

NEW CHAPTER FOR CLAIBORNE STALLIONS IN 2025



[Click here for our visit with Prince of Monaco and fellow new Claiborne stallion Bright Future | Sara Gordon](#)

by Katie Petrunyak

Two new stallions with powerful partnerships behind them will begin their stud careers at Claiborne Farm in 2025. **Prince of Monaco**, Speightstown's only Grade I winner at two, and **Bright Future**, a Grade I-winning son of **Curlin**, will bring the Hancock family operation's roster up to 11 members.

This past October, a third newcomer joined Claiborne when Jacob West took on the role of stallion seasons and bloodstock manager. West, who continues to manage his company West Bloodstock, has been busy ahead of his first breeding season with Claiborne. One of his initial undertakings was overseeing the installation of a walking ring inside the farm's iconic stallion complex. The new investment has seen plenty of use as breeders have dropped in to visit the latest stallion recruits over the past several months.

"With the history and the tradition that is associated with Claiborne and the way they do things around here, there's no excuse for the success," said West. "They do it the right way. They have for a very long time. I get to be a part of something that's been special for a long time."

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FOR PATRICIA MEADOW, A LIFE WITH HORSES WAS BOTH DESTINATION AND JOURNEY

An appreciation, by T.D. Thornton

Over the course of 45 years as a jockey, trainer, owner and breeder, Patricia E. Meadow never really cared for it to be publicized that she was a Harvard University astrophysics major who had additionally earned a medical-school degree. She rarely, if ever, referred to herself around the racetrack by her hard-earned "doctor" title.

Although Meadow accumulated only 32 victories from 480 lifetime starts over nearly four decades of training and hadn't saddled a winner since 2019, her passing Dec. 29 was met with an outpouring of fond remembrances from people whose lives she touched in the Thoroughbred communities of New England, upstate New York, and in Aiken, South Carolina, where she died at age 74.

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A CENTURY OF BANSTEAD MANOR STUD

In 2025, it will be 100 years since the Derby victory of Manna and his owner Henry Morriss's purchase of Banstead Manor Stud to stand his dual Classic winner. John Berry has the story.



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2024 in photos: April 7. Influent (Ascot Knight–Katerina Key, by Key to the Mint) poses for photos at his home in Farmingdale, New Jersey. The 33-year-old still holds the 11-furlong turf course record at Belmont Park. Jill Williams spoke with his owner Gwen Hoffman about her beloved horse. [Click here to read the story.](#) | Sarah Andrew

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Retired jockey Aaron Gryder, who currently serves as senior vice president of racing operations for 1/ST Racing, will be master of ceremonies at the upcoming Jockeys and Jeans Fundraiser to be held at Gulfstream Park Jan. 11. The fundraiser will include appearances by 17 Hall of Fame jockeys.




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New Chapter for Claiborne Stallions (cont. from p1)

One of West's longstanding bloodstock clients Mike Repole co-campaigned Claiborne's new addition Bright Future. Out of the stakes-winning Bellamy Road mare Sophia's Song, Bright Future was a \$350,000 yearling for Repole Stables and St Elias Stables and he went on to collect just under a million in earnings.

"There's a reason why he's standing here and it doesn't have anything to do with my association with the horse," West explained. "Walker [Hancock] and Bernie Sams were believers in the horse before I even came on board. When it came time to negotiate a stallion deal, they were the first phone call that we made."

A winner on debut by nearly five lengths early in his sophomore season, Bright Future's signature win came the following year in the GI Jockey Club Gold Cup Stakes, where he battled to deny Grade I victor Proxy (Tapit) by a nose at the wire. The Todd Pletcher trainee later claimed the GIII Salvator Mile Stakes.

West said that Bright Future's active family was another boost to his stallion credentials. His half-sister Musical Mischief (Into Mischief) claimed this year's GII Locust Grove Stakes and his half-brother Booth (Mitole) was a 'TDN Rising Star' at Keeneland last October.

"Grandview and Repole Stable just bought his yearling half-

brother by Maxfield at Keeneland September for \$800,000, so we're big believers in the family," noted West. "We feel like he's a horse that fits what American breeders are looking for. He was dirt. He was two turns. He was a son of Curlin with speed and he was able to carry it over a route of ground."

Bright Future will stand for \$12,500 in 2025 and owners Repole and Vincent Viola of St. Elias have retained an interest in the new sire. **Cont.**



Bright Future at home in the new walking ring at Claiborne
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“He’s been a popular horse amongst breeders,” said West. “We see the likes of **Good Magic** and other sons of **Curlin** that have gone on. He’s got the pedigree backing and he’s got the support of his owners. The best day for this horse was when the ticket was signed for him as a yearling by Vinnie and Mike because they’re going to support him and they’re going to give him every chance that he can get.”

Another stallion with an active ownership group, Prince of Monaco was raced by the sizable partnership of SF Racing, Starlight Racing, Madaket Stables, Stonestreet Stables, Dianne Bashor, Robert Masterson, Waves Edge Capital, Catherine Donovan and Tom Ryan.

A \$950,000 Fasig-Tipton Saratoga yearling bred by Stonestreet, the son of Speighstown was at the head of his class in California last year as a juvenile for Bob Baffert, earning the **'Rising Star'** nod when he broke his maiden on debut by eight lengths and then scoring in the GIII Best Pal Stakes and the GI **Runhappy** Del Mar Futurity. He closed the season with a fifth-place finish in the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile.

“Prince of Monaco came onto our radars right after the Best Pal, when he earned a 103 Beyer,” said West. “It showed how brilliant he really was and being a son of Speighstown, it kind of picked everybody’s heads up around here. He stacked up against some of the best 2-year-olds in the country.”

Lightly raced this year at three, Prince of Monaco put in two runner-up performances against Grade I company behind **Book'em Danno (Bucchero)** in the Woody Stephens Stakes and Domestic Product (**Practical Joke**) in the H. Allen Jerkens Stakes.

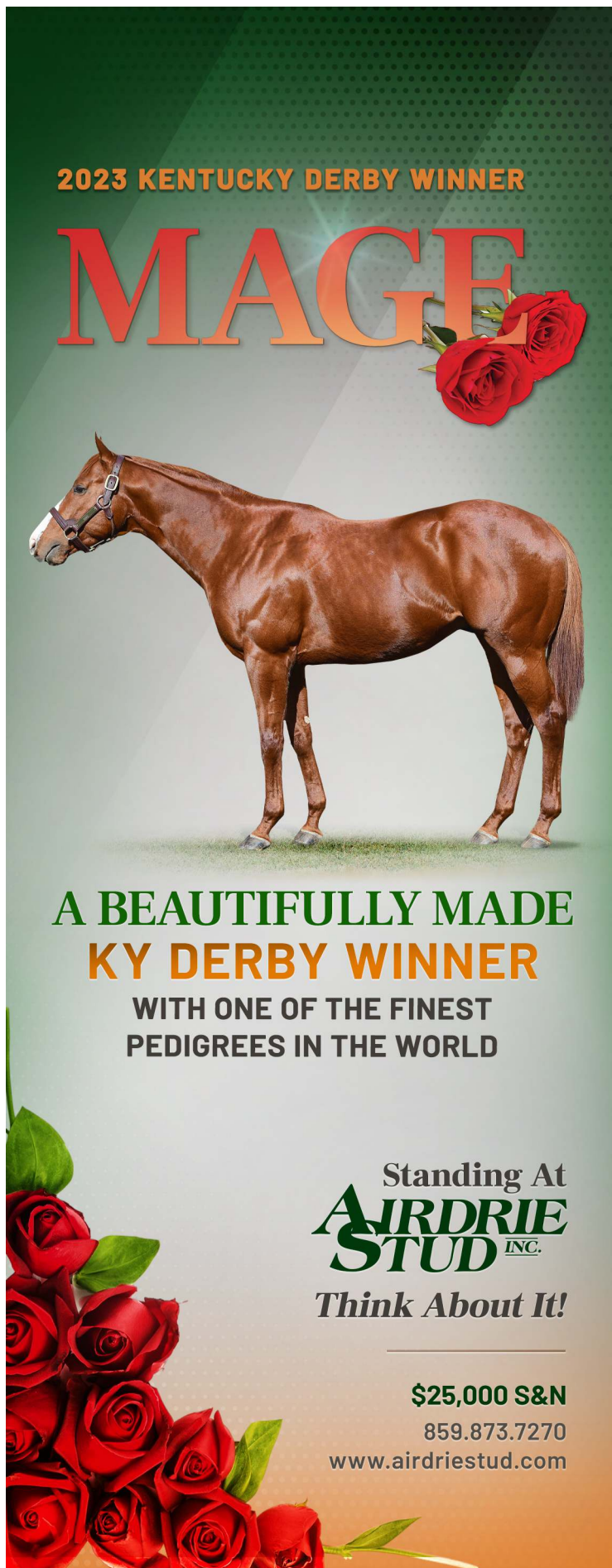
Prince of Monaco will stand for \$30,000 in his debut season.

“He’s been incredibly popular since we got him in,” West explained. “For breeders to see a son of Speighstown out of a **Medaglia d'Oro** mare, it’s the perfect blend of speed over distance. He’s an outcross for a lot of different mares that are here in Central Kentucky and around the world, quite frankly, because he’s got international interest. When breeders come see him, they fall in love with him. Being a \$950,000 Saratoga yearling, you think he’s good looking and then when you show up here, you know he’s good looking.”

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Patricia Meadow (cont. from p1)

Horseplayers might recall Meadow's name as the conditioner of a small stable of long shots that competed as recently as this past season at Saratoga Race Course, where they occasionally outran their odds.

Others who were lucky enough to have a closer relationship with the private and charmingly eccentric Meadow--a woman who exercised her own horses up until very recently and often insisted on hand-walking her starters from the backside to the paddock on race days--affectionately referred to the soft-spoken, bespectacled trainer as "galloping granny."

In numerous online postings in her honor over the past several days, those who knew Meadow used adjectives like inspiring, philosophical, gracious, unpretentious, meticulous and, yes, even stubborn to describe how she made lasting impressions upon those she met in the horse world.

In the program, Meadow was listed as the trainer, owner and breeder (under the stable name Sky Band Farm) for most of the horses she entered, starting with her very first runner at Suffolk Downs in 1987. For decades, her Canton-based racing outfit 25 miles south of Boston consisted of a handful of Massachusetts-breds that she mated, foaled and raised herself.

In general, her Thoroughbreds weren't very fast, but they were sound, healthy and exceptionally well-cared for. Even on the hardscrabble New England circuit of the 1990s, Meadow's horsemanship was well respected by trainers who competed against her and deeply appreciated by the jockeys who rode for her.

During that time I would occasionally cross paths with Meadow and exchange pleasantries on the Suffolk backstretch, where I worked as the track's media relations director and announcer. I recall her as painfully shy, but always polite, thoughtful and articulate. Minding her own business in Barn 16A, Meadow preferred to blend into the workmanlike cacophony of the backstretch, distinguished by pensive blue eyes, renegade wisps of hair that escaped her graying ponytail, and a kind word for everyone she encountered.

The one thing that did stand out like a beacon about Meadow's stable, however, were the unconventional names she chose for her homebreds.



Patricia Meadow, the 'galloping granny' | Sarah Andrew

Favoring internationally themed monikers that often started with the letters Z, Y and Q (and in esoteric combinations that made racecallers cry out, "Buy a vowel!"), Meadow christened her babies Zyxt, Zwyn, Zhu, Zaqqum, Yttyzz, Ydy, Qyrghyz and Qom, to name just a few. You could always tell without looking at the *Racing Form* if she had acquired a horse from someone else, because it had a name you could actually pronounce.

Meadow had long asserted her resistance to having her unique combination of being a doctor and a horse trainer featured as a media curiosity. In my 2007 book about Suffolk Downs, *Not by a*

Long Shot--A Season at a Hard-Luck Horse Track, I briefly recounted my one and only attempt to arrange an interview with Meadow for a local newspaper.

Our phone conversation went something like this:

Me: *Patty? I was wondering if you'd be interested in helping out a reporter who's looking to do a profile on interesting people at Suffolk Downs.*

Meadow: *Thank you, but I'd rather not.*

Me: *Um, all right. Would it be okay if I just asked you a few*

questions about your background as a doctor and passed the info along to the writer?

Meadow: *I'd prefer to talk about my horses.*

Me: *Well...Okay...Could I ask you about some of the offbeat names you've chosen for them?*

Meadow: *Which ones do you consider "offbeat?"*

Me: *Ybbs?*

Meadow: *An Austrian river.*

Me: *Ysaye?*

Meadow: *A 19th Century Belgian violinist.*

Me: *Qom?*

Meadow: *A holy city in Persia.*

Me: *Qyrghyz?*

Meadow: *A people in Kyrgyzstan. Without the Americanized spelling. Look, I don't like phone interviews, so you really should come down to my barn and talk to me in person if you want to do this.*

I stopped by Meadow's shedrow on several subsequent occasions. But the doctor always seemed to be conveniently out whenever anyone carrying a reporter's notebook happened by. **Cont.**

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2	McKinzie	\$75,000	148	2	3%	2	\$2,733,754	Gainesway Farm
3	TIZ THE LAW	\$30,000	89	5	10%	2	\$2,731,687	Coolmore Ashford

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2	McKinzie	\$75,000	148	2	3%	2	\$2,706,019	Gainesway Farm
3	Vekoma	\$35,000	150	4	5%	1	\$2,646,906	Spendthrift Farm

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The one and only news clip in the Suffolk Downs press box files about Meadow was a 1980 *Boston Globe* profile of a bashful 29-year-old med school grad breaking into the game as an apprentice jockey. In that piece, Meadow explained how she grew attached to horses at a young age. It started when her father, a pillar of the Harvard Medical School faculty, had given her a pony at age six to teach responsibility.

By the time Meadow was 14, her parents allowed her to spend three months at a Nebraska horse farm, where she enthusiastically juggled barn chores while honing her riding skills. In exchange for a summer's worth of hard work, the farm's owner promised Meadow a yearling colt to take home to the family farm in suburban Boston.

But as the hours on the farm morphed into days and weeks, the excited teen increasingly appalled her mother and father with talk about staying out of school to continue learning about horses, maybe even training for the Olympic equestrian team.

It was then that the Midwest horseman gave Meadow a talking-to before sending her home with her colt.



Patricia Meadow | courtesy of Barry Bornstein

"He sat me down and told me to go to school and finish my education," Meadow said in that 1980 *Globe* interview. "He said I could always go back to horses, but it would be harder to go back to school. Education has always been important in my family, and I knew first things first. But I also knew when I got to a stopping place in my medical career, I wanted to go off and do what I wanted to do--be with horses."

So Meadow went to Harvard for four years as an astrophysics major. Upon graduation, she allowed herself a break, which ended up being two years on a New Mexico ranch. Then she enrolled in med school, landed her second Harvard degree in 1978, and served a rigorous internship at Georgetown Hospital for one more year, certifying her as a doctor.

With an interest in research and the option to remain at Georgetown for two more years to get certified in internal medicine, Meadow instead decided to become an apprentice jockey at Suffolk Downs.

"Neither her mother nor I look on horses as anything but a large mass of muscle," Dr. Henry Coe Meadow explained in that *Globe* piece that profiled the ups and downs of his daughter's 0-for-42 rookie season as a rider. "When she was younger, we thought it would be a good idea for her to have a pony to care for. We didn't know it would develop to this point....I'm sure this is an interlude. When people ask me when she's coming back, I say, 'Soon, I hope.' Her mother and I are scared to death she'll hurt herself."

Meadow, in that same *Globe* article, acknowledged that the choice between medicine and horses was difficult, because "the two are so all-consuming that I don't know if it's possible to do both."

But, Meadow added with a glint of optimism that ended up ringing true for the final 44 years of her life, "I think it will work itself out."

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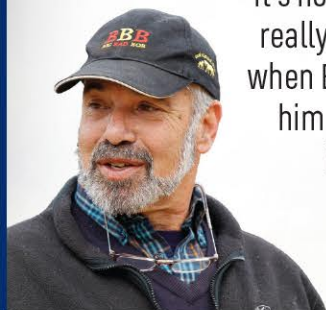
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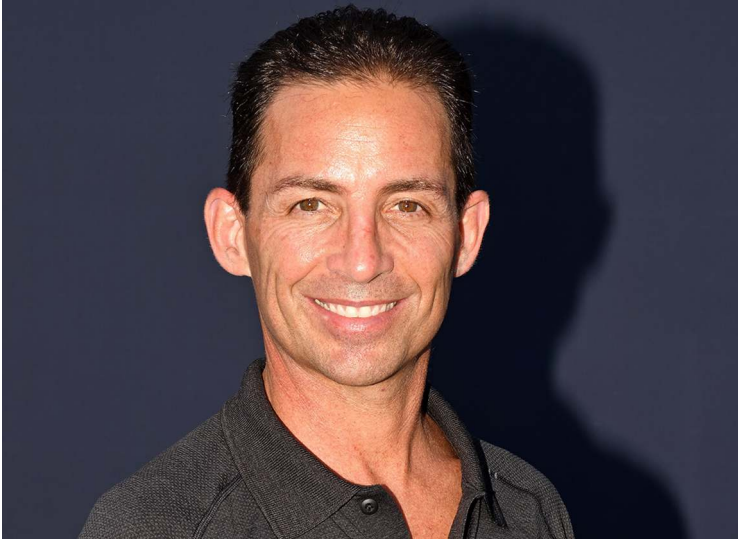
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1	Into Mischief (2005) by Harlan's Holiday	6	10	2	7	1	1	83	29	\$1,301,000 Citizen Bull	\$3,926,101
2	Nyquist (2013) by Uncle Mo	4	5	2	3	2	2	45	17	\$1,622,700 Immersive	\$3,241,413
3	Vekoma (2016) by Candy Ride (Arg)	5	14	1	2	--	1	84	39	\$268,530 Jonathan's Way	\$2,761,547
4	McKinzie (2015) by Street Sense	2	6	2	4	2	4	68	21	\$535,000 Chancer McPatrick	\$2,738,638
5	Tiz the Law (2017) by Constitution	5	8	2	4	--	--	50	22	\$819,800 Tiztastic	\$2,731,687
6	Munnings (2006) by Speightstown	4	9	2	4	--	1	77	31	\$279,460 Muhimma	\$2,668,854
7	Twirling Candy (2007) by Candy Ride (Arg)	2	8	--	3	--	--	59	20	\$660,500 Kilwin	\$2,565,088
8	Not This Time (2014) by Giant's Causeway	4	10	3	6	--	1	55	21	\$255,400 Abientot	\$2,510,284
9	Tapit (2001) by Pulpit	2	6	1	3	--	1	42	14	\$1,014,025 May Day Ready	\$2,171,706
10	Omaha Beach (2016) by War Front	4	8	1	1	1	1	66	21	\$283,250 With the Angels	\$2,154,233
11	Complexity (2016) by Maclean's Music	5	9	2	2	--	1	56	22	\$347,500 Mo Plex	\$2,142,562
12	Constitution (2011) by Tapit	1	2	--	--	--	--	66	17	\$770,901 Chasing Liberty	\$2,034,613
13	Medaglia d'Oro (1999) by El Prado (Ire)	3	5	2	5	1	2	40	13	\$457,630 Good Cheer	\$1,869,257
14	Volatile (2016) by Violence	1	6	--	2	--	2	63	26	\$155,000 Tip Top Thomas	\$1,848,630
15	Thousand Words (2017) by Pioneerof the Nile	3	4	1	2	--	1	61	20	\$663,320 Vodka With a Twist	\$1,807,133

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SAN VICENTE S.-GII, \$200,000, 3yo, 7f

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	McKinzie Street 🍀	McKinzie	Leslie & Pierre Jean Amestoy, Jr. & Roger Beasley	Yakteen	Fresu	120
2	Barnes	Into Mischief	Zedan Racing Stables, Inc.	Baffert	Hernandez	120
3	Romanesque 🍀	Practical Joke	SF Racing LLC, Starlight Racing, Madaket Stables, Stonestreet Stable, Dianne Bashor, Determined Stable, Robert E. Masterson, Tom Ryan, Waves Edge Capital, and Catherine Donovan	Baffert	Smith	120
4	Smooth Cruisein	Girvin	Matson Racing, Sandra Brown, Elise & Marsha Naify	Headley	Gonzalez	120
5	Bullard 🍀	Gun Runner	By Talla Racing LLC, St. Elias Stables LLC, Three Chimneys Farm & West Point Thoroughbreds	McCarthy	Rispoli	124

Breeders: 1-Clearsky Farms, 2-Jeff Drown and Don Rachel, LLC, 3-Elizabeth B. Barr, 4-J D Farms, 5-Three Chimneys Farm, LLC

Saturday, Santa Anita #9, post time: 6:30 p.m. EST

LAS FLORES S.-GIII, \$100,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 6f

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Wine On Tap 🍀	Tapit	MKW Racing	Mandella	Smith	120
2	Anywho 🍀	Bolt d'Oro	Hronis Racing LLC	Sadler	Berrios	120
3	Richi (Chi)	Practical Joke	Hill 'n' Dale Equine Holdings and Stud Vendaval	Baffert	Kimura	124
4	Pushiness	Kantharos	Repole Stable	McCarthy	Rispoli	122
5	Don't Bring Crazy 🍀	Maximus Mischief	Great Friends Stables and Mark Davis	O'Neill	Fresu	122
6	Pleasant	Munnings	Juddmonte	Baffert	Hernandez	120
7	Irish Wahine	Grazen	GMT Racing Stables	Barocio	Frey	120

Breeders: 1-Aaron & Marie Jones LLC, 2-Brookfield Stud, 3-Haras Paso Nevado, 4-Richard Barton Enterprises, 5-Mullikin Thoroughbreds, 6-Juddmonte Farms Inc, 7-Moger Inc. & Neary Racing Inc.



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Wednesday, Gulfstream, post time: 4:21 p.m. EST

DANIA BEACH S., \$165,000, 3yo, 1mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Bucaro	Bucchero	Commonwealth New Era Racing and Trombetta, Marie F.	Trombetta	Rosario	120
2	Dream On	Not This Time	D. J. Stable LLC	Casse	Ortiz, Jr.	120
3	I Know I Know	Jess's Dream	Patrick L. Biancone Racing LLC and Dunne, Amy E.	Biancone	Bravo	120
4	Mi Bago	Vekoma	Gary Barber	Casse	Gonzalez	120
5	Nothingsubtle	Echo Town	Palmer, Teresa and Palmer, David J.	Palmer	Reyes	118
6	Maui Strong	Kitten's Joy	West Point Tbred, Blue Devil Racing Stable & Barker, E	Romans	Cheminaud	118
7	Hit That Review (Ire)	No Nay Never	Andrew Farm, Mountmellick Farm and Lady Sheila Stable	Walsh	Ruiz	118
8	Hammerhead	War Front	Gold Square LLC	Attard	Gaffalione	118

Breeders: 1-Marie Trombetta & Commonwealth New Era Racing, 2-Aaron & Marie Jones LLC, 3-Patrick Biancone, 4-Highclere, Inc., 5-David Palmer & Teresa Palmer, 6-Blue Devil Racing Stable, LLC, 7-Longueville Bloodstock, 8-Glen Hill Farm

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NORTH AMERICAN RACING



MRS. CLAUS S., \$75,000, Parx Racing, 12-31, 3yo/up, f/m, 7f, 1:24.68, my.

1--**IRISH MAXIMA**, 123, f, 3, **Maximus Mischief--Palace Pier (SW-Can, GSP-USA, \$238,300)**, by **Out of Place**. (\$65,000 Ylg '22 FTKOCT; \$50,000 2yo '23 EASMAY). O-Irish Three Racing LLC; B-Pillar Property Services Inc (KY); T-John C. Servis; J-Frankie Pennington. \$43,800. Lifetime Record: 9-6-1-0, \$299,915.

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2--**Confirmed Star**, 124, f, 4, Uptowncharlybrown--Its My Town, by Cowtown Cat. (\$32,000 2yo '22 EASMAY). O-Cash is King LLC and LC Racing LLC; B-Uptowncharlybrown Stud LLC (PA); T-Robert E. Reid, Jr. \$14,600.

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3--**Disco Ebo**, 126, m, 5, Weigelia--Katarica Disco, by Disco Rico. (\$52,000 Ylg '20 EASOCT). O-Cash is King LLC and LC Racing LLC; B-St. Omer's Farm (PA); T-Robert E. Reid, Jr. \$7,300. Margins: 13 3/4, 3 1/4, 1 3/4. Odds: 0.50, 4.60, 4.00.

Also Ran: Nature's Candy, Doctor Abbie, Kiss Me Hardy, Majestic Creed. Scratched: Cap Classique, Early Edition, Rachel's Rock.

Irish Maxima sailed home the easiest of winners in the Mrs. Claus Stakes at Parx Tuesday. The 1-2 favorite broke sharply and was soon clear on the front end, setting fractions of :22.68 and :45.28. Never asked for run, she splashed home unchallenged to the wire. The victory continued a strong run of results for her sire Maximus Mischief, who was also represented by Dec. 26 GI Malibu Stakes winner Raging Torrent, as well as Saturday's Gravesend Stakes winner Maximus Meridius.



Irish Maxima | Equi-Photo

Irish Maxima opened 2024 with three straight wins, including a stakes score in the Sept. 22 Weather Vane Stakes at Laurel Park. She had to settle for second after contesting the pace in the Cheryl S. White Memorial Stakes at Mahoning Valley last time out Nov. 25.

Stakes-winning Palace Pier, third in the 2007 GII Beaumont Stakes, was bred to Moretti this year. The mare is a half-sister to the dam of graded winner Cairo Cat (**Cairo Prince**). [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV](#).



SECOND-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: WEDNESDAY, JAN. 1

2024 Stud Fees Listed

Aurelius Maximus (Pioneerof the Nile), Red River Farms, \$2,000
42 foals of racing age/6 winners/3 black-type winners
4-Fair Grounds, 3:15 p.m. EST, Msw 1mT, Call Me Susan, 4-1

Caracaro (**Uncle Mo**), Crestwood Farm, \$6,500
49 foals of racing age/7 winners/2 black-type winners
2-Tampa Bay Downs, 12:57 p.m. EST, Msw 1m, Dimensionality, 8-5
\$50,000 OBS APR 2yo

Echo Town (Speightstown), Coolmore Ashford, \$5,000
60 foals of racing age/13 winners/2 black-type winners
9-Gulfstream, 4:21 p.m. EST, \$165K Dania Beach S., 1mT, Nothingsubtle, 30-1

Game Winner (**Candy Ride {Arg}**), Lane's End Farm, \$20,000
118 foals of racing age/13 winners/1 black-type winner
2-Tampa Bay Downs, 12:57 p.m. EST, Msw 1m, Whirlawar, 15-1
\$85,000 RNA FTK JUL yrl; \$48,000 RNA FTK OCT yrl; \$37,000 RNA OBS MAR 2yo

Gunnevera (**Dialed In**), Pleasant Acres Stallions, \$6,000
54 foals of racing age/6 winners/0 black-type winners
4-Gulfstream, 1:49 p.m. EST, Alw 7f, Fontana Di Trevi, 6-1
\$15,000 OBS OCT yrl

Instagrand (Into Mischief), Taylor Made Farm, \$7,500
136 foals of racing age/22 winners/1 black-type winner
4-Fair Grounds, 3:15 p.m. EST, Msw 1mT, Grand Empress, 6-1
\$14,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$75,000 OBS MAR 2yo
4-Fair Grounds, 3:15 p.m. EST, Msw 1mT, Instaspeed, 10-1

Joevia (Shanghai Bobby), McMahon of Saratoga Thoroughbreds
19 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
2-Tampa Bay Downs, 12:57 p.m. EST, Msw 1m, Allenhurst, 30-1

Maximum Security (New Year's Day), Coolmore Ashford, \$7,500
88 foals of racing age/17 winners/0 black-type winners
2-Tampa Bay, 12:57 p.m. EST, Msw 1m, Securitylightning, 4-1

McKinzie (Street Sense), Gainesway Farm, \$30,000
171 foals of racing age/21 winners/2 black-type winners
8-Gulfstream, 3:48 p.m. EST, \$165K Fasig-Tipton Cash Run S.,
1m, Paradise City, 9-5
\$25,000 RNA KEE SEP yrl; \$105,000 OBS OPN 2yo

Mr. Money (Goldencents), Clear Creek Stud, \$4,000
46 foals of racing age/6 winners/0 black-type winners
4-Fair Grounds, 3:15 p.m. EST, Msw 1mT, Thundering Desire, 4-1

Thousand Words (Pioneerof the Nile), Spendthrift Farm, \$5,000
124 foals of racing age/20 winners/3 black-type winners
8-Gulfstream, 3:48 p.m. EST, \$165K Fasig-Tipton Cash Run S.,
1m, Andrea, 5-2
\$30,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$105,000 OBS APR 2yo

Vekoma (Candy Ride {Arg}), Spendthrift Farm, \$15,000
163 foals of racing age/39 winners/5 black-type winners
4-Gulfstream, 1:49 p.m. EST, Alw 7f, Bella Cleopatra, 7-5
\$15,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$95,000 RNA OBS MAR 2yo
8-Gulfstream, 3:48 p.m. EST, \$165K Fasig-Tipton Cash Run S.,
1m, Five G, 5-1
9-Gulfstream, 4:21 p.m. EST, \$165K Dania Beach S., 1mT, Mi
Bago, 3-1
\$62,000 FTK FEB wnl; \$90,000 RNA SAR AUG yrl
4-Fair Grounds, 3:15 p.m. EST, Msw 1mT, Swamp Queen, 3-1
\$1,800 TTA YRL yrl

Volatile (Violence), Three Chimneys Farm, \$15,000
125 foals of racing age/26 winners/1 black-type winner
8-Gulfstream, 3:48 p.m. EST, \$165K Fasig-Tipton Cash Run S.,
1m, Fallon, 30-1
\$100,000 FTK NOV wnl; \$105,000 OBS MAR 2yo



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KRIS KRINGLE S., \$75,000, Parx Racing, 12-31, 3yo/up, 1 1/16m,
1:50.30, my.

1--**OFFALY COOL, 126, g, 4, Kantharos--Assured, by Empire
Maker.** (\$30,000 Ylg '21 KEESEP). O-Lawrence A. Rebbecchi,
Jr.; B-Juddmonte Farms Inc (KY); T-Jacinto Solis; J-Abner
Adorno. \$43,200. Lifetime Record: 14-6-4-1, \$262,893.



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2--**Movisitor, 126, c, 4, Uncle Mo--Ristretto, by Medaglia d'Oro.**
(\$135,000 RNA Ylg '21 FTKOCT; \$120,000 3yo '23 FTKHRA).
O-Waldorf Racing Stables LLC; B-Forgotten Land Investment
Inc (PA); T-Marya K. Montoya. \$14,400.



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3--**Repo Rocks, 126, g, 6, Tapiture--Hawaiian Love, by Not For
Love.** (\$35,000 Wlg '18 KEENOV; \$70,000 Ylg '19 KEESEP).
O-Double B Racing Stables; B-Mrs. C. Oliver Iselin (VA); T-Jamie
Ness. \$7,200.

Margins: HF, 1, 2. Odds: 5.30, 10.40, 2.30.

BLITZEN S., \$75,000, Parx Racing, 12-31, 3/up, 7f, 1:24.67, my.

1--**NELSON AVENUE, 121, g, 5, Into Mischief--Via Strata, by
Street Cry (Ire).** (\$65,000 5yo '24 FTDMA). **1ST BLACK TYPE
WIN.** O-Photos Finish; B-Godolphin (KY); T-W Potts; J-Jose
Lezcano. \$44,400. Lifetime Record: GSP, 16-6-2-1, \$298,805.

2--**One More Scoop, 126, g, 5, Uncle Lino--Single Scoop, by
Scrimshaw.** O-Shooting Star Stable (Anspach); B-Michael
Anspach (PA); T-Kathleen A. Demasi. \$14,800.

3--**Veelson, 126, c, 4, Il Villano--Springingintherein, by Spring At
Last.** O-Chuck Russo; B-Chuck Robert Russo (PA); T-Esteban
Padilla. \$7,400.

Margins: 11 1/4, 3/4, 4 1/4. Odds: 1.20, 7.30, 5.10.

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

3rd-Turf Paradise, \$30,000, 12-31, 3yo, 1m, 1:35.58, ft, 5 1/4L

AWESOME ROAD (g, 3, Quality Road--Orate, by A.P. Indy)
Lifetime Record: 12-3-0-2, \$166,620. O-Bennewith, Arnold,
Wiest, Clayton, Rick & Lana, R6 Stables, Kropp, Gary and
Tremblay, Norman; B-Claiborne Farm (KY); T-Robertino Diodoro.
*\$600,000 Ylg '22 KEESEP. **1/2 to Whitecliffsofdover (**War
Front**), SW & GSP-Eng, G1SP-Fr, SP-Ire, \$137,154; Endless
Chatter (**First Samurai**), SW & GISP, \$221,652; and to Berate
(**Blame**), SP, \$157,685.



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Into Mischief, Nelson Avenue, g, 5, o/o Via Strata, by Street Cry (Ire). Blitzen S., 12-31, Parx Racing

Kantharos, Offaly Cool, g, 4, o/o Assured, by Empire Maker. Kris Kringle S., 12-31, Parx Racing

Maximus Mischief, Irish Maxima, f, 3, o/o Palace Pier, by Out of Place. Mrs. Claus S., 12-31, Parx Racing

Quality Road, Awesome Road, g, 3, o/o Orate, by A.P. Indy. ALW, 12-31, Turf Paradise

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MANNA THE CLASSIC HERO WHO LAUNCHED A CENTURY OF EXCELLENCE AT BANSTEAD MANOR



Manna's plaque in the stallion yard at Banstead Manor. Click the image to watch the video of his 1925 Derby win | Emma Berry

By John Berry

Banstead Manor Stud is famed around the world as the HQ of Juddmonte, not least for housing the mighty Frankel. However, its incarnation as the home of the Juddmonte sires does not represent its debut as a source of racing success. During 2025 it will celebrate its centenary as a leading stud because it was first thrust into the spotlight in 1925 when Henry Morriss bought the property specifically to stand that year's Derby winner Manna.

Previously Banstead Manor had been part of the massive Cheveley Estate, which at the time stretched over approximately 7,800 acres on the south side of Newmarket, running from Cheveley up to the Stetchworth Toll roundabout by the July Course. This property had been one of the leading studs in the land under the ownership of Colonel Harry McCalmont, whose home-bred colt Isinglass had won the Triple Crown in 1893. However, the stallions had lived at what is now Cheveley Park Stud, rather than Banstead Manor, with the box in which Isinglass (who posthumously became champion broodmare sire in 1912) resided having been more recently the bedroom of Cheveley Park's stalwart Pivotal. [Cont. p3](#)

OUR FAVOURITE STORIES OF 2024

By Emma Berry

Without a doubt, one of the great privileges of working in racing journalism is being able to get close to the equine stars and hear first hand from the people who bred, own, train, or ride them, as well as the countless people who look after retired racehorses and give them a meaningful life long after their last race is run.

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Following a stint in Australia, former Royal Ascot winner Royal Champion (Ire) (Shamardal) won Tuesday's feature race at Lingfield on debut for Karl Burke.

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Henry Morriss was an influential businessman in the Far East, where his interests included part-ownership of the North China Daily News as well as being the principal of the Shanghai bullion broking firm Lester, Johnson & Morriss. He was also an enthusiastic participant, as both amateur rider and owner, in the thriving racing scene there. Eventually he decided to broaden his racing horizons and in 1915 he registered his colours in Great Britain: rose, black and rose hooped cap.

Morriss chose Fred Darling as his trainer and in 1921 he gave the latter an annual assignment: at the sales each autumn he should buy the yearling he rated most highly, irrespective of the price. It did not take long before the wisdom of this decision became plain. At Tattersalls' St Leger Yearling Sale in Doncaster in 1923, Darling selected a colt, bred in Ireland by James Maher, by Phalaris from the Buckwheat mare Waffles. He bought him on Morriss's behalf for 6,300 guineas and the colt turned out to be Manna.

Maher was a regular producer of top-class horses, including the previous year's St Leger winner Caligula as well as St Louis, who had achieved nothing as a two-year-old in 1923 but would improve so dramatically over the winter that he won the 2,000 Guineas the following spring. In one sense, Waffles was not an obvious candidate to credit Maher's stud (at Confey Castle, near Leixlip) with further glory as she was by Buckwheat, who had stood for only 48 guineas, and she was so small (barely reaching 15 hands) that she was never broken in, instead being covered as a three-year-old in 1920 by the Gallinule stallion Great Sport (Ire). However, Maher rated her highly, not least because she was inbred 3x2 to St Simon.

Waffles's mating with Great Sport produced Bunworry who was a very good two-year-old in 1923, winning four races. Bunworry's achievements helped the Phalaris yearling to catch the attention of Fred Darling (and others, hence the high price which Darling had to pay to buy him) as did the colt's appearance: he was a beautifully-made, medium-sized horse, possessing all the quality which one associated with descendants of St Simon (who appeared three times in Manna's pedigree as he was the sire of Phalaris's granddam Cheery).

In time, Waffles's distinction became very clear. She bred two Classic winners, the second being the 1931 St Leger hero Sandwich, by Sansovino. Manna's full-brother Parwiz won the City And Suburban Handicap at Epsom and went to stud in Argentina. Bunworry found her way to Federico Tesio's broodmare band and became ancestress of many notable horses including as third dam of Botticelli. Waffles even gained further fame as dam of the infamous Tuppence, for whom Dorothy Paget paid a sale-topping price of 6,600 guineas at the 1931 St Leger Yearling Sale (two days after Sandwich's Classic triumph) only to find that she had a horse of very limited ability on her hands, a vastly inferior stablemate of her champion steeplechaser Golden Miller in Basil Briscoe's Beechwood House Stables in Exning.

It soon became clear that Manna had plenty of ability. It also became clear that he was difficult, to the extent that he

reputedly holds the distinction of being the only one of the many horses trained by Fred Darling to kick the great man. His boisterous temperament, though, did not prevent him from working extremely well, to the extent that he made his debut in what was Britain's most valuable two-year-old race, the National Breeders' Produce Stakes at Sandown (now run as the National Stakes, with very different conditions and listed status). He finished third that day and went on to win two important races in his first season: the Richmond Stakes at



Chaldean, the newest member of the Banstead Manor stallion yard

Emma Berry

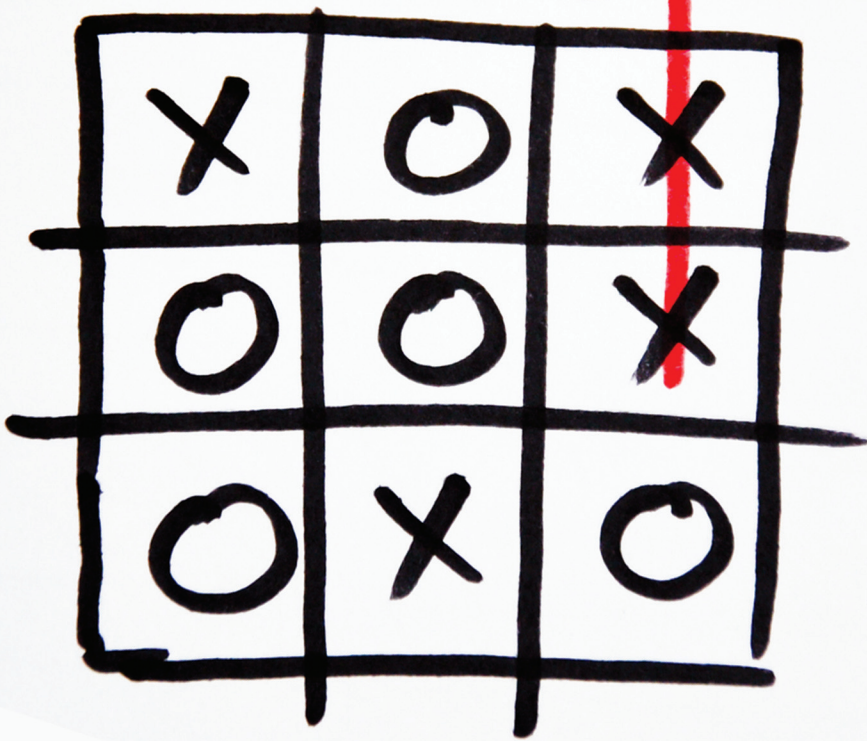
Goodwood and the Moulton Stakes at Newmarket.

Manna made further progress over the winter and began his Classic season in fine style, winning the 2,000 Guineas impressively and the Derby even more easily by eight lengths. However, he possibly had luck on his side at Epsom as fourth-placed Solario lost many lengths at the start. At Ascot two weeks later Solario suggested that he may well have been an unlucky loser in the Derby, beating Manna in the Ascot Derby (now King Edward VII Stakes, which name it was given in 1926), admittedly in receipt of 10lb from the Derby winner.

Despite having won the 2,000 Guineas so well, Manna started as long as 9/1 for the Derby, the general opinion being that stamina might be a problem for a son of the sprinter Phalaris.

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Manna cont.

(Nowadays we regard Phalaris as one of the most influential Classic sires of all time but that, of course, is the wisdom of hindsight. Manna came from his third crop and was one of the first horses to make it clear that Phalaris was not merely a source of speed, while another horse to do this was Phalaris's fourth-crop son Warden Of The Marches, winner of the St Leger in 1926). Whether Manna would have stayed the St Leger distance was, sadly, never established as he went amiss when attempting to complete the Triple Crown, limping across the line among the also-rans, many lengths adrift of the winner Solario.

Influence Felt Across Hemispheres

Manna began covering at Banstead Manor in the spring of 1926 and went on to enjoy significant success at stud, without being the champion which he had been on the racecourse.

Manna's greatest achievement as a stallion was to breed Colombo. Bought inexpensively by Lord Glanely as a yearling for 510 guineas, Colombo was an outstanding two-year-old in 1933, trained in Newmarket by Lord Glanely's private trainer Thomas Hogg. Colombo raced seven times at two and won easily on each occasion. He ended the year hailed as the best two-year-old since The Tetrarch, described in the press as "one of the century's wonder horses" and "a perfect racing machine".

Colombo resumed at three by winning the Craven Stakes at Newmarket "in a canter", giving 20lb to the runner-up, before justifying 2/7 favouritism in the 2,000 Guineas. Sadly, that proved to be his final victory. He endured a torrid passage in the Derby en route to finishing third to Windsor Lad and then was beaten at 1/5 in the St. James's Palace Stakes at Ascot. A knee injury then forced him into retirement at Lord Glanely's stud in Exning. Colombo sired two Classic winners (Lord Glanely's home-bred filly Dancing Time in the 1941 1,000 Guineas and Sir Willam Cooke's home-bred colt Happy Knight in the 1946 2,000 Guineas) but his greatest legacy was as the sire of the breed-shaping broodmare Oceana who, exported by Stanley Wootton to Australia and given repeated matings with Star Kingdom at Baramul Stud, produced the full-brothers Todman, Noholme, Shifnal and Farringdon.



The Morriss colours are still carried today by Sons And Lovers, raced by Hugo Morriss and Kirsten Rausing | [Racingfotos.com](https://www.racingfotos.com)

Colombo was not the only horse to establish Manna as a very good sire of two-year-olds. Lord Astor's Mannamead, trained by Joe Lawson at Manton, was an unbeaten juvenile in 1931 when he shared top weight in the Free Handicap with his stablemate Orwell, who went on to win the following year's 2,000 Guineas. Mannamead subsequently became champion sire in Hungary after his export there in 1937. Manitoba, bred and raced by Lord Woolavington and trained by Fred Darling, was another very good juvenile, winning the Coventry Stakes at Ascot and the Boscawen Stakes at Newmarket (beating Hyperion) in 1932. He achieved little at three and four and was exported to Australia, where he was champion sire in 1943/'44 and 1944/'45.

Miracle was another classy two-year-old sired by Manna, winning both his starts in 1931, the Selsey Stakes at Goodwood and the Gimcrack Stakes at York, despite having seemed so big and backward as a yearling that Lord Rosebery had been able to buy him for only 170 guineas. At three he won the Newmarket Stakes in the spring before finishing third in the Derby and later landed the Eclipse Stakes at Sandown.

As a broodmare sire, Manna's greatest achievements came via his daughter Pasca. When establishing Banstead Manor Stud, Morriss had bought as a foundation mare Soubriquet, runner-up in both the 1,000 Guineas and Oaks in 1922 and a half-sister to the 1916 Derby and Oaks victrix Fifi Nella, for 12,500 guineas at Tattersalls' December Sale in 1925. Soubriquet's

mating in 1927 with Manna produced Pasca, who became dam of the 1938 2,000 Guineas and Eclipse winner Pasch and granddam of the 1953 Derby and King George VI And Queen Elizabeth Stakes winner Pinza. The former, who was trained by Fred Darling for Henry Morriss, held the distinction for many years of being the most recent 2,000 Guineas winner not to have raced as a juvenile, a distinction which he ceded in 2024 to Noble Speech.

Pinza too had a strong connection to Banstead as he was conceived there, a son of the resident stallion Chanteur (Fr). Mrs Morriss owned his dam Pasqua (GB) (Donatello {Ity}) but sold her, carrying Pinza, for 2,000 guineas at the December Sale in 1949, where she was bought by Fred Darling who is thus officially credited as the breeder of Pinza. [Cont. p5](#)

Manna cont.

This situation was the reverse of that of the 1940 Derby winner Pont l'Eveque, whose dam Ponteba Morriss had bought in 1936, with Pont l'Eveque in utero. Morriss retained the young Pont l'Eveque and raced him as a two-year-old but sold him, with his Classic engagements, to Fred Darling for £500 at the end of 1939, a transaction prompted by the uncertainty resultant from the outbreak of war.

Chanteur was one of many good stallions who followed in Manna's footsteps at Banstead Manor. Two of the early ones were Morriss the home-breds Artist's Proof and Tai-Ying. The former, a son of Gainsborough, was the good horse bred by Henry Morriss at Banstead and ultimately became most notable as the maternal grandsire of Petition. Tai-Yang was the result of Soubriquet's visit to Solario in 1929 and retired to Banstead after a lengthy but light racing career in which he ran only twice, both times at Newmarket, winning each time: he landed the Jockey Club Stakes as a three-year-old in 1933 and the Chippenham Stakes in 1935.

Henry Morriss died in Shanghai in 1951. His wife Vera had overseen the stud on his behalf but when he died she handed command over to their son Nicky. When Nicky died in 1963, the stud was taken over by his eldest son Hugo, who sold it in 1987 to Juddmonte. Nicky and Hugo each bred a Derby place-getter at Banstead Manor, being responsible for Alcaeus (runner-up in 1960) and Pentland Firth (third in 1972) respectively. All told, the three generations of Morrisses stood some notable sires at Banstead including Supreme Court, Nearula, Ballymoss, Shantung, Wollow, Lombard, Ile De Bourbon and Beldale Flutter.

Echoes of the Morriss era at Banstead continued to resound after the stud had been sold to Juddmonte. The Derby was won in 1988 by a horse conceived there, the Aga Khan's Ile De Bourbon colt Kahyasi. In the same year, the last good horse whom Hugo bred at Banstead Manor, Persian Heights (GB) (Persian Bold {Ire}), was first past the post in the G1 International Stakes at York in its final running before it became the Juddmonte International, which it remains to this day.

Hugo boarded some mares at Lanwades Stud after selling Banstead Manor and the Morriss livery continues to be seen on British racecourses. Most notably it was carried with distinction in 2023 and '24 by Sons And Lovers, a winner at Newmarket as a two-year-old and four times stakes-placed at three. It would be lovely to think that this likeable son of Study Of Man could enjoy a good season as a four-year-old in 2025, 100 years after Hugo's grandfather bought Banstead Manor and put it very firmly on the bloodstock map.



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Favourite stories of 2024 cont. from p1

Sure, I may be biased, and I recognise that both racing and breeding face challenges. But I also believe that the people involved are in it primarily for their love of horses and the matchless thrill they bring us on a daily basis. Even racing professionals should be racing fans. Certainly every member of our team is a fan, already counting down the days to the next turf season while keeping a keen eye on the growing winter all-weather programme, both at home and worldwide.

We thank you for your continued support of *TDN* and, just in case you might have missed one or two of these, we have compiled a selection of our favourite stories and features from *TDN* during 2024. Happy New Year to you all--and please keep reading!

Farewell to a Stallion Thoroughly Deserving of Acclaim

By a wide margin, this was our most-read story in *TDN Europe*, published in December and written not long after the death of Rathbarry Stud's influential stallion Acclamation, who was certainly deserving of a proper tribute.

'It's About The Horses': Ryan Moore, the Reluctant Superstar

It is easy to imagine that spending an hour or so chatting to a journalist is not high on Ryan Moore's list of favourite fun things to do, but the great jockey did consent to an interview with five-time sports writer of the year Paul Hayward, and if you didn't catch it first time around it is well worth a few minutes of your time now.

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'What Happened To Me Would Dent Anybody's Confidence - But I've Got My Bite Back'

Mick Halford was very candid in conversation with Brian Sheerin about the troubles that have beset his career in the past and how he has bounced back with renewed enthusiasm. A refreshingly honest view of some of the struggles of life as a trainer.

'We're In Heaven With A Horse Like Spillane's Tower - The Whole Of Ireland Is Behind Him'

While we're on the subject of Irish trainers, here's another great Brian Sheerin interview, this time with the inimitable Jimmy Mangan, who talks a whole lot of sense.

Nunthorpe Hero Borderlescott and the Story of Yorkshire's Favourite Son

Adam Houghton returned to his childhood days as a racing fan on his beloved Knavesmire and recounted the tale of the dual Nunthorpe winner Borderlescott, visiting the 23-year-old sprinter in retirement.

The Last of the Galileos

Another well-read story from back in February when we tracked down the 13 members of Galileo's final crop. Could one of them give their late sire a final Classic hurrah in 2025, just as Auguste Rodin did for Deep Impact? Only time will tell.

From Football to Racing, Ferguson Retains the Winning Spirit

Back in February, Sir Alex Ferguson spoke exclusively to Emma Berry about his passion for breeding, and how touched he was by the Manchester United fans cheering on him and his home-bred Spirit Dancer in Bahrain.

Gay O'Callaghan: 'Dark Angel Is Like Family - He Means Everything To Us'

Brian Sheerin clearly had a crystal ball at his disposal when deciding to visit Yeomanstown Stud in July to talk to Gay O'Callaghan about his beloved home-bred stallion Dark Angel. He even managed to talk Gay into a video interview. Five months later and the great grey is now the champion sire for the first time.

Invincible Spirit Earns Honourable Retirement at 27

In October, the Irish National Stud announced the retirement of its stalwart Invincible Spirit. John Berry reflected on the significant impact of the son of Green Desert, who turns 28 this New Year's Day.

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BRITAIN

Tuesday's Results:

BETUK QUEBEC STAKES-Listed, £50,000, Lingfield, 12-31, 3yo/up, 10f 1y (AWT), 2:02.77, st.

1--**ROYAL CHAMPION (IRE)**, 136, g, 6, Shamardal--Emirates Queen (GB) (GSP-Eng & GSP-Fr, \$115,027), by Street Cry (Ire). O/B-Sheikh Mohammed Obaid Al Maktoum (IRE); T-Karl Burke; J-Clifford Lee. £28,355. Lifetime Record: MSW & MGSP-Eng, GISP-Can, GSP-Aus, 17-5-2-3, \$419,823. *1/2 to Outbox (GB) (Frankel {GB}), GSW-Eng, SW-Qat, MGSP-Swe & SP-Fr, \$1,020,401.

2--**Tyrrenian Sea (Ire)**, 136, g, 6, Dark Angel (Ire)--Nocturne (Ger), by Rock Of Gibraltar (Ire). O/B-Flaxman Stables Ireland Ltd (IRE); T-Roger Varian. £10,750.

3--**Auld Toon Loon (Ire)**, 136, g, 5, Belardo (Ire)--Snowtime (Ire), by Galileo (Ire). **1ST BLACK TYPE**. O-Empire State Racing Partnership; B-Cover & Carry Ltd (IRE); T-Tom Dascombe. £5,380.

Margins: 1 3/4, 8, NK. Odds: 0.83, 1.50, 22.00.

Also Ran: Fantasy Believer (Ire), Pride Of America (Fr), Lia Rose (GB).



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3rd-Lingfield, £6,300, Nov, 12-31, 2yo, 7f 1y (AWT), 1:25.89, st. DANCING TERROR (GB) (g, 2, Territories {Ire}--Palais Glide {GB}, by Proclamation {Ire}) bounded forward to race in mid division after a tardy getaway in this debut. Nudged along to reduce arrears approaching the home turn, the 11-2 chance improved into third entering the final furlong and kept on strongly to deny This Farh (GB) (Far Above {Ire}) by a half-length nearing the line. Dancing Terror is the latest of six foals and third scorer produced by a dual-winning half-sister to the dams of G1 Nunthorpe Stakes heroine La Cucaracha (GB) (Piccolo {GB}) and G3 Preis der Spielbank Hamburg victrix Caro Jina (Fr) (Dai Jin {GB}). The April-foaled bay's fourth dam is pre-pattern Gimcrack Stakes and Champagne Stakes winner Be Careful II (Ire) (My Babu {Fr}). Sales history: 1,000gns RNA Wlg '22 TADEWE; 6,000gns Ylg '23 TATOCT. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$4,270. O/T-Amanda Perrett; B-Copgrove Hall Stud (GB).

CONDITIONS RESULTS:

2nd-Lingfield, £6,300, Nov, 12-31, 2yo, 7f 1y (AWT), 1:25.69, st. MASTER TECHNICIAN (IRE) (c, 2, Mastercraftsman {Ire}--Lady Allegra {Ire}, by Canford Cliffs {Ire}) Lifetime Record: 6-2-1-1, \$30,461. O-Middleham Park Racing CII; B-AN Bloodstock Ltd (IRE); T-Rod Millman. *€7,000 Ylg '23 GOFOR2; 25,000gns 2yo '24 TATGBU.

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