

## ILLUMINARE LATEST TO SHINE A LIGHT ON CENTENNIAL



**Don Little and Illuminare** | Sarah Andrew

by Chris McGrath

If only Thomas Crown had been introduced to something like Centennial Farms, he might have spared himself a lot of trouble. As it was, the bored millionaire played by Steve McQueen in the 1968 classic sought his kicks from a bank heist, as an experiment in the perfect crime. And he instead confined his exposure to horses to the polo field.

But that was where the fictional adrenaline junkie encountered a father and son who would subsequently provide their clients, in real life, with all the excitement they could need on the racetrack. For the polo scene was shot at Myopia Hunt Club in Boston, then home terrain for Donald Little, Jr. and his late father, Donald, Sr., founder of Centennial.

Little would himself become a top-class polo professional, and McQueen spent several days in their company while learning the ropes.

“He came in every day for two weeks, got on one of our ponies and took lessons from the guy who ran our barn,” Little recalls. “And he actually wasn’t bad at all. Anyway my dad and uncle were in that scene with him, though you only see Dad for about 30 seconds.”

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## EVERETT DOBSON JOINS TDN WRITERS’ ROOM PODCAST

There will be a changing of the guard in August when Stuart Janney, III steps down from his long-held position as the Chairman of The Jockey Club. His replacement will be owner-breeder Everett Dobson. Janney recommended Dobson, and the board of stewards of The Jockey Club agreed.

Dobson has long involved himself with some of the sport’s most important and influential organizations. He is on his second term as a steward of The Jockey Club. He serves on the executive committee of the Thoroughbred Owners and Breeders Association and is immediate past chairman of the American Graded Stakes Committee. Dobson serves as a member of the Breeders’ Cup in addition to being a trustee of the Keeneland Association. He now takes over one of the most important jobs in the sport, but it’s one that requires hours of work, no salary and will involve slings and arrows from those who are not happy with the direction The Jockey Club has gone. **Cont. p8**

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Employees at the Christophe Clement and Horacio De Paz barns at Belmont Park enjoy some of the holiday pies prepared by Cub Scout Pack 482 and distributed by the *Backstretch Employee Service Team of New York*. | Photos courtesy of B.E.S.T.

**9 | CONTESSA TO FIGHT \$4,000 FINE**

Trainer Gary Contessa will contest a \$4,000 fine imposed by the New York State Gaming Commission which found him in violation of a newly instituted claiming rule in the state.

**10 | PENNSYLVANIA TRACK OFFICIALS DISCUSS TAKEOUT RATES**

Executives from Pennsylvania's racetracks were requested to explain the rationale behind the 2025 takeout rates that accompanied each licensee's dates request during a Pennsylvania Horse Racing Commission meeting Tuesday.

**11 | ENGAGE, ENDORSED LEAD NORTHVIEW 2025 STUD FEES**

Northview Stallion Station released its stud fees for the 2025 season, with Engage (Into Mischief--Nefertiti, by Speightstown) and Endorsed (*Medaglia d'Oro--Dance Card, by Tapit*) heading next year's roster at \$5,000 LF.

**11 | HOOKED ON RACING**

Annise Montplaisir, Executive Director of Amplify, and trainer Tom Amoss discuss how they first became involved in racing.

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## Illuminare Latest to Shine Light on Centennial *(cont. from p1)*

The scene was innovatively edited so that the screen fractured into multiple, rotating frames of different size. And that, as it happens, is pretty much the formula developed by Little's father when starting Centennial in 1982. Over the years since, these pioneers of syndicate ownership have raided the bank vaults, and at rather less peril, with the likes of champion sprinter Rubiano, GI Belmont Stakes winner Colonial Affair and inaugural GI Breeders' Cup Dirt Mile scorer Corinthian. Last year a Centennial partnership briefly found itself on the Derby trail with the luckless Litigate (*Blame*), while the program's latest star is **Illuminare** (*City of Light*). Having twice impressed at Saratoga, the 3-year-old bounced back from a first defeat with a



**Illuminare** | Sarah Andrew

big number at Aqueduct earlier this month.

Long before that journey began, however, Little's father could have made even Mr. Crown feel rather pedestrian.

"Dad was the youngest strategic air pilot in the Korean War," Little says. "Full captain at 19. He had his first racehorse when

he was 16, and rode him on the farm in Ipswich, Mass, which we still have today as a retirement home for some of our Thoroughbreds. But then his whole family was adventurous. My grandmother rode steeplechasers, and there was a little sibling rivalry between Dad and his sister, Trish Moseley, who's still racing horses today. A few years ago she had [multiple GSW] Proctor's Ledge (*Ghostzapper*), whose daughter Proctor Street (*Street Sense*) won at Saratoga this summer."

This is actually the family of Topsider, who was co-bred by Moseley's husband James. In other words, the Littles have long been immersed in horses of one kind or another.

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Tragically, that passion would ultimately prove fatal to Little's father, through an equestrian fall in 2012. But the very fact that he was still competing, at 77, measures the vitality that made him so formidable in everything he did.

His day job had been investment banking.

"But then he said, 'Why don't I start a little racing company with some of my buddies from Wall Street?'" recalls Little. "So he hired Dr. [Stephen] Carr, whom he knew from playing polo in Aiken, South Carolina, to look for the horses with Paula Parsons, who runs our farm in Virginia; and Allen Jerkens, to train them, again having got to know him through polo. Dad actually used the racing to help feed his investment business. The majority of his clients were people he'd met at the races and sales."

At the time, Dogwood was about the only competition for what has since become such a popular model for spreading risk in ownership. But in an unprecedented market, fueled by the Maktoums and others, the Centennial program was offering another way. With half a dozen investors, in 1983 they immediately found a colt from Danzig's first crop, Nordance, a stakes winner sold profitably to stand in Europe. They were on their way.



**Colonial Affair** | *Coglianesse*

"But the biggest thing was the change in the tax laws in 1986," Little recalls. "When we started, limited partnerships were the be-all and end-all for tax write-offs. Horses came into play because people didn't have to know anything about the business, didn't even need to enjoy the sport, because they could write it off. The good thing was that the horse partnerships were short term. We were able to survive a gap of about three years before all limited partnerships went out."

Right around that time, in 1990, Little decided to make Centennial his post-polo professional focus. Hitherto fillies had been targeted, as offering some residual value.

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“But I said, ‘What do people really want from these horses?’” Little recalls. “They want to win the Derby, the Classic races. And to do that, we have to buy colts. So we went out to buy colts that people couldn't generally afford, on their own, as something we could take to horse people. They could use a portion of their horse budget for a piece, knowing they'd end up with stallion shares if successful. And, if they were actively involved in the business, they could also write off the expenses.”

The very first such partnership promptly found Colonial Affair.

“So that stuck,” Little says. “And ever since, every three to five years, we've managed to come up with a stallion. We've placed 14 horses at stud since 1990.”

Whether or not Illuminare or this year's GI Belmont Stakes runner **Antiquarian (Preservationist)** can make it 15, that's a pretty remarkable record from no more than eight yearlings from each crop.

Typically these are split across two partnerships, with 18-month expenses up front.

“There's no markup,” Little stresses. “And Centennial doesn't get equity, other than by putting in funds ourselves. We charge a management fee just like an investment manager, based on the insured value of the horse--which goes up and down, based on performance. Pretty simple. Otherwise we're just a partner like everybody else.”

With time, Centennial learned to prioritize intimacy of involvement. Rubiano had 70 owners. Typically, partnerships now have 10 to 12 players, their investment and confidence both facilitated by the program's cyclical nature. Core contributors include Peter Horvitz and Margaret O'Meara, who were longtime partners before becoming co-owners of the Middleburg farm and Centennial itself since Little, Sr.'s passing.

“It's not like some of these professional [sports] teams, where you can say, ‘Oh, it's a rebuilding year,’ and blow the whole system up,” Little remarks. “You can't do that in this business, at least from my perspective. You can modify here and there. Adjust to changes in the breeding industry, for instance. If people see so many Into Mischiefs at the top, it would be hard to tell them that we should wait till Book Six and find an athletic individual. But in the end what it all comes down to is loyalty, commitment, and a program that's worked for many, many years.

“And this isn't patting ourselves on the back, but the generational aspect helps make a story. It's the families in it for generations that have always maintained quality in the breed. Ask most people in this business, and they'll know who Centennial Farms are. Our reputation--open-book, honest, straightforward--precedes us. And that's very important.”

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2	<b>MUNNINGS</b>	<b>\$65,000</b>	59
3	UNCLE MO	\$125,000	57
-	Curlin	\$225,000	57
5	Constitution	\$110,000	52

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# MUNNINGS



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But however wholesome their brand, the Centennial team shares the industry's wider exposure to Main Street. Little is duly well placed to take the temperature.

"Well, HISA is a good move forward, in my opinion," he says. "There will always be flaws, but it was something that needed to be done. Because to increase the fan base, get new people, young people, they need a good feeling about it. We know how the press creates negativity, that a catastrophic story will always get ahead of good news. Fox and NBC do a very good job with the back stories. What's happening at Belmont is terrific, and getting some of these professional athletes involved has been very helpful, too. But in the end it has to come from all of us that participate in this sport."

For there's no knowing where that evangelism may take people, once persuaded to give the game a try. Little says that both Carl Icahn and the Go For Gin partners Bill Condren and Joe

Cornacchia first sampled ownership through Centennial. In fact, Go For Gin was broken at the farm.

Having somewhere to raise the stock was central to the vision of Little's father.



Antiquarian | Coglianese

"No other syndicate has ever been able to break and train its horses at its own farm," Little says. "Our horses get an English-style foundation, which to me is crucial: building that skeletal structure. We don't push them, don't usually send 2-year-olds to the racetrack until early June."

"We're half-a-mile from the Middleburg Training Center, so they go there up and down the hill. There's a mental part to that, too: walking through the woods, they see deer, fox. And that's helpful for those that

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The farm also allows Centennial to work with individual clients, for instance those that want a filly instead. Again, that's all relationships. Unsurprising, therefore, that one of their key arteries should remain the polo community.

"We're one of the lead sponsors at the National Polo Center," Little says. "We had 300-plus people at a panel of Todd Pletcher, Johnny Velazquez, Julie Krone and Rajiv Maragh. Polo goes right back through the history of this sport: August Belmont, the Whitney family, the Vanderbilts, they all played. A lot of successful polo horses are Thoroughbreds, which have so much more speed and agility than other breeds. I used to ride a son of Topsider that my aunt gave me. And Peter Brant started his whole polo string by sending good mares to Argentina, to be bred strictly for polo."

Brant happens to stop by as his old friend is talking with *TDN*, during the sales at Keeneland. And, coincidentally, it turns out that it was "The Thomas Crown Affair" that began his own, reverse exploration of the polo world from the Thoroughbred side. Brant had been lured to the filmset by another form of horsepower: the famous Ferrari being driven by McQueen. He managed to buy it for \$11,800, only for his father to forbid him such a flashy automobile--either he got rid of it, or he could find someplace else to work. Brant dutifully sold the car for \$11,000 to a collector. The loss of \$800, over two weeks, pales next to the \$26 million banked by the collector when selling the vehicle

10 years ago.

But the margin between these two equine worlds is full of such character, and friendships. When Little's father was stationed at an airbase near Tucson, Arizona, he found a nearby ranch with an indoor polo arena. And when Litigate broke out last year, it emerged that it was the father of co-breeder John Donaldson who had given Little, Sr. polo instruction out there, all those years ago. Moreover the wife of another co-breeder, Happy Broadbent, was best friends with Little's sister at college. Which is just the kind of thing one should expect of a program like this. Because for all the expertise in management and selection, it depends first and foremost on the human connections forged through the horse.

"For us, it's all about consistency and drive, honesty and patience," Little enthuses. "Typically 70% of Centennial partners are re-investors. Everybody knows each other, does things together. We had a little gathering, on Belmont eve, with the Antiquarian partners. We'll have a little backyard barbecue, everything casual, and everybody intermingles. No, we're not going to make it to the Derby every year. We don't have hundreds of horses. But what we say we're going to do, we do. And more than anything, this is a club. These people become friends."

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## Dobson Joins Writers' Room Podcast

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So why would he take the job? That was among the questions Dobson was asked when he joined our crew for this week's TDN Writers' Room Podcast presented by [Keeneland](#). Dobson was the [Gainesway](#) Guest of the Week.

"My wife says that I am a glutton?" Dobson said. "So now I am. I just have a calling, I guess. I was asked to do it and I feel like I am capable and qualified to do it, so here I am."



Everett Dobson | *Fasig-Tipton*

Dobson will not be your prototypical Jockey Club Chairman. He didn't grow up with a silver spoon in his mouth as part of a wealthy family and he's not an Ivy Leaguer. He went to Southwest Oklahoma State University. Some, including Mike Repole, have accused The Jockey Club as being an "old boys club," in need of new blood and new ideas. Does he see his appointment as being symbolic of a changing of the guard?

"I think there's something to that," he replied when asked a question about his being new blood. "I'm coming to you from Oklahoma, which has been my residence for many years. I do have a farm in Kentucky and spend a fair amount of my time there. I think as much as anything, this is a recognition that the sport is evolving and it's changing. It's not the legacy sport that we knew from 100 years ago or even 25 years ago. My perspective is going to be from a business background. It's going to come from my being an owner and my involvement in the breeding and the racing side of the sport as well. I also have an investment in an NBA team, the Oklahoma City Thunder. So I will have a perspective on that. Stuart and I had a lot of conversations about my capabilities and what I might bring to the sport as well as the other stewards. I know many of them well and the rest I will get to know well. But I think there is a recognition that the sport is evolving and changing. And, hopefully, I can bring those perspectives that are going to

matter in the future."

Prominent and outspoken, Repole was a severe critic of The Jockey Club and Janney in particular. Has Dobson had a chance to sit down with Repole yet and perhaps mend some fences?

"I mentioned that I have plans to meet with everybody," Dobson said. "I was at the Breeders' Cup and Mike and I were able to spend three hours together in a private room and had a great conversation. Very little did we disagree on. We do disagree on what our priorities should be. But Mike comes at it from a similar approach that I do in that he comes at a lot of the issues from a business background. This business is all about change. Business is about growing and being better. So on that, Mike and I agree. Only our styles are a little bit different. But that's okay. We laugh about that. But I do think Mike is like a lot of people in a sport in that he wants to see some improvement and some help."

Can Repole, the former nemesis, be an asset to The Jockey Club?

"Yes," Dobson said. "I don't think there's any question about that. I know Mike and I respect Mike. When it comes to what he's been saying, on a lot of topics, he is spot on. Now, his tactics, you know, sometimes they might differ with mine a little bit. But regardless, we need Mike."

In our weekly breeding spotlight section, we took a look at the [Winstar stallion Timberlake](#).

Elsewhere on the podcast, which is also sponsored by the [Pennsylvania Horse Breeders' Association](#), [West Point Thoroughbreds](#), and [XBTV.com](#), the team of Zoe Cadman, Bill Finley and Randy Moss talked about the return of **White Abarrio** (Race Day), an impressive winner in a Gulfstream Park allowance that will be one of two preps for the GI Pegasus World Cup. The impressive win by **Two Sharp** ([Twirling Candy](#)) in the GIII Chilukki S. at Churchill was another topic of discussion. They then turned their attention to the mess that is California racing and the brutally honest comments made recently by Aidan Butler, president of TSG's 1/ST business. Butler continues to lobby for some sort of merger of the Northern and Southern California circuits and said to do otherwise would be "suicide" for both regions.

For the video version of the podcast, [click here](#). For audio only, [click here](#).

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### TDN Thanksgiving Holiday Closure

The TDN America office will be closed Thursday, Nov. 28 for Thanksgiving. There will be no TDN America newsletter section dated Nov. 29. TDN Europe will be published daily with no schedule changes. Happy Thanksgiving!

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# 2PHIL'S

## CONTESSA FINED \$4,000 BY GAMING COMMISSION STEWARD, VOWS TO FIGHT 'OUTRAGEOUS' PUNISHMENT *by Bill Finley*

When veteran New York trainer Gary Contessa ran a horse named **Answer the Call (Dialed In)** in a Sept. 25 claiming race at Delaware Park, he had no idea that he had violated a rule. He claimed the horse out of an Aug. 4 race at Saratoga and believed the filly was allowed to run outside of New York because more than 30 days had transpired since the claim. Little did he know that only a few days earlier, the rule was changed so that a claimed horse had to stay in New York for at least 60 days.

When he was told by New York State Gaming Commission Steward Braulio Baeza, Jr. that he was being fined \$4,000, Contessa was outraged. Not only did that seem like a lot for a relatively minor offense, but as of Sept. 25, the listing of rules on the New York Racing Association website still had the old rule of 30 days.

"They put the rule into effect July 24," Contessa said. "On Oct. 17, when I got this ruling, the NYRA website still hadn't been changed to reflect the new rule.

Braulio reached out to me and said, 'I have to fine you for this.' I figured the fine would have been \$500. I wouldn't have fought that. I might not even have fought a fine of \$1,000. The horse earned \$1,103. I made \$100. He comes up with a \$4,000 fine. The horse ran at Delaware 52 days after I claimed her. She had already run once in New York and was well beyond the 30 days, which was the rule for 30 years. I went on to NYRA's website and I double checked it. It said 30 days, end of story. When I said that to Braulio, he said it was my responsibility to know the Gaming Commission rules. Please. I don't think you could find a trainer in America who has ever gone on the Gaming Commission site to look at their rules because we get everything from NYRA. When I fill out a stall application, it says I am agreeing to follow NYRA's rules. NYRA didn't change the rules on their website.

"I said to Braulio, '\$4,000, isn't that an awful lot considering the circumstances?' He said, 'That's my minimum fine. We give fines that count now.' The Gaming Commission reached out to me and offered a \$2,000 fine. That was still too much. I would have paid a \$1,000 fine. The \$2,000 is too much because NYRA didn't even care to change the rule on their website."



**Gary Contessa** | Sarah Andrew

Contessa has hired attorney Drew Mollica who has already filed an appeal with the Gaming Commission. He called the \$4,000 fine "outrageous."

"The fine, even if there even should be one, is so outlandish, that this had to stop," he said. "The game is dying in New York because small trainers are dying by the minute. Seven is a big field, the barn area is three-quarters full. The rule was in place for 30 years and then they just changed it. \$4,000? What did he do, kill the Lindbergh baby?"

Mollica said that in New York, administrative fines are upheld unless "they shock the conscience." He believes \$4,000 for such a relatively minor offense is a matter of shocking the conscience

and will use that in his defense.

"If this doesn't shock the conscience, this gaming commission has no conscience," he said. "That fine is so disproportionate to the alleged crime that it shocks the conscious, and it can't. That is the rule."

New York State Gaming Commission spokesman Brad Maione said there would be no comment.

"We have no comment while the matter is under appeal, adding that "the text of the ruling speaks for itself."

As has been the case numerous times over the last several years, Baeza is once again at the center of a controversy. His fines come across as heavy handed, he doesn't seem to consider the mitigating circumstances that may be involved, and the stewards have made a number of mistakes, for which he has been held blameless.

In December, the stewards--among whom Baeza is the most powerful--appeared to have disqualified the wrong horse in the \$500,000 division of the Great White Way Stakes for New York-sired horses.

"He took the wrong horse down in the stakes back in December," Mollica said. "Did he get fined? No. He let a race start at the wrong distance. Did he get fined? No. He fined Frank Gabriel \$2,000 for something he had absolutely nothing to do with. Are we trying to kill the game or grow the game? How can the horsemen's association allow these draconian penalties? You can go 100 miles per hour in a school zone and not get fined \$4,000. It's abject craziness."

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“Braulio thinks he is untouchable and he also forgets that he was once a broke horse trainer,” Contessa said. “He forgot that. There was time when he didn’t have two nickels to rub together. I guess he’s forgotten about those days. On this, the punishment doesn’t fit the crime and I am going to dig my heels in and fight this one.”

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## PENNSYLVANIA TRACKS PULL BACK CURTAIN--A BIT--ON TAKEOUT RATES

by T.D. Thornton

The Pennsylvania Horse Racing Commission (PHRC) on Tuesday voted to grant Thoroughbred racing dates for 2025 that will feature 150 programs at Parx, 105 at Penn National, and 76 at Presque Isle Downs.

Prior to the vote on the dates, however, executives from each track were asked to do something rarely required by racing commissions in this country: Principals from each venue were requested to explain the rationale behind the 2025 takeout rates that accompanied each licensee's dates request.

Takeout rates, the per-bet pricing structure that tracks and states impose upon wagers, are the bane of horseplayers because they are akin to a tax on betting. But takeout rates also provide the financial backbone the sport derives from the pari-mutuel process, because the money generated that way goes, in part, to pay for purses and to keep tracks operational and regulated.

Yet price-conscious horseplayers for decades have lamented not only how high some of the takeouts have risen, but also how notoriously difficult it is to find comprehensive lists of those rates so that bettors can either comparison-shop, or, at the very least, know how much money will be removed from the pools prior to the calculation of winning prices.

Pat Cummings, an industry expert whose advocacy for more transparent takeout rates has been featured in *TDN* on numerous occasions over the years, [wrote in 2020](#) that horseplayers have long been frustrated at how "a single source of updated takeout rates for bets across all tracks was unavailable, and [how] sourcing the exact rates was nearly impossible."

When *TDN* touched base with Cummings via email Tuesday to see if that situation had improved, Cummings wrote back that, lamentably, there is still "not a single source for the industry which keeps up with this information routinely."

Against that backdrop, even though the explanations at the Nov. 26 PHRC meeting amounted to only brief remarks required before a vote on licensure, they provided a welcome trickle of information for horseplayers who are used to being kept in the dark about how tracks come up with their takeouts.

This is what Pennsylvania's track operators had to say about their rates for 2025, listed in the order that each made their presentations. (Bear in mind that the commission had asked the executives in advance to prepare their remarks, so no one was caught unaware of this discussion).

**Eric Johnston, director of racing operations at Penn National, where takeout rates for 2025 will be 17% win-place-show; 20% exactas, doubles, Jackpot Pick 6 and Jackpot Pentafecta; 31% trifectas, twin trifectas; 30% superfectas and Pick 6; 25% Pick 3, 4 and 5.**

“Ours are comparable with those around the country. The one thing that you do see is a little high is the trifecta wagers, which come in at 31%. And in the grand scheme of things, it doesn't seem like it's that outrageous when you consider the history of racing over the years in Pennsylvania,” which, Johnston added, has transitioned from an era of robust on-track betting to being more simulcast-wager driven.

“The business has changed. Of the live wagering, what's bet on the Penn National card every day is less than 10% of the total handle. So this money, these takeout rates, are one of the things that keep us out there. There's a lot of simulcast sites, a lot of computer wagers who bet on us because of those rates. If we start cutting those, we will become less valuable.

“We're certainly not getting rich off what [is being bet] there, but it's all part of the bigger story. I mean, the business has changed. The higher takeouts are along with the pools that have the highest payout, so it's not as noticeable. But it's not something that, you, know, it's not worth losing our outlets to lower those rates.”

**Matthew Ennis, the director of racing at Presque Isle, where takeout rates for 2025 will be 17% win-place-show; 20% exactas, doubles; 25% trifectas, superfectas; 23% Pick 3 and 4; 15% Pick 5.**

“Just looking at everything competitively, where we stand, compared to my parent company at Churchill Downs [Incorporated], I do feel that Presque Isle Downs has in place a takeout structure on our wagering options that serves the dual purpose of attracting the pari-mutuel dollar and generating the revenue needed to guarantee quality race cards and field sizes.

“I don't feel as if our wagering structure is out of line in any manner. It's very competitive. We look at providing takeout options that are appealing to players in relation to takeouts on wagering menus offered by other tracks. And although I felt that our takeout rates do not tell the whole story of how players choose to wager their dollars, having the player-friendly takeout structure is beneficial in our process of generating larger handles at Presque Isle...

“Of course, I have the protocol to follow with my corporate team at Churchill Downs, and abide by the ranges that they give.”



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**Joe Wilson, chief operating officer at Parx, where takeout rates for 2025 will be 17% win-place-show; 20% exactas, doubles; 25% trifectas, superfectas, Pick 3, 4 and 6; 15% Pick 5.**

“Up until close to five years ago, our takeouts were 17% on win/pace/show; 20% exactas, doubles; 26% on 'pick' bets, and 30% on tris and supers.

“Jan. 1, 2020, we reduced our takeout to 17%, 20% and 25%. So the tris and supers went from 30% to 25%; the 'pick' bets went from 26% to 25%. And a couple of years ago we added our Philly Big Five, and that's at 15%.

“And it's amazing to me to where I still see people commenting on social media that Parx should lower their takeout, when in fact we lowered takeout five years ago.

“Our blend [of takeout rates] right now is at 19.8%, [compared to neighboring Maryland tracks] at 21.25%. So we're [approximately] 1.5 points lower than Maryland. We're even with Delaware, and we're even with Monmouth Park. So we are as competitive as anybody in the area.

“The other thing, if you were to lower your takeout too much--remember our signal goes out worldwide--and if you were to have a drastically reduced takeout, [importers] basically aren't going to promote your signal, because it's not [financially] in their best interest.”

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## NORTHVIEW STALLION STATION RELEASES STUD FEES FOR 2025



**Endorsed** | Adam Coglianese

Northview Stallion Station released its stud fees for the 2025 season. **Engage** (Into Mischief--Nefertiti, by Speightstown) and **Endorsed** (Medaglia d'Oro--Dance Card, by Tapit) head next year's roster at \$5,000 LF.

**Golden Lad** (Medaglia d'Oro) will stand for \$4,500 LF, with a pair slated to command \$3,500--**Hoppertunity** (Any Given Saturday) and **Uncle Lino** (Uncle Mo).

**Galawi (Ire)** (Dubawi {Ire}) will stand for \$2,000 LF, while a private fee is set for **First Mondays** (Curlin).

Maryland's leading stallion **Great Notion** (Elusive Quality--Evening Primrose, by Dayjur) is booked full for the upcoming season.

Additionally, Northview, in Chesapeake City, will host its stallion open house Sunday, Dec. 8. The event will begin at 11:30 a.m. and continue through 2:00 p.m.

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## HOW I GOT HOOKED ON RACING: ANNISE MONTPLAISIR AND TOM AMOSS

*How did we get hooked on this sport? We all have stories about how our love affair developed and blossomed. The TDN will be reaching out to numerous notable people in the industry to get their stories to find out how they got hooked and stayed hooked on the sport.*



**Annise Montplaisir** | courtesy Annise Montplaisir

### Annise Montplaisir, Executive Director, Amplify

I became hooked on racing when I was 12 years old, after watching the 2007 movie “Ruffian.” I already loved horses and was avidly involved in the 4-H horse project, but growing up on the ND/MN border, I had had almost no exposure to racing before seeing that movie. I was fascinated by Ruffian's racing career, the story of the people around her, and her drive to win. I became obsessed with reading racing books, and told my parents I was going to work in the Thoroughbred industry someday.

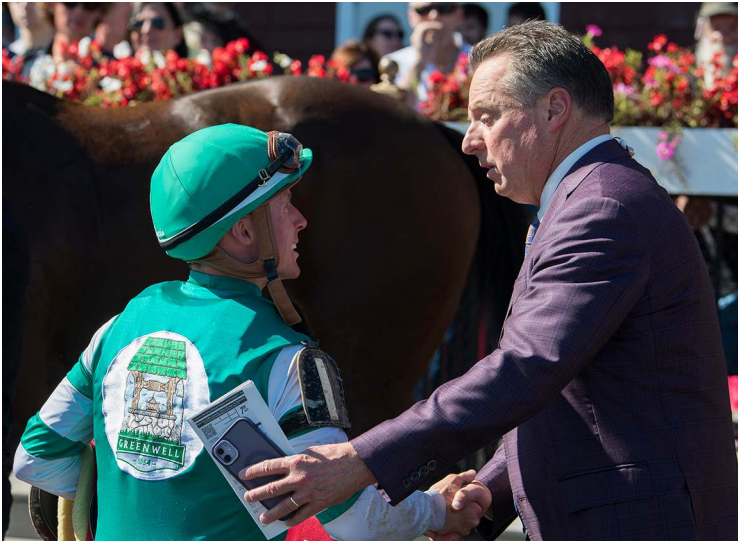
That conviction was solidified when just a few months later, my mom planned a surprise 13th birthday party for me at the North Dakota Horse Park, the small racetrack near my childhood home.

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The track executive director at the time made me feel so special. She took my friends, my mom, and me to the starting gate for the beginning of a race, gave us a tour of the stable area, and introduced us to the track's mascot, an OTTB named Barracuda Boy. These were such simple things, but they made me feel part of something big and important.

The final race of the day was for \$5,000 claimers for a purse of \$2,800. The skies darkened and it started pouring rain, which somehow added to my excitement. I insisted on standing in the rain right at the finish line with my friends, and we went berserk cheering for two geldings, Dr Ty and Fargo Time, as they battled down the stretch to a photo finish. It might as well have been the Kentucky Derby, we were so thrilled.

Who would have ever thought that years down the road, my entire career would be devoted to introducing youth to the Thoroughbred industry. I'd say that 13-year-old me would think that's pretty cool.



Tom Amoss | Sarah Andrew

### Tom Amoss, trainer & T.V. commentator

I went to the same school as Al Stall Jr., whose father was the chairman of the Louisiana Racing commission. We went to Isidore Newman, which is where the Manning brothers all went. We both graduated from there and we roomed together our freshman year at LSU. I became fast friends with Al and one of his interests was handicapping the races. I remember one day he asked me if I wanted to go to the track with his dad. I went on a whim and I liked it.

At the time, my oldest brother was a reporter for the paper here in New Orleans and he connected me with one of the sports writers who really understood racing. That guy brought me to the track at the Fair Grounds and really started to teach me what to look for and what to see when you're handicapping. I fell in love with handicapping from that time on. The idea of having this puzzle in front of you and how it's going to play out

and then doing it and being right. You couldn't beat that. I really enjoyed that a lot. It was to the point where I was getting home from school and I got off the street car one stop after the stop for my house. That was because at that stop they had a newsstand that sold the *Racing Form*. I would get that day's *Form* even though the races were two-thirds over. I'd bring it back to the house. My parents would say you have to do your homework before dinner. I didn't do any homework. I just pulled out the *Form* and started handicapping the races.

Racing was so popular in New Orleans in the '70s that when the nightly news came on they would go over the results at the Fair Grounds. I had already done my handicapping and I could see how I did against the actual results. I started reading some books about handicapping. By the time I was in ninth grade, I was fluent when it came to reading the *Form* and I really enjoyed doing it.

It was about that time and I was spending the night at Al's house and he said his dad had some horses and they were going to go out and watch them train. He said it was an early morning, but asked if I wanted to come out with them. I said sure. At that point, I just thought they put these horses in the gate and the fastest one won. When I was introduced to the backside that day, it was like taking your favorite Broadway play, which for me is "Phantom of the Opera," and then getting to go back stage to see how it all worked. When I had that visit to the track, not only was I amazed at the details but it was then that I decided what I wanted to do. During summer breaks from college I worked alongside with Al at the track in Shreveport.

I got my degree in business, but never had so much as one interview. I went straight to the racetrack. I called it my graduate school. I wanted to learn and do different jobs to feel comfortable with how everything worked. When I went out on my own in 1987, I knew I could train any horse. To be a good horse trainer, you need to be real confident to the point of maybe being arrogant when it came to your abilities. That's when I started and when I did, it was me versus the world. I was breaking into a business that was closed off to a lot of people and there was a lot of nepotism. I was definitely the outsider. Nobody in my family knew anything about racing. Fortunately, I got a few lucky breaks and I started rolling.

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This year's HayRaiser fundraiser is even more important to the organization given the dry conditions facing Scott County, Kentucky.

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**Thursday, Churchill Downs #9, post time: 3:16 p.m. EST**

**FALLS CITY S.-GIII, \$400,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/8m**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Neon Icon 🌿	Arrogate	Glenn S. Bromagen II and Michael Dahir	Arnold II	Saez	118
2	Tarifa	Bernardini	Godolphin, LLC	Cox	Prat	120
3	Peignoir	<b>Mendelssohn</b>	Fletcher and Carolyn L. Gray and Doug Hesterly	Brisset	Geroux	118
4	Musical Mischief 🌿	Into Mischief	Wathnan Racing	McCarthy	Morales	123
5	Enclosure	Arrogate	Juddmonte	Mott	Hernandez, Jr.	121
6	Loved	<b>Medaglia d'Oro</b>	Godolphin, LLC	Walsh	Gaffalione	121
7	Lexa 🌿	<b>Gun Runner</b>	Upton Downs Farm and Louis Wright	Beckman	Corrales	121
8	Quatro Y Vinte (Uru)	T. H. Approval	Brownwood Farm, LLC	Lobo	Machado	121

**Breeders:** 1-Nancy S. Dillman, 2-Godolphin, 3-Fletcher Gray & Carolyn Gray, 4-Clearsky Farms, 5-Juddmonte Farms Inc., 6-Godolphin, 7-Upton Downs Farm & Louis W. Wright, 8-Phillipson

**Thursday, Churchill Downs #11, post time: 4:14 p.m. EST**

**CARDINAL S.-GIII, \$300,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/8mT**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	She's Lookin Lucky	Lookin At Lucky	Richard Dunn, Ten Strike Racing, Gary Barber, Jeremy Sussman, and Todd Monken	Shirer	Geroux	121
2	Magical Lute	<b>Maclean's Music</b>	Whitham Thoroughbreds LLC	Wilkes	Hernandez, Jr.	121
3	Duvet Day (Ire) 🌿	<b>Starspangledbanner (Aus)</b>	Jane Bacharach, William DeBurgh, and Richard Schatz	McCarthy	Prat	121
4	Queen Regent (GB)	Roaring Lion	Qatar Racing LLC	Walsh	Dettori	121
5	Heart Spin 🌿	<b>Hard Spun</b>	Chester J. Miller	Navarrete	Moncada	121
6	Implicated	<b>Connect</b>	Bradley Thoroughbreds, Belmar Racing & Breeding, LLC, Cambron Equine, LLC and Laura Leigh Stable	Walsh	Gaffalione	121
7	Stir Crazy 🌿	Vancouver (Aus)	Paradise Farms Corp. and David Staudacher	Maker	Saez	121
8	Harvey's Princess	<b>Cairo Prince</b>	Froylan Garcia	Salas	McKee	121
9	Adrasteia	Speightster	Fergus Bogle	Bogle	Jimenez	118
10	Dreaming of Mo	<b>Uncle Mo</b>	Blue Devil Racing Stable	Romans	Lanerie	121
11	Quality Star	Animal Kingdom	Brownwood Farm, LLC	Lobo	Machado	121

**Breeders:** 1-Richard Dunn, 2-Whitham Thoroughbreds, LLC, 3-John Yarr, 4-Qatar Bloodstock Ltd, 5-WinStar Farm, LLC, 6-Somewhere Stables KY, LLC, 7-Royal Oak Farm, 8-Harvey A Clarke, Paul Braverman, Sebastian Murat & Steven Shahinian, 9-Mullikin Thoroughbreds, 10-Phoenix Thoroughbreds (III) Limited, 11-Brownwood Farm

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**Friday, Del Mar #7, post time: 6:30 p.m. EST****HOLLYWOOD TURF CUP S.-GII, \$200,000, 3yo/up, 1 1/2mT**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Rimprotector 🐾	Point of Entry	Desimone, Fred, Jarnig, Gordon and McCanna, Tim	McCanna	Ayuso	122
2	Cabo Spirit 🐾	Pioneerof the Nile	Kretz Racing LLC	Papaprodromou	Espinoza	124
3	Dacey Mo Chara (GB)	Adaay (Ire)	Red Baron's Barn LLC and Rancho Temescal LLC	Powell	Prat	122
4	Divin Propos (Fr)	George Vancouver	Madaket Stables, Panic Stable and Strauss, William	D'Amato	Rispoli	122
5	Rockemperor (Ire)	<b>Holy Roman Emperor (Ire)</b>	Madaket Stables, Wonder Stables, Caruso, Michael J., Dubb, Michael and Kisber, Michael E	D'Amato	Hernandez	122
6	Fearless Soldier 🐾	<b>City of Light</b>	Kirk Sutherland	Saavedra	Frey	122
7	None Above the Law	<b>Karakontie (Jpn)</b>	Hector Castrellon	Periban	Pereira	122
8	Nineelevanturbo 🐾	More Than Ready	Stepaside Farm LLC	Drysdale	Fresu	122
9	Balnikhov (Ire)	Adaay (Ire)	Little Red Feather Racing, Madaket Stables LLC and Old Bones Racing Stable, LLC	D'Amato	Kimura	122
10	Goldeneye 🐾	<b>Hard Spun</b>	David A. Bernsen, LLC and Stuart, John D.	Eurton	Gonzalez	122
11	Truly Quality	<b>Quality Road</b>	Augustin Stables	Thomas	Cheminaud	122

**Breeders:** 1-Juddmonte Farms Inc, 2-WinStar Farm, LLC, 3-Worksop Manor Stud, 4-EARL Haras Du Puy Bouillard, 5-Haras du Mezeray, 6-Farfellow Farms Ltd., 7-J. Kirk Robison & Judy Robison, 8-C. W. Swann & Wetherbee Holdings, Ltd., 9-T. de La Heronniere & Gestut Zur Kuste AG, 10-Elm Racing, LLC, 11-George Strawbridge Jr.

**Friday, Churchill Downs #10, post time: 5:18 p.m. EST****MRS. REVERE S.-GII, \$300,000, 3yo, f, 1 1/16mT**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Dancing N Dixie	Neolithic	Gary Barber, Rocky Top Stable and LEMB Stables	Casse	Santana, Jr.	118
2	Buchu 🐾	<b>Justify</b>	Rigney Racing, LLC	Bauer	Ortiz, Jr.	120
3	Kehoe Beach 🐾	Omaha Beach	Thomas W. Bachman	Ward	Dettori	118
4	Pharoah's Wine	<b>American Pharoah</b>	Nancy Delony, William Pacella and Frank Shoop	Romans	Lanerie	118
5	Chilled	<b>Frosted</b>	G. Watts Humphrey, Jr.	Oliver	Machado	118
6	Pin Up Betty	<b>Constitution</b>	Three Diamonds Farm	Maker	Hernandez, Jr.	118
7	Minoushka (GB)	<b>Starspangledbanner (Aus)</b>	Ecurie des Charmes	Walsh	Gaffalione	118
8	Neon Icon 🐾	Arrogate	Glenn S. Bromagen II and Michael Dahir	Arnold II	Leparoux	118
9	Pounce 🐾	Lookin At Lucky	Resolute Racing	Casse	Geroux	118
10	Simply in Front 🐾	Summer Front	Colebrook Farms	Kenneally	Saez	118
11	Maxisuperfly 🐾	Optimizer	Maxis Stable, Foster Family Racing and Chris Vitale	Foster	Cedillo	118
12	Poolside With Slim (Ire)	<b>Churchill (Ire)</b>	Glenn S. Bromagen II, Patrick Lewis and Sanda Bromagen	Arnold II	Velazquez	120
Also Eligible						
13	Adrasteia	Speightster	Fergus Bogle	Bogle	Jimenez	118
14	Breezing Along 🐾	<b>Runhappy</b>	Abbondanza Racing LLC and Glenn S. Graetz	Meah	Roman	118
15	Sanctify 🐾	<b>Audible</b>	Valerie L. Peterson	Holsapple	Hernandez, Jr.	118

**Breeders:** 1-Freddie Hyatt, 2-Rigney Racing, LLC, 3-John Bates, Ron Kirk & Michael Riordan, 4-Pacella Racing, Frank L. Jones & NancyDelony, Frank Shoop, 5-G. Watts Humphrey Jr. & Vicki Oliver, 6-Three Diamonds Farm, 7-Sas Le Thenney - Pearl Champs Elysses, 8-Nancy S. Dillman, 9-Bell, Rankin, VanMeter & Hancock, 10-William Harrigan & Mike Pietrangelo, 11-Calumet Farm, 12-Kilweelran Ltd, 13-Mullikin Thoroughbreds, 14-Stuart S. Janney, III LLC, 15-Chiyoda Farm



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**Friday, Churchill Downs #11, post time: 5:48 p.m. EST**

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PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Bolzy	Gun Runner	Robert H. Zoellner	Von Hemel	Dettori	121
2	Grand Aspen	Dialed In	PRO Thoroughbred Enterprises	Thomas	Corrales	121
3	Crupi 🐎	Curlin	Repole Stable and St. Elias Stables LLC	Pletcher	Ortiz, Jr.	123
4	Piroli	Battle of Midway	Don Alberto Stable	McCarthy	Morales	121
5	Most Wanted	Candy Ride (Arg)	Gary and Mary West	Cox	Geroux	120
6	Hit Show	Candy Ride (Arg)	Wathnan Racing	Cox	Gaffalione	123
7	Rattle N Roll 🐎	Connect	Lucky Seven Stable	McPeck	Hernandez, Jr.	121
8	Red Route One	Gun Runner	Winchell Thoroughbreds LLC	Asmussen	Torres	123
9	Cooke Creek	Uncle Mo	Flying P Stable	Maker	Saez	121
10	Uno Mas Bourbon 🐎	Macho Uno	Bourbon Lane Stable and Six Column Stables, LLC	Wilkes	Arrieta	118

**Breeders:** 1-Robert H. Zoellner, 2-PRO Thoroughbred Enterprises, 3-Claiborne Farm, 4-Don Alberto Corporation, 5-Gary & Mary West Stables Inc., 6-Gary & Mary West Stables Inc., 7-St. Simon Place, 8-Winchell Thoroughbreds, LLC, 9-Candy Meadows LLC, 10-T/C Stable, LLC

**Saturday, Del Mar #9, post time: 7:30 p.m. EST**

**HOLLYWOOD DERBY-GI, \$300,000, 3yo, 1 1/8mT**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Stay Hot	Summer Front	Burns Racing LLC, Exline-Border Racing LLC, SAF Racing, Estate of Brereton C. Jones and Hudock, William Dan	Eurton	Fresu	122
2	Rothschild 🐎	Uncle Mo	SF Racing, Starlight Racing, Madaket Stables, Bashor, D, Masterson, R, Waves Edge Capital, Donovan, C & Ryan, T	Yakteen	Prat	122
3	Chatalas	Gun Runner	Rancho Temescal Tbrd Partners, Agnew, D & Chatalas, W	Glatt	Kimura	119
4	Carson's Run 🐎	Cupid	West Point Thoroughbreds and Bouchey, Steven	Clement	Davis	122
5	King of Gosford (GB)	Zoustar (Aus)	Benowitz Family Trust, CYBT, Gevertz, Saul, Nentwig, Michael and Peskoff, Jeremy	D'Amato	Ortiz, Jr.	122
6	Formidable Man 🐎	City of Light	Warren, Jr., William K. and Warren, Suzanne	McCarthy	Rispoli	122
7	Donegal Momentum 🐎	Uncle Mo	Donegal Racing	Morley	Castellano	122
8	Atitlan	The Factor	John M. B. O'Connor	Shirreffs	Berrios	122
9	Tirupati 🐎	Mitole	Augustin Stables	Thomas	Cheminaud	119
10	British Isles	Justify	Slam Dunk Racing, Baltas, Richard and McClanahan, Jerry	Baltas	Herrera	122
11	Heart Headed 🐎	Oscar Performance	Davis Racing LLC, Giordano, Louis A. and Mueller, Martin	Papaprodromou	Smith	122
12	Twirling Point	Twirling Candy	Augustin Stables	Thomas	Dettori	122
13	Cathal (Ire)	No Nay Never	Diamond T Rcnng, Iapetus Racing, Lady Marion & Alphin, R	Sadler	Hernandez	122

**Breeders:** 1-Brereton C. Jones, 2-PTK, LLC, 3-Dan Agnew, 4-Frankfort Park Farm, 5-The Miss Sugars Partnership, 6-Town & Country Horse Farms, LLC, 7-Speedway Stable, 8-Anastasia Astrid Christiansen-Croy, 9-Spendthrift Farm LLC, 10-Orpendale/Chelston/Wynatt, 11-Alan Tennenbaum, 12-George Strawbridge Jr., 13-Moni Market

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**Saturday, Del Mar #7, post time: 6:30 p.m. EST****SEABISCUIT H.-GII, \$200,000, 3yo/up, 1 1/16mT**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Fast Buck	Gallant Son	Zephyr Racing LLC and De Alba, Cesar	DeAlba	Herrera	118
2	Sumter	War Front	Bass II, Perry R. and Bass, Ramona S.	Mandella	Smith	120
3	Seal Team (GB)	War Front	Bass II, Perry R. and Bass, Ramona S.	Mandella	Rispoli	119
4	Zio Jo 🦟	Nyquist	Joseph A. Navarro	O'Neill	Pereira	119
5	Astronomer	Air Force Blue	Bamford, Alice and Tabor, Michael B.	Callaghan	Kimura	122
6	Mi Hermano Ramon	Creative Cause	Red Baron's Barn LLC and Rancho Temescal LLC	Glatt	Berrios	119
7	Redistricting (GB)	Kingman (GB)	Klaravich Stables, Inc.	Brown	Prat	119
8	Easter (Fr)	Exosphere (Aus)	Madaket Stables LLC	D'Amato	Fresu	121
9	Masteroffoxhounds	War Front	David A. Bernsen LLC and Rockingham Ranch	D'Amato	Dettori	119
10	Almendares (GB)	Havana Grey (GB)	CYBT, McLean Racing Stables, Gevertz, Saul, Nentwig, Michael and Pagano, Ray	D'Amato	Ortiz, Jr.	123
11	St Anthony	Noble Mission (GB)	Alice Bamford	Drysdale	Castellano	119
12	Cabo Spirit 🦟	Pioneerof the Nile	Kretz Racing LLC	Papaprodromou	Espinoza	122

**Breeders:** 1-Daehling Ranch LLC, 2-Bass Stables, LLC, 3-Bass Stables LLC, 4-Elm Racing, LLC & Mulholland Springs LLC, 5-Alice Bamford, 6-Red Baron's Barn, 7-Farm Cove Thoroughbreds Ltd, 8-Aleyrion Bloodstock Ltd., 9-Orpendale/Chelston/Wynatt, 10-D. R. Tucker, 11-Alice C. Bamford, 12-WinStar Farm, LLC

**Saturday, Churchill Downs #9, post time: 4:48 p.m. EST****GOLDEN ROD S.-GII, \$400,000, 2yo, f, 1 1/16m**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Eclatant	Into Mischief	Stonestreet Stables LLC	Cox	Geroux	122
2	Fixin to Bee	Mshawish	Calumet Farm	Arnold II	Velazquez	122
3	Good Cheer	Medaglia d'Oro	Godolphin, LLC	Cox	Saez	122
4	Quietside	Malibu Moon	Shortleaf Stable, Inc.	Ortiz	Gaffalione	122
5	Sturgeon Moon 🦟	Instagrand	OXO Equine LLC	Lobo	Roman	122
6	My Lil Punky	Outwork	Triple M Racing Stable LLC	Ennis	Morales	122
7	Flash Wear 🦟	Instilled Regard	Mazoch, Michael J. and Mazoch, Linda	Vance	Torres	122

**Breeders:** 1-Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC, 2-Calumet Farm, 3-Godolphin, 4-Shortleaf Stable, 5-Phalaris, LLC, 6-Paul King, 7-Sebastien Murat & Nicky DrionThoroughbreds

**Saturday, Churchill Downs #11, post time: 5:48 p.m. EST****KENTUCKY JOCKEY CLUB S.-GII, \$400,000, 2yo, 1 1/16m**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	He's Not Joking 🦟	Practical Joke	Di Scola Boys Stable	Carroll	Geroux	122
2	Jonathan's Way 🦟	Vekoma	Rigney Racing, LLC	Bauer	Rosario	122
3	Tiztastic 🦟	Tiz the Law	Winchell Thoroughbreds LLC, Magnier, Mrs. John, Tabor, Michael B. and Smith, Derrick	Asmussen	Torres	122
4	Dapper Moon	Malibu Moon	Valene Farms LLC	Stewart	Santana, Jr.	122
5	Filoso 🦟	City of Light	Gold Square LLC	Summers	Velazquez	122
6	Clock Tower 🦟	Not This Time	Mrs. Fitriani Hay	Ward	Corrales	122
7	Sonic Skiddaddle	City of Light	Calumet Farm	Walsh	Gaffalione	122
8	First Resort	Uncle Mo	Godolphin, LLC	Harty	Saez	122
9	Render Judgment	Blame	Baccari Racing Stable LLC, Dream Walkin Farms, Inc., MJM Racing and Rocket Ship Racing	McPeck	Hernandez, Jr.	122
10	Redacted 🦟	Honor Code	Briland Farm	Stewart	Morales	122

**Breeders:** 1-James Wasserson, 2-Susan L. Anderson Racing LLC, 3-Capital Bloodstock, 4-Coteau Grove Farms, LLC, 5-Hunter Valley Farm & Oisín Murphy, 6-Clarkland Farm, LLC, 7-Calumet Farm, 8-Godolphin, 9-Green Lantern Stables, 10-Briland Farm, Robert Mitchell & Stacy Mitchell

**Saturday, Del Mar #5, post time: 5:30 p.m. EST**

**JIMMY DURANTE S.-GIII, \$100,000, 2yo, f, 1mT**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Resolve	Midnight Lute	California Racing Partners, Ciaglia Racing & O'Donnell, K	Powell	Berrios	120
2	Slick (Ire)	Oasis Dream (GB)	Little Red Feather Racing, Sterling Stables & Naify, Marsha	D'Amato	Davis	120
3	Lee's Baby Girl 🌿	Malibu Moon	The Del Mar Group	O'Neill	Maldonado	120
4	Dandy Vandy (Fr)	Without Parole (GB)	Bridlewood Farm, e Five Racing Thoroughbreds LLC, Madaket Stables LLC and Dubb, Michael	D'Amato	Ortiz, Jr.	120
5	Schillfied 🌿	Mendelssohn	TCK USA	Gallagher	Pereira	120
6	Casalu	Caracaro	Pegram, Michael E., Watson, Karl and Weitman, Paul	Baffert	Kimura	120
7	Origami (Ire)	Sioux Nation	JWS Racing LLC, Burk, Jeff and Grund, David	Sisterson	Fresu	120
8	Supa Speed 🌿	Justify	Flying Dutchmen Breeding and Racing LLC	Sadler	Prat	120
9	Sea Runner 🌿	Gun Runner	CUYATHY LLC	Yakteen	Rispoli	120
10	Ce La Vi Charli 🌿	Classic Empire	Cady, Todd and Lambert, Jeffrey	Papaprodromou	Castellano	120
11	Will Then	War of Will	Augustin Stables	Thomas	Cheminaud	120
12	Tigerish 🌿	Tiz the Law	David A. Bernsen, Rockingham Ranch & Lambert, Jeffrey	Baltas	Dettori	120
13	Acquitted	Into Mischief	Spendthrift Farm LLC	Mandella	Hernandez	120

**Breeders:** 1-Bloom Racing LLC, 2-Newtown Anner Stud, 3-Ron Boone Family Trust, 4-SCEA Marmion Vauville & Nightchill LLC, 5-Spendthrift Farm LLC, 6-LLP Performance Horses, LLC, 7-Myles Sunderland, 8-Coteau Grove Farms, LLC, 9-Cuyathy, LLC, 10-John R. Penn & Frank Penn, 11-George Strawbridge Jr., 12-Newstead Corp., 13-Spendthrift Farm LLC

**Saturday, Aqueduct #9, post time: 3:38 p.m. EST**

**COMELY S.-GIII, \$200,000, 3yo, f, 1 1/8m**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Pretty Ana	Quality Road	Three Chimneys Farm, LLC	Brown	Lezcano	118
2	Dorothy's Dreams 🌿	Always Dreaming	SJB Stable	Ferraro	Rivera, Jr.	120
3	Alpine Princess 🌿	Classic Empire	Full of Run Racing Two and Madaket Stables LLC	Cox	Franco	120
4	Just Music	Audible	Linda Rice	Rice	Cancel	118
5	Life Talk 🌿	Gun Runner	Repole Stable	Pletcher	Carmouche	122
6	Audacious 🌿	Into Mischief	Bass Stables, LLC	Pletcher	Silvera	118
7	Scalable 🌿	Speightstown	Repole Stable	Pletcher	Gomez	124

**Breeders:** 1-Three Chimneys Farm, LLC, 2-WinStar Farm, LLC, 3-Betz/DJ Stables/Peter V.Lamantia/Classic Empire Syndicate, 4-Mark Cohen, 5-Gun Runner Syndicate, MulhollandSprings LLC & Tom Grether Farms Inc., 6-Fifth Avenue Bloodstock, 7-Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC

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**7th-CD, \$120K, Msw, 2yo, 5 1/2f, 3:55 p.m. ET.**

The debuting \$3.2-million Fasig-Tipton Saratoga graduate **Barnes** (c, 2, Into Mischief--All American Dream, by **American Pharoah**) is set to become the first starter at Churchill Downs for Hall of Famer Bob Baffert since the lifting of his well-documented, corporation-imposed three-year suspension. Owned by Zedan Racing Stables, Barnes worked five furlongs in 1:00 2/5 (2/8) at Baffert's Santa Anita base Nov. 20 before heading to Louisville. His third dam is MGISW Dream Supreme (Seeking the Gold), responsible for GISW Majestic Warrior (A.P. Indy). The Into Mischief x Empire Maker cross is responsible for promoted GI Kentucky Derby winner **Mandaloun** and G1 Dubai World Cup hero Laurel River. **TJCIS PPS**

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## TODAY'S FEATURED REPLAY



**DIMATIC** (**Gun Runner**) wins the Zia Park Derby.  
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### IN ORDER OF PURSE:

**ZIA PARK DERBY**, \$300,000, Zia, 11-26, 3yo, 1 1/16m, 1:41.69 (NTR), ft.

1--**DIMATIC**, 121, c, 3, by **Gun Runner**

1st Dam: Time to Tap, by **Tapit**

2nd Dam: Fun House, by **Prized**

3rd Dam: Bistra, by **Classic Go Go**

**1ST BLACK TYPE WIN.** O/B-Winchell Thoroughbreds LLC (KY); T-Steven M. Asmussen; J-Jose L. Ortiz. \$176,400. Lifetime Record: GSP, 12-3-2-1, \$614,403. \*Full to Dreamlike, GISP, \$467,285.

2--**Indispensable**, 119, c, 3, **Constitution**--High Performer, by **Candy Ride** (Arg). (\$330,000 Wlg '21 KEENOV; \$825,000 Ylg '22 KEESEP). O-Talla Racing LLC, West Point Thoroughbreds & Barker, Edwin S.; B-Nursery Place, Donaldson & Broadbent (KY); T-John W. Sadler. \$58,800.

3--**Chivalrous**, 119, g, 3, **Medaglia d'Oro**--Sugarcraft, by Bernardini. (\$30,000 3yo '24 FTKHRA). **1ST BLACK TYPE.** O-Judge Lanier Racing, LLC & H.P. Drought and Company; B-Godolphin (KY); T-Dick Cappellucci. \$29,400.



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Margins: HF, 3, 1 1/4. Odds: 4.70, 1.00, 44.00.

Also Ran: Alotaluck, Big City, Vlahos, August Rain, Woodcourt. Scratched: Awesome Road, Generous Tipper.

Dimatic, a two-time winner at Oaklawn this season, was second in the GIII West Virginia Derby Aug. 4, then finished a well-beaten fourth in the GIII Oklahoma Derby Sept. 29. An inside fifth through a half mile in :46.23 here, Dimatic was locked and loaded on the far turn, split horses as they turned for home, kicked on nicely to hit the front and held a late rally safe from favored Indispensable while setting a new track record. Dimatic becomes the 35th stakes winner worldwide for **Gun Runner** and is bred on the same highly successful cross as GISW Society and GSWs Wicked Halo, Red Route One, Il Miracolo and Disarm. Also responsible for a yearling colt by **Silver State**, the winner's dam, a full-sister to champion Untapable, visited **Gun Runner** for 2025. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#) or **VIDEO**, sponsored by **FanDuel TV**.



**ZIA PARK OAKS**, \$300,000, Zia, 11-26, 3yo, f, 1 1/16m, 1:41.79, ft. 1--**VALENCE**, 117, f, 3, by **Violence**

**1st Dam: Button Girl (SP, \$147,350), by Mizzen Mast**

**2nd Dam: Jangada, by Raft**

**3rd Dam: Pharlette (Fr), by Pharly (Fr)**

(\$75,000 RNA 2yo '23 OBSAPR). **1ST BLACK TYPE WIN.** O-A. Jason Hall Stables, Baker, Stephen R. & Vanlandingham, Bill; B-Jason Hall, Stephen Baker, David Branch, and Bill Vanlandingham (KY); T-Ty J. Garrett; J-Luis A. Fuentes. \$176,400. Lifetime Record: 8-3-4-0, \$241,700.

2--**Xena**, 119, f, 3, **Constitution**--Princess Warrior, by **Midshipman**. (\$400,000 Ylg '22 KEESEP). **1ST BLACK TYPE.** O-Spendthrift Farm LLC; B-Evan Trommer Jr., CDM Bloodstock & Crocket Farm (KY); T-Steven M. Asmussen. \$58,800.

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3--**Under the Palms**, 121, f, 3, **Enticed**--Desert Recon, by Outflanker. (\$105,000 Ylg '22 FTKJUL). O-Tilted Shamrock Stables, LLC & Magdalena Racing (Sherri McPeek); B-Justice Farm, Greg Justice (IN); T-Kenneth G. McPeek. \$29,400.

Margins: 4, 5, 1 1/4. Odds: 17.60, 1.70, 5.00.

Also Ran: Kara, Avana, Lemonesse, Nativity, Candy Aisle. Scratched: Arctic Breeze, Chatalas, V V's Dream.



**Valence** | *Coady Media*

Valence, an allowance winner on the Canterbury grass in late June, failed to find the winner's circle in her next four starts, including a second-place finish while making her dirt debut in an allowance at Zia Nov. 5. She broke on top at odds of 17-1 while making her stakes debut here, set fractions of :23.83 and :47.48 and drew off in the stretch to pull off the upset. Valence becomes the 52nd stakes winner for **Violence**. The winner's dam is also responsible for the 2-year-old filly Deadly Beauty (**First Samurai**), a yearling filly by **Raging Bull (Fr)** and a Creative Cause colt of this year. She was bred to **Annapolis** for 2025. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

**ZIA PARK DISTAFF S.**, \$100,000, Zia, 11-26, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:07.97, ft.

1--**HOLLY DOLLY**, 123, f, 4, **Brody's Cause**--Pinch Me, by Arch. (\$120,000 Ylg '21 FTKOCT; \$250,000 2yo '22 EASMAY).

**1ST BLACK TYPE WIN.** O-Tom R. Durant; B-Kellie & Tim Holland & Ramon Rangel (KY); T-H. Ray Ashford, Jr.; J-Iram Vargas Diego. \$62,000. Lifetime Record: 11-6-4-0, \$206,034. \*1/2 to Verylittlecents (Goldencents), SW, \$240,985; Bold Thirst (Stay Thirsty), MSP, \$159,200.

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2--**Olivia Twist**, 123, f, 4, Mshawish--Twinkling, by War Chant. (\$20,000 Ylg '21 KEESEP; \$230,000 2yo '22 OBSOPN).

O-Andrews, Gary Randall, Coleman, George Chris, Cone, James, King, Brad E., Kirby, Suzanne and Lewis, Robert L.; B-Brushy Hill, LLC (KY); T-Todd W. Fincher. \$22,000.

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3--**Closing Act**, 121, f, 3, **Munnings**--Evening Show, by Master Command. O/B-Douglas Scharbauer (TX); T-Steven M. Asmussen. \$10,000.

Margins: 1 3/4, 1 1/4, HF. Odds: 2.30, 0.60, 3.50.

Also Ran: Chesterette, Charlee Mae. Scratched: Alberta Sun.

Holly Dolly reeled off four straight wins at Remington Park this term, including a last-out allowance Oct. 25, and was off as the second choice in this field of five. She sat a tracking trip from second, hit the front at the top of the stretch and took care of business from there to deliver a career high. Holly Dolly becomes the sixth stakes winner for Brody's Cause.

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**ZIA PARK SPRINT S.**, \$100,000, Zia, 11-26, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:07.79, ft.

1--**JAXON TRAVELER**, 123, h, 6, **Munnings**--Listen Boy (SP), by **After Market**. (\$80,000 Ylg '19 KEESEP; \$140,000 2yo '20 OBSAPR). O-West Point Thoroughbreds; B-A. Leonard Pineau (MD); T-Steven M. Asmussen; J-Jose L. Ortiz. \$60,000. Lifetime Record: MGSW, 34-12-8-5, \$1,077,798.

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2--**Dean's List**, 123, h, 5, Speightstown--Mildly Offensive, by Sharp Humor. (\$220,000 RNA Ylg '20 FTKSEL; \$75,000 3yo '22 KEENOV). O-Judge Lanier Racing & Drought, James L.; B-WinStar Farm, LLC (KY); T-Dick Cappellucci. \$20,000.

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3--**Abeliefinthislivin**, 119, c, 4, Arrogate--Half A. P., by Pulpit. (\$70,000 Ylg '21 KEESEP). O-Peter Redekop B. C., Ltd.; B-Merrielle Stable, LLC (KY); T-Blaine D. Wright. \$10,000.

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Margins: 4 3/4, NK, 1 1/4. Odds: 0.05, 6.90, 10.70.

Also Ran: Competitive Idea, Mister Chairman, Piney Bluff.

'**TDN Rising Star**' Jaxon Traveler, a narrow winner of this term's GIII Whitmore Stakes at Oaklawn Park, won his last two starts at Remington, including the David M. Vance Stakes Sept. 29. Favored at 1-9 to successfully defend his title in this contest, he pressed Dean's List from second, took over when ready on the far turn and left no doubt in the stretch to win for fun. The winner's dam had a filly by **Jack Christopher** this year and was bred back to that sire for 2025. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

**ZIA PARK JUVENILE S.**, \$100,000, Zia, 11-26, 2yo, 6f, 1:08.07, ft.  
1--**SMASH IT, 118, g, 2, by Star Guitar**

**1st Dam: Hennesey Smash (MSW, \$252,006), by Roll Hennesey Roll**

**2nd Dam: Some Smash, by Rare Brick**

**3rd Dam: A Smash, by Star de Naskra**

**1ST BLACK TYPE WIN.** O/B-Brad King, Scott Bryant, Clay Cash, Chris Coleman & Stan Kirby (LA); T-Todd W. Fincher; J-Alfredo J. Juarez, Jr. \$60,000. Lifetime Record: 7-2-4-0, \$166,300. \*1/2 to Slammed (Marking), GSW, \$557,030; Roll On Diabolical (Diabolical), MSW, \$154,450; Smash Ticket (**Midnight Lute**), SW & GSP, \$226,870.

2--**Don't Fly Stand By, 120, c, 2, Upstart**--Miss Emelina, by Big Brown. (\$35,000 RNA Ylg '23 SARAUG; \$35,000 2yo '24 EASMAY). **1ST BLACK TYPE.** O-Wallstreet Racing Stables IV and Thygesen, Clifford; B-H&H Farms, Inc. (NY); T-Kevin Eikleberry. \$20,000.

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3--**Wood Ceiling, 118, c, 2, Gun Runner**--Responsibleforlove (Ire), by Duke of Marmalade (Ire). (\$340,000 RNA Wlg '22 KEENOV; \$190,000 RNA Ylg '23 KEESEP; \$110,000 2yo '24 OBSOPN). **1ST BLACK TYPE.** O-Tremblay, Norman and Kropp, Gary; B-Pursuit of Success LLC (KY); T-Robertino Diodoro. \$10,000.

Margins: 3, 6 3/4, HF. Odds: 0.05, 17.40, 30.20.

Also Ran: Land Speed, Ring Seeker, Blazing to Gold, Colonel Ludlow.

Smash It was second in each of his first three attempts, including a very solid runner-up effort behind future GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile winner Citizen Bull (Into Mischief) at Del Mar Aug. 17. After earning his diploma at fourth asking, Smash It tried turf in his next two, finishing a close second in the Speakeasy Stakes at Santa Anita Oct. 5 and ninth in the one-mile Thoroughbred Aftercare Alliance Stakes at Del Mar Nov. 1. Favored at 1-9 here, he forced the issue from an outside second,



Smash It | Coady Media

took over at the top of the stretch and kept on finding more down the stretch to deliver his first career stakes victory. Smash It becomes the 18th stakes winner for Star Guitar. The winner's dam produced a colt by **City of Light** in 2023 (\$200,000 KEESEP yearling purchase by Repole Stable) and a colt by **Flightline** this year. She was bred back to **Curlin**. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

**FIRST STAKES WINNER FOR FRESHMAN SIRE**

**ZIA PARK PRINCESS S.**, \$100,000, Zia, 11-26, 2yo, f, 6f, 1:08.29, ft.

1--**RELIABLE SOURCE, 118, f, 2, by Volatile**

**1st Dam: Repeta, by Broken Vow**

**2nd Dam: Attico, by Atticus**

**3rd Dam: Irish Coco, by Capote**

(\$250,000 RNA Ylg '23 KEESEP). **1ST BLACK TYPE WIN.** O/B-Three Chimneys Farm, LLC (Goncalo B. Torrealba) (KY); T-Steven M. Asmussen; J-Jose L. Ortiz. \$57,600. Lifetime Record: 4-2-1-0, \$138,400. \*1/2 to Lady Glamour (Discreet Cat), GSP, \$126,170; Mucho Del Oro (Mucho Macho Man), MGSW, \$421,100; **Funtastic** Again (**Funtastic**), SW & GISP, \$428,694. \*\*First stakes winner for freshman sire (by **Violence**).

**LEGACY Hip 1212: Half sis sells at KeeJan**

2--**Clapping Trees, 118, f, 2, Practical Joke**--Air Guitar, by Five Star Day. **1ST BLACK TYPE.** O-King, Brad E. & Kirby, Suzann; B-Brad King (KY); T-Todd W. Fincher. \$19,200.

3--**Stubby, 118, f, 2, War of Will**--Treasured Up, by **Medaglia d'Oro**. (\$57,000 Wlg '22 KEENOV; \$30,000 2yo '24 OBSAPR; \$23,000 2yo '24 KEENOV). **1ST BLACK TYPE.** O-Judge Lanier Racing LLC; B-Ashview Farm (KY); T-Dick Cappellucci. \$9,600.

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Margins: 8, 3/4, 2 1/4. Odds: 0.80, 17.10, 90.00.

Also Ran: Going Deep, Power Connection, Kanojo, Bow to Clara, Innocence, Street Colors, True Lovin.

Reliable Source became the first stakes winner for freshman sire **Volatile (Violence)** with this dominant display. Drawn widest of all in post 10, the 4-5 favorite tracked the early leaders in an outside third, cruised up three deep on the far turn and blasted free in the stretch to win for fun. A maiden winner at second asking at Saratoga July 28, Reliable Source was sixth behind the unbeaten GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies winner Immersive (**Nyquist**) in the mud in the GI Spinaway Stakes last out Aug. 31. The winner's dam is also represented by a **Not This Time** yearling filly, a \$200,000 purchase by Repole Stable at Keeneland September. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

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### IN ORDER OF PURSE:

**9th-Parx Racing, \$55,200, Alw (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$75,000), 11-26, 2yo, 6f, 1:13.83, my, 2 3/4 lengths.**

**RIGHT WING RUNNER (c, 2, Preservationist--Silver Lantana, by Badge of Silver),** a local debut winner Sept. 10, was backed at 5-1 to stay perfect here. He raced in sixth through an opening quarter in :22.90, launched a four-wide rally on the far turn and kept on rolling down the stretch to score by 2 3/4 lengths. The winner's dam had a filly by **Complexity** in 2023 and a filly by **Independence Hall** this year. She was bred back to Verifying. Sales history: \$10,000 Ylg '23 OBSOCT; \$75,000 2yo '24 OBSMAR. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$60,000. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.** O-Richard Malouf; B-Norman Dellheim & Katie Liebe (FL); T-Scott A. Lake.



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**Air Strike (Street Sense),** Duncan Farms, \$2,000  
 3 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners  
 8-Mahoning Valley, 4:02 p.m. EDT, Alw 6f, Professor Nick, 8-1

**Authentic (Into Mischief),** Spendthrift Farm, \$50,000  
 160 foals of racing age/19 winners/1 black-type winner  
 7-Churchill Downs, 3:55 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2f, Innovator, 3-1  
 \$900,000 KEE SEP yrl

**Echo Town (Speightstown),** Coolmore Ashford, \$5,000  
 60 foals of racing age/12 winners/2 black-type winners  
 3-Charles Town, 7:57 p.m. EDT, Msw 4 1/2f, Bigtonten, 6-1  
 \$85,000 KEE SEP yrl

**Event Driven (Medaglia d'Oro),** R.C. Cline Thoroughbred Farm  
 6 foals of racing age/4 winners/0 black-type winners  
 2-Mahoning Valley, 1:12 p.m. EDT, Msw 6f, So That's That, 8-5

**Fog of War (War Front),** Topaz Stud, private  
 53 foals of racing age/3 winners/0 black-type winners  
 7-Finger Lakes, 2:58 p.m. EDT, Msw 1m, Liliths Moon, 10-1  
 7-Finger Lakes, 2:58 p.m. EDT, Msw 1m, Waiting for A. I., 10-1

**Honest Mischief (Into Mischief),** Sequel New York, \$6,500  
 73 foals of racing age/8 winners/2 black-type winners  
 7-Finger Lakes, 2:58 p.m. EDT, Msw 1m, Wingo Starr, 5-2  
 \$18,000 SAR AUG yrl; \$55,000 OBS MAR 2yo

**Pat On the Back (Congrats),** Bonner Hill Farms, \$3,500  
 15 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners  
 8-Parx Racing, 3:14 p.m. EDT, \$100K Pennsylvania Nursery S., 7f,  
 Reelin N Dealin, 8-1  
 \$20,000 EAS MAY 2yo

**Promises Fulfilled (Shackleford),** WinStar Farm, \$5,000  
 28 foals of racing age/6 winners/1 black-type winner  
 7-Churchill Downs, 3:55 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2f, Absolutely Hot,  
 20-1  
 \$30,000 FTI DEC wnl; \$110,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$230,000 OBS MAR  
 2yo

**Rowayton** (Into Mischief), Taylor Made Farm, \$7,500  
 30 foals of racing age/3 winners/0 black-type winners  
 5-Penn National, 8:11 p.m. EDT, \$100K Shamrock Rose S., 6f,  
 Mandy's Miss, 12-1  
 \$20,000 FTI DEC wnl; \$18,000 FTK OCT yrl

**Thousand Words** (Pioneerof the Nile), Spendthrift Farm, \$5,000  
 124 foals of racing age/17 winners/2 black-type winners  
 3-Charles Town, 7:57 p.m. EDT, Msw 4 1/2f, Blessednotlucky,  
 5-2  
 \$65,000 OBS APR 2yo

**Tiz the Law** (Constitution), Coolmore Ashford, \$20,000  
 98 foals of racing age/19 winners/5 black-type winners  
 5-Penn National, 8:11 p.m. EDT, \$100K Shamrock Rose S., 6f,  
 Quercus, 12-1

**Volatile** (Violence), Three Chimneys Farm, \$15,000  
 125 foals of racing age/22 winners/1 black-type winners  
 7-Finger Lakes, 2:58 p.m. EDT, Msw 1m, Giant Impact, 3-1  
 \$32,000 RNA SAR AUG yrl

**SECOND-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: WEDNESDAY, NOV. 27**  
*2024 Stud Fees Listed*

**Enticed** (Medaglia d'Oro), Mountain Springs Farm, \$5,000  
 158 foals of racing age/53 winners/3 black-type winners  
 9-Parx Racing, 3:41 p.m. EDT, \$75K Cornucopia S., 6 1/2f, Patty  
 Brown Eyes, 10-1  
 \$25,000 KEE JAN wnl; \$19,000 RNA FTK OCT yrl; \$85,000 EAS  
 MAY 2yo

**Maximus Mischief** (Into Mischief), Spendthrift Farm, \$25,000  
 232 foals of racing age/88 winners/8 black-type winners  
 8-Parx Racing, 3:14 p.m. EDT, \$100K Pennsylvania Nursery S., 7f,  
 Baby Dukes, 2-1  
 \$130,000 EAS OCT yrl

5-Penn National, 8:11 p.m. EDT, \$100K Shamrock Rose S., 6f,  
 Dadoo, 6-1  
 5-Penn National, 8:11 p.m. EDT, \$100K Shamrock Rose S., 6f,  
 Icona Mama, 5-2  
 \$75,000 OBS APR 2yo



**STAKES RESULTS:**

**ROCKY GULCH NEW MEXICO CLASSIC S.**, (NB) \$200,000, Zia, 11-25, (S), 3yo/up, 1 1/16m, 1:43.49, ft.  
 1--**I THINK I'M HERE, 119, g, 5, Marking--Limeade, by Summer Bird.** O-Charles Dunleavy III; B-Chuck Dunleavy & Shawn Davis (NM); T-Lillian N. Silva; J-Alfredo J. Juarez, Jr. \$120,000. Lifetime Record: SP, 19-5-4-2, \$339,816.  
 2--**Spinning Black, 121, g, 7, Spinning Touch--Clear Creek Canyon,** by Johannesburg. O-Arturo Chavez; B-Michael & Jeanne Fuhs (NM); T-Arturo Chavez. \$40,000.  
 3--**Thunder Dome, 121, g, 10, Dome--Lauren Lynn,** by Hadif. O-Bill Carson; B-Frank Richardson & Mooring (NM); T-Dallas J. Barton. \$20,000.  
 Margins: 6, 2 1/4, 2 1/4. Odds: 3.20, 43.10, 5.50.

**ZIA PARK CHAMPIONSHIP S.**, \$125,000, Zia, 11-26, 3yo/up, 1 1/16m, 1:42.03, ft.

1--**HEROIC MOVE, 123, c, 4, Quality Road--Family Tree (MGSW & GISP, \$733,387), by Smart Strike.** O-Bennewith, Arnold, Wiest, Rick, Wiest, Clayton, Wiest, Lana, Howg, Randy, R6 Stables, Kropp, Gary and Tremblay, Norman; B-Gary & Mary West Stables Inc. (KY); T-Robertino Diodoro; J-Harry Hernandez. \$75,000. Lifetime Record: GSW, 19-5-3-3, \$675,781.



2--**Mine That Star, 123, h, 7, Pioneerof the Nile--Mining My Own,** by Smart Strike. (\$775,000 Ylg '18 KEESEP; \$35,000 3yo '20 KEENOV). O-Judge Lanier Racing LLC; B-Phil & Judy Needham, Bena Halecky & WinStar Farm LLC (KY); T-Dick Cappellucci. \$25,000.



3--**Unload, 123, g, 4, Gun Runner--Untapped,** by Tapit. O/B-Winchell Thoroughbreds LLC (KY); T-Steven M. Asmussen. \$12,500.  
 Margins: 2 3/4, 1, 4HF. Odds: 1.60, 4.50, 1.30.

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**9th-Remington, \$40,000, (S), 11-25, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:10.90, ft, 2 1/4 lengths.**

**ARTISTIC VISION (f, 4, The Visualiser--Artistic Charm {GB}, by Dutch Art {GB})** Lifetime Record: 25-10-0-5, \$198,995.

O-Thumbs Up Racing, LLC; B-David Cobb (OK); T-Miguel Angel Silva.

**8th-Remington, \$35,000, 11-25, (NW1X), 2yo, c/g, 1m, 1:41.81, ft, 1 1/4 lengths.**

**BROOKLYN ALLEY CAT (g, 2, Ministers Wild Cat--Dream On Kayla, by Decarchy)** Lifetime Record: 6-2-0-1, \$46,917.

O-Hester, Jay and Pish, Danny; B-Southern Comfort Farm LLC (KY); T-Danny Pish. \*\$15,000 Ylg '23 TTAYRL; \$30,000 RNA 2yo '24 TTAAPR.

**4th-Finger Lakes, \$24,840, 11-26, (C), 3yo/up, f/m, 1m 70y, 1:46.81, sy, head.**

**CHAMPAGNE SURPRISE (f, 3, Arrogate--Unbridled Surprise, by Street Sense)** Lifetime Record: 11-4-1-2, \$70,849.

O-Scott Durgan; B-Randy Bloch, et al (KY); T-Luis Gutierrez.

**2nd-Turf Paradise, \$22,000, (C)/Opt. Clm (\$15,000-\$20,000), 11-26, 3yo/up, f/m, 1mT, 1:34.47, fm, 1 length.**

**MARINAS TINA (IRE) (f, 4, Belardo {Ire}--Pile Ou Face {Ire}, by Exceed And Excel {Aus})** Lifetime Record: 14-2-1-5, \$75,559.

O-Luedtke, Walter, Oracheff, Robert and Oracheff, Robert Scott; B-Mrs Noreen O'Donovan (IRE); T-Esteban Martinez. \*€31,000 Ylg '21 GOFSP.

**4th-Camarero, \$21,000, (S), 11-24, 2yo, 1m, 1:40.96, ft.**

**MI AMIGO JAIME (c, 2, Console--Danceinthemoment, by Tiznow)** Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, \$13,880.

O-E.R.V. Enterprises, Inc.; B-Potrero Los Llanos Inc. (PR); T-Eduardo Falcon. \*\$29,000 Ylg '23 POTLOS. \*\*1/2 to Sola Bella (Tapwrit), SW-PR, \$107,826.

**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**

**Complexity Girl**, f, 2, **Complexity**--Artistic License (SW, \$196,488), by Heart of the Storm. Mahoning Valley, 11-26, (S), 6f, 1:15.49. Lifetime Record: 8-1-3-1, \$44,172. B-T/C Stable, LLC & Larmon Cowles (OH). \*\$17,000 Wlg '22 KEENOV. \*\*20th winner for freshman sire (by **Maclean's Music**).

## LEGACY

**Pink Pacific**, f, 2, **Improbable**--Pacific Pink (MSW, \$731,170), by Private Vow. Zia, 11-26, 5 1/2f, 1:03.28. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, \$31,500. B-Phoenix Thoroughbreds (III) LTD (KY). \*\$45,000 Ylg '23 FTKOCT. \*\*1/2 to Make the Boys Wink (More Than Ready), GSP, \$222,420. \*\*\*16th winner for freshman sire (City Zip).  
**Real Good Magic**, g, 3, **Good Magic**--Thunderous Gem (MSP,

\$108,272), by Gemologist. Zia, 11-26, 5f, :56.90. Lifetime Record: 5-1-0-2, \$34,115. B-WinStar Farm, LLC (KY). \*\$3,500 Ylg '22 KEEJAN.

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**Dashingly**, f, 3, **Liam's Map**--Tiger Silk (Aus) (SP-NZ), by All American (Aus). Zia, 11-26, 5f, :56.12. Lifetime Record: 6-1-1-1, \$55,620. B-Sunnybrook Stables (KY). \*\$130,000 Ylg '22 KEESEP; \$200,000 RNA 2yo '23 OBSMAR.

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**Bustino Santino**, g, 4, **Bustin Stones**--Amulay, by It's No Joke. Finger Lakes, 11-26, 6f, 1:12.69. Lifetime Record: 14-1-2-4, \$98,980. B-R. J. Valente (NY).

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**Arrogate**, Champagne Surprise, f, 3, o/o Unbridled Surprise, by **Street Sense**. ALW, 11-26, Finger Lakes  
**Belardo (Ire)**, Marinas Tina (Ire), f, 4, o/o Pile Ou Face (Ire), by Exceed And Excel (Aus). AOC, 11-26, Turf Paradise  
**Brody's Cause**, Holly Dolly, f, 4, o/o Pinch Me, by Arch. Zia Park Distaff S., 11-26, Zia  
**Bustin Stones**, Bustino Santino, g, 4, o/o Amulay, by It's No Joke. MSW, 11-26, Finger Lakes  
**Complexity**, **Complexity** Girl, f, 2, o/o Artistic License, by Heart of the Storm. MSW, 11-26, Mahoning Valley  
**Console**, Mi Amigo Jaime, c, 2, o/o Danceinthemoment, by Tiznow. ALW, 11-24, Camarero  
**Good Magic**, Real **Good Magic**, g, 3, o/o Thunderous Gem, by Gemologist. MSW, 11-26, Zia  
**Gun Runner**, Dimatic, c, 3, o/o Time to Tap, by **Tapit**. Zia Park Derby, 11-26, Zia  
**Improbable**, Pink Pacific, f, 2, o/o Pacific Pink, by Private Vow. MSW, 11-26, Zia  
**Liam's Map**, Dashingly, f, 3, o/o Tiger Silk (Aus), by All American (Aus). MSW, 11-26, Zia  
**Marking**, I Think I'm Here, g, 5, o/o Limeade, by Summer Bird. Rocky Gulch New Mexico Classic S., 11-25, Zia  
**Ministers Wild Cat**, Brooklyn Alley Cat, g, 2, o/o Dream On

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Kayla, by Decarchy. ALW, 11-25, Remington  
**Munnings**, Jaxon Traveler, h, 6, o/o Listen Boy, by After Market. Zia Park Sprint S., 11-26, Zia  
**Preservationist**, Right Wing Runner, c, 2, o/o Silver Lantana, by Badge of Silver. AOC, 11-26, Parx Racing  
**Quality Road**, Heroic Move, c, 4, o/o Family Tree, by Smart Strike. Zia Park Championship S., 11-26, Zia  
**Star Guitar**, Smash It, g, 2, o/o Hennesey Smash, by Roll Hennesey Roll. Zia Park Juvenile S., 11-26, Zia  
**The Visualiser**, Artistic Vision, f, 4, o/o Artistic Charm (GB), by Dutch Art (GB). ALW, 11-25, Remington  
**Violence**, Valence, f, 3, o/o Button Girl, by Mizzen Mast. Zia Park Oaks, 11-26, Zia  
**Volatile**, Reliable Source, f, 2, o/o Repeta, by Broken Vow. Zia Park Princess S., 11-26, Zia



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**Britain's first female bloodstock auctioneer Shirley Anderson-Jolag**  
*Tattersalls*

By Emma Berry

NEWMARKET, UK — In contrast to the opening day of foal trade in Ireland just over a week ago, the Tattersalls December Foal Sale was slower out of the blocks with a clearance rate of 60%. The average and median did improve throughout the day and ended with slight increases on this session last year at 12,086gns (+8%) and 9,000gns (+13%). Turnover, from 111 of the 182 foals sold, dipped by 14% to 1,341,500gns, albeit from 24 fewer foals changing hands than on the corresponding day last year. Of those weanlings who found a buyer, 21 were bought for the minimum bid of 1,000gns.

There are doubtless different factors at play, with the noted influx of young Irish vendors last week far more likely to get involved locally initially, especially when it comes to the extra expense in travelling horses in and out of the EU since Brexit. There is not the same level of interest in foal pinhooking among British-based buyers, and the number of smaller British breeders has been in decline, along with the size of the foal crop. **Cont. p3**

## JAMES HORTON TO TRAIN FROM STOUTE'S BEECH HURST STABLES

James Horton has secured a lease on Beech Hurst Stables in Newmarket and will continue his training career there. It is the former base of the recently retired **Sir Michael Stoute**. Stoute, who trained star-crossed G1 Derby hero Shergar (GB) (Great Nephew {GB}) at Beech Hurst, later expanded to Freemason Lodge.

The 37-year-old Horton, a former Stoute assistant for seven years, previously trained for John Dance, who subsequently came **under investigation for fraud last spring**. Horton announced he was **relocating to Newmarket** in September of 2023, and was based out of Harry Eustace's Park Lodge Stables.

"We're very lucky, we've been able to secure a lease on Beech Hurst Stables for next year," he told *Sky Sports Racing*.

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## IN TDN AMERICA TODAY

### ILLUMINARE LATEST TO SHINE A LIGHT ON CENTENNIAL

**Illuminare** (City Of Light) is the latest star from the Centennial programme. Chris McGrath speaks with Centennial's Donald Little, Jr.



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**Shirley Anderson-Jolag made history at Tattersalls on Tuesday when becoming the first female bloodstock auctioneer in Britain. She sold lot 211 at the Tattersalls December Foal Sale.** | *Laura Green/Tattersalls*

**6 | MAKING WAVES: WITHOUT PAROLE FILLY WIN AT THE FAIR GROUNDS**  
*The latest edition of Making Waves features a trio of maiden winners from across the U.S.*

**9 | SHARE IN HELLO YOUMZAIN TOPS ARQANA ONLINE**  
*The share sold for €250,000 to Laurent Benoit's Broadhurst Agency during the Arqana Online November Sale.*

**12 | HONG KONG STAR HANDED MEYDAN ENTRY**  
*Romantic Warrior (Ire) (Acclamation {GB}) has been entered in the G1 Al Maktoum Challenge at Meydan on Friday, Jan. 24.*

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That will doubtless continue, in the short term at least. At this end of the market, the sums involved simply do not make commercial sense for breeders aiming to sell rather than race the horses they produce.

It will be a different story come Friday of course, with some smartly bred individuals set to grace the ring, but for this first of four foal sessions it was a case of a steady start, albeit with an important piece of bloodstock history at the beginning of the day.

As is customary, Tattersalls chairman Edmond Mahony took to the rostrum to offer the first five foals through the ring, none of which was sold, and then came the debut of Shirley Anderson-Jolag, who became the first female bloodstock auctioneer in Britain, knocking down her first lot (211), a filly by Ubettabelieveit (Ire), for 1,000gns to an online bid from HWRS. Applause rippled round the ring but Anderson-Jolag, who has been building up to this moment with plenty of practice through the last two years, pressed on in businesslike fashion to successfully complete what will be the first of two stints on the rostrum this week.

"I had a good solid year of practice with Edmond [Mahony]," she said. "Harvey Bell has been really helpful, too, and I have sold cattle, antiques, sold after auction races and at charity events. About a year and a half ago it was Hannah Wall and David Redvers who gave me my first charity auction at a hunt ball – they kind of made me do it, which was great as I would probably have said no."

Of the response to her first turn in the ring, she added, "It has been nothing but positive from everyone, and I am glad I have finally done it. Standing behind Edmond to go up to the front of the rostrum I felt as sick as a dog, but I knew I had the support of people and, once I saw people coming into the ring, that made me really happy, it was lovely. Once I got that first lot under my belt, I was okay."

She continued, "Hopefully, in five years it will be norm, and loads of women will be doing this. It did weigh on me a bit coming into today but only for positive reasons, because I wanted to be good for other women coming through."

Commenting on Anderson-Jolag's historic debut, Mahony said, "The company is nearly 260 years old, so to have a first female auctioneer is quite a moment. Tattersalls is viewed as a very traditional company and it is quite nice to buck the trend and be the first to achieve this. It is a great achievement on Shirley's behalf, she has put a lot of work into this. She was obviously nervous this morning, but she will be a lot freer and relaxed going forwards." [Cont. p4](#)

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### First-Crop Space Traveller Colt Shines

A colt from the first crop of Space Traveller (GB) provided one of the highlights of the afternoon with a flurry of activity for the half-brother to the Windsor Castle Stakes winner Ain't Nobody (Ire) (Sands Of Mali {Fr}). The final bid for lot 385 was placed online at 82,000gns, with the colt, bred by Steve Parkin's Rathbride Farm, being marked as sold to Mick Carty of Kilmoney Cottage Stud. The colt's dam Burmese Waltz (GB) (Showcasing {GB}) was a multiple winner for Parkin's Clipper Logistics, as was Space Traveller, winner of the G2 Boomerang Stakes and now resident at Starfield Stud.

Tom Blain, whose Barton Stud was the leading vendor on day one with 13 sold for 225,000gns, said, "Steve Parkin wanted to show the industry

that the stallion is producing good foals, and I think this foal has achieved that – and he has a good pedigree with a Royal Ascot winner this year. He is good enough to be offered any day, this week, but today has paid off and all the judges were on him, all the pinhookers."

Barton Stud also sold a colt by Pinatubo (Ire) (lot 387) on behalf of breeder Charlie Wyatt of Dukes Stud for 50,000gns to Anna Raddavero of St Simon Bloodstock.

She said of the son of the listed-placed High Hopes (GB) (Zamindar), "This is our first experience buying here. We'll see how he grows and then decide because we have some that we sell and others that we race."

Raddavero also experienced her first winner in Britain this month when the Marco

Botti-trained two-year-old Palazzo Blu (Ire) (Saxon Warrior {Jpn}) won on debut at Chelmsford. [Cont. p5](#)



lot 385, Tuesday's top lot | Tattersalls

## The Darley dynasties

# EARTHLIGHT



The record-breaking G1 Middle Park winner is fastest off the mark of any of Shamardal's sons with **a first-crop Group winner.**

His G1 daughter Daylight emulated his win in the G3 Prix de Cabourg before running third to colts in the Morny and beating all but Lake Victoria in the Cheveley Park.

**€12,500** Oct 1, SLF  
 Kidangan Stud, Ireland

**Proven Standout**

Bidding through Paddy Vaughan, Roger and Tony O'Callaghan snapped up a son of Nathaniel (Ire) from Tom and Alexandra Whitehead's Altenbach Bloodstock for 55,000gns. An outlier in as much as the colt was the sole weanling in the top 20 sold whose sire had won at 1m2f or more.

"A very athletic colt," was Roger O'Callaghan's assessment of lot 376, who is a half-brother to the listed Prix Finlande winner Olendon (Fr) (Le Havre {Ire}) who was also runner-up in the G1 Prix Saint-Alary.

**Saxtead's Faith in A'Ali Rewarded**

Members of the Yeomanstown Stud team were decked out in caps advertising their new stallion Mill Stream (Ire) and, as ever, were active foal buyers, signing up three new recruits for 78,000gns.

At the head of that trio was lot 271, the A'Ali (Ire) first foal of the winning Aclaim (Ire) mare Kelapa (GB). The colt, who fetched 40,000gns, was bred by Bob and Fiona Temple of Saxtead Livestock, who also bred and raced the mare.

Fiona Temple said, "We have a breeding right in the stallion, and we have had two nice colts by him this year. Our mares tend to be quite big and he is a neat stallion."

She added, "We're over the moon that Yeomanstown have bought him – it is so important that the horses go on to good homes, especially as he is a first foal out of the mare, he will get every chance now."

The Temples are selling four colts this week through Barton Stud.

"They were all nice sorts and, as we do all the work ourselves, it is easier to deal with the colts as foals rather than yearlings," Temple said. [Cont. p6](#)



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Dalham Hall Stud, UK

# HARRY ANGEL

Exceptional source of sprinting Stakes winners – in 2024, only Havana Grey and Dark Angel have more aged three and up in Europe. **He's level on five with Blue Point and Kodiak** above Starspangledbanner, Mehmas, No Nay Never and the rest.

Darley

# IMPRESSIVE FIRST FOALS!

Lot 471, colt consigned by Stanley Lodge,  
purchased by Jack Hanly of Ballyhimikin Stud for **€155,000**



*"When you get luck like that and you produce a foal like that I don't see why you wouldn't go back to him (Blackbeard)"* Nick Cope, Stanley Lodge



Lot 548, filly consigned by The Castlebridge Consignment,  
purchased by Pier House Stud for **€155,000**



# BLACKBEARD

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She added, "We have a Stradivarius [lot 1107] to sell on Saturday and we think he is the nicest of the lot."

The foal sale resumes on Wednesday at the slightly earlier time of 10am.

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**TATTERSALLS DECEMBER FOAL SALE DAY 1**

SESSION TOTALS	2024	2023
• Catalogued	221	259
• Number Offered	182	227
• Number Sold	111	135
• Not Sold	71	92
• Clearance Rate	60%	59%
• High Price	82,000gns	65,000gns
• Gross	1,341,500gns (-14%)	1,517,450gns
• Average (% change)	12,086gns (+8%)	11,240gns
• Median (% change)	9,000gns (+13%)	8,000gns

# Making Waves

by Heather Anderson



**WITHOUT PAROLE FILLY MAKES TIME AT THE FAIR GROUNDS**

*In this series, the TDN takes a look at notable successes of European-based sires in North America. This column is highlighted by the victory of Serving Time at the Fair Grounds in New Orleans.*

**Third Time's The Charm For Serving Time**

Breeders' Cup-winning trainer Cherie DeVaux saddled **Serving Time (GB)** (Without Parole {GB}) to win at third asking at the Fair Grounds on Nov. 23 ([chart](#)). Owned by John Gunther, Eurowest Bloostock and Borders Racing Stable, the 2-year-old filly became the 12th winner for her first-season sire (by **Frankel (GB)**) who stands at Newsells Park Stud in Britain. [Cont. p7](#)



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CHARM SPIRIT - MAGIC (GALILEO)  
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2025 Fee **£15,000** 1st October

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SHOWCASING - DIJARVO (ICEMAN)  
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**Making Waves Cont.**

Bred by John and Tanya Gunther and Borders Racing Stable, Serving Time is the first foal out of Cubit (GB) (**Bated Breath {GB}**), a winner as a 3-year-old over a mile at Saint-Cloud. The filly has a yearling half-sister by Too Darn Hot (GB), and a weanling full-brother. In the spring of 2024, Cubit was bred to **Good Magic**.

This is the family of G1 Irish Derby and G1 Grand Prix de Saint-Cloud winner Westover (GB) (**Frankel {GB}**) and Grade III winner Monarchs Glen (GB) (**Frankel {GB}**), both half-brothers to Cubit. The trio are out of GIII Churchill Distaff Turf Mile heroine Mirabilis (Lear Fan), herself a half-sister to G1 Prix de Diane heroine Nebraska Tornado (Storm Cat).

Without Parole has two-time Group 3 runner-up Fiery Lucy (GB) and the multiple stakes-placed Sea To Sky (Ire) in his first crop worldwide. However, Serving Time is not his first winner in North America, with that honour going to **Without Caution**.

**Ten Sovereigns Filly Graduates In Florida**

**Lush Lips (GB)** (Ten Sovereigns {Ire}) trotted up at Gulfstream Park to win by seven lengths for Medallion Racing, Steve Weston, Mrs. Paul Shanahan and Mrs. MV Magnier last weekend. Trained by Brendan Walsh, the daughter of the winner Lamyaa (GB) (Arcano {Ire}) was making her fourth start (**video**).

Bred by the Pocock Family, Lush Lips sold for £82,000 out of the Goffs UK Premier Yearling Sale to Avenue Bloodstock/Medallion Racing and Donnacha O’Brien. She made two starts in Ireland for O’Brien and the above partners and Hoffman, in July and August. Her latest half-sibling is a weanling colt by Harry Angel (Ire), while German multiple group winner Electric Beat (GB) (Shinko Forest {Ire}) is a half to her dam. Another half-sister to Lamyaa is responsible for the group winners Melo Melo (GB) (**Gleneagles {Ire}**) (second in the G1 Prix Vermeille) and Treasuring (GB) (Havana Gold {Ire}), who won at the group/graded level in North America and Ireland.

Coolmore’s Ten Sovereigns has six winners from nine runners (67%) in the U.S. Dual graded winner Zulu Kingdom (Ire) is his best in that jurisdiction, and he has another four black-type horses there so far.

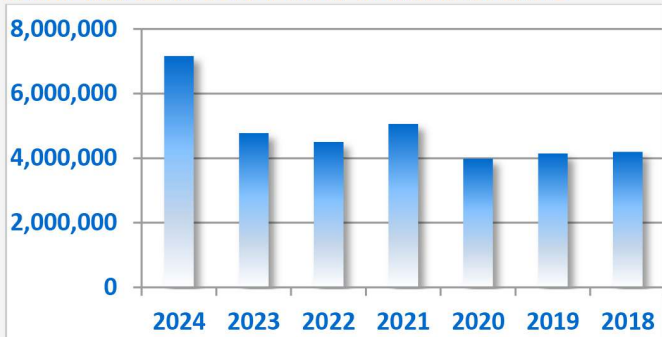
**Dandy Man Miss States Her Case**

Rancho Temescal Thoroughbred Partners’ **Miss Mandalay (GB)** (Dandy Man {Ire}) put it all together to win at Del Mar on Nov. 23 (**video**). Trained by Robert Hess, Jr., the bay was making her fifth appearance.

Part of the Workshop Manor Stud breeding programme, Miss Mandalay sold for £32,000 to JRSA from her breeders in the Goffs UK Premier Yearling Sale in 2022. **Cont. p8**

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**TATTERSALLS DECEMBER YEARLING SALE**



“The 18-year-record for the top-priced yearling at the December Sale fell when the Dark Angel half-sister to Camille Pissarro sold for 900,000gns, prompting record figures across the board.”

- Emma Berry

Year	Cat	Ring	Sold	%w/d	%s/r	%s/c	Gross (gns)	Ave (gns)
2024	198	168	138	15.2%	82.1%	69.7%	7,170,000	51,957
2023	188	162	128	15.8%	79.0%	68.0%	4,778,200	37,300
2022	186	151	130	18.9%	86.0%	70.0%	4,501,500	34,627
2021	200	164	145	18.0%	88.4%	72.5%	5,067,500	34,948
2020	173	142	122	18.0%	85.9%	70.5%	3,986,300	32,675
2019	202	167	131	17.3%	82.7%	64.9%	4,149,500	31,676
2018	201	162	118	19.4%	72.9%	58.8%	4,200,500	35,597



Miss Mandalay | Benoit Photo



James Horton | Racingfotos.com

### Making Waves Cont.

In her first start, she was second at Wolverhampton for trainer Kevin Philippart de Foy and owners Curran, Fitzwilliams, Newton, and Railton. She is one of three winners for Belle Travers (GB) (Bahamian Bounty {GB}) whose latest trio of foals are a filly by Bobby's Kitten and colts by Lope Y Fernandez (Ire) and Oasis Dream (GB) born in 2022, 2023, and 2024, respectively. Second dam Forthefirsttime (GB) (Dr Fong) won the Listed Flame Of Tara Stakes.

Ballyhane's late Dandy Man now has 15 winners from 27 runners (56%) in America. First-season sire River Boyne (Ire), who won the GI Frank E. Kilroe Mile Stakes at Santa Anita, is his best runner there, but he also has the stakes winner Dandy Man Shines (Ire), and an additional five stakes horses.

### Repeat Winner:

Newstead Stables' Laurelin (Ire) (Zarak {Fr}), who featured in the column in October, earned her stakes rosette in the Tepin Stakes at Aqueduct for Graham Motion on Nov. 17 (video). She is one of 28 stakes winners for her sire internationally, who will stand at the Aga Khan Studs' Haras de Bonneval in France for €80,000 next year.

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### James Horton Cont. from p1

He said, "Obviously, everything went a bit upside down about 18 months ago, so this year has very much been a sort of rebuilding year. This time last year, we hadn't even moved into

the yard, with just a handful of horses.

"We've had 10 winners from just over 100 runners, with a lot of 2-year-olds who we're educating and are exciting horses for next year.

"It's been very much a rebuilding year but we've been lucky enough to secure the lease on Beech House, which will be a fantastic opportunity for us."

"I spent seven years with Sir Michael and during the entirety of that time, Beech Hurst was part of the set-up," added Horton.

"Some would have called it the second yard but it very much was a yard that worked within the base of Freemason and they were two yards that worked together and worked very well.

"So, I know Beech Hurst very well and it's great to be back there, I'm really looking forward to it; the location is excellent, it's a healthy yard, the horses thrive there and we're absolutely delighted to have been given the opportunity.

"Sir Michael, in my eyes, between him and Sir Henry Cecil, were two of the greats that us younger guys were able to witness on the Heath in the mornings. To be able to work alongside him for seven years was an honour and something I'll always remember.

"He's a great character and I've spoken to him plenty the last couple of years with the things that have gone on and he had plenty of wise words to keep us on the straight and narrow."

Roger Varian was previously leasing Beech Hurst Stables.

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## SHARE IN HELLO YOUMZAIN TOPS THE ARQANA ONLINE NOVEMBER SALE AT €250K

A 1/50th share in first-season sire **Hello Youmzain (Fr)** (lot 4) brought a sale-topping €250,000 from Laurent Benoit's Broadhurst Agency during Tuesday's Arqana Online November Sale.

The son of Kodiak (GB) has 19 winners worldwide. His pair of Group 3 winners are G3 Prix des Chenes hero Misunderstood (Fr), and G3 Prix Eclipse hero Electrolyte (Ire). Kullazain (GB) was third in the G3 Cornwallis Stakes, and Afentiko (Ire) was placed in a French listed affair. He stands for €40,000 at Haras d'Etream next year.

Group 1 sire **Kameko's** 1/50th (lot 7) share sold for €180,000 to Wertheimer et Frere. Already the sire of GI Summer Stakes scorer New Century (GB), the son of Kitten's Joy has G2 Royal Lodge Stakes winner Wimbledon Hawkeye (GB) to represent him, as well. The latter was third in the G1 Futurity Trophy. Kameko also has 14 winners in his first crop.

Lot 13, a 1/50th share in fellow first-season sire **Persian King (Ire)**, brought €150,000 from Haras du Chateau. Of his 45 runners, he has 14 winners.

Overall, 13 shares and four breeding rights sold for a gross of €1,019,000. A 1/50th share in established stallion **Zarak (Fr)** did not reach its reserve and was passed in at €650,000.

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## FELICITY BARNARD TO SUCCEED ALASTAIR WARWICK AS ASCOT CEO

Felicity Barnard has been appointed as chief executive of Ascot Racecourse, with Alastair Warwick set to stand down from the role at the end of the year for personal reasons, the course announced on Tuesday. Barnard currently serves as deputy chief executive at Ascot, alongside her role as commercial director.

Sir Francis Brooke, chairman and His Majesty's representative at Ascot Racecourse, said, "Alastair has played a major role in the success of Ascot Racecourse since he joined the business in 2008, most recently as chief executive where he has overseen two very important and successful Royal Meetings in the new reign of King Charles III.

"We are all grateful to him on so many levels and thank him for his dedication to Ascot over the past 16 years. For personal reasons Alastair has expressed a wish to step down from his role at Ascot. This will allow him time to consider other opportunities for the next stage of his career and we all wish him well.

"I am delighted that Fliss Barnard has accepted the Board's invitation to become chief executive," Brooke continued. "Fliss

has already brought considerable commercial expertise to the racecourse and the wider industry. Additionally, she has led on initiatives which have seen a significant expansion of Ascot's global profile."

Warwick said, "It has been an absolute privilege to work for and then lead this organisation over the past 16 years. Ascot and Royal Ascot is only ever something you are a custodian of but during my time it has been a pleasure to see Ascot flourish and grow so much whilst supporting the community that it is a part of."

Before joining Ascot, Barnard spent four years as CEO of Tie Break Tens, where she launched the new short format of tennis internationally. She also worked at Arsenal Football Club, both in London and Singapore, and at West Ham United as their commercial director.

Barnard added, "I am very excited to have been appointed to lead the business and look forward to working alongside the rest of the racing industry to promote the sport in an increasingly competitive environment."

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Felicity Barnard | Ascot

## SEAHENGE ON THE MOVE TO HARAS DE TIERCE

Stakes sire **Seahenge** will stand at Haras de Tierce in 2025, *Jour de Galop* reported on Tuesday. The son of Scat Daddy will command a fee of €3,500.

Previously located at Haras de la Haie Neuve, Seahenge will join **Taj Mahal (Ire)** and **Nerium (Ire)** at the stud. The 9-year-old is the sire of listed winners Chic Colombine (Fr) and Winter Pudding (Fr). Currently standing on Southern Hemisphere time in Argentina, Seahenge has several South American Classic winners among his progeny, as well as several winners in the National Hunt sphere.

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**TIMEFORM'S TOP FLAT HORSES IN BRITAIN & IRELAND**

**TWO-YEAR-OLDS**

Rating	Name
120	SHADOW OF LIGHT
119p	LAKE VICTORIA (f)
119p	THE LION IN WINTER
117p	DESERT FLOWER (f)
116p	DELACROIX
116	HOTAZHELL
114p	ANCIENT TRUTH
113p	SCORTHY CHAMP
113p	WIMBLEDON HAWKEYE
113	BABOUCHE (f)
113	HENRI MATISSE
112p	EXPANDED
112p	FAIRY GODMOTHER (f)
112p	RULING COURT
112	CAMILLE PISSARRO
111p	GREEN IMPACT
111	AOMORI CITY
111	RASHABAR
111	WHISTLEJACKET
110p	FIELD OF GOLD
110	EXACTLY (f)
110	HILL ROAD
110	MAGNUM FORCE

**NATIONAL HORSERACING MUSEUM OFFERS FESTIVE, HORSE-DRIVEN CARRIAGE TOUR**



The National Horseracing Museum will be getting into the festive spirit on Saturday, December 14 | NHRM

On Saturday, December 14, between the hours of 10am and 4pm, the five-acre site of the National Horseracing Museum (NHRM) in Newmarket will open its doors to celebrate the

arrival of the festive season.

There is a special admission price of £6 per adult and £4 per child, with under 5's free. The ticket price includes access to all outside areas of the NHRM and a ride on Santa's horse and carriage.

Tickets are available to purchase in advance online or on the day at the Gift Shop. Click [here](#) for more information about the event.

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**FIRST-SEASON SIRE  
WITH RUNNERS**

**Wednesday, November 27, 2024:**

**FRANCE**

**Golden Horde (Ire)** (Lethal Force {Ire}), Haras de Montfort et Preaux

45 foals of racing age/6 winners/0 black-type winners

11-DEAUVILLE, 1500m, **Larmes d'Or (Fr)**

€40,000 Arqana Deauville Yearling Sale V2 2023

**Hello Youmzain (Fr)** (Kodiac {GB}), Haras d'Etreham

111 foals of racing age/18 winners/2 black-type winners

10-DEAUVILLE, 1500m, **Haza (Fr)**

€100,000 RNA Arqana Deauville August Yearling Sale 2023;

€52,000 Arqana Deauville October Yearlings 2023

3-DEAUVILLE, 1300m, **Kohana (GB)**

3-DEAUVILLE, 1300m, **Txirimiri (Fr)**

**Sergei Prokofiev** (Scat Daddy), Whitsbury Manor Stud

121 foals of racing age/24 winners/2 black-type winners

11-DEAUVILLE, 1500m, **Signoria Piazza (Ire)**

€11,000 Goffs November Foal Sale 2022

**Threat (Ire)** (Footstepsinthesand {GB}), Haras du Mont Goubert

42 foals of racing age/2 winners/0 black-type winners

4-DEAUVILLE, 1300m, **Hemevez (Fr)**

€3,500 Arqana Deauville Nov. Yearling Sale 2023

**Wooded (Ire)** (Wootton Bassett {GB}), Haras de Bouquetot

81 foals of racing age/10 winners/0 black-type winners

11-DEAUVILLE, 1500m, **La Flaminia (Fr)**

€19,000 RNA Arqana Deauville October Yearlings 2023

4-DEAUVILLE, 1300m, **Luffy (Fr)**

€26,000 Arqana Deauville October Yearlings 2023

11-DEAUVILLE, 1500m, **Mistra River (Fr)**

€22,000 RNA Arqana Deauville October Yearlings 2023



Wooded has four runners at Deauville | Al Shaqab Racing

3-DEAUVILLE, 1300m, **Wewilldanceagain (Ire)**  
€65,000 Arqana Deauville Yearling Sale V2 2023

**Yafta (GB)** (Dark Angel {Ire}), Haras de la Haie Neuve  
26 foals of racing age/3 winners/0 black-type winners  
3-DEAUVILLE, 1300m, **Shoptilyoudrop (Fr)**

**IRELAND**

**Romanised (Ire)** (**Holy Roman Emperor {Ire}**), Haras de Bouquetot  
85 foals of racing age/10 winners/0 black-type winners  
1-DUNDALK, 7f, **Frankton (Fr)**  
€36,000 Arqana Deauville October Yearlings 2023

**Sottsass (Fr)** (**Siyouni {Fr}**), Coolmore Stud  
98 foals of racing age/11 winners/0 black-type winners  
1-DUNDALK, 7f, **Angelo Pio (Ire)**  
€20,000 Goffs November Foal Sale 2022; €28,000 RNA  
Tattersalls Ireland September Yearling 2023

**Threat (Ire)** (**Footstepsinthesand {GB}**), Haras du Mont Goubert  
42 foals of racing age/2 winners/0 black-type winners  
1-DUNDALK, 7f, **One Horse Town (Ire)**  
€10,000 Goffs Autumn Yearling Sale 2023

FRANCE

**Tuesday's Results:**

**PRIX LYPHARD - POLYTRACK CHALLENGE-Listed**, €52,000,  
Deauville, 11-26, 3yo/up, 9 1/2f (AWT), 1:59.52, st.  
1--**GLAER (GB)**, 126, g, 7, **Siyouni (Fr)**--**Glorious Sight (Ire)** (SW

& **MG1SP-Fr**, \$430,401), by **Singspiel (Ire)** **1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN**. O/B-SCEA Haras de Saint Pair (GB); T-Pierre Groualle; J-Christophe Soumillon. €26,000. Lifetime Record: 20-9-4-2, €175,160. \*1/2 to Glycon (Fr) (Le Havre {Ire}), **MGSW & G1SP-Fr**, \$379,856.

2--**Merkur (Fr)**, 126, c, 4, **Kingman (GB)**--**Marketeer (GB)**, by **Oasis Dream (GB)**. (€140,000 Ylg '21 ARAUG). O-Stall Grafenberg; B-Fittocks Stud & Ecurie des Monceaux (FR); T-Waldemar Hickst. €10,400.

3--**Long Ago (GB)**, 122, f, 4, **Roaring Lion**--**Let It Be Me**, by **Mizzen Mast**. **1ST BLACK TYPE**. O-Qatar Racing Limited; B-Let It Be Me Partnership (GB); T-Francois Rohaut. €7,800.  
Margins: NK, NK, HD. Odds: 12.20, 24.00, 22.00.

Also Ran: **Lev (GB)**, **Muhalif (Ger)**, **Hooking (GB)**, **Ciccio Boy (Fr)**, **Rock Blanc (Fr)**, **Karsavina (GB)**, **Gamestars (Ire)**, **Luna Rae (Ire)**, **Concluding Call (Ire)**. Scratched: **Bubble Sign (Fr)**.

**6th-Deauville**, €34,000, **Cond**, 11-26, 2yo, 9 1/2f (AWT), 1:56.11, st.

**RAFALE DESIGN (IRE)** (c, 2, **Starspangledbanner {Aus}**--**Fashion Design {Ire}**, by **Montjeu {Ire}**), off the mark over this course and distance earlier this month, was cajoled along behind the leading trio throughout the early stages. Moving to the front with ease 300 metres from the line, the 7-10 favourite stretched away to record an impressive 7 1/2-length success from **Stef Le Magnifique (Fr)** (Le Brivido {Fr}). The dam, whose colt foal is by **Ten Sovereigns (Ire)**, is a daughter of the GI Matron Stakes and GII Spinaway Stakes winner **Sense Of Style** (Thunder Gulch) and a full-sister to **Only A Pleasure (Ire)** who was a listed-winning and group-placed stayer.

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**6th-Deauville Cont.**

She hails from the esteemed dynasty of the champion sprinter and leading sire Last Tycoon (Ire), which includes the luminaries Immortal Verse (Ire) (Pivotal {GB}), Hermosa (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) and Hydrangea (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}). Sales history: €48,000 Wlg '22 GOFNOV; €75,000 Ylg '23 GOFORB; €195,000 RNA 2yo '24 ARMAY. Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, €33,500. O-Laurent Dassault, Cormac Farrell, Jean-Noel Bocahut, LTN Racing, Meridian International SARL & Frank Dhooqhe; B-Newstead Breeding LLC (IRE); T-Yann Barberot.

**CONDITIONS RESULTS:**

**8th-Deauville, €34,000, 11-26, 2yo, 6 1/2f (AWT), 1:16.79, st. KAADI (IRE) (f, 2, Soldier's Call {GB}--Ruby Girl {Ire}, by Fast Company {Ire})** Lifetime Record: GSP-Fr, SP-Eng, 11-2-5-1, €102,093. O-Gousserie Racing; B-Brian Miller (IRE); T-Patrice Cottier. \*€52,000 Ylg '23 TIRSEP; €100,000 HRA '24 ARARC. \*\*1/2 to Hotel Wren (Ire) (Dragon Pulse {Ire}), GSW-HK, \$1,931,211.



**IN MAINLAND CHINA:**

**China Seas (Ire), h, 5, Galileo (Ire)--Beauty Is Truth (Ire)** (MGSW-Fr, \$226,426), by Pivotal (GB). Jin Men, 11-23, 1800m, sand, 1:58.34. O-Zhang Le Tao. B-Coolmore (Ire). \*Full to Hermosa (Ire), G1SW-Eng & Ire, G1SP-Fr, \$1,148,803; Hydrangea (Ire), G1SW-Eng & Ire, G1SP-Fr, \$1,313,667; The United States (Ire), G1SW-Aus & GSW-Ire, \$1,684,244; and 1/2 to Fire Lily (Ire) (Dansili {GB}), Hwt. 3yo-Ire at 5-7f, MGSW & G1SP-Ire, G1SP-Fr & GSP-Eng, \$412,541. **VIDEO.**



**ROMANTIC WARRIOR GIVEN MEYDAN ENTRY AHEAD OF UNPRECEDENTED HAT-TRICK BID**

Regular rider James McDonald has issued a positive bulletin on **Romantic Warrior (Ire)** (Acclamation {GB}) ahead of his bid for a historic third consecutive win in the HK\$40 million G1 Longines Hong Kong Cup at Sha Tin on Sunday, December 8.

California Memory (Highest Honor {Fr}) is the only other dual



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winner of the Hong Kong Cup in 2011 and 2012, which means Romantic Warrior would be out on his own as the most successful horse in the race's history should he repeat his 2022 and 2023 triumphs at the Longines Hong Kong International Races (HKIR).

Victory would also promote Romantic Warrior (HK\$154.92 million/€18.9 million) ahead of Golden Sixty (Aus) (**Medaglia d'Oro**) (HK\$167.17 million/€20.4 million) into the position of the world's highest-earning racehorse of all time.

"He wears his heart on his sleeve," McDonald said of the six-year-old Romantic Warrior, who could seek further riches in the Middle East early next year, having been given an entry in the G1 Al Maktoum Challenge at Meydan on Friday, January 24.

"He's a once-in-a-lifetime horse and I would love to see him win a third. Even watching his videos at trackwork, he's moving like a well-oiled machine--he's just really strutting his stuff. He's in career-best form.

"It's a great day [HKIR] to be part of and to have a live chance is even better. I just enjoy coming back to ride him [Romantic Warrior]. He gives you so much confidence as a rider. You just look forward to the day--it's very self-explanatory."

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**MAGIC MILLIONS CONTENDER KING KIRK DIES IN FREAK ACCIDENT**

**King Kirk (Aus)**, one of the most promising two-year-olds in Australia following his debut win in the G3 Breeders' Plate at Randwick last month, has died as a result of a freak accident, *Racenet* reported on Tuesday.

Trained by Gai Waterhouse and Adrian Bott, King Kirk had participated in a barrier trial earlier in the day as he continued his preparation for a tilt at the R. Listed Magic Millions 2YO Classic on the Gold Coast on Saturday, January 11. **Cont. p13**

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However, the son of first-season sire Ole Kirk (Aus) reportedly encountered difficulties during a routine swim after his exercise on the track and could not be saved.

In a release seen by *Racenet*, the Waterhouse and Bott stable told MyRacehorse syndicate members involved in the colt, "Unfortunately, King Kirk has passed away this afternoon following an incident that occurred during his recovery.

"King Kirk was routinely swimming at the Randwick Racecourse horse pool under the supervision of his regular handler and foreman, when he panicked causing him to swallow a significant amount of water in the process.

"Despite the efforts by his handlers, ATC [Australian Turf Club], staff and veterinarians, he sadly could not be saved."

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