



RAGING TORRENT OUTLASTS STRONGHOLD IN MALIBU

Returning Kentucky Derby Winner Mystik Dan Never A Factor



Raging Torrent is the first Grade I winner for Maximus Mischief | Benoit

by Alan Carasso

Firming into 13-5 favoritism in the final few clicks of the tote, **Raging Torrent** (Maximus Mischief) found his best stride well off the inside entering the final eighth of a mile and staved off a late challenge from 2024 GI Santa Anita Derby winner **Stronghold** (**Ghostzapper**) to win Thursday's GI Malibu Stakes, the traditional opening-day feature at the Great Race Place.

Drawn widest in a field reduced to six with the early scratchings of **Senior Officer** (Into Mischief) and GI Breeders' Cup Sprint runner-up **Bentornato** (**Valiant Minister**) due to a sore foot, Raging Torrent was a half-step slowly into stride, but recovered nicely and ultimately settled in second as **Pilot Commander** (**Justify**) shot through at the inside to take up the running not long after the start. The latter took the field into the turn having gone the opening half-mile in a snappy :44.29, and Frankie Dettori was scrubbing on Raging Torrent to keep pace.

Pilot Commander was first to face the judge, but Dettori and Raging Torrent came to tackle with a furlong and a half to travel and was kept to his task to the wire. Stronghold was beaten a tight length into second, while **Imagination** (Into Mischief) lasted inside for third.

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SHE FEELS PRETTY A TOWERING WINNER OF THE AMERICAN OAKS by Alan Carasso

A victory in the GI Queen Elizabeth II Challenge Cup can lead even the most disciplined connections to call an audible, deviating from a more conservative approach in favor of a start in a race as alluring as the GI Breeders' Cup Filly & Mare Turf just weeks later.

But trainer Cherie DeVaux and the Lael Stables of Roy and Gretchen stuck to their guns and sent the enormously talented **She Feels Pretty** (**Karakontie {Jpn}**) to California for the American Oaks, another chance at age-restricted Grade I glory while putting loftier objectives on the back-burner, until this time next year, for example. The \$240,000 Keeneland September yearling ensured that the team would be sufficiently pleased with the course they elected to chart, as she stormed down the Santa Anita stretch to stamp her authority on the race while touting herself as one to tab closely in the distaff turf division in 2025.

Off as the 3-5 jolly, the \$240,000 Keeneland September yearling broke cleanly, but she clearly attempted to hurdle the lip of the dirt crossing and tugged fiercely against John Velazquez from an early midfield berth to be fourth in the slipstream of 58-1 **Valence** (**Violence**) as they reached the first turn. **Cont. p5**

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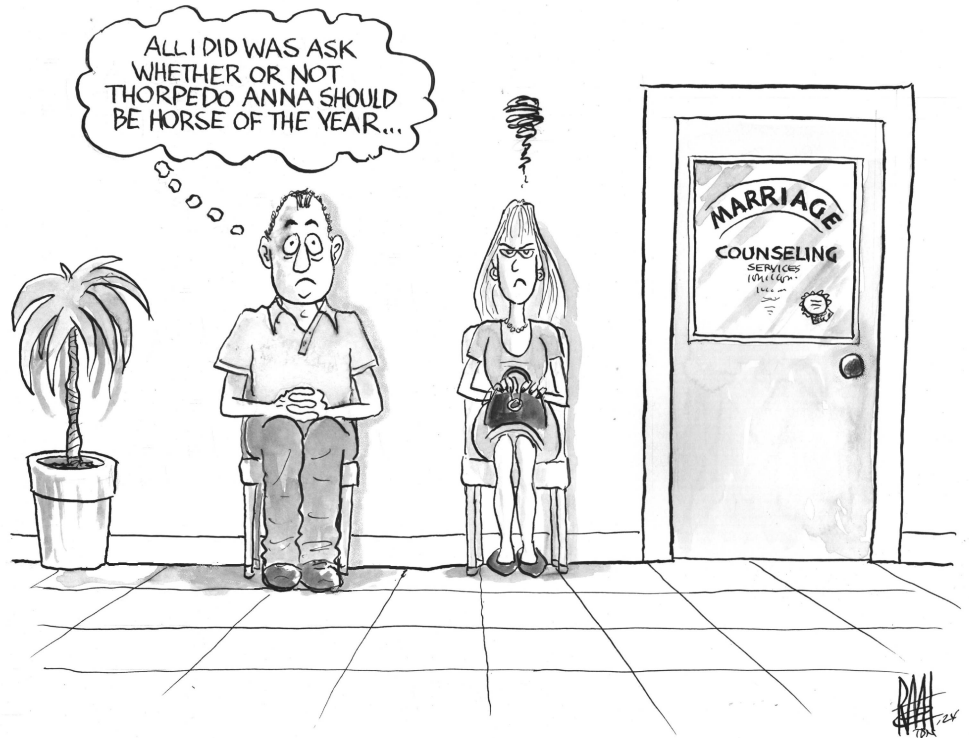
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Thursday dawned disappointing for Spendthrift Farm when trainer Richard Mandella notified them that 'TDN Rising Star' Tamara (Bolt d'Oro) was scratching from the GI La Brea Stakes. Kopion (Omaha Beach) eased that disappointment with a 37-1 upset Thursday afternoon.

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"We knew this is a perfect distance, so we were so optimistic," said trainer Doug O'Neill, winning the Malibu for the first time in his career. "But in this sport, a lot of times you're optimistic and you go home with a flat balloon...but he ran a race that we had dreamed of and just so happy and proud.

"We really thought going into it, we were the best horse, the best distance. And just watching him day in, day out, he was training out of this world. So, yeah, he ran great."

The disappointment of the race was the comebacking **Mystik Dan** (Goldencents), who was unsurprisingly outrun through the fast early sectionals, but never picked up the bit in the lane and finished well back as the 3-1 third choice.

"He broke good, but it just seemed like we were always chasing," jockey Brian Hernandez, Jr. said of Mystik Dan. "I think shortening up took away from him. After running a mile and a quarter, it is tough to go back to seven-eighths. The horse is fine."

Third in the GIII Best Pal Stakes at two, Raging Torrent blew the doors off a field of entry-level allowance foes one race after Mystik Dan won the Derby at Churchill May 4 and followed up with a victory in the June 30 **Maxfield** Stakes over that same track and distance. The bay lowered the colors of Cal-bred champion The Chosen Vron (Vronsky) in the seven-furlong GII Pat O'Brien Stakes at Del Mar Aug. 24, but he never truly factored from inside stall in the Sprint, retreating to finish seventh. **Cont. p4**



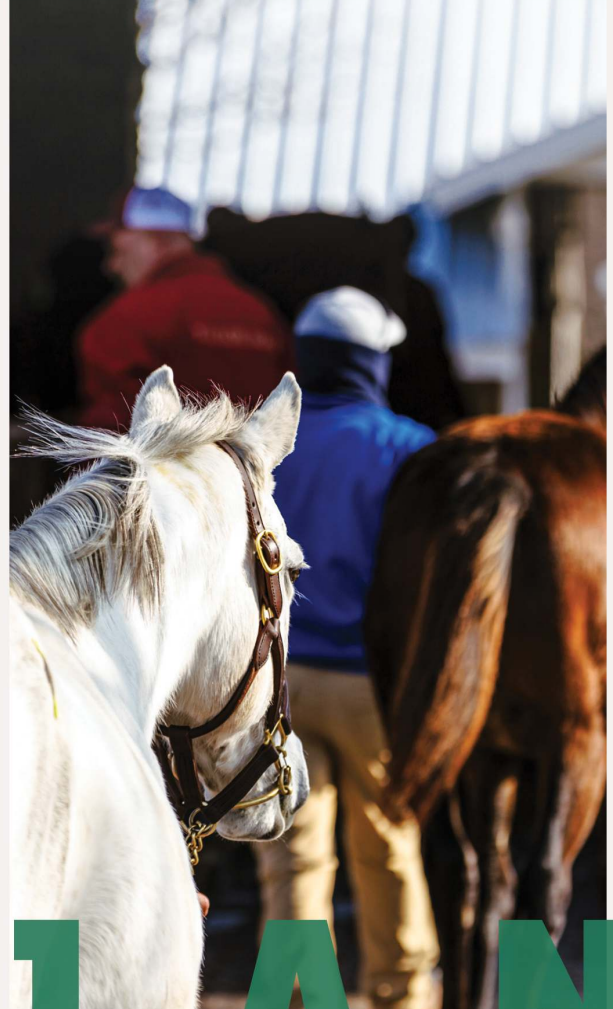
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Pedigree Notes:

Previously the lone graded winner and now the first top-level winner for his Spendthrift-based son of Into Mischief, Raging Torrent is the lone starter from his dam, a half-sister to GSW The Nth Degree (Distorted Humor), who was offered with the colt in utero at the 2021 Keeneland January Sale, but was led out unsold on a bid of \$27,000. Raging Torrent was himself bought back for the same price by breeders Rodney Winkler and Alfoso Mazzetti at Keeneland September in 2022, and it was Mark Davis's name on the ticket when the colt fetched \$75,000 at the 2023 OBS April Sale.

The first daughter of **Violence** to produce a Grade I winner, Violent Wave is also the dam of the 2-year-old colt Contra Mundum (**Honor A.P.**), a \$55,000 RNA at KEESEP in 2023, and the mare was not mated when failing to find a new home at \$145,000 at Keeneland November last fall. Subsequent to Raging Torrent's victory in the Pat O'Brien, Violent Wave was entered for this year's KEENOV, but was bought back on a bid of \$575,000 in foal to **Up to the Mark**.

Thursday, Santa Anita

MALIBU S.-GI, \$300,500, Santa Anita, 12-26, 3yo, 7f, 1:21.54, ft.

1--**RAGING TORRENT, 122, c, 3, by Maximus Mischief**

1st Dam: Violent Wave, by Violence

2nd Dam: Coastal Wave, by Dixieland Band

3rd Dam: Orange Wave, by Coastal

1ST GRADE I WIN. (\$27,000 RNA Ylg '22 KEESEP; \$75,000 2yo '23 OBSAPR). O-Great Friends Stables and Mark Davis; B-Rodney J. Winkler & Alfonso Mazzetti (KY); T-Doug F. O'Neill; J-Lanfranco Dettori. \$180,000. Lifetime Record: 12-5-1-2, \$667,400. **Werk Nick Rating: A+++.** *Triple Plus*

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2--**Stronghold, 122, c, 3, Ghostzapper--Spectator, by Jimmy**

Creed. O/B-Eric Waller & Sharon Waller (KY); T-Philip D'Amato. \$60,000.

Foaled & Raised at Mulholland Springs

3--**Imagination, 122, c, 3, Into Mischief--Magical Feeling, by**

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Also Ran: Pilot Commander, Winterfell, Mystik Dan. Scratched: Bentornato, Senior Officer. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#) and the [TJCIS.com PPs](#). [VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.](#)

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American Oaks cont. from p1

Velazquez edged out one path to his right and raced three deep and punching the breeze with fully six furlongs to travel, and the rider had two fists full of rein as he did his level best to get the strapping filly to settle down the back.

Left in a bit of a tricky spot when Frankie Dettori went for an early move astride **Kathynmarissa (American Pharoah)** with less than a half-mile to race, She Feels Pretty was deftly steered off that one's heels and four wide into the clear midway on the second bend. When Velazquez finally acquiesced and finally allowed She Feels Pretty to have her head nearing the quarter pole, the response was both immediate and devastating, as she sprinted her final two furlongs in a very slick :22.63 to win by a comfortable margin.



She Feels Pretty | Benoit photo

Medoro (Honor Code) finished a distant third to round out a trifecta that returned less than 13-1.

“She got a little keen, broke a little slow and then when she passed the dirt she took like a weird step and then she got up and started running up,” Velazquez said. “I wanted to keep her covered up, she is much better covered up, but today she was really keen. I put her right behind the horse in front of me and I held her the best I could.” **Cont. p6**



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American Oaks cont.

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Highly impressive in annexing the May 17 Hilltop Stakes on seasonal return, she was narrowly defeated by the classy Cinderella's Dream (GB) (Shamardal) in the July 6 GI Belmont Oaks--a race that now roughly occupies the spot on the racing calendar once held by the original iteration of the American Oaks--and was beaten a frustrating neck in the GI Lake Placid Stakes at Saratoga Aug. 17. Whatever lingering disappointment there may have been was well and truly washed away when She Feels Pretty bolted up by a half-dozen lengths in Lexington 75 days ago and from here, the sky appears to be the limit.

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Pedigree Notes:

Along with 2022 Del Mar Oaks victress Spendarella, She Feels Pretty is one of two elite-level scorers for her sire, who caused a 30-1 upset as a 3-year-old in the 2014 GI Breeders' Cup Mile at Santa Anita. **Cont. p7**



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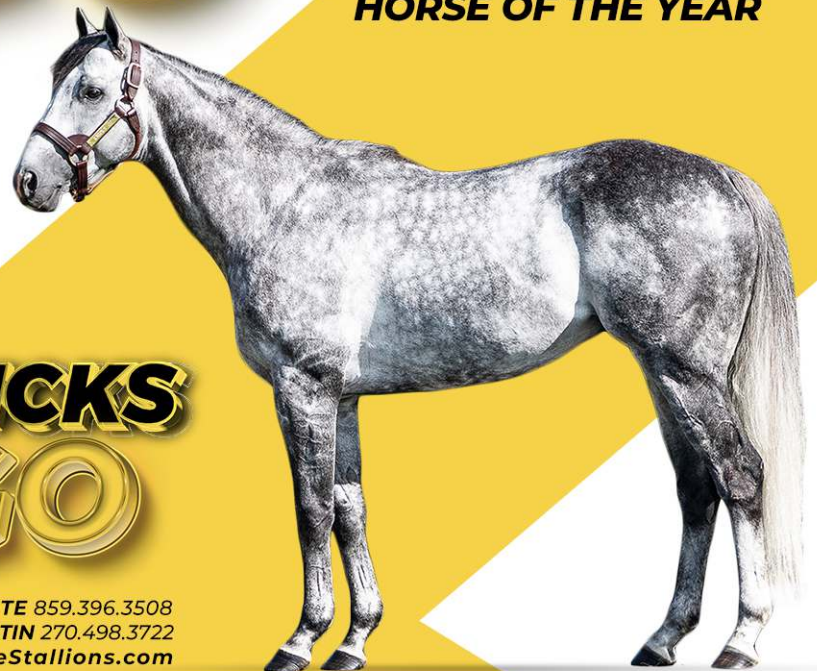
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Summer Sweet is also the dam of the 2-year-old colt Summer Vibes (**Good Magic**), who fetched \$600,000 from Boardshorts Stables at the 2023 KEESEP sale two days before She Feels Pretty took the Natalma and is currently in training at Palm Meadows. The current yearling out of Summer Sweet, a filly named She Feels Stunning (**American Pharoah**), was hammered down to Lael for \$650,000 at Keeneland this past September, and She Feels Pretty's year-older half-sister Lakeside Music (Super Saver) was acquired by Whisper Hill Farm for \$400,000 in foal to **Munnings** at KEENOV last month. Summer Sweet claims a weanling filly by **Olympiad** and was most recently covered by **Justify**.

Thursday, Santa Anita

AMERICAN OAKS-GI, \$303,000, Santa Anita, 12-26, 3yo, f, 1 1/4mT, 1:58.69, fm.

1--**SHE FEELS PRETTY**, 124, f, 3, by **Karakontie (Jpn)**

1st Dam: Summer Sweet, by More Than Ready

2nd Dam: Summer Solstice (Ire), by Caerleon

3rd Dam: Summer Sonnet (GB), by Baillamont

(\$240,000 Ylg '22 KEESEP). O-Lael Stables; B-Payson Stud Inc (KY); T-Cherie DeVaux; J-John R. Velazquez. \$180,000. Lifetime Record: 8-5-1-2, \$1,128,317. **Werk Nick Rating: A+++**. *Triple Plus* Click for the **eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree**.

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2--**Kathynmarissa**, 124, f, 3, by **American Pharoah**

1st Dam: La Dalila (Chi) (G1SW-Chi), by Milt's Overture

2nd Dam: Top Diplomat (Chi), by Edgy Diplomat

3rd Dam: Top Shape, by Fit to Fight

1ST G1 BLACK TYPE. (\$200,000 Ylg '22 KEESEP). O-Michael Dubb; B-Don Alberto Corporation (KY); T-Richard E. Dutrow, Jr. \$60,000.



3--**Medoro**, 124, f, 3, by Honor Code

1st Dam: Achira (MSP, \$151,852), by English Channel

2nd Dam: Styler, by Holy Bull

3rd Dam: Set Them Free, by Stop the Music

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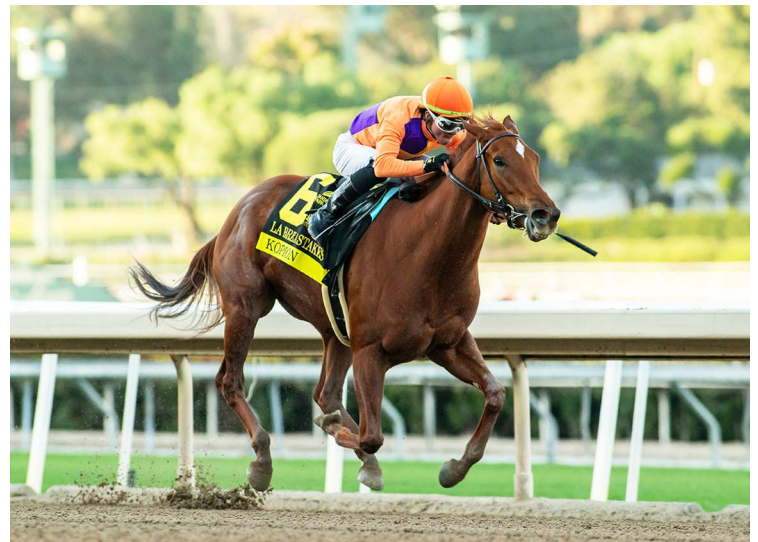
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KOPION DOMINATES IN LA BREA

Spendthrift Farm, forced to scratch Grade I winner Tamara (Bolt d'Oro) with an elevated temperature Thursday morning, had a more than suitable understudy in the afternoon's GI La Brea Stakes when Kopion (Omaha Beach) romped home a geared-down 2 3/4-length winner at Santa Anita. Returning from nine months on the sidelines and dismissed at 35-1, the chestnut filly chased pacesetter **Sandy Bottom** (Omaha Beach) through an opening quarter in :22.17. Kopion easily moved up to engage the pacesetter as the half went up in :44.32 and she grabbed command out of the turn, quickly opening up a two-length advantage. She skipped further clear in upper stretch and sailed under the wire unchallenged.



Kopion | Benoit

Fellow longshot **Splendor** (**Audible**), at 26-1, was second and **Sugar Fish** (Accelerate) closed strongly along the rail for third. The time for the seven furlongs was 1:22.08.

"We are high as a kite right now," said Spendthrift's Eric Gustavson. "We had a bunch of friends and family come in for the race. It was such a crazy day because we had Tamara and she scratched. We got the text from Richard this morning, so we were all down. Now this. This is racing. It is great. This is such a

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“I thought about putting her in the Las Flores, but there is only one Grade I,” said winning trainer Richard Mandella. “She has been getting better and better. I told [jockey] Kaz [Kimura] that she is quick and you don’t need to rush her.”

One Magic Philly (Good Magic), the 7-5 favorite who was exiting the GI Breeders’ Cup Filly & Mare Sprint, tracked the pacesetter in third through the opening half mile before fading to sixth in an eight-horse field.

“We broke good and I had a nice spot,” jockey Flavien Prat said. “When it was time to get going, I asked her and there was no reaction.”

Pedigree Notes:

One of four graded winners for Spendthrift’s Omaha Beach, Kopion is the stallion’s second winner at the top level. She follows GI Natalma Stakes winner And One More Time.

Out of 2016 Outstanding Broodmare in Canada Galloping Ami, Kopion is a half-sister to that year’s Canadian champion 3-year-old Amis Gizmo (Giant Gizmo). The mare has a yearling filly by **Essential Quality** who RNA’d for \$275,000 at this year’s Keeneland September sale. With no reported foal this year, she was bred back to **Curlin**.

Thursday, Santa Anita

LA BREA S. PRESENTED BY DON JULIO-GI, \$301,500, Santa Anita, 12-26, 3yo, f, 7f, 1:22.08, ft.

1--**KOPION, 122, f, 3, by Omaha Beach**

1st Dam: Galloping Ami (Outstanding Broodmare-Can), by Victory Gallop

2nd Dam: Secret Ami, by Secret Claim

3rd Dam: Sybelle Ami, by Alwasmi

1ST GRADE I WIN. (\$270,000 Ylg '22 KEESEP). O-Spendthrift Farm LLC; B-Tall Oaks Farm (KY); T-Richard E. Mandella; J-Kazushi Kimura. \$180,000. Lifetime Record: 5-3-1-0, \$314,600. *1/2 to Amis Gizmo (Giant Gizmo), Ch. 3-year-old Colt-Can, GSW, \$800,022; Aragorn Ami (Aragorn {Ire}), SW, \$112,535; and to Ami's Flatter (Flatter), GSW & GISP, \$536,931. **Werk Nick Rating: B.**

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2--**Splendor, 120, f, 3, by Audible**

1st Dam: Miss Freeze (SW), by Frost Giant

2nd Dam: Reata's Vixen, by Sligo Bay (Ire)

3rd Dam: Top of the League, by Lite the Fuse

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TYPE. (\$125,000 Ylg '22 FTKJUL). O-By Talla Racing LLC; B-The Elkstone Group LLC (MD); T-Bob Baffert. \$60,000.

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3--**Sugar Fish, 122, f, 3, by Accelerate**

1st Dam: Madeira Park (GSW, \$318,992), by Langfuhr

2nd Dam: Capilano, by Demons Begone

3rd Dam: Bella Isabella, by Conquistador Cielo

1ST G1 BLACK TYPE. (\$40,000 Ylg '22 KEESEP). O-By Talla

Racing LLC or Sweetwater Stable; B-George Gilbert (KY); T-Jeff Mullins. \$36,000.

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Margins: 2 3/4, 2, HF. Odds: 37.70, 25.60, 7.60.

Also Ran: Hope Road, Accuracy, One Magic Philly, Sandy

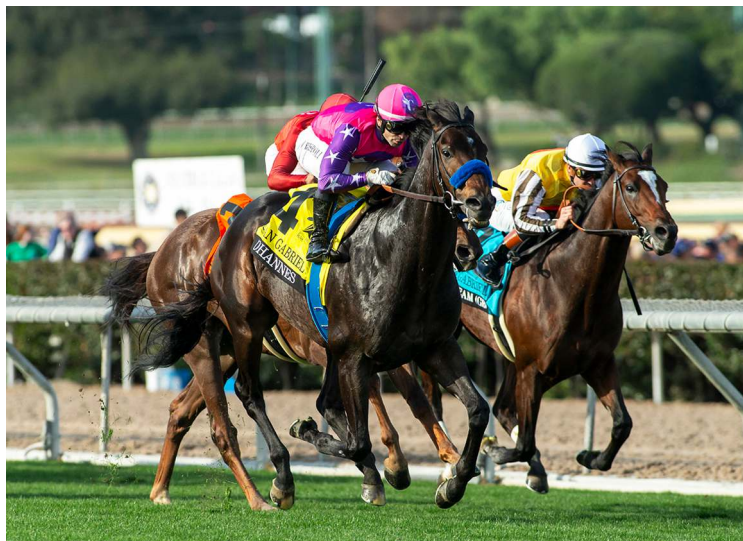
Bottom, Kinza. Scratched: Cavalieri, Tamara, Ultimate Authority.

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JOHANNES TOO CLASSY IN THE SAN

GABRIEL by Alan Carasso



Johannes punches his ticket to the Pegasus Turf | Benoit

Trying nine furlongs for just the second time in his career and looking to protect a perfect mark over the Santa Anita turf course, Cuyathy LLC's Johannes was given a supremely confident steer by Umberto Rispoli and was really only asked to finish up to post a soft victory in Thursday's GII San Gabriel Stakes.

Crunched into long odds-on favoritism to improve on his hard-nosed runner-up effort behind More Than Looks (More Than Ready) in the GI Breeders' Cup Mile down at Del Mar on Nov. 2, the homebred raced in close attendance to whatever pace was on as Cabo Spirit (Pioneerof the Nile) ambled them along through the early exchanges beneath Frankie Dettori. Johannes enjoyed the run of the race from just in behind, but was hemmed in along the rail for the trip around the second turn and was held together by a very patient Rispoli nearing the stretch.

Eased out into the four-wide line, Johannes came with his typically strong finish to easily account for last-out GII Seabiscuit Handicap hero Mi Hermano Ramon, fortifying his bid for an Eclipse Award next month. Seal Team, three wide the majority of the trip, held for third.

Johannes is likely to make his next appearance in the GI Pegasus World Cup Turf at Gulfstream Park on Jan. 25.

"We originally thought about giving the horse a breather," said winning trainer Tim Yakteen. "He had such a strong campaign and he came out of the Breeders' Cup so well. Everything was near perfect in his last outing, so we came to the San Gabriel and now we will head to the Pegasus. In my heart, he is a true champion. I hope others view it that way."

Added Rispoli, "You know, with a horse like him, it's not possible to panic. You press the button and in three strides, you're right up there. You just have to manage how to get the

wire because once you get the lead, you try to wait for other horses. But, you know, you never panic with him. Once you see the daylight, he goes. It doesn't matter."

Winner of three of his first four starts on the grass, Johannes returned from an 11-month absence to take out this track's GIII American Stakes going a mile Apr. 4 before breaking through for a maiden Grade I in the May 27 Shoemaker Mile Stakes. The dark bay tried this distance for the first time in the GII Eddie Read Stakes July 28, easily defeating Dicey Mo Chara (GB) (Adaay {Ire}), and was a comfortable winner of the local GII City of Hope Mile Stakes Sept. 28. The 22-5 second choice in the Mile, he came with a run from midpack to loom a threat in the final furlong, only to be outfinished by a flying More Than Looks.

Pedigree Notes:

In the name of their **Cuyathy**, Joe and Debby McCloskey purchased Johannes's dam for \$50,000 at the 2014 Keeneland November Sale and raced her to three wins from 20 tries and a third placing in the Kalookan Queen Stakes in 2018. Johannes is the first foal from the mare, who is also responsible for Sea Dancer, recent winner of the Carousel Stakes at Laurel Park, and the juvenile filly Sea Runner (**Gun Runner**), third in the Del Mar Juvenile Fillies Turf at Del Mar Sept. 7 and fourth in the GIII Jimmy Durante Stakes at Del Mar at the end of November. A half-sister to the multiple graded-placed Join in the Dance (**Sky Mesa**), Cuyathy is the dam of a yearling filly by **Knicks Go** named Soaring Angel, missed to **Mandaloun** for 2024 and is due to **Maxfield** for her 2025 foal.

Thursday, Santa Anita

SAN GABRIEL S.-GII, \$202,000, Santa Anita, 12-26, 3yo/up, 1 1/8mT, 1:46.50, fm.

1--**JOHANNES, 125, c, 4, by Nyquist**

1st Dam: Cuyathy (SP, \$107,923), by Congrats

2nd Dam: Dance Darling, by Devil's Bag

3rd Dam: Danzig Darling, by Danzig

O/B-Cuyathy LLC (KY); T-Tim Yakteen; J-Umberto Rispoli. \$120,000. Lifetime Record: GISW, 13-8-1-1, \$1,153,859.

*1/2 to Sea Dancer (Mastery), SW, \$199,095. **Werk Nick**

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2--**Mi Hermano Ramon, 125, g, 4, Creative Cause--Sassy Suances, by Suances (GB)**. O-Rancho Temescal Thoroughbred Partners and Red Baron's Barn LLC; B-Red Baron's Barn (KY); T-Mark Glatt. \$40,000.

San Gabriel S. cont.

3--Seal Team (GB), 121, c, 4, War Front--Mrs McDougal, by Medaglia d'Oro. O-Perry R. Bass II and Ramona S. Bass; B-Bass Stables, LLC (GB); T-Richard E. Mandella. \$24,000.

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Margins: 3/4, 3/4, 3/4. Odds: 0.30, 9.70, 6.90.

Also Ran: Easter (Fr), Dicey Mo Chara (GB), Cabo Spirit, Astronomer, Nineelevanturbo, Escape Artist.

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KING OF GOSFORD GIVES FLAVIEN PRAT GRADED STAKES RECORD WITH MATHIS MILE WIN

by *Stefanie Grimm*

Tied no more. After weeks of sharing the top of the leaderboard, Flavien Prat surpassed Jerry Bailey Thursday to become the new record holder for most graded stakes wins in a single season. His landmark 56th came in the GII Mathis Mile Stakes aboard **King of Gosford (GB)** (Zoustar {Aus}), a 3-year-old imported from Ireland late last year to the barn of Phillip D'Amato.



King of Gosford | Benoit

A well-seasoned runner over 2024, Thursday's 3-5 favorite came in in plenty good form with only one off-the-board finish from eight starts since hitting American soil in March and a last-out second by just three-quarters of a length when going 1 1/8 miles in the GI Hollywood Derby Nov. 30. **Cont. p12**



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Mathis Mile cont.

Cutting back to the flat mile Thursday, King of Gosford never made Prat worry, assuming the lead right from the jump when sent from the rail draw to handle the tempo ahead of **Atitlan (The Factor)** who sat just off in second. Never headed through fractions of :23.24 and :48.04, the favorite turned Atitlan back and kept finding to keep a slim but clear advantage to the wire with familiar rival **Stay Hot (Summer Front)** relegated to second.

"I think there couldn't be a better place to win it than here at Santa Anita," said Prat of his record. "It is definitely worth all the work when something like this happens."

D'Amato added: "He just took advantage of a nice, comfortable pace scenario. Flavien did a great job of nursing him along easily up front, and when it was time to kick on at the top of the lane, showed a big turn of foot. I'm going to give him a 30-day break and then we'll, have him ready to go probably April or so, and hopefully campaign towards maybe a Breeders' Cup Mile."

Pedigree Notes:

A 41st graded stakes winner for Australian sire Zoustar, King of Gosford is out of stakes winner Miss Sugars who went through the ring last year at the Tattersalls December Mare Sale for 20,000gns. From her four foals, three have raced and two have won including King of Gosford's year older half-sister, Juju (GB) (Kitten's Joy). This is the family of American GISW's Wigmore Hall (Ire) (High Chaparral {Ire}) and Ocean Road (Ire) (**Australia {GB}**) who sold for \$1.625m at FTKNOV in 2022. Miss Sugars last produced a Kameko filly last year who sold for 32,000gns at Tattersalls December Foal Sale.

Thursday, Santa Anita

MATHIS MILE S.-GII, \$201,000, Santa Anita, 12-26, 3yo, 1mT, 1:34.49, fm.

1--**KING OF GOSFORD (GB)**, 122, c, 3, by **Zoustar (Aus)**

1st Dam: **Miss Sugars (GB) (SW, \$105,102)**,
by **Harbour Watch (Ire)**

2nd Dam: **Three Sugars (Aus)**, by **Starcraft (Nz)**

3rd Dam: **Hoh Dear (Ire)**, by **Sri Pekan**

1ST GRADED STAKES WIN. (32,000gns Ylg '22 TATOCT).

O-Benowitz Family Trust, CYBT, Gevertz, Saul, Nentwig, Michael and Peskoff, Jeremy; B-The Miss Sugars Partnership (GB); T-Philip D'Amato; J-Flavien Prat. \$120,000. Lifetime Record: GISP, 15-6-2-2, \$519,692. **Werk Nick Rating: A+.**

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2--**Stay Hot**, 122, r, 3, Summer Front--Etsu, by Smart Strike. (\$130,000 Ylg '22 FTKJUL). O-Burns Racing LLC, Exline-Border Racing LLC, SAF Racing, Estate of Brereton C. Jones and

Hudock, William Dan; B-Brereton C. Jones (KY); T-Peter Eurton. \$40,000.


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Yearling recommendation by Marette Farrell

3--**Atitlan**, 124, c, 3, **The Factor**--Armanda (Ger), by Acatenango (Ger). O-John M. B. O'Connor; B-Anastasia Astrid Christiansen-Croy (KY); T-John A. Shirreffs. \$24,000.

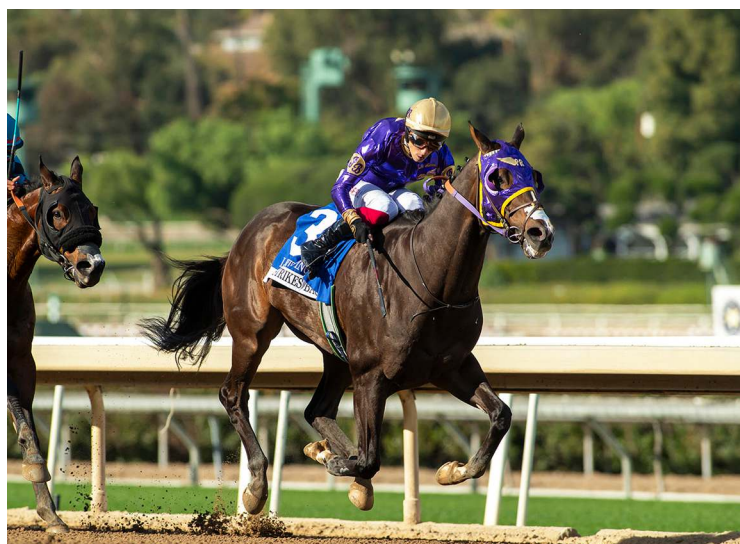
Margins: 1, HF, 1HF. Odds: 0.70, 2.80, 8.80.

Also Ran: Lord Bullingdon, Cathal (Ire), Call Sign Seven, Heart Headed. Scratched: **Curlin's Kaos**, Siennois (Ire).

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J B STRIKES BACK UPSETS INAUGURAL LAFFIT PINCAY, JR. STAKES



J B Strikes Back | Benoit

by *Stefanie Grimm*

Longshot **J B Strikes Back** (Goldencents) upset the inaugural running of the GII Laffit Pincay, Jr. Stakes (previously run as the San Antonio Stakes) Thursday in his first try facing stakes company for trainer Doug O'Neill.

The 3-year-old gelding, understandably one of the least experienced runners in the field and the second longest wagering price, broke his maiden in his third start in a \$20,000 claimer at Del Mar and was claimed out of that start from these same connections who promptly bought him right back in a \$25,000 conditioned claimer when he was sixth in his very next start. Off the board in his next two tries over both dirt and turf, J B Strikes Back jumped up to put up a big number in an optional claimer going one mile at Del Mar Nov. 3 and responded with yet another win facing similar company at the same distance Nov. 23. **Cont. p13**

Laffit Pincay, Jr. S. cont.

Guided from an inside draw with Antonio Fresu taking over from Juan Hernandez, J B Strikes Back was briefly outrun as the field passed the wire for the first time but quickly got himself into stride to contend for the lead outside of **Ashcroft (Munnings)** around the first turn and into the backstretch. Still two wide and joined by **Tarantino** (Pioneer of the Nile) to his outside nearing the half-mile pole, J B Strikes Back took advantage of Ashcroft fading along the rail to shoot ahead and turned for home with both Tarantino and **Express Train (Union Rags)** looming. But with a safe margin built up, the 16-1 chance turned the tables on the older horses and came home clear with only 20-1 shot **American Admiral (American Pharoah)** making up ground on him late and just missing for the placing.

"It's such an honor to win this race," said O'Neill. "My mom Dixie was really good friends with Laffit Pincay Jr.'s mom and we are really good friends with his brother Alonso, so the Pincay family really means a lot to us. He still looks like he can still ride today, it's amazing and a huge honor. Janie Buss and the whole Buss family they are so generous. She donates all of the earnings of any of her beautiful horses that make any money to different causes. This is really to her because she wanted to take a chance after his last couple of efforts. We took a chance, and it worked out perfect."

Fresu added: "My trip was great, amazing it was what we had planned. What about this training performance by Doug (O'Neill)? This horse he kept improving and now he is in graded stakes, that was amazing. I feel very excited to see where he goes next. Today, what I was thinking was if the track was fast, to get a nice trip out in front, or be pretty close. I thought the horse had a good chance. He proved to us his ability."

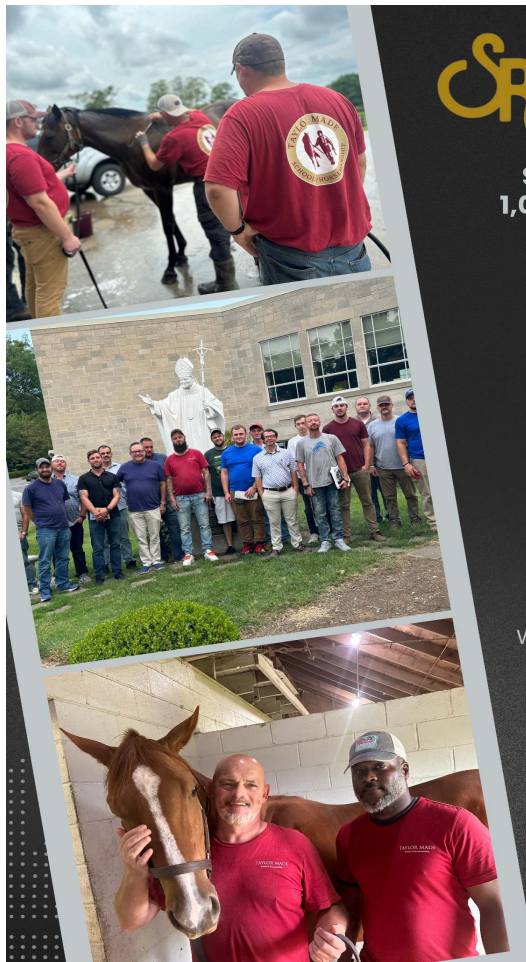
Pedigree Notes:

J B Strikes Back is now the second graded stakes winner under stakes-winning first dam Allanah, joining his talented older half-brother Reincarnate (**Good Magic**) who took the GIII Sham Stakes and also placed in the GI Arkansas Derby, the GI FanDuel Racing Pacific Classic Stakes and the GI Santa Anita Handicap. Allanah, who last went under the hammer for \$105,000 at Keeneland November in 2018, is a half to MGSP Over Emphasize (Overanalyze) and this is the family of two-time Peruvian champion grass horse Zeide Isaac (Freud). J B Strikes Back, the eighth graded stakes winner for Goldencents, has an unraced 2-year-old half-brother by **Liam's Map** and a weanling half-sister by **Good Magic** while Allanah went to **Life Is Good** for 2025.



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Thursday, Santa Anita

LAFFIT PINCAY, JR. S.-GII, \$201,500, Santa Anita, 12-26, 3yo/up, 1 1/16m, 1:43.80, ft.

1--J B STRIKES BACK, 119, g, 3, by Goldencents

1st Dam: Allanah (SW), by Scat Daddy

2nd Dam: Star in the Corner, by Holy Bull

3rd Dam: Stubborn Star, by Star Choice

1ST BLACK TYPE WIN, 1ST GRADED STAKES WIN. (\$80,000 Ylg '22 KEESEP; \$52,000 2yo '23 OBSMAR). O-Purple Rein Racing; B-Woods Edge Farm, LLC (KY); T-Doug F. O'Neill; J-Antonio Fresu. \$120,000. Lifetime Record: 9-4-0-0, \$191,660.

*1/2 to Reincarnate (Good Magic), GSW & MGISP, \$727,900.

Werk Nick Rating: A+++ *Triple Plus*

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2--Tarantino, 121, g, 6, Pioneerof the Nile--Without Delay, by Seeking the Gold. (\$610,000 Ylg '19 KEESEP; \$240,000 RNA 2yo '20 KEENOV; \$235,000 3yo '21 KEENOV). O-David A. Bernsen LLC and Rockingham Ranch; B-Fred W. Hertrich III & John D. Fielding (KY); T-Peter Eurton. \$40,000.

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3--American Admiral, 121, g, 6, American Pharoah--Escampette, by Smart Strike. **1ST GRADED BLACK TYPE.** (\$340,000 Wlg '18 KEENOV; \$1,300,000 Ylg '19 KEESEP). O-Donnie Crevier; B-Dixiana Farms LLC (KY); T-Tim Yakteen. \$24,000.

Margins: 1 1/4, NO, 1 3/4. Odds: 16.40, 3.50, 20.50.

Also Ran: Express Train, Ashcroft, Katonah, Goldeneye, Lammas (GB). Click for the Equibase.com chart and the TJCIS.com PPs.

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OPENING-DAY ATTENDANCE, ALL-SOURCES HANDLE UP AT SANTA ANITA

An announced on-track crowd of 41,562 welcomed the return of live racing to Santa Anita Thursday afternoon, the largest non-weekend or holiday crowd on opening day since 1990 and biggest opening-day crowd in eight years, track officials said late Thursday. Total all-sources handle of more than \$21.4 million was the third-highest in track history for an opening-day program and marked a 17.4% increase over 2023. It was the fourth time in the last seven years that handle exceeded \$20 million.

"Our Racing Office offered an exceptional program, the owners and trainers supported it, and the horseplayers and fans strongly responded to kick off our 90th year," said Nate Newby, Santa Anita's SVP & General Manager. "We are thankful to everyone who worked hard to make it a success, especially those who joined us to not only witness terrific racing but enjoy

the events on track. The Southern California weather could not have been more cooperative, and this was a terrific way to start the celebration at The Great Race Place."

The afternoon featured not only three Grade I races for 3-year-olds and a record-breaking performance from jockey Flavien Prat, but also included the inaugural running of the GII Laffit Pincay, Jr. Stakes, with the hall of famer on hand to make the trophy presentation. Pincay, Jr. turns 78 this coming weekend.

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Hall of Famer Laffit Pincay, Jr. congratulates Antonio Fresu following Thursday's stakes named in his honor | Benoit

STEWART: "DIDIA NOT RETIRED", BUT WILL MISS DEFENSE OF PEGASUS F/M TURF

Contrary to statements given to the Gulfstream Park press office by trainer Ignacio Correias IV, Merriebelle Stable and Resolute Racing's Grade I winner **Didia (Arg)** (Orpen--Delambre {Brz}, by Rainbow Corner) has not been retired from racing and is currently resting at Resolute Farm, part-owner John Stewart said on X late Thursday. Stewart did indicate that the mare would be forced to miss a defense of her title in the GIII Pegasus World Cup Filly & Mare Turf.

"It has been a rough couple of days for @resracingky," Stewart posted. "There was a press release issued today about DIDIA being retired.

"We have NOT retired DIDIA. DIDIA will not be competing in the Pegasus due to a procedure she had a couple of days ago. "She is currently resting on our farm."

A two-time Group 1 winner and champion 3-year-old filly in her native Argentina, Didia won the first four starts of her U.S. campaign, culminating with a win in the GIII Modesty Stakes at Churchill Downs in May 2023. She was runner-up in the GI New York Stakes that June before returning to the winner's circle in the GII Rodeo Drive Stakes in October. **Cont. p15**

Didia cont.

Didia opened 2024 with a win in the Pegasus World Cup F/M Turf and added John Stewart's Resolute Racing to her ownership line after that effort. The 6-year-old mare returned to be third for the new partnership in the Apr. 12 GI Jenny Wiley Stakes and won the New York Stakes at Saratoga in June. She was mostly third in the Nov. 2 GI Breeders' Cup F/M Turf. On the board in 15 of 20 starts, Didia has won 11 times and amassed earnings of \$1,754,511.



Didia | Sarah Andrew

Looking for his next star for Resolute Racing, Correas will saddle **Tutta La Vita** (The Autumn Sun {Aus}) in her North American debut in Saturday's opener at Gulfstream, an optional claiming allowance for fillies and mares, three and up, scheduled for one mile on the turf.

"It's very exciting. She's training very well. It's her first time in America and we hope she runs a good race," Correas said. "She's done well since she's been here; if not, we would have waited longer. We're looking forward to her running."

Stewart purchased Tutta La Vita, a three-time Group 1-placed mare in Australia, for \$2,105,447 from the Inglis Chairman Sale in the spring.

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WELL-RELATED GOLD ROUND EUTHANIZED AT OLD FRIENDS

Gold Round (Ire) (Caerleon--Born Gold, by Blushing Groom {Fr}), a French Group 3-winning half-sister to three-time GI Breeders' Cup Mile heroine Goldikova (Ire) (Anabaa), was euthanized in her paddock at Old Friends Retirement Facility in Georgetown, Kentucky, on Dec. 19. She was 27 years old and had resided at Old Friends since September 2020, when she was retired by LNJ Foxwoods' Larry, Nanci and Jaime Roth.

Bred by Wertheimer et Frere and trained for the brothers by Crique Head, Gold Round won her maiden in her fourth career start and by the end of her freshman campaign in 1999, had taken out the Listed Prix des Sablonnets. She posted her career high at three the following season, winning the G3 Prix Cleopatre before retiring with three wins from 10 starts.

Gold Round produced a pair of black-type winners from her first 10 foals before selling to LNJ Foxwoods for €520,000 at the 2012 Arqana December Sale. The Dalakhani (Ire) filly she was carrying at the time of her purchase became LNJ Foxwoods' Group 3 winner Golden Valentine (Fr), who has since gone on to produce Ancient Wisdom (Fr) (Dubawi {Ire}), winner of the 2023 G1 Kameko Futurity Trophy for Godolphin and Charlie Appleby, who was bred in partnership with Ecurie des Monceaux. Gold Round is the dam of four further stakes horses, including Gill Robert J. Frankel Stakes winner and GI Rodeo Drive Stakes runner-up Luck (Kitten's Joy). She was retired from breeding duties in 2020.

The first two mares the Roths sent to Old Friends were Gold Round and Mystery Trip. Shortly after, Hi Dubai (GB) was sent to the farm as well. Gold Round was the last remaining retiree of the three original LNJ mares at Old Friends, as 22-year-old Mystery Trip was euthanized on May 1, 2023 due to chronic foot issues and 24-year old Hi Dubai died earlier this year on Aug. 24.

"I am saddened by the loss of Gold Round," said John Nicholson, President and CEO of Old Friends. "I enjoyed seeing this sweet mare in the LNJ Foxwoods paddock every day from my office window. In addition to being a remarkably successful broodmare, she and her paddock mates served as reminder of the Roth family's devotion to their horses and their partnership with Old Friends. We are consoled that leaving us at 27 years old, she enjoyed rich and happy retirement years with her LNJ Foxwood companions."

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Gold Round at Old Friends | Laura Battles



NYTB STALLION SEASON AUCTION SET FOR JAN. 3-7



Najja Thompson | Fasig-Tipton photo

The New York Thoroughbred Breeders (NYTB) will hold its annual stallion season auction from Friday, Jan. 3 through Tuesday, Jan. 7. The event will be hosted online at [Thoroughbred.com](https://thoroughbred.com).

The auction has routinely attracted donated seasons from farms in the Empire State and Kentucky, including McMahon of Saratoga Thoroughbreds, Sequel New York, Irish Hill & Dutchess Views Stallions, Rockridge Stud, Spendthrift Farm, Darley America, Darby Dan Farm and additional farms.

The annual auction raises funds that allow the NYTBB to carry on its two-fold mission of promoting New York breeding and racing and protecting the welfare of industry stakeholders.

"Each year, the proceeds from our stallion season auction support NYTBB and the interests of our members and breeders who participate in the New York-bred program," said New York Thoroughbred Breeders Executive Director Najja Thompson. "The auction offers breeders a diverse selection of stallions based in New York, Kentucky, and additional states for breeders to appropriately match their mares."

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3	Mrs. Astor	Lookin At Lucky	Augustin Stables	Thomas	Dettori	125
4	Rashmi	Oscar Performance	Augustin Stables	Thomas	Rosario	119
5	Omaha Girl 🌿	Omaha Beach	Amo Racing USA, LLC	Papaprodromou	Baze	121
6	Mouffy	Uncle Mo	Augustin Stables	Thomas	Cheminaud	125
7	Hang the Moon 🌿	Uncle Mo	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	War Front	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	City of Light	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

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

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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 Nevado, 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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4th-SA, \$60K, Msw, 3yo, 6f, post time: 4:32 p.m. ET

Zedan Racing Stables' **COLLMUS (Gun Runner)**, purchased for \$2.2 million at the 2023 OBS April sale, makes his belated debut for trainer Bob Baffert. The bay colt is out of Perfect Wife (Majesticperfection) and is a full-brother to GIII Indiana Oaks winner Runaway Wife. John Shirreffs saddles C R K Stable's firster **Pursuit of Freedom (Speightstown)**. The gelding was purchased for \$725,000 at Keeneland September in 2022. The 3-5 favorite is **March of Time (Justify)**, who makes his first start since a strong runner-up effort in his debut last December. He ran in the colors of Susan Magnier, Derrick Smith and Michael Tabor that day, but returns here for Bregman Family Racing, Buehler Family and Jill Baffert. Out of Untouched Talent (Storm Cat), he is a half-brother to Grade I winner Bodemeister (Empire Maker) and graded winner Under the Stars (Pioneerof the Nile).

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IN ORDER OF PURSE:

RAMPART S., \$125,000, Gulfstream, 12-26, 3yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:38.01, ft.

1--**WINDY WALK**, 118, f, 3, **Munnings--Missalaney (MSP)**, by **Badge of Silver**. (\$90,000 RNA Ylg '22 KEESEP). **1ST BLACK TYPE WIN.** O/B-Richard Perkins (KY); T-Christopher Davis; J-Tyler Gaffalione. \$77,500. Lifetime Record: 14-7-0-1, \$321,102.

2--**Power Squeeze**, 122, f, 3, **Union Rags--Callmethesqueeze**, by **Awesome Again**. (\$50,000 Ylg '22 KEESEP; \$90,000 2yo '23 OBSAPR). O-Lea Farms, LLC; B-Forging Oaks LLC (KY); T-Jorge Delgado. \$25,000.

3--**Soul of an Angel**, 125, m, 5, **Atreides--Factor One**, by **The Factor**. (\$3,000 RNA Ylg '20 FTKOCT). O-C2 Racing Stable LLC, Agave Racing Stable & Ken T Reimer; B-Westbrook Stables LLC (KY); T-Saffie A. Joseph, Jr. \$12,500.

Margins: NK, HD, 3 1/4. Odds: 14.10, 2.60, 0.40.

Also Ran: Dazzling Move, Charlie's Wish. Scratched: Intrepid Daydream, Save Time, Unsolved Mystery.

Windy Walk, the longest shot in the five-horse field, upset her more-fancied Grade I-winning foes with a wire-to-wire victory in the Rampart Stakes Thursday at Gulfstream Park. The chestnut filly was quickly at the head of affairs and was under a snug hold while setting a dawdling opening quarter of :25.82 as GI Alabama Stakes winner and 5-2 second choice Power Squeeze and GI Breeders' Cup F/M Sprint winner and 2-5 favorite Soul of an Angel were second last and last, respectively. Power Squeeze rolled up three wide on the far turn and looked ready to take the lead into the stretch, but Windy Walk kicked away again. Power Squeeze was coming back at her late and Soul of Angel, who had tipped to the center of the track at the top of the lane, was closing rapidly, but the longshot held on gamely to the wire.

"It was just depending on the break," winning rider Tyler Gaffalione said of his pre-race plans. "[Dazzling Move] looked like she had a little bit of speed, but when she stumbled, I just gave my filly her head and we were able to get away with nice easy fractions. I was fairly confident around the turn. She was throwing her ears back and forth and felt like I had a little bit left. I was just hoping we could hold off the late rush, but she gave me everything she had. I'm just so proud of her."

Windy Wind had plied her trade mostly in the claiming ranks in her previous 13 lifetime starts. The chestnut filly broke her maiden versus \$20,000 maiden claimers at Keeneland in April and was a well beaten sixth in her only other stakes start to date in the July 12 Wilton Stakes at Saratoga. She came into the Rampart off three straight starter allowance wins: at Churchill Sept. 29, Keeneland Oct. 26 and Churchill Nov. 20. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

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Windy Walk holds off Power Squeeze and Soul of an Angel
Lauren King

VIA BORGHESE S., \$125,000, Gulfstream, 12-26, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 3/8mT, 2:14.42, fm.

1--**LA MEHANA (FR)**, 125, m, 5, **Al Wukair (Ire)--Oceanie (Fr)**, by **Dansili (GB)**. (€55,000 RNA Ylg '20 ARDEAY; €400,000 4yo '23 ARQDEN). O-LSU Stables; B-S.A. Haras du Mezeray (FR); T-Christophe Clement; J-Dylan Davis. \$75,950. Lifetime Record: MSW & G1SP-Fr, GSW-US. 18-7-1-3, \$400,122. *1/2 to Ocean Fantasy (Fr) (Make Believe {GB}), Hwt. Filly-Ger, GSW-Ger.

2--**Forever After All**, 121, m, 5, **Connect--Julia Tuttle**, by Giant's Causeway. (\$290,000 RNA Ylg '20 KEESEP). O/B-Dixiana Farms LLC (KY); T-Brendan P. Walsh. \$24,500.

3--**Marksman Queen (GB)**, 123, f, 4, **Dubawi (Ire)--Sharp Susan**, by Touch Gold. O/B-Cayton Park Stud Ltd (GB); T-H. Graham Motion. \$12,250.

Margins: NK, HF, 1. Odds: 2.30, 1.00, 4.40.

Also Ran: Three Priests (Jpn), Ballado's Beach (Arg), Avenue Niel (Ire), Lady Firefoot. Scratched: Shiloh's Mistress, Thirty Thou Kelvin, Whatlovelookslike.

La Mehana held off late-closing favorite Forever After All to narrowly win the Via Borghese Stakes at Gulfstream Thursday. Racing four wide, bay mare pulled herself up to within striking

position entering the stretch for the first time and was still tugging under a snug hold as the half went up in :50.70. Let loose entering the far turn, La Mehana took over from longtime leader Marksman Queen in upper stretch and inched clear of that stubborn foe as Forever After All came flying late to just miss.

"They were slowing it down for me and I was able to get a little more position early, which is what I wanted," said winning rider Dylan Davis. "She gave me a nice run to the wire and fought off [Forever After All] again."

La Mehana, third in her final European outing in the G1 Prix de Royallieu at Longchamp last September, was purchased by trainer Christophe Clement for \$430,503 at the 2023 Arqana December sale. She opened her U.S. campaign with third-place efforts in the Mar. 30 GIII Orchid Stakes at Gulfstream and the May 3 GIII Sheepshead Bay Stakes at Aqueduct and earned her first stateside win in the Oct. 4 GIII Waya Stakes at Aqueduct and was most recently seventh in the Nov. 10 GIII Long Island Stakes. La Mehana has a yearling half-brother by **Zarak (Fr)**. **Click for Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

JOSEPH E. SPANKY BROUSSARD MEMORIAL S., \$97,000, Fair Grounds, 12-26, 3yo/up, f/m, 1m 70y, 1:43.20, ft.

1--**HOOSIER PHILLY, 124, f, 4, Into Mischief--Tapella**, by **Tapit**. (\$510,000 Ylg '21 KEESEP). O-Gold Standard Racing Stable, LLC; B-Candy Meadows LLC (KY); T-Thomas M. Amoss; J-Edgar Morales. \$60,000. Lifetime Record: GSW, 16-6-1-1, \$924,455.

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2--**Nom de Plume**, 118, f, 4, **Uncle Mo--Casting Director**, by Bernardini. (\$535,000 RNA Ylg '21 KEESEP). **1ST BLACK TYPE**. O-Bonne Chance Farm LLC; B-Bonne Chance Farm LLC (KY); T-Paulo H. Lobo. \$20,000.

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3--**Tryinmyheartout**, 124, f, 4, **Into Mischief--Miss Hollywood**, by Malibu Moon. (\$400,000 Ylg '21 FTSAUG; \$625,000 RNA 2yo '22 OBSOPN). O-Brittlyn Stable, Inc.; B-Brinker Hill Farm, Inc. (KY); T-Shane Wilson. \$10,000.

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Margins: 4 3/4, HF, 2 1/4. Odds: 0.90, 1.70, 23.90.

Also Ran: Lexa, Bru Na Boinne, Bow Draw. Scratched: Champagne Rose (Brz), Low Country Magic.

Making her first start since an off-the-board finish in Churchill's GII Locust Grove Stakes Sept. 14, Hoosier Philly returned to the races and to the winner's circle Thursday in the Joseph E. Spanky Broussard Memorial Stakes at the Fair Grounds. The Tom Amoss trainee has struggled of late to find the form that launched her career in 2022, with only one win this season when she took the Dig A Diamond Stakes at Oaklawn in April.

Returning to the Fair Grounds where she contested the Road to the Kentucky Oaks last year, the 4-5 favorite flashed her usual early speed and set the tempo from the rail, leading clearly ahead of Nom de Plume who chased her throughout. Turning back only a minor challenge from Tryinmyheartout past the half in :48.35, Hoosier Philly again built up a gap and stayed well clear to come home under wraps.



Hoosier Philly | Hodges Photography

“We did have to stop on her because she had a throat issue that we took care of,” said Amoss. “It had probably been lingering a long time but it didn't really show itself. Her training for this race had been brilliant. But she's always been a brilliant horse in the morning. This was a test for the horse to see what she can do. We're very excited about her and looking forward to a 2025 campaign.”

Out of a \$750,000 yearling in Tapella, Hoosier Philly herself brought \$510,000 at Keeneland in 2021. The dam has a 2-year-old **Justify** colt named American Promise who placed for D. Wayne Lukas and a yearling **Munnings** filly. After taking a year off, Tapella went to **Gun Runner** for 2025. **Click for the Equibase.com chart.**

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5th-Santa Anita, \$75,578, Alw (NW1\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$50,000), 12-26, 3yo/up, f/m, 1mT, 1:34.42, fm, nose.

MOMENT'S PLEASURE (f, 3, Clubhouse Ride--Lamazone, by Lemon Drop Kid), winner of the one-mile Solana Beach Stakes at Del Mar in August, was a well-beaten sixth in the 1 3/8-mile GIII Red Carpet Stakes at the oceanside oval last time out Nov. 24. The 5-1 shot was three wide into the first turn while rating off the early pace. She moved up to challenge the pacesetter approaching the lane, took over in upper stretch and was all out to hold off Lady Claypoole (Ire) (**Starspangledbanner {Aus}**) by a nose with Word Play (GB) (**Saxon Warrior {Jpn}**) 3/4 lengths back in third. The winner has a yearling full-sister. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

Lifetime Record: SW, 13-4-4-1, \$293,340.

O-Rainmaker Racing LLC & Bret Lewis; B-Rainmaker Racing LLC, Ben & Sally Warren & Bret Lewis (CA); T-Craig Anthony Lewis.

3rd-Fair Grounds, \$61,000, Alw (NW3\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$80,000), 12-26, 3yo/up, 1 1/16m (off turf), 1:44.56, ft, 11 3/4 lengths.

LIBERAL ARTS (c, 3, Arrogate--Ismene {MSW, \$236,990}, by Tribal Rule) spent his spring on the Kentucky Derby trail after finishing his juvenile campaign with a win in the GIII **Street Sense** Stakes. Third in the GIII Southwest Stakes to eventual Derby winner Mystik Dan (Goldencents), he was off the board in both the GI Arkansas Derby and the GIII Lexington Stakes before taking some time off, resurfacing at Churchill to win his comeback allowance effort by a head Nov. 6 while posting a career high 91 Beyer Speed Figure. Thursday's 4-5 favorite was meant for the turf here in what would have been his grass debut, but wound up on an off main track. Kept outside from his wide draw, Liberal Arts stayed in close proximity to pacesetter Create Trouble (Into Mischief) and was more than prepared to launch a bid off the far turn, overtaking the early leader and coming home wrapped up to an easy 11 3/4-length win. Out of Deductions (**Nyquist**) led in the rest of a strung-out field.

Ismene, who has already produced Nardini (Acclamation), MSP, \$205,866 and Ismelucky (Lucky Pulpit), SW, \$167,062, has not been reported bred since 2022 when she sold in foal to **Liam's Map** for \$65,000 at FTKFEB to Mike Abraham. Lifetime Record: GSW, 10-4-1-3, \$450,845. **Click for the Equibase.com chart.**

O/B-Stephen & Evan Ferraro (KY); T-Brad H. Cox.

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5th-Turfway, \$80,000, Msw, 12-26, 2yo, f, 6 1/2f (AWT), 1:17.51, ft, 5 1/4 lengths.

MAGICAL BETTE (f, 2, Good Magic--Forest Gamble, by Forest Wildcat), third facing the boys behind GSW Mentee (City of Light) at Aqueduct June 15, left the Bill Mott barn and made her first start for trainer Wesley War Thursday on the Tapeta facing her own gender. The 4-5 favorite showed the way from start to finish, setting an uncontested lead from the jump and coming home largely unchallenged to be 5 1/4 lengths ahead of Maclean's Lullaby (Maclean's Music) on the line. A \$600,000 FTSAUG yearling, Magical Bette is a half to both Blueblood (City Zip), SW, \$142,732 and Gamble's Candy (Twirling Candy), SW, \$142,186. Forest Gamble, herself a half to MGSW Gamble's Ghost (Ghostzapper), saw her Charlatan yearling colt bring \$425,000 at KEESEP this year. She reported a colt by Cyberknife this year and is due to Elite Power. Sales History: \$600,000 Ylg '23 FTSAUG. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, \$57,437. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**


O-Arnmore Thoroughbreds, LLC, Carl F. Pascarella and Yurie Pascarella; B-Tall Oaks Farm (KY); T-Wesley A. Ward.

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3rd-Santa Anita, \$63,000, Msw, 12-26, 2yo, f, 1mT, 1:34.65, fm, 3 1/4 lengths.

SLICK (IRE) (f, 2, Oasis Dream {GB}--Shurooq {GB}, by Dubawi {Ire}), who debuted in Ireland in early September, shipped stateside and was off the board in her U.S. unveiling Nov. 3 and again in the Gill Jimmy Durante Stakes Nov. 30. Back against maidens Thursday at her third straight try over the distance, the 8-5 second choice stalked just off the pace up the backstretch, tipped out to engage Lee's Baby Girl (Malibu Moon) off the turn and was kept to her task late to check in 3 1/4 lengths ahead of a closing Beehavin (Hightail). Shurooq sold with the winner in utero for 160,000gns at the Tattersalls December Mares Sale in 2021 and is herself a daughter of European champion 2-year-old filly Natagora (Fr) (Divine Line {Jpn}). Slick's youngest sibling is a yearling half-sister by Teofilo (Ire). Sales History: €48,000 Ylg '23 GOFOR2. Lifetime Record: 4-1-1-0, \$43,853. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

O-Little Red Feather Racing, Sterling Stables, LLC and Marsha Naify; B-Newtown Anner Stud (IRE); T-Philip D'Amato.

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2nd-Santa Anita, \$61,000, Msw, 12-26, 2yo, 6f, 1:09.97, ft, 1/2 length.

MADAKET ROAD (c, 2, Quality Road--Frolic's Dream {GSW, \$294,094}, by Smoke Glacken) was runner-up while making his debut in the seven-furlong GIII Bob Hope Stakes at Del Mar Nov. 17. The 4-5 favorite raced just off the heels of a three-way battle for the early lead as the quarter went up in :21.99. Stablemate San Saba (Justify) assumed control around the far turn as Madaket Road fell further off the pace through a half in :44.50. San Saba was struggling to put a stubborn longshot Kokosan (Unified) away down the lane, while Madaket Road was finding his best stride in the center of the track. He powered to the lead in deep stretch and was a half-length in front of the late-closing Father Ted (Practical Joke) at the wire. San Saba was 3 1/2 lengths back in third and Kokosan was fourth. Madaket Road is a half-brother to Wyeth (Candy Ride {Arg}), GSP, \$231,498; and to Bode's Dream (Bodemeister), MSW, \$202,905. He was a \$650,000 FTSAUG yearling. Frolic's Dream, a half-sister to graded winner Mokat (Uncle Mo), has a weanling filly by War Front and was bred back to Quality Road. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.** Lifetime Record: GSP, 2-1-1-0, \$56,000.

O-SF Racing LLC, Starlight Racing, Madaket Stables LLC, Dianne Bashor, Determined Stables, Robert Masterson, Tom Ryan, Waves Edge Capital LLC & Catherine Donovan; B-SF Bloodstock LLC (KY); T-Bob Baffert.

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8th-Fair Grounds, \$58,000, Msw, 12-26, 2yo, 6f, 1:09.85, ft, 1 1/4 lengths.

GUNMETAL (c, 2, Gun Runner--Classy Dancer {MSP}, by Speightstown) immediately engaged fellow 'Insight' runner Prime Power (Medaglia d'Oro) to his inside and that promising pair stayed together nearly the entire length of the race. The second and third choices in the wagering at 3-1 and 7-2 respectively, the two threw down through fractions of :21.88 and :44.89 and opened up a sizable gap back to third once they spun off the far turn and came for the wire head and head. It was Prime Power who blinked first, yielding any advantage he once had in the final yards as Gunmetal surged to victory by 1 1/4 lengths. Fanatical (Nyquist) was a further 7 1/4 lengths back in third.

A \$410,000 KEESEP grad, Gunmetal is out of MSP Classy Dancer, a \$290,000 RNA at KEENOV last year who has produced one other winner from three foals to race. This is the extended family of GISW Paynter (Awesome Again), while third dam Tizso is a full-sister to Horse of the Year Tiznow. Gunmetal has a weanling half-brother by **Life Is Good** and Classy Dancer is due back to the same WinStar stallion next year. Sales History: \$410,000 Ylg '23 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$34,800. [Click for the Equibase.com chart.](#)

O-WinStar Farm LLC, CHC INC, and Siena Farm LLC; B-Andrew N. Warren (KY); T-Brad H. Cox.

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11th-Fair Grounds, \$58,000, Msw, 12-26, 2yo, f, 1 1/16m, 1:46.31, ft, 5 1/2 lengths.

GOWELLS DELIGHT (f, 2, Practical Joke--Hello Charlie, by Indian Charlie), a 14-1 shot, broke sharply and was on the lead in the early going, but lost her advantage to Black Dog (**Quality Road**) around the first turn and settled within striking distance down the backstretch. Tipped out four wide at the top of the lane, the bay filly surged to the lead inside the final furlong and powered clear to score by 5 1/2 lengths. Something Stronger (**Justify**) was second and Black Dog third. The winner was a \$150,000 KEESEP yearling. Hello Charlie, who died last year, leaves behind a yearling filly by **Audible**. [Click for the Equibase.com chart.](#) Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$34,800.

O-Fern Circle Stables; B-Tim Thornton & Gray Lang (KY); T-Kenneth G. McPeck.



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1st-Gulfstream, \$42,000, Msw, 12-26, 2yo, f, 5ft, :55.00, fm, 1/2 length.

THANKFULLY (f, 2, Tom's d'Etat--Southern Sis {SW, \$209,022}, by Kantharos) missed by a half-length in her unveiling on a muddy main track July 12, took four months off and returned to be third over course and distance Nov. 9. Away to a quick beginning, the 5-2 narrow second choice set the pace just ahead of Theatrix (Street Boss) around the far turn. Determined along the rail, she kept finding as race favorite Unshakeable (Improbable) charged late, but came up a half-length short. The 17th winner for her freshman sire (by Smart Strike), Thankfully is the last foal out of stakes-winning Southern Sis who passed away in 2022. Sales History: \$10,000 Ylg '23 KEEJAN. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-1, \$36,000. [Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.](#)

O-JR Ranch; B-SF Bloodstock LLC (KY); T-Gustavo Delgado.

3rd-Tampa Bay Downs, \$32,000, Msw, 12-24, 2yo, f, 7f, 1:23.10, ft, 2 lengths.

JUNTA (f, 2, Constitution--I Thee Wed, by Hard Spun), let go at 7-1, was unhurried from the gate and improved her position to be a stalking third down the backstretch. She skimmed the rail to take the lead on the far turn and skipped away into the stretch en route to a two-length graduation. Junta was a \$50,000 KEESEP yearling and RNA'd for \$75,000 at this year's OBS June sale. I Thee Wed, a daughter of multiple graded winner India (Hennessy), produced a colt by **Munnings** in 2023 and a colt by **Curlin** this year. India is a half-sister to Grade I winners To Honor and Serve (Bernardini) and Angela Renee (Bernardini). [Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.](#) Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$19,200.

O-Jacob Spooner & David Menard; B-Summer Wind Equine LLC (KY); T-Anthony J. Granitz.

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Miami Breeze, c, 2, Echo Town--Chamade, by Flatter. Rome, 12-24, Premio AW Christmas Juvenile (Hcp.), 1500m (AWT), 1:34.9. O-Scuderia Tirrenia; B-John O'Meara (KY); T-Affe' Galoppo Di Affe' A Soc Al SRL. *\$11,000 RNA Wlg '22 KEENOV; \$18,000 Ylg '23 FTKOCT. **VIDEO**

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IN SAUDI ARABIA:

Lady Safiah, f, 2, **Caravaggio**--Dragonberry, by Unbridled's Song. King Abdulaziz, 12-26, Allowance, 1200m. B-International Equities Holding Inc (KY). *\$2,500 Ylg '23 KEEJAN; \$5,000 Ylg '23 WANJUN. **VIDEO**



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**IN SAUDI ARABIA:**

Swing the Ring (Ire), g, 3, **Not This Time**--Morediamondsplease, by More Than Ready. King Abdulaziz, 12-26, Novice (0-1 wins), 1800m. B-BHMFR LLC. *€150,000 Ylg '22 GOFSEP; €197,531 RNA 2yo '23 GOFDUB; €90,000 RNA 2yo '23 ARQJUL; 50,000gns HRA '24 TATFEB. **VIDEO**

**FIRST-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: FRIDAY, DECEMBER 27**

2024 Stud Fees Listed

Bodexpress (Bodemeister), Pleasant Acres Stallions, \$3,500
53 foals of racing age/8 winners/1 black-type winner
7-Turf Paradise, 5:09 p.m. EST, \$40K Lost in the Fog Juvenile S., 6
1/2f, Just Trust Me, 6-1
\$3,500 NCA AU yrl

Complexity (Maclean's Music), Airdrie Stud, \$12,500
121 foals of racing age/21 winners/5 black-type winners
1-Aqueduct, 12:10 p.m. EST, Msw 7f, She's Complicated, 4-1
\$14,000 RNA KEE SEP yrl; \$100,000 EAS MAY 2yo

Country House (Lookin At Lucky), Darby Dan Farm, \$7,500
39 foals of racing age/6 winners/0 black-type winners
2-Mahoning Valley, 1:12 p.m. EST, Msw 6f, Foxy's Country Hit,
5-2

Higher Power (Medaglia d'Oro), Darby Dan Farm, \$10,000
92 foals of racing age/4 winners/0 black-type winners
2-Mahoning Valley, 1:12 p.m. EST, Msw 6f, Josefina, 6-1

Honor A. P. (Honor Code), Lane's End Farm, \$10,000
80 foals of racing age/12 winners/1 black-type winner
7-Gulfstream, 3:40 p.m. EST, Msw 1 1/16m, Derry Girl, 9-5
\$45,000 KEE NOV wnl; \$65,000 KEE SEP yrl
1-Aqueduct, 12:10 p.m. EST, Msw 7f, Mega Mil, 5-2
\$25,000 KEE NOV wnl; \$85,000 FTK JUL yrl

Improbable (City Zip), WinStar Farm, \$15,000
128 foals of racing age/18 winners/1 black-type winner
7-Gulfstream, 3:40 p.m. EST, Msw 1 1/16m, Indeed, 3-1
\$385,000 FTS AUG yrl

Instagrاند (Into Mischief), Taylor Made Farm, \$7,500
136 foals of racing age/20 winners/1 black-type winner
9-Turfway, 9:55 p.m. EST, Msw 6f, Canon Trail, 30-1
\$15,000 KEE JAN wnl; \$45,000 FTK OCT yrl; \$10,000 OBS MAR 2yo

Shancelot (Shanghai Bobby), Buck Pond Farm, \$5,000
35 foals of racing age/6 winners/0 black-type winners
2-Mahoning Valley, 1:12 p.m. EST, Msw 6f, Shanghai Delight, 10-1

Spun to Run (Hard Spun), Gainesway Farm, \$10,000
91 foals of racing age/15 winners/0 black-type winners
5-Penn National, 8:11 p.m. EST, Alw 6f, Twenty One Kid, 6-1
\$15,000 FTK OCT yrl; \$22,000 EAS MAY 2yo

Thousand Words (Pioneerof the Nile), Spendthrift Farm, \$5,000
124 foals of racing age/19 winners/3 black-type winners
2-Mahoning Valley, 1:12 p.m. EST, Msw 6f, A Thousand Prayers,
10-1
\$4,500 FTK OCT yrl

Tiz the Law (Constitution), Coolmore Ashford, \$20,000
98 foals of racing age/21 winners/5 black-type winners
7-Gulfstream, 3:40 p.m. EST, Msw 1 1/16m, Grayleigh, 6-1
\$32,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$150,000 OBS OPN 2yo

Tom's d'Etat (Smart Strike), WinStar Farm, \$7,500
79 foals of racing age/17 winners/0 black-type winners
7-Turf Paradise, 5:09 p.m. EST, \$40K Lost in the Fog Juvenile S., 6
1/2f, Take Charge Tom, 9-2

Vekoma (Candy Ride {Arg}), Spendthrift Farm, \$15,000
163 foals of racing age/37 winners/4 black-type winners
9-Turfway, 9:55 p.m. EST, Msw 6f, Flying Delilah, 10-1
\$27,000 RNA KEE SEP yrl
8-Tampa Bay Downs, 4:25 p.m. EST, Msw 1m, Lastabitolonger, 6-1
\$80,000 KEENOV wnl; \$200,000 FTKJUL yrl; \$48,000 OBSOPN 2yo
9-Turfway, 9:55 p.m. EST, Msw 6f, Sweet Scorecard, 15-1
\$17,000 FTK OCT yrl; \$35,000 OBS MAR 2yo
2-Mahoning Valley, 1:12 p.m. EST, Msw 6f, Ubetchamister, 2-1
\$35,000 FTK OCT yrl; \$60,000 EAS MAY 2yo

Yorkton (Speightstown), Crestwood Farm, \$5,000
 32 foals of racing age/4 winners/0 black-type winners
 5-Penn National, 8:11 p.m. EST, Alw 6f, Colonel Bob, 5-2

SECOND-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: FRIDAY, DECEMBER 27

2024 Stud Fees Listed

Audible (Into Mischief), WinStar Farm, \$15,000
 262 foals of racing age/90 winners/5 black-type winners
 7-Turf Paradise, 5:09 p.m. EST, \$40K Lost in the Fog Juvenile S., 6
 1/2f, Border Vigil, 5-1
 \$50,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$57,000 RNA TTA APR 2yo; \$12,000 FTD
 JUN 2yo
 3-Cross Country Pick X, 3:35 p.m. EST, \$100K Bay Ridge S. AQU -
 R8, 1m, Call Her Bluff, 15-1
 \$60,000 RNA SAR AUG yrl; \$22,000 EAS MAY 2yo

Catalina Cruiser (Union Rags), Porta Pia Farm, \$10,000
 173 foals of racing age/62 winners/1 black-type winner
 3-Cross Country Pick X, 3:35 p.m. EST, \$100K Bay Ridge S. AQU -
 R8, 1m, Cruise to Catalina, 6-1
 \$130,000 OBS MAR 2yo

Omaha Beach (War Front), Spendthrift Farm, \$40,000
 292 foals of racing age/77 winners/12 black-type winners
 7-Santa Anita, 6:04 p.m. EST, \$100K GIII Robert J. Frankel S., 1
 1/8mT, Omaha Girl, 15-1
 \$400,000 KEE SEP yrl

Vino Rosso (Curlin), Spendthrift Farm, \$20,000
 310 foals of racing age/105 winners/5 black-type winners
 8-Santa Anita, 6:46 p.m. EST, Msw 6f, Scusi, 8-1
 \$45,000 SAR AUG yrl; \$190,000 EAS MAY 2yo



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STAKES RESULTS:

NELSON J. MENARD MEMORIAL S., \$97,000, Fair Grounds,
 12-26, 3yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2f (off turf), 1:04.26, ft.
 1--**OEUVRE, 118, m, 5, Shackleford--Love This Kitten, by
 Kitten's Joy.** O/B-Richard Perkins (IL); T-Chris M. Block; J-David
 Cohen. \$60,000. Lifetime Record: GSP. 34-18-5-4, \$993,886.
 2--**Speedy Traveler, 118, f, 4, First Samurai--Less Traveled, by
 Gottcha Gold.** (\$70,000 Ylg '21 KEESEP). O-Rigney Racing LLC;
 B-Nicholas M. Lotz (KY); T-Philip A. Bauer. \$20,000.
 3--**Accomplished Girl, 124, f, 4, Street Boss--Dazzle, by Twirling
 Candy.** (\$22,000 Ylg '21 KEESEP; \$275,000 2yo '22 OBSAPR).
 O-Gentry Farms (A.P. Gentry); B-Jack Swain (KY); T-Steven M.
 Asmussen. \$10,000.



Margins: HD, 2 1/4, NO. Odds: 1.20, 3.00, 2.80.

CLASICO NAVIDAD, \$85,200, Camarero, 12-25, (S), 2yo,
 1 1/16m, 1:46.44, my.
 1--**IRON SKULL, 116, c, 2, by Midnight Storm--Angela's Smile,
 by Scat Daddy. 1ST BLACK TYPE WIN.** O-Skull Stable PR; B-Jose
 Dominici (PR); T-Edwin Texidor, Jr.; J-Erik Ramirez. \$49,416.
 Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$59,276.
 2--**Radiologo, 117, c, 2, Console--Gold Dance, by English
 Channel.** (\$21,000 Ylg '23 POTLOS). 1ST BLACK TYPE. O-Euro
 Racing; B-Potrero Los Llanos (PR); T-G Merced. \$17,040.
 3--**El Poderoso, 116, c, 2, Harlan's Pure--Eilatan, by Elusive
 Quality.** O-DMA Stable PR; B-Hacienda Los Nietos, Inc. (PR);
 T-Ghislaine Henriquez. \$8,520.
 Margins: 9 1/4, 3/4, 1 1/4. Odds: 1.50, 1.95, 3.70.

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

4th-Santa Anita, \$62,500, (S), (NW1\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$20,000),
 12-26, 3yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2f, 1:17.46, ft, 1/2 length.
BARBERA (f, 4, Stay Thirsty--Roman Wild, by Roman Ruler)
 Lifetime Record: 15-4-5-3, \$110,630. O-McLean Racing Stables;
 B-Myles McMahan (CA); T-Aggie Ordonez. *1/2 to Seattle Bold
 (Bold Chieftain), MSP, \$195,386.

7th-Fair Grounds, \$60,000, (NW2\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$50,000), 12-26,
 3yo/up, 1m 70y (off turf), 1:44.01, ft, 1 length.
SCAT FREE (g, 3, Free Drop Billy--Scat Sister, by Scat Daddy)
 Lifetime Record: 14-3-1-3, \$92,823. O-Dawn & Scotty Robin;
 B-Lynden Lynden Branch (KY); T-Shane Wilson.

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CASHMERE, by Cowboy Cal. Unraced. Dam of 8 foals, 6 to race, 6 winners--

ROMBAUER (c. by Twirling Candy). 3 wins at 2 and 3, \$1,040,500, Preakness S. [G1] (PIM, \$600,000), El Camino Real Derby [L] (GG, \$60,000), 2nd American Pharoah S. [G1] (SA, \$60,000), 3rd Belmont S. [G1] (BEL, \$150,000), Toyota Blue Grass S. [G2] (KEE, \$80,000).

Cono (g. by Lucky Pulpit). 3 wins, 2 to 5, \$191,982, 3rd Unusual Heat Turf Classic S.-R (SA, \$22,000).

Treasure Trove (g. by Tapizar). 14 wins, 3 to 8, \$527,968.

Republique (f. by Strong Mandate). 3 wins in 6 starts at 3, \$155,305.

Alexander Helios (c. by Cairo Prince). 3 wins, 3 to 4, \$265,870.

2nd dam

ULTRAFLEET, by Afleet. Unplaced. Dam of 7 winners, including--

CALIFORNIA FLAG (g. by Avenue of Flags). 11 wins, 4 to 8, \$1,137,225 in N.A./U.S., Hollywood Turf Express H. [G3] (HOL, \$90,000), Morvich H. [G3] (OSA, \$67,500) twice-once in ncr, Morvich S. [G3] (SA, \$60,000), San Simeon H. [G3] (SA, \$60,000), Breeders' Cup Turf Sprint [L] (OSA, \$540,000), Green Flash H. [L] (DMR, \$69,780) twice; placed in 1 start, 367,242 dirhams in U.A.E., 3rd Al Quoz Sprint [G3]. Total: \$1,288,825.

CAMBIOCORSA (f. by Avenue of Flags). 9 wins, \$522,055, Las Cieneegas H. [G3] (SA, \$67,740), etc. Dam of 6 winners, including--

MOULIN DE MOUGIN (f. by Curlin). 4 wins, \$313,660, John C. Mabee S. [G2] (DMR, \$150,000), 3rd Royal Heroine S. [G2] (SA, \$24,000). Dam of **Spicer** [G3] (f. by Quality Road) \$96,183.

SCHIAPARELLI (f. by Ghostzapper). 5 wins, \$274,184, Royal Heroine Mile S. [G2] (BHP, \$90,000), Great Lady M. S. (BHP, \$43,320), etc.

BRONSON (c. by Medaglia d'Oro). 3 wins to 3, \$233,305, English Channel S. (GP, \$44,640), 2nd Not Surprising S. (GP, \$19,000), etc.

ALEXIS TANGIER (f. by Tiznow). 4 wins at 3 and 4, \$206,680, Unzip Me S. (SA, \$46,620), Swingtime S.-R (SA, \$43,980), etc.

Vionnet (f. by Street Sense). 3 wins at 3 and 4, \$175,140, 2nd China Doll S. (SA, \$14,900), Sweet Life S. (SA, \$14,790), 3rd Rodeo Drive S. [G1] (SA, \$30,000). Dam of **ROARING LION** (c. by Kitten's Joy) 7 wins in England, hwt at 9 1/2-11 fur, Queen Elizabeth II S. [G1], Int'l S. [G1], Coral Eclipse [G1], Dante S. [G2], Royal Lodge S. [G2], 2nd Trophy S. [G1], 3rd Investec Derby [G1], etc.; winner in 1 start in Ireland, hwt at 9 1/2-11 fur, Champion S. [G1], Total: \$3,575,197, sire.

Shadow Raider (g. by Memo-CHI). 10 wins, 3 to 8, \$315,517, 2nd Bay Meadows Breeders' Cup H. [G3] (BM, \$25,000), etc.

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5th-Fair Grounds, \$57,230, (NW2L)/Opt. Clm (\$100,000), 12-26, 2yo, 1 1/16m (off turf), 1:47.30, ft, 1 1/4 lengths.

CURAHEE (g, 2, War of Will--Blameitonthemusic, by Blame) Lifetime Record: 6-2-2-0, \$112,291. O-DARRS, Inc.; B-Lothenbach Stables Inc (KY); T-Brittany T. Russell. *\$70,000 2yo '24 OBSMAR.

5th-Tampa Bay Downs, \$54,000, (NW2X)/Opt. Clm (\$32,000), 12-24, 3yo/up, f/m, 5ft, :56.54, fm, 3/4 length.

MUSICAL DESIGN (m, 5, Maclean's Music--Design Mine, by Mineshaft) Lifetime Record: 14-4-5-0, \$172,875. O-Etarip Stables, Ltd.; B-Green Lane Farm South (FL); T-Robert G. Smith.

10th-Gulfstream, \$45,770, (NW1\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$25,000), 12-26, 3yo/up, f/m, 5ft, :54.64, fm, neck.

WEEKEND RAGS (f, 4, Street Boss--Weekend, by Henny Hughes) Lifetime Record: SP, 15-3-4-4, \$223,738. O-NY Final Furlong Racing Stable and WLIR Racing Stables; B-Sebastian Murat, Kelly Zanella & Paul Zanella (NY); T-Jorge R. Abreu. *\$30,000 Wlg '20 KEENOV.

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1st-Mahoning Valley, \$33,700, (S), 12-26, (NW2L), 3yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:45.05, my, 4 1/4 lengths.

THELMA LUCILLE (f, 4, Jac's Fact--Karma's Comin, by Include) Lifetime Record: 21-2-8-1, \$95,536. O/B-Raymond Donald (OH); T-Ivan Vazquez.

8th-Mahoning Valley, \$33,700, (S), 12-26, (NW2L), 2yo, f, 6f, 1:13.44, my, head.

LO BUG (f, 2, Mor Spirit--Turducken, by Maria's Mon) Lifetime Record: SP, 6-2-1-2, \$62,385. O-Howlett Racing Inc; B-T/C Stable LLC (OH); T-Richard Zielinski.

9th-Tampa Bay Downs, \$32,500, 12-24, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 1mT, 1:35.21, fm, neck.

LEGITIMIZE (g, 4, Justify--Miss Exclusive, by Unbridled's Song) Lifetime Record: 4-2-1-0, \$81,625. O-Frank Taylor & Blazing Meadows Farm LLC; B-Mt Brilliant Broodmares II LLC & Justify Syndicate (KY); T-Timothy E. Hamm. *\$42,000 Ylg '21 KEESEP; \$6,000 3yo '23 FTKFEB; \$140,000 4yo '24 FTDMAR.



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ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Brooklyn Can Dance, f, 2, **Bolt d'Oro**--Gayatri, by War Chant. Turfway, 12-26, (C), 6f (AWT), 1:12.35. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$18,354. B-Carrie Ann Walker (KY). *\$35,000 Ylg '23 KEESEP. **1ST-TIME STARTER.

Waves of Liberty, f, 2, **National Flag**--Spun From Gold, by **Hard Spun**. Mahoning Valley, 12-26, (S), 6f, 1:15.56. Lifetime Record: 9-1-5-1, \$51,324. B-Blazing Meadows Farm LLC & Choice One Bloodstock (OH).

So Co Manhattan, c, 3, **Music City**--Our Golden Snitch, by Put It Back. Mahoning Valley, 12-26, (S), 6f, 1:15.74. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$19,398. B-Dolce Vita Farm (OH).

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Al Wukair (Ire), La Mehana (Fr), m, 5, o/o Oceanie (Fr), by Dansili (GB). Via Borghese S., 12-26, Gulfstream

Arrogate, Liberal Arts, c, 3, o/o Ismene, by Tribal Rule. AOC, 12-26, Fair Grounds

Bolt d'Oro, Brooklyn Can Dance, f, 2, o/o Gayatri, by War Chant. MCL, 12-26, Turfway

Clubhouse Ride, Moment's Pleasure, f, 3, o/o Lamazone, by Lemon Drop Kid. AOC, 12-26, Santa Anita

Constitution, Junta, f, 2, o/o I Thee Wed, by **Hard Spun**. MSW, 12-24, Tampa Bay

Free Drop Billy, Scat Free, g, 3, o/o Scat Sister, by Scat Daddy. AOC, 12-26, Fair Grounds

Goldencents, J B Strikes Back, g, 3, o/o Allanah, by Scat Daddy. GII Laffit Pincay, Jr. S., 12-26, Santa Anita

Good Magic, Magical Bette, f, 2, o/o Forest Gamble, by Forest Wildcat. MSW, 12-26, Turfway

Gun Runner, Gunmetal, c, 2, o/o Classy Dancer, by Speightstown. MSW, 12-26, Fair Grounds

Into Mischief, Hoosier Philly, f, 4, o/o Tapella, by **Tapit**. Joseph E. Spanky Broussard Memorial S., 12-26, Fair Grounds

Jac's Fact, Thelma Lucille, f, 4, o/o Karma's Comin, by Include. ALW, 12-26, Mahoning Valley

Justify, Legitimize, g, 4, o/o Miss Exclusive, by Unbridled's Song. ALW, 12-24, Tampa Bay

Karakontie (Jpn), She Feels Pretty, f, 3, o/o Summer Sweet, by More Than Ready. GI American Oaks, 12-26, Santa Anita

Maclean's Music, Musical Design, m, 5, o/o Design Mine, by **Mineshaft**. AOC, 12-24, Tampa Bay



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Maximus Mischief, Raging Torrent, c, 3, o/o Violent Wave, by **Violence**. GI Malibu S., 12-26, Santa Anita

Midnight Storm, Iron Skull, c, 2, o/o Angela's Smile, by Scat Daddy. GI Clasico Navidad, 12-25, Camarero

Mor Spirit, Lo Bug, f, 2, o/o Turducken, by Maria's Mon. ALW, 12-26, Mahoning Valley

Munnings, Windy Walk, f, 3, o/o Missalaney, by Badge of Silver. Rampart S., 12-26, Gulfstream

Music City, So Co Manhattan, c, 3, o/o Our Golden Snitch, by Put It Back. MSW, 12-26, Mahoning Valley

National Flag, Waves of Liberty, f, 2, o/o Spun From Gold, by **Hard Spun**. MSW, 12-26, Mahoning Valley

Nyquist, Johannes, c, 4, o/o Cuyathy, by Congrats. GII San Gabriel S., 12-26, Santa Anita

Oasis Dream (GB), Slick (Ire), f, 2, o/o Shurooq (GB), by Dubawi (Ire). MSW, 12-26, Santa Anita

Omaha Beach, Kopion, f, 3, o/o Galloping Ami, by Victory Gallop. GI La Brea S. presented by Don Julio, 12-26, Santa Anita

Practical Joke, Gowells Delight, f, 2, o/o Hello Charlie, by Indian Charlie. MSW, 12-26, Fair Grounds

Quality Road, Madaket Road, c, 2, o/o Frolic's Dream, by Smoke Glacken. MSW, 12-26, Santa Anita

Shackleford, Oeuvre, m, 5, o/o Love This Kitten, by Kitten's Joy. Nelson J. Menard Memorial S., 12-26, Fair Grounds

Stay Thirsty, Barbera, f, 4, o/o Roman Wild, by Roman Ruler. AOC, 12-26, Santa Anita

Street Boss, Weekend Rags, f, 4, o/o Weekend, by Henny Hughes. AOC, 12-26, Gulfstream

Tom's d'Etat, Thankfully, f, 2, o/o Southern Sis, by **Kantharos**. MSW, 12-26, Gulfstream

War of Will, Curahee, g, 2, o/o Blameitonthemusic, by **Blame**. AOC, 12-26, Fair Grounds

Zoustar (Aus), King of Gosford (GB), c, 3, o/o Miss Sugars (GB), by Harbour Watch (Ire). GII Mathis Mile S., 12-26, Santa Anita



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HOPEFUL S-G1, ¥135,820,000, 2yo, 2000mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	Giovanni (Jpn)	Epiphaneia (Jpn)	K Matsuyama	Sugiyama	123
2	Shonan Macbeth (Jpn)	Leontes (Jpn)	Ikezoe	Takeichi	123
3	Jet Magnum (Jpn)	Henry Barows (Jpn)	Tannai	Adachi	123
4	Claudiai (Jpn)	Saturnalia (Jpn)	Nishimura	Hashiguchi	123
5	Reve de l'Opera (Jpn) (f)	Maurice (Jpn)	Ono	Kato	121
6	Croix du Nord (Jpn)	Kitasan Black (Jpn)	Kitamura	Saito	123
7	Yamanin Bouclier (Jpn)	Kitasan Black (Jpn)	Take	Matsunaga	123
8	Del Avar	Frankel (GB)	Miura	Matsunaga	123
9	Arion Smile (Jpn)	Dee Majesty (Jpn)	Kowata	Tsuchida	123
10	Ask Stein (Jpn)	Duramente (Jpn)	T Yokoyama	Fujiwara	123
11	Faust Rasen (Jpn)	Mozu Ascot	Sugihara	Nishimura	123
12	Magic Sands (Jpn)	Kizuna (Jpn)	Sasaki	Sugai	123
13	Jun Asahi Sora (Jpn)	Isla Bonita (Jpn)	K Yokoyama	Takayanagi	123
14	Realize Aurum (Jpn)	Orfevre (Jpn)	Sugawara	Sugai	123
15	Piko Chan Black (Jpn)	Kitasan Black (Jpn)	Kawada	Uehara	123
16	Tjuta (Jpn)	Duramente (Jpn)	Sakai	Yahagi	123
17	Amakihi (Jpn)	Black Tide (Jpn)	Lemaire	Kunieda	123
18	Masquerade Ball (Jpn)	Duramente (Jpn)	Tosaki	Tezuka	123

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TOKYO DAISHOTEN-G1, ¥170,000,000, 3yo/up, 2000m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	King of the Nile (Jpn)	Mind Your Biscuits	Muro	Abe	126
2	Wilson Tesoro (Jpn)	Kitasan Black (Jpn)	Kawada	Takagi	126
3	Ramjet (Jpn)	Majestic Warrior	Miura	Sasaki	126
4	Forever Young (Jpn)	Real Steel (Jpn)	Sakai	Yahagi	126
5	Derma Sotogake (Jpn)	Mind Your Biscuits	Lemaire	Otonashi	126
6	Sayono Nature (Jpn)	Danon Legend (Jpn)	Nishi	Sakai	126
7	Grand Bridge (Jpn) (f)	Sinister Minister	K Matsuyama	Shintani	121
8	Grande Mare (Jpn)	Lord Kanaloa (Jpn)	Hommura	Takaiwa	126
9	Crown Pride (Jpn)	Reach the Crown (Jpn)	T Yokoyama	Shintani	126
10	Ushba Tesoro (Jpn)	Orfevre (Jpn)	Sugawara	Takagi	126

Breeders: 1-Keiichi Samekawa, 2-Ryoken Farm, 3-North Hills Co Ltd, 4-Northern Farm, 5-Shadai Farm, 6-Kimura Bokujo, 7-Yukio Kanemasu, 8-Shiraoi Farm, Shadai Corporation Ltd, 9-Shadai Farm, 10-Chiyoda Farm Shizunai

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