

## Derby Momentum

## IN NUMBERS: SCRATCHED HORSES SIGNIFICANTLY LIKELY TO NEED EXTENDED REST



The Chosen Vron | Benoit

#### by Dan Ross

This year's Breeders' Cup had a touch of deja vu all over again thanks to a series of veterinary scratches in the lead up to the event, some of which didn't exactly sit well with connections.

The one that perhaps garnered the most attention is Californian flag-bearer The Chosen Vron's (Vronsky) removal from the GI Breeders' Cup Sprint on official veterinary advice. The horse's connections initially disputed the scratch, arguing he was 100% sound. It later transpired The Chosen Vron had a small ankle problem that necessitated a few months rest.

The narrative surrounding The Chosen Vron's scratch was hardly an anomaly. As veterinary scrutiny of horses has increased in recent years, so too has concern amongst the individuals charged with overseeing the everyday health and welfare of the horse that their expert viewpoints and perspectives are being superseded by those with limited understanding of a particular galloper's peculiar way of going. Where heads butt, tempers fray.

An anecdotal reading of events can be skewed one way or another. And so, what do the hard numbers tell us? Are scratched horses at a higher risk of facing extended periods of time off, for example? How long do they usually take to get back to the races? How many simply never race again? **Cont. p3** 

## COX UNVEILS A PAIR OF 'TDN RISING STARS' ON SAME DAY; WILL THEY LIVE UP TO THE

**HYPE?** The Week in Review, by Bill Finley

When the TDN staff decided to make Patch Adams (Into Mischief) and Chasten (Into Mischief) 'TDN Rising Stars' after their maiden wins Saturday at Churchill Downs history was made by trainer Brad Cox. Never before has a trainer had two Rising Stars on the same day. Both were obvious choices. Patch Adams ran away from his competition to win by 10 lengths. Chasten, a winner by 1 1/2 lengths, wasn't quite as impressive, but that she is half-sister to 2023 Older Filly & Mare Champion Idiomatic (Curlin) obviously swayed the TDN team. A horse is made a TDN Rising Star when he or she wins one of their first few starts, and is impressive enough that the TDN staff believes the horse will go on to be as graded stakes winner. Cont. p7

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### CAUGHT U LOOKING HAMMERS FOR 1.8M TO WILLINGHAM AT TATTERSALLS DECEMBER

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Newgate	\$20,000	10
Tapit Trice	\$20,000	13
Domestic Product	\$30,000	13+
Dornoch	\$40,000	13+
Cogburn	\$30,000	14"
Seize the Grey	\$30,000	18+

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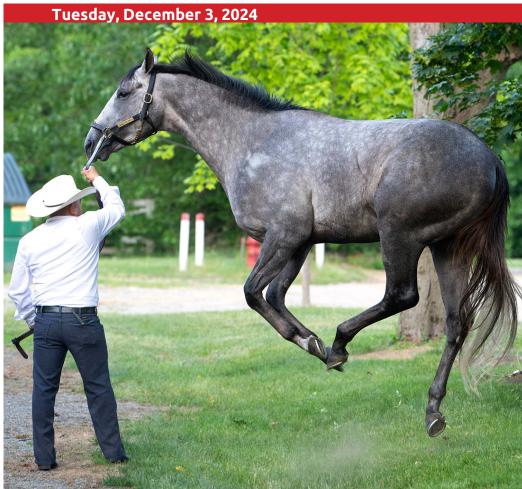
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In summary, the available numbers show that scratched horses are notably more likely to face extended periods of time off than non-scratched horses. They typically take longer to get back on the work tab and to the races. A significant number simply never make it back.

Indeed, in one dataset from the past five years, between onequarter and approaching one-third of the scratched horses studied never made it back to race. In a comparable group of supposedly sound horses, this rate of attrition was in the low single digits.

That said, the numbers show room for improvement to ensure sound and healthy horses aren't unnecessarily snagged in this safety net. They also identify a tantalizing window to screen horses with brewing problems early enough so that race-day lameness scratches become as low as possible.

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#### **National Overview**

Since the advent of the Horseracing Integrity and Safety Act's (HISA) drug and medication control program, the racing fatality rate has headed noticeably downwards.

In the second quarter of this year, for example, there were 0.76 fatalities per 1000 starts in jurisdictions that fall under the federal program's jurisdiction--a number nearly half the national average last year.

As to what's primarily driving this downward trend, concrete answers are difficult to come by.

Is it the tightened medication rules? Is it improving track maintenance protocols? Is it the post-entry screening protocols? Or is it increased veterinary scrutiny, with all HISA jurisdictions required to administer pre-race exams the morning of a race (something not always done at certain tracks)? Is it a combination of factors in equal parts?

HISA doesn't maintain nationwide data about the time it takes for horses to return to the work-tab and races after a lameness scratch, as the agency doesn't always receive granular information as to the reasons behind each scratch. But it's currently working on a fix.

In the meantime, regional datasets that tell similar tales make for fascinating reading.



#### Santa Anita and Gulfstream Park

Dionne Benson, 1/ST Racing's chief veterinary officer, has compiled five years of vet scratch data (spanning May 2019 to June 2024) for both Santa Anita and Gulfstream Park.

Using the Equine Injury Database (EID), Benson zeroed in on horses that were scratched for unsoundness during a pre-race exam on the morning of the race, or for the same problem during the afternoon immediately before the race went off. She discarded all other reasons for a scratch like a spiked temperature or for rearing over in the gates.

#### SANTA ANITA | GULFSTREAM PARK

#### Scratched

Track	Never Raced Again	Never Worked Again	Raced Back within 30 days	Raced Back within 90 days
Santa Anita	26%	14%	7%	38%
Gulfstream Park	29%	20%	12%	45%

#### Cohort

Track	Never Raced Again	Never Worked Again	Raced Back within 30 days	Raced Back within 90 days
Santa Anita	4%	3%	44%	85%
Gulfstream Park	5%	8%	53%	88%

For every horse scratched, Benson randomly selected a horse that made a start in the intended race as a means of comparison. We'll call them the "cohort" group. In other words, a cohort of purportedly sound horses.

In short, the scratched horses were significantly more likely never to race or work again than the supposedly sounder cohort group. Of those that did compete again, they also took much longer to get back to the races.

When asked about the seemingly anomalous statistic out of Gulfstream Park--where 5% of the cohort group never raced again, while 8% never worked again--Benson explained that in Florida, the horses will often race back instead of working again.

#### **Churchill Downs Incorporated**

Will Farmer, Churchill Downs equine medical director, used the EID to screen scratched horses at CDI tracks in an identical fashion to Benson--in other words, he looked only for horses that were scratched for lameness the day of the race.

As at Santa Anita and Gulfstream Park, Farmer's numbers show that a significant number of scratched horses never race or work again. They also take much longer than is typically the case to race again and to return to the work tab (using Benson's cohort group as a useful comparison).









## NOT THIS TIME



#### The State of Kentucky

George Mundy is the interim equine medical director of the Kentucky Horse Racing and Gaming Corporation. Like others, he was mighty curious about what race-day scratches can tell us, and so, ran his own numbers.

In one intriguing set of numbers, Mundy used data from HISA's "RegVet-Unsound" designation, which was introduced nationwide in July 2022. His analysis comprises an unnamed Kentucky track and Emerald Downs in Washington State.

According to Mundy's statistical breakdown, the lameness veterinary scratches that show the quickest race return-rate are (in order of best to worst) the post parade scratch, then the morning exam, followed by the voided claim (where the claim is voided for lameness), and finally the after-race lameness exam. This sequence mirrors the 2022 findings out of Washington State.

CHURCHILL DOWNS   ELLIS PARK   TURFWAY PARK							
Track	Never Raced Again	Never Worked Again	Avg Days to Race Again	Avg Days to Work Again	No Work or Race 6 months or more	Raced Back within 30 days	Raced Back within 90 days
Churchill Downs (Spring '21 – '24)	32%	11%	99	50	11%	11%	59%
Turfway Park (Holiday Meet '20 – Winter '24)	39%	19%	89	48	19%	9%	57%
Ellis Park (2022 – 2023)	49%	21%	89	56	20%	10%	63%

THE STATE OF KENTUCKY				
Track	Morning Exam	Post Parade		
	Did not return to race	Did not return to race		
	within 6 months	within 6 months		
Washington State '22	66%	29%		
Unnamed KY Track '23	39%	17%		
Unnamed KY Track '24	40%	25%		

Looking once again at the unnamed Kentucky track in 2023 and 2024, 33% and 60% of the horses whose claims were voided for lameness didn't return to race within six months. In Washington State in 2022, 69% of the voided claim horses did not race within six months.

It should be noted, however, that the overall numbers of voided claim horses were not large--seven and 10 in Kentucky, and 16 in Washington State.

#### Florida

Mary Scollay was equine medical director of the Kentucky Horse Racing Commission when she ran 10 years worth of vet scratch data out of Florida--Calder and Gulfstream Park to be exact, between 2000 and 2010.

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Like the others, Scollay looked specifically at horses scratched solely for lameness in the pre-race exam, the post parade or at the gate.

As a means of comparison with the scratched horses, Scollay randomly selected two horses from each race the scratched horses intended to start in. We'll call them once again the cohort group.

And once again, a significantly higher number of scratched horses never made it back to the races compared to the cohort group. For those that did race again, the scratched group also took far longer than the cohort group to return to competition.

FLORIDA					
Group	Never Raced Again	Mean Interval to Next Race	Didn't Race Again within 12 months		
Scratched Horses	21.5%	110 Days	7%		
Cohort Group	2.9%	38.5 Days	1%		



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#### **New York Racing Association**

Which brings us to 2018, with numbers that former NYRA steward Jennifer Durenberger ran and presented at a 2019 OwnerView conference. Once again, they comprise horses scratched for lameness on the day of the race.

The information is broken into morning and afternoon scratches. It appears to match Mundy's findings in that horses scratched on a morning tend to find a slightly tougher route back to the races than horses scratched of an afternoon.

Of the 125 morning scratches during that period, 18% never ran again. Of those that did compete again, 10% were either vanned off or returned lame when they next ran, while 34% had a six month or more layoff. The average return-to-race time was 89 days.

Of the 51 afternoon scratches during that period, 16% never ran again. Of those that did compete again, 9% were either vanned off or returned lame when they next ran, while 33% had a six month or more layoff. The average return-to-race time was 94 days.

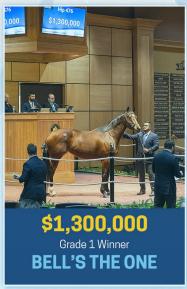
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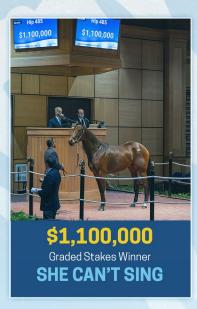


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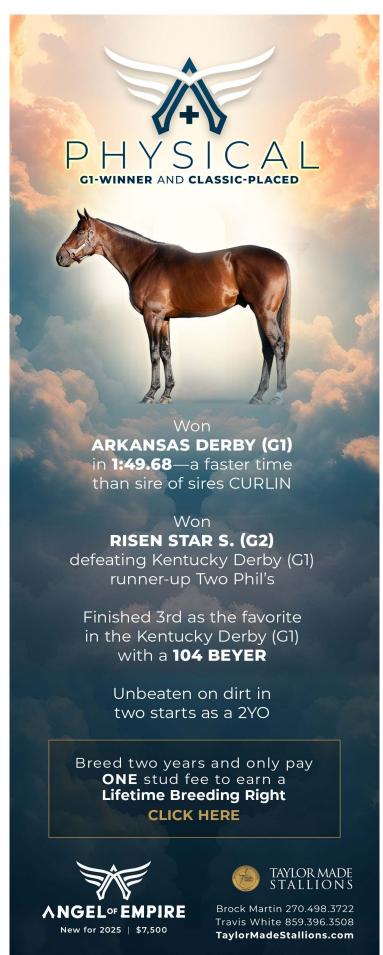


Patch Adams | Coady Media

Does that mean that Patch Adams and Chasten are both destined to become stars? Not necessarily. Basing a horses future off what is usually no more than one or two starts, is not easy. There are plenty of horses like Arrogate (Unbridled's Song). He lost in his first start and then ran in, and won, a pair of allowance races. He didn't have his coming out party until winning the 2016 GI Travers S. in his fifth lifetime start. Then there are horses like Pastor T (Into Mischief), who never ran again after breaking his maiden in his debut for Bob Baffert.

I am not among the group that selects Rising Stars. But my colleagues continue to do a good job finding the stars of tomorrow. I did a complete review of every North American-based horse that received a Rising Star in 2023. Here is what I found:

- (\*) There were 52 North American-based Rising Stars in 2023. Twenty of the 52 have so far won a graded stakes race in their career. An even more impressive stat: 12 horse became Grade I winners. If you include non-graded stakes, 26 Rising Stars have won stakes races.
- (\*) Not too many future stars escaped the team. Carl Spackler (Ire) (Lope de Vega {Ire}): Sierra Leone (Gun Runner); Fierceness (City of Light); Thorpedo Anna (Fast Anna); and Leslie's Rose (Into Mischief) were among the top horses tabbed.
- (\*) Soon to be named Horse of the Year, Thorpedo Anna was the best Rising Star of 2023. The worst? Squire Creek (Uncle Mo) was last seen running in a \$32,000 claimer at Aqueduct. Hey, nobody is perfect.
- (\*) To the surprise of no one, Into Mischief (Harlan's Holiday) led all sires in 2023 when it comes to producing Rising Stars. He had five. Tapit (Pulpit), Gun Runner (Candy Ride (ARG) and Quality Road (Elusive Quality) were next with three each.



(\*) Surprise, surprise, the super trainers dominated. Todd Pletcher led all trainers with eight Rising Stars. Brad Cox and Bob Baffert were next with six each.

#### The Cigar Mile Comes Up Strong

After a few years in a row where the Cigar Mile field came up very light, it's good to see the race, which will be run Saturday at Aqueduct, rebound.



Locked | Adam Coglianese

In what should be a terrific betting race, 11 will go to the post in what is the last race that matters on the 2024 New York racing calendar. The pick here is 'TDN Rising Star' Locked (Gun Runner). The winner of last year's GI Breeders' Futurity, he was sidelined for nearly a year after finishing third in the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile. He came back and romped in an Oct. 19 race at Aqueduct going seven furlongs, which should set him up perfectly for the \$500,000 race. But don't rule out the Jerseybred sensation Book 'em Danno, who had a tough trip when second in the GIII Perryville S. at Keeneland. For him, this will be a trial for the GI Saudi Cup.

#### **Guessing Games With Takeouts**

Why is the takeout information for each track so hard to find? Asking people to bet when they don't know what the takeout is would be like your local supermarket not telling you the price of eggs. You'll just have to guess. This is an easy problem to fix, and maybe HISA can help in the effort. There should be a website readily available to fans that lists all the takeouts on all the bets at every track. *Daily Racing Form* & Equibase should also publish the takeout rates in their paper and programs. Price conscious fans should gravitate to the tracks that give them best deal, but no one is out there making that information readily available.

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## GOODNIGHT OLIVE TO VISIT SEIZE THE GREY FOR 2025 COVER

Two-time Eclipse champion sprinter **Goodnight Olive** (Ghostzapper) will be covered by MGISW Seize the Grey (Arrogate) this upcoming breeding season. The announcement was made by Resolute Racing's John Stewart on the social media site X Sunday evening.

Goodnight Olive, who won her final start in 2023 in the GI PNC Bank Breeders' Cup Filly & Mare Sprint, sold to Resolute for \$6,000,000 at the Fasig-Tipton Night of the Stars sale shortly after. She was bred to

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Goodnight Olive | Benoit

Not This Time for her first cover due early next year.

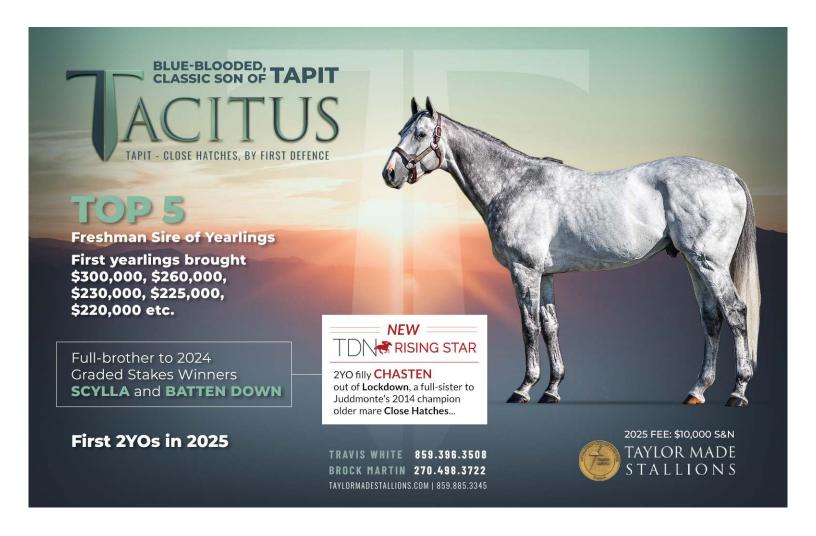
Seize the Grey retired to Gainesway last month with wins in the GI Preakness Stakes and the GI Pennsylvania Derby for

MyRacehorse and trainer D. Wayne Lukas. He will stand his inaugural season at stud for a fee of \$30,000.

Responding to comments on the announcement, Stewart noted that he wanted to get access to the late Arrogate and that "Seize the Grey will be more valuable as a stallion. We need more Arrogate in our pedigrees." He also noted that, while Into Mischief was a popular choice, "I am a big believer in the data for breeding

and [Seize the Grey] stacks up strong for her."

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### BOOK REVIEW: HOVDEY'S SCRIPT BRINGS WELL ARMED STORY TO BEAR



Well Armed at the Breeders' Cup | Sarah Andrew

by J.N. Campbell

On Saturday at Churchill Downs, 2-year-old **Patch Adams** (Into Mischief)--yes, as in the 1998 Robin Williams film where the best line might be, "Donner, party of 50!"--earned his very own **'Rising Star'** on *TDN's* Walk of Fame.

The colt turned in what Alan Carasso called "a jaw-dropping performance" as he broke his maiden by an eye-catching 10 1/2 lengths at second asking. The time over the fast main track was just 0.33 off the record held by MGISW Groupie Doll.

Thoroughbred bloodlines can highlight connections to a rich past and a provide a link to a potentially bright future. It's what being a 'Rising Star' is all about.

To quote Alanis Morissette's song, we could ask "isn't it ironic" that Patch Adams--owned by WinStar, CHC and Siena--is out of SW Well Humored (Distorted Humor), whose own dam Life Well Lived (Tiznow) is a full-sister to G1 Dubai World Cup hero Well Armed?

Irony rises to periscope depth since the gelding who conquered the desert in 2009 just happens to be the subject of a new book entitled *Well Armed, A Thoroughbred of Destiny* by Jay Hovdey that was published last month by Johnsen Holdings.

As we know, Thoroughbred biographies can provide insight into not only the athlete, but the people behind them. Hovdey, who has won more Eclipse writing awards than Carter's got pills, is at his best when it comes to creative angles.

The author opens with a nameless screenwriter making a pitch to a Hollywood producer. It's like something out of Spielberg's *The Fablemans* (2022) and it works as an introduction into the world of Bill Casner who co-founded WinStar Farm alongside his friend Kenny Troutt.



Casner is a larger-than-life personality who seemingly socked home run after home run from the offing. Hovdey's device takes us through his early life on the dirt track circuits of the Midwest as the Texan meets future wife Susan and applies elbow grease to make a life for his family. The blockbuster public listing of Excel Telecommunications in the late 1990s was a *Count of Monte Cristo* moment for Casner and Troutt, who turned their Thoroughbred dreams into a reality when they bought what would become WinStar in 2000.



Well Armed wins the Dubai World Cup | Horsephotos

#### Cont.

As Hovdey goes on to explain, the \$150,000 purchase at the 2001 Keeneland November Sale of Well Dressed, who was in foal to Awesome Again, was a lynchpin moment. The book accentuates Casner's story with meaningful background into how Tiznow became a sire and the origins of the Dubai World Cup.

Before Well Armed came into the world, the Casner Family's was absolutely shattered with the horrendous passing of their daughter Karri. The rising star was killed in a 2002 terrorist bombing while she was traveling in Bali.

The son of Tiznow's foaling a year later on Karri's birthday provided the Casners with a salve and assisted at least in some measure with their grief. Like his screenwriter, Hovdey reminds us that trials and tribulations were to follow.

During his 3-year-old season, Well Armed injured a knee in the G2 U.A.E. Derby. After shipping home for treatment, he accidently fractured his pelvis. Casner remained resolute that he could engineer a rehab program by having the horse swim laps at his Texas ranch. It worked and over a year later Well Armed returned to the racetrack.

Enter trainer Eoin Harty and rider Aaron Gryder, who according to Hovdey had a 'reality' moment during a fishing trip in the Persian Gulf. The pair form the core of Well Armed's run through the 2009 Dubai World Cup. What many might not remember is that the gelding ran third to superstar Curlin the year prior.

The monograph is chock full of Casner's sharp takes on everything from equine fiduciary responsibility to the debate over the sanctity of all-weather surface technology.

Make no mistake, in Hovdey's hands Well Armed is the furthest thing from film noir.

What we find here is the very marrow of our equine world. More in the spirit of *Patch Adams*, the book is once again a refreshing reminder of how a Thoroughbred can heal humans. Well Armed, A Thoroughbred of Destiny by Johnsen Holdings Publishing, 164 pages, photos, November 2024.

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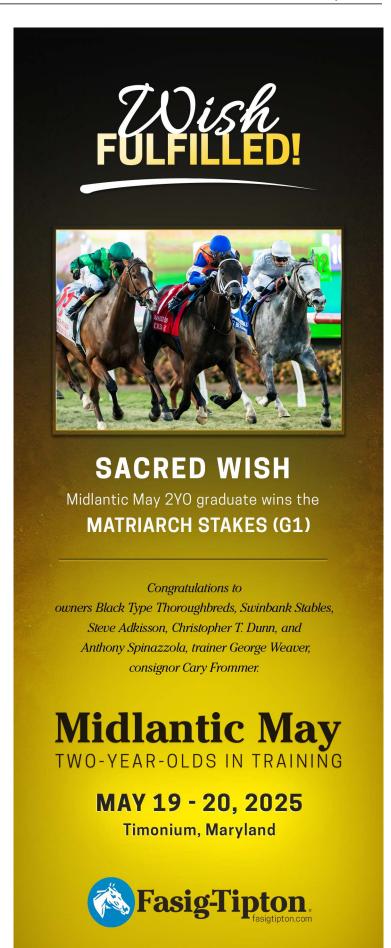
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#### 'ALL OTHERS' 9-5 FAVORITE, NEWCOMER BARNES 13-1 AT CONCLUSION OF KENTUCKY DERBY FUTURE WAGER POOL 2

With the Kentucky Derby still 23 weeks away, the pari-mutuel field of "All Other Colts and Geldings from the 2022 Foal Crop" closed as the 9-5 favorite in Pool 2 of the Kentucky Derby Future Wager and recent debut winner Barnes (Into Mischief), from the barn of six-time Derby winner Bob Baffert, was the 13-1 second choice. Other horses who attracted interest from bettors include: GI Breeders' Futurity winner East Avenue (Medaglia d'Oro) (15-1); GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile winner Citizen Bull (Into Mischief) (16-1); GIII Street Sense winner Sovereignty (Into Mischief) (19-1); GI Hopeful and GI Champagne winner Chancer McPatrick (McKinzie) (21-1); GI Del Mar Futurity winner and GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile runner-up Gaming (Game Winner) (21-1); and recent 'TDN Rising Star' Patch Adams (Into Mischief) (22-1). Total handle for the Nov. 28-Dec. 1 KDFW pool--the second of six scheduled wagering pools in advance of the Kentucky Derby--was \$289,340 (\$230,825 in the Win pool and \$58,515 in Exactas), a 39.9% increase from last year's \$206,800 (\$163,037 in the Win pool and \$43,763 in Exactas).

This year's early Derby betting menu also included the Kentucky Derby Sire Future Wager.



13-1 second choice Barnes | Coady Media

"All Other Sires" at 9-2 and Into Mischief at 5-1 attracted the most attention from bettors.

Total betting on the Kentucky Derby Sire Future Wager was \$48,890 (\$35,080 in the Win pool and \$13,810 in the Exactas), off 53% from last year's \$104,112 (\$77,417 in the Win pool and \$26,695 in the Exactas). However, the KDFW Pool 2 and Sire Future Wager combined to handle \$338,230, up 8.8% from last year's \$310,912.



Upcoming Future Wager dates are set for Jan. 17-19 (Pool 3); Feb. 14-16 (Pool 4); March 14-16 (Pool 5) and April 3-5 (Pool 6). Pool 5 will include the Longines Kentucky Oaks Future Wager.

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#### HERNANDEZ CONTINUES ATOP DEL MAR RIDER STANDINGS, GLATT TOP TRAINER

For the second year in a row, jockey Juan Hernandez has won both the summer and fall riding titles at Del Mar. However, unlike past title runs, he had to rally from behind late in the season to win the Bing Crosby Season title with 21 wins.

Hernandez trailed both Antonio Fresu and Umberto Rispoli through much of the fall. But he got hot in the second-to-last week, winning five races and grabbing the lead. He then secured the title with another eight victories in the final week including five on closing day.

"I'm very grateful to everybody," said Hernandez. "I want to thank the owners, the trainers and the grooms. My agent (Craig O'Bryan), he's the one who picks the right horses. I just enjoy riding my horses. I try to do my best in every race. This is for my family here and in Mexico. I'm just excited and looking forward to the next meet."

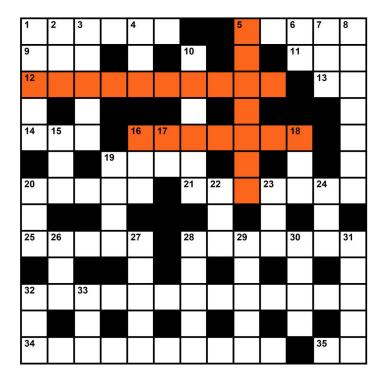


Mark Glatt & Juan Hernandez | Benoit

Hernandez now has won six jockey titles at Del Mar. Rispoli finished with 15 wins while Fresu had 14.

Trainer Mark Glatt notched his first Del Mar trainer's title this meet by winning 14 races, five better than runner-up and defending champion Phil D'Amato. Glatt ran horses in 32 races, about half of what D'Amato came with, and posted a 44% win rate.





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- 19 8 furlongs
- **20** Owner of Baffert's first Churchill starter since lifting of a 3-year ban
- 21 Screening
- 25 Noodles
- **28** Managing partner of Victory Racing Partners, Anthony
- **32** Breeders Cup champion owned by Victory Racing Partners, 3 words
- 34 They buy and quickly sell at a profit
- 35 Small race win measurement, abbr.

### **TDN Crossword**

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#### **DOWN**

- 1 It's a combination of sire and a dam, \_\_\_\_line
- 2 Ambition
- 3 Rises up on its hindfeet
- 4 Genetic stuff
- 5 Only horse in the 161-year history of Saratoga to win a G1 race three consecutive years, goes with 16 across
- 6 No, in a way
- 7 Double bend
- 8 Finishing first, second or third
- 10 Major stakes winner sired by Secretariat, Lady's
- **15** "We're number \_\_\_\_!"
- **16** Victory
- 17 Horse trainer, \_\_\_ M. Stall, Jr.
- 18 Profit from a stud horse, for short
- **19** Executive vice president and Executive director of The Jockey Club, Iuliano
- 20 Energy
- 22 Historic period
- 23 Child
- 24 Zero
- 26 A while back
- 27 Nolan Ryan, notably
- 28 "The \_\_\_\_ Stallion" 1979 movie based on a book
- 29 Bold \_\_\_: the sire of Secretariat
- 30 Fragrance
- 31 Birth
- 32 Blueprint
- 33 Fled



Glatt's title at Del Mar follows his first ever training title at Santa Anita at last year's Autumn meet.

Augustin Stables won the owner's title with five wins. Hronis Racing and Nick Alexander were next with four. Godolphin, by way of their success in the Breeders' Cup, won the earnings title with over \$4.5 million.

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#### MICHAEL SHIFFMAN NAMED SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT AND EXECUTIVE PRODUCER FOR **FANDUEL TV**

Michael Shiffman has been appointed Senior Vice President and Executive Producer for FanDuel TV, the company announced Monday. In this role, Shiffman will report to President of Sports Mike Raffensperger and be responsible for leading the creative and operational direction of FanDuel TV's sports and racing programming, overseeing all aspects of production and content strategy, and ensuring the delivery of innovative and engaging content for a diverse audience of sports and horse racing fans.



Michael Shiffman | Courtesy FanDuel

"We are thrilled to welcome Michael to FanDuel," said FanDuel's President of Sports Mike Raffensperger. "Throughout his career, he has led countless high profile productions for the industry's most distinguished shows, programming and live events. His invaluable experience and keen expertise were the perfect fit to maintain FanDuel TV's continued growth and elevate the network's opportunities as a leading player in sports betting media."

Shiffman joins FanDuel from ESPN, where he served as Senior Vice President of Production and was responsible for orchestrating the editorial vision, planning, and budget for a variety of live-game and studio productions.



In addition, he directed multi-channel strategies to ensure the planning and creation of engaging content across platforms to maximize audience results and oversaw ESPN's digital content. During his 24-year career at ESPN, Shiffman regularly led marquee studio shows including SportsCenter, College GameDay Basketball, NFL Primetime, NBA Countdown, and The Jump and oversaw productions around marquee live events such as the NBA Finals, WNBA Finals, NCAA Women's National Championship Game, the NBA bubble in Orlando, NBA and WNBA Drafts.

A four-time Sports Emmy Award-winning producer, Shiffman earned a degree in broadcast journalism at Miami (Ohio) University. He is a passionate New York sports fan with allegiances to the Knicks, Giants and Mets, but most of all, appreciates any team or athlete whose accomplishments make great content that resonates with fans.

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## DALE ROMANS ELECTED NEW KENTUCKY HBPA PRESIDENT

Dale Romans has been elected as the new president of the Kentucky HBPA, following the long tenure of fellow trainer Rick Hiles. Romans was voted president by the newly seated Kentucky HBPA board. The longest continuously serving board member, Romans has been on the HBPA board for most of his training career that began in 1986, with much of that as a vice president.

Trainers' representative John Hancock and owners' representative Travis Foley are the new vice presidents, taking over for Romans and the late Frank Jones Jr.

New Kentucky HBPA board members joining Hancock and Hiles as trainer representatives are Phil Bauer, Jordan Blair and Bret Calhoun, with Bill Morey an alternate board member. Newcomer Casey Klein joins Travis Foley and existing owner board members Buff Bradley and Mark Bacon, with a fifth owner representative to be named at the start of the year.

"My goal, starting immediately, is to build on the foundation Rick Hiles and the previous Kentucky HBPA boards established," said Romans. "I've got a bunch of ideas, but the first thing I'm going to do is listen to the horsemen. After a lot of hard work in conjunction with our racetracks and lawmakers, Kentucky is now the No. 1 racing circuit in America and the gold standard. That's not the end point but an ongoing challenge to find new ways to improve and grow to benefit racehorse owners and trainers, which in turn benefits the entire industry."



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Alex Foley, the Kentucky HBPA's Executive Director, said the horsemen's organization is most appreciative of Hiles' "unwavering service and leadership. His tenure spanned years of significant change in the industry, during which he worked tirelessly to support Kentucky's racing community.

"Rick has been an exceptional leader and advocate for horsemen, and we are deeply grateful for his dedication to our industry," Alex Foley continued. "We're excited to welcome Dale Romans as our new president. His experience and passion for the sport will be invaluable as we navigate the future."

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## HOW I GOT HOOKED ON RACING: CHRIS MCGRATH



**Chris McGrath** | Sue Finley

For the past two weeks, we have been telling you how some of racing's biggest names fell in love with the sport. Now it's our turn. Here are some of the stories behind the bylines you see every day in the TDN.

#### **Chris McGrath**

We all know how pedigrees can confound us. We spend more than we can afford on the best page we can, and end up trying to salvage something in a maiden claimer. And then the horse you put an immediate line through, when you first go through a catalogue, ends up winning a Grade I.

Hang on, this series is titled "How I Fell Out Of Love With Racing"--right?

The point is that there was nothing in my page to concern those raising me that I might be remotely vulnerable to a sport they would have viewed, had they ever given it a moment's attention, as fraught with moral and financial peril. A largely suburban upbringing in England had instead put me on an impeccably conventional path, one that I would actually follow through to university and the law degree that my parents fondly



imagined would lead to an uneventfully lucrative career.

By the time I obliged them by at least jumping through those preliminary hoops, however, the terrible seduction had begun.

Sire and dam had first started scratching their heads, and going back through their own scrupulously unsporting pedigrees, when I became precociously obsessed, from the age of nine, with cricket--something equally baffling, no doubt, to any American reader. In those days, incredible as it will seem to young people, Britons had a choice of just three television stations. And one of those would broadcast every minute of every home Test Match. (Yes, those games scheduled over five days with zero guarantee of either side winning...)

International cricket nowadays lurks behind a subscription paywall, and there are lessons for every sport in its resulting struggles to reach and inspire younger viewers. Back then, however, this tremendous shop window would only be open in the summer, and an idle English schoolboy in search of televised sport during the winter had to make do with a modest quota of soccer plus a few curiosities like snooker. (Quite a challenge, in an era when color television remained a luxury: one commentator famously said: "For those of you watching in black-and-white, the pink is next to the green...." Actually that wasn't as stupid as it sounds, but we're digressing enough already.)

One of the sports that duly profited from great exposure in the early 1980s was horseracing. And I distinctly recall being vexed whenever some other sport was interrupted to show the 2.30 from Haydock.

Gradually, however, I fell prey to a fateful combination of those adolescent trademarks, indolence and intrigue--especially, to start with, during the jumps season. Who were these eccentric characters in tweed coats, presenters and interviewees alike? And who, above all, were these astounding creatures whose bravery and beauty so obsessed them?

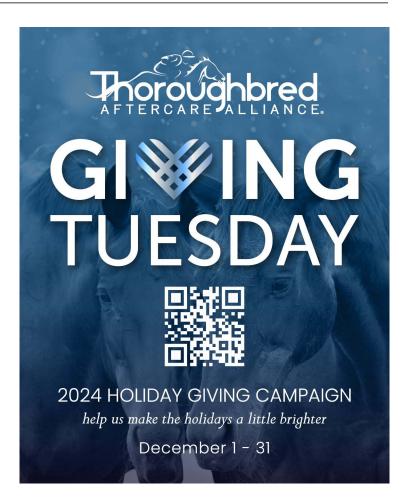
Now I can't deny it: the glamor was certainly heightened by the fact that people appeared to be winning and losing giddy sums on how fast these semi-controllable animals managed to negotiate a series of obstacles. At a time of life when an evolving personality is anxious to decide what kind of image to project in life, gambling became a useful source of additional loucheness, an exotic variation on the three customary routes to disreputability: girls, cigarettes and ale.

For the record, I never took to smoking; and I soon figured out, if rather too slowly, that I would need to discover a more reliable option than betting to salvage at least some portion of the comfortable income I was now determined to renounce, together with a career in law. (The girls and the ale, I stand by.) But the comical fact of the matter is that when See You Then won the second of his three Champion Hurdles, in 1986, I dared my first ever £5 wager; and that 12 months later, faithful to the same horse in the same race, I risked no less than £200.

But it was watching that same 1986 Cheltenham Festival that I reached the single moment--indeed a single, fleeting image--that definitively hooked me on racing. I don't recall having any financial skin in the game for the Gold Cup, the steeplechase that crowns the meeting. But the narrative of the race, in both the build-up and its actual denouement, was unforgettably centered on the charismatic Irish mare, Dawn Run. She had been champion hurdler but remained inexperienced over fences, and her jumping was under such scrutiny that there had been a controversial change of jockey. Watching the grainy footage again today, you still can't see how she won. Through most of the final stages, having dropped out after an attacking ride, she looks irretrievably beaten. But then the enigmatic Wayward Lad started to hang in front, and Dawn Run kept up the gamest of gallops up the hill to pull it out of the fire.



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As she passed the post, the director took what for me became a life-changing decision, cutting to the crowd in front of the stands. That shot lasted barely a couple of seconds. In that fleeting moment, however, you saw a trilby hat flung so high into the air that it disappeared from the frame--and it never returned into view, because we were then taken instantly back to the horses pulling up. it gave a literally limitless quality to the joy consuming all those people.

In that single, exuberant gesture, I sensed how this game could enliven and exalt the lives, however humdrum, of anyone prepared to yield to its mysteries. Thirty-eight years on, that trilby is still to come back down to earth.

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Sacred Wish became the seventh Grade I winner for Taylor Made's Not This Time in the Matriarch Stakes | Benoit

Sire (Sire's Sire)	#SWs	#GSW (GISW)
Blofeld (Quality Road)	8	
(Beach DazeCornucopia S.)		
Brody's Cause (Giant's Causeway)	6	2
(Holly DollyZia Park Distaff S.)		
<b>Bucchero</b> (Kantharos)	6	1
(Ms. BuccheroWilla On the Move S.)		

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Cairo Prince (Pioneerof the Nile)	<i>38</i>	9
(Warrior JohnyTurkey Trot S.)		
City of Light (Quality Road)	12	6 <i>(2)</i>
(BenedettaCheryl S. White Memori	al S.;	

Formidable Man--Hollywood Derby-GI)

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(Valence--Zia Park Oaks-L)

Comfort (Indian Charlie)	1	
(The SmoochNew Mexico Classic Lassie	S.)	
Creative Cause (Giant's Causeway)	27	9
(Mi Hermano RamonSeabiscuit HGII)		
Grazen (Benchmark)	23	4
(Duly NotedLivermore Valley S.)		
Gun Runner (Candy Ride (Arg))	35	25
(DimaticZia Park Derby-L)		
Hard Spun (Danzig)	88	42
(Keep It EasyEd Brown S.)		
Into Mischief (Harlan's Holiday)	165	79
(CivettaWait a While S.;		
Giant MischiefFall Highweight SL)		
Marking (Bernardini)	12	1
(PayingoffmymarkerNew Mexico Classi	ic Oaks)	
Mark Valeski (Proud Citizen)	5	2
(Miss ArlingtonHollywood Gaming Mal	noning Distaff S.	)
Maximus Mischief (Into Mischief)	9	1
(Icona MamaShamrock Rose S.)		
Medaglia d'Oro (El Prado (Ire))	154	79
(Good CheerGolden Rod SGII;		
LovedFalls City SGIII)		
Neolithic (Harlan's Holiday)	5	
(My DenysseFTBOA Florida Sire My Ded	ar Girl S.)	
Not This Time (Giant's Causeway)	40	19 (7,
(Clock TowerCecil B. DeMille SGIII;		
Sacred WishMatriarch SGI)		
STANDING AT TAYLOR MADE STALLIC	NS • CLICK HER	RE FOR
MORE • NOMINATE A MARE • EN	IAIL TRAVIS WH	IITE
Omaha Beach (War Front)	12	3
(Kehoe BeachMrs. Revere SGII)		
Quality Road (Elusive Quality)	85	43
(Pretty AnaComely SGIII)		
STANDING AT LANE'S END • CLICK	HERE FOR MOI	RE
NOMINATE A MARE • EMAIL	CHRIS KNEHR	
Sporting Chance (Tiznow)	2	
(Tap RockNew Mexico Classic Derby)		
Star Guitar (Quiet American)	18	3
(Smash ItZia Park Juvenile S.)		
Thousand Words (Pioneerof the Nile)	3	1
(Caribbean GalClasico Accion de Gracio	ıs SL)	
Uncle Lino (Uncle Mo)	5	
(Crab DaddyPennsylvania Nursery S.)		
Uncle Mo (Indian Charlie)	107	55
(First ResortKentucky Jockey Club SGli	)	
STANDING AT ASHFORD STUD • CLI	•	IORE
NOMINATE A MARE • EMAIL CH	ARLIE O'CONNO	R
Violence (Medaglia d'Oro)	40	12
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Volatile (Violence) 1 --- (Reliable Source--Zia Park Princess S.)

War of Will (War Front) 1 1

(Will Then--Jimmy Durante S.-GIII)

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Claiborne freshman sire War of Will was represented by his first stakes winner with Will Then in the Jimmy Durante S. | Benoit

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#### **HOLIDAY MONEIGH AUCTION KICKS OFF**

The Holiday Moneigh Auction, hosted by ReRun Thoroughbred Adoption and After the Finish Line's, has kicked off and will continue through Sunday, Dec. 8 at 6p PT/9p ET.

To bid, visit www.ebay.com/str/rerunthoroughbred.

A total of 19 original Moneighs painted by stallions, pony horses and a broodmare are up for bid. This includes Tom's d'Etat, Annapolis, Harley, Groupie Doll, Nyquist, Flightline, Curlin, Promises Fulfilled, War Front, Rip, Tapit, Mystic Guide, Good Magic, Audible, Honor Code, McKinzie, Charlatan, Maxfield and Little Mike.

Moneighs are abstract artwork created by Thoroughbreds using their lips, muzzle, hoof, and/or whiskers.

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The original art by premier stallions and broodmares in Kentucky are auctioned or sold to benefit both organizations.

"This new collaboration between charities means proceeds will help more Off Track Thoroughbreds in need. The Moneighs are back with a fresh new look and exciting new stallion, broodmare and pony horse artists for racing fans", said Lisa Molloy, Executive Director of ReRun Thoroughbred Adoption.

"Racing fans can bid on their favorite Thoroughbreds they once followed on the racetrack. Moneighs are a way to connect with the legends of horse racing," said Dawn Mellen, President of After the Finish Line.

To learn about our upcoming auctions and prints, follow Moneighs for ReRun on Facebook and eBay store, www.ebay.com/str/rerunthoroughbred.

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### TOYS FOR TOTS DONATION DRIVE TO BE HELD DEC. 5-7 AT AQUEDUCT

The annual Toys for Tots donation drive at Aqueduct Racetrack will return Thursday, Dec. 5 and continue through Saturday, Dec. 7. Founded in 1947, the Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Foundation collects and distributes new, unwrapped toys to local children in need each holiday season. Fans can access donation boxes at Aqueduct, located at the Turf and Field entrance and the Clubhouse lobby by the escalator.

"This partnership means more children and families throughout New York City and across Long Island will experience a joyful holiday season," said Robert Hines, NYRA Manager of Community Affairs. "NYRA extends our thanks to the Marine Corps Reserve for their efforts, and to all those who support Toys for Tots."

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In addition to the New York Racing Association, the Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Foundation is supported by generous contributions from the New York Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association (NYTHA) and thoroughbred owner Harold Lerner.

"NYTHA salutes the Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Foundation for all they do to support children in our communities," said NYTHA President Tina Marie Bond. "New York's horsemen and women take pride in giving generously each and every year to ensure that children everywhere can enjoy the holidays."

For additional information about the Marine Corps Toys for Tots Foundation, or to donate today, visit www.toysfortots.org.

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#### KEN BROWN TO RETIRE AS TRACK SUPERINTENDENT FOR MJC, DANNY FINKE NAMED **INTERIM**

Ken Brown, who held the position of Track Superintendent at the Maryland Jockey Club (MJC), officially retired from the organization Dec. 1.

To ensure a smooth transition, Danny Finke has been appointed Interim Track Superintendent. With 40 years of experience on the MJC track crew, Finke has a deep knowledge of track maintenance making him an ideal choice to step into this interim role.

"Ken Brown's leadership has been instrumental in navigating MJC through a challenging period and raising the standard of our racing surfaces," said Mike Rogers, Acting President MJC. "As we prepare for his well-earned retirement, we are confident in Danny Finke's ability to lead during this transitional period. Danny's experience and dedication ensure that Maryland's racing operations remain strong and seamless."

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### **GRADED STAKES** ENTRIES



#### Saturday, Aqueduct #7, post time: 2:36 p.m. EST

**REMSEN S.-GII**, \$250,000, 2yo, 1 1/8m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Tux	Tapit	LNJ Foxwoods	Mott	Alvarado	118
2	Aviator Gui	Uncle Mo	Three Chimneys Farm, LLC	Brown	Franco	118
3	Poster	Munnings	Godolphin, LLC	Harty	Prat	120
4	Studlydoright	Nyquist	David R. Hughes	Robb	Perez	120
5	Keewaydin	Instagrand	OXO Equine LLC	Brown	Davis	118
6	Surfside Moon 🛪	Malibu Moon	Manor Stable and Mair Lee Stables	Lawrence II	Carmouche	118
7	Gun Trader 🖛	Tom's d'Etat	Uriah St. Lewis	St. Lewis	Martinez	118

**Breeders:** 1-LNJ Foxwoods, 2-Three Chimneys Farm, LLC, 3-Godolphin, 4-Glenangus Farm LLC, 5-Terrazas Thoroughbreds, LLC, 6-Equivine Farm LLC, 7-St. Elias Stables, LLC

### Saturday, Aqueduct #8, post time: 3:05 p.m. EST DEMOISELLE S.-GII, \$250,000, 2yo, f, 1 1/8m

HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
Muhimma 🛪	Munnings	Shadwell Stable	Cox	Geroux	118
Liam in the Dust 🖛	Liam's Map	Storyteller Racing and Schroeck, Michael	Brisset	Prat	118
Fortuna Mia	Vekoma	KEM Stables	Rice	Cancel	118
Carmen's Candy Jar 🛪	Vino Rosso	Repole Stable	Pletcher	Ortiz, Jr.	118
Michelle	Street Sense	Nice Guys Stables	Russell	Davis	118
Bless the Broken	Laoban	Cypress Creek Equine	Walden	Vazquez	118
Five a Side	Spun to Run	Main Line Racing Stable and Avalon Racing Stables	Servis	Rosario	118
Beauty Reigns	Into Mischief	Bushnell, Emily and Wygod, Pam	Mott	Alvarado	118
Tip Line 🛪	Nyquist	Uriah St. Lewis	St. Lewis	Martinez	118
Ballerina d'Oro	Medaglia d'Oro	Rodeo Creek Racing, LLC	Brown	Davis	118
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**Breeders:** 1-Three Chimneys Farm, LLC, 2-Don Alberto Corporation & W. S. Farish, 3-Tyler B. Jones, 4-Repole Stable, Inc., 5-Colts Neck Stables LLC, 6-Cypress Creek Equine, LLC, 7-Porta Pia Stables LLC, 8-Wygod Equine, LLC, 9-Fred W. Hertrich III & John D. Fielding, 10-Rock Ridge Thoroughbreds, LLC

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#### Saturday, Aqueduct #9, post time: 3:35 p.m. EST

#### CIGAR MILE H. PRESENTED BY TWINSPIRES.COM-GII, \$500,000, 3yo/up, 1m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Book'em Danno 🛷	Bucchero	Atlantic Six Racing, LLC	Ryan	Ortiz, Jr.	120
2	Nelson Avenue	Into Mischief	Photos Finish LLC	Potts	Davis	118
3	Repo Rocks 🛪	Tapiture	Double B Racing Stables	Ness	Silvera	120
4	Vinsanity 🖛	Tapiture	Next Level Stables	Arriaga	Martinez	112
5	Mullikin 🖛	Violence	Siena Farm LLC and WinStar Farm LLC	Brisset	Prat	124
6	Law Professor	Constitution	John Holleman	Atras	Carmouche	119
7	Locked 🛪	Gun Runner	Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners and Walmac Farm	Pletcher	Velazquez	119
8	Pipeline	Speightstown	John D. Gunther	DeVaux	Alvarado	118
9	Senor Buscador	Mineshaft	Joe R. Peacock, Jr.	Fincher	Rosario	122
10	Coastal Mission	Great Notion	Jeff C. Runco	Runco	Bocachica	121
11	Post Time	Frosted	Hillwood Stable LLC	Russell	Russell	124

**Breeders:** 1-Gregory J. Kilka & Bright View Farm, 2-Godolphin, 3-Mrs. C. Oliver Iselin III, 4-Hartwell Farm Inc., 5-Fred W. Hertrich III & John D. Fielding, 6-Twin Creeks Farm, 7-Rosa Colasanti, 8-Eurowest Bloodstock Services LTD., 9-Joe R Peacock Sr. & Joe R Peacock Jr., 10-Coleswood Farm, Inc., 11-Dr. & Mrs. Thomas Bowman, Dr. BrookeBowman & Milton P. Higgins III

### Saturday, Aqueduct #4, post time: 1:08 p.m. EST GO FOR WAND S.-GIII, \$200,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 1m

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PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Tizzy in the Sky	Sky Kingdom	KimDon Racing, LLC	Pletcher	Prat	123
2	Stonewall Star	Flatter	Barry K. Schwartz	De Paz	Velazquez	121
3	Occult 🖛	Into Mischief	Alpha Delta Stables LLC	Brown	Ortiz, Jr.	121
4	Movie Moxy 🖛	Street Sense	Rice, Linda and Marequest	Rice	Lezcano	121
5	Comparative	Street Sense	Godolphin, LLC	Cox	Franco	125
6	Rachel's Rock	Jess's Dream	Ten Strike Racing, Four Corners Racing,	Giangiulio	Carmouche	121
			Broadview Stables and Cory Moelis Racing LLC			
7	Ain't Broke	Dialed In	Ronald P. Stewart	Rice	Cancel	121
8	Shidabhuti 🖛	Practical Joke	Peter M. Brant	Brown	Davis	125

**Breeders:** 1-Westrock Stables LLC, 2-Stonewall Farm, 3-Peter E. Blum Thoroughbreds, LLC, 4-Bonne Chance Farm, LLC, 5-Godolphin, 6-Jacks or Better Farm Inc., 7-John Kerber, 8-Gabriel Duignan & Gerry Dilger

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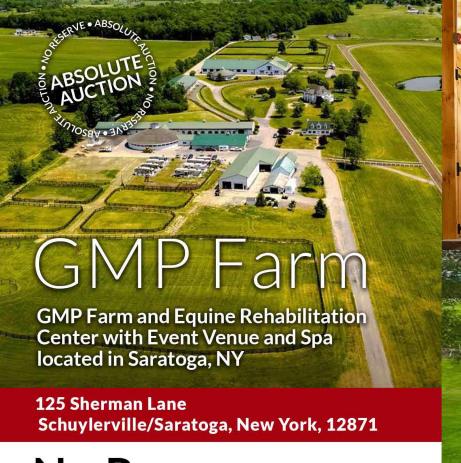




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Private previews are available every day until the auction by appointment only. To schedule an immediate appointment to preview the property with the on-site DeCaro team, call the DeCaro offices at 800.332.3767.





#### **2024 YTD Leading First-Crop Sires by Black Type Winners**

Standing NA - Worldwide Earnings - NH Foals											
Rank	Stallion	BTW	BTH	GSW	GSH	G1SW	G1SH	Starters	Wnrs	<b>Highest Earner</b>	Earnings
1	Tiz the Law	5	8	2	4			44	19	\$819,800	\$2,543,857
	(2017) by Constitution FYR: 2022/Crops: 1/Stands: Coolmore Ashford/Fee: 30,000 Tiztastic							Tiztastic			
2	Vekoma	4	13	1	2		1	72	35	\$268,530	\$2,608,838
	(2016) by Candy Ride (A	rg) F\	YR: 2022/	Crops: 1	/Stands:	Spendth	rift Farm	n/Fee: 15,0	Fee: 15,000 Jonathan's Way		
3	Complexity	3	7	2	2		1	49	20	\$347,500	\$1,864,392
	(2016) by Maclean's Mu	sic FY	YR: 2022/	Crops: 1	/Stands:	Airdrie S	tud/Fee	: 25,000		Mo Plex	
4	Thousand Words	3	4	1	2		1	59	18	\$639,320	\$1,720,133
	(2017) by Pioneerof the	Nile F	YR: 2022/	Crops: 1	L/Stands:	Spendth	nrift Farn	n/Fee: 12,	500	Vodka With a Tv	vist
5	McKinzie	2	6	2	4	2	4	61	19	\$535,000	\$2,598,391
	(2015) by Street Sense	FYR: 20	022/Crop	s: 1/Star	nds: Gain	esway Fa	arm/Fee:	75,000		Chancer McPatr	ick
6	Echo Town	2	4		1			31	13	\$273,745	\$867,253
	(2017) by Speightstown	FYR: 20	022/Crop	s: 1/Star	nds: Cool	more As	hford/Fe	e: 5,000		Echo Sound	
7	Honest Mischief	2	4					26	8	\$228,250	\$790,360
	(2016) by Into Mischief	FYR: 20	022/Crop	s: 1/Star	nds: Sequ	el New \	ork/Fee	: 6,500		Sacrosanct	
8	Global Campaign	2	4					56	15	\$79,700	\$736,666
	(2016) by Curlin	FYR: 20	022/Crop	s: 1/Star	nds: Wins	Star Farn	n/Fee: 7,	500		Mrs Worldwide	
9	Win Win Win	2	2	1	1			22	7	\$218,950	\$704,442
	(2016) by Hat Trick (Jpn)	FYR:	2022/Cro	ps: 1/St	ands: Oca	ala Stud/	Fee: 8,5	00		Win N Your In	
10	Aurelius Maximus	2	3					15	6	\$272,400	\$527,260
	(2016) by Pioneerof the Nile FYR: 2022/Crops: 1/Stands: Red River Farms/Fee: 2,000 Secret Faith										
11	Volatile	1	5		2		2	57	23	\$155,000	\$1,612,670
	(2016) by Violence	(2016) by Violence FYR: 2022/Crops: 1/Stands: Three Chimneys Farm/Fee: 12,500 Tip Top Thomas									
12	War of Will	1	6	1	1			67	15	\$163,500	\$1,385,054
	(2016) by War Front	FYR: 20	022/Crop	s: 1/Star	nds: Claib	orne Far	m/Fee: 2	20,000		She's Got Will	
13	Authentic	1	3					81	19	\$128,230	\$1,362,061
	(2017) by Into Mischief FYR: 2022/Crops: 1/Stands: Spendthrift Farm/Fee: 25,000 Adeera										
14	Instagrand	1	3					69	19	\$110,465	\$1,138,649
	(2016) by Into Mischief FYR: 2022/Crops: 1/Stands: Taylor Made Farm/Fee: 10,000 Sturgeon Moon										
15	Game Winner	1	1	1	1	1	1	43	9	\$565,000	\$1,094,250
	(2016) by Candy Ride (Arg) FYR: 2022/Crops: 1/Stands: Lane's End Farm/Fee: 20,000 Gaming										

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#### **Sunday's Results:**

**4th-Chukyo**, ¥**10,480,000** *(\$70,206)*, Maiden, 2yo, 1600mT, 1:34.9, gd/fm.

LARGE GALLERY (f, 2, American Pharoah--Scarlet Color {Jpn} {GSW-Jpn, \$1,688,406}, by Victoire Pisa ({Jpn}) became her sire's third Japanese winner over the last two weekends with a smooth pillar-to-post success. No better than the 61-10 fourth betting choice cutting back to the shortest distance of her young career, the homebred was sent to the front by Christophe Lemaire after the opening 100 meters and set a steady tempo, going the first 800 meters in :48.1. Well-rated through 1200 meters in 1:12.3, Large Gallery had plenty left for a sprint and went the final couple of panels in :22.6 en route to a convincing three-length victory. Large Gallery's Group 2-winning dam is also responsible for a yearling colt by Uncle Mo, a weanling colt by Into Mischief and was given the year off for 2025. Lifetime Record: 4-1-0-1, \$48,847.

O-Yoko Maeda; B-North Hills Co Limited (KY); T-Ryo Takahashi.



#### IN JAPAN:

American March, c, 3, Cajun Breeze--Goldminer's Dream, by Distorted Humor. Nakayama, 12-1, Allowance, 1200m. Lifetime Record: 7-3-1-1, \$199,407. O-Yoshizawa Holdings; B-Tom McCrocklin (FL); T-Yasutoshi Ikee. \*\$100,000 2yo '23 OBSMAR.

#### IN SOUTH KOREA:

Eldorado Haenam, g, 2, Kantharos--Warrior Hall, by War Front. Seoul, 11-30, Hcp. (C4), 1300m. B-Fred W Hertrich III, John D Fielding & Robert L Tribbett (KY). \*\$15,000 Ylg '23KEEJAN; \$15,000 Ylg '23 KEESEP. VIDEO (SC 3)

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#### IN JAPAN:

Raijin (Jpn), c, 4, Speightstown--Kensington, by Kitten's Joy. Chukyo, 12-1, Allowance, 1200m. Lifetime Record: 8-3-1-0, \$221,915. O-LEVEL-K; B-Hamamoto Farm; T-Manabu Ikezoe. \*\$130,000 in utero '19 KEENOV; \$245,095 Ylg '21 JRHAJUL.



### FIRST-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3 2024 Stud Fees Listed

American Anthem (Bodemeister), Sierra Blanco Equine, \$3,000 24 foals of racing age/2 winners/0 black-type winners 3-Zia, 3:01 p.m. EST, Msw 6f, F S Liberty Belle, 12-1 \$10,000 RUI NMY yrl

**Gift Box** (Twirling Candy), Lane's End Farm, \$5,000 82 foals of racing age/13 winners/1 black-type winner 5-Parx Racing, 1:53 p.m. EST, Msw 1m, River's Gamble, 5-1 \$15,000 FTK OCT yrl; \$18,000 EAS MAY 2yo

Runaway Ghost (Ghostzapper), Double LL Farms, \$2,500 26 foals of racing age/2 winners/0 black-type winners 1-Zia, 2:05 p.m. EST, Msw 6f, Ghostly Thunder, 15-1 \$9,500 RUI NMY yrl 3-Zia, 3:01 p.m. EST, Msw 6f, La Bella Bella, 20-1 \$3,500 RUI NMY yrl





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#### **ALLOWANCE RESULTS:**

**3rd-Zia, \$56,430**, 12-2, (C), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:10.04, ft, 1 length. FOOLISH DELIGHT (f, 4, Carpe Diem--More Than Folly, by More Than Ready) Lifetime Record: 11-3-3-3, \$121,114. O-Christa Utt, Greg Green, M.C.M Stables, LLC & Corie O'Connor; B-E. H. Beau Lane (KY); T-Greg Green. \*\$40,000 Ylg '21 KEESEP.

#### Bred, Raised & Sold by **BEAU LANE BLOODSTOCK**

**8th-Mahoning Valley, \$36,200**, (S), 12-2, (NW4L), 3yo/up, 1m, 1:35.56, fz, 4 lengths.

CRAFTED (c, 3, Vino Rosso--Storm Raven, by Bodemeister) Lifetime Record: 10-3-0-0, \$73,912. O-Shake and Bake Racing, LLC; B-Smokin C LLC (OH); T-Tommy C. Short. \*\$150,000 Wlg '21 FTKNOV; \$375,000 Ylg '22 KEESEP; \$25,000 RNA 2yo '23 TTAAPR.

7th-Mahoning Valley, \$33,900, 12-2, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 1m, 1:34.95, fz, 2 lengths.

WHO DA BOSS (g, 3, Street Boss--Come Sunday (SW, **\$270,845}, by Repent)** Lifetime Record: SW, 15-5-6-1, \$185,019. O-Marion F. Gorham; B-Raimonde Farms LTD & Steve M DeMaiolo (OH); T-Robert M. Gorham. \*1/2 to Someday Soon (Proud Citizen), SW & GISP, \$292,098; and to Let's Be Clear (Munnings), SP, \$374,123.

3rd-Turf Paradise, \$22,500, (S), (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$12,500), 12-2, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:11.02, ft, neck.

BRANDYN (g, 4, Lotsa Mischief--Catladydue, by Orientate) Lifetime Record: 14-2-7-2, \$82,447. O-Ramone S. Chavarria-Delgado; B-Fleming Thoroughbred Farm LLC, Kevin Eikleberry & J. Lloyd Yother (AZ); T-Rafael S. Barraza. \*\$16,000 Ylg '21 ARZNOV.



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#### **ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**

Bigpiclittlepic, g, 2, Qurbaan--Looktheotherway, by Fappie's Notebook. Mahoning Valley, 12-2, (S), 6f, 1:09.98. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-0, \$25,758. B-Hal Snowden (OH).

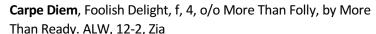
Don Tequilas, g, 3, Speightster--Surprising Twist, by Union Rags. Parx Racing, 12-2, 7f, 1:25.49. Lifetime Record: 6-1-0-1, \$51,050. B-Forgotten Land Investment In c, Choice One Bloodstock, et al (PA). \*\$19,000 RNA Ylg '22 EASOCT; \$13,000 2vo '23 EASMAY.

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**Lotsa Mischief**, Brandyn, g, 4, o/o Catladydue, by Orientate. AOC, 12-2, Turf Paradise

**Qurbaan**, Bigpiclittlepic, g, 2, o/o Looktheotherway, by Fappie's Notebook. MSW, 12-2, Mahoning Valley

Speightster, Don Tequilas, g, 3, o/o Surprising Twist, by Union Rags. MSW, 12-2, Parx Racing

**Street Boss**, Who Da Boss, g, 3, o/o Come Sunday, by Repent. ALW, 12-2, Mahoning Valley

**Vino Rosso**, Crafted, c, 3, o/o Storm Raven, by Bodemeister. ALW, 12-2, Mahoning Valley

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### THE NEXT VIA SISTINA? YULONG SWOOPS FOR **CAUGHT U LOOKING AT** 1.8 MILLION



Tally-Ho Stud's Aaron Purcell leading up Caught U Looking | Tattersalls

#### By Brian Sheerin and Adam Houghton

Via Sistina's exploits Down Under may well have been at the forefront of Yuesheng Zhang's mind when the Yulong team went to 1.8 million gns to secure Caught U Looking (Ire) (Harzand {Ire}), a filly that part-owner Tony O'Callaghan says "will do a bit of damage" whatever jurisdiction she ends up running in.

That's good news for Yulong, who bid online to the left of the rostrum to see off a spirited effort from Will Walden. Of course, it was in this exact sale ring that Yulong--then signing under Evergreen Equine as opposed to Willingham on Monday--lit up the Sceptre Sessions when going to 2.7 million gns for Via Sistina (Ire) (Fastnet Rock {Aus}) last year. Cont. p3

#### **RATHBARRY'S ACCLAMATION DIES AT 25**

Recently pensioned stallion Acclamation (GB) died over the weekend, Rathbarry Stud posted on X. The son of Royal Applause (GB) was 25.

"It is with heavy hearts that we share the passing of Acclamation this weekend." the stud said on X. "He leaves behind a legacy as a true legend of the Irish stallion ranks. He will be deeply missed by all at Rathbarry Stud but never forgotten."

Bred by Tedwood Bloodstock and partners, the son of Princess Athena (Ire) (Ahonoora {GB}) won the G2 Diadem Stakes and was placed in both the G2 King's Stand Stakes prior to it being elevated to Group 1 level and the G1 Nunthorpe Stakes for Gerald Cottrell.

The sire of successful stallions Dark Angel (Ire) and Mehmas (Ire) was a Group 2 winner himself. At stud, he has sired 68 stakes winners (32 group winners). He also has 155 stakes horses internationally. Of his seven Group 1 winners, his best are current Hong Kong star Romantic Warrior (Ire) and Makarova (GB), who won the G1 Prix de l'Abbaye this autumn. Another was 6-million gns mare Marsha (Ire), who won the G1 Nunthorpe Stakes.

His daughters are credited with 38 stakes winners (19 group) led by Group 1 winners Broome (Ire) (Australia (GB)) and Egtidaar (Ire) (Invincible Spirit (Ire)).

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Multiple Group 1 winner Charyn looking a picture at Roger Varian's Carlburg Stables on Monday. The son of Dark Angel will be show again on Tuesday at 11 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. Please contact Tony Fry to book your slot at (+44 (0)7725 041 815). | Ellie Rance / Varian Stable

#### 11 | BLUE BROTHER SOLD TO WATHNAN RACING

Listed-placed Blue Brother has been sold to Wathnan Racing and will winter in Qatar for his new connections.

#### 12 | FULL BROTHER TO GROUP 1 HEROINE KELINA TO DEBUT

Tuesday's Observations features siblings to Group 1 winners and offspring of Group 1 winning mares.

#### 13 | WORLD'S TOP RIDERS CONVERGE ON HAPPY VALLEY FOR IJC

Alan Carasso previews the Longines International Jockeys' Championship at Happy Valley Racecourse.

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#### Tattersalls December Cont. from p1

Four Group 1s in Australia later, including an eight-length demolition job in the Cox Plate, and it was easy to see why Yulong's general manager Vin Cox was returning to a happy

hunting ground to secure the Noel Meade-trained Group 3 winner.

Cox said, "The ambition at this stage is probably to send her to Australia and put her on a path not dissimilar to Via Sistina, who we've obviously had a lot of success with over the last 12 months. We're not suggesting that this filly is going to turn into a Via Sistina. We'd love her to, but we'll keep our feet on the ground and hopefully she can win some nice races for us.

"It's no secret that staying horses in this part of the world

perform exceptionally well in Australia. She's already a stakes performer and she'll be retired to the stud irrespective of what happens in Australia. Hopefully, we can add to her CV and

profile."

He added, "Funnily enough, it [price] was around where I thought we might end up. She's a well-performed filly who we think has got a pretty good profile to race on with. There were

> bids coming from all corners of the auditorium which is always a good sign. You love to see competition and would hate to be the only one out there."

> Caught U Looking was bought by Peter Nolan on behalf of Noel Meade for just €27,000 at the Goffs Autumn Yearling Sale in 2022. The story goes that the filly caught O'Callaghan's attention in the back ring before she was offered under the hammer, which would explain how she was named.

Given her breeder Peter Kelly was keen to stay involved in the

ownership of the filly and Meade had purchased Caught U Looking on spec, a partnership was formed. The rest, as they say, is history. Cont. p4



Yulong's Vin Cox | Tattersalls













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#### **Tattersalls December Cont.**

The Tally-Ho Stud boss said, "I'd say she did it herself because she behaved impeccably there for the past three days. We think there's a good bit of

potential--there's more to come. That's why she made it. Credit to Peter Nolan, Peter Kelly and Noel Meade. She'd 12 vets and was very popular. I'd say she'll do a bit of damage wherever she goes."

The day one sale-topper is out of the Mastercraftsman (Ire) mare Wild Mix (GB), who Kelly picked up for just 7,000gns at the Tattersalls Autumn Horses-In-Training Sale in 2018. The mare has served him well with her Supremacy (Ire) colt foal also making the Kellys a



Tony O'Callaghan | Tattersalls

pretty penny when selling at Goffs last year for €180,000, in the aftermath of Caught U Looking's two-year-old exploits which included her biggest success to date in the Weld Park Stakes.

Wild Mix had a filly by Cotai Glory (GB) this spring and was covered by New Bay (GB).

"I bred her and I always wanted to stay in her," Kelly explained. "Noel Meade wanted to buy her and, when he did,

we stayed in for half. Tony was then interested in her and he bought in. I was so chuffed that he wanted part of a horse I had bred. He has been a wonderful partner the whole way."

He added, "Coming here, I knew she was going to go better than I had hoped as she had 12 or 13 vets and the right people were on her."

Meanwhile, Kelly's wife Sabina, was understandably emotional.

She said, "Oh my gosh! It was incredible--she has always been a pet. We have always loved her.

I am in shock--it is amazing! We weren't expecting that. She is a superb filly and it is sad to see her go but she has been brilliant and we have had a great season." **Cont. p5** 



### SEA THE MOON



- Sire of 5 GROUP 1 WINNERS
- Sire of 21 GROUP/STAKES horses in 2024 including Gr.1 and Gr.2 winner FANTASTIC MOON Gr.1 and Gr.3 winner ASSISTENT
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- Champion Sire in Germany in 2023 and 2024
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## STUDY OF MAN



- Sire of 11 Group/Stakes horses including Gr.1 winner KALPANA. Gr.2 winners BIRTHE and **DEEPONE** from his first crop, 3yos of 2024
- Also sire of 9 2yo winners in 2024 including REVOIR, ALMERIC, MANY MEN and Group placed ALLA STELLA
- Leading 2nd Crop Northern **Hemisphere Sire with** 9.72% Group Horses to Runners
- Leading 2nd Crop European Sire with 13.89% Stakes Horses to Runners
- Yearling colts sold in 2024 made 260,000gns, 220,000gns, 210,000gns, etc and at Tattersalls **Book 2 averaged £143,193 (€171,832)**

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#### **Tattersalls December Cont.**

Tattersalls offered a bigger selection of horses on Monday compared to the corresponding day's trade 12 months ago but, even so, the day one figures made for impressive reading with turnover climbing by 48% to 22,955,500gns. The median was up 16% to 50,000gns while the average was on the rise by 32% to 102,939gns. The clearance rate was a healthy 86% [up 4%].

#### City Of Troy Or Auguste Rodin Put Forward For Unbreak My Heart

A visit to City Of Troy or Auguste Rodin has been pencilled in for Unbreak My Heart (GB) after MV Magnier secured the Group-placed daughter of Showcasing (GB) for Coolmore at 625,000gns. Unbreak My Heart is the culmination of generations of hard work at Whitsbury Manor Stud. A half-sister to Group 2 winner Heartache (GB) (Kyllachy (GB), who Coolmore bought at this sale in 2018 for 1.3 million gns, Unbreak My Heart actually carried Chris Harper's own colours to finish third in the G3 Cornwallis Stakes.

Heartache has emerged as a pretty promising broodmare at Coolmore, with her most recent progeny to have hit the track, Exactly (Ire) (Frankel {GB}), winning the G3 Killavullan Stakes when last seen.

"Exactly is a very good filly," Magnier commented. "In fairness to Ed Harper and his father, they've been very good breeders for a very long time. It's a great family that they've done very well with. We bought Heartache off them a few years ago and she's gone on to produce Salt Lake City, who was a good horse, and then Exactly looks very promising.

"She's a very nice filly and we're lucky to have been able to buy her. I'd say she'll go to either City Of Troy or Auguste Rodin."



MV Magnier plans to send Unbreak My Heart to either Auguste Rodin or City Of Troy | Tattersalls

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#### **Amo Starts Strong With 450k Frankel Filly**

Amo Racing's Kia Joorabchian was responsible for raising the temperature early in the afternoon when going to 450,000gns for Godolphin's Listed-winning Pennymoor (GB).

The most expensive of the day's lots outside of the Sceptre Sessions, the daughter of Frankel (GB) is out of the G1 Preis der Diana heroine Penelopa (GB) (Giant's Causeway), making her a half-sister to Amo's smart two-year-old California Dreamer (GB)

(Mehmas {Ire}), runner-up in this year's G2 Balanchine Stakes at the Curragh.

Bloodstock agent Alex Elliott said, "She was a very obvious one for us, being a half-sister to California Dreamer and a Listed winner by Frankel. She made 450,000gns as a foal so that will tell you how good looking she is.

"She's on an early cover to Farhh so there's some scarcity value there. Farhh struggles with his fertility so there's not many of them around and not many mares in foal to him. I think he's a very good stallion and, with what she's carrying, that would be a Book 1 horse if it comes out looking like her."

#### **Talking Points**

Be it horses-in-training or mares, the Godolphin draft always generates great excitement. Monday was no different when 20 mares sold for a combined 2,255,000. While she didn't command a huge price tag at 80,000gns, former Irish 1,000 Guineas winner Pleascach (Ire) (Teofilo {Ire}) was one of the bigger names among the draft. She was sold to Indian buyers Poonawalla Astonish Stud and Raunak Banerji.

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## Teofilo





And his stock are hugely desirable: 2024 yearling prices include 325,000gns, €340k, 290,000gns, 200,000gns, 150,000gns, 135,000gns, €150k.





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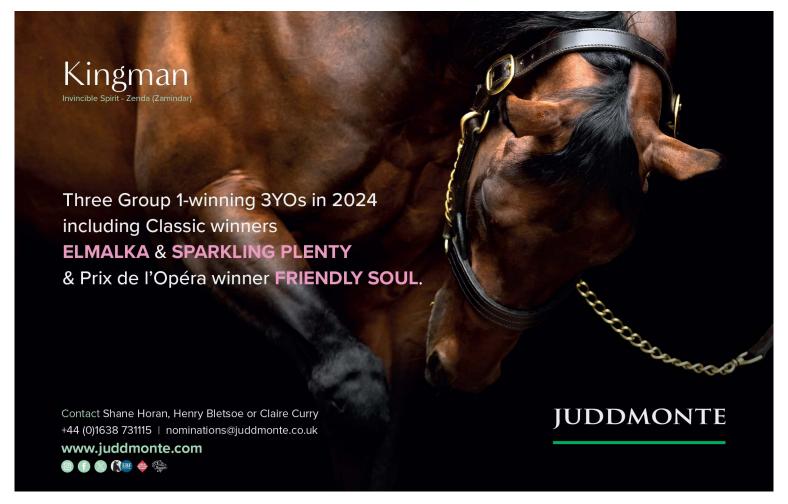
#### **Talking Points Cont.**

- A brilliant season for Camelot (GB) received further international recognition when, bidding on behalf of Taihei Stud Farm, Michael Youngs secured classy mare Cairde Go Deo (Fr) for 525,000gns. Trained by Ger Lyons on behalf of owner Mark Dobbin, Cairde Go Deo, which translates from Irish into Friends Forever, won twice at Listed level and placed in the Irish Oaks. Youngs said, "She's been purchased for Taihei Farm in Japan. She was a good, tough racemare and very attractive--she uses herself very well. She should be a good fit for them and I'm very happy to have got her for them."
- The Juddmonte draft proved as popular as ever with 15 selling for a total of 1,630,000gns and at an average of 108,667gns. The pick of them was the three-year-old Abstract (Fr) (Wootton Bassett {GB}), a dual winner in France out of the Listed-placed Invincible Spirit (Ire) mare Ambivalence (Ire), who sold for 340,000gns on the bid of Ted Durcan. Durcan said, "She has been bought to race on. She is for Scott Heider, but I don't know yet whether she will stay in Europe or go to the US. She is very close to getting black type and if she could get her head in front she will be a valuable prospect."

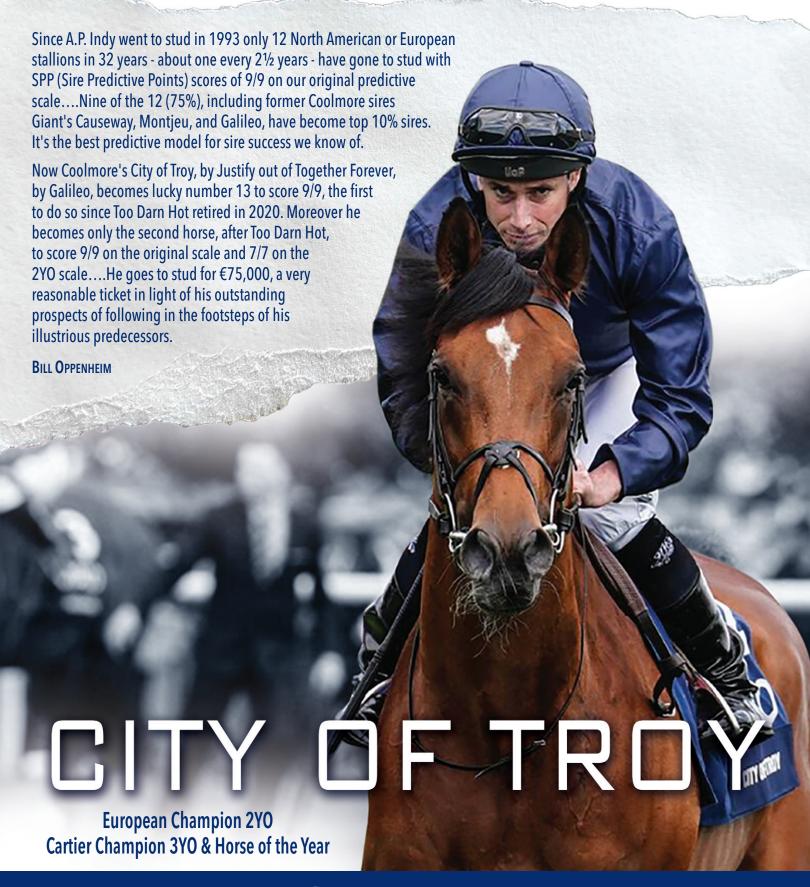


Charlie Gordon Watson spent a total of 925,000gns on a pair
of mares offered during the Sceptre Sessions, Rocana (GB)
(Fastnet Rock {Aus}) and Adelaise (Ire) (Lawman {Fr}), who
fetched 625,000gns and 300,000gns, respectively. Rocana
has already produced the G3 Chester Vase winner Youth

fetched 625,000gns and 300,000gns, respectively. Rocana has already produced the G3 Chester Vase winner Youth Spirit (Ire) (Camelot {GB}) and Listed Feilden Stakes scorer Canberra Legend (Ire) (Australia {GB}), as well as a Ghaiyyath (Ire) filly who made 350,000gns at last week's December Foal Sale. Cont. p8



### A PERFECT 7/7 & 9/9





Lady Lloyd Webber of Watership Down Stud | Tattersalls

#### **Talking Points Cont.**

Along with Adelaise, the winner of the Listed Snowdrop Fillies' Stakes at Kempton in April, Rocana was bought on behalf of Watership Down Stud and both will be covered by Too Darn Hot (GB), the Darley stallion who still has no fiercer supporters than Lord and Lady Lloyd Webber of Watership Down after they bred and raced him with such great success.

- You've got to take your hat off to Jessica Harrington, who
  worked her magic with Raknah (Ire). Deemed surplus to
  requirements by Andrew Balding, she was sold online to BBA
  Ireland for just 25,000gns after she failed to win in three
  starts in Britain. A gritty success in a Listed contest at Galway
  earlier this summer saw connections multiply their outlay
  when the daughter of Blue Point (Ire) sold for 350,000gns to
  Yoshihisa Ozasa.
- There was a strong International representation at Tattersalls on Monday and the leading American-based owner Mike Repole was a notable name to feature on the buyers' sheet when spending 645,000gns on four mares.

#### **Buy of the Day**

Tally-Ho Stud were keen to buy Marie Of Lyon (GB) (Royal Applause {GB}) and it's easy to see why. The 10-year-old has already proved that she can get a fast, early two-year-old, being the dam of the G2 Prix Robert Papin runner-up Shadow Army (GB) (Showcasing {GB}), and at 220,000gns Marie Of Lyon makes a lot of sense. Sold in foal to Soldier's Call (GB), the case could be made that she would have made more had she been covered by something a little more commercial. Cont. p9



Showing alongside BAAEED and MOSTAHDAF at Beech House Stud today, parading on the hour 10am-3pm

## DARK ANGEL

#### **CHAMPION SIRE**

	Sire	Wins	BT Wins	Total £	
1	DARK ANGEL	139	15	4,666,630	
2	DUBAWI	94	18	4,288,119	
3	GALILEO	64	18	4,107,370	
4	FRANKEL	109	18	3,753,094	

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#### TATTERSALLS DECEMBER MARES SALE DAY 1

SESSION TOTALS	2024	2023
<ul> <li>Catalogued</li> </ul>	305	298
Number Offered	261	242
Number Sold	223	198
Not Sold	38	44
Clearance Rate	85%	82%
• No. 500K+ gns	5	3
High Price	1,800,000gns	675,000gns
• Gross	22,955,500gns (+48%)	15,477,300gns
Average (% change)	102,939gns (+32%)	78,168gns
<ul> <li>Median (% change)</li> </ul>	50,000gns (+16%)	43,000gns

#### **Buy Of The Day Cont.**

Given Royal Applause works well with Kodiac (GB)--and is the damsire of one of Kodiac's best sons in Adaay (Ire)--there should be no shortage of options for the mare going forward. She looks well bought.

#### Thought for the Day

There's no denying that Monday's Sceptre Sessions was very much the warm-up act for what is expected to be strong trade on Tuesday. The big guns have yet to come out and play. As the great Irish commentator Jerry Hannon once said, 'strap yourselves in.'

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### TATTERSALLS DECEMBER MARES SALE DAY 1 MONDAY'S TOP LOTS

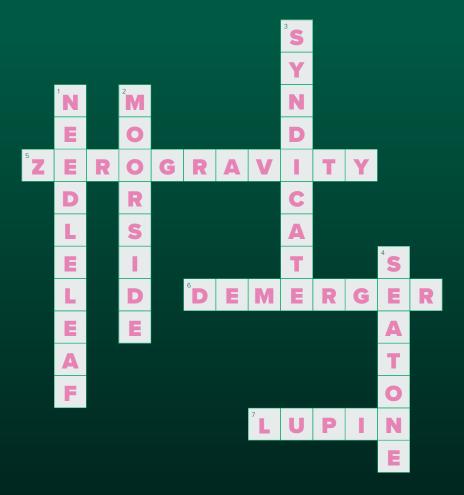
Lot Name Status Price (gns)

1466 Caught U Looking (Ire) Horse-In-Training 1,800,000

(f, 3, Harzand {Ire}--Wild Mix {GB}, by Mastercraftsman {Ire})
Bred by Kelly Equine Services (Ire)
Consigned by Tally-Ho Stud
Purchased by Willingham



## Juddmonte Graduates providing the answers



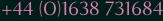
#### DOWN

- 1. Dam of multiple Gr.1 winner NATIVE TRAIL and sold for 60,000gns in 2015
- 2. Dam of Juddmonte Royal Lodge St Gr.2 winner GHOSTWRITER and sold for 90,000gns in 2017
- 3. Dam of Gr.3 winner OMBUDSMAN and sold for 25,000gns in 2017
- 4. Dam of Gr.1 winner PROSPEROUS VOYAGE and sold for 115,000gns in 2011

#### ACROSS

- 5. Dam of British Champions Fillies & Mares St Gr.1 winner KALPANA and sold for 35,000gns in 2021
- 6. Dam of international and multiple Group-winning sprinter SOLE POWER and sold for 4,000gns in 2000
- 7. Dam of Japanese Gr.3 winner DI SPERANZA and sold for 170,000gns in 2017

Tattersalls December Mare Sale, selling Monday 2nd & Tuesday 3rd December 2024. For full information on another quality draft from Juddmonte, please contact -



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#### **Toppers Cont.**

1470 Unbreak My Heart (GB) Horse-Out-Of-Training 625,000

(f, 3, Showcasing {GB}--Place In My Heart {GB},

by Compton Place {GB})

Bred by Whistbury Manor Stud (GB)

Consigned by Whitsbury Manor Stud

Purchased by MV Magnier

1480 Rocana (GB) i/f to Chaldean (GB) 625,000

(m, 10, Fastnet Rock {Aus}--Lauren Louise {GB}, by Tagula {Ire})

Bred by Toby Baker (GB)

Consigned by Ringfort Stud

Purchased by C Gordon Watson Bloodstock

1473 Cairde Go Deo (Fr) i/f to Night Of Thunder (Ire) 525,000

(m, 5, Camelot {GB}--Elusive Galaxy {Ire}, by Elusive City)

Bred by SARL Haras du Logis Saint Germain (Fr)

Consigned by Grove Stud

Purchased by Taihei Stud Farm

1474 Crystal Estrella (GB) Horse-Out-Of-Training 500,000

(m, 5, Iffraaj {GB}--Crystal Etoile {GB}, by Dansili {GB})

Bred by Southcourt Stud (GB)

Consigned by Watership Down Stud

Purchased by Godolphin

1328 Pennymoor (GB) i/f to Farhh (GB)

to Farhh (GB) 450,000

(m, 6, Frankel {GB}--Penelopa {GB}, by Giant's Causeway)

Bred by Litex Commerce (GB)

Consigned by Godolphin

Purchased by Amo Racing

**1481** Queen Jo Jo (GB) i/f to Shaquille (GB) 430,000

(m, 8, Gregorian {Ire}--River Song, by Siphon {Brz})

Bred by Bearstone Stud, Ltd. (GB)

Consigned by Barton Sales

Purchased by Plantation Stud

1484 Sound Angela (GB) Horse-In-Training 370,000

(m, 5, Muhaarar {GB}--Instance {GB}, by Invincible Spirit {Ire})

Bred by Mr Charles Fox (GB)

Consigned by Baroda Stud

Purchased by China Horse Club

1453 Raknak (Ire) Horse-Out-Of-Training 350,000

(f, 3, Blue Point {Ire}--Copplestone {Ire}, by Sea The Stars {Ire})

Bred by Summerseat Stables, Ltd. (Ire)

Consigned by Ballintry Stud

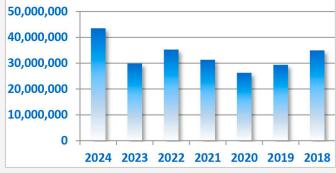
Purchased by Yoshihisa Ozasa

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#### SALES INDEX

#### TATTERSALLS DECEMBER FOAL SALE



"Turnover climbed by a massive 46% to 43,504,000gns for the entire sale. The 78% clearance rate was up by 4% on last year while the 67,658gns average represented a 52% rise. The median jumped by a similar level [43%] to 30,000gns."

- Brian Sheerin

Year	Cat	Ring	Sold	%w/d	%s/r	%s/c	Gross (gns)	Ave (gns)
2024	1,008	822	643	18.5%	78.2%	63.8%	43,504,000	67,658
2023	1,084	888	669	18.0%	75.3%	61.7%	29,842,902	44,608
2022	1,173	983	744	16.2%	75.7%	63.4%	35,255,050	47,386
2021	1,072	906	734	15.5%	81.0%	68.5%	31,301,500	42,645
2020	934	791	628	15.3%	79.4%	67.2%	26,255,100	41,807
2019	1,125	921	663	17.1%	72.0%	58.9%	29,338,300	44,251
2018	1,175	969	681	17.6%	70.3%	58.0%	34,924,757	51,285



#### LOT 23



#### c. 2024 BLUE POINT x BEAUTY STONE Offered by La Motteraye Consignment

Out of a half-sister to Group winners FAWKNER PARK & SARACEN KNIGHT. From the family of Gr.1 winners DEBUSSY & BELMEZ. Son of BLUE POINT, leading 2<sup>nd</sup> crop sire in Europe in 2024.

#### LOT 92



#### f. 2024 SEA THE MOON x MESEIKA Offered by Prime Progeny

By SEA THE MOON, sire of Gr.1 winner FANTASTIC MOON. Granddaughter of Breeders' Cup Ladies Classic (Gr.1) winner UNRIVALED BELLE. Half-sister to Group winner in France & Australia OSMOSE.

#### LOT 148



#### f. 2024 SEA THE STARS x RICLA Offered by Haras de Saint Isidro

Daughter of SEA THE STARS, sire of Grand Prix de Paris (Gr.1) winner SOSIE & Arc (Gr.1) runner-up AVENTURE. Closely related to multiple Gr.1 winner RECOLETOS. First foal out of Listed winner & Group-placed mare RICLA.

#### LOT 50



#### f. 2024 KINGMAN x GLENMAYNE

Offered by La Motteraye Consignment

Daughter of KINGMAN, sire of Prix de Diane (Gr.1)
winner SPARKLING PLENTY, Prix de l'Opéra (Gr.1)
winner FRIENDLY SOUL & 1,000 Guineas (Gr.1)
winner ELMALKA. Out of a sister to Cheveley Park
Stakes winner MILLISLE. Half-sister to Stakes winner
GALASHIELS.

#### LOT 100



#### f. 2024 SEA THE STARS x GYRELLA Offered by Haras de Montaigu

Half-sister to Group winner BABY RIDER. Out of blacktype mare GYRELLA, half-sister to Gr.1 winner WINGS OF EAGLES. Daughter of SEA THE STARS, sire of Grand Prix de Paris (Gr.1) winner SOSIE & Arc (Gr.1) runner-up AVENTURE.

#### LOT 154



#### f. 2024 BAAEED x GALOVA Offered by Haras de Colleville

From the family of Deutsches Derby (Gr.1) winner NICARON & Group winners BIG MEMORY & NERIUM. filly from the 1st crop of 2022 World Champion turf horse & miler BAAEED, out of Listed winner & Group-placed GALOVA

#### LOT 54



#### f. 2024 SIYOUNI x GRACE SHELBY Offered by Écurie des Monceaux

Granddaughter of multiple Group winner NAISSANCE ROYALE. From a family rich in black-type in both Europe & the US. Daughter of SIYOUNI, sire of multiple Gr.1 winners MQSE DE DESIGNE, TAHIYRA & ERVEDYA.

#### LOT 136



#### c. 2024 SEA THE STARS x PURE ZEN Offered by Haras d'Etreham

Tracing from the family of Gr.1 winners MUSICAL ROMANCE, RIGOLETTA, BATTLE OF MIDWAY etc. By SEA THE STARS, sire of Grand Prix de Paris (Gr.1) winner SOSIE & Arc (Gr.1) runner-up AVENTURE. Son of Listed winner & Group-placed PURE ZEN.

#### LOT 164



#### f. 2024 FRANKEL'x CASTELLAR Offered by Haras de <u>Saint Isidro</u>

Out of the Group winning mare CASTELLAR, herself a half-sister to dual Gr.1 winner RECOLETOS. Daughter of top class sire FRANKEL, responsible of this year multiple Gr.1 winners INSPIRAL, LAKE VICTORIA & MEASURED TIME.





#### **Toppers Cont.**

1460 Brisbane Road (GB) i/f to Too Darn Hot (GB) 350,000 (f, 4, Australia {GB}--Gale Force {GB}, by Shirocco {Ger}) Bred by Watership Down Stud (GB) Consigned by Watership Down Stud Purchased by Millenium Stud

1482 Isabel De Urbina (Ire) i/f to Baaeed (GB) 350,000 (m, 10, Lope De Vega {Ire}--Roscoff {Ire}, by Daylami {Ire}) Bred by Merriebelle Irish Farm, Ltd. (Ire) Consigned by Mount Coote Stud Purchased by Highclere Agency

#### EUROPEAN NEWS

#### **BLUE BROTHER SOLD TO WATHNAN RACING** FOR WINTER QATAR CAMPAIGN



Blue Brother | Scoop Dyga

Listed placed Blue Brother (Fr) (Intello {Ger}) has been sold to Wathnan Racing and will winter in Qatar for the growing international operation, as reported by Jour de Galop on Monday evening.

According to the publication, Blue Brother has been listed as out of training on the France Galop website due to the pending export. When reached for comment, former owner/breeder Francis Teboul--operating under the Gemini Stud moniker-confirmed the sale.

"With the colt, we had the ambition to race in Qatar during the winter because we were convinced that he would be capable of doing well there," Teboul told Jour de Galop. "But in the meantime we received a purchase offer and we accepted it. Blue Brother will go to Qatar but he will now defend the colours of Wathnan Racing."

The Gianluca Bietolini-trainee has placed in five of seven lifetime starts, including most recently in the Listed Prix Tantieme where he was on the losing end of the bob on the line. He'd won a pair of handicaps in two prior outings before that effort.

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#### FIRST-SEASON SIRES WITH RUNNERS

#### Wednesday, October 2, 2024:

#### **UNITED KINGDOM**

Circus Maximus (Ire) (Galileo (Ire)), Coolmore Stud 49 foals of racing age/4 winners/0 black-type winners 12:27-LINGFIELD PARK, 8f, Circus of Rome (GB) €15,000 Goffs February Sale 2023

Far Above (Ire) (Farhh {GB}), Starfield Stud 83 foals of racing age/12 winners/1 black-type winner 12:57-LINGFIELD PARK, 8f, Kolo (Ire) 23,000gns Tattersalls Somerville Yearling Sale 2023; 23,000gns Goffs UK October HIT & Yearling Sale 2024

Ghaiyyath (Ire) (Dubawi {Ire}), Kildangan Stud 101 foals of racing age/9 winners/0 black-type winners 12:27-LINGFIELD PARK, 8f, Marhaba Ghaiyyath (Ire) 28,000gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale (Book 2) 2023

Kameko (Kitten's Joy), Tweenhills Stud 87 foals of racing age/14 winners/2 black-type winners 11:57-LINGFIELD PARK, 5f, Apple's Angel (Ire) €10,000 RNA Goffs November Foal Sale 2022; €15,000 RNA Tattersalls Ireland September Yearling 2023; 27,300 Tattersalls Online June Sale 2024

11:57-LINGFIELD PARK, 5f, The Magic Turtle (GB) 16,000gns RNA Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2022; 11,000gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale (Book 3) 2023 11:57-LINGFIELD PARK, 5f, Natsumi (GB) 55,000gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale (Book 1) 2023; €80,000 Argana May 2yo Breeze Up 2024

FIRST CROP FOALS ALL THE RAGE AT TATTS AND GOFFS

#### 300,000GNS

Colt purchased by Norris / Huntingdon from Awbeg Stud

#### 190,000GNS

Colt purchased by Glenvale Stud from Fittocks Stud

#### 190,000GNS

Colt purchased by Paca Paca Farm from Castletown Stud

#### 155,000GNS

Colt purchased by Castlehyde Stud from Brook Stud

#### €155,000

Colt purchased by Pier House Stud from The Castlebridge Consignment

#### €155,000

Colt purchased by Jack Hanly of Ballyhimikin Stud from Stanley Lodge



BLACK BEARD

Cartier Champion 2YO colt & Europe's only dual Group 1-winning 2YO of 2022!

**COOLMORE** 

2025 FEE: €17,500

Mohaather (GB) (Showcasing {GB}), Beech House Stud 96 foals of racing age/21 winners/3 black-type winners 16:00-NEWCASTLE, 8f, Triple Double A (Ire) €95,000 Goffs November Foal Sale 2022; €65,000 Goffs Orby Yearling Sale (Book 1) 2023

River Boyne (Ire) (Dandy Man {Ire}), Tara Stud 30 foals of racing age/3 winners/0 black-type winners 12:27-LINGFIELD PARK, 8f, Minelone (Ire) €10,000 RNA Goffs Orby Yearling Sale (Book 2) 2023

**Rumble Inthejungle (Ire)** (Bungle Inthejungle {GB}), Norman Court Stud

23 foals of racing age/2 winners/0 black-type winners 11:57-LINGFIELD PARK, 5f, **Hint of Humour (GB)** 1,000gns RNA Tattersalls October Yearling Sale (Book 4) 2023

Sergei Prokofiev (Scat Daddy), Whitsbury Manor Stud
121 foals of racing age/24 winners/2 black-type winners
12:57-LINGFIELD PARK, 8f, Baridi (GB)
8,000gns RNA Tattersalls October Yearling Sale (Book 3) 2023;
48,000gns RNA Tattersalls July Sale 2024
12:57-LINGFIELD PARK, 8f, Hush Puppy (GB)
10,000gns RNA Tattersalls October Yearling Sale (Book 1) 2023
16:30-NEWCASTLE, 7f, Kammeel (GB)
70,000gns Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2022; 115,000gns
Tattersalls October Yearling Sale (Book 2) 2023

#### **FRANCE**

Elarqam (GB) (Frankel {GB}), Izmit Stallion Station
32 foals of racing age/4 winners/0 black-type winners
3-DEAUVILLE, 1900m, Jones (Fr)
€9,000 Arqana Deauville February Mixed Sale 2024

Persian King (Ire) (Kingman {GB}), Haras d'Etreham

105 foals of racing age/14 winners/0 black-type winners

2-DEAUVILLE, 1900m, Quiet King (Fr)

€75,000 Arqana Deauville August Yearling Sale 2023

5-DEAUVILLE, 1500m, Lanamaya (Fr)

€55,000 Arqana Deauville August Yearling Sale 2023; €40,000

Arqana May 2yo Breeze Up 2024

3-DEAUVILLE, 1900m, Reine de Perse (Ire)

€40,000 Arqana Deauville October Yearlings 2023

Pinatubo (Ire) (Shamardal), Dalham Hall Stud 110 foals of racing age/21 winners/1 black-type winner 2-DEAUVILLE, 1900m, Sakurasaku (Fr) €110,000 Arqana Deauville August Yearling Sale 2023 Romanised (Ire) (Holy Roman Emperor {Ire}), Haras de Bouquetot

85 foals of racing age/10 winners/0 black-type winners 4-DEAUVILLE, 1500m, **Anamalay (Fr)** €18,000 Argana Deauville October Yearlings 2023

Sottsass (Fr) (Siyouni {Fr}), Coolmore Stud
98 foals of racing age/11 winners/0 black-type winners
2-DEAUVILLE, 1900m, Dixmude (Ire)
€100,000 Arqana Deauville August Yearling Sale 2023
5-DEAUVILLE, 1500m, Estafette (Ire)
€45,000 Arqana Deauville October Yearlings 2023

**Stunning Spirit (GB)** (Invincible Spirit {Ire}), Haras de Beaumont 18 foals of racing age/2 winners/0 black-type winners 2-DEAUVILLE, 1900m, **Modern Spirit (Fr)** 



Kameko | Tweenhills Stud

#### **OBSERVATIONS**

on the European racing scene

### FULL BROTHER TO GROUP 1 HEROINE KELINA IN LINE FOR DEAUVILLE DEBUT

14.30 Deauville, Mdn, €30,000, unraced 2yo, c/g, 9 1/2f (AWT) Alain and Gerard Wertheimer's KINDLEO (GB) (Frankel {GB}) is a Christophe Ferland-trained full-brother to last term's G1 Prix de la Foret heroine Kelina (GB). The April-foaled homebred bay, whose stakes-winning dam Incahoots (GB) (Oasis Dream {GB}) is out of Group 3-winning matriarch In Clover (GB) (Inchinor {GB}), is opposed by 11 in this newcomers' test.

#### **Observations Cont.**

15.05 Deauville, Mdn, €30,000, unraced 2yo, f, 9 1/2f (AWT) Christophe Ferland trainee ROOBA (IRE) (Dubawi {Ire}), another notable Wertheimer homebred, is a half-sister to three blacktype performers headed by dual G1 Prix Royal-Oak hero Double Major (Ire) (Daiwa Major {Jpn}). She encounters 11 rivals in this debutantes' heat.

15.40 Deauville, Mdn, €30,000, 2yo, c/g, 7 1/2f (AWT) Godolphin's CUALIFICAR (GB) (Lope De Vega (Ire)) is a son of G1 Oaks heroine Qualify (Ire) (Fastnet Rock {Aus}) and thus kin to this year's G3 Jebel Ali Mile victor Swing Vote (GB) (Shamardal). Qualify, a 1.6-million guineas purchase at the 2015 Tattersalls December sale, was knocked down to Ballylinch for €650,000 at last month's Goffs November sale. The Andre Fabre nominee, one of 10 declarations, posted a promising close-up third in his Saint-Cloud debut last month.

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#### BRITAIN

#### **ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**

Waiting For Love (GB), f, 3, Muhaarar (GB)--Furgaan (Ire), by Dark Angel (Ire). Wolverhampton, 12-2, 8f 142y (AWT), 1:49.60. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$7,558. B-A Dale (GB).

#### FRANCE

#### **ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**

Golden Weaver (Fr), c, 2, Romanised (Ire)--Galileano (Ire), by Galileo (Ire). Lyon La Soie, 12-2, 9f (AWT), 1:51.90. B-Robert Ng (FR). \*12th winner for freshman sire (by Holy Roman Emperor (Ire)).



#### IN JAPAN:

Dazzling Brave (Jpn), g, 4, Saxon Warrior (Jpn)--Lily's Candle (Fr) (G1SW-Fr, \$317,684), by Style Vendome (Fr). Chukyo, 11-30, Cond., 1600mT. Lifetime Record: 8-2-1-2, \$155,095. O-Sunday Racing; B-Northern Farm; T-Takashi Saito.

#### WORLDWIDE NEWS

#### WORLD'S TOP RIDERS CONVERGE ON HAPPY VALLEY FOR LONGINES IJC

by Alan Carasso

A dozen of the best jockeys from all corners of the globe--four based locally and eight from overseas--come together Wednesday evening at Hong Kong's iconic Happy Valley Racecourse for the Longines International Jockeys' Championship. Widely recognized as the premier contest of its kind, the IJC carries total prize-money of HK\$1 million, to be divided up three ways, with the winner taking home a checque for HK\$600,000, while the second- and third-place finishers earn HK\$250,000 and HK\$150,000, respectively.

Vincent Ho, best known for his association with the now retired three-time G1 Longines Hong Kong Mile hero Golden Sixty (Aus) (Medaglia d'Oro) found the podium in the IJC in 2018, 2019 and 2022 before just getting the better of Zac Purton--Hong Kong's perennial leading rider--in 2023. Ever humble, Ho is relishing another crack at displaying his talents on this stage.

"Since I started my riding career, I always wanted to be one of the IJC participating jockeys and now I treasure every opportunity to be part of it and enjoying it," he said. "All the participating jockeys are experienced world-class riders, on and off the track we have plenty of chances to share. This is really a golden chance to improve yourself."

Purton, who is within striking distance of breaking the all-time record for wins in Hong Kong currently held by Douglas Whyte, took out the IJC for the first time in 2017 before adding victories in 2020 and 2021. The Aussie's four rides on Wednesday each drew low gates, never a negative at Happy Valley, but Purton is downplaying his chances.

"I would have preferred a bit more quality there," Purton said. "I think I have my work cut out for me."

Among the overseas challenge are Hollie Doyle, who became the first female to win a leg of the IJC en route to finishing a joint-third in 2020, and Rachel King, English by birth and now a successful jockey in Sydney.

"It's an honour to be selected," says Doyle, who rode the 1000th winner of her career at Goodwood this past September. "The HKJC pick jockeys from the best around the world that they know will be competitive and serious in their attempt to win the trophy. It creates quite an intense atmosphere.

"We all get on great," she continued. "We know each other from travelling the world, but everyone is there for only one thing, and that is to win. It is the atmosphere it should be when you are riding at that level, competing for that amount of money. It's intense, and that's how I like it really." Cont. p14



Vincent Ho goes for a second straight win in the Longines
International Jockeys' Championship Wednesday | HKJC photo

#### Longines IJC Cont.

Yearlings

Ryan Moore last won the IJC in 2010, following his three-way dead-heat the year prior, and makes the short trip down from Japan, where he rode Dura Erede (Jpn) to a close third in the G1 Champions Cup at the weekend. He, too, always looks forward to the IJC

"Racing in Hong Kong is probably the most competitive in the world and I'm always delighted to take part when I'm asked," he said. "You do always have a chance because [Happy Valley is] that sort of track and the horses are evenly matched. But there could just be a standout in one leg, one that's ahead of his mark, that's just the nature of racing."

Completing the 2024 IJC field are: William Buick representing Great Britain alongside Doyle; Mickael Barzalona (France); Colin Keane (Ireland); Yuga Kawada (Japan); James McDonald (New Zealand), Hugh Bowman and Karis Teetan (Hong Kong, China).

The IJC is contested over four legs and points are awarded on a 12-6-4 basis. Wednesday's program kicks off at 6:30 p.m. HKT (10:30 a.m. BST, 5:30 a.m. US Eastern Time), with the first of the IJC legs set to jump at 8:10 p.m. Click here for the HKJC form guide.

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