

VALMONT REINVEST AFTER LUCRATIVE SALE OF YOU GOT TO ME



Bridestones topped the third day | Laura Green/Tattersalls

By Emma Berry

NEWMARKET, UK — The Wednesday of the December Mares Sale may have become a quieter session than was once the case but there are still plenty of enticing broodmare prospects, not least from the Godolphin draft. It provided five of the day's top ten lots, including the session-topper Bridestones (Ire), a listed-placed filly by Teofilo (Ire) out of the G1 Fillies' Mile winner White Moonstone (Dynaformer).

The four-year-old was selected by agent Alex Elliott, who assisted the Amo Racing team in the purchase of the overall sale-topper, the 4.8 million gns You Got To Me (GB) (Nathaniel {Ire}), and it was the former part-owner of the Irish Oaks winner, Anthony Ramsden's Valmont, in the chair to buy Bridestones. Elliott, was aided in the bidding by Ramsden's nephew Charlie Spencer, the son of former champion jockey Jamie.

"She will go back to Whatton Manor [Stud] to be looked after by the Players," Elliott said. "Teofilo is a very good broodmare sire and he works very well with Lope De Vega, one of Anthony's favourite stallions."

Elliott also signed for Instinction (GB) (Brazen Beau {Aus}), a five-year-old half-sister to the G3 Prix Eclipse winner Eddie's Boy (GB) (Havana Grey {GB}), sold from Houghton Bloodstock at 120,000gns. **Cont. p3**

SIRE POWER+: Q AND A WITH OLIVIER DELLOYE ON EVE OF ARQANA SALE

by Sue Finley

Ten days ago, the Arqana sales company announced the launch of SirePower+, a tailored financing programme which offers breeders the opportunity to have 50% of their 2025 stallion covering fee financed by the Deauville auction house up until the offspring is sold at an Arqana sale.

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With the December sale fast approaching, we sat down with Arqana President Olivier Delloye to talk about the new programme. **Cont. p7**

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Bowmark (GB) (Kingman {GB}) gains 'TDN Rising Stardom' at Kempton on Wednesday evening. He is the 36th 'Rising Star' for his Juddmonte sire. See page 10. | Racingfotos.com

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Tattersalls December Cont. from p1

The dual juvenile winner was in foal for the second time to Havana Grey's stud-mate Sergei Prokofiev and is from the strong black-type family of Swiss Lake (Indian Ridge).

"She made a lot sense – it's that old Lordship Stud family, a very fast family," he said Elliott. "She is perfect for Havana Grey and, if we can take a good-looking Sergei out of her, that will go a good way to paying us back for today. She is for myself and a few others."

In keeping with the earlier days of the sale, figures were up year-on-year during this third and penultimate session – notably an improvement in the clearance rate from 79% to 86%. That brought about an uplift in aggregate to 4,618,000gns (+25%), while the average was up by 29% at 24,962gns and the median improved to 16,000gns (+14%).

With one smaller session still to come on Thursday morning, the December Mares Sale is already in record territory. Turnover from the first three days stands at 82,742,000gns, surpassing the bumper year of 2022.

Sands Of Mali Still a Friend to Cool Silk Team

Ellaria Sand (GB) (Sands Of Mali {Fr}), winner of the Listed Radley Stakes for Ollie Sangster and owner-breeder The Cool Silk Partnership, was the standout in-training purchase of the

day. The two-year-old was bought for 200,000gns by Sam Haggas and will remain with Sangster's team of horses at Manton.

She is one of two stakes winners from the first crop of Ballyhane-based Sands Of Mali, along with the Royal Ascot winner Ain't Nobody (Ire). The stallion also raced for Cool Silk and is now the sire of G2 Lowther Stakes runner-up Time For Sandals (Ire) among 19 winners. [Cont. p4](#)



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Matt Coleman, advisor to the Cool Silk Partnership, said, "When Sands Of Mali was going to stud, I bought her dam Ellaria to join a band of broodmares to support the stallion. Ellaria Sand was born and reared at Culworth Grounds and went into training and, fair dues to Peter, Karin and Chris Swann of Cool Silk, they back their own homebreds and put them all in training. It is great to see them get such a great price for her."

He added, "It is a big feather in the cap of the Cool Silk team for a homebred to have won a listed race, and then to sell her for 200,000gns. They raced the stallion and bred this filly so it is a great achievement, hopefully she will go on – Cool Silk has still got the mare and has a full-sister to race."



Indian breeders have been an active buying group this week in Newmarket | Laura Green/Tattersalls

That's Easy For You To Say

'Barry Lynch for Ballylinch' was the tongue-twisting buying partnership of the day, with the agent stepping in to sign for the G3 Pinnacle Stakes winner Miss Marjorie (Ire) (Marju {Ire}) for the powerhouse Irish stud at 140,000gns.

Now 14 and in foal to Darley freshman Triple Time (Ire), the mare, offered by Baroda Stud, is from the family of Group 1 winners Soviet Song (Ire), Marsha (Ire) and Ribbons (GB).

Her two-year-old Smoken (GB) (Too Darn Hot {GB}), who was unnamed when the catalogue was published, provided a major update for her page when winning the Listed Montrose Stakes at Newmarket in early November.

Lynch said, "Marju mares are very hard to come by, she is in foal to an interesting stallion, and she is a horse who can be mated very easily. It is quite exciting, we are delighted and she is for Ballylinch Stud. Could be one for Look De Vega." [Cont. p5](#)

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John Bourke of Hyde Park Stud, breeder of 1,000 Guineas winner Cachet (Ire) and Irish 2,000 Guineas runner-up and Jersey Stakes winner Haatem (Ire), picked up what could in time look to be a bargain in lot 1896, Frolova (GB). The unraced mare was bought for 10,000gns from Cheveley Park Stud and is by their emerging broodmare sire Dutch Art (GB).

Admittedly, she has not has a straightforward run at stud just yet as she has been barren in two of her five seasons and is yet to produce a winner. There are grounds for hope, however, as she has a yearling filly Korbut (GB), by Study Of Man (Ire), to race for her and was offered in foal to Ulysses (Ire).

Frolova is a half-sister to the G1 Prix Jean Prat winner Good Guess (GB), who now stands alongside his sire Zodiac (GB) at Tally-Ho Stud and her second dam is the great Russian Rhythm.

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TATTERSALLS DECEMBER MARES SALE DAY 3

WEDNESDAY'S TOP LOTS

Lot	Name	Status	Price (gns)
1975	Bridestones (Ire) <i>(f, 4, Teofilo {Ire}--White Moonstone, by Dynaformer)</i> Bred by Godolphin (Ire) Consigned by Godolphin Purchased by A C Elliott, agent	Horse-Out-of-Training	280,000
1850	Ellaria Sand (GB) <i>(f, 2, Sands Of Mali {Fr}--Ellaria {Ire}, by Exceed And Excel {Aus})</i> Bred by The Cool Silk Partnership (GB) Consigned by The Castlebridge Consignment Purchased by Hurworth Bloodstock	Horse-in-Training	200,000

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Consigned by Baroda Stud
Purchased by Barry Lynch For Ballylinch

1966 Bauhinia (Ire) Horse-Out-of-Training 140,000
(f, 3, Too Dam Hot {GB}--Desert Blossom {Ire}, by Shamardal)
Bred by Godolphin (Ire)
Consigned by Godolphin
Purchased by Stroud Coleman Bloodstock

1861 Instinction (GB) i/f to Sergei Prokofiev 120,000
(m, 5, Brazen Beau {Aus}--Spontaneity {Ire},
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• Number Sold	185	188
• Not Sold	29	54
• Clearance Rate	86%	79%
• High Price	280,000gns	160,000gns
• Gross	4,618,000gns (+27%)	3,650,500gns
• Average (% change)	24,962gns (+29%)	19,418gns
• Median (% change)	16,000gns (+14%)	14,000gns
CUMULATIVE	2024	2023
• Catalogued	875	873
• Number Offered	710	705
• Number Sold	608	561
• Not Sold	102	144
• Clearance Rate	86%	80%
• No. 500K+	35	29
• High Price	4,800,000gns	4,500,000gns
• Gross	82,742,000gns (+23%)	67,339,800gns
• Average (% change)	136,089gns (+13%)	120,035gns
• Median (% change)	45,000gns (+28%)	35,000gns

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Sire Power+ Q&A Cont. from p1

SF: Basically, what you're doing is becoming a bank for breeders. Can you tell me how this idea came about?

OD: The idea came very naturally to us after talking with some breeders, particularly Eric Puerari from Haras des Capucines. We are all aware that sire power is a key success driver in any select

sale, and we were thinking about how we could help breeders to increase the depth of the top profiles in our yearling sales based on the fact that Deauville attracts the top buyers every year. We're pretty sure that those people would be happy to buy a bit more at home if they find a bit more of the high-profile yearlings they are looking for.

SF: I have the impression that sales companies might have done this quietly in the past by extending credit and not asking for payment until the horse actually sells. Are you the first people to do it formally in this way?

OD: That's a good question. I don't know enough about what sales companies did in terms of initiatives of that kind in recent years, but yes, it's quite unusual to market it as a financial product. It's really aimed at letting breeders know that there is something for them, and if they think that they have a really good mare, they can go the extra step in terms of a covering sire to produce one of those really, really sought-after yearlings. And we can help.

SF: Just to be clear, this applies to international sires, correct? You could breed to Dubawi, for example. Cont. p8

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Sire Power+ Q&A Cont.

OD: It's open to the best stallions, and of course if we are talking about Europe, you have some in France, but there is obviously a bigger number in the UK and in Ireland. It's open to French breeders or non-French breeders, but we'd rather focus, at least for the first year, on people breeding in France. You can be living in the UK or in Ireland or in the US, but if you have some nice mares standing in France and you really want to offer them the best stallion and maybe a better stallion that you had in mind initially, then that's where SirePower+ comes in.

SF: How has it been received by stallion owners?

OD: To date, it has been welcomed very positively, both by stallion owners and breeders as well. We already got some nice applications--applications that are really, really in line with what we had in mind when launching this product, That's good news, and we also had a positive response in the way that it triggered a good discussion among the breeders in France about how to enhance the quality of what is produced in France. I think listening to the breeders can only help us collectively to launch other initiatives in the near future to achieve the same objective.

SF: Do you imagine it mostly being yearlings that are produced under this scheme or could it be weanlings or in-foal mares?

OD: It could be weanlings, but I'd say its primarily aimed at producing yearlings because France remains a real market for yearlings more than weanlings. Still, if someone has it in mind to produce top-class weanlings to sell in December here in Arqana, I would definitely support that plan, too.

SF: What would have to happen, say by the year after next, for you to say, 'wow, this was a big success and we're going to build on it?' What would you like to see happen?

OD: I'd like to see an increased number of yearlings by what we know are or will be the stallions most in demand by those buyers that we do very much to attract here in Deauville.

SF: Is it becoming more and more competitive for sales companies to attract those very top yearlings, making initiatives like SirePower+ necessary to remain competitive? Will we see more and more of this type of promotion?

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Sire Power+ Q&A Cont.

OD: What we really, really have to improve upon here in France is the depth we can offer at the top end of the catalogue. We need more Classic broodmares going to the best stallions. We need to attract more of those good stallions and keep them in France. The stallion ranks have been improving over the last years, but we have still some progress to make. Everything is linked, so you cannot pretend to have the best stallions in France if you don't have the broodmares and vice versa, so we need to work on both sides. That's why we are wondering within Arqana what a sales company can do to help to make the whole French industry stronger.



Classic winner Sparkling Plenty will sell on Saturday | Scoop Dyga

SF: Do you imagine people buying mares at this sale, thinking, 'I'm going to take advantage of this offer?'

OD: Yes, very much so. The very last big show of the year in Deauville is this breeding stock sale, which has made huge progress over the last years, and which features a strong catalogue. On a very exciting Saturday, we are featuring a Classic-winning filly in the name of Sparkling Plenty, top-class mares, the dams of Unquestionable, Tamfana, and Metropolitan to name the most recent Group 1 winners, and a good bunch of very exciting racing prospects like Spanish Eyes, Grand Stars and many others. We also have some weanlings by the most exciting sires like Frankel, Sea The Stars, Lope De Vega, Siyouni and many others. It's a strong catalogue and I think we will have a good crowd coming from all over the world including a lot of Japanese, so we're hoping for a successful sale.

I do think that what we launched is a good incentive to buy a nice broodmare here, keep her in France and if you can have half of the nomination fee financed until the sale of the yearling, it can only help people be a bit bolder to buy some nice mares and leave them in France.

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"MONEY WHERE OUR MOUTH IS" - STEWART'S BIG PLANS FOR TATTERSALLS PURCHASES

John Stewart says that he is 'putting his money where his mouth is' after spending 6,265,000gns--close to \$8 million--on five fillies at Tattersalls this week, headed by Group 1 Prix Marcel Boussac winner Vertical Blue (Ire) (Mehmas {Ire}) at 3.2 million gns.

Vertical Blue is trained by Francis Graffard, who manages the career of Stewart's most high-profile horse in Europe, Goliath (Ger) (Adlerflug {Ger}). The four-year-old gelding was last seen finishing sixth in the Japan Cup.

That effort was deemed unsatisfactory by the man behind Resolute Racing, who has outlined some lofty ambitions for Graffard and the rest of the trainers on his roster.

He said, "I'm pretty satisfied with the purchases. The auction played out pretty much as I thought it would. I was very targeted in looking for specific horses. Of course, we one hundred per cent wanted to be focussed on the top end of the market and Vertical Blue was the number one horse on my list at the sale."

Stewart added, "She is trained by Francis, who trains Goliath for us. We have developed a really close relationship since we got Goliath and spent time together with him in Japan and got to meet his wife and family in France as well. He could not stop talking about how special this filly is and how he wanted to keep her in the barn.

"I believe in Francis. He's an innovator from a trainer's standpoint in that he wants to compete globally. He's not afraid to go and take risks. When I bring up some of these ideas about what I want to do with these horses, he probably thinks that I'm crazy but he's the kind of person who tries to figure out how we can do it. I can see him genuinely getting excited when he talks about some of the things we want to do." [Cont. p10](#)



John Stewart: "We're putting our money where our mouth is and are buying horses to win on the turf at Keeneland." | Sarah Andrew

John Stewart Cont.

Along with Vertical Blue, Stewart snapped up Irish 1,000 Guineas runner-up A Lilac Rolla (Ire) (Harry Angel {Ire}) for 1 million gns and Group performer Village Voice (GB) (**Zarak {Fr}**) at 1.3 million. Speedier types Tales Of The Heart (Ire) (Mehmas {Ire}) and It Ain't Two (GB) (Clyx {GB}) completed the spend at 650,000gns and 115,000gns respectively. All of the horses were purchased with Keeneland in mind.

Stewart continued, "We're going to surprise a lot of people next year with what we do with Goliath in how we turn him into an international success. He's already a European success and he's a success in Japan, even though he got sixth in the Japan Cup. We're not satisfied with that but the trip was very successful. Francis got a taste of that, as my team did as well. We're going to be back next year and we're going to have a different strategy. We're going to win that race. I didn't get into this sport to go to these races and watch other people win them. It's not enough to just watch these horses competing and, if you look at the horses I bought, the majority of them--outside of Vertical Blue--are specifically focussed on Keeneland. The turf tends to be pretty soft and, even our turf horses that we have in our programme, like Didia and Pounce, haven't run well at

Keeneland because they like the firm turf that you see at Saratoga, Gulfstream or Del Mar.

"We targeted buying the horses who like the soft ground. Resolute is going to have multiple horses taking part in these graded stakes races at Keeneland on turf. That's my home track and it's the one track we haven't won races at even though we have won races all over the world. That's not good enough and I'm not one who's going to make excuses. We're putting our money where our mouth is and are buying horses to win on the turf at Keeneland."

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KINGMAN'S BOWMARK MAKES WAVES WITH TDN RISING STAR DISPLAY IN KEMPTON DEBUT *by Sean Cronin*

Lordship Stud's hitherto untested homebred **Bowmark (GB)** (**Kingman {GB}**--Bound Ire), by Galileo {Ire}) lined up as a 5-1 chance for division two of Wednesday evening's Unibet More Boosts In More Races EBF Novice Stakes at Kempton and came home with a 'TDN Rising Star' rosette after unleashing a display of raw power in the one-mile heat.

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Bowmark is the latest 'TDN Rising Star' for Juddmonte's **Kingman** | [Racingfotos.com](#)

'TDN Rising Star' Cont.

The March-foaled bay raced in the front rank early and was steadied to track the leaders in a handy fourth after the initial exchanges. Readied for his bid soon after turning for home, he quickened in style to hit the front just inside the quarter-mile marker and engaged overdrive inside the final furlong to easily outclass **Oursin (GB)** (Phoenix Of Spain {Ire}) by an impressive 4 1/2 lengths. He becomes **Kingman's** 36th Rising Star and joins an honour roll which includes sires **Calyx (GB)**, **Palace Pier (GB)**, **Persian King (Ire)** and **Headman (GB)**.

"He's got a lot of potential and was probably just ready to go," said rider Kieran Shoemark. "It was pretty smooth and he picked up good. He's bred to get a little bit further, but I think he's got plenty of speed at the same time. He's not had an away day, or anything like that, and when I asked him to quicken I was happy how straight he was. He went straight to the line and was very professional."

Bowmark is the fourth foal and scorer produced by Listed Trigo Stakes victrix **Bound (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}), herself a daughter of G1 Oaks runner-up **Remember When (Ire)** (Daneshill Dancer {Ire}). Remember When's sextet of black-type performers includes G1 Derby hero **Serpentine (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}), Group 3-winning G1 Oaks third **Bye Bye Baby (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}) and Group 2-winning G1 Nassau Stakes runner-up **Wedding Vow (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}). **Wedding Vow**, in turn, is the dam of G2 Golden Fleece Stakes and G2 Royal Lodge Stakes placegetter **Capulet (Justify)**. The March-foaled homebred bay is half to a yearling colt by **Wootton Bassett (GB)** and a weanling filly by **Baaeed (GB)**.

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5th-Kempton, £6,800, Nov, 12-4, 2yo, 8f (AWT), 1:39.84, st/sl.

BOWMARK (GB), c, 2, by Kingman (GB)

1st Dam: Bound (Ire) (SW-Ire), by Galileo (Ire)

2nd Dam: Remember When (Ire), by Daneshill Dancer (Ire)

3rd Dam: Lagrion, by Diesis (GB)

Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$4,653. [Click for the free](#)

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O/B-Lordship Stud (GB); T-John & Thady Gosden; J-Kieran Shoemark.

EUROPEAN NEWS

BREEDING RIGHT IN BLUE POINT TO BE AUCTIONED ONLINE BY DARLEY



Blue Point | Darley

A breeding right in exciting young stallion **Blue Point (Ire)** is to be auctioned online on **Darley winning bid**, the bespoke online auction platform. The auction will take place between the hours of 9am on Tuesday, December 10 and 3pm on Wednesday, December 11.

The leading first-season sire by number of winners in 2023, Blue Point covered 161 mares this season. First-crop son Rosallion (Ire) was his flagbearer on the racecourse with a pair of Group 1 wins in the Irish 2,000 Guineas and St James's Palace Stakes, with the speedy Big Evs (Ire), successful in the G2 King George Stakes, and Kind Of Blue (GB), the winner of the G1 Champions Sprint Stakes, heading a strong supporting cast.

Blue Point will stand for €100,000 at Kildangan Stud in 2025, a significant increase on the €60,000 he stood for this season.

Sam Bullard, Darley's director of stallions, said, "As every aspect of the market continues to polarise, gaining access each season to these popular horses becomes ever more significant to breeders, which is why we are delighted to offer breeders the chance to obtain this breeding right in one of the most successful young stallions on our European roster, securing access to him for many years to come."

"I would encourage all potential bidders to register as soon as possible and as ever, the team are on hand to assist with any queries regarding the bidding process."

In order to bid, buyers will need to be registered for a MyDarley account and follow the instructions on how to bid [here](#).

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VIA SISTINA'S HALF-SISTER ADDED TO ARQANA'S VENTE D'ELEVAGE



Via Sienna will be sold as a filly-in-training | Arqana

Via Sienna (GB), a **Bated Breath (GB)** half-sister to multiple Group 1 winner **Via Sistina (Ire)** (Fastnet Rock {Aus}), has been added to the Arqana Vente d'Elevage. An unraced 2-year-old, **lot 120** will be consigned by Baroda Stud and will sell in Deauville on Saturday, Dec. 7. The sale runs from Dec. 7-10.

Via Sistina won the G1 Pretty Polly Stakes in the Northern Hemisphere before selling for 2,700,000gns at last year's Tattersalls December Mares Sale where she was bought by Yulong. In Australia, she has triumphed five times at the highest level: in the Ranvet Stakes, Winx Stakes, Turnbull Stakes, Cox Plate and in the Champions Stakes.

The half-sisters are out of the Galileo (Ire) mare Nigh (Ire), who is a half-sister to G1 Golden Jubilee Stakes and G1 Nunthorpe Stakes hero Kingsgate Native (Ire) (Mujadil). Via Sienna was bred by Wes Melcher, and was a 20,000gns Tattersalls December foal. She did not meet her reserve when passed in for 75,000gns at last year's Tattersalls October Yearling Sale.

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BATSFORD STUD WELCOMES ACLAIM, AS 2025 ROSTER RELEASED

Classic sire and Group 1 winner **Aclaim (Ire)** has moved to Batsford Stud where he will stand for £3,000, the stud posted on X. The sire of G1 1000 Guineas heroine Cachet (Ire) retired to The National Stud in 2018, and spent 2023-2024 at Manton Park.

The son of Acclamation (GB) is joined by fellow new resident and Classic winner **Kew Gardens (Ire)**, whose first foals will be 3-year-olds next year, at that price. He was previously under the Coolmore banner at Castle Hyde Stud from 2021-2024.

Also at £3,000 is **Passing Glance (GB)**, the sire of Grade 1 winners Strong Leader (GB) and Dasher Drasher (GB). The roster is rounded out by Invincible Spirit (Ire)'s **Swiss Spirit (GB)** at £1,000.

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RACING RISK MODELS BEING USED TO IMPROVE OUTCOMES FOR RACEHORSES IN BRITAIN

The British racing industry, in partnership with the Royal Veterinary College (RVC), is using data spanning 14 years to identify and help reduce risk in the sport, via the Racing Risk Models (RRM), the British Horseracing Authority (BHA) and Horse Welfare Board (HWB) announced on Wednesday.

Work on the RRM began in 2018 and its development and implementation has been one of the core recommendations of the HWB's 2020 strategy, **A Life Well Lived**. Academic researchers from the RVC have since been analysing data collected for each race start in Britain, including horse details, racing history, trainer, jockey and racecourse information, combined with details of any adverse outcomes sustained during the race.

Potential risk factors identified by the model span five categories—horse, race, course, trainer and jockey. Experts at the RVC apply multivariable statistical modelling to the data to identify areas of increased risk, and the strength of association. This then allows for predictive models to potentially identify how injury and fatality rates might be affected by any individual factors.

In 2023, the model was expanded to include Flat racing data, alongside the 400,000 jump records already analysed as part of the project.

As new data emerges and future race starts are analysed, the Royal Veterinary College and Equine Safety Group (ESG) will continue to explore risk factors, their associations and potential recommendations for the future. Led by the BHA, the ESG is made up of experts from across British racing including owners, trainers, jockeys, racecourses, veterinary and safety advisors and internal data analysts.

James Given, director of equine regulation, safety and welfare at the BHA and member of the Horse Welfare Board, said, "The Royal Veterinary College Epidemiological Team have academic expertise and independence that delivers scientifically rigorous evidence that enables recommendations and actions to be based on indisputable data.

"Reduction of risk and injury is one of the core pillars of our welfare strategy and informed, evidence-based decision making is integral to this."

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TATTERSALLS CHELTENHAM DECEMBER CATALOGUE UNVEILED

A 16-strong **catalogue** for the Tattersalls Cheltenham December Sale, which will be held after racing on Dec. 13, is now available. Featuring a boutique group of point-to-pointers and horses-in-training, the sale will remain open to supplementary entries through Dec. 9.

G2 Albert Bartlett Novices' Chase winner Potters Charm (Ire) is an alumni of the 2023 edition of the sale, while other graduates include Grade 1 winners Shishkin (Ire), Sir Gerhard (Ire) and Fayonagh (Ire).

Some of the select offerings for the 2024 edition are as follows: **Heron In The Park (Ire)** (Walk In The Park {Ire}), who is a half-sister to a listed bumper winner, Grade 3 hurdle winner and multiple Grade 1 performer in Glory And Fortune (Ire) (Fame And Glory {GB}); Walk In The Park's winning duo of **Delta Blues Belle (Ire)** and **Frankie John (Ire)** who are both from Grade 1 families, and point-to-point winner **Sinchi Roca (Ire)** (Getaway {Ire}).

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FIRST-SEASON SIRES WITH RUNNERS

Wednesday, October 2, 2024:

FRANCE

Earthlight (Ire) (Shamardal), Kildangan Stud
113 foals of racing age/18 winners/1 black-type winner
3-PAU, 1600m, **Thordis (Fr)**
€160,000 Arqana Deauville August Yearling Sale 2023

Romanised (Ire) (**Holy Roman Emperor (Ire)**), Haras de Bouquetot
85 foals of racing age/11 winners/0 black-type winners
2-PAU, 1600m, **Mikey (Fr)**
€3,000 Arqana Deauville October Yearlings 2023

Threat (Ire) (**Footstepsinthesand (GB)**), Haras du Mont Goubert
42 foals of racing age/3 winners/0 black-type winners
2-PAU, 1600m, **Sicilian Threat (Fr)**
€12,000 Osarus September Yearling Sale 2023

Weltstar (Ger) (Soldier Hollow {GB}), Haras de Longechaux
7 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
3-PAU, 1600m, **Joly Star (Fr)**



Earthlight has a runner in France | Darley

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HOW THEY FARED

12.20 Lingfield, Nov, £6,300, 2yo, f, 8f 1y (AWT)

Joyful Sound (GB) (**Masar (Ire)**), a half-sister to Group 1 winners Crackerjack King (Ire) (Shamardal), Jakkalberry (Ire) (Storming Home {GB}) and Awelmarduk (Ire) (Almutawakel {GB}), was never a factor on debut and hit the line 10 lengths adrift of the winner in fourth.

16.10 Kempton, Nov, £6,800, 2yo, f, 7f (AWT)

Shadwell's **Alfareqa (GB)** (**Frankel (GB)**), the top-priced filly at last year's October Book 1 sale and a daughter of G1 Cheveley Park Stakes victrix Millisle (Ire) (**Starspangledbanner (Aus)**), raced within range of the leaders, but was unable to land a telling blow in the closing stages and finished ninth on debut.

17.40 Kempton, Nov, £6,800, 2yo, 8f (AWT)

Komodo Island (GB) (**Frankel (GB)**), Rockcliffe Stud's full-brother to G1 Falmouth Stakes heroine Snow Lantern (GB) out of four-time Group 1 victrix Sky Lantern (Ire) (Red Clubs {Ire}), was green in rear throughout and exhibited some gumption in the straight to finish just over 8 1/4 lengths behind the winner in eighth.

18.10 Kempton, Nov, £6,800, 2yo, 8f (AWT)

Nat Rothschild's newcomer **Noble Horizon (GB)** (**Kingman (GB)**), a son of G1 Irish Oaks heroine Great Heavens (GB) (Galileo {Ire}), shaped with some promise and ran on well in the home straight to finish 5 1/2 lengths behind the 'TDN Rising Star' performance of Bowmark (GB) (**Kingman (GB)**) in fourth.

BRITAIN

Wednesday's Results:

UNIBET HYDE STAKES-Listed, £45,000, Kempton, 12-4, 3yo/up, 8f (AWT), 1:37.56, st/sl.

1--**POKER FACE (IRE)**, 132, g, 5, **Fastnet Rock (Aus)--Stars At Night (Ire)**, by **Galileo (Ire)**. (95,000gns Ylg '20 TATOCT). O-Edward J Ware; B-Rockhart Trading Ltd. (IRE); T-Simon & Ed Crisford; J-Harry Davies. £25,520. Lifetime Record: MGSW-Fr, MGSP-Eng & GSP-Itly, 19-7-6-0, \$464,472. *Full to Star Devine (Ire), MSW & MGSP-US, \$340,490.

2--**Roi De France (Ire)**, 131, c, 3, **Sea The Stars (Ire)--Danilovna (Ire)**, by **Dansili (GB)**. **1ST BLACK TYPE**. O/B-Bjorn Nielsen (IRE); T-John & Thady Gosden. £9,675.

3--**Popmaster (Ire)**, 132, g, 6, **Gutaifan (Ire)--Best New Show (Ire)**, by **Clodovil (Ire)**. (£18,000 Ylg '19 GOFFPR). O-Laurence Bellman; B-Grangemore Stud (IRE); T-Ed Walker. £4,842.

Margins: 1HF, NK, HD. Odds: 2.25, 1.63, 8.00.

Also Ran: Dear My Friend (GB), Flight Plan (GB), Holloway Boy (GB), Whitcombe Rockstar (GB), Alshinfarah (Ire), Samuel Colt (Ire).

3rd-Kempton, £11,000, Hcp, 12-4, 2yo, 6f (AWT), 1:12.48, st/sl. **CYCLONITE (g, 2, Bucchero--Compact Powder, by Street Cry {Ire})** notched a breakthrough score at Newcastle in August and was gelded after posting a last-out ninth at York later that same month. Positioned in midfield for the most part, the 9-4 chalk powered forward into second approaching the final furlong and kept on strongly under continued rousting to deny Ardennes (Ire) (**Soldier's Call {GB}**) by 1 1/2 lengths in the dying strides. Cyclonite is the third of four foals and lone scorer out of a winning half-sister to stakes-winning GIII Kelso Stakes third Northern Invader (**Collected**). The May-foaled chestnut's third dam, GII A Gleam Handicap and GIII Flores Handicap third Woodman's Dancer (Woodman), is a daughter of GI Hollywood Oaks heroine Pattern Step (Nureyev) and her descendants include GI Arkansas Derby-winning sire Archarcharch (Arch), Grade III victor Balance Of Power (Silver Train) and the Group 3-winning duo Paris Peacock (Ire) (Muhaarar {GB}) and Craftsman (Ire) (Mastercraftsman {Ire}). Cyclonite is full to a yearling filly and his dam Compact Powder (Street Cry {Ire}) was bred back to **Bucchero** for a fifth straight season this year. Lifetime Record: 7-2-1-1, \$16,612.

O-Ironhorse Racing Stable & Harlow Stables; B-Superbad Stables LLC (FL); T-James Ferguson.

1st-Kempton, £6,800, Nov, 12-4, 2yo, f, 7f (AWT), 1:26.82, st/sl. **SAND GAZELLE (GB) (f, 2, Frankel {GB}--Desirous {GB}, by Kingman {GB})** sought cover and raced in a midfield seventh through the early stages of this debut. Coming under pressure approaching the quarter-mile marker, the 20-1 went through an array of gears and quickened smartly inside the final furlong to deny Dancing Colours (GB) (Blue Point {Ire}) by 1 1/4 lengths. Sand Gazelle is the second of four foals and first scorer thrown by a dual-winning half to G1 Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe, G1 Prix Vermeille and G1 Pretty Polly Stakes heroine Bluestocking (GB) (**Camelot {GB}**) and the stakes-placed Qirat (GB) (Showcasing {GB}). Her second dam is G1 Matron Stakes victrix Emulous (GB) (Dansili {GB}). The March-foaled chestnut is kin to a yearling colt by **Camelot (GB)** and a weanling colt by **Saxon Warrior (Jpn)**. Sales history: 425,000gns Ylg '23 TATOCT. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$4,653.

O-The Thoroughbred Racing Corporation Ltd; B-Faisal Meshrf Al Qahtani (GB); T-John & Thady Gosden.

2nd-Kempton, £6,800, Nov, 12-4, 2yo, 6f (AWT), 1:13.66, st/sl. **THE QUIET GENT (IRE) (c, 2, Mehmas {Ire}--Passified Lady, by Speightstown)**, runner-up going six furlongs at Wolverhampton in his Nov. 18 debut last time, asserted for an early advantage here. Holding sway throughout, the 2-1 second favourite was scrubbed along when threatened passing the quarter-mile pole and ran on well under a late drive to hold Crestofdistinction (GB) (Kodiac {GB}) by 3/4-of-a-length, becoming the 50th juvenile winner of the year for trainer Ralph Beckett. The Quiet Gent is the latest of six foals and third scorer produced by a daughter of GII San Clemente Handicap victrix and GI John C Mabee Handicap third Passified (GB) (Compton Place {GB}). The April-foaled bay, who hails from the family of multiple Group 1-winning British champion In The Groove (GB) (Night Shift), is a half-brother to G3 Cornwallis Stakes third Burning Cash (Ire) (Strath Burn {GB}). Sales history: 40,000gns Ylg '23 TADEY. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$6,734.

O-The Quiet Gents; B-TPB Bloodstock Ltd (IRE); T-Ralph Beckett.

4th-Kempton, £6,800, Nov, 12-4, 2yo, 8f (AWT), 1:39.96, st/sl. **FIRST PRINCIPLE (GB) (c, 2, Kingman {GB}--Guilty Twelve {GSW-US, \$280,806}, by Giant's Causeway)** found a smooth rhythm, racing off the tempo in seventh, through halfway in this first go. Rowed along soon after passing the quarter-mile pole, the 10-1 chance quickened impressively for the lead with 150 yards remaining and was pushed out to defeat prior winner Spectacular View (GB) (Pinatubo {Ire}) by 1 1/4 lengths. **Cont. p15**

4th-Kempton Cont.

First Principle is the fourth foal and scorer out of GIII Robert G Dick Memorial victrix Guilty Twelve (Giant's Causeway), herself kin to Listed Prix des Tourelles victrix Iltemas (Galileo {Ire}) out of G3 Give Thanks Stakes third Arkadina (Ire) (Danehill). The April-foaled homebred bay, whose dam was bred to **Blame** this year, is a half-brother to multiple Graded-placed stakes winner Five Towns (GB) (Lord Kanalao {Jpn}) and GIII Marathon Stakes third Three Priests (Jpn) (Deep Impact {Jpn}). He is also kin to a yearling colt by Palace Pier (GB) and a weanling colt by **Saxon Warrior (Jpn)**. Sales history: 75,000gns RNA Ylg '23 TATOCT. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$4,653.

O/B-Merry Fox Stud Ltd (GB); T-William Haggas.

3rd-Lingfield, £6,300, Nov, 12-4, 2yo, f, 8f 1y (AWT), 1:37.45, st. GO GO BOOTS (GB) (f, 2, Night Of Thunder {Ire}--Hertford Dancer {GB} {SW & GSP-Eng}, by Foxwedge {Aus}) forfeited ground to all seven rivals and raced at the tail of the field after a dawdling getaway in this unveiling. Rowed along to close with three furlongs remaining, the 3-1 second favourite straightened for home in fourth and kept on strongly under mainly whipless urging to overpower Texas Starlight (Fr) (Pinatubo {Ire}) by 1 1/4 lengths nearing the line. Go Go Boots is the third of five foals and second scorer out of Listed Lingfield Oaks Trial victrix and G2 Ribblesdale Stakes third Hertford Dancer (GB) (Foxwedge {Aus}). The April-foaled chestnut's third dam, dual Group-placed Listed Empress Stakes-winning producer Massarra (GB) (Danehill), is kin to six black-type performers headed by G1 Haydock Sprint Cup-winning sire Invincible Spirit (Ire). Go Go Boots is full to a yearling colt and half to a weanling colt by **Saxon Warrior (Jpn)**. Sales history: 97,000gns RNA Ylg '23 TATOCT; €230,000 2yo '24 ARQBRU. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$4,311.

O-Bobby Flay; B-Highclere Stud & Mrs Michelle Morris (GB); T-John & Thady Gosden.

4th-Lingfield, £6,300, Nov, 12-4, 2yo, f, 8f 1y (AWT), 1:37.08, st. NIMINY PIMINY (FR) (f, 2, Siyouni {Fr}--Geisha Girl {Ire}, by Galileo {Ire}) recovered from a sluggish exit to race off the pace in midfield after the opening exchanges of this debut. Stoked up at the top the straight, the 14-1 chance quickened into third entering the final furlong and kept on well under mild coaxing in the closing stages to prevail by a length from Blast The Dream (GB) (**Oasis Dream {GB}**). Niminy Piminy is the fifth of six foals and fourth scorer produced by an unraced half-sister to G1 Poule d'Essai des Pouliches heroine Elusive Wave (Ire) (Elusive City) and Listed Silken Glider Stakes runner-up Million Waves (Ire) (Mull Of Kintyre). Descendants of her G3 Prix Corrida-winning third dam Echoes (Fr) (Niniski) include G2 Queen Mary Stakes victrix Langs Lash (Ire) (Noverre). The April-foaled chestnut is half to a weanling colt by Invincible Army (Ire). Sales

history: 30,000gns Ylg '23 TATOCT. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$4,311.

O-Mrs Simon Marsh & Hon Mrs Peter Stanley; B-Rabbah Bloodstock Ltd (FR); T-Ollie Sangster.

IRELAND

Wednesday's Results:

3rd-Dundalk, €22,000, Cond, 12-4, 2yo, 7f (AWT), 1:27.51, st. DONNA NOOK (GB) (f, 2, Bated Breath {GB}--Rostova {SW-Fr}, by Arch), a July 18 debut eighth at Leopardstown when last seen, tracked the leader in second for most of this return. Nudged along soon after turning for home, the 7-2 second choice was shaken up to challenge passing the furlong pole and drew off late under continued whipless coaxing to account for Wizard Of Odds (Ire) (Arizona {Ire}) by an ultimately comfortable two lengths. "She did it lovely and we're delighted," said assistant trainer Shane Lyons. "James [Ryan] was very good on her and she pricked her ears when she got to the front. We started her in mid-summer and she went through a growing spurt, so we took our time with her and she is after repaying us back in spades. We are very happy with that and she'll go out [for the season] with a smile on her face. We will speak to the connections and see what we will do for the spring. She will want a mile next year and we will take that step next year." Donna Nook is the fifth of six foals and third scorer out of Listed Prix Casimir Delamarre winner Rostova (Arch), herself a full-sister to Listed Michael Seely Memorial victrix Pavlosk and a half to the dual Group 3-winning distaffer Exhibit One (Silver Hawk). Pavlosk is the dam of this year's G1 Phoenix Stakes heroine Babouche (GB) (Kodiac {GB}) and three-time Group winner Zarinsk (GB) (Kodiac {GB}). **Cont. p16**



Donna Nook | Racingfotos.com

3rd-Dundalk Cont.

Exhibit One produced G3 Chunichi Shimbun Hai victor Maitres D'Art (Jpn) (Zenno Rob Roy {Jpn}) and the stakes-placed Auction (Ire) (Mr. Greeley). The May-foaled homebred bay is kin to a yearling colt by **Kingman (GB)**. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$13,873.

O-Juddmonte; B-Juddmonte Farms Ltd (GB); T-Ger Lyons.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Ohmyviette (Fr), g, 2, **Sioux Nation**--Aello (Ire), by Acclamation (GB). Dundalk, 12-4, 5f (AWT), 1:00.47. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-0, \$11,784. B-Mme Alix Rambaud Hugues Rambaud (FR). *€27,000 Ylg '23 ARQDOY.

FRANCE**Wednesday's Results:**

PRIX LUTHIER - POLYTRACK CHALLENGE-Listed, €52,000, Deauville, 12-4, 3yo/up, 7 1/2f (AWT), 1:26.66, st.

1--**FAST RAAJ (FR)**, 125, g, 6, **Iffraaj (GB)**--**Interesting (Ire) (GSP-Fr)**, by **Raven's Pass**. O-Alain Jathiere, Ecurie du Parc Monceau, Haras d'Etream, Yann Barberot & Riviera Equine SARL; B-Haras d'Etream, Riviera Equine SARL & Ecurie du Parc Monceau (FR); T-Yann Barberot; J-Clement Leoeuvre. €26,000. Lifetime Record: MGSW-Fr, 32-11-3-1, €334,853. *1/2 to Le Boss (Fr) (Almanzor {Fr}), SP-Fr.

2--**Vertbois (Fr)**, 125, g, 3, **Night Of Thunder (Ire)**--**Visinada (Ire)**, by Sinndar (Ire). **1ST BLACK TYPE**. (€90,000 Ylg '22 ARQOCT). O-Godolphin SNC; B-Haras de Beauvoir (FR); T-Andre Fabre. €10,400.

3--**Maturlo (Ire)**, 125, c, 3, **Starspangledbanner (Aus)**--**Purlain (GB)**, by **Camelot (GB)**. (€25,000 Ylg '22 SGASEP). O-Scuderia Scolari; B-Societa Semplice Agricola di Pine (IRE); T-Mario Baratti. €7,800.

Margins: 1, SNK, 3/4. Odds: 5.70, 9.00, 53.00.

Also Ran: Siam Paragon (Fr), Babakool (GB), Mount Athos (GB), Toyotomi (Fr), Embrace (Ire), Cambronne (Fr), Surge (Fr), Kimi Orenda (Fr), Bellano (Fr), Suchet (Fr), Kendly (Fr). Scratched: Whispering Dream (Ire), La Landonne (Ire).

**IN HONG KONG:**

Soleil Fighter (GB), g, 4, **Sea The Moon (Ger)**--Force One (GB), by Dansili (GB). Happy Valley, 12-4, Hcp., (C3), 1650mT, 1:40.51. B-Fiona Gordon. *95,000gns Wlg '20 TATDEF; 120,000gns Ylg '21 TATOCT. **VIDEO**

WORLDWIDE NEWS**BARZALONA STRIKES FOR FRANCE IN****LONGINES IJC** by Alan Carasso

On the back of a victory aboard Pour Moi (Ire) (Montjeu {Ire}) for Coolmore and trainer Andre Fabre in the G1 Investec Epsom Derby in 2011, a then 20-year-old Mickael Barzalona took up a short-term contract to ride in Hong Kong, bringing up a single winner from 42 rides. Now all of 33 years of age, the Frenchman experienced the other end of the spectrum to take out the valuable Longines International Jockeys' Championship (IJC) before a packed house at Happy Valley Racecourse, book-ending the four-race competition with victories en route to amassing 30 points and easily outdistancing 11 other top riders from all over the world.

A 30-1 chance pre-post for the IJC, Barzalona was off to the perfect start in the first leg over the 1000 metres, driving fellow roughie **Sergeant Pepper (Aus)** (I Am Invincible {Aus}) to a victory that was anything but 'lonely,' as **Lean Master (GB)** (Havana Grey {GB}), the mount of William Buick, and **Parents' Love (Aus)** (Deep Field {Aus}), ridden by defending champion Vincent Ho, chimed in late on. In so doing, Barzalona scooped the 12 points for finishing first (**video**).

Barzalona was allotted the mount on **Forever Glorious (GB)** (Archipenko), who was off at 20-1 in the second leg going 1650 metres, and he looked well on his way to all but sewing up the IJC when he swept in from approaching the final furlong. He was joined shortly thereafter by James McDonald and **Prince Alex (Aus)** (Animal Kingdom)--a 6-year-old full-brother to US Grade I winner Oleksandra (Aus)--but went down to a battling defeat when the dust had settled (**video**). Colin Keane and **Sure Joyful (NZ)** (Tarzino {NZ}) got home well for third.

Hollie Doyle rarely leaves empty-handed on IJC night, having finished a joint-third on her maiden appearance in 2020 and a dead-heat second the following season. **Cont. p17**



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Longines IJC Cont.

Her first-ever victory in the IJC came courtesy of trainer David Hayes on a hot favourite in 2020, and the Lindsay Park maestro was responsible for getting her into the thick of things on Wednesday. Assigned the mount on \$6.30 (5.30-1) gamble **Soleil Fighter (GB)** (Sea The Moon {Ger}), Doyle was able to settle the 4-year-old on the back of the speed, peeled out and proved narrowly best over **Silo (Aus)** (National Defense {GB}, Karis Teetan) and **Aestheticism (NZ)** (Derryn {Aus}), Zac Purton) ([video](#)).

Five of the 12 IJC contestants were in with a winning chance heading into the final leg at 1200 metres. Barzalona's mount, **Aurora Lady (Aus)** (Star Witness {Aus}) was the third choice at just below 6-1, but had a potentially tricky draw to deal with in 12 for trainer Pierre Ng. Away alertly and ridden positively, the bay raced three wide and without the benefit of cover in the first third of the field and put the race away in the straight, comfortably holding **Kyrus Dragon (Aus)** (Safeguard {Aus}, Keane) and **Super Joy N Fun (NZ)** (What's The Story {NZ}, Ho) ([video](#)). McDonald and Doyle were unable to add to their 12 points and shared runner-up honours.

"Pierre was quite confident in Aurora Lady's chances after he disappointed at Sha Tin last time when things didn't work out," said Barzalona. "He's been unlucky a couple of times recently and given we were drawn wide he told me to try and get forward as long as they didn't go mad early on. I trusted my horse and he didn't let me down.

"It's a hyper-competitive jockeys challenge and when you see the major names up there on the roll of honour, I'm delighted to have mine alongside," Barzalona said.

Barzalona, who takes home the HK\$600,000 first prize, becomes the fourth Frenchman to take out the IJC, joining



Mickael Barzalona hoists the winning trophy and earned HK\$600,000 for his IJC success | HKJC photo

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Olivier Peslier (1998, 2006), Christophe Soumillon (2004, tie with Yutaka Take) and Christophe Lemaire (2012, tie with Ryan Moore and Johnny Murtagh). Barzalona has the call for Fabre aboard Marquisat (Ire) (**Zarak {Fr}**) in Sunday's G1 Longines Hong Kong Vase. It will be his final Group 1 ride for Godolphin before he takes up a role as **first jockey for the French-trained horses of the Aga Khan Studs** in 2025.

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BREEDING DIGEST: A CRY ECHOING DOWN THE STREET



Street Cry | Darley Stallions

by Chris McGrath

All of us involved in this game tend to be exposed to its ups and downs on a scale proportionate to our means. That being so, there have unsurprisingly been some pretty wild extremes --for better and worse--in the story of the most lavishly funded program in its history.

Just think back, for instance, to the last days of April 2001. Sheikh Mohammed had sent Street Cry (Ire) back to the United States, where he had been skillfully developed as a juvenile by Eoin Harty, with the mission of winning the G1 Kentucky Derby after wintering in his desert homeland. But now Street Cry had been struck by an ankle inflammation, and would have to be scratched.

Within the week, nobody on the Godolphin team was still giving that disappointment a moment's thought. At least Street Cry would be back in a few months. Over in Britain, in contrast, the horse that the Sheikh cherished above all others had just lost a harrowing battle with grass sickness.

The following year Street Cry would emulate the tragic Dubai Millennium (GB)--who had in 2000 fulfilled the destiny for which he had been renamed--by winning the G1 Dubai World Cup.

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HISA PROVISIONALLY SUSPENDS PACO LOPEZ AFTER INCIDENT AT PARX

by Bill Finley

Reacting to an incident that took place Tuesday at Parx in which he was **caught on video** striking the horse **National Law (Constitution)** in the face with his whip following the fifth race, jockey Paco Lopez has received a provisional suspension from the Horseracing Integrity and Safety Authority (HISA).

"In response to the incident yesterday involving jockey Paco Lopez, the Horseracing Integrity and Safety Authority has provisionally suspended Paco Lopez from all racing activities under HISA's jurisdiction, effective immediately," said a HISA spokesperson. "The provisional suspension will proceed under an expedited timeline through HISA's adjudication process."

Parx officials also weighed in on the incident with a statement of their own.

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VALMONT REINVEST AFTER LUCRATIVE SALE OF YOU GOT TO ME

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2024 in photos: March 2. Madison Olver gives Super Chow (Lord Nelson) a pat as they head into the winner's circle after winning a rainy GIII Tom Fool Handicap. | Sarah Andrew

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After cleared of drug charges by the U.S. Supreme Court, trainer Murray Rojas can't overcome a licensing hurdle in Kentucky.

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Another runaway Grade I success when commuting back Stateside volunteered him as a potential Horse of the Year, but a recurrence of his ankle issue instead saw him retired to Jonabell.

That farm had been purchased the previous year as part of Godolphin's increasingly international agenda. And he certainly had an apt profile for reconciling different racing cultures, having proved a dirt champion despite being out an G1 Irish Oaks winner by Troy (GB) (Helen Street {GB}, whose full-sister of course produced Shamardal).

Street Cry's first crop, conceived at \$30,000 and delivered in 2004, would include Zenyatta, whose public reach has perhaps been matched among modern fillies only by another of his daughters, the 2011 foal Winx (Aus). But it also featured a couple of colts who would both end up following their sire to Jonabell, in 'TDN Rising Star' **Street Sense** and Street Boss.



Street Sense | Sarah Andrew

Street Sense's 2-year-old championship elevated his sire's fee to \$50,000; his Kentucky Derby, to \$100,000. Then Street Boss blossomed with two Grade I sprints as a 4-year-old, and Zenyatta won the GI Breeders' Cup Distaff, taking Street Cry to \$150,000.

But this, Winx apart, would prove one of many stallions whose record did not particularly improve with the presumed caliber of his mares. His two most accomplished Australian runners besides Winx, Shocking (Aus) and Whobegotyou (Aus), both belonged to his first shuttle crop; and arguably he made no greater impact as a six-figure cover in the U.S. than through star juvenile New Year's Day.

While the latter is now represented at stud by **Maximum Security**, the principal conduit for Street Cry's branch of the Machiavellian line has meanwhile led through those two first-crop sons who stood alongside their sire at Jonabell. **Cont.**

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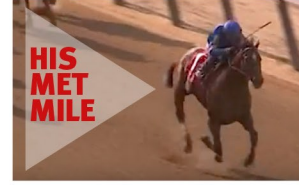
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Breeding Digest, cont.

Street Cry himself having died aged 16, in 2014, they have carried the torch nobly. **Street Sense**, in contrast with his sire, enters the evening of his career with an ever-stronger legacy, the succession being contested with notable vigor by such young sons as 'TDN Rising Star' **McKinzie**, **Maxfield** and **Speaker's Corner**. Street Boss, similarly, has **Anamoe (Aus)** recently starting out in Australia with nine elite wins to his credit.


Overall, despite his 'TDN Rising Star' and GI Kentucky Oaks winner Cathryn Sophia, Street Boss has proved so much more effective in Australia that he moved there permanently in 2022. His daughter **Accomplished Girl** did manage another black-type success at Fair Grounds on Saturday, but for Godolphin it was sooner as damsires that both he and **Street Sense** dovetailed for a gratifying Thanksgiving weekend.

Perhaps we should not be surprised. Though Zenyatta proved a notorious anti-climax as a broodmare, Street Cry's daughters have lately produced such good horses as **Vino Rosso (Curlin)**, **Just F Y I (Justify)** and **Rebel's Romance (Ire)** (Dubawi {Ire}). That reminds us how gradually distaff influence tends to burn, but **Street Sense's** daughters have already produced the likes of European champion **Roaring Lion (Kitten's Joy)** and one of this year's leading sophomores in 'TDN Rising Star' **Mindframe (Constitution)**.




Mindframe | Sarah Andrew

As winner of the GI Ogden Phipps Stakes and GI Beldame Stakes, **Wedding Toast** arguably remains the best female runner by **Street Sense**. She had plenty of genetic help from her dam, a half-sister to that extraordinary creature **Congaree**, and has naturally been given every opportunity in her matings. Unfortunately her first three foals to make the track, by **Dubawi (Ire)** and **Tapit**, have proved most disappointing: a **Tapit** gelding did win at Remington Park a couple of weeks ago, but under a \$5,000 tag. **Cont.**



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(Which success incidentally complemented another graded stakes for **Medaglia d'Oro** a couple of days previously, **Loved** having beaten another Godolphin filly, **Tarifa**, in the GIII Falls City Stakes. Loved is a half-sister to one of **Street Sense**'s young guns in **Maxfield**, their dam Velvety being by distaff phenomenon Bernardini {himself additionally sire of Tarifa} out of Bernstein's \$3.1-million sister Caress {Storm Cat}.)

On the same Churchill card, the GII Kentucky Jockey Club Stakes fell to **First Resort** (**Uncle Mo**)--whose dam, Fair Maiden, was like Wedding Toast a homebred Grade I winner for Godolphin, albeit her success in the La Brea Stakes came as rather a shock.

First Resort is her first foal and, while the next couple of generations are quite fallow in terms of black type, the fourth dam is GI Kentucky Oaks winner Secret Status (A.P. Indy) --whose son by Unbridled's Song, Dunkirk, won the GII Florida Derby.

Perhaps what's most pleasing about First Resort is the fact that he's trained by the same man who supervised Street Cry, all those years ago, at the same stage of his career. Harty's

self-effacing nature has long made him an admirable team player for Godolphin, but probably does not assist his promotion of what is nowadays also a public stable. Don't forget that he was also behind the scenes with Bob Baffert during the Silver Charm/Real Quiet era; nor that he is a fifth-generation horseman from one of Ireland's most respected racing families. Those genes are plainly telling in his handling of First Resort, much as those of his old buddy Street Cry have filtered through to the colt himself.

Beach Riding the Crest of a Wave

Street Cry's distaff influence was reiterated over the holiday weekend by **Kehoe Beach** (Omaha Beach), the GII Mrs. Revere Stakes winner being out of his daughter Sweet Awakening. That takes him up to 91 graded/group winners as damsire.

Kehoe Beach's breeders bought Sweet Awakening for \$45,000 at the 2008 Keeneland November Sale, following a curtailed track career, and tried to flip her in foal to Run Away and Hide in the same ring the following year.

Fortunately she failed to meet her reserve, at \$27,000, and three of the breeding partnership ended up racing the foal themselves: as Are You Kidding Me, he became a multiple Canadian graded stakes winner and banked over \$1.3 million for Ronald Kirk, John Bates and Michael Riordan. **Cont.**

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Kehoe Beach, with her page duly illuminated, was sold to Cherry Tree Farm as a weanling for \$180,000 before proving an excellent pinhook at \$450,000 back in the same ring the following September.

As his fourth graded stakes winner, Kehoe Beach maintains a persuasive rally by her sire. On the face of it, Omaha Beach did not quite match his billing when fourth of the Spendthrift quartet who dominated the freshman table last year, having started out at the highest fee. But we shouldn't forget that he only broke his maiden at the fifth attempt, his subsequent blossoming yielding consecutive Grade I wins over nine and six furlongs.

The cream is duly rising with his maturing stock, and Omaha Beach now bestrides his intake across all indices of quality, notably with 21 black-type performers in 2024 at 14 percent of starters. (Across the two years, moreover, he's up to 18 percent.) He cannot match a handful for sheer volume of winners, but tellingly is clear on purse money.

Spendthrift's hopes of a freshman hat-trick (following **Good Magic** and **Mitole**) remain on a knife edge, with **Vekoma** holding a wafer-thin lead. The two horses that chased home **First Resort** on Saturday, 'TDN Rising Star' **Jonathan's Way** and **Tiztastic**, each enhanced his status as principal earner for **Vekoma** and **Tiz**



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the **Law** respectively. Through Monday, **Vekoma** stood on \$2,611,038 against **Street Sense's** son **McKinzie** on \$2,598,391, with **Tiz the Law**, whose daughter **Book'em** won her third straight on that same Saturday card at Churchill, breathing down their necks on \$2,543,857. **Cont.**



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Most precious result of the week was surely the graded stakes breakthrough of **Gun Runner's** half-sister **Pretty Ana** (Quality Street) in the GIII Comely Stakes. But there will also have been plenty of relief in the **City of Light** camp that **Formidable Man**, in the Hollywood Derby, was able to become the second Grade I winner craved for the sire of 'TDN Rising Star' and champion **Fierceness**. And meanwhile there was also a significant breakthrough for freshman **War of Will**, whose daughter **Will Then** became his first stakes winner in the GIII Jimmy Durante Stakes.

Will Then was contributing to a remarkable week for Augustin Stables, as one of three homebred graded stakes winners at Del Mar, following **Mrs. Astor** (Lookin At Lucky) in the GIII Red Carpet Stakes and **Truly Quality** (Quality Road) in the GII Hollywood Turf Cup.



Mrs. Astor | Benoit

Truly Quality, a half-sister to recent Canadian graded stakes winner **Mouffy** (**Uncle Mo**), is out of a graded stakes-placed daughter of George Strawbridge's champion grass mare Together Forever (Belong to Me). But good breeders tap into each other's work and Strawbridge did just that with Will Then's dam Remember Then (Pulpit), whose family had been cultivated with a familiar touch of genius by his friend Arthur Hancock. Remember Then, who won her first three races in Strawbridge's colors, had been bought as a yearling from Stone Farm as a daughter of four-time graded stakes winner Owlsy (Harlan), whose own dam was similarly

homebred by Hancock.

A parallel process accounted for Mrs. Astor, whose dam Causal (Creative Cause) was another yearling purchase by Strawbridge from an exemplary operation, in this case that of Brereton C. Jones of Airdrie Stud. **Cont.**

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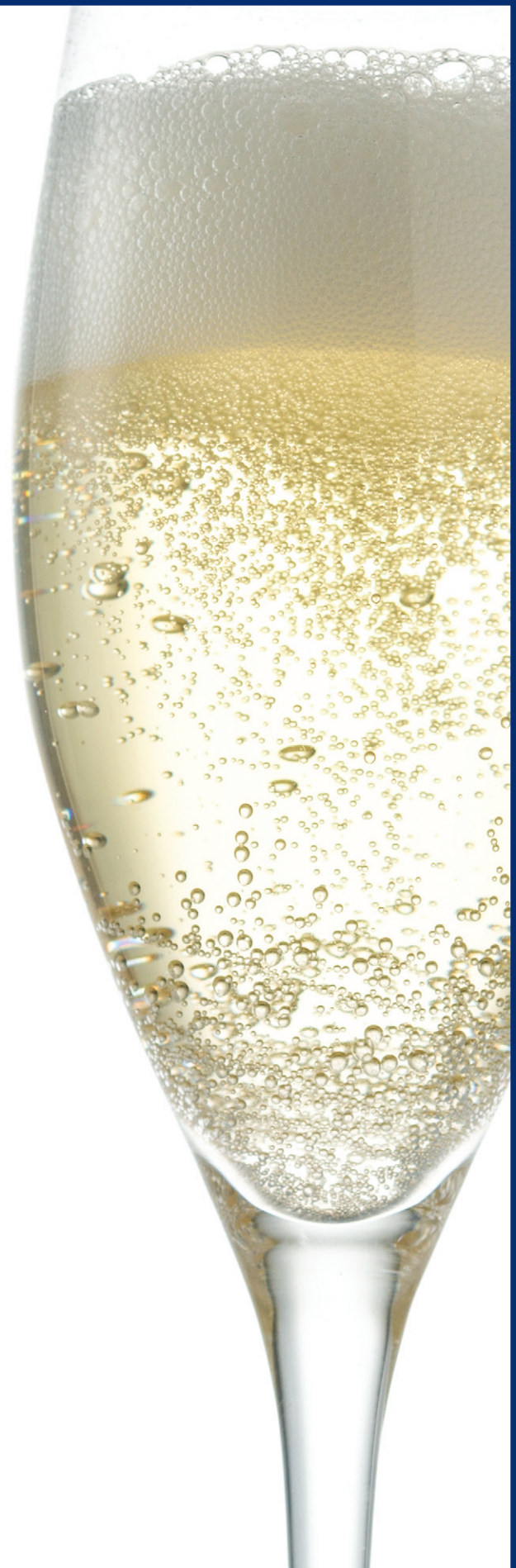
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Causal, a half-sister to two Canadian champions in Biofuel (Stormin Fever) and Tu Endie Wei (Johar), was confined to a very light career and was soon culled from the Strawbridge program, only to be sold on by her purchasers in a Fasig-Tipton digital sale in July (in foal to **Army Mule**) for just \$48,000. Her alert purchasers were...Airdrie Stud!

There's no higher praise than to say that the team there are proving worthy of the BCJ legacy. The late Governor reached Thanksgiving matched in 2024 only by Godolphin in stakes winners bred, level on 18 apiece. First Resort has now edged Godolphin into the lead, but as a son of **Uncle Mo** is typical of the fee gap between the stallions typically used by these two programs. To have pulled clear of every other breeder in the land is a remarkable achievement.

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Paco Lopez, cont. from p1

"We are aware of the incident that took place after the fifth race on Dec. 3 and want to express that we aspire to hold the jockey colony and all of the horsemen and women here at Parx to the highest standards," the release read.

"Unsportsmanlike behavior should not and will not be tolerated," the Parx release said. "We will deal with this accordingly. We are cooperating fully with our stewards and with HISA and will support any disciplinary decision they make in the matter."

In the one-mile-and-70 yards maiden race, National Law took the lead on the far turn. But the colt bore out badly in the stretch, so much so that he was only a few feet off the outside rail. He still managed to hang on and win by 1 1/2 lengths. While Lopez was pulling the horse up after he crossed the wire he



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stood up in the saddle, cocked the whip in his right hand and slashed the horse across the neck.

National Law is owned by Colts Neck Stable, which is run by Rich Santulli and his son Stephen. In a tweet sent out Tuesday night, Stephen Santulli didn't show any sympathy for Lopez.

"After the fifth race at Parx today, Paco Lopez struck a horse of ours across the neck/mouth, after the race had finished," said Santulli. "We do not agree with the action he took, nor Jorge Duarte's opinions on how the situation was handled. It is truly one of the most unwarranted actions I have seen lately. Colts Neck Stables has not and will not ever condone this type of treatment towards horses. We love our animals, and it is always our priority to maximize their quality of life while under our care."

Santulli was reacting to a tweet posted Tuesday by the colt's trainer, Jorge Duarte, Jr., who posted the following on X: "Jockeys are the toughest athletes. We have mental health involved already anyone who saw the whole stretch run would say Paco was outstanding keeping the horse safe."

Duarte later took down the tweet.

Lopez was scheduled to ride four horses Wednesday at Parx, but was taken off all of his mounts. **Cont.**

Paco Lopez, cont.

It's unlikely that he will be allowed to ride this weekend at Gulfstream Park, but if he does, outspoken owner Mike Repole tweeted that he will not be riding any of his horses any time soon.

"This morning, Todd Pletcher and I contacted the racing office at Gulfstream Park and notified them we would be taking Paco Lopez off Battle Drum in the fifth race on Saturday," Repole posted. "We also made it clear that if the Stewards do not approve the change, we would scratch Battle Drum from the race."

In another tweet, Repole wrote: "The actions today of veteran jockey Paco Lopez were completely, totally unacceptable, inexcusable and reprehensible. There is no place for this in our sport. This is why racing needs a national governing body and jurisdiction that reviews all of these important matters immediately and can act on them promptly."

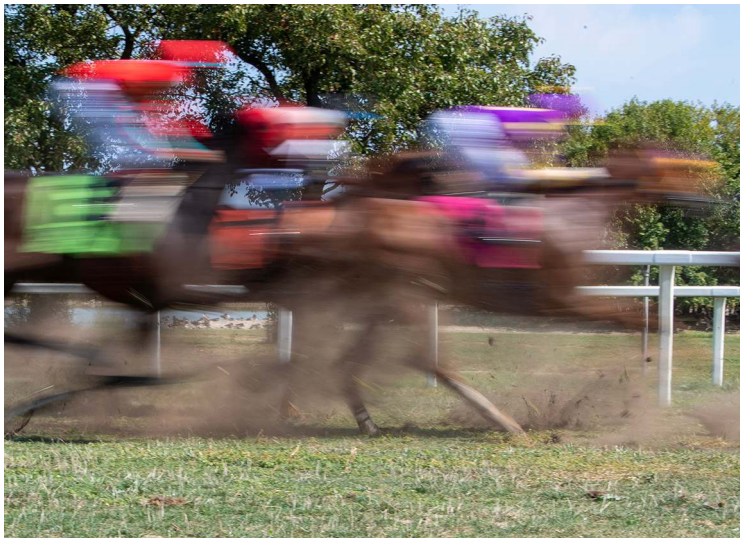
The TDN reached out to Lopez for a comment, but he did not return our calls.

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TRAINER ROJAS, CLEARED OF DRUG CHARGES BY U.S. SUPREME COURT, CAN'T OVERCOME LICENSING HURDLE IN KENTUCKY

by T.D. Thornton

Trainer Murray Rojas spent nearly a decade fighting equine drug misbranding charges stemming from a years-long federal investigation of horsemen and veterinarians at Penn National Race Course. While other similarly indicted co-defendants opted for plea-bargain deals, Rojas maintained her innocence even through an ordeal that she said "wrecked" her career.



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In 2021 she took her case all the way to the United States Supreme Court, where her perseverance resulted in the **overturning of a 27-month prison sentence** and the vacating of all charges against her.

Rojas has since regained her previously revoked licensure to train Thoroughbreds in Pennsylvania, Maryland, Delaware, West Virginia and Arizona. On Tuesday, she wanted to add Kentucky to the list of states where she can legally ply her trade.

But after facing an intense round of questioning and testimony via videoconference by the Kentucky Horse Racing and Gaming Corporation (KHRGC)'s license review committee, Rojas instead ended up withdrawing her request for a Kentucky training license.

Rojas made that decision after the chair of that committee, Gregory Harbut, told her after the board emerged from closed-session deliberations that if she didn't choose to withdraw her license request, the committee's vote would "almost certainly result in the denial of this application."

Rojas didn't participate in the Dec. 4 hearing accompanied by an attorney. But she did understand the legal ramifications that were explained to her--namely, that if the KHRGC put a license denial on her record, it would jeopardize Rojas's ability to continue training in other states that had already granted her licenses. **Cont.**

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Murray Rojas, cont.

"I don't want a denial on my record," Rojas said.

But, Rojas added, "I would like to reapply with my lawyer next to me to do this. Because, obviously, I didn't answer right, and I'm not really sure why you would prove me guilty when I'm not guilty of anything."

Earlier in Tuesday's hearing, Rojas had expressed frustration at the license review board's line of questioning, which had included numerous repetitive queries, such as, "Why do you think you are here today?" "Tell us why you're here." "What brings us to this process?"

(The occasional poor quality of the livestream audio and the wide-angle placement of the camera in a conference room made it difficult for *TDN* to ascertain at times exactly which KHRGC license review committee members were speaking. Beyond chair Harbut, the other members on Tuesday were Paul Brooker, Michael Dudgeon, Jamie Eads and Shannon Garner).

At one point, Rojas was admonished by a committee member, "It's important that you answer the questions that we ask truthfully."

Rojas was also reminded several times that, "This is not a criminal procedure, so you don't have to worry about double jeopardy."

But, Rojas said, that's exactly how she felt, stating to the

committee with exasperation, "You're trying to convict me again."

In July 2017, Rojas was found guilty on 14 of 21 counts of misbranding prescription drugs, charges that were brought against her as part of a Federal Bureau of Investigation inquiry into alleged equine drug administration at Penn National. She was found not guilty on seven counts of wire fraud.

As the *Paulick Report* wrote in a 2022 chronology of her case, "Rojas was accused of having veterinarians administer medications to horses within 24 hours of a race in violation of state regulations. Veterinarians who testified in the case say they also falsified dates of the treatments in records submitted to regulators. The practice, according to testimony given during the trial, was widespread at Penn National."

Sentenced to 27 months in federal prison, Rojas initially lost on appeal.

But Rojas petitioned the Supreme Court to hear the case, where, according to the *Paulick Report*, her legal team argued that "the trial judge and appellate court erred in their definition of misbranding in both jury instructions and in the appeal. Specifically, they said, the judge failed to instruct the jury properly on the distinction between 'administering' drugs and 'dispensing' them and that the government failed to prove that Rojas 'dispensed' the drugs to her horses." **Cont.**

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Murray Rojas, cont.

At the Dec. 4, 2024 hearing for her Kentucky license, Rojas told committee members, "I don't really know what to say other than all my charges were dropped by the Supreme Court. They overturned the federal government on all the charges [and] I've raced [as a licensed trainer since 2023 in other states] without a problem."

Rojas told the committee members that the conviction "totally wrecked my career. It wrecked my business. It broke me, obviously, paying lawyer's fees. I had the National Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association backing me. They paid half my fees, because it was such a fake charge. I had the Cato Institute backing me with the Supreme Court. I've been backed by great people that know that I am innocent, so I feel like I shouldn't have to fight for this anymore."

One license review committee member reminded Rojas that

that her co-defendants had either all pleaded guilty or were proven guilty at trials. "I'd like you to tell us what you did. It's a pretty serious deal," the committee member said.

"It was really a serious deal in my life," Rojas agreed. "I spent nine years fighting for my rights. I didn't take a 'deal.' All the other trainers took a guilty plea. I did not. I didn't do anything wrong. I'm not going to say I did anything wrong, because I didn't. What I was convicted on was misbranding, which was a completely false charge [because I was following the advice of] a veterinarian. I've used no illegal drugs, at all, ever."

"Then why did they convict you?" asked a committee member.

"They convicted me because they didn't understand the

charges," Rojas responded.

"Misbranding is such a far-fetched idea that [the jury] had no idea what it meant. It was a 14-day trial," Rojas continued. **Cont.**



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Murray Rojas, cont.

"The jurors were falling asleep. The judge fell asleep. It was a crazy trial."

During Tuesday's hearing, two other individuals were also seeking to be relicensed by the KHRGC after various sanctions had been imposed against them.

The committee took testimony for nearly an hour total to cover all three cases, then deliberated in private for about 45 minutes before returning to a public session to vote on the applications.

Only in Rojas's case did the board suggest the withdrawal of the application.

The KHRGC committee voted unanimously to approve licenses for Cody Axmaker and Troy Wismer.

In 2022, Monmouth Park stewards had penalized Axmaker with a two-year suspension and a \$5,000 fine after one of his horses died from an accidental overdose of clenbuterol from an apparently mislabeled container.

Wismer, according to testimony at the hearing and from online Kentucky court records, had been convicted this past May of seven felony charges (strangulation, assault, domestic violence, violation of a protective order, burglary, robbery and evading police) stemming from his role in a 2023 altercation at Churchill Downs on GI Kentucky Derby Day and a series of related violent incidents that spilled over to the home of his ex-wife.

Wismer told the KHRGC on Tuesday that he had pleaded guilty to the charges on the advice of his attorney so he could enter a court-approved diversion program that spared him most of the jail time. His relicensing was made conditional upon drug and alcohol screenings.

Within minutes of the adjournment of the license review committee hearing, the KHRGC removed the two public-session videos of Tuesday's proceedings from the organization's YouTube channel.

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**JUST STEEL AMONG LUKAS RUNNERS
TRAINING AT OAKLAWN, NEARING RETURN**

Hall of Famer D. Wayne Lukas, who won his seventh GI Preakness Stakes in 2024 with recently retired new Gainesway stallion Seize the Grey (Arrogate), has two of his other highly regarded 2024 stakes performers training at Oaklawn Park for a return to the races.

BC Stables, LLC and Henry Schmueckle's **Just Steel (Justify)**, winner of the 2023 Ed Brown Stakes and runner-up in Oaklawn's 2024 GI Arkansans Derby, GIII Southwest Stakes, and Smarty Jones Stakes, emerged from a fifth-place finish in the Preakness with a **right-front leg fracture** and subsequently required



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surgery. Lukas told Oaklawn publicity this week that the sophomore returned to training about 60 days ago, but has yet to have a timed work.

"He actually looks terrific," Lukas said. "The time off and everything filled him out. He grew. He's 17 hands. Now, he's a man among the rest of these. I'm pretty optimistic that he's going to have a big year."

Lukas indicated there isn't a specific timetable or target for Just Steel. **Cont.**



Just Steel | Maryland Jockey Club

Just Steel, cont.

“We’ll just let him dictate it as we go along. He hasn’t had a work yet, so we’ll go from there.”

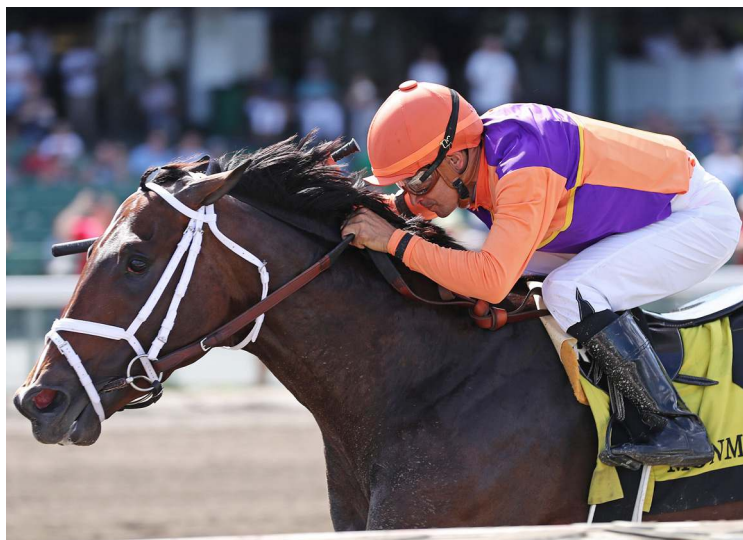
Another prominent Lukas runner of 2024 was **Lemon Muffin (Collected)**, who broke her maiden last February at 28-1 in Oaklawn's GIII Honeybee Stakes. The Aaron Sones, Julie Gilbert, and Harrison M. Sones runner was last seen finishing second in a Churchill allowance Nov. 13. She'd finished off the board in a number of races since her Honeybee win.

“She’s doing good,” Lukas said. “Her last race was more like her. We’ll probably stay in our [allowance] conditions with her one more race, at least, before we move up.”

The Oaklawn meet begins Friday, Dec. 6.

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MCMAHON OF SARATOGA ADDS PROVOCATEUR TO 2025 ROSTER



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McMahon of Saratoga Thoroughbreds has added Provocateur (Into Mischief) for the 2025 breeding season with a stud fee set at \$5,000 LFSN, according to a press release from the New York stallion farm on Wednesday.

The 5-year-old will stand alongside three-time leading New York sire **Central Banker** and nationally ranked second-crop sire **Solomini**. The farm will hold their annual holiday stallion show on Saturday, Dec. 14 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. ET., and all three stallions will be available for inspection.

Bred by Kingswood Farm and David Egan, Provocateur was a \$600,000 Keeneland September buy for Spendthrift Farm and MyRacehorse. The Todd Pletcher trainee won the Hutcheson Stakes at Gulfstream Park and finished third in the GI Woody Stephens Stakes. He was purchased for \$200,000 by McMahon during 2022 Keeneland November at the Horses of Racing Age Sale.

2025 Fees:

Central Banker: \$7,500

Solomini: \$7,500

Provocateur: \$5,000

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HOW I GOT HOOKED ON RACING:

CHRISTINA BOSSINAKIS

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.

Christina Bossinakis, Senior Editor

Without a doubt, I did not have the most conventional entry into horseracing. Growing up in Montreal, Canada, I was much more likely to have ventured into the world of harness racing rather than its Thoroughbred counterpart. Courtesy of Blue Bonnets (later re-named Hippodrome de Montreal), Montreal's racing landscape hadn't seen Thoroughbred racing since 1973, an era in which racetrack attendance in the province was at its zenith.

One of three daughters of Greek immigrant parents, I simply did not have the access to horses or racing like many others in the sport. Somewhat tangentially, I was introduced to racing pigeons (yes, as in the feathered variety) very early on, and I look back now and think that may have kindled my interest in racing competition, the propagation of sire lines and the development of female families, etc. **Cont.**

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Hooked on Racing: Christina Bossinakis, cont.

Of course, like many teenage girls, I was attracted to the beauty and majesty of the horse (The Black Stallion series was definitely a gateway drug) and I tried to get my hands on anything Thoroughbred related and watch anything that might appear on network television, which admittedly was slim pickings in those days before the advent of online streaming and satellite TV (we didn't even have TVG yet!).

In retrospect, a few key things triggered my deeper fascination with the sport. First, in the '80s, ABC carried racing, covering many of the sport's most important racing events. In my humble opinion, the network did a truly fantastic job in capturing the pageantry and excitement of the game, not to mention creating a cohesive and compelling storyline for many of the era's most notable racing figures.



Christina Bossinakis

Alysheba's Triple Crown run and the 1987 Breeders' Cup at Hollywood Park were among my earliest forays as a fan, and without a doubt, piqued my interest. The following season, a strapping filly by the name of Winning Colors, trained by none other than D. Wayne Lukas, won the Kentucky Derby, which propelled me into what would turn out to be a 30-year (and counting) love affair with the sport.

Speaking of D. Wayne Lukas--where do I begin? I have written about my introduction to the subsequent Hall of Famer in our co-authored book, *Sermon on the Mount*, but for those that may have missed it, I'll offer a brief flashback.

In 1994, I made my first visit to historic Saratoga Racecourse and by that time, I was a full-fledged racing nut. Already a bonafide Wayne Lukas fan, I had the chance for a brief meet-and-greet with him following a win by Chimes Band in that summer's GII King's Bishop. Since I didn't have the access I enjoy nowadays, it was left to my determined cousin to smooth talk the security guard into letting us into the winner's circle.

What transpired has been forever burned into my brain (there also is a picture of said impromptu autograph encounter in the book). To this day, I maintain that the respectful, eloquent and gracious behavior of someone I so looked up to and revered cemented my long-term involvement in the industry. I think it goes without saying, I was a HUGE Wayne Lukas fan prior to our initial meeting. However, I believe the encounter really helped underscore a stark counterpoint, not every celebrity is as charitable or welcoming as Wayne was that day. The truth is that a response of disregard or disinterest might have been the first drop that could have ultimately precipitated a change in the direction of my life.

Starting off as a young girl with virtually no ties nor reason to embrace horse racing, I now understand how vitally important showcasing and celebrating our sport's stars and champions is in drawing, nurturing and retaining future generations of fans. It certainly got me on my way.

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WEEKLY RULINGS

STEWARDS AND COMMISSIONS RULINGS, NOV. 21-DEC. 4

Every week, the *TDN* posts a roundup of the relevant Horseracing Integrity and Safety Act (HISA)-related rulings from around the country.

NEW HISA/HIWU STEWARDS RULINGS

The following rulings were reported on HISA's "[rulings](#)" portal and through the HIWU "[pending](#)" and "[resolved](#)" cases portals.

Resolved ADMC Violations

Date: 12/03/2024

Licensee: Jesus Esquivel, trainer

Penalty: For both cases, Disqualification of Covered Horse's Race results, including forfeiture of all purses and other compensation, prizes, trophies, points, and rankings and repayment or surrender (as applicable); a fine of \$500; imposition of 1.5 Penalty Points. Admission.

Explainer: Medication violation for the use or attempted use of a Class C controlled medication on Sassy Walker and Abitibi during the race period. No further information for these violations is currently publicly available.

Date: 11/26/2024

Licensee: Angel Quiroz, trainer

Penalty: Disqualification of Covered Horse's Race results, including forfeiture of all purses and other compensation, prizes, trophies, points, and rankings and repayment or surrender (as applicable); a fine of \$500; imposition of 1.5 Penalty Points. Final decision by HIWU.

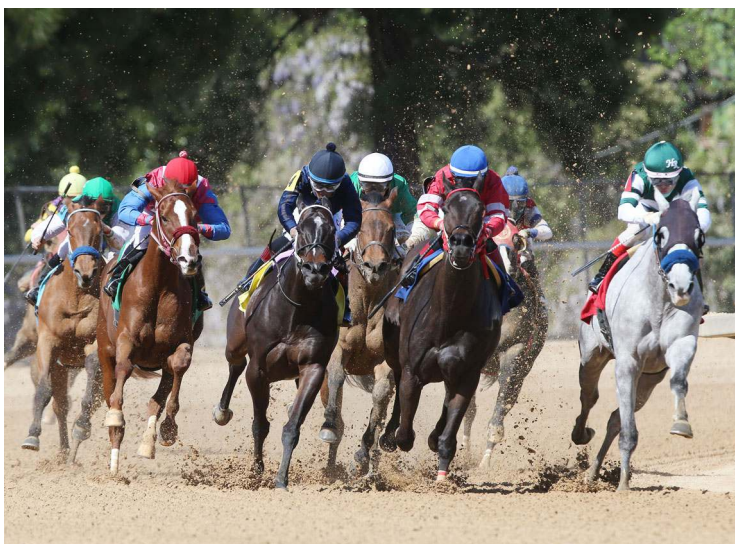
Explainer: Medication violation for the use or attempted use of a Class C controlled medication on Beautiful Astray during the race period. No further information on this violation is currently publicly available.

Date: 11/21/2024

Licensee: Eduardo Rodriguez, trainer

Penalty: Disqualification of Covered Horse's Race results, including forfeiture of all purses and other compensation, prizes, trophies, points, and rankings and repayment or surrender (as applicable); a fine of \$500; imposition of 1.5 Penalty Points. Admission.

Explainer: Medication violation for the presence of Phenylbutazone--a controlled substance (Class C)--in a sample taken from Problematica, who won at Fanduel Sportsbook and Horseracing on 10/17/24.



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Pending ADMC Violations

12/03/2024, Eduardo Caramori, trainer: Pending vets' list medication violation for the presence of Acepromazine--a controlled substance (Class B)--in a sample taken from Odorico on 10/29/24.

12/03/2024, Danny Morales, trainer: Pending vets' list medication violation for the presence of Acepromazine--a controlled substance (Class B)--in a sample taken from Big Event on 10/25/24.

12/03/2024, Shane Meyers, trainer: Pending Medication violation for the use or attempted use of a Class C controlled medication on Andy Cant during the race period.

12/03/2024, Christophe Clement, trainer: Pending medication violation for the presence of Flunixin--a controlled substance (Class C)--in a sample taken from Gal in a Rush, who finished third in the G2 Presque Isle Downs Masters S. on 9/20/24.

12/03/2024, David Baker, trainer: Pending medication violation for the presence of Mepivacaine--a controlled substance (Class B)--in a sample taken from Mars Magic, who won at Ferndale on 9/7/24.

12/03/2024, Thomas Pierce Jr., trainer: Pending medication violation for the presence of Clenbuterol--a banned substance except in certain circumstances--in a sample taken from Angel's Shadows, who won at Albuquerque on 9/2/24.

12/02/2024, Timothy Tompkins, trainer: Pending vets' list medication violation for the presence of Detomidine--a controlled substance (Class B)--in a sample taken from Sweet Carol James on 10/29/24.

12/02/2024, Librado Barocio, trainer: Pending vets' list medication violation for the presence of Phenylbutazone--a controlled substance (Class C)--in a sample taken from Canani on 10/27/24.

12/02/2024, Francisco Rodriguez, trainer: Pending medication violation for the presence of Methocarbamol--a controlled substance (Class C)--in a sample taken from Wrong Direction, who was third at Pleasanton on 10/19/24.

11/27/2024, Jorge Maravilla, trainer: Pending vets' list medication violation for the presence of Phenylbutazone and Methocarbamol--both controlled substances (Class C)--in a sample taken from Duplication on 10/27/24.

11/27/2024, Alfredo Marquez, trainer: Pending medication violation for the presence of Phenylbutazone--a controlled substance (Class C)--in a sample taken from My Kathryn Rose, who won at Santa Anita on 10/19/24.

11/26/2024, Roderick Rodriguez, trainer: Pending medication violation for the presence of Phenylbutazone--a controlled substance (Class C)--in a sample taken from Bernardo's Legacy, who won at Gulfstream Park on 10/26/24.

11/22/2024, Moshe Mark, owner: Pending vets' list medication violation for the presence of Omeprazole--a controlled substance (Class C)--in a sample taken from Chocolate Shake on 10/17/24.

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11/21/2024, Juan Aguirre, trainer: Pending medication violation for the presence of Omeprazole--a controlled substance (Class C)--in a sample taken from Future Flay, who finished sixth at Mahoning Valley on 10/19/24.

Violations of Crop Rule

The HISA rulings website is currently experiencing technical difficulties, a possible fix for which could come by mid-December, according to a HISA spokesperson.

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NTRA PARTNERS WITH ED BROWN SOCIETY TO PROMOTE FUTURE EMPLOYEE DIVERSITY



Ed Brown Scholars in the winner's circle at Churchill Downs
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The National Thoroughbred Racing Association (NTRA) has formed a multi-year partnership with the Ed Brown Society to assist young people of color to pursue careers in the racing industry, the NTRA said via a Wednesday release.

“The NTRA is thrilled to partner with the Ed Brown Society to help encourage diversity in the Thoroughbred racing industry,” said NTRA President and CEO Tom Rooney. “We look forward to mentoring the Ed Brown Scholars as they get their start in this amazing industry.”

Together with NTRA and its other partners, the Ed Brown Society works to provide exposures, experiences, resources and professional development to talented and focused young people of color who wish to pursue careers in the industry.

“We are delighted to embark upon this work with the NTRA,” said L. Clark Williams, President of the Ed Brown Society. “This partnership will undoubtedly afford Ed Brown Scholars and Fellows with remarkable opportunities to gain invaluable industry exposure, by assisting with the critical and wide-ranging initiatives of the NTRA.”

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NYRA INCREASES 10 BIG A WINTER MEET STAKES PURSES BY \$25,000

The New York Racing Association, Inc. (NYRA) has increased the purses of 10 Aqueduct winter meet stakes by \$25,000 as the 49-day schedule features a total of 20 either black-type or graded races worth \$3.1 million, the track said in a press release on Wednesday.

The meet, which opens Wednesday, Jan. 1 and continues through Sunday, Mar. 30, includes \$25,000 purse increases for the Busanda, Ruthless, Damon Runyon (NYB), East View (NYB), Say Florida Sandy (NYB), Broadway (NYB), Correction, Gander (NYB), Maddie May (NYB) and the Jimmy Winkfield. Each will be offered with a purse of \$125,000.

A trio of races previously offered at the 2024 winter meet--the Haynesfield (NYB), Excelsior, and Biogio's Rose (NYB)--will be run during the 2025 Aqueduct spring meet. The Franklin Square (NYB), Rego Park (NYB), and Cicada, which were previously held during the winter meet, will not be run in 2025.

With the exception of Opening Week, live racing will be conducted Thursday-Sunday from the week of Jan. 9 through the week of Feb. 27. Aqueduct will host a Presidents' Day card on Monday, Feb. 17. The winter meet will offer three-day race weeks Friday through Sunday throughout the month of March.

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

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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 #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	Studydoright	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

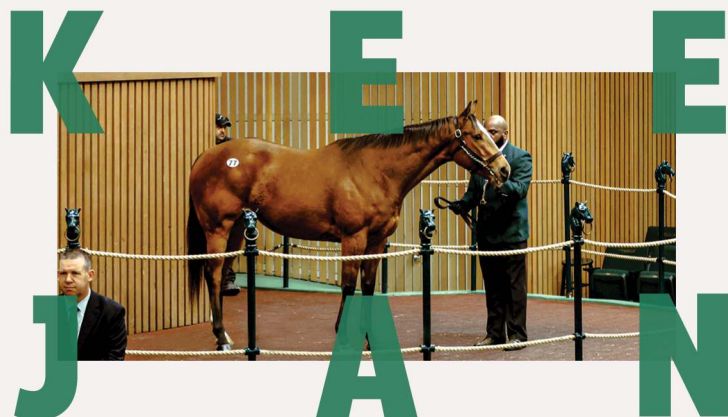
Breeders: 1-LNJ Foxwoods, 2-Three Chimneys Farm, LLC, 3-Godolphin, 4-Glenangus Farm LLC, 5-Terrazas Thoroughbreds, LLC, 6-Equine Farm LLC, 7-St. Elias Stables, LLC

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

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Muhimma 🐎	Munnings	Shadwell Stable	Cox	Geroux	118
2	Liam in the Dust 🐎	Liam's Map	Storyteller Racing and Schroeck, Michael	Brisset	Prat	118
3	Fortuna Mia	Vekoma	KEM Stables	Rice	Cancel	118
4	Carmen's Candy Jar 🐎	Vino Rosso	Repole Stable	Pletcher	Ortiz, Jr.	118
5	Michelle	Street Sense	Nice Guys Stables	Russell	Davis	118
6	Bless the Broken	Laoban	Cypress Creek Equine	Walden	Vazquez	118
7	Five a Side	Spun to Run	Main Line Racing Stable and Avalon Racing Stables	Servis	Rosario	118
8	Beauty Reigns	Into Mischief	Bushnell, Emily and Wygod, Pam	Mott	Alvarado	118
9	Tip Line 🐎	Nyquist	Uriah St. Lewis	St. Lewis	Martinez	118
10	Ballerina d'Oro	Medaglia d'Oro	Rodeo Creek Racing, LLC	Brown	Davis	118

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

Saturday, Los Alamitos #8, post time: 7:00 p.m. EST**STARLET S.-GII, \$200,000, 2yo, f, 1 1/16m**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Aunt Mo 🐎	Uncle Mo	Abbondanza Racing, LLC, Roncelli Family Trust, West Coast Stables, LLC, Neil A. Haymes, and William Strauss	Eurton	Rispoli	120
2	Mawu	Blame	Baoma Corp	Baffert	Pereira	120
3	Vodka With a Twist 🐎	Thousand Words	Medallion Racing, Omar Aldabbagh, William Strauss, BlackRidge Stables LLC, and Schwing Thoroughbreds	D'Amato	Frey	120
4	Look Forward 🐎	Bolt d'Oro	Reddam Racing LLC	McCarthy	Gutierrez	120
5	Tenma 🐎	Nyquist	Baoma Corp	Baffert	Hernandez	120
6	Practical Dream 🐎	Practical Joke	Leslie A. Amestoy, Pierre Jean Amestoy, Jr., and Roger K. Beasley	Yakteen	Fresu	120
7	Nooni	Win Win Win	Zedan Racing Stables, Inc.	Baffert	Garcia	120

Breeders: 1-Newstead Corp, 2-Gary Broad - Walmac Farm, LLC, 3-Pillar Property Services Inc, 4-Woods Edge Farm, LLC & BallyfairBloodstock, 5-B Flay Thoroughbreds, 6-Gary Broad - Walmac Farm, LLC, 7-Ocala Stud, Joseph M. O'Farrell III, David O'Farrell, et al.

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

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, Broadview Stables and Cory Moelis Racing LLC	Giangiulio	Carmouche	121
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

Saturday, Woodbine #8, post time: 4:49 p.m. EST

BET 365 VALEDICTORY S.-GIII, C\$135,000, 3yo/up, 1 1/2m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Classic Mo Town	Mo Town	Bruno Schickedanz	Drexler	Flores	120
2	Junipero Serra	Noble Mission (GB)	Gary Barber and Team Valor International LLC	Casse	Husbands	120
3	English Conqueror	English Channel	JWS Farms	Banach	Fukumoto	120
4	Get Smokin	Get Stormy	Ironhorse Racing Stable, BlackRidge Stables, Saratoga Seven Racing Partners LLC and T-N-T Equine Holdings LLC	Casse	Civaci	122
5	Roscar	Oscar Performance	Chiefswood Stables Limited	Halden	Adams	120
6	Stone Age (Ire)	Galileo (Ire)	Copper Water Thoroughbred Company Ltd.	Parente	Moran	121
7	Dancin in Da'nile	Pioneerof the Nile	Ralph R. Murray, John Menary, Gail Cox, and Michael Balaz	Cox	Campos	121
8	Loose Wire	Street Sense	Repole Stable and St. Elias Stables LLC	Attard	Hernandez	120
9	Collective Force	Tiznow	Chiefswood Stables Limited	Halden	Munger	120
10	Runaway Charlie	Ghostzapper	Stronach Stables	Ladouceur	Nicholls	120
11	Stanley House 🏇	Army Mule	John E. Russell and Diana L. Russell	De Paulo	Contreras	120

Breeders: 1-John B. Penn & Sue's Farm II, LLC, 2-Team Valor International & Gary Barber, 3-JWS Farms, 4-Hurstland Farm, Inc. & James Greene Jr., 5-Chiefswood Stables Limited, 6-White Birch Farm, SC, 7-Sam-Son Farm, 8-Sam-Son Farm, 9-Chiefswood Stables Limited, 10-Adena Springs, 11-Elevage II, LLC & St. Elias Stables, LLC



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IN ORDER OF PURSE:

6th-Tampa Bay Downs, \$32,500, Alw (NW1X), Opt. Clm (\$16,000), 12-4, 3yo/up, 1m 40y, 1:40.35, ft, 1/2 length.

GOD'S TIMING (c, 3, Catalina Cruiser--One for London, by Eskendereya) validated 7-5 favoritism with a two-length debut score at Gulfstream Oct. 4 and was exiting a midpack fourth at even money trying winners for the first time in Hallandale Nov. 1. Trying two turns for the first time as the 4-5 chalk, the chestnut rushed up between horses to lead into the first turn and was allowed a soft time of it on the engine. Pestered around the turn by Feuilleton (**Tourist**). God's Timing was confronted and perhaps head by Pando (**Violence**) to his outside, but fought back inside to take it by a narrow margin. The winner is out of a half-sister to Nicole H (Mr. Greeley), the dam of this year's GI Black-Eyed Susan Stakes heroine and GI Cotillion Stakes runner-up Gun Song (**Gun Runner**). One for London is represented by a weanling colt by **Tonalist** and was bred to **Cairo Prince** for 2025. Sales history: \$87,000 Ylg '22 FTKFEB; \$30,000 Ylg '22 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, \$47,500. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.** O/T-Saffie A Joseph Jr; B-Fredericka V Caldwell & Mitchel Skolnick (KY).

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Cyclonite, g, 2, **Bucchero**. See 'TDN Europe-Great Britain'

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FIRST-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5 2024 Stud Fees Listed

Authentic (Into Mischief), Spendthrift Farm, \$50,000
160 foals of racing age/19 winners/1 black-type winner
3-Turfway, 6:55 p.m. EST, Msw 1m, Serketas, 30-1
\$50,000 EAS MAY 2yo

Complexity (**Maclean's Music**), Airdrie Stud, \$12,500
121 foals of racing age/21 winners/3 black-type winners
6-Gulfstream, 3:04 p.m. EST, Msw 5fT, Cameo, 30-1
\$42,000 RNA FTK OCT yrl

Country House (Lookin At Lucky), Darby Dan Farm, \$7,500
39 foals of racing age/6 winners/0 black-type winners
5-Turf Paradise, 4:35 p.m. EST, Aoc 6f, Kitty House, 10-1
\$1,000 RNA FTK OCT yrl

Gift Box (**Twirling Candy**), Lane's End Farm, \$5,000
82 foals of racing age/13 winners/1 black-type winner
3-Turfway, 6:55 p.m. EST, Msw 1m, Desperate Proposal, 3-1
\$37,000 RNA KEE SEP yrl

Global Campaign (**Curlin**), WinStar Farm, \$12,500
123 foals of racing age/15 winners/2 black-type winners
3-Turfway, 6:55 p.m. EST, Msw 1m, Turnbuckle, 6-1
\$8,500 KEE SEP yrl

Higher Power (**Medaglia d'Oro**), Darby Dan Farm, \$10,000
92 foals of racing age/4 winners/0 black-type winners
3-Woodbine, 5:48 p.m. EST, Aoc 1m, Lady Izzy, 8-1
\$28,000 RNA FTK JUL yrl; \$55,000 OBS APR 2yo

Improbable (City Zip), WinStar Farm, \$15,000
128 foals of racing age/17 winners/1 black-type winner
5-Remington, 9:26 p.m. EST, Msw 6f, Maybe So, 10-1
\$17,000 RNA FTK OCT yrl; \$12,000 OBS OPN 2yo

Instagram (Into Mischief), Taylor Made Farm, \$7,500
136 foals of racing age/19 winners/1 black-type winner
3-Turfway, 6:55 p.m. EST, Msw 1m, Market Watch, 8-1
\$47,000 KEE NOV wnl; \$35,000 OBS APR 2yo

Promises Fulfilled (Shackleford), WinStar Farm, \$5,000
 28 foals of racing age/6 winners/1 black-type winner
 5-Turf Paradise, 4:35 p.m. EST, Aoc 6f, Sayucan, 9-2
 \$20,000 KEE NOV wnl; \$67,000 KEE SEP yrl

Tom's d'Etat (Smart Strike), WinStar Farm, \$7,500
 79 foals of racing age/13 winners/0 black-type winners
 4-Mahoning Valley, 2:08 p.m. EST, Msw 5 1/2f, Lovebug, 2-1
 \$14,000 KEE SEP yrl
 6-Gulfstream, 3:04 p.m. EST, Msw 5fT, Thankfully, 6-1
 \$10,000 KEE JAN wnl

War of Will (War Front), Claiborne Farm, \$25,000
 116 foals of racing age/15 winners/1 black-type winner
 6-Gulfstream, 3:04 p.m. EST, Msw 5fT, Laguna Seca, 15-1

SECOND-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: THURSDAY, DEC. 5
2024 Stud Fees Listed

Candygram (Candy Ride {Arg})
 27 foals of racing age/9 winners/0 black-type winners
 6-Charles Town, 9:21 p.m. EST, Msw 6 1/2f, Good Holiday, 10-1
 \$29,000 RNA EAS MAY 2yo

Solomini (Curlin), McMahan of Saratoga Thoroughbreds, \$7,500
 142 foals of racing age/48 winners/4 black-type winners
 4-Mahoning Valley, 2:08 p.m. EST, Msw 5 1/2f, Solo Surprise,
 8-1

Ten Sovereigns (Ire) (No Nay Never), Coolmore Stud, \$17,500
 238 foals of racing age/78 winners/6 black-type winners
 6-Gulfstream, 3:04 p.m. EST, Msw 5fT, Money Battle, 15-1



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ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

6th-Zia, \$67,000, (S), 12-4, (NW2X), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:10.55, ft, 6 1/4 lengths.

LEAVE THEM BEHIND (g, 4, Attila's Storm--Ivy Gimlet {MSP, \$142,718}, by Diabolical) Lifetime Record: SP, 19-6-0-2, \$128,059. O-Permian Land Resources LLC & Morgan Cox; B-J & SM Inc (NM); T-Sherry Armstrong.

7th-Zia, \$67,000, (S), 12-4, (NW2X), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:11.51, ft, 3/4 length.

TRUST ANABELLE (f, 3, Unbridled Trust--Annie P., by Roll Hennessy Roll) Lifetime Record: SW, 7-3-2-0, \$108,580. O/T-Filiberto Quiroz; B-Mary Lee Pinkerton (NM).

1st-Delta Downs, \$44,000, (S), 12-4, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 5f, :58.98, ft, 3/4 length.

MAXIMUS FREEDOM (g, 3, Maximus Mischief--Green Freedom {MSP, \$149,169}, by Not Bourbon) Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, \$49,440. O-Thomas L Arnaud & Allen Cassedy; B-Allen Cassedy, Lynn J Thibodeaux Sr & Patricia G Thibodeaux (LA); T-Scott Gelner.

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8th-Tampa Bay Downs, \$39,650, (NW2X), Opt. Clm (\$32,000), 12-4, 3yo/up, f/m, 7f, 1:23.28, ft, 1/2 length.

BROKEN HEARTS BAY (f, 4, Super Saver--Love Cove {MSW, \$396,739}, by Not For Love) Lifetime Record: MSP, 19-3-6-4, \$118,535. O-NBS Stable; B-Brant M Laue (KY); T-Jon G Arnett. *\$65,000 2yo '22 OBSAPR. **1/2 to Bibby (Stormy Atlantic), SW, \$143,163; and Diamond Hands (Frosted), SP, \$201,817.

7th-Mahoning Valley, \$35,100, (S), 12-4, (NW3L), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:10.36, ft, neck.

BIG FACTS (f, 3, The Factor--Billboard Hit, by Giant's Causeway) Lifetime Record: 10-3-1-1, \$81,721. O-Bobby R Rankin & Charles W Johnson; B-Susan King (OH); T-Anthony Farrior. *\$5,000 Ylg '22 FTKOCT.

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8th-Mahoning Valley, \$27,400, 12-4, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:09.08, ft, 1 1/4 lengths.

SIMPLY VALID (g, 5, Flat Out--Valid Lilly {MSW, \$245,406}, by Valid Expectations) Lifetime Record: 24-6-4-2, \$109,259. O/T-Jose Atala; B-Timothy S O'Toole (KY).

8th-Turf Paradise, \$22,500, (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$12,500-\$16,000), 12-3, 3yo/up, 1mT, 1:35.18, fm, head. **WHAT A DUDE (g, 5, Hard Spun--Off the Boat {Ire}, by More Than Ready)** Lifetime Record: 18-4-2-2, \$95,739. O/T-Miguel L Hernandez; B-Nursery Place (KY). *\$65,000 Ylg '20 KEESEP.

7th-Turf Paradise, \$22,000, (C)/Opt. Clm (\$15,000-\$20,000), 12-4, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:11.08, ft, 1/2 length. **VERONICA'S DELIGHT (f, 3, Klimt--That's Why, by Harlan's Holiday)** Lifetime Record: 7-2-1-0, \$34,463. O-George Todaro; B-T/C Stable LLC (KY); T-Wade Rarick. *\$17,000 Ylg '22 KEESEP.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Smartier, c, 2, **Liam's Map**--Joannie, by Smart Strike. Zia, 12-4, 6f, 1:11.29. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-0, \$28,580. B-Zachary Walker (KY). *\$230,000 Wlg '22 KEENOV; \$600,000 Ylg '23 KEESEP.

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- Catalina Cruiser**, God's Timing, c, 3, o/o One for London, by Eskendereya. AOC, 12-4, Tampa Bay
- Flat Out**, Simply Valid, g, 5, o/o Valid Lilly, by Valid Expectations. ALW, 12-4, Mahoning Valley
- Hard Spun**, What a Dude, g, 5, o/o Off the Boat (Ire), by More Than Ready. AOC, 12-3, Turf Paradise
- Klimt**, Veronica's Delight, f, 3, o/o That's Why, by Harlan's Holiday. AOC, 12-4, Turf Paradise
- Liam's Map**, Smartier, c, 2, o/o Joannie, by Smart Strike. MSW, 12-4, Zia
- Maximus Mischief**, Maximus Freedom, g, 3, o/o Green Freedom, by Not Bourbon. ALW, 12-4, Delta Downs
- Super Saver**, Broken Hearts Bay, f, 4, o/o Love Cove, by Not For Love. AOC, 12-4, Tampa Bay
- The Factor**, Big Facts, f, 3, o/o Billboard Hit, by Giant's Causeway. ALW, 12-4, Mahoning Valley
- Unbridled Trust**, Trust Anabelle, f, 3, o/o Annie P., by Roll Hennessy Roll. ALW, 12-4, Zia



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