

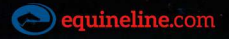


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# BREEDING DIGEST: A POSTER BOY FOR TAPIT'S DAUGHTERS



Poster | Sarah Andrew

by Chris McGrath

The old patriarch can't have failed to notice all the activity around the Gainesway stallion barn, with four new lads settling in and another relatively recent arrival meanwhile leading a desperate race for the freshman laurels. At nearly 23, in contrast, **Tapit's** own book is being prudently managed and he was confined to 79 mares last spring. Yet this remains not only the neighborhood boss, but also the most venerable stallion in the land.

True, the gray's status as America's most productive stallion is inexorably menaced by Into Mischief, who's about to extend his reign as champion sire to a sixth year. In fact, Into Mischief is now cents away from his latest landmark of \$200 million in progeny earnings, closing ever faster on **Tapit** (\$213 million).

But while they are now actually tied on 166 stakes winners apiece, **Tapit** retains a clear lead (from very similar volume, Into Mischief having assembled bigger books through four fewer seasons) in his other ratios: by 32 Grade I winners to 22, for instance; and 105 graded stakes winners to 79.

And at Aqueduct last Saturday, **Tapit** made his seniority tell in another way--making an impact on the two big juvenile races still more profound than that of **Munnings**, who sired the winners of both. (Fear not, **Munnings** will receive all due credit from colleague Jill Williams in her Saturday Sires series). *Cont. p3*

## U OF A SYMPOSIUM: THE DATA IS OUT THERE. NOW THE INDUSTRY IS REAPING ITS BENEFITS. by T.D. Thornton

Technological changes on the immediate horizon for the racing industry won't be so much of the gee-whiz or sci-fi variety. Instead, they'll be more like much-needed ease-of-use and cumbersome-task-simplifying tools that are currently being built and driven by massive collections of data.

Tuesday's Global Symposium on Racing hosted by the University of Arizona Race Track Industry Program in Tucson kicked off with Lisa Lazarus, the chief executive officer of the Horseracing Integrity and Safety Authority (HISA), articulating a significant data point--that as of Dec. 10, 2024, the fatality rate of Thoroughbreds under the Authority's jurisdiction has dipped to .88 per 1,000 starts so far in 2025, a decrease from 1.23 fatalities per 1,000 starts one year ago on the same date.

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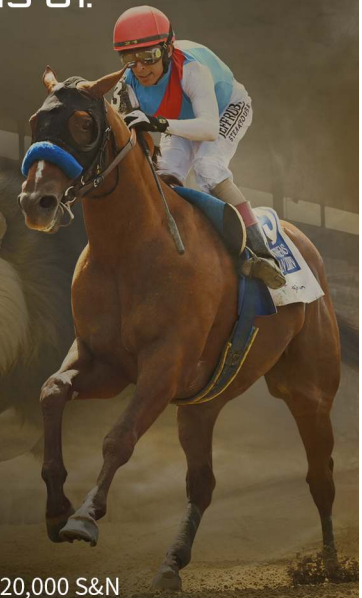
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**2024 in photos: May 31.** Fourth graders from Division Street Elementary visit with Hall of Fame trainer Bill Mott during a field trip to Saratoga Race Course. | Sarah Andrew

**10 | MILLIE GIRL TOPS FIRST DAY OF FASIG-TIPTON DIGITAL SALE**

The first session of Fasig-Tipton's December Digital Sale closed Tuesday, topped by 2023 Sovereign Award winner Millie Girl (*Hard Spun*), who sold for \$450,000 to John Stewart's Resolute Bloodstock.

**11 | KEENELAND RELEASES JANUARY CATALOGUE**

A total of 1,236 horses--including broodmares and broodmare prospects, newly turned yearlings, horses of racing age, stallions and stallion prospects--have been catalogued for the upcoming Keeneland January Horses of All Ages Sale, scheduled to take place in Lexington from Jan. 13-15.

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### Breeding Digest (cont. from p1)

For not only are **Poster** (GII Remsen Stakes) and **Muhimma** (GII Demoiselle Stakes) both out of **Tapit** mares; so, too, were the runners-up in both races. (Whose respective sires, **Medaglia d'Oro** and **Uncle Mo**, duly came close to following up big scores from the same crop, through Good Cheer and First Resort, at Churchill the previous weekend). Moreover the Remsen third, Tux, precisely transposed the cross that produced the winner: being by **Tapit** himself out of...a **Munnings** mare!



Muhimma | Sarah Andrew

For good measure, another daughter of **Tapit** reciprocated on the opposite coast through **Tenma** (**Nyquist**) in the GII Starlet Stakes; while yet another came up with Laurel stakes winner **Tony Eclipse** (**Not This Time**). The fact that these are all juveniles confirms that **Tapit**'s distaff legacy will only keep growing from here. Even as it is, however, Saturday left him behind just Street Cry (Ire) in the broodmare sires' table, by 2024 earnings, and top by stakes and graded stakes winners (32/15).

Despite the debut success at Aqueduct the very next day of another young filly on the same cross, in Juddmonte homebred **Ramify**, I leave to believers in "systems" the discovery of some golden nick uniting **Munnings** and **Tapit** mares.

Their most conspicuous success to date is millionaire Bonny South, albeit her biggest win, in the GII Fair Grounds Oaks in 2020, happened to eclipse an odds-on favorite who was also by **Munnings** out of a **Tapit** mare. Her name was Finite, and I couldn't think of a better word for the value of the software that so many people expect to unlock Thoroughbreds as reliably as it does their more conventional investments on Wall Street.

Of course, the wheels of our game turn slowly and it may be that the 2020 endeavors of Bonny South and Finite encouraged the respective breeders of Poster and Muhimma to send their **Tapit** mares to **Munnings** in 2021. **Cont.**

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Personally, however, I would sooner believe that Saturday's coincidence derived, first and foremost, from the thoughtful matching of physically appropriate specimens. And while Poster and Muhimma share three of their four grandparents, if anything it would generally be the fourth--as gateway to the maternal family, and often to years of patient curation by expert breeders of the past--that would tend to interest me most.

That is certainly the case with Poster, whose dam Pin Up (sophomore maiden winner in a light career) is a **Tapit** half-sister to that phenomenal distaff influence Bernardini.

Their dam Cara Rafaela had helped to introduce Goncalo Torrealba to the American Turf after he bought her from breeder Mike G. Rutherford for \$70,000 at the 1994 Keeneland September Sale. She proved as tough as she was classy, making her first 16 starts (of 24) inside 13 months--including one win and seven placings at Grade I level. In 2002, Torrealba cashed out, selling Cara Rafaela privately to Sheikh Mohammed, carrying the A.P. Indy colt who would become Bernardini.

In pondering her son's impact as a broodmare sire, we are inevitably drawn to two factors that set Cara Rafaela apart: her constitution, and the strength of the genetic flavors behind her. Her sire Quiet American has a famously concentrated page, both his own dam and that of his sire Fappiano being by Dr. Fager out of half-sisters, while both parents of her damsire Spectacular Bid were out of To Market mares.

Torrealba did some doubling down of his own after retaining Cara Rafaela's first foal, the Grade I-placed Ile de France (Storm Cat), by sending her to Bernardini's sire. A.P. Indy, of course, resembled Storm Cat in being out of a Secretariat mare. That worked a treat, producing dual Grade I winner Love and Pride, who has continued to develop the dynasty at Torrealba's farm. Love and Pride's daughter by the Three Chimneys top gun, Bella Runner (**Gun Runner**), won the Zia Park Oaks; while it was nice to see the story brought full circle when her **Volatile** filly made \$1.15 million at the 2023 September Sale, from none other than Mike Rutherford. (Cara Rafaela's breeder has named her great-granddaughter Bundle, and she's now working towards a debut at Fair Grounds).

Unfortunately for Godolphin, Pin Up herself was culled at Keeneland as recently as January for \$130,000. The purchasers, signing as Imagine, chose their moniker well. She was carrying a colt by **Nyquist**, whose 2025 fee alone is greater than the sum that secured a 12-year-old **Tapit** half-sister to Bernardini, since exalted as dam of a three-for-three Remsen winner. Imagine!

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### Another Tapit Mare with a Clan Behind Her

The Demoiselle third, **Liam in the Dust** (**Liam's Map**), also served the Cara Rafaela legacy as yet another graded stakes performer out of a Bernardini mare. As for the winner, Muhimma, it would be no less disrespectful than to Poster if you were to view her primarily as the product of a cross. For she has now extended a seamless chain of graded stakes quality into a fifth generation.



Liam in the Dust | Coady Media

Actually Muhimma is another Three Chimneys project, having been sold to Shadwell for \$700,000 at the September Sale. Her homebred dam Princesa Carolina had been obliged to settle for serial podiums at graded level on turf, including in the GI Queen Elizabeth II Challenge Cup, albeit she did break a Kentucky Downs course record in the Dueling Grounds Oaks. But she was out of a dual Grade I winner on the same surface (American Oaks/Flower Bowl Invitational) in Pure Clan (Pure Prize), who had been bought by Torrealba for \$4.5 million in 2012.

Pure Clan's price was underpinned by her genes. She was already a half-sister to GI Kentucky Jockey Club Stakes winner Greater Good (Intidab), while another sibling has since enhanced the page as second dam of Finley'sluckycharm (**Twirling Candy**). In turn, they're out of a graded stakes-winning daughter of champion sprinter What a Summer (What Luck), the line eventually tapering to the Belair Stud foundation mare Flambette (Fr).

So, again, good luck if you want to boil a family like that down to a **Tapit** mare nicking with **Munnings**! Some people are too credulously hungry for a formula to disturb from their trance, expensive as they may find it becomes. But the beauty of this business is that we have a proving ground out there to settle all these questions. **Cont.**



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### Turf Page Unlocked by Gun Runner

Even though Muhimma had yet to make her debut, the next yearling out of Princesa Carolina proved an even bigger hit at Keeneland this September: her colt by **Gun Runner**, in bringing \$2.2 million from Whisper Hill, represented the second biggest trade of the sale.

Unsurprisingly Torrealba appears to have “married” the mare, still only eight, to the Three Chimneys champion. They also have a weanling colt, and Princesa Carolina is again expecting to **Gun Runner** this time round. But if the value of these foals was principally elevated last Saturday by the mare, in producing an Oaks candidate by another sire, then **Gun Runner** also maintained his market standing through the blossoming of **Locked** in the GI Cigar Mile.

Of course this horse already figured among **Gun Runner**'s 10 elite scorers, having won the Claiborne Breeders' Futurity last

year. But doubtless the “nicking” brigade will be excited that another of that group--and none other than Sierra Leone--also happens to be out of a Malibu Moon mare.

But just as it would be eccentric to underplay Sierra Leone's fourth grandparent, when another of her daughters this year produced a second of the three protagonists in the GI Kentucky Derby photo finish, so we must give some attention to the granddam of Locked.

For she introduces some pretty exotic flavors to a dirt miler. Locked was bred by Rosa Colasanti out of her homebred mare Luna Rosa (Malibu Moon), whose track career ended in breaking her maiden at the fifth attempt. Luna Rosa's dam Gabriellina Giof (GB) (Ashkalani {Ire}) began her career in Italy before switching to California, winning a 5.5f stakes and then

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Fortunately for her purchaser, the last two foals delivered by Gabriella Giof prior to that transaction both stepped up to the plate. Always a Princess (Leroidesanimaux {Brz}) became a triple Grade II winner on dirt, while Gabby's Golden Gal (**Medaglia d'Oro**) did better yet, winning the GI Acorn Stakes and GI Santa Monica Handicap.

The latter race was then run on synthetic, and the mare's first foal for Colasanti, by Johannesburg, would in time produce a stakes sprinter on turf/synthetic by Noble Mission (GB). Locked certainly has plenty of chlorophyll down his maternal family. Gabriella Giof was one of no fewer than 12 winners in Italy out of a mare who was Group 1-placed there.

The next dam had been exported from Peru, and represents one of the oldest families in South America. But who cares about that, if all you need is the same cross as Sierra Leone...

**No Mystery About Misty Family**

While Locked has a pretty cosmopolitan pedigree, surely the most significant international page of the weekend lay behind the aforementioned Starlet winner, Tenma.

This is yet another case of a mare, like Pin Up and Gabriella Giof, getting an upgrade shortly after being sold. Tenma's dam Amagansett (**Tapit**) represents one of those culpably rare compounds (credit, for bucking the trend, to her breeders St Elias Stable) of a top dirt stallion with a premier European brand. She's out of a sister to the top-class Coolmore runner/producer Misty For Me (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}).

Bought as a Saratoga yearling by Bobby Flay for \$875,000 in 2018, Amagansett never made the track and was culled at Fasig-Tipton last November to Kimura Hidenori for \$400,000, in foal to **Not This Time. Cont.**



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Interestingly Amagansett's yearling colt was retained at \$325,000 this September, so maybe there's another chapter to be written--especially as he's by **Munnings**. Perhaps that **Munnings-Tapit** cross will stand up here, as well. If it does, however, don't expect me to efface Misty For Me's sister from the deal!

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**U of A Symposium (cont. from p1)**

Then, in a separate symposium discussion titled Artificial Intelligence (AI): Transformative Applications for Advancing Horse Racing, a group of experts from various fields underscored that while data is the building block, in order for it to be transformative, that information has to be put in a format where a computing system can sift and parse it properly. Then someone else (i.e. a software developer) must take that raw data output and present it to the end-user in a way that is useful.

That end-user could be a regulator like HISA, or other stakeholders, like owners, trainers, veterinarians, racing office workers, bettors, or even the buyers of young horses at auction.

Lazarus credited the Authority's growing database of 4 million veterinary records as being key to the decreased fatality rate.

"The first couple years of HISA were building the foundation. It was like triage," Lazarus said during a solo presentation titled HISA in 2025: A Look Ahead.



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"There was a lot to get done," Lazarus continued. "We had to just get things up and running. But now we're at a point where we can take all of that work and everything that we've gotten from the industry, and give back to the industry in terms of information and products and really bringing the industry to the next level."

In terms of HISA's rulemaking and operations, Lazarus said, "we can start to be a lot more intentional about matching the data to the regulations."

That includes, Lazarus continued, "making sure we have regulations that are supported by the data and they make sense; that they are achieving the goal that we want, which is keeping horses and our riders safe."

Mark Midland, the co-founder and chief executive officer of the online site Horse Racing Nation (HRN), concurred, then riffed more broadly on the topic.

"It really all starts with the data," Midland said, explaining that once you have enough reliable data, you can build new tools to utilize it.

Midland noted that although HRN primarily functions as a Thoroughbred news site, about three years ago its leaders wanted to delve more into data and how to apply it handicapping--and beyond. **Cont.**

**U of A Symposium, cont.**

As examples of how HRN has branched out, Midland said his company has recently done data-driven studies on testing the accuracy of and automating the process of making morning-line odds (so that bettors can make better-informed choices), independently verifying veterinary studies of risk factors for injury (by inferring potential injuries based on non-veterinary pieces of data, like a horse's weight and speed figures), and by trying to predict the sales prices and eventual racing performance of young horses sold at auction.

"The more data the industry collects, the more it's going to be available for everyone for more learning going forward," Midland said.

Kyle McDoniel, the president and chief operating officer of Equibase, moderated the AI panel. He gave a real-life example of the types of tools that industry participants want technology to deliver.

"When I think about the racing secretaries' meeting we had [Monday], one of the conversations that we had was around how veterinarians are getting frustrated because there's a lot of paperwork involved now," McDoniel said. "There's a lot less time with hands on horses. So, to think about how AI [could] just get some of that administrative paperwork out of the way and [make] it more efficient [to] get more people time to do the jobs that they love and are really most important."

Dr. Dionne Benson, the chief veterinary officer for The Stronach Group (TSG)'s 1/ST Racing, said that digitizing the daily minutiae of racing was the primary reason her employer developed the AI-driven product Racehorse 360.

The product, Benson said, was trialed for a year at the now-closed Golden Gate Fields before coming online at Santa Anita Park four months ago. Racehorse 360 has uses for veterinarians, racing officials and horsemen, and TSG plans to roll it out to other tracks in its corporate portfolio in the near future.

"Being the one who's out in the field, I just want my tablet. That's all I want to have to deal with," Benson said, noting that the tool allows her easy access to looking up any of 50 separate injury-risk factors that might apply to any given horse in the database.

Benson said she can then do an exam and transmit the results to the proper racing officials or regulators, all while adding to the existing database of a horse's records, which can even include archived videos of the horse in motion for future health-check comparisons.

Lazarus said HISA even monitors data on itself.

Lazarus said that it takes an average of 78 days from sample collection for HISA's equine drug-enforcement arm, the Horseracing Integrity and Welfare Unit (HIWU), to resolve a case. **Cont.**

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"That's better than it used to be under most state systems. But we still want to work to improve that number," Lazarus said.



Lisa Lazarus | Nikki Sherman/Equi-Photo

In the near future, Lazarus said, "Instead of the labs reporting to HIWU and HIWU reporting to the veterinarians, there's going to be direct reporting from the labs to the regulatory veterinarians of results so that we can actually speed up this process. So that we improve, essentially, the time between sample collection and when the results come back, which is important."

Michael Novak, a software developer with racing experience, wants to bring efficiency to owners and trainers via AI. In January 2025, he'll be launching a product called Backstretch that will be able to instantly scan through multiple condition books nationwide to find races that instantly match criteria selected by users.

"That's sort of the goal of a lot of software that I've been trying to build over the last 20 years, is really making software easier to use," Novak said. "The experience about designing the interface and presenting exactly what the user needs when they need it is really powerful. And I think in terms of the software industry, you're always striving to make things easier. We don't always succeed at that. There's a lot of software that's very hard to use."

Speaking relative to horseplayers, Midland said the idea of automating a morning line--like HRN has been doing for Colonial Downs--isn't to put morning-linemakers out of work. Rather, it's for a track to be able to put out the most accurate assessment of probable odds as possible to the betting public, which is a tool that smaller-scale horseplayers need in the current age of computer-assisted-wagering entities that dominate America's pari-mutuel pools.

"I think one of the problems with computer wagering today is

the computer teams have all these tools, and the [smaller-scale] players have none," Midland said, noting the lack of a "level playing field slanted against smaller bettors.

"Right now, I don't think it's a fair fight, and I think that's a big challenge to the game," Midland said.

To try to gauge prices and future performance at horse auctions, Midland said the HRN data-crunchers recently fed 24 years of Keeneland sales information into a database, a process that took six weeks.

"We're not horse buyers [but] we're talking to people, trying to understand [how values get put on horses]," Midland said. "And it seems like the owners that I've talked to, when they're going to the Keeneland sale [where there are] 4,000 yearlings, it's hard to know where to focus and which ones to look at to short-list."

Midland said, "We tried to undertake the question of performance. You know, 'Is this horse that's never raced going to be any good?' And there's a ton of data here."

From a data set containing 7,500 yearlings sold at Keeneland in 2018-19 and following how those horses' racing careers turned out, Midland's team determined the highest-priced Thoroughbreds weren't always the best performers.

"We kind of see this as an inefficient market," Midland said. "I guess that's probably not a total surprise to anyone. But it's a real opportunity, and we may come out with [yearling auction] 'draft picks.'"

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## FIRST DAY OF FASIG-TIPTON'S DECEMBER DIGITAL SALE 'STRONG FROM START TO FINISH'

The first session of Fasig-Tipton's December Digital Sale--with **more than 670 horses catalogued**--closed Tuesday, topped by 2023 Sovereign Award winner Millie Girl (**Hard Spun**). Consigned by Taylor Made Sales Agency as **hip 11**, Canada's reigning champion older main track female sold for \$450,000 to John Stewart's Resolute Bloodstock. The multiple graded stakes winner was sold from her base at Woodbine, where she has been trained by Catherine Day Phillips.

"We are really excited about purchasing Canadian champion Millie Girl," said Stewart. "She fits right into our breeding program. We will evaluate her future racing career, but we purchased her to eventually breed. It's exciting to have a sale like this on the digital platform this time of year with so many horses over two days."

Overall, Tuesday's first session yielded 187 horses sold for \$4,423,500, or an average of \$23,655 with a clearance rate of 76%. **Cont.**

**Fasig-Tipton, cont.**



Millie Girl | Michael Burns

The session featured horses of racing age, racing/broodmare prospects, broodmare prospects, yearlings, and weanlings.

“We could not be more pleased with the first session of our December Digital Sale,” said Fasig-Tipton's Director of Digital Sales Leif Aaron. “With more than \$4.4 million in sales and a 76% clearance rate, bidding was strong from start to finish.”

The December Digital Sale will continue Wednesday with hips 306-670 and will include a late supplement to the catalogue in Cruz Ramirez (**Good Magic**) (hip 346). The 2-year-old racing/broodmare prospect won her debut at Laurel on Sunday. Bidding will close Wednesday beginning at 12 p.m. ET.

“Tomorrow's session offers a high concentration of quality broodmares that fit a wide variety of breeding programs,” said Aaron. “There's still plenty of time for buyers to work through the catalogue and get involved in the action.”

Full results of Tuesday's session, as well as Wednesday's offerings, are [available here](#).

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**KEENELAND CATALOGUES 1,236 TO JANUARY HORSES OF ALL AGES SALE**

A total of 1,236 horses--including broodmares and broodmare prospects, newly turned yearlings, horses of racing age, stallions and stallion prospects--have been catalogued for the upcoming Keeneland January Horses of All Ages Sale, scheduled to take place in Lexington from Jan. 13-15.

“The January sale has opportunities for the new year, whether you are preparing for the breeding season or making plans for your racing stable,” Keeneland Vice President of Sales Tony Lacy said.

“Breeders from around the globe will be focusing on the auction, which has a unique timing advantage for sellers of nice fillies. Pinhookers and end-users will compete for the short yearlings on offer, while the selection of horses of racing age will be appealing.”

Among the auction's premier offerings are graded-placed racing or broodmare prospects **Ain't Broke (Dialed In)** (hip 49)--a narrowly beaten second in Sunday's Garland of Roses Stakes, **Amidst Waves (Midshipman)** (hip 61), **Lady Beth (Hard Spun)** (hip 264), and **Movie Moxy (Street Sense)** (hip 319), who was third in last Saturday's GIII Go For Wand Stakes. Also on offer is stakes-winner **Sunset Glory (Ire)** (Cotai Glory {GB}) (hip 419) and stakes-placed **Callie's Grit (Maclean's Music)** (hip 112).

Broodmares in the January sale catalogue are in foal to sires such as **American Pharoah**, **Army Mule**, Authentic, Bolt d'Oro, Constitution, Curlin, Epicenter, Essential Quality, Girvin, Good Magic, Gun Runner, Hard Spun, Into Mischief, Jackie's Warrior, Justify, Life Is Good, Mandaloun, McKinzie, Munnings, Nyquist, Olympiad, Practical Joke, Quality Road, Twirling Candy, War Front, and Yaupon.

Yearlings in the catalogue are sons and daughters of such sires as **American Pharoah**, Authentic, **Candy Ride (Arg)**, Charlatan, Constitution, Curlin, Ghostzapper, Good Magic, Justify, Knicks Go, Maclean's Music, Maxfield, McKinzie, Munnings, Nashville, Nyquist, Omaha Beach, Quality Road, Silver State, Tapit, Twirling Candy, Uncle Mo, Upstart, Vekoma, Volatile, War Front, War of Will, and Yaupon.

Each session of the January sale will begin at 10 a.m. ET. The first round of supplements to the sale will be announced Thursday.

To view the complete catalogue, [click here](#).

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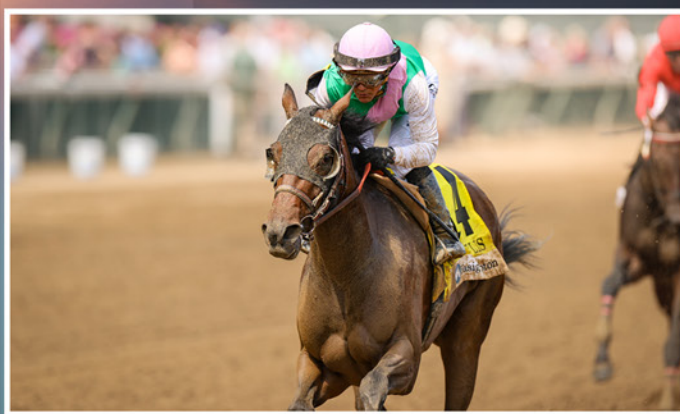
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## HOW I GOT HOOKED ON RACING: STEFANIE GRIMM



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*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.*

### Stefanie Grimm, Staff Writer

For me, racing was a natural continuation born from a love of all things horses and athletics. Growing up as the only horse person in a very much non-horse family, my only exposure to racing was when I joined millions of viewers each year to watch Churchill Downs, Pimlico and Belmont showcase the very best of our sport. I cut photos from the local papers for my scrapbook when Giacomo upset the 2005 Kentucky Derby and doodled roses next to horses in school during math lessons. My basketball career went to the sidelines, replaced with riding lessons and weekend horse shows. I dreamt of race riding while cantering around hunter/jumper courses, wishing I could hike up my stirrups and gallop across a field instead of worrying about wrist and ankle position. I made my college roommate and his family delay their dinner reservation so I could watch **American Pharoah** complete the Triple Crown sweep in 2015. I wish I could say there was one "ah-ha!" moment that led me here but honestly, horses in all their amazing shapes and forms have been a constant in my life since my grandmother nearly convinced my parents to name me Morgan and it's a continuous blessing to be part of this industry. Don't worry Mom, I'll grow out of my horse phase any day now!

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### MYSTIK DAN TO PARADE AT FAIR GROUNDS

**Mystik Dan** (Goldencents) will be paraded in the Fair Grounds paddock Saturday. Four G Racing, Lance Gasaway, Daniel Hamby, III, and Valley View Farm's GI Kentucky Derby winner will join the field for the \$150,000 Louisiana Champions Day Classic during the walkover to the paddock and will remain there throughout the race, between approximately 1:25 p.m. and 1:45 p.m. CT.

Mystik Dan is expected to winter at Fair Grounds as trainer Ken McPeck plans out his 4-year-old campaign.

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### MAYCOCKS BAY RETURNS A WINNER

Godolphin homebred **Maycocks Bay** (Speightstown), forced to scratch from the GIII Southwest Stakes as the morning-line favorite in February after spiking a fever, returned from 11 months on the sidelines to win a 1 1/16-mile allowance at Fair Grounds Saturday.

"We're delighted to have him back," trainer Mike Stidham said. "He had been training so well coming up to this that anything short of that would have been a disappointment. Hopefully he comes out of it well and we can start looking for some bigger and better things."

In his first race since a 10-length win at Fair Grounds in January, Maycocks Bay sat just off the lead before kicking clear to win by 1 1/2 lengths.

"We were hoping to get him to relax just off a horse. It worked out perfectly," Stidham said.

"He had shipped to Oaklawn for the Southwest, but once he got there, he had a 104 degree temperature. We scanned his lungs and found out he had pneumonia. He went to the farm and it lingered, and it took way longer than we expected. It's been his lungs [that kept him away]--he's always been very sound."

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## WEDNESDAY'S INSIGHTS: CHC DEBUTS INTO MISCHIEF FILLY AT TAMPA



Embellish the Lace winning the GI Alabama | *Coglianes*

by *Christina Bossinakis*

### 9th-TAM, \$53K, Msw, f, 3yo/up, 7f, 4:30p.m.

China Horse Club sends out the late-starting **INTO AMORE (Into Mischief)**, a homebred daughter of GI Alabama winner Embellish the Lace (Super Saver). Trained by Todd Pletcher, the 3-year-old filly has been posting steady works at the Hall of Famer's Palm Beach Downs base in South Florida.

The half-sister to GI Travers winner Afleet Express (Afleet Alex), herself a \$2.4 million Fasig-Tipton November purchase in 2016, is responsible for a pair of \$1.25 million Keeneland September yearlings--Tap the Faith (**Tapit**) in 2020 and Pumpkin Scone (Into Mischief) sold in 2021. The 12-year-old's daughter by **Quality Road** brought \$500,000 at Keeneland this past September.

Pletcher also saddles firster **Annulled (Tapit)**--a \$200,000 Fasig-Tipton Midlantic buy--for Eclipse Thoroughbreds and Gainesway Stable. A full sibling to SW and GSP My Miss **Tapit** and GSP Rattataptap, the grey is out of Grade III scorer Sindy With an S. **TJCIS PPs**

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### IN ORDER OF PURSE:

**CLASICO AGUSTIN MERCADO REVERON S.**, \$62,000, Camarero, 12-8, 2yo, 1 1/16m, 1:45.09, my.

1--**SMOKEN BOY, 118, c, 2, by Catholic Boy**

**1st Dam: Smoken Deb (SP), by Cairo Prince**

**2nd Dam: Tart's Knickers, by Ghostzapper**

**3rd Dam: Go Go, by Falstaff**

(\$15,000 2yo '24 OBSOPN). **1ST BLACK TYPE WIN.** O-Sonata Stable; B-Robert V. LaPenta (KY); T-Edwin Diaz, Jr.; J-Juan C. Diaz. \$35,960. Lifetime Record: 3-2-1-0, \$46,490.

2--**Decorated for Cat, 118, c, 2, Klimt--Decorated for Gold, by Declaration of War.** (\$5,000 Ylg '23 FTKFEB; \$27,000 RNA Ylg '23 OBSOCT; \$35,000 2yo '24 OBSOPN). **1ST BLACK TYPE.**

O-Antonio Llavona; B-Nirvana Farm LLC (KY); T-Samuel Diaz. \$12,400.

3--**Joaquin Andre, 118, c, 2, Maximus Mischief--Make a Toast, by Cuvee.** (\$45,000 Wlg '22 KEENOV; \$55,000 RNA Ylg '23 KEESep; \$11,000 2yo '24 OBSMAR). **1ST BLACK TYPE.**

O-Establo Ninimel; B-Spotted Pony Stables LLC (KY); T-Ghislaine Henriquez. \$6,200.

Margins: 9 1/4, 1 1/4, 3. Odds: 1.65, 6.75, 5.65.

Also Ran: Combat Metra, Lightning Rick, Good Looking Ghost, Global Generation, Tenwine, Pagan's First. Scratched: Classic Example.

Smoken Boy continued his run of dominance with another tour-de-force victory in the Clasico Augustin Mercado Reveron Stakes at Camarero Park Sunday afternoon.



**Catholic Boy, sire of Smoken Boy** | *Harris Farm*

Pounded down to 1-5 favoritism in his career debut going six panels in the mud at Camarero in October, the grey was upset by a nose by Maximum Blast (**Maximum Security**). Despite his initial defeat, the public nonetheless backed him down to 2-5 favoritism next time while trying the same track, trip and conditions Nov. 11 and he rewarded the faithful with an impressive 6 3/4-length victory.

Reserved well off the early pace in his route bow, the Kentucky bred made some headway through a half mile, gained control soon after and drew increasingly clear late to score by 9 1/4 lengths over Decorated for Cat. Joaquin Andre rounded out the trifecta.

SP Smoken Deb dropped a **Tapwrit** filly in 2023 followed by a full-brother to Smoken Boy this term. She was bred back to the Harris Farms stallion.



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3-Charles Town, 7:57 p.m. EST, Msw 6 1/2f, Baytown Guvnah, 10-1

7-Mahoning Valley, 3:33 p.m. EST, Alw 6f, **Complexity** Girl, 9-2 \$17,000 KEE NOV wnl

**Echo Town** (Speightstown), Coolmore Ashford, \$5,000

60 foals of racing age/13 winners/2 black-type winners

3-Mahoning Valley, 1:40 p.m. EST, Alw 6f, Bigtonten, 10-1 \$85,000 KEE SEP yrl



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3-Mahoning Valley, 1:40 p.m. EST, Alw 6f, Starofthegame, 12-1

**Maximum Security** (New Year's Day), Coolmore Ashford, \$7,500

88 foals of racing age/15 winners/0 black-type winners

5-Turfway, 7:55 p.m. EST, Msw 6f, You Know Me, 20-1

**Promises Fulfilled** (Shackleford), WinStar Farm, \$5,000

28 foals of racing age/6 winners/1 black-type winner

7-Mahoning Valley, 3:33 p.m. EST, Alw 6f, Flashy N, 10-1 \$15,000 FTK OCT yrl

**Shancelot** (Shanghai Bobby), Buck Pond Farm, \$5,000

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

3-Mahoning Valley, 1:40 p.m. EST, Alw 6f, Perfect Shances, 6-5



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**Spun to Run (Hard Spun)**, Gainesway Farm, \$10,000  
 91 foals of racing age/14 winners/0 black-type winners  
 5-Turfway, 7:55 p.m. EST, Msw 6f, M'Lady Sansa, 12-1  
 \$22,000 FTD JUL 2yo

**War of Will (War Front)**, Claiborne Farm, \$25,000  
 116 foals of racing age/17 winners/1 black-type winner  
 3-Mahoning Valley, 1:40 p.m. EST, Alw 6f, Streets of War, 7-2  
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**IN JAPAN:**

**American Stage**, c, 2, **Into Mischief**. 'US-Bred & -Sired Winners in Japan'

**Erika Endive**, f, 2, **Oscar Performance**. See 'US-Bred & -Sired Winners in Japan'

**Jasper World**, g, 4, **Justify**--Sweet Shirley Mae, by Broken Vow. Chukyo, 12-7, Allowance, 1900m. Lifetime Record: 11-1-1-2, \$92,493. O-Kazuo Kato; B-Breeze Easy LLC (KY); T-Hideyuki Mori. \*1/2 to Mae Never No (Ire) (**No Nay Never**), SW, \$181,468. \*\*\$240,000 Ylg '21 KEESEP.

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**IN SOUTH KOREA:**

**Final K**, c, 2, **Cairo Prince**--Cloudburst (SW), by Storm Cat. Seoul, 12-7, Hcp. (C3), 1200m. B-Pursuit of Success LLC (KY).

\*\$50,000 Ylg '23 FTKOCT. \*\*1/2 to Mystic Eyes (**Maclean's Music**), SW & GSP, \$171,464. **VIDEO**

**Eldorado Gangnam**, c, 2, **Paynter**--Nabedhah, by **Hard Spun**. Seoul, 12-8, Hcp. (C4), 1200m. B-David Lickhalter (KY).

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**Catalina Marine**, c, 3, **Catalina Cruiser**--Poly One Flex, by Giant's Causeway. Busan, 12-8, Hcp. (C2), 2000m. B-St Simon Place LLC & Scott Stephens (KY). \*\$42,000 Ylg '22 KEEJAN; \$47,000 RNA Ylg '22 KEESEP; \$60,000 2yo '23 OBSAPR. **VIDEO**

**Dalbítsanyangkún**, c, 3, **Klimt**--Dark Channel, by English Channel. Busan, 12-8, Hcp (C3), 1600m. B-Woods Edge (KY). \*\$10,000 Ylg '22 KEESEP; \$60,000 2yo '23 OBSJUN. **VIDEO**

**IN PERU:**

**Frostiz**, c, 2, **Frosted**--Tiz My Lady, by Tiznow. Monterrico, 12-7, Allowance, 1000m. B-Mary K Grum (KY). \*Now two wins from two starts. \*\*\$12,000 Wlg '22 KEENOV. **VIDEO (SC 2)**

**IN JAMAICA:**

**Rideallday**, c, 2, **Vekoma**--Song of Hours, by Unbridled's Song. Caymanas Park, 12-7, Maiden, 1100m. B-Nirvana Farm LLC (KY). \*1ST-TIME STARTER. \*\*38th winner for freshman sire (by **Candy Ride {Arg}**). \*\*\*\$57,000 Wlg '22 KEENOV; \$70,000 Ylg '23 KEESEP; \$25,000 2yo '24 OBSJUN. **VIDEO**

**Funcaandun**, c, 3, **Klimt**--Fiftyshadesoffun, by Empire Maker. Caymanas Park, 12-7, Mouttet Mile Inv. (Jam-G1, NBT) (\$231k), 1600m. B-Bill & Phyllis Adair & Connie Brown (KY). \*\$5,000 Ylg '22 FTKFEB; \$9,000 RNA Ylg '22 OBSOCT; \$22,000 2yo '23 OBSJUN. **VIDEO**



**ALLOWANCE RESULTS:**

**7th-Mahoning Valley, \$38,900, 12-10, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:11.55, my, nose.**

**BACK TO OHIO (f, 4, Midshipman--Sheza Runaway Star {SP}, by Pride of Burkaan)** Lifetime Record: MSW, 16-14-2-0, \$636,780. O-Patricia's Hope LLC; B-Trail M Boarding & Guest Farm (OH); T-Larry Rivelli. \*\$70,000 Ylg '21 FTKOCT; \$385,000 2yo '22 OBSAPR. \*\*1/2 to Ucantkeepup (Keep Up), SP, \$217,824.



**Twirling Candy's Candy Caballo gives jockey Carlos Montalvo his third win of the card at Turf Paradise Tuesday | Coady Media**

**5th-Mahoning Valley, \$33,700, (S), 12-10, (NW2L), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:13.57, my, 2 1/2 lengths.**

**SOCIAL HISTORY (g, 3, Danza--Princess Claire, by Free Thinking)** Lifetime Record: 14-2-3-3, \$70,587. O-Sean Morris; B-Jim & Kathryn Nelson (OH); T-David Wolochuk.

**4th-Turf Paradise, \$25,000, (C)/Opt. Clm (\$40,000-\$50,000), 12-10, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:09.23, ft, 3 lengths.**

**ALOHA BREEZE (f, 4, The Factor--Flashy Doll, by New Year's Day)** Lifetime Record: MSW, 13-8-2-1, \$214,260. O-George Todaro; B-Gary & Mary West Stables Inc. (KY); T-Wade Rarick. \*\$25,000 Ylg '21 KEESEP.

**6th-Turf Paradise, \$22,000, (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$50,000-\$75,000), 12-10, 2yo, 6f, 1:10.66, ft, 3 1/4 lengths.**

**CANDY CABALLO (c, 2, Twirling Candy--Viva Malala, by Malibu Moon)** Lifetime Record: SP, 4-2-0-1, \$34,300. O-George Todaro; B-JSM Equine, LLC (KY); T-Wade Rarick. \*\$25,000 Ylg '23 KEESEP.



**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**

**Credit Check, f, 2, Goldencents--Credit Analyst, by Central Banker.** Mahoning Valley, 12-10, (S), 6f, 1:15.64. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$20,670. B-Smokin C (OH).

**lIkethat, g, 3, Indy Wind--Sweet Margi, by Margie's Wildcat.** Mahoning Valley, 12-10, (S), 6f, 1:14.79. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$19,080. B-Hal Snowden (OH). \*1ST-TIME STARTER.

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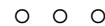
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**Indy Wind, lIkethat, g, 3, o/o Sweet Margi, by Margie's Wildcat.** MSW, 12-10, Mahoning Valley  
**Midshipman, Back to Ohio, f, 4, o/o Sheza Runaway Star, by Pride of Burkaan.** ALW, 12-10, Mahoning Valley  
**The Factor, Aloha Breeze, f, 4, o/o Flashy Doll, by New Year's Day.** AOC, 12-10, Turf Paradise  
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## WINTER WATCH: BOWMARK STARS IN ACROSS-THE-CARD TREBLE FOR CLAREHAVEN



Bowmark spreadeagles his rivals at Kempton | [Racingfotos.com](https://www.racingfotos.com)

By Adam Houghton

"Look away Mick Appleby, but there has arguably been no finer exponent of the new and improved all-weather programme in the last decade than the Gosden stable, home to a handful of Classic/Group 1 winners who learned the ropes at the likes of Kempton and Newcastle in the depths of winter."

That comment featured in our first installment of Winter Watch, followed by a promise to put that illustrious roll of honour under the spotlight at a later stage when it seemed appropriate.

Now, following a week in which John and Thady Gosden sent out three juveniles to make winning debuts, including a new 'TDN Rising Star' at Kempton, perhaps it's worth taking that moment to remember some of those star names for whom the first of many career triumphs was achieved on the all-weather.

The subsequent Irish Derby and Dubai Sheema Classic hero Jack Hobbs (GB) was one of the trailblazers when making a successful debut at Wolverhampton just two days after Christmas in 2014, followed by Persuasive (Ire), who bookended her career with wins in a Kempton maiden in November 2015 and the Queen Elizabeth II Stakes at Ascot in October 2017. [Cont. p3](#)

## DABIRSIM HEADS FINAL SESSION OF ARQANA BREEDING STOCK SALE AT 160K

The curtain came down on this year's Arqana Breeding Stock Sale on Tuesday where the demand for fillies-in-training, broodmares and foals in particular brought strong trade to Deauville over the course of the four-day sale.

Prix de Diane heroine Sparkling Plenty (Fr) ([Kingman \(GB\)](#)) led the way overall, having been sold on Saturday for €5 million to Michel Zerolo of Oceanic Bloodstock alongside Coolmore's MV Magnier on behalf of "a new partnership".

All told, five fillies or mares cleared seven figures at a sale where all of the key metrics were on the rise. Of the 866 that were offered, 782 were sold at a clearance rate of 82% while the average climbed a massive 21% to €85 769. Meanwhile, the median climbed by €6,000 to €26,000 while the aggregate was up by 17% to €55,149,500. [Cont. p7](#)

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**Wednesday, December 11, 2024**



**Batal Youmzain (Fr) (Hello Youmzain {Fr}) became the latest winner for his sire at Chantilly on Tuesday. Hello Youmzain, who stands at Haras d'Etreham, has sired 21 winners worldwide. | Scoop Dyga**

**8 | MAKING WAVES: RED IS THE COLOUR**

*Duvel Day (Ire) (Starspangledbanner {Aus}) scored the biggest victory of her career in the Gill Cardinal Stakes, which features in Making Waves.*

**9 | TIMEFORM RAISES ROMANTIC WARRIOR'S RATING TO 129**

*The Acclamation (GB) gelding is now up to 129, joint-second highest in the world among active runners.*

**10 | PRIZE-MONEY TO REMAIN FLAT FOR THE JOCKEY CLUB COURSES**

*The 2025 prize-money levels will stay level to 2024's according to a release from The Jockey Club.*

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It was at Newcastle in November 2016 that a pair of bona fide greats of the sport, Stradivarius (Ire) and Enable (GB), gained their first career victories, just three weeks apart, while Gosforth Park was also the scene of impressive debut wins for a pair of subsequent Group 1 winners at Royal Ascot in Without Parole (GB) and Mostahdaf (Ire).

Anapurna (GB) won an Oaks in 2019 and Emily Upjohn (GB) probably should have won one in 2022, their Epsom exploits coming just a matter of months after they'd opened their accounts at Lingfield and Wolverhampton, respectively. The newly-retired Emily Upjohn will be sorely missed in 2025, but the Gosdens still have this year's Prix de l'Opera heroine Friendly Soul (GB) to go to war with. She was a winning newcomer at Kempton in December last year.

The big question now is which of next year's three-year-olds can join Friendly Soul in flying the Clarehaven flag at the top level in 2025. This year's G3 Solaris Stakes winner Field Of Gold (Ire) looks as likely as any as things stand, but don't rule out the prospect of another **Kingman (GB)** colt by the name of **Bowmark (GB)** shaking up the pecking order next spring...

**Kingman at the Double at Kempton**

Last week's hat-trick for the Gosden-trained two-year-olds was achieved in the space of a few hours on Wednesday, culminating with the sparkling performance from Bowmark (GB) as he earned **'TDN Rising Star' status** with a four-and-a-half-length win in the second division of the one-mile novice at Kempton.

The overall time was only marginally faster than that of the first division won by paternal sibling **First Principle (GB)**, but the fact that Bowmark ran the final three furlongs around 1.4 seconds faster than that horse is instructive, confirming the visual impression that this is a colt blessed with a telling change of gear.

Bigger and better things surely lie in wait for the Lordship Stud homebred, who is the fourth winner from as many runners out of the Listed Trigo Stakes scorer Bound (Ire), a full-sister to four other Group-race winners by Galileo (Ire), headed by the Derby hero Serpentine (Ire). **Cont. p4**

**The Darley dynasties**

**£30,000** Oct 1, SLF  
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Guineas winner who went on to take the Lockinge and by Dubawi out of a Galileo-line mare.

**Night Of Thunder, yes, but also...**

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His second dam is the Oaks runner-up Remember When (Ire) (Danehill Dancer {Ire}) who, in turn, is a half-sister to the six-time Group 1 winner and sire Dylan Thomas (Ire), 1,000 Guineas heroine Homecoming Queen (Ire) (**Holy Roman Emperor {Ire}**) and unbeaten Cheveley Park Stakes scorer Queen's Logic (Ire) (Grand Lodge).

As for **Kingman**, Bowmark is his 36th '**TDN Rising Star**' and fourth of 2024 after the aforementioned Field Of Gold (Ire), Chancellor (GB) and Cosmic Year (GB). The Juddmonte stallion is also up to 26 individual juvenile winners in Europe this year after his Kempton double initiated by the William Haggas-trained First Principle, who is another one to be positive about after his comfortable defeat of Chelmsford scorer Spectacular View (GB) (Pinatubo {Ire}), quickening smartly under mostly hands-and-heels riding to win by a length and a quarter.

A homebred from Craig Bennett's Merry Fox Stud, First Principle is out of the Giant's Causeway mare Guilty Twelve, who was a three-race maiden in Britain with Roger Varian, before joining Graham Motion for whom she won the GIII Robert G. Dick Memorial Stakes. Haggas also trained his half-sister, Five Towns (GB) (Lord Kanaloa {Jpn}), who won twice from seven starts for the stable, before she too moved Stateside. She was beaten just a head on her most recent start in the GIII Noble Damsel Stakes.

**A Story of Gosden Fillies Past and Present**

**Kingman** also featured as the broodmare sire of **Frankel (GB)** filly **Sand Gazelle (GB)**, the stylish winner of the seven-furlong fillies' novice which kicked off Wednesday's nine-race card at Kempton, defying odds of 20-1 as she edged ahead close home to land the spoils by a length and a quarter. **Cont. p5**

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**Darley**

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The second foal out of a winning half-sister to this year's G1 Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe heroine Bluestocking (GB) (**Camelot {GB}**), Sand Gazelle is owned by the Thoroughbred Racing Corporation, having been purchased for 425,000gns at Book 1 of the Tattersalls October Yearling Sale.

Perhaps best known for racing top-class talents such as Derby hero Oath (Ire) and the GI Kentucky Derby and GI Preakness Stakes winner War Emblem around the turn of the century, the Thoroughbred Corporation has returned to the fold in recent years with a handful of horses in training with the Gosdens, including the G2 Park Hill Fillies' Stakes third Lmay (Ire) (**Frankel {GB}**).

It remains to be seen whether the team's historic green and white silks can get back to where they once were as a regular sight at the top level, but the hunger is certainly there if their recent big-money buys at the sales are anything to go by, including a Night Of Thunder (Ire) filly who fetched 650,000gns at Book 1.



Sand Gazelle (right) strikes at Kempton for the Thoroughbred Racing Corporation | [Racingfotos.com](https://www.racingfotos.com)

If that filly follows Sand Gazelle into Clarehaven Stables, then she'll be joined by at least two other exciting daughters of Night Of Thunder in Kempton winner Life Is Beautiful (GB), a Winter Watch alumni from week one, and **Go Go Boots (GB)**, who got the ball rolling for the Gosdens on Wednesday when winning the first division of the one-mile fillies' novice at Lingfield.

Immediately on the back foot after a slow start, Go Go Boots still had several lengths to make up on the home turn, before picking up really smartly to win by a length and a quarter from the only previous winner in the line-up, Texas Starlight (Fr) (Pinatubo {Ire}).

Bought by owner Bobby Flay for €230,000 at the Arqana Breeze-up Sale, having failed to find a buyer when offered by breeders Highclere Stud at Book 1, Go Go Boots is out of the Foxwedge (Aus) mare Hertford Dancer (GB), who gained her first career success for John Gosden at Wolverhampton in December 2016, before doubling her tally as a three-year-old in the Listed Oaks Trial Fillies' Stakes at Lingfield.

Coincidentally, last week's all-weather action also played host to the debut of Ashmolean (GB) (**Frankel {GB}**), the second foal out of Denford Stud's dual Group 1 winner Coronet (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}), who also won the G2 Ribblesdale Stakes in which stable-mate Hertford Dancer finished third. The only two-year-old from Clarehaven not to hit the target last week, Ashmolean was as green as grass when finishing down the field in the one-mile novice at Newcastle on Tuesday.

**No Stopping Haggas with 'Superstar' Family**

William Haggas endured a narrow defeat in that Newcastle novice with Highclere's Merchant (Ire) (Teofilo {Ire})--beaten a short head by a promising newcomer from the James Ferguson stable in Gunship (Ire) (**Sea The Stars {Ire}**)--but it was a successful week otherwise for the trainer, with four winners from eight runners in Britain, plus a runner-up finish for stable stalwart Dubai Honour (Ire) (Pride Of Dubai {Aus}) in Sunday's G1 Hong Kong Vase at Sha Tin. **Cont. p6**

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### Winter Watch Cont.

Kempton winner First Principle belongs to a family that has performed with such credit Stateside that Haggas might eventually have a battle on his hands to keep him at Somerville Lodge, whereas it's impossible to think of a more fitting home for Newcastle scorer **Showering (GB)** (Showcasing {GB}), who won the second division of the six-furlong novice on Friday to write just the latest chapter in the story of a special family belonging to Roy and Gretchen Jackson of Lael Stables and trained almost exclusively by Haggas for over two decades.

Showering is the sixth foal out of the winning Danehill Dancer (Ire) mare Cloud Line (GB), a daughter of the wonderful Superstar Leo (Ire) (College Chapel {GB}), who **died in June this year at the age of 26**. At stud she produced 11 winners from 14 runners, all of whom started their careers with Haggas, including Enticing (Ire) (Pivotal {GB}), the dual Group 3 winner who is perhaps best known as the dam of the triple G1 Prix de la Foret winner One Master (GB) (Fastnet Rock {Aus}) for the same connections.

In addition to Showering, who won by a length with a bit up his sleeve at Gosforth Park, Haggas also has a member of the fourth generation of this family in training at Somerville Lodge, specifically One Master's first foal, a two-year-old colt by Dubawi (Ire). Here's hoping we get to see him on the track before our Winter Watch run draws to a close.

Fingers crossed we might also see **Rogue Allegiance (Ire)** again before too long after he won the first division of the six-furlong novice at Newcastle in a time over two seconds faster than that clocked by Showering, albeit they crawled in the latter race which perhaps masked the superiority of the Haggas-trained colt.

Either way, it was hard to fault the manner in which Rogue Allegiance emphatically dismissed his eight rivals on debut, impressing with how he tanked into contention and then sprinting clear when asked for his effort to win by six lengths in the style of an above-average colt.

Bred by Caroline and Stephanie Hanly, the son of Kodiak (GB) was a successful pinhook for the team at Tally-Ho Stud, who bought him for €75,000 at the Goffs November Foal Sale,

before he sold to owners The Rogues Gallery for 190,000gns at the Tattersalls Craven Breeze-up Sale.

### Job Done for Marhaba Ghaiyyath

The headstrong **Padua (Ire)** (Magna Grecia {Ire}) proved a bit of a letdown for our 'Winners In Waiting' when finishing down the field in the Kempton novice won by Bowmark, but at least a bit of the pressure was off by then thanks to **Marhaba Ghaiyyath (Ire)**, who justified similar billing with a no-nonsense success in the one-mile maiden at Lingfield on Tuesday.

The official winning margin of a short head suggests the son of Ghaiyyath (Ire) made hard work of opening his account, but he was always holding the challenge of the staying-on Circus Of Rome (GB) (Circus Maximus {Ire}), having gained a decisive advantage when moving to the front on the home turn.

True, it wasn't the deepest race of its type--the first two pulled

11 lengths clear of the remainder--but the feeling remains that we've only scratched the surface of Marhaba Ghaiyyath's potential, with a step up to middle-distances promising to suit next year.

### Three Winners In Waiting

#### Indian Springs (Ire)

*Too Darn Hot (GB)--Floristry (GB), by Fasliyev*

Trained by Charlie Appleby, Indian Springs is a three-parts brother to Lazuli (Ire), by Too Darn Hot's sire Dubawi (Ire),

who was a talented sprinter for the team at Moulton Paddocks with the G2 Blue Point Sprint featuring among his seven career wins. Indian Springs has clearly been a bit more backwards than his sibling, a dual winner at two, but he too should be winning his fair share of races judged on his debut third in the six-furlong novice at Kempton on Wednesday. Beaten a little over a length at the line, he rattled home from an unpromising position in the style of one who will improve markedly for the experience.

#### Spanish Voice (GB)

*Lope De Vega (Ire)--Criteria (Ire), by Galileo (Ire)*

Saeed Suhail's Spanish Voice, who cost 210,000gns at Book 2 of the Tattersalls October Yearling Sale, spent much of this year in the care of Sir Michael Stoute, before joining Andrew Balding upon the retirement of the 10-time champion trainer. **Cont. p7**



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**Winter Watch Cont.**

He made his debut in the race won by First Principle at Kempton on Wednesday and shaped with plenty of promise in finishing third, sticking to his task well to pass the post only two lengths behind the winner. His dam produced her best effort when third in the G2 Ribblesdale Stakes and this colt should come into his own when tackling middle-distances next year.

**Noble Horizon (GB)**

*Kingman (GB)–Great Heavens (GB), by Galileo (Ire)*

Noble Horizon is bred in the purple as a son of the Irish Oaks heroine Great Heavens, a full-sister to Nathaniel (Ire), and he was another one to catch the eye on a Kempton card that is sure to throw up plenty of winners. He had the misfortune of making his debut in the race taken apart by Bowmark, but it was an encouraging start to his career nonetheless as he made steady progress under a hands-and-heels ride to finish fourth (beaten a little over five lengths). Stamina promises to be his strong suit and he's another promising three-year-old prospect for William Haggas to go to war with in 2025.

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**Arqana Cont. from page 1**

The concluding session on Tuesday was headed by 15-year-old stallion Dabirsim (Fr) (Hat Trick {Jpn}), who was knocked down to Dr Khaled Salami, signing as KGS, at €160,000.

A statement released by Arqana on Tuesday read, "The Vente d'Élevage has become an unmissable event for the biggest buyers across the world, whom we have had the pleasure of welcoming over the last few days.

"In the space of just a few years, Arqana has succeeded in creating a first class platform for fillies in and out of training as well as mares. We saw very good prices on Saturday for fillies that will run on, notably to continue their careers in Australia and the United States, such as the four fillies that made over €1 million, Sparkling Plenty, Classic Flower (GB), Excellent Truth (Ire) and Spanish Eyes (Ger) among others. The broodmares also sold very well, including Tres Magnifique (Fr), the dam of Tamfana (Ger), that sold for €1,400,000, and Strawberry Lace (GB), the dam of Unquestionable (Fr), that was knocked down for €900,000."

The statement continued, "Following on from the October Yearling Sale and the British and Irish markets, demand was also very strong for foals. In total, 19 foals made more than €100,000, double last year's number, with an average that was up 40% and a median that doubled at €29,000.

"We wish every success to our buyers, on the racecourse firstly as a lot of their purchases will race on, and also as well as future broodmares. We would also like to warmly thank our vendors




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SESSION TOTALS	2024	2023
• Catalogued	170	164
• Number Offered	126	138
• Number Sold	106	109
• Not Sold	20	29
• Clearance Rate	84%	79%
• High Price	€160,000	€52,000
• Gross	€985,500 (+69%)	€583,500
• Average (% change)	€9,297 (+74%)	€5,353
• Median (% change)	€4,500 (+12.5%)	€4,000

CUMULATIVE	2024	2023
• Catalogued	826	892
• Number Offered	782	866
• Number Sold	643	668
• Not Sold	139	198
• Clearance Rate	82%	77%
• No. 500K+	16	15
• High Price	€5,000,000	€4,025,000
• Gross	€55,149,500 (+15%)	€47,137,000
• Average (% change)	€85,769 (+21%)	€70,564
• Median (% change)	€26,000 (+30%)	€20,000

### Argana Top 10 Consignors By Aggregate

Consignor	#Sold	Avg. (€)	Total (€)
Capucines	38	149,158	5,668,000
Bouquetot	13	422,731	5,495,000
Monceaux	23	216,957	4,990,000
La Motteraye Consignment	66	65,561	4,327,000
Wertheimer & Frère	16	179,313	2,869,000
Godolphin	15	183,333	2,750,000
Beaumont	3	693,333	2,080,000
Ombreville	29	65,414	1,897,000
Etzean	5	326,700	1,633,500
Delcher Sanchez	1	1,600,000	1,600,000

### Argana Top 10 Buyers By Aggregate

Buyer	#Sold	Avg. (€)	Total (€)
Oceanic B'stock for Magnier & co.	1	5,000,000	5,000,000
Meridian International	15	132,933	1,994,000
Repole Stable	6	326,667	1,960,000
Willingham	4	467,500	1,870,000
AC Elliot for Magnier & WB Farm	1	1,800,000	1,800,000
Stamford B'stock/Meridian B'stock	1	1,600,000	1,600,000
David Redvers Bloodstock	3	474,000	1,422,000
Michael Vincent Magnier	1	1,400,000	1,400,000
Katsumi Yoshida/Narvick, Agent	3	420,000	1,260,000
Resolute Bloodstock	2	525,000	1,050,000



Duvet Day | Renee Torbit/Coady Media

Bred by John Yarr, she was a 47,000gns Tattersalls December weanling buy by Colbinstown Stud, and she was knocked down for £45,000 to BBA Ireland at the 2020 Goffs Orby Sale. De Burgh Equine acquired the mare for \$72,000 out of the Keeneland April Horses-of-Racing-Age Sale in 2022. Winless in two Irish starts, the bulk of her American career has been at stakes level. Montjeu (Ire) mare Je T'Adore (Ire) has foaled nine offspring to date, of which Duvet Day is her fifth. Her yearling is a Poet's Word (Ire) colt, while her weanling colt is by Blue Bresil (Fr). GI Gamely Stakes heroine Tuscan Evening (Ire) (**Oasis Dream {GB}**) is out of G3 Park Hill Stakes second The Faraway Tree (GB) (Suave Dancer), the third dam of Duvet Day.

Coolmore Stud's reverse shuttle stallion **Starspangledbanner** is responsible for 15 winners from 29 runners (52%) in America. Duvet Day's victory brings his total number of stakes winners there to seven, four of them at graded level led by GI American Oaks victress Rhea Moon (Ire) and GI Saratoga Derby hero-turned-Rathbarry sire State Of Rest (Ire).

### Fair Grounds Success For Pisciotta

Fourth time was the charm for Cherie DeVaux trainee **Pisciotta (GB)** (**Wootton Bassett {GB}**), after she sailed to a 3 3/4-length victory at the Fair Grounds at the end of November (**chart**). Racing in the colours of Edward Hudson, Jr., Lynne Hudson and David Ingordo, the filly was bred by Faisal Meshrf Al Qahtani.

Part of the Barton Stud draft during Book 1 of the Tattersalls October Yearling Sale, the filly was purchased for 180,000gns by DeVaux on behalf of her husband, David Ingordo. With the victory of Pisciotta, her dam Kazeera (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}) now boasts a 100% produce record, with her first foal, Love Is Gold (Fr) (Havana Gold {Ire}) successful three times over 1900 metres at Deauville. **Cont. p9**

## Making Waves

by Heather Anderson



### RED IS THE COLOUR

In this series, the TDN takes a look at notable successes of European-based sires in North America. This week's column is highlighted by the victory of Duvet Day at Grade III level beneath the Twin Spires.

### Duvet Day Breaks Graded Duck In Cardinal Stakes

Jane Bacharach, William DeBurgh and Richard Schatz's **Duvet Day (Ire)** (**Starspangledbanner {Aus}**) won the GIII Cardinal Stakes at Churchill Downs on Nov. 28 (**video**). It was the first graded win for the 5-year-old mare and first victory since January of 2023 in the Astra Stakes at Santa Anita.

## Making Waves Cont.

Kazeera is a full-sister to top-liner Al Kazeem (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}), who won the G1 Prince Of Wales's Stakes, G1 Eclipse Stakes, and G1 Tattersalls Gold Cup.

**Wootton Bassett's** progeny have been thriving left, right, and centre on the world stage, and the story is no different in America. The Coolmore stallion is the sire of 20 winners from 39 runners (51%). His eight stakes winners in that jurisdiction were bolstered by Henri Matisse (Ire) in the 2024 GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf, joining fellow Breeders' Cup Grade I winners Audarya (Fr) and Unquestionable (Fr).

## Evershed Shines At Tampa

Mark Grier's **Evershed (Ire)** (**Churchill {Ire}**) found the Tampa Bay grass to her liking when graduating by a length at second asking on Saturday ([video](#)). Trained by Arnaud Delacour, she was bred by Lynch Bages and Camas Park Stud.

Ben Gowans purchased the April-foaled bay for €340,000 out of the Arqana August Yearling Sale in Deauville from Camas Park, and she was unplaced at first asking at Laurel Park in October. The 12th foal produced by the Darshaan (GB) mare Balankiya (Ire), Evershed is her eighth winner. GI Secretariat Stakes hero Bayrir (Fr) (Medicean {GB}) is a half-brother to Evershed, while her winning half-sister Balankiyila (Fr) (Montjeu {Ire}) is the dam of G3 Prix de Royaumont winner Baiykara (Fr) (**Zarak {Fr}**). Balankiya's last reported foal, **Camelot (GB)** filly Good Timing (Ire), was born in 2023. This is the extended family of G1 Prix du Jockey Club-winning sire Bering (GB), while Balankiya is a half-sister to group winners Balakheri (Ire) (Theatrical {Ire}) and Baliyana (Ire) (Dalakhani {Ire}).

Coolmore stallion Churchill is credited with eight winners from 19 runners (42%) in the U.S. GII Valley View Stakes heroine Poolside With Slim (Ire) is his best representative there, and of his three other stakes horses, The Foxes (Ire) ran second in the GI Belmont Derby Invitational Stakes.

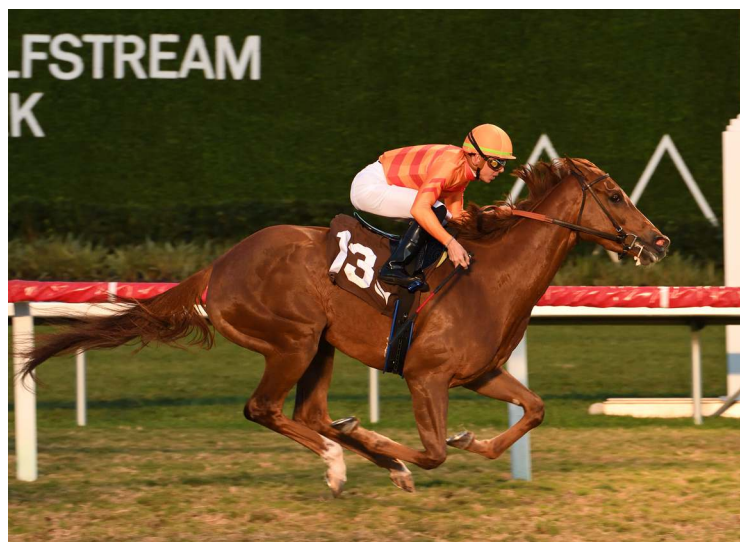
## Cotai Glory Filly Speeds To Gulfstream Win

JDT Racing, LLC's **Anybody But You (Ire)** (Cotai Glory {GB}) won at Gulfstream Park for trainer Brendan Walsh on Sunday ([video](#)).

Bred by Tally-Ho Stud, the chestnut was consigned to the Goffs Orby Sale by her breeder, where she caught the eye of Ken Condon for €200,000. Out of Fidaaha (Ire) (New Approach {Ire}), Anybody But You is a half-sister to three group winners by Mehmas (Ire), namely Malavath (Ire), who was multiple Group/Grade 1 placed, G3 Horris Hill Stakes winner Knight (Ire), and this year's G1 National Stakes hero Scorthy Champ (Ire), as well as a filly full-sibling to that trio. Fidaaha was covered by **Not This Time** this past spring. GIII Robert G. Dick Memorial Stakes

winner Ceisteach (Ire) (New Approach {Ire}) and multiple group winner and multiple Group 1-placed Steip Amach (Ire) (**Vocalised**) are half-sisters to Fidaaha.

Tally-ho's Cotai Glory has sired eight winners from 12 runners (66%) in the U.S. Fillies Spirit And Glory (Ire) and Sunset Glory (Ire) are both stakes winners there, while the former has also been placed in the GII Yellow Ribbon Stakes, GIII Beaugay Stakes and the GIII Eatontown Stakes.



**Anybody But You** | Ryan Thompson/Coglianesse Photography

## Repeat Winner:

**Earhart (Fr)** (**Siyouni {Fr}**) protected her perfect record with an 11-length score at Woodbine for trainer Josie Carroll recently ([video](#)). The LNJ Foxwoods runner and '**TDN Rising Star**' [won at that track in November](#).

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## EUROPEAN NEWS

## ROMANTIC WARRIOR'S TIMEFORM RATING RISES TO 129

Hong Kong's Horse of the Year **Romantic Warrior (Ire)** (Acclamation {GB}) earned a career high Timeform rating of 129 following his third victory in the G1 Longines Hong Kong Cup on Sunday, Timeform announced on Tuesday. He is rated second only to Australian multiple Group 1 winner Via Sistina (Ire) (Fastnet Rock {Aus}), who carries a mark of 132 among active horses in training.

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Romantic Warrior | Hong Kong Jockey Club

**Timeform Ratings Cont.**

Other horses rated 129 include G1 Dubai World Cup hero Laurel River (Into Mischief), Sunday's G1 Longines Hong Kong Sprint winner Ka Ying Rising (NZ) (Shamexpress {NZ}), G1 International Stakes scorer Calandagan (Ire) (**Gleneagles {Ire}**), and the retired Hong Kong wunderkind Golden Sixty (Aus) (**Medaglia d'Oro**).

Timeform handicapper Jake Price said, "Romantic Warrior not only became the first horse to win the Hong Kong Cup for the third time, but in doing so he overtook former local hero Golden Sixty in becoming the highest-earning racehorse in history. What's more, the manner of his victory ensured he recorded a career best on Timeform ratings, pushing his previous best figure higher by 2 lb to 129, behind only Via Sistina of horses currently in training.

"He had more to spare at the line this time, winning eased down from a couple of last year's Japanese Classic winners, and there was little in the way of hard-luck stories in behind unlike in some of the other international races on the card."

Price added, "It isn't just at home that Romantic Warrior has conquered. He's currently on a seven-race unbeaten run which has also seen him land the 2023 Cox Plate in Australia and the Yasuda Kinen in Japan back in June. In that time he has been a thoroughly consistent horse on the ratings, building a superb rapport with jockey James McDonald.

"His connections aren't stopping there and have the world's richest race, the Saudi Cup, next in their sights. That would bring a completely different challenge to Romantic Warrior switching to a dirt surface, but the race itself will be all the richer for his participation."

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**PRIZE-MONEY PROJECTED TO REMAIN AT 2024 LEVELS PER THE JOCKEY CLUB**

Total prize-money at The Jockey Club's 15 racecourses next year is expected to remain at the same level as in 2024, subject to trading performance remaining on plan through its key first quarter of the year, The Jockey Club announced on Tuesday.

Overall total prize-money is anticipated to be £58.1 million across the 319 fixtures staged by TJC in 2025, with £30.6 million coming from executive contribution. As a result, an average prize-money of more than £182,000 per fixture would be offered next year, up from £175,000 in 2024. Values for specific races and fixtures will be confirmed in due course.

The Jockey Club will also continue its ongoing commitment to share financial information with the Thoroughbred Group with transparency on everything from the organisation's business performance to revenues and investment plans.

Nevin Truesdale, chief executive of The Jockey Club, said, "Prize-money is our single biggest investment each year and we have worked hard to sustain these levels in 2025.

"There is no doubt that the ongoing economic environment continues to bring uncertainty to our income streams and the Government's October Budget will have a significant and material impact on us too. However, we have prioritised prize-money as part of our own budgeting process for next year, while also recognising that in such a turbulent economic climate it is vital to review our financial performance and investments throughout 2025."

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The prize-money for next year is expected to remain level across all 15 of the courses managed by The Jockey Club, including Newmarket

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## WALK IN THE PARK FOAL SETS RECORD AT GOFFS DECEMBER NH SALE



Nicky Bertran de Balanda | Goffs

A colt foal by Walk In The Park (Ire) (lot 378) set a new foal record during the second day of the Goffs December NH Foal Sale when selling for €160,000 to Nicky Bertran de Balanda as NBB Racing.

The colt is out of the winning jumper Holy Virgin (Fr) (Saint Des Saints {Fr}), herself a half-sister to Grade 1 chase winner Top Notch (Fr) (Poliglote {GB}) and the G2 Prix de Malleret heroine Never Forget (Fr) (Westerner {GB}).

"He's very nice, the one I liked most in the sale," said Bertran de Balanda. "He's by a good sire and out of a good mare. She was a winner in Auteuil, she's by a great sire in Saint Des Saints and she came from a very good French breeder in Benoit Gabeur.

"He's just a very good individual, really athletic with a lovely walk. I'm not surprised I had to battle against some very good judges to get him. Let's hope he's fast now.

"He's been bought for Sofiane Benaroussi, so will race in France. Sofiane is building a great team of young National Hunt horses, I hope it works out well. Trade here at Goffs is generally realistic, but very strong for the right ones."

Two other individuals made €70,000 or more, with a son of No Risk At All (Fr) (lot 335) bringing €92,000 from Tally-Ho Stud. He was part of the Clonbonny Stud draft and out of the Kapgarde (Fr) mare Gardiala (Fr), herself placed in a Grade 3 chase. The other was lot 362, a son of Blue Bresil (Fr), who made €70,000 on the bid of Oaks Farm. Longrove Stud consigned the brown relative of Grade 2-placed Good And Clever (Ire) (Soldier Of Fortune {Ire}).

At the end of the day's trade, the turnover was €2,816,000 with an average of €17,600 and the median at €12,000.

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## FIRST-SEASON SIRE WITH RUNNERS

Wednesday, Dec. 11, 2024:

### UNITED KINGDOM

**Arizona (Ire)** (No Nay Never), Coolmore Stud  
66 foals of racing age/10 winners/1 black-type winner  
16:10-KEMPTON PARK, 8f, **Arizona Indi (Ire)**  
£33,000 Goffs UK Premier Yearling Sale 2023

**Earthlight (Ire)** (Shamardal), Kildangan Stud  
113 foals of racing age/19 winners/1 black-type winner  
17:40-KEMPTON PARK, 7f, **Qaaeadd (Ire)**  
120,000gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale (Book 2) 2023;  
22,000gns Tattersalls Autumn Horses-in-Training Sale 2024

**Far Above (Ire)** (Farhh {GB}), Starfield Stud  
83 foals of racing age/12 winners/2 black-type winners  
17:40-KEMPTON PARK, 7f, **Straighttothepoint (Ire)**  
€7,000 RNA Goffs Orby Yearling Sale (Book 2) 2023

**Hey Gaman (GB)** (New Approach {Ire}), Haras du Taillis  
10 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners  
17:10-KEMPTON PARK, 8f, **Magic Glow (Fr)**  
€11,000 Osarus September Yearling Sale 2023

**Mohaather (GB)** (Showcasing {GB}), Beech House Stud  
96 foals of racing age/21 winners/3 black-type winners  
16:40-KEMPTON PARK, 8f, **Garibaldi Memory (Ire)**  
€29,000 RNA Goffs November Foal Sale 2022; €40,000  
Tattersalls Ireland September Yearling 2023; 50,000gns  
Tattersalls Craven Breeze Up Sale 2024

**Shaman (Ire)** (Shamardal), Yeomanstown Stud  
104 foals of racing age/11 winners/0 black-type winners  
16:10-KEMPTON PARK, 8f, **Fortunas Dream (Ire)**

**Without Parole (GB)** (Frankel {GB}), Newsells Park Stud  
53 foals of racing age/12 winners/0 black-type winners  
16:40-KEMPTON PARK, 8f, **Without Burlington (GB)**  
45,000gns Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2022; 50,000gns  
Tattersalls October Yearling Sale (Book 2) 2023

### IRELAND

**Hello Youmzain (Fr)** (Kodiac {GB}), Haras d'Etreham  
111 foals of racing age/19 winners/2 black-type winners  
5-DUNDALK, 7f, **Alshmayme Sister (Ire)**



Shaman has a pair of runners at Dundalk | Yeomanstown Stud

**4-DUNDALK, 6f, Powerful Lady (Fr)**

€8,500 Arqana Deauville Yearling Sale V2 2023

**River Boyne (Ire)** (Dandy Man {Ire}), Tara Stud

30 foals of racing age/3 winners/0 black-type winners  
3-DUNDALK, 8f, **Pekan (Ire)**

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

85 foals of racing age/11 winners/0 black-type winners  
5-DUNDALK, 7f, **Frankton (Fr)**  
€36,000 Arqana Deauville October Yearlings 2023

**Sands of Mali (Fr)** (Panis), Ballyhane Stud

99 foals of racing age/19 winners/2 black-type winners  
3-DUNDALK, 8f, **Heaven's On Fire (Ire)**  
€27,000 RNA Goffs November Foal Sale 2022

**Shaman (Ire)** (Shamardal), Yeomanstown Stud

104 foals of racing age/11 winners/0 black-type winners  
3-DUNDALK, 8f, **Love Sonnet (Ire)**  
10,000gns Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2022  
4-DUNDALK, 6f, **Petit Fusee (Ire)**  
€1,000 Goffs Autumn Yearling Sale 2023

## OBSERVATIONS

on the European racing scene

### HOW THEY FARED

**7.30 Southwell, Novice, £6,300, 2yo, 7f 14y (AWT)**

**Damysus (GB)** (**Frankel {GB}**), Wathnan Racing's 460,000gns Tattersalls Book 1 purchase who is a son of the G2 Prix de Malleret winner and G1 Prix de l'Opera and G1 Prix Marcel

Boussac-placed Legerete (Rahy), got off to the perfect start with a smooth win.

## BRITAIN

### Tuesday's Results:

**7th-Southwell, £6,300, Novice, 12-10, 2yo, 7f 14y (AWT), 1:28.09, st.**

**DAMYSUS (GB)** (c, 2, **Frankel {GB}**--Legerete {MGSW & MG1SP-Fr, \$296,843}, by Rahy), sent off the 8-11 favourite, shadowed the early leader before taking command approaching the two-furlong marker. Shaken up to go clear, the newcomer readily responded to carve out a 2 1/2-length verdict over Hidden Secret (Ire) (Dubawi {Ire}). The winner is the 11th foal out of the G2 Prix de Malleret winner and G1 Prix de l'Opera and G1 Prix Marcel Boussac-placed Legerete (Rahy), whose three black-type performers are headed by the multiple group-placed Pilote (Ire) (Pivotal {GB}). The esteemed Wertheimer family of Groom Dancer includes several notables including Pivotal's G1 Poule d'Essai des Poulains-winning sire Falco and the recent Arc runner-up Aventure (Ire) (**Sea The Stars {Ire}**). Sales history: 460,000gns Ylg '23 TATOCT. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$4,338. O-Wathnan Racing; B-Newsells Park Stud & Merry Fox Stud (GB); T-John & Thady Gosden.

### ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

**Tremolo (GB)**, g, 2, **Bated Breath (GB)**--Harmonica (GB) (SP-Ity), by Pivotal (GB). Southwell, 12-10, 7f 14y (AWT), 1:30.69. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-1, \$6,173. B-Elite Racing Club (GB).

## FRANCE

### Tuesday's Results:

**2nd-Chantilly, €34,000, Mdn, 12-10, 2yo, 8f (AWT), 1:39.55, st.**  
**BATAL YOUMZAIN (FR)** (c, 2, **Hello Youmzain {Fr}**--**Wilside {Ire}** {GSW-Fr, SP-Tur, \$172,381}, by Verglas {Ire}), third over course and distance last month, led initially before being overtaken at halfway. Back in front approaching the furlong marker as the runaway leader caved in, the 21-10 second favourite asserted to score by two lengths from Romance Certaine (Fr) (Le Havre {Ire}). The dam, who captured the G3 Prix Chloe, is responsible for the listed-winning stakes producer Sarigan (Fr) (Teofilo {Ire}). She is a half to the GII Bayakoa Handicap runner-up Round Heels (Ire) (Daggers Drawn) and to the dam of the G1 British Champions Sprint Stakes hero Donjuan Triumphant (Ire) (Dream Ahead) and the Listed Ascendant Stakes scorer Caledonian Spring (Ire) (Amadeus Wolf {GB}). **Cont. p13**  
**2nd-Chantilly Cont.**

### 2nd-Chantilly Cont.

Her yearling filly by Cloth Of Stars (Ire) was a €20,000 purchase by Le Marais SAS at the Osarus September Sale. Sales history: €32,000 Wlg '22 ARQDEC; €65,000 RNA Ylg '23 ARQAUG; €145,000 2yo '24 ARQMAY. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-1, €31,000.

O-Jaber Abdullah & Rabbah Bloodstock Limited; B-A Chevalier du Fau, Broadhurst Agency & Ecurie de Montlahuc (FR); T-Andreas Schutz.

#### CONDITIONS RESULTS:

**8th-Chantilly, €27,000, 12-10, 3yo/up, 6 1/2f (AWT), 1:16.36, st.**

**TEN HORNS (FR) (c, 3, Ten Sovereigns {Ire}--Rivalba, by Street Cry {Ire})** Lifetime Record: MSP-Fr, 15-4-2-3, €109,850. O-Ecurie Gribomont, Gerard Augustin-Normand & Ecurie du Sud; B-Ecurie Gribomont & Ecurie du Sud (FR); T-Patrice Cottier. \*€48,000 RNA Ylg '22 ARQAUG.

#### ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

**Light Mood (Fr), g, 2, City Light (Fr)--Upbeat Mood (MSP-US, \$144,016), by Mizzen Mast. Marseille-Pont-de-Vivieux, 12-10, 7 1/2f (AWT), 1:31.78. B-Ecurie Jean-Louis Bouchard (FR).**

**Speedster (Fr), g, 2, Wootton Bassett (GB)--Venecia Style (Fr) (SW & GSP-Fr, \$123,928), by Desert Style (Ire). Chantilly, 12-10, 7f (AWT), 1:24.94. B-M Daguzan-Garros & F Bragato (FR).**

### A Hubert Guy Bloodstock Auction Purchase



#### IN MAINLAND CHINA:

**River Thames (Ire), h, 5, Churchill (Ire)--Where's Sue (Ire), by Dark Angel (Ire). Wuhan, 12-7, 1800m, sand, 1:58.02. O-Wu Hai Wei. B-Mountain View Stud & J. C. Bloodstock (Ire). \*320,000gns Ylg '20 TATOCT. VIDEO.**



### NEW ZEALAND GOVERNMENT PLANS GREYHOUND RACING BAN BY 2026

High injury rates in racing greyhounds sees a proposed ban on the sport introduced by the New Zealand government on Tuesday, Reuters reported.

"While fewer dogs are dying, injury rates, while down slightly, have plateaued and remain unacceptably high," Minister for Racing Winston Peters said in a statement.

The plan is for the sport to be ended gradually over a 20-month period. An advisory committee has been appointed to re-home an estimated 2,900 racing dogs, according to Peters. A bill was introduced by the government, with the support of the opposition Labour party, to prevent the unnecessary killing of racing dogs. Further legislation is on the table next year to make changes to the existing laws to outlaw greyhound racing.

"We are extremely disappointed that the government has not recognised the work the industry has done to address areas of concern--to the extent that it now leads the wider racing industry with its commitment to animal welfare," said Greyhound Racing New Zealand chairman Sean Hannan in a statement. "We are extremely concerned for the future of the industry's greyhounds, which may no longer be a breed seen in New Zealand."

There are currently only five countries where greyhound racing is still allowed: the U.S., Australia, Britain, Ireland and New Zealand. However, greyhound racing is only 8.5% of the NZ\$1.3 billion (€716,323,174) racing industry with just over 1,000 full-time jobs.

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