



## BEHOLDER'S \$4-MILLION BABY FIRES A BULLET



**Curlin--Beholder** | Fasig-Tipton

### The Week in Review, by T.D. Thornton

While 'TDN Rising Star' Tamara (Bolt d'Oro) will be a main attraction on the Dec. 26 opening-day card at Santa Anita, another highly anticipated foal who is also out of the fan-favorite champion Beholder--this one an unnamed and unraced 2-year-old colt by Curlin--fired a bullet three-furlong morning move Saturday in just his third published workout for trainer Bob Baffert and owner Zedan Racing.

The in-company :36 clocking (1/18) just prior to the Christmas holiday on a non-racing Saturday at Santa Anita might have flown a touch under-the-radar for a juvenile with such a high-profile pedigree. But considering that this is a colt who hammered for \$4 million as an Fasig-Tipton Saratoga yearling 16 months ago, it's unlikely that the chestnut with the Hall-of-Fame parents will be keeping a low profile for future training sessions.

"He is coming around slowly. Beautiful mover," Baffert told TDN via text message a few hours after the Dec. 21 workout.

Unlike the first four foals out of the four-time Eclipse Award-winner who were all raced by breeder Spendthrift Farm, the Curlin colt was the first of Beholder's babies to sell at public auction.

As TDN's Katie Petrunyak reported almost exactly a year ago, the colt had earned a reputation for being a bit high-strung at that Saratoga yearling sale because he was on his toes in the sales ring and let loose with one hair-raising rear-up. **Cont. p3**

## ACCURACY GETS CLASS TEST IN LA BREA

Repole Stable's Accuracy (Arrogate), who romped to a 15-length maiden score at Santa Anita Oct. 19 and added a 7 1/4-length optional claimer win at Del Mar Nov. 29, will tackle stakes company for the first time in Thursday's GI La Brea Stakes at Santa Anita. The chestnut filly's back-to-back wins came at 1 1/16 miles and one mile and she cuts back to seven furlongs for the La Brea, where she is the 5-1 third choice on the morning line and will break from post two under Umberto Rispoli.

"She's had two very good races back-to-back," trainer Michael McCarthy said. "Cutting back to seven-eighths is maybe a little bit of a question mark. She's also drawn inside with speed all around her. Hopefully she'll bounce away from there and Umberto does what he sees fit."

Of the decision to target the La Brea, McCarthy said, "It's a Grade I and straight 3-year-olds. It's something where you have to give her a shot." **Cont. p5**

## IN TDN EUROPE TODAY

### MANGAN IN HEAVEN WITH SPILLANE'S TOWER

Brian Sheerin speaks to trainer Jimmy Mangan about stable star Spillane's Tower (Ire) (Walk In The Park {Ire}), who will be seeking a hugely popular success when he lines up in the G1 King George VI Chase at Kempton on Boxing Day.

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## The Week in Review (cont. from p1)

But when sent to Eddie Woods Stables in Ocala, Florida, Woods told Petrunyak that the colt was just a “good-feeling horse” who was straightforward in his demeanor as he progressed willingly through the early stages of jogging and cantering.

Now fast-forward 12 months to Santa Anita, where the **Curlin**--Beholder colt began racetrack life with a quarter-mile move Dec. 8 followed by two three-eighths “handily” workouts Dec. 15 and 21.

“He has filled out into a really nice-bodied horse,” Baffert told *TDN*. “He has a great mind and moves like a good horse.”

Asked if he has a ballpark timetable for the colt’s debut, Baffert responded, “Still a ways away from running. Maybe February.”

And is there a name in the pipeline that is awaiting approval from The Jockey Club?

“No name picked out yet,” Baffert texted.

Tamara is the most accomplished of Beholder’s foals to date. She won her 2023 juvenile maiden debut, soared home by 6 3/4 lengths in the GI Del Mar Debutante S., then faded to seventh as the 4-5 favorite in the GI Breeders’ Cup Juvenile Fillies. Following that race, it was found that she had sustained a fractured splint bone in her left leg. After more than a year off, Tamara returned to the races Nov. 15, 2024, and ran a game second, beaten a nose, in an optional \$100,000 claimer in which she was not entered to be claimed.



Tamara | Benoit

Beholder’s other foals to race, all out of trainer Richard Mandella’s barn, have been the gelding **Q B One** (**Uncle Mo**), an 0-for-4 maiden at Santa Anita in 2021-22; the filly **Karin With an I** (**Curlin**), who was seventh in her only two starts at Santa Anita

and Del Mar in 2022, and the filly **Teena Ella** (**War Front**), whose 2-for-5 record includes winning the GIII Seniorita S. on the downhill turf sprint course at Santa Anita in 2023.



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"Of the three days I was there, only one nurse was very empathetic, considerate and gentle," Spanabel told Tampa's ABC Action News in a 2023 interview. "And I was like, 'We need more like her, and I want to be like her.' And so I wanted to go into the system to make a difference."

So Spanabel--while continuing to ride in races at Tampa Bay Downs and Gulfstream Park--enrolled in nursing school.

After four years of splitting course work and racetrack work, last Tuesday the 25-year-old jockey received her diploma, earning a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree from the Arizona College of Nursing in Tampa.

She was one of 20 grads from an original class of 56 who started in the demanding, year-round program, in which students receive only a single week off every 16 weeks.

"You have no idea the amount of weight that came off my shoulders," Spanabel told the Tampa Bay Downs notes team.

"It took a lot. I want to thank everybody at the track for their support, especially the trainers who rode me on their horses while I was in school. They had a lot of patience," she said.

Spanabel will begin working as a registered nurse in February in a surgical unit at HCA Florida Bayonet Point Hospital. But just as she did during school, she's determined to continue her career as a jockey, aiming to strike a balance between both professions.

"I'll be working at the hospital Monday through Wednesday, so I can ride Friday, Saturday and Sunday," Spanabel said.

Her first mount after graduation on Tuesday was a second-place finish aboard a 15-1 first-time starter in the Wednesday opener at Tampa, just a half-length shy of victory.

"My first love is horses," Spanabel emphasized. "[Nursing] is my second."

## Not Making the Grade

Coming off consecutive weekends in which points-awarding prep races for the GI Kentucky Derby lured only fields of five in the Dec. 14 GII Los Alamitos Futurity and the Dec. 21 ungraded **Gun Runner S.** at Fair Grounds, other stakes races on the Derby trail absorbed a hit this past week when three points-awarding qualifiers coming up in just a few weeks were **stripped of their graded status** for 2025.

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- 1<sup>st</sup> MSW, Churchill Downs

### **G2SW AT 3**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Amsterdam S. [G2]
- 1<sup>st</sup> Maxfield S. [L]
- 1<sup>st</sup> Harrods Creek S. [L]
- 1<sup>st</sup> Perryville S. [L]
- 2<sup>nd</sup> H. Allen Jerkens Memorial S. [G1]

### **G1SW AT 4**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Forego S. [G1]
- 1<sup>st</sup> King Cotton S. [L]
- 1<sup>st</sup> Aristides S. [L]
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Alfred G Vanderbilt H. [G1]
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Three of them are sophomore stakes clustered together on the calendar, all Grade III races that will now be classified as “listed:” the Feb. 1 Withers S. at Aqueduct, the Feb. 8 Sam F. Davis S. at Tampa, and the Feb. 16 Sunland Derby at Sunland Park.


As recently as 2022, the Withers winner was the eventual GI Preakness S. winner, Early Voting.

Two participants in recent renewals of the Davis, Vino Rosso (2018) and **Knicks Go** (2019), later won the GI Breeders' Cup Classic.


Stronghold (**Ghostzapper**), who is entered in Thursday's GI Malibu S. at Santa Anita, parlayed last year's Sunland Derby into a next-out victory in the GI Santa Anita Derby.

Those examples aren't meant as justifications that the races shouldn't have been trimmed, because there are still way too many graded stakes (415) relative to the declining Thoroughbred population. But it's not like those were entirely unproductive Grade III stakes, either.

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## Accuracy Gets Class Test in La Brea

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McCarthy will also saddle **Sandy Bottom** (Omaha Beach) in the La Brea. The bay filly, unbeaten in three starts, won on debut at Del Mar last September and added the Anoakia Stakes that October. She returned from a year on the sidelines to just hold off Grade I winner **Tamara** (Bolt d'Oro) in a six-furlong optional claimer at Del Mar Nov. 15.



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“I was expecting that,” McCarthy said of Sandy Bottom’s comeback effort. “I’ve always expected a lot of her.”

Sandy Bottom is 20-1 on the morning line in the La Brea.



Sandy Bottom | Benoit

“It seems like she bounced out of her comeback really well,” McCarthy said. “The seven-eighths will be a little bit of a question mark with her as well. But she’s got a favorable post position and we’ll leave it up to Luis [Saez] tactically. She’s a very fast filly in her own right.”

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## MYSTIK DAN WORKS FOR MALIBU

GI Kentucky Derby winner **Mystik Dan** (Goldencents) worked three furlongs in :37.80 (20/25) Sunday at Santa Anita in preparation for his return to the races in the GI Malibu Stakes Thursday.

Mystik Dan was backed up to the seven-eighths pole before breaking into a gallop. He sped things up near the quarter pole, where he found company from a pair of horses to his inside, then continued to accelerate through the lane.

After winning the Derby, Mystik Dan was second in the GI Preakness Stakes and has been unraced since finishing eighth in the GI Belmont Stakes.

The drill was Mystik Dan's first on the **West Coast** after shipping into California Wednesday night.

Also working for the Malibu Sunday was **Raging Torrent** (Maximus Mischief) who went four furlongs in :48.20 (6/92) for trainer Doug O’Neill. The bay colt won the GI Pat O’Brien Stakes in August and was most recently seventh in the GI Breeders’ Cup Sprint.

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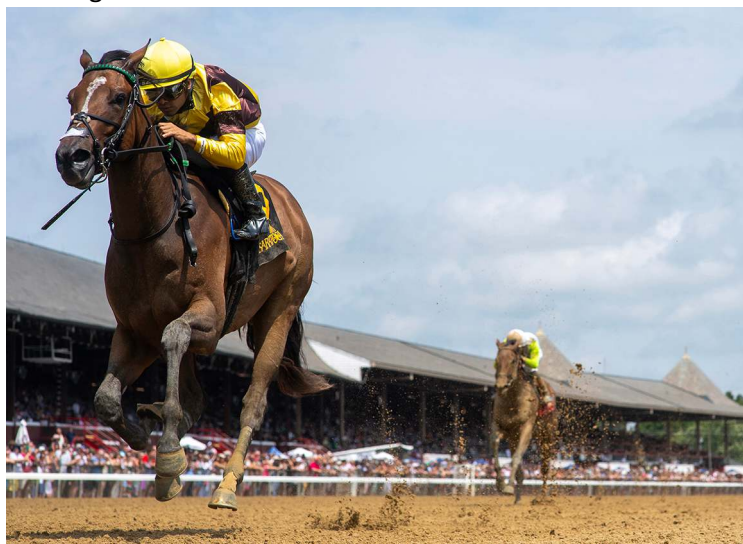
Sunday's work tab at Santa Anita also included **Barnes** (Into Mischief), a \$3.2-million Fasig-Tipton Saratoga yearling who was tabbed a 'TDN Rising Star' following his debut win at Churchill Downs Nov. 27. The Bob Baffert trainee went six furlongs from the gate in 1:12.80 (1/6).

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## QUIETSIDЕ TO TARGET MARTHA

### WASHINGTON

Multiple Grade I-placed **Quietside** (Malibu Moon) will be targeted to make her sophomore debut in the Jan. 25 Martha Washington Stakes at Oaklawn Park, trainer John Ortiz confirmed Sunday. The Shortleaf Stable homebred, tabbed a 'TDN Rising Star' following her 6 1/4-length debut win at Saratoga in August, was second behind expected 2-year-old filly champion Immersive (**Nyquist**) in the GI Spinaway Stakes and was third behind that foe while making her two-turn debut in the GI Darley Alcibiades Stakes. She was most recently seen finishing second in the GII Golden Rod Stakes.



**Quietside** | Sarah Andrew

"Quietside is doing fantastic," Ortiz said. "She came back out of [the Golden Rod] in great shape. Looking a little bit more tight and fit. She's really developing into her 3-year-old body. So, we're excited about it."

Quietside worked four furlongs in :48.60 (8/132) at Oaklawn Park Saturday.

The Martha Washington will offer 42 total points (20-10-6-4-2) to the top five finishers toward starting eligibility for the GI Kentucky Oaks. Quietside, based on her finishes in the Alcibiades and Golden Rod, has already collected eight points.

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### PARX CANCELS MONDAY CARD

Parx has cancelled its live racing card Monday due to frigid temperatures in the Philadelphia area. Temperatures are expected to fall to 11 degrees overnight, with Monday afternoon temperatures forecasted in the mid-20s.

Racing is scheduled to resume at Parx with a first post time of 11:05 a.m. Tuesday, but the forecast calls for snow and rain during the day as temperatures are expected to rise.

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**MALIBU S.-GI, \$300,000, 3yo, 7f**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Bentornato	Valiant Minister	Leon King Stable Corp.	D'Angelo	Saez	122
2	Pilot Commander 🦟	Justify	CSLR Racing Partners LLC	Baffert	Hernandez	120
3	Winterfell 🦟	Arrogate	SF Racing LLC, Starlight Racing, Madaket Stables, Stonestreet Stables LLC, Bashor, Dianne, Masterson, Robert E., Waves Edge Capital LLC, Donovan, Catherine and Ryan, Tom J.	Baffert	Velazquez	120
4	Senior Officer 🦟	Into Mischief	Gaineway Stable and Qatar Racing LLC	Cox	Prat	120
5	Imagination 🦟	Into Mischief	SF Racing LLC, Starlight Racing, Madaket Stables, Stonestreet Stables LLC, Bashor, Dianne, Masterson, Robert E., Waves Edge Capital LLC, Donovan, Catherine and Ryan, Tom J.	Baffert	Rosario	122
6	Mystik Dan	Goldencents	Four G Racing, LLC, Valley View Farm LLC, Gasaway, Lance, And Hamby III, Daniel	McPeek	Hernandez, Jr.	122
7	Stronghold	Ghostzapper	Waller, Eric M. and Waller, Sharon	D'Amato	Fresu	122
8	Raging Torrent 🦟	Maximus Mischief	Great Friends Stables and Davis, Mark	O'Neill	Dettori	122

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**Thursday, Santa Anita #10, post time: 6:30 p.m. EST**

**LA BREA S. PRESENTED BY DON JULIO-GI, \$300,000, 3yo, f, 7f**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Splendora	Audible	Talla Racing LLC	Baffert	Rosario	120
2	Accuracy 🦟	Arrogate	Repole Stable	McCarthy	Rispoli	120
3	Kinza	Carpe Diem	Michael Lund Petersen	Baffert	Velazquez	122
4	Sugar Fish 🦟	Accelerate	Sweetwater Stable and Talla Racing LLC	Mullins	Baze	122
5	Ultimate Authority 🦟	Practical Joke	Amestoy, Leslie A., Amestoy, Jr., Pierre Jean and Beasley, Roger K.	Yakteen	Dettori	120
6	Kopion 🦟	Omaha Beach	Spendthrift Farm LLC	Mandella	Kimura	122
7	One Magic Philly	Good Magic	John Gallegos	D'Amato	Prat	122
8	Sandy Bottom 🦟	Omaha Beach	Daniell, James M. and Daniell, Donna	McCarthy	Saez	120
9	Hope Road	Quality Road	Cicero Farms LLC	Baffert	Hernandez	122
10	Tamara	Bolt d'Oro	Spendthrift Farm LLC	Mandella	Smith	120
11	Cavaliere 🦟	Nyquist	Speedway Stables LLC	Baffert	Fresu	120

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**Thursday, Santa Anita #11, post time: 7:00 p.m. EST****AMERICAN OAKS-GI**, \$300,000, 3yo, f, 1 1/4mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Omaha Girl 🌿	Omaha Beach	Amo Racing USA, LLC	Papaprodromou	Baze	124
2	Sakura Blossom 🌿	Classic Empire	California Racing Partners, Ciaglia Racing LLC, O'Donnell, Kevin F. and Pearson, Richard C.	Powell	Saez	124
3	Medoro	Honor Code	C R K Stable LLC	Eurton	Fresu	124
4	Kathynmarissa 🌿	American Pharoah	Michael Dubb	Dutrow, Jr.	Dettori	124
5	Watchtower 🌿	Demarchelier (GB)	Abbondanza Racing LLC, Aldabbagh, Omar and Iavarone, Michael	Baltas	Herrera	124
6	Strutting (GB)	Frankel (GB)	Yuesheng Zhang	McCarthy	Gonzalez	124
7	Vibez	Collected	Ciaglia Racing LLC, Exline-Border Racing LLC, Hausman, Richard and Zubok, Garrett	Eurton	Hernandez	124
8	She Feels Pretty 🌿	Karakontie (Jpn)	Lael Stables	DeVaux	Velazquez	124
9	Baltic Fire	Flameaway	Next Wave Racing LLC	Callaghan	Carmona	124
10	Chatalas	Gun Runner	Rancho Temescal Thoroughbred Partners, Agnew, Dan J. and Chatalas, William	Glatt	Prat	124
11	Mizzyaan	Justify	Sheikh Mohammed bin Khalifa al Maktoum	McCarthy	Rispoli	124
12	Valence	Violence	A. Jason Hall Stables, Baker, Stephen R. and Vanlandingham, Bill	Garrett	Kimura	124
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**Thursday, Santa Anita #6, post time: 4:30 p.m. EST****LAFFIT PINCAY, JR. S.-GII**, \$200,000, 3yo/up, 1 1/16m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	American Admiral 🌿	American Pharoah	Donnie Crevier	Yakteen	Kimura	121
2	Ashcroft	Munnings	GMT Racing Stables	Sadler	Rosario	121
3	J B Strikes Back 🌿	Goldencents	Purple Rein Racing	O'Neill	Dettori	119
4	Express Train 🌿	Union Rags	C R K Stable LLC	Shirreffs	Berrios	121
5	Lammas (GB)	Heeraat (Ire)	Charles, Ronald L. and Gordon, Samuel	Badilla	Hernandez	123
6	Katonah 🌿	Klimt	R3 Racing LLC	O'Neill	Fresu	121
7	Tarantino 🌿	Pioneerof the Nile	David A. Bernsen LLC and Rockingham Ranch	Eurton	Maldonado	121
8	Goldeneye 🌿	Hard Spun	David A. Bernsen, LLC and Stuart, John D.	Eurton	Prat	121

**Breeders:** 1-Dixiana Farms LLC, 2-EAS Equine Alliance, LLC, Craig Netwig & Debra Barkley, 3-Woods Edge Farm, LLC, 4-Dixiana Farms LLC, 5-Peter Onslow, 6-Haymarket Farm LLC, 7-Fred W. Hertrich III & John D. Fielding, 8-Elm Racing, LLC

**Thursday, Santa Anita #7, post time: 5:00 p.m. EST****SAN GABRIEL S.-GII**, \$200,000, 3yo/up, 1 1/8mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Astronomer	Air Force Blue	Bamford, Alice and Tabor, Michael B.	Callaghan	Kimura	121
2	Easter (Fr)	Exosphere (Aus)	Madaket Stables LLC	D'Amato	Fresu	121
3	Cabo Spirit 🌿	Pioneerof the Nile	Kretz Racing LLC	Papaprodromou	Dettori	125
4	Johannes	Nyquist	CUYATHY LLC	Yakteen	Rispoli	125
5	Escape Artist 🌿	Good Magic	Les Blake	Knapp	Rosario	121
6	Dacey Mo Chara (GB)	Adaay (Ire)	Red Baron's Barn LLC and Rancho Temescal LLC	Powell	Velazquez	121
7	Mi Hermano Ramon	Creative Cause	Rancho Temescal Thoroughbred Partners and Red Baron's Barn LLC	Glatt	Berrios	125
8	Nineelevanturbo 🌿	More Than Ready	Stepaside Farm LLC	Drysdale	Hernandez	121

9	Seal Team (GB)	<b>War Front</b>	Bass II, Perry R. and Bass, Ramona S.	Mandella	Prat	121
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**Breeders:** 1-Alice Bamford, 2-Aleyrion Bloodstock Ltd., 3-WinStar Farm, LLC, 4-Cuyathy, LLC, 5-Grandview Equine, 6-Workshop Manor Stud, 7-Red Baron's Barn, 8-C. W. Swann & Wetherbee Holdings, Ltd., 9-Bass Stables LLC

**Thursday, Santa Anita #9, post time: 6:00 p.m. EST**

**MATHIS MILE S.-GII, \$200,000, 3yo, 1mT**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	King of Gosford (GB)	Zoustar (Aus)	Benowitz Family Trust, CYBT, Gevertz, Saul, Nentwig, Michael and Peskoff, Jeremy	D'Amato	Prat	122
2	Atitlan	<b>The Factor</b>	John M. B. O'Connor	Shirreffs	Berrios	124
3	<b>Curlin's</b> Kaos	Clubhouse Ride	Zephyr Racing LLC and Pais, Alfred	Garcia	Ayuso	120
4	Siennois (Ire)	Advertise (GB)	Little Red Feather Racing, Madaket Stables LLC and Strauss, William	D'Amato	Fresu	120
5	Stay Hot	Summer Front	Burns Racing LLC, Exline-Border Racing LLC, SAF Racing, Estate of Brereton C. Jones and Hudock, William Dan	Eurton	Hernandez	122
6	Heart Headed 🌿	<b>Oscar Performance</b>	Davis Racing LLC, Giordano, Louis A. and Mueller, Martin	Papaprodromou	Dettori	120
7	Call Sign Seven	Speightstown	Cannon Thoroughbreds LLC	McCarthy	Frey	120
8	Cathal (Ire)	<b>No Nay Never</b>	Diamond T Racing, LLC, Iapetus Racing, LLC, Lady Marion, LLC and Alphin, Richard	Sadler	Rosario	120
9	Lord Bullingdon 🌿	Lord Nelson	Colbart Stables & Coronado Hill Investments LLC	McCarthy	Rispoli	122

**Breeders:** 1-The Miss Sugars Partnership, 2-Anastasia Astrid Christiansen-Croy, 3-James Shenouda & Alfred Pais, 4-Ballylinch Stud & Ecurie Des Charmes, 5-Brereton C. Jones, 6-Alan Tennenbaum, 7-Willow Oaks Stable, 8-Moni Market, 9-Veloce LLC

**Friday, Santa Anita #7, post time: 6:00 p.m. EST**

**ROBERT J. FRANKEL S.-GIII, \$100,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/8mT**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Mahina 🌿	Bolt d'Oro	U.S. Equine, Walter Burke, Aaron Sones, and Harry Wilson	Gallagher	Prat	121
2	Yerwanthere (Ire)	Markaz (Ire)	Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners	Gallagher	Rispoli	121
3	Mrs. Astor	Lookin At Lucky	Augustin Stables	Thomas	Dettori	125
4	Rashmi	<b>Oscar Performance</b>	Augustin Stables	Thomas	Rosario	119
5	Omaha Girl 🌿	Omaha Beach	Amo Racing USA, LLC	Papaprodromou	Baze	121
6	Mouffy	<b>Uncle Mo</b>	Augustin Stables	Thomas	Cheminaud	125
7	Hang the Moon 🌿	<b>Uncle Mo</b>	CJ Thoroughbreds	D'Amato	Kimura	125

**Breeders:** 1-Spendthrift Farm, LLC, 2-Kilnamoragh Stud, 3-George Strawbridge Jr., 4-George Strawbridge Jr., 5-Rosilyn Polan, 6-George Strawbridge Jr., 7-Repole Stable Inc

**Saturday, Santa Anita #6, post time: 5:00 p.m. EST**

**JOE HERNANDEZ S.-GII, \$200,000, 3yo/up, 6 1/2fT**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Air Force Red	Air Force Blue	Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners & Golightly, Holly	Powell	Hernandez	121
2	Code Duello 🌿	Honor Code	Flawless Racing, Flanagan, Brian & Jarvis, Michael	Dollase	Ayuso	121
3	Sumter	<b>War Front</b>	Bass II, Perry R. and Bass, Ramona S.	Mandella	Smith	121
4	Irideo (Arg)	Easing Along	William DeBurgh	Polanco	Berrios	121
5	Unconquerable Keen (Ire)	Clodovil (Ire)	CYBT, Aldabbagh, Omar and Nentwig, Michael	D'Amato	Rispoli	121
6	Motorious (GB)	Muhaarar (GB)	Anthony Fanticola	D'Amato	Fresu	123
7	Central Dispatch 🌿	Arrogate	Hronis Racing LLC	Sadler	Prat	121
8	Gaslight Dancer	<b>City of Light</b>	Gatsas Stables	Dutrow, Jr.	Dettori	121

9	Sorrento Sky (Ire)	Prince of Lir (Ire)	Benowitz Family Trust, CYBT, McLean Racing Stables, Gevertz, Saul, Lantzman, Marc & Nentwig, Michael	D'Amato	Kimura	119
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**Breeders:** 1-Stephen B. Weissman Living Trust, 2-Sandra Sexton & Silver Fern Farm, 3-Bass Stables, LLC, 4-Pozo de Luna, 5-N. Hartery, 6-Kirtlington Stud & Mrs Mary Taylor, 7-Harry Papaleo, 8-Springhouse Farm, 9-Miss Colleen Dwyer

**Saturday, Gulfstream #10, post time: 4:51 p.m. EST**

**MR. PROSPECTOR S.-GIII, \$165,000, 3yo/up, 7f**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Playmea Tune	Maclean's Music	Chiefswood Stables Limited	Carroll	Gonzalez	122
2	Mr Skylight 🦟	Practical Joke	Peter Vegso	Mott	Alvarado	120
3	Super Chow	Lord Nelson	Lea Farms, LLC	Delgado	Egan	124
4	Gordian Knot	Social Inclusion	Joseph M. Imbesi	Pletcher	Velazquez	122
5	Real Macho 🦟	Mucho Macho Man	Reeves Thoroughbred Racing, Crichton, Rohan, Smith, Dennis G. and Walters, Daniel L.	Crichton	Jaramillo	122
6	Mufasa (Chi) 🦟	Practical Joke	Saavedra, Carlos and Stud Vendaval, Inc.	Correas IV	Gaffalione	126
7	El Principito	Accelerate	Michael V. Laurato	Laurato	Panici	118
8	Little Vic 🦟	Practical Joke	Victoria's Ranch	Avila	Reyes	122
9	Illuminare 🦟	City of Light	Centennial Farms	Pletcher	Saez	118
10	White Abarrio	Race Day	C 2 Racing Stable, Prince Faisal bin Khaled bin Abdulaziz Al-Saud and Pagnano, Antonio	Joseph, Jr.	Ortiz, Jr.	122
11	Shaq Diesel	Khozan	Bishop, Chester A., Hinkson, Anthony, Rampaul, Alvin, Biggs, Patrick and Stanford, Donovan	Fawkes	Vasquez	122
12	Caramel Chip 🦟	Midshipman	Bianco Stable	David	Zayas	120

**Breeders:** 1-Chiefswood Stables Limited, 2-Vegso Racing Stable, 3-Spendthrift Farm LLC, 4-Mr. & Mrs. Joe Imbesi, 5-Poe Racing Stable, LLC, 6-Haras Paso Nevada, 7-Southwind Stables, Inc., 8-Stride Sales and Syndicate, 9-Emcee Stable LLC, 10-Spendthrift Farm, LLC, 11-Bishop Racing, Inc., 12-Bugle Hill Farm, LLC



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**9th-Oaklawn, \$136,000, Alw (NW2\$3MX)/Opt. Clm (\$100,000), 12-22, 3yo, f, 6f, 1:10.02, ft, 1 length.**

**HAULIN ICE (f, 3, Coal Front--She's Smoke, by Half Ours)** made the switch from Lindsay Schultz's shedow in early May to Saffie Joseph's care and the filly finished as the runner-up in the Game Face Stakes at Gulfstream Park before winning the Azalea Stakes by 9 1/2 lengths over the same surface in mid-July. The Arkansas-bred was well-beaten in both the GII Charles Town Oaks Aug. 23 and the GII Ravens Run Stakes at Keeneland Oct. 19. Back in her home digs, the 8-5 choice here shadowed to the outside of the pacesetter up the backstretch. The gray made her move around the far turn, gave the field the slip into the lane and she got the money by a length over Tripolina (**Constitution**). The winner is the first registered foal for her unraced dam. She's Smoke is responsible for 2-year-old gelding in-training Dale Do (High North), a yearling filly named She's So Coal (Coal Front) and she was entered in Yorkton's book for 2025. Lifetime Record: SW, 10-5-3-0, \$447,350. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#), sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

O-C2 Racing Stable LLC, Paul Braverman, Miller Racing LLC and Timothy Pinch; B-Eugenia Thompson-Benight (AR); T-Saffie A. Joseph, Jr.



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**7th-Turfway, \$80,573, Alw (C)/Opt. Clm (\$62,500), 12-21, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f (AWT), 1:10.45, ft, 1/2 length.**

**LITHE SPIRIT (f, 3, Speightstown--Spooky Woods {GSP, \$116,768}, by Ghostzapper)** in her latest form cycle was well-beaten against optional claimers over the Horseshoe Indy grass Oct. 9, but cleared the condition cutting back on the same course Oct. 29. As a 9-1 shot here, the filly was slow to break, which put her towards the rear of the field up the backstretch. The chestnut went three wide around the far turn, but still had some chores to do. At the quarter pole the 3-year-old tipped towards the center of the course, found her best kick at the eighth pole and she rolled home a winner by half a length over Into Love (Into Mischief). A \$400,000 purchase by Yeguada Centurion during Keeneland November while the winner was in-utero, Spooky Woods is responsible for 2-year-old colt **Justify** Twin Cen (Ire) (**Maximum Security**). She foaled a filly by **Churchill** (Ire) Feb. 7, but was not reported as bred for the coming season. Lithe Spirit's extended female family includes newly-minted sire Arabian Knight (**Uncle Mo**) and Arkansas stakes winning heroine Connie K (Street Strategy). Sales History: \$135,000 Ylg '22 KEESAP; \$485,000 2yo '23 OBSAPR. Lifetime Record: 8-4-0-1, \$121,091. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#), sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

O-Bradley Thoroughbreds, Gainesway Stable (Antony Beck), Laura Leigh Stable, Scott Estes and Cambron Equine, LLC; B-Yeguada Centurion S.L. (KY); T-Steven M. Asmussen.



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**5th-Fair Grounds, \$60,000, Alw (NW2\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$50,000),** 12-22, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16mT, 1:44.95, fm, nose.  
**LAKOTA SPIRIT (m, 5, Curlin--Milam {SW & MGSP, \$239,651}, by Street Sense),** second choice at 3-1 while stepping down from black-type company for the first time in 13 months, has held her own in tougher company. Third in her last two--Santa Anita's Swingtime Stakes and Santa Rosa's Luther Burbank Stakes--she also finished second in last December's Gill Robert J. Frankel Stakes. Away from the West Coast and based at Fair Grounds for her last two works, Lakota Spirit broke midpack Sunday before shuffling back to a joint last. Following :24.34 and :50.13 fractions, she kept her caboose position, dove to the inside off the turn, and steadily charged down the stretch to overpower leader Mucho Macho Girl (Mucho Macho Man) at the wire. Lakota Spirit won by a nose. Milam, a half to champion and \$5.5-million Fasig-Tipton November mare Rushing Fall (More Than Ready), has a placed juvenile filly named Milam County (Justify) and was bred to Constitution for next term. Sales History: \$250,000 Ylg '20 KEESEP; \$180,000 RNA 4yo '23 KEEAPR; \$425,000 5yo '24 FTKNOV. Lifetime Record: GSP, 16-3-5-3, \$240,661. **Click for the Equibase.com chart.**  
 O-Brittlyn Stable, Inc.; B-WinStar Farm, LLC (KY); T-Shane Wilson.

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**3rd-Fair Grounds, \$59,000, Alw (NW2L)/Opt. Clm (\$100,000),** 12-22, 2yo, f, 5 1/2ft, 1:04.92, fm, 1/2 length.  
**SERVING TIME (GB) (f, 2, Without Parole {GB}--Cubit {GB}, by Bated Breath {GB}),** fresh off a maiden victory over course and distance Nov. 23, broke a beat behind and saved ground on the inside behind :22.49 and :46.11 splits while in the penultimate spot. She made eye-catching progress on the turn only to tap the brakes when hitting a wall of traffic. Shut down when trying to tip out mid-stretch, pilot Jose Ortiz dove for an inside seam, found another gear, and threaded the needle for a last-stride, half-length win over Mrs. Mendelssohn (Mendelssohn) at 5-2. Co-bred by the Gunthers, who were featured in these pages Saturday, Serving Time has a yearling half-sister by Too Darn Hot (GB) and a weanling full-sister. Dam Cubit, a half to MG1SW Westover (GB) (Frankel {GB}), was bred to Good Magic for the spring. Lifetime Record: 4-2-0-0, \$72,223. **Click for the Equibase.com chart.**  
 O-John D. Gunther, Eurowest Bloodstock and Borders Racing Stable Ltd.; B-J & T Gunther & Borders Racing Stable (GB); T-Cherie DeVaux.

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**4th-Oaklawn, \$110,000, Msw, 12-22, 3yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:39.86,** ft, 3/4 length.

**ANGEL OF FAITH (f, 3, Justify--Out for Revenge, by Bernardini),** returning from an 11-month layoff, cut back in distance just a bit for her first trip to the winner's circle. Bred by Cypress Creek Equine who partnered with Whispering Oaks Farm, the filly found the front in her last two at Fair Grounds at 1 1/16 miles--including her last out Jan. 18--only to fade in the stretch. Off at 7-1 here, she stalked from the second spot with her ears pinned behind a :23.59 first quarter and a :48.42 half, wearing down stretch leader Baby Avery (Runhappy) from the center of the track to post a three-quarter length victory. Angel of Faith's dam is from the same extended family as sires Pulpit, Tale of the Cat, and Johannesburg. The mare has an unraced 2-year-old colt named Hwy Twenty Ride (Laoban), a yearling colt named Out for Vengeance (Street Sense), and was bred to Yaupon for 2025. Lifetime Record: 4-1-0-0, \$72,720. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

O-Cypress Creek Equine LLC and Whispering Oaks Farm LLC; B-Cypress Creek Equine, LLC (KY); T-Steven M. Asmussen.

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**10th-Oaklawn, \$110,000, Msw, 12-22, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:11.66, ft, 1 3/4 lengths.**

**PRETTY LAYLA (f, 3, Uncle Mo--Pretty Lady {SW, \$108,613}, by Scat Daddy)** has had four trainers of record in her five lifetime starts. Last seen in the Robert Medina barn when fourth in the slop at Keeneland in April, Pretty Layla--now conditioned by Chris Hartman--broke through Sunday with a stalking trip at Oaklawn in just her second outing of the year. Sent at 5-1, she got a substantial bump at the start, then tracked behind 9-1 firster Racquel Blue (**Practical Joke**) through the :22.05 first quarter and :46.01 half. Pretty Layla kept her target in her sights, pouncing in midstretch and drawing clear with aplomb to win by 1 3/4 lengths over Queen Clancy (Jimmy Creed), who chased her home. Ruis Racing bought the winner's dam with Pretty Layla in utero for \$625,000 at the 2020 Keeneland November sale. The mare had colts by another Ruis runner--Bolt d'Oro--in 2022 and 2023 and was bred back to that stallion for next term. The juvenile, Thirteen G's, was a \$145,000 RNA at OBS this year. Pretty Lady is not only a half to MGSW Handsome Mike (Scat Daddy), but also to the Ruis runner Union Strike (**Union Rags**), who won the 2016 GI Del Mar Debutante Stakes and sold at Keeneland in 2018 to Juddmonte for \$1.65 million. She died in 2019. Lifetime Record: 5-1-1-0, \$89,102. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.** O/B-Ruis Racing LLC (KY); T-Chris A. Hartman.

**5th-Turfway, \$80,000, Msw, 12-21, 3yo/up, 1 1/16m (AWT), 1:44.90, ft, 1 3/4 lengths.**

**PASSING GAME (g, 3, Medaglia d'Oro--Enaya Alrabb {GISP, \$133,600}, by Uncle Mo)** was the runner-up in her unveiling over a sloppy course at Horseshoe Indy Nov. 13. A first-time gelding who was fitted with blinkers as a 6-1 shot here, the bay went right to the lead heading into the first turn. The 3-year-old



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continued to make every pole a winning one through the far turn. Finding more as she drove down the lane, the Peter Eurton completed his gate-to-wire mission with a score by 1 3/4 lengths over Sweet Freedom (**Candy Ride {Arg}**). The winner is his dam's first registered foal, but he does have a full-brother named Skyrayleigh, who is an unraced juvenile. Enaya Alrabb has not been reported as bred since. Sales History: \$500,000 Ylg '22 KEESEP. Passing Game's extended female family includes champion 3-year-old filly Rachel Alexandra (**Medaglia d'Oro**). Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$53,353. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.** O-C R K Stable LLC; B-Wild Aire Partners, LLC (KY); T-Peter Eurton.



**7th-Fair Grounds, \$58,000, Msw, 12-22, 2yo, 1 1/16mT, 1:45.97, fm, 1 3/4 lengths.**

**TOM'S MAGIC (c, 2, Justify--Dixie Chicken {SP, \$201,004}, by Rahy)**, runner-up in Deep Manhattan (**Justify**)'s 'TDN Rising Star' performance over course and distance Nov. 28 with a debut 75 Beyer Speed Figure, delivered as the 2-1 favorite Sunday. He broke smoothly, saving ground on the inside while up with the first flight early. Just a half-length behind after a first quarter in :23.80, Tom's Magic took command while rider Jeiron Barbosa stayed high in the saddle. The chestnut edged clear with ears pricked, covering the half in :49.40, but was swarmed in the lane. Despite a green stretch run, which included lugging out significantly, Tom's Magic proved resolute and held sway to win by 1 3/4 lengths over Lebowski (Caravaggio). **Cont.**

The winner is a half to Guy Caballero (**Quality Road**), SW & GSP-Can, GSP-USA, \$212,319; to Pleasecallmeback (**Hard Spun**), MSP, \$238,560; and to Dixie Moon (**Curlin**), MSW & GISP, \$632,301. Dixie Chicken has a weanling colt by **Charlatan** and was bred back to Omaha Beach. Sales History: \$200,000 Ylg '23 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$46,400. **Click for the Equibase.com chart.**

O-CJ Thoroughbreds and Mo Speed Racing; B-Sean Fitzhenry & Dorothy Fitzhenry (ON); T-Michael Stidham.

**Yearling recommendation by Marette Farrell**

**2nd-Gulfstream, \$43,000, Msw, 12-22, 3yo/up, 1m, 1:37.33, ft, 9 lengths.**

**UPSTANDING (g, 3, Curlin--Mannerly {GSP, \$175,925}, by Unbridled's Song)** hit the board in all four of his attempts to break his maiden at NYRA tracks starting at the Spa back in mid-July. Gelded after he finished as the runner-up at the Big A Nov. 8, the 3-year-old was tabbed at 60 cents on the dollar here. The chalk emerged out of the chute to lead up the backstretch. Humming along through a half-mile of :47.69, the Todd Pletcher trainee spun into the turn and began to run up the score--nine lengths to the good over Edgy (Arrogate). The winner is his dam's first registered foal. Upstanding has an 2-year-old half-sister in-training named Our Moonlight (**Tapit**), who was purchased for \$325,000 by Gayle Van Leer at Keeneland September, and a yearling half-sister by **Twirling Candy**. Mannerly was not reported as bred for 2025. Sales History: \$400,000 Ylg '22 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 5-1-2-2, \$85,800.

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**5th-Gulfstream, \$40,000, Msw, 12-22, 2yo, f, 1 1/16mT, 1:40.01, fm, 3 3/4 lengths.**

**NOW VOYAGER (f, 2, Uncle Mo--Dream Awhile {GSW-USA, MSP-Fr, \$247,689}, by War Front)** carrying the colors of Joseph Allen went off as the 2-1 favorite for this unveiling. The bay tracked a pair of leaders into the first turn and settled nicely as the field raced up the backstretch. Poised to pounce around the far turn, the filly was given her cue and she roared into the lane like a jumbo jet. The homebred sealed the deal to graduate at first asking by 3 3/4 lengths over Without a Pout (Ire) (Lope de Vega {Ire}). Her dam's second to the races, the winner counts as a half-sister a yearling named Lose the Blues (**Not This Time**) and she also has a half-brother by **Constitution**, who was foaled Apr. 27. Herself a half-sister to French stakes winner Dear Lavinia (Grand Slam), Dream Awhile was bred to **American Pharoah** for next season. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$24,000. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.** O/B-Mr. Joseph Allen LLC (KY); T-James J. Toner.

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**10th-Gulfstream, \$40,000, Msw, 12-22, 2yo, f, 1 1/16mT, 1:42.23, fm, 1 3/4 lengths.**

**WIND FLOWER (f, 2, Constitution--Blamed {MGSW, \$618,065}, by Blame)** not only headed south for the winter, but switched to turf and stretched out after two off-the-board tries sprinting at Aqueduct on the main track. Last seen Nov. 8, the Cleber Massey homebred shrugged off a bump at the break and settled comfortably on the rail in third, just off of :23.09 and :48.84 fractions. Visibly eager, Wind Flower tipped out exiting the turn to mow down the leaders despite switching to her wrong lead and finished powerfully to best 68-1 Olivia Valentina (Malibu Moon) by 1 3/4 lengths.

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**Wind Flower** | Ryan Thompson

Wind Flower, who paid \$11.80 for the win as the third choice, is the first foal for 2018 GIII Comely Stakes and 2019 GIII Royal Delta Stakes winner Blamed. The mare's yearling colt is Hardtoblame (**Hard Spun**) and she was sent to **Twirling Candy** for 2025. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-0, \$31,200. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.** O/B-Cleber J. Massey (KY); T-William I. Mott.

**8th-Delta Downs, \$36,100, Msw, 12-21, 2yo, f, 5f, 1:01.52, ft, 4 1/4 lengths.**

**WHO'S MADIE (f, 2, Caracaro--Potiche, by Dixie Union)**, set for her debut as the favorite here, broke inward off the blocks, but she was able to vie for the lead up the backstretch. The dark bay grabbed the lead around the far turn, was shaken loose at the top of the lane, and she donned cap and gown by 4 1/4 lengths over Gab's Humor (Cutting Humor). A half-sister to GSW Chirac (Sligo Bay {Ire}), the winner's dam foaled a colt named Preux Chevalier (**Take Charge Indy**) Jan. 31. She visited Fulsome for next term. Who's Madie is the 7th winner for her freshman sire (by **Uncle Mo**). Sales History: \$2,500 Ylg '23 OBSWIN; \$60,000 2yo '24 OBSOPN. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$21,000. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.** O-Norman Stables LLC; B-Off The Hook Partners LLC (FL); T-Lonnie Briley.

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**6th-Turfway, \$82,220, Alw, 12-21, (NW2\$X), 3yo/up, 6f (AWT), 1:10.36, ft, 3/4 length.**

**B D VALESKI (g, 5, Mark Valeski--Keep the Source, by Brother Derek)** Lifetime Record: SP, 29-3-4-7, \$308,466. O-Tagg Team Racing, Brad Cain, Steve Vanovich and Steve Andriot; B-Brereton C. Jones (KY); T-Gregory D. Foley. \*\$1,700 Ylg '20 KESEP.

**LEGACY**

**1st-Fair Grounds, \$59,000, (S), 12-22, (NW2L), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:11.10, ft, head.**

**MO FOR US (f, 3, Mo Tom--Bovell Road {SW}, by Graeme Hall)** Lifetime Record: 8-2-2-3, \$127,280. O-L. William Heiligbrodt, Corinne Heiligbrodt and Jackpot Farm; B-Adcock's Red River Farm, LLC & J. Adcock (LA); T-Steven M. Asmussen. \*\$45,000 Ylg '22 LTBSYM. \*\*1/2 to Hometown Gossip (Milwaukee Brew), SW, \$306,770; Full to Mangum, MSW, \$360,210.

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**Cont.**

**9th-Gulfstream, \$55,910, (NW1\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$25,000), 12-22, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:10.72, ft, 2 3/4 lengths.**

**CLASSIFY (c, 4, Adios Charlie--Holy Angel, by Chapel Royal)**  
 Lifetime Record: 13-3-7-1, \$211,820. O-C2 Racing Stable LLC;  
 B-Adam Parker & Suzette Parker (FL); T-Saffie A. Joseph, Jr.

**9th-Delta Downs, \$44,000, (NW2\$L)/Opt. Clm (\$40,000), 12-21, 2yo, f, 5f, 1:00.76, ft, 1 3/4 lengths.**

**SHE'S MAGNIFICENT (f, 2, Half Ours--Elegant Chance, by Wire Me Collect)** Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-1, \$58,130. O/B-Howard Romero & Kearney Segura (LA); T-Kearney Segura.

**8th-Tampa Bay Downs, \$36,600, (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$16,000), 12-22, 3yo/up, 1 1/16m, 1:44.39, ft, neck.**

**HAVILDAR (c, 4, Arrogate--Pachinko, by Tapit)** Lifetime Record: 10-2-1-2, \$81,919. O-FMQ Stables, Inc.; B-Juddmonte Farms Inc (KY); T-Victor Barboza, Jr. \*\$55,000 3yo '23 FTDDE; \$70,000 RNA 4yo '24 FTKHRA.

**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**

**Daddy Yankee, g, 2, American Freedom--Matinee Babe, by Scat Daddy.** Laurel Park, 12-22, (C), 1m, 1:43.30. Lifetime Record: 5-1-0-1, \$39,455. B-Designated Hitters Racing, LLC (MD).



**Caliente Star, f, 2, Tapiture--Caliente Candy (SW, \$312,245), by Sidney's Candy.** Oaklawn, 12-22, (S), 6f, 1:12.77. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$66,000. B-Laurence Jones (AR). \*1ST-TIME STARTER.

**Map to the Stars, g, 3, Liam's Map--Include Me Out (MGISW, \$956,530), by Include.** Fair Grounds, 12-22, 6f, 1:10.38. Lifetime Record: 5-1-1-2, \$69,470. B-Samantha Siegel (KY).

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- Arrogate, Havildar, c, 4, o/o Pachinko, by Tapit.** AOC, 12-22, Tampa Bay
- Caracaro, Who's Madie, f, 2, o/o Potiche, by Dixie Union.** MSW, 12-21, Delta Downs
- Coal Front, Haulin Ice, f, 3, o/o She's Smoke, by Half Ours.** AOC, 12-22, Oaklawn
- Constitution, Wind Flower, f, 2, o/o Blamed, by Blame.** MSW, 12-22, Gulfstream
- Curlin, Lakota Spirit, m, 5, o/o Milam, by Street Sense.** AOC, 12-22, Fair Grounds
- Curlin, Upstanding, g, 3, o/o Mannerly, by Unbridled's Song.** MSW, 12-22, Gulfstream
- Half Ours, She's Magnificent, f, 2, o/o Elegant Chance, by Wire Me Collect.** AOC, 12-21, Delta Downs
- Justify, Angel of Faith, f, 3, o/o Out for Revenge, by Bernardini.** MSW, 12-22, Oaklawn
- Justify, Tom's Magic, c, 2, o/o Dixie Chicken, by Rahy.** MSW, 12-22, Fair Grounds
- Liam's Map, Map to the Stars, g, 3, o/o Include Me Out, by Include.** MSW, 12-22, Fair Grounds
- Mark Valeski, B D Valeski, g, 5, o/o Keep the Source, by Brother Derek.** ALW, 12-21, Turfway
- Medaglia d'Oro, Passing Game, g, 3, o/o Enaya Alrabb, by Uncle Mo.** MSW, 12-21, Turfway
- Mo Tom, Mo for Us, f, 3, o/o Bovell Road, by Graeme Hall.** ALW, 12-22, Fair Grounds
- Speightstown, Lithe Spirit, f, 3, o/o Spooky Woods, by Ghostzapper.** AOC, 12-21, Turfway
- Tapiture, Caliente Star, f, 2, o/o Caliente Candy, by Sidney's Candy.** MSW, 12-22, Oaklawn
- Uncle Mo, Now Voyager, f, 2, o/o Dream Awhile, by War Front.** MSW, 12-22, Gulfstream
- Uncle Mo, Pretty Layla, f, 3, o/o Pretty Lady, by Scat Daddy.** MSW, 12-22, Oaklawn
- Without Parole (GB), Serving Time (GB), f, 2, o/o Cubit (GB), by Bated Breath (GB).** AOC, 12-22, Fair Grounds

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## JIMMY MANGAN: 'WE'RE IN HEAVEN WITH A HORSE LIKE SPILLANE'S TOWER'



Jimmy Mangan, Mark Walsh and Chloe Dreaper with leading King George fancy Spillane's Tower | [Racingfotos.com](https://www.racingfotos.com)

By Brian Sheerin

Given the scale of domination by the bigger National Hunt trainers in recent times, you would be forgiven for thinking that the days of 12-horse stables winning Grade 1 races were dead and gone, but Jimmy Mangan never lost hope that a horse like Spillane's Tower could return his yard to the glory days of Monty's Pass and Conna Castle.

It is 21 years since Mangan sent Monty's Pass out from his Conna-based yard in County Cork to win the Grand National. Not long afterwards, Conna Castle came along and propelled the trainer back into the spotlight by taking out the Powers Gold Cup at Fairyhouse in 2008.

Now, this grass roots operator is taking aim at the King George at Kempton with Spillane's Tower, one of the highlights of the Christmas period over jumps, and the confidence is growing.

"I'm lucky that this horse has come along," Mangan says. "It's tough for the small man but I've had some great days in this game and I'm not complaining one bit. I've had brilliant days--Galway Plates, Thyestes Chases, Powers Gold Cups and Grand Nationals. I've had a pretty good career, if you want to call it that, but I am more of a seller these days. That's the way it's gone." [Cont. p3](#)

## HORSE OF THE YEAR; ONE FOR NEXT YEAR

Continuing our series, **Adam Houghton** reveals his love affair with the Juddmonte International and where the latest name on the roll of honour ranks among his York greats.

### Horse of the year: City Of Troy

'Boring!' I can almost hear the cries of derision from the desk here in my box room, the accusation that I'm simply following the crowd with another accolade for the mantelpiece of City Of Troy's altogether more roomy box at Coolmore Stud.

True, I'm unlikely to win any prizes for originality with this selection, but then how many other horses this year, if any, would have had the pulling power to have me planning a maiden visit to Southwell, on a day off from work, just to watch them participate in a racecourse gallop? Not many, I can tell you. [Cont. p6](#)

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**Newmarket debut winner Treble Tee (Ire) (Persian King {Ire}) has been selected as Adam Houghton's horse to follow in 2025. See p7 to find out why. | [Racingfotos.com](https://www.racingphotos.com)**

**8 | REGALEIRA MAKES HISTORY IN ARIMA KINEN**

*Regaleira (Jpn) (Suave Richard {Jpn}) became the first three-year-old filly to win the G1 Arima Kinen for 64 years as she led home a one-two for owners Sunday Racing, narrowly getting the better of Shahryar (Jpn) (Deep Impact {Jpn}) after a pulsating duel the length of the Nakayama straight.*

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**Jimmy Mangan cont. from p1**

"The big lads are getting bigger and they have the ammunition, he adds. "But we are dreaming that Spillane's Tower can go right to the top. There's no doubt about that."

Like many smaller trainers, Mangan has been starved of a horse worth speaking about for too long now. The business has revolved around selling for over a decade now because keeping the bills paid became a greater priority than entering the winner's enclosure. That's the reality.

There have even been seasons where Mangan went without a winner. Six years ago to be precise. Those closest to the 69-year-old questioned the point of it all. His own daughter Jane, who rode with distinction during a short but glittering career as an amateur, before making her name as a top pundit with Racing TV and RTE, urged him to call it a day. But even during the barren years, retirement was never given any serious consideration.

Mangan explains, "I suppose I don't know anything else. Even though Jane used to say to me, 'Dad, will you ever give up the training,' I'd be up there in the stables on an evening and I couldn't think of anything better to do with my time.

"This is my life. Just checking the horses over in the evenings or even tipping up their beds, I'm happy doing that. And when you're happy, it doesn't feel like work. I was just lucky to have a horse like Monty's Pass and Conna Castle come along when they did. I suppose, there was a long time when I wondered, 'God, will I ever have another like them?' But you live in hope in this game."

Without the patronage of JP McManus, Mangan would not be heading into the Christmas period with the King George favourite under his care. Bred by McManus's wife Noreen, Spillane's Tower joined Mangan as a black canvas.

Now, he is rightly regarded as one of the most exciting staying chasers either side of the Irish Sea and has his talent has been brilliantly nurtured by the old school handler. A pair of Grade 1 novice chase successes were followed by a last gasp second behind the fellow McManus-owned and Willie Mullins-trained Fact To File in the John Durkan Chase at Punchestown last month.

That race almost single-handedly raised the temperature of the National Hunt season proper and Mangan is hoping to crank the thermometer up further at Kempton.

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**Jimmy Mangan cont.**

"It's incredible, really," he says. "Everywhere I go, people are asking, 'how's the horse?' They wouldn't ask how are you going yourself! Spillane's Tower comes first. When you drive into Conna, there is a sign that says, 'home of Monty's Pass'. He was the horse of the community back 20 years ago. There's no doubt that Spillane's Tower has put a great buzz around the place again."

He added, "But none of this would be possible without JP. He has an unbelievable group of staying chasers this season. Where my fella slots in, I don't know. Maybe towards the top? Mark [Walsh, jockey] picked Fact To File in the John Durkan at Punchestown and he was proved right but he could have been proved wrong very easily as well."

"But I admire that man [McManus] so much. Even if he never had a horse here I'd say the same thing because he has always given the small man a chance. He stands out as possibly the best owner in the world because he never forgot one man, and that man is Shane Broderick. Some young people might say 'who was Shane Broderick?' He rode a lot of winners but paid the ultimate penalty and is in a wheelchair from injuries suffered from a bad fall. JP is keeping him going. Outstanding. JP is second to nobody."

Mangan has yet to register a winner this season. In fact, the trainer, who is closely aided by his wife Mary in the day-to-day running of the operation, has not graced the winner's enclosure since Spillane's Tower landed his second Grade 1 at the Punchestown Festival earlier in the spring.

In all seriousness, Jane probably had a point. Her parents had been slugging away without getting much by way of success or adulation. But this is a place where the horse comes first and, put simply, there are few better at providing a horse with every possibility of reaching its potential. Spillane's Tower being the case in point.

"Arra, we only like to win the big ones," comes the typical light-hearted response to mention of the dry spell. "But to be honest, I'm as happy as Larry. If I could turn back the clock I'd do it all over again. I have my health and I'm so happy with my lot because I've seen tragedies and all you have to do nowadays is turn on the news to be reminded how lucky we all are."

"We're living in heaven with a horse like Spillane's Tower around the place and we're getting great enjoyment out of it all. There probably hasn't been a horse down here in Cork like Spillane's Tower since Imperial Call. The buzz surrounding the King George is incredible."

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**Jimmy and Jane Mangan: teamed up to win 10 races together**  
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### Jimmy Mangan cont.

"Pat Murphy, my head lad, and Chloe Dreaper, who knows him better than any of us, will go over with him. I'm looking forward to it and I'm hoping he can put up a massive performance because the whole of Ireland will be behind him."

The dream is alive.

### Mangan on...

#### Jane's career

It's funny, I didn't want her to get a jockey's licence at the start but herself and Mary went away behind my back and did it anyway. She was pretty handy in the saddle in fairness. When she told me she was giving up riding, I pleaded with her not to. So, I didn't want her to start and I didn't want her to finish either! But she knew what she wanted in life and she's living down in Cashel now and seems to be enjoying herself. She's built up her own career and lots of people tell me they love listening to Jane on the television. My answer to that is, 'Jesus, I've been listening to her all my life!' But she always knew what she was talking about. And she was an incredible help around here as well. I do miss her, I have to say, but equally, we're delighted she's made such a success of it. There was a time she'd be doing a podcast here in the sitting room with Nick Luck or whoever and she'd be shouting at me to turn off the television or to leave the room.

#### His role as a seller

If I wasn't a seller I wouldn't survive. The way the game is gone, if the small man doesn't manage to sell at least one horse every year, they won't stay in business. No hope. The overheads are cruel. Fridays come fast and, if you were to add up

everything, you might say to yourself, 'am I mad?' But it's either in you or it isn't. Lord have mercy on my father, he always had a racehorse around the place. Back in those days, when fellas had nothing, they still had horses. Funny. Nowadays, if it wasn't for the big boys in the point-to-points, there'd be no point-to-points because the ordinary man isn't keeping a horse like he used to. It's a shame, really, but the point-to-point game has changed so much even in the recent past. I suppose it's become more of a business now than anything else. We've had a lot of good horses through this place. Tom Costello bought Bindaree off me. He won the Grand National in 2002. I can remember I gave 2,200 for him as a yearling. Then of course we had Monty's Pass ourselves and we also had Amberleigh House here as well. So the Grand National winners of 2002, 2003 and 2004 passed through our yard.

### Taking on the big boys

The John Durkan brought life back into National Hunt racing. It really was some race. You had Willie Mullins there with all of his top horses and next thing I came along and nearly beat the whole lot of them! Willie, Gordon [Elliott] and Henry [de Bromhead] have the best horses and more power to them. They are brilliant people and I take my hat off to them. They are still the same people as they always were at the races. If I can beat them, I will, and they are the first to congratulate you when you do. I have known Willie all my life and I'd often wind him up if he wasn't happy with a ride one of his horses might have gotten at the races. I'd tell him, 'you can't be talking, I've seen you fall twice in the one race.' And he did. He took a fall in a point-to-point, remounted and then what happened? He fell again! I rate him one of the best trainers in the world. Flat or National Hunt. He has some team behind him.

### National Hunt breeding

The reality is that the middle market is gone. There was a time when you would get away with murder but not anymore. It's either the top end or nothing in National Hunt breeding. The same as the Flat, really. A lot of people are going to be lost to the game, unfortunately, as they just won't be able to pay the bills any more. At the end of the day, things are not adding up. The younger people seem to be getting involved with the Flat rather than the jumps. They can see the light. You'd have to be worried about the small man. I never saw as many foals being led out unsold as I did this year. No bid, no bid, no bid despite the auctioneer trying hard. The minimum bid used to always be 600 quid, and there used to be a fella, Johnny Six Hundred, who'd be at the sales and would give the minimum bid. Well, Johnny Six Hundred is gone.



**Conna Castle (right) jumps the last alongside Big Zeb at Fairyhouse**  
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**Conna Castle**

He was some horse. I can remember the morning after he won the Listed Chase at Roscommon in October 2007, he was lame behind. He had a hairline fracture down his cannon bone. All my hopes were dashed that morning. So we gave him a few months off and scanned him again. We couldn't believe it but he scanned perfectly after Christmas. I can remember ringing Davy [Russell] in February to tell him that the horse was back in great form and that he was being aimed for the Powers Gold Cup at Fairyhouse. Davy says, 'that's grand, I'll ride him for you.' I remember meeting Davy at the races again and telling him how well the horse is going at home. 'One hundred per cent Jimmy, I'll ride him for you.' The morning of declarations for Fairyhouse, Kieran O'Toole [agent] rings me, 'do you want Paul Carberry for Conna Castle?' Davy chose to ride Big Zeb instead. Of course, Davy wouldn't answer his phone at this stage, either. I can remember telling Paul, 'if ever a horse was made for you, this fella is it--keep that arse of yours cocked up in the air until you're going down to the last.' Sure enough, Carberry delivered Conna Castle after the last and we beat Big Zeb half a length. We got great satisfaction out of that and Davy didn't say anything in the parade ring afterwards. He had a big sour puss on his face! Davy started off with me. I'd say it was his first job here. He was brilliant. I can remember going to a point-to-point with Davy one day and there were five sets of colours waiting for him. He was after promising five different people that he'd ride for them in the one race! That would be Davy.

**How do Monty's Pass and Spillane's Tower compare?**

Oh there's no comparison. Monty's was a handicapper but this fella is top class. He's the best I've ever trained and he's proved that already. He's got stamina, class and that extra gear that a

lot of horses don't have. If he's near them at the last at Kempton, he'll take beating as he has that acceleration that a lot of horses don't have. I knew fitness would catch him at Punchestown. The bloody year that's in it, we missed a schooling day in Tipperary because of the dry weather and that was the winning and losing of the John Durkan in my mind. He's in a completely different place now. I wouldn't be going to Kempton unless he was one hundred per cent right and he is.

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**Horse of the year cont. from p1**

That power to put bums on seats like City Of Troy did belongs to only a select few. Whether you agree with Aidan O'Brien and his insistence that this was the best horse he's ever trained is really neither here nor there. What matters as a racing fan is how the son of **Justify** made you feel when you were watching him, the emotions he evoked on both his best and worst days.

From the deflation of his flop in the 2,000 Guineas to the glorious redemption of his victory in the Derby, we went through it all with City Of Troy in 2024, but the day that he really cemented his place in my affections was when he produced a tour de force to win the G1 Juddmonte International on my beloved Knavesmire.

It's a tried-and-tested path if you want to find favour with this local lad. The Juddmonte will always be my favourite contest in the Flat racing calendar and the teenage kicks I got out of being at York to see career-defining performances from the likes of **Frankel (GB)** and **Sea The Stars (Ire)** might never be surpassed, no matter how long I live to follow this sport. It's to the immense credit of City Of Troy that he probably came as close as any horse ever will.

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**City Of Troy (centre) powers to victory at York** | *Racingfotos.com*

The TDN Europe office will be closed Dec. 24, 25, & 26 for the Christmas holiday. There will be no TDN Europe dated Dec. 25, 26, or 27. The office will reopen Friday, Dec. 27. *Enjoy the holiday!*

### Horse of the year cont.

It's one thing lowering the course record set by the great **Sea The Stars** some 15 years earlier, but it was the manner in which he did it, and the joy it brought, which I hope will live long in the memory, together with those Juddmonte titans of years gone by.

Sent straight to the front by Ryan Moore, City Of Troy simply wasn't for passing as the 13-strong field made its way up the long straight. Even at the line he still looked full of running, as became his trademark on his best days, this time after completing one mile, two furlongs and 56 yards of the Knavesmire faster than any horse in history.

It wasn't as if he was beating trees, either. Just look who finished immediately behind him, with the ace French raider Calandagan (Ire) (**Gleneagles {Ire}**), the subsequent G1 Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe heroine Bluestocking (GB) (**Camelot {GB}**), and Durezza (Jpn) (Duramente {Jpn}), runner-up in last month's G1 Japan Cup, filling three of the next four places.

For those of us who had grown to love him, City Of Troy's swansong in the GI Breeders' Cup Classic didn't go as hoped, but again that's neither here nor there. What matters is how it felt to watch him, the nervous anticipation he engendered from over 5,000 miles away as he took his place in the stalls at Del Mar.

To have that effect on you is a power that belongs to only a select few and it's why, for me, 2024 will always be remembered as the year of City Of Troy. Boring it most certainly was not.

### One for next year: Treble Tee

Treble Tee (Ire) made his way into my notebook when making a successful start to his career at Newmarket in late-October, but it was only when doing a bit of digging for a recent edition of Winter Watch that I decided this was the three-year-old colt I wanted to get behind in 2025.

The Aston Martin Novice Stakes looked a warm race of its type on paper, featuring a whole host of well-bred newcomers from powerful yards, and already its proving an informative contest with the fifth- and seventh-place finishers both winning on the all-weather in recent weeks.

In the race itself, Treble Tee belied his inexperience with a stylish performance, really impressing with the way he put the race to bed in the final furlong as he powered to the line over two lengths clear of Mudbir (GB) (**Kingman {GB}**), a sibling to the multiple Group 1 winners Mostahdaf (Ire) (**Frankel {GB}**) and

Nazeef (GB) (**Invincible Spirit {Ire}**) from the Gosden yard.

Trained by Simon and Ed Crisford, having been bought for €55,000 at the Arqana October Yearling Sale, Treble Tee is one of five winners from seven runners out of his Listed-winning dam, with the others including the G3 Prix Chloe heroine Suphala (Fr) (**Frankel {GB}**). A scopey sort, he's very much in the mould of his sire, Persian King (Ire), and it will be no surprise if he makes significant progress from two to three.

### Stallion to follow: Ardad

Ardad (Ire) was perhaps the surprise package among the leading first-crop sires of 2021, with the G1 Prix Morny and G1 Middle Park Stakes hero Perfect Power (Ire), G3 Sirenia Stakes scorer Eve Lodge (GB) and G2 Coventry Stakes third Vintage Clarets (GB) featuring among his 23 individual two-year-old winners in Europe that year.

Admittedly, it hasn't always been plain sailing for the son of Kodiak (GB) in the interim—last year he had only two juvenile winners from 13 runners—but I'm expecting big things from him in 2025 when the increased support he received from breeders after they witnessed the success of his first runners should start to bear fruit.

Standing at Overbury Stud for a fee of £12,500 in 2022, up from £4,000 the previous year, Ardad was the most active stallion in Britain that year when covering 205 mares. From that he reportedly has 153 two-year-olds to represent him in 2025, “by far his biggest and best-bred bunch so far,” according to Overbury's Simon Sweeting.

Only time will tell whether there's another Perfect Power among them, but sheer weight of numbers alone should give him every chance of coming up with another good one.

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### FRANCE

**Golden Horde (Ire)** (Lethal Force {Ire}), Haras de Montfort et Preaux

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

2-DEAUVILLE, 1300m, **Larmes d'Or (Fr)**

€40,000 Arqana Deauville Yearling Sale V2 2023

**Hey Gaman (GB)** (New Approach {Ire}), Haras du Taillis

10 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners

2-DEAUVILLE, 1300m, **Eagle Gate (Fr)**

€8,000 Osarus September Yearling Sale 2023

**Threat (Ire)** (**Footstepsinthesand (GB)**), Haras du Mont Goubert

42 foals of racing age/3 winners/0 black-type winners

2-DEAUVILLE, 1300m, **Come Away (Fr)**

€19,000 RNA Arqana Deauville Nov. Yearling Sale 2023

**Yafta (GB)** (Dark Angel {Ire}), Haras de la Haie Neuve

26 foals of racing age/3 winners/0 black-type winners

2-DEAUVILLE, 1300m, **Marvin of Success (Fr)**

2-DEAUVILLE, 1300m, **Shoptilyouddrop (Fr)**

## BRITAIN

### CONDITIONS RESULTS:

**2nd-Lingfield, £7,300, Nov, 12-22, 3yo/up, 6f 1y (AWT), 1:12.01, st.**

**NEEDLEPOINT (IRE) (f, 3, Blue Point {Ire}--Zenella {GB})**

**{SW-Eng}, by Kyllachy {GB})** Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-1, \$33,606.

O-Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners; B-Diomed Bloodstock Ltd (IRE); T-Amy Murphy. \*€62,000 Ylg '22 GOFOR. \*\*1/2 to Fox Power (Ire) (Dark Angel {Ire}), SW-Eng, \$130,044.

## FRANCE

### ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

**Rue Ernestine (Fr)**, f, 2, **Le Havre (Ire)**--Princess Charm (Ire) (SW & MGSP-Fr, \$114,005), by Rip Van Winkle (Ire). Pornichet-La Baule, 12-22, 8 1/2f (AWT), 1:42.95. B-Ecurie Haras du Cadran, Carlos Lerner, Yann Lerner & Adrian von Gunten (FR).

\*€50,000 Ylg '23 ARQAUG. €52,000 2yo '24 ARQMAY.

**Chaissac (Fr)**, g, 2, **Sottsass (Fr)**--Miss Alpha (Fr), by Cape Cross (Ire). Pornichet-La Baule, 12-22, 8 1/2f (AWT), 1:44.77. B-Haras des Capucines, P A Leonard, Christophe Leblond & Meridian International SARL (FR). \*12th winner for freshman sire (by **Siyouni (Fr)**). \*\*€65,000 Ylg '23 ARQAUG.

**Kew Bridge (GB)**, f, 3, **Bated Breath (GB)**--African Plains (GB), by **Oasis Dream (GB)**. Pornichet-La Baule, 12-22, 8 1/2f (AWT), 1:42.95. B-Daniel MacAuliffe & Anoj Don (GB).

## GERMANY

### ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

**Akano (Ger)**, c, 3, **Tai Chi (Ger)**--Anna Bellamy (Ger), by Black Sam Bellamy (Ire). Dortmund, 12-22, 9 3/4f (AWT), 2:09.88. B-Claus Thomas (GER).

## WORLDWIDE NEWS

### STAR FILLY REGALEIRA MAKES HISTORY IN THRILLING ARIMA KINEN

**Regaleira (Jpn)** (Suave Richard {Jpn}) became the first three-year-old filly to win the G1 Arima Kinen for 64 years as she led home a one-two for owners Sunday Racing, narrowly getting the better of **Shahryar (Jpn)** (Deep Impact {Jpn}) after a pulsating duel the length of the Nakayama straight.

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Regaleira (blue cap) | Horsephotos

**Arima Kinen cont.**

The fifth betting choice to double her Group 1 tally in the Arima Kinen, the fan-voted 'Grand Prix' of Japan, Regaleira was winless since her victory in the G1 Hopeful Stakes, also at Nakayama, in December last year. Without the services of regular rider Christophe Lemaire, who instead chose to ride race favourite **Urban Chic (Jpn)** (Suave Richard {Jpn}), the filly was ridden for the first time on Sunday by Keita Tosaki, the jockey who guided Gentildonna (Jpn) (Deep Impact {Jpn}) to a memorable success 10 years ago.

Regaleira had four rivals ahead of her as the 15-strong field went by the stands for the first time, including this year's G1 Tokyo Yushun (Japanese Derby) winner **Danon Decile (Jpn)** (Epiphaneia {Jpn}), who dictated a slow pace in an attempt to rediscover his best form, having finished only sixth behind Urban Chic when they met in October's G1 Kikuka Sho (Japanese St Leger).

Second betting choice Danon Decile was over a length clear on the home turn where the eventual winner moved out from behind horses to get a clear run, with Shahryar soon looming up on her outside after his swift move from mid-division to take closer order. Danon Decile was still in front with 50 metres to run, but it was all about Regaleira and Shahryar where it mattered as the pair went by the line in unison, with the filly ultimately being announced as the winner by a nose. Danon Decile was beaten another length and a half in third, with this year's G1 Osaka Hai winner **Bellagio Opera (Jpn)** (Lord Kanaloa {Jpn}) in fourth, ahead of the consistent Group 1 performer **Justin Palace (Jpn)** (Deep Impact {Jpn}) and Urban Chic.

Trainer Tetsuya Kimura was also celebrating his second Arima Kinen win after that of the outstanding Equinox (Jpn) in 2022, while Tosaki was quick to thank connections for the opportunity to ride Regaleira, who started this season by finishing sixth in the G1 Satsuki Sho (Japanese 2000 Guineas) and fifth in the

Tokyo Yushun against the males. On her most recent start she'd finished fifth in the G1 Queen Elizabeth II Cup, having met trouble in the straight.

"I knew a good break was crucial," said Tosaki. "Although we might have been a tad late, we were able to sit in a good position and maintain a smooth run in good rhythm. She responded well but the competition was so strong. I couldn't tell at all crossing the wire who'd won. I just want to express my heartfelt gratitude to the connections of the filly for giving me the opportunity to ride her today."

**Pedigree Notes**

Regaleira, a member of the first crop of the G1 Japan Cup and G1 Osaka Hai hero Suave Richard (Jpn), is out of the winning Harbinger (GB) mare Roca (Jpn), who produced her best effort when finishing third in the G3 Daily Hai Queen Cup. She is the dam of three winners from four runners, with the others including the G3 Mainichi Hai third Douradores (Jpn) (Duramente {Jpn}). Her two-year-old filly by Cheval Grand (Jpn), Serra do Pilar (Jpn), is unplaced in two starts in Japan.

Roca, in turn, is out of the Dance In The Dark (Jpn) mare Land's Edge (Jpn), a half-sister to none other than Deep Impact (Jpn), the Japanese Triple Crown winner who quickly rose to become one of the world's most influential stallions. Land's Edge also features as the second dam of the aforementioned Urban Chic through her daughter Edgy Style (Jpn) (Harbinger {GB}), as well as this year's G1 Oka Sho (Japanese 1,000 Guineas) heroine Stellenbosch (Jpn) (Epiphaneia {Jpn}) through another daughter in Bloukrans (Jpn) (Rulership {Jpn}).

Both Deep Impact and Land's Edge are out of the blue hen Wind In Her Hair (Ire), herself a Group 1 winner in Germany and runner-up in the G1 Oaks at Epsom.

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Regaleira poses for a picture with happy connections | Horsephotos



**Sunday, Nakayama, Japan**

**ARIMA KINEN-G1**, ¥959,860,000, Nakayama, 12-22, 3yo/up, 2500mT, 2:31.80, fm.

1--**REGALEIRA (JPN)**, 119, f, 3, by **Suave Richard (Jpn)**

**1st Dam: Roca (Jpn) (GSP-Jpn, \$240,719), by Harbinger (GB)**

**2nd Dam: Land's Edge (Jpn), by Dance in the Dark (Jpn)**

**3rd Dam: Wind in Her Hair (Ire), by Alzao**

O-Sunday Racing; B-Northern Farm (Jpn); T-Tetsuya Kimura; J-Keita Tosaki; ¥503,402,000. Lifetime Record: 8-3-0-1, ¥634,381,000. \*1/2 to Douradores (Jpn) (Duramente {Jpn}), GSP-Jpn, \$665,540. **Werk Nick Rating: A+++ \*Triple Plus\***.

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2--**Shahryar (Jpn)**, 128, h, 6, Deep Impact (Jpn)--Dubai Majesty, by Essence of Dubai. O-Sunday Racing; B-Northern Farm (Jpn); ¥200,972,000.

3--**Danon Decile (Jpn)**, 123, c, 3, Epiphaneia (Jpn)--Top Decile, by Congrats. (¥135,000,000 Ylg '22 JRHJUL). O-Danox Inc.; B-Shadai Farm (Jpn); ¥130,486,000.

Margins: NS, 1HF, HF. Odds: 9.90, 29.10, 3.00.

Also Ran: Bellagio Opera (Jpn), Justin Palace (Jpn), Urban Chic (Jpn), Rousham Park (Jpn), Stunning Rose (Jpn), Danon Beluga (Jpn), Struve (Jpn), Prognosis (Jpn), Blow The Horn (Jpn), Deep Bond (Jpn), Stars On Earth (Jpn), Hayayakko (Jpn).

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