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REMSEN EVOLVES INTO 2YO STAKES THAT FORETELLS 3YO CLOUT, ALTHOUGH NOT OFTEN IN TIME FOR DERBY



Poster (inside) | Sarah Andrew

The Week in Review, by T.D. Thornton

You'd think the nine-furlong Gil Remsen S. might be a good measuring stick for GI Kentucky Derby potential because it's the only top-level, 1 1/8-miles American dirt race for juveniles before they turn three. But only three horses in the last 61 years--Thunder Gulch, Go For Gin and Pleasant Colony--have parlayed wins in the Remsen into a blanket of roses at Churchill Downs.

Instead, in recent runnings, the Remsen has evolved into a pipeline for progress deeper into the 3-year-old season. Remsen winners have captured two of the last three editions of the GI Belmont S. (Dornoch, 2024; Mo Donegal, 2022), plus the 2018 GI Travers S. (**Catholic Boy**).

And the 2023 Remsen runner-up, 'TDN Rising Star' Sierra Leone (**Gun Runner**), beaten only a nose in the 2024 Derby, later won the GI Breeders' Cup Classic.

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VET SCRATCH DATA: "I GUESS I'M STILL STUNNED BY THE ATTRITION RATE"

by Dan Ross

Horse racing is a sport genetically programmed in high emotion. It's hardly surprising then that the vet scratch--the ultimate sucker-punch after weeks and months of best laid plans--should prove such a test of nerves.

The problem is, diagnosing subtle lameness can be such a subjective venture. And where there's uncertainty, doubt can quickly escalate to condemnation.

A recent *TDN compendium* of data collected from around the country, however, shows that scratched horses run a much higher than average risk of harboring an injury.

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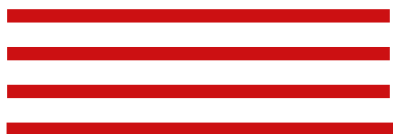
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2024 in photos: March 18. One day after his 38th foaling date, New Years Eve gallops around his paddock at home in Pennsylvania. Foaled the same year as Sunday Silence and Easy Goer, he is believed to be the oldest living registered Thoroughbred in the United States. [Click here](#) to read Bill Finley's story. This October, "Axl" surpassed Prospect Point's age of 38 years and 204 days, making him one of the oldest Thoroughbreds on record. The TDN contacted owner Julie Izzo for an update on her remarkable horse and she said, "Axl is doing well despite Father Time being his jockey. He enjoys eating, napping, and taking walks around the property." | Sarah Andrew

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The TDN's chief photographer and photo editor recounts how Marguerite Henry's work inspired her as a child, what introduced her to racing, and how she got hooked despite not having any family in the sport.



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Week In Review, cont. from p1

Saturday's renewal was a "saved by the wire" **squeaker of a score** by the Godolphin homebred Poster (**Munnings**), who rallied from last and pounced four wide off Aqueduct's far turn to collar dueling pacemakers, only to disengage mentally mid-stretch once he thought his job was complete.

The colt responded to Flavien Prat's urgent, deep-stretch rousing to belatedly meet the challenge of the onrushing Aviator Gui (**Uncle Mo**), who had dead aim and was closing the gap.

Poster managed to win the nose-bob at the wire--but not beyond it.

The Eoin Harty trainee went off as the fourth choice in the betting at 4.8-1. Poster is now undefeated in three starts after winning a pair of mile maiden and allowance turfers at Ellis Park and Keeneland.

The colt is out of the winning **Tapit** mare Pin Up, who is a half-sister to the 2006 3-year-old champ Bernardini--a pedigree perk that will embolden arguments favoring Poster's Classic-distance chances on dirt.

Poster closed into quarter-mile splits of :23.95, :24.64, :24.73 and :24.45, sparking back to life after stalling at the start of a final furlong that was timed in a respectable :12.60.

Poster's stretch-run focus faux pas? It might be partially explained by the fact that he's a May 20 foal.



Michael Banahan, Flavien Prat, and Eoin Harty | Sarah Andrew

Speculating five months into the future, that could mean that if Poster progresses on the Triple Crown trail, he could end up competing in both the Derby and GI Preakness prior to his actual third birthdate.

Although exact foaling-date records are sketchy prior to 1940, 12 known May foals have won the Derby dating to 1875.

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But only three of those winners had a May 20 or later foaling date: Exterminator in 1918 (May 30), Northern Dancer in 1964 (May 27), and Thunder Gulch in 1995 (May 23).

The Remsen clocking of 1:50.37 (84 Beyer Sped Figure) will justifiably get panned when compared against the .53-seconds-faster race (90 Beyer) that undefeated 2-year-old filly and 'TDN Rising Star' Muhimma (Munnings) **uncorked a half-hour later** on the GII Demoiselle S. over the same

nine-furlong distance and surface.

But Poster's time holds up to recent Remsen history. It was the second-fastest running of that stakes in the last 12 years, behind only Dornoch's 1:50.30 clocking last year.

You could make the case that Aviator Gui, who edged past in the gallop-out and earned a co-fig of 84 on the Beyer scale, is the colt to follow out of the Remsen.

That Chad Brown-trained homebred for Three Chimneys Farm was re-transitioning from turf back to dirt and was let go at 9-1 in the betting. He stalked inside, looked full of run, but lost momentum on two distinct occasions, first when stuck behind a wall of horses at the quarter pole, and again when he shifted in late in the lane. Yet he dug in and kept firing, and now has four stretching-out starts from seven to nine furlongs on his resume (although just a maiden win to show for his efforts).

Think of the irony the racing gods have bestowed upon us: Aviator Gui has ensured that for the second year in a row, Derby-prognosticating turf writers will now fill endless winter columns by speculating how Brown plans to correct a lugging-in issue with a top sophomore contender who lost the Remsen by a nose—the same script as with Sierra Leone last year.

"Lugging in in the Remsen again," Brown told the Aqueduct notes team with a wry laugh, unable to escape the sense of *deja vu*. **Cont.**

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"I never really saw that from that horse before, so I've got a little bit of work to do with him," Brown said. "He ran good and he showed he belongs around two turns. We'll talk to the team at Three Chimneys and probably take him south."

Seven horses entered the Remsen and the field scratched down to six. Remember, this is the first year that, according to a new rule in the Road to the Derby points qualifying system, in any five-horse qualifying-race field, only 75% of the points will be proportionally awarded. Any stakes with four or fewer starters will be proportionally awarded just 50% of the total points.

The first stakes that could face that points haircut is this coming Saturday's GII Los Alamitos Futurity, which will be drawn Wednesday.

In the past eight years, the Los Al Futurity has started with six only once, along with six five-horse fields and one four-horse edition dating to 2016.

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Vet Scratch Data, cont. from p1

Numbers from California, Florida, New York, Kentucky and Washington State tell a similar tale: That horses scratched on race-day for unsoundness are notably more likely to face extended periods of time off than non-scratched horses. They typically take longer to get back on the work tab and the track of an afternoon. A significant number simply never make it back to competition.

Among those that crunched the numbers, a common refrain is affirmation. Among the trainers interviewed here, a sense perhaps of inevitability.

"If in fact the numbers they're reporting are true-which I assume they are-then what they're doing is helping," said Dubai World Cup winning trainer, Mike Stidham. **Cont.**



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Overall Reactions to the Numbers

"These were horses that, but for the regulatory scrutiny, would have participated in a race," said Jennifer Durenberger, who was a New York Racing Association (NYRA) steward when she ran 2018 numbers from the state and subsequently presented them at an OwnerView conference.

From that 2018 New York data, 18% of the 125 horses scratched during the morning exam never raced again, while 16% of the race-day afternoon scratches failed to compete again.

"The question is: Would they have competed well, to the best of their ability? Or would they have perhaps aggravated something minor and made it become something major? I think the quality of life for these racehorses is improved by that regulatory scrutiny," Durenberger added.

Dionne Benson crunched five years of data for Santa Anita and Gulfstream Park. She used the [Equine Injury Database](#) to screen for horses that were scratched for lameness the day of the race only, and found that between 26% and 29% of these horses never raced again.

For every horse scratched, Benson randomly selected a horse that made a start in the intended race as a means of comparison. Among this group, 4% and 5% never made a return to competition.

While intervention by official veterinarians will never be a perfect system, "if you were a major league batter, you'd take 50 percent. And I know that sounds flippant, but this is a hard job where you often have seconds to make a decision. And by and large, the vets are making the correct decision," Benson said.

"I feel like our state veterinarians are doing a great job at identifying the at-risk horse, and the return to racing, return to high-speed work data I think supports that," said Will Farmer, Churchill Downs equine medical director, who used the [Equine Injury Database](#) to screen for the same scratched horses as Benson.

At Churchill Downs, 32% of scratched horses never raced again, while 11% never worked again. The same stats for Turfway Park were 39% and 19%. For Ellis Park, they were 49% and 21% respectively.

Behind the overarching numbers, however, there are all sorts of ways to slice and dice the numbers to get a much more detailed picture of what's happening.

Synthetic surfaces are one clear reason that may affect a horse's return to racing, Farmer said. "Certainly, the data supports it being an overall safer racetrack." Time of year can also skew the numbers. And so, how does the age of the horse factor?

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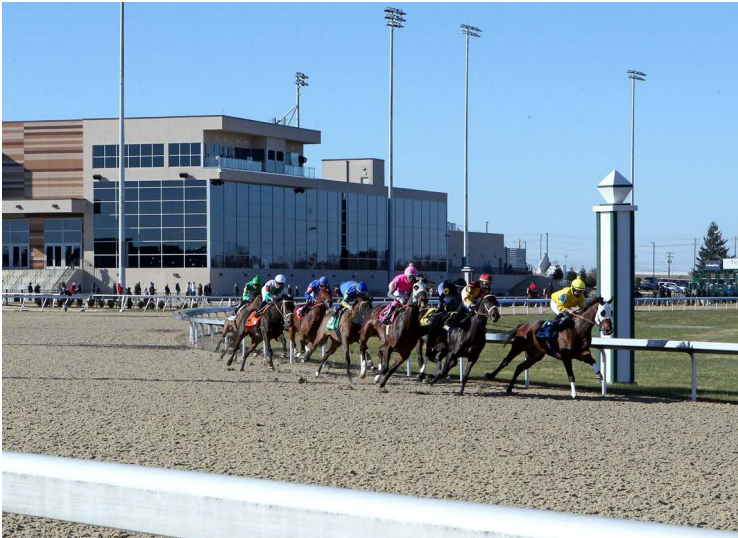
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"I guess I'm still stunned by the attrition rate," said Mary Scollay, who was equine medical director of the Kentucky Horse

Racing Commission when she ran 10 years of vet scratch data (2000 to 2010) from Calder and Gulfstream Park.

From those numbers, Scollay found that 21.5% of the horses scratched for lameness on race-day never raced again. Scollay also tracked a group of horses from each race the scratched horse was omitted from and found that only 2.9% of these horses never raced again.

The landscape in which official veterinarians operate has evolved markedly since the years captured in Scollay's research project.

"There was a time when many examining veterinarians were employed by the racetracks alone," said Scollay, who recalled an incident at a prominent Florida track many years ago, when she had scratched from a race the outright favorite.

"The president of the racetrack just casually stopped by the starting gate to let me know how much money I'd cost the racetrack," she said. "I think most people who grew up in my era experienced such conversations."

Still, as George Mundy, interim equine medical director of the Kentucky Horse Racing and Gaming Corporation, sees it, "Thoroughbred racing safety protocols are currently in their infancy."

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Mundy added that his "best analogy" is TSA screening. "Post 9/11, the TSA was created, and the air travel process changed forever. The TSA has implemented and refined, and in some cases eliminated, screening processes and procedures over time continuing to ensure and enhance the safety of air travel."

Indeed, prior to the advent of the Horseracing Integrity and Safety Act (HISA), there were tracks that didn't even perform pre-race exams.

Furthermore, regulatory veterinarians are, if not exactly a rare species, highly sought after. While some tracks are well-served, others rip their hair out trying to find the personnel to cover even the most basic regulatory requirements. The thoroughness of race-day veterinary oversight, therefore, remains something a patchwork quilt nationwide.

What's to be done?

As to what can be done better right now in horse racing, Mundy sees as the "low hanging fruit" the overtly lame or the "not training just right" horse.

Catastrophic fractures aren't events that suddenly materialize overnight. Bone pathology is a progressive process that takes place over a matter of weeks, maybe months. It begins with tiny little micro-fractures in the bone that gradually grow under the cycle of daily training until something gives-unless someone intervenes first.

The problem is, this oftentimes very subtle bone remodeling process can be tough to identify clinically. On occasion, fresh perspective may identify those subtleties which may otherwise seem to be the norm. This dynamic is similar in effect to the parent of a toddler undergoing a growth spurt-it takes a visit from a distant grandparent to spot the difference in height.

Which is why Mundy is a proponent of maintaining a veterinary presence trackside during morning training--something several tracks and jurisdictions already do. **Cont.**



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"Regulatory veterinary presence during training, in the short-term, while not making the system more efficient, would definitely have the most effect," he said.

Again, however, tracks across the country are already struggling to recruit knowledgeable and experienced regulatory veterinarians to their ranks, said Farmer.

"While it would be great if everybody had four veterinarians for every racetrack available to watch horses, and be competent racetrack-based veterinarians, the reality is, from a financial and labor standpoint, most racetracks and jurisdictions aren't able to accomplish that," he said.

Which is why Farmer sees advanced diagnostic technologies-like PET, MRI and CT units-as a key aid for the regulatory vet.

These technologies have proven significantly more adept at diagnosing brewing issues in problem areas like the fetlock and the condyles much earlier than more traditional imaging tools (think X-rays and nuclear scintigraphy).

"We can certainly feel confident that when those areas light up on a PET scan that that's significant," said Farmer.

That said, these machines aren't designed to be a screening tool for lameness, but rather something to be deployed in conjunction with a clinical exam. For one, there are all sorts of factors-including the age of the horse, training style and its

history-that might affect what shows up on the scan.

Which is why SoCal-based veterinarian Ryan Carpenter explained to the *TDN* in October that veterinarians would be best served by a historical record of scans for the same horse.

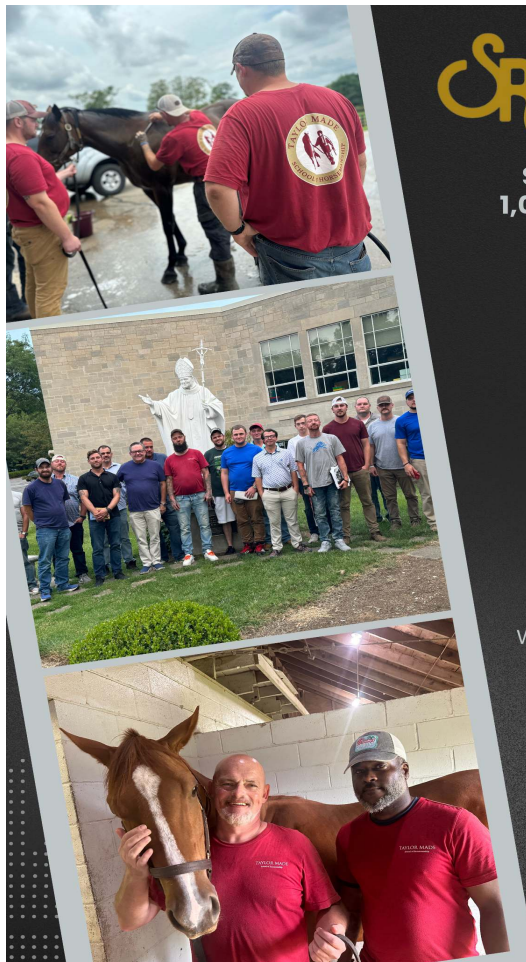
"Sequential imaging is extremely important because obviously [with one lone scan], you're just getting a snapshot in time. If you had the ability to monitor or track changes, then I think you would be able to make more accurate diagnoses," said Carpenter.

Furthermore, PET and MRI units aren't cheap. It takes between 45 minutes to an hour to scan both fetlocks with MRI. The radioactive isotope used in PET can also prove hard to get. And as Farmer puts it, "the hard part is the accessibility of it."

So, how best to marshal the industry's already limited resources?

"The resources are better spent giving the trainers, giving the attending veterinarians, giving the exercise riders the tools to recognize subtle changes before they would become apparent to a regulatory veterinarian stationed at the track," said Durenberger, who now heads HISA's equine safety and welfare arm.

"This is the wearable technologies, right?" she added. "You allow everyone in that horse's ecosystem of care to have a better picture of what's going on with that horse." **Cont.**



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"You have to rely on the people who know the horse better to make better decisions," agreed Scollay. "If the only time they're making the right decision is when the regulatory vet is breathing down their neck, we really haven't accomplished much."

The Frontlines

In the days after an initial chat with the TDN, Eoin Harty, president of the California Thoroughbred Trainers, reached out to the StrideSafe team, and was impressed with what it offers, he said. "I'm all in favor of it," he said, adding that while the product is not a catch-all for lameness, it'll likely prove another valuable layer of diagnostic information.

"Am I going to base all my decisions on it? No," Harty said. "But it's going to be a very useful tool going forward. If I can advise anybody, I'd say at least take a look at it, and avail yourself of what's available to help your decision making."

As for the current system with which regulatory veterinarians are deployed, Harty suspects that in some jurisdictions, there might be some bureaucratic overkill. But overall, the system works as intended.

"We [in California] were and we are the guinea pigs, simply because of what happened back in 2019," said Eoin Harty, alluding to the widely publicized spate of fatalities at Santa Anita. "I think since then, we've gone to a little bit of overkill compared to other jurisdictions. Some of it is a bit unnecessary."

However, "the more eyes the better," Harty added. "I wouldn't do away with a lot of the stuff that's been initiated."



Eoin Harty | Sarah Andrew



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"The pre-work, pre-race checks with the trainer or assistant and their veterinarian, I think that might be the biggest game changer to date. That, and the [tighter] intra-articular joint injection rules."

In situations where a questionable scratch is hotly contested, Harty suggested bringing in additional expertise.

"If you've got a trainer who's adamant that this horse is 100 percent sound, and a regulatory vet who says, 'I see something else,' I think maybe you should bring another vet or two in for a tie-breaker," he said.

That said, the fiery confrontations that regulatory veterinarians unfortunately face too often are as much a losing move on the part of the trainer as they are a dirty blot on the profession, said Harty.

"Some people are on the wrong side of the regulatory vets, and whether it's real or perceived, they see themselves as victims all the time," said Harty. "And once you make their radar, it's really hard to get off it. You're probably better off kicking the horse out sixty, ninety days."

Stidham sang a similar song. "In my opinion, this situation was created in part by the horsemen," he said.

"The large majority of horsemen do an excellent job of policing and overseeing and doing their due diligence of monitoring their horses." **Cont.**



Michael Stidham | Sarah Andrew

"This means getting rider feedback. Having horses on a jog list every day—a list of horses that have worked. Horses that you might have got a bad report back from the rider. I've always done this in my barn, even before HISA started," Stidham said.

"But then, you've got the guys that don't necessarily do the due diligence of overseeing their horses, bury their heads in the sand," Stidham said. "They're hoping there is no problem. And, for that reason, you get a certain amount of horses that do need to be checked by the vets. And these guys do need to be told, 'hey, this horse isn't fit to race.'"

Yes, some horses simply have a peculiar way of going that might not necessarily betray a simmering bone issue, he said. "That is a problem. But I don't see a way of getting around that," said Stidham, who encouraged patience and common sense on both sides of the equation.

"I've had situations where a vet would come by and question a horse. But they would give me an opportunity—if it's maybe a foot or something—for it to be corrected. I could get the blacksmith over, make a little adjustment that could help the horse, and they would come back a couple hours later, recheck the horse," said Stidham.

"But look, in most of the cases, these horses might be a degree of lameness off," he said. "And if they are, they probably just need to be scratched."

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HOW I GOT HOOKED ON RACING: SARAH ANDREW

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.

Sarah Andrew, photographer and photo editor

Marguerite Henry's *King of the Wind* was my hook. My dog-eared copy of the acclaimed children's novel about the Godolphin Arabian made my young imagination run wild. As an adult, I can still see Wesley Dennis's vibrant illustrations in my mind's eye.

If reading *King of the Wind* was the hook, then watching Sunday Silence's races on television made me fall hook, line, and sinker. Everything about the son of Halo intrigued me. My 11-year-old self scanned the Asbury Park Press for tidbits of news about Sunday Silence and I lovingly taped newspaper clippings of his racing triumphs to my bedroom walls.

I became a student of the horse and learned everything I could. While absorbing the hands-on basics of horsemanship, I also got my hands on as many books as possible. On my childhood quests to libraries and bookmobiles, I particularly prized illustrated volumes like *Twenty Gallant Horses* by C.W. Anderson. Anderson's sketches of Thoroughbred heroes like Heatherbloom, Exterminator, and Troublemaker leapt off the page. In my college years, I plagued my professors at Rutgers with papers about Xenophon, Kelso, and the symbolism of the horse in 17th-century Restoration poetry.

Publications like *Equine Images* and *Equus* provided me with inspiration and a tantalizing glimpse into the sport of racing. I drew, painted, and sculpted until I saved up enough money for a camera. I trekked to Monmouth Park to learn more about the sport while earnestly photographing local horses like Poppa's Favorites and Frisky Spider. As an outsider looking in, Monmouth Park was fascinating. **Cont.**

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Sarah Andrew with Zenyatta | Barbara Livingston photo

Although my family has no racing background, they encouraged my riding and sat through countless lessons and horse shows. My mom is a lifelong horse lover and my grandmother was an avid trail and dressage rider. I admired all breeds but I knew that the most talented riders at my lesson barn rode Thoroughbreds. Those riders were quick, light, and smart, just like their mounts. My current horse, a 28-year-old Thoroughbred named Doctor's Secret, teaches me new lessons every day and is the embodiment of the breed in so many ways.

Just as Marguerite Henry's *King of the Wind* wove a literary path from the Godolphin Arabian to Man o' War, we can connect equine art all the way from the Chauvet Cave paintings to modern-day masters like Barbara Livingston. For those who are hooked, there is always more to learn about horses, racing, and photography.

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When I wasn't at the track, I traipsed around old farms in search of another favorite subject, horse graves.

Local horse people like Jeanne Vuyosevich opened the door to the racing world and welcomed me in. Each trip made me want to learn more. My racetrack adventures expanded to other states and within a year of purchasing my first SLR camera, my work was published in the *New York Times*. Although my first full-time day job was not in the racing world, I worked at night on Bill Denver's Equi-Photo team at the Meadowlands during the Thoroughbred meets and on summer weekends at Monmouth Park. In 2007, I joined the staff at the *TDN*, where my tireless equine and photographic studies continue to this day.

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IN ORDER OF PURSE:

GARLAND OF ROSES S., \$135,000, Aqueduct, 12-8, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:10.32, ft.

1--**KANT HURRY LOVE, 120, m, 5, Kantharos--She's All Love, by Langfuhr.** (\$40,000 Ylg '20 FTKSEL). O-Ken Wheeler, Jr.; B-Dr. John M McDermott & Laura G McDermott (NY); T-David P. Duggan; J-Romero Ramsay Maragh. \$74,250. Lifetime Record: 23-7-8-5, \$599,850.

2--**Ain't Broke, 120, m, 5, Dialed In--Vousoir, by Arch.** O-Ronald P. Stewart; B-John Kerber (KY); T-Linda Rice. \$27,000.

3--**Autumn Evening, 118, f, 3, Malibu Moon--Lucky Long, by Lookin At Lucky.** (\$135,000 2yo '23 OBSAPR). **1ST BLACK TYPE.** O-P and G Stable; B-Stoneriggs Farm (KY); T-Todd A. Pletcher. \$16,200.

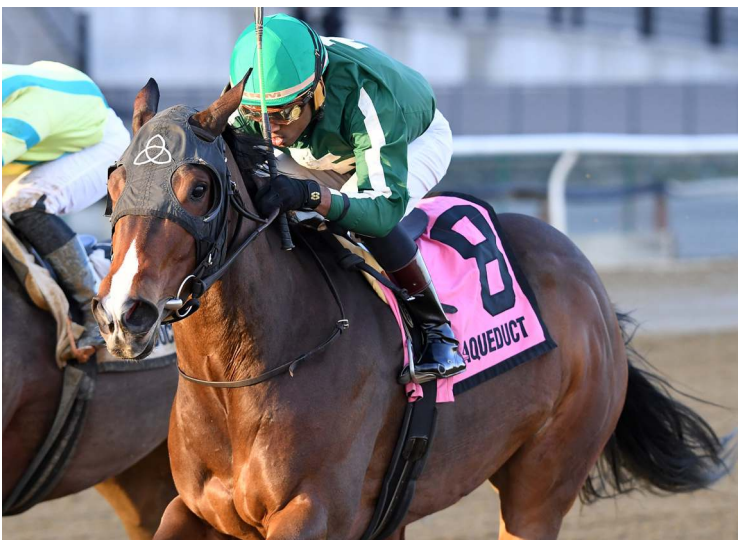
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Margins: NK, 2, NK. Odds: 4.60, 4.70, 4.70.

Also Ran: Cara's Time, Mystic Pleasure, Captainsdaughter.

Scratched: Ellen Jay, St. Benedicts Prep.

Kant Hurry Love missed by a nose to MGSP Hot Fudge (**Liam's Map**) in the Garland of Roses Stakes last year, then finished third in the state-bred Broadway Stakes at the Big A in mid-February. The 5-year-old lost by a nose again to Hot Fudge over the same surface in the Correction Stakes in early March before finally getting her picture taken against New York-breds in the Dancin Renee Stakes during the Belmont At The Big A meet June 23.



Kant Hurry Love | *Chelsea Durand*

Off the bench and as a 9-2 shot here, the bay was quickest breaking from the outside gate and she went right to the front to control the pace up the backstretch. Pressed around the far turn and into the lane, Kant Hurry Love was steadfast turning back Autumn Evening and she certainly earned a garland of roses for her efforts.

"Awesome," said trainer David Duggan. "I was quietly confident because we never really lost time with her. After Saratoga when she came up lame, we sent her out and swam her for about a month, so she never had any down time. We kept her ticking over when she got back. She worked about three weeks ago and worked very, very good and I knew I was on target."

A half-sister to SW Candid Desire (Yes It's True) and MSW Bonus Points (Majestic Warrior), the winner's dam foaled a filly by Vekoma Feb. 10 and she was bred back to Zandon. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#), sponsored by [FanDuel TV](#).**

SOVIET PROBLEM S., \$102,000, Los Alamitos, 12-8, (S), 2yo, f, 1m, 1:39.85, ft.

1--**HEY JESSIE, 118, f, 2, by Grazen**

1st Dam: Bea's Cee, by Cee's Tizzy

2nd Dam: Julies Desert Star, by Desert Wine

3rd Dam: Morningstar Lane, by Maheras

1ST BLACK TYPE WIN. O/B-Say Jay Racing, LLC (CA); T-Sean McCarthy; J-Kyle Frey. \$60,000. Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, \$95,640. *1/2 to Tiz a Master (Ministers Wild Cat), SP, \$195,902.

2--**In the Air Tonight, 119, f, 2, Stay Thirsty--Angel Allie, by Sky Mesa.** (\$50,000 Ylg '23 FTCAJR). O-Chacon, Anthony J., Flores, Victor M. and Lovingier, Terry C.; B-Terry C. Lovingier (CA); T-Steve R. Knapp. \$20,000.

3--**Tequilaandtherapy, 121, f, 2, Mrazek--Chexcess, by In Excess (Ire).** O-Here We Go Brothers; B-Reddam Racing, LLC (CA); T-Doug F. O'Neill. \$12,000.

Margins: 2, NK, HF. Odds: 16.10, 3.00, 2.50.

Also Ran: Grateful My Love, Musical Number, Chilly Philly, How About Pavel, Z's Wardrobe, Cioppina Pasadina.

Hey Jessie, who had made both previous starts over the turf, came charging from the pack to win the Soviet Problem Stakes over the main track at Los Alamitos Sunday. Sent off at 16-1, the gray filly settled near the back of the field behind fractions of :23.80 and :48.54. She turned for home behind a wall of horses as the field lined up across the track at top of the lane, but she shifted to the center of the course and found clear sailing late to closed stoutly and win going away.

Winning trainer Sean McCarthy admitted he wasn't quite sure what to expect from the filly's first main-track appearance.

"I'm mildly surprised," McCarthy said. "I was confident she'd run well, but I didn't know how she'd handle the course, although saying that I knew the stretch would benefit her because she's got big, long strides and she's a beautiful-moving filly."

Winning rider Kyle Frey added, "She's getting better with every start and was really focused today. When I swung her out in the stretch, she had a real nice finish."

Hey Jessie finished fourth as a 17-1 longshot in her one-mile unveiling over the Santa Anita turf Oct. 19 before graduating over that same distance at Del Mar Nov. 16.

Despite the win Sunday, Hey Jessie is likely to return to the turf for her next start.

"We'll look at the [Leigh Ann Howard California Cup] Oaks at Santa Anita [on turf Jan. 11] for her now," McCarthy said.

Bea's Cee produced a colt by One Bad Boy in 2023 and, with no foal reported this year, was bred back to that stallion this spring. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**



Hey Jessie | Benoit

TODAY'S FEATURED REPLAY

Ramify (Munnings) goes last to first in debut win at Aqueduct. [\(click to watch\)](#)

ALLOWANCE WINNERS

IN ORDER OF PURSE:

8th-Turfway, \$80,706, Alw (NW2\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$40,000), 12-7, 3yo/up, 6 1/2f (AWT), 1:16.45, ft, 1 length.

FINSTER (c, 3, Sky Mesa--Folk {MSW-UAE, GISP-USA, \$376,924}, by Quiet American) made the most of his debut at Horseshoe Indy Aug. 8 when the race was taken off the grass and he won by 9 3/4 lengths. The homebred cleared an allowance condition sprinting on the turf at Ellis Park Aug. 5, but faded to fifth against optional claimers on the main track at Churchill Sept. 18. Backed as the 2-1 choice here, the homebred tracked a trio of leaders from the second flight up the backstretch. The hooded 3-year-old patiently waited for a way through around the far turn and into the lane. At the sixteenth marker, the colt found a seam at the rail, punched the accelerator and won by a length over Two Eagles River (Cloud Computing). The winner is a half-brother to Captivating Lass (A.P. Indy), SW & GSP, \$133,225, who produced GI Pegasus World Cup Turf Invitational hero Atone (Into Mischief). Lifetime Record: 4-3-0-0, \$116,489. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

O/B-Godolphin (KY); T-Eoin G. Harty.



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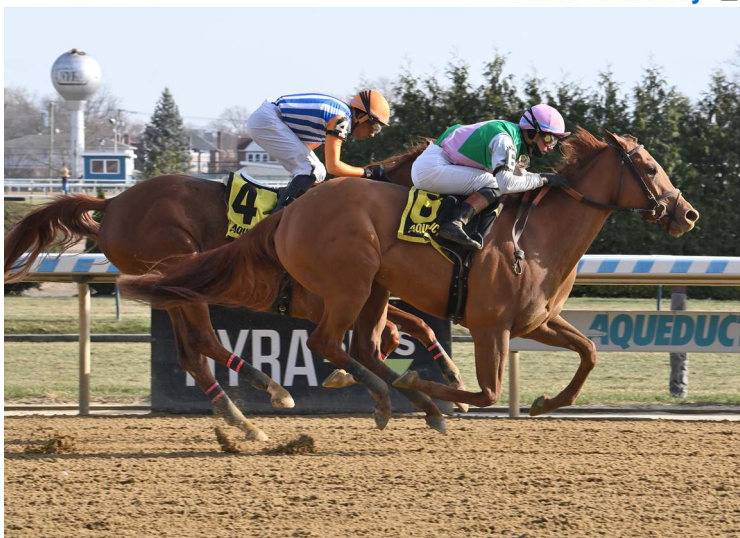
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IN ORDER OF PURSE:

1st-Aqueduct, \$87,300, Msw, 12-8, 2yo, f, 1m, 1:38.64, ft, 1/2 length.

RAMIFY (f, 2, Munnings--Chamber, by Tapit) continued a big weekend at the Big A for juveniles by **Munnings** out of **Tapit** mares with this debut victory at 3-1. The chestnut filly settled at the back of the field as a trio of runners vied for the early lead down the backstretch through a quarter in :23.02. Ramify was still well back in last as the half went up in :46.28, but she made rapid progress on the far turn. Four wide at the top of the lane, she reeled in favored My Sherrona (**Not This Time**) down the lane to win by a half-length. Ramify's win follows on from the success of Muhimma (**Munnings--Princesa Carolina, by Tapit**) in the GII Demoiselle Stakes and Poster (**Munnings--Pin Up, by Tapit**) in the GII Remsen Stakes Saturday at Aqueduct. Chamber, a daughter of multiple Grade I winner Sightseek (Distant View), sold in foal to **Kantharos** for \$70,000 at last month's Keeneland November sale. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.** Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$49,500. O-Juddmonte; B-Juddmonte (KY); T-Chad C. Brown.

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5th-Turfway, \$80,000, Msw, 12-7, 3yo/up, 1m (AWT), 1:35.32, ft, 5 1/2 lengths.

I'M MCDREAMY (c, 3, Hard Spun--Night Witch, by Indian Charlie) ran third in his two starts under the Twin Spires Sept. 22 and Oct. 31. A 3-1 shot here, the homebred hustled to take the lead into the first turn and continued to make every pole a winning one through the top of the lane. Spurting away with a furlong left, the 3-year-old cruised home by 5 1/2 lengths over Publicity (Into Mischief). A half-sister to GISW Stormy Lucy (Stormy Atlantic), the winner's unraced dam is responsible for I'm McDreamy's full-sisters--2-year-old Lucky Skull (**Hard Spun**) and a yearling. Night Witch foaled a filly by **Corniche** May 29, but was not reported as bred for next term. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-2, \$70,637. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

O/B-John Cummins (KY); T-John Alexander Ortiz.



I'm McDreamy | *Coady Media*

9th-Aqueduct, \$75,000, (S), Msw, 12-8, 2yo, 6f, 1:10.22, ft, 4 lengths.

SAND DEVIL (c, 2, Violence--Mineralogist {MSW, \$270,550}, by Mineshaft), who debuted as a 4-1 shot here, shadowed a pair of dueling pacesetters, including favorite Vekinda (Vekoma), up the backstretch. The juvenile fanned three wide to launch his bid around the far turn and, flashing a nice kick down the lane, ran right by the chalk past the eighth pole and graduated by four lengths. The winner is a half-brother to Can You Diggitt (Tiznow), SW, \$436,555 and the dam of Acoustic Ave (**Maclean's Music**), MSW, \$358,650. Herself a half-sister to the dam of GII Rebel Stakes hero Un Ojo (Laoban), Mineralogist visited **Solomini** for next term. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$41,250. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.** O/B-Chester & Mary R. Broman (NY); T-Linda Rice.

7th-Laurel, \$48,710, Msw, 12-8, 2yo, f, 6f, 1:14.02, ft, 1 length.
CRUZ RAMIREZ (f, 2, Good Magic--Ragtime Hope {MSW, \$127,715}, by Dixieland Band), the 4-5 favorite, rushed up along the rail to take the early lead. In control through fractions of :22.69 and :47.08, the filly held Chickin Lickin (Golden Lad) at bay down the lane to score by one length. The winner, who RNA'd for \$90,000 as a KESEEP yearling, sold for \$165,000 at the Fasig-Tipton Kentucky October sale. She is a half-sister to Secret Circle (Eddington), G1SW-UAE, GISW-USA, \$3,670,790. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.** Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$28,200.

O-NET Racing; B-Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC (KY); T-Brittany T. Russell.

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11th-Gulfstream, \$43,000, Msw, 12-8, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16mT, 1:41.49, fm, 1 1/4 lengths.
ANYBODY BUT YOU (IRE) (f, 3, Cotai Glory {GB}--Fidaaha {Ire}, by New Approach {Ire}) drew in off the also-eligible list to debut with Lasix as the 3-1 choice here. Unhurried at first, Tyler Gaffalione got the filly in gear and she was able to secure a spot midpack on the outside into the first turn. As a couple of longshots carved out the fractions up the backstretch, the chestnut was spun four wide around the far turn and she was loaded entering the lane. The 3-year-old struck the front past the sixteenth pole, got the money by 1 1/4 lengths over Starship Boeing (American Pharoah) and handed her trainer Brendan Walsh his 100th winner of the year. Fundamentally (Liam's Map) was a narrow third. Out of a productive mare, the winner is a half-sister to Scorthy Champ (Ire) (Mehmas {Ire}), G1SW-Ire, \$278,688, Malavath (Ire) (Mehmas {Ire}), MGSW & G1SP-Fr, GISP-USA, \$534,111 and Knight (Ire) (Mehmas {Ire}), GSW-Eng,

\$103,121. A half-sister to GSW Ceisteach (Ire) (New Approach {Ire}), Fidaaha handed Anybody But You another full-brother and she was bred to **Not This Time** for 2025. Sales History: €200,000 Ylg '22 GOFOR. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$25,800.

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O-JDT Racing LLC; B-Tally Ho Stud (IRE); T-Brendan P. Walsh.

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1st-Gulfstream, \$40,000, Msw, 12-8, 2yo, 1mT, 1:35.32, fm, 1 length.

GENE AND JUDE (g, 2, Kitten's Joy--You Go West Girl {MSW & MGSP, \$637,043}, by Mr. Greeley) was third in his 5 1/2-furlong debut over the Saratoga lawn Aug. 30. Sent off at 5-2 in this stretch out to a mile, the chestnut gelding rushed up and over from his outside post and grabbed the early lead into the first turn. He was clear through a quarter in :23.56 and a half in :47.17 and skipped away in the final furlong and had one length on the late-closing Oasis Prince (Constitution) at the wire. Gene and Jude is a full-brother to Chicago Style, GSW, \$312,328. He RNA'd for \$90,000 at Keeneland last September. You Go West Girl, a multiple stakes-winning daughter of multiple graded winner Careless Heiress (Runaway Groom), produced a filly by **Kantharos** this year. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.** Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, \$36,000. O/B-Glen Hill Farm (KY); T-Jack Sisterson.

7th-Gulfstream, \$40,000, Msw, 12-8, 2yo, f, 1mT, 1:35.55, fm, 1 length.

FORWARD DEPLOYED (f, 2, War Front--True Style, by Forestry), third on debut going one mile over the Monmouth lawn Aug. 17, was a troubled fifth when trying 1 1/16 miles at Aqueduct Oct. 6. Dismissed at 12-1, the bay filly sat just off pacesetting favorite Tam I Am (Authentic) through an opening quarter in :23.50 and was shuffled back through a half in :47.56. She loomed a threat while three wide approaching the stretch, overtook the favorite in deep stretch and pulled away to win by one length. Illuminatrice (Twirling Candy) was second, a neck in front of Bojaca Blessing (Cairo Prince). It was a nose back to Smudge (Quality Road) in fourth and Tam I Am settled for fifth in a blanket finish. Forward Deployed was an \$800,000 FTSAUG yearling. She is a half-sister to Classic Fit (Bernardini), SW & MGSP, \$174,471. True Style, a half-sister to the dam of Scat Daddy (Johannesburg), produced a filly by **Quality Road** last year and a colt by that sire in 2024. She was bred back to **Quality Road**. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.** Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-1, \$32,350.

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3rd-Los Alamitos, \$39,500, Msw, 12-8, 3yo/up, 1m, 1:36.57, ft, 1 1/4 lengths.

NEW KING (c, 3, Into Mischief--Hollywood Royal, by Distorted Humor), fourth in his six-furlong debut at Santa Anita last December, had not been seen since a third-place effort going one mile in Arcadia in January. The 4-5 favorite was on the outside of a line of four vying for the early lead and was floated even wider around the first turn before settling off the pace set by debuting stablemate Taif (Arrogate). Taif took the field through fractions of :22.74 and :46.06. New King skimmed the fence to take the lead out of the turn and opened a clear advantage as his stablemate raced greenly down the lane and he had 1 1/4 lengths on that foe at the wire. New King was a \$700,000 KEESEP yearling. Hollywood Royal, a half-sister to Laurie's Rocket (Bluegrass Cat), has an unraced 2-year-old colt by Authentic and a yearling colt by Into Mischief. She was bred to Forte this year. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.** Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-1, \$35,100. O-SF Racing LLC, Starlight Racing, Madaket Stables LLC, Bashor, Dianne, Masterson, Robert E., Waves Edge Capital LLC, Donovan, Catherine and Ryan, Tom J.; B-2500 Determined Stud (MD); T-Bob Baffert.



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STAKES RESULTS:

GOLDEN GATE DEBUTANTE S., \$75,450, Pleasanton, 12-7, 2yo, f, 1 1/16m, 1:46.51, ft.
1--**SUNSET GRAZEN, 122, f, 2, by Grazen--Sausalito Sunset, by Slew's Tiznow.** (\$17,000 RNA Ylg '23 FTCAJR). **1ST BLACK TYPE WIN.** O/T-Samuel Calvario; B-Legacy Ranch, Inc. (CA); J-Santos Rivera. \$45,000. Lifetime Record: 4-2-0-2, \$61,680.
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2--**Lolo Le Plume, 120, f, 2, Instilled Regard--Le Plume, by Smart Strike.** (\$45,000 Ylg '23 KEESEP). **1ST BLACK TYPE.** O-Robert A. Bach, Eduardo Bernal and Jeffrey Lambert; B-Moreau Bloodstock International (KY); T-Robert B. Hess, Jr. \$15,000.
3--**Big Soiree, 122, f, 2, Mr. Big--Silver Soiree, by Tapizar.** **1ST BLACK TYPE.** O/B-Paradox Stables (CA); T-Jorge Bautista. \$9,000.
Margins: HD, 5, 3/4. Odds: 7.30, 4.50, 2.30.

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

6th-Aqueduct, \$80,000, (S), 12-8, (NW1\$X), 3yo/up, 1 1/8m, 1:50.46, ft, head.
KOLOMIO (g, 4, Constitution--Graceland Kitten, by Kitten's Joy) Lifetime Record: 17-4-0-3, \$140,270. O-Ken Russell & Richard Newman Racing; B-EKQ Stables Corp. (NY); T-Charlton Baker. *\$95,000 RNA Wlg '20 KEENOV; \$85,000 Ylg '21 FTKOCT.



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7th-Fair Grounds, \$59,000, 12-8, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2ft, 1:06.21, fm, 1 length.

NOTICE ME TOO (f, 3, Omaha Beach--Star Super {SW, \$147,780}, by Super Saver) Lifetime Record: 6-2-1-1, \$77,510. O-Jackie D. Huckabay; B-Jack Huckabay (KY); T-Michael Stidham. *1/2 to Chrome Baby (California Chrome), MSP, \$254,478.



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10th-Gulfstream, \$46,770, (NW2\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$62,500), 12-8, 3yo/up, 5f (AWT), :55.49, ft, 1 1/4 lengths.

PORTOFINO (g, 4, Speightster--Love Co {SW, \$121,881}, by Not For Love) Lifetime Record: 14-4-3-3, \$188,628. O-Robert Cotran; B-Vossfeld Bloodstock Group, LLC. (KY); T-Joseph F. Orseno. *\$50,000 Wlg '20 KEENOV; \$60,000 Ylg '21 FTKJUL; \$42,000 2yo '22 EASMAY. **1/2 to Veasha (Wando), SW, \$290,078.



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8th-Los Alamitos, \$44,500, (S), (NW1\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$20,000), 12-8, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:09.95, ft, 1/2 length.

IRISH ROYALTY (g, 4, Grazen--Irish Winnie, by Broken Vow) Lifetime Record: 15-5-1-3, \$144,818. O-Lee Drummond, Paul Schwartz, & John Xitco; B-Moger Inc. & Neary Racing Inc. (CA); T-Mark Glatt. *1/2 to Irish Heatwave (Unusual Heat), SW, \$438,900; Full to Irish Wahine, GSP, \$316,956.

8th-Remington, \$35,890, 12-7, (NW4L), 3yo/up, 5 1/2f, 1:04.10, ft, 1 length.

GENERAL SHIPMAN (g, 3, Midshipman--Impish, by Into Mischief) Lifetime Record: 9-4-1-1, \$148,129. O/B-Jason Cline (NE); T-Steven M. Asmussen.

9th-Remington, \$35,000, (S), 12-7, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:12.40, ft, 1 1/2 lengths.

HE'S ALL EARS (g, 3, Da Stoops--Earsahead, by Euroears) Lifetime Record: 19-4-1-4, \$68,152. O-Danny R. Caldwell; B-Allison Caldwell (OK); T-Ingrid Mason.

7th-Pleasanton, \$34,614, (NW2\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$62,500), 12-8, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:10.29, ft, 1 1/4 lengths.

GRUBAUER (g, 3, Frosted--Conquest Sweetride, by Candy Ride {Arg}) Lifetime Record: 6-3-1-2, \$62,620. O-Dunn Bar Ranch, Jethorse, Hodge, A, Jarnig, G and McCanna, T; B-Westbury Stbl (FL); T-T McCanna. *\$35,000 Ylg '22 KEESEP; \$100,000 2yo '23 OBSAPR. **1/2 to Beef Winslow (Honor Code), SP, \$202,620.

8th-Charles Town, \$27,400, 12-7, (NW2L), 3yo/up, 6 1/2f, 1:20.80, ft, neck.

GREEN BEANS (g, 4, American Freedom--Green Jeans, by Green Dancer) Lifetime Record: 10-2-3-0, \$78,655. O/B-Althea Richards (VA); T-W. Robert Bailes. *\$29,000 RNA Ylg '21 KEESEP. **1/2 to Just Call Kenny (Jump Start), GSW, \$501,270.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Tre Dita, f, 2, **Adios Charlie**--She Nailed It, by Corfu. Delta Downs, 12-7, 5f, 1:00.48. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$21,000. B-Juvenal Lopez Diaz (FL). *1ST-TIME STARTER.

Oveta's Hobby, f, 2, **Army Mule**--Bitzka (SW), by Tiago. Los Alamitos, 12-8, (C), 5 1/2f, 1:04.27. Lifetime Record: 4-1-1-1, \$38,280. B-St. Elias Stables, LLC (KY). *\$30,000 Wlg '22 KEENOV; \$77,000 Ylg '23 FTKJUL; \$125,000 2yo '24 OBSMAR.

Yankee Doodle Kid, c, 2, **Bullsbay**--Magic Fillsthe Air, by More Than Ready. Charles Town, 12-7, (S), 4 1/2f, :53.92. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$15,732. B-Ronney Brown (WV). *1ST-TIME STARTER.

Valentines Candy, g, 2, **Danzing Candy**--Ancient Holiday, by Harlan's Holiday. Los Alamitos, 12-8, (S), (C), 6 1/2f, 1:18.13. Lifetime Record: 8-1-1-1, \$30,140. B-Rancho San Miguel (CA). *\$2,700 RNA Ylg '23 CTBAJA; \$10,000 2yo '24 CTBAJA.

Mohaymen Diamond, c, 2, **Mohaymen**--No Means No (SP, \$117,455), by Louis Quatorze. Woodbine, 12-8, 1m 70y (AWT), 1:43.08. Lifetime Record: 5-1-0-0, \$44,293. B-Kanny Ng (ON). *C\$7,500 Ylg '23 CANSEP.

Out N Out Disgrace, g, 2, **Yoshida (Jpn)**--Madame G, by Giant's Causeway. Woodbine, 12-8, (C), 1 1/16m (AWT), 1:48.01. Lifetime Record: 6-1-1-2, \$36,558. B-C E C Farms (ON).

Ice'm Up Boys, c, 3, **Creative Cause**--Fearless Leader (SW & GSP, \$216,485), by Suave Prospect. Fair Grounds, 12-8, (S), 1mT, 1:41.86. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$36,240. B-Brandon Adcock & Ashleigh Adcock (LA). *\$31,000 Ylg '22 TTAYRL. **1/2 to Proud and Fearless (Proud Citizen), GSP, \$184,970.

Ooh La Da Stoops, f, 3, **Da Stoops**--Cornelius Springs, by Menhal. Remington, 12-7, 5 1/2f, 1:05.79. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-0, \$20,549. B-Stephen Whiting (TX).

Abitmischievous, r, 3, **Into Mischief**--Curlina (GSP, \$161,537), by Cuvee. Pleasanton, 12-8, 5 1/2f, 1:03.50. Lifetime Record: 7-1-2-2, \$58,680. B-Mulholland Springs LLC (KY). *\$290,000 Ylg '22 FTSAUG; \$310,000 2yo '23 OBSAPR; \$145,000 RNA 3yo '24 FTDAUG. **1/2 to Sine Wave (Big Brown), MGSP, \$147,715.

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Map's a Breeze, c, 3, **Liam's Map**--Diadura (SW), by **Hard Spun**. Woodbine, 12-8, 1 1/16m (AWT), 1:43.97. Lifetime Record: 4-1-1-2, \$63,833. B-Hopefield Farms (ON). *\$135,000 RNA Ylg '22 KEESEP.

Petcoff, g, 4, **Munnings**--Mylitta, by **Sky Mesa**. Fair Grounds, 12-8, 5 1/2fT, 1:04.72. Lifetime Record: 13-1-3-3, \$106,506. B-Edward A. Seltzer (KY). *\$110,000 Ylg '21 KEESEP. **1/2 to Judge Davis (Distorted Humor), GSP, \$294,821.

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American Freedom, Green Beans, g, 4, o/o Green Jeans, by Green Dancer. ALW, 12-7, Charles Town

Army Mule, Oveta's Hobby, f, 2, o/o Bitzka, by Tiago. MCL, 12-8, Los Alamitos Thoroughbred

Bullsbay, Yankee Doodle Kid, c, 2, o/o Magic Fillsthe Air, by More Than Ready. MSW, 12-7, Charles Town

Constitution, Kolomio, g, 4, o/o Graceland Kitten, by Kitten's Joy. ALW, 12-8, Aqueduct

Cotai Glory (GB), Anybody But You (Ire), f, 3, o/o Fidaaha (Ire), by New Approach (Ire). MSW, 12-8, Gulfstream

Creative Cause, Ice'm Up Boys, c, 3, o/o Fearless Leader, by Suave Prospect. MSW, 12-8, Fair Grounds

Da Stoops, He's All Ears, g, 3, o/o Earsahead, by Euroears. ALW, 12-7, Remington

Da Stoops, Ooh La Da Stoops, f, 3, o/o Cornelius Springs, by Menhal. MSW, 12-7, Remington

Danzing Candy, Valentines Candy, g, 2, o/o Ancient Holiday, by Harlan's Holiday. MCL, 12-8, Los Alamitos Thoroughbred

Frosted, Grubauer, g, 3, o/o Conquest Sweetride, by **Candy Ride (Arg)**. AOC, 12-8, Pleasanton

Good Magic, Cruz Ramirez, f, 2, o/o Ragtime Hope, by Dixieland Band. MSW, 12-8, Laurel

Grazen, Hey Jessie, f, 2, o/o Bea's Cee, by Cee's Tizzy. Soviet Problem S., 12-8, Los Alamitos Thoroughbred

Grazen, Irish Royalty, g, 4, o/o Irish Winnie, by Broken Vow. AOC, 12-8, Los Alamitos Thoroughbred

Grazen, Sunset Grazen, f, 2, o/o Sausalito Sunset, by Slew's Tiznow. Golden Gate Debutante S., 12-7, Pleasanton

Hard Spun, I'm McDreamy, c, 3, o/o Night Witch, by Indian Charlie. MSW, 12-7, Turfway

Into Mischief, Abitmischievous, r, 3, o/o Curlina, by Cuvee. MSW, 12-8, Pleasanton

Into Mischief, New King, c, 3, o/o Hollywood Royal, by Distorted Humor. MSW, 12-8, Los Alamitos Thoroughbred

Kantharos, Kant Hurry Love, m, 5, o/o She's All Love, by Langfuhr. Garland of Roses S., 12-8, Aqueduct

Kitten's Joy, Gene and Jude, g, 2, o/o You Go West Girl, by Mr. Greeley. MSW, 12-8, Gulfstream

Liam's Map, Map's a Breeze, c, 3, o/o Diadura, by **Hard Spun**. MSW, 12-8, Woodbine

Midshipman, General Shipman, g, 3, o/o Impish, by Into Mischief. ALW, 12-7, Remington

Mohaymen, Mohaymen Diamond, c, 2, o/o No Means No, by Louis Quatorze. MSW, 12-8, Woodbine

Munnings, Petcoff, g, 4, o/o Mylitta, by **Sky Mesa**. MSW, 12-8, Fair Grounds

Munnings, Ramify, f, 2, o/o Chamber, by **Tapit**. MSW, 12-8, Aqueduct

Omaha Beach, Notice Me Too, f, 3, o/o Star Super, by Super Saver. ALW, 12-8, Fair Grounds

Sky Mesa, Finster, c, 3, o/o Folk, by Quiet American. AOC, 12-7, Turfway

Speightster, Portofino, g, 4, o/o Love Co, by Not For Love. AOC, 12-8, Gulfstream

Violence, Sand Devil, c, 2, o/o Mineralogist, by **Mineshaft**. MSW, 12-8, Aqueduct



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War Front, Forward Deployed, f, 2, o/o True Style, by Forestry. MSW, 12-8, Gulfstream

Yoshida (Jpn), Out N Out Disgrace, g, 2, o/o Madame G, by Giant's Causeway. MOC, 12-8, Woodbine

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Alex Solis: signed for the top lot on behalf of Repole
Zuzanna Lupa

By Brian Sheerin

Leading American owner Mike Repole opened up about his long-term breeding plan after sourcing six fillies and mares for just shy of €2 million at the December Breeding Stock Sale at Arqana, headed by the Sunday sale-topper Hoshiana (Fr) (Dabirsim {Fr}) at €220,000.

Fourth in a Listed contest on heavy ground when last seen, Hoshiana is out of Doctor Dino (Fr) mare Galtika Coat Fritty (Fr) and was knocked down to bloodstock agent Alex Solis on behalf of Repole. She was sold by trainer Nicolas Perret.

Speaking from America, the owner said, "The team was represented in France by Alex and Madison [Scott] and honestly Ed Rosen and Jake West and I were working very closely, starting at four in the morning and ending at noon and really it was just about potential broodmares down the road. But we bought five horses that we planned on giving at least a year--maybe two--of racing, then we'll decide if they fit our programme as broodmares." **Cont. p3**

RECORD-SETTING ROMANTIC WARRIOR, KA YING RISING EYE WORLD'S BIGGEST PRIZES AFTER HKIR GLORY by Alan Carasso

It isn't that they weren't expected to perform--each was sent away at 1-10 favouritism--but reigning Hong Kong Horse of the Year **Romantic Warrior (Ire)** (Acclamation {GB}) and new sprint sensation **Ka Ying Rising (NZ)** (Shamexpress {NZ}) gave the Sha Tin faithful and a broader audience worldwide exactly what they wanted at Sunday's Longines Hong Kong International Races meeting.

Romantic Warrior, purchased by Mick Kinane for 300,000gns at the 2019 Tattersalls October Sale as a prospect for the Hong Kong Jockey Club's Hong Kong International Sale, took out the G1 Longines Hong Kong Cup for an unprecedented third time by a cosy 1 1/2 lengths, in the process blowing past the earnings record established by the recently retired Golden Sixty (Aus) (**Medaglia d'Oro**), also a three-time winner at the HKIR. **Cont. p7**

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The Longines Hong Kong International Races were held at Sha Tin on Sunday. That evening, the Hong Kong Jockey Club held a fireworks celebration for racegoers.

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12 | DENISE O'BRIEN TO SHAVE HEAD FOR CHARITY

Clonbonny Stud's Denise O'Brien will shave her head for the Julian Benson CF Foundation at Naas on Tuesday.

14 | LONGINES HKIR TURNOVER REACHES £173M

On a day billed as "one of the best days of racing" in Hong Kong history by HKJC's Winfried Engelbrecht-Bresges, the Longines Hong Kong International Races reached turnover of HK\$1,716.3 million (£173m).

15 | HARBINGER FILLY TAKES HANSHIN JUVENILE FILLIES

Arma Veloce (Jpn) came calling late to take the Group 1 prize, held at Kyoto this year and not Hanshin as the latter was under renovation.

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He added, "I think as the industry is evolving here. Ed is our pedigree expert but he does so much more for the stable and we're looking at what this game is going to look like two, three years from now. Will there be more synthetic, like New York, or more emphasis on turf racing, like with Kentucky Downs?"

Repole also spent €610,000 on Listed-winning **Churchill (Ire)** mare **Some Skye (Fr)** and €450,000 on Wild Pansy (GB) (**Siyouni {Fr}**) for €450,000 on Saturday. His exact spend at Arqana this weekend stands at €1,960,000.

He continued, "We need to open up our breeding programme and our pedigrees. I'm excited about purchasing in Australia, Japan, England, at Goffs in Ireland and at Arqana in France and mixing those bloodlines with US sires. How many times has an **Uncle Mo**, an Into Mischief gone to a **Siyouni (Fr)** mare, or a Deep Impact (Jpn) mare? It probably has never been done. I have my own stallions, a piece of City Of Light, Fierceness in two years, **Uncle Mo**, 10 per cent of **Life Is Good**, and I'm trying to use some of these bloodlines as outcrosses with some of the others around the world. I don't know if they're going to dirt or turf or be synthetic horses, but I'm trying to put some of the most global bloodlines together.

"I'm not going to be dirt-to-dirt or turf-to-turf. When you see a horse like Forte going to be bred to an English, Japanese, or a US

mare, it's thanks to the team being willing to spend my money. We'll sell some, we'll keep some. Right now, we have close to 100 broodmares, but I'm excited about this experiment. I think it's really exciting."

Similarly to Saturday, the key figures on Sunday were on the rise. The aggregate climbed 20% to €9,213,500 while the average was up by 29% to €47,249 and the median jumped by €5,000 to €35,000. The clearance rate dropped by 2% to 81%.

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Lot 353, Hoshiana, Sunday's top lot | Zuzanna Lupa

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1 Gleneagles	€20,000	5.1%
2 MAKE BELIEVE	€8,000	4.5%
2 Sioux Nation	€30,000	4.5%
2 Mehmas	€70,000	4.5%
5 Australia	€10,000	4.0%
6 Starspangledbanner	€45,000	3.5%
6 Dark Angel	€60,000	3.5%
8 Cotai Glory	€14,000	3.3%
9 Teofilo	€30,000	3.0%
10 Churchill	€25,000	2.7%
11 Kodiak	€25,000	2.5%

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Arqana Cont.

Carson Secures Sentimental Buy At 200k

Legendary rider Willie Carson, who now operates from Minster Stud, provided some entertainment when signing for Frankel (GB) mare Kensington (Ire) in foal to Pinatubo (Ire) for €200,000 through Crispin de Moubray.

Offered by Barton Stud, Kensington won twice for John and Thady Gosden for Lady Ogden and hails from a deep Ballymacoll Stud family.

Carson, who was sporting a Donald Duck hat, admitted to being quacking mad for the family given he has a long association with some of the horses connected with the mare.

He said, "It's a family that I rode a lot of the horses from. There's a little bit of sentiment involved."

Asked which members of the family in particular Carson would have rode, he said, "All of them! Hellenic (GB) (Darshaan {GB}) was my 100th Group 1 winner when she won the Yorkshire Oaks. There's a bit of a story there. Then you go back to Prince Of Dance (GB) (Sadler's Wells), who's actually not on the page, but he was one of the best horses that I ever rode. He was actually better than Nashwan but he got a cancerous growth on his spine [and never fulfilled his potential]. It's a Ballymacoll family through and through."

The pedigree has benefited from a recent update with the half-sister Rogue Sensation(GB) (Too Darn Hot {GB}), already a winner, placed at Listed level in France for trainer Ed Bethell.

Carson concluded, "I will have to get on to Dawn [Laidlaw, Head of Nominations at Darley] to get a nomination to Too Darn Hot!"



Crispin de Moubray & Willie Carson | Zuzanna Lupa

Talking Points

- One of the standout memories from the foal sales at Tattersalls last week was glancing down to the bidders area as the last few lots were being offered on Saturday and seeing Tally-Ho Stud boss Tony O'Callaghan bidding strong while most of his competitors had either gone home or retired to the bar. It was left to Henry to keep the momentum going in France, with the quiet but ultra-shrewd son of Tony signing for two lots to the tune of €212,000. That duo was headed by a New Bay (GB) colt foal from Etreham for €140,000.
- France has been a happy hunting ground for British and Irish pinhookers in recent years and, while the foal offering would not rival that of Goffs or Tattersalls in terms of numbers, it was interesting to see a number of leading operators within that sphere getting on the score sheet. Michael Gleeson of Aughamore Stud was one such pinhooker. Through bloodstock agent Matt Houldsworth, Aughamore Stud picked up a Havana Grey (GB) colt from Baroda Stud for €105,000. The trip represented a first trip to Arqana in nine years for Gleeson, who spent time on the shank working for Anna Sundstrom at Coulonces once upon a time. **Cont. p5**

Talking Points Cont.

- Nobody would deny that some of the gloss went off Ghaiyyath (GB) at the yearling sales but it's remarkable that, within the space of a few weeks, the Darley-based stallion seems to be back in demand. And it's easy to see why. Nobody was expecting the multiple Group 1 winner to be responsible for any Royal Ascot-winning juveniles and recent TDN Rising Star winner Mandanaba (Fr) would suggest that the best from Ghaiyyath's first crop will be seen when those horses run at three. Buyers certainly seem to agree as, of all of the first-season sires, the Ghaiyyath foals seemed to sell quite well and that continued at Arqana on Sunday when Broadhurst Agency went to €130,000 to secure a filly by the sire from La Motteraye.

Buy of the Day

Luke Bleahan followed a tried and trusted path to pinhooking success when snapping up lot 346, a colt by hot sire Hello Youmzain (Fr), who the youngster has enjoyed some success with already. It was at this sale 12 months ago when Bleahan picked up a Hello Youmzain colt foal for just €10,000. Obviously taking a chance that the first-season sire would hit the ground

running with his two-year-olds, the young pinhooker was rewarded when that initial outlay turned into €75,000, with breeze-up handler Cormac Farrell signing the docket at the Tattersalls Ireland September Yearling Sale. Given Hello Youmzain is on course to be crowned the leading first-season sire in France and has produced two Group winners, the case can be made for the Haras d'Etream-based sire kicking onto the next level, which would be reflected in his fee being bumped to €40,000. Having a son of Hello Youmzain to sell at the yearling sales next year may prove to be a wise decision and the €60,000 that Bleahan parted with to secure the colt out of Listed winner Eyeful (GB) (Muhtathir {GB}) could prove money well spent.

Thought for the Day

You never know what nuggets you might pick up when passing an hour or two in the sales bar on a quieter day like Sunday. Eddie O'Leary being cast in Braveheart has to rank as one of the most surprising titbits to have come out of the sale season. Granted, O'Leary was only an extra in the movie that starred Mel Gibson, but the Lynn Lodge maestro confirmed his involvement by simply shrugging and saying, "sure, I'd do anything for a few quid!"

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• Not Sold	45	42
• Clearance Rate	81%	83%
• High Price	€220,000	€190,000
• Gross	€9,213,500 (+20%)	€7,687,500
• Average (% change)	€47,249 (+29%)	€36,434
• Median (% change)	€35,000 (+16.7%)	€30,000
CUMULATIVE TOTALS	2024	2023
• Catalogued	523	545
• Number Offered	431	477
• Number Sold	354	372
• Not Sold	77	105
• Clearance Rate	82%	78%
• No. 500K+	16	15
• High Price	€5,000,000	€4,025,000
• Gross	€51,212,500 (+15%)	€44,344,500
• Average (% change)	€144,668 (+22%)	€118,886
• Median (% change)	€62,000 (+38%)	€45,000

500 Sayora (GB) Filly-Out-of-Training 185,000
(f, 3, Kingman {GB}--Sayana {Fr}, by Galileo {Ire})
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266 Zerafa (Fr) Filly-in-Training 180,000
(f, 3, Dariyan {Fr}--Zerkaza {Ire}, by Dalakhani {Ire})
 Bred by His Highness The Aga Khan's Studs (Fr)
 Consigned by Aga Khan Studs
 Purchased by Highclere Agency

348 Gherdaiya (GB) i/f to Little Big Bear (Ire) 170,000
(m, 11, Shamardal--First Fleet, by Woodman)
 Bred by E Puerari, Ocean Bloodstock & Haras St Pair (GB)
 Consigned by Haras de Bouquetot
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SUNDAY'S TOP FOALS

Lot	Sire Dam	Price (€)
327 f	Night Of Thunder (Ire)--Deep Inside (Fr) <i>(€75,000 i/u '23 GOFNOV)</i> Bred by Ickworth Stud (GB) Consigned by Barton Stud Purchased by Chauvigny Global Equine	160,000

371 c, New Bay (GB)--Haze (GB) 140,000
 Bred by Rathbran House Stud & Glen Hill Farm (Ire)
 Consigned by Haras d'Etreham
 Purchased by Tally-Ho Stud

425 f, Ghaiyyath (Ire)--Mercedes (Ger) 130,000
 Bred by N/A (Fr)
 Consigned by La Motteraye Consignment
 Purchased by Broadhurst Agency

350 c, Lope De Vega (Ire)--Frasque (Ire) 125,000
 Bred by C. Hogg (Fr)
 Consigned by Haras de Grandcamp
 Purchased by Canirola Bloodstock

267 f, Pinatubo (Ire)--Zylpha (Ire) 120,000
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 Consigned by Haras du Hoguenet
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ARQANA VENTE D'ELEVAGE SUNDAY'S TOP MARES

Lot	Name	Status	Price (€)
353	Hoshiana (Fr) <i>(f, 3, Dabirsim {Fr}--Galtika Coat Frity {Fr}, by Doctor Dino {Fr})</i> Bred by Haras de Grandcamp & Jean-Pierre le Hegarat (Fr) Consigned by Nicolas Perret Purchased by Repole Stable, Inc.	Filly-in-Training	220,000
311	Kensington (Ire) <i>(m, 5, Frankel {GB}--Canonbury {Ire}, by Oasis Dream {GB})</i> Bred by Sir Robert Ogden (Ire) Consigned by Barton Stud Purchased by SARL Crispin de Moubray	i/f to Pinatubo (Ire)	220,000

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Romantic Warrior serves up a double dose of history Sunday at Sha Tin | Horsephotos/Tomoya Moriuchi

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“He’s the best, forget the rest,” said jockey James McDonald. “He’s been flying and anyone could ride him because he’s that easy but I’m the lucky one. He’s the horse of a lifetime. This was our moment to create history and it felt like I was lining up for the winning kick for the All Blacks. It was a ‘pinch-me’ moment.”

Ka Ying Rising, who broke the 17-year-old track record when winning last month’s course-and-distance prep for the Longines Hong Kong Sprint, was looking for an eighth straight victory in his Group 1 debut and was circumstantially less impressive, with jockey Zac Purton ensuring the HKJC’s Nick Child, “He wasn’t at his best today and he’s better than this and still got the job done.”

Nearer- and longer-term, the connections of Romantic Warrior and Ka Ying Rising are setting their sights on two of the richest prizes in horse racing. All things equal, Romantic Warrior flies to Dubai at the middle of December to prep for a start at Meydan that was first mooted to come in the G1 Al Maktoum Challenge at an extended nine furlongs on dirt, but could instead take place in the 1800-metre G1 Jebel Hatta Stakes on the grass. Both of those contests occur on Jan. 24, 2025, and would serve as a stepping-stone to the \$20-million G1 Saudi Cup in Riyadh four weeks hence.

“He’s the best, but I have to take another bigger challenge to go to Dubai and Saudi Arabia, just because I haven’t been to Dubai for 25 years,” said Shum. “The owner Mr Peter Lau said it’s a once-in-a-life chance to take the challenge in Saudi Arabia for the top prize-money in the world. We are experimenting with dirt, but I’ve tried him in an all-weather trial with a pacifier and he was quite good.”

Shum traveled horses to Dubai when in the employ of the legendary Ivan Allan 25 years ago.

For Ka Ying Rising, all roads lead to Randwick Racecourse in Sydney for the A\$20-million G1 The Everest next October. Trainer David Hayes, who was winning his first HKIR race in 22 years, indicated that the gelding would be monitored over the coming weeks and could return in the Jan. 19 G1 Centenary Sprint Cup and/or the first leg of the 4-year-old Classics, the Hong Kong Classic Mile on Jan. 31.

In the afternoon’s other top-level events, Hong Kong’s **Voyage Bubble (Aus)** (Deep Field {Aus}) helped trainer Ricky Yiu snap a 15-year-drought of his own, coming away late beneath McDonald in the G1 Longines Hong Kong Mile. Yiu called the shots on the career of the outstanding sprinter Sacred Kingdom (Aus) (Encosta de Lago {Aus}), who owned the 1200-metre track record at Sha Tin up to last month.

And in the first of the day’s four Group 1s, **Giavelotto (Ire)** (Mastercraftsman {Ire}) became the first British-trained winner of the Longines Hong Kong Vase since the late Red Cadeaux (GB) (Cadeaux Genereux {GB}) in 2012. Overcoming traffic trouble at the top of the straight, the 5-year-old entire was deftly handled through the final 400 metres by Oisin Murphy--heretofore shut out from eight rides at the HKIR--and sprinted clear to defeat the William Haggas-conditioned **Dubai Honour (Ire)** (Pride of Dubai {Aus}).

Another Imperious Score For Romantic Warrior

It was just 4 1/2 years ago that Beauty Generation (NZ) became the first to crack the HK\$100 million barrier in career earnings, a mark that held for exactly two years, when Golden Sixty won that year’s G1 Champions Mile. When it was decided to call time on that legend’s career this past September, his earnings stood at HK\$167.1 million, and having added HK\$22 million to his bankroll Sunday, Romantic Warrior is now the king of that particular hill, with better than HK\$176 million in his account.

Drawn gate one, Romantic Warrior actually won the short sprint to the winning post for the first time and then easily came back to McDonald to sit third as **Wingspan (Ire)** (Dubawi {Ire}) took over turning down the back of the course. Ultimately racing in the one-out and one-back in the slipstream of Japan’s 2023 Derby hero **Tastiera (Jpn)** (Satono Crown {Jpn}) passing midway, Romantic Warrior was held together after being pulled out into the three-wide line on the turn and was poised at the final corner. Tastiera went to the front in upper stretch, but Romantic Warrior was breathing down his neck, drove past and pulled readily clear. Triple Tiara winner **Liberty Island (Jpn)** (Duramente {Jpn}) ran on for second, while 113-1 **The Foxes (Ire)** (Churchill {Ire}) charged home from far back for fourth.

McDonald’s admiration for Romantic Warrior was on full display as he was interviewed returning to scale. **Cont. p8**



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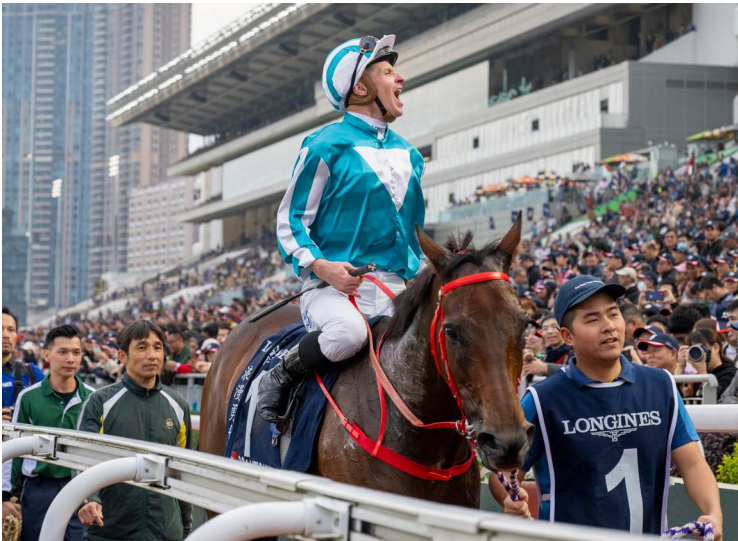
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“That was unbelievable, I’m so proud of this horse,” he said, clearly full of emotion. “He’s just been remarkable and it’s some effort by [trainer] Danny [Shum] and his team.”

Added Shum, “He was confident and full of energy. I stayed in the stables the whole time, I didn’t want to go out to talk too much. I work hard, I love my team and my team has done a great job.”

McDonald has 10 wins from 11 rides on the 6-year-old, the only defeat his first-up fourth in the 2023 G1 Turnbull Stakes before landing the G1 Cox Plate. Romantic Warrior added the G1 Yasuda Kinen in June and prepped in the G2 Jockey Club Cup Nov. 17, also as the 1.1 jolly.

Bring on the Middle East.



Returning to scale before an adoring public
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Pedigree Notes

How Romantic Warrior might handle the dirt in those jurisdictions is the \$32-million question. As recently as Nov. 4, when getting a good stiff trial for his return, he won over 1200 metres in fast time over the Sha Tin all-weather (i.e. dirt), coming fluidly through between horses ([video](#)).

Interestingly, Romantic Warrior's first three dams are by sires bred for the turf, but who excelled on the dirt nevertheless, including Dubai World Cup winners Street Cry and Singspiel and Halling, who was unbeaten on the dirt when not facing horses named Cigar.

The most accomplished of the seven Group 1 winners by the recently departed Acclamation--five of which are males--Romantic Warrior is kin to the 2-year-old gelding End of Romance (Ire) (Showcasing {GB}), who won his maiden for

owner Timothy Rooney and trainer Karl Burke at first asking at Pontefract in August and a Southwell novice Oct. 21. The chestnut was entered for this Tattersalls Autumn Horses-In-Training Sale, but was bought back on a bid of 380,000gns, having also failed to find a home at this year's Arqana May Breeze-Up when bidding stalled out at €130,000.

The exploits of Romantic Warrior have ensured that the female family has stayed extremely live in European auction houses this summer and fall. His half-sister Melodic Charm (Ire) (Exceed and Excel {Aus}), who was purchased by China Horse Club for 270,000gns at Tattersalls November in 2022, is the dam of a yearling filly by Acclamation's son Dark Angel (Ire) that was purchased by Nurlan Bizakov's Sumbe for €420,000 at this year's Arqana August Sale. The New Bay (GB) yearling half-brother to Romantic Warrior--already named Le Samourai (Ire)--was knocked down to Blandford Bloodstock for 450,000gns at this year's Tattersalls October Sale.

Sunday, Sha Tin, Hong Kong

LONGINES HONG KONG CUP-G1, HK\$40,000,000, Sha Tin, 12-8, 3yo/up, 2000mT, 2:00.51, gd.

1--**ROMANTIC WARRIOR (IRE)**, 126, g, 6, by **Acclamation (GB)**

1st Dam: Folk Melody (Ire), by **Street Cry (Ire)**

2nd Dam: Folk Opera (Ire), by **Singspiel (Ire)**

3rd Dam: Skiphall (GB), by **Halling**

(300,000gns Ylg '19 TATOCT; HK\$4,800,000 HRA '21 HKIS).

O-Peter Lau Pak Fai; B-Corduff Stud & T J Rooney; T-Danny Shum; J-James McDonald; HK\$22,400,000. Lifetime Record: Horse of the Year, Ch. 4yo, 2x. Ch. Middle Distance Horse-HK, G1SW-Aus & Jpn, 22-17-3-0, \$22,495,761. **Werk Nick Rating:**

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2--**Liberty Island (Jpn)**, 122, f, 4, Duramente (Jpn)--Yankee Rose (Aus), by All American (Aus). O-Sunday Racing Co Ltd; B-Northern Racing; T-Mitsumasa Nakauchida; J-Yuga Kawada; HK\$8,400,000.

3--**Tastiera (Jpn)**, 126, c, 4, Satono Crown (Jpn)--Partitura (Jpn), by Manhattan Cafe (Jpn). O-Carrot Farm Co Ltd; B-Northern Farm; T-Noriyuki Hori; J-Damian Lane; HK\$4,600,000.

Margins: 1HF, 1 1/4, 2. Odds: 1-10, 83-10, 13-1.

Also Ran: The Foxes, Straight Arron (Aus), Calif (Ger), Content (Ire), Spirit Dancer (GB), Nimble Nimbus (NZ), Wingspan (Ire), Encountered (Ire). **Click for the [HKJC chart](#), [PPs](#) and [sectional timing](#). [VIDEO](#).**

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Ka Ying The King Of the Sprinters

Elite athletic teams or individual athletes manage to find a way to win even when they don't bring their 'A' game.

Not a great deal went right for **Ka Ying Rising (NZ)** (Shamexpress {NZ}) in Sunday's G1 Longines Hong Kong Sprint, but he nevertheless did what he had to do, and what he did was good enough to give Zac Purton a fourth victory in the Sprint and second in succession (Lucky Sweynesse {NZ}, 2023) and provided David Hayes his first HKIR success since All Thrills Too (Aus) won the same event when it was contested down the 1000-metre straight course in 2002.

Off slowly from barrier 11--an alley which had not tossed up a winner of the Sprint--Ka Ying Rising was roused along by Purton and led for a stride or two before ultimately settling in a pace-pressing role to the outside of multiple Group 1 winner **California Spangle (Ire)** (Starspangledbanner {Aus}) and fellow top-level scorer **Victor the Winner (Aus)** (Toronado {Ire}). Appearing to travel kindly enough on the turn, Ka Ying Rising was felt for approaching the 200-metre mark and looked on his way to an easy score. Well clear with time ticking away, he found the wire first as **Helios Express (Aus)** (Toronado {Ire}) and **Satono Reve (Jpn)** (Lord Kanaloa {Jpn}), the second and third choices at 11-1 and 14-1, respectively, made belated progress.

Starlust (GB) (Zoustar {Aus}), last-out winner of the GI Breeders' Cup Turf Sprint, jumped at odds of 105-1 and raced in the second flight of horses before weakening to beat just one home.

Both Purton and Hayes suggested the win was perhaps not as 'bad' as it may have looked.

"Something lunged at the gate just before he went and it took his mind off it and he turned his head, so he was a little bit slow



Ka Ying Rising | Horsephotos/Tomoya Moriuchi

to step," Purton said. "And then Victor The Winner just bored my neck the whole way and he never quite relaxed the way he has. He was working the whole way and never had time to relax."

Said Hayes, who rejoined the Hong Kong training ranks four years ago, "The start wasn't perfect and he got pressure when he normally gets a bit of cover, so I think it was a better win than it looked. You're never confident going into international Group 1s because there's so many unknowns, but I was as confident as you could be. Probably not as confident as the market, but in market terms I thought \$1.80, not \$1.10."

Pedigree Notes:

Ka Ying Rising becomes the second Group 1 winner for his sire, a son of New Zealand standout O'Reilly. He is one of two listed produce for his winning dam, joining the 3-year-old Ka Ying Glory (NZ) (Turn Me Loose {NZ}), who arrived into the Hayes yard at Sha Tin on Oct. 14 of this year and has been in light training since. Ka Ying Rising is the last listed produce for Missy Moo.

Sunday, Sha Tin, Hong Kong

LONGINES HONG KONG SPRINT-G1, HK\$26,000,000, Sha Tin, 12-8, 3yo/up, 1200mT, 1:08.15, gd.

1--**KA YING RISING (NZ)**, 126, g, 4, by Shamexpress (NZ)

1st Dam: Missy Moo (NZ), by Per Incanto

2nd Dam: Royal Rhythm (NZ), by Rhythm

3rd Dam: Her Dynasty (NZ), by Sir Tristram (Ire)

1ST GROUP 1 WIN. O-Ka Ying Syndicate; B-Grandmoral Lodge Racing; T-David Hayes; J-Zac Purton; HK\$14,560,000. Lifetime Record: 11-9-2-0,\$3,860,693. **Werk Nick Rating: A+++ *Triple Plus***. [Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree or the free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree.](#)

2--**Helios Express (Aus)**, 126, g, 5, Toronado (Ire)--Paris Texas (Aus), by Hinchinbrook (Aus). **1ST GROUP 1 BLACK-TYPE.** O-Andy Yung Ming Tai; B-C Wells (WA); T-John Size; J-Hugh Bowman; HK\$5,460,000.

3--**Satono Reve (Jpn)**, 126, h, 5, Lord Kanaloa (Jpn)--Ciliege (Jpn), by Sakura Bakushin O (Jpn). **1ST GROUP 1 BLACK-TYPE.** (¥54,000,000 FI '19 JRHAJUL). O-Hajim Satomi; B-Shirai Stud Farm; T-Noriyuki Hori; J-Joao Moreira; HK\$2,990,000.

Margins: HF, NK, 1 1/4. Odds: 1-10, 11-1, 14-1.

Also Ran: California Spangle (Ire), Howdeepisyourlove (Aus), Beauty Waves (Ire), Flying Ace (NZ), Lucky With You (Aus), Toshin Macau (Jpn), Invincible Sage (Aus), Lugal (Jpn), Recommendation (Aus), Starlust (GB), Victor the Winner (Aus). Scratched: Nobals. [Click for the HKJC chart, PPs and sectional timing. VIDEO.](#)

'Bubble' Goes One Better In the Mile

Second in the wake of a performance of a lifetime from Golden Sixty in last year's G1 Longines Hong Kong Mile, **Voyage Bubble (Aus)** (Deep Field {Aus}) sat a perfect trip and shot to the front in the final furlong to register a 1 1/4-length victory. His chief market rival **Soul Rush (Jpn)** (Rulership {Jpn}), recent winner of the G1 Mile Championship at Kyoto, got home well from the back of the field for second ahead of triple-digit longshot **Beauty Joy (Aus)** (Sebring {Aus}), who was last into the final 600m.



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The post time favourite at \$2.60 (8-5) off a defeat of **Chancheng Glory** (Mor Spirit) in the G2 Jockey Club Mile three weeks back, the 2023 BMW Hong Kong Derby (2000m) winner landed right on the speed and was in the vanguard early before G1 FWD Champions Mile hero **Beauty Eternal (Aus)** (**Starspangledbanner** {Aus}) was sent to the front 1000 metres out. Hounding the front-runner around the turn and into the straight, Voyage Bubble grabbed the lead for good just outside the furlong and edged way. Chancheng Glory took a multiple horse photo for fourth, but triggered a chain-reaction at the 400-metre point that impeded three rivals. He was ultimately demoted to sixth, with Karis Teetan handed a three-meeting ban for careless riding.

"He's [Voyage Bubble] a great horse in his own right," said James McDonald, riding the first half of his Group 1 double. "He felt excellent going to the gates today--he was really on the job. Credit to Ricky and his team--they've prepped him up beautifully. He just gives his all. He has a very big heart and he's very uncomplicated."

G1 Prix Maurice de Gheest hero **Lazzat (Fr)** (Territories {Ire}) was expected to be part of the pace, but missed the kick and never reached contention, finishing ninth. **Docklands (GB)** (Massaat {Ire}), who ran a blinder to be runner-up in the G1

Queen Anne Stakes at Royal Ascot, failed to land a blow in 12th, while expensive Arqana Arc Sale purchase and G3 Prix Daphnis winner **Ramadan (Fr)** (Le Havre {Ire}) trailed in.

Pedigree Notes

An A\$380,000 acquisition by Ricky Yiu out of the 2020 Inglis Classic Yearling Sale, Voyage Bubble is bred by Torryburn Stud, also the breeder of Hong Kong Group 1 winner Hot King Prawn (Aus) (Denman {Aus})--runner-up in the 2019 Sprint--and also of the Yiu-trained Straight Arron (Aus) (Fastnet Rock {Aus}), a respectable fifth in Sunday's Hong Kong Cup.

Voyage Bubble is one of four elite-level scorers for his sire, one of the most reliable sources of winners in Hong Kong. Deep Field is the sire of 11 Hong Kong winners this season, tops among all sires, and is easily the leading stallion by progeny earnings. A half-brother to Group 3 winner Diddums, Voyage Bubble is out of a half-sister to British listed winner and dual Group 2-placed Bannock (Ire) (Bertolini) while the third dam produced Grade I-winning Canadian Horse of the Year Never Retreat (Smart Strike).

Sunday, Sha Tin, Hong Kong

LONGINES HONG KONG MILE-G1, HK\$36,000,000, Sha Tin, 12-8, 3yo/up, 1600mT, 1:33.34, gd.

1--**VOYAGE BUBBLE (AUS)**, 126, g, 6, by Deep Field (Aus)

1st Dam: Raheights (Aus), by Rahy

2nd Dam: Laoub, by Red Ransom

3rd Dam: Lisieux, by Steady Growth

(A\$380,000 Ylg '20 INGFEb). O-Sunshine And Moonlight Syndicate; B-Torryburn Stud (NSW); T-Ricky Yiu; J-James McDonald; HK\$20,160,000. Lifetime Record: 22-8-6-3, \$8,906,699. *1/2 to Diddums (Aus) (Snitzel {Aus}), GSW-Aus, \$164,688. **Werk Nick Rating: D+**. **Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree or the free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree.**

2--**Soul Rush**, 126, h, 6, Rulership (Jpn)--Eternal Bouquet (Jpn), by Manhattan Cafe (Jpn). O-Tasue Ishikawa; B-Shimokobe Farm; T-Yasutoshi Ikee; J-Joao Moreira; HK\$7,560,000.

3--**Beauty Joy (Aus)**, 126, g, 8, Sebring (Aus)--Impressiv Jeune (Aus), by Jeune (GB). O-Eleanor Kwok Law Kwai Chun; B-Impressive Racing Pty Ltd (WA); T-Tony Cruz; J-Brenton Avdulla; HK\$4,140,000.

Margins: 1 1/4, HF, NK. Odds: 8-5, 23-5, 100-1.

Also Ran: Beauty Eternal (Aus), Happy Together (Ire), *Chancheng Glory, Galaxy Patch (Aus), Red Lion (Ire), Lazzat (Fr), Taj Dragon (Ire), Antino (NZ), Docklands (GB), Jantar Mantar (Jpn), Ramadan (Fr). **Click for the HKJC chart, PPs and sectional timing. VIDEO.** *Chancheng Glory finished fourth, but was disqualified and placed sixth.

Jockey, Salesman Murphy Wins the Vase For Britain

A here, there and everywhere sort of campaign for **Giavellotto (Ire)** (Mastercraftsman {Ire}) came to a victorious conclusion Sunday at Sha Tin, as the 5-year-old entire dove down towards the inside when push came to shove and quickened up beautifully to take out the G1 Longines Hong Kong Vase. The traditional 2400-metre opening event of the HKIR has been dominated by its foreign raiders down the years, but a British-based horse had not won in 12 years.

Sha Tin was a sixth port of call for Giavellotto this term, having kicked it off with a third to Tower of London (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) in the G3 Red Sea Turf Handicap in Riyadh followed by a fifth to that same rival in the G2 Dubai Gold Cup the following month. After besting Vauban (Fr) (Galiway {Ire}) to win a second consecutive G2 Yorkshire Cup in May, he was a smooth winner of the G2 Princess of Wales's Stakes at the July meeting at Newmarket and was a latest third to Kyprios (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) in the G1 Irish St Leger in September. Murphy, blanked in eight previous HKIR rides, got in the ear of trainer Marco Botti thereafter.

“Credit to Oisin because first thing after the Irish St Leger, he mentioned this race and he was adamant that we should come here,” said the Newmarket-based Botti. “We followed Oisin’s advice and it worked out well.”

Indeed it did, but it wasn't without its doubtful moments.

Settled behind midfield and saving ground as Japan's **Pradaria (Jpn)** (Deep Impact {Jpn}) galloped them along at no pace whatsoever, Giavellotto followed the move of 2023 G1 Melbourne Cup winner **Without a Fight (Ire)** (Teofilo {Ire}) down the back of the track. Going strongly on the turn, Giavellotto tracked pace-pressing **Ka Ying Generation (Ire)** (Churchill {Ire}) on the swing for home, but struck some trouble and was shuffled back to about fourth-last with less than 400 metres to travel.

Re-balanced, Giavellotto took a gap between rivals with a bit more than a furlong to travel, angled sharply to the inside of the swansonging **Luxembourg (Ire)** (Camelot {GB}) to lead 150m out and sprinted clear for a convincing victory. **Dubai Honour (Ire)** (Pride of Dubai {Aus}), making a fourth trip to Hong Kong, ran on nicely for second, while favored **Stellenbosch (Jpn)** (Epiphaneia {Jpn}) looped rivals on the bend after taking off from the tail and just failed to finish off her race with the necessary gusto, coming home a pace-disadvantaged third.

“It was all very comfortable until I got to the turn, then I had to wait, but he showed an incredible kick to get going,” Murphy said. “He was always going to win from a furlong out so I was really able to soak it up. And of course then you’re worried that the race is going to get away from you.”

The victory was especially sweet for Botti, who had struck out with two previous runners in the Vase.

“The [co-] owner [and breeder Francesca Francini] was very brave to resist two very good offers and most of the time they get sold and we lose the horses,” Botti said. “Then to find the next one is not easy. Credit to the owner who has a lot of faith in this horse and it has paid off. It's just a dream come true. He's got better and better and he loves travelling.”

Of the other raiders, Luxembourg was an even fifth, **Marquisat (Ire)** (Zarak {Fr}) a neck back of that one in sixth, G1 St Leger winner **Continuous (Jpn)** (Heart's Cry {Jpn}) ninth and Without a Fight retreated to finish last but one.



Giavellotto beats home Dubai Honour in the Vase

Horsephotos/Tomoya Moriuchi

Pedigree Notes

A 19th worldwide Group 1/Grade I winner for his sire, Giavellotto is also the 60th top-level winner produced by a daughter of the legendary Galileo. The cross of Mastercraftsman over Sadler's Wells-line dams has also accounted for G1/GI winners The Grey Gatsby (Ire) and Technician (Ire).

Giavellotto is one of six winners from eight to the races out of a half-sister to Donoma (GB) (Beat Hollow {GB}), a three-time listed winner and twice Group 3-placed in Italy for Scuderia La Tesa.

The last-listed produce from Gerika is connections' 3-year-old colt Calumet (Ire) (Calyx {GB}), second in his first two runs going a mile over the Kempton all-weather this past winter, a nine-length maiden winner going 10 furlongs on the grass at Windsor July 22 with Murphy at the controls and a latest third in a Yarmouth handicap Aug. 25.

Sunday, Sha Tin, Hong Kong

LONGINES HONG KONG VASE-G1, HK\$24,000,000, Sha Tin, 12-8, 3yo/up, 2400mT, 2:27.53, gd.

1--**GIAVELLOTTO (IRE)**, 126, h, 5, by **Mastercraftsman (Ire)**

1st Dam: Gerika (Fr), by **Galileo (Ire)**

2nd Dam: Green Tern (Ity), by **Miswaki Tern**

3rd Dam: Green Leaves (Ire), by **Rheingold (GB)**

1ST GROUP 1 WIN. O-Scuderia La Tesa Limited & Vaibhav Shah; B-Societa Agricola La Tesa SRL; T-Marco Botti; J-Oisin Murphy; HK\$13,440,000. Lifetime Record: MGSW & G1SP-Eng, G1SP-Ire, GSP-KSA, 18-7-2-5, \$2,652,794. **Werk Nick Rating: A.** [Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree](#) or the [free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree.](#)

2--**Dubai Honour (Ire)**, 126, g, 6, **Pride of Dubai (Ire)**--**Mondelica (GB)**, by **Montjeu (Ire)**. (110,000gns Ylg '19 TATOCT).

O-Mohamed Obaida; B-Macha Bloodstock/Meridian International; T-William Haggas; J-Tom Marquand; HK\$5,040,000.

3--**Stellenbosch (Jpn)**, 121, f, 3, **Epiphaneia (Jpn)**--**Bloukrans (Jpn)**, by **Rulership (Jpn)**. O-Katsumi Yoshida; B-Northern Farm;

T-Sakae Kunieda; J-Joao Moreira;

HK\$2,760,000.

Margins: 2HF, 1, NK. Odds: 11-1, 12-1, 12-5.

Also Ran: **Ensued**, Luxembourg (Ire), **Marquisat (Fr)**, **Five G Patch (Ire)**, **Iresine (Fr)**, **Continuous (Ire)**, **La City Blanche (Arg)**, **Pradaria (Jpn)**, **Without a Fight (Ire)**, **Ka Ying Generation (Ire)**.

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CLONBONNY STUD'S DENISE O'BRIEN TO SUPPORT CF CHARITY

Denise O'Brien of Clonbonny Stud, who will consign 16 lots to the Goffs December NH Sale this week, will shave her head for the Julian Benson CF Foundation at Naas on Tuesday evening. The fundraiser will assist the foundation in building Tranquility House, a 'home away from home' for children, adults and their families living with cystic fibrosis in Ireland. Over 1,400 people live with CF in Ireland. To donate and support Denise's efforts, please visit her [idonate page](#).

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121 foals of racing age/27 winners/2 black-type winners
16:30-NEWCASTLE, 5f, **El Cobre Fuego (GB)**
31,000gns Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2022; 30,000gns
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FRANCE

Chachnak (Fr) (Kingman {GB}), Haras de la Gastine
28 foals of racing age/5 winners/1 black-type winner
1-LYON LA SOIE, 1800m, **Just for Gab's (Fr)**
€15,000 Arqana Deauville October Yearlings 2023

Hello Youmzain (Fr) (Kodiac {GB}), Haras d'Etream
111 foals of racing age/19 winners/2 black-type winners
2-LYON LA SOIE, 1800m, **Si Seulement (Fr)**

Pinatubo (Ire) (Shamardal), Dalham Hall Stud
110 foals of racing age/21 winners/1 black-type winner
2-LYON LA SOIE, 1800m, **Rejaitt (Ire)**
150,000gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale (Book 1)
2023

Romanised (Ire) (**Holy Roman Emperor {Ire}**), Haras de Bouquetot

85 foals of racing age/11 winners/0 black-type winners

2-LYON LA SOIE, 1800m, **Diego Bello (Fr)**

€8,000 RNA Arqana December Breeding Stock Sale 2022;

€25,000 Arqana Deauville October Yearlings 2023

Sergei Prokofiev (Scat Daddy), Whitsbury Manor Stud

121 foals of racing age/27 winners/2 black-type winners

1-LYON LA SOIE, 1800m, **Toccatia (Ire)**

€19,000 Goffs Orby Yearling Sale (Book 2) 2023

Sottsass (Fr) (**Siyouni {Fr}**), Coolmore Stud

98 foals of racing age/11 winners/0 black-type winners

2-LYON LA SOIE, 1800m, **Yamanaka (Fr)**

€17,000 RNA Arqana Deauville October Yearlings 2023;

€15,000 Arqana Deauville Summer Mixed Sale 2024

Stellar Mass (Ire) (**Sea The Stars {Ire}**), Haras des Chataigniers

7 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners

1-LYON LA SOIE, 1800m, **Alnair (Fr)**

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

82 foals of racing age/11 winners/0 black-type winners

1-LYON LA SOIE, 1800m, **Rawiya (Fr)**



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FRANCE

Sunday's Results:

2nd-Pornichet, €34,000, Mdn, 12-8, 3yo, 10 1/2f (AWT), 2:11.81, st.

TYRA (GB) (f, 3, Lope De Vega {Ire}--Dancequest {Ire} {SP-Fr},

by Dansili {GB}), runner-up at Saint-Cloud when last seen in September, tracked the early pace travelling strongly. Taking over at halfway, the 2-5 favourite opened up on command approaching the home turn and hit the line with a 9 1/2-length advantage over Estonia Moon (Ire) (**Churchill {Ire}**). The winner is the fifth foal out of the listed-placed dam, whose three black-type performers include the dual G1 Prix Royal Oak hero Double Major (Ire) (Daiwa Major {Jpn}) and the G3 Prix de Guiche winner Flop Shot (Ire) (New Approach {Ire}). The second dam is Featherquest (GB) (Rainbow Quest), who has adorned the operation with the luminary Plumania (GB) (Anabaa) and who is the ancestress of the current star Aventure (Ire) (**Sea The Stars {Ire}**) and her G1 Prix Vermeille-winning half-sister Left Hand (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}). From the esteemed dynasty of Groom Dancer, she has Dubawi's once-raced 2-year-old filly Rooba (Ire), a yearling full-brother to the winner named Vegetarien (Ire) and a colt foal by **Saxon Warrior (Jpn)** named Saxoniste (GB). Lifetime Record: 3-1-2-0, €25,800.

O/B-Wertheimer et Frere (GB); T-Andre Fabre.

ITALY

Sunday's Result:

PREMIO 55 CRITERIUM DI PISA-Listed, €48,400, Pisa, 12-8, 2yo, 1500mT, 1:34.00.

1--KABIR (IRE), 121, c, 2, by Far Above (Ire)

1st Dam: Khameela (GB), by Equiano (Fr)

2nd Dam: Mina (GB), by Selkirk

3rd Dam: Midnight Shift (Ire), by Night Shift

1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN. (€30,000 Ylg '23 TATSEP). O-Scuderia Pink And Black SRL. B-Beech Tree Stud (Ire). T-Endo Botti.

J-Dario di Tocco. €18,700. Lifetime Record: 4-2-2-0, €37,020.

*1/2 to I Know Why (Ire) (Sepoy {Aus}), SP-Ity, \$117,507.

**2nd stakes winner for his freshman sire (by Farhh {GB}).

2--Lao Tzu (Ire), 123, c, 2, Kodiak (GB)--Bionic Buffy (Ire), by Dark Angel (Ire). (€44,000 Wlg '22 GOFNOV; 38,000gns RNA Ylg '23 TATOCT; £16,000 2yo '24 GOFAPR). O-Stefano Botti Turf SRL Societa. B-Noel & Jack Finnegan (Ire). €8,228.

3--Zenorione (Ity), 121, c, 2, Mount Everest (Ire)--Pozzielli (Ity), by Shaweel (GB). **1ST BLACK TYPE.** O-Vittorio Giovanni Vitale. B-N/A (Ity). €4,488.

Margins: 1, 3/4, 1 1/4. Odds: 2.17, 2.38, 11.81.

Also Ran: Wonder Boy (Ger), Impressive Royal (Ire), Bubuz (Ire), Matharu (Ire), Orso Nero (Ire), Became Good (Ire). Scratched: Brisone (GB), Brown Lady (Ire). **VIDEO.**

WORLDWIDE NEWS

“ONE OF THE BEST DAYS OF RACING” IN HONG KONG HISTORY

A total of 69,916 racegoers flooded Sha Tin, with Happy Valley drawing an additional 10,775, to bring the total attendees for the Longines Hong Kong International Races to 80,691. It is the highest attendance number since 2018.

“I personally think it was one of the best, if not the best, Longines Hong Kong International Races and an incredible week,” said the HKJC’s chief executive officer Winfried Engelbrecht-Bresges. “Starting with the Longines International Jockeys’ Championship, it was an amazing success. Today, we hoped to create a highlight and I personally think everything went to perfection.

“When one looks purely at the results, it was a tremendous success for Hong Kong horses but our overseas horses also ran really well. When you talk to the overseas owners, even if their horses finished second or third, they say it was a wonderful experience to come to Hong Kong and support the meeting.

“This meeting was broadcast into 29 countries live and in Hong Kong, we saw tremendous attendance figures with overall attendance of 80,000. We also had 6,511 visitors from the Mainland, which is a record--40% more than we had last year.”

Locally trained horses swept three of the four HKIR--**Romantic Warrior (Ire)** (Acclamation {GB}), G1 Longines Hong Kong Cup, **Ka Ying Rising (NZ)** (Shamexpress {NZ}), G1 Longines Hong Kong Sprint, and **Voyage Bubble (Aus)** (Deep Field {Aus}), G1 Longines Hong Kong Mile. British raider **Giavellotto (Ire)** (Mastercraftsman {Ire}) landed the G1 Longines Hong Kong Vase, the first win at the ‘Turf World Championships’ for Great Britain since 2012.

Added Engelbrecht-Bresges, “When you look at the sporting performances, Romantic Warrior is the best 2000m horse in the world. It was an absolutely dominant performance, he showed

that he is absolutely world-class and to win this race (Longines Hong Kong Cup) for the third time is an incredible effort. He has now broken the world prize-money record of Golden Sixty (Aus) (Medaglia d’Oro) with total prize-money of HK\$177 million (£17,849,886/€21,528,584/\$22,753,164/A\$35,611,075), which is an amazing achievement.

“It was a very good win by Giavellotto. It was the first time since 2012 for a British horse and with Ka Ying Rising, he had tremendous competition from another Hong Kong horses [Victor The Winner (Aus) (Toronado {Ire})], which disrupted his rhythm, but he is an amazing sprinter. Voyage Bubble has shown how good he is and I think it was a tremendous performance from the runner-up [Soul Rush (Jpn) (Rulership {Jpn})].”

Turnover reached HK\$1,716.3 million (£173,090,614/€208,754,294/\$220,628,571/A\$345,305,094),

including a commingling record of HK\$473.8 million (£47,783,215/€57,628,494/\$60,906,494/A\$95,324,566)-an increase of 10% on last year’s Longines HKIR.

“Our strategy to bring the best races from Hong Kong and show them overseas is really proving a great success with our races today for the first time under the World Pool banner, which shows our racing product is extremely well received,” he said. “Today is not about the turnover. Today is about the sport--it was a fantastic spectacle. The crescendo was

the fireworks to close this wonderful meeting. We have one new racing fan in Sir Alex [Ferguson]. He was absolutely enthused about Hong Kong and what he saw, so he promised me to come back. This meeting attracts a global audience, global recognition and this reflects positively on Hong Kong.

“We would like to thank all the owners, trainers, jockeys who have brought their horses here because we can make this a global event only if we have the support of the owners, trainers and jockeys from overseas.

“I want to thank our tremendous teams because of the work they do behind the scenes to make Hong Kong such a wonderful place to visit and to be able to connect to the world as a vibrant, world-class city.”



Hong Kong Jockey Club’s Andrew Harding & Winfried Engelbrecht-Bresges (r) | HKJC

HARBINGER FILLY ATTAINS WINNING 'VELOCE' TY AT KYOTO *by Heather Anderson*



Arma Veloce | Japan Racing Association

The G1 Hanshin Juvenile Fillies was won by fifth choice **Arma Veloce (Jpn)** (Harbinger {GB}) at Kyoto on Sunday. She defeated dual winner **Vip Daisy (Jpn)** (Satono Diamond {Jpn}), who was stepping into stakes company for the first time, by 1 1/4 lengths.

Sent off at 9-1, the dark bay was positioned well in midfield as **Mistress (Jpn)** (Kizuna {Jpn}) led. Caught in between horses and well off the rail entering the final bend, the Teruo Ono silksbearer had quite a bit of work to do. Fanned out widest of all bar one rival entering the straight, she displayed agility to avoid the tiring **May Day Ready (Tapit)** who was bearing out to her inside.

Undeterred, Arma Veloce built up a full head of steam under Mirai Iwata, and bounded past all comers to win going away. Vip Daisy kept her company to her inside in the final furlong, but could not match strides with the winner and was 1 3/4 lengths ahead of the remainder. It was tight for third, with **Telos La La (Jpn)** (Siskin) defeating fourth-place finisher **Shonan Xanadu (Jpn)** (Kizuna {Jpn}) by a head.

"It feels great to be able to stand here as a Group 1 winner after six years of waiting," said Iwata. "I had a feeling that the filly had a great potential ever since I started riding her, and today, she justified that with great finishing speed. I was too occupied in driving her to the finish so I didn't know until I had crossed the wire, but with no horse next to me then, I felt I had done it."

Favoured **Brown Ratchet (Jpn)** (Kizuna {Jpn}) broke slowly and was farther back than was her wont. She eventually ran 16th after traffic trouble in the lane. May Day Ready, a Grade II winner and second in the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies Turf, ran 13th after sitting midfield early. She was the first international contender since the race was opened to foreign

runners in 2010.

"Frankie [Dettori] said she was spinning her wheels trying to get a hold of the turf, so she may have wanted something a little harder," said trainer Joseph Lee. "It wasn't the result we wanted of course but we tried. We'll give her a little break now and then come back and hopefully run as well as she did before."

Arma Veloce was a €30,000,000 (€189,230) foal purchase from the Northern Farm draft by Ono out of the JRHA Select Sale in 2022. A winner at first asking going 1800 metres in good ground at Sapporo on Aug. 4, the daughter of Rakuami (Jpn) (Daiwa Major {Jpn}) was second by a nose in soft going over that distance in the G3 Sapporo Nisai Stakes later that month. The Hanshin Juvenile fillies was her first start at 1600 metres, and her first time over firm turf.

Pedigree Notes

Shadai Stallion Station's Harbinger (GB) has now sired 29 stakes winners and 21 group winners after Arma Veloce's tally. She is his eighth winner at the highest table and is bred on the same cross as G1 Mile Championship heroine Namur (Jpn), who is also out of a Daiwa Major mare. Pensioned and rising 24 next month, that son of Sunday Silence has a dozen stakes winners to his credit. Sunday's winner is his fifth group winner and second at Group 1 level after the aforementioned Namur.

A winner at three and four, Rakuami was retired to the paddocks after 24 starts through the age of five. Arma Veloce is her fourth foal and third winner. She has a yearling colt by Rey De Oro (Jpn) as her latest progeny.

Listed-winning granddam Raise And Call (Jpn) (Sakura Bakushin O {Jpn}) foaled G2 Keio Hai Nisai Stakes hero, G1 Asahi Hai Futurity Stakes runner-up and sire Monde Can Know (Jpn) (Kinshasa No Kiseki {Aus}), as well as the stakes-placed Lalibela (Jpn) (Heart's Cry {Jpn}). Third dam Morriston Belle (Hera) was a multiple stakes winner in North America and was third in the GIII Senorita Breeders' Cup Stakes and GIII Honeymoon Handicap. She sold for \$85,000 to Katsumi Yoshida out of the Taylor Made draft at the 1994 Keeneland November Breeding Stock Sale.

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Sunday, Kyoto, Japan

HANSHIN JUVENILE FILLIES-G1, ¥125,120,000, Kyoto, 12-8, 2yo, f, 1600mT, 1:33.40, fm.

1--**ARMA VELOCE (JPN)**, 121, f, 2, Harbinger (GB)

1st Dam: Rakuami (Jpn), by Daiwa Major (Jpn)

2nd Dam: Raise and Call (Jpn), by Sakura Baushin O (Jpn)

3rd Dam: Morriston Belle, by Hera

1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN. 1ST GROUP WIN. 1ST GROUP 1 WIN.

(¥30,000,000 Wlg '22 JRHAJUL). O-Teruo Ono; B-Northern

Farm (Jpn); T-Hiroyuki Uemura; J-Mirai Iwata; ¥66,274,000. Lifetime Record: 3-2-1-0, ¥85,600,000. **Click for the free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree. Werk Nick Rating: A++.** **Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.**

2--**Vip Daisy (Jpn)**, 121, f, 2, Satono Diamond (Jpn)--Rose Beryl (Jpn), by King Kamehameha (Jpn). **1ST BLACK TYPE. 1ST GROUP BLACK TYPE. 1ST GROUP 1 BLACK TYPE.** (¥52,000,000 Ylg '23 JRHAJUL). O-Kunihide Suzuki; B-Northern Farm (Jpn); ¥26,364,000.

3--**Teleos La La (Jpn)**, 121, f, 2, Siskin--Chant de l'Ange (Jpn), by Manhattan Café (Jpn). **1ST GROUP BLACK TYPE. 1ST GROUP 1 BLACK TYPE.** (¥48,000,000 Ylg '23 JRHAJUL). O-Mieko Suzuki; B-Northern Farm (Jpn); ¥16,182,000.

Margins: 1 1/4, 1 3/4. HD. Odds: 9.50, 17.30, 16.30.

Also Ran: Shonan Xanadu (Jpn), Sourire Mignon (Jpn), Caught Alllicant (Jpn), Meant to Be (Jpn), Mistress (Jpn), Mozu Nana Star (Jpn), Jardinner (Jpn), Run for Vow (Jpn), Lily Field (Jpn), May Day Lady, Kurino Mei (Jpn), June Eos, Brown Ratchet (Jpn), Dantsu Elan (Jpn), Kawakita Mana Lea (Jpn).

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FIRST STAKES & GROUP WINNER FOR SIRE

Sunday, Nakayama, Japan

CAPELLA STAKES-G3, ¥72,800,000, Nakayama, 12-8, 3yo/up, 1200m, 1:10.10, gd.

1--**GABBY'S SISTER (JPN)**, 119, f, 3, Apollo Kingdom
 1st Dam: Ange d'Etoile (Jpn), by Special Week (Jpn)
 2nd Dam: Angel Caro (Jpn), by Star of Cozzene
 3rd Dam: Yamafu Northerly (Jpn), by Northerly
1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN. 1ST GROUP WIN. O-Kazuhiko

Nagashima; B-Heihata Farm (Jpn); T-Kazutomo Mori; J-Hayato Yoshida; ¥38,560,000. Lifetime Record: 16-6-2-0, ¥88,855,000. **Click for the free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree.**

Werk Nick Rating: A++. **Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.**

2--**Kurojishi Joe (Jpn)**, 126, h, 5, Furioso (Jpn)--Silence Love (Jpn), by Special Week (Jpn). **1ST GROUP BLACK-TYPE.** O-Takao Kawauchi; B-Masuo Farm (Jpn); ¥15,160,000.

3--**Diretor (Jpn)**, 126, h, 5, Lord Kanaloa (Jpn)--Sambista (Jpn), by Suzuka Mambo (Jpn). **1ST GROUP BLACK TYPE.** (¥64,000,000 Ylg '20 JRHAJUL). O-Carrot Farm; B-Grand Farm (Jpn); ¥9,580,000.

Margins: NK, NK, HF. Odds: 2.30, 14.10, 28.10.

Also Ran: Sunrise Amour (Jpn), Etienne (Jpn), Chikappa (Jpn), Invincible Papa (Aus), Namura Frank (Jpn), In Your Palace, Queen's Melissa (Jpn), Isla Anheló (Jpn), Suzuka Kotekitai (Jpn), T M Tokkyu (Jpn), Chase The Dream (Jpn), Rebake Full City (Jpn), Escalé. **Click for the JRA chart & video.**

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