



## A BRIGHT FUTURE AHEAD FOR LIGHT UP RACING



Light Up Racing event last year | Photos by Z

by Sara Gordon

It has been just over a year since Light Up Racing (LUR), inspired by the Australian-based initiative Kick Up for Racing, was launched in an effort to 'illuminate the path to transparency, awareness and accountability in horse racing' in the United States. As Light Up Racing's pilot year has come to a close, it's safe to say the grassroots initiative has not only become a necessary voice in changing the industry narrative, but also in bridging the gap between those within the industry and those outside of it.

"As an industry, we're bad for putting our head in the sand and hoping it goes away, rather than transparently addressing things. Phase one of Light Up was just getting a proof of concept up and going and seeing how it resonated and I suppose what parts really connected and worked. I think what I really started to notice was the transparency element and leading with openness," said Vicky Leonard, founder of Kick Up for Racing, managing director of Kick Collective, and managing director of TTR AusNZ.

To that point, Light Up launched a Media & Content Cohort Training Program with the goal of teaching industry members about topics such as personal branding, leveraging social media, media interview techniques, content creation and more.

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## 'LET THEM EAT STAKE' AS NEW SOPHOMORE COLTS TUCK IN SATURDAY

by J.N. Campbell

With plenty of tasty birthday cake in the offing, a cadre of newly-minted 3-year-old colts have blown out their candles and are ready for stakes action across four tracks on Saturday.

Leading the charge at Santa Anita is the GII San Vicente Stakes, which is the annual renewal of the seven furlong dirt race. Hall of Fame trainer Bob Baffert has won 13 prior editions, including last year with **Muth** (**Good Magic**).

In customary fashion, the Hall of Famer enters a pair of runners in **Barnes** (Into Mischief) and **Romanesque** (**Practical Joke**). The former--a \$3.2 million purchase by Zedan Racing at the Fasig-Tipton Saratoga Sale--was green as grass on debut under the Twin Spires Nov. 27, but he re-rallied to graduate by a head that afternoon. **Cont., p5**

## IN TDN EUROPE TODAY

### KIZUNA TAKES FIRST JAPANESE SIRE CHAMPIONSHIP

Deep Impact (Jpn)'s son **Kizuna (Jpn)** earned his first sire championship in Japan in 2024.

## What qualities will make him a good stallion?

"First and foremost, his ability," Steve Asmussen said. "He's obviously got a tremendous amount of ability. He's extremely attractive. He's very correct. He's unbelievably sound. He is everything horse racing needs right now."



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**2024 in photos: June 8.** Dornoch (*Good Magic*) wins the GI Belmont Stakes at Saratoga Race Course. | Sarah Andrew

**7 | GRADE I WINNER EAST AVENUE RETURNS TO WORK TAB**

*The Brendan Walsh-trainee made his first published move since finishing ninth as the favorite in the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile last November.*

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**Light Up Racing, cont. from p1**

In 2024, the initiative hosted 100 attendees across four sessions held in Lexington, Kentucky; Arcadia, California; Saratoga Springs, New York; and Louisville, Kentucky.

"I say media training but it's also social media and beyond that, or [for conversations] with our peers, particularly when somebody is aghast that you work in the horse racing industry. It's an awkward and challenging conversation but we need to be proud, put our shoulders back and use that as an opportunity to talk about the progress that the industry has made," said Leonard. "The training is very much about teaching those concepts but then the practical tools on how to have those conversations, handle media interviews, and write a press statement.

"It'd be good to get more senior stakeholders at those trainings going forward but I think we'll be able to do that."

Light Up has developed a website, now available in both English and Spanish, that hosted 32,000 visitors in its inaugural year. The website houses veterinary-backed resources, public relations tools and social media guides to counter misinformation. Along with creating and curating those resources, the LUR team also spent a lot of time building a presence on social media by sharing content that not only provided the audience with a behind-the-scenes look at the

industry, but also a transparent perspective in the face of high-profile situations.

Following the news that Just Steel (**Justify**) had sustained a condylar fracture of his right front fetlock during the May 18 GI Preakness Stakes at Pimlico, Light Up **released a video** with an update on the colt following a successful surgery at the Rood & Riddle Equine Hospital in Lexington, Kentucky, narrated by surgeon Dr. Larry Bramlage.

Bramlage provided details about the fracture the colt sustained and how the surgery went overall, as the video included clips of Just Steel walking back and forth in the barn post-surgery without any visible lameness. Following that video, Light Up **released another** featuring Dr. Wayne McIlwraith, a pioneer in equine orthopedic surgery, explaining what a condylar fracture is and how it is treated.

From there, Light Up followed up with Just Steel in June as he recovered from his surgery at Mulholland Springs, sharing a video of the colt's progress with an update from the farm's owner Martha Jane.

Across the social media platforms X, Facebook and Instagram, the video with Bramlage garnered nearly 88,000 views; the video with McIlwraith received approximately 22,000 views; and the update from Jane collected nearly 21,000 views.

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"After Just Steel sustained a condylar fracture in the Preakness, we saw comments on social media saying, 'he's going to be put down.' To then create a piece of content with Dr. Bramlage and Dr. McIlwraith to say, 'actually, this is why he's not going to be put down,' we took that negative and turned it into a positive about the advancement of veterinary medicine," said Mill Ridge Farm's Price Bell, a co-founder and board member of Light Up Racing.

"I think we take for granted that we know a condylar fracture is not a life-threatening injury. However, the general public doesn't know that. So, to address that and then to see opinions change within comments was meaningful and it certainly makes you feel like we're on the right path."

The initiative welcomed 1,500 members to the LUR community, all of which worked together to address negative or false information spread across news outlets or social media with research-based responses in an effort to educate, rather than simply deny.

During the Triple Crown season alone, the group tackled over 3,000 misinformed comments, while also releasing a unique series of videos catching up with every contender across each of the three races. Following the Kentucky Derby, Preakness Stakes and Belmont Stakes, LUR worked with trainers and their staff to gather footage of each horse post-race, all culminating in a trio of videos that provided an inside look at the horses after competing in some of the country's most-watched and attended races.

"There's no doubt we need to have an 'always on' messaging, but there's certain times of year where it peaks and troughs. We've doubled down on the Triple Crown because that's when all eyes are on the industry," said Leonard. "You've got to remember that some of the comments that are made about our industry are absolutely ludicrous."

"There are comments out there saying, 'if they don't win, they just get shot,' and we have to say 'no, this is the reality.' Being visual is the best way to do it."

"When it came to the task of tracking down footage of every horse [that ran in the Triple Crown races], we did have to pester the hell out of the trainers and the grooms, but we got there in the end. One of those videos got half a million views, so it definitely resonated."

Overall, Light Up's social media accounts accrued 2.5 million views across all of their platforms which the team says led to meaningful conversations with members of a non-racing educated audience.

"We're bad for an industry about keeping it to ourselves and we've got to blow open the barn doors. That's why what Visit Horse Country and Amplify Horse Racing is doing is absolutely incredible, and we just have to be another cog in that wheel in a different capacity around exposing people in a marketing and media sense," said Leonard. "Letting people in is just the most important thing and you can do it with the little device in your pocket."

However, the goal for Light Up Racing isn't only to combat the negativity, but to also bring the horses, and therefore the heart of the industry, back to the public.

"Just within my lifetime and the generations around me, the horse and agriculture are further away [from the public]. It's incumbent on us who participate in the industry to share what we do to connect more people to the horse," said Bell. "We can get so bogged down in our day-to-day that it's hard to remember what that first experience was like. Those of us who have access need to share what a horse is doing because the public doesn't have the access and they don't have any experience. It's on us to really push that."

Cont.



Price Bell | Keeneland

# Now Is The Time!

Munnings covered a book of 201 mares off a fee of \$85,000 in 2021 - by far his biggest and best-bred crop to date are the 2YO crop of 2025! This is what he did off \$40,000 last year!

## Top North American Sires of 2YOs in 2024

(By GSW / WNRS / BTWNRS / BTHRS)

RANK	SIRE	GSW	WNRS	BTWNRS	BTHRS	FEE (2025)
1	<b>MUNNINGS</b>	2	31	4	9	\$65,000
2	Into Mischief	2	22	6	9	\$250,000
3	<b>TIZ THE LAW</b>	2	20	5	8	\$30,000
4	Not This Time	2	20	4	9	\$175,000

Already the sire of 6 Grade 1 winners and two 2025 classic contenders  
*Kentucky Derby* contender and G2 Remsen Stakes winner **POSTER**

*Kentucky Oaks* contender and G2 Demoiselle Stakes winner **MUHIMMA**



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Light Up Racing listeners | Photos by Z

Leonard points out that one of the biggest differences between Australia's industry and the industry stateside is that it's the norm for Australian trainers to have a presence on social media, while for those in the U.S. that's not the case.

"In Australia, every trainer is very good on social media. Each trainer has a social media strategy or description, I don't know any that don't, whereas that's not the case in America. In Australia, you wouldn't have a training business and not be very active on social media, so it's been a far bigger jump," she said.

"This doesn't just help improve the narrative and the perception, but it also helps their business too. It's about having a really active social media strategy, which is a great return on investment (ROI) to get more clients. That's going to be a big focus moving forward."

For Bell, he sees Light Up Racing as an initiative that not only brings together members of the public and the racing industry, but also as a foundation to further connect the racing community by bringing their experiences, feelings and voices to the surface.

"What I'm really proud of with Light Up is that it's helped people who felt voiceless recognize that they have a powerful voice and that we're all in this together. We all need to use our voice for the good of the horse and the industry going forward," said Bell.

With the foundation for Light Up Racing now firmly established in its inaugural year, the team behind the initiative plans to expand training programs, amplify advocacy efforts and expand the innovative tools they can offer to empower the racing community. In order to do that, the nonprofit initiative is seeking donations to support their efforts.

"What the funding can do is really let us get our tentacles into all the different parts of America and make sure that we're there and proactive when stuff happens, so it's not like we're

scrambling as an industry to deal with things reactively," said Leonard. "There's a lot of terrific initiatives and great marketing strategies. However, getting those into the community and making sure it's distributed, and actually dealing with crises and jumping in when there's misinformation, does require the industry community to help and support us.

"We're really hoping to become a very useful tool for the great work that's already done and just helping to amplify it."

To learn more about Light Up Racing, click [here](#).

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### Racing preview, cont. from p1

"He had every reason to get beat that day [at Churchill Downs]," Baffert said of Barnes's unveiling. "And 5 1/2 furlongs is probably a little short for him. We knew he was a nice horse. He shipped there and handled everything well. He was a little bit green. He was in a bad post and got jostled around a little bit. But he handled it well."

Since his first start, the bay has had four works at 'The Great Race Place,' including a bullet six-furlong move from the gate in 1:12.80 Dec. 22.

"We'll see how he handles the next step," Baffert said.

As for Romanesque, whose ownership group includes SF, Starlight, Madaket, Stonestreet, Dianne Bashor, Determined, Robert Matheson, Tom Ryan, Waves Edge and Catherine Donovan, the Pennsylvania-bred broke his maiden by 2 1/4 lengths at Del Mar Nov. 23.

Not to be overlooked is San Vicente morning-line favorite **Bullard (Gun Runner)** for owners Talla, St. Elias, Three Chimneys and West Point. The Michael McCarthy trainee earned a **TDN Rising Star**' badge after he debuted a winner by 1 1/4 lengths at Del Mar Sept. 1. Next out, the \$675,000 Keeneland September grad captured the GIII Bob Hope Stakes over the same surface with nearly a five-length score Nov. 17. **Cont.**



Barnes breaks his maiden at Churchill | Coady Media

# THINGS ARE LOOKING UP

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**Frosted**, he's transmitting his class: **a place behind Street Sense and right above his sire Tapit on the General Sires list of 2024** when he had no fewer than 11 Stakes winners – led by G2 winner Post Time who also ran second in the G1 Breeders' Cup Dirt Mile and G1 Met Mile. Juveniles include Glorious Song winner Winterberry and TDN Rising Star Grayscale.

**Darley**





**Bullard wins the Bob Hope at Del Mar | Benoit**

The Saturday sophomore show for colts also includes a pair of races with Derby point implications to the tune of 10-5-3-2-1 for the top five finishers.

First, all eyes will be fixed on the Jerome Stakes at Aqueduct where **McAfee** (Cloud Computing) is set for his stakes debut. Bred by Judy Hicks, the half-brother to potential Horse of the Year **Thorpedo Anna** (Fast Anna) won an auction-restricted maiden special weight at first asking in Louisville Nov. 1 for trainer Rick Dutrow, then the colt was the runner-up in a starter allowance at Churchill Nov. 24.

“He’s huge,” said Dutrow. “He’s a big horse and we love him. We were so happy with him [in defeat], he ran like a true racehorse on the inside, kept coming, just stuff you really love to see for a second-time starter.”

Swinging over to Hot Springs, Oaklawn Park cards the Smarty Jones Stakes. Trainer Brad Cox has claimed three of the last four winners here and he potentially could have the race favorite in **Hot Property** (**Medaglia d'Oro**). The Gary and Mary West homebred conquered two turns going gate to wire in his first start at Fair Grounds Nov. 24.

“Look, he’s definitely a two-turn horse,” Cox said. “Glad the race is a mile and a sixteenth, as opposed to the old distance of one mile. I think it will suit him. Ran really well the first time. Took a little pressure on the front end, fought it off and finished up well. Once again, looks like a horse, the farther the better. It is a step up with having only the one race, but not a lot of options. I think the timing fits well. Pretty smart horse. I think he’ll handle the ship and, hopefully, gets a good trip.”



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Finally at Gulfstream Park, the Mucho Macho Man Stakes is not a Derby prep, but it has been used as a stepping stone by barns to the Florida series. Look for '**TDN Rising Star**' **Guns Loaded** (**Gun Runner**) to take money, but Resolute's **Septarian** (Protonico) and AMO's **Cool Intentions** (Authentic) are also of interest.

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## VALUE SIRES--THE 20-SOMETHINGS: THE BREEDERS SPEAK

In yesterday's edition of Value Sires for 2025, Chris McGrath profiled the stallions standing between \$20,000 and \$29,999, awarding the gold medal to Darley's **Hard Spun** ([read more here](#)).

Here, we asked the breeders to hand out their top picks for this category.

### **Carrie Brogden**

**Gold: **Hard Spun** (Danzig x Turkish Tryst, by Turkoman) Darley, \$25,000**

My top value sire in this bracket is **Hard Spun**. Even though he doesn't always throw the most commercial physical horses, if you choose your mare wisely, you can get a sales horse that is also a top racehorse which is the holy grail of commercial breeding.

Ranked 20th on the General Sires List, his numbers compared to his fee make him the best value of a stallion standing in Kentucky in this range.

**Silver: **Authentic** (Into Mischief x Flawless, by Mr. Greeley) Spendthrift Farm, \$25,000**

My silver medal goes to Authentic. Finishing out seventh on the first-crop sires list and having only broken his maiden in one start himself as a 2-year-old, Authentic is stellar value. His progeny should relish two turns and excel as they mature and the distances get longer.

He was well supported all through his first and bubble years at stud. He throws a very stretchy, correct horse and had 24 first crop 2-year-old winners.

**Bronze: **Upstart** (Flatter x Party Silks, by Touch Gold) Airdrie Stud, \$25,000**

With two three figure sized crops in the pipeline this stallion is poised for a big comeback after suffering through his small bubble crops. Already the sire of the physically stunning freshman, Zandon, **Upstart** throws a big walking, leggy strong horse. **Cont.**



# VALUE AHOY!



What a stalwart this horse has been for breeders on a budget! **\$15,000...** that's incontestably value against lifetime ratios that remain way ahead of what could be expected... Much higher fees tend to be paid, for instance, to match **Midshipman's** 16% Black Type performers to named foals.



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

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

**CHRIS McGRATH** IN THE TDN



Carrie Brogden | Keeneland

If the results from his first-crop replicate with the bigger books and better quality mares, he will become a sire back on fire once they hit the track.

**John Greathouse, III**

**Gold: Hard Spun (Danzig x Turkish Tryst, by Turkoman) Darley, \$25,000**

Hard Spun has sired 15 Grade I winners over his career. I don't think there is another stallion available at \$25,000 that has done that. He's been consistent year in and year out, getting tough and hard-knocking racehorses. For my money, I think that's the best value you can find at stud.

**Silver: Girvin (Tale of Ekati x Catch the Moon, by Malibu Moon) Airdrie Stud, \$25,000**

Girvin is a horse that could really explode over the next couple of years. His quality of mares has gone way up since moving to Kentucky and he's bred over 300 mares the last two years. He's got a Grade I winner in his first crop. There is a lot to like here and great value at \$25,000.

**Bronze: Army Mule (Friesan Fire x Crafty Toast, by Crafty Prospector) Hill 'n' Dale Farm, \$20,000**

Army Mule is another horse that I think could be very sneaky over the next couple years. He has also bred over 350 mares the last two years, and the quality has increased as well. He's proven he can produce racehorses with a Grade I winner already, and he's capable of getting you a quality sales horse. At \$20,000, I think he's incredible value.

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**EAST AVENUE RETURNS TO WORK TAB AT FAIR GROUNDS**

Grade I winner 'TDN Rising Star' East Avenue (Medaglia d'Oro) returned to the worktab Jan. 3 in his first published move since finishing ninth in the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile last November.

The well-beaten favorite in the championship race, the son of Medaglia d'Oro went onto the track shortly after a renovation break for a half-mile breeze in :49.20 with Declan Cannon in the irons. The sectionals were reported as :12 2/5, :24 4/5, and :37 2/5 and he galloped out five furlongs in 1:02 1/5, according to clocker Billy Pettingill.

"This was the first time I've seen him in person and he really stands out on the track," Pettingill said. "The work was impressive. The time was fast, but what I really liked was how his momentum just carried him through the gallop out."

East Avenue is reportedly targeting the GI Risen Star at Fair Grounds Feb. 15, and at the current stage, all is going according to plan.

"Our goal is to get him there [the Risen Star] in great shape and leave some room for improvement," said trainer Brendan Walsh said. "He's naturally fast, but he's also a very cool horse with a great mind."

"Once he blew the start [in the Juvenile], we were dead in the water," Walsh said. "We sprinted him first time out, and then sent him to the lead at Keeneland [Breeders' Futurity win]. In the Breeders' Cup, he just outbroke himself. His head was going faster than his body. It was disappointing, but you don't get a do over. It's horse racing. It's sports. Sometimes things just happen and you move on."

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East Avenue winning the GI Claiborne Breeders' Futurity at Keeneland last October | Coady Media

Darley's second TDN Gold Value Sires list leader of 2025...

# SPUN GOLD

Down [to **\$25,000**] from what already looked a steal at \$35,000, despite 140 mares last spring, this fee is just nuts.

Here's a top-seven active stallion, with a dozen G1 winners (and 21 G1 performers) to his name; 89 Stakes winners (7% of named foals) including 42 at Graded level; and four sons at stud in Kentucky. Hard Spun gets his Stakes/Graded Stakes winners at a lifetime clip that measures up to Munnings, Twirling Candy or Practical Joke... In 2024, he maintained clockwork production of 11 Stakes winners (three at Graded level). **Could there be a better way to prove a mare?**



Above all, **Hard Spun** compresses our connection to Danzig. He's a time machine... He taps directly into seams of gold. Sure, Hard Spun is now advancing in years – but what he offers is timeless. **'**

CHRIS McGRATH IN THE TDN

## SECOND CHANCES: FATHER TED – 'YOU WANT TO SEE A YOUNG HORSE LIKE THAT FINISHING AT THE END.'

by Steve Sherack



**Madaket Road holds off Father Ted in a live maiden special weight on Santa Anita's opening-day program | Benoit**

*In this continuing series, TDN's Senior Racing Editor Steve Sherack catches up with the connections of promising maidens to keep on your radar.*

**Father Ted** (**Practical Joke**) split a pair of highly regarded Bob Baffert-trained runners to finish a strong second in his 2-year-old unveiling on Santa Anita's opening day program Dec. 26.

A bit chilly on the board at 8-1 for trainer Mark Glatt, Father Ted broke like a shot, but was quickly outfooted to race in fifth as three of them lined up--led narrowly by a three-deep **San Saba** (**Justify**)--through an opening quarter in a sharp :21.99.

Still racing in that same position with plenty to do leaving the quarter pole behind, Father Ted began to launch in the stretch, but favored **Madaket Road** (**Quality Road**), a debut second in the GIII Bob Hope Stakes, got the jump and enjoyed first run on the dueling leaders.

Madaket Road stormed to the front in deep stretch and dug down gamely to cross the wire a half-length ahead of Father Ted, who blitzed home in a field-best :12.33. It was another 3 1/2 lengths back to the aforementioned first-time starter and second-choice San Saba in third.

The final time for six furlongs was 1:09.97.

Madaket Road received an 86 Beyer Speed Figure for the effort, two points higher than Father Ted.

"We were super impressed with his debut," Glatt said. "He had trained pretty forwardly. I knew that it was probably a little too short for him and it turned out to be. But you want to see a young horse like that finishing at the end."

### SECOND CHANCES HONOR ROLL

- **Cody's Wish** (**Curlin**), Horse of the Year & Ch. Older Dirt Male, 2x GI Breeders' Cup Dirt Mile winner, MGISW, \$3,106,030. \*Standing at Darley's Jonabell Farm.
- **Golden Pal** (Uncle Mo), 2x Breeders' Cup winner, GISW, \$1,825,131. \*Standing at Ashford Stud.
- **Honor A. P.** (Honor Code), GISW, \$532,200. \*Standing at Lane's End.
- **Speaker's Corner** (**Street Sense**), GISW, \$739,963. \*Standing at Darley's Jonabell Farm.
- **Paradise Woods** (**Union Rags**), MGISW, \$1,123,890.
- **A Mo Reay** (Uncle Mo), GISW, \$862,775.
- **Spielberg** (**Union Rags**), GSW & MGISP, \$546,900.
- **Backyard Heaven** (Tizway), GSW, \$386,240.
- **Moonlight d'Oro** (**Medaglia d'Oro**), GSW, \$222,670.

### CURRENT TOP PERFORMERS

- **Locked** (**Gun Runner**), GISW, \$935,650.
- **First Mission** (**Street Sense**), MGSW, \$1,327,670.
- **Disarm** (**Gun Runner**), GSW & MGISP, \$1,291,190.
- **Skinner** (**Curlin**), GSW & MGISP, \$377,300.
- **War at Sea** (**War Front**), GSW, \$334,280.
- **Sovereignty** (Into Mischief), GSW, \$143,280.
- **Artorius** (Arrogate), SW & GSP-UAE, n/a.
- **Corporate Power** (**Curlin**), SW, \$166,700.
- **Creative Minister** (Creative Cause), GISP, \$601,476.
- **Snowytc** (**Good Magic**), GISP, \$120,000.
- **Sheriff Bianco** (Speightster), MSP, \$727,873.

"I don't think it was a soft group by any stretch of the imagination."

What's up next for the newly turned 3-year-old?

"Our second condition book (at Santa Anita) was just released and I expect him to get right back in," Glatt said. "I don't know yet if we'll sprint him one more time before we stretch him out. I think sometimes you can jump into a two turn a little too quickly. He may benefit from sprinting one more time before we do stretch him out. I think we're leaning that way right now and I'm sure there's gotta be a race, hopefully an elongated sprint of some kind going 6 1/2 or seven furlongs."

Glatt added, "We'll see how he does in start number two."

The Muir Hut Stables colorbearer, a \$150,000 Keeneland September yearling turned \$475,000 Fasig-Tipton Midlantic breezer (:10 1/5), was bred in Ontario by Robert Marzilli and is the first foal out of the 10-year-old Uncle Mo mare Cry Uncle.

Cont.



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COMPLEXITY	0	1	1	\$1,573,339	\$34,203
VOLATILE	0	2	0	\$1,562,095	\$28,928
THOUSAND WORDS	0	1	1	\$1,534,065	\$31,307
TIZ THE LAW	0	0	1	\$1,159,508	\$36,235
GAME WINNER	1	1	1	\$1,118,938	\$26,641
INSTAGRAND	0	0	0	\$1,097,642	\$18,925
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A five-time winner and \$450,000 Keeneland September graduate, Cry Uncle was claimed by Zilli Racing Stables for just \$10,000 at Woodbine in the summer of 2020 and she concluded her racing career later that fall.

Father Ted is bred on the same **Practical Joke** x Indian Charlie cross as top sprinter Skelly (MGSW & GISP, \$1,777,163).

The 'Second Chances' Honor Roll is headed by Horse of the Year **Cody's Wish** (Curlin), fellow two-time Breeders' Cup winner **Golden Pal** (Uncle Mo) and GISWs **A Mo Reay** (Uncle Mo), **Honor A. P.** (Honor Code), **Locked** (Gun Runner), **Paradise Woods** (Union Rags) and **Speaker's Corner** (Street Sense).

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## HANDLE DROPS, PURSES UP SLIGHTLY IN

**2024** by Bill Finley

In what is becoming a familiar trend for the sport of horse racing in North America, betting in 2024 declined by 3.35%.

According to figures released Friday by Equibase, \$11,265,210,514 was the all-sources yearly handle for 2024 for U.S. racing, down from 2023's total of \$11,655,726,020.

Handle was last up in 2021, but that was an outlier because those numbers were going up against 2020 figures when the pandemic shut down much of the sport. Prior to that, the last handle increase was in 2018.

The more alarming trend is how far handle has fallen since it peaked in 2003 when \$15.18 billion was wagered. When adjusted for inflation, since 2003 handle has fallen by 57.3%, and there doesn't appear to be anything on the horizon that will reverse the trend. It's also worth noting that the betting handle figures have fallen significantly since the early 2000's even though Computer Assisted Wagering (CAW) players are now pumping about \$4 billion a year into the handle and were not a factor 15-20 years ago.

The handle picture might have looked brighter if not for a poor fourth quarter during which handle fell by 14.44%.

The number of races run in the U.S. fell by 2.82%, from 31,746 to 30,852, which could account for some of the decline in handle in 2024.

A total of \$1,252,385,694 in purses was paid out in 2023, a 0.23% increase from the prior year. The larger picture is that purses are no longer growing the way they did in 2021 and 2022 when revenues from Historical Horse Racing Machines and other forms of gaming were pumping millions into the purse accounts. Purses increased by 35% in 2021 and by 11% in 2022. In 2023 they were down 0.3%.

The average field size held steady, showing a 0.19% increase over 2023. The average field size in 2024 was 7.45 starters per race.

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## FANDUEL TV TO RELEASE ECLIPSE AWARDS FINALISTS LIVE JAN. 5

The National Thoroughbred Racing Association (NTRA), National Turf Writers And Broadcasters and *Daily Racing Form* will offer a live announcement on FanDuel TV of the finalists for the 2024 Resolute Racing Eclipse Awards on Sunday, Jan. 5 at Noon ET, the NTRA said via a press release on Friday.

The network will televise live the 54th annual awards show itself, which is held at The Breakers Palm Beach in Florida, on Thursday, Jan. 23.

New to this year's event, will be an Eclipse Awards Charity Golf Tournament benefitting the Thoroughbred Aftercare Alliance, which will be held Thursday morning prior to the awards ceremony.

Also for the first time, one fan and a guest will win a chance to attend the show as part of the Resolute Racing Eclipse Awards Sweepstakes. Entries for that drawing are currently being accepted online and will continue through Jan 7.

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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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## Saturday, Oaklawn, post time: 5:22 p.m. EST

### SMARTY JONES S., \$250,000, 3yo, 1 1/16m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Kale's Angel	Complexity	Tom Kagele and Ernest Marchosky	Miller	Vazquez	119
2	Hot Gunner	Exaggerator	7 Cedars Farm LLC	Young	Hernandez	117
3	Optical	City of Light	Don't Tell My Wife Stables 2023, LLC	Desormeaux	Concepcion	117
4	Bon Temps	Bravazo	Calumet Farm	Lukas	Garcia	117
5	Mo Quality	Mo Town	Walmac Farm	Davis	Alvarado	117
6	Hot Property	Medaglia d'Oro	Gary and Mary West	Cox	Prat	117
7	Curvino	Vino Rosso	Roncelli Family Trust, Thomas Kagele & M. Roney	Miller	Arrieta	117
8	Coal Battle	Coal Front	Norman Stables LLC	Briley	Vargas	122

Breeders: 1-Brereton Jones, 2-Erv Woolsey & Ralph Kinder, 3-Stoneriggs Farm, 4-Calumet Farm, 5-Titletown Racing Stables (Paul Farr), 6-Gary & Mary West Stables Inc., 7-Machmer Hall, 8-Hume Wornall & Jay Adcock

## Saturday, Gulfstream, post time: 4:52 p.m. EST

### MUCHO MACHO MAN S., \$165,000, 3yo, 1m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Guns Loaded	Gun Runner	Morplay Racing, Joey Platts and Lady Sheila Stable	D'Angelo	Saez	118
2	Macho Music	Maclean's Music	Mark Fletcher Taylor, Rohan Crichton & D. Walters	Crichton	Ortiz	120
3	McKellen	McKinzie	Leon King Stable Corp.	D'Angelo	Ortiz, Jr.	118
4	Treaty of Rome	Uncle Mo	Mrs. John Magnier, Derrick Smith & Michael Tabor	Brown	Davis	118
5	Cool Intentions	Authentic	Amo Racing USA	Delgado	Egan	120
6	Septarian	Protonico	Resolute Racing	Brown	Gaffalione	120
7	Rolando	Vekoma	St. George Stable LLC	Gutierrez	Velazquez	118
8	Naughty Rascal	Rogueish	Mr Pug LLC and J.P.G. 2 LLC	Bennett	Vasquez	120
9	Sonic Skidaddle	City of Light	Calumet Farm	Walsh	Zayas	118

Breeders: 1-John Oxley, 2-Bridlewood Farm, 3-Brookstone Farm, Lee Mauberret, & Gary Joyner, 4-Orpendale/Chelston, 5-Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings, 6-International Equities Holding, 7-St. George Stables, 8-Edward Seltzer, Beverly Anderson, Helen Barbazon & Joseph Barbazon, 9-Calumet Farm

## Saturday, Gulfstream, post time: 5:22 p.m. EST

### GINGER BREW S., \$165,000, 3yo, f, 1mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Smile Po	Karakontie (Jpn)	Brazil Stables LLC	Fawkes	Panici	120
2	Love Cervere	Into Mischief	E. Seltzer, B. Anderson & Reeves Thoroughbreds	Clement	Gaffalione	118
3	Fixin to Bee	Mshawish	Calumet Farm	Arnold II	Saez	118
4	Correto	English Channel	Calumet Farm	Motion	Ruiz	120
5	Hello Hello Hello	Echo Town	Carrie Brogden, S. Screnci, R. Spatz & R. Fubini	Spatz	Reyes	120
6	Disco Star	Disco Partner	Peter Deutsch	Casse	Davis	118
7	Special Aviator	Global Campaign	Special Aviators, Span Investments & R. Crichton	Crichton	Gonzalez	120
8	Civetta	Into Mischief	Godolphin, LLC	Walsh	Ortiz, Jr.	120
9	Forward Deployed	War Front	Flanagan Racing	Brown	Zayas	118
10	Nitrogen	Medaglia d'Oro	D. J. Stable LLC	Casse	Ortiz	120
11	Winning Streep	Oscar Performance	Main Line Racing, Avalon Racing & Alexandria Stable	Servis	Bravo	118
12	Good Long Cry	Long On Value	Black Type Thoroughbreds, Swinbank Stables, LLC, Steve Adkisson and Campeche Stables	Weaver	Velazquez	118
13	La Gioconda	Caracaro	GDS Racing Stable	Delgado	Castellano	118

Breeders: 1-Four Horsemen's Ranch, 2-Edward & Beverly Seltzer, 3-Calumet Farm, 4-Calumet Farm, 5-Machmer Hall, Carrie & Craig Brogden, 6-Patricia Generazio, 7-Mark Secrest, 8-Godolphin, 9-SF Bloodstock & Claiborne Farm, 10-D. J. Stable, 11-Jamm, 12-Sabana Farm, LLC, 13-GDS Racing Stable

## SATURDAY'S RACING INSIGHTS:

by Stefanie Grimm



Eagles Flight became a 'TDN Rising Star' in his Santa Anita debut | Benoit

## EAGLES FLIGHT RETURNS TO ACTION AT SANTA ANITA

7th-SA, 61K, O/C, 4yo/up, 1m, 5:36 p.m.

'TDN Rising Star' **EAGLES FLIGHT** (**Curlin**), the 4-year-old half-brother to Horse of the Year **Flightline** (**Tapit**), returns to action Saturday off a lengthy layoff. Debuted in a six-furlong maiden special weight event at Santa Anita May 27, the John Sadler trainee earned his 'Rising Star' stamp with a 2 3/4-length come-from-behind win which garnered an 89 Beyer Speed Figure. Unraced since that unveiling, Eagles Flight was mentioned as a possible runner for opening weekend's GI Malibu Stakes but was never officially entered there.

"We're anxious to get him started," said Sadler. "He had some delays last year obviously, but he's a talented horse."

Opting for this spot instead, he will race with the addition of blinkers and with a new rider aboard as Umberto Rispoli takes over for Flavien Prat. **TJCIS PPS**

6th-GP, 94K, Msw, 3yo, 1mT, 2:49 p.m.

**Aqueous** (Omaha Beach), purchased by Pin Oak Stud for \$950,000 at KEESEP in 2023, is out of an unraced half-sister to Marion Ravenwood (A.P. Indy), better known as the dam of champion and MGISW Nest (**Curlin**) in addition to GISW **Idol** (**Curlin**) and MSW/GSP Lost Ark (**Violence**). Both mares are daughters of GSW/MGISP Andujar (Quiet American) who sold for \$2.5m to My MeadowView Farm at FTKNOV in 2006. **TJCIS PPS**

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**8th-Fair Grounds, \$60,000, (S), Alw (NW2X)/Opt. Clm (\$20,000), 1-3, 4yo/up, 6f, 1:10.26, ft, 2 1/4 lengths.**

**NINE PART (c, 4, Leofric--Alva, by Into Mischief)** went off as the 4-5 favorite in his third straight effort over six panels. Racing at the back of the field up the backstretch, he began to make steady progress with a wide bid around the far turn, hit the front midway down the stretch and pulled clear by 2 1/4 lengths over F T W Slam (Astrology). Alva has a 2-year-old Vekoma colt who was the fifth highest priced yearling at the Texas Yearling Sale last year when sold for \$78,000 and she went to both **Dialed In** and **Loggins** for this year. Sales History: \$30,000 Ylg '22 TTAYRL; \$46,000 2yo '23 OBSOPN. Lifetime Record: 3-3-0-0, \$91,800.

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O-Keith Plaisance; B-Cloyce C. Clark (LA); T-Joseph R. Felks.



**NICK J. HINES #SARGESELECT**

**5th-Tampa Bay Downs, \$36,050, Alw (C)/Opt. Clm (\$100,000), 1-3, 4yo/up, f/m, 1mT, 1:35.81, fm, nose.**

**OZARA (IRE) (f, 4, Lope de Vega {Ire}--Cercle d'Or {Ire}, by Acclamation {GB})** made a strong account of herself as a late 2-year-old and early 3-year-old with a pair of stakes wins at Gulfstream and a placing in the GIII Herecomesthebride Stakes. Something went awry following her three-quarter length-loss when last seen in the Sanibel Island Stakes as she went unraced from that March 30 effort until Friday's allowance spot, her first step down out of stakes company since breaking her maiden on debut in 2023. Favored at 6-5, she sat close to the front while riding the rail up the backstretch as Damaso (Outwork) paced the group. Coming wide into the stretch, Ozara needed every inch of real estate to bring the leader back to her and just got the winning bob in a driving effort to defeat the pacesetter by a nose. Ozara is out of a half to MG1SW Golden Horn (GB) (Cape Cross {Ire}) and MSW/MGSP Eastern Belle (GB) (Champs Elysees {GB}). Cercle d'Or last produced a now 2-year-old colt by Maurice (Jpn). Sales History: 350,000gns Ylg '22 TATOCT. Lifetime Record: MSW & GSP, 8-4-2-1, \$299,307. Click for the **Equibase.com** chart or **VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV**. O-Cheyenne Stable LLC; B-Fleche D'Or Partnership (IRE); T-Christophe Clement.

**Bridlewood Farm Training Graduate**

**8th-Tampa Bay Downs, \$32,500, Alw (NW1X)/Opt. Clm** (\$16,000), 1-3, 4yo/up, 6f, 1:10.07, ft, nose.

**PRIVATE DESIRE (c, 4, Constitution--Brahms Cat {GSP, \$104,703}, by Wildcat Heir)**, unraced since trailing the field home behind MGISW Dornoch (**Good Magic**) and GI Breeders' Cup Classic winner Sierra Leone (**Gun Runner**) in the 2023 rendition of the GII Remsen Stakes, was the beneficiary of a disqualification Friday. Making his first start for Gregory Sacco after spending his juvenile season with Todd Pletcher, the 7-5 third choice raced without blinkers and cut back to six furlongs for his comeback. Near the back of the field after a bumpy break, Private Desire tucked in by the fence, waited for a seam to open while running inside off the turn and burst through to come home a strong second behind Life Is Precious (World of Trouble) who was subsequently disqualified for stretch interference against the show runner San Costantino (**Violence**). That bumped Private Desire up to the win with Life Is Precious relegated to third. Brahms Cat was exported to Saudi Arabia in 2022 with Private Desire being her last reported offspring. Sales History: \$75,000 RNA Wlg '21 KEENOV; \$115,000 Ylg '22 FTKFEB; \$350,000 Ylg '22 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 5-2-0-0, \$85,800.

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O-Stephen P. Brunetti, Jr.; B-Wilbert Tan (KY); T-Gregory D. Sacco.



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**2nd-Aqueduct, \$80,000, Msw, 1-3, 3yo, 1 1/8m, 1:54.97, ft, 3 lengths.**

**UNCLE HULKA (c, 3, Uncle Mo--Canteen, by Candy Ride {Arg})** a well-beaten fourth as the favorite in his one-mile debut over the local course Nov. 3, added Lasix Friday and drew outside with an extra 1/8 of a mile to run. The 4-5 favorite let second choice A Bourbon for Tony (Bernardini) handle the tempo and sat just off through fractions of :24.39 and :49.71. Up alongside that leader off the turn, Uncle Hulka dueled briefly outside the pacesetter before putting him away and edging clear in the final sixteenth, coming home geared down three lengths in front. Come-backing

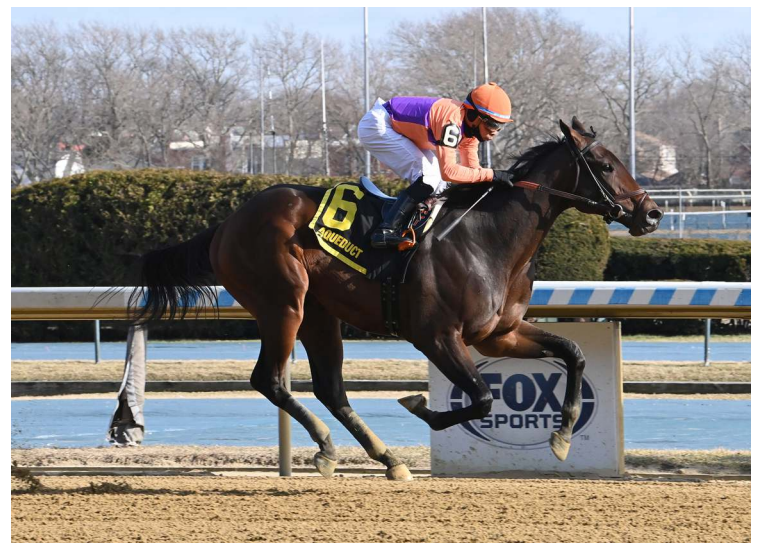
Tracking Error (**Good Magic**) came charging from last and was making up good ground late but had to settle for second while galloping out on even terms with the winner. First-time starter and 'Insight' runner Chowser (**Constitution**) came home a non-factor in fourth. Canteen, who sold for \$240,000 at KEENOV in 2023 to Don Alberto Corp, has a newly-turned yearling **Not This Time** filly and visited both Uncle Mo and **Tapit** for her 2025 foal. Sales History: \$340,000 Ylg '23 KEEJAN; \$270,000 Ylg '23 FTSAUG; \$750,000 2yo '24 OBSMAR. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$49,400. Click for the **Equibase.com chart** or **VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

O-Spendthrift Farm LLC, Big Easy Racing LLC, Titledown Racing Stables, Kanter, Rick, Golconda Stable, Goodrich, Ali and Parkinson, Mark; B-White Birch Farm, Inc. (KY); T-Chad C. Brown.

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**2nd-Santa Anita, \$60,000, Msw, 1-3, 3yo, f, 1m, 1:38.59, ft, 2 1/2 lengths.**

**JUST AS FANCY (f, 3, Volatile--Clarendon Fancy, by Malibu Moon)** made a pair of appearances over six furlongs late last season, finishing a debut fifth at this venue Oct. 6 before improving a couple of spots when well-beaten at Del Mar Nov. 8. Adding blinkers and Lasix for this first try at a distance of ground, the \$285,000 Fasig-Tipton Saratoga yearling was ridden away from the inside stall by Flavien Prat and led comfortably enough through fractions of :22.70 and :46.70. The 8-5 chalk began to inch away on the second turn and easily held Madame Secretary (**Constitution**), who chased from second throughout.

A half-sister to Quiet Company (Temple City), SP, \$196,835; and to Brightwork (Outwork), GISW, \$645,939, Just As Fancy is out of a half-sister to seven winners, including SW & GSP Dubini (Gio Ponti), SW What a Catch (Justin Phillip) and SP Cancel This (Malibu Moon). Clarendon Fancy is also a half-sister to the dam of GSW/MGISP Midnight Bourbon (Tiznow), GISW sire **Girvin (Tale of Ekati)** and GSWs Cocked and Loaded (Colonel John) and Pirate's Punch (Shanghai Bobby). The mare is represented by the 2-year-old filly Yo Fancy (Yaupon) and is due to **Violence's** son Forte for 2025. Sales history: \$285,000 Ylg '23 FTSAUG. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-1, \$43,560. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) and [VIDEO](#), sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

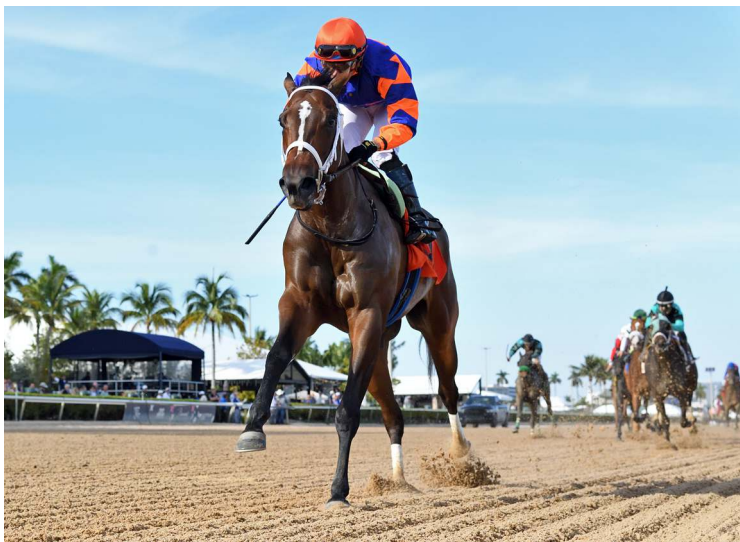
O-James K Allender; B-Wynnstay Inc & H Allen Poindexter (KY); T-Michael W McCarthy.



**6th-Gulfstream, \$50,000, (S), Msw, 1-3, 3yo, f, 6 1/2f, 1:17.53, ft, 5 3/4 lengths.**

**FRIDA (f, 3, [City of Light](#)--[Under Serviced](#) {MSW, \$230,872}, by [Hook and Ladder](#))** was just caught on the lead going 4 1/2 furlongs in her only prior start over the local course June 6. Stretching out a further two furlongs Friday, the 6-5 favorite got a good jump and set the pace up the backstretch through fractions of :23.12 and :46.22. Well clear turning for home, she cruised to the wire 5 3/4-lengths ahead of 43-1 longshot Paddy's Gift (St. Patrick's Day). Under Serviced, herself a half to the dam of GISW Rightly So (Read the Footnotes), has a pair of fillies by Omaha Beach (a 2-year-old and a yearling respectively) and is due to Doppelganger this year. Sales History: \$135,000 Ylg '23 KEESEP; \$140,000 2yo '24 OBSMAR. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$38,800. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#), sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

O-Lugamo Racing Stable LLC; B-Helen & Joseph Barbazon (FL); T-Jose Francisco D'Angelo.



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**3rd-Delta Downs, \$43,000, (S), Msw, 1-2, 3yo, 6 1/2f, 1:21.47, ft, 3 1/4 lengths.**

**HE'S LATE AGAIN (g, 3, [Aurelius Maximus](#)--[Pixie Devil](#) {SP, \$109,725}, by [Stephen Got Even](#))** became the newest winner for the runaway champion first-crop sire in Louisiana with a convincing debut score. A step slow to begin and steadied between horses at the break, the dark bay was clearly last through the early exchanges, but commenced a rally with about three furlongs to travel. Gaining good ground into the second turn, he split rivals to be in striking range at the top of the stretch and powered clear in the final sixteenth to take it by 3 1/4 lengths. The winner's stakes-placed dam was purchased by Keith and Ginger Myers' Coteau Grove Farm for \$35,000 in foal to [Liam's Map](#) at the 2020 OBS January Sale and she produced a colt by Aurelius Maximus's Red River Farms stallion barnmate Strike Power (Speightstown) in 2024 before being served by Gormley. Aurelius Maximus sired six winners from 18 starters from his first crop in 2024, three of which succeeded at stakes level. Sales history: \$20,000 Ylg '23 TTAYRL. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$25,800. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#), sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

O-Larry J Romero; B-Nathan Granger, Shannon Luquette, Chris Hebert & Brody Trahan (LA); T-Allen Landry.



**9th-Tampa Bay Downs, \$32,000, Msw, 1-3, 3yo, 1 1/16mT, 1:43.56, fm, 1/2 length.**

**RELATIVE VALUE (GB) (c, 3, [Blue Point](#) {Ire}--[Blind Faith](#) {Ire}, by [Zoffany](#) {Ire})**, a first-time starter taking on several more experienced rivals, broke wide and clear of bumping to his inside to assume a close-up fourth into the backstretch while favored stablemate Goncora (GB) (Iffraaj {GB}) got shuffled back to last. Keeping pace with the leaders past the half in :46.88, he swung out wide for a bid off the far turn, got past early leader Sky Masterson ([The Factor](#)) and just held off his closing barn mate, who made an eye-catching move around the far turn, to win by a half-length. Out of a half-sister to MGSW/MG1SP Gabriel (Ire) (Dark Angel {Ire}), Relative Value was a 310,000gns buy for Klaravich Stables out of Tattersalls Book 1 in 2023. He is his dam's last reported foal. Sales History: 87,000gns Wlg '22 TADEWE; 310,000gns Ylg '23 TATOCT. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$18,560. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#), sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

O-Klaravich Stables, Inc.; B-Ickworth Stud (GB); T-Chad C. Brown.

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**IN SAUDI ARABIA:**

**Faal Khair**, c, 3, **Tapiture**--Arched, by Arch. King Abdulaziz, 1-3, Allowance, 1600m. B-Best Foot Forward Holdings Inc (PA).

**VIDEO**

**IN THE UAE:**

**Golden Vekoma**, c, 3, **Vekoma**. See "Dubai".

**Rasas**, c, 4, **World Of Trouble**--Free Space, by Aldebaran. Meydan, 1-3, Hcp., 1200m, 1:08.52, ft. B-Mr. & Mrs. Al Mazzetti (KY). \*\$30,000 Ylg '22 KEESEP; \$35,000 2yo '23 OBSJUN. \*1/2 to Balmaran (Yes It's True), SW-PR. **VIDEO**.

**Tuz**, g, 8, **Oxbow**. See "Worldwide".



*In this continuing series, Alan Carasso takes a look ahead at US-bred and/or conceived runners entered for the upcoming weekend at the tracks on the Japan Racing Association circuit, with a focus on pedigree and/or performance in the sales ring. Here are the horses of interest for this Sunday and Monday running at Chukyo Racecourse:*

**Sunday, January 5, 2025**

**3rd-CKO, ¥10,600,000 (\$67k), Maiden, 3yo, 1900m**

**HUG (JPN)** (c, 3, **Justify**--Fleet Bertie, by Afleet Alex) made a single visit to the races as a 2-year-old, finishing a good second over 1800 meters at Kyoto Dec. 15 and will be tough to beat here with expected improvement. Narvick International acquired the colt's stakes-placed dam at Keeneland November in 2021 for \$185,000 and the colt repaid that bill when selling to Yoshizawa Holdings for the equivalent of \$312,000 as a foal at the JRHA Select Sale in 2022. Second dam Whirlie Birdie (Stormin Fever) and third dam De Bertie (De Niro) were both successful at the graded stakes level. *B-Matsuura Bokujo*

**Monday, January 6, 2025**

**4th-CKO, ¥15,200,000 (\$97k), Allowance, 3yo, 1800m**

**SHIN BELIEVE** (c, 3, **Constitution**--Sand Puce {Arg}, by **Footstepsinthesand** {GB}) could not have been more impressive in breaking his maiden by five resounding lengths as the 9-5 favorite in a newcomers' test going this distance at Niigata in

early August (**video**, SC 10), but the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile proved a task too tall, as he faded to finish a distant 10th to Citizen Bull (Into Mischief) after racing prominently in the first half of the contest. A \$385,000 buyback as a yearling at Fasig-Tipton Saratoga, he was hammered down to Forever Young (Jpn)'s owner Susumu Fujita for \$800,000 at last year's OBS March Sale. *B-Don Alberto Corporation (KY)*

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**SECOND-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: SATURDAY, JANUARY 4**

*2024 Stud Fees Listed*

**Aurelius Maximus** (Pioneerof the Nile), Red River Farms  
83 foals of racing age/8 winners/3 black-type winners  
1-Oaklawn, 1:30 p.m. EST, Msw 1m, Max Got Excited, 6-1 \$72,000 TTA APR 2yo

**Authentic** (Into Mischief), Spendthrift Farm, \$25,000  
294 foals of racing age/24 winners/1 black-type winner  
1-Oaklawn, 1:30 p.m. EST, Msw 1m, Bye Bye Miles, 10-1 \$310,000 KEE SEP yrl  
10-Gulfstream, 4:52 p.m. EST, \$165K Mucho Macho Man S., 1m, Cool Intentions, 9-2 \$285,000 KEE SEP yrl  
8-Gulfstream, 3:47 p.m. EST, Msw 6 1/2f, Genuine Gomo, 9-2 \$300,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$385,000 RNA OBS MAR 2yo; \$350,000 EAS MAY 2yo  
2-Santa Anita, 3:01 p.m. EST, Msw 1m, Rodriguez, 4-5 \$485,000 KEE SEP yrl

**Bell Ringer (Hard Spun)**

6 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners  
3-Sam Houston Race, 3:00 p.m. EST, Msw 5 1/2f, Witt's Ringer, 12-1

**Bravazo (Awesome Again), Calumet Farm**

19 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners  
9-Oaklawn, 5:22 p.m. EST, \$250K Smarty Jones S., 1 1/16m, Bon Temps, 30-1

**Caracaro (Uncle Mo), Crestwood Farm**

88 foals of racing age/7 winners/2 black-type winners  
8-Gulfstream, 3:47 p.m. EST, Msw 6 1/2f, Caracas, 8-1  
\$300,000 OBS APR 2yo  
11-Gulfstream, 5:22 p.m. EST, \$165K Ginger Brew S., 1mT, La Gioconda, 20-1

**Complexity (Maclean's Music), Airdrie Stud, \$25,000**

201 foals of racing age/22 winners/5 black-type winners  
9-Oaklawn, 5:22 p.m. EST, \$250K Smarty Jones S., 1 1/16m, Kale's Angel, 2-1  
\$82,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$150,000 OBS APR 2yo

**Country House (Lookin At Lucky), Darby Dan Farm, \$5,000**

54 foals of racing age/6 winners/0 black-type winners  
7-Tampa Bay Downs, 3:35 p.m. EST, Aoc 1 1/16mT, Epitaph, 12-1 \$15,000 EAS MAY 2yo  
5-Turfway, 7:55 p.m. EST, Msw 1m, Kalahari Dreams, 2-1  
\$250,000 KEE NOV wnl

**Dak Attack (Ghostzapper), Ocala Stud**

15 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners  
8-Gulfstream, 3:47 p.m. EST, Msw 6 1/2f, Loud Applause, 30-1  
\$4,000 OBS WIN wnl; \$5,500 RNA OBS OPN 2yo

**Echo Town (Speightstown), Coolmore Ashford, \$5,000**

110 foals of racing age/14 winners/2 black-type winners  
11-Gulfstream, 5:22 p.m. EST, \$165K Ginger Brew S., 1mT, Hello Hello Hello, 30-1  
\$60,000 OBS MAR 2yo

**Fog of War (War Front), Topaz Stud**

71 foals of racing age/4 winners/0 black-type winners  
5-Aqueduct, 2:10 p.m. EST, Msw 1m, Lets Fight, 5-1

**Game Winner (Candy Ride {Arg}), Lane's End Farm, \$20,000**

201 foals of racing age/13 winners/1 black-type winner  
2-Santa Anita, 3:01 p.m. EST, Msw 1m, Cornhuskerchris, 20-1  
\$230,000 KEE SEP yrl

**Global Campaign (Curlin), WinStar Farm, \$7,500**

177 foals of racing age/15 winners/2 black-type winners  
1-Gulfstream, 12:20 p.m. EST, Msw 1mT, Global Prosperity, 20-1  
11-Gulfstream, 5:22 p.m. EST, \$165K Ginger Brew S., 1mT, Special Aviator, 12-1  
\$23,000 FTK OCT yrl; \$100,000 OBS APR 2yo  
5-Turfway, 7:55 p.m. EST, Msw 1m, Turnbuckle, 30-1  
\$8,500 KEE SEP yrl

**Honest Mischief (Into Mischief), Sequel New York**

134 foals of racing age/12 winners/2 black-type winners  
5-Aqueduct, 2:10 p.m. EST, Msw 1m, Roofer, 3-1  
\$110,000 OBS OPN 2yo

**Honor A. P. (Honor Code), Lane's End Farm, \$10,000**

130 foals of racing age/14 winners/2 black-type winners  
5-Aqueduct, 2:10 p.m. EST, Msw 1m, Outsource, 9-2  
\$125,000 OBS APR 2yo  
2-Santa Anita, 3:01 p.m. EST, Msw 1m, Rank, 3-1  
\$45,000 KEE NOV wnl; \$80,000 KEE SEP yrl

**Instagram (Into Mischief), Taylor Made Farm, \$10,000**

224 foals of racing age/22 winners/1 black-type winner  
5-Aqueduct, 2:10 p.m. EST, Msw 1m, Powered by Coal, 12-1  
\$40,000 SAR AUG yrl

**Maximum Security (New Year's Day), Coolmore Ashford, \$5,000**

150 foals of racing age/18 winners/0 black-type winners  
6-Santa Anita, 5:04 p.m. EST, Msw 6fT, Saint Shelia, 30-1  
\$1,000 FTC AYR yrl

**McKinzie (Street Sense), Gainesway Farm, \$75,000**

301 foals of racing age/22 winners/2 black-type winners  
2-Santa Anita, 3:01 p.m. EST, Msw 1m, Baeza, 6-1  
\$1,200,000 KEE SEP yrl  
1-Cross Country Pick X, 3:39 p.m. EST, \$150K Jerome S. AQU-R8, 1m, Cyclone State, 7-2  
\$70,000 KEE SEP yrl  
6-Aqueduct, 2:40 p.m. EST, Msw 1m, Dominican Pirate, 20-1  
\$210,000 SAR AUG yrl  
8-Gulfstream, 3:47 p.m. EST, Msw 6 1/2f, Mahovlich, 15-1  
\$100,000 FTK JUL yrl; \$150,000 OBS MAR 2yo  
10-Gulfstream, 4:52 p.m. EST, \$165K Mucho Macho Man S., 1m, McKellen, 5-1  
\$40,000 KEE JAN wnl; \$50,000 KEE SEP yrl  
5-Santa Anita, 4:33 p.m. EST, \$200K Gil San Vicente S., 7f, McKinzie Street, 10-1  
\$120,000 KEE NOV wnl; \$150,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$290,000 OBS APR 2yo

**Thousand Words** (Pioneerof the Nile), Spendthrift, \$12,500  
 200 foals of racing age/20 winners/3 black-type winners  
 6-Aqueduct, 2:40 p.m. EST, Msw 1m, A Million Stories, 10-1  
 \$47,000 SAR AUG yrl; \$100,000 EAS MAY 2yo  
 6-Gulfstream, 2:49 p.m. EST, Msw 1mT, On the Mount, 6-1  
 \$150,000 FTK JUL yrl; \$300,000 OBS APR 2yo  
 6-Turfway, 8:25 p.m. EST, \$125K Turfway Prevue S., 6 1/2f,  
 Relator, 15-1 \$13,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$50,000 OBS OPN 2yo

**Tiz the Law** (Constitution), Coolmore Ashford, \$30,000  
 248 foals of racing age/23 winners/5 black-type winners  
 1-Cross Country Pick X, 3:39 p.m. EST, \$150K Jerome S. AQU-R8,  
 1m, Enduring Spirit, 30-1  
 \$75,000 FTK FEB wnl; \$100,000 FTS AUG yrl  
 6-Gulfstream, 2:49 p.m. EST, Msw 1mT, Versus, 8-1  
 \$37,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$70,000 OBS OPN 2yo

**Vekoma** (Candy Ride {Arg}), Spendthrift Farm  
 285 foals of racing age/40 winners/6 black-type winners  
 7-Oaklawn, 4:24 p.m. EST, \$150K Mockingbird S., 6f, Chatter  
 \$125,000 KEE SEP yrl  
 10-Gulfstream, 4:52 p.m. EST, \$165K Mucho Macho Man S., 1m,  
 Rolando, 15-1

**Volatile** (Violence), Three Chimneys Farm, \$12,500  
 233 foals of racing age/27 winners/1 black-type winner  
 6-Turfway, 8:25 p.m. EST, \$125K Turfway Prevue S., 6 1/2f,  
 Vehemently, 30-1 \$50,000 KEE NOV wnl

**War of Will** (War Front), Claiborne Farm, \$20,000  
 204 foals of racing age/19 winners/1 black-type winner  
 1-Gulfstream, 12:20 p.m. EST, Msw 1mT, Classy War, 5-2  
 \$50,000 KEE NOV wnl; \$80,000 FTK JUL yrl  
 5-Turfway, 7:55 p.m. EST, Msw 1m, Power of Will, 15-1  
 \$80,000 FTK OCT yrl; \$105,000 RNA OBS APR 2yo  
 1-Oaklawn, 1:30 p.m. EST, Msw 1m, The Warden, 6-5  
 \$95,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$170,000 EAS MAY 2yo

**Without Parole** (GB) (Frankel {GB}), Newsells Park Stud, \$8,000  
 90 foals of racing age/12 winners/0 black-type winners  
 6-Fair Grounds, 4:15 p.m. EST, Msw 1 1/16mT, Good Conduct



**STAKES RESULTS:**

**NEW MEXICO STATE RACING COMMISSION S., \$90,000,**  
 Sunland, 1-3, (S), 4yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2f, 1:03.62, ft.

1--**CORRINA CORRINA, 124, m, 6, Mr. Trieste--Scared Money,**  
**by Carson City.** O/B-Derrick Jenkins (NM); T-G. Cross; J-Tracy  
 Hebert. \$54,000. Lifetime Record: 33-17-12-3, \$1,166,160.

2--**Mama Was a Rocket, 124, m, 5, Diabolical--Gator Prowl,**  
 by Roar of the Tiger. O-J. Kirk and Judy Robison; B-J. Kirk &  
 Judy Robison & Downstream Racing LLC (NM); T-Todd Fincher.  
 \$18,000.

3--**Quite Lovely, 124, m, 7, Sway Away--Comic Kitty, by Comic**  
 Strip. **1ST BLACK TYPE.** O-UKUSA Stables; B-Larry F. Nichols  
 (NM); T-Alberto Amparan. \$9,000.

Margins: 2 1/4, 2, 1. Odds: 0.10, 7.70, 43.20.

**KLAQ S., \$65,000, Sunland, 1-3, 4yo/up, 5f, :57.57, ft.**

1--**DURANGO JESS, 124, g, 6, Classic Empire--Durango (MSP,**  
**\$211,293), by First Samurai. 1ST BLACK TYPE WIN.** O-Sammy  
 Cardenas; B-Tom Durant (KY); T-Travis Wheeler; J-Francisco  
 Amparan. \$39,000. Lifetime Record: 24-8-3-0, \$165,222.

2--**Dean's List, 124, h, 6, Speightstown--Mildly Offensive,**  
 by Sharp Humor. (\$220,000 RNA Ylg '20 FTKSEL; \$75,000 3yo  
 '22 KEENOV). O-Judge Lanier Racing and James L. Drought;  
 B-WinStar Farm, LLC (KY); T-Dick Cappellucci. \$13,000.

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3--**Tizlightning, 124, g, 6, Stanford--Tizadream, by Cee's Tizzy.**  
**1ST BLACK TYPE.** O-Battle Born Racing Stable; B-Lori Gallegos  
 (CA); T-Jesus J. Uranga. \$6,500.

Margins: NK, HF, 2. Odds: 2.80, 1.30, 5.80.

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**Ozara (Ire) (Lope de Vega {Ire}) comes back a winner at Tampa**  
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**VERSETS JET S.**, \$43,920, Camarero, 1-1, 3yo, f, 1m, 1:38.35, sy.  
 1--**CARIBBEAN GAL, 120, f, 3, by Thousand Words--Dark Rain, by Malibu Moon.** (\$21,000 Ylg '23 OBSWIN; \$30,000 Ylg '23 OBSOCT). O-G. Berrios; B-Jeannie Carrere (LA); T-Samuel Diaz; J-Jorge Velez. \$25,474. Lifetime Record: 6-4-1-0, \$87,246.  
 2--**Coach Albert Lady, 120, f, 3, Mendelssohn--Swan of the Nile, by Pioneer of the Nile.** (\$65,000 Ylg '23 KEESEP; \$20,000 2yo '24 OBSAPR). **1ST BLACK TYPE.** O-The Coach Stable PR; B-Yoshida, Brock, Collins, Crawford, Doyle & Vanbeek (KY); T-Jose D. Garcia, Jr. \$8,784.



3--**Dream Unified, 120, f, 3, Unified--Brie's Lucky Charm, by Mastercraftsman (Ire).** (\$10,000 Ylg '23 KEESEP; \$27,000 2yo '24 OBSMAR). **1ST BLACK TYPE.** O-Ramz Racing PR; B-Dixiana Farms LLC (KY); T-Ghislaine Henriquez. \$4,392.  
 Margins: 8, 5, HF. Odds: 0.35, 10.30, 206.20.

**ALLOWANCE RESULTS:**

**9th-Oaklawn, \$131,000, (NW2\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$62,500), 1-3, 4yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:10.76, ft, 1 length.**

**MISCHIEVOUS GAL (m, 5, Practical Joke--Enough, by Arch)**  
 Lifetime Record: 17-7-1-2, \$313,715. O-Chris Duggan; B-Lynch Bages LTD (KY); T-Matt Williams. \*\$37,000 RNA Wlg '20 KEENOV; \$35,000 RNA Ylg '21 KEESEP.



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**8th-Turfway, \$82,000, (NW1\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$25,000), 1-2, 4yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2f (AWT), 1:17.21, ft, 1 1/4 lengths.**

**GET TWISTED (m, 5, Get Stormy--Bird Swing, by Birdstone)**  
 Lifetime Record: 6-2-0-0, \$125,687. O-Chester J Miller; B-Glenmare Farm LLC (KY); T-Anna Navarrete.

**6th-Turfway, \$79,694, 1-2, (NW1\$X), 4yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2f (AWT), 1:04.18, ft, 4 3/4 lengths.**

**THESE APPLES (f, 4, Tapwrit--Divine Trick, by Divine Park)**  
 Lifetime Record: 14-2-0-3, \$130,933. O-Foster Family Racing, Ron Foster, Billy Joe Parker & Kimberly Parker; B-Jimmy Gladwell & Exclusive Equine (KY); T-Eric N Foster. \*\$34,000 RNA Ylg '22 FTKOCT; \$110,000 2yo '23 OBSAPR.

**5th-Santa Anita, \$62,500, (S), (NW1\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$50,000), 1-3, 3yo, f, 6fT, 1:10.62, fm, 1 1/4 lengths.**

**GOING DEEP (f, 3, Bodexpress--Quick Wampum, by Indian Charlie)** Lifetime Record: 5-2-2-0, \$95,400. O-Todd Cady and Ty Leatherman; B-Richard Barton Enterprises & Robert Traynor (CA); T-Doug F. O'Neill. \*\$10,000 Ylg '23 FTCAFR.

**1st-Aqueduct, \$61,500, (NW1\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$45,000), 1-3, 4yo/up, 1 1/8m, 1:53.51, ft, head.**

**PEEK (g, 5, Candy Ride {Arg}--We Use to Sing, by Mineshaft)**  
 Lifetime Record: 13-3-1-1, \$162,206. O-Linda Rice; B-William L. Pape (KY); T-Linda Rice. \*\$220,000 RNA Ylg '21 FTKOCT. \*\*1/2 to Boxwood (English Channel), SW, \$262,800.

**6th-Fair Grounds, \$59,000, (S), 1-3, (NW1X), 4yo/up, 1m, 1:39.33, ft, 1 length.**

**COURT JESTER (g, 4, Classic Empire--Playful Dancer, by Into Mischief)** Lifetime Record: 12-2-4-3, \$120,710. O-Intrepid Thoroughbreds LLC; B-Coteau Grove Farms LLC (LA); T-W Bret Calhoun. \*\$55,000 Ylg '22 KEESEP.



**7th-Fair Grounds, \$59,000, 1-3, (NW1X), 4yo/up, 5fT, :58.56, fm, head.**

**PETCOFF (g, 5, Munnings--Mylitta, by Sky Mesa)** Lifetime Record: 14-2-3-3, \$141,906. O-George A Sharp; B-Edward A Seltzer (KY); T-Brittany T Russell. \*\$110,000 Ylg '21 KEESEP. \*\*1/2 to Judge Davis (Distorted Humor), GSP, \$294,821.



**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**

**Complex Secret, f, 3, Complexity--Secret Kitten (MSW, \$138,750), by Discreet Cat.** Oaklawn, 1-3, 6f, 1:11.24. Lifetime Record: 5-1-0-1, \$67,063. B-Tim Thornton & Gray Lang (KY). \*\$75,000 Ylg '23 KEESEP.

**Fine Music, g, 3, Maclean's Music--Cleopatra's Finest, by Smart Strike.** Sunland, 1-3, 5 1/2f, 1:04.91. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-0, \$16,470. B-Sam Henderson (KY). \*1/2 to Cleopatras Charge (Will Take Charge), SW, \$240,765.

**Girl Math**, f, 3, **McKinzie**--Sacristy (GSW, \$252,112), by Pulpit. Turfway, 1-2, 1m (AWT), 1:39.10. Lifetime Record: 5-1-3-0, \$122,331. B-Don Alberto Corporation (KY). \*\$140,000 RNA Ylg '23 KEESEP; \$60,000 Ylg '23 FTKOCT; \$300,000 2yo '24 OBSAPR. \*\*1/2 to Catiche (Arrogate), SW-US, GSP-Can, \$238,851; and Flor de La Mar (Tiznow), SW & GISP, \$190,385.

**Danzingwith Maxine**, f, 4, **Danzing Candy**--Melanistic (SP, \$375,674), by Ministers Wild Cat. Santa Anita, 1-3, (S), 6fT, 1:10.57. Lifetime Record: 4-1-0-1, \$43,800. B-Halo Farms (CA). \*Full to Youteyourhonor, SP, \$259,786.

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**Aurelius Maximus**, He's Late Again, g, 3, o/o Pixie Devil, by Stephen Got Even. MSW, 1-2, Delta Downs  
**Blue Point (Ire)**, Relative Value (GB), c, 3, o/o Blind Faith (Ire), by Zoffany (Ire). MSW, 1-3, Tampa Bay  
**Bodexpress**, Going Deep, f, 3, o/o Quick Wampum, by Indian Charlie. AOC, 1-3, Santa Anita  
**Candy Ride (Arg)**, Peek, g, 5, o/o We Use to Sing, by **Mineshaft**. AOC, 1-3, Aqueduct  
**City of Light**, Frida, f, 3, o/o Under Serviced, by Hook and Ladder. MSW, 1-3, Gulfstream  
**Classic Empire**, Court Jester, g, 4, o/o Playful Dancer, by Into Mischief. ALW, 1-3, Fair Grounds  
**Classic Empire**, Durango Jess, g, 6, o/o Durango, by **First Samurai**. KLAQ S., 1-3, Sunland  
**Complexity**, Complex Secret, f, 3, o/o Secret Kitten, by Discreet Cat. MSW, 1-3, Oaklawn  
**Constitution**, Private Desire, c, 4, o/o Brahms Cat, by Wildcat Heir. AOC, 1-3, Tampa Bay  
**Danzing Candy**, Danzingwith Maxine, f, 4, o/o Melanistic, by Ministers Wild Cat. MSW, 1-3, Santa Anita  
**Get Stormy**, Get Twisted, m, 5, o/o Bird Swing, by Birdstone. AOC, 1-2, Turfway  
**Leofric**, Nine Part, c, 4, o/o Alva, by Into Mischief. AOC, 1-3, Fair Grounds



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**Lope de Vega (Ire)**, Ozara (Ire), f, 4, o/o Cercle d'Or (Ire), by Acclamation (GB). AOC, 1-3, Tampa Bay  
**Maclean's Music**, Fine Music, g, 3, o/o Cleopatra's Finest, by Smart Strike. MSW, 1-3, Sunland  
**McKinzie**, Girl Math, f, 3, o/o Sacristy, by Pulpit. MSW, 1-2, Turfway  
**Mr. Trieste**, Corrina Corrina, m, 6, o/o Scared Money, by Carson City. New Mexico State Racing Commission S., 1-3, Sunland  
**Munnings**, Petcoff, g, 5, o/o Mylitta, by **Sky Mesa**. ALW, 1-3, Fair Grounds  
**Practical Joke**, Mischievous Gal, m, 5, o/o Enough, by Arch. AOC, 1-3, Oaklawn  
**Tapwrit**, These Apples, f, 4, o/o Divine Trick, by Divine Park. ALW, 1-2, Turfway  
**Thousand Words**, Caribbean Gal, f, 3, o/o Dark Rain, by Malibu Moon. GIII Versets Jet S., 1-1, Camarero  
**Uncle Mo**, Uncle Hulka, c, 3, o/o Canteen, by **Candy Ride (Arg)**. MSW, 1-3, Aqueduct  
**Volatile**, Just as Fancy, f, 3, o/o Clarendon Fancy, by Malibu Moon. MSW, 1-3, Santa Anita

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## KIZUNA EMULATES SIRE DEEP IMPACT WITH FIRST CHAMPIONSHIP



Kizuna at Shadai Stallion Station | Emma Berry

By Emma Berry

It was inevitable really. **Kizuna (Jpn)**, the Tokyo Yushun (Japanese Derby) winner of 2013 and champion first-season sire in 2019, has now followed the example set by his feted sire Deep Impact (Jpn) to become Japan's champion sire for the first time. The Shadai stallion had finished in the top four in the championship in the three previous years and took the laurels this time from 2023 champion, the late Duramente (Jpn). He in turn had finally ended the 11-year domination of Deep Impact, who was also the champion freshman sire back in 2010.

Justin Milano (Jpn) was the star performer for Kizuna during 2024, winning the G1 Satsuki Sho (Japanese 2,000 Guineas) and finishing runner-up to Danon Decile (Jpn) in the Japanese Derby. His dam is well known to readers in Europe as she is the 2011 Nunthorpe Stakes winner Margot Did (Ire), who provides another feather in the cap for Exceed And Excel (Aus) as a broodmare sire. His daughter Believe'N'Succeed (Aus) is the dam of the ill-fated Derby winner Anthony Van Dyck (Ire).

Kizuna, who also won the G2 Prix Niel before finishing fourth in the Arc behind Treve (Fr), is out of the Storm Cat mare Catequil, which means that he is bred on the same cross as one of the rising stars of the European sires' ranks, the Lanwades resident Study Of Man (Ire). [Cont. p3](#)

## FORMER LEADING OWNER JOHN DANCE DENIES £64 MILLION FRAUD

Former leading owner John Dance has appeared in court to deny taking more than £64 million from wealth management fund clients for himself.

The 50-year-old businessman, who lives in Murton Village, Newcastle, pleaded not guilty to nine criminal charges including fraud by abuse of position, fraud by false misrepresentation and money laundering.

The alleged offences cover the period from February 2014 until March 2023. Dance, once a part-time DJ and former nightclub owner, was the principal partner at wealth management fund Vertus Asset Management, which later became the firm WealthTek.

He is accused of using some of the money from the alleged fraud to buy racehorses. Dance owned several high-profile horses, including six-times Group 1 winner Laurens (Fr) and Bravemansgame (Fr), winner of the King George VI Chase at Kempton Park in 2022 and runner-up in the 2023 Cheltenham Gold Cup. The horse is no longer in his ownership.

Dance appeared at North Tyneside Magistrates' Court for a 15-minute hearing on Friday. [Cont. p4](#)



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**Japanese Sire Rankings Cont. from p1**

Catequil, a daughter of the GI Delaware Oaks winner Pacific Princess, was placed twice for Sheikh Mohammed when trained in England by James Fanshawe. She proved to be a gem of a broodmare and was also the dam of G1 Oka Sho (Japanese 1,000 Guineas) winner Phalaenopsis (Jpn) (Brian's Time) as well as the GI Belmont Stakes-placed Sunday Break (Jpn) (Forty Niner), who stood at stud in both Kentucky and France.

Kizuna's offspring won 211 races in 2024, and he was represented by 24 juvenile winners, which was down from his personal record tally in the sector of 33 in 2023. His three-year-olds of 2024 emanated from his largest crop to date after he covered 242 mares in 2020. That figure has dropped in subsequent years to below the 200-mark. His 14 stakes winners in 2024 included the Grade 2 winners Queen's Walk (Jpn), Sixpence (Jpn) and June Take (Jpn).

Crack sprinter **Lord Kanaloa (Jpn)** has become the perennial bridesmaid in the Japanese sires' table since 2019 and the 17-year-old son of King Kamehameha was second again last season. Bellagio Opera (Jpn), winner of the Osaka Hai, took his tally of Group/Grade 1 winners to ten, including the brilliant former Horse of the Year, Almond Eye (Jpn). Her first foal, Aaron's Rod (Jpn) is now three and finished second in November in a Tokyo Maiden. Almond Eye has a two-year-old colt by Maurice (Jpn), a yearling filly by Kitan Black (Jpn) and was covered by the latter's son Equinox in his first book in 2024.

Aaron's Rod is by **Epiphaneia (Jpn)**, a striking-looking son of Symboli Kris S, who was runner-up to Kizuna in the Japanese Derby and won the following year's Japan Cup. He took third in the 2024 sires' table after a season highlighted by two Classic winners. The aforementioned Danon Decile won the Derby and Stellenbosch (Jpn) landed the Oka Sho. Four of Epiphaneia's seven individual Grade 1 winners came in 2024, and they included Takarazuka Kinen winner Blow The Horn (Jpn) and Victoria Mile winner Ten Happy Rose (Jpn).



**Epiphaneia, the Japan Cup winner of 2014 | Emma Berry**


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The death of **Duramente (Jpn)** in March 2021 at the age of only nine must be considered a huge loss for the Japanese stallion ranks. A dual Classic winner in 2015, he was well supported in his four and a half seasons at Shadai Stallion Station, and had 191 and 203 reported foals in his first two crops. Members of his final abridged crop are three-year-olds this year.

Duramente is already the sire of seven Grade 1 winners, with four Classic winners among them, including the brilliant Triple Tiara winner of 2023, Liberty Island (Jpn), who was the top-rated filly in the world that year.

With two St Leger winners to his name already in Japan, Duramente posthumously displayed some diversity in 2024 as the sire of the G1 Sprinters Stakes winner Lugal (Jpn), who not only has a Derby winner as his sire, but has another Derby winner from the other side of the world, New Approach (Ire), as his broodmare sire.

Completing the top five in Japan was **Drefong**, a former winner of the GI Breeders' Cup Sprint and GI Forego Stakes, who posted his highest-placed finish to date.

Beyond Japan, his son Warp Speed (Jpn) was a close second in the G1 Melbourne Cup, and Drefong had a pair of Grade 3 winners among his four stakes winners at home.

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GI Arkansas Derby winner Nadal | Emma Berry

**Japanese Sire Rankings Cont.**

**Kitasan Black (Jpn)**, who now shares the honour of being the most expensive stallion in Japan with his son Equinox (Jpn) ended last season in tenth place but we can expect to see renewed interest in him, including from breeders outside Japan, thanks to the exploits of his aforementioned world champion.

**First Set to Nadal in Freshman Championship**

**Nadal**, who brings more coveted Hail To Reason/Roberto blood to the Japanese ranks through his Breeders' Cup Classic-winning sire **Blame**, was champion first-season sire in the country for 2024.

Bought by Kerri Radcliffe for \$700,000 as the Fasig-Tipton Florida Two-Year-Old Sale of 2019, the imposing Nadal ran just four times during five months of the following year but was unbeaten, his two Grade II wins in the San Vicente and Rebel Stakes setting up his victory in the GI Arkansas Derby. He was



Saturnalia, a Lord Kanaloa half-brother to Epiphaneia | Emma Berry

never seen again on the track after that, having fractured a foreleg in his preparation for the Kentucky Derby.

His 32 first-crop winners in 2024 put him in pole position among the young stallions recruited to Japan in 2021. He had 103 foals in his first book.

**Saturnalia (Jpn)**, like his sire Lord Kanaloa, had to settle for second. The Japanese 2,000 Guineas winner of 2019, he was also a Grade 1 winner at two, and he supplied 26 juvenile winners in 2024.

Saturnalia is a half-brother to the hugely successful Epiphaneia and is a stallion to keep eye on as his first three-year-olds take to the track this year.

**Le Vent Se Leve (Jpn)**, another Roberto-line stallion who shares his sire Symbol Kris S with Epiphaneia, was third in the table with 25 individual winners, including Listed winner Soldier Field (Jpn).

**Gold Dream (Jpn)**, a Grade 1-winning dirt horse by Sunday Silence's son Gold Allure (Jpn), was fourth overall but had the highest tally of winners (33).

Look out for the first runners in 2025 by Triple Crown winner **Contrail (Jpn)**, another sleek, near-black son of Deep Impact, who is the likely favourite to take this year's first-season sire championship.

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EUROPEAN NEWS

**John Dance Cont. from p1**

He answered "not guilty" in a hushed voice to each of the nine charges read out by the clerk.

Helen Law, prosecuting, outlined the allegations against Dance as being £64m worth of fraud from his clients while he was a partner in the wealth management firm, which related to three charges of fraud by abuse of position.

He also faced three charges of fraud by false representation related to documents he allegedly used, she said. Dance also faced three money laundering charges relating to how funds were allegedly used, including the purchase of racehorses.

Josh Hart, defending, said, "The issues for trial will be whether the defendant's conduct was dishonest or not. The defendant denies any allegation of dishonesty."

Chairwoman of the Bench Margaret Higgins said the case will be dealt with at the crown court. Dance will next appear at Newcastle Crown Court on February 6 and he was granted conditional bail. Outside court, Mr Hart said his client did not wish to make any comment.

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## “DREAM COME TRUE” FOR CHAPEL STUD AS ELДАР ELDAROV JOINS THE ROSTER



Eldar Eldarov | *Racingfotos.com*

**Eldar Eldarov (GB)** (Dubawi {Ire}), the champion three-year-old stayer in Europe who won the St Leger at Doncaster followed by the Irish edition at the Curragh, has been retired to Chapel Stud where he will cover a limited book of mares. His stud fee has been set at £5,000.

Trained by Roger Varian and campaigned by KHK Racing, Eldar Eldarov won five of his 10 starts and amassed over £1 million in prize-money. His career was cut short after he sustained neck injuries in a stalls accident in Dubai last March.

Roisin Close of Chapel Stud said, “I would like to thank His Highness Sheikh Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa for entrusting us with Eldar Eldarov. I am delighted to be able to bring a horse of this calibre to British breeders. Bred by Lanwades Stud, one of the best in the business, he boasts a pedigree full of top-class racehorses and producers.”

She added, “He was an exceptional athlete, and had it not been for a freak accident, he would most likely be out of my league. It is no secret that he suffered a potentially life-threatening injury in Dubai, and it is thanks to his owner’s dedication to his recovery that he is now able to stand at stud. With his welfare a priority, we will be limiting his mare numbers. We will also be offering a limited number of breeding rights.

“I keep having to pinch myself—having a Champion three-year-old Stayer and dual Classic winner standing at Chapel Stud is a dream come true.”

On behalf of KHK Racing, Oliver St Lawrence added, “Eldar stood out as a colt for the future at the breeze ups especially with his fabulous Kirsten Rausing pedigree stuffed with Group 1 winners like the tough Alpinista. His will to win, guts and ability are what defined him.”

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## BRITAIN

### Friday’s Results:

**3rd-Southwell, £7,300, Nov, 1-3, 3yo, 6f 16y (AWT), 1:15.40, st.**

**REBEL’S GAMBLE (IRE)** (c, 3, Dark Angel {Ire}--Charlotte Rua {Ire}, by Redback {GB}) occupied a berth in mid division after an awkward getaway in this debut. Shaken up to close approaching the quarter-mile marker, the 11-4 second choice joined the front rank with 1 1/2 furlongs remaining and was driven out in the closing stages to prevail by 3/4-of-a-length from Stardancer (Ire) (Dark Angel {Ire}). Rebel’s Gamble is the sixth of seven foals and third scorer produced by a half-sister to stakes-winning G1 Irish 1000 Guineas runner-up Dimenticata (Ire) (Danetime {Ire}), Listed Rose Bowl Stakes victor Master Fay (Ire) (Fayruz {GB}) and the stakes-placed Zarin (Ire) (Inzar). The February-foaled grey is a full-brother to G2 Duke of York Stakes runner-up Nahaarr (Ire) and a yearling filly. Sales history: 85,000gns Wlg ‘22 TADEWE; 135,000gns Ylg ‘23 TATOCT. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$4,881. O-Clipper; B-Rossenarra Bloodstock Ltd (IRE); T-Karl Burke.

### ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

**Boatswain (GB)**, g, 3, **New Bay (GB)**--Bay Light (Ire), by Lope De Vega (Ire). Lingfield, 1-3, 10f (AWT), 2:07.51. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$4,881. B-Highview Bloodstock Ltd (GB). \*240,000gns Ylg ‘23 TATOCT.

**Solar Pass (GB)**, f, 3, **Phoenix Reach (Ire)**--Highland Pass (GB), by Passing Glance (GB). Lingfield, 1-3, 8f 1y (AWT), 1:39.30. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-0, \$6,902. B-Kingsclere Stud (GB). \*7,000gns RNA Ylg ‘23 TATNOV.

**Jiff’s Army (Ire)**, g, 3, **Saxon Warrior (Jpn)**--Brunelle (Ire), by Kodiak (GB). Lingfield, 1-3, 8f 1y (AWT), 1:39.93. Lifetime Record: 5-1-1-2, \$16,294. B-Windflower Overseas (IRE).

## FRANCE

### CONDITIONS RESULTS:

**5th-Deauville, €18,000, Cond, 1-3, 4yo/up, 9 1/2f (AWT), 1:58.44, st.**

**HASAPIKO (FR)** (m, 5, **Cloth Of Stars {Ire}**--Danse Grecque {MGSP-Fr, \$168,814}, by Hold That Tiger) Lifetime Record: 12-3-3-1, €67,400. O-Edmund Mudge; B-Mme Isabelle Corbani & SARL Jedburgh Stud (FR); T-Stephane Wattel. \*€31,000 Ylg ‘21 ARQOCT.



**IN BAHRAIN:**

**Goemon (GB)**, g, 6, **Dark Angel (Ire)**--Spangled (GB) (GSW-Eng, \$106,651), by **Starspangledbanner (Aus)**. REHC, 1-3, Southern Governate Cup (Bhr-G2, NBT), 1600mT, 1:35.58. B-Cheveley Park Stud Limited. \*125,000gns Ylg '20 TATOCT. **VIDEO (SC 1)**

**IN SAUDI ARABIA:**

**Ajwadi (GB)**, g, 4, **Dutch Art (GB)**--Falaise, by **War Front**. King Abdulaziz, 1-3, Prince Naif Ben A/Aziz Cup (KSA-G2, NBT) (£150k), 1600m. B-Cheveley Park Stud Limited. \*14,500gns Wlg '21 TATDEF; 57,000gns Ylg '22 TATSEP; 150,000gns 2yo '23 TATAPR. **VIDEO**

**Pretty Flag (Ire)**, m, 5, **U S Navy Flag**--Pyrean (Ire), by Teofilo (Ire). King Abdulaziz, 1-3, Prince Sultan Ben A/Aziz Cup (KSA-G2, NBT) (£150k), 2000m. B-Barouche Stud Ireland Ltd. \*1/2 to Libre (Ire) (Exceed and Excel {Aus}), SW & GSP-Ger. \*\*120,000gns Ylg '21 TATOCT; 32,000gns HRA '23 TATFEB.

**VIDEO****IN THE UAE:**

**Age Of Gold (Ire)**, c, 3, **Frankel (GB)**. See "Dubai".

**Crown Estate (GB)**, g, 4, **Dubawi (Ire)**--Castle Lady (Ire) (G1SW-Fr, GISP-US, \$497,431), by Shamardal. Meydan, 1-3, Hcp., 1600m, 1:37.96, ft. B-The Queen (GB). \*110,000gns HRA '24 TATOCT. **VIDEO**.

**Poker Face (Ire)**, g, 6, **Fastnet Rock (Aus)**. See "Worldwide".

**Epic Poet (Ire)**, g, 6, **Lope De Vega (Ire)**--Sagaciously (Ire) (SP-Eng), by Lawman (Fr). Meydan, 1-3, Cond., 2810T, 2:54.68, gd. B-George Kent (Ire). \*180,000gns Wlg '19 TATDEC; 450,000gns Ylg '20 TATOCT; 48,000gns HRA '23 TATOCT. \*\*SW & GSP-Fr. \*\*\*Full to La Filomena (Ire) (Lope De Vega {Ire}), SP-Fr. **VIDEO**.

**Asaassi (Fr)**, g, 6, **Sea The Moon (Ger)**--Octavine (Ire), by Montjeu (Ire). Meydan, 1-3, Hcp., 2000mT, 2:00.15, gd. B-Guillaume de Saint Seine (Fr). \*€135,000 Ylg '20 ARQOCT. **VIDEO**.

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## WORLDWIDE NEWS

**POKER FACE PIPS HOLLOWAY BOY IN THE ZABEEL MILE** by Heather Anderson

Multiple group winner **Poker Face (Ire)** (Fastnet Rock {Aus}) made his first foray in the desert a successful one, when landing the AED850,000 G2 Zabeel Mile Sponsored by Phi Advertising in a desperate finish for trainers Simon and Ed Crisford. The Edward Ware runner nosed out **Holloway Boy (GB)** (Ulysses {Ire}) for the crown, with **Noble Dynasty (GB)** (Dubawi {Ire}) sticking around for third, another half-length behind.

**Poker Face (c)** | Erika Rasmussen/DRC

The eventual third-place finisher zipped straight to the head of affairs in the Godolphin blue while shadowed by stablemate **Ottoman Fleet (GB)** (**Sea The Stars {Ire}**). Holloway Boy arrived on the scene in the stretch and gradually wore down the brave pacesetter, but Poker Face, too, was going through the gears and flashed enough late speed to make inroads in between rivals. Noble Dynasty ran out of steam inside the final 100 yards, and Poker Face had the lucky bob, with Holloway Boy in front the stride before and the stride after the line. Ottoman Fleet was fourth, after being outfooted by the top trio.

"I thought I was beaten," said rider Pat Dobbs. "I said well done to Danny Tudhope [on Holloway Boy] pulling up, so that's a nice surprise.

"We got racing from three [furlongs, 600m] out and I had a lovely position to keep things smooth with him. I got in behind William [Buick, on Noble Dynasty] halfway down the back and I was happy with where I was then. I thought a furlong out we'd pick up William and then I saw Danny on the other side was probably half a length in front of me. **Cont. p7**

## G2 Zabeel Mile Cont.

“This horse has improved as a six-year-old.”

A winner of the Listed Hyde Stakes over the Kempton all-weather on Dec. 4, Poker Face was a two-time group winner in France and group placed in Italy in 2023. Last year in addition to his listed score, he was second three times at Group 2 level in eight starts--making his 2024 bow in the bet365 Mile at Sandown in April, in Goodwood's Celebration Mile Stakes in August, and in the Joel Stakes at Newmarket in September. Directly prior to the Hyde Stakes, he was unplaced in the G1 Queen Elizabeth II Stakes in the wake of Charyn (Ire) (Dark Angel {Ire}) on QIPCO British Champions Day in October.

## Pedigree Notes

Coolmore's pensioned Fastnet Rock is credited with 195 stakes winners (123 group) internationally. Poker Face is bred on the same cross as worldbeater Via Sistina (Ire), currently the toast of Australia, who is also out of a Galileo (Ire) mare. Other top level winners on this cross are Buckaroo (GB), Unforgotten (Aus), Rivet (Ire), Zhukova (Ire), Qualify (Ire), Pizza Bianca, Personal (Aus), Age Of Fire (Aus), Intricately (Ire), and Magicool (Aus).

The winner is a full-brother to two-time stakes-winning '**TDN Rising Star**' Star Devine (Ire) (Fastnet Rock {Aus}), who was placed in the GIII Intercontinental Stakes and GIII Franklin Stakes. Winning mare Stars At Night (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) has a yearling colt by **Justify** and she was covered by that sire last spring. She is a half-sister to Dynaformer's Blue Bunting, who won the G1 1000 Guineas, G1 Irish Oaks, and the G1 Yorkshire Oaks.

## Friday, Meydan, Middle East

### ZABEEL MILE (SPONSORED BY PHI ADVERTISING)-G2,

AED850,000, Meydan, 1-3, 3yo/up, 1600mT, 1:36.45, gd.

### 1--**POKER FACE (IRE), 126, g, 6, by Fastnet Rock (Aus)**

**1st Dam: Stars At Night (Ire), by Galileo (Ire)**

**2nd Dam: Miarixa (Fr), by Linamix (Fr)**

**3rd Dam: Mrs Arkada (Fr), by Akarad (Fr)**

(95,000gns Ylg '20 TATOCT). O-Edward J Ware; B-Rockhart Trading Ltd (IRE); T-Simon & Ed Crisford; J-Pat Dobbs.

AED510,000. Lifetime Record: Hwt. Older Horse-Ity at 7-9 1/2f, MGSW-Fr, MSW & MGSP-Eng, GSP-Ity, 20-8-6-0,

AED2,214,612. \*Full to Star Devine (Ire) (Fastnet Rock {Aus}),

MSW & MGSP-US, \$340,490. **Click for the**

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2--**Holloway Boy (GB), 126, g, 5, Ulysses (Ire)--Sultry (GB), by Pivotal (GB).** (60,000gns Wlg '20 TATDEC; 60,000gns Ylg '20 TATOCT). O-Nick White & Elaine Burke; B-Cheveley Park Stud Ltd (GB); T-Karl Burke. AED170,000.

3--**Noble Dynasty (GB), 126, g, 7, Dubawi (Ire)--Alina (Ire), by Galileo (Ire).** (3,600,000gns Ylg '19 TATOCT). O-Godolphin; B-Sun Kingdom Pty Ltd (GB); T-Charlie Appleby. AED85,000. Margins: SHD, NK, 3.

Also Ran: Ottoman Fleet (GB), Royal Dubai (Fr), Cairo (Ire), San Donato (Ire), Dolayli (Fr), Tamborrada (GB). **Click for the ERA chart & video.**

## TUZ DEFENDS DUBAWI STAKES TITLE

by Heather Anderson

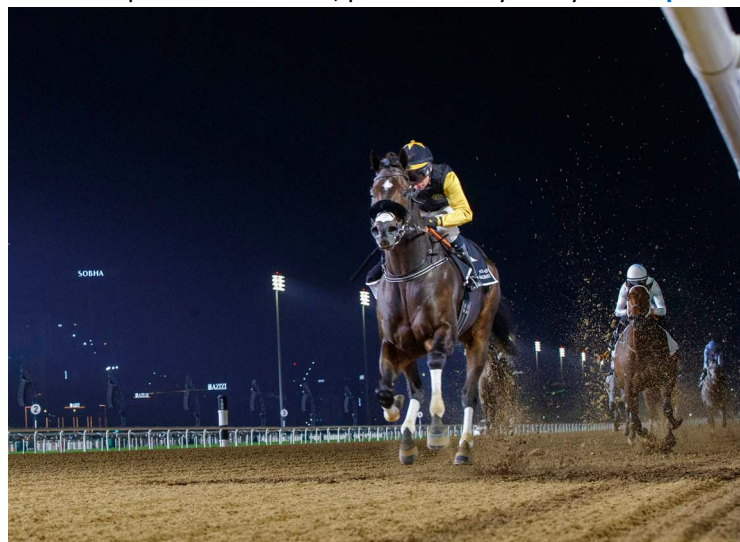
Dakki Stable's **Tuz** (Oxbow) won the G3 Dubawi Stakes Sponsored by Bingham Developers for the second consecutive year at Meydan on Friday.

The 2024 G1 Dubai Golden Shaheen hero held the advantage from the bell, but an unconcerned Tadhg O'Shea allowed his charge to drift back to second, as **Desperate Hero (GB)** (Captain Gerrard {Ire}) took over approaching the single turn. Tuz glided back to the lead at the quarter pole, as **Colour Up (Ire)** (Mehmas {Ire}) launched a fierce bid in upper stretch. Despite the late challenge, Tuz skipped across the line five lengths to the good of his hard-trying foe.

“He’s a special horse, a great horse for the barn,” said O’Shea. “It’s a great privilege to be able to steer him around for my 800th winner. I remember winning my 700th in this very same race on Switzerland.

“I had one slightly anxious moment going to the start when he saw something and slammed on his brakes but thankfully I stayed on.”

A winner of last year’s Dubawi Stakes, Tuz turned in an uncharacteristic off-the-board effort in the G3 Riyadh Dirt Sprint in February, but has been unbeatable since. After taking the Dubai Golden Shaheen at the end of March, he opened his 2024/2025 campaign with a 5 3/4-length victory in the Listed Al Garhoud Sprint in December, prior to Friday’s tally. **Cont. p8**



Like clockwork for Tuz in the Dubawi Stakes | Erika Rasmussen/DRC

**Pedigree Notes**

Tuz is one of two top-level scorers for Oxbow, the other GI Pennsylvania Derby winner Hot Rod Charlie, runner-up in the 2022 G1 Dubai World Cup. Overall, 2013 GI Preakness Stakes hero Oxbow has sired 17 stakes winners.

One of the best buys as a \$7,000 Keeneland September purchase by Oracle Bloodstock turned Meydan Group 1 winner, Tuz is the fifth foal out of the winner Suede Shoe (Pulpit). Her latest foal is a yearling filly by Caracaro. Second dam Grande Melody (Ire) (Grand Lodge) won the GII Dahlia Handicap. Influential matron Crystal Music (Nureyev), a winner of the G1 Meon Valley Stud Fillies' Mile and placed in a Classic, is under the fourth dam.

**Friday, Meydan, Middle East**

**DUBAWI STAKES (SPONSORED BY BINGHATTI DEVELOPERS)-**

**G3**, AED700,000, Meydan, 1-3, 3yo/up, 1200m, 1:10.34, ft.

1--**TUZ, 129, g, 8, by Oxbow**

**1st Dam: Suede Shoe, by Pulpit**

**2nd Dam: Grande Melody (Ire), by Grand Lodge**

**3rd Dam: Crystal Melody (GB), by Nureyev**

(\$7,000 Ylg '18 KEESEP). O-Dakki Stable; B-Calumet Farm (KY); T-Bhupat Seemar; J-Tadhg O'Shea. AED420,000. Lifetime Record: G1SW-UAE, 21-8-3-4, AED3,130,200. **Click for the free EquineLine.com catalogue-style pedigree. Werk Nick Rating: A+++.** \*Triple Plus\*. **Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.**

2--**Colour Up (Ire)**, 126, g, 7, Mehmas (Ire)--Tifariti, by Elusive Quality. (16,000gns 2yo '20 TATJUN). O-Sayed Hashish; B-Tally-Ho Stud (IRE); T-Doug Watson. AED140,000.

3--**Strobe**, 126, g, 6, Into Mischief--Flashing, by A.P. Indy. O-Rabbah Racing; B-Godolphin (KY); T-Simon & Ed Crisford. AED700,000.

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Margins: 5, 7, 3/4.

Also Ran: Eastern World (Ire), Rawy, Desperate Hero (GB).

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**Friday's Results:**

**UAE 2000 GUINEAS TRIAL SPONSORED BY KENTUCKY DERBY**

**(Cond.)**, AED300,000, Meydan, 1-3, NH/SH3yo, 1400m, 1:24.51, ft.

1--**GOLDEN VEKOMA, 121, c, 3, Vekoma--Sticks Wondergirl (SW, \$198,048), by Stevie Wonderboy.** (\$145,000 Ylg '23 KEESEP; \$90,000 2yo '24 OBSAPR). O-Mohammed Ahmad Ali

Al Subousi; B-Woods Edge Farm LLC (KY); T-Ahmed bin Harmash; J-Connor Beasley; AED180,000. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, \$53,761. \*1/2 to **Midshipman's Dance (Midshipman)**, SW, \$177,279.

**WOODS EDGE FARM GRADUATE**  
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2--**Nimble Boy**, 121, c, 3, **Upstart--Funfortheholidays**, by Harlan's Holiday. (\$32,000 Wlg '22 KEENOV). O-Krasnokutsky Brothers Partnership; B-Schultz Family Racing (KY); T-Bhupat Seemar; J-Tadhg O'Shea; AED60,000.

3--**Rammay**, 121, c, 3, Win Win Win--Just Like Lucy, by Majesticperfection. (\$250,000 Ylg '23 KEESEP). O-Sheikh Ahmed Bin Rashid Al Maktoum; B-Brereton C Jones (FL); T-Michael Costa; J-Ray Dawson; AED30,000.

**SIX K's TRAINING & SALES GRADUATE**

Margins: 2 1/4, 4 3/4, NK.

It's been a torrid beginning to 2025 for champion freshman sire Vekoma, who racked up yet another potentially important horse when Golden Vekoma ran out a good-looking winner of Friday's UAE 2000 Guineas Trial Sponsored by Kentucky Derby, a 1400-meter contest run under allowance conditions at Meydan.

Making his first start since finishing a distant third in a 1600-meter maiden Dec. 6, the bay colt broke running from a double-digit gate and parked right off the speed in a three-wide third, then dropped down into the two path when the pace-pressing Laafit (**Honest Mischief**) looked to take a bad step nearing the turn. Chasing the filly Arigatou Gozaimazu (**Honest Mischief**) into the final 600 meters, Golden Vekoma was sent into the lead by Connor Beasley in upper stretch and kept the gallop up to the line, accounting for the previously Russian-based Nimble Boy by 2 1/4 lengths. The previously unbeaten Rammay was third home. **Cont. p9**



Golden Vekoma | Erika Rasmussen/DRC

**UAE 2000 Guineas Trial Cont.**

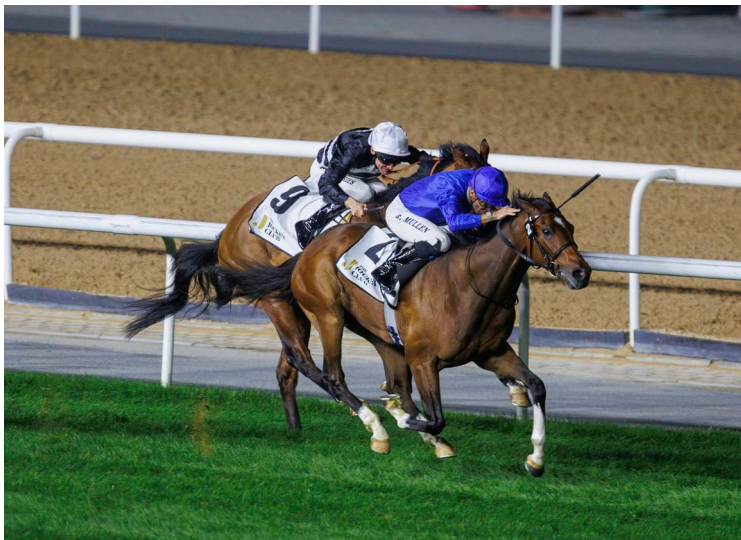
“He’s got everything--the class the looks,” said Beasley. “I was delighted when I was drawn wide [12] as 1400 metres is sharp enough for him. The key to him is that he was in a rhythm all the way tonight and going the mile or even further will be no problem.”

Golden Vekoma hails from a Bass family third dam that includes MGSW Goliad (**War Front**) and the stakes winners Dancing To Town (Speightstown) and Welcome Dance (Henny Hughes). Sticks Wondergirl did not produce a foal in 2023 or 2024 and was most recently bred to **Tiz the Law**. **VIDEO**.

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**7th-Meydan, Jumeirah Stakes Sponsored by The Jockey Club (Cond.),** 3yo, 1400mT, 1:22.34, gd.

**AGE OF GOLD (IRE) (g, 3, Frankel {GB}--Promised Money {Ire} {SW-Ire, SP-Eng}, by Dark Angel {Ire})** impressed in shedding maiden status at first asking at Yarmouth last May, but was a disappointing seventh as the 3-1 second favourite in the Listed Chesham Stakes at Royal Ascot June 22. Bouncing back to just miss in a valuable nursery handicap at York Aug. 22, he was last seen finishing down the field in the Listed Ascendant Stakes at Haydock Sept. 7. With William Buick electing to partner odds-on Hallasan (GB) (Pinatubo {Ire}), it was Richie Mullen who rode Age of Gold into a midfield berth, but without cover as Hallasan followed his move on the swing for home. Sticking his head in front with about 100 metres to race, Age of Gold managed to hold off a resurgent Hallasan to cause the minor upset. “On their homework Will’s horse had the measure of him, but sometimes they don’t show it on the track,” said Mullen. “He was freshened up out here. He’s a small horse and probably his early form will be his best. I wanted to keep it as uncomplicated as I could without going too wide.”



Age Of Gold | Erika Rasmussen/DRC

A €625,000 Goffs Orby yearling, Age of Gold is a brother to Fivethousandtoone (Ire), GSP-Eng, \$220,038; and a half to '**TDN Rising Star**' Salimah (Ire) (El Kabeir), SW, \$218,087, and is out of a half-sister to the stakes-winning Beldale Memory (Ire) (Camacho {GB}). Age of Gold is his dam's last listed produce. Sales history: €625,000 Ylg '23 GOFORB. Lifetime Record: 5-2-1-0, \$107,401. **VIDEO** O-Godolphin; B-Yeomanstown Stud; T-Charlie Appleby.

**POTENTIAL SABOTAGE? GOLD COAST MEETING SWITCHES TO SUNSHINE COAST**

While racecourses in Britain and Ireland battle the elements to keep racing going during the cold snap, officials Down Under have been dealing with a more unusual threat to the action on the track after it emerged that the Gold Coast meeting has been relocated to the Sunshine Coast after a 500-metre section of the track was found damaged on Friday.

Racing Queensland officials have sent samples for urgent testing to identify the cause and have not ruled out the possibility of foul play by anti-racing campaigners.

"Racing Queensland and the Gold Coast Turf Club are concerned about what has happened. We will continue to investigate, including sending samples to the laboratory to see what caused it," Racing Queensland chief executive Jason Scott told racenet.com.au.

The Magic Millions carnival is one of the most eagerly-anticipated meetings in Australia and the hope is that the track will be fit for purpose in time for the meeting next week.

Two senior jockeys are understood to have galloped on the Gold Coast course proper on Friday afternoon, with the Queensland Jockeys Association saying they "weren't 100 per cent happy" with the damaged section.

"The advice from turf experts was that next Saturday's Magic Millions meeting will be fine to proceed," Scott said. "They believe the track will be able to be fixed up."

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