leone may be his main gun, Brown thinks highly of Domestic Product.

“That horse is an under-the-radar real contender in the Derby,” Brown said. “He has a really fast figure at a mile-and-an-eighth as a two-year-old to keep working off of.”

Gaffalione is also a fan of Domestic Product.

“Tyler said to me, ‘he’s not that far behind (Sierra Leone).’” Brown said. “Trust me, the horse goes a mile and a quarter. There’s not as much separating these horses as you think. That’s what he told me.”

Domestic Product broke his maiden in his second career start last fall at the Belmont at Aqueduct meet. After a poor effort in the GII Remsen S. he was second in the GIII Holy Bull S. He then won the Tampa Bay Derby by a neck over No More Time ([Not This Time](#)).

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BREEDERS' CUP RELEASES 2024 DIRT DOZEN SCHEDULE



Sarah Andrew

The 2024 schedule for the Breeders' Cup Dirt Dozen, an incentive-based participation bonus program for horsemen pointing runners to the dirt races in the Breeders' Cup World Championships, was released Monday. Launched in 2022, the 12-race program is comprised of existing graded stakes races scheduled from May through October at six tracks throughout the United States.

"We are happy to once again offer our lucrative Dirt Dozen program," said Dora Delgado, Executive Vice President and Chief Racing Officer of Breeders' Cup Limited. "Each year \$525,000 is offered in awards, and many horsemen benefit from the credits offered towards entry fees for our Championship dirt races. We look forward to extending this incentive once again to connections preparing for a dirt division race at Del Mar this November."

The Dirt Dozen program will again award bonus credits funded by the Breeders' Cup for first through third finishes in the 12-race schedule. Horsemen may use those credits toward entry fees for one of six Breeders' Cup World Championships dirt races: the \$2 million G1 Longines Breeders' Cup Distaff, \$2 million G1 Breeders' Cup Sprint, \$2 million G1 FanDuel Breeders' Cup Juvenile, \$2 million G1 NetJets Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies, \$1 million G1 PNC Bank Breeders' Cup Filly & Mare Sprint, and the \$1 million G1 Big Ass Fans Breeders' Cup Dirt Mile.

In Dirt Dozen races in the \$2 million Breeders' Cup race divisions, the bonus tier is allocated at \$30,000 for first, \$15,000 for second, and \$7,500 for third. In Dirt Dozen races in the \$1 million Breeders' Cup race divisions, the bonus tier will award \$15,000 for first, \$7,500 for second, and \$3,750 for third. Horses may bankroll multiple awards earned and apply toward their Championship entry fees.

For more information, click [here](#).

2024 DIRT DOZEN SCHEDULE BY DIVISION

DIRT MILE - GII San Diego H. July 27, GIII Philip H. Iselin S. Aug. 17

DISTAFF - GII Fleur de Lis S. June 29, GII Zenyatta S. Sept. 29

FILLY & MARE SPRINT - GI Derby City Distaff May 4, GIII Rancho Bernardo H. Aug. 25

JUVENILE - GI Del Mar Futurity Sept. 8, GIII Iroquois S. Sept. 14

JUVENILE FILLIES - GI Spinaway S. Aug. 31, GIII Pocahontas S. Sept. 14

SPRINT - GIII Maryland Sprint S. May 18, GII Santa Anita Championship Sept. 28.

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ASMUSSEN, ELLIOTT AND L AND G RACING TAKE 2024 SAM HOUSTON TITLES

Sam Houston Race Park concluded its 43-day Thoroughbred live racing season Sunday, Apr. 7. Heading the training ranks this season, Steve Asmussen notched his 16th title after receiving the honor in 2000, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005; 2014 -2024. Asmussen started 249 runners, finishing with a record of 48 wins, 36 seconds, 31 thirds and earnings of \$1,260,342.

J. R. Caldwell was second in the standings with 28 victories. Trainer Ronnie Cravens won 22 races and Sarah Davidson rounded out the top four conditioners with 19 winners.

Jockey Stewart Elliott held off a stiff bid from several jockeys to claim his fourth title at Sam Houston. The 59-year-old rode 39 winners from 215 mounts, earning \$1,123,500 and finishing in the money at 41%.

For the past four years, Asmussen and Elliott have won titles

together here, Lone Star Park and Remington Park.

Floyd Wethey, Jr. won 32 races to finish second in the standings while Fernando Jara was third with 31 victories. Rene Diaz finished fourth with 30 trips to the winner's circle

For the second year in a row, L and G Racing Stables wrapped up owner of the meet honors. The ownership group, with principal owner Genesis Castillo, competes in Texas as well as Louisiana. The group also took leading owner honors at Fair Grounds in 2023. L and G finished with a record of 17 winners from 195 starts and purses of \$376,723. Cesar Govea is their primary trainer. Steve Asmussen finished second in the standings with 14 wins, followed by Henry Witt, Jr. (13) and Carl Moore Management, LLC (11).

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Stewart Elliott honored with his fourth riding title at Sam Houston
Coady

TOBA TO HOST 2-DAY BREEDING CLINIC

Several farms in and around Lexington, KY will be represented as part of a two-day breeding clinic hosted by the Thoroughbred Owners and Breeders Association. The event, which will be held June 7-8, will take attendees to Lane's End, Mulholland Springs, Crestwood Farm and Pin Oak Stud and also includes a tour of Hagyard Equine Medical Institute. Educational opportunities will touch on all aspects of breeding including mating plans, foaling procedures and veterinary perspectives. Registration for this event is open to the public and [available here](#).

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PDJF NAMES JOE CLABES AS NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Joe Clabes is the new Executive Director of the Permanently Disabled Jockeys Fund, the organization announced Monday. Clabes joins current PDJF President Nancy LaSala and will

oversee “finance, technology, internal operations and controls along with disbursement of benefits to disabled jockeys.”

“We are thrilled to welcome Joe as the new Executive Director of the Permanently Disabled Jockeys Fund,” said William J. Punk, Jr, Chairperson of the PDJF Board of Directors. “Joe has strong leadership and management skills and is dedicated to supporting the needs of disabled jockeys.”

“I am honored to have the opportunity to serve the Permanently Disabled Jockeys Fund as Executive Director and assist the organization in taking the next steps in its evolution,” said Clabes. “I look forward to working closely with Nancy, the PDJF team, our partners, and the broader horse racing community to continue the important work of providing assistance and support to our permanently disabled jockeys.”

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Collected (City Zip) <i>(Roberta's Love--Evening Jewel S.)</i>	12	4
Constitution (Tapit) <i>(Neat--Transylvania S.-GIII)</i>	41	20
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Creative Cause (Giant's Causeway) <i>(Bo Cruz--Commonwealth S.-GIII)</i>	25	8
Ghostzapper (Awesome Again) <i>(Stronghold--Santa Anita Derby-GI)</i>	99	54 (15)
Gun Runner (Candy Ride {Arg}) <i>(Sierra Leone--Toyota Blue Grass S.-GI)</i>	28	20 (8)
Hard Spun (Danzig) <i>(Kupuna--Evangeline Mile S.)</i>	83	40



Neat became the latest graded winner for WinStar's **Constitution** in the opening-day GIII Transylvania S. at Keeneland | *Coady*

Into Mischief (Harlan's Holiday)	149	72 (21)
<i>(Denim and Pearls--Beaumont S.-GII)</i>		
<i>Leslie's Rose--Central Bank Ashland S.-GI)</i>		
<i>Resilience--Wood Memorial S.-GII)</i>		
Nyquist (Uncle Mo)	23	12
<i>(Johannes--American S.-GIII)</i>		
Practical Joke (Into Mischief)	21	11
<i>(Shidabhuti--Distaff S.-GIII)</i>		

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Twirling Candy (Candy Ride {Arg})	49	20
<i>(Ag Bullet--Monrovia S.-GIII;</i>		
<i>The Donegal Clan--Lafayette S.;</i>		
<i>Where's My Ring--Gazelle S.-GIII)</i>		

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NOMINATE A MARE • EMAIL CHRIS KNEHR**

Upstart (Flatter)	15	5
<i>(Reasoned Analysis--Bay Shore S.-L)</i>		

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Friday, Keeneland #9, post time: 5:16 p.m. EDT

MAKER'S MARK MILE S.-GI, \$600,000, 4yo/up, 1mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Equitize (GB)	Kingman (GB)	Klaravich Stables, Inc.	Brown	Ortiz	123
2	Emmanuel 🌿	More Than Ready	Siena Farm LLC and WinStar Farm LLC	Pletcher	Ortiz, Jr.	123
3	Naval Power (GB)	Teofilo (Ire)	Godolphin, LLC	Appleby	Gaffalione	123
4	Master of The Seas (Ire)	Dubawi (Ire)	Godolphin, LLC	Appleby	Buick	123
5	Kubrick (Ire)	Dubawi (Ire)	Peter M. Brant	Brown	Prat	123
6	Shirl's Speight	Speightstown	Charles E. Fipke	Attfield	Saez	123
7	Du Jour 🌿	Temple City	Baffert, Natalie J. and Lanni, Debbie	Baffert	Velazquez	123
8	Integration	Quality Road	West Point Thoroughbreds and Woodford Racing	McGaughey III	Dettori	123

Breeders: 1-Newsells Park & Ammerland GmbH & Co.KG, 2-Helen K. Groves Revocable Trust, 3-Godolphin, 4-Godolphin, 5-White Birch Farm, SC, 6-Charles Fipke, 7-Woods Edge Farm, LLC, 8-Larkin Armstrong

Saturday, Oaklawn #11, post time: 6:46 p.m. EDT

APPLE BLOSSOM H.-GI, \$1,250,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Free Like a Girl	EI Deal	Gerald Bruno Jr, Chasey Deville Pomier & J Caroom	Pomier	Manrique	117
2	Taxed 🌿	Collected	Richard Bahde	Morse	Torres	118
3	Wet Paint	Blame	Godolphin, LLC	Cox	Prat	122
4	Adare Manor	Uncle Mo	Michael Lund Petersen	Baffert	Hernandez	123
5	Flying Connection 🌿	Nyquist	Brad King, Randy Andrews, G. Chris Coleman, Jim Cone, Suzanne Kirby and Lee Lewis	Fincher	Santana, Jr.	118
6	Misty Veil 🌿	Tonalist	Resolute Racing	Maker	Vazquez	118
7	Honor D Lady 🌿	Honor Code	Final Furlong Farm and Madaket Stables LLC	Joseph, Jr.	Castellano	120
8	Bellamore 🌿	Empire Maker	Kaleem Shah, Inc.	Asmussen	Asmussen	120
9	Shotgun Hottie	Gun Runner	Omar Aldabbagh and Jeff Ganje	DeVaux	Lopez	117

Breeders: 1-Kim Renee Stover & Lisa Osborne, 2-Brereton C. Jones, 3-Godolphin, 4-Town & Country Horse Farms, LLC & GaryBroad, 5-Liberty Road Stables, 6-William Humphries & Altair Farms, LLC, 7-William Harrigan & Mike Pietrangelo, 8-Gainesway Thoroughbreds LTD., 9-Vincent Colbert

Saturday, Keeneland #9, post time: 5:16 p.m. EDT

JENNY WILEY S.-GI, \$600,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Walkathon	Twirling Candy	Whitham Thoroughbreds LLC	Wilkes	Leparoux	123
2	Fluffy Socks	Slumber (GB)	Head of Plains Partners LLC	Brown	Ortiz, Jr.	123
3	Elusive Princess (Fr)	Martinborough (Jpn)	LNJ Foxwoods, Elusive, NK Racing& Church Street	Delacour	Alvarado	123
4	Embrace Me 🌿	Candy Ride (Arg)	Mark T. Anderson	Rutledge	Corrales	123
5	English Rose (Ire)	Frankel (GB)	Godolphin, LLC	Appleby	Buick	123
6	Gina Romantica 🌿	Into Mischief	Peter M. Brant	Brown	Gaffalione	123
7	Surge Capacity	Flintshire (GB)	Klaravich Stables, Inc.	Brown	Rosario	123
8	Star Fortress (Ire)	Sea The Stars (Ire)	John D. Gunther and Eurowest Bloodstock Services	DeVaux	Saez	123
9	Didia (Arg)	Orpen	Merrielle Stable	Correas, IV	Ortiz	123
10	Beaute Cachee (Fr)	Literato (Fr)	Madaket Stables, Michael Dubb & Louis Lazzinnaro	Brown	Dettori	123

Breeders: 1-Whitham Thoroughbreds, LLC, 2-Head Of Plains Partners, 3-Mr. Jean-Philippe Dubois, 4-Stone Farm, 5-Godolphin, 6-Machmer Hall, Carrie Brogden & Craig Brogden, 7-Klaravich Stables, 8-Sahara Group/Eurowest/Sunderland Hldgs, 9-La Manija, 10-Gregor Vischer

Saturday, Oaklawn #8, post time: 4:56 p.m. EDT**COUNT FLEET SPRINT H.-GIII, \$500,000, 4yo/up, 6f**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Code Five	Top Hit	Triple AAA Ranch	Owens	Quinonez	113
2	Jaxon Traveler 🌿	Munnings	West Point Thoroughbreds	Asmussen	Prat	122
3	I'm Wide Awake	Laoban	Haran Thoroughbreds, LLC	Haran	De La Cruz	114
4	Skelly	Practical Joke	Red Lane Thoroughbreds LLC	Asmussen	Santana, Jr.	125
5	Perfect Dude	Majesticperfection	HX3 Incorporated	Fincher	Fuentes	123
6	Tejano Twist	Practical Joke	JD Thoroughbreds LLC and Joey Keith Davis	Hartman	Torres	123
7	Ryvit	Competitive Edge	L. William and Corinne Heiligbrodt	Asmussen	Asmussen	121
8	Happy Is a Choice 🌿	Runhappy	Hooties Racing, WSS Racing and 4G Racing, LLC	Ortiz	Vazquez	117

Breeders: 1-Triple AAA Ranch, 2-Dr. & Mrs. A. Leonard Pineau, 3-Southern Equine Stables, LLC, 4-H. Allen Poindexter, 5-Todd Hansen & Shawn Hansen, 6-Tom Durant, 7-Curt Leake, 8-Builder's Mart, Inc.

Saturday, Keeneland #10, post time: 5:48 p.m. EDT**STONESTREET LEXINGTON S.-GIII, \$400,000, 3yo, 1 1/16m**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Secret Chat	Union Rags	Gelfenstein Farm	Rodriguez	Rosario	118
2	The Wine Steward	Vino Rosso	Paradise Farms Corp. and David Staudacher	Maker	Saez	118
3	Dilger (Ire)	Lope de Vega (Ire)	Michael J. Ryan	Joseph, Jr.	Gaffalione	118
4	Footprint	Dialed In	Greg McDonald	McPeek	Hernandez, Jr.	118
5	Hades	Awesome Slew	D. J. Stable LLC and Robert Cotran	Orseno	Ortiz	120
6	How's Ur Attitude 🌿	Street Sense	Welch Racing LLC	Ennis	Beschizza	118
7	Everdoit	Gary D	Donald L. Ming	Rice	Concepcion	118
8	Encino	Nyquist	Godolphin, LLC	Cox	Geroux	118
9	Liberal Arts	Arrogate	Evan and Stephen Ferraro	Medina	Ortiz, Jr.	118
10	Lucky Jeremy 🌿	Lookin At Lucky	Jeremy Ramsland	Morey	Corrales	118

Breeders: 1-Gelfenstein Farm, 2-Sequel Thoroughbreds LLC, Lakland Farm & Mark Toothaker, 3-Demers Bloodstock, 4-Greg B. McDonald, 5-Ocala Stud, Joseph M. O'Farrell III, David O'Farrell, et al., 6-Malibu Farm, LLC, 7-Don Ming, 8-Godolphin, 9-Stephen Ferraro & Evan Ferraro, 10-Mr. & Mrs. Craig L Minten

Saturday, Keeneland #7, post time: 4:12 p.m. EDT**GIANT'S CAUSEWAY S.-GIII, \$300,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2ft**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Play the Music 🌿	Mo Town	Glassman Racing LLC	Casse	Ortiz	122
2	Bling 🌿	American Pharoah	G. Watts Humphrey, Jr.	Oliver	Velazquez	122
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4	Oeuvre	Shackleford	Richard Perkins	Block	Loveberry	122
5	B G Warrior	Run Away and Hide	Keith Grass	Andrade	Jimenez	122
6	Secret Money 🌿	Good Samaritan	Fortune Farm, Robert G. Hahn and Matthew Hand	Walsh	Gaffalione	124
7	Port Townsend	Uncle Mo	Blue Heaven Farm	DeVaux	Hernandez, Jr.	122
8	Roses for Debra 🌿	Liam's Map	Cheyenne Stable LLC and John O'Meara	Clement	Ortiz, Jr.	124
9	Kissed by Fire	Friesan Fire	Commonwealth Thoroughbreds, Exline-Border Racing, Ocean Reef Racing and Aaron Kennedy	Eurton	Smith	122
10	Breeze Easy (GB)	Bated Breath (GB)	It's All About The Girls Stable LLC	Catalano	Leparoux	122
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12	Love Reigns (Ire)	U S Navy Flag	Stonestreet Stables LLC	Ward	Rosario	122
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2024 YTD Leading Fourth Crop Sires by Graded Stakes Horses

Rank	Stallion	Standing NA - Worldwide Earnings - NH Foals						Starters	Wnrs	Highest Earner	Earnings
		BTW	BTH	GSW	GSH	G1SW	G1SH				
1	Gun Runner (2013) by Candy Ride (Arg)	4	11	3	7	1	2	141	41	\$821,250	\$4,446,848
		FYR: 2019/Crops: 4/Stands: Three Chimneys Farm KY/Fee: 250,000								Sierra Leone	
2	Practical Joke (2014) by Into Mischief	6	11	3	7	--	--	188	54	\$387,750	\$3,663,955
		FYR: 2019/Crops: 4/Stands: Coolmore Ashford KY/Fee: 45,000								Skelly	
3	Connect (2013) by Curlin	1	3	1	2	--	--	119	27	\$130,500	\$1,238,901
		FYR: 2019/Crops: 4/Stands: Lane's End Farm KY/Fee: 15,000								Apple Picker	
4	Big Blue Kitten (2008) by Kitten's Joy	1	2	1	2	--	--	16	5	\$185,960	\$323,318
		FYR: 2018/Crops: 4/Stands: Calumet Farm KY/Fee: Private								Cellist	
5	El Deal (2012) by Munnings	2	2	--	1	--	--	40	13	\$239,400	\$786,704
		FYR: 0/Crops: 4/Stands: LA/Fee: 2,500								Free Like a Girl	
6	Neolithic (2013) by Harlan's Holiday	--	5	--	1	--	--	45	17	\$57,940	\$652,682
		FYR: 0/Crops: 4/Stands: FL/Fee: 5,000								Prevent	
7	Valiant Minister (2013) by Candy Ride (ARG)	--	2	--	1	--	--	29	10	\$150,000	\$563,559
		FYR: 0/Crops: 4/Stands: FL/Fee: 5,000								Bentornato	
8	Cupid (2013) by Tapit	1	2	1	1	--	--	60	18	\$78,000	\$536,203
		FYR: 2019/Crops: 4/Stands: Atlanta Hall Farm MD/Fee: 8,000								Desert Dawn	
9	Mohaymen (2013) by Tapit	--	1	--	1	--	--	52	13	\$51,700	\$384,650
		FYR: 0/Crops: 4/Stands: ON/Fee: 5,000								Sue Ellen Mishkin	
10	Slumber (GB) (2008) by Cacique (IRE)	--	1	--	1	--	--	4	--	\$43,500	\$47,158
		FYR: 2018/Crops: 4/Stands: Rockridge Stud NY/Fee: 7,500								Fluffy Socks	
11	Unified (2013) by Candy Ride (ARG)	--	2	--	--	--	--	93	30	\$50,172	\$995,176
		FYR: 2019/Crops: 4/Stands: Lacer at Aztec Equine LA/Fee: 3,500								Ecoro Ares	
12	American Freedom (2013) by Pulpit	--	1	--	--	--	--	82	23	\$59,800	\$774,886
		FYR: 0/Crops: 4/Stands: AR/Fee: 3,500								Good Skate	
13	Keen Ice (2012) by Curlin	--	--	--	--	--	--	86	20	\$58,000	\$768,618
		FYR: 2019/Crops: 4/Stands: Calumet Farm KY/Fee: 7,500								Let's Duet	
14	Blofeld (2012) by Quality Road	2	2	--	--	--	--	33	18	\$99,810	\$738,710
		FYR: 0/Crops: 4/Stands: MD/Fee: 5,000								Miss Harriett	
15	Gormley (2014) by Malibu Moon	1	2	--	--	--	--	71	14	\$123,600	\$713,561
		FYR: 2019/Crops: 4/Stands: Red River Farms LA/Fee: Private								Bron and Brow	

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11th-Santa Anita, \$68,000, Msw, 4-7, 3yo, 1mT, 1:35.21, fm, 3/4 length.

NGANNOU (c, 3, Mendelssohn--Fancy Kitten {SP}, by Kitten's Joy) was run down in the waning yards of his one-mile debut over the Del Mar turf course Sept. 10 and made the majority of the running in this track's Oct. 8 Gill Zuma Beach S. before yielding late to finish second to Endlessly (*Oscar Performance*). Returning here as the 6-5 chalk with Lasix on for the first time, the chestnut bounced away alertly and was well-rated from the front by Umberto Rispoli through a half-mile in :48.15. Held together on the the turn, he pinched a break passing the midstretch marker and held off a late rally from British Isles (*Justify*) to graduate by 3/4 of a length. Machmer Hall purchased Ngannou's stakes-placed dam for \$10,000 at the 2018 Fasig-Tipton February Sale, and bred her to *Frosted* on a foal share with Godolphin. That produce became the fleet-footed Japanese turf sprinter Jasper Krone (*Frosted*), MGSW-Jpn, \$1,305,427, who has also made appearances in this country, Hong Kong, Saudi Arabia and most recently Dubai. From the family of Jump Start, Fancy Kitten is due to Jackie's Warrior this season. Sales history: \$120,000 Ylg '22 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: GSP, 3-1-2-0, \$95,400. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#), sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

O-Wells Watson; B-Machmer Hall (KY); T-Michael W McCarthy.

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IN JAPAN:

American Chief, c, 3, Into Mischief--Good Vibes, by Unbridled's Song. Fukushima, 4-7, Maiden, 1700m. Lifetime Record: 6-1-2-0, \$70,101. O-Yoshizawa Holdings; B-Orpendale/Wynatt/Chelston (KY); T Hidetaka Otonashi. *1/2 to Sweet Orange (ex Warning Flag) (*War Front*), SW & G1SP-HK, SW & GSP-Ire, \$1,404,437; Bay of Biscay (Giant's Causeway), GSP, \$188,315; and Intelligence Front (*War Front*), GSW-Ire, MGSP-Eng, \$171,705. **\$475,000 Ylg '22 KEESEP.

Dobbiaco, c, 3, Street Boss--Rubindy, by Bernardini. Hanshin, 4-6, Maiden, 1400m. Lifetime Record: 5-1-0-1, \$59,071. O-Kazumi Yoshida; B-Bonne Chance Farm LLC (KY); T-Yutaka Okumura. *\$25,000 Ylg '22 KEESEP; \$450,000 2yo '23 OBSMAR.



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Theurgist, h, 5, Ghostzapper--Orpheus (GSP), by Medaglia d'Oro. Nakayama, 4-7, Keiyo S.-Listed, 1200m. Lifetime Record: 11-7-0-1, \$449,118. O-Godolphin; B-Ghostzapper Syndicate & Paul Tackett Revocable Trust (KY); T-Noriyuki Hori. *1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN. **\$410,000 Wlg '19 FTKNOV.

IN ITALY:

Tapflicker, c, 3, Tapwrit--Ladyflickerflacker, by Forestry. Rome, 4-8, Allowance (€19k), 2100mT, 2:10.10. B-Gaineway Thoroughbreds LTD & Bridlewood Farm (KY). *Half to Hollywood Handsome (Tapizar), GSP, \$273,989. **\$17,000 Ylg '22 FTKOCT. **VIDEO**

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IN SOUTH KOREA:

Ultra Dragon, c, 3, Klimt--Running Creek, by Cape Town. Seoul, 4-7, Hcp. (C4), 1800m. B-Woods Edge Farm LLC (KY). *\$20,000 Ylg '22 KEESEP. **1/2 to Softly Lit (Latent Heat), MSW, \$107,160; and Easy Time (*Not This Time*), GSW-Can, GSP-US, \$289,069. **VIDEO (SC 1)**

Whiz Runner, c, 3, Vino Rosso--Abatis, by Aptitude. Seoul, 4-7, Hcp. (C4), 1400m. B-Tony Holmes (KY). *\$27,000 RNA Wlg '21 KEENOV; \$20,000 Ylg '22 KEESEP; \$40,000 2yo '23 OBSAPR. **VIDEO (SC 1)**



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IN MEXICO:

C. R. Crown, f, 2, **Clearly Now**--C R Vexora, by Graeme Hall. Hipodromo de las Americas, 4-6, Maiden, 2f. B-Brittlyn Inc (LA). *1ST-TIME STARTER. **\$2,500 Ylg '23 KEESEP.

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Yoshi Crown, c, 2, **Yoshida (Jpn)**--Belladonna, by Bayern. Hipodromo de las Americas, 4-6, Maiden, 2f. B-Fairview Farm LLC, Marquee Bloodstock LLC & John Hicks (NY). *1ST-TIME STARTER. **\$1,000 RNA Ylg '22 FTNOCT; \$1,000 Ylg '23 FTKFEB.

IN RUSSIA:

Hitman Bars, c, 3, **Tapwrit**--Humble Street (SP), by **Street Sense**. Pavlovskiy, 4-6, Group 3 Race (NBT), 1600m. B-H Allen Poindexter (KY). *\$37,000 RNA Ylg '22 KEEJAN; \$27,000 Ylg '22 KEESEP.

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HANDICAP RESULTS:

5th-Horseshoe Indianapolis, \$55,000, (S), 4-8, 3yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2f, 1:03.90, ft, 3/4 length.

CARIMBA (m, 6, Kantharos--Star of Gallantry, by Warrior's Reward) Lifetime Record: SW, 12-7-2-2, \$303,019. O-John Donaldson; B-H Allen Poindexter (IN); T-Rey Hernandez. *\$155,000 Wlg '18 KEENOV; \$18,000 5yo '23 KEEJAN.

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6th-Horseshoe Indianapolis, \$55,000, (S), 4-8, 3yo/up, 5 1/2f, 1:03.96, ft, 1/2 length.

MR CHAOS (g, 5, Turbo Compressor--Corsica, by Sky Mesa) Lifetime Record: SW, 17-8-5-0, \$522,574. O-Ken Sentel & Judy Dorris; B-Anthony Mathias (IN); T-Robert E Dobbs Jr.

4th-Will Rogers Downs, \$36,000, 4-8, 3yo/up, 1m, 1:37.28, ft, neck.

KALEO (g, 5, Foreign Policy--Buena Fortuna {Mex}, by Election Day {Ire}) Lifetime Record: 10-4-2-0, \$99,734. O-Craddock Racing LLC; B/T-Kari Craddock (OK).

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

1st-Horseshoe Indianapolis, \$43,000, (S), 4-8, (NW3LX), 3yo/up, 5 1/2f, 1:03.43, ft, 7 1/4 lengths.

LUCKIES JOY (g, 4, I'm So Lucky--Joyous Lady {MSP, \$455,562}, by Kela) Lifetime Record: 10-3-2-2, \$68,165. O/B-Dennis & Cynthia Claramunt & Randy Klopp (IN); T-Randy L Klopp.

4th-Horseshoe Indianapolis, \$38,000, (S), 4-8, (NW2LX), 3yo/up, 5 1/2f, 1:04.75, ft, nose.

TREE OF LIBERTY (c, 3, Constitution--Counter Culture, by Smart Strike) Lifetime Record: 4-2-0-1, \$48,380. O-William Nicks & Randy L Klopp; B-Watershed Bloodstock LLC (IN); T-R L Klopp.

3rd-Turf Paradise, \$32,000, (NW3L)/Opt. Clm (\$35,000-\$25,000), 4-8, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:08.34, ft, 1 1/2 lengths.

COOL PAPA G (g, 5, Maclean's Music--Trusty Temper {SW, \$188,374}, by Successful Appeal) Lifetime Record: SP, 12-3-0-3, \$135,683. O-Rockingham Ranch; B-Larry D Williams (KY); T-Justin R Evans. *\$20,000 Ylg '20 KEEJAN; \$87,000 Ylg '20 KEESEP.

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6th-Mahoning Valley, \$25,900, 4-8, (NW2L), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:14.35, ft, 1/2 length.

URBAN COWGIRL (f, 4, Air Force Blue--J J's Classic, by Sky Classic) Lifetime Record: 8-2-2-0, \$52,228. O-Nana's Nest & Robert C Cline; B-Nancy Winchel (KY); T-Robert C Cline.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Embraceable You, f, 3, Danzing Candy--Sweetest Secret, by Sea of Secrets. Golden Gate Fields, 4-7, 6f (AWT), 1:11.62. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$17,550. B-Baseline Equine LLC (CA). *1/2 to September Secret (Grazen), SW, \$141,874. **1ST-TIME STARTER.

Ghost of Londyn, g, 3, Kiss the Ghost--Cross Country, by Divine Park. Mahoning Valley, 4-8, (S), 1m, 1:43.04. Lifetime Record: 6-1-1-1, \$30,846. B-Robin L. Murphy (OH).

Kissing Medals, f, 3, Medal Count--Discreetly Kissed, by Discreetly Mine. Mahoning Valley, 4-8, (S), 6f, 1:15.73. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-1, \$22,760. B-Mapleton Thoroughbred Farm (OH). *\$1,000 Ylg '22 OTBOMX.

Crosley, f, 3, Pass Rush--Amberly Village, by Flatter. Horseshoe Indianapolis, 4-8, (S), 5 1/2f, 1:04.80. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$23,100. B-Spooky Hollow Racing Inc (IN). *1ST-TIME STARTER.

Rigoberto, g, 3, Unbridled Express--Katara Princess, by Tale of the Cat. Horseshoe Indianapolis, 4-8, (S), 5 1/2f, 1:03.97. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$23,100. B-Justice Farm, Greg Justice (IN). *\$21,000 Ylg '22 INDMIX. **1ST-TIME STARTER. ***Won by 5 3/4 lengths.

Opie's Girl, f, 3, War Correspondent--Under Lock and Key, by Bold Warrior. Mahoning Valley, 4-8, (S), 5 1/2f, 1:07.55. Lifetime Record: 4-1-0-0, \$21,855. B-Hal Snowden (OH).

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- Foreign Policy**, Kaleo, g, 5, o/o Buena Fortuna (Mex), by Election Day (Ire). HCP, 4-8, Will Rogers
- I'm So Lucky**, Luckies Joy, g, 4, o/o Joyous Lady, by Kela. ALW, 4-8, Horseshoe Indianapolis
- Kantharos**, Carimba, m, 6, o/o Star of Gallantry, by Warrior's Reward. HCP, 4-8, Horseshoe Indianapolis
- Kiss the Ghost**, Ghost of Londyn, g, 3, o/o Cross Country, by Divine Park. MSW, 4-8, Mahoning Valley
- Macleans Music**, Cool Papa G, g, 5, o/o Trusty Temper, by Successful Appeal. AOC, 4-8, Turf Paradise
- Medal Count**, Kissing Medals, f, 3, o/o Discreetly Kissed, by Discreetly Mine. MSW, 4-8, Mahoning Valley
- Mendelssohn**, Ngannou, c, 3, o/o Fancy Kitten, by Kitten's Joy. MSW, 4-7, Santa Anita
- Pass Rush**, Crosley, f, 3, o/o Amberly Village, by Flatter. MSW, 4-8, Horseshoe Indianapolis
- Turbo Compressor**, Mr Chaos, g, 5, o/o Corsica, by **Sky Mesa**. HCP, 4-8, Horseshoe Indianapolis
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