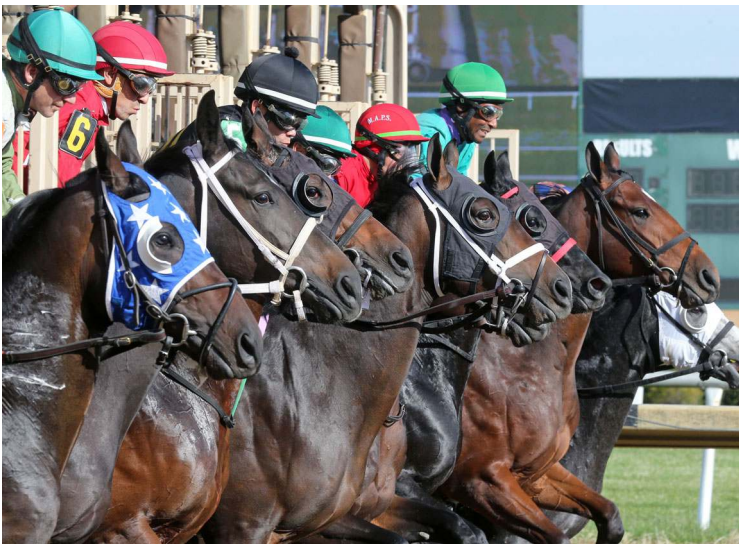


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# HISA REPORT SHOWS BREAKDOWNS CONTINUE TO DECLINE, BUT ONLY AT HISA TRACKS



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by Bill Finley

The Horseracing Integrity and Safety Authority (HISA) released a third quarter metrics report that shows that the rate of breakdowns at HISA tracks continues to decline. The report covers the period of July 1 to Sept. 30 and marks the third consecutive quarter of year-over-year declines in the equine fatality rate.

The third quarter fatality rate decreased approximately 21% year-over-year, with racetracks operating under HISA's rules reporting 0.93 racing-related equine fatalities per 1,000 starts as compared to a rate of 1.18 in the third quarter of 2023.

At the recent Global Symposium on Racing hosted by the University of Arizona Race Track Industry Program, HISA CEO Lisa Lazarus revealed that through Dec. 10, the rate of fatalities at HISA tracks was .88 per 1,000 starters. At the same time last year, that number was 1.32. Since The Jockey Club started its Equine Injury Database in 2009, the number of breakdowns per 1,000 starts has never been below 1.0 and has been as high as 2.0.

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## "IT SUCKS, BASICALLY": NORCAL STAKEHOLDERS REACT TO PLEASANTON NEWS

by Dan Ross

On Monday, the California Authority of Racing Fairs (CARF) board voted **unanimously** (with one abstention) to rescind a proposed Golden State Racing meet spanning the first half of next year, essentially leaving Northern California without Thoroughbred racing in 2025 outside of the annual suite of summer fair meets.

This means that the Northern Californian horsemen and women have had little time to respond and adapt to a proposal by the Thoroughbred Owners of California (TOC) and 1/ST Racing and Gaming--a business entity under The Stronach Group (TSG) umbrella--to maintain a stabling base at Pleasanton, and for the horses there to be shipped to Santa Anita where an expanded menu of races are expected to be carded to fit the NorCal horse inventory.

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**2024 in photos: September 26.** 27-year-old Darling My Darling is pictured above at Fawn Leap Farm outside of Midway, Kentucky. Remarkably, Sierra Leone (*Gun Runner*) and Forever Young (Jpn) (*Real Steel {Jpn}*), both grandsons of Darling My Darling, finished second and third in this year's GI Kentucky Derby and first and third in the GI Breeders' Cup Classic, respectively. Jill Williams spoke with Debby Oxley before the Classic and you can [read the story here](#). | Sarah Andrew

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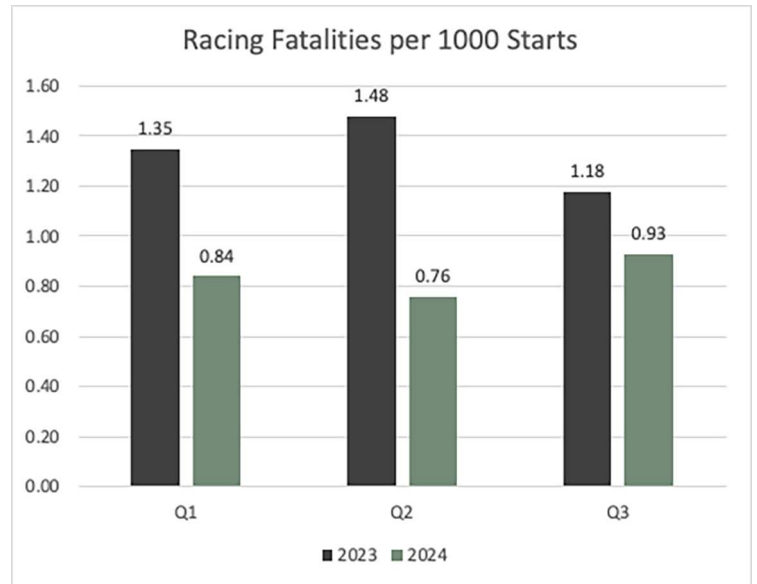
**HISA report, cont. from p1**

“The consistent year-over-year declines in the racing-related equine fatality rate are a testament to the dedication and collaboration of all stakeholders in our industry,” said Lazarus in a statement released Tuesday. “As safety and integrity continue to improve, we’re reminded that our mission to protect the well-being of horses and riders will preserve the sport for generations to come. There’s still more to achieve, but the progress so far is inspiring.”

Santa Anita, which, only five years ago, was at the center of the storm when an inordinate number of horses broke down while training or racing, had just two breakdowns total during the first three quarters of the year. That yielded a number of 0.41 breakdowns per 1,000 starts. Horseshoe Indianapolis was another track with an impressive record. There was only one fatality there this year from 5,585 starts. That yielded a rate of 0.18 fatalities per 1,000 starts.

HISA does not have jurisdiction over racing in a handful of states, including Texas, West Virginia and Louisiana. HISA submitted public disclosure requests for racing-related fatalities in those states and received responses after releasing its own second-quarter results. During the second quarter of 2024, fatalities at racetracks in these non-HISA states amounted to 2.38 racing-related fatalities per 1,000 starts, more than triple

the fatality rate at racetracks operating under HISA’s rules during the same period, which was 0.76 racing-related fatalities per 1,000 starts.



The highest rate of fatalities occurred at the West Virginia tracks, Charles Town and Mountaineer Park. Nineteen horses died between Charles Town and Mountaineer Park in the first half of the year. The rate of fatalities there was 2.46 per 1,000 starts. **Cont.**

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**NorCal racing, cont. from p1**

Reached Tuesday while Monday's vote was still fresh in their minds, several stakeholders speculated on what the latest upheaval to the state's industry might mean to them and their businesses. If there was a throughline in their answers, it was of uncertainty as to just how many of the roughly 780 horses currently stabled at Pleasanton will remain on to fill races south of the state divide.

"Pretty sober around here today. A lot of folks don't know what they're going to do," said Tim McCanna, currently leading the trainer's table in earnings at the Golden State Racing meet at Pleasanton, which ends Wednesday.

McCanna has around 40 horses stabled at Pleasanton. He estimates that around half of this string will fit the Southern California circuit. The other half won't.

Among the proposed offerings at Santa Anita are weekly races with preferences and restrictions for Northern-based horses. According to Santa Anita general manager Nate Newby, the bottom level claiming race could be lowered to either \$6,250 or \$5,000--down from a prior bottom of \$8,000. A final decision on that will be made before Thursday, he said.

Alongside Santa Anita, trainers will also have the option of running some horses at Los Alamitos, which cards certain races for lower-tier Thoroughbreds.

"I've just printed up a stall app' for Santa Anita, to see if I can get a few stalls to work out of," said McCanna, who hopes to maintain a small stable of around eight to 10 horses at Santa Anita that he'll rotate as horses ship back and forth the roughly 700-mile round trip.

McCanna said that some of his other horses will go to Emerald Downs, in Washington. More generally, McCanna fears the majority of horses at Pleasanton won't make the cut in Southern California, even with specially carded races.

"There's more cheap horses here than good ones," said McCanna. "There's a lot of guys who won't fit down there. They'll be out of the business--they can't wait until June to run in the fairs. I think a lot of them are just going to scatter into the wind and I think that'll have an effect on the fairs next summer." **Cont.**

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One of the trainers gearing up to give the new program a shot is Steve Sherman, who maintains a string of about 25 at Pleasanton.

"I've downsized my stable a little bit because I wasn't sure what direction it was going to go in," he said. "I kept hearing a lot of bad things this last month, so I've put a lot of things on hiatus."

Seven or eight of his horses are unraced 2-year-olds nowhere near race-fit. "They're far away from a run, so actually, Pleasanton's a great spot for them," he said.

For his other 17 or 18 horses that are fit and ready to run, Sherman said that he hoped Santa Anita would write races suitable for the horses stabled in NorCal.

"I hope it's the same program [as Golden State Racing at Pleasanton]. I hope they write the same kind of races. They said

they were going to," said Sherman. "Hopefully at the start of the year, we'll have a better idea of what's going on."

A fear, said Sherman, is that a significant portion of the horses stabled at Pleasanton would be rerouted to Turf Paradise.

"I just don't know how many horses are going to participate in this," said Sherman. "I've heard they could lose a lot of horses to Phoenix [to Turf Paradise]. I don't know how true that is."

According to trainer Blaine Wright, Turf Paradise currently has limited stall space. "They don't have enough stalls, they say, to accommodate a bunch of the horses over here," he said.

Wright has a string of about 32 at Pleasanton. He expects to lose about six or seven horses to Turf Paradise. He'll also send about six horses to Washington, when

Emerald Downs opens for training there in February.

"Hopefully I can get most of my clientele to stick in there and give it a try." **Cont.**



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"Some guys are on board and other guys aren't. I know my stable's going to get cut. My biggest fear is my workforce. I'm wondering how long I can keep most of my guys going," said Wright.

"If it doesn't work, then I'll probably pack up and head home to Seattle and race at Emerald Downs for the spring and summer," he said.

Wright said that he attended a Zoom meeting Tuesday morning with Northern-based owners and trainers, and representatives from TSG and the California Thoroughbred Breeders Association.

Discussed, said Wright, was the logistics of the vanning program (the cost of which will reportedly be covered for the trainers), travel incentives for the trainers and grooms, as well as possible carded races at Santa Anita.

"Hopefully they'll have a bit of a book put out for us in the next few days," he said.

Still, Wright described as a key concern of his the roughly 700-mile round-trip that horses stabled at Pleasanton must undertake to run at Santa Anita.

"How often can we really ship these horses that far? It's one thing to go from Golden Gate to Pleasanton or Pleasanton to Santa Rosa. You try to run these horses every two to three weeks. Well, that's probably not very doable when you're 350 miles away," said Wright.

"Right now, it's take a deep breath and see what happens this next month. About all we can do at this point," he added, with resignation.

A concern of trainer Bill McLean's is the response from some of his clientele to losing the

ability to see their horses run (and potentially train) on their doorstep. **Cont.**



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**NorCal racing, cont.**

"I was just speaking to an owner this morning. He said, 'I want to watch my horses run. I don't want to have to go down to Santa Anita. I love to run in my own backyard.' It's tough--I don't know how many owners up here will stay in the game or..." said McLean, letting the thought trail off.

McLean has about 36 horses at Pleasanton. He expects to lose some horses to Turf Paradise. Some will also move to Emerald Downs when that opens up. Everything, he said, is very much up in the air at the moment.

"I haven't talked to all my owners yet, see what they want to do with some of their cheaper ones. Might have to get rid of some of them, I guess," said McLean.

"It's just come on all of a sudden. I thought we were going to be alright, when John Harris and George Schmitt offered some money to keep them going," McLean added.

Harris and Schmitt offered Golden State Racing a \$2-million line of credit for the proposed 2025 meet, now rescinded.

Doubts about the long-term viability of Santa Anita's racing program for the lower-quality Pleasanton-based horses are also shared among other Northern California-based stakeholders.

"I can tell you what's going to happen," said owner-breeder Tom Bachman. "They're going to write races for the North. They'll never be able to fill those races. They're going to say, 'gee, we tried.' And then they're going to quit doing that," he added.

"They'll help some of the bigger people go down there," said Bachman. "I just spoke with Tim McCanna and he said, 'yeah, I'll just open up a stable down there and rotate them through.' But he's got horses that are running for \$12,500, \$16,000 and \$20,000 and a couple allowance horses so he can do that.

"These young guys that are running for \$4,000, \$5,000 and \$6,250, they can't do that. Those horses have got to run once a month, and they're still upside down, even if they win," said Bachman.

According to key California breeder Adrian Gonzalez, consolidation seems to make sense. "But I don't know if all those horses will actually go down south," he speculated. "From what I've heard from different trainers, if they had had 20 horses, about five would fit."

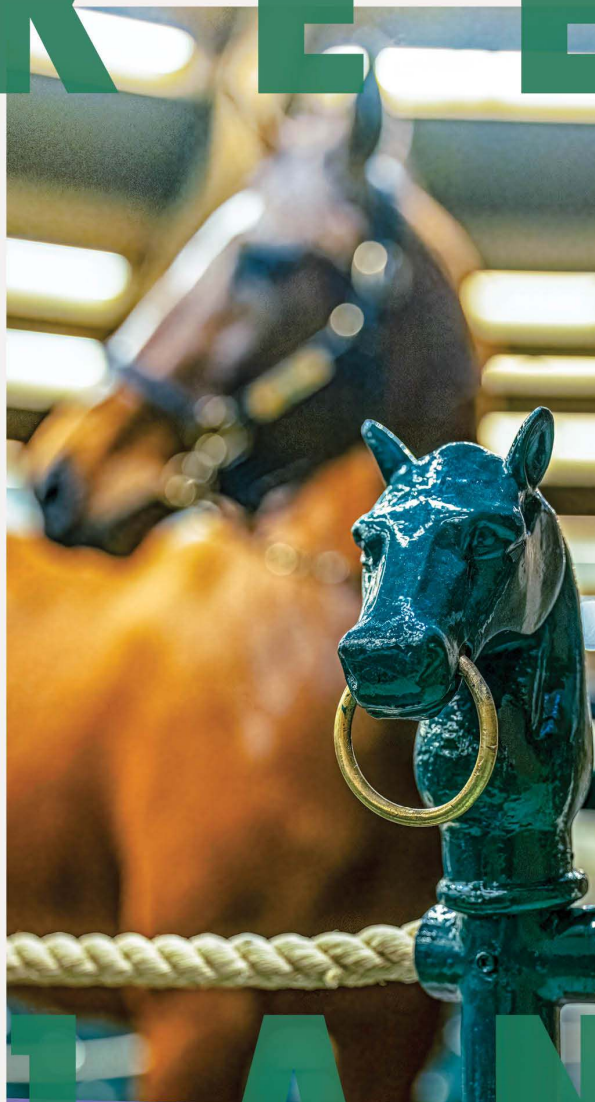
As for Sherman, he voiced frustration that Golden State Racing folded too quickly. More could have been done, he said, to give the nascent program a fighting chance, like a better advertising campaign and better strategic coordination before the start of the meet in October.

"To me, they had one foot in and one foot out. They never had both feet in--that's what it looks like from the outside looking in," said Sherman. "It sucks, basically."

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## REPOLE, PLETCHER LOOKING FORWARD TO RETURN OF MINDFRAME *by Bill Finley*

Owner Mike Repole believes he might have the best 4-year-old in the country in his barn at the start of the new year, and that horse isn't necessarily **Fierceness** (**City of Light**).

**Mindframe** (**Constitution**) has been out of sight, out of mind since finishing second in the July 20 GI Haskell Stakes at Monmouth. In his prior start, he was second in the GI Belmont Stakes. While he didn't win either race, he overcame the fact that he had only two lifetime starts before the Belmont and was an inexperienced, lightly raced horse with a lot to learn. He could only get better.

But trainer Todd Pletcher and Repole had to take a step back after Mindframe developed some minor problems after the Haskell.

"He didn't have anything done surgically," Pletcher said. "There was some minor bone bruising. We felt that we were running out of time to make the [GI Breeders' Cup] Classic and so we felt the right thing to do was to stop on him."

On Tuesday, Mindframe had his first work of the year, breezing at Stonestreet Ocala. Repole was so impressed by the

colt's work that he played it on X, while adding this comment: "Look who's back!!!! Maybe the best 4 year old colt in the country next year. Guess??? Hint...It's not Fierceness."

Pletcher said he would not compare the two horses.

"I have a lot of confidence in both horses and I will not compare them," he said. "They are both big-time talents and I am fortunate to train both of them."

He knows, however, that Mindframe has the potential to have a huge 4-year-old campaign.

"He accomplished a lot in a short period of time," said Pletcher, who has still another quality soon-to-be 4-year-old in **Locked** (**Gun Runner**) in his barn. "Mindframe went from a maiden to an 'a other than' to runner-up in the Belmont and the Haskell. He showed tremendous talent for a May foal. I think he proved he was one of the best 3-year-olds last year. He's a big, strong colt



Mindframe | Sarah Andrew

that you would think would improve with some more experience and maturity."

Mindframe left Ocala Tuesday and arrived later in the day at Pletcher's winter headquarters at Palm Beach Downs. He was getting nothing but positive reports from the people looking after him in Ocala.

"He's responded really well," Pletcher said. **Cont.**

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**Mindframe, cont.**

“Ian Brennan has been very high on how the horse has been training coming back. His first breeze was quite good. We anticipate he will come to hand pretty quickly like he did once he got into serious training earlier this year.”

For both Fierceness and Mindframe, Pletcher has yet to map out a 2025 schedule. Repole has mentioned that he’d like to see Fierceness run in the GI Metropolitan Handicap. Fierceness is owned solely by Repole, while Mindframe is owned by the Repole-St. Elias Stables partnership. It may not be easy to keep them apart.

“It’s a little early to project what race they will run in first next year,” he said. “As Mike has stated, the Met Mile is an early goal for Fierceness. That might put Mindframe into a longer race around the same time. When it will be a challenge is when the Whitney comes around and obviously the Breeders’ Cup Classic, too. We’ll hope we’ll be in a position to run them both in a race like that.”

This is somewhat new territory for Pletcher, whose top 3-year-olds are usually so good that they are sent off to stud and don’t run at four.

“We’re in a fortunate situation,” he said. “It was Mike’s decision to bring Fierceness back as a 4-year-old. As we know from an economic standpoint, even though he’ll be running in races with lucrative purses, he would be more valuable as a stallion, but Mike wants to race him again. That’s fantastic for us. To have three really good horse in Fierceness, Mindframe and Locked is really something special.”

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the corner and say, “Mr. Prospector is dead. Check it out,” the call went out.

Annette Covault took those calls with good humor and would summarize the situation with a “few cogent comments,” like “He’s standing up and grazing, but if you’d like to come take his pulse ...” As booking secretary and general knower of things, Annette Covault looked out on the stallion paddocks at the historic nursery for more than 20 years.

Born in Fletcher, Ohio, Covault did not come from horse people. After graduating college, Covault moved to Kentucky in the mid-1970s, where she initially took a job with *The Thoroughbred Record* magazine. The publication and its printing press were both located on North Broadway in Lexington, in a little colony of racing and breeding people.

Heeding the call of her favorite horse, Secretariat, Covault moved her tack to Claiborne Farm.

“Mrs. [Mildred] Downing was looking to retire, I seem to recall,” said Dell Hancock, “and Annette came in to take her place. Mrs. Downing thought a lot of her and described Annette this way: Annette’s a Brahmin,” a member of the highest class.

“She was a dedicated person, and she worked hard,” said Seth Hancock. “She dedicated her life to the work she was engaged in doing.”

Dedicated, competitive, and yet with a streak of humor, Annette was recalled in this story from Dell Hancock: “After Swale won the Derby, we were standing around and feeling pretty good, and John Sosby said, ‘I think I’m responsible for Swale because I take care of the farm.’ Then the broodmare manager said, ‘I’m responsible because I took care of the mares.’ **Cont.**

**ANNETTE COVAULT PASSES AWAY**


by Frank Mitchell

The breeding community lost a friend and asset last week. Annette Covault died Friday, Dec. 13 from complications of ill health that she had dealt with for several years.

As the booking secretary for Claiborne Farm first and then Gainesway Farm over several decades, Covault, known to her familiars as “Netto,” provided common sense and good humor to breeders and farm managers working through the prickly process of getting mares booked to stallions in a timely manner.

The stallion veterinarian at Gainesway from 2008 to 2019, Rocky Mason, DVM, noted that, “Annette elevated the horse industry; she was a consummate professional. With witty quips or prosing on the latest *New Yorker* article, she was always charming to be near. Annette looked after me like I was family, an attribute not celebrated enough in this world.”

In addition to serving breeders and farm managers, Covault would also be called upon to advise the hapless, wandering scribe in search of a story. When an editor would peek round




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Then the foaling man said, 'I was responsible for him because I foaled the mare.'

"Then Annette said, 'Well, there wouldn't have been a Swale if I hadn't booked that mare on the right day.' She thought she had trumped everyone with that.

"But then Dr. Kaufmann said, 'I knew him when he was just a follicle.'"

Good humor helps to leaven a world of situations, including those that arise on a horse farm and with horse people.

Dealing with legendary breeders, such as the Whitneys, Alfred Vanderbilt, William Haggin Perry, and the Phippses, and working around horses like her beloved Secretariat, leading sires Nijinsky, Hoist the Flag, Danzig, and Mr. Prospector, Covault developed a cordial working relationship with these and many other owners and breeders involved in the daily process of breeding championship-quality racing stock year after year.

After Claiborne, Covault became booking secretary to Gainesway Farm, and in her decades-long specialty, Covault combined the delicate mix of qualities required of the position: uncommon diplomatic tact and a salty sense of humor.

"Annette brought a great reputation and years of experience to Gainesway," said Michael Herson, who was in charge of selling seasons at Gainesway at the time. "She was my cherished friend. Her word was her bond."

Peter Blum had his horses at Claiborne in 1973 when he first met Covault. The longtime breeder even named a horse Netto (Honest Pleasure) in her honor.

"I got to know Annette very well," Blum recalled. "She was extremely thoughtful and caring. She had a lot of friends. She cared about what she did and she was very good at what she did."

Blum continued, "I think every one who really knew Annette really liked her. She was just a really wonderful person. Even



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though she was very ill and I knew it was just a matter of time, it did affect me. It leaves me with a hole in my heart."

Dr. Dede McGehee, horse breeder and owner of Heaven Trees Farm, summarized her experience.

"Annette, she was the best."

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## THE BLUE CHIP: FORMER WNBA STAR UNCOVERS EQUINE SECURITY CAREER AT GULFSTREAM *by J.N. Campbell*

Tracy Reid needed a job. It was 2011 and she was back in her hometown of Miami after rupturing her Achilles tendon for the second time. Trying to put the pain and the disappointment behind her, it was tenacity driving her hope that she could return to the only career she ever had--playing the game of basketball.

In the interim though, bills were stacking up, her savings account was moving towards the point of exhaustion and the reality of everyday life was coming to collect. Reid happened to see a job for a security position and so she cobbled together a resume, left her high tops at home and went to Gulfstream Park. **Cont.**

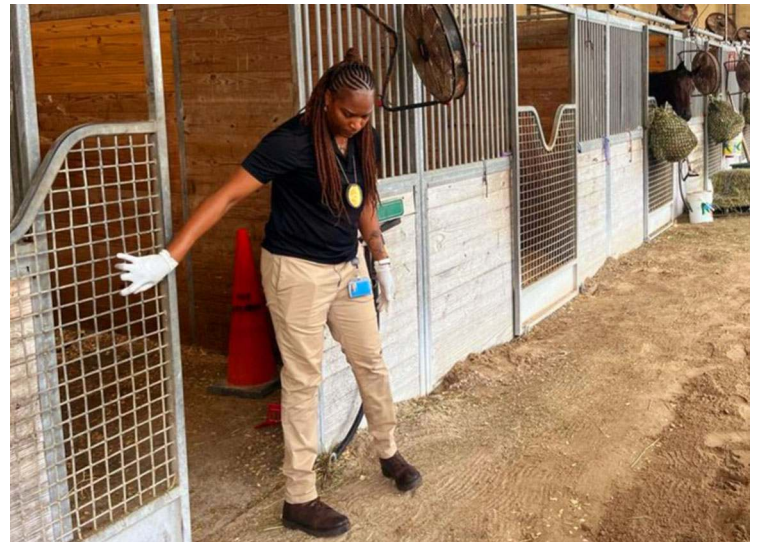
**Tracy Reid, cont.**

“I think that when they interviewed me, they were a little taken aback that I had absolutely no experience whatsoever,” said Reid. “I wasn't from law enforcement and I hadn't worked at a gate or at a concert. But I told them that I was a team player, that I knew all about how to get along with others and they took a chance on me.”

The security guard job was for a spot on the track's backside and it is probably safe to say that there have not been many applicants like Reid. Probably few walked through the door with 'college national player of the year finalist' on it, or for that matter, 'WNBA pro' who won the league's first rookie of the year prize. Yes, that is the same award superstar Caitlin Clark just garnered after the 2024 season.

“I definitely was uniquely overqualified is what they told me, but hey, any job is a good job,” she said. “I was ready to work and when I found out I was going to be on the backside at a racetrack, I had no clue what I was getting into. I had never been around horses and never been to any races in my life.”

What Reid lacked in security experience she made up for when it came down to the all-important category of fostering relationships. Playing the sport of basketball from a young age to the highest level, the blue chip was used to solving problems, being a role player and learning when it was time to handle the



**Tracy Reid in the barn area at Gulfstream** | *courtesy of Tracy Reid*

basketball.

“I had never worked a day in my life anywhere, so when I became a stable officer, it was a revelation and it was the opportunity to learn about Thoroughbreds and horse racing,” she said. “So, what started out as a seasonal position checking credentials and health certificates became so much more, as I talked to vets, trainers and learned who the owners were. I fell in love with it.” **Cont.**

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**Tracy Reid, cont.**

It did not take Reid long to identify with the equine athletes she was surrounded by and develop a healthy respect for the challenges that they face every day. As she says, Thoroughbreds are something that she gravitated to from the beginning.

“So much of it was relatable,” Reid said. “So, I really started to get into it, and it was something that I was like, I'm glad I'm in this area because I couldn't see myself being indoors. At the time I was in rehab [for my Achilles] and trying to get myself into playing shape. I was just like one of those horses trying to get back to racing.”

In fact, Reid was a blue-chip prospect out of Miami Central High School and she received an athletic scholarship to the University of North Carolina where the small forward collected a trove of hardware during her time in Chapel Hill from 1994 to 1998. Among her many accomplishments on the hardwood, the All-American was a two-time ACC player of the year and her senior season was marked by a trip to the Elite Eight in the NCAA Tournament. Before the start of the second season of the Women's National Basketball Association (WNBA), Reid was made the seventh pick by the Charlotte Sting.

“The transition into the pros was so easy,” she said. “The reason why is because, and as you can see with Caitlin Clark, you're literally coming right off of your [college] season, so you haven't had a break yet, which worked in my case because I didn't have the opportunity to get out of shape and have to get into shape to play in the WNBA.”

After averaging nearly 14 points a game, she was named the league's top rookie. However, Reid entered a whole new world at the end of that first year, as she was forced to manage everything from her diet to decisions about potential treatments that could help stave off future injuries.



Reid (left) checking medications with her staff at Joe Catanese's Gulfstream barn | courtesy of Tracy Reid



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With a season that lasts only during the summer, the challenges for league members are legion.

“I let the doctor in Charlotte convince me to clean out my knee,” said Reid. “I didn't feel like I needed it, but he thought that it would help me, so I skipped the chance to go play overseas. Then from there, I don't think I healed properly after the surgery. I came back to training camp the next year and got injured almost immediately. And so that was the struggle for me, as I tried to move forward in the league.”

Beat down and unable to eclipse what became a series of nagging injuries, Reid would make progress by playing in Europe during the offseason. However, after three years in Charlotte where she played with the likes of WNBA legend and current University of South Carolina Coach Dawn Staley, her grinding pro career began to take its toll after stops in Miami, Phoenix and Houston.

Reid said, “I've always spoken to potential athletes about my story, and counseled them about what it means to essentially be your own boss. The money is great, but what ends up happening is your body is on a clock. Coaches have their own jobs on the line and that creates a tremendous amount of pressure on you as an athlete to get back out on the court.” **Cont.**

**Tracy Reid, cont.**

According to the former rookie who sparkled her first season, thinking about her own injuries has directly helped her understand exactly what equine athletes go through. That is why she says it is imperative for humans to do everything possible to protect a horse's integrity because no one else is going to do it.

"So it's about these beautiful animals," she said. "Here on the backside, I learned it is just like a village and it's our job to keep everyone here safe. This is such a unique security position we are in. I use my background in basketball all of the time. When people at Gulfstream found out I used to play in the WNBA, they started treating me differently and I think the level of respect that I have built comes from them knowing that I am a leader. Leaders do what they do, they lead, and I am all about treating everyone with that same level of understanding."

Reid quickly elevated her security game at The Stronach Group's track since joining the staff as a part-time employee. Leaving to coach high school for a spell, she returned when a supervisor position opened up, which eventually led to her becoming the security manager of the entire backside and also the training facility at Palm Meadows.



Reid with the Miami Sol | Scott Troyanos/Allsport/Getty Images

Under her watchful eye during Gulfstream's Championship Meet she oversees roughly 1,530 Thoroughbreds who are spread across some 112 trainers. Reid is the floor leader of around 60 staff members, who cover everything from the stable gate to the barns to the frontside during racing.

When it comes time to hiring new security personnel, she always remembers what it was like to be on the other side of the desk answering posed questions.

"I don't go on resumes," Reid said. "I'm an interviewer. I'm the type of person who forms my own opinions on my interactions with the person I'm hiring. This is a communication skills job and we are all about a team background. I'm more interested in

people that work well with others because this is all about customer service. We aren't bouncers at a strip club."

With the WBNA thriving and players like Caitlin Clark filling the seats like never before, the league's very first rookie of the year has built her own stellar career in the arena of equine security.

Donning a different kind of uniform each day, Tracy Reid certainly found a home on the backside for that unique skill set that she honed on the basketball court. There is nothing like having a blue chip like her on your team.

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**NYS GAMING COMMISSION NAMES AFTERCARE FUNDING ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

The New York State Gaming Commission has named seven individuals to form an advisory board to assist in directing contributions from New York's Thoroughbred and Standardbred breeding funds to responsible racehorse aftercare organizations.

**Cont.**



**Aftercare committee, cont.**

The newly named board members are: Joseph Battaglia, Lois Engel, Bill Ketzer, Robin Malatino, Lisa Malloy, Liz O'Connell, and Rick Schosberg.

"These dedicated individuals recognize the importance of making sure racehorses have viable options after they leave the track," said gaming commission chairman Brian O'Dwyer. "Their collective expertise will undoubtedly help the cause, and I thank each member for volunteering their time to promote responsible aftercare."

New Yorkers may make contributions on personal and/or corporate state income tax returns to fund the operation of retired racehorse aftercare facilities via the New York State Thoroughbred Breeding and Development Fund and/or the Agriculture and New York State Horse Breeding Development Fund (for Standardbreds). In addition, any fines collected for violations of New York State law prohibiting the slaughter of racehorses and racehorse breeding stock (Section 382 of the Agriculture & Markets Law) are remitted to the respective funds to be spent solely for the purpose of the care of retired racehorses.

The funds will then be distributed to organizations, with consideration as to whether the group is an accredited horse retirement and rescue program.

To learn more about the commission's commitment to responsible horse breeding and aftercare, visit

<https://gaming.ny.gov/horse-breeding-and-aftercare>.

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**DAN ILLMAN NAMED TMJC DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS**

Dan Illman has been named Director of Communications of the new Maryland Jockey Club (TMJC). Previously a writer, correspondent, analyst and handicapper at *Daily Racing Form*, Illman will lead the organization's media relations department when the new TMJC, a non-profit entity under the auspices of the Maryland Thoroughbred Racetrack Operating Authority, assumes control of Maryland's day-to-day racing operations Jan. 1.

"We are incredibly pleased to welcome Dan to the team at the new TMJC," said President and General Manager Bill Knauf. "He is a proven leader in the field of communications and media, and we are excited for him to spread the message of the strong future of Maryland racing."

"I'm honored to join the team at TMJC and contribute to the new vision in Maryland," said Illman. "I am excited to collaborate with horsemen, media colleagues and industry partners to enhance coverage of racing in the state and look forward to

delivering compelling multi-media content that aids and informs the horseplayer, handicapper and racing fan."

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**NTRA, RESOLUTE RACING OFFER CHANCE TO WIN TRIP TO ECLIPSE AWARDS, PEGASUS**

Fans will have a chance to win a trip to the Resolute Racing Eclipse Awards Ceremony, presented by John Deere, Keeneland and The Jockey Club, as well as to attend the Pegasus World Cup at Gulfstream Park as part of the **Resolute Racing Eclipse Awards Sweepstakes**. The grand prize winner of the sweepstakes will receive airfare, hotel, and two tickets to the Eclipse Awards to be held Jan. 23 at The Breakers Palm Beach, as well as tickets to the Pegasus World Cup held at Gulfstream Park Jan. 25.

There is no purchase necessary to participate in the promotion and entries may be made on the Resolute Racing website, or its accompanying social media channels, or the NTRA website, or its accompanying social media channels. Fans can enter the contest by submitting their name, information, and explanation as to why they want to win this once-in-a-lifetime experience. Entries are now open online and continue through Jan. 7 and the winners will be announced Jan. 10.

"We are excited to welcome two lucky fans to the most glamorous night in racing at the 54th annual Eclipse Awards," said NTRA President and CEO Tom Rooney. "In partnership with Resolute Racing, two fans will have a fantastic weekend we hope they remember forever."

Resolute owner John Stewart added, "Racing fans are the backbone of the sport, and Resolute Racing is delighted to team with the NTRA to provide an avenue for two lucky people to attend the Eclipse Awards, which is Thoroughbred racing's version of the Academy Awards. We also look forward to hosting the winners at the Pegasus World Cup."

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**LOPE CELEBRATES MILESTONE**

The racehorse aftercare charity LoneStar Outreach to Place Ex-Racers (LOPE) has served 300 students and educators in 2024--a year ahead of its goal to hit that mark in 2025. By combining racehorse aftercare with STEM education, LOPE's ex-racers (mostly retired racehorses with over 50 races) are providing hands-on ways to help kids learn math, science, and veterinary skills.

"Warhorses like Jet Set Cat, who raced 106 times with one eye, offer more than science lessons--they teach kids about grit and perseverance," says LOPE founder Lynn Reardon. "Every child leaves here with a new perspective, whether they're future veterinarians or simply seeking comfort in a horse's presence."

**LOPE, cont.**

Reardon founded LOPE in the Texas Hill Country in 2004. The organization hosts dynamic field trips and internships, engaging youth aged four through 18 with subjects like biology, physics, and equine veterinary science. Highlights of the 2024 program include partnerships with the Texas Equine Veterinary Association and the American Association of Equine Veterinary Technicians and Assistants.



Jet Set Cat | courtesy LOPE

“With the U.S. facing a looming shortage of equine veterinarians, programs like ours are crucial for inspiring the next generation of animal care professionals,” Reardon said. “Through hands-on experiences, students learn not only how to care for horses, but also how to translate their passion into a career.”

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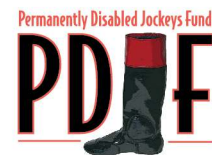
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**Saturday, Gulfstream #10, post time: 4:54 p.m. EST**

**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

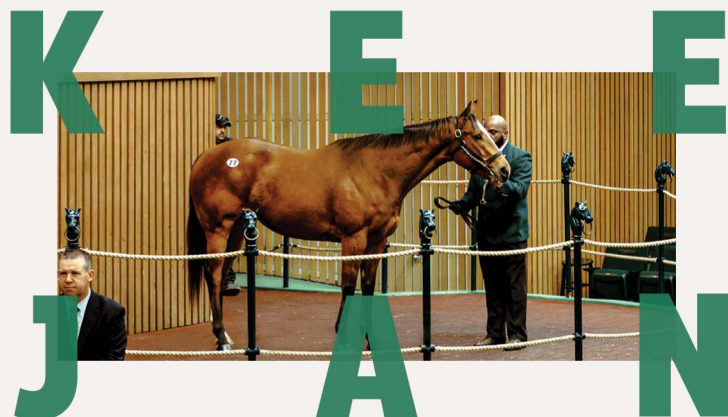
**Breeders:** 1-Sierra Farm, 2-Coteau Grove Farms, 3-Spendthrift Farm, 4-Coffee Pot Stables, 5-Adena Springs, 6-Machmer Hall, 7-Woodford Thoroughbreds, 8-Firmamento

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**Saturday, Gulfstream #11, post time: 5:24 p.m. EST**

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

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Ocean Club	<b>Curlin</b>	Glen Hill Farm	Sisterson	Gonzalez	125
2	Hollywood Walk	Animal Kingdom	R. Larry Johnson	Trombetta	Ruiz	121
3	Ribaltagaia 🌿	<b>Blame</b>	The Estate of Albert Frassetto	Bietolini	Alvarado	118
4	Papilio (Ire) 🌿	<b>Starspangledbanner (Aus)</b>	D. J. Stable LLC	Casse	Castellano	121
5	Swoonatra 🌿	Paynter	Douglas Self	Abreu	Perez	121
6	Charlie's Wish	<b>First Dude</b>	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 🌿	<b>Frosted</b>	Kenneth L. Ramsey	Joseph, Jr.	Reyes	121
11	Breath Away (GB)	<b>Bated Breath (GB)</b>	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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### IN ORDER OF PURSE:

**8th-Mahoning Valley, \$36,200, (S), Alw, 12-17, (NW4L), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:11.59, sy, 3 1/2 lengths.**

**SILENT RULE (f, 3, Street Boss--Modern Lady, by Candy Ride {Arg}),** an 11 1/2 debut winner at Thistledown in August, followed up with another score at the venue the following month. Sent off at 18-1 in the First Lady Stakes here Nov. 25, she came home a 3/4-length winner and went off the 4-5 choice to repeat here. Sent to the front early, the Ohio bred remained on top throughout, scoring by 3 1/2 lengths. Sales history: \$16,000 Ylg '22 KEESEP. Modern Lady produced a filly by Goldcents in 2023 and was bred to Yaupon this term. Lifetime Record: SW, 4-4-0-0, \$108,540. **Click for the Equibase.com chart.**  
O-John Hoctel; B-T/C Stable, LLC (OH); T-Jay P. Bernardini.



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**7th-Parx Racing, \$65,400, Msw, 12-17, 2yo, 5 1/2f, 1:07.48, sy, 3 3/4 lengths.**

**LET'S MAKE IT A DOUBLE (g, 2, Distorted Humor--Mary Bernice, by Bernardini),** sent off the 3-1 second choice in this unveiling, settled in a rail-skimming fifth through opening fractions of :22.97 and :47.66. Drawn out at the quarter pole to challenge for the lead, he forged to the front midstretch and drew off to score by 3 3/4 lengths over Marvelous Mo (**Mo Town**). Mary Bernice produced a Classic Empire filly last season and followed up with a colt by **Drain the Clock**. Third dam is the bluehen mare Glowing Tribute, responsible for GISWs Eastern Echo and Hero's Honor, in addition to Kentucky Derby winner Sea Hero. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$42,000. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

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24 foals of racing age/2 winners/0 black-type winners  
10-Zia, 6:17 p.m. EST, Msw 5 1/2f, American Red, 15-1  
\$12,000 RUI NMY yrl  
10-Zia, 6:17 p.m. EST, Msw 5 1/2f, Bye Bye Russ, 4-1  
10-Zia, 6:17 p.m. EST, Msw 5 1/2f, Shiny Shores, 8-1

**Authentic** (Into Mischief), Spendthrift Farm, \$50,000  
160 foals of racing age/21 winners/1 black-type winner  
7-Turfway, 8:55 p.m. EST, Aoc 6f, Altobelli, 20-1  
\$125,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$180,000 OBS APR 2yo  
6-Turfway, 8:25 p.m. EST, Msw 1 1/16m, Beaded, 12-1  
6-Turfway, 8:25 p.m. EST, Msw 1 1/16m, Hope Diamond, 10-1  
\$200,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$125,000 OBS APR 2yo

**Maximum Security** (New Year's Day), Coolmore Ashford, \$7,500  
88 foals of racing age/15 winners/0 black-type winners  
6-Turfway, 8:25 p.m. EST, Msw 1 1/16m, Talent Show, 4-1

**Shancelot** (Shanghai Bobby), Buck Pond Farm, \$5,000  
34 foals of racing age/6 winners/0 black-type winners  
7-Turfway, 8:55 p.m. EST, Aoc 6f, Shan, 20-1

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**Vekoma** | Louise Reinagel

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**Vekoma** (Candy Ride {Arg}), Spendthrift Farm, \$15,000  
 163 foals of racing age/39 winners/4 black-type winners  
 7-Turfway, 8:55 p.m. EST, Aoc 6f, Thunderhawk, 3-1  
 \$190,000 KEE SEP yrl

**Volatile** (Violence), Three Chimneys Farm, \$15,000  
 125 foals of racing age/24 winners/1 black-type winner  
 7-Turfway, 8:55 p.m. EST, Aoc 6f, Vehemently, 15-1  
 \$50,000 KEE NOV wnl



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**STAKES RESULTS:**

**HOBBS FALL CLASSIC S.**, (NB) \$150,000, Zia, 12-17, (S), 2yo, 1m 70y, 1:43.66, ft.

1--**B BOLD CHARLIE, 118, g, 2, Shame On Charlie--B Bold Cindy (SP, \$149,769), by Desert God.** O-Glen Robertson & Bobby McQueen; B-Monique Cornejo (NM); T-Dick Cappellucci; J-Elvin Gonzalez. \$90,000. Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, \$112,860.

2--**Short Round Bound, 119, g, 2, Runaway Ghost--Just Keep Movin, by Trappe Shot.** (\$10,000 Ylg '23 RUINMY). O-Casey T. Lambert & Brown, Jake; B-M. Abe (NM); T-Casey T. Lambert. \$30,000.

3--**He's a Genius, 118, g, 2, Attila's Storm--Lady Genius, by Quinton's Gold.** O-Bill Carson; B-Bill & Mike Carson (NM); T-Dallas J. Barton. \$15,000.

Margins: 1 3/4, NK, 2 3/4. Odds: 2.60, 7.10, 1.30.

**ALLOWANCE RESULTS:**

**10th-Zia, \$71,500, (S), (NW2\$Y)/Opt. Clm (\$35,000), 12-16, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:10.57, ft, 3/4 length.**

**MARKING CANYON (g, 3, Marking--Stormy Canyon, by Scatmandu)** Lifetime Record: MSP, 11-4-3-3, \$258,088. O-Leroy & Maureen Fincher; B-Leroy Fincher (NM); T-Leroy A. Fincher.

**3rd-Zia, \$71,500, (S), (NW2\$Y)/Opt. Clm (\$35,000), 12-17, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:10.92, ft, 3/4 length.**

**BIKINILESS (m, 5, Marking--My Bikini Fell Off {MSP, \$404,032}, by Elusive Jazz)** Lifetime Record: 21-5-7-3, \$216,912. O-Brian Mundell; B-Brian Mundell (NM); T-Bart G. Hone.



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**4th-Zia, \$67,000**, (S), 12-17, (NW2X), 2yo, f, 5f, :57.11, ft, head. **MARKED KISS (f, 2, Marking--Back Seat Kiss {SP, \$107,018}, by Roll Hennessy Roll)** Lifetime Record: SW, 5-3-0-1, \$116,065. O-Jana Trotter; B-Fred Alexander & Todd Fincher (NM); T-Chris Zamora. \*\$100,000 Ylg '23 RUIINMY.

**9th-Parx Racing, \$63,200**, (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$16,000), 12-17, 3yo/up, 1m 70y, 1:44.28, sy, 3 lengths. **DROPLINE (g, 3, Uncle Lino--Sour Lemon Drop, by Lemon Drop Kid)** Lifetime Record: 8-3-1-1, \$142,990. O-Jack J. Armstrong; B-R H Breeding (PA); T-Robert Mosco.

**8th-Zia, \$55,020**, 12-17, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 6 1/2f, 1:15.28, ft, neck. **I DON'T GET IT (g, 4, Cloud Computing--Flat Out Gittin It {SP}, by Flat Out)** Lifetime Record: 12-4-0-0, \$121,840. O-Robert E. Green, Jr.; B-Pillar Property Services Inc (KY); T-Dick Cappellucci. \*\$42,000 Ylg '21 FTKJUL; \$40,000 4yo '24 FTDOCT.

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**2nd-Zia, \$55,020**, 12-17, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:09.61, ft, 6 lengths.

**DASHINGLY (f, 3, Liam's Map--Tiger Silk {Aus} {SP-NZ }, by All American {Aus})** Lifetime Record: 7-2-1-1, \$87,120. O-Gary Randall Andrews and Scott Dilworth; B-Sunnybrook Stables (KY); T-Todd W. Fincher. \*\$130,000 Ylg '22 KESEEP; \$200,000 RNA 2yo '23 OBSMAR.

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**7th-Mahoning Valley, \$38,400**, 12-17, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 1m 70y, 1:45.64, sy, 3/4 length.

**VILLIAN (g, 3, National Flag--Callisto, by Malibu Moon)** Lifetime Record: 17-6-3-2, \$225,737. O-Blazing Meadows Farm, LLC and Shane Hamm; B-WinBlaze, LLC (OH); T-Timothy E. Hamm.

**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**

**Charlotte's Spider**, f, 2, **American Anthem**--Shes a Looker R F, by Silver Season. Zia, 12-17, (S), 5 1/2f, 1:03.91. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$33,000. B-Paul W. Jenson (NM).

\*1/2 to P J's Gold (Mr. Gold Mover), SW, \$127,475.

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**Alchemism**, g, 2, **Kobe's Back**--Enchanted Evening, by First Defence. Parx Racing, 12-17, (S), 6 1/2f, 1:19.53. Lifetime Record: 4-1-1-1, \$46,100. B-William E. Riddle (PA). \*\$5,000 Ylg '23 EASOCT.

**In Spite of It**, f, 2, **Speightster**--Dearest One, by Macho Uno. Zia, 12-17, 6f, 1:10.95. Lifetime Record: 4-1-1-0, \$39,910. B-Mike Abraham (KY). \*\$18,000 Wlg '22 KEENOV; \$44,000 RNA 2yo '24 TTAAPR. \*\*1/2 to Powell (**Munnings**), SW, MSP, \$212,311.

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**Quercus**, f, 2, **Tiz the Law**--Bellflower (SP), by Cherokee Run. Parx Racing, 12-17, (S), 6 1/2f, 1:21.77. Lifetime Record: SP, 4-1-0-2, \$39,830. B-Arrowwood Farm, Inc. (PA). \*1/2 to Jumpmaster (Jump Start), SP, \$449,522. \*\*21st winner for freshman sire (by **Constitution**).

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**American Anthem**, Charlotte's Spider, f, 2, o/o Shes a Looker R F, by Silver Season. MSW, 12-17, Zia

**Cloud Computing**, I Don't Get It, g, 4, o/o Flat Out Gittin It, by Flat Out. ALW, 12-17, Zia

**Distorted Humor**, Let'smakeitadouble, g, 2, o/o Mary Bernice, by Bernardini. MSW, 12-17, Parx Racing

**Kobe's Back**, Alchemism, g, 2, o/o Enchanted Evening, by First Defence. MSW, 12-17, Parx Racing

**Liam's Map**, Dashingly, f, 3, o/o Tiger Silk (Aus), by All American (Aus). ALW, 12-17, Zia

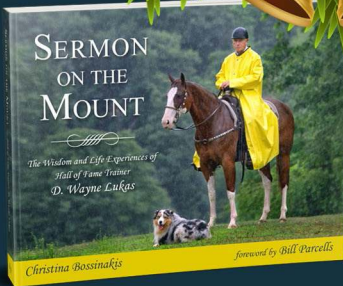
**Marking**, Bikiniless, m, 5, o/o My Bikini Fell Off, by Elusive Jazz. AOC, 12-17, Zia

**Marking**, Marked Kiss, f, 2, o/o Back Seat Kiss, by Roll Hennessy Roll. ALW, 12-17, Zia

**Marking**, Marking Canyon, g, 3, o/o Stormy Canyon, by Scatmandu. AOC, 12-16, Zia

**National Flag**, Villian, g, 3, o/o Callisto, by Malibu Moon. ALW, 12-17, Mahoning Valley


**Shame On Charlie**, B Bold Charlie, g, 2, o/o B Bold Cindy, by Desert God. Hobbs Fall Classic S., 12-17, Zia



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**Speightster**, In Spite of It, f, 2, o/o Dearest One, by Macho Uno. MSW, 12-17, Zia

**Street Boss**, Silent Rule, f, 3, o/o Modern Lady, by **Candy Ride (Arg)**. ALW, 12-17, Mahoning Valley

**Tiz the Law**, Quercus, f, 2, o/o Bellflower, by Cherokee Run. MSW, 12-17, Parx Racing

**Uncle Lino**, Dropline, g, 3, o/o Sour Lemon Drop, by Lemon Drop Kid. AOC, 12-17, Parx Racing



Freshman sire **Tiz the Law** had his 21st winner of the season Tuesday | *Coolmore*





## VALUE SIRES PART I: DEEP POCKETS REQUIRED



City Of Troy embarks on his stud career at €75,000 | [Racingfotos.com](https://www.racingfotos.com)

By Emma Berry

It's time to revisit our annual series to assess the sires of 2025 with the aim of working out where the value lies. We'll reissue the usual caveat that value means different things to different people. For the benefit of this series, we are using the euro as our currency for bracketing, and will deal with stallions in the following four tiers:

- €50,000 and up
- €20,000 to €49,999
- €10,000 to €19,999
- Under €10,000

Only one of the new additions to the European stallion ranks for 2025 makes it into the upper tier, which we are dealing with in Part I, and that is the 2024 Derby winner **City Of Troy**, who retires to Coolmore at a fee of €75,000.

There has been a lot of social media silliness about the height of this horse. Breeders who go to see him in the flesh will find a well-proportioned individual whose stature should be complementary to most mares. Only time will tell if he throws horses more in the mould of his imposing sire **Justify**, or whether his offspring will cleave to his own greater similarity to his damsire **Galileo (Ire)**. The mares obviously play a part in this physical jigsaw, too.

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## 'THE FEEDBACK WAS VERY POSITIVE': ADVERTISE MOVES TO KNOCKMULLEN HOUSE STUD

The treble Group 1-winning sprinter **Advertise (Ire)** is on the move to Ireland and will stand at Gordon Doyle's Knockmullen House Stud in Co Wexford at a fee of €5,000 for 2025.

The son of Showcasing (GB) remains in the ownership of former trainer Martyn Meade. He stood initially at the National Stud from 2020 and, for the last two seasons, at Manton Park Stud.

"It's a pretty big departure for us to be standing a Flat sire but when a horse like Advertise pops up you can't really say no," said Doyle, who also stands former Manton Park resident Technician (Ire), Mekhtaal (GB) and Silas Marner (Fr).

"He is a top-class racehorse with great looks who produces good lookers and has made a great start to his stud career with three group winners in 2024. I am very grateful to Martyn Meade and the team at Manton for the opportunity." [Cont. p8](#)

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*The globetrotting Romantic Warrior (Ire) (Acclamation {GB}) poses for a picture with trainer Danny Shum after arriving in Dubai. The nine-time Group 1 winner is an intended starter in the G1 Jebel Hatta on Friday, January 24. | Dubai Racing Club*

**8 | GROUP 1-WINNING TRAINER TO RETIRE**

*Rae Guest has announced that he is to cease training in January after 36 years with a licence.*

**9 | ZARAK SHARE TOPS ARQANA ONLINE SALE**

*Alex Elliott went to €800,000 to secure a 1/50th share in the Aga Khan Studs stallion at the Arqana December Online Sale.*

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**Value Sires cont. from p1**

What breeders will get for that fee is a well-bred stallion, whose Group 1-winning dam Together Forever (Ire), the sister of an Oaks winner, has 4x4 inbreeding to the influential mare Special. City Of Troy's race record speaks for itself. He was unbeaten at two, including in the G1 Dewhurst Stakes. At three, his Derby, Eclipse and Juddmonte International wins earned him Cartier Horse of the Year honours and more than made up for a disappointing run in the 2,000 Guineas and an apparent dislike of the dirt in the Breeders' Cup Classic. He faces rivalry from within his own stable from his competitively priced fellow Derby winner Auguste Rodin (Ire), whom we will deal with in Part II.

City Of Troy provided racing fans with an unusual non-racing day out to Southwell in September when he had an away-day from Ballydoyle, with both Ryan Moore and Aidan O'Brien entering into the spirit of the occasion by spending time signing autographs and posing for photographs after his racecourse gallop. This scribbler didn't get a selfie or a signature but was left with a lasting visual impression of an athletic colt with a quite extraordinary elevated action at top speed. If City Of Troy can pass that movement on to some of his offspring he'll do just fine.

He's in this bracket for his performance and pedigree, but what of the others who either retired into this top tier and have stayed there, or those who have worked their way up from more humble beginnings?

Of the former category, only **Frankel (GB)**, **Sea The Stars (Ire)** and the latter's son **Baaeed (GB)** have started at this level and remained in place, and it is of course early days for Baaeed, who will have his first yearlings for sale next year and has dropped from his opening fee of £80,000 to stand at £65,000 for his third season.

**Sea The Stars**, who turns 19 in 2025, was such a magnificent racehorse and he continues to throw classy individuals. It is fervently hoped that some of his sons enjoy proper success as Flat sires. **Sea The Moon (Ger)** has shown the way, and the top miler **Baaeed**, from a family endowed with some decent stallions, could be another to make that breakthrough.

As the joint-most expensive stallions in the world at £350,000, **Frankel** and **Dubawi (Ire)** have earned their place at the top of the table. **Frankel** was the champion sire of 2021 and 2023, with **Dubawi** taking the championship from him in 2022. Neither will lack for quality or support.

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**Value Sires cont.**

Managing the quantity is the hardest part for those connected with the veteran Dubawi, who is knocking on the door of 23 and has done wonders to keep the memory and bloodline of Dubai Millennium (GB) thriving. Dubawi's stud career has been a happy and lengthy epilogue to the tragic tale of his sire's demise from grass sickness at the age of only five.

To use Book 1 of the Tattersalls October Yearling Sale as a barometer for these two elite sparring partners, Frankel topped the pile with 18 sold (from 19 offered) for an average of 902,778gns, and these were youngsters conceived when his fee was still £200,000. Dubawi had 12 sold (19 offered) for an average of 778,333gns, from his 2022 fee of £250,000.

**Humble Beginnings**

Few stallions have forced their way into the reckoning like **Wootton Bassett (GB)** has done and plenty of us would love to be able to go back in time to 2014 or 2015 when he stood for only €4,000, having started out at €6,000 at Haras d'Etreham in 2012. The mighty has risen, and the son of Iffraaj (GB), now knocking on the door of 17, opened his Irish innings at Coolmore on €100,000. He now commands a fee three times that amount.

In 2024 we saw the results of his first Irish-conceived crop of two-year-olds, which included the Group 1 winners Camille Pissarro (Ire), Henri Matisse (Ire), Twain (Ire), and Tennessee Stud (Ire). The G3 Prix Thomas Bryon winner Maranoa Charlie (Ire) is another to keep an eye on as next spring's Classics come around.

**Wootton Bassett**, whose 19 Book 1 yearlings sold for an average of €600,000 (from a €150,000 fee) has a growing throng of sons at stud, with King Of Steel and Bucanero Fuerte (GB) joining the list in 2025.

Similar comments apply to **Siyouni (Fr)** at the Aga Khan Studs, who won the G1 Prix Jean-Luc Lagardere the year before **Wootton Bassett** took the same race, and started at Haras de Bonneval at €7,000, having narrowly avoided a gelding appointment with his vet.

That he was spared the cruellest cut has been very much to the benefit of the European bloodstock industry and to France in particular, where he has towered over the domestic stallion ranks in recent years. He remains at €200,000 for 2025, having enjoyed a similar upward trajectory to his own sire Pivotal (GB) throughout the course of his career. His 19 Arqana August yearlings, conceived when he was still at €140,000, sold for an average of €242,474. **Cont. p5**



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## Global Success

Ballylinch Stud's **Lope De Vega (Ire)** has had a tremendous year. A truly global success story, despite the fact that he has not shuttled south since 2015, his 33 black-type winners worldwide in 2024 matches the tally of Dubawi and puts the pair ahead of all other stallions standing in Europe, as does his list of six Group 1 winners, which is equal to the late Galileo. This is properly elite territory, which is reflected in his price hike for 2025 to €175,000 from €125,000.

Remove **Frankel** from the equation and **Kingman (GB)** would be the undisputed star of the Juddmonte stallion ranks. In a year in which he supplied the winners of the 1,000 Guineas (Elmalka (GB)) and Prix de Diane (Sparkling Plenty (Fr)), his haul of 17 stakes winners included the G1 Prix de l'Opera winner Friendly Soul (GB), who should be back for more in 2025, while the G2 Lowther Stakes winner Celandine (GB) has Classic pretensions.

## The Dubawi Brigade

In those tricky third and fourth seasons, **Night Of Thunder (Ire)** stood for €15,000. Now his fee is ten times that amount. By the end of 2019, he had become the champion first-season sire, prompting a jump to €25,000 before really taking off into this top price bracket, where he has remained for four seasons.

Two new Group 1 winners this year--**Economics (GB)** and **Desert Flower (Ire)**--have pushed his tally to five and one of his hallmarks, a bit like his sire Dubawi, is the breadth of his offspring's success across a range of distances. He's teetering on the brink of 100 stakes winners from six crops of racing age and will need to continue that upward progression at this new chunky fee, though that shouldn't be a problem given the associated rise in the quality of his mates. Two notable names among his 2024 coverings were six-time Group 1 winner **Snow Fairy (Ire)** and the Arc winner **Solemia (Ire)**.

Another son of Dubawi climbing the ranks from a relatively modest beginning is **Zarak (Fr)**. Having remained at €12,000 for his first four years at Bonneval, his fee has risen steadily to his 2025 high of €80,000 on the back of a year in which he sired his first Classic winner, **Metropolitan (Fr)**, while **Haya Zark (Fr)** took the G1 Prix Ganay. With 18 stakes winners this year, he was equal to **Frankel** and **Night Of Thunder**, with only Dubawi, **Lope De Vega**, **Sea The Stars** and **Wootton Bassett** ahead of him.

The Darley duo of **Too Darn Hot (GB)** and **Blue Point (Ire)** has built on a solid start with first-crop two-year-olds. They each have three Group 1 winners, though one of Too Darn Hot's, **Broadsiding (Aus)**, is from his first southern hemisphere crop.

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### Value Sires cont.

Blue Point is the leading second-crop sire in Europe by a decent margin, and his fee has leapt accordingly from €35,000 in his fourth season to €100,000 just two years later. First-crop Classic winner Rosallion (Ire) and rising sprinting star Kind Of Blue (GB) have aided that progression, and he already has a son at stud in the Breeders' Cup winner Big Evs (Ire), who will make

his debut on the Tally-Ho Stud roster in 2025. Shamardal's legacy looks secure through Lope De Vega and Blue Point, to name just two of his stallion sons.

Too Darn Hot also had a breakthrough Classic winner, Fallen Angel (GB), while G1 Futurity Trophy winner Hotazhell (GB) led the charge from his second crop. Hugely sought after on both sides of the globe, he could soon be challenging Night Of Thunder and **Zarak** as the leading son of Dubawi. Don't, however, overlook **New Bay (GB)** in this regard. He somehow seems to be more of a quiet achiever, but an achiever he undoubtedly is. He has been represented by 29 juvenile winners this year, which makes him seventh in Europe in this category, and that group includes the impressive G2 Champagne Stakes winner Bay City Roller (Ire). New Bay's fee was doubled in 2023, to €75,000, and there he remains.

**No Nay Never's** fee has done a bit of yo-yo-ing in recent years. Available for two years at €17,500 back in 2016 and 2017, he shot up to €100,000 in 2019 and has remained at six figures ever since. With two seasons at €175,000, he has dropped gradually back to €125,000. The G1 Prix Morny winner Whistlejacket (Ire), a brother to **Little Big Bear (Ire)**, was his star of 2024, while the G2 Rockfel winner Bubbling (Ire) is a filly with Guineas potential. [Cont. p7](#)

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## Commercial and Classic

No stallion can get close to **Mehmas (Ire)** when it comes to two-year-old winners. His record-breaking haul this year is now a whopping 71, and that includes the Group/Grade 1 winners Vertical Blue (Ire) (who sold for 3.2 million gns at the December Mares Sale), Scorthy Champ (Ire) and Magnum Force (Ire).

Admittedly, the returns at Book 1 this year almost defied any sort of reality, but it is worth considering that Mehmas, who only four years ago had no representation in this section of the October catalogue, had all 16 of his yearlings offered sold for an average 343,125gns. Top price was 1 million gns for the half-brother to Perfect Power (Ire), but every other one of them made a six-figure sum, which shows decent returns from his 2022 fee of €50,000. Though that has been raised for 2025 to €70,000, that is still a reasonable mark for a very much in-demand stallion.

One could say that we've saved the best for last. **Camelot (GB)** returns to his previous 2022 peak fee of €75,000 following a year in which his daughter Bluestocking (GB) won the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe. The Juddmonte filly's annus mirabilis also included victories in the G1 Prix Vermeille, G1 Pretty Polly Stakes and G2 Middleton Stakes bringing her total earnings to more than £3.6m and helping her sire to finish 2024 as the leading sire in Europe. She was not alone as a Group 1 winner for **Camelot** this year. Luxembourg (Ire) gained his fourth top-level win--one in each season in training--in the Coronation Cup, while Los Angeles (Ire) won the Irish Derby after finishing third in the Derby and, later, third to Bluestocking in the Arc. With just shy of €9m in progeny earnings in Europe, **Camelot** topped the table ahead of his fellow Irish-based stallions Lope De Vega and **Sea The Stars**. It is encouraging to see two Derby winners who are not Galileo in the top three.

In fourth on European earnings but the champion sire of Britain and Ireland was **Dark Angel (Ire)**, whose first title we discussed with his **owner and breeder Gay O'Callaghan** in *TDN* last week. This was the first time the champion sire had been based in Ireland but not at Coolmore since the posthumous title won by Petingo (GB) in 1979 (Pitcairn was champion the following year, by which time he had already been exported to Japan).

Available between 2018 and 2020 at his highest fee of €85,000, Dark Angel had stood for as low as €7,000 in his third and fourth seasons but will remain at €60,000 for a fifth consecutive year. Over the last five seasons he has covered 163, 180, 193, 166 and 134 mares in 2024 and it is easy to suppose that the tally may decrease steadily as he hits his twenties. For his body of work, €60,000 looks to be the best bit of value out there at this elite level.

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### Bronze: Mehmas, Tally-Ho Stud

Bred on the same cross as Dark Angel, he is the perfect package for a commercial breeder. At €70,000, he may be becoming too pricey for some but he's still a youngster and, given the evidence of his early years at stud, that fee could justifiably rise again in the near future.

# VALUE PODIUM



## DARK ANGEL

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Advertise, bred by Cheveley Park Stud from the Pivotal (GB) mare Furbelow (GB), won the G1 Phoenix Stakes and G2 July Stakes at two, as well as finishing runner-up to Too Darn Hot (GB) in the G1 Dewhurst Stakes. At three he added both the G1 Commonwealth Cup and G1 Prix Maurice de Gheest to his record, as well as finishing second to Ten Sovereigns (Ire) in the G1 July Cup.

Doyle added, "I am under no illusion that it's going to be hard to turn the commercial opinion of him around as it can be a very unforgiving place but he had a very good season in 2024. To sire horses like Cool Hoof Luke, winner of the G2 Gimcrack [Stakes], Secret Satire, who won the G3 Musidora, and Al Shabab Storm, who was victorious in the G3 Goldene Peitsche, from just two crops is very exciting. He has some exciting prospects for 2025 including Shout, Bullet Point, and Minstrel Knight."

Doyle said that comments from trainers had also swayed his decision to diversify with a Flat stallion.

"The feedback was very positive and, after all, our aim is to produce racehorses," he noted. "So, if the trainers like them and keep buying them hopefully he will continue to prove himself a good sire. His oldest are only three so, in my opinion, it is too early to write him off."

Advertise and his fellow Knockmullen House stallions will be available for viewing on the Irish Stallion Trail, which is currently scheduled to take place on January 10 and 11.



Advertise joins the Irish stallion ranks | Manton Park Stallions

Martyn Meade said, "Whilst retaining full ownership and acknowledging Advertise had a brilliant season this year, siring the winner of the Gimcrack and the Musidora, I feel he will have an even better chance being based in Ireland where there is a far greater breeding appetite than the UK. I will as always be supporting him. I know he is in good hands with Gordon and his team."

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### GROUP 1-WINNING TRAINER RAE GUEST TO RETIRE

Rae Guest has announced that he is to cease training in January after 36 years with a licence. The Newmarket trainer told David Milnes of the *Racing Post* that he has sold his Chestnut Tree Stables to Jack Jones, who has rented some boxes there since he started training in 2022.

Now 74, Guest, who is also a former jockey with notable success in Scandinavia, India and Britain, is renowned as a trainer of fillies in particular. He notched his first Group 1 win in the Yorkshire Oaks with My Emma (GB) (Marju {Ire}), who later followed up in the Prix Vermeille. He also trained the Cheveley Park Stakes winner Serious Attitude (Ire) (Mtoto {GB}), while his latest black-type success came with Divina Grace (GB) (Golden Horn {GB}), winner of the Listed Chalice Stakes at Newmarket in August.

A widely popular member of the Newmarket training fraternity, Guest hails from a famous racing dynasty. His father Charlie Guest was a jockey, as was his uncle, Joe, while another uncle, Nelson, trained. Rae's brother Richard is a Grand National and Champion Hurdle-winning jockey and former trainer, sister Jane was married to Sir Henry Cecil and later trained successfully in her own right, and another of his sisters, Sally, was a leading amateur rider on the Flat and one of Sir Michael Stoute's key work riders.

Guest told Milnes, "I'm not giving up training because I don't enjoy it any more--I still love the game and some of my owners will have horses with Jack. I'll be following them and [wife] Rachel has a few mares, so I'll still be in the sport but just not the day-to-day training."

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Rae Guest, third right, with his final stakes winner Divina Grace

## ZARAK SHARE TOPS THE ARQANA DECEMBER ONLINE SALE AT €800,000

A 1/50th share in the Aga Khan Studs stallion **Zarak (Fr)** took top billing in the Arqana December Online Sale when going the way of Alex Elliott for €800,000. Of the 13 stallion shares and breeding rights offered, nine sold for a total of €1,323,000.

A four-time winner when trained by Alain de Royer-Dupre, notably landing the G1 Grand Prix de Saint-Cloud, **Zarak** boasts an exceptional pedigree as a son of Dubawi (Ire) and the unbeaten G1 Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe heroine Zarkava (Ire) (Zamindar).

**Zarak** stood his first season at Haras de Bonneval in 2018 and is set to command a career-high fee of €80,000 in 2025, having produced three Group 1 winners from his early crops, including this year's Poule d'Essai des Poulains winner Metropolitan (Fr). Haya Zark (Fr) also struck at the top level this year in the Prix Ganay, while Zagrey (Fr) became his sire's first Group 1 winner when successful in the Grosser Preis von Baden in 2023.

The share gives the right to one covering per year, plus an additional covering every odd-numbered year, meaning two coverings in 2025 followed by one covering in 2026, and so on.

A 1/50th share in Haras d'Etreham resident **Hello Youmzain (Fr)** was the most expensive of the other lots at €250,000. The Broadhurst Agency's Laurent Benoit was the successful bidder.

The leading first-season sire in France in 2024, Hello Youmzain has produced 20 individual two-year-old winners in Europe, including the G3 Prix des Chines scorer and G1 Prix Jean-Luc Lagardere third Misunderstood (Fr). He will stand for a fee of €40,000 in 2025.

## SEDAKA SETS TATTERSALLS ONLINE RECORD AT 210,000GNS

The five-year-old broodmare **Sedaka (NZ)**, offered in foal to Too Darn Hot (GB) on a Southern Hemisphere cover, has been sold for a record 210,000gns to Bruce Slade of Kestrel Thoroughbreds, on behalf of Nocab Racing. The top-priced lot in the Tattersalls Online December Sale, she also becomes the highest-priced broodmare ever sold on the platform.

The daughter of Savabeel (Aus), who was twice Group-placed as a three-year-old, was consigned by Watership Down Stud and is set to stay in Britain in the short term, with a return visit to Too Darn Hot potentially on the cards in 2025.

"Nocab Racing are building up a very select broodmare band with high-end profiles and Sedaka fit that as a Group performer by a champion sire in Savabeel," said Slade. "I have a really healthy respect for Too Darn Hot who's doing the job in both hemispheres. The mare will stay in Europe with the view to being bred to Too Darn Hot or another Australian compatible UK-based sire in 2025. Then we'll look to bring her home from there."

Alongside seven other broodmares in the Southern Hemisphere Session, Sedaka was covered by Too Darn Hot to Southern Hemisphere time. The session saw four lots sell for a total of 640,000gns and at an average of 160,000gns.

Tattersalls Online sales manager Katherine Sheridan added, "The December Online Sale, featuring the inaugural sale of Southern Hemisphere covered mares, has exceeded expectations with multiple records broken. The sale of Sedaka for 210,000 guineas represents the highest price for a broodmare to be offered on Tattersalls Online, whilst the sale turnover of 940,650 guineas is a record for a Tattersalls Online sale since the platform's inception." [Cont. p10](#)



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### Tattersalls Online cont.

Sheridan added, "The joint venture with Inglis Digital has been the first collaboration of its kind and we thank all the team at Inglis for their assistance and promotion of this concept. The success of the inaugural Southern Hemisphere Session has opened a gateway of opportunities that we can look to build on for the future. We are very grateful for the support of our vendors and purchasers and extend our most sincere thanks to all who have supported the Tattersalls Online sales."

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## HBLB ANNUAL REPORT & ACCOUNTS CONFIRM HIGHEST INCOME SINCE 2017 REFORMS

The Horserace Betting Levy Board (HBLB) published its 2023/24 Annual Report & Accounts on Tuesday. They revealed that the HBLB's statutory Levy income to the year ended Sunday, March 31 was £105m, the highest since the reforms of 2017 which added to the scope of the Levy non-retail bets placed in Great Britain with betting operators based overseas.

This £105m surpassed the £100m in 2022/23 and was achieved against a backdrop of a further fall in betting turnover (amount staked) which, as in 2022/23, was mitigated by improved margins and gross win (amount retained by bookmakers after returns to customers, the basis of the Levy calculation).

Levy income of £105m, plus investment income of over £3m, enabled the Board to achieve a surplus of £13.7m, the first significant surplus of the post-Covid period. This followed operating deficits in the wake of Covid.

The Board also pays tribute in the report to Paul Darling OBE KC, who died suddenly and unexpectedly in August 2024. The Board notes that he gave 10 years of service to the Board--six as a Board member from 2008 to 2014 and a further four as chairman from 2020--and that his passing has deprived the sport of one of its best known and most influential industry figures.

The Annual Report & Accounts record that betting turnover has continued to fall in 2024/25 to date but that margins have not so far compensated for this. On current estimates this will lead to a lower Levy yield in 2024/25 than last year.

In his chief executive's statement, Alan Delmonte notes that, "The Board is itself not privy to the commercial information around individual bookmakers' businesses. However, it is clear that there has been a material change in the industry environment with turnover down by around 20% in two years.

"There is bound to be an interplay of factors causing this, including the impacts of risk-based financial checks by

operators, in particular on higher-staking customers, and changes to certain turnover-based commercial rights deals. The Board has also observed changes in the types and frequency of promotions of betting on British racing, also likely to have had a downward effect on turnover levels."

The Annual Report & Accounts, formally audited by the National Audit Office, provide comprehensive information about the Board's work throughout 2023/24, including its substantial investment in prize money, regulation and integrity, horse welfare, equine disease surveillance and prevention, veterinary science and education as well as the sport's people training and education projects.

The 2023/24 Annual Report & Accounts are available [here](#).

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## FIRST-SEASON SIRES WITH RUNNERS

Wednesday, December 18, 2024:

### UNITED KINGDOM

**Pinatubo (Ire)** (Shamardal), Dalham Hall Stud  
110 foals of racing age/22 winners/1 black-type winner  
17:40-KEMPTON PARK, 8f, **Captious Cantor (GB)**

**Sottsass (Fr)** (**Siyouni {Fr}**), Coolmore Stud  
98 foals of racing age/11 winners/0 black-type winners  
16:40-KEMPTON PARK, 11f, **Radical Design (Ire)**  
€180,000 Goffs November Foal Sale 2022; 180,000gns  
Tattersalls October Yearling Sale (Book 1) 2023



Pinatubo | Darley

**Without Parole (GB) (Frankel {GB})**, Newsells Park Stud  
53 foals of racing age/12 winners/0 black-type winners  
18:10-KEMPTON PARK, 8f, **Spoilt (GB)**  
23,000gns Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2022; 35,000gns  
Tattersalls Somerville Yearling Sale 2023; 10,000gns Tattersalls  
Guineas Breeze Up & HIT Sale 2024

#### IRELAND

**Arizona (Ire) (No Nay Never)**, Coolmore Stud  
66 foals of racing age/10 winners/1 black-type winner  
5-DUNDALK, 8f, **Wizard of Odds (Ire)**  
€8,000 Tattersalls Ireland September Yearling Sale Part II 2023

**Earthlight (Ire) (Shamardal)**, Kildangan Stud  
113 foals of racing age/19 winners/1 black-type winner  
2-DUNDALK, 7f, **Cala Margarida (Ire)**  
€14,500 RNA Tattersalls Ireland Sapphire Sale 2023  
5-DUNDALK, 8f, **Haqawi (Ire)**  
€17,000 RNA Goffs Orby Yearling Sale (Book 2) 2023

**Far Above (Ire) (Farhh {GB})**, Starfield Stud  
83 foals of racing age/12 winners/2 black-type winners  
2-DUNDALK, 7f, **Esque Elegance (Ire)**  
€10,000 Goffs Orby Yearling Sale (Book 2) 2023; €18,000  
Tattersalls Ireland Breeze Up 2024

**Ghaiyyath (Ire) (Dubawi {Ire})**, Kildangan Stud  
101 foals of racing age/10 winners/0 black-type winners  
5-DUNDALK, 8f, **Waterford Flow (Ire)**  
€145,000 Goffs November Foal Sale 2022; 220,000gns  
Tattersalls October Yearling Sale (Book 2) 2023

**Hello Youmzain (Fr) (Kodiac {GB})**, Haras d'Etream  
111 foals of racing age/20 winners/2 black-type winners  
2-DUNDALK, 7f, **Powerful Lady (Fr)**  
€8,500 Arqana Deauville Yearling Sale V2 2023

**Sergei Prokofiev (Scat Daddy)**, Whitsbury Manor Stud  
121 foals of racing age/27 winners/2 black-type winners  
5-DUNDALK, 8f, **El Bosh (GB)**  
30,000gns Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2022; 38,000gns  
Tattersalls October Yearling Sale (Book 2) 2023; 9,000gns  
Tattersalls Autumn Horses-in-Training Sale 2024

#### FRANCE

**Elarqam (GB) (Frankel {GB})**, Izmit Stallion Station  
32 foals of racing age/5 winners/0 black-type winners  
7-DEAUVILLE, 1900m, **Leona Regina (Fr)**

**Golden Horde (Ire) (Lethal Force {Ire})**, Haras de Montfort et Preaux  
45 foals of racing age/6 winners/0 black-type winners  
1-DEAUVILLE, 1300m, **Soledad (Fr)**  
€30,000 Arqana Deauville Yearling Sale V2 2023  
2-DEAUVILLE, 1300m, **Golden Egghen (Fr)**  
€42,000 Arqana Deauville October Yearlings 2023; €6,000 RNA  
Arqana Deauville Nov. Yearling Sale 2024

**Hello Youmzain (Fr) (Kodiac {GB})**, Haras d'Etream  
111 foals of racing age/20 winners/2 black-type winners  
2-DEAUVILLE, 1300m, **Kohana (GB)**

**Persian King (Ire) (Kingman {GB})**, Haras d'Etream  
105 foals of racing age/16 winners/0 black-type winners  
7-DEAUVILLE, 1900m, **Like A Hurricane (GB)**  
€7,000 Goffs Orby Yearling Sale (Book 1) 2023; €8,000  
Tattersalls Ireland Breeze Up 2024

## OBSERVATIONS

on the European racing scene

### HALF TO MANGOUSTINE DEBUTS AT KEMPTON

**5.40 Kempton, Mdn, £6,800, 2yo, 8f (AWT)**  
**SANDIRELLA (GB) (Too Darn Hot {GB})** is the sixth foal out of Zotilla (Ire) (Zamindar), a half-sister to the high-class Flotilla (Fr) (Mizzen Mast) who cost just €75,000 at the 2019 Arqana December Sale and who has already produced the high-class Mangoustine (Fr) (Dark Angel {Ire}) who emulated her aunt by winning the G1 Poule d'Essai des Pouliches two years ago. John and Thady Gosden have charge of Imad Al Sagar's homebred, who bids to follow in the steps of the stable's subsequent G1 Prix de l'Opera heroine Friendly Soul (GB) (**Kingman {GB}**) by capturing this on debut.

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## BRITAIN

### ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

**Longhaired General (Ire)**, g, 3, **Kessaar (Ire)**--Miss Glitters (Ire), by Chevalier (Ire). Newcastle, 12-17, 8f 6y (AWT), 1:40.27. Lifetime Record: 6-1-2-1, \$23,935. B-Tally Ho Stud (IRE). \*€10,000 Ylg '22 TATIRY; 10,000gns RNA HRA '24 TATAHI.

## FRANCE

### CONDITIONS RESULTS:

**6th-Marseille-Pont-de-Vivau**, €23,000, 12-17, 2yo, 10f (AWT), 2:06.43, st.

**HUNTER'S LUCK (FR)** (g, 2, **Hunter's Light {Ire}**--**Sareina {Fr}**, by **Rajsaman {Fr}**) Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, €23,500. O-Patrick Dreux, Steeve Puglia & Marina Porta; B-Ecurie Saint Louis (FR); T-Manon Scandella-Lacaille (FR).

**5th-Marseille-Pont-de-Vivau**, €22,000, 12-17, 3yo/up, 10f (AWT), 2:04.13, st.

**BAY D'ARGENT (FR)** (g, 4, **New Bay {GB}**--**Joiedargent {Fr}** {MSP-Fr}, by **Kendargent {Fr}**) Lifetime Record: SP-Fr, 15-5-3-3, €100,500. O/B-Jean-Claude Seroul (FR); T-Jerome Reynier. \*1/2 to Rock Joyeux (Fr) (Rock Of Gibraltar {Ire}), SW-Fr, \$155,438.

### ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

**Disturbed (Fr)**, g, 3, **Bow Creek (Ire)**--Provocation (Fr), by Le Havre (Ire). Marseille-Pont-de-Vivau, 12-17, 10f (AWT), 2:06.24. B-JBS Invest NV (FR).

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