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GOLDEN STATE RACING WITHDRAWS LICENSE APPLICATION FOR 2025



Racing at the now-shuttered Golden Gate Fields | Vassar Photography

by Dan Ross

The California Authority of Racing Fairs (CARF) board voted unanimously Monday to rescind a proposed Golden State Racing meet spanning the first half of next year, plunging an already tenuous situation for the horsemen and women in the North of the state into a world of even greater uncertainty.

The decision was met with dismay and concern during Monday's online CARF meeting, with several stakeholders in Northern California voicing fears that the move would also jeopardize the future of the California fair meets.

"I am in concert with Aidan Butler [1/ST Racing and Gaming president]. We both want racing to continue in Northern California because Northern California is the farm system. If you shut it down, it's just a domino effect. Then in two to three years, racing's done in California," said CARF executive director Larry Swartzlander, who spoke to the TDN after Monday's meet concluded.

Swartzlander clarified, however, that 1/ST Racing's advocacy for continued racing in Northern California extended to the fair meets rather than the resumption of Golden State Racing's (GSR) operations.

KENTUCKY VALUE SIRES FOR 2025--PART I: NEW STALLIONS

by Chris McGrath

With 'TDN Rising Stars' Siere Leone (*Gun Runner*) and Fierceness (*City of Light*) extending their rivalry into 2025, and the GI Kentucky Derby winner also persevering to a third campaign, there's no denying that the new intake of Bluegrass sires has a fairly bunched look. A cluster of second-tier names can duly compete for mares that might otherwise have favored one of the sophomore leaders, with eight of the 23 newcomers targeting broadly similar budgets between \$40,000 and \$30,000.

Whether that qualifies any of them as "value" can only be guesswork, when history tells us how few of the rookies hyped annually from the rooftops will still be found in Kentucky just a few short years later. **Cont. Pg. 6**

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Adam Houghton offers a rundown of several horses to follow from the recent all-weather racing at Southwell and Dundalk.

“JUSTIFY has proved he possesses the scope to straddle the ocean and dominate in both America and Europe, on dirt and on turf, with the all-important juveniles as well as with Classic contenders.”

MICHELE MACDONALD, RP BLOODSTOCK REVIEW 12.15.24

LEADING NORTH AMERICAN SIRES 2024

RANK	SIRE	% BT PERFORMERS/RUNNERS
1	JUSTIFY	17.0%
2	Gun Runner	12.9%
3	Into Mischief	12.2%

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General Sires

1. Into Mischief
2. Gun Runner
- 3. Constitution**
4. Twirling Candy
5. Uncle Mo
6. Justify

Leading Sires of 3YOs

1. Gun Runner
2. Justify
- 3. Constitution**
4. Into Mischief
5. Goldencents
6. Arrogate

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General Turf Sires

1. Twirling Candy
2. Justify
3. Not This Time
- 4. Constitution**
5. War Front
6. More Than Ready

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Constitution
Into Mischief
Curlin
Gun Runner
Not This Time
Nyquist

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2024 in photos: July 14. Sierra Leone kicks up his heels after a workout over Saratoga's Oklahoma training track. | Sarah Andrew

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16 | ASMUSSEN WINS 19TH REMINGTON PARK TITLE, ELLIOTT TAKES SECOND RIDING TITLE

Trainer Steve Asmussen won his 19th Chuck Taliaferro Award as Remington Park's leading trainer following the conclusion of the meet over the weekend. Asmussen's assistant, Pablo Ocampo, handles the string at Remington and the pair posted 60 wins during the meet while grossing \$1,681,617 in earnings.

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Golden State Racing cont.

“Do they advocate us reopening GSR? I cannot say that,” said Swartzlander. “If we rectify this business model and historical racing machines come online, sure, we would make an effort to revive racing in the North. But in saying that, we want to work in concert with Southern California too, to make them whole.”

The current Golden State Racing meet at Pleasanton concludes this Wednesday. The numbers from the meet have fallen way short of projections made prior to the meet’s start.

Monday’s vote now puts front and center a proposal by 1/ST Racing and Gaming--a business entity under The Stronach Group (TSG) umbrella--to maintain a stabling base at Pleasanton, and for a more suitable suite of races to be carded at Santa Anita to help facilitate NorCal horses. It’s a roughly 700-mile round trip from Pleasanton to Santa Anita.

1/ST Racing’s proposal, however, is currently short on specifics. Swartzlander said that he expected flesh to be put on the bones of the proposal over the next two or three days.

“The bottom lines are, we stay open for stabling and get x amount of dollars per day. You take care of the horsemen. You pay for their vanning. You give them stipends. If anybody wants to relocate there, they would assist them in their costs to relocate their entire stables to Santa Anita,” said Swartzlander.

“Those are the generic comments. Aidan [Butler] will probably

talk to the CTT [California Thoroughbred Trainers] tomorrow, because everybody has questions about what exactly does that all mean,” said Swartzlander.

In a packet submitted before Monday’s California Horse Racing Board (CHRB) meeting, Golden State Racing **proposed** a near six-month meet running from Dec. 26, 2024 through June 8, 2025.

For the first three months, the proposal called for racing largely on Saturdays and Sundays only. Currently, Golden State Racing cards a three-day meet weekly, Friday through Sunday. According to the now rescinded proposal, the meet at Pleasanton would have returned to its three-day status at the start of April.

CARF’s decision to rescind the proposed race-meet for 2025 was made even after owner-breeders George Schmitt and John Harris offered to front Golden State Racing a line of credit to help weather their financial difficulties, said Swartzlander.

The \$2-million offer by Schmitt and Harris was bound up with legal constraints about how it could be used, if at all, he said. And because it was designed to be used for the proposed 2025 meet at Pleasanton, it can’t be relied upon to help fund any possible future Golden State Racing venture.

“That money was earmarked for 2025--in other words, to make the 2025 meet whole,” said Swartzlander. “I can’t go forward with a multi-million-dollar deficit.” **Cont.**

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When asked if Monday’s vote sounded the death knell to long-term Thoroughbred racing in the North (outside of the fairs), or whether Golden State Racing could be revived at some point, Swartzlander said such an enterprise would be incumbent upon California purses supplemented with revenues from things like sports wagering or historical horseracing machines—a tough ask in a state where the optics of horse racing is already on shaky public footing.

“Simply stated, racing cannot continue in California without, and I hate the term supplement, but that’s the way it is,” said Swartzlander. “Churchill Downs runs an allowance race for \$120,000. Santa Anita run for \$58,000. I run for \$26,000. Simple numbers.”

More pointedly, Swartzlander voiced remorse that Golden State Racing wasn’t given more of a chance to find its financial footing, especially as it had to scramble resources together due to TSG’s abrupt announcement and closure of Golden Gate Fields.

“This was a new business. Every new business gets a business loan to start out. But you only give them three months before you shut them down? Usually they’re given at least a year,” said Swartzlander. “The financials didn’t support that.”

On Monday afternoon, 1/ST Racing, the Thoroughbred Owners of California (TOC) and CARF chairman Jerome Hoban issued a joint statement.

“On behalf of 1/ST Racing, I am proud that industry stakeholders have united to forge a sustainable future for California racing,” wrote Butler. “This agreement ensures stability for racing and training across the state while strengthening the overall product we present to fans and participants.”

The joint statement added little public specifics to the proposed plan floated for the North, other than that it provided “uninterrupted stabling and training at Pleasanton, along with vanning services for Northern



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California-based horses traveling to and from Santa Anita. Weekly races with preferences and restrictions for Northern-based horses will be carded with travel stipends to help support horsemen and horsewomen traveling to Santa Anita."

Bill Nader, TOC president and CEO, wrote that this blueprint "represents the most efficient use of resources, building a stronger foundation at Santa Anita while addressing the unique needs of our constituents in Northern California. Utilizing Pleasanton as an off-site stabling and training hub ensures continuity for horses and staff. This agreement is a significant step forward for the future of California racing."

According to Hoban, "This new structure has the potential to provide the best opportunity for fair racing in the North to thrive. By maintaining local stabling, we support our horsemen and horsewomen while optimizing purses at racetracks statewide during the off-season."

The CHRB also issued a statement Monday, writing that the CHRB views this arrangement as "temporary, as well as an opportunity for all stakeholders to work together to pursue purse enhancements that are essential for California racing to remain competitive with the rest of the country. We are hopeful that should such supplements be realized, California will once again support two thriving thoroughbred circuits and offer purses equal to or above those in other states."

"Currently California offers beautiful venues, unparalleled safety protocols, and what we believe to be the best equine testing and research lab in the country at UC Davis. Enhanced purses would make horse racing in the state second to none. In the meantime, we will focus on purses, field size, and safety at all tracks in California, as well as ensuring a successful traditional fair circuit next summer."

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Muth | Sara Gordon

Value Sires cont.

But we also know how many commercial breeders nowadays just flit from one rookie to the next, and that this spring will duly be when farm accountants must bank on retrieving their outlay.

These stallions clearly being a case apart, once again we're treating them accordingly in this opening instalment of our annual quest for value in the Kentucky stallion market. Thereafter, as last year, we'll be sieving through those horses

already at stud, in fee bands, starting with the four-figure bargain basement and working all the way up to the snowline inhabited by Into Mischief and friends.

There's limited point rehearsing all the old arguments about the mayfly commercial lifespan of the new sires. Suffice to say that if ever these horses can produce runners, it should be from their first crop—a self-fulfilling consequence of the fact that they typically receive their biggest and best book precisely when charging a fee that subsequently proves, in most cases, to have been terrible value!

In a precarious walk of life, you can't blame commercial breeders merely for anticipating demand. The market is instead driven by those at ringside who claim that they are simply giving clients a chance to stumble on a superstar in the making, only accessible because still unproven. That would be a lot more believable if they didn't then ignore stallions whose fees and books are on the slide, without yet having had a meaningful opportunity to show whether they can produce runners; or indeed, if they even rewarded those whose first foals actually shine under racetrack examination.

Tiz The Law, for instance, is challenging for the freshman title from with lesser resources than his two rivals—yet his second crop actually slipped a little in sales yield, compared with when he still had a blank slate last year. **Cont.**

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“What makes **Tacitus** and the market's belief in him especially interesting is the **consistency of their support.**”

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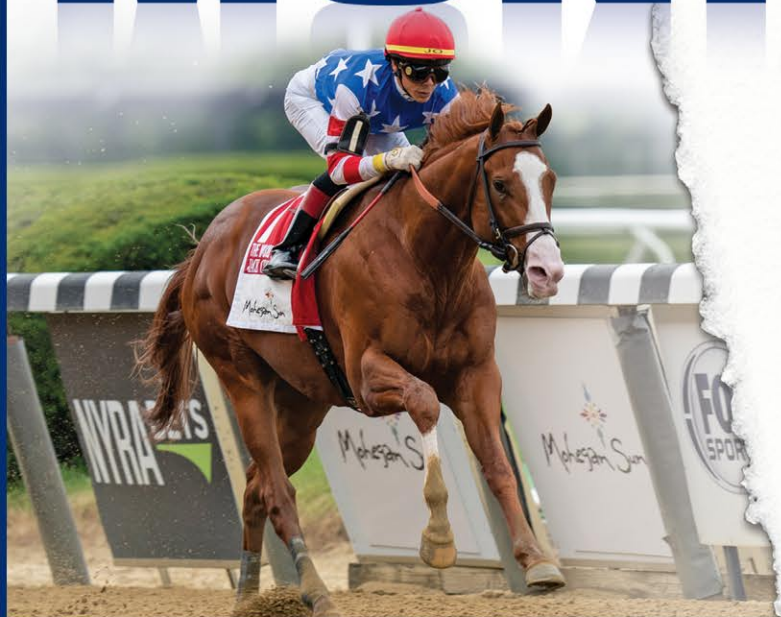
POSTER trained by Eoin Harty remained unbeaten in 3 starts for owner/breeder Godolphin Racing LLC in taking the Grade 2 Remsen Stakes

The Shadwell-owned/Three Chimneys-bred **MUHIMMA** also maintained her flawless record in the Grade 2 Demoiselle Stakes for Brad Cox



The Chad Brown-trained, Juddmonte-owned and bred 2YO filly **RAMIFY** made it 3-from-3 last weekend for the **MUNNINGS/TAPIT** cross following her dominant win in the 1m MSW in Aqueduct last Sunday.

MUNNINGS



“ I think Munnings was the first indicator of what Speightstown could be and as his mare quality improved, so did his results. He’s a horse that’s proven with colts like **Jack Christopher**. Those sort of horses. They’re very inspiring. When you think about a horse as brilliant as him and you look at a colt like this, you start dreaming.”

Tom Ryan on the \$975,000 colt by **MUNNINGS** at The Saratoga Sale

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And the same thing happened, only much more steeply in a couple of cases, to all four protagonists in last year's freshman race.

That doesn't mean that such horses can't renew momentum. The point is that people who say they can only hit elite genes by betting on new stallions must explain why, for instance, they temporarily dumped **Practical Joke** just when his stock had actually begun to offer something substantial to work with. This sire, who otherwise hasn't really missed a commercial beat, averaged just \$65,483 with his third-crop yearlings in 2022, despite averaging over \$150,000 both before and since; and at a time when he had been surpassed in the class only by **Gun Runner**, both as freshmen and again in their second campaign. For a certain type of operator, he had presumably served his purpose as one of those high-volume, speed-oriented start-ups; and it was just time to move onto the next model.

If farms could rely on more patient support for horses "on the bubble," rather than a witless stampede to each new intake of rookies, maybe they could also retrieve their costs in less of a hurry. So if you share that consensus that fees are currently way too high--and the incoming lot certainly won't discourage that opinion--then maybe that's because we're not giving farms enough time to pay for their stallions.

Never mind. Such is the world we live in, and those playing the longer game--those, that is, baffled that breeding "for the sales" can somehow be different from breeding "for the track"--know that ultimately there should be nothing more commercial than putting a winner under your mare.

That being so, way too much investment is being directed exactly where we know it is most likely to fail. But that's precisely why we're treating this crew separately. Today we'll play the same game as everyone else, and try to get lucky finding the one or two who actually go on and make the grade.

As ever, however, this whole series remains a wholly subjective exercise. Highlighted stallions will simply happen to have matched one random set of prejudices. You all know your own mare, and what should suit her, physically and otherwise--which should be the starting point for every mating, after all. Fortunately we will also be favoring each band of stallions with the verdict of some far better judges than this one.

Overview Of the Intake

In a ruthlessly competitive recruiting environment, there's no mistaking the biggest mover among the farms this year. With the great **Tapit** in the evening of his career, Gainesway has corralled four new prospects--including two of their champion's sons--in the hope of emulating the flying start made by **McKinzie**. One has found his way onto our Value Podium, but each offers persuasive credentials.



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It's certainly gratifying that Arrogate, from tragically confined opportunity, managed to produce an additional heir from his final crop in GI Preakness Stakes winner **SEIZE THE GREY**. He opens at \$30,000, a little under another Classic winner by the same sire, **Arcangelo**, who started last year over at Lane's End.

There were ups and downs for Seize the Grey, a familiar experience with horses campaigned by Wayne Lukas, but between them they eked out a resilience that must augur well for this horse at stud. It felt important that he corroborated his elite status in the GI Pennsylvania Derby, and don't forget that he beat Dornoch at Saratoga as a juvenile--not a bad maiden special weight! Dam and granddam are both half-sisters to Grade I winners.



Seize the Grey | Sara Gordon

The two Tapits joining their sire at Gainesway both attempted to redress one of the few gaps in his resume with consecutive cracks at the Derby. **'TDN Rising Star' CHARGE IT** reserved his most dazzling performance for his next start, a 23-length blowout in the GIII Dwyer Stakes that earned a 111 Beyer. At four he added the GII Suburban Stakes and if his overall record leaves him on the cusp of the elite, he amply demonstrated the functionality of genes branded by granddam Take Charge Lady (Dehere). Those leave him very fairly priced at \$12,500.

'TDN Rising Star' TAPIT TRICE returns to his native farm, having been bought as a yearling for \$1.3 million by the Charge It team at Whisper Hill (Gainesway retrieving a stake). He was a good-enough performer to win all that back, and more, getting on a roll (GI Toyota Blue Grass Stakes winner) en route to a bumpy ride at Churchill. He took a little time to regroup but did so with a couple of graded stakes this year, and he's out of half-sister to champion Jaywalk (Cross Traffic).

Tapit's daughters have had a wonderful year and one who was herself graded stakes-placed extends the legacy through a son entering Spendthrift.

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Though a six-for-nine winner of \$1.5 million, his derailment after a first Grade I success in the Stephen Foster Stakes left a sense that **KINGSBARNs** was only just retrieving the curve he was following from his GII Louisiana Derby success to Churchill. As a son of **Uncle Mo** who blazed his way to an \$800,000 sale at Gulfstream, he looks assured of systematic commercial support at \$20,000.

This farm's superpower roster has been further decorated by the two most expensive stallions of the intake. The aforementioned **DORNOCH** is launched at \$40,000, a pretty steep contrast with his brother **Mage** (\$25,000 at Airdrie). In his favor is a record of greater precocity, having completed a juvenile campaign by nosing out Sierra Leone in the GII Remsen Stakes, while he also supplemented his Classic success with another Grade I in the Haskell Stakes. They have obviously made each other's pedigree, and arguably Dornoch has been priced in a way that should help his brother's second book. The addition to new sires may dictate otherwise, however, and even **Mage's** historic talent (placing him, remember, alongside only Apollo and **Justify**) can't prevent Dornoch strictly being credited with the superior body of work. **Cont.**

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AMONGST THE FASTEST 2YOs BY JUSTIFY

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NEW FOR 2025
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HEARTLAND

FEE: \$10,000 S&N

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The horse that thwarted **Mage** in the Preakness, **NATIONAL TREASURE**, also makes the Airdrie stallion look good value by asking \$40,000 at Spendthrift. But National Treasure did stand up to three campaigns at the highest level, and auspiciously only got better where other horses might have started to lose tyres. We can't treat his GI Met Mile romp quite like others in the past, given a change of venue and the flop of his only serious rival. But previously running the Horse of the Year to a nostril in the GI Dirt Mile at the Breeders' Cup should be enough for anyone, and likewise a Peter Blum family that has been developed as skillfully as you would expect.

The other farm to have assembled a trio of rookies is WinStar. One can be found on our Value Podium, but on fees it is **COGBURN** who tops the bill at \$30,000.

While a witless ride did not assist his quest for a fitting swansong at the Breeders' Cup, he had arrived as one of the most charismatic turf sprinters of recent times. There seem to be no limits on the kind of talent **Not This Time** can throw, and even on grass nobody will mind tapping into a variant of such unadulterated speed-as famously measured by breaking a minute over 5 1/2 furlongs in the GI Jaipur Stakes. But don't forget that Cogburn had earlier shown what he was all about on dirt, as well. The only thing that might hold him back is the left-field seeding of his family, but we've seen plenty of those come off before.



Cogburn | Sara Gordon

HEARTLAND looks a pure roll of the dice at \$10,000. A **Justify** half-brother to Classic Empire who made \$575,000 as a yearling, his '**TDN Rising Star**' debut at Del Mar was good for a 90 Beyer. That will doubtless embolden some breeders to salute the next **Maclean's Music**, especially if they're aiming to hit the precocity pinhook button. Even more plainly than with the rest of these, however, that can only be a matter of hope and not belief.

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Others starting out at a modest fee include an interesting pair at Darby Dan. **Good Magic** is quickly doing big things for the **Curlin** sire-line and his son **BLAZING SEVENS** fell only cents short of millionaire status, having added a head defeat in the Preakness to his commercially seductive juvenile career (Saratoga debut and GI Champagne Stakes winner). Europeans will discover some heartwarming names deep in the pedigree, but closer up, this is surely a rock-solid market play at \$12,500.

SHIRL'S SPEIGHT might be more of a risk, as a veteran turf horse, but this is only the latest product of a program that constantly punches above weight. Its focus on pedigree tells in the aristocratic genes accessible at just \$5,000 here: Shirl's Speight is out of a Grade I-winning half-sister to both a Grade I winner and a Grade I producer. He has been priced for breeders who prize "run" and you absolutely know that his owner will sooner or later come up with a Shirl's Speight to embarrass rivals sired far more expensively.

We all know how hard it is to stand a turf horse in the Bluegrass today. But **Oscar Performance** has given everyone hope, thanks to a farm that has made a dynamic return to the stallion game. Mill Ridge now adds another really wholesome option in **CASA CREED** at \$10,000. This is the 9-for-36 winner of \$2.7 million, who hardly missed a beat across seven campaigns.

His record in the GI Fourstardave Handicap alone reads 3311, while he divided four Grade I wins equally between six furlongs and a mile. If people actually want to walk the walk on breeding to soundness and constitution, then they need to get involved with the most venerable horse in the intake. I for one believe in the Creed.

While we're on the weeds, **MORE THAN LOOKS** also looks generously priced on \$15,000 at Lane's End. If you operate one of those oddball programs that wants to breed winners, then you'd have to be interested in the turn of foot this dashing animal showed when cutting down an international field in the GI Breeders' Cup Mile. He has a solid page and I can see his commercial profile soon being raised by European pinhookers, who would expect to pay a lot more for an equivalent talent over the water.

I always thought that **DOMESTIC PRODUCT** would find his way towards the apex of the crop and Coolmore's industrial model

virtually guarantees that he will prove a force at \$30,000. The day Fierceness was turned over in the GIII Holy Bull Stakes, I only had eyes for the runner-up, who flashed a ton of raw ability. Though he duly made a Derby bid obligatory, he later

thrived with a drop in distance and that speed is going to gain a lot of commercial favor, especially when underpinned by such a striking physique. Admittedly it's not the deepest page, but the genes were demonstrably functional and he would have been an easy fit for the Value Podium.

Perhaps closer yet, at \$30,000, was the horse who ran Domestic Product so close in the GI Allen Jerkens Stakes this summer. **'TDN Rising Star'**

PRINCE OF MONACO brings a

highly commercial profile to Claiborne, a Bluegrass institution showing a willingness to adapt to a changing environment. This was one of the most precocious juveniles of his crop in California, conspicuously so for a son of Speightstown (in fact,



Shirl's Speight | Sara Gordon

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his only Grade I winner at two). And, though confined to a very light sophomore career, he emphatically confirmed himself an elite sprinter. There's more quality in the family than the seeding might lead you to expect, always an excellent sign, and I have heard very good things indeed about his physique.

An older-school arrival at the same farm is **BRIGHT FUTURE**, a Jockey Club Gold Cup winner whose perseverance at five did not really pay off. There's depth to his page, and Grade I-winning sons of **Curlin** have every right to work out at \$12,500.

The Three Chimneys team also welcome two newcomers in their quest for another **Gun Runner**. One is his sons **GUN PILOT**, who actually did what everyone originally presumed his sire's stock would typically do, by thriving with maturity--albeit he did also contribute to the wider surprise as one of **Gun Runner's** single-turn flyers. He got his Grade I in the seven-furlong Churchill Downs Stakes and there's a nice mirror between his own family and that of his sire. Obviously people are turning to sons of **Gun Runner** for affordable access to his genes and it makes sense to have one standing alongside.



Newgate | *Benoit*

NEWGATE is seeking a similar niche, as a \$20,000 son of another top gun in Into Mischief. He stands over and covers the ground much as you would expect of a \$850,000 yearling, and that athleticism carried him to the brink of the top tier. In fact, he got his day in the Grade I sun when scrambling home in the Santa Anita Handicap, before coming home first of the older horses in the GI Breeders' Cup Classic. Lightly raced sister Denims and Pearls was a Grade II winner this year, and Newgate's looks are going to drive plenty of trade his way. Just as for Gun Pilot, however, the proliferation of rival heirs will make it imperative to capitalize on that rookie vogue.

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Crestwood did a great job launching Caracaro and now welcomes two equally legitimate prospects. **'TDN Rising Star' STAGE RAIDER** is a half-brother to a horse named **Justify**, and at one stage he threatened to achieve stardom himself. He still showed plenty of talent on his day, and evidently looks the part, so if he's even half as effective as **Justify** at recycling their dam's genes, then he will need consideration at rather less than half the fee!

He starts at just \$6,500, in fact, and so does **CLASSIC CAUSEWAY**, a real collector's item from the last crop of the great Giant's Causeway. Nor is he merely a sentimental hope, as a Grade I scorer who banked over \$1.5 million. Some of his adventures after winning the GI Belmont Derby might have dulled attention, but imagine the fee he might have commanded had he quit after his fifth start (all dirt to that point). A Saratoga debut winner placed in Grade I/II company on his two remaining juvenile starts, he had then won both Tampa Bay halts on the road to the Derby. His page is pretty much a non-event until suddenly you come to his dam, who won her first three juvenile starts (two in stakes) in a curtailed career. With a sire like his, stranger things have happened.

ANGEL OF EMPIRE meanwhile arrives at Taylor Made on \$7,500. Like several in this intake, his family has some unfamiliar seeding while nonetheless, auspiciously, producing some quality on a consistent basis. He has been mildly priced for a GI Arkansas Derby winner who then ran third in the big one--doubtless a consequence of disappearing for a year and a half before his debut in the covering shed. Breeders overcoming recency bias can profit accordingly.

After all, all these horses must now start over. Over the years we've been as surprised by the horses that succeed as by those that don't. But here, for the little it may be worth, are three that on paper seem to have as good a chance as any.

VALUE PODIUM

Bronze: ARABIAN KNIGHT

Uncle Mo--Borealis Knight, by Astrology

Hill 'n' Dale, \$30,000

This looks like a Knight in shining armor for those seeking class underpinned by looks. On the face of it, admittedly, his track career did not suggest old-school substance, confined as he was to six starts in three phases. But he managed to confirm elite caliber within those limits, and his physique will surely embolden breeders choosing among the sons of **Uncle Mo** competing with their expensive sire.

Arabian Knight was a spectacular pinhook, converting his \$250,000 Book 1 tag to \$2.3 million at Ocala the following spring, where he satisfied one of the best judges of our time. He showed why with a **'TDN Rising Star'** debut at Keeneland that

fall, and his standing in the Baffert barn was corroborated when he burned them off in the GIII Southwest Stakes. It tells you everything about his charisma that a six-month layoff did not prevent him starting hot favorite against the Derby winner in the Haskell, where a good third set him up to hold out narrowly in the GI Pacific Classic. But his subsequent fourth at the Breeders' Cup reinforced a hunch that he was barely lasting home, and perhaps we barely glimpsed what may have proved his true metier, around a single turn. As he then derailed in a solitary start at four, there are a couple of reasons for suspecting that a more expensive stallion may yet lurk within Arabian Knight.

But while his pedigree lends only tolerable support to the package, one way or another it produced a beautiful machine capable of effortless speed. That goes a long way in the commercial market, and Arabian Knight will surely inject brilliance into suitably robust mares.



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Silver: TIMBERLAKE

Into Mischief--Pin Up (Ire), by Lookin At Lucky WinStar, \$20,000

On the face of it, this is just another precocious Into Mischief dasher for the commercial market. You know the kind of thing: **'TDN Rising Star'** debut romper at Ellis, success in the GI Champagne Stakes sandwiched by a GI Hopeful Stakes second and fourth at the Breeders' Cup; and then just overtaken by a few maturing peers as a sophomore, with a GII Rebel Stakes thrown in to reassure us that the flame still burned.

But what sets Timberlake apart is the way his speed and precocity are shored up by the family brilliantly curated by Richard Henry under the Darshaan (GB) mare Jude (Ire). There are things about this page that a Kentucky farm might nowadays almost wish to suppress: such as the fact that

Timberlake's dam, by the criminally underrated Lookin At Lucky, won over 14 furlongs on grass; and that the granddam missed out only by a neck in a Group 2 over the same distance, having previously placed in two Classics over a mile and a half. But the bottom line, literally, is that the family under and alongside Jude is one of the deepest in Europe.

So while commercial breeders and pinhookers will be glad to recycle the assets that were so conspicuous in Timberlake himself, there's a depth to his pedigree that also entitles him to sire two-turn Classic types. Into Mischief fizzing up a line seeded by Lookin At Lucky, Sadler's Wells and Darshaan really offers the best of both worlds.

Timberlake deployed the combination so effectively as a dirt juvenile that he nearly offers a bet to nothing. You'd think he can barely miss, in the marketplace, while appropriate mares would reserve the right additionally to draw from his family reserves that he never quite mined himself.



Timberlake | Sarah Andrew

Gold: MUTH

**Good Magic--Hoppa, by Uncle Mo
Gainesway, \$35,000**

Here's another to have found his way onto our podium via juvenile selection by the great Donato Lanni.

Like Arabian Knight, Muth was a knockout pinhook, found deep in the September Sale for \$190,000 before making \$2 million at Ocala. His position in the Keeneland catalogue acknowledged a compressed page, but that is primarily about brevity of production--he's the first foal of a mare that only produced two registered foals--and beyond that the roots have comforting depth. The third dam is a sister to a GII E.P. Taylor Stakes winner (who went on to produce top-class European juvenile War Command {War Front}) out of a His Majesty half-sister to that wholesome influence Silver Hawk. Irrelevant to many of you, no doubt, but to me that produces a top-to-bottom "stairwell" of seamless quality through the fourth

generation.

Somewhere in those foundations Muth unmistakably found an elite talent. A dazzling 'TDN Rising Star' on debut, he showed that he hadn't been himself for his stakes debut when proceeding to win the GI American Pharoah Stakes and then beat all bar champion Fierceness at the Breeders' Cup. His wins on the Derby trail notoriously secured no Derby points, but he included the eventual winner among those gasping in his wake in the GI Arkansas Derby and was favorite to beat him again when scratched from the Preakness. Unfortunately the light had gone out when he resurfaced in the fall, but the lasting impression he had made on the track will be underpinned by that special physique.

With **Good Magic** looking eligible to found his own branch of the **Curlin** dynasty, and backed by a farm showing increasing market aggression, Muth seems guaranteed to generate the momentum vital to any new stallions.

Value Sires--New Sires: The Breeders Speak

PAUL MANGANARO

GOLD: National Treasure (Quality Road--Treasure, by Medaglia d'Oro), Spendthrift, \$40,000.

By the highly regarded **Quality Road**, National Treasure is a three-time Grade I and Classic winner. He has great potential to sire good, American Classic-type horses during his career. I believe he is very good value at \$40,000.

SILVER: Muth (Good Magic--Hoppa, by Uncle Mo), Gainesway, \$35,000.

Muth is by the red hot stallion **Good Magic**. I love the **Curlin** sire line. He is grand-looking and was a \$2-million 2-year-old. I love the fact that he is a Grade I winner at two and three and was consistent; winning five of his nine lifetime starts with two seconds. He was at the top of his crop in ability and he's a lot of horse for a fee of \$35,000.

BRONZE: Newgate (Into Mischief--Majestic Presence, by Majestic Warrior), Three Chimneys, \$20,000.

At \$20,000, you can breed to a Grade I-winning son of Into Mischief with outstanding conformation. He was on the board in eight of his 12 lifetime starts and earned over \$1 million. He was quick enough to break his maiden going 5 1/2 furlongs at two and had enough class to win his Grade I going 10 furlongs in the Santa Anita H.

BRAD KING

GOLD: ARABIAN KNIGHT (Uncle Mo--Borealis Night, by Astrology), Hill 'n' Dale, \$30,000

He checks all the boxes for what I like in a stallion. Pure, fast, dirt speed as a 2-year-old is very important for our program and he was jaw dropping in that first start on the Breeders' Cup undercard. He is a fantastic looking horse and he proved in the Pacific Classic he could get the Classic distance.

SILVER: Kingsbarns (Uncle Mo--Lady Tapit, by Tapit), Spendthrift, \$20,000

Very similar to my top choice, and he was very fast in the 2-year-old sale. Great looks and excelled around two turns. Great value at \$20,000.

BRONZE: Prince of Monaco (Speightstown--Rainier, by Medaglia d'Oro), Claiborne, \$30,000

He was ultra fast at Del Mar as a 2-year-old, and has always been a knockout to look at.

EVER THE SALESMAN, MATTRESS MACK PROMOTING FURNITURE FROM HOSPITAL



Jim "Mattress Mack" McIngvale | Gallery Furniture

by Bill Finley

Even open heart surgery can't stop Jim "Mattress Mack" McIngvale from what he does best, sell furniture.

On December 10, McIngvale, 73, had heart surgery at Houston Methodist Hospital. Describing his condition, he told the *TDN* that he was in the early stages of congestive heart failure and his arterial valve was not opening and closing like it should.

"So they went in and fixed the thing," he said Monday. "Thank God. The Good Lord is the infinite healer. Now I'm on the rebound. I've been here for six days and I hope to get out in the next two or three days."

Since the day after his surgery, McIngvale has been making posts on X updating his condition. In *Monday's Tweet*, he spent most of his time talking about a reclining chair he sells, the *Mack Zcliner*. McIngvale said he has been sleeping in it rather than in his hospital bed.

"The (Zcliner) is a great addition to this hospital," he said. "Not only can I sleep in it, I can sit in it all day very comfortably. It's got heat. It's got massage. It's got lumbar and all sorts of stuff to make you feel better. So thanks to the Mack Zcliner. It is one of great, most valuable players in this quest to get better."

He also pitched his followers on the idea of buying Christmas presents at his store, Gallery Furniture.

"It's very important that you go out and buy furniture at Gallery Furniture during the holiday season," McIngvale said. "We are going to treat you right. We're going to deliver today to make sure you are happy. Gallery Furniture is all about the customer."

He said he's long been a fan of the Mack Zcliner.

"I had one of these at home before this disease started," he told the *TDN*. "I couldn't sleep laying flat on a mattress. We had

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this sleep recliner and I decided to try it out and I really liked it. I needed one here at the hospital.”

He just can't help himself.

“I have to sell something every day,” he said. “I live to sell. I sell to live.”

McIngvale said that once he is out of the hospital he won't waste any time getting back to work.

“I'm very much looking forward to getting out of the hospital because once I get home I'll be able to go to work a couple of hours a day and get back in the game,” he said. “I love what I do. I love the work.”

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

MYSTIK DAN TO CALIFORNIA, WHY IS IT SO DIFFICULT?

It's great to see Kenny McPeek heading to California for the GI Malibu Stakes with (GI) Kentucky Derby winner Mystik Dan. However, it's disappointing that he doesn't have a flight to catch. Instead, he has to travel by van from Louisiana to California. Our industry needs to improve connectivity between the East and West Coasts and the South if we want our racing to survive and thrive. We need to simplify the logistics so that trainers feel more comfortable shipping their horses nationwide. Graded stakes need to be coordinated around favorable flight schedules. Elite pedigrees are built on Graded races. International trade is conducted around Graded races. Graded races are the true measure of excellence.

--Tom Ryan, Managing partner of SF Bloodstock

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Mystik Dan | Sarah Andrew

SIRES WITH NEW SWs/GSWs

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Mala became the latest stakes winner for Lane's End's **Union Rags** in the Bay Meadows Juvenile S. | Vassar Photography

Sire (Sire's Sire)	#SWs	#GSW
Aurelius Maximus (Pioneerof the Nile) <i>(Blue Fire--Louisiana Champions Day Lassie S.)</i>	3	---
Bobby's Wicked One (Speightstown) <i>(Smoken Wicked--Louisiana Champions Day Juvenile S.)</i>	1	---
Cairo Prince (Pioneerof the Nile) <i>(Paros--Prairie Bayou S.-L)</i>	39	9
Code West (Lemon Drop Kid) <i>(C W Prize--Jeffrey A. Hawk Memorial S.)</i>	3	---
Curlin (Smart Strike) <i>(Journalism--Los Alamitos Futurity-GII)</i>	108	64
Sky Mesa (Pulpit) <i>(Red Mountain--Jim Thorpe S.)</i>	79	26
Street Sense (Street Cry {Ire}) <i>(Flashy Lass--She's All In S.)</i>	89	36
The Big Beast (Yes It's True) <i>(Big Martini--FTBOA Marion County Florida Sire S.)</i>	10	---
Tough Sunday (Grazen) <i>(Shea Brennan--King Glorious S.)</i>	2	---
Union Rags (Dixie Union) <i>(Mala--Bay Meadows Juvenile S.)</i>	36	17

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ASMUSSEN WINS 19TH REMINGTON PARK TITLE, ELLIOTT TAKES SECOND RIDING TITLE

Trainer Steve Asmussen won his 19th Chuck Taliaferro Award as Remington Park's leading trainer following the conclusion of the meet over the weekend. Asmussen's assistant, Pablo Ocampo, handles the string at Remington as the pair posted 60 wins during the meet while grossing \$1,681,617 in earnings. Asmussen was also the only trainer to win four races on one program this season, accomplishing the quadruple on Springboard Mile Night, the final race card of the meet. He had 16 training doubles this season.

Asmussen's first-call rider, 59-year-old Stewart Elliott, earned his second straight Remington Park riding title.

"I'm fortunate really to win this at this stage of my career," said Elliott. "When you ride for Steve Asmussen, you always have a chance to win. My agent, Scott Hare, does a great job getting me on all these horses. It's all good. I love it."

Elliott, who rode Smarty Jones (Elusive Quality) to victory in the 2004 GI Kentucky Derby, rode 91 winners this season, 37 more than runner up Floyd Wethy, Jr.

Topping the owner's standings was Bryan Hawk who won for the first time with 24 victories, 6 ahead of Dick Cappellucci. His earnings topped \$827,000.

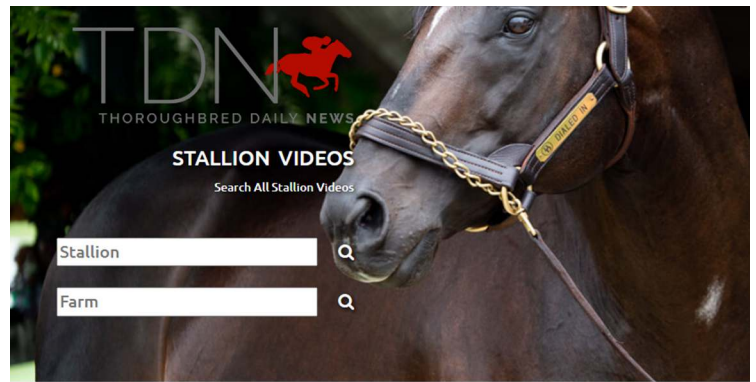
"That's the easy part, winning it," said Hawk. "Staying there is a different story. I need to thank (trainer) Joe Ofolger and just a lot of people who are behind me, everybody. My farm, they all work their butts off there. This has been a five-year process for me. I couldn't be happier."

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Saturday, Gulfstream #10, post time: 4:54 p.m. EST

FT. LAUDERDALE S.-GII, \$215,000, 3yo/up, 1 1/8mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Cash Equity (Fr)	Toronado (Ire)	Kenneth L. Ramsey	Joseph, Jr.	Zayas	121
2	Grand Sonata 🌿	Medaglia d'Oro	Whisper Hill Farm LLC	Pletcher	Gaffalione	126
3	Saratoga Flash	Laoban	Dailey Double Racing, LLC	Joseph, Jr.	Husbands	121
4	Major Dude	Bolt d'Oro	Spendthrift Farm LLC	Pletcher	Ortiz, Jr.	121
5	Win for the Money	Mohaymen	Live Oak Plantation	Casse	Davis	126
6	Lorenz (Brz)	Forestry	Daniel Alonso	Joseph, Jr.	Van Dyke	123
7	Siege of Boston	War Front	Joseph Allen LLC	Toner	Ruiz	121
8	Fort Washington	War Front	Magic Cap Stables	McGaughey III	Velazquez	126
9	Emmanuel 🌿	More Than Ready	Hui, Michael M., Chambers, Case, Staudacher, David, Paradise Farms Corp., Fugget About It Racing Stable and Forte, Phil	Maker	Castellano	123

Breeders: 1-S.C.E.A. Des Prairies, Thomas & Benoit Jeffroy, 2-Whisper Hill Farm, 3-McMahon of Saratoga Thoroughbreds, 4-Clearsky Farms, 5-Kenneth & Sarah Ramsey, 6-Haras Cifra, 7-Joseph Allen & White Birch Farm, Inc., 8-Joseph Allen, LLC & White Birch Farm, Inc., 9-Helen K. Groves Revocable Trust

Saturday, Gulfstream #9, post time: 4:24 p.m. EST

HARLAN'S HOLIDAY S.-GIII, \$165,000, 3yo/up, 1 1/16m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Tuscan Sky	Vino Rosso	Spendthrift Farm LLC	Pletcher	Velazquez	120
2	Tumbarumba	Oscar Performance	Wathnan Racing	Lynch	Gaffalione	123
3	Cape Trafalgar	Lord Nelson	Peachtree Stable	Joseph, Jr.	Ortiz, Jr.	121
4	Digital Ops 🌿	Nyquist	Jeffrey Drown	Joseph, Jr.	Davis	121
5	Vitality	Street Boss	Stronach Stables and Hunsburger, Joel B.	Ladouceur	Bravo	118
6	Steal Sunshine	Constitution	Michael & Jules Iavarone, Carrie L. Brogden, Kevin J. Pollard, Ed Gorry and David Menard	Dibona	Reyes	123
7	Rocket Can	Into Mischief	Frank Fletcher Racing Operations, Inc.	Mott	Alvarado	121
8	Super Corinto (Arg)	Super Saver	Jet Set Racing Stable	Joseph, Jr.	Zayas	121

Breeders: 1-Sierra Farm, 2-Coteau Grove Farms, 3-Spendthrift Farm, 4-Coffee Pot Stables, 5-Adena Springs, 6-Machmer Hall, 7-Woodford Thoroughbreds, 8-Firmamento

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SUWANNEE RIVER S.-GIII, \$165,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 1mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Ocean Club	Curlin	Glen Hill Farm	Sisterson	Gonzalez	125
2	Hollywood Walk	Animal Kingdom	R. Larry Johnson	Trombetta	Ruiz	121
3	Ribaltagaia 🌿	Blame	The Estate of Albert Frassetto	Bietolini	Alvarado	118
4	Papilio (Ire) 🌿	Starspangledbanner (Aus)	D. J. Stable LLC	Casse	Castellano	121
5	Swoonatra 🌿	Paynter	Douglas Self	Abreu	Perez	121
6	Charlie's Wish	First Dude	Royalight Racing, LLC	Fawkes	Vasquez	121
7	Be Your Best (Ire)	Muhaarar (GB)	Michael J. Ryan	Joseph, Jr.	Zayas	125
8	Saffron Moon 🌿	Malibu Moon	CHP Racing	Brown	Gaffalione	121
9	Golden Hostess (SAf)	Gold Standard (SAf)	Cayton Park Stud	Motion	Velazquez	121
10	Be My Sunshine 🌿	Frosted	Kenneth L. Ramsey	Joseph, Jr.	Reyes	121
11	Breath Away (GB)	Bated Breath (GB)	Reeves Thoroughbred Racing, Tango Uniform Racing and Steven Rocco	Clement	Davis	121
12	Bless My Stars (SAf)	Gimmethgreenlight (Aus)	Barber, Gary and Team Valor International LLC	Pletcher	Ortiz, Jr.	121

Breeders: 1-Glen Hill Farm, 2-R. Larry Johnson, 3-Mr. Wilbert Tan, 4-SCEA Marmion & Mr A. Jathiere, 5-Wes Self, 6-Three Gin Guys Stable, 7-St. Croix Bloodstock, 8-Cove Springs Farm, 9-Drakenstein Stud (Nom Mrs. G. A.Rupert), 10-Kenneth & Sarah K. Ramsey, 11-Highgate Stud, 12-Varsfontein Stud



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Rank	Stallion	Standing NA - Worldwide Earnings - NH Foals						Starters	Wnrs	Highest Earner	Earnings
		BTW	BTH	GSW	GSH	G1SW	G1SH				
1	Street Cry (Ire) (1998) by Machiavellian	18	51	8	27	5	7	531	238	\$8,717,342	\$35,766,280
										Rebel's Romance (Ire)	
2	Tapit (2001) by Pulpit	33	65	15	31	3	9	726	340	\$2,193,900	\$30,489,477
										Saudi Crown	
3	Bernardini (2003) by A.P. Indy	24	49	13	32	3	3	640	326	\$1,622,700	\$24,824,813
										Immersive	
4	Congrats (2000) by A.P. Indy	10	18	5	8	3	4	302	149	\$3,045,217	\$17,113,838
										Forever Young (Jpn)	
5	Harlan's Holiday (1999) by Harlan	19	28	5	9	3	3	408	219	\$1,377,500	\$16,602,952
										More Than Looks	
6	Uncle Mo (2008) by Indian Charlie	9	21	5	10	3	6	263	118	\$3,653,050	\$15,605,027
										Thorpedo Anna	
7	Smart Strike (1992) by Mr. Prospector	26	63	12	24	2	3	629	285	\$2,324,800	\$24,441,293
										Seize the Grey	
8	More Than Ready (1997) by Southern Halo	22	38	11	18	2	6	568	274	\$2,502,469	\$23,909,455
										Galaxy Patch (Aus)	
9	Unbridled's Song (1993) by Unbridled	11	28	4	12	2	2	582	251	\$1,582,018	\$18,889,444
										Moira	
10	Awesome Again (1994) by Deputy Minister	11	20	4	7	2	4	351	168	\$1,135,800	\$12,015,325
										Highland Falls	
11	Ghostzapper (2000) by Awesome Again	8	16	4	9	2	2	338	154	\$807,500	\$10,764,805
										Book'em Danno	
12	Rahy (1985) by Blushing Groom (Fr)	8	12	3	4	2	2	157	78	\$4,723,145	\$8,385,329
										Voyage Bubble (Aus)	
13	Medaglia d'Oro (1999) by El Prado (Ire)	29	55	9	27	1	4	669	320	\$3,975,000	\$27,651,472
										National Treasure	
14	Malibu Moon (1997) by A.P. Indy	27	55	7	12	1	3	684	328	\$5,911,250	\$26,833,735
										Sierra Leone	
15	Empire Maker (2000) by Unbridled	12	31	7	14	1	3	627	285	\$7,156,056	\$26,528,307
										Laurel River	

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NORTH AMERICAN RACING



KING GLORIOUS S., \$102,000, Los Alamitos, 12-15, (S), 2yo, 1m, 1:38.46, ft.

1--**SHEA BRENNAN**, 120, c, 2, by **Tough Sunday**

1st Dam: **Carrie Rose**, by **Old Topper**

2nd Dam: **Melinda Rose**, by **Malek (Chi)**

3rd Dam: **Reckless Rose**, by **The Irish Lord**

1ST BLACK TYPE WIN. O/B-N Alexander (CA); T-P D'Amato; J-A Fresu. \$60,000. Lifetime Record: 5-2-0-3, \$144,600.

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2--**I'm a Bad Boy**, 119, g, 2, Stay Thirsty--Donita's Ruler, by Roman Ruler. (\$18,000 Ylg '23 NCAAU). O-C T R Stables LLC (Calvert); B-Terry C. Lovingier (CA); T-Luis Mendez. \$20,000.

3--**R Heisman**, 119, g, 2, Far From Over--Parisienne (Brz), by First American. (\$70,000 Ylg '23 FTCAJR). O-Gary Barber; B-Highclere Inc. (KY); T-Peter Miller. \$12,000.

Margins: NO, HF, 1 1/4. Odds: 3.60, 5.80, 1.50.

Also Ran: Whiskyginandbrandy, Got'm Cot'm, Hardtobetbetternow, Call Me Sir, Valentines Candy, The Gypsy Cowboy.

Shea Brennan, a debut winner at Del Mar in July, was third in the I'm Smokin Stakes at the oceanside oval in July and was stretching out to a mile for the first time following a third-place effort in the seven-furlong Golden State Juvenile Stakes Nov. 1. The chestnut colt attended the pace through fractions of :23.31 and :47.24. He stuck a head in front approaching the stretch and battled off a host of rivals despite drifting out before barely holding off the late rush of I'm a Bad Boy.



Shea Brennan (inside) | Benoit

"He's a horse with a lot of ability, but he's just still learning," said winning trainer Phil D'Amato. "[Jockey] Antonio [Fresu] said he was still looking around through the stretch. He's got a lot of heart, grit, determination and I think the two turns helped him a lot today. I thought [the finish] was extremely close, but after watching the slo-mo replay, I thought we had a good chance at it and sure enough they put our number up."

Carrie Rose has a yearling full-brother to the winner and was bred to Tamarando this year. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#), sponsored by [FanDuel TV](#).

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IN ORDER OF PURSE:

7th-Fair Grounds, \$59,000, Alw (NW2L)/Opt. Clm (\$100,000), 12-16, 2yo, 5 1/2ft, 1:05.89, fm, 1 1/4 lengths.

STAR'S IMAGE (c, 2, Caravaggio--Bo's Image, by Tapit) set the pace and was clear in the lane before just holding on to score by a nose over this same course and trip in his Nov. 22 unveiling. The 2-5 favorite zipped out to the early lead and was clear through a quarter in :22.76 and a half in :47.64 before holding Innova (**Frosted**) at bay to the wire to win by 1 1/4 lengths. A \$45,000 KEESEP yearling, Star's Image was purchased for \$175,000 at this year's OBS March sale. He has a yearling half-brother by **Nyquist** who RNA'd for \$145,000 at this year's Keeneland September sale, and a weanling half-sister by **Munnings**. Bo's Image was bred to **Flameaway** this year. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#). Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$72,600.

O-Patricia's Hope LLC and Knollwood Stables; B-George Krikorian (KY); T-Larry Rivelli.

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IN ORDER OF PURSE:

3rd-Fair Grounds, \$58,000, Msw, 12-16, 2yo, f, 1 1/16mT, 1:50.20, fm, 4 1/4 lengths.

FIONN (f, 2, Twirling Candy--Gaelic Gold, by Giant's Causeway) was runner-up in her one-mile debut over the turf at Horseshoe Indianapolis Sept. 26. The even-money favorite was unhurried while settling off the pace and was next to last behind pedestrian splits. Tipped out five wide at the top of the lane, the bay filly sprung to the lead and powered clear to a 4 1/2-length victory. Dancetheniteaway (Ransom the Moon), last for much of the contest after a poor start, closed to be second. Fionn was a \$75,000 KEESEP yearling. Gaelic Gold, purchased by Dixiana with the winner in utero for \$275,000 at the 2021 Keeneland November sale, has a yearling colt by **Essential Quality** and a weanling colt by **Connect**. She was bred back to Jackie's Warrior. **Click for Equibase.com chart.** Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$41,200. O-George Messina & Michael Lee; B-Dixiana Farms LLC (KY); T-Brad H. Cox.



Saturday's Results:

9th-Chukyo, ¥30,760,000 (\$199,571), Allowance, 2yo, 1200mT, 1:09.1, gd./fm.

AMERICAN STAGE (c, 2, Into Mischief--Bonita Mia, by Warrior's Reward), six days removed from a first-level allowance score on the dirt at Kyoto, switched to the turf for the first time to scoop another valuable price. Soon in front for Yasunari Iwata, the \$500,000 Keeneland September yearling controlled things on the front end through an opening 800 meters and sprinted his final 400m in a slick :22.3 to score by 3 1/2 comfortable lengths as the 6-5 chalk. A half-brother to Super Chow (Lord Nelson), MGSW, \$804,920; and Princess Indy (Lord Nelson), SW, \$271,400, American Stage has a yearling half-sister by the in-form Authentic and a weanling full-sister. Bonita Mia, a half-sister to Grade I-winning 'TDN Rising Star' Carina Mia (Malibu Moon), was most recently bred back to Authentic. Sales history: \$500,000 Ylg '23 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 6-3-2-1, \$232,787. O-Yoshizawa Holdings; B-Spendthrift Farm LLC (KY); T-Yoshito Yahagi.

6th-Nakayama, ¥13,720,000 (\$89,015), Newcomers, 2yo, 1800m, 1:57, gd,

ONE CARD FELLOW (JPN) (c, 2, American Pharoah--One Card too Many, by Drosselmeyer) was sent off at 90 cents on the dollar and overcame a wide trip to open his account at first asking. Ridden forward by Christophe Lemaire following a bit of a hop at the break, the March-foaled bay raced three deep around the first turn while not far from the front. Always within striking distance through the middle stages, One Card Fellow rolled up three off the inside at the top of the straight, was joined to his outside by a longshot challenger and battled on bravely to the line to score by a head. The 49th Japanese winner (70 runners) for **American Pharoah**, One Card Fellow is out of a half-sister to champion Champagne Room (Broken Vow), who is now based in Japan and is the dam of three winners from three to race. Sales history: \$160,000 in utero '21 KEENOV; \$225,584 Wlg '22 JRHAJUL. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$46,865. O-Masaru Shimada; B-Okada Bokujo; T-Takayuki Kato.

Sunday's Results:

9th-Chukyo, ¥20,620,000 (\$133,783), Allowance, 2yo, 1400m, 1:24.9, ft.

POULSEN (c, 2, Into Mischief--Separationofpowers {MGISW, \$964,000}, by Candy Ride {Arg}) was an easy debut winner over six furlongs at Niigata Oct. 6 and was runner-up in his first try against winners going this distance at Tokyo Nov. 9. The 4-5 chalk stalked a soft tempo from second, bid three off the inside at the 400-meter marker and sprinted home a four-length winner over fellow US-bred Yuto the Yuto (**Preservationist**). Poulsen is the first foal from 2017 GI Frizette Stakes and 2018 GI Test Stakes winner Separationofpowers, who was purchased by Hunter Valley Farm for \$2.1 million at the 2019 Fasig-Tipton November Sale. The yearling full-sister to Poulsen was bought back on bid of \$500,000 at this year's Fasig-Tipton Saratoga sale and Separationofpowers is due to **Not This Time** for 2025. Sales history: \$535,000 RNA Wlg '22 KEENOV; \$350,000 Ylg '23 FTSAUG; \$925,000 2yo '24 OBSAPR. Lifetime Record: 3-2-1-0, \$144,248.

O-Naohiro Sakaguchi; B-Hunter Valley & Mountmellick Farm LLC (KY); T-Makoto Saito.

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**IN SOUTH KOREA:**

Navy Captain, c, 2, **Army Mule**--Hermione's Magic (GSP, \$151,204), by Forest Wildcat. Seoul, 12-14, Hcp. (C4), 1400m. B-English Range Farm (FL). *\$100,000 2yo '24 OBSAPR. *81/2 to Tizanillusion (Tizway), SP, \$258,96; and All That Magic (Fast Anna), SW, \$240,757. **VIDEO**

Bravazo Empire, c, 2, **Bravazo**--Caption, by Distorted Humor. Seoul, 12-14, Hcp. (C4), 1300m. B-Javier Martinez (KY). *\$11,000 RNA Ylg '23 KEEJAN; \$20,000 RNA Ylg '23 FTKOCT; \$45,000 2yo '24 FTMMAY. **VIDEO**

Pepper X, c, 2, **Speightster**--My Happy Girl, by **American Pharoah**. Seoul, 12-15, Hcp. (C4), 1400m. B- Rosedown Racing Stables LLC (KY). *\$85,000 2yo '24 OBSAPR. **VIDEO**

Dancing Whiz, c, 3, **Kantharos**--Steely Magnolia, by More Than Ready. Seoul, 12-14, Hcp. (C4), 1200m. B-BTE Stables (KY). *\$30,00 RNA Ylg '22 FTKOCT; \$30,000 2yo '23 FTMMAY.

VIDEO

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IN MEXICO:

R M Acorazado, c, 2, **Solomini**--Prettypriceygirl (SW, \$231,030), by Scat Daddy. Hipodromo de las Americas, 12-14, XXIV Campeonato Juvenil (Mex-G1, NBT), 1 1/16m. B-Spruce Lane, Bartolotta, Becker, Copper Beech, Dudgeon, Gibson et al (NY). *\$1,500 Ylg '23 KEEJAN; \$2,000 Ylg '23 FTKOCT. **1/2 to Big Call (Animal Kingdom), MGSW-Fr, GSP-Swe, SP-Spa, \$352,593.

Balancan, f, 2, **Thousand Words**--Impish, by Into Mischief. Hipodromo de las Americas, 12-14, XIV Campeonato Juvenil (Mex-G1, NBT), 1 1/16m. B-Jason Cline & Jerome Russell (KY). *\$2,200 Ylg '23 KEESEP.

IN PERU:

Navaja Merkel, f, 2, **Mendelssohn**--Navajo, by **Union Rags**. Monterrico, 12-15, Clasic Manuel Checa Solari (NBT), 1600m. B-Terri F Wells/Five Miles Nor (KY). *Undeclared in three starts. **\$45,000 Wlg '22 KEENOV; \$14,000 Ylg '23 KEESEP.

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2024 Stud Fees Listed

American Anthem (Bodemeister), Sierra Blanco Equine, \$3,000
24 foals of racing age/2 winners/0 black-type winners
6-Zia, 4:25 p.m. EST, Msw 5 1/2f, Charlotte's Spider, 8-1
9-Zia, 5:49 p.m. EST, \$150K Hobbs Fall Classic S., 1m, Stand Up Guy, 8-1

Echo Town (Speightstown), Coolmore Ashford, \$5,000
60 foals of racing age/13 winners/2 black-type winners
8-Parx Racing, 3:14 p.m. EST, Msw 6 1/2f, Laugh Like Lucy, 4-1
\$45,000 KEE SEP yrl

Fog of War (**War Front**), Topaz Stud, private
53 foals of racing age/4 winners/0 black-type winners
7-Parx Racing, 2:47 p.m. EST, Msw 5 1/2f, Lovemeakaren, 15-1

Instagrاند (Into Mischief), Taylor Made Farm, \$7,500
136 foals of racing age/20 winners/1 black-type winner
5-Zia, 3:57 p.m. EST, Msw 6f, Bow to Clara, 8-1
\$55,000 RNA KEE SEP yrl; \$70,000 FTK OCT yrl; \$150,000 OBS APR 2yo

K B's Krome (King Bull)
1 foal of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
6-Zia, 4:25 p.m. EST, Msw 5 1/2f, Krome's Kiddo, 12-1

Runaway Ghost (**Ghostzapper**), Double LL Farms, \$2,500
26 foals of racing age/2 winners/0 black-type winners
6-Zia, 4:25 p.m. EST, Msw 5 1/2f, Emotional Runaway, 20-1
\$8,000 RUI NMY yrl
9-Zia, 5:49 p.m. EST, \$150K Hobbs Fall Classic S., 1m, Short Round Bound, 15-1
\$10,000 RUI NMY yrl

Tight Ten (**Tapit**), Mountain Springs Farm
10 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
2-Parx Racing, 12:32 p.m. EST, Msw 6 1/2f, Smallschool Wonder, 9-2

Tiz the Law (**Constitution**), Coolmore Ashford, \$20,000
98 foals of racing age/20 winners/5 black-type winners
8-Parx Racing, 3:14 p.m. EST, Msw 6 1/2f, Quercus, 5-2

War of Will (War Front), Claiborne Farm, \$25,000
 116 foals of racing age/18 winners/1 black-type winner
 5-Zia, 3:57 p.m. EST, Msw 6f, Stubby, 9-2
 \$57,000 KEE NOV wnl; \$30,000 OBS APR 2yo; \$23,000 E '24 KEE NOV

SECOND-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17 2024 Stud Fees Listed

Sporting Chance (Tiznow), A & A Ranch, \$5,000
 45 foals of racing age/14 winners/2 black-type winners
 9-Zia, 5:49 p.m. EST, \$150K Hobbs Fall Classic S., 1m, Lime Chilton, 15-1
 \$40,000 RUI NMY yrl



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6th-Zia, \$77,000, (S), 12-16, 3yo/up, 1m 70y, 1:39.60, ft, 1 1/4 lengths.

I THINK I'M HERE (g, 5, Marking--Limeade, by Summer Bird)
 Lifetime Record: SP, 20-6-4-2, \$378,816. O-Charles Dunleavy III; B-Chuck Dunleavy & Shawn Davis (NM); T-Lillian N. Silva.

6th-Fair Grounds, \$60,000, (S), 12-16, (NW3L), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:10.16, ft, 1 length.

HE'S JUST LUCKY (g, 3, Breaking Lucky--Anea, by Unbridled's Song) Lifetime Record: 6-3-0-0, \$81,300. O-Baronne Farms LLC; B-4M Ranch & Blue Star Racing LLC (LA); T-Allen Landry.
 *\$50,000 Ylg '22 OBSWIN.

4th-Zia, \$55,000, 12-16, (NW2X), 3yo/up, 1 1/16m, 1:43.41, ft, neck.

TIBURON (g, 4, Good Magic--Enoree {SP}, by More Than Ready)
 Lifetime Record: 14-3-0-3, \$122,492. O-Judge Lanier Racing LLC; B-Mark Dodson (ON); T-Dick Cappellucci. *\$285,000 Ylg '21 KEESEP; \$30,000 3yo '23 KEENOV. **1/2 to Ready for Candy (**Twirling Candy**), GSP, \$107,171.

9th-Parx Racing, \$52,000, (NW2X)/Opt. Clm (\$50,000), 12-16, 3yo/up, 1m 70y, 1:44.48, sy, 1 1/2 lengths.

LONESOME BOY (c, 3, Nationhood--Atta Girl Pearl, by Atta Boy Roy) Lifetime Record: SW, 17-4-3-2, \$243,664. O-John E. Parker; B-Pat & Mullan Chinn (WA); T-Hugo O. Padilla.

7th-Parx Racing, \$41,800, (S), 12-16, (NW1BX), 3yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:40.44, sy, 4 3/4 lengths.

TIZ RACE DAY (f, 3, Race Day--Tiztito, by Tiznow) Lifetime Record: 12-4-2-1, \$119,331. O-Madison Avenue Racing Stable, Inc., Kernan, Jr., Morris E. and Jagger Inc.; B-James Lee Lawrence II & Towering Cumulus LLC (PA); T-Jamie Ness.

5th-Turf Paradise, \$25,000, (C)/Opt. Clm (\$40,000-\$50,000), 12-16, 3yo/up, 5f, :56.20, ft, 3 3/4 lengths.

PLANE TALK (g, 7, Conveyance--Kitty's Pearl, by Bellamy Road) Lifetime Record: SW, 37-10-8-7, \$306,237. O/T-Jose Silva, Jr.; B-Buck Pond Farm Inc. & Rob Auerbach (KY). *\$12,000 Ylg '18 KEEJAN; \$75,000 Ylg '18 KEESEP.

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3rd-Turf Paradise, \$22,500, (S), (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$12,500), 12-16, 3yo/up, 5 1/2f, 1:03.44, ft, 1 1/4 lengths.

POP D'ORO (g, 4, Bolt d'Oro--Just Like Pop, by Unbridled's Song) Lifetime Record: 17-2-1-3, \$62,924. O-Charles Garvey; B-H & E Ranch (AZ); T-Robertino Diodoro. *\$40,000 Ylg '21 ARZNOV.

6th-Turf Paradise, \$22,500, (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$12,500-\$16,000), 12-16, 3yo/up, 1m, 1:35.63, ft, 1/2 length.

CORNISHMAN (g, 3, Curlin--Penwith {GSW & MGISP, \$600,135}, by Bernardini) Lifetime Record: 9-2-4-1, \$136,028. O-Joe Schumer; B-Godolphin (KY); T-Tena Birdwell. *\$80,000 3yo '24 KEENOV.

4th-Camarero, \$21,000, (S), 12-14, 2yo, f, 7f, 1:25.88, my.
CASTA DIVA (f, 2, Cupid--Dream Safari, by Animal Kingdom) Lifetime Record: MSW, 7-6-0-1, \$145,128. O-Establo Cinco Hermanos; B-Waldemar Ventura Rodriguez (PR); T-Maximo Gomez.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Fourdatesforhoco, g, 2, **Tale of Ekati**--Preachintothechoir, by Songandaprayer. Mahoning Valley, 12-16, (S), 6f, 1:14.21. Lifetime Record: 6-1-1-3, \$37,095. B-Raimonde Farms LTD (OH).

Flagrunner, f, 3, **Runhappy**--Yippee, by Harlan's Holiday. Parx Racing, 12-16, (C), 6 1/2f, 1:20.41. Lifetime Record: 6-1-2-3, \$58,308. B-James McIngvale (PA).

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Princessprancealot, f, 3, **Sir Prancealot (Ire)**--Sunday Eve, by Corinthian. Zia, 12-16, 5 1/2f, 1:04.09. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$27,500. B-Double Kee, LLC (CA).

Bertani, c, 3, **Vino Rosso**--Wild N Ready (SP), by More Than Ready. Zia, 12-16, 5 1/2f, 1:03.00. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, \$31,500. B-Josham Farms Limited (ON). *\$100,000 Ylg '22 KEESEP.

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Breaking Lucky, He's Just Lucky, g, 3, o/o Anea, by Unbridled's Song. ALW, 12-16, Fair Grounds

Caravaggio, Star's Image, c, 2, o/o Bo's Image, by **Tapit**. AOC, 12-16, Fair Grounds

Conveyance, Plane Talk, g, 7, o/o Kitty's Pearl, by Bellamy Road. AOC, 12-16, Turf Paradise

Cupid, Casta Diva, f, 2, o/o Dream Safari, by Animal Kingdom. ALW, 12-14, Camarero

Curlin, Cornishman, g, 3, o/o Penwith, by Bernardini. AOC, 12-16, Turf Paradise

Good Magic, Tiburon, g, 4, o/o Enoree, by More Than Ready. ALW, 12-16, Zia

Marking, I Think I'm Here, g, 5, o/o Limeade, by Summer Bird. ALW, 12-16, Zia

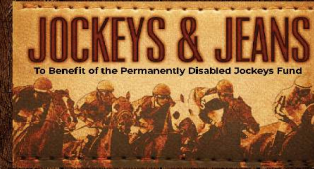
Nationhood, Lonesome Boy, c, 3, o/o Atta Girl Pearl, by Atta Boy Roy. AOC, 12-16, Parx Racing

Race Day, Tiz Race Day, f, 3, o/o Tiztito, by Tiznow. ALW, 12-16, Parx Racing

Runhappy, Flagrunner, f, 3, o/o Yippee, by Harlan's Holiday. MCL, 12-16, Parx Racing

Sir Prancealot (Ire), Princessprancealot, f, 3, o/o Sunday Eve, by Corinthian. MSW, 12-16, Zia

Tale of Ekati, Fourdatesforhoco, g, 2, o/o Preachintothechoir, by Songandaprayer. MSW, 12-16, Mahoning Valley



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Tough Sunday, Shea Brennan, c, 2, o/o Carrie Rose, by Old Topper. King Glorious S., 12-15, Los Alamitos Thoroughbred

Twirling Candy, Fionn, f, 2, o/o Gaelic Gold, by Giant's Causeway. MSW, 12-16, Fair Grounds

Vino Rosso, Bertani, c, 3, o/o Wild N Ready, by More Than Ready. MSW, 12-16, Zia



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Pinhole: an impressive winner at Southwell on Saturday
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By Adam Houghton

When City Of Troy (**Justify**) and his entourage descended on Southwell for a racecourse gallop on that feel-good afternoon back in September, it was commented on that the number of racing fans there to see him--thought to be 700-plus--was larger than would usually turn up for a typical day of racing there. The Nottinghamshire track traditionally staged low-grade fare which offered no real prospect of seeing a horse with talent even remotely comparable to that of the Derby winner.

It was also commented on that the test provided by the track at Southwell shared no resemblance with that City Of Troy would encounter when he lined up in the GI Breeders' Cup Classic at Del Mar, especially since the changes to the surface which saw the old fibresand being replaced with Tapeta. That work was completed in 2021, with the first meeting on the new surface being staged in December of that year.

Only time will tell whether Aidan O'Brien and the Coolmore partners deemed it a worthwhile exercise. The litmus test will come the next time they have a possible Breeders' Cup contender and whether they choose it repeat it at Southwell, or one of the other all-weather tracks in Britain and Ireland.

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HRH PRINCESS ROYAL JOINS RACING WELFARE CAROL CONCERT

Her Royal Highness The Princess Royal was in Newmarket last week to give an address at the annual Racing Welfare's Christmas Carol Concert at Tattersalls.

An accomplished horsewoman and former Olympic eventer, Princess Anne is the president of Racing Welfare and has long had an association with the turf having previously ridden in amateur races. Her speech to the sold-out concert included an overview of the importance of the work Racing Welfare undertakes to support the workforce of British horseracing.

The concert raised £4,740 for Racing Welfare's chaplaincy service, which is led by Pastor Simon Bailey, the national chaplain to horseracing.

"Everyone at Racing Welfare would like to thank Her Royal Highness, in her role of Racing Welfare President, for attending our Christmas Carol Concert this year," said Dawn Goodfellow, chief executive of Racing Welfare.

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4th	Wootton Bassett	11	231,000	267,545	€ 300,000
5th	Kingman	11	210,000	199,880	£ 125,000
6th	Lope de Vega	20	167,104	212,910	€ 175,000
7th	Sea The Stars	8	141,514	401,910	€ 250,000
8th	Camelot	11	133,683	192,401	€ 75,000
9th	Blue Point	30	125,328	131,450	€ 100,000
10th	Too Darn Hot	26	112,409	159,711	£ 90,000

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And even if they choose not to, don't despair Southwell fans, not now that we're witnessing a sea change among Britain's leading trainers and in their attitude towards having runners there in the Tapeta era.

Rewind the clock to 2020, the final full year of racing on the fibresand at Southwell, and you had a racecourse that was generally shunned by Britain's best. John Gosden, crowned champion trainer in 2020, saddled only six runners at Southwell all year. William Haggas had three, Sir Michael Stoute had one, and the likes of Charlie Appleby and Roger Varian didn't have any at all.

Compare those figures with those for 2024, however, and it's all change. John and Thady Gosden, for example, are operating at a 41% strike rate with 11 winners from 27 runners at the Nottinghamshire track this year, while Haggas has saddled 25 runners, Appleby has had 11 and Varian has had 27. Andrew Balding and Karl Burke, both of whom occupy a top five spot in the trainers' championship, have had 63 and 37, respectively.

History was also made in February when the G3 Winter Derby, won by Appleby's Military Order (GB) (**Frankel (GB)**), became the first Group race to be staged at Southwell, while this year's 1,000 Guineas heroine Elmalka (GB) (**Kingman (GB)**) is another notable graduate of the track's winter programme, having impressed when making a winning debut in November last year.

True, there's no guarantee of a City Of Troy coming to town every year, but there's more reason now than ever to try your luck on one of those cold winter evenings in the hope of seeing something special, such as a blue-blooded **Frankel (GB)** colt taking his first steps on the path to future stardom...

Damysus Delivers for Wathnan on Debut

The latest winner at Southwell for the Gosdens was said **Frankel** colt, **Damysus (GB)**, who became the fourth two-year-old from Clarehaven to make a successful debut in the space of a week when coming clear of his rivals in the second division of the seven-furlong novice on Tuesday's card.

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Trait Native



The first mares in foal to the **European Champion and Classic winner** have sold for up to 330,000gns.

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Bred in partnership by Newsells Park Stud and Merry Fox Stud, Damysus became the eighth winner from 11 runners out of the G2 Prix de Malleret heroine Legerete (Rahy), with the others including the Listed winners Esquisse (GB) (Dansili {GB}) and Pilote (Ire) (Pivotal {GB}). The latter also filled the runner-up spot in the G2 Prix Eugene Adam and G2 Prix Guillaume d'Ornano.

That pedigree goes some way to explaining why it cost 460,000gns for owners Wathnan Racing to secure him at Book 1 of the Tattersalls October Yearling Sale. It's a significant sum, no question, though he would almost certainly cost them more today as another of their in-training purchases, with the immense promise of his Southwell debut on show for all to see.

Sent off the 8-11 favourite, the flashy chestnut occupied a prominent position through the first half of the contest, before being pushed along entering the final two furlongs. The response wasn't exactly immediate, just taking a few strides to organise himself, but when the motor kicked in he was quickly away and gone, impressing with his strength at the finish as he hit the line two and a half lengths clear of his closest pursuer.

That striking display was the second in quick succession at Southwell after that of the Harry Charlton-trained **Tremolo (GB)** when he opened his account at the third attempt in the first division, for which the final time recorded was 1:30.69, around 2.6 seconds slower than that of Damysus's race.

It would be easy to take an even more positive view of Damysus's effort through that comparison, but the difference is that they went no gallop in the early stages of the race won by Tremolo, who was then 0.9 seconds quicker than Damysus through the final three furlongs as he sprinted clear of his rivals to win by two and a quarter lengths.

Whereas Damysus has a pedigree which suggests he'll be seen to best effect over middle-distances as a three-year-old, Tremolo seems unlikely to stay too far beyond this trip, being by **Bated Breath (GB)** and out of the Pivotal (GB) mare Harmonica (GB), who was Listed-placed over a mile for Sir Mark Prescott. That said, Harmonica's three-parts sister, Tiffany (Ire) (Farhh {GB}), is a strong stayer at a mile and a half, last seen filling the runner-up spot in the G1 Grosser Preis von Bayern.

Either way, Tremolo looks another promising homebred for the Elite Racing Club to campaign next year, with a quick switch to handicaps likely to be on the agenda now that he's qualified for a mark.

Saddadd Kicks Off Saturday Card in Style

It was a low-key card that Southwell hosted on Friday, featuring a 0-75 nursery as the only two-year-old contest, but it was a different story the next day when both divisions of the one-mile novice threw up winners of significant potential.

The future is bright...

2024 Leading European Sires

RANK	SIRE	2025 FEE	G1SW	PROGENY EARNINGS
1	CAMELOT	€75,000	3	\$7,397,632
2	Lope De Vega	€175,000	3	\$6,767,848
3	Sea The Stars	€250,000	1	\$6,679,461

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Amongst the 2024 season stars...

Arc and three-time Gr.1 heroine **BLUESTOCKING LUXEMBOURG**-Gr.1 Coronation Cup
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BLUESTOCKING

His best-bred crop, now yearlings, have sold for **2,900,000gns, €850,000, 600,000gns, 575,000gns, 450,000gns, 420,000gns, etc.**

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The first of them was **Saddadd (Ire)**, who represents the same connections as the aforementioned Elmalka and holds a Classic entry of his own in next year's Irish 2,000 Guineas.

The trainer in question is Roger Varian, who also masterminded the career of Saddadd's dam, the Listed scorer and GI E. P. Taylor Stakes runner-up Talmada (Cape Cross {Ire}), an increasingly valuable broodmare to owner Sheikh Ahmed Al Maktoum. This colt is her third runner after the Listed-placed Saleymm (Ire) (Dubawi {Ire}) and the Listed scorer Almaqam (GB) (Lope De Vega {Ire}), who also pushed the ill-fated Jayarebe (Fr) (Zoffany {Ire}) all the way when bringing the curtain down on his three-year-old campaign in the G2 Prix Dollar.

It's surely just a matter of time before Almaqam makes the breakthrough in Group company, while the ease of Saddadd's debut success, quickening clear in the final furlong to win by two and three-quarter lengths, suggests he too should be capable of holding his own at a higher level next year. One of 22 winners in Europe from the first crop of Darley stallion Pinatubo (Ire), he is potentially as exciting as any of the others we've seen so far.

The overall time clocked by Saddadd was around 2.9 seconds quicker than that of **Pinhole (GB)** (**Frankel (GB)**), the winner of the second division, but again that is more likely a function of the funereal gallop they went in the latter contest, rather than one horse being massively superior to the other.

Juddmonte homebred Pinhole, a full-brother to the G1 Fillies' Mile winner Quadrilateral (GB), was making his second appearance on a racecourse, having been held back by his inexperience when making his debut at Newmarket in October. In the interim he'd moved from Sir Michael Stoute to Ralph Beckett, so when he ran out an authoritative winner at Southwell, by two and a quarter lengths, he became the 45th individual juvenile from Kimpton Down Stables to win at least one race in Britain in 2024. It's quite the training achievement and the only challenge for Beckett will be trying to chart different paths for them all next year.



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Jolly Roger | *Racingfotos.com*

There's also a question mark surrounding what Pinhole's optimum distance will prove to be given that Quadrilateral was unraced beyond a mile, whereas another sibling by **Frankel**, Cadogan Place (GB), ran his best race when recently filling the runner-up spot in a Kempton handicap over two miles. He certainly didn't look short of pace at Southwell, anyway.

Treble Tee Gets Triple Form Boost

Simon and Ed Crisford saddled the runner-up in both divisions of that one-mile novice at Southwell--one of whom features as a 'Winner In Waiting' a bit further down the page--but they'd enjoyed better luck at Kempton on Wednesday when **Jolly Roger (Ire)** (Dark Angel {Ire}) confirmed the promise of his Newmarket debut with a clear-cut win in the second division of the seven-furlong novice.

The race probably didn't have as much as depth to it as the first division won by Happy Banner (Ire) (**Starspangledbanner (Aus)**), but Jolly Roger appeals as perhaps the better long-term prospect, very much the type to go on improving as he gains in experience. His pedigree is an ongoing recommendation, too, as the second foal out of the G2 Lowther Stakes winner Threading (Ire) (Exceed And Excel {Aus}).

Incidentally, the victories of Pinhole and Happy Banner, as well as the runner-up finish of Hidden Secret (Ire) (Dubawi {Ire}) when he chased home Damysus at Southwell, all paid a handsome compliment to the form of another juvenile from the Crisford yard in Treble Tee (Ire) (Persian King {Ire}).

A €55,000 purchase at the Arqana October Yearling Sale, Treble Tee had that trio in his wake when making a winning debut in a seven-furlong novice at Newmarket in October, travelling strongly throughout and gradually asserting in the final furlong to win by two and a quarter lengths. It's clearly a strong piece of form and Treble Tee will be one to look out for when he makes his return to the track as a three-year-old.

O'Brien Dominance at Dundalk

Another trainer who has assembled a formidable squad of three-year-old prospects for 2025 is Joseph O'Brien, who continues to juggle life as a dual-purpose trainer expertly, albeit he has significantly reduced his string of National Hunt horses in recent years.

The undoubted star among them, Banbridge (Ire) (Doyen

{Ire}), has a big day on the horizon as he prepares to line up in the G1 King George VI Chase at Kempton on Boxing Day, but in the meantime O'Brien continues to rack up the two-year-old winners at Dundalk, having celebrated a brace on Wednesday's card before **Honeysuckle Rose (GB)** (**Bated Breath (GB)**) made it three for the week with a dominant victory on Friday.

Honeysuckle Rose was well on top at the finish of that seven-furlong fillies' maiden, passing the post two and a

quarter lengths clear of her closest pursuer, six weeks on from her debut in a big-field maiden at the Curragh. This was a big step forward on that effort and it's unlikely that she's reached her ceiling yet for the team at Cayton Park Stud, who bought her dam, the G3 Prix des Reservoirs heroine Melesina (Ire) (Dark Angel {Ire}), for 400,000gns at the 2017 Tattersalls December Mares Sale.

Honeysuckle Rose is a graduate of the barrier trials staged at Dundalk earlier in the year, along with stable-mate **Sweet Illusions** (Get Stormy), who similarly put that experience to good use as she ran out a determined winner of the one-mile fillies' maiden on Wednesday, digging deep to get the verdict by a neck.

A \$28,000 buy at the Fasig-Tipton October Yearling Sale, from the family of the G1 Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe runner-up Muftaker (Silver Hawk), Sweet Illusions sports the silks of Bronsan Racing, who own her in partnership with American bloodstock agent Justin Casse. The Bronsan Racing team have had a handful of horses in training with O'Brien over the last couple of years, headed by the talented dual-purpose performer Nurburgring (Ire) (Zoffany {Ire}), the winner of the prestigious Galway Hurdle back in August.



Spycraft edges ahead at Dundalk | [Racingfotos.com](https://www.racingphotos.com)

Last but not least, **Spycraft (Fr)** (**Siyouni (Fr)**) was the other juvenile winner for the team at Owing Hill last week when justifying short odds in the seven-furlong maiden on Wednesday, kicking his career off in the best possible fashion as he asserted close home to win by half a length.

Spycraft is the second foal out of the unraced Invincible Spirit (Ire) mare Joie de Vivre (Fr) who, in turn, is out of a Galileo (Ire) full-sister to the multiple Group 1 winners Magical (Ire) and Rhododendron (Ire). Rhododendron, who is also the dam of Auguste Rodin (Ire) (Deep Impact {Jpn}), of course, gained her first top-level success in the 2016 Fillies' Mile, a race won four years later by Pretty Gorgeous (Fr) (Lawman {Fr}), the best horse O'Brien has trained until now for owner John Oxley.

It won't be easy for Spycraft to surpass her achievements, but he certainly looks an exciting addition to the team. Purchased for 310,000gns at Book 2 of the Tattersalls October Yearling Sale, he was a successful pinhook for Grangemore Stud's Guy O'Callaghan, who picked him up as a foal for €78,000 at the Arqana December Breeding Stock Sale.

Winner In Waiting

Dixieland Blues (GB)

Invincible Spirit (Ire)--South Sister (GB), by Sakhee

Runner-up to Pinhole at Southwell on Saturday, Dixieland Blues was ultimately no match for that rival, but it was to his credit that he pulled five lengths clear of the sole previous winner in the line-up who finished third. It was certainly an encouraging start to his career and he's from a family that the Crisfords know well, having trained his half-brother, Jadoomi (Fr) (**Holy Roman Emperor (Ire)**), to win the G2 Celebration Mile and G2 Boomerang Mile. Bought for €170,000 at the Arqana October Yearling Sale, Rabbah Racing's Dixieland Blues looks banker material for a similar event next time.

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EUROPEAN NEWS

Princess Royal attends Racing Welfare concert, cont. from p1

"Her Royal Highness spoke so passionately about the importance of community, and the work of Racing Welfare, and it was a wonderful to see so many people joining together to celebrate the festive season while thinking of the needs of others.

"I'd like to say thank you to everyone involved in organising, delivering or donating items to the concert and to all those who attended. Also a very special thank you to Penny Taylor, Godolphin UK charities manager, for organising our concerts for the past three years and making such a difference to Racing Welfare in raising awareness of our services and generating much-needed funds."

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CHARLOTTE TESSIER JOINS THE AGA KHAN STUDS



Charlotte Tessier | *The Aga Khan Studs*

The Aga Khan Studs is pleased to welcome Charlotte Tessier, who has recently joined the nominations team at Haras de Bonneval to provide cover for Fanny Cyprès.

A graduate of ESSCA in Angers and a sports aficionado, Charlotte previously spent six years working for the Paris 2024 Olympic and Paralympic Games Organising Committee.

Coming from a family of trotting breeders, she is no stranger to thoroughbred racing and is notably the co-breeder of recent Grade 3 winning hurdler Olympic Story.

Contact Charlotte for all requests concerning the Aga Khan stallions by email at charlotte.tessier@agakhanstuds.com or by phone at Haras de Bonneval on +33 6 82 45 23 26 / +33 2 31 48 18 60.

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FRANCE

Chachnak (Fr) (**Kingman {GB}**), Haras de la Gastine
28 foals of racing age/6 winners/1 black-type winner
6-MAR.P VIVAUX, 2000m, Prado (Fr)

Elarqam (GB) (**Frankel {GB}**), Izmit Stallion Station
32 foals of racing age/5 winners/0 black-type winners
6-MAR.P VIVAUX, 2000m, Vharqam (Fr)
€16,000 Arqana Deauville October Yearlings 2023

Golden Horde (Ire) (**Lethal Force {Ire}**), Haras de Montfort et Preaux
45 foals of racing age/6 winners/0 black-type winners
6-MAR.P VIVAUX, 2000m, Alice's Song (Fr)

Romanised (Ire) (**Holy Roman Emperor {Ire}**), Haras de Bouquetot
85 foals of racing age/11 winners/0 black-type winners
2-MAR.P VIVAUX, 1500m, Sissi Imperatrice (Fr)
€15,000 Arqana December Breeding Stock Sale 2022; €25,000 RNA Arqana Deauville October Yearlings 2023

Stunning Spirit (GB) (**Invincible Spirit {Ire}**), Haras de Beaumont
18 foals of racing age/2 winners/0 black-type winners
2-MAR.P VIVAUX, 1500m, Taga (Fr)

Threat (Ire) (**Footstepsinthesand {GB}**), Haras du Mont Goubert
42 foals of racing age/3 winners/0 black-type winners
2-MAR.P VIVAUX, 1500m, Sicilian Threat (Fr)
€12,000 Osarus September Yearling Sale 2023

Wooded (Ire) (**Wootton Bassett {GB}**), Haras de Bouquetot
82 foals of racing age/12 winners/0 black-type winners
2-MAR.P VIVAUX, 1500m,
€4,500 Arqana Deauville October Yearlings 2023
2-MAR.P VIVAUX, 1500m, New Way Baby (Ire)
€15,000 Arqana Deauville October Yearlings 2023



IN JAPAN:

Arc d'Or (Ire), c, 3, **Golden Horn (GB)**--L'Arc (Jpn), by Deep Impact (Jpn). Chukyo, 12-14, Cond., 1800m. Lifetime Record: 12-1-2-2, \$108,499. O-Insel Racing; B-Kieffers Co Ltd; T-Mikio Matsunaga.

Midnight Lustre (Ire), f, 3, **Night of Thunder (Ire)**--Last Pearl (GB), by Sepoy (Aus). Chukyo, 12-14, Cond., 1400m. Lifetime Record: 6-2-0-0, \$94,279. O/B-Godolphin; T-Yukihiko Kato.

BRITAIN

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Well Enough (Ire), c, 2, **Cotai Glory (GB)**--Well Done Me (Ire), by Moss Vale (Ire). Wolverhampton, 12-16, 7f 36y (AWT), 1:29.10. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$4,838. B-Tom Gilsenan (IRE). *€9,000 Wlg '22 GOFNO1; 30,000gns RNA Ylg '23 TATOCT.

Lovesick (GB), f, 2, **Time Test (GB)**--California Love (GB) (SP-Fr), by Power (GB). Wolverhampton, 12-16, 7f 36y (AWT), 1:30.24. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$5,332. B-Aidan Cunningham (GB).

Java Raja (Ire), c, 3, **Galileo (Ire)**--Timbuktu (Ire), by Fastnet Rock (Aus). Wolverhampton, 12-16, 12f 51y (AWT), 2:38.40. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, £3,942. B-Coolmore (IRE). *125,000gns Ylg '22 TATOCT. **Full to Ontario (Ire), GSP-Eng & Ire; & to Ivy League (Ire), GSP-Ire, \$544,457.



Cotai Glory | Tally-Ho Stud

FRANCE

CONDITIONS RESULTS:

7th-Lyon-la-Soie, €27,000, 12-16, 2yo, 9f (AWT), 1:52.40, st. **NEARCO FROD (FR)** (c, 2, Hunter's Light {Ire}--Tequila Frod {Ity} {MSP-Ity, \$157,467}, by Dr Devious {Ire}) Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, €22,850. O/T-Ralf Rohne; B-Mme E Ferrero (FR).

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Shaky Nak (Fr), f, 2, **Chachnak (Fr)**--Sally For Me (Fr), by Pour Moi (Ire). Lyon-la-Soie, 12-16, 9f (AWT), 1:55.90. B-Mme L Lemiere Dubois (FR). *Sixth winner for freshman sire (by **Kingman {GB}**).

Yaa Wale (Ire), c, 2, **Showcasing (GB)**--Peggy McKay (GB), by Iffraaj (GB). Lyon-la-Soie, 12-16, 9f (AWT), 1:52.80. B-M Phelan (IRE). *€80,000 Wlg '22 GOFNOV; €80,000 Ylg '23 GOFORB.

WORLDWIDE NEWS

AUSHORSE LAUNCHES 2025 INVESTOR'S GUIDE

The **2025 edition of the Aushorse Investor's Guide** was released Monday.

The annual Investor's Guide assembles the latest information on the Australian industry and is essential reading for anybody involved in racing or breeding globally.

"The industry in Australia is in a strong position with the firm foundations of a great funding model and deep support from across society, which is borne out in the number of people here who want to be involved in ownership," says Tom Reilly, chief executive of Aushorse.

According to the Investor's Guide, one in every 191 Australians owns a share in a thoroughbred. Additionally, in four of the past five years Australia has hosted more of the top-rated Group 1 races than any other jurisdiction. Also, the country will feature 105 races worth \$1 million or more in 2025. In the past racing season, the average race value across Australia was \$53,797.

To view the complete 2025 Investor's Guide, visit www.Aushorse.com.au.

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