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## BILL NADER Q&A PART ONE: "IT WOULD BE ABOUT \$20 MILLION COMING DOWN"



Bill Nader | HKJC

by Dan Ross

Every passing year seems to present California with a fresh set of challenges.

The latest new leaf brings with it an entirely new racing framework with operations consolidated in the South. This comes on the back of the California Association of Racing Fairs' (CARF) decision last month not to pursue a race meet at Pleasanton during the start of 2025.

On New Year's morning, the *TDN* sat down with Bill Nader, executive director of the Thoroughbred Owners of California (TOC). In part one of this interview, Nader discusses, among other things, impacts from the current stabling agreement with Alameda County Fair which ends Mar. 25, and projected revenues from the simulcasting monies redirected from North to South.

The following has been edited for brevity and clarity.

**TDN: What are the particulars of the agreement between the stabling and vanning committee and Alameda County Fair and CARF?**

**BN:** The template that we use for the agreement would mirror what we have for Los Alamitos and for San Luis Rey Downs--a very simple two-page agreement that gets into the fee that we pay per day. It's for seven days of stabling, and six days of training. The dark day for training would be Monday. **Cont. p3**

## GELNER HAS HIGH HOPES FOR LOUISIANA-BRED SECRET FAITH *by Jessica Martini*

Norman Stables' *Secret Faith* (Aurelius Maximus) continued her demolition of the Louisiana-bred stakes ranks with a front-running 7 1/4-length victory in the fillies' division of the Louisiana Futurity at Fair Grounds Sunday. The 2-year-old filly has now won six of her seven starts to date, with five stakes wins at four different tracks. She has a combined winning margin of 40 1/2 lengths, led off by a 14-length score in the D.S. Shine Young Futurity at Evangeline Downs in August.

Jayde Gelner purchased *Secret Faith* on behalf of owner Robbie Norman for \$75,000 out of the 2023 Texas Thoroughbred Association Yearling sale. The trainer had already had success with the family when he signed the ticket on the yearling. He conditions her multiple stakes-winning half-brother *Strong Promise* (Broken Vow) for Norman.

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**Bill Nader Q&A (cont. from p1)**

They specify in the agreement that they may want to swap out that dark day for, in some cases, a Saturday or Sunday when they have big events. To protect everybody in that agreement, we did say that has to come with the consent of the CTT [California Thoroughbred Trainers].

The big thing was that in our proposal, the term of the agreement was from Dec. 26 into early June. And right after the CHRB meeting concluded on Dec. 19, CARF asked to sit down with me at Cal Expo--literally 15 minutes after the meeting ended--to talk about the stable agreement.

The key point, they wanted to shorten it to Mar. 25. I was surprised to hear that. Again, it wasn't mentioned during the CHRB meeting. And again, the agreement was to begin or commence on Dec. 26, so we were working on a pretty tight timeline.

The way it reads now is that [the agreement] ends on Mar. 25, and they--they being Alameda County Fair and CARF--have the exclusive right to elect to renew the agreement or extend the agreement past Mar. 25, provided there are 500 or more horses stabled at Pleasanton. So, be it their sole discretion whether they want to continue.

If it's less than that [500 horses], then I think all parties would have to come together to assess at that time. We did insert

language that notice of their option to renew or extend be no later than Feb. 25, so we would be able to give everybody proper notice if they're not going to continue as an auxiliary stabling facility.

**TDN: What's the cost per day and how is this being funded?**

**BN:** Half by the tracks in Southern California--Santa Anita and Del Mar. What their split is, I'm not entirely sure at this point. But together they pay half and purses pay half. I don't know if I can give you the cost. It might be proprietary. It's higher than for Los Alamitos and nearly double San Luis Rey.

**TDN: Is there any financial assistance on the table to help make up the roughly \$800,000 in purse overpayments for the Golden State Racing meet just concluded?**

**BN:** Initially, we had talked about providing a 10% increase to CARF's summer purses, which effectively would have been about \$600,000. They asked that, in lieu of that, could that payment or contribution be sent now to help with their current financial crisis.

There's a separate agreement, different to the stabling and vaning agreement, that allows for that to happen in the first quarter of 2025. That would go to Alameda County Fair.

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**TDN: Aside from the purse overpayment, are there other operational debts that Pleasanton has accrued?**

**BN:** I don't know. I only see the purse overpayment. I don't know about their operational costs.

**TDN: If for some reason that agreement isn't continued after the Mar. 25 expiration date, what will that mean for the fairs this summer, realistically speaking?**

**BN:** I think it would put the fairs in a very compromised position. The whole idea initially for us when we came forward with the agreement going through early June was to keep the population intact leading into the fairs. So, a stoppage Mar. 25 would be a problem for the fairs to have that continuity.

But again, they have the exclusive right to make that decision as to what they want to do with their property. Whether they choose to continue or not.

**TDN: Are you expecting the Pleasanton horse inventory to maintain above that 500-horse threshold?**

**BN:** It'll obviously be lower than what it is at the starting point, which is somewhere between 750 horses and 800. On how far it falls, I don't know. It's something we'll have to monitor and look at closely.

**TDN: What are the projected revenues from the simulcasting monies redirected South? And how will that be divided up in terms of purses and track commissions?**

**BN:** If the fairs are able to continue based on the 2023 calendar--which allows 13 weeks of racing for the fairs, and 39 weeks of redirect--based on that, it would be about \$20 million coming down. That would be split about equally between the purses and track commissions. You're looking at about \$10 million for each side.

From that ballpark figure, about 60% of that would go to Santa Anita, 29% to Del Mar, and 11% Los Alamitos. Both track commissions and purses.

**TDN: What happens if the fairs don't go ahead this year?**

**BN:** If that happens, then the redirect becomes bigger, and we would then have to further consider how to cater to that population over a longer period of time.

Right now, the races that are being made available in the South are only for the weeks in which there is no racing in the North. Once the fairs are in play, those races would not be available at any of the daytime tracks in the South.

When we say races in the South, we're talking daytime tracks where the incentives kick in, such as the round-trip horse transport, the travel stipends and the increased purses.

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**TDN: Let's go with the scenario that the fairs do go ahead this summer and that \$20 million heads South, what can the horsemen and women expect in impact to purses?**

**BN:** The first part at Santa Anita, we have to recognize or acknowledge the deficit that we have in the purse over-payment and try to repay that.

**TDN: How big is the deficit now?**

**BN:** Six million. It's a substantial amount. We've got to be fiscally responsible and get back to where we need to be. But with that, if we can structure a repayment plan over a period of time, we can sit down with Santa Anita and work out a schedule that allows some upside to purses. That would be our preferred view.

With Del Mar, that's a lot easier because their purse overpayment there is just over \$1 million.

The \$20-million figure, we've got to make sure that number is real. We'll see that over the first quarter of 2025, see if the actuals actually match up to the forecast. And then I think we can strategically come together with the racetracks, work out something where the purses start to see some upside.

I think Del Mar is going to be in a pretty good position. Hopefully we get to where we can share some of that benefit with owners, trainers, all of our stakeholders at some point relatively early in 2025.


**TDN: It's early days, but the one race carded over the weekend restricted to the Northern California horses appeared to handle noticeably less than the other open races. Did you expect that?**

**BN:** Yes, because it was noon, second race. It handled something like \$471,000.


**TDN: Was that comparable to what that specific race would have handled at Golden Gate Fields?**

**BN:** At Pleasanton, at Golden State Racing, that would have handled \$60,000 at that time, meaning noon. And it was much more than it would have been at Golden Gate. At Golden Gate, in that timeslot, it might have been less than \$200,000. So, it was more than double what it would have been at Golden Gate.

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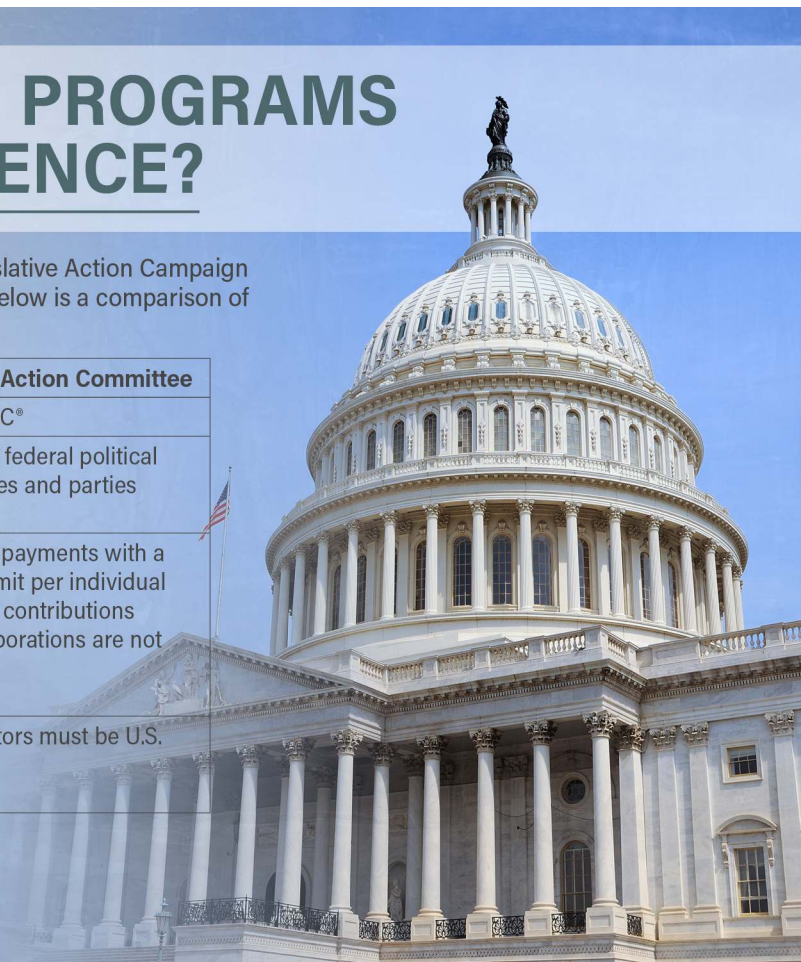
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**Gelner Has High Hopes for Secret Faith (cont. from p1)**

“She looked almost exactly like her brother,” Gelner said of his early impression of Secret Faith. “Her half-brother started out his career in the same way, five for five, but he just never got any bigger. He was a nice-sized 2-year-old, but he never grew after that. When I saw her at the Texas sale, she caught my eye. She looked exactly like him, same markings almost. Size-wise, she was about the same size as he was, but she was only a yearling.”

Where her brother failed to grow, Secret Faith has just continued to improve, according to Gelner.

“She is still growing,” he said. “She just keeps getting bigger and bigger.”

The 24-year-old Gelner followed both his father and grandfather into the trainer ranks when he went out on his own in 2022. Shopping the regional markets improves his chances of making a profit at the racetrack, he said. Gelner purchased

Divining Humor (**Divining Rod**) for \$12,000 at the 2022 TTA Yearling Sale and the filly went two-for-two, winning the TTA Futurity in 2023 and earning \$109,620. Secret Faith has already rewarded her \$75,000 purchase price with current earnings of \$367,022.



**Secret Faith | Hodges Photography**

“I’ve been focusing on the regional market since I started,” Gelner said. “It’s not all about money, but owners want to at least recover their investments and it’s an easier market to recover your investments. If you own a stakes horse that is in open company, you have to be really good, instead of just being good. And Louisiana’s program is getting better and better. It makes it a little bit tougher to win, but you are able to recoup some of the expenses your

owners have when purchasing a horse. So that’s what I like to do.”

Gelner had high hopes for Secret Faith right from the beginning.

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“I thought she would be good as soon as we got her,” he said. “She just looked so athletic. After her first breeze, she showed she was going to be very nice.”

Secret Faith opened her career with a 6 1/4-length victory going 4 1/2 furlongs at Evangeline Downs in June and followed that maiden score with a win in the TTA Futurity. Following her 14-length romp in the D.S. Shine Young Futurity, she added stakes wins at Delta Downs and Fair Grounds. The gray filly suffered her first loss when a head short of a stubborn Blue Fire (Aurelius Maximus) in the Louisiana Champions Day Lassie Stakes Dec. 14, but rebounded to end her juvenile campaign in style in the Futurity.

Asked what he thinks as he watches the filly come home far in front of her nearest pursuers, Gelner admitted with a laugh, “Hopefully, we don’t see a shadow on the track. I am a little superstitious and it’s not a win until they cross the line. No early celebrations. Just a grin. You’re just waiting for the finish line. It can’t come fast enough, no matter if you are 20 in front or you win by a nose. It can never come fast enough.”

Secret Faith’s wins have come from 4 1/2 to seven furlongs, but Gelner thinks the filly has a future at longer distances.

“I think she is going to be a really good two-turn horse going forward,” Gelner said. “She just has such a high-cruising speed that she can use going a route of ground instead of the sprinting distance. She is very close to the pace sprinting, but she can carry her speed further. She does whatever you want her to do. She’s just so talented, she can do it sprinting, too.”

Secret Faith is expected to make her next start going seven furlongs in the Feb. 1 Louisiana-bred Premier Night Starlet at Delta Downs, but Gelner thinks the filly will eventually make it to the open ranks.

“Numbers wise, she will definitely be competitive [in open company],” Gelner said. “And in my mind, she is a really nice horse and she should be able to compete with a lot of good open horses. We are just taking the ‘per se’ easier route for now and letting her develop. The purse structure is so good in Louisiana that it doesn’t make any sense to run any harder than you have to run, especially during this time of year with the Fair Grounds and Delta and the stakes schedule they have out there for just Louisiana-breds.”

With two years under his belt, Secret Faith is Gelner’s highest-earning runner so far, but she may have competition from the newly turned 3-year-old Whata Moon (Gormley), who was a narrowly beaten runner-up in the Dec. 21 Letellier Memorial Stakes in just her second start after breaking her maiden by 9 1/2 lengths at Delta Downs Nov. 21.

“She is probably one of the nicest ones [I’ve trained],” Gelner said of the filly. “We will see how she does in her 3-year-old year, but not many of them can start their career like she has.”

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## TENNESSEE MOON, WHO LED COUNTRY IN WINS IN 2024, FACES TOUGH TEST FRIDAY AT DELTA DOWNS *by Bill Finley*

**Tennessee Moon** (Ransom the Moon) is not the type of horse to make headlines, but maybe that’s because we’ve forgotten how special and admirable some of these blue-collar horses can be. The 5-year-old owned and trained by 56-year-old Mark Hibdon won 13 times from 18 starts in 2024, winning more races than any other horse in training. It’s not just that she was winning, it was where she was winning. She ran in Louisiana (Delta Downs), Nebraska (Fonner Park), Wyoming (Energy Downs 307 Racing), Texas (Lone Star Park), Colorado (Arapahoe Park) and Kentucky (Churchill Downs).

“It may sound funny to other people, but she’s our big horse,” Hibdon said. “It was a blessing that we got her. She’s different, unique, and very talented and we claimed her for \$5,000. I thank the Lord for that. I just don’t want to get her beat. Every time I take her over there, I start to think about that.”



**Tennessee Moon** | *Coady Media*

That hasn’t been much of a problem lately. Tennessee Moon has won five of her six races and the only defeat came in a Claiming Crown race at Churchill. But it doesn’t look like anything will come easily when she goes postward Friday at Delta Downs in the \$75,000 Orleans S. at five furlongs, where she will face six others. Stepping up off a win in a \$5,000 starter allowance race, she is 7-2 on the morning line. She will be racing over her favorite track. She is 8-for-8 at Delta.

“I feel pretty good about this race,” said Hibdon, noting that Tennessee Moon became ineligible for \$5,000 starter allowance races at Delta on Jan. 1. “I think she can run with these horses.”

A win in a \$75,000 stakes would be the highlight of her career so far, but there will always be a lot more to her story than just one race.

Hibdon had been watching Tennessee Moon while she kept changing barns via the claim in 2023, first at Emerald Downs and then at Delta. He claimed her on Nov. 17, 2023 at Delta from trainer Jon Arnett. He could have run her back in another \$5,000 claimer, where she probably would have won and probably would have been claimed. But Hibdon didn't want to take any chances and ran her in an entry level allowance race. She won by 3 1/4 lengths, the second win in what would become a seven-race winning streak.

"It was shocking," Hibdon said. "The first time I ran her, we thought we'd take a shot in an 'A other than' because it was for a little bit more money. I thought she could do it. I really liked her. She won pretty easy, so we got excited about her at that point because I felt like I had a good 'starter five' filly for the rest of the year I don't want to sound arrogant or cocky, but she was winning so easy that it didn't take anything out of her. She's come back and it was like she had just been sent her out for a two-minute lick. It's really fun and exciting when you have a horse like that. I've never had one like that."

With the exception of Delta, most of the tracks that Hibdon competes at have shorts meets, which is why Tennessee Moon was so often on the move. But Hibdon enjoyed that part of the story. He made sure to visit Yellowstone and took in all the beauty that is Wyoming.

"Wyoming is part of the most beautiful country that I've ever seen," he said. "We kind of look at it as a vacation. So we go there and get a paid vacation."

Tennessee Moon has been back at Delta Downs since October and has won her last two races there. She's got plenty of speed, so her game plan when it comes to five-furlong races is break fast and dare them to try to catch her.

"She just loves [Delta]," Hibdon said. "She gets over it so good. The tight turns might have something to do with it. She's an athletic filly and she has little bit faster cruising rate than most horses have. It comes easy to put that speed out there and she doesn't have to work for it. Those other horses trying to keep up with that, it takes a little more out of them, especially at Delta Downs. That track is real heavy."

The 2-1 morning line favorite in the Orleans is Miss Arlington (Mark Valeski), the winner of the Mahoning Distaff S. Steve Asmussen will send out Makeup (Classic Empire), an allowance winner in her last start at Churchill Downs.

"It will probably be the toughest race of her career," Hibdon said. "I'd compare it to the Claiming Crown race she ran in in Kentucky, when she was fourth. There were some pretty nice mares in there."

Hibdon has been training since 2001 and has 35 horses under his care. Prior to 2024, he had never topped \$660,000 in seasonal earnings. That all changed last year thanks to

Tennessee Moon. She earned \$190,134, pushing the stable's earnings on the year to \$1,040,020. He, of course, wants to win Friday, which might open some doors for some even tougher stakes races. But this is truly a horse that owes his owner and trainer nothing.

"I know it sounds like a cliché, but I don't really do this for the money, I do it because I love horse racing," Hibdon said. "I love horses and I'm thankful that we make enough money to keep going. Anybody who gets into this business to make money is probably barking up the wrong tree. But when you have a horse like this, the sport can be really fun."

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## DERBY WINNER RICH STRIKE TO STAND AT MOUNTAIN SPRINGS FARM IN PENNSYLVANIA *by Bill Finley*

After on-again, off-again attempts to bring **Rich Strike** (Keen Ice--Gold Strike, by Smart Strike) back to the races, owner Rick Dawson has decided to retire the 2022 GI Kentucky Derby winner. Dawson revealed the news in a Facebook post on New Year's Eve.

"I have entered into a P&S Agreement to stand Richie as stallion at Mountain Springs Farm in Palmyra PA w/ owner Rich Miller," he wrote. "A final contract should be executed very soon & Richie will ship shortly thereafter. I personally plan to support Richie with several quality mares each season. GO RICHIE & OFFSPRING!!"

Mountain Springs Farm is located in Palmyra, PA, and is owned by Miller.

"This is more than a little exciting," Miller said. "I don't know what to expect yet, but we're seeing that there's a lot of interest in him." Miller said he was not aware if a stud fee had been set yet.

When it comes to highs and lows, few horses have had careers quite like that of the chestnut 6-year-old.

After running 10th in his debut, a maiden special weight turf race at Ellis Park, he was claimed for \$30,000 out of his next start by Dawson and trainer Eric Reed. That was in a maiden claimer going a mile on the main track at Churchill Downs, which he won by 17 1/4 lengths. Five starts later he managed to finish a distant third in the GIII Jeff Ruby Steaks at Turfway Park, but earned enough points to be on the bubble for the Derby. Rich Strike only got into the race because there was a late scratch and he drew in off the also-eligible list.

In a shocking performance, he won by three-quarters of a length at odds of 80-1. Rich Strike became the second longest priced horse to have won the Kentucky Derby after Donerail in 1913. Donerail was 91-1.



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The Derby was the last race he would ever win and he made just one start in 2023, finishing a distant fifth in the GII Alysheba S. Dawson said the horse was suffering from suspensory injuries, but he held out hope they could be healed to the point that he could return to the races. Meanwhile, Dawson and Reed parted ways over a dispute involving the rights to a movie about Reed, his father and Rich Strike. Rich Strike was turned over to Hall of Famer Bill Mott and more time was given for him to get over his injuries. This time stem-cell treatments were tried, but he was never able to get back to his self.



Rich Strike winning the 2022 Kentucky Derby | Coady

He recovered to the point that Mott was able to work him four times this summer at Saratoga, but injury problems persisted and he was retired with a record of 14-2-1-3 and earnings of \$2,526,809. He was bred by Calumet Farm.

“I was approached about him weeks ago and we just kept discussing it,” Miller said. “It looks like there’s quite a bit of interest coming from out of state. But the breeding program here in Pennsylvania is excellent and that’s probably why they decided to come here. They approached me and I must have watched the Derby 20 times. I still can’t figure out how he got from last to first. What a run. What a race.”

Miller is a veteran Pennsylvania breeder, whose farm stands some of the best stallions in the state. The most notable is Uptowncharlybrown (Limehouse), who was the leading stallion in Pennsylvania in 2024. They also have, among others, Uncle Benny (Declaration of War), who was second in the 2018 GI Breeders’ Cup Juvenile Turf, and Enticed (Medaglia d’Oro), a two-time graded stakes winner.

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**Saturday, Santa Anita #5, post time: 4:30 p.m. EST**

**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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- Adrian Regan



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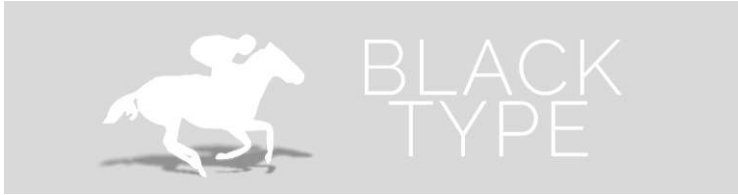
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**IN ORDER OF PURSE:**

**FASIG-TIPTON CASH RUN S.**, \$150,000, Gulfstream, 1-1, 3yo, f, 1m, 1:38.11, ft.

1--**FIVE G**, 118, f, 3, by **Vekoma**

**1st Dam:** Triumphant, by **Quality Road**

**2nd Dam:** Star Torina, by **A.P. Indy**

**3rd Dam:** Gold Canyon, by **Mr. Prospector**

**1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN.** O/B-Gatsas Stables LLC (NY); T-George Weaver; J-John R Velazquez. \$91,140. Lifetime Record:

4-2-1-0, \$160,290. \*Sixth SW for sire (by **Candy Ride {Arg}**).

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2--**Paradise City**, 118, f, 3, **McKinzie**--Washington Bridge, by Yankee Gentleman. **1ST BLACK-TYPE.** (\$25,000 RNA Ylg '23 KEESEP; \$105,000 2yo '24 OBSOPN). O-C2 Racing Stable LLC, Kuehne Racing, Shining Stables LLC, Paul Braverman & Timothy Pinch; B-Don Alberto Corporation (KY); T-Saffie A Joseph Jr. \$29,400.

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3--**Unchained Elaine**, 120, f, 3, **American Pharoah**--Razorback Lady, by Overdriven. **1ST BLACK-TYPE.** O-Patrick L Biancone Racing LLC & Amy E Dunne; B-Mr. Patrick Biancone (KY); T-Patrick L Biancone. \$14,700.

Margins: 9, 1HF, 6 1/4. Odds: 5.20, 1.80, 5.00.

Also Ran: Yellow, Fallon, Sweet Note, Andrea.

Runner-up in the grassy Tepin Stakes when last seen at Aqueduct Nov. 17, Gatsas Stables' Five G ran away from her overmatched rivals to easily take out Wednesday's Fasig-Tipton Cash Run Stakes at Gulfstream Park.

Let go at better than 5-1 returning to the main track for the first time since finishing unplaced behind the talented MSW '**TDN Rising Star**' With the Angels (Omaha Beach) at Saratoga last summer, the homebred filly bounced away well enough from the inside gate beneath John Velazquez and railed through to contest the early splits just underneath Andrea (Thousand Words) into the turn. Edging to the front under her own courage with three furlongs to travel, she was pushed along to widen into the lane and pulled readily clear to take it by nine convincing lengths.

"She worked very well on the dirt and when you're trying to figure out what horses want to do and what's best for them, you need to try things sometimes and she worked well enough on the dirt that we needed to try it," winning trainer George Weaver said.



Five G | Lauren King

"Obviously we're happy, she likes the turf and the dirt. With that kind of performance, we'll probably stick to the dirt now and try and get her on the Oaks trail."

Five G is the sixth black-type winner for her sire, who proved narrowly best in a three-way go for champion freshman sire of 2024. Gatsas Stable acquired this filly's dam for \$57,000 in foal to **Runhappy** at Keeneland November in 2020. Triumphant is a half-sister to three-time stakes winner Lipstick City (City Zip), while third dam Gold Canyon produced MGSW Adriano (A.P. Indy) and the graded-placed dam of '**TDN Rising Star**' Strike Power (Speightstown), who won this track's Gill Swale Stakes in 2018. Triumphant is the dam of a yearling full-brother to Five G and is due to give birth to a **Central Banker** foal this year. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

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**DANIA BEACH S.**, \$150,000, Gulfstream, 1-1, 3yo, 1m 70y (AWT) (off turf), 1:39.17, ft.

1--**MI BAGO**, 120, c, 3, by **Vekoma**

**1st Dam:** Wabanaki, by **Indian Charlie**

**2nd Dam:** New Harmony, by **A.P. Indy**

**3rd Dam:** Battle Creek Girl, by **His Majesty**

(\$62,000 Ylg '23 FTKFEB; \$90,000 RNA Ylg '23 SARAUG).

O-Gary Barber; B-Highclere Inc (NY); T-Mark E Casse; J-Edwin Gonzalez. \$91,140. Lifetime Record: 6-4-0-0, \$270,050.

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2--**Hammerhead**, 118, c, 3, **War Front**--Figarella's Queen, by **Medaglia d'Oro.** **1ST BLACK-TYPE.** (\$225,000 Ylg '23 KEESEP). O-Gold Square LLC; B-Glen Hill Farm (KY); T-Kevin Attard. \$29,400.

**Dania Beach S. cont.**

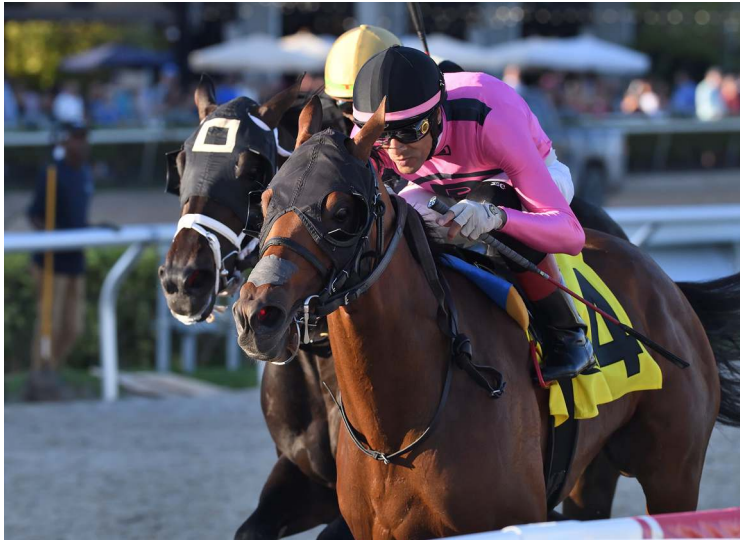
3--**Maui Strong**, 118, c, 3, Kitten's Joy--Legal Tender, by Giant's Causeway. **1ST BLACK-TYPE**. (\$275,000 Ylg '23 FTSAUG). O-West Point Thoroughbreds, Blue Devil Racing Stable (Holliday) & Edwin S Barker; B-Blue Devil Racing Stable LLC (KY); T-Dale L Romans. \$14,700.

**LANE'S END FOALÉD, RAISED & SOLD**

Margins: 3/4, 2 3/4, NK. Odds: 0.80, 5.20, 8.90.

Also Ran: I Know I Know, Hit That Review (Ire), Nothingsubtle, Bucaro. Scratched: Dream On.

Allowed to take his chance in Wednesday's Dania Beach Stakes when it was transferred to the Tapeta track, Mi Bago showed that he is not surface-dependent, wiring the extended-mile contest to complete a sweep of the afternoon's stakes for New York-bred offspring of Vekoma.



Mi Bago | Ryan Thompson

Looking to employ the same pacesetting tactics that saw him crush by five lengths when last seen in the Nov. 29 Pulpit Stakes over the local turf course, Mi Bago was kicked straight into the lead by Edwin Gonzalez and set comfortable fractions of :24.23 and :47.03. At no point truly looking like losing, the bay colt turned for home firmly in front an easily held Hammerhead in the run to the line.

"[Assistant trainer] Nick [Tomlinson] didn't give me too many instructions for the horse," Gonzalez said. "Today I break out of the gate, he put me right there. He was pulling my arm, he wanted to keep going. I wanted to keep him in a nice and relaxed position, and he finished good. I think he's a really good horse."

Like Cash Run winner Five G a debut winner on the main track at Colonial, Mi Bago was only sixth in the Aug. 25 Funny Cide Stakes at Saratoga before taking out the Algonquin Stakes in his turf debut at Woodbine Oct. 5. He was fifth and not beaten far in the Thoroughbred Aftercare Alliance Stakes on Breeders' Cup Friday before jetting cross-country to take the Pulpit last time.

Mi Bago was produced by a half-sister to SW Held Accountable (Exchange Rate) who failed to drop a foal the last two seasons and his due to **Highly Motivated**. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

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**4th-Gulfstream, \$54,000, (S), Alw, 1-1, (NW1X), 3yo, f, 7f, 1:25.47, ft, 2 1/2 lengths.**

**BELLA CLEOPATRA (f, 3, Vekoma--Bella Alicita {SP}, by Bellamy Road)**, a smashing 6 1/2-length debut winner on a rain-affected strip at Colonial July 17, was acquired by this ownership group thereafter and was fractionally disappointing when third at 3-5 in the Juvenile Fillies Sprint Nov. 16. Dipping back into allowance company for her 3-year-old debut, the bay was off a beat slowly, then parked just off the flank of her chief market rival Fede (Adios Charlie) into the turn. Allowed to nose in front midway on the turn, Bella Cleopatra responded when asked in upper stretch and kept her rivals at bay by 2 1/2 lengths as the 4-5 lock. Bella Alicita is the dam of a 2-year-old colt by Rock Your World from this same **Candy Ride (Arg)** sire line and is due to Maximus Mischief. Sales history: \$15,000 Ylg '23 KESEEP; \$95,000 RNA 2yo '24 OBSMAR. Lifetime Record: SP, 3-2-0-1, \$76,200. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

O-Black Type Thoroughbreds, Swinbank Stables LLC, Steve Adkisson & Campeche Stables; B-Loren Nichols (FL); T-George Weaver.

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**4th-Aqueduct, \$77,600, Msw, 1-1, 4yo/up, 1m, 1:36.72, gd, 2 1/4 lengths.**

**IGNITE THE LIGHT (g, 4, Into Mischief--By the Light {MSW & GISP, \$885,632}, by Malibu Moon)** made three widely spaced appearances in 2024, finishing fifth in a mile maiden at Santa Anita in February and a distant sixth going that trip at Saratoga in August before nearly getting the job done over course and distance Dec. 13. Favored at 95 cents on the dollar here, the Siegel homebred was ridden positively by Lane Luzzi to sit handy to a good pace down the back. Narrowly in front turning for home, the bay was kept to his task to prevail by 2 1/4 lengths. A half-brother to By the Moon (Indian Charlie), MGISW, \$1,552,940, the dam of GSP Full Moon Madness (Into Mischief); and Wonderful Light (Tiz Wonderful), GSP, \$305,955, Ignite the Light has a 2-year-old full-brother, a yearling half-brother by **Not This Time** and By the Light was most recently bred to **Good Magic**. Lifetime Record: 7-1-1-1, \$85,000. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.** O-Jay Em Ess Stable; B-Samantha Siegel (KY); T-Richard E Dutrow Jr.

**4th-Fair Grounds, \$58,000, (S), Msw, 1-1, 3yo, f, 1mT, 1:43.14, fm, 3/4 length.**

**ARARATTA (f, 3, Munnings--Saratoga Belle, by The Factor),** a 7-2 shot, settled off the pace down the backstretch behind a moderate tempo, but moved up into contention while racing along the rail nearing the far turn. She reeled in the pacesetter approaching the stretch and forged to a clear lead before holding off the late-closing Swamp Queen (Vekoma) to win by 3/4 of a length. Araratta, a \$130,000 KEESEP yearling, has a nearly turned yearling half-sister by **Speaker's Corner**. Saratoga Belle, who was purchased for \$100,000 with the winner in utero at the 2021 Keeneland November sale, was bred back to Custom for Carlos. The mare is a half-sister to graded winner and multiple Grade I placed Ballagh Rocks (Stormy Atlantic) and out of a half-sister to Unbridled's Song. **Click for the Equibase.com chart.** Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$34,800. O-Highlander Training Center; B-W Harang (LA); T-T Amoss.



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**7th-Turf Paradise, \$21,000, Moc (\$30,000), 3yo, 5 1/2f, 1:03.42, ft, 10 3/4 lengths.**

**ITSMYBIRTHDAY (c, 3, Vekoma--After the Rose, by Pioneerof the Nile)** hinted at some ability in his morning trials and was sent off the 8-5 second favorite to open his account at first asking. Hustled along early to secure a prominent spot in the run, the \$42,000 KEESEP yearling turned \$195,000 OBS June breezer ranged up three wide to challenge at the quarter pole and scampered clear despite racing on his incorrect lead for much of the stretch run. He became the fourth individual winner on New Year's Day for Vekoma. After the Rose, whose dam Tap of the Day (Pulpit) was an unraced full-sister to **Tapit**, was purchased by Spendthrift for \$500,000 at Fasig-Tipton Saratoga in 2017. The mare is also represented by a yearling filly by Omaha Beach and was bred to Jackie's Warrior for 2025. Sales history: \$42,000 Ylg '23 KEESEP; \$195,000 2yo '24 OBSJUN. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$12,600. **Click for the Equibase.com chart.**

O-Arnold Bennewith; B-Spendthrift Farm LLC (KY); T-Robertino Diodoro.



### SECOND-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: THURSDAY, JANUARY 2 2024 Stud Fees Listed

**Aurelius Maximus** (Pioneerof the Nile), Red River Farms  
83 foals of racing age/6 winners/3 black-type winners  
3-Delta Downs, 6:46 p.m. EST, Msw 6 1/2f, He's Late Again, 6-1  
\$20,000 TTA YRL yrl

**Authentic** (Into Mischief), Spendthrift Farm, \$25,000  
294 foals of racing age/24 winners/1 black-type winner  
5-Turfway, 7:55 p.m. EST, Msw 1m, Bracelet, 7-2  
\$230,000 KEE NOV wnl; \$300,000 KEE SEP yrl  
8-Fair Grounds, 5:15 p.m. EST, Msw 7 1/2fT, Dogwood Crossing,  
4-1  
\$125,000 RNA KEE SEP yrl

**Gift Box** (Twirling Candy), Lane's End Farm, \$5,000  
134 foals of racing age/14 winners/1 black-type winner  
3-Delta Downs, 6:46 p.m. EST, Msw 6 1/2f, Piccolo Uomo, 12-1



**Lone Sailor** (Majestic Warrior), Red River Farms  
46 foals of racing age/2 winners/0 black-type winners  
8-Fair Grounds, 5:15 p.m. EST, Msw 7 1/2ft, Uninspired, 12-1

**Maximum Security** (New Year's Day), Coolmore Ashford, \$5,000  
150 foals of racing age/17 winners/0 black-type winners  
5-Turfway, 7:55 p.m. EST, Msw 1m, You Know Me, 12-1

**McKinzie** (Street Sense), Gainesway Farm, \$75,000  
301 foals of racing age/21 winners/2 black-type winners  
5-Turfway, 7:55 p.m. EST, Msw 1m, Girl Math, 9-5  
\$140,000 RNA KEE SEP yrl; \$60,000 FTK OCT yrl; \$300,000 OBS  
APR 2yo

**Spun to Run** (Hard Spun), Gainesway Farm, \$10,000  
139 foals of racing age/16 winners/0 black-type winners  
8-Fair Grounds, 5:15 p.m. EST, Msw 7 1/2ft, Running Ragged,  
10-1 \$80,000 TTA YRL yrl



#### STAKES RESULTS:

**GOWELL S.**, \$110,000, Turfway, 1-1, 3yo, f, 6f (AWT), 1:12.16, ft.  
1--**GRACE ON GRACE, 118, f, 3, Jersey Town--Trick Soso, by Poteen.** (\$2,500 Ylg '23 KEESEP). **1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN.**  
O-Francetta Allen; B-Southern Comfort Farm LLC (KY); T-Larry W. Demeritte; J-Fernando De La Cruz. \$61,380. Lifetime Record: 9-2-3-0, \$123,641.

**VINERY SALES GRADUATE**  
2--**Les Is Best, 118, f, 3, Catholic Boy--Unfold the Rose, by Catienus.** (\$55,000 Ylg '23 KEESEP). **1ST BLACK-TYPE.** O-Maxis Stable & Foster Family Racing; B-SF Bloodstock LLC (KY); T-Eric N. Foster. \$24,800.

3--**My Lil Punky, 120, f, 3, Outwork--Translator, by Posse.** (\$25,000 Ylg '23 FTKOCT; \$70,000 2yo '24 EASMAY). **1ST BLACK-TYPE.** O-Triple M Racing Stable LLC; B-Paul King (KY); T-John Ennis. \$12,400.

**LEGACY**  
Margins: 3/4, 2, HD. Odds: 10.51, 4.88, 1.14.

#### ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

**6th-Gulfstream, \$83,180, (NW2\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$62,500), 1-1, 4yo/up, 5f (AWT) (off turf), :55.44, ft, 1 1/2 lengths.**  
**HORSEPOWER (g, 4, Good Samaritan--Bear's Lightning {SP, \$168,642}, by Maria's Mon)** Lifetime Record: 9-3-3-0, \$157,775. O-D J Stable LLC; B-Ledgellands LLC & Andrew C Ritter (KY);

T-Joseph F Orseno. \*\$13,000 Ylg '22 FTKOCT; \$60,000 2yo '23 OBSMAR.

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**8th-Turfway, \$82,844, 1-1, (NW3L), 4yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2f (AWT), 1:17.81, ft, 3/4 length.**

**MARMALADE SKYE (f, 5, Danza--Dawn Before Dawn {SW & GSP, \$164,605}, by High Yield)** Lifetime Record: 14-3-2-3, \$176,357. O-Robert Proulx & David Jacobson; B-Redge Clarke & Carl Mathieu (KY); T-David Jacobson.

**7th-Santa Anita, \$63,000, (S), (NW1\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$20,000), 1-1, 4yo/up, f/m, 6ft, 1:08.80, fm, head.**

**QUICK KATE (f, 4, Clubhouse Ride--Jen's Tribe, by Tribal Rule)** Lifetime Record: 9-2-2-2, \$125,460. O-Robert E Englekirk; B-Englekirk LLC (CA); T-Craig Anthony Lewis.

**7th-Fair Grounds, \$63,000, 1-1, (NW1X), 4yo/up, 6f, 1:09.73, ft, 1 length.**

**CALL ME ANDY (g, 4, Midshipman--Di's Delight {SP, \$166,825}, by French Deputy)** Lifetime Record: 10-2-1-3, \$135,846. O-Andrew Farm, Mountmellick Farm, Ocean Reef Racing, White Mountain Stables & Stonecrest Farm; B-Barlar LLC (MD); T-Brendan P Walsh. \*\$145,000 Wlg '21 FTKNOV; \$260,000 Ylg '22 KEESEP. \*\*1/2 to Mirth (Colonel John), GISW, \$395,563; 1/2 to Vault (Jump Start), GSW, \$491,914; and Heat Dome (Jump Start), SP, \$150,688.

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**6th-Fair Grounds, \$60,000, (S), (NW2X)/Opt. Clm (\$20,000), 1-1, 4yo/up, 1mT, 1:39.98, gd, 1 1/2 lengths.**

**GAMER NATE (g, 4, Divisidero--Da River Girl, by Alternation)** Lifetime Record: 13-4-4-0, \$179,750. O-Norman Stables LLC; B-Jeannie T Carrere (LA); T-Lonnie Briley. \*\$14,000 Ylg '22 OBSWIN; \$50,000 2yo '23 OBSOPN.

**8th-Turf Paradise, \$25,000, (NW2\$6MX)/Opt. Clm (\$40,000-\$50,000), 1-1, 4yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2f, 1:03.55, ft, 1/2 length.**

**ALOHA BREEZE (f, 5, The Factor--Flashy Doll, by New Year's Day)** Lifetime Record: MSW, 14-9-2-1, \$229,260. O-George Todaro; B-Gary & Mary West Stables Inc (KY); T-Wade Rarick. \*\$25,000 Ylg '21 KEESEP.

**8th-Turf Paradise, \$23,500, (NW2X)/Opt. Clm (\$20,000-\$25,000), 12-31, 3yo/up, 1mT, 1:36.80, fm, neck.**

**ARREST (g, 7, Skipshot--Cedar Island, by Five Star Day)** Lifetime Record: 32-5-7-7, \$150,520. O-Kirk Sutherland; B-Mikhail Yanakov (KY); T-Jose Silva Jr.

**5th-Turf Paradise, \$22,500, (NW1X)/Opt. Clm** (\$12,500-\$16,000), 1-1, 4yo/up, 6f, 1:09.98, ft, 1 length.  
**RUN RUDOLF (g, 4, Pop Artist--Tempered Steel {MSW, \$154,852}, by Tempered Appeal)** Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-1, \$23,131. O-Randy Lane & Roy Nelson; B-Nite & Day Stable (BC); T-Cindy Krasner. \*1/2 to Bayakoas Image (Lent), SW, \$115,548.

**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**

**Queen in the Deck, f, 3, Cairo Prince--Clara Barton, by Union Rags.** Tampa Bay Downs, 1-1, 1m 40y, 1:41.44. Lifetime Record: 7-1-2-1, \$51,910. B-Endeavor Farm (KY). \*\$19,000 RNA Wlg '22 KEENOV; \$27,000 Ylg '23 FTKOCT; \$30,000 RNA 2yo '24 OBSMAR.

**Better Than Better, f, 3, Good Samaritan--Better Again, by Thunder Gulch.** Gulfstream, 1-1, (C), 1m 70y (AWT) (off turf), 1:41.51. Lifetime Record: 4-1-1-0, \$27,280. B-Brandywine Farm (Jim & Pam Robinson) (KY). \*\$22,000 RNA Ylg '23 FTKOCT. \*\*1/2 to Go Soldier Go (Tapiture), SW-UAE, \$203,117.

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**Rozzyroo, f, 3, Tiz the Law--Marcy Darcy, by Smart Strike.** Aqueduct, 1-1, (S), (C), 6f, 1:13.37. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$23,100. B-Pine Ridge Stable (NY). \*1ST-TIME STARTER. \*\*\$21,000 Ylg '23 KEEJAN; \$10,000 Ylg '23 EASOCT; \$67,000 RNA 2yo '24 EASMAY; \$50,000 2yo '24 FTJUN.

**Lita Way, f, 4, Grazen--Humming Beethoven, by Mr. Greeley.** Santa Anita, 1-1, (S), 1mT, 1:37.38. Lifetime Record: 5-1-0-1, \$48,560. B-Cedair Dante (CA).

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- Danza**, Marmalade Skye, f, 5, o/o Dawn Before Dawn, by High Yield. ALW, 1-1, Turfway
- Divisidero**, Gamer Nate, g, 4, o/o Da River Girl, by Alternation. AOC, 1-1, Fair Grounds
- Good Samaritan**, Better Than Better, f, 3, o/o Better Again, by Thunder Gulch. MCL, 1-1, Gulfstream
- Good Samaritan**, Horsepower, g, 4, o/o Bear's Lightning, by Maria's Mon. AOC, 1-1, Gulfstream
- Grazen**, Lita Way, f, 4, o/o Humming Beethoven, by Mr. Greeley. MSW, 1-1, Santa Anita
- Into Mischief**, Ignite the Light, g, 4, o/o By the Light, by Malibu Moon. MSW, 1-1, Aqueduct
- Jersey Town**, Grace On Grace, f, 3, o/o Trick Soso, by Poteen. Gowell S., 1-1, Turfway
- Midshipman**, Call Me Andy, g, 4, o/o Di's Delight, by French Deputy. ALW, 1-1, Fair Grounds
- Munnings**, Araratta, f, 3, o/o Saratoga Belle, by **The Factor**. MSW, 1-1, Fair Grounds
- Pop Artist**, Run Rudolf, g, 4, o/o Tempered Steel, by Tempered Appeal. AOC, 1-1, Turf Paradise
- Skipshot**, Arrest, g, 7, o/o Cedar Island, by Five Star Day. AOC, 12-31, Turf Paradise
- The Factor**, Aloha Breeze, f, 5, o/o Flashy Doll, by New Year's Day. AOC, 1-1, Turf Paradise
- Tiz the Law**, Rozzyroo, f, 3, o/o Marcy Darcy, by Smart Strike. MCL, 1-1, Aqueduct
- Vekoma**, Bella Cleopatra, f, 3, o/o Bella Alicita, by Bellamy Road. ALW, 1-1, Gulfstream
- Vekoma**, Five G, f, 3, o/o Triumphant, by **Quality Road**. Fasig-Tipton Cash Run S., 1-1, Gulfstream
- Vekoma**, Mi Bago, c, 3, o/o Wabanaki, by Indian Charlie. Dania Beach S., 1-1, Gulfstream
- Vekoma**, Itsmybirthday, c, 3, o/o After the Rose, by Pioneerof the Nile. MOC, 1-1, Turf Paradise



## WINTER WATCH: FIREWORKS THROUGH THE FOG



Kon Tiki | Racingfotos.com

By Adam Houghton

*New year but the same old brief for Winter Watch, with the horses who officially turned three on January 1 set to continue under our supervision in the hope that the all-weather programme might yet throw up another Classic contender or two. Remember, Notable Speech (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}) didn't make his debut until January 27 last year.*

*We've seen plenty of interesting action since the last column before Christmas, and some interesting action we didn't see quite so much of because of the fog.*

*All of it is going to take some unpicking so, without further ado, I shall wish you a Happy New Year and begin our review, starting with the debut of an aptly named filly who sparkled as brightly as the New Year's Eve fireworks...*

### Surf's Up at Kempton

The one-mile fillies' maiden run at Kempton the week before Christmas threw up a high-class winner in 2023--the subsequent G1 Prix de l'Opera heroine Friendly Soul (GB) (Kingman {GB})--and there's every chance the latest edition might have done likewise if the striking display we witnessed from **Glittering Surf (GB)** is anything to go by. **Cont. p3**

## JAMES HARRON BLOODSTOCK & TONY FUNG INVESTMENTS PARTNER ON 2025 YEARLING SALES

James Harron Bloodstock (JHB) and Tony Fung Investments (TFI) will partner for the 2025 yearling sales. TFI will participate in acquisitions for both the JHB Colt Partnership and the JHB/Michael Freedman Filly Partnership.

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The two companies have previously purchased (separately) G1 Golden Slipper winners Capitalist (Aus) and Farnan (Aus), dual Group 1 winner King's Legacy (Aus), as well as group winning stallions Prague (Aus) and Anders (Aus). **Cont. p6**



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**6 | NEW WINNER FOR TOO DARN HOT**

*Miraculous (Ire)*, a freshly minted 3-year-old by the Darley sire, won on debut at Newcastle.

**6 | HONG KONG NEW YEAR CELEBRATIONS FEATURE HARDY GELDINGS**

Gelded sons of Zoustar (Aus) and Deep Field (Aus) won the two group races on the Sha Tin card on New Year's Day.

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# Winter Watch

by Adam Houghton



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Sent off the 11-8 favourite as seven runners went to post for the first division, the daughter of **Oasis Dream (GB)** made for easy watching if you'd backed her at those short odds. She was in front from an early stage, taking an enthusiastic hold of the bridle, before quickly putting daylight between herself and the chasing pack when shaken up entering the final two furlongs. Whilst the runner-up made some late inroads, Glittering Surf was still over three lengths clear at the line, seemingly with plenty in hand.

Owen Burrows wouldn't be renowned for first-time-out juvenile winners, but Glittering Surf is the second exciting filly from the stable to have sparkled on debut in recent weeks after

Shadwell's Falakeyah (GB) (New Bay {GB}), who earned '**TDN Rising Star**' status when she impressed at Wolverhampton back in November.

This filly is reportedly the first horse Burrows has had for former trainer Peter Winkworth, who bred her out of the **Frankel (GB)** mare Sparkling Surf (GB), a half-sister to the G1 Prix Vermeille heroine Kitesurf (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}) and the G2 Dante Stakes third Surfman (GB) (**Kingman {GB}**). Winkworth also trained the second dam, Shimmering Surf (Ire) (Daneshill Dancer {Ire}), before his retirement from training in 2011. She later won the G3 Pinnacle Stakes and was twice placed at Group 2 level when in the care of Roger Varian.

Physically, Glittering Surf certainly takes after the distaff side of her pedigree, with Burrows describing her as "a big, long-striding filly". She could be the type to make significant progress as a three-year-old.

### ***A Strong Stayer for the Boys in Blue***

Charlie Appleby had to settle for the runner-up spot in Glittering Surf's race with Pearl Of Hope (GB) (Dubawi {Ire})--a half-sister to the G1 Poule d'Essai des Poulains winner Victor Ludorum (GB)--but he was on the mark earlier on that Kempton card when **Aegean Prince (GB)** won the 11-furlong maiden.

**Cont. p4**

**“ Little Big Bear is a super horse; that’s the long and the short of it. Different class, different gear and matured very early for a big horse. He’s big, scopey, strong, clear winded and very, very fast - a class sprinter.”**

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The first foal out of the G1 Prix de Diane and G1 Prix Vermeille runner-up Musis Amica (Ire) (**Dawn Approach {Ire}**), Aegean Prince had shaped with plenty of promise when finishing third on his debut at Chelmsford back in November, an experience which clearly stood him in good stead when he found himself in a battle at Kempton. Unlike Glittering Surf's backers, you were made to sweat if you were on at 8-15, but the son of Dubawi (Ire) found plenty where it mattered to get the verdict by a neck.

The way Aegean Prince saw this out suggests stamina will be his strong suit and he has the makings of a smart stayer in 2025, with a step up to a mile and a half, and likely further still, promising to see him to best effect.

### Gosden Bluebloods on the March

When Musis Amica finished second in the 2019 Prix Vermeille, she was denied by that year's Irish Oaks heroine Star Catcher (GB) (**Sea The Stars {Ire}**) who, coincidentally, was also represented by her first runner in the days leading up to Christmas when **Star Of Light (GB) (Frankel {GB})** debuted in a fillies' maiden at Wolverhampton over an extended nine furlongs.

Trained by John and Thady Gosden for owner-breeder

Anthony Oppenheimer, Star Of Light was only the fourth choice of punters in a field of eight, suggesting she was perhaps expected to benefit from the experience, but she was ultimately well on top at the finish in winning by half a length. She was arguably value for extra, too, having made her effort from further back than ideal in a slowly-run race, before looking a bit green once produced to lead in the final furlong

It was certainly a promising start to life as a racehorse for Star Of Light, who should be suited by a mile and a half as a three-year-old, and she wasn't the only regally-bred two-year-old from Clarehaven to catch the eye in recent days.

Too Darn Hot (GB) filly Sandirella (GB), a half-sister to the G1 Poule d'Essai des Pouliches winner Mangoustine (Fr) (Dark Angel {Ire}), shaped like the run would bring her on when finishing third in the maiden won by Glittering Surf at Kempton, while a half-brother to the aforementioned Too Darn Hot was also in action at Wolverhampton just two days after Christmas.

The ninth runner out of the multiple Group 1 winner Dar Re Mi (GB) (Singspiel {Ire}), with the others including the high-class Dubawi (Ire) fillies Lah Ti Dar (GB) and So Mi Dar (GB), Mallorca (GB) (Lope De Vega {Ire}) was unable to emulate those siblings by making a winning debut, but it's surely just a matter of time before he opens his account judged on what we saw of his first start over the extended mile at Wolves--and that wasn't very much. **Cont. p5**

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### Winter Watch Cont.

In front when the runners finally emerged from the fog in the final furlong, he was ultimately beaten a short head as the William Haggas-trained **Merchant (Ire)** (Teofilo {Ire}) finished with a wet sail to edge ahead in the final strides. Crucially, that rival had the benefit of two previous runs, so it was to the credit of Mallorca that victory for the odds-on favourite was so hard fought.

### One to Watch

Showcasing (GB) colt Showering (GB) was another two-year-old from the Haggas yard to receive a positive mention in a previous edition of Winter Watch, after his successful debut at Newcastle early last month, and he built on the promise of that effort when attempting to follow up in a novice over the same course and distance on Saturday.

Beaten a length and a half into second, Showering probably had an impossible task as it turns out, trying to concede 7lb to a Karl Burke-trained newcomer who looked potentially smart in registering a decisive victory, impressing with the way he put the race to bed after travelling smoothly into contention.

**The Watcher (Ire)** (Invincible Spirit {Ire}) is the colt in question, a homebred of Sheikh Mohammed Obaid Al Maktoum's. The third winner from as many runners out of the unraced Lope De Vega (Ire) mare Lunar Vega (Ire), he looks all about speed and should make a good-quality sprint handicapper, at the very least, as a three-year-old.

### Crisfords and Rabbah Racing on a Roll

Speaking of high-class sprinters in the making, Good Banter (Ire) (**Calyx** {GB}) deserves another mention despite being off the track since his Wolverhampton win back in November. The form has worked out very well in the interim, with the runner-up, The Quiet Gent (Ire) (Mehmas {Ire}), and third, **Don Pacifico (Ire)**, both winning next time.

Southwell novice scorer Don Pacifico still looked a work in progress on his second run, taking a fierce grip through the first part of the six-furlong trip, but at the line he was an emphatic winner by two and three-quarter lengths. He is very much the type to go on improving as he learns how to race.

The son of Night Of Thunder (Ire) is trained by Simon and Ed Crisford for Rabbah Racing, who also struck in the one-mile fillies' novice at Southwell on Saturday with **Suzette Defoye (Fr)** (Sea The Moon {Ger}), a half-sister to the G1 Grosser Preis von Berlin winner Simca Mille (Ire) (Tamayuz {GB}).

Bought for €260,000 at the Arqana October Yearling Sale, Suzette Defoye is bred to be suited by at least 10 furlongs and the way the race developed at Southwell almost certainly wasn't to her advantage, with the modest gallop putting the emphasis firmly on speed. In spite of that, she was an authoritative winner, by three quarters of a length, in a race that should throw up plenty of winners. Stable-mate Harpsichord (GB) (Ribchester {Ire}), another debutant, was especially eye-catching in fourth.

### The Next Mill Stream?

A word, too, for Jane Chapple-Hyam and Peter Harris, who celebrated a pair of two-year-old debut winners in the space of three days. It began with 80,000gns purchase **Casa de Salinas (Ire)** (Sea The Stars {Ire}), the second foal out of the G3 Fairy Bridge Stakes heroine Waitingforthe day (Ire) (Elzaam {Aus}), who followed Glittering Surf in winning the second division of the fillies' maiden at Kempton, while **Kon Tiki (GB)** (Night Of Thunder {Ire}) was arguably even more impressive in winning at Wolverhampton.

Lining up in the second division of the fillies' novice, Kon Tiki completed the seven furlongs in a time over 2.2 seconds faster than the winner of the first division, **Never Let Go (GB)** (No Nay Never), only winning by half a length but looking value for extra given that she conceded first run, and experience, to the placed pair.

Like Casa de Salinas, Kon Tiki was purchased by Harris at Book 1 of the Tattersalls October Yearling Sale, this time for 220,000gns. She is the second foal out of the G3 March Stakes winner and G2 Lillie Langtry Stakes runner-up Maid Up (GB) (Mastercraftsman {Ire}), whose first runner, Champagne Prince (GB) (Lope De Vega {Ire}), won a Listed contest at Kempton last month for the same connections.

Following the retirement of their G1 July Cup hero Mill Stream (Ire), Chapple-Hyam and Harris have a vacancy for a flagbearer in 2025. **Cont. p6**



Merchant before his Newmarket debut | [Racingfotos.com](https://www.racingphotos.com)

**Winter Watch Cont.**

Champagne Prince could well be the one, but don't bet against an unexposed three-year-old, such as Kon Tiki, making the jump up to Pattern company.

**Winner in Waiting****City Of God (Ire)**

*Kodiac (GB)--Rare (Ire), by Galileo (Ire)*

Visibility at Wolverhampton was significantly reduced for the second division of this seven-furlong novice, but what we did see of City Of God was a horse desperately in need of the experience, hanging badly left when asked for his effort in the straight. The son of Kodiac was caught further back than ideal in a steadily-run race, too, so he did well under the circumstances to be beaten only two and a quarter lengths at the line, having finished well once switched to the outside. Trained by Karl Burke, he seems sure to improve with the run under his belt and will be suited by at least a mile.

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**BRITAIN****Wednesday's Results:**

**1st-Newcastle, £7,300, Nov, 1-1, 3, 4,/5yo, 6f (AWT), 1:16.57, st.**

**MIRACULOUS (IRE) (c, 3, Too Darn Hot {GB}--Priceless {GB} {GSW-Eng, \$204,955}, by Exceed And Excel {Aus})** raced under cover underneath the stands' side rail in third through the early fractions of this debut. Rowed along passing the quarter-mile marker, the 2-7 favourite went second entering the final furlong and was ridden out to deny Tsarinas Song (GB) (Sergei Prokofiev) by a head on the line. Miraculous is the fourth of six foals and third scorer from as many runners out of G2 Temple Stakes victrix Priceless (GB) (Exceed And Excel {Aus}), herself a half-sister to G2 Mill Reef Stakes runner-up Doctor Brown (GB) (Dr Fong). The March-foaled homebred bay is a half-brother to the stakes-placed Risk Threshold (Ire) (Dubawi {Ire}), a 2-year-old colt by **Sea The Stars (Ire)** and a yearling colt by Baaeed (GB). Sales history: 50,000gns RNA Ylg '23 TATOCT; 1,500gns 2yo '24 TATJAN. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$4,933. O/B-Alan Spence (IRE); T-Roger Varian.

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**IN NEW ZEALAND:**

**Real Class (NZ), f, 3, Vadamos (Fr)--Mill Duckie (NZ) (SW & G1SP-NZ, \$143,278), by Magic Ring (Ire).** Auckland TR, 1-1, G2 Sir Patrick Hogan Stakes, 2000mT, 2:06.43, gd. B-Nearco Stud Limited, Canterbury, (NZ). \*1/2 to High Class (NZ) (Shocking {Aus}), SP-NZ; and to Righteous Mate (NZ) (Savabeel {Aus}), SP-Aus. **\*1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN. 1ST GROUP WIN.**

**IN AUSTRALIA:**

**Hemlock Stone (NZ), g, 5, Dalghar (Fr)--Spiritual (NZ), by Savabeel (Aus).** WATC, 1-1, G2 Perth Cup, 2400mT, 2:27.33, gd. B-Botsky Ptd., Ltd., Waikato (NZ). **\*1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN. 1ST GROUP WIN.** \*\*A\$11,000 Ylg '21 MMLGCS.

**WORLDWIDE NEWS****JHB/TFI Cont. from p1**

"When I first landed in Australia, I asked my team who was the competitor we ought both fear, and look to for inspiration, and my team unequivocally said the team at James Harron Bloodstock," said John Fung, Tony Fung's son. "Over the November sales in Kentucky, our teams began developing the idea to combine our energies and maximize value for the foreseeable future. Today, I am thrilled that we have found our way to this exciting collaboration. I look forward to learning from James and his team over the next few years, and to all the opportunities which the upcoming sales present. I truly think that my family's future in this industry has been enhanced by this partnership."

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**Wednesday, Sha Tin, Hong Kong**

**CHINESE CLUB CHALLENGE CUP H.-G3, HK\$4,200,000, Sha Tin, 1-1, 3yo/up, 1400mT, 1:20.91, gd.**

**1--PATCH OF THETA (AUS), 115, g, 5, by Zoustar (Aus)**

**1st Dam: Fortune of War (Aus) (SP-Aus),**

**by General Nediym (Aus)**

**2nd Dam: Pretty Penny (Aus), by Encosta de Lago (Aus)**

**3rd Dam: Tonti (Aus), by Century (Aus)**

**1ST GROUP WIN, 1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN. (A\$550,000 Ylg '21**



MMGCYS; HK\$8,600,000 HRA '22 HKIS). O-Angela Yeung Kit Ming; B-I K Smith (NSW); T-Francis Lui; J-Karis Teetan; HK\$2,352,000. Lifetime Record: 14-6-4-4, HK\$11,199,400. \*1/2 to Spoils (Aus) (Snitzel {Aus}), GSP-Aus. **Werk Nick Rating: A++.** [Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree or the free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree.](#)

2--**Drombeg Banner (Ire)**, 115, g, 6, [Starspangledbanner \(Aus\)](#)--Drombeg Dawn (Ire), by Orpen. **1ST BLACK-TYPE, 1ST GROUP BLACK-TYPE.** (€42,000 Wlg '19 GOFNOV; £230,000 HRA '22 GOFLO). O-Clement Ma Kang Ching, Josiah Ma Pok Man & David Ma Yeuk Lai; B-Philip McAuliffe; T-Pierre Ng; J-Andrea Atzeni; HK\$882,000.

3--**Green N White (Aus)**, 115, g, 5, Smart Missile (Aus)--Twin Star Rocket (Aus), by Bel Esprit (Aus). **1ST BLACK-TYPE, 1ST GROUP BLACK-TYPE.** (A\$230,000 Ylg '21MMGCYS; A\$325,000 2yo '21 MMNOV). O-Green and White Racing Syndicate; B-Gooree Park Stud Pty Ltd (NSW); T-Ricky Yiu; J-Matthew Poon; HK\$483,000.

Margins: 1 3/4, HD, 1 1/4. Odds: 6-5, 37-5, 61-10. Also Ran: Chiu Chow Spirit (Aus), Red Lion (Ire), Taj Dragon (Ire), Beauty Joy (Aus), Tomodachi Kokoroe (Aus), California Spangle (Ire), Healthy Happy (Aus), Fantastic Treasure (Aus). [Click for the HKJC chart, PPs and sectional timing. VIDEO.](#)

**Wednesday, Sha Tin, Hong Kong**

**BAUHINIA SPRINT TROPHY H.-G3**, HK\$4,200,000, Sha Tin, 1-1, 3yo/up, 1000mT, :56.16, gd.

1--**HOWDEEPIYOURLOVE (AUS)**, 135, g, 5, by Deep Field (Aus)

**1st Dam: My Shabella (Aus), by Haradasun (Aus)**

**2nd Dam: Risky Banter (Aus), by Rory's Jester (Aus)**

**3rd Dam: Dangerous Seam (Aus), by Straight Strike**

**1ST GROUP WIN, 1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN.** (A\$270,000 Ylg '21 INGFE). O-Lo Profile Syndicate; B-P Sweeney (Qld); T-John Size; J-Zac Purton; HK\$2,352,000. Lifetime Record: 25-6-5-5, HK\$16,242,475. **Werk Nick Rating: A++.** [Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree or the](#)

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2--**Magic Control (Aus)**, 125, g, 4, [Sioux Nation](#)--Jackpot Queen (Aus), by Not A Single Doubt (Aus). O-Sim Tze Shiong; B-P Johnson (Vic); T-Cody Mo; J-Matthew Chadwick; HK\$882,000.

3--**Beauty Waves (Ire)**, 131, g, 5, [Starspangledbanner \(Aus\)](#)--Little Sweetheart (Ire), by Lawman (Fr). (€58,000 RNA Ylg '21 GOFORB). O-Eleanor Kwok Law Kwai Chun; B-Lykke Til Group; T-Pierre Ng; J-Hugh Bowman; HK\$483,000.

Margins: SHD, 1HF, 1 1/4. Odds: 43-10, 3-5, 5-2.

Also Ran: Whizz Kid (Aus), Awesome Treasure (NZ), Harmony N Blessed (Aus).

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2	6	San Donato (Ire)	Lope De Vega (Ire)	Coen	Costa	127
3	4	Cairo (Ire)	Quality Road	Crowley	Haynes	125
4	1	Dolayli (Fr)	Siyouni (Fr)	Pinheiro	bin Ghadayer	125
5	5	Holloway Boy (GB)	Ulysses (GB)	Tudhope	Burke	125
6	9	Noble Dynasty (GB)	Dubawi (Ire)	Doyle	Appleby	125
7	2	Poker Face (Ire)	Fastnet Rock (Aus)	Dobbs	S & E Crisford	125
8	8	Royal Dubai (Fr)	Seahenge	de Vries	Botti	125
9	3	Tamborrada (GB)	Dubawi (Ire)	Beasley	bin Harmash	125

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SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	JOCKEY	TRAINER	WT
1	2	Tuz	Oxbow	O'Shea	Seemar	129
2	6	Colour Up (Ire)	Mehmas (Ire)	Dobbs	Watson	125
3	3	Desperate Hero (GB)	Captain Gerrard (Ire)	Pinheiro	bin Ghadayer	125
4	1	Eastern World (Ire)	Dubawi (Ire)	Beasley	bin Harmash	125
5	5	Rawy	Frosted	Tudhope	Watson	125
6	4	Strobe	Into Mischief	Doyle	S & E Crisford	125

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