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## KENTUCKY VALUE SIRE FOR 2025--PART 4: INTO THE TEENS



**Midshipman** | Sarah Andrew

by Chris McGrath

This is a fun category. Priced between \$10,001 and \$19,999, these stallions remain within reach of many hands-on breeders, yet include quite a few that can be legitimately described as proven. At the younger end of the scale, meanwhile, others remain full of promise.

As already emphasized in this series, stallions that have shed their rookie glamor can offer real value to breeders of adequate nerve and imagination. If you're genuinely trying to get ahead of the curve, and not just cynically exploiting a vogue in which you have no real belief, the time to double down is when everyone else is getting out. If you stick with a horse "on the bubble", and he comes good off his sliding fee, then you'll find yourself going to market with a commodity that's both in demand and in short supply.

**PROXY** only started last year yet has already been slashed from \$25,000 to \$15,000, after covering 125 mares in his debut book. His sturdy resume (banked \$2.75 million) and elite parentage make for a very wholesome package and, without a single foal on the ground, the case in his favor is 100 percent unchanged.

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## SOME NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS FOR THE SPORT OF HORSE RACING

*The Week in Review, by Bill Finley*

Actually, 2024 wasn't that bad of a year for horse racing. There were no major scandals and the rate of horses breaking down fell again. At the tracks under HISA's jurisdiction, it looks like the fatality rate for the year will be about 84 horses per 1,000 starters. Considering that same rate in 2009, the first year statistics were kept, was 2.00 per 1,000 shows just how far the sport has come. The GI Kentucky Derby was as thrilling a Triple Crown race as the sport has seen in some time, with three horses a nose apart at the wire and **Mystik Dan** (Goldencents) winning primarily because he got a perfect ride from Brian Hernandez Jr. With **Thorpedo Anna** (Fast Anna) giving **Fierceness** (**City of Light**) and the rest of the boys everything they could handle in the GI Travers, that was another race that none of us will soon forget. **Cont. Pg. 8**

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**2024 in photos: December 28.** Driver Brett Beckwith throws whips to young fans before the final race at Freehold Raceway in Freehold, New Jersey. The harness track held the final races of its 170-year history on Saturday. | Sarah Andrew

**11 | DYLAN DAVIS, CHAD BROWN LEAD NYRA CIRCUIT STANDINGS FOR 2024**

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**13 | JOCKEY JORGE RUIZ RELEASED FROM HOSPITAL, WILL RIDE WEDNESDAY**

Jockey Jorge Ruiz, who fell shortly after the start of the first race at Gulfstream Park Saturday, was released from Aventura Hospital Saturday night after receiving stitches above his left eye.

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**Corniche** | Sarah Andrew

**Value Sires cont.**

The most striking of this year’s breeding stats was arguably the book of 200 corralled by **PAPPACAP** as the most precocious member of **Gun Runner**’s debut crop. That’s a remarkable effort by Walmac after he’d been out of sight and mind for a year, and he remains \$12,500.

But among those about to head to the bar and celebrate their first-born, the one that excites me is **ANNAPOLIS** at \$12,500. This beautiful animal combines a top-class grass record (stakes record in the GI Coolmore Turf Mile) with a family strewn with elite dirt performers. He was priced to recruit mares in a hurry, having only entered stud at the 11th hour, and was duly fully subscribed at 149 mares. Though the pressure is not the same this time round, the price is--and that’s a real windfall for astute breeders.

Of five in the preceding cycle, only one would have fit this bracket when starting out in 2023. The others have all taken a cut to keep them in the game, though some coped better than others in making their sales debut.

Champion juvenile **CORNICHE** has now been halved from his opening fee to \$15,000 despite an excellent six-figure average for 17 weanlings sold of 21 offered. That reflects a smaller second book (77 mares from 180) but he sets an auspicious template for the kind of progress sought by pinhookers (RNA \$385,000 yearling to \$1.5 million 2-year-old).

**EARLY VOTING** has also been halved in fee (to \$12,500) and book (191 to 77), but processed 16 of 24 weanlings at a perfectly respectable \$73,531. Though another confined to a light career, arguably he has an inspiring pedigree for this kind of money as a son of **Gun Runner** out of a half-sister to Speightstown.

**MANDALOUN** performed very similarly with his weanlings, shifting 19 of 22 at \$71,131. His farm allowed him as many as

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211 mares for his debut, and 144 returned last spring. That's a pretty strong position for a horse now \$15,000 from an opening \$25,000, never mind for a GI Kentucky Derby winner from a Juddmonte family meanwhile elevated by an Arc for Bluestocking (GB) (Camelot {GB}).

As a splendid exception, WinStar have given early supporters of the clock-melting NASHVILLE reassurance that their investment has not depreciated, keeping him at his opening \$15,000. Quite right, too: he has a robust pipeline in place, a bumper debut book of 204 followed by one of 164, and 20 of 27 weanlings traded at \$67,525.

A couple of the preceding intake, KNICKS GO and SILVER STATE, slip into this bracket after no more than a steady start at the yearling sales. But they will have plenty of troops on the ground next year (their juveniles graduate from opening books of 151 and 171 respectively) so retain every chance of landing running.

That's exactly what VOLATILE has done. Certainly a solitary stakes scorer doesn't tell the whole story of his freshman campaign. With 25 winners overall, his half-dozen black-type performers (same as McKinzie) included the GI Champagne

Stakes runner-up and GI Hopeful Stakes third.

That vindicated a pretty spectacular sales debut for Volatile, 88 of his first crop having sold at an average \$125,431. Typically of the commercial market, his second crop took a slide to \$53,890, but he received another 163 mares last spring and it feels like he has given himself a big chance.

In contrast to all these younger guns seeking renewed momentum, this tier also embraces several more established operators--a couple

will be found on the podium--whose blue-collar attributes will soon prove far beyond most of the rookies standing at much higher fees. **Cont.**



Nashville | Sarah Andrew

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True, **KANTHAROS** had a quieter year by his standards but, include his overall body of work (including a couple of Grade I winners), he remains a great credit to a horse that started out covering cheap mares in Florida. In fact, he's a top 20 active sire on lifetime earnings, yet he's down to \$12,500 for 2025.

While **DIALED IN** also saw quite tepid trade at the yearling sales, he remains in due demand--another strong three-figure book in 2024--as a horse eligible to match any quality he receives among the quantity. He has three Grade I winners plus one who earned more than the three of them combined in Gunnevera.

**KARAKONTIE** has long represented value as a consistent supplier of stakes action. His turf profile may never match the standard commercial agenda in Kentucky but dual Grade I winner She Feels Pretty has this year reminded everyone of the racetrack class he can impart at just \$15,000. With those regal genes in mind, he should perhaps hold particular appeal for a breed-to-race program that wouldn't mind retaining a filly.



**Kantharos** | Sarah Andrew

**FROSTED** has not lived up to early expectations but he had gone too low at \$10,000 and his dignity is soothed at \$15,000 after three graded stakes winners this year. His new accessibility has been rewarded with over 300 mares over the past two years and that will only help bed down his repackaging for smaller commercial breeders.

Those meanwhile entitled to build on a solid start with first sophomores include **FLAMEAWAY**, who welcomed 172 mares last spring at \$15,000. Seven domestic stakes winners to date are supplemented by a bright impact in Chile, evoking his sire Scat Daddy, albeit his latest yearlings found trade pretty tough.

Vino Rosso and Maximus Mischief also endured the market erosion routinely suffered by young sires after jumping through the early commercial hoops, now duly down to \$12,500 and \$15,000 respectively. Both had contributed to Spendthrift's

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domination of the 2023 freshman race before being left behind by their pricier neighbor Omaha Beach in the second-crop table, albeit **MAXIMUS MISCHIEF** counts hot-off-the-press Grade I scorer Raging Torrent features among eight stakes winners this year. Again like **Flameaway**, both maintained auspicious mare traffic last spring: 190 for Vino Rosso, 169 for Maximus Mischief. While **VINO ROSSO** still needs to find a graded stakes winner, he has actually had four Grade I performers and always seemed likely to consolidate with maturing stock.

**VALUE PODIUM**

**Bronze: CAIRO PRINCE Pioneerof The Nile--Holy Bubette (Holy Bull) Airdrie \$15,000**

Much like the guy on the top of this podium, this horse goes quietly about his work at a level that you already know will prove way beyond the majority of new stallions charging multiples of his fee.

**Cairo Prince** turned out another dozen stakes winners this year. Overall he gets those at essentially the same lifetime clip as **Nyquist**, **Practical Joke**, Maclean’s Music and **Violence**, to name four random examples. Sure enough, his latest yearlings once again averaged over \$50,000, including home runs of \$385,000 and \$350,000.

Pretty good going for a horse at this stage of his career, and

that commercial functionality is what elevates him to the podium above a couple of others whose status as “proven” is additionally underwritten by the occasional Grade I winner. Value means different things to different people, but the fact is that this horse is doing a more reliable job at looking after breeders who need to put bread on the table.

Remember, too, that his page has gone up in the world: **Cairo Prince**’s Grade I-placed half-sister, already dam of **Outwork**, is now further distinguished as second dam of Fierceness.



**Cairo Prince** | Sarah Andrew





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**Silver: THOUSAND WORDS Pioneerof The Nile--Pomeroy's Pistol (Pomeroy) Spendthrift \$12,500**

Okay, so he had the Spendthrift machine behind him, with 110 named foals in his debut crop. But they were conceived at just \$7,500; he has meanwhile been standing at \$5,000; and both yearling crops wobbled along at an average of around \$28,000. Yet what does the market know?

Here's *Vodka With a Twist*, a \$2,500 yearling, winning the

Debutante Stakes on her way to consecutive runner-up finishes at Grade I level. Here's *The Queens M G*, who cost a giddy \$3,500, romping by nine in the *GIII Adirondack Stakes*.

Time to go back and remind ourselves where all this is coming from. Physique? A seven-figure Book 1 yearling. Pedigree? Well, the damsire might have raised an eyebrow or two, but the mare proved well named as his highest achiever (triple graded stakes winner/dual Grade I runner-up). And she has also produced the dam of *GI Starlet Stakes* winner *Faiza (Girvin)*. And performance? Well, that's where his profile had ebbed away: though an unbeaten Grade II winner at two, *Thousand Words* had gradually drifted down the crop.

Though a book of just 61 in 2023 will flatten his curve, he has seized his fleeting opportunity and will surely now be getting a widespread second hearing.

**Gold: MIDSHIPMAN Unbridled's Song--Fleet Lady (Avenue of Flags) Darley \$15,000**

What a stalwart this horse has been for breeders on a budget! He has admittedly had a couple of modest years by his remarkable standards, a typical outcome after his fee, just \$7,500 in 2021, reached \$20,000 in 2023. In theory that might indicate a slight upgrade in his next crop of yearlings, but the most observable outcome was a smaller book. **Cont.**

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But what clinches his place on the podium is the way he reconciles the mysterious consensus that a horse bred to run is somehow not the same as a horse bred to sell: **Midshipman's** latest yearlings, conceived at \$10,000, hit an average of \$56,388.

Here's a horse that has looked after a lot of ordinary folk over the years. So many years, in fact, that it's worth reminding ourselves how it all makes sense: this was a champion juvenile with a stallion's pedigree, which is supposed to be the grail.

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There are no magic wands to get this sport back to the "good old days" but there are things that can be done. Here are some fixable problems that racing can tackle in 2025. And if some of them seem trivial, remember that if the sport can't even do the little things right, how is it going to do the major things right? Consider these racing's New Year's resolutions for 2025.

Here goes:

---Deal with the CAW problem.

The computer players are driving people out of the game, even some bettors who used to be considered major players. No one can compete with these groups who have the best data, have computer programs and algorithms that find underlays, can bet

at the very last second and then receive rebates that are substantially higher than anyone else can get. The more the CAW players win, the more everybody else loses. The day will come when the betting will be wales vs. wales while everyone else has either quit betting or finds another game to wager on. That's when you can turn out the lights, and that may be closer than you think.

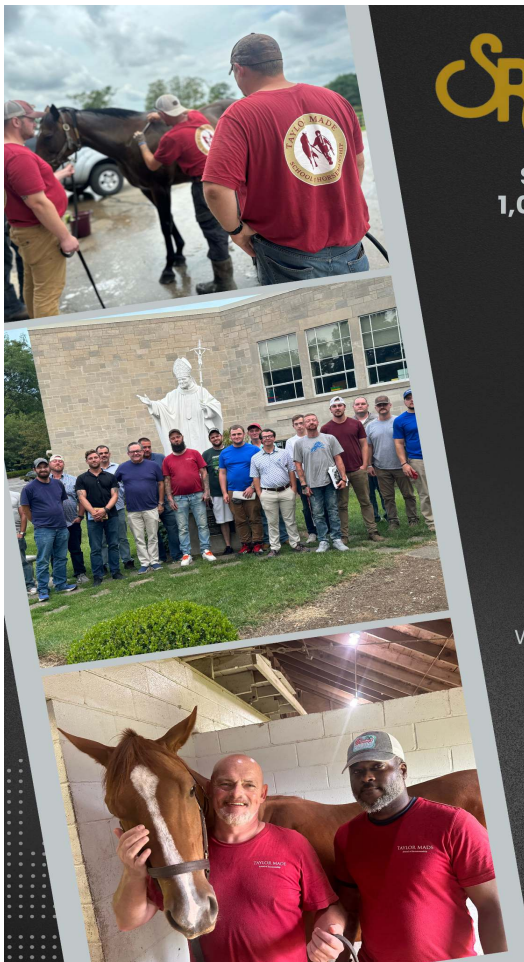
The problem is that you can't live with these guys and you can't live without them. If the tracks got together and banned them, the hit to the handle would be catastrophic. It's estimated that the computer players account for about 35% of the total nationwide handle. That's about \$4 billion, \$4 billion that the tracks can't afford to



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has done, which is to ban them from the win pool. That way, no horse at NYRA goes into the gate at 4-1, breaks on top and goes to 5-2 and then crosses the wire as an 8-5 winner. That doesn't mean that CAW players aren't cleaning up in other pools. But at least NYRA players aren't routinely made to feel like chumps when they bet the straight pools. That's not a lot, but it is something.

---Do what Maryland and Virginia are doing and create more circuits. There used to be a time when racing would move from track to track with Track A running for three or four months before Track B has its run. We haven't seen that in some time, but the Laurel/Pimlico-Colonial Downs circuit is going to be revived in 2025. Laurel won't run when Colonial is running and Colonial won't run when Pimlico-Laurel is open for business.

There is way too much racing in the Mid-Atlantic region and this will help solve the problem. It's a win-win for everybody. Horsemen from both circuits will have what amounts to year-round racing, the purses should increase at both tracks since the same amount of slots money will be divided up amongst fewer races and the tracks will save money because they will be shut down for a part of the year, lowering fixed costs.

Circuits should be revived at a lot of places, but the most obvious place for it to happen next is at Parx-Monmouth. Let Monmouth have the summer dates and let Parx have everything else. To make it fair for the horsemen, the tracks will have to arrange for free or, at least, inexpensive shipping. And the state breeding programs need to be taken care of, which should be easy to do. There's no reason why Pennsylvania-bred races can't be carded at Monmouth and Jersey-bred races at Parx.

--Let's see HIWU catch some actual bad guys. The Horseracing Integrity and Welfare Unit never seems to let common sense get in the way of a suspension.



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We've seen dozens of trainers get suspended, many for drugs that likely got into a horse's system through environmental contamination. And most of these are people who common sense will tell you are not cheaters. Take Ohio-based trainer William Pribble. He hasn't won a race since 2022 and is 1-for-22 from 2022 to 2024. If he's a cheater, he's the world's worst cheater.

HISA has eased up and doesn't hand out provisional anymore for jaywalking. But Pribble has been charged with possessing Metformin, and for that reason, his suspension has not been lifted. The man's career has been destroyed and it's highly unlikely that he did anything wrong.

Meanwhile, there are a couple of dozen trainers out there that are still way too good to be true. Every handicapper knows who they are, but with very few exceptions, HIWU hasn't caught any of them. How about a bettor's advisory board that can make recommendations to HIWU any time they see a miracle worker work another miracle? The bettors are always the first to know.

--How can we consider ourselves a major league sport when we can't ever seem to get the running order right during the a race? It seems to happen every day and at more than one track. The naked eye may tell you that the three horse is clearly in front but the chicklets have the two leading. **Cont.**



There were plenty of examples Saturday at Aqueduct. In the second race, the No. 8 is clearly leading but the chicklets have the four in front. In the 3rd, the Gravesend Stakes, the running order down the backstretch is listed as 5-7-4 when the actual order is 5-4-7.



This is minor league stuff that wouldn't be tolerated in the minor leagues. It can't be that hard to fix.

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## DYLAN DAVIS, CHAD BROWN LEAD NYRA CIRCUIT STANDINGS FOR 2024

Jockey Dylan Davis earned 209 wins across six race meets in 2024 to pace all riders and secure top honors as the leading rider at the New York Racing Association, Inc. (NYRA). This is Davis's second year-end NYRA title, adding to a 2022 campaign which saw him win 186 races.

This year, Davis, who is represented by agent Mike Migliore, scored a pair of meet titles at the Aqueduct winter [54] and Belmont at the Big A fall [44] meets.

"It means a lot," said Davis. "Me and Mike put in a lot of work, day in and day out and year in and year out, on the NYRA circuit. We have a lot of support from all the horsemen and owners to ride their amazing horses. I feel I've been improving as a rider and getting better every year. It's great to have that recognition and to have this accomplishment to be the NYRA year-end leading jock. I know it's my second one, but it feels really good."

Among Davis's 23 stakes wins were 10 graded events, led by his first Grade I win with Carson's Run (Cupid) in the Saratoga Derby Invitational at Saratoga Race Course.

"Everything came together at Saratoga. I feel I've always been riding well, but we really capitalized on the opportunity with good riding and the horses being ready. Saratoga is the place where you want to really shine and to finish third at the premier

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meet was a big accomplishment and I think it opened up the eyes of a lot of owners and trainers that my riding ability has stepped up. It really continued through the fall and the quality of horses has been improving and I'm really thankful for that."

Davis finished the year with a NYRA record of 1,091-209-165-140 and earnings of \$15,349,606, good for a win rate of 19.16 percent and in-the-money rate of 47.11 percent.

Manny Franco claimed second in the year-end standings with 196 wins while Kendrick Carmouche finished third with 152 wins.

Four-time Eclipse Award-winning trainer Chad Brown secured his ninth year-end training title with 146 wins. Brown captured three meet titles this year at Belmont at the Big A spring [32 wins], Saratoga [45 wins] and a 13th consecutive Belmont at the Big A fall [31 wins] during a season which saw him win multiple Grade I races with runners such as



Dylan Davis and Carson's Run | Sarah Andrew

Chancer McPatrick (**McKinzie**), Carl Spackler (Ire) (Lope de Vega {Ire}), Domestic Product (**Practical Joke**), Raging Sea (**Curlin**), Ways and Means (**Practical Joke**), Whitebeam (GB) (Caravaggio), Randomized (**Nyquist**) and Chili Flag (Fr) (Cityscape {GB}).

Brown posted a record of 574-146-96-77 with \$15,881,246 in purse earnings for a win rate of 25.44 percent and in-the-money percentage of 55.57. Linda Rice finished second with 121 wins with Hall of Famer Todd Pletcher finishing third with 67 wins.

The year's leading owner, Seth Klarman's Klaravich Stables, secured its sixth consecutive year-end title with 63 victories. Klaravich Stables posted an overall record of 224-63-37-26 with total purses of \$5,957,965. Michael Dubb finished second with 38 wins

while Linda Rice finished third with 34 wins.

For the Aqueduct fall meet, Manny Franco came out on top as the leading rider, scoring 34 wins that included six stakes wins.

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"I feel blessed to have these opportunities for all the trainers, all of the owners, here in New York, all year round," said Franco. "My agent, John Panagot, has been doing a terrific job. I've been winning a lot of races here, so winning the title is just amazing. I feel great about that."

Franco, who was also NYRA's year-end leading rider in 2018-19 and 2023, posted a meet record of 143-34-24-16 with earnings of \$2,327,063, good for a win rate of 23.78 percent and in-the-money percentage of 51.75.

Dylan Davis finished second with 32 wins with Jose Lezcano finishing third with 21 wins.

Trainer Linda Rice secured her third consecutive Aqueduct fall meet training title with 22 wins, her third training title this year after taking the Aqueduct winter [23 wins] and Aqueduct spring [18 wins] meets.

"I'm happy to have won this title three years in a row, that's good," said Rice. "Hopefully we can keep moving forward and have a good winter meet. We have about 80 horses and it's a lot of work and we always have horses coming in and out - horses always need time, but it's a good number to work with."

Rice completed the meet with a record of 103-22-15-22 and earnings of \$1,341,177, good for a win rate of 21.36 percent and in-the-money rate of 57.28 percent. Rick Dutrow, Jr. finished second with 16 wins and Brad Cox finished third with 11 wins.

Sanford Goldfarb clinched the owners' title at the Big A fall meet with eight wins. He completed the meet with a 22-8-3-3 record and \$308,809 in earnings. Gatsas Stables finished second [seven wins] with Linda Rice and Winning Move Stable finishing in a tie for third [five wins].

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**Forever Love:** Jockey Ryusei Sakai embraces one of the strappers for Forever Young following his victory in Sunday's G1 Tokyo Daishoten.

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## JOCKEY JORGE RUIZ RELEASED FROM HOSPITAL, WILL RIDE WEDNESDAY

Jockey Jorge Ruiz, **who fell shortly after the start of the first race at Gulfstream Park Saturday**, was released from Aventura Hospital Saturday night after receiving stitches above his left eye.

Ruiz, a 39-year-old native of Argentina, was hurt after being thrown to the turf course when his mount, 3-year-old filly Roscoe Village (**Kantharos**), stumbled and fell shortly after the start of Saturday's opener. Roscoe Village was uninjured.

The track safety siren and lights were activated as Ruiz was being helped off track, causing several riders to pull up and resulting in the race being declared a no contest.

Ruiz ranked in the top 10 in both wins (eight) and purse earnings (\$282,235) during the 2024-2025 Championship Meet, which began Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 28.

Replaced on his four mounts Sunday, Ruiz said he expects to return to riding Wednesday when he is named in five races at Gulfstream.

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# NORTH AMERICAN RACING



## IN ORDER OF PURSE:

**YEAR'S END S.**, \$175,000, Oaklawn, 12-29, 2yo, f, 1m, 1:40.12, my.

1--**JENKIN, 118, f, 2, by Mineshaft**

**1st Dam: Morning Coffee (MSW-Can, SP-USA, \$173,172), by Quiet American**

**2nd Dam: Missbelle O's Tale, by Tale of the Cat**

**3rd Dam: Miss Belle O, by Olympio**

**1ST BLACK TYPE WIN.** O/B-Shortleaf Stable (KY); T-Lindsay Schultz; J-Francisco Arrieta. \$99,750. Lifetime Record: 4-2-0-1, \$180,150.



2--**You'll Be Back, 117, f, 2, Practical Joke**--Advance Party, by Empire Maker. (\$115,000 Wlg '22 KEENOV; \$575,000 Ylg '23 KEESEP). **1ST BLACK TYPE.** O-Gregory Tramontin; B-Alexander-Groves Thoroughbreds (KY); T-Thomas M. Amoss. \$33,250.

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3--**Adeera, 118, f, 2, Authentic**--Majestic Presence, by Majestic Warrior. (\$300,000 Ylg '23 KEESEP). O-L and N Racing LLC; B-Town & Country Horse Farms, LLC (KY); T-Steven M. Asmussen. \$16,625.



Margins: 3/4, 2HF, 2 1/4. Odds: 4.30, 2.00, 9.90.

Also Ran: Glee, Kinzie Queen, Mischievous Bria, Itwillbefun. Scratched: Piggy Tales Up.

Shortleaf Stable homebred Jenkin made it back-to-back wins over the Oaklawn oval with a late-running victory in the Year's End Stakes Sunday. The chestnut filly settled off the pace into the first turn as a rank Itwillbefun (**Constitution**) pulled her way clear through an opening quarter in :23.16. Within striking distance as the pacesetter packed it in after a half in :47.30, she rolled up three wide approaching the stretch, and drifted wider into the lane as You'll Be Back took the lead with Adeera attempting to sneak through inside. But Jenkin unleashed a powerful late kick to win going away.

Well-distanced when third in her 6 1/2-furlong debut at Aqueduct Sept. 26, Jenkin was never a threat when fifth going seven furlongs at Churchill Nov. 2. She rolled to a three-length maiden score when stretched to one mile at Oaklawn last time out Dec. 6. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**



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**QUEENS COUNTY S.**, \$150,000, Aqueduct, 12-29, 3yo/up, 1 1/8m, 1:51.48, sy.

1--**PHILEAS FOGG, 124, g, 4, Astern (Aus)**--Merino, by More Than Ready. (\$55,000 3yo '23 KEENOV). **1ST BLACK TYPE WIN.** O-Jupiter Stable; B-Godolphin (KY); T-Gustavo Rodriguez; J-Romero Ramsay Maragh. \$82,500. Lifetime Record: 14-7-2-0, \$366,273.



2--**Curbstone, 122, g, 5, Street Sense**--Archstone, by Arch. (\$120,000 RNA Ylg '20 KEESEP). **1ST BLACK TYPE.** O/B-Patricia L. Moseley (KY); T-Thomas Morley. \$30,000.

3--**Law Professor, 122, g, 6, Constitution**--Haunted Heroine, by Ghostzapper. (\$230,000 6yo '24 FTDMAR). O-John Holleman; B-Twin Creeks Farm (KY); T-Rob Atras. \$18,000.



Margins: 8, 3/4, 5HF. Odds: 3.90, 22.40, 0.70.

Also Ran: Instant Coffee, Tabeguache, Unlimitedpotential. Scratched: Film Star, Masmak, Quality Chic, Repo Rocks, Surface to Air.

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Looking to circumvent the Big A in nine furlongs, Phileas Fogg came into the Queens County Stakes after posting a pair of wins against optional claimers at the Spa Aug. 3 and during the Belmont At The Big A meet Sept. 26 since being claimed off of trainer James Toner upstate July 13. Carrying the top weight of 124 and as a 7-2 shot here, the gelding set sail in the slop and took the field into the first turn. The pacesetter was joined by a longshot in the early part of the backstretch. However, the 4-year-old gained the advantage before the far turn and began to increase his margin through the top of the lane. Sporting that impressive kick, Phileas Fogg cruised to the finish. **Cont.**





**Phileas Fogg** | *Susie Raisher*

"The good part--when Romero [Maragh] broke, he took him a little more wide and then went inside," said trainer Gustavo Rodriguez. "It was a beautiful ride. When the eight dropped back, he [Phileas Fogg] went like 'this' [ears up] and usually when they go like 'this' they've got something left.

"He was training good," Rodriguez said. "I think we lost three weeks [with a throat infection] and then everyday training beautiful. He did it in Saratoga [on a wet track]. No plans yet."

The winner is his unraced dam's first foal. A half-sister to G1 Emirates Airline Al Maktoum Challenge Round 3 hero Capezzano (Bernardini), Merino is responsible for 2-year-old filly in-training Wild 'n' Woolly (Bernardini), who was sent from United States to Japan in 2022. She also foaled a colt by **Frosted** last year, but was not bred the past two seasons. Phileas Fogg's third dam produced sire of sires Speightstown (Gone West) and his half-brother MGSW Irap (Tiznow), plus the dam of current stallion Early Voting (**Gun Runner**).

**LOUISIANA FUTURITY**, \$124,370, Fair Grounds, 12-29, (S), 2yo, f, 6f, 1:10.83, ft.

1--**SECRET FAITH**, 122, f, 2, by **Aurelius Maximus**

**1st Dam: St. Jean, by Macho Uno**

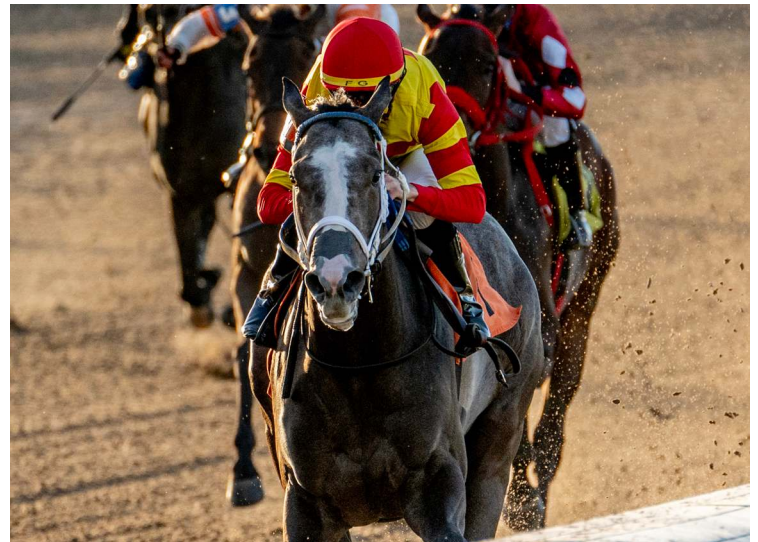
**2nd Dam: French Park, by Ecton Park**

**3rd Dam: Alarming Prospect, by Darn That Alarm**

(\$75,000 Ylg '23 TTAYRL). O-Norman Stables LLC; B-J. Adcock & Hume Wornall (LA); T-Jayde J. Gelner; J-Florent Geroux. \$74,622. Lifetime Record: 7-6-1-0, \$367,022. \*1/2 to Midnight Fantasy (**Midnight Lute**), MSW, \$340,971; and to Strong Promise (Broken Vow), MSW, \$275,280.

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2--**Bet Towinit**, 122, f, 2, Star Guitar--Giagiajoe, by Wildcat Heir. (\$18,000 Ylg '23 BSLY&M). **1ST BLACK TYPE**. O-Anthony D.



**Secret Faith** | *Hodges Photography/Amanda Hodges Weir*

Nuzzi; B-Jose Camejo (LA); T-Allen Landry. \$24,874.  
 3--**C C Short Drive**, 122, f, 2, Street Boss--Cherub Heart, by Dehere. (\$37,000 RNA Ylg '23 BSLY&M). **1ST BLACK TYPE**. O/B-Clear Creek Stud LLC (LA); T-Gary M. Scherer. \$13,681. Margins: 7 1/4, 2HF, 6 3/4. Odds: 0.10, 15.30, 41.30. Also Ran: Mischief Princess, Factor of Time, Platinum Midnight, Bella Sorella, Wannawholelottaluv.

Secret Faith, already one of three stakes winners for her freshman sire (by Pioneerof the Nile), rebounded from the lone loss of her career with a dominating front-running victory Sunday at Fair Grounds. The 1-9 favorite battled on the front end through an opening quarter in :22.53. She easily took charge on the far turn, was two lengths in front through a half in :46.00 and sailed home a much-the-best winner.

Secret Faith opened her career with five straight wins, including a 14-length romp in the Aug. 2 D.S. Shine Young Futurity at Evangeline Downs, a 6 1/4-length victory in the Oct. 11 Louisiana Jewel Stakes at Delta Downs and a six-length score in the Nov. 23 Donovan L. Ferguson Memorial Stakes at Fair Grounds. She just missed when second, beaten a head, in the Louisiana Champions Day Lassie Stakes over this track and distance last time out Dec. 14.

St. Jean, a daughter of multiple graded winner French Park (Ecton Park) and a half-sister to graded winner Genre (Bernardini), produced a filly by **Frosted** this year.

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**Smoken Wicked (outside)**

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**LOUISIANA FUTURITY**, \$120,970, Fair Grounds, 12-29, (S), 2yo, 6f, 1:09.58, ft.

1--**SMOKEN WICKED**, 122, c, 2, by **Bobby's Wicked One**

**1st Dam: Street Smoke, by Street Boss**

**2nd Dam: Magic Smoke, by Smokester**

**3rd Dam: Dancing Step, by Green Dancer**

(\$38,000 Ylg '23 BSLY&M). O-Valene Farms LLC; B-Tom Curtis & Wayne Simpson (LA); T-Dallas Stewart; J-Colby J. Hernandez. \$72,582. Lifetime Record: GSP, 8-4-1-1, \$307,542.

2--**Voila Magic**, 122, c, 2, **Volatile**--Touch Magic, by Lion Heart.

(\$275,000 Ylg '23 KEESEP). O-Three Chimneys Farm, Coteau Grove Farms LLC and Dusty Castille; B-Coteau Grove Farms, LLC (LA); T-Steven M. Asmussen. \$24,194.

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3--**Star Rock Star**, 122, g, 2, Star Guitar--After Thought, by

Fusaichi Pegasus. (\$45,000 Ylg '23 BSLY&M). **1ST BLACK TYPE**. O-Whispering Oaks Farm LLC; B-Clear Creek Stud LLC (LA); T-Carrol Castille. \$13,307.

Margins: 5, 8, 10. Odds: 0.40, 2.90, 12.90.

Also Ran: Tdz Hint of Power, Jonas Grumby. Scratched: Romeo Spikes.

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Smoken Wicked was the runner-up in the Bashford Manor Stakes at Churchill Downs last summer, then took on the NYRA juvenile series where he was third in the GII Saratoga Special Stakes Aug. 10, and finished fourth in both the GI Hopeful Stakes at the Spa Sept. 2 and the GI Champagne Stakes at the Big A Oct. 24. The chestnut powered home a winner by 8 lengths against optional claimers under the Twin Spires Nov. 2 and won his first stakes in the Louisiana Juvenile Stakes at Fair Grounds Dec. 14.

Well-supported at 40 cents on the dollar here, the chalk shadowed to the outside of a pair of competitors after the break, but Smoken Wicked was ready to go towards the end of the backstretch. With a strong move by rolling past Voila Magic, the 2-year-old looked like a pro down the lane as he ran for fun to make it three wins in a row.

"He's a big healthy horse and he continued to eat good in the weeks between races," trainer Dallas Stewart said. "We didn't breeze him, but we gave him some nice strong gallops and he handled that well. He's a unique physical specimen.

"I told Colby [Hernandez] if you're five in front at the 1/16th pole, I want you to put another five on them," said Stewart. "Because the other day he got to looking around a little bit. I wanted to make sure he finishes good and won't get caught on the wire."

Street Smoke handed the winner a pair of full-siblings in current yearling colt Wildly Wicked and a filly who she foaled Mar. 27. She was bred to Carpe Diem for new year.

**EDDIE LOGAN S.**, \$101,000, Santa Anita, 12-29, 2yo, 1mT, 1:37.70, fm.

1--**ARTISLAS**, 122, c, 2, by **Catalina Cruiser**

**1st Dam: Moms Pride (Fr), by Into Mischief**

**2nd Dam: Tinge, by Kingmambo**

**3rd Dam: Toussaud, by El Gran Senor**

(\$20,000 Ylg '23 FTKOCT; \$100,000 2yo '24 OBSMAR). O-Irving Ventures LLC, Michele Arthur, William Meathe and Jeanne Tumanjan; B-University of Kentucky (KY); T-Jeff Mullins; J-Flavien Prat. \$60,000. Lifetime Record: GSW, 5-3-0-1, \$177,500.

2--**Fomo Joe**, 118, c, 2, **Instilled Regard**--Rein in Avaricity, by Include. (\$25,000 Ylg '23 FTKOCT; \$130,000 2yo '24 OBSAPR).

**1ST BLACK TYPE**. O-California Racing Partners, Ciaglia Racing LLC, Kevin F. O'Donnell, Thomas B. White and Ryan Hanson; B-Three Lyons Racing LLC (KY); T-Ryan Hanson. \$20,000.

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3--**Sabertooth**, 118, c, 2, Grazen--Hard to Resist, by Johannesburg. (\$100,000 Ylg '23 FTKJUL; \$240,000 RNA 2yo '24 OBSAPR). O-George A. Sharp; B-2500 Determined Stud (MD); T-Tim Yakteen. \$12,000.

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Margins: NK, 2HF, 2. Odds: 0.60, 16.80, 4.40.

Also Ran: Cano for the Win, Precision (GB), King of Dragons, Tiz Happy. Scratched: Game Warrior. Click for the [Equibase.com chart or VIDEO](#), sponsored by [FanDuel TV](#). **Cont.**





**Artislas** | *Benoit*

Artislas rebounded from his first loss with a game victory in the Eddie Logan Stakes at Santa Anita Sunday. The 3-5 favorite broke inward, but recovered and was just off the pace set by Fomo Joe. Jostled in traffic on the first turn, he was in the clear while three wide behind a moderate tempo down the backstretch. He moved to challenge Fomo Joe at the top of the lane and looked ready to blow on by, only to have the pacesetter fight back gamely. Artislas just outkicked that foe to the wire.

Artislas opened his career with three straight wins, debuting with a 1 1/4-length victory going five furlongs over the Del Mar lawn Aug. 2 before scores in the Sept. 8 GIII Del Mar Juvenile Turf Stakes and Oct. 6 GIII Zuma Beach Stakes. He suffered his first defeat when eighth in the Nov. 1 Thoroughbred Aftercare Alliance Stakes at Del Mar last time out.

Moms Pride has a yearling filly by Jimmy Creed who sold for \$50,000 at this year's Fasig-Tipton October sale, and a weanling colt by **Midshipman**. She was bred back to **Drain the Clock** this year. The winner's third dam is blue hen mare Toussaud, who produced Grade I winners Honest Lady (Seattle Slew) and Empire Maker (Unbridled), et al.

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### IN ORDER OF PURSE:

**8th-Oaklawn, \$130,000, Alw (NW1\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$125,000), 12-29, 2yo, 1m, 1:39.97, my, 1/2 length.**

**MONET'S MAGIC (c, 2, **Good Magic**--Rontos Lily {MSP, \$107,714}, by Big Drama)** kicked off his racing career last



**Monet's Magic** | *Coady Media*

summer at Ellis Park, but it was not until his fifth asking that he broke his maiden, which was a neck score at Churchill Downs Nov. 30. Looking to keep the streak going, the second choice on the tote at 2-1 here settled midpack as Heavenville (**Instagrاند**) set the fractions. Though the colt was far back up the backstretch, he started to chew up ground around the far turn. Initially sticking to the fence down the lane, the juvenile tipped to the two path, bumped with the leader in the final stages, but was able to clear the condition by half a length. The winner's dam last produced a colt by **Ghostzapper** who is currently a yearling. Monet's Magic counts as her second dam MSW & GISP Platinum Tiara (Cozzene). Sales History: \$70,000 RNA Wlg '22 KEENOV; \$100,000 Ylg '23 FTKFEB; \$145,000 RNA Ylg '23 FTKOCT. Lifetime Record: 6-2-0-1, \$170,139. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.** O-Midway Racing, LLC (Davant Latham); B-Theta Holdings 1 Inc. (KY); T-Ben Colebrook.

## VINERY SALES GRADUATE

**6th-Turfway, \$81,889, Alw (NW1\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$25,000), 12-28, 3yo/up, 1 1/4m (AWT), 2:03.51, ft, neck.**

**SWISS SLANG (c, 3, Summer Front--Sky Skier, by Sky Mesa)**

cleared a pair of optional claiming levels on the all-weather at Gulfstream last spring before running third against turf allowance types at Keeneland in late April. A six-month break followed and the colt returned to the races to finish a well-beaten ninth facing similar company over the grass course at Churchill Downs Nov. 2. Bet down to a 5-1 shot here, the blinkered Swiss Slang settled midpack as the field passed the grandstand for the first time. The colt raced three wide from that same position up the backstretch, but the 3-year-old began to get in gear with a four-wide move around the far turn.

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Under a drive towards the center of the course, the bay started to duel with Multitask (**Candy Ride {Arg}**) with a sixteenth left and got the better of his rival to score by a neck. The winner's dam produced a filly named Bella Colpa (**Blame**) who is an unraced 2-year-old and a current yearling filly by Classic Empire. Sky Skier was bred to **Runhappy** for next season. Sales History: \$28,000 Ylg '22 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 7-4-0-1, \$118,510. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.** O-Equine Investment Syndicate; B-Arthur Stgeorge (KY); T-Riley Mott.

**4th-Turfway, \$73,900, Alw, 12-28, (NW1\$X), 3yo/up, 1m (AWT), 1:37.91, ft, 1 length.**  
**CALL PROTECTION (c, 3, Good Samaritan--Conquest Bad Uncle, by Uncle Mo),** a former member of Chad Brown's shedrow starting as a juvenile and into his 3-year-old season, switched to the grass for Michael Maker where he won a maiden claimer by 6 1/4 lengths at the Spa Aug. 29. The colt was well-beaten in the Gill Bryan Station Stakes at Keeneland Oct. 26 before being installed as the 5-2 choice here. In the mix heading into the first turn, the dark bay raced in the third flight up the backstretch. The Maker trainee launched his bid around the far turn. Taking control at the sixteenth marker the 3-year-old cleared the condition by a length over Silent Sunday (Silent Name {Jpn}). Second to the races for his dam, the winner has a half-sister by **Practical Joke**. Conquest Bad Uncle has not been reported as bred since. Sales History: \$60,000 Wlg '21 KEENOV; \$90,000 Ylg '22 KEESEP; \$340,000 2yo '23 OBSAPR. Lifetime Record: 5-2-0-0, \$95,255. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

O-Jordan V. Wycoff; B-Kathryn Day & ThoroughBred by Design, LLC (KY); T-Michael J. Maker.

**5th-Santa Anita, \$63,500, Alw (NW1\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$50,000), 12-29, 3yo/up, f/m, 6fT, 1:08.21, fm, 1/2 length.**

**QUEEN MAXIMA (f, 3, Bucchero--Corfu Lady, by Corfu),** always a grass runner, debuted a winner by 1 3/4 lengths at the seaside oval Aug. 10, but faced traffic troubles during the second half of an optional claimer and finished tenth over the same surface Sept. 2. A runner-up going down the hill in the Unzip Stakes at Santa Anita Sept. 28, the chestnut missed by a nose attempting to clear the optional claiming ranks at Del Mar Nov. 24. Supported at 90 cents on the dollar here, the favorite traversed the dirt to settle midpack along the rail as a longshot tried to steal the show up the backstretch. Saving her booster rocket for a late burn, Queen Maxima rolled into the turn and was tipped expertly to the outside aisle by jockey Juan Hernandez. The 3-year-old lit the candle and her well-timed ride worked to perfection as she reigned by half a length over Soho (**City of Light**). The winner is her dam's first foal, but she does have a 2-year-old unraced half-brother named Florida Chrome (Gunnevera). Corfu Lady was not reported as bred these past two seasons. Sales History: \$40,000 2yo '23 OBSOPN. Lifetime Record: 5-2-2-0, \$113,100. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

O-Irving Ventures LLC and Michele Arthur; B-Saul Rosas (FL); T-Jeff Mullins.



Queen Maxima | Benoit

**7th-Turfway, \$58,746, Alw (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$62,500), 12-28, 2yo, 1m (AWT), 1:38.18, ft, 2 lengths.**

**BANKS (g, 2, Outwork--Blip Says Bye, by Fed Biz)** was claimed out of a dirt sprint for \$30,000 after debuting as the runner-up at Keeneland Oct. 20. His new trainer sent the dark bay to face maiden special weight auction restricted company in Florence Dec. 5 and he promptly graduated by 5 1/4 lengths.

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Back at the same distance and as a 7-2 shot here, Banks flashed speed early, but was shuffled towards the rear of the field into the first turn. Undeterred by the position, the hooded juvenile began to make progress as he picked off foes up the backstretch. The gelding made a three-deep swing around far turn and made the front just before the top of the lane. Skimming the fence, the 2-year-old motored home nicely to get his picture taken by two lengths over Hard As Life (**Gun Runner**). The favorite California Burrito (**Army Mule**) was fourth. The first registered offspring for his dam, the winner has a yearling half-sister by **Constitution** who was purchased by MyRacehorse for \$300,000 during Keeneland September. Blip Says Bye foaled a filly by **Tonalist** Apr. 23 and visited **Frosted** for next term. Sales History: \$7,000 Ylg '23 FTKOCT. Lifetime Record: 3-2-1-0, \$50,635. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

O-Tom Lambro; B-E. H. Beau Lane (KY); T-Joe Sharp.

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**5th-Tampa Bay Downs, \$39,650, Alw (NW2X)/Opt. Clm (\$32,000), 12-29, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:11.03, gd, 2 1/2 lengths. MIUCCIA (f, 3, Mitole--Bay Harbor, by Speightstown),** winner of the Game Face Stakes in June, was runner-up in the Azalea Stakes in July before a third-place effort in the Aug. 31 Gill Prioress Stakes. She was making her first start since finishing sixth in the GII Lexus Raven Run Stakes Oct. 19. The 2-5 favorite raced with the pace through a quarter in :22.67, but settled back as Spanish Delight (Global Response) opened a clear advantage on the field. She moved up to reengage the pacesetter as the half went up in :46.07, forged to the lead at midstretch and drove clear to win by 2 1/2 lengths. Sea Art (Klimt) closed for second and Spanish Delight was third. Miuccia was a \$55,000 KEEJAN yearling, a \$140,000 FTKOCT yearling and a \$230,000

EASMAY juvenile. Bay Harbor, purchased by Fred Hertrich for \$130,000 with the winner in utero at the 2020 Keeneland November sale, has a weanling colt by **Maclean's Music** and was bred back to **Elite Power**. The mare is a half-sister to Grade I winner Grace Adler (**Curlin**) and to graded winner Pyrenees (Into Mischief). **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.** Lifetime Record: 8-3-1-1, \$150,415. O-JR Ranch; B-Fred W. Hertrich III, John D. Fielding & Robert L. Tribbett (KY); T-Gustavo Delgado.

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**3rd-Oaklawn, \$110,000, Msw, 12-29, 2yo, 6f, 1:09.81, my, head.**

**INNOVATOR (c, 2, Authentic--Inspired {MSW, \$439,785}, by Unbridled's Song),** who was slammed at the windows to the tune of 80 cents on the dollar here, blazed out of the blocks to lead by several lengths up the backstretch. Making every pole a winning one, the dark bay kept to the task around the far turn, but he was joined to the outside by Dreaminblue (Street Boss) for the final furlong. The colt would not let his rival pass and slid into home by a head to clear the maiden ranks. **Cont.**



Innovator (inside) over Dreaminblue (outside) | Coady Media



The \$900,000 Keeneland September grad debuted last summer at Churchill Downs, and was the runner-up at second and third asking upstate before being well-beaten in the GI Hopeful Stakes Sept. 2. The juvenile placed in a maiden special weight under the Twin Spires Nov. 27 and stood on the podium again in the same spot for the Advent Stakes in Hot Springs Dec. 6. Out of an extended female family which includes sires National Treasure (**Quality Road**) and Leofric (**Candy Ride {Arg}**), the winner is a half-sister to Carmel Road (**Quality Road**), SW-KSA, GSP-USA, \$224,626. Inspired is responsible for colt in-training Ambition (**Street Sense**), a weanling filly named Beautiful (Authentic) who she foaled Feb. 5 and she was entered once again in Authentic's book for next year. Innovator is the 24th winner for his freshman sire (by Into Mischief). Sales History: \$900,000 Ylg '23 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: SP, 7-1-4-0, \$172,555. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

O-BC Stables, LLC; B-Peter E. Blum Thoroughbreds, LLC (KY); T-D. Wayne Lukas.

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**7th-Oaklawn, \$110,000, Msw, 12-29, 2yo, f, 6f, 1:11.51, my, 4 1/4 lengths.**

**MISS MARTINI (f, 2, Curlin--Sweet Diane {GSP, \$139,229}, by Will Take Charge),** off since finishing second in her six-furlong unveiling at Churchill June 28, was sent off the 7-5 favorite. The bay filly broke sharply and battled through an opening quarter in :21.95. She grabbed command as the half went up in :46.37 and strode clear down the lane to graduate by 4 1/4 lengths. Everloving (**Violence**) was second. Never far back, Yes Ma'am (Unified), a half-sister to GI Kentucky Derby winner Mystik Dan (Goldencents), put in a three-way challenge approaching the stretch before flattening out and finishing fifth. Miss Martini was a \$225,000 KEESEP yearling. Sweet Diane produced a colt by Into Mischief this year and was bred back to **Justify**. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.** Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$90,000.

O-Jackpot Farm; B-River Bend Farm (KY); T-Steven M. Asmussen.

**Hip 423: Dam sells at KEEJAN with Denali**



Miss Martini | Coady Media

**5th-Oaklawn, \$110,000, (S), Msw, 12-29, 2yo, 6f, 1:13.33, my, nose.**

**WAR MULE (g, 2, Army Mule--Lovely Illusion, by Graydar),** a 4-1 shot, battled for the early lead before easing back to settle just off the pace. He cut the corner to spring back into contention at the top of the lane and took control in upper stretch before holding on grittily late as Bote (**Gift Box**) closed to within a nose on the line. War Mule was a \$50,000 OBSWIN yearling. Lovely Illusion, who has a yearling filly by Cutting Humor, produced a full-brother to the winner this year and was bred back to Breaking Lucky. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.** Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$66,000.

O-Mansfield Racing; B-4 M Ranch (AR); T-W. Bret Calhoun.

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**6th-Oaklawn, \$110,000, Msw, 12-29, 2yo, f, 1 1/16m, 1:47.70, my, neck.**

**LEGAL EMPRESS (f, 2, Tiz the Law--Dothraki Queen {GSW & MGISP, \$465,206}, by Pure Prize)** opened her career with a pair of efforts going 7 1/2 furlongs over the turf at Remington Park, finishing third Oct. 2 and missing by just a head when second Oct. 19. She moved to the main track to be second after setting the pace going one mile at Oaklawn Dec. 6. Sent off at 5-1 in this stretch out to 1 1/16 miles, the dark bay filly was quickly out to the early lead before sitting just off pacesetting Queen Jubilee (Authentic). She shadowed that foe through fractions of :23.75 and :48.06 and rolled up to challenge for the lead midway on the far turn.

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## TDN RACE CRITERIA

The races covered in the TDN are as follows:

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- Optional Claiming Races: purses of \$20,000/up
- Maiden Special Weight: purses of \$18,000/up
- Maiden Claiming: purses of \$18,000/up & a minimum claiming price of \$40,000



The two fillies battled head to head down the lane with Legal Empress just getting a neck in front on the line to become the 22nd winner for her freshman sire (by **Constitution**). An \$87,000 FTKFEB yearling, Legal Empress was a \$170,000 FTKOCT yearling. Dothraki Queen, third in the 2015 GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies, has a weanling filly by **Audible**. After selling to Terry Lovingier for \$45,000 with that filly in utero at the 2023 Keeneland November sale, she was bred back to Stay Thirsty. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.** Lifetime Record: 4-1-2-1, \$98,391.

O-Jerry Namy; B-Chc Inc. (KY); T-Abel Ramirez-Rodriguez.



**5th-Turfway, \$76,250, Msw, 12-28, 2yo, 6 1/2f (AWT), 1:17.93, ft, 1 1/4 lengths.**

**MAITRE D (c, 2, Game Winner--My Lady Munnings, by Munnings)**, who drew in off the also-eligible list, was overlooked for this debut as a 26-1 shot here. The juvenile broke smartly from one of the outside gates before being taken back to chase the pace from the four path up the backstretch. Poised to strike around the far turn, the dark bay ranged up on the leaders, entered the lane full of run and took over the lead in the final furlong to don cap and gown by 1 1/4 lengths over fellow firster Silver Ore (**Frosted**). The winner's dam is responsible for a yearling filly by Improbable and she foaled a colt by Cyberknife Apr. 13. My Lady **Munnings** was sent back to **Game Winner** for 2025. Maitre D is the 12th winner for his freshman sire (by **Candy Ride {Arg}**). Sales History: \$280,000 Wlg '22 FTKNOV; \$260,000 2yo '24 OBSAPR. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$46,637. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.** O-Sonata Stable; B-Drumkenny Farm & American Equistock Inc. (KY); T-Doug F. O'Neill.



Maitre D | Coady Media



Decadent | Lauren King

**6th-Gulfstream, \$61,000, Msw, 12-29, 2yo, f, 7f, 1:24.12, sy, 3 1/4 lengths.**

**DECADENT (f, 2, Girvin--One More Minute, by Istan)**, a 7-2 shot, always within striking distance, eyeballed even-money favorite Magical Day (Distorted Humor) at the top of the lane and powered away from that foe late to win by 3 1/4 lengths. Shadwell's debuting Ghanaayem (**Uncle Mo**) was third. Decadent was a \$100,000 FTKJUL yearling. One More Minute produced a colt by Win Win Win in 2023 and a filly by that sire in 2024. Bloodstock agent Louis DuBois purchased the colt for \$100,000 at this year's Keeneland September sale, while the weanling sold for \$30,000 to Top Hand Equine at Keeneland November. The mare was bred back to **Highly Motivated** this year. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.** Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$45,000. O-Magdalena Racing; B-Brereton C. Jones (FL); T-Kenneth G. McPeck.

**1st-Santa Anita, \$61,000, Msw, 12-29, 3, 4, /5yo, f/m, 6fT, 1:08.63, fm, 1 length.**

**SKATINGTHROUGHLIFE (f, 3, Race Day--Morning Memo, by Morning Line)** made her first start over the Del Mar grass and finished fifth Nov. 8. A 9-2 shot here, the filly tracked just to the outside of Cypress Moon (Malibu Moon) after the bell, but was taken back to run third up the backstretch. With the pacesetter seemingly sprinting away, the bay had plenty in reserve to mount a comeback around the far turn. The 3-year-old clung to the fence at the top of the lane, tipped to the two path at the sixteenth pole and nailed the leader to nab the money. The winner's unraced dam is responsible for a 2-year-old colt by Gormley and a yearling colt by **Higher Power**. Morning Memo was bred to Greatest Honour for 2025.

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Sales History: \$27,000 Ylg '22 KEESEP; \$150,000 2yo '23 OBSAPR. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$37,080. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.** O-California Racing Partners, Ciaglia Racing LLC and John Ford Racing, Inc.; B-Nirvana Farm LLC (KY); T-Mark Glatt.

**VINERY SALES GRADUATE**

**7th-Fair Grounds, \$58,000, Msw, 12-29, 2yo, f, 1 1/16m (off turf), 1:46.15, ft, 1/2 length.**

**SHE'S A SWEDE (f, 2, American Pharoah--Courteous {GSP}, by Midnight Lute)** was a well-beaten eighth while sprinting six furlongs over the main track at Churchill in her June 28 debut and was a distant seventh when going 1 1/16 miles over the Saratoga lawn last time out Aug. 4. Sent off at 3-1 in this off-turfer, the bay filly was soon at the head of affairs and was in control through fractions of :24.20 and :48.96. Challenged by Miss Authentic (Authentic) and favored Calamity (**Gun Runner**) turning for home, she held on determinedly to win by a half-length over Calamity was second with Miss Authentic in third. Courteous, purchased by Milam Farm for \$200,000 with the winner in utero at the 2022 Keeneland January sale, has a weanling colt by **Not This Time** and was bred back to **Cody's Wish**. The winner's third dam is Statuette (Pancho Villa), who produced multiple Group 1-placed Tomahawk (Seattle Slew). **Click for the Equibase.com chart.** Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-0, \$36,674. O/B-Milam Farm (KY); T-Kenneth G. McPeck.

**3rd-Gulfstream, \$43,000, Msw, 12-29, 3yo/up, 1 1/16m (AWT) (off turf), 1:40.73, ft, 5 1/2 lengths.**

**THEN (c, 3, Not This Time--Guiltless, by Bernardini)**, a \$410,000 KEESEP yearling purchase, was third and fourth in a pair of turf outings at Aqueduct last spring for trainer Bill Mott and owner John Oxley. Sold for \$150,000 at this year's Fasig-Tipton July Horses of Racing Age Sale, the bay colt was making his first start for his new connections as a 7-2 shot in this off-turf on-Tapeta appearance. Well held and racing at the back of a bunched-up field, he was behind a wall of horses approaching the stretch, angled to the rail at the top of the lane and bound to the lead. He pulled away to score by 5 1/2 lengths. Duration (Mitole) was second. The winner is a half-brother to Du Jour (Temple City), GISW, \$1,173,220. Guiltless has a yearling filly by **Street Sense** and was bred to **Violence** this year. The winner's third dam is Baby Zip (Relaunch), who produced **Ghostzapper** and City Zip. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.** Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-1, \$42,000.

O-Lindy Farms and Greathorse Racing; B-Woods Edge Farm, LLC (KY); T-Philip Antonacci.

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**1st-Tampa Bay Downs, \$32,000, Msw, 12-29, 2yo, 7f, 1:24.21, ft, 3 lengths.**

**ROCK D'ORO (c, 2, Bolt d'Oro--Rockport Babe, by Rockport Harbor)** opened his career with a pair of runner-up efforts in England over the synthetic and turf over the summer and, transferred stateside, tired to fifth going one mile and 70 yards over the Gulfstream Tapeta Nov. 24. The 1-2 favorite, cutting back and trying conventional dirt for the first time, moved quickly up to vie for the early lead along the rail and was in front midway down the backstretch. He opened up on the field on the far turn and skipped further clear into the lane to report home an unchallenged three-length winner. Sarkis (Vino Rosso) was second. Rock d'Oro was purchased by Paddy Vaughan/Barry Nolan for \$30,000 at the 2023 FTKOCT sale and was purchased by Amo Racing's Alex Elliott for €130,000 at this year's TATBRU auction. Purchased by Barton Thoroughbreds for \$3,000 at last year's Fasig-Tipton Digital August Sale, Rockport Babe was bred to One Bad Boy this year. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.** Lifetime Record: 4-1-2-0, \$25,991.

O-Amo Racing USA; B-Ruis Racing LLC (KY); T-Jorge Delgado.

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**IN ITALY:**

**Biscayne Blaze, c, 2, Yoshida--Perfect Impression, by Shackleford.** Pisa, 12-29, Hcp., 2000mT. O-Scuderia Tirrenia.

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B-WinStar Farm, LLC & Madaket Stables (KY). T-Affe` Galoppo di Affe` Agostino. \*\$22,000 Wlg '22 KEENOV; \$8,000 Ylg '23 OBSJAN; \$24,000 RNA Ylg '23 FTKJUL; \$8,000 Ylg '23 FTKOCT. **VIDEO.**

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2024 Stud Fees Listed

**Authentic** (Into Mischief), Spendthrift Farm, \$50,000  
 160 foals of racing age/24 winners/1 black-type winner  
 3-Parx Racing, 12:59 p.m. EST, Msw 7f, Very Bad Guy, 5-1  
 \$150,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$210,000 OBS APR 2yo

**Fog of War (War Front)**, Topaz Stud, private  
 53 foals of racing age/4 winners/0 black-type winners  
 3-Parx Racing, 12:59 p.m. EST, Msw 7f, Lovemeakaren, 12-1

**Game Winner (Candy Ride {Arg})**, Lane's End Farm, \$20,000  
 118 foals of racing age/13 winners/1 black-type winner  
 7-Parx Racing, 2:47 p.m. EST, \$75K Parx Future Stars Filly Division S., 7f, Alyvia Mavis, 10-1  
 \$37,000 SAR AUG yrl; \$15,000 RNA FTJ UN 2yo

**Gift Box (Twirling Candy)**, Lane's End Farm, \$5,000  
 82 foals of racing age/14 winners/1 black-type winner  
 9-Parx Racing, 3:41 p.m. EST, \$75K Parx Future Stars S., 7f, Robert's Moon, 8-1  
 \$11,000 KEE NOV wnl; \$40,000 EAS MAY 2yo

**Honor A. P.** (Honor Code), Lane's End Farm, \$10,000  
 80 foals of racing age/13 winners/1 black-type winner  
 7-Parx Racing, 2:47 p.m. EST, \$75K Parx Future Stars Filly Division S., 7f, Hollywood Beauty, 12-1  
 \$30,000 KEE NOV wnl; \$8,000 FTK OCT yrl

**Instagrand** (Into Mischief), Taylor Made Farm, \$7,500  
 136 foals of racing age/21 winners/1 black-type winner  
 5-Parx Racing, 1:53 p.m. EST, Msw 7f, Ourdaydreaminggirl, 3-1  
 \$50,000 FTK OCT yrl; \$50,000 OBS APR 2yo

**McKinzie (Street Sense)**, Gainesway Farm, \$30,000  
 171 foals of racing age/21 winners/2 black-type winners  
 7-Parx Racing, 2:47 p.m. EST, \$75K Parx Future Stars Filly Division S., 7f, Not Too Late, 8-1  
 \$75,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$8,000 EAS MAY 2yo

**Pat On the Back** (Congrats), Bonner Hill Farms, \$3,500  
 15 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners  
 6-Parx Racing, 2:20 p.m. EST, \$100K Wait For It S., 7f, Fenton Forever, 9-5  
 6-Parx Racing, 2:20 p.m. EST, \$100K Wait For It S., 7f, Good Friday Man, 5-1  
 6-Parx Racing, 2:20 p.m. EST, \$100K Wait For It S., 7f, Reelin N Dealin, 3-1  
 \$20,000 EAS MAY 2yo

**Tom's d'Etat** (Smart Strike), WinStar Farm, \$7,500  
 79 foals of racing age/17 winners/1 black-type winner  
 9-Parx Racing, 3:41 p.m. EST, \$75K Parx Future Stars S., 7f, Gun Trader, 8-1  
 RNA KEE NOV wnl; \$24,000 FTK OCT yrl; \$8,000 EAS MAY 2yo

**SECOND-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: MONDAY, DECEMBER 30**

2024 Stud Fees Listed

**Maximus Mischief** (Into Mischief), Spendthrift Farm, \$25,000  
 232 foals of racing age/92 winners/10 black-type winners  
 9-Parx Racing, 3:41 p.m. EST, \$75K Parx Future Stars S., 7f, Baby Dukes, 9-2  
 \$130,000 EAS OCT yrl  
 7-Parx Racing, 2:47 p.m. EST, \$75K Parx Future Stars Filly Division S., 7f, Maximus Angelicus, 9-5

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**Maximus Mischief** | Spendthrift Farm



**Preservationist** (Arch), Airdrie Stud, \$5,000  
 105 foals of racing age/44 winners/4 black-type winners  
 9-Parx Racing, 3:41 p.m. EST, \$75K Parx Future Stars S., 7f, Right Wing Runner, 5-1  
 \$10,000 OBS OCT yrl; \$75,000 OBS MAR 2yo

**Vino Rosso** (Curlin), Spendthrift Farm, \$20,000  
 310 foals of racing age/105 winners/5 black-type winners  
 5-Parx Racing, 1:53 p.m. EST, Msw 7f, Marelou, 10-1  
 \$60,000 RNA KEE SEP yrl



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ADDITIONAL RACING

**HANDICAP RESULTS:**

**9th-Gulfstream, \$80,300, Hcp**, 12-29, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/8m (AWT), 1:49.89, ft, 2 1/4 lengths.  
**SAND AND SEA** (m, 6, **Liam's Map**--**Hard Mystery** {SW, \$179,833}, by **Hard Spun**) Lifetime Record: SW, 26-8-5-4, \$452,693. O-James S. Karp; B-Dennis Farkas (IN); T-Riley Mott. \*\$110,000 Wlg '18 FTKNOV; \$180,000 Ylg '19 KEESEP.

LANE'S END SALES GRADUATE

**TAPROOT YEARLING PURCHASE**

**ALLOWANCE RESULTS:**

**1st-Aqueduct, \$87,000, (C)/Opt. Clm** (\$80,000), 12-29, 3yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:37.26, sy, 1 length.  
**AIN'T BROKE** (m, 5, **Dialed In**--**Voussoir**, by **Arch**) Lifetime Record: GSP, 24-6-6-2, \$469,875. O-Ronald P. Stewart; B-John Kerber (KY); T-Linda Rice. \*1/2 to Ain't No Elmers (Goldencents), MGSP, \$322,785 and a full to Mr. Wireless, MGSW, \$1,182,493.

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**10th-Santa Anita, \$64,366, (NW1\$X)/Opt. Clm** (\$50,000), 12-28, 3yo/up, 1 1/8mT, 1:47.54, fm, 1/2 length.

**SEA SINGER (IRE) (g, 3, Sea The Moon {Ger}--Isobel Baillie {GB} {SP-Fr }, by Lomitas {GB})** Lifetime Record: 10-2-0-0, \$68,091. O-Team Valor International LLC; B-Airlie Stud & Flaxman Stables Ire. Ltd (IRE); T-Michael W. McCarthy. \*€23,000 Ylg '22 TATIRY. \*\*1/2 to Isabella Sings (Eskendereya), MGSW-USA, GSP-Can, \$648,170, Alaura Michele (Arch), MSW & GSP, \$229,179 and Tobacco Road (**Quality Road**), SW, \$212,603.

**2nd-Santa Anita, \$61,000, (S), (NW1\$X)/Opt. Clm** (\$50,000), 12-29, 2yo, 6f, 1:11.18, ft, neck.

**SILVERADO STORM (g, 2, Heartwood--Lucy Wiggles {SP}, by Western Fame)** Lifetime Record: 6-2-0-0, \$57,020. O-Charles Bartlett; B-Danuario Ramirez Garcia (CA); T-Luis Mendez. \*\$20,000 2yo '24 CTBAJA.

**8th-Laurel, \$56,700, 12-29, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:12.20, my, 2 lengths.**

**FACTOR IT IN (h, 8, The Factor--Speightlass, by Speightstown)** Lifetime Record: MSW & MGSP, 39-14-4-4, \$664,240. O-Michael Scheffres; B-Pope McLean, Marc McLean, Pope McLean Jr. & Phil Hager (KY); T-Carlos A. Mancilla. \*\$75,000 Ylg '17 KEESEP. \*\*1/2 to Red Hot Lass (Texas Red), SP, \$276,614.

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**7th-Laurel, \$50,225, 12-29, (C), 3yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:40.72, my, 1/2 length.**

**STOP THE CAP (f, 4, Done Talking--Sweet Tea Please, by Kokand)** Lifetime Record: 15-6-2-3, \$138,420. O/B-Franklin G. Smith (SC); T-Hamilton A. Smith.

**7th-Gulfstream, \$49,090, (NW1\$X)/Opt. Clm** (\$25,000), 12-29, 3yo/up, 5f (AWT) (off turf), :56.02, ft, neck.

**BONUS MOVE (c, 3, Twirling Candy--Lady Mamba, by War Front)** Lifetime Record: 6-2-1-2, \$102,200. O-R. Lee Lewis; B-Parks Investment Group, LLC (KY); T-Mark A. Hennig. \*\$65,000 Ylg '22 KEESEP; \$240,000 2yo '23 EASMAY.

LANE'S END SALES GRADUATE

**TAPROOT TWO-YEAR-OLD PURCHASE**

**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**

**Higher Force**, f, 2, **Higher Power**--Manner of Speaking, by Langfuhr. Aqueduct, 12-29, (S), (C), 1m, 1:41.79. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-1, \$34,072. B-Saratoga Glen Farm, LLC (NY). \*\$45,000 Wlg '22 FTNMIX; \$69,000 RNA Ylg '23 SARAUG; \$26,000 2yo '24 FTDJUL. \*\*Fifth winner for freshman sire (by **Medaglia d'Oro**).

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TODAY'S FEATURED REPLAY



**Queen Maxima** (by **Bucchero**) rolled late in the fifth at Santa Anita  
(click to watch)

**American Promise**, c, 2, **Justify**--Tapella, by **Tapit**. Oaklawn, 12-29, 1 1/16m, 1:44.81. Lifetime Record: 6-1-1-1, \$109,874. B-Candy Meadows LLC (KY). \*\$750,000 Ylg '23 KESEP. \*\*1/2 to Hoosier Philly (Into Mischief), GSW, \$924,455.

**CANDY MEADOWS BRED, RAISED & SOLD**

**Gaga's Hamsome**, f, 2, **Maximum Security**--California Breeze, by Into Mischief. Aqueduct, 12-29, (C), 7f, 1:26.69. Lifetime Record: 5-1-1-1, \$64,180. B-Highclere Inc. (KY). \*\$75,000 Ylg '23 FTKJUL; \$16,000 2yo '24 OBSOPN. \*\*16th winner for freshman sire (by New Year's Day).

**Mr. Wallbanger**, g, 2, **Midnight Lute**--One More (GSP, \$162,884), by Holy Bull. Delta Downs, 12-28, 6 1/2f, 1:23.45. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$21,000. B-Ellen Epstein (KY). \*\$28,000 RNA Ylg '23 OBSOCT. \*\*1/2 to Grand Ave Girl (**Runhappy**), MSW, \$327,526. \*\*\*1ST-TIME STARTER.

**Sight to See**, f, 2, **Munnings**--View, by Birdstone. Oaklawn, 12-29, (R), 1m, 1:40.16. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-0, \$55,255. B-Jack Swain III (KY). \*\$57,000 Ylg '23 FTKOCT. \*\*Full to Morning, GSP-UAE, \$104,781.

**Incognito Burrito**, f, 2, **Practical Joke**--Homemade Salsa (SW & GSP), by Two Step Salsa. Fair Grounds, 12-29, (S), 6f, 1:12.82. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, \$39,530. B-Scott & Company Farm, LLC (LA). \*\$65,000 RNA Ylg '23 KESEP.

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**Breezey Bella**, f, 3, **Cajun Breeze**--Bella Capri Z, by Strong Hope. Tampa Bay Downs, 12-29, 5f (off turf), :58.17. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$34,300. B-Shadybrook Farm Inc. (FL). \*Full to Cajun Brother, SW & GSP, \$330,793.

**Jasiel**, g, 3, **Golden Lad**--Conagree Princess (SP), by Conagree. Laurel Park, 12-29, 7f, 1:26.77. Lifetime Record: 7-1-1-0, \$44,260. B-Daniel Marconi (MD). \*1/2 to Galerio (Jump Start), SW & GSP, \$687,348 and Bella Bettina (**Midshipman**), MSP, \$352,448.

**Humstinger**, g, 3, **Laoban**--Bee in a Bonnet (SP), by Precise End. Aqueduct, 12-29, (S), 6 1/2f, 1:18.51. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$48,850. B-McMahon of Saratoga Thoroughbreds, LLC (NY). \*\$100,000 Ylg '22 SARAUG. \*\*1/2 to Bank Sting (**Central Banker**), MSW & GSP, \$664,050.



**Pratchett**, g, 4, **Richard's Kid**--Tiz Gentle, by Tiznow. Santa Anita, 12-29, (S), (C), 6f, 1:11.68. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-1, \$28,040. B-Milt Policzer (CA).



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- Astern (Aus)**, Phileas Fogg, g, 4, o/o Merino, by More Than Ready. Queens County S., 12-29, Aqueduct
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- Bobby's Wicked One**, Smoken Wicked, c, 2, o/o Street Smoke, by Street Boss. Louisiana Futurity, 12-29, Fair Grounds
- Bolt d'Oro**, Rock d'Oro, c, 2, o/o Rockport Babe, by Rockport Harbor. MSW, 12-29, Tampa Bay
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- Cajun Breeze**, Breezey Bella, f, 3, o/o Bella Capri Z, by Strong Hope. MSW, 12-29, Tampa Bay
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- Cross Traffic**, La Vita Sofia, f, 4, o/o Skinner Box, by Freud. STR, 12-29, Aqueduct
- Curlin**, Miss Martini, f, 2, o/o Sweet Diane, by Will Take Charge. MSW, 12-29, Oaklawn
- Dialed In**, Ain't Broke, m, 5, o/o Voussoir, by Arch. AOC, 12-29, Aqueduct
- Done Talking**, Stop the Cap, f, 4, o/o Sweet Tea Please, by Kokand. ALW, 12-29, Laurel
- Game Winner**, Maitre D, c, 2, o/o My Lady **Munnings**, by **Munnings**. MSW, 12-28, Turfway
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**Golden Lad**, Jasiel, g, 3, o/o Conagree Princess, by Conagree. MCL, 12-29, Laurel Park

**Good Magic**, Monet's Magic, c, 2, o/o Rontos Lily, by Big Drama. AOC, 12-29, Oaklawn

**Good Samaritan**, Call Protection, c, 3, o/o Conquest Bad Uncle, by **Uncle Mo**. ALW, 12-28, Turfway

**Heartwood**, Silverado Storm, g, 2, o/o Lucy Wiggles, by Western Fame. AOC, 12-29, Santa Anita

**Higher Power**, Higher Force, f, 2, o/o Manner of Speaking, by Langfuhr. MCL, 12-29, Aqueduct

**Justify**, American Promise, c, 2, o/o Tapella, by **Tapit**. MSW, 12-29, Oaklawn

**Laoban**, Humstinger, g, 3, o/o Bee in a Bonnet, by Precise End. MSW, 12-29, Aqueduct

**Liam's Map**, Sand and Sea, m, 6, o/o Hard Mystery, by **Hard Spun**. HCP, 12-29, Gulfstream

**Maximum Security**, Gaga's Hamsome, f, 2, o/o California Breeze, by Into Mischief. MOC, 12-29, Aqueduct

**Midnight Lute**, Mr. Wallbanger, g, 2, o/o One More, by Holy Bull. MSW, 12-28, Delta Downs

**Mineshaft**, Jenkin, f, 2, o/o Morning Coffee, by Quiet American. Year's End S., 12-29, Oaklawn

**Mitole**, Miuccia, f, 3, o/o Bay Harbor, by Speightstown. AOC, 12-29, Tampa Bay

**Munnings**, Sight to See, f, 2, o/o View, by Birdstone. MCL, 12-29, Oaklawn Park

**Not This Time**, Then, c, 3, o/o Guiltless, by Bernardini. MSW, 12-29, Gulfstream

**Outwork**, Banks, g, 2, o/o Blip Says Bye, by Fed Biz. AOC, 12-28, Turfway

**Practical Joke**, Incognito Burrito, f, 2, o/o Homemade Salsa, by Two Step Salsa. MSW, 12-29, Fair Grounds

**Race Day**, Skatingthroughlife, f, 3, o/o Morning Memo, by Morning Line. MSW, 12-29, Santa Anita

**Richard's Kid**, Pratchett, g, 4, o/o Tiz Gentle, by Tiznow. MCL, 12-29, Santa Anita

**Sea The Moon (Ger)**, Sea Singer (Ire), g, 3, o/o Isobel Baillie (GB), by Lomas (GB). AOC, 12-28, Santa Anita

**Summer Front**, Swiss Slang, c, 3, o/o Sky Skier, by **Sky Mesa**. AOC, 12-28, Turfway

**The Factor**, Factor It In, h, 8, o/o Speightlass, by Speightstown. ALW, 12-29, Laurel

**Tiz the Law**, Legal Empress, f, 2, o/o Dothraki Queen, by Pure Prize. MSW, 12-29, Oaklawn

**Twirling Candy**, Bonus Move, c, 3, o/o Lady Mamba, by **War Front**. AOC, 12-29, Gulfstream

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## SERGEI PROKOFIEV TOPS FIRST-CROP SIRES - BUT OTHERS MAKE A MARK



Sergei Prokofiev | Whitsbury Manor Stud

by Brian Sheerin

It may be the season to be jolly, but it's also a time of reflection, and there are many ways one can look back on a first-season sires' championship in Britain and Ireland that was ultimately dominated from start to finish by Whitsbury Manor Stud's Sergei Prokofiev.

The cool thing to say about this year's championship was that none of the new stallions seemed to be standing out from the crowd like Blue Point (Ire) and Havana Grey (GB) had done in previous years.

That may well be true, but Sergei Prokofiev is deserving of a bit more credit for how his debut batch of runners performed this year as 23 individual winners and a total of 29 wins in Britain and Ireland left him well clear on numbers of his nearest pursuer, Mohaather (GB), who performed creditably with 19 winners and 24 wins respectively.

However, what some people seem to have missed with Sergei Prokofiev is that, not only did he win the first-season sires' championship, but his tally of two-year-old winners and wins compared favourably with some of the best stallions in the business.

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## FOREVER YOUNG EARNS ELUSIVE GROUP 1 IN TOKYO DAISHOTEN by Alan Carasso

Twice a winner at group level on foreign soil and placed in two of America's greatest races in 2024, Susumu Fujita's **Forever Young (Jpn)** (Real Steel {Jpn}) patched the one hole that existed in an already remarkable career, coming from just off the speed before proving comfortably best in a high-class renewal of the G1 Tokyo Daishoten at Ohi Racecourse.

In defeating the consistent **Wilson Tesoro (Jpn)** (Kitsan Black {Jpn}) and fellow 3-year-old **Ramjet (Jpn)** (Majestic Warrior), the son of US Grade II winner Forever Darling (Congrats) was succeeding for the first--and in all likelihood--not the last time at the highest level.

"He's a horse that's aiming to be the best in the world, so I felt like I couldn't lose in Japan," said winning jockey Ryusei Sakai. "I'll do my best [for him] to become the world champion next year." [Cont. p7](#)

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**7 | FOREVER YOUNG HAS SAUDI RETURN IN HIS SIGHTS**

*The winner of the G3 Saudi Derby this past February, Forever Young is likely to return to Riyadh for a crack at the world's richest race, the \$20-million G1 Saudi Cup, following his Tokyo Daishoten success. All things equal, the colt would then line up in the G1 Dubai World Cup at Meydan six weeks later.*

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**First-season sires cont. from p1**

In fact, Sergei Prokofiev ended the season in the top 10 most successful sires of two-year-old winners in Britain and Ireland, with his 23 individual winners comparing favourably with the likes of **Starspangledbanner (Aus)**, **No Nay Never** and even **Kingman (GB)**.

It must be said that there is a huge disparity of quality winners there, but still, it doesn't take from the fact Sergei Prokofiev has surpassed expectations to be mentioned in the same breath of such vaunted stallions on that one metric alone.

Sergei Prokofiev's sole Group winner came in the G3 Marble Hill Stakes at the Curragh when the Adrian Murray-trained Arizona Blaze (GB)--who had become his first winner on the opening day of the Irish turf season--carried the colours of Amo Racing to a hard-fought victory over subsequent Group 1 scorer Camille Pissarro (Ire) (**Wootton Bassett {GB}**).

Arizona Blaze very nearly clinched a Group 1 triumph of his own when flying home for second behind Magnum Force (Ire) (Mehmas {Ire}) in the Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf at Del Mar. He remains a classy colt with a view towards next year.

It will be interesting to see how his first crop of runners progress next year on the whole because, if there is a question mark hovering over Sergei Prokofiev, it is going to be how his horses train on.

A high-class juvenile himself when trained by Aidan O'Brien, the son of Scat Daddy managed to win at Listed level as a three-year-old but never really fulfilled his potential beyond his juvenile campaign.

But it must be noted that Sergei Prokofiev is throwing fine, big horses who look as though they will progress and the fact that buyers like Amo Racing, Ralph Beckett and Anthony Stroud supported him at the yearling sales this year can only be viewed as a positive going forward.

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### First-season sires cont.

Sands Of Mali (Fr), who on top of having 16 winners and 23 wins, enjoyed Royal Ascot success with the Kevin Ryan-trained Windsor Castle Stakes hero Ain't Nobody (Ire). The Ballyhane Stud stallion finished second overall by prize-money, trailing Sergei Prokofiev by just €70,000 and finishing some €100,000 clear of Darley's Pinatubo (Ire) in third.

Winner of the G2 Gimcrack Stakes himself at two, Sands Of Mali developed into a top-class sprinter, winning the G1 British Champions Sprint Stakes as a three-year-old.

Along with Ain't Nobody, he was responsible for the 105-rated Time For Sandals (Ire), who was beaten just a neck into second behind Celandine (GB) (**Kingman {GB}**) in the G2 Lowther Stakes at York for Harry Eustace.

Like Sergei Prokofiev, Sands Of Mali confirmed himself well capable of getting highly-rated soldiers on the ground who achieved good ratings--nine were rated 80 or above. The emphasis is definitely on speed with his progeny as the majority of those wins were achieved between five and six furlongs.

There's no doubt that Sands Of Mali has done enough in his debut season to suggest that he has a place at stud in Britain and Ireland for years to come. However, the fact that he had just 50 registered yearlings and only 24 foals on the ground will make things difficult in the short-term at least for him to kick on from what was an excellent debut year.

### Mohaather Makes Strong Start

It didn't seem to be happening for Mohaather up to the midpoint of the season but the way his progeny roared home in the second half of the season saw him surge up the table and, at one point, it looked as though he may even knock Sergei Prokofiev off his perch.

In the end, Mohaather trailed the first-season sire champion by just four individual winners and five wins overall. His strong debut season was headed by the success of G3 Molecomb Stakes winner Big Mojo (Ire) and a strong case can be made for the progeny of Mohaather doing even better beyond their juvenile years given he developed into a high-class miler later in life and recorded his career-high G1 Sussex Stakes success as a four-year-old.

### Kameko A Class Act

Although Kameko couldn't rival the tally of winners amassed by Sergei Prokofiev and co, he certainly came up trumps in the quality stakes and ended the year as the only freshman sire to come up with a winner at the highest level with Qatar Racing's New Century taking the Grade I Summer Stakes at Woodbine for trainer Andrew Balding.



Kameko | Tweenhills

That achievement didn't go unnoticed, either, with Godolphin going to 1 million gns to secure the brother of New Century during Book 2 of the October Yearling Sale at Tattersalls. That proved to be the sale-topping result of what proved to be memorable trade. Talk about two major feathers in the cap for the young stallion.

In terms of the figures, 12 individual winners and 17 wins from 46 runners all told in Britain and Ireland makes for hugely respectable reading for a sire whose progeny should progress with time and racing. Along with New Century, Kameko has a genuine Derby contender in the shape of the G2 Royal Lodge Stakes winner and the 114-rated Wimbledon Hawkeye (GB), while Rajeko (Ire) also secured a triple-figure rating of 100 for the stallion this season.

### Good Vibes On Ghaiyyath

Big things were expected from Darley's Pinatubo, Earthlight (Ire) and Ghaiyyath (Ire) and, strangely, while the latter didn't get as many winners on the board, he shaped the best of the trio in many people's eyes.

Predictably, Ghaiyyath's juveniles came to the fore late in the season, with Mandanaba (Fr) delivering a breakthrough '**TDN Rising Star**' success at Chantilly in November.

Six individual winners and wins from just 30 runners in Britain and Ireland was spearheaded by the 111-rated and G3 Autumn Stakes runner-up Stanhope Gardens (Ire). Ghaiyyath's second-crop yearlings have sold for up to 500,000gns and, perhaps most interestingly, a number of leading pinhookers stretched to secure foals by the stallion this year.

The bookmakers chalked up Pinatubo as the ante-post favourite to scoop first-season sire honours at odds of 6-4 and few would have disagreed with such an appraisal. **Cont. p5**





Pinatubo | Darley

**First-season sires cont.**

A tally of 18 individual winners and 23 wins in Britain and Ireland leaves him just one shy of Mohaather on both metrics from 16 fewer runners. There's no denying that more may well have been expected this year from Pinatubo, who was such a brilliant juvenile himself, with his two Group 1 wins featuring among an unbeaten two-year-old campaign that spanned six races.

Nonetheless, he still finished third in the table on prize-money and also in the European table (behind Sergei Prokofiev and Hello Youmzain) with his 22 individual winners and 30 overall wins just five and four short of the figures posted by the first-season sire champion in each category respectively. It may be the case that his runners are taking more time than many expected.

Meanwhile, another son of Shamardal, Earthlight, enjoyed 14 individual winners and 15 wins in Britain and Ireland with the 103-rated Mr Lightside (Ire), who finished third behind Big Mojo in the Molecomb, the highest-rated of that bunch.

The best from Earthlight was undoubtedly on show in France, where his daughter Daylight (Fr) scored in Group 3 company before finishing third behind Whistlejacket (Ire) in the Prix Morny followed by a fine second to Lake Victoria (Ire) (**Frankel {GB}**) in the G1 Cheveley Park.

**Hello Youmzain Here To Stay**

Speaking of France, it is hard not to be taken by the achievements of Haras d'Etreham resident Hello Youmzain (Fr). A quick scan of the leading first-crop sires' table in that country will see that his tally of 13 individual winners saw him hold off Wooded (Ire) by a single winner but the €200,245 difference in prize-money between the pair highlights where those wins were achieved.

Hello Youmzain managed to account for eight winners and nine wins in Britain and Ireland but, far more impressive than that was the fact he enjoyed two Group winners--Electrolyte (Ire) and Misunderstood (Fr)--in his debut season. His prowess has already been felt in the southern hemisphere, where Remala produced an impressive first winner in New Zealand for a sire who appears to be the real deal.

**Best Of The Rest**

Honourable mention must go to Without Parole (GB), who came up with two black-type horses--Fiery Lucy (GB) and Sea To Sky (Ire)--in his first crop while King Of Change (GB) did similarly well from a small crop to produce a Listed winner in Lady With The Lamp (Ire).

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Dubai Kahayla Classic (PA)	1	5YO+	2,000m	Dirt	1,000,000



## BRITAIN

### Sunday's Results:

**6th-Southwell, £6,300, Nov, 12-29, 2yo, f, 7f 14y (AWT), 1:29.21, st.**

**SINGOURA (GB) (f, 2, Rajasinghe {Ire}--Bakoura {GB}, by Green Desert),** a Nov. 23 debut second going six furlongs at Newcastle in her only prior start, was keen through the early strides and chased the leaders in fifth through halfway here. Urged closer once into the home straight, the 4-1 chance challenged between rivals passing the furlong pole and was ridden out thereafter to assert by 1 3/4 lengths from Nakaaha (GB) (**Bated Breath {GB}**). Singoura is the seventh of eight foals and fifth scorer produced by a dual-winning daughter of G3 Princess Royal Stakes third Bunood (Ire) (Sadler's Wells), who is also the dam of Listed Rosemary Stakes third Lanansaak (Ire) (Zamindar). The March-foaled bay, whose fourth dam is G1 Cheveley Park Stakes-winning matriarch Desirable (Ire) (Lord Gayle), is a half-sister to G3 Schwarzgold Rennen victrix and G2 German 1000 Guineas runner-up Queues Likely (GB) (Massaat {Ire}). She is also kin to a yearling filly by Rumble Inthejungle (Ire). Sales history: £27,000 Ylg '23 GOFFUK. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$6,279. O-Yorkshire Moors Racing & Partner; B-Mickley Stud (GB); T-Gemma Tutty.

**5th-Southwell, £7,300, Nov, 12-29, 3yo/up, 8f 13y (AWT), 1:42.18, st.**

**ALMOSH'HER (GB) (c, 3, Sea The Stars {Ire}--Orange Sun {GB} {SW-Ity}, by Duke Of Marmalade {Ire})** went forward to track the leader in second after the opening exchanges of this debut. Nudged along with a quarter-mile remaining, the 6-5 pick locked horns with Muddy Mooy (Ire) (Soldier's Call {GB}) approaching the final furlong and was ridden out in the closing stages to deny that rival by a neck. Almosh'her is the fourth winner, from six foals, out of Listed Premio Terme di Merano winner Orange Sun (GB) (Duke Of Marmalade {Ire}), herself a half-sister to the stakes-placed Play Act (SAf) (Heavenly Blue {Aus}) and to the dam of Listed Two-Year-Old Trophy victrix Summer Daydream (Ire) (**Footstepsinthesand {GB}**). The February-foaled, whose third dam is G1 Prix de la Foret heroine Field Of Hope (Ire) (Selkirk), bay is kin to a yearling colt by Twilight Son (GB). Sales history: 30,000gns RNA Wlg '21 TADEWE; 28,000gns 3yo '24 TTJULY. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$4,958. O-D Lovatt & C Bacon; B-Effevi SRL (GB); T-Charlie Fellowes.

## FRANCE

### CONDITIONS RESULTS:

**3rd-Pornichet-La Baule, €16,000, Cond, 12-29, 3yo, 10 1/2f (AWT), 2:12.36, st.**

**SHALOHA (GER) (f, 3, Le Havre {Ire}--Shalona {Fr} {SW & MGSP-Ger}, by Soldier Hollow {GB})** Lifetime Record: 7-2-0-1, €25,600. O-Christophe Guimard, Guillaume Nicot & Ecurie des Sables; B-Klaus Hofmann (GER); T-Guillaume Nicot.

**8th-Pornichet-La Baule, €16,000, Cond, 12-29, 4yo/up, 15 1/2f (AWT), 3:17.98, st.**

**STEP MORNING (FR) (g, 6, Sidestep {Aus}--By Chaparral {Fr}, by High Chaparral {Ire})** Lifetime Record: 19-5-6-4, €68,055. O-Gerard Beilvert & Vincent Beilvert; B-Jeremy Barthelemy (FR); T-Laura Hebrard de Veyrinas.

**6th-Pornichet-La Baule, €14,000, Cond, 12-29, 4yo/up, 8 1/2f (AWT), 1:40.52, st.**

**MANA MAHA (FR) (m, 6, Sageburg {Ire}--Sand Glory {Fr}, by Tamayuz {GB})** Lifetime Record: 27-3-6-2, €56,820. O-Arsenio Taboada Ferreira; B-Ecurie La Vallee Martigny EARL (FR); T-Tiago Jose Martins Novais.

## GERMANY

### ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

**Tex Air (Ger), c, 3, Areion (Ger)--Tech Exceed (Ger) (GSW-Itly & GSP-Ger, \$118,169), by Exceed And Excel (Aus).** Dortmund, 12-29, 8 1/2f (AWT), 1:49.87. B-Gestut Wittekindshof (GER). \*€10,000 RNA Ylg '22 BBAGS.



### IN THE UAE:

**Pen Portrait (Ire), g, 3, Night Of Thunder (Ire)--Beautiful Memory (Ire), by Invincible Spirit (Ire).** Sharjah, 12-29, Hcp., 1200m, 1:12.05, ft. B-Godolphin (Ire). **VIDEO.**



# WORLDWIDE NEWS

## Toyko Daishoten cont. from p1

The \$1.30 (3-10) jolly was exiting a third-place effort to his **'TDN Rising Star'** close relative Sierra Leone (**Gun Runner**) when arguably too close to the pace in the GI Breeders' Cup Classic Nov. 2 and jumped alertly from barrier four before allowing fellow G2 UAE Derby hero **Crown Pride (Jpn)** (Reach the Crown {Jpn}) to take up the running at the first corner of the right-turning track. Tracking comfortably from second down the back straight as Crown Pride set the pace a path or two off the inside running rail, Forever Young was ridden along to maintain his spot 600 metres out and was poised to strike under a bit of urging on the swing for home.

Roused to the front with about a furlong to race, Forever Young crossed the line 1 3/4 lengths to the good of recent G1 Champions Cup runner-up Wilson Tesoro to give big-spending owner Susumu Fujita his first top-level success. Ramjet sat an inside trip and battled on gamely for third ahead of the swansonging 7-year-old **Ushba Tesoro (Jpn)** (Orfevre {Jpn}), winner of this contest the last two seasons.

The latter used the 2022 Daishoten as a springboard to success in the G1 Dubai World Cup three months later, and tentative plans call for Forever Young to first return to Saudi Arabia--where he overcame a world of adversity in the G3 Saudi Derby this past February--for a crack at the world's richest race, the \$20-million G1 Saudi Cup, a contest won by the Yoshito Yahagi-trained Panthalassa (Jpn) (Lord Kanaloa {Jpn}) in 2023. All things equal, the colt would travel on to Dubai for the World Cup six weeks later.

The Daishoten was just the second Japanese appearance of the year for Forever Young, who took out the Oct. 2 Listed Japan Dirt Classic over course and distance when prepping for the Breeders' Cup. That was his first run after his eventful third in the GI Kentucky Derby five months prior.

## Pedigree Notes

Winner of the 2016 GII Santa Ynez Stakes, Forever Darling is the dam of four winners from five to race, including Forever Young's 2-year-old half-sister Brown Ratchet (Jpn) (Kizuna {Jpn}), who carried the Sunday Racing colors to a 1 1/2-length success in an 1800-meter turf event for debutantes at Nakayama Sept. 16 before adding the G3 Artemis Stakes.

Given her female family, it is not entirely surprising that Forever Darling might end up in Japan. Her stakes-winning and multiple Grade-I placed dam Darling My Darling is responsible for 2017 GI Darley Alcibiades Stakes victress Heavenly Love

(Malibu Moon), the dam of the aforementioned Sierra Leone, and Darling My Darling is a half-sister to Japanese Horse of the Year and G1 Japan Cup hero Zenno Rob Roy (Jpn).

Forever Darling is also the dam of a yearling filly by Epiphaneia (Jpn) (Symboli Kris S), a weanling colt by Rey de Oro (Jpn) (King Kamehameha {Jpn}) this past April and is due to foal a full-sibling to Forever Young in 2025.

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## Sunday, Ohi, Japan

**TOKYO DAISHOTEN-G1**, ¥170,000,000, Oi, 12-29, 3yo/up, 2000m, 2:04.90, gd.

1--**FOREVER YOUNG (JPN)**, 123, c, 3, by **Real Steel (Jpn)**

**1st Dam: Forever Darling (GSW-US, \$217,545),**  
by **Congrats**

**2nd Dam: Darling My Darling, by Deputy Minister**

**3rd Dam: Roamin Rachel, by Mining**

**1ST GROUP 1 WIN.** (¥98,000,000 Ylg '22 JRHAJUL). O-Susumu Fujita; B-Northern Farm; T-Yoshito Yahagi; J-Ryusei Sakai; ¥100,000,000. Lifetime Record: GSW-KSA & UAE, MGISP-US, 9-7-0-2, \$4,248,168. \*1/2 to Brown Ratchet (Jpn) (Kizuna {Jpn}), GSW-Jpn, \$239,613. **Werk Nick Rating: A+++ \*Triple Plus\***. [Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree or the free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree.](#)

2--**Wilson Tesoro (Jpn)**, 126, h, 5, Kitan Black (Jpn)--Chesutoko Rose, by **Uncle Mo**. O-Kenji Ryotokuji Holdings; B-Ryoken Farm; T-Noboru Takagi; J-Yuga Kawada; ¥35,000,000.

3--**Ramjet (Jpn)**, 123, c, 3, Majestic Warrior--Nefertiti (Jpn), by Gold Allure (Jpn). **1ST G1 BLACK-TYPE.** O-Koji Maeda; B-North Hills; T-Shozo Sasaki; J-Kosei Miura; ¥20,000,000.

Margins: 1 3/4, NK, 3HF. Odds: 0.30, 4.00, 9.50.

Also Ran: Ushba Tesoro (Jpn), Grand Bridge (Jpn), Derma Sotogake (Jpn), Crown Pride (Jpn), Sayono Nature (Jpn), King of the Nile (Jpn), Grande Mare (Jpn). [Click for the goracing.jp chart and VIDEO.](#)



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