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MATHIEU ALEX SAYS PUCHKINE CAN SATISFY FRENCH BREEDERS' NEED FOR PRECOCITY



Puchkine | *Katie Petrunyak*

Last year's Group 1 Prix Jean Prat winner Puchkine (Fr) has settled in well at Haras de Beaumont with the stud manager Mathieu Alex saying that, "everyone who has seen him, loves him."

Puchkine will provide something a little bit different for breeders in France and his fee has been set at €8,500.

The speedy son of Starspangledbanner (Aus) went unbeaten at two before confirming his progression into a top-notch three-year-old when taking out the Prix Jean Prat at Deauville.

It was after that Group 1 triumph when the Chehboub family bought a 50 per cent share in the colt, who joined Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe winner Ace Impact (Ire), Intello (Ger), Sealiway (Fr) and Stunning Spirit (GB) on the roster.

Alex said, "We bought into Puchkine straight after his Group 1 win. The Prix Jean Prat is quite a prestigious race, which has been won by Too Darn Hot (GB) and Pinatubo (Ire) in the past.

"Puchkine is a very good-looking horse. He's by Starspangledbanner, who obviously needs no introduction. And we also liked the fact that he was unbeaten as a two-year-old. He raced three times and won three times, including a very impressive five-length win on debut." Cont. p3

KING GEORGE TO BE RICHEST RACE EVER **STAGED AT ASCOT IN 2025**

Ascot Racecourse announced on Sunday that prize-money at the track will reach a record £17.75 million in 2025, with the G1 King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Stakes scheduled to be run for £1.5 million to make it the richest race ever staged at Ascot.

The King George, which was worth £1.25 million in 2024, will also become a 'Run For Free' race, with connections of all horses that run (except supplementary entries) refunded their entry fees in full.

Ruth Quinn, director of international racing and development at the British Horseracing Authority, said, "The King George is obviously a wonderfully iconic race and plays a vital role in the programme, particularly in terms of the ever-important middle-distance horse. Ascot's 'Run For Free' concept, especially for this extremely valuable prize, is an example of tremendous initiative and dynamic thinking." Cont. p4

IN TON AMERICA TODAY

FINALISTS ANNOUNCED FOR 2024 ECLIPSE AWARDS

The finalists for the 2024 Resolute Racing Eclipse Awards were revealed on Sunday, with Dornoch, Sierra Leone and Fierceness named in the Three-Year-Old Male category.



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Click the image to watch the TDN video on Puchkine (Fr) (Starspangledbanner {Aus}) ahead of his first season at Haras de Beaumont in 2025. | Katie Petrunyak

5 | FACTEUR CHEVAL READY FOR DUBAI RETURN

Facteur Cheval (Ire) (Ribchester {Ire}) pleased connections in his final bit of serious work at Cagnes-sur-Mer on Saturday, before an intended appearance in the G1 Al Maktoum Challenge at Meydan on Friday, January 24.

7 | KING CROWNED IN JAPAN

British-born jockey Rachel King was among the big winners in Japan on Sunday when guiding Sakura Toujours (Jpn) (Neo Universe {Jpn}) to victory in the G3 Sports Nippon Sho Kyoto Kimpai at Chukyo.

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"He's got a lot of things going for him and I think France does need the stallion that is able to produce fast and precocious horses," Alex added. "I think the career of a stallion at two is

very important. People are looking at it very closely. He raced from seven furlongs to a mile, quite versatile also as a three-year-old. But he was a really fast horse, a sprinter, and he won the Prix Jean Prat in a very good time. He was tough and genuine, always gave his best, and has a very good mind."

All told, Puchkine ran eight times for Jean-Claude Rouget and won four of those starts. He amassed close to €300,000 in prize-money and, in that Prix Jean Prat win, he had the likes of

French 1,000 Guineas runner-up Kathmandu (Ire), Beauvatier (Fr) and Vespertillio (Fr) behind.

A half-brother to Listed performer Slevka (Fr) (Shalaa {Ire}), Puchkine is the fourth foal out of the unraced So You Think (NZ) mare Vadyska (Ire), herself a half-sister to German Listed winner Romina Power (Fr). She hails from the family of G1 Fillies' Mile winner Lyric Of Light (GB) (Street Cry {Ire}).

One thing is for sure, Puchkine won't lack support in his debut

season at stud. His breeder Alain Jathiere along with Gerard

much the star attraction at the stud and the excitement is building for his first foals in 2025.

There is also great anticipation

Augustin-Normand remain involved in his ownership and are understood to be planning on sending him mares this year. Puchkine's addition to the roster is another reminder of the massive strides that Haras de Beaumont has made in just a short space of time. Arc hero Ace Impact is very

building about Sealiway, whose first yearlings will hit the market in the autumn, with Alex describing the British Champion Stakes winner as "a very important horse" for the farm.

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66 First impressions... when I saw him move, I thought for sure this would have been a \$2m yearling! A great mover. He has real quality, a lovely colour, well balanced and a very good hind leg. He seems to have a lovely mind, and he looked fantastic. He is by Dubawi a great sire but you still feel quite a bit of Galileo about him too. I really, really like him. "

LAURENT BENOIT, BROADHURST AGENCY

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Puchkine winning the Prix Jean Prat | Scoop Dyga

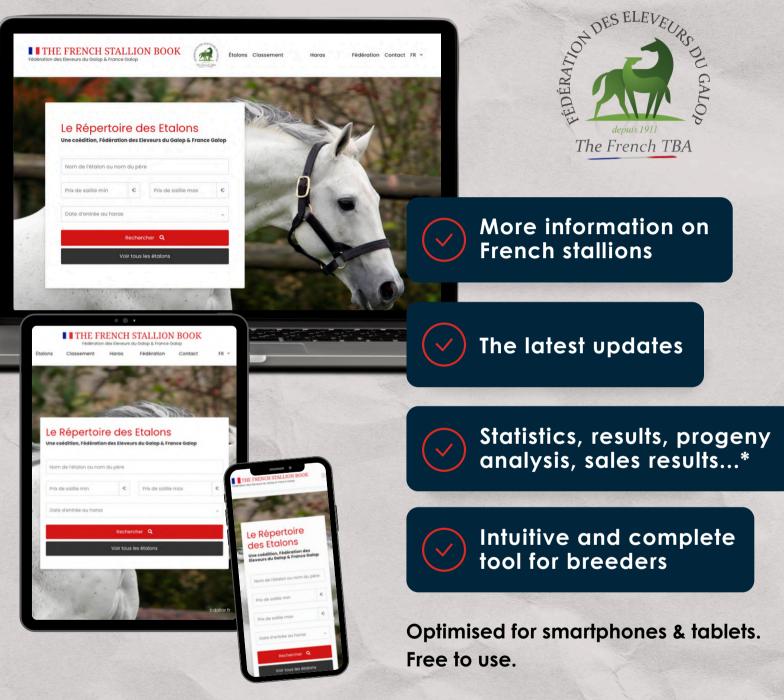
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Puchkine cont.

He concluded, "You know, Haras de Beaumont is a young operation, but 2024 and 2025 are very exciting years. In 2024, we saw Ace Impact joining the team and he covered 180 mares, including 115 black-type or black type producers. So he had a very good year in year one and received great support from all over the world. He is obviously a very exciting horse to have here.

"We also had the first foals born by Sealiway in 2024. Sealiway is a very important horse to the farm as we bought him as a yearling. He raced for the team and now, being a stallion, he's a dual Group 1 winner. He won the Prix Jean-Luc Lagardere very impressively and won the Champions Stakes at Ascot at three so it's exciting."

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EUROPEAN NEWS

Ascot prize-money cont. from p1

"The £1.5m prize fund, particularly against the backdrop of increasing international competition to entice high-quality runners, is extremely welcome news," Quinn continued. "The ability for owners to have entry stakes returned, and therefore be able to compete in this great race for free, shows welcome enterprise and should help to increase the attractiveness of lining up in this event."

The £17.75 million on offer at Ascot in 2025 excludes the industry-owned QIPCO British Champions Day (£4.1 million in 2024). Of that figure, £10 million will be up for grabs at Royal Ascot alone, with no race run for less than £110,000 and all Group 1 races worth a minimum of £650,000.

Other race condition changes in 2025 will see the early closing entry requirements for the four Group 2 races at Royal Ascot that currently close in April removed. These are the Ribblesdale Stakes, King Edward VII Stakes, Duke of Cambridge Stakes and Hardwicke Stakes.

The combined effect of the prize-money increases and race condition changes will see Ascot's executive contribution to prize-money increase from $\mathfrak{L}9.4m$ in 2024 to a budgeted $\mathfrak{L}10.1m$ in 2025.

Nick Smith, director of racing and public affairs at Ascot Racecourse, said, "We have been thinking about the concept of 'Run For Free' for the King George for some time as a mechanism for incentivising runners at decision-making time, as there are other alternatives lower down the Pattern and overseas." Cont. p5





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Ascot prize-money cont.

"Field sizes are very important, especially in the World Pool era, and we hope that connections of horses that aren't at the top of the betting might see this as a good reason to go for the big target, especially with record prize-money on offer," Smith added.

"The four races with historical early closing at the Royal Meeting will now close at the five-day stage, giving connections more time to identify the right horses for these races, with the Epsom Classics, Coronation Cup and such like behind them.

"Once again, we are ensuring that no race at Ascot will be run for less than the previous year."

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FACTEUR CHEVAL SHINES IN RACECOURSE GALLOP AHEAD OF MEYDAN RETURN

Facteur Cheval (Ire) (Ribchester {Ire}) pleased his connections in his final bit of serious work at Cagnes-sur-Mer on Saturday, before an intended appearance in the G1 Al Maktoum Challenge at Meydan on Friday, January 24.

Trained by Jerome Reynier for Team Valor International and Gary Barber, Facteur Cheval is no stranger to Meydan, having made the breakthrough at the top level when winning the \$5-million Dubai Turf back in March. He was last seen filling the runner-up spot in the G1 Queen Elizabeth II Stakes at Ascot, pushing the outstanding miler Charyn (Ire) (Dark Angel (Ire)) all the way to the line.

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Facteur Cheval pictured after Saturday's gallop at Cagnes-sur-Mer

Facteur Cheval cont.

The six-year-old now has a return to Dubai on his agenda after putting the finishing touches to his preparation at Cagnes-sur-Mer, with his connections keen to test him on dirt before deciding on his future targets in the Middle East.

"He was never off the bridle, yet he delivered some speedy internal splits, including 600 metres in less than 34 seconds," said Reynier. "He dipped under 11 seconds for one furlong at his fastest, which is moving right along in a workout.

"If he takes to the dirt it opens up opportunities such as the Dubai and Saudi Cups. If he fails to handle the dirt, then he will defend his Dubai Turf title in late March."

It was also confirmed on Saturday that Mickael Barzalona, who has ridden Facteur Cheval previously, will take the mount when the six-year-old returns to action in the Al Maktoum Challenge.

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ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Si Seulement (Fr), f, 3, Hello Youmzain (Fr)--Si Un Jour (Ire), by Invincible Spirit (Ire). Pornichet-La Baule, 1-5, 10 1/2f (AWT), 2:17.41. B-Gestut Zur Kuste AG (FR).

Gabylou (Fr), g, 3, **Madhmoon (Ire)**--Siyougirl (GB), by Siyouni (Fr). Pornichet-La Baule, 1-5, 10 1/2f (AWT), 2:13.25. B-Ecurie R.E. (FR).

At No Time (GB), f, 4, Galileo (Ire)--Lucky Kristale (GB) (MGSW-Eng, \$288,793), by Lucky Story. Pornichet-La Baule, 1-5, 10 1/2f (AWT), 2:12.28. B-Juddmonte Farms (East) Ltd (GB). *200,000gns 3yo '24 TATMAR. **1/2 to Bravais (GB) (Frankel {GB}), GSP-Fr.

Heart Of A Warrior (Fr), g, 4, Gleneagles (Ire)--Nimbin (GB), by Champs Elysees (GB). Pornichet-La Baule, 1-5, 15 1/2f (AWT), 3:26.11. B-Team Hogdala France (FR). *1/2 to Sa'ad (Fr) (Tamayuz {GB}), SP-Fr.

WORLDWIDE NEWS

Sunday, Nakayama, Japan

NIKKAN SPORTS SHO NAKAYAMA KIMPAI-G3, ¥82,700,000,

Nakayama, 1-5, 4yo/up, 2000mT, 1:58.10, fm.

1--AL NASEEM (JPN), 128, h, 6, by Maurice (Jpn)

1st Dam: Jebel Ali (Jpn), by Deep Impact (Jpn)

2nd Dam: Dubai Majesty, by Essence of Dubai

3rd Dam: Great Majesty, by Great Above

(¥24,000,000 Ylg '20 JRHJUL). O-Lion Race Horse; B-Northern Farm (Jpn); T-Shinsuke Hashiguchi; J-Yusuke Fujioka; ¥43,630,000. Lifetime Record: 23-7-2-0, ¥205,272,000.

Werk Nick Rating: A+++ *Triple Plus*. Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree. Click for the free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree.

- 2--Meiner Mond (Jpn), 121, h, 5, Gold Ship (Jpn)--Gekkako (Jpn), by Roses in May. **1ST BLACK TYPE**. **1ST GROUP BLACK TYPE**. O-Thoroughbred Club Ruffian; B-Big Red Farm (Jpn); ¥17,180,000.
- 3--Born This Way (Jpn), 126, h, 6, Heart's Cry (Jpn)--Windhuk (Ger), by Platini (Ger). (¥36,000,000 Ylg '20 JRHJUL). O-Osamu Hirata; B-Shadai Farm (Jpn); ¥11,090,000.

Margins: 1 1/4, 1, HF. Odds: 8.40, 10.20, 16.50.

Also Ran: Christmas Parade (Jpn), Galaxy Knight (Jpn), Parallel Vision (Jpn), Shonan Addeybb (Jpn), Air Fanditha, Ho O Biscuits (Jpn), Lagulf (Jpn), Seiun Platina (Jpn), Shinryokuka (Jpn), Karate (Jpn), J Palms (Jpn), Licancabur (Jpn), Admire Virgo (Jpn), Dios Valiente (Jpn), Curren Strauss (Jpn). Click for the JRA chart & video.



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Sunday, Chukyo, Japan SPORTS NIPPON SHO KYOTO KIMPAI-G3, ¥82,640,000, Chukyo, 1-5, 4yo/up, 1600mT, 1:33.50, fm.

1--SAKURA TOUJOURS (JPN), 128, g, 8, by Neo Universe (Jpn)
1st Dam: Sakura Reine (Jpn), by Symboli Kris S
2nd Dam: Sedan Forever (Jpn), by Maruzensky (Jpn)
3rd Dam: Sakura Sedan (Jpn), by Sedan (Fr)

O-Sakura Commerce; B-Tanioka Farm (Jpn); T-Noriyuki Hori; J-Rachel King; ¥43,588,000. Lifetime Record: 26-7-7-1, ¥209,516,000. Werk Nick Rating: A+++ *Triple Plus*.

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- 2--Water Licht (Jpn), 126, c, 4, Drefong--Water Peony (Jpn), by Victoire Pisa (Jpn). O-Masato Yamaoka; B-Fushikida Farm (Jpn); ¥17,168,000.
- 3--**Logi Leon (Jpn)**, 126, c, 4, Leontes (Jpn)--B B Barrel (Jpn), by Pyro. (¥37,000,000 Ylg '22 JRHJUL). O-Masaaki Kumeta; B-Bando Farm (Jpn); ¥11,084,000.

Margins: NK, NK, 1. Odds: 12.00, 6.90, 5.20.

Also Ran: Theo (Jpn), Ask Konnamonda (Jpn), Shadow Fury (Jpn), Schwarz Kaiser (Ire), Matenro Orion (Jpn), Corepetiteur (Jpn), Meisho Titan (Jpn), Doe Eyes (Jpn), Orchid Romance (Jpn), Selberg (Jpn), Feel Sympathy (Jpn), Golden Syrup (Ire), Kona Coast (Jpn). Click for the JRA chart & video.



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DORNOCH, SIERRA LEONE AND THORPEDO ANNA AMONG 2024 ECLIPSE FINALISTS



Eclipse Award | *Horsephotos*

Dornoch (Good Magic), Sierra Leone (Gun Runner) and Fierceness (City of Light) in the Three-Year-Old Male category in addition to Thorpedo Anna (Fast Anna) who highlights the division for sophomore fillies were among the finalists for the 2024 Resolute Racing Eclipse Awards, recognizing excellence through the past year in Thoroughbred racing, the National Thoroughbred Racing Associaiton (NTRA) said in a Sunday release.

Winners in 17 horse and human categories will be announced on FanDuel TV, and other outlets, during the ceremony, presented by John Deere, Keeneland, and The Jockey Club, on Thursday, Jan. 23 at 7:30 p.m. ET. The evening will culminate with the announcement of the 2024 Horse of the Year.

Of the 240 eligible voters represented by the NTRA, consisting of racetrack racing officials and Equibase field personnel, the NTWAB, and Daily Racing Form, 208 (87%) took part in the voting. Finalists were determined in each category by voters' top three selections, using a 10-5-1 point basis. Eclipse Award winners are determined solely by first-place votes.

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BARNES BANDWAGON IS APPROACHING CAPACITY - CARE TO HOP ABOARD 'RISING STAR' RODRIGUEZ INSTEAD? by T.D. Thornton

The Week in Review

The bandwagon for Barnes was already pretty crowded heading into Saturday's GII San Vicente S. at Santa Anita. It now may be next to impossible to find a standing-room-only spot after the Bob Baffert-trained son of Into Mischief uncorked a crusher of a performance that left four rivals reeling in his 5 1/2-length wake. I have no idea if the two sprint victories at the root of this \$3.2 million FTSAUG colt's foundation will blossom into a blanket of roses on the first Saturday in May. I am pretty certain, though, that Barnes stands a chance at being the most highly hyped GI Kentucky Derby prospect ever. Cont. p4

IN TON EUROPE TODAY

PUCHKINE JOINS GROWING BEAUMONT ROSTER

The TDN Europe team caught up with Mathieu Alex, Haras de Beaumont's stud manager, to discuss all things **Puchkine (Fr)** ahead of his first season at the stud in 2025.



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TODAY in the





When the snow is cleared and you're back in downtown Lexington, Kentucky, keep your eyes peeled for an interactive public art display called Hidden Horses. Equine artists and farms partnered for this project, which showcases horse sculptures such as "Maji Mazuri" (Swahili for "Good Waters") by Kiptoo Tarus and WinStar Farm, pictured above. | Erika Williams

6 COAL BATTLE MAKES CASE OR DERBY CINDERELLA STORY

Dark horse Coal Battle (Coal Front) puts himself in the picture for this season's Kentucky Derby with a victory in last weekend's Smarty Jones Stakes at Oaklawn.

7 | WAR ENVOY HIGHLIGHTS THE VULNERABILITY OF EX-BREEDING STOCK

Former Royal Ascot winner and stallion War Envoy was among horses rescued by the Kentucky Humane Society. Dan Ross sheds light on the vulnerability of even accomplished horses following their careers on the track or in the breeding shed.

10 | BAFFERT MAPS OUT TEAM PLANS

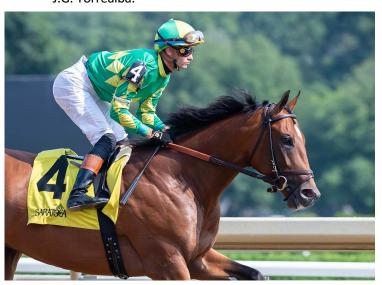
Bob Baffert offers a rundown of plans for last Saturday's winners at Santa Anita, including Barnes (Into Mischief) and TDN Rising Star Rodriguez (Authentic).



Eclipse finalists cont. from p1

The 2024 Eclipse Awards Finalists, with the exception of Horse of the Year, (in alphabetical order) are:

- <u>Two-Year-Old Male</u>: Chancer McPatrick (McKinzie),
 Citizen Bull (Into Mischief), Gaming (Game Winner)
- <u>Two-Year-Old Filly</u>: Good Cheer (Medaglia d'Oro),
 Immersive (Nyquist), Lake Victoria (Ire) (Frankel {GB})
- <u>Three-Year-Old Male</u>: Dornoch (Good Magic),
 Fierceness (City of Light), Sierra Leone (Gun Runner)
- <u>Three-Year-Old Filly</u>: Cinderella's Dream (GB)
 (Shamardal), She Feels Pretty (Karakontie {Jpn}),
 Thorpedo Anna (Fast Anna)
- Older Dirt Male: Full Serrano (Arg) (Full Mast),
- National Treasure (Quality Road), Straight No Chaser (Speightster)
- Older Dirt Female: Adare Manor (Uncle Mo),
- Idiomatic (Curlin), Raging Sea (Curlin)
- Male Sprinter: Cogburn (Not This Time), Straight No Chaser, The Chosen Vron (Vronsky)
- <u>Female Sprinter</u>: Society (Gun Runner), Soul of an Angel (Atreides), Ways and Means (Practical Joke)
- <u>Male Turf Horse</u>: Carl Spackler (Ire) (Lope de Vega {Ire}), Johannes (Nyquist), Rebel's Romance (Ire) (Dubawi {Ire})
- <u>Female Turf Horse</u>: Cinderella's Dream (GB), Moira (Ghostzapper), She Feels Pretty (Karakontie {Jpn})
- <u>Steeplechase Horse</u>: Carloun (Ire) (Kingman {GB}),
 L'Imperator (Fr) (Holy Roman Emperor {Ire}),
- Snap Decision (Hard Spun)
- Owner: Godolphin LLC, Juddmonte, Klaravich Stables
- Breeder: Calumet Farm, Godolphin, Judy Hicks
- Trainer: Chad Brown, Brad Cox, Kenny McPeek
- **Jockey**: Tyler Gaffalione, Irad Ortiz Jr., Flavien Prat
- <u>Apprentice Jockey</u>: Erik Asmussen, Gabriel Maldonado, J.G. Torrealba.



Juvenile finalist Chancer McPatrick | Sarah Andrew

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Eclipse Awards votes are cast by the NTWAB, the NTRA, and Daily Racing Form. The ceremony is produced by the NTRA.

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Week In Review, cont. from p1

The benchmark for pre-Derby exuberance—in my lifetime, at least—has always been Arazi, the compact chestnut with the jagged white blaze from France who blasted into contention by obliterating the field in the 1991 GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile.

Returning overseas for the winter while out of the American public's view only added to the colt's outsized mystique, and even though it was well-reported that Arazi had undergone arthroscopic surgery in Kentucky to remove bone spurs on both knees four days after the Breeders' Cup, his Derby price dipped to as low as 8-5 at some Las Vegas bookmakers in the era before pari-mutuel futures betting.

After only one prep race in France 25 days before the '92 Derby, Arazi started as the 9-10 favorite on race day. Unwinding with authority from the back of the pack, he ranged up to challenge the leaders off the far turn, then suddenly had nothing left to give. Backpedaling to eighth through the stretch, Arazi weakened behind 16-1 upsetter Lil E. Tee. He won only one more Group 2 race in France later in the year before returning to the States to finish his career 11th as the 3-2 beaten favorite in the GI Breeders' Cup Mile.



Make no mistake, Barnes's talent and untapped potential are there. But what will really stoke his fire of fancy into a full-blown conflagration over the next 120 days is the unavoidable narrative that figures to dominate headlines leading up to the first leg of the Triple Crown on May 3.

The gaming corporation that owns Churchill Downs had barred Baffert in June 2021 because of a string of drug positives in horses Baffert trained, including two in Churchill's most prominent races, the 2020 GI Kentucky Oaks and the 2021 Derby. The colt who tested positive and was disqualified for an overage of betamethasone in that 2021 Derby, Medina Spirit, was owned by Amr Zedan, who has spared no expense in trying to win the Derby in the first year that his main trainer has become re-eligible to compete in it.

Barnes, who is named after the Hall-of-Fame trainer's longtime assistant, Jimmy Barnes, was hand-picked to be Baffert's first starter at Churchill after the corporate ban was lifted earlier this year.

When the colt scored a head victory sprinting 5 1/2 furlongs in Louisville on Thanksgiving Eve, his price subsequently plummeted in that weekend's Derby Future Wager.

Even though he had only raced once in a short sprint, the 13-1 odds on Barnes represented the lowest mutuel on any of the 38 individual horses in Pool 2.



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Dubai Gold Cup	2	SH 3Y0+ & NH 4Y0+	3,200m	Turf	1,000,000
Godolphin Mile	2	SH 3Y0+ & NH 4Y0+	1,600m	Dirt	1,000,000
Dubai Kahayla Classic (PA)	1	5YO+	2,000m	Dirt	1,000,000



TDN Rising Star Rodriguez | Benoit

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And that price could be halved when betting opens for Pool 3 on Jan. 17.

That's a prohibitively low potential return for a prospect who won't have raced two turns prior to locking in those odds, with the Derby itself still some four months away.

Then again, Barnes certainly looks the part of a colt who might relish longer distances based on the assertive way he splintered the San Vicente field, earning a 94 Beyer Speed Figure, up from 87 in his debut.

He menacingly forced the issue through legit quarter-mile splits (:22.65, :22.45 and :24.50), then bounded home solo through the stretch in a :12.55 final furlong (:35.50 for his final three-eighths) for a seven-furlong clocking of 1:22.15.

"He was aggressive down the backside but he's still learning how to run," jockey Juan Hernandez said after scoring his third consecutive renewal of the San Vicente. "I like him because around the guarter pole he got off the bridle and was kind of looking around a little bit. But when I corrected him, he came back to me. I was really surprised how he finished today."

Baffert said post-win Saturday that Barnes shares physical resemblances with his maternal grandsire, American Pharoah, whom Baffert trained to Triple Crown stardom in 2015.

Such comparisons, repeated often enough over the next 17 weeks, will only further inflate this colt's can't-miss aura, contributing to even more imbalances in the futures betting.

Baffert doesn't generally make public which Derby preps he's aiming for this far in advance, but his go-to races for elite-level sophomores are usually the stakes at Santa Anita and Oaklawn. It's likely he'll pick one race at 1 1/16 miles and another at nine furlongs for Barnes prior to the Derby.

Another part of the reason why Barnes stands out so much at this early stage of the season is his relative lack of competition.

We're still a month away from the first major Derby prep race on the influential Florida circuit, and the colt who figures to bring home the Eclipse Award hardware as champion 2-year-old male, the Breeders' Cup Juvenile winner, Citizen Bull (a Barnes stablemate who is also by Into Mischief), isn't expected to start until at least the Feb. 1 GIII Robert B. Lewis S. at Santa Anita.

Since mid-December, the last five points-awarding qualifying stakes for the Derby have lured fields of just five, six, seven, five and five, meaning little fresh talent has been pushed through the pipeline.

Beyond the five-horse San Vicente, none of those preps are likely to yield contenders on this season's first TDN Derby Top 12 rankings, which will be published in Tuesday's edition.

It's not outside the realm of possibility that we did indeed see the Derby winner Jan. 4 at Santa Anita. But it might not be a colt who competed in the San Vicente S.

Barnes's big win obscured some of the attention that might have otherwise been paid to yet another Baffert-trained sophomore, Rodriguez (Authentic), who, an hour and a half prior to the San Vicente, orchestrated a polished and professional wiring of a one-mile maiden special weight field.

Rodriguez, the 1-2 favorite in his second lifetime start, earned 'TDN Rising Star' status shortly after crossing the finish wire seven lengths in front of a McKinzie-sired runner-up named Baeza, who is a half-brother to '23 Derby winner Mage and '24 GI Belmont S. victor Dornoch.

In his first lifetime start, a 6 1/2-furlong sprint at Del Mar Nov. 23, Rodriguez ran second behind Romanesque (Practical Joke)-still another Baffert-trained sophomore--who followed up his own maiden win by finishing second behind Barnes in the San Vicente.

Rodriguez (\$485,000 KEESEP) is a relatively late (May 20) foal owned by the partnership of SF Racing, Starlight Racing, Madaket Stables, Stonestreet Stables, Dianne Bashor, Determined Stables, Robert E. Masterson, Tom J. Ryan, Waves Edge Capital, and Catherine Donovan.

Rodriguez is a half-brother to One Liner, who started his career 3-for-3 out of trainer Todd Pletcher's barn in 2016-17, including a 103-Beyer win in the GIII Southwest S. at Oaklawn before being sidelined off the Derby trail.

The 1:35.91 final time for Rodriguez ended up being .24 seconds faster than a good group of older allowance/optional claiming horses covered the same distance later on Saturday afternoon at Santa Anita.

Rodriguez's winning maiden effort at a mile equated to a 93 on the Beyer scale, 14 points higher than his second-place sprint debut and one point below the seven-furlong San Vicente number turned in by Barnes.

COAL BATTLE MAKES CASE FOR DERBY CINDERELLA STORY; MARAGH ENJOYING GULFSTREAM RETURN



Coal Battle | Coady Media

by Bill Finley

Prep season for the GI Kentucky Derby is still in its earliest stages, but a couple of races over the weekend gave us some things to get excited about. It appears, in GII San Vicente Stakes winner **Barnes** (Into Mischief), we have an early Derby favorite that could give Bob Baffert his first official Derby win since Authentic (Into Mischief) in 2020 in what would be his return to America's most famous race after the Churchill ban. Sold for \$3.2 million at Fasig-Tipton Saratoga, this could be a special horse.

But we also have this year's dark horse, the type of underdog everyone can get behind, a modestly bred 3-year-old named **Coal Battle** (Coal Front) who is trained by Lonnie Briley. He won Saturday's Smarty Jones Stakes at Oaklawn, beating horses trained by Peter Miller, Wayne Lukas and Brad Cox. For Briley, a soft-spoken 72-year-old trainer from Louisiana, it was the biggest win of a career that started in 1988. Prior to that, he was the long-time farm manager for the late John Franks.

Since going out in his own in 1988, Briley, who races primarily at Evangeline Downs, Delta Downs and Fair Grounds, has won 338 races, but he's yet to win his first graded stakes race. The Smarty Jones is a listed race.

Nonetheless, he had no reason to be believe he'd come as far as he has when he picked Coal Battle, a Kentucky bred, out of the 2023 Texas Thoroughbred Association Yearling Sales, paying just \$70,000. The sire, Coal Front, stands for just \$2,000.

Coal Battle debuted July 25 at Evangeline, winning a \$31,000 maiden special weight race by 3 1/2 lengths with Juan Vargas aboard. There was nothing particularly special about the performance.

He covered the 5 1/2 furlongs in :59.40 seconds and the Beyer figure was a modest 55. Briley then made the decision to run Coal Battle in successive grass races, which didn't work out.

He went back to the dirt, and the results were back-to-back wins in the Jean Laffite Stakes at Delta and the Springboard Mile Stakes at Remington Park.

"It's been fun and exciting," Briley said. "The horse is sound and he keeps getting better and better as we have kept running him. He's been at six different racetracks in four different states. He ran a little different Saturday, going to the lead. We had been taking him off the pace, but the fractions were so slow the rider just kind of went with him. He had his head bowed all the way around and he just kind of galloped down the stretch. He's a neat little horse. At the Springboard Mile he was looking at the grandstand and was kind of running sideways. At Delta Downs, he was looking at the gate in the infield and running sideways there. Yesterday, nothing bothered him so it seems like he has matured and is getting better and better."

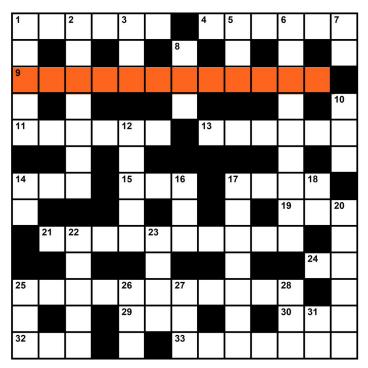
The \$250,000 Smarty Jones was clearly the best race of his career. He went to the lead right from the start, but a challenge emerged when race favorite **Kale's Angel** (Complexity) came to him at the head of the stretch. But Coal Battle sprinted away from him to win comfortably, by four lengths.

Briley said the Feb. 22 GII Rebel at Oaklawn is probably next for his colt.

Then there's the jockey. Vargas has been riding in the U.S. since 2008 and is a regular in southern Louisiana. He's a had a bit more success than Briley, having won three graded stakes, but not much more. Prior to coming to the U.S., he rode in Argentina and his native Peru. Briley took him off Coal Battle for a race at Kentucky Downs and another at Keeneland. But he got the mount back for the Jean Laffite and is now 3-for-3 on the horse.



Lonnie Briley and Juan Vargas in the Oaklawn winner's circle Coady Media



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- 1 "____ Race" race that is rated according to the strength of the race in comparison with other races
- 4 Flavien Prat, for example
- **9** Sire of the most individual dirt winners in Breeders' Cup history with seven, 2 words
- 11 ____ conditions describe the firmness or softness of the track
- **13** Give a horse a workout conducted at high speeds to assess its performance potential
- **14** Horse with a reddish brown body and black points on its mane, tail, ear edges and lower legs
- 15 007 creator, Fleming
- 17 ____ pony: one that offers support and comfort to racehorses as they travel to and from the racetrack
- **19** Major American television network that covers Thoroughbred horse races
- 21 Jockey known as the "Danica Patrick of horse racing", Chantale _____
- 24 Informal term for father
- 25 G1 Dubai World cup winner and rated #1 in the world in 2021, 2 words
- 29 When repeated, a Latin dance
- 30 Coffee holder
- **32** ____ Day: four time winner of the Eclipse Award for Outstanding Jockey
- 33 One of Chris McGrath's picks of Kentucky Value Sires for 2025

DOWN

- 1 Condition of a racing surface
- **2** Champion Thoroughbred horse jockey who won the national riding title as an apprentice in his first full year of racing, _____ DeSpirito
- **3** Colonnade tree
- **5** Expression of surprise
- 6 Thoroughbred auction house in Kentucky
- 7 Year, for short
- 8 Land of opportunity
- 10 Wager
- 12 Horse sound
- 14 Win a length
- 16 'easter
- 17 Ahead of the rest of the field
- **18** Unit of sound intensity, abbr.
- **20** Graphical representations of a horse's history and performance
- 22 Unexpected result in a race
- 23 Engrave
- 25 Navigator's need
- 26 Extremely cold
- 27 Young lady
- 28 Prefix with center
- **31** __ fire (playing really well)

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"I went to the Jean Laffite and put Vargas back on and he won," Briley said. "I just kept him on him. He likes the horse and gets along with him and knows horse. Why not ride him?"

Somewhere down the line and if he stays healthy, Coal Battle may have to face Barnes. That would be guite the David vs. Goliath story. After selling for \$3.2 million to owner Amr Zedan, Barnes made his debut at Churchill Nov. 27. He was the first horse Baffert was able to run at Churchill since they rescinded the ban that stemmed from the betamethasone positive with Medina Spirit (Protonico) from the 2021 Derby. He was able to win at first asking, but didn't necessarily live up to the hype. He had to fight to win by a head and got a Beyer figure of 84.

He was much better in the San Vicente. Facing off against the highly regarded GIII Bob Hope Stakes winner Bullard (Gun Runner), Barnes turned the San Vicente into a one-horse race. He won by 5 1/2 lengths over stablemate Romanesque (Practical Joke). Bullard, a 'TDN Rising Star' was third.

"I knew he would run well," Baffert told the Santa Anita notes team. "I was watching [Jockey] Juan [Hernandez], he knows the horse well, and he said he was a little green. But everyone who has worked him says he has another gear. They are all a little green. The second out is the most important for all these horses."

The other 3-year-old winners Saturday were Cyclone State (McKinzie) in the Jerome Stakes at Aqueduct and Guns Loaded (Gun Runner) in the Mucho Macho Man Stakes at Gulfstream Park. Both ran well and should be heard from again. But the plucky horse out of Louisiana and the colt that cost \$3.2 million, it was their weekend.

Rajiv Maragh Has Lofty Goals

Rajiv Maragh picked up his third winner since he launched his comeback in October, winning Saturday's seventh at Gulfstream aboard Valentine Bug (Dramedy).



Rajiv Maragh back at Gulfstream riding | Ryan Thompson

After being away from the sport for 2 1/2 years while he explored opportunities in the technology field, he knew it would not be easy to win a lot of races in Hallandale, where the riding colony is arguably the best in the country, upon his comeback. But Maragh said he is not the least bit discouraged and has set some very lofty goals for himself. He believes he can win an Eclipse Award before he is done.

"My biggest dream as a jockey is to win an Eclipse Award," he said. "That is my overarching goal. In the short-term, I would like to be riding in the higher quality races, the elite races. Within the next five years I'd like to be traveling around riding in all the premier races. Not only domestically, but internationally. I want to get prime opportunities. That's the stage where I want to see myself riding, in races like the Pegasus and the Saudi Cup.

"I feel like the first phase is just going back to the basics and showing people the value proposition of riding me," Maragh said. "Whenever I ride a horse, I want the owner and trainer to believe they have achieved their optimal position. That's what I think it all comes down to. That's what I am focusing on right now. If the horse is expected to win or is a longshot, I'd like the owner and trainer to think I might have over achieved. I finished third but I should have been fourth. By riding me they got a better placing."

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WAR ENVOY STORY HIGHLIGHTS THE **VULNERABILITY OF EX-BREEDING STOCK**

By Dan Ross

It was the Christmas present the horses involved didn't deserve, and one that horse racing didn't need.

Last month, the Kentucky Humane Society's Equine CARE program rescued 13 horses from a Franklin County farm, including War Envoy, a former stallion and Royal Ascot winner. The news soared around social media and made it onto international news pages Christmas week.

"Former Irish-trained one-time champion racehorse found 'starving in a cold mud pen waiting to die' in the US," wrote The Irish News.

"Ex-Aidan O'Brien Royal Ascot winner rescued in US from 'cold mud pen waiting to die," wrote British newspaper, The Mirror.

Some of the horses were in a pitiful state. According to Olivia Dixon, equine manager for the Kentucky Humane Society, the rented residence wasn't set up for housing that many horses, with little to no shelter in the harsh winter. The horses were fed negligible amounts of hay, she said. One horse was found eating its own feces.

Another of the horses rescued--a thrice-raced now 3-year-old colt called Mischief Humor--probably wouldn't have lasted long without swift intervention, said Dixon.



War Envoy | Sarah Andrew

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"All the stallions were thin, but he was so critical," said Dixon.
"He got down at our facility a little over a week after he came to
us. He's at Rood and Riddle Equine Hospital right now being
lifted with a lift because sometimes digesting food after they
come into care takes a lot of energy."

What the case highlights, however, are several common features of a familiar problem. One spans the cult of celebrity. More to the point-the bigger the rescued star, the more likely they are to be rehomed.

War Envoy was one of six Thoroughbreds rescued from the farm. They include Handsome Todd, a now 7-year-old colt who raced three times last year, and 8-year-old mare Primela, who last ran at Tampa Bay in early 2020, after being sold at the 2019 Keeneland November Breeding Stock sale for \$8,000.

The Kentucky Humane Society has received several offers to adopt War Envoy, including from Mick Ruis, who raced the colt and stood him as a stallion. Ruis had also offered to adopt back another of the horses rescued from the farm-a 3-year-old filly he bred called Specific Vow.

And while several people have expressed possible interest in some of the other horses, said Dixon, "in my experience with the exception of horses with notable accomplishments like War Envoy, some people want the horse soon after it's rescued but fewer people still want the horse after it's been brought up to weight and healthy, [and] evaluated later."

Another feature of the case is a glaring vulnerability in horse racing's approach to Thoroughbred aftercare: What happens to the countless broodmares and stallions no longer wanted in the breeding shed?

"If you ask someone what they're doing with their retired racehorse coming off the track, they usually have an answer," said Anna Ford, Thoroughbred program director for New Vocations, the nation's largest racehorse adoption program.

"The next step is, what do we do with our retired breeding stock?" Ford added. "What are you going to do with your retired broodmares? Or your retired stallions?"

War Envoy initially competed under the Aidan O'Brien banner for two seasons, during which time he routinely raced at the top table. In his stateside career, War Envoy made three starts for Wesley Ward before he was sold for \$150,000 at the 2016 Fasig-Tipton Summer Selected Horses of Racing Age Sale and subsequently raced for owner-trainer Mick Ruis.

Ruis stood War Envoy first in California and then in Pennsylvania. According to The Jockey Club, War Envoy's last active year as a stallion was in 2019, when he covered seven mares.

According to Ruis, he kept War Envoy at his Wen-Mick farm in Kentucky when his career as a stallion was over. Ruis put the farm up for sale and was going to take War Envoy to his property in Montana.

According to Ruis, an employee at the farm said a brother of a groom who worked for Jose DeLima wanted War Envoy for breeding purposes. DeLima has trained for Ruis.

"We thought he was at a good home when we gave him away," said Ruis. His farm sold in early September. Ruis is unsure when War Envoy adopted out, but he said he didn't know about what happened "until it came out on Twitter."

War Envoy remains under the Kentucky Humane Society's care while he undergoes treatment for malnutrition.

Ruis provided the TDN with the name and address of the person who adopted War Envoy. According to Dixon, they don't match the details of the actual rescue, though she was unable to offer more details as it's an open criminal investigation. What this disconnect highlights, however, is yet another all-too-common feature of horse racing's aftercare problem-the way in which horses can change hands with little to no paper trail or system of notification.



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Indeed, according to the American Society for the prevention of Cruelty to Animals, the average horse will have seven different owners throughout its lifetime.

Until the traceability problem is fixed, it's impossible to know exactly how many Thoroughbreds annually are slipping through the cracks and into bad spots, say experts. Is the industry actively working on a fix?

"That's what we're trying to do," said Shannon Luce, The Jockey Club vice president of communications, about the organization's traceability initiative, to update its database of digital certificates to ensure the right owner is matched to the right Thoroughbred. "We're trying to figure that out."

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The Jockey Club has so far reached out about 5,800 Thoroughbreds that haven't had any activity over the last couple of years. Their overtures have so far focused mainly on sales companies and the racetracks.

"We're sending emails saying, 'hey, you have horses that haven't seen any movement, and we want to know where they are. Can you please tell us where the horse is?" said Luce.

"They can reply that they're still in possession of the horse. They can reply that they've sold or transferred it for racing or breeding. It's been sold or transferred for non-racing. It's been consigned to a non-Thoroughbred auction or livestock sale, but it died. Or they decline to answer," said Luce.



Mischief Humor | Kentucky Humane Society

Of those 5,800 Thoroughbreds so far, "there have been probably about 1,500 certificates move or change to a different certificate manager," said Luce. These are all horses with digital certificates.

"Later on, we're going to do the horses born in 2017 and before," said Luce, highlighting older horses without digital certificates. Part of The Jockey Club's plan to encompass this older brigade is to send out surveys.

The number of horses that need to be traced is no insignificant number. But the initiative currently appears to have limited visibility.

"I wasn't even aware of that," said Ruis, when asked if he had participated in it. "If I was aware of that, I would have stipulated it when they adopted him that they had to do that."

That highlights another key vulnerability of the initiative if it's ever to be adopted wholesale-that it's voluntary, with no ramifications for non-participation.

"All of these things are good if they're used," said Stacie Clark Rogers, operations consultant for the Thoroughbred Aftercare Alliance (TAA).

That said, there are some programs tackling the traceability problem at the local level.

"We put each case through an automated database runner that every period of time-depending on when they adopt it-they receive emails asking for updates. If [the adoptee] doesn't do the update, we get a trigger to let us know to reach out, so that I can say, 'hey, where's that horse?'" said Kyle Rothfus, co-founder of Mareworthy Charities, a not-for-profit organisation for retired broodmares.

Rothfus has poured much time and energy into trying to understand the fate of this particular population.

He recently ran the numbers of over 22,600 sales records from Keeneland's November and January sales between 2015 and 2024, and identified certain age thresholds when broodmares appear especially vulnerable to falling into the slaughter pipeline.

His analysis identified the following:

- Median Sale Prices: For mares aged 16, the median price is just \$13,000, declining to \$7,000 by age 17 and \$5,000 by age 19. In contrast, the average median price for mares aged 15 and younger is \$25,000.
- Sales Under \$10,000: 49.45% of mares aged 16 and older sell for under \$10,000, while only 27.63% of mares aged 15 and younger fall into this price range. According to Rothfus, this highlights the increased risk as mares grow older and move into low-cost market segments.

When time allows, Rothfus combs through the list of 23,000 mares released by The Jockey Club that could be introduced or returned to the breeding population, contacting their last known connections.

"I'm taking that list and basically saying, 'let's track down the last-known owner. Where did they go? Who's the last listed owner?' And then from that we can build follow-up segments based on why the mare hasn't been in the shed," said Rothfus.

"Currently it's me on my own with the board," said Rothfus, about this approach. "We're still at the starting point on it."

Mareworthy's traceability program, said Rothfus, is based on the one used by New Vocations.

"It's hard to keep track of a horse over seven different owners," admitted New Vocation's Ford. But she has several tips for those looking to find a safe home for their retired Thoroughbred.

One is to go through an accredited organization. The Jockey Club's online placement page is a useful centralized resource for some of the more prominent such outfits. Another is to stipulate in any contract or bill of sale that the new owners notify them of any future sale or transfer.

"Anybody can put a contract together that states whatever your stipulations are when you sell or give a horse away," Ford said. "In a lot of these cases there's no paper trail. And so, if one of these situations comes about and they can whip out a piece of paper and say, 'I had them sign this contract-it's right here,' publicly at the very least that would look a lot better."

Another approach boils down to good old-fashioned self-policing, especially in an environment of inadequate sanctuary space.

"With some of these older mares, should you really be putting them into a third career?" said Ford. "Don't they deserve a nice retirement? Haven't they done enough already?"

Some organizations are already taking this approach. "We figured we may as well be proactive instead of waiting around for some kind of rule that's passed, or some sales company decides to do something," said Walker Hancock, president of Claiborne Farm. "We're taking matters into our own hands."

Starting in 2025, Claiborne Farm will no longer sell any mare that's 17 or older. Furthermore, for clients with these essentially retired broodmares, Claiborne will more than halve their day rate, to \$10 a day.

"Not that they were going to dump them," explained Hancock. "But instead of perhaps selling them when they get a little older, they can know that they can live here for the rest of their life for a minimal charge. They'll be able to be turned out in their pasture with their buddies."

Such programs, said Rogers, help foster a broader sense of accountability, so that it might one day become a social "faux pas" to allow a horse in your care to slip into the wrong hands.

"Remember when you could smoke everywhere? Smoke at work? Smoke in your office? And now you can't smoke more than 10 feet from your home," said Clark Rogers. "Maybe it'll one day be socially unacceptable to say, 'I didn't know. I didn't know where my horse went."

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BAFFERT MAPS OUT PLANS WITH SATURDAY'S SANTA ANITA WINNERS



Eclipse finalist Barnes, winner of last weekend's San Vicente Benoit

Trainer Bob Baffert began mapped out plans for a quartet of the stable's winners at Santa Anita last weekend, including the highly-regarded 3-year-olds Barnes (Into Mischief) and Rodriguez (Authentic), in addition to older horse Mirahmadi (Into Mischief) and Chilean champion juvenile filly Richi (Chi) (Practical Joke).

A \$3.2-million Fasig-Tipton Saratoga purchase, Barnes took the GII San Vicente, while Rodriguez ran away with a TDN Rising Star-earning performance going a mile. Mirahmadi annexed an eight-furlong optional claimer and Richi recorded her first stateside victory in the six-panel GIII Las Flores Stakes.

"I thought I had a great shot to win four races, but we had to get lucky," reflected Baffert. "I've thought that before and I've been lucky to get one or instead I got a donut. We got great rides yesterday and good racing luck. It was great to win for these clients who continue to support us and it really raises the morale of all the people who work so hard in the barn.

"I was happy with Barnes. [Owner] Amr [Zedan] had to stretch to buy him, and I really made him stretch, but he's a very good horse. We're going to nominate everywhere and take a look."

Regarding Eclipse finalist and favorite Citizen Bull (Into Mischief), Baffert added, "Citizen Bull and a couple of the others will point for the GIII Robert B. Lewis here on Feb. 1."



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Richi | Benoit

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Barnes, who was named after Baffert's longtime assistant Jimmy Barnes, was purchased by Zedan for \$3.2 million at the 2022 Fasig-Tipton Saratoga yearling sale. Baffert suggested to Zedan that they name the horse in Barnes' honor after the assistant trainer told Baffert they better find a good name for the horse because he was training so well. He didn't tell Barnes about the name until one day he handed him a halter with the name plate already engraved and gave it to the assistant to put on the colt.

"Rodriguez was very impressive going two turns and he showed us what we expected. Mirahmadi has always been a good horse, but he's had some tough luck. He'll point to the Big 'Cap (GI Santa Anita Handicap Mar. 1)."

Baffert won the 2024 Santa Anita Handicap with Newgate for the same ownership group as Citizen Bull, Rodriguez and Mirahmadi. The partnership is known as the Avengers and consists primarily of SF Racing, Starlight Racing, Madaket Stables, Stonestreet Stables, Dianne Bashor, Tom Royan, Robert Masterson, Waves Edge Capital and Catherine Donovan. Determined Stables appears on the ownership line of Rodriguez as well.

Richi, who is now owned by John Sikura's Hill 'n' Dale and Stud Vendaval, was making her second start in the United States. The win came over the Baffert-trained Pleasant (Munnings), who was sent off as the 1-5 favorite following a third-place finish in the GI Breeders' Cup Filly & Mare Sprint in November.

"Richi will be pointed for the [GI] Beholder Mile [in March]. She should stretch out fine. Pleasant was just a little rusty, but she'll stick around here," said Baffert.

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JEROME WINNER CYCLONE STATE MAY VENTURE TO SAUDI DERBY FOR UPCOMING START

Gold Square, George Messina and Michael Lee's **Cyclone State** (McKinzie), winner of Saturday's Jerome Stakes at the Big A, may contest the one-mile G3 Saudi Derby on Feb. 22 at King Abdulaziz Racecourse or remain local for the one-mile GIII Gotham Stakes on Mar. 1--a 50-25-15-10-5 points race for the Kentucky Derby.

"He's doing good. He stepped on my foot but otherwise he's doing good," trainer Chad Summers said, with a laugh. "He came out of it good."

"I would think the Saudi Derby is a possibility," said Summers. "He's got 10 points towards the Kentucky Derby, and it is always everybody's dream to head that way, so he will go down to Florida and we'll nominate to everything and see what's what. We know he likes Aqueduct and one mile, and it is 50 points to the winner of the Gotham. We have that in the back of our mind as well."

Summers explained that he feels the lowa-bred colt can take another step forward.

"The first time we ever breezed him out of the gate, he opened up 10 lengths on a horse. Then when the horse came up to him and he heard another horse, he took off again," Summers said. "It is him, it is a learning thing. The fact that he wants to re-engage once he hears the footsteps, it is OK. We don't feel like he's tired, with added distance, we think he'll stretch out and be OK."





Cyclone State winning the Jerome | Adam Coglianese/NYRA

MSW SCORCHING GOTHAM BOUND

Paul Braverman and Timothy Pinch's **Scorching** (Mo Town) takes aim at the Road to the Kentucky Derby as he targets the Mar. 1 GIII Gotham Stakes at Aqueduct Racetrack. The one-turn mile for sophomores awards 50-25-15-10-5 Kentucky Derby qualifying points to the top-five finishers.

Trained by John Charalambous, the Ontario-bred colt was last seen winning the restricted Oct. 6 Cup and Saucer Stakes over the Woodbine Racetrack turf. The CTHS sale graduate scored the victory by disqualification after Ashley's Archer (Karakontie {Jpn}) got his nose down first on the wire but was ruled to have interfered with a rival in the stretch of the 1 1/16-mile route.



Scorching winning the Cup and Saucer | Michael Burns

The Cup and Saucer came on the heels of an impressive graduation with a pacesetting five-length score in the 6 1/2-furlong restricted Simcoe Stakes in August over the Tapeta.

"I think he ran a winning race," Charalambous said of the Cup and Saucer. "We just got beat the last jump and I'm still not sold that he's any better on turf. I was really happy with that race and I was happy with the way he was coming into his next race, but he developed a virus and it took him longer to get through it, so we gave him the rest of the year off. The owners made the decision to try a different route, so here we are."

Scorching arrived at Belmont Park in late December and has yet to breeze over the training track.



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"Our plan is to race in the Gotham. We're just starting him back up at Belmont, and he trains on dirt in Canada and has breezed on it a bunch of times, so hopefully he can make the transition in the afternoon," Charalambous said. "We're just trying to get him fit and ready, and hopefully everything goes well."

Scorching debuted in July at Woodbine with a runner-up effort sprinting 5 1/2 furlongs over Tapeta ahead of his Simcoe score. Charalambous said he believes the dark bay can be effective at a one-turn mile.

"I didn't really think he was a sprinter," Charalambous said. "I didn't know if he could go a Classic distance, but he never really trained like he was a sprinter—he always worked well, but wasn't excessively quick. The way the races came up, the timing was perfect on both his stakes wins."

In the Gotham, Scorching will be making his first start in five months.

"The layoff certainly did him well mentally, and he put on some weight," Charalambous said. "He's just got to get used to the track--it's deeper here than back home. It's something we have to work through, but he's in great shape and we'll take it from there."

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IN ORDER OF PURSE:

TURFWAY PREVUE S., \$124,250, Turfway, 1-4, 3yo, 6 1/2f (AWT), 1:17.86, ft.

1--COMING IN HOT, 118, c, 3, by Maclean's Music

1st Dam: Allianna, by Flat Out

2nd Dam: Elusive Royalty, by Elusive Quality

3rd Dam: Michele Royale, by Groovy

(\$40,000 RNA Ylg '23 KEESEP). 1ST BLACK TYPE WIN. O/B-Rose Hill Farm, Vincent Colbert, John Trumbulovic & James Connor (KY); T-John Ennis; J-Irving Moncada. \$74,520. Lifetime Record: 7-3-0-0, \$165,741.

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- 2--Touchy, 118, c, 3, Nyquist--Touch the Moon, by Malibu Moon. O/B-Three Chimneys Farm, LLC (KY); T-Wesley A. Ward. \$24.200.
- 3--Up to No Good, 118, g, 3, Lord Nelson--Bards Misschief, by Into Mischief. 1ST BLACK TYPE. O/B-Keith Kinmon (KY); T-Keith Kinmon, \$12,100.

Margins: 1HF, 6 1/4, 4. Odds: 3.19, 1.10, 49.78.

Also Ran: Killjoy, Special Creed, Star's Image, Vehemently,

Relator, Warheart. Scratched: Stashu.

Coming in Hot took four tries to break his maiden, doing so in a \$50,000 maiden claimer at Churchill Downs in a near gate-towire effort Oct. 30. Outclassed in the Ed Brown Stakes Nov. 30, he made his Tapeta debut going six furlongs Dec. 18 and won impressively by 5 1/2 lengths. Going just a half-furlong further Saturday night, the 3-1 shot was stuck mid pack in a tight fifth up the backstretch as Killjoy (Caravaggio) paced the group past the half-mile pole. Pushed through a seam as room opened up inside, Coming in Hot surged to the front and stayed safely away from even-money favorite Touchy as the top pair separated themselves from the rest of the strung-out field on the wire.

The 39th stakes winner for Maclean's Music, Coming in Hot has a 2-year-old Tacitus half-brother who sold for \$112,000 at KEESEP last year and a yearling half-brother by Bolt d'Oro. Allianna was barren on a cover to Mage for 2025. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.



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FASIG-TIPTON SANTA YNEZ S., \$101,500, Santa Anita, 1-5, 3yo, f, 7f, 1:25.42, ft.

1--LOOK FORWARD, 120, f, 3, by Bolt d'Oro

1st Dam: Troublesome, by Into Mischief 2nd Dam: Apple Pie Baby, by Not For Love 3rd Dam: Time to Dream, by Time for a Change

(\$285,000 Ylg '23 KEESEP). 1ST BLACK TYPE WIN. O-Reddam Racing LLC; B-Woods Edge Farm, LLC & Ballyfair Bloodstock (KY); T-Michael W. McCarthy; J-Mario Gutierrez. \$60,000. Lifetime Record: GSP, 3-2-1-0, \$132,400. *1/2 to Amidst Waves (Midshipman), MSW & GSP, \$292,400.

■ WOODS EDGE FARM GRADUATE

2--Artisma, 120, f, 3, Munnings--Chausie, by Bluegrass Cat. (\$190,000 Wlg '22 KEENOV; \$200,000 Ylg '23 KEESEP; \$285,000 RNA 2yo '24 OBSMAR; \$185,000 2yo '24 EASMAY). 1ST BLACK TYPE. O-Breeders Mark, LLC, Calvin Nguyen and Joey C. Tran; B-Sun Valley Farm (KY); T-Richard Baltas. \$20,000.

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3--Silent Law, 122, f, 3, Tiz the Law--Southern Silence, by Dixie Union. (\$80,000 Ylg '23 KEESEP; \$190,000 RNA 2yo '24 OBSAPR; \$400,000 2yo '24 OBSOPN). O-CSLR Racing Partners LLC; B-Newstead Corp (KY); T-Bob Baffert. \$12,000.

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Look Forward (inside) | Benoit

Look Forward was a nice first-out winner for the late Ben Cecil at Del Mar when she took she took her competition gate to wire while posting an 82 Beyer Speed Figure Nov. 8. Transferred to Michael McCarthy's care, she was tested for class in the GII Starlet Stakes, stretching out to 1 1/16 miles at Los Alamitos Dec. 7. She dueled late into the race with GISW and eventual winner Tenma (Nyquist) and just yielded close to home when second by 13/4 lengths. Cutting back to seven furlongs and now firmly on the Road to the Kentucky Oaks, Look Forward stayed close as pacesetter Silent Law put up fractions of :22.14 and :44.98. Wide of that leader with plenty of momentum, the 8-5 favorite stuck a head in front past the quarter pole and was left with a determined run from Artisma to handle in the final sixteenth as the pair were separated by a just a head in a driving photo finish. With the win, Look Forward was awarded a further 10 points towards the Oaks and now sits fifth with a total of 15 points (she gained five in her Starlet runner up).



Look Forward and Mario Gutierrez | *Benoit*

"I'm just thankful to (owner) Paul Reddam for moving this horse over to us," said McCarthy. "Ben and his crew did all the heavy lifting. Who knows how far she will run? Obviously with her run the other day at Los Al, you would think that she would stretch out. I think once she does do that, she will be able to find herself in a comfortable spot."

The 14th stakes winner for Bolt d'Oro, Look Forward is a half-sister to MSW/GSP Amidst Waves (Midshipman). First dam Troublesome, a winner herself, RNA'd for \$300,000 at KEENOV in 2023. She has a 2-year-old Classic Empire filly, a yearling colt by Yaupon and is due to Flightline this year. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.



ALLOWANCE WINNERS



IN ORDER OF PURSE:

7th-Oaklawn, \$130,000, Alw, 1-5, (NW1\$X), 4yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:40.04, my, 3/4 length.

IN JUST MY HEELS (f, 4, Midnight Lute--High Heels {GSW & GISP, \$484,636}, by E Dubai) was no match for Horse of the Year candidate Thorpedo Anna (Fast Anna) in last year's GII Fantasy Stakes but has been on a run of good form of late, winning two of her last three and finishing second last out in similar company going 1 1/16 miles over a sloppy main track in Hot Springs. Cutting back slightly in distance Sunday, the 4-1 shot raced in the back half of the field through the opening half in :47.66 while taking the shortest way around against the fence. Shifted out around the far turn for running room, she put in a determined final-sixteenth run to edge past Perfect Shot (Gun Runner) by three-quarters of a length. Out of a Fantasy winner in High Heels, herself a half to MGISW On Fire Baby (Smoke Glacken), the winner is a half to Grit and Grace (Tapit) who produced GSP Gracelund Grey (Goldencents). High Heels does not have a 2-year-old of this year but foaled a Knicks Go colt in 2024. Lifetime Record: 11-4-1-1, \$266,474. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV. O-Anita Ebert Racing LLC; B-Anita Cauley Breeding LLC (KY); T-Ron Moquett.

7th-Aqueduct, \$84,000, Alw (NW2\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$62,500), 1-5, 4yo/up, f/m, 7f, 1:24.50, ft, 1/2 length.

PATRICIA ANN (f, 4, Enticed--Soother, by Rahy) ended her 2024 season on a winning note Nov. 29 at this venue, scoring by 3 3/4 lengths, after making her return from a nearly six month layoff. That break came on the heels of her trying to jump a cross-over track in her May 4 race at the Belmont Big A meeting, and losing the rider before later being safely apprehended to walk off on her own power. Continuing her run of poor luck/loading apprehensions at the start, she stumbled out of the gate here but still managed to recover quickly enough to dispute the pace with Kid's Last Laugh (Practical Joke). The 7-2 shot gamely battled with that runner-up down to the wire and prevailed late by a half-length. Patricia Ann is a half-sister to Carotari (Artie Schiller), MSW & MGSP, \$794,698 and Canisy (Point of Entry), SW, \$338,372 as well as a 10-time winning stakes horse in Panama named Fuerza Naval (Midshipman). Cont.

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Dam Soother has a 2-year-old filly named Miss Soothsayer (War of Will) as well as a yearling colt by Silver State. She is due to Blame in 2025. Sales history: \$20,000 Ylg '22 FTKOCT. Lifetime Record: 6-3-1-0, \$160,600. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.

O-Blue Devil Racing Stable (Holliday); B-Tom Evans & Pam Clark (KY); T-Carlos F. Martin.



9th-Gulfstream, \$79,840, Alw, 1-5, 3yo, f, 1m 70y (AWT), 1:40.32, ft, 2 1/4 lengths.

WAR SIGNAL (f, 3, War of Will--Uchenna {Ire} {GSW-Can, GSP-USA, \$224,575}, by Fastnet Rock (Aus)) broke her maiden last out Dec. 7 at Woodbine, taking a field gate to wire by 4 1/4 lengths, after running third in the local restricted Shady Well Stakes Nov. 23 in her black-type debut. Made the 6-5 favorite for her Florida unveiling, it was second verse same as the first with War Signal once again taking the field gate to wire to win by 2 1/4 lengths. Nashville Slew (Awesome Slew) tried to make a race of it, but had to hold off a late charge for second in a photo, winning that by a head. The victress is the third winner from as many to the races for Uchenna, who has a 2-year-old full-sibling to War Signal named Will Win as well as another yearling fullbrother. She is due to War of Will for a fourth time in 2025. Lifetime Record: SP, 4-2-0-1, \$96,572. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV. O/B-Gary Barber (ON); T-Mark E. Casse.

6th-Santa Anita, \$62,000, Msw, 1-5, 3yo, 6fT, 1:09.22, fm, 1 1/4 lengths.

SUPERSONIC BLUE (g, 3, Air Force Blue--Entrechat {GSP, \$170,730}, by Giant's Causeway) debuted sprinting on the turf Nov. 17 at Del Mar, finishing second to SP Fomo Joe (Instilled Regard). On Lasix for the first time here and off at 7-1 odds, he jumped to the front, set a pressured pace in :22.10 and :44.52, and drew away on the bend to safely hold Cajun Gold (Cajun Breeze) to 1 1/4 lengths on the wire. Supersonic Blue is the most recent winner to the races for Entrechat, who is the last registered for the dam after her 2024 Upstart foal died. She is due to Vino Rosso for 2025. Sales history: \$30,000 RNA Ylg '23 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$46,800. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV. O/B-Stepaside Farm LLC (KY); T-Neil D. Drysdale.



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HALL OF FAME (c, 4, Gun Runner--Flag Day, by Giant's Causeway) contested both the GII Risen Star Stakes and the GII Louisiana Derby last year before going to the sidelines until he came back with a winning effort facing allowance runners at Churchill Dec. 1. Adding the extra 1/16th here, the 1-5 favorite was the class of the field rom the opening jumps, quickly opening up a gap back to Uxmal (Exaggerator) in second. With no one making up any ground on him turning for home past the half in :47.59, Hall of Fame came down the stretch with just a hands and heels ride to win by 6 1/2 lengths over Cat On Time (Not This Time). A \$1.4m FTSAUG yearling, the winner has a 2year-old Constitution half-brother who sold for \$450,000 at KEESEP last year and a yearling half-brother by Justify. Flag Day is due to Good Magic this year. Sales History: \$1,400,000 Ylg '22 FTSAUG. Lifetime Record: 6-3-1-0, \$172,960. Click for the Equibase.com chart.

O-Mrs John Magnier, Michael Tabor, Derrick Smith, Westerberg, Gandharvi & Brook Smith; B-Earle Mack (KY); T-S. Asmussen.



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IN ORDER OF PURSE:

6th-Oaklawn, \$110,000, Msw, 1-5, 3yo, f, 1m, 1:39.67, my, 4 lengths.

TAKE CHARGE MILADY (f, 3, Take Charge Indy--Price too High, by Scat Daddy) ran sixth on debut July 29 over a muddy Ellis Park track and returned Dec. 20 at this venue to run in a pricey \$100,000 maiden claimer, finishing second to stablemate Anonima (Sharp Azteca). Back here as the 7-5 favorite and on first-time Lasix, she stalked the pace early before taking command entering the far bend. Dueling that rival into submission, she kicked away from La Fantastica (Volatile) in the lane to win by four lengths. It was over seven back to third. Take Charge Milady is the most recent to the races for Price too High. That mare has a 2-year-old Audible filly in the wings and is due to Bee Jersey for 2025. Sales history: \$60,000 Ylg '23 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-0, \$79,594. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.

O-James Ball, Magdalena Racing (Sherri McPeek) and Kenneth Rhodes; B-Merriebelle Stable, LLC (KY); T-Kenneth G. McPeek.

1st-Aqueduct, \$74,000, (S), Msw, 1-5, 4yo/up, 1m, 1:41.06, ft, 1 1/4 lengths.

BARON OF SEALAND (g, 4, Liam's Map--To a Friend, by Scat Daddy) was knocked around after the jump on debut and greenly ran on to claim sixth Dec. 1 over this track. Trying his luck at the condition for a second time, he was given 3-1 odds to break through and did not disappoint. Once again bumped from both sides and taken up briefly as racing room tightened on him, he recovered to travel well in third before switching out to the overland route for the run in. Grandstand side and gaining the lead coming to the eighth pole, he overhauled Leo's Reward (Leofric) and expanded his margin in the final yards to win by 1 1/4 lengths. Baron of Sealand is the first to the races for his dam, who has an unnamed 3-year-old colt by Maclean's Music, a 2-year-old colt by Twirling Candy and is due to Taiba for 2025. To a Friend is a half-sister to GSW Starting Over (Liam's Map) as well as GSP Into Vanishing (Into Mischief). That second dam, Vanishing (Lemon Drop Kid), is a half-sister to millionaire MGSW & MGISP Smart Bid (Smart Strike) as well as GSP-Fr Representing and SW & MGSP Deal Making (Empire Maker). This is the extended female family of 2023 GI Hoe Hirsch Turf Classic Stakes third So High (GB) (Nathaniel {Ire}). Sales history: \$280,000 Ylg '22 SARAUG. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$41,450. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.

O-GMP Stables LLC and R. A. Hill Stable; B-Fred W. Hertrich (NY); T-Danny Gargan.

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4th-Aqueduct, \$71,780, (S), Msw, 1-5, 3yo, f, 1m, 1:41.21, ft, 10 1/4 lengths.

LOTTIE MARGARET (f, 3, Global Campaign--Passionate Diva, by Street Cry (Ire)) finished third on debut against state breds at the Big A Nov. 22. Adding blinkers and tabbed as the 6-5 choice here, the bay hustled from the rail position and made the lead coming out of the chute. The chalk continued to control the fractions through the far turn and the filly proceeded to run up the score by 10 1/4 lengths in the end over Lady Wisdom (Solomini). The winner is a half-sister to Mashnee Girl (Air Force Blue), SP, \$194,065 and an unraced yearling colt who was sent to Saudi Arabia in 2024 named A L Leader (Code of Honor). Passionate Diva was last bred to Jack Christopher, which yielded a current weanling filly. Lottie Margaret's second dam is MGSW Roshani (Fantastic Light). Sales History: \$75,000 Ylg '23 SARAUG. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, \$49,700. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.

O-Madaket Stables LLC; B-Steve Schuster (NY); T-Brad H. Cox.

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5th-Gulfstream, \$70,000, Msw, 1-5, 3yo, f, 1mT, 1:35.30, fm, 1 1/4 lengths.

SOL D'ORO (f, 3, Bolt d'Oro--Peru {GB} {MSP, \$376,735}, by Motivator (GB)) was a well-intended first-time starter here as the 7-2 favorite. Drawn against the rail, she took up shortly after the start to have only 'Insight' runner Just Silvia (Justify) behind her into the backstretch. Angled off the fence past the half in :47.32, she fanned out across the top of the lane with intent and pushed past Table Flirt (Constitution) in the final sixteenth to graduate by 1 1/4 lengths. After stumbling at the start, Just Silva never factored and came in a wrapped-up 10th. Sol d'Oro is the second foal and first winner for Peru and the family includes champion older mare Waya (Fr) (Faraway Son) as the winner's third dam. Steve Rocco picked up Peru's 2-year-old Midshipman colt for \$130,000 at KEESEP last year the mare reported a Golden Pal colt in 2024 before visiting City of Light. Sales History: \$70,000 Ylg '23 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$42,000. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.

O-Tango Uniform Racing LLC and Steven Rocco; B-Nursery Place Donaldson and Broadbent (KY); T-Christophe Clement.





10th-Gulfstream, \$70,000, Msw, 1-5, 4yo/up, f/m, 1mT, 1:34.23, fm, 3 3/4 lengths.

CAT EYES (IRE) (f, 4, Ten Sovereigns {Ire}--Bodak {Ire}, by Kodiac (GB)) was well-beaten when eighth debuting over 1 1/16 miles at Tampa Nov. 30. Cutting back to the mile and racing without blinkers Sunday, the 15-1 longshot was slow from the gate and trailed the field early before beginning steady

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progression and overtaking a handful of rivals into the far turn. Clear along the inside past the quarter pole, she drove ahead to graduate nicely by 3 3/4 lengths ahead of African Waters (War Front). Out of a half to both GSW Pincheck (Ire) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}) and MGSW Valeria Messalina (Ire) (Holy Roman Emperor {Ire}), Cat Eyes has a 2-year-old half-sister by Starman (GB) and a yearling half-sister by Saxon Warrior (Jpn). Sales History: €65,000 Wlg '21 GOFNO1; €170,000 Ylg '22 GOFOR. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$42,320. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.

O-JDT Racing LLC; B-Mr Bill Crager (IRE); T-Brendan P. Walsh.

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4th-Santa Anita, \$61,500, Msw, 1-5, 3yo, 6fT, 1:08.72, fm, 1 1/2 lengths.

FREEDOM'S NOT FREE (c, 3, Omaha

Beach--Wonderfuladventure, by Tiz Wonderful) debuted a well-beaten third at Del Mar Sept. 1 and then finished fifth stretching out to a mile at Santa Anita Oct. 14. Fitted with blinkers and Lasix for this first turf attempt here, the 2-1 second choice traded blows in the early going to the outside of the debuting Tamino (Candy Ride {Arg}). Backing off before the far turn, the colt re-engaged entering the lane, collared his rival in the final furlong and got his picture taken with a 1 1/2-length score. A half-brother to GII New Orleans Handicap hero S'maverlous (Tiz Wonderful), the winner's dam is responsible for a yearling filly by Modernist, a weanling filly by Practical Joke and she was entered in Epicenter's book for this term. Sales History: \$75,000 Ylg '23 KEESEP; \$300,000 2yo '24 EASMAY. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-1, \$46,080. Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.

O-Blinkers On Racing Stable, Janlois Racing, LLC, Valinor Racing Stable, LLC, Tom Corbett, Adny Kwan and Jay Lester Wagner; B-Cove Springs, LLC (KY); T-Mark Glatt.

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STAKES RESULTS:

TINSEL S., \$175,000, Oaklawn, 1-5, 4yo/up, 1 1/8m, 1:51.62, my.

1--SEIZE THE NIGHT, 118, g, 6, Carpe Diem--Candle Maker, by Tapit. (\$55,000 Ylg '20 KEESEP). 1ST BLACK TYPE WIN. O-Willis Horton Racing LLC; B-Cove Springs Farm LLC (KY); T-Eddie Milligan, Jr.; J-Julien R. Leparoux. \$97,125. Lifetime Record: 18-5-1-2, \$470,677.

Bred & Raised by Cove Springs Farm,
Richard & Connie Snyder

★★ FOUR STAR SALES GRADUATE ★★



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2--Quality Chic, 118, g, 5, Quality Road--Chica Boom Chic, by Tapit. (\$250,000 Ylg '21 FTSAUG; \$112,000 3yo '23 FTKHRA). O-David E. Miller; B-White Birch Farm, Inc. (KY); T-Jason G. Cook. \$32,375.



LANE'S END SALES GRADUATE



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Consigned by GAINESWAY

3--Full Screen, 125, g, 6, Big Screen--Lyndenshire, by Langfuhr. (C\$9,500 Ylg '20 CANSEP). O-Gary Barber, Pantofel Stable, LLC and Wachtel Stable; B-Spring Farm (ON); T-Mark E. Casse. \$16,188.

Margins: HF, 4HF, 5 1/4. Odds: 8.30, 9.40, 3.40.

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

5th-Oaklawn, \$131,000, (NW2\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$62,500), 1-5, 4yo/up, 1 1/16m, 1:44.87, my, head.

BLACK POWDER (h, 5, Gun Runner--Oldfashioned Style {GSP, \$149,862}, by Old Fashioned) Lifetime Record: 14-3-2-2, \$268,061. O-Chevan Maharaj; B-D.J. Stables (KY); T-Michael J. Maker. *\$35,000 Ylg '21 KEEJAN; \$170,000 Ylg '21 KEESEP.

Hidden Brook Foaled, Raised & Sold

10th-Oaklawn, \$131,000, (NW2\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$62,500), 1-5, 4yo/up, 6f, 1:10.90, my, 1/2 length.

RED FLAG (g, 7, Tamarkuz--Surrender, by Stormy Atlantic) Lifetime Record: GSW, 16-6-0-5, \$398,260. O-Duke Perry Stable, White Fence LLC, Larry S. Buckendorf, and Jeffrey Lambert; B-Elaine MacPherson (KY); T-Robert B. Hess, Jr. *\$50,000 Wlg '18 KEENOV; \$220,000 Ylg '19 KEESEP. **1/2 to Surrender Now (Morning Line), SW, \$281,585.



Gayle Van Leer Thoroughbred Services

Dam purchase by ARCH BLOODSTOCK, LLC

8th-Turfway, \$81,000, 1-4, (NW1\$X), 4yo/up, 6 1/2f (AWT), 1:17.64, ft, 1 1/2 lengths.

ALDER (g, 4, Hard Spun--Arbol, by Elusive Quality) Lifetime Record: 11-2-3-1, \$160,070. O-Three Diamonds Farm and Main Line Racing Stable; B-Godolphin (KY); T-Michael J. Maker. *\$85,000 3yo '24 FTKHRA.

5th-Santa Anita, \$74,996, (NW1\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$50,000), 1-5, 4yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2f, 1:17.68, ft, 3/4 length.

SAFA (f, 4, Grazen--Hadarra, by Harlan's Holiday) Lifetime Record: MSP, 18-4-8-3, \$324,160. O-Souheil Bisharat and Khalil Khoury; B-Derek Lawson (CA); T-Gary Stute. *\$9,000 RNA Ylg '22 FTCAYR; \$23,000 2yo '23 CTBAJA.

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8th-Gulfstream, \$72,000, (NW1\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$35,000), 1-5, 4yo/up, 1 1/2mT, 2:25.55, fm, neck.

BREES (h, 5, Flatter--Speedy War, by War Front) Lifetime Record: 11-2-1-2, \$134,829. O-Courtlandt Farms (Donald Adam); B-Bradley W. Purcell (KY); T-Claude R. McGaughey III. *\$205,000 Wlg '20 KEENOV; \$325,000 Ylg '21 KEESEP.

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10th-Santa Anita, \$66,500, (NW2\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$80,000), 1-4, 4yo/up, 1mT, 1:34.31, fm, 2 lengths.

EL POTENTE (h, 6, Temple City--Charmsil {MSP, \$260,455}, by Silver Charm) Lifetime Record: SP, 13-5-2-2, \$188,796. O-My Way Racing LLC; B-Charmsil LLC (FL); T-Dan Blacker. *\$35,000 2vo '21 OBSOPN.

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8th-Santa Anita, \$64,000, (NW2\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$80,000), 1-5, 4yo/up, f/m, 1mT, 1:34.07, fm, 4 1/4 lengths.

SAREEHA (IRE) (m, 6, Shamardal--Saraha {GB}, by Dansili {GB}) Lifetime Record: 27-8-10-1, \$238,060. O-Seahawk Racing and Shanderella Stables; B-Shadwell Estate Company Limited (IRE); T-Mark Glatt. *52,000gns 2yo '21 TATMA; \$150,000 3yo '22 FTDMAY.

4th-Delta Downs, \$44,620, (S), 1-4, (C), 4yo/up, f/m, 7 1/2f, 1:34.40, ft, 3/4 length.

MUCHMORETHANREADY (m, 5, Tom's Ready--Astarte {SP}, by Street Sense) Lifetime Record: SP, 22-6-4-3, \$203,890. O-Jones, Laurence and Evans Thoroughbred Racing, LLC; B-T & G Farm of Kentucky, LLC (LA); T-Samuel Breaux. *\$20,000 Ylg '21 KEESEP.

THINK INDIAN CREEK

8th-Delta Downs, \$39,700, 1-4, (NW2LX), 4yo/up, 7f, 1:26.57, ft, 4 3/4 lengths.

CRUSHED IT (g, 4, Dialed In--Pinch Hit {MSW & GSP, \$260,700}, by Harlan's Holiday) Lifetime Record: 8-2-3-0, \$98,188.

O/B-Klein Racing (KY); T-Alan Klanfer.

Foaled & Raised at Clarkland Farm for Klein Racing



2nd-Santa Anita, \$33,674, (C), (NW1\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$32,000), 1-5, 4yo/up, 6f, 1:11.54, ft, 3 1/4 lengths.

GRUBAUER (g, 4, Frosted--Conquest Sweetride, by Candy Ride {Arg}) Lifetime Record: 7-4-1-2, \$76,360. O-Dunn Bar Ranch LLC, Jethorse LLC, Al Hodge, Gordon Jarnig and Tim McCanna; B-Westbury Stables LLC (FL); T-Tim McCanna. *\$35,000 Ylg '22 KEESEP; \$100,000 2yo '23 OBSAPR. **1/2 to Beef Winslow (Honor Code), SP, \$202,62.

The New York Jockey Injury Compensation Fund (NYJICF) 2025 Workers' Compensation Premium Assessment and Formula

This is the NYJICF's Amended Assessment Plan for 2025 (2025 Assessment Plan) and, consistent with the last few years, continues to be structured on New York Racing Association (NYRA)-based horsemen contributing 86% of the NYJICF's annual cost, which is estimated to equal \$7,316,880, and Finger Lakes Gaming and Racetrack (FLRA)-based horsemen contributing 14% of the NYJICF's annual cost, which is estimated to equal \$1,191,120.

We note that 2025 Assessment Plan approved by the New York State Gaming Commission (Gaming Commission) is based on the NYJICF having the authority (i) to use up to \$2 million from the NYRA purse cushion fund and (ii) to deduct and use 2% of purses from an owner's share of purses.

NYRA Owners assessment and payment is a \$1,250 base premium, plus 2% of purses earned.

FLRA Owners assessment and payment is a \$3,060 base premium, plus 2% of purses earned.

Each race with a purse over \$1,000,000 will be capped at \$1,000,000 for Workers' Compensation assessment purposes only.

NYRA Trainer assessment and payment is a \$1,250 base premium plus:

NYRA trainers will pay a per stall charge of \$2.00 per day for each stall allotted and accepted during each stall allotment period as designated by the track where each trainer races, provided that the first 12 stalls allotted and accepted will be free and the per stall charge for each stall allotted and accepted in excess of 12 will be \$2.00 per day.

FLRA Trainer assessment and payment is a \$3,060 base premium plus:

FLRA trainers will pay a per stall charge of \$1.80 per day for each stall allotted and accepted during each stall allotment period as designated by the track.

These premium charges will be due as follows:

NYRA and FLRA Owners and Trainers base premium charge is due:

- a. At NYRA, for those trainers already stabled on the grounds: \$1,250 on or before January 1, 2025.
- b. At NYRA, for those owners already stabled on the grounds: \$1,250 before they run their first horse in 2025.
- c. For those trainers shipping in: upon entering the horse on the grounds based on the "shippers" per start schedule set forth below.
- d. For those owners shipping in: before they run their first horse in 2025 based on the "shippers" per start schedule set forth below.
- e. At FLRA, for trainers: upon entering the horse on the grounds: \$1,800 on or before April 1, 2025, and an additional \$1,260 (for a total of \$3,060) to be paid on or before June 1, 2025.
- f. At FLRA, for owners: \$1,800 before they run their first horse in 2025 through May 31, 2024, and an additional \$1,260 (for a total of \$3,060) to be paid on or before June 1, 2025.

Anything in this 2025 Assessment Plan to the contrary notwithstanding, FLRA's 14% of the NYJICF's cost, which is estimated to equal \$1,191,120, will be paid by FLRA in eight equal installments in the amount of \$148,890 between April 2025 and November 2025.

NYRA and FLRA Owners and Trainers

The stall charges will be due on the last day of the first month of each allotment period, for example: January 31 for winter 2025 at NYRA and thirty days after the opening of the stable area for the spring meeting at FLRA.

If the trainer accepts stalls for the summer meeting but ships in three weeks before that meeting begins, that trainer will be responsible for the entire summer meeting plus \$2.00 per day (\$1.80 at FLRA) times the number of stalls allotted, times the number of days that the trainer occupied the stalls prior to the summer meeting, provided that the first 12 stalls allotted and accepted at NYRA tracks will be free.

Owners/Trainers will be required to pay the base premium charge of \$1,250 at NYRA and \$3,060 at FLRA, plus 2% of purses earned, plus the stall allotment charge.

<u>Private Trainers</u> will be responsible for the base premium of \$1,250 at NYRA and \$3,060 at FLRA. The owner employing that trainer (whose payroll the exercise riders are on) will be responsible for the stall charge plus 2% of purses earned.

<u>Shippers</u>. At NYRA, owners and trainers will be charged \$125.00 each per start for their first ten starts (for a maximum of \$1,250 for 2025). At FLRA, owners and trainers will be charged \$180.00 each per start for their first ten starts (for a maximum of \$1,800 for 2025). Owners will also be charged 2% of purses earned. Shipping trainers will only be charged a stall fee if they are assigned stalls.

A suitable stall count to be determined by the racing secretary at the current stall assessment rate (\$2.00 at NYRA tracks (except the first 12 stalls allotted and accepted will be free for 2025) and \$1.80 at FLRA) will be assessed to those horsemen stabled off of the racetrack proper and who have daily access and use of the racetrack facilities.

<u>Surcharge</u>. Each trainer, upon such trainer's second claim and any subsequent claim filed with the workers' compensation insurance carrier in 2025, shall be charged a per-claim handling surcharge based upon the total number of horses then currently trained on the date of such claim(s) (as measured by the number of stalls allocated statewide as of the date of the claim for which a surcharge is to be collected), as follows: 1 to 10 horses: \$200; 11 to 30 horses: \$400; and 31 or more horses: \$600.

General Information

Should NYJICF determine that the amounts which are actually collected from (i) NYRA is inadequate to cover 86% of the NYJICF's annual cost, which is estimated to equal \$7,316,880 and/or (ii) FLRA is inadequate to cover 14% of the NYJICF's annual cost, which is estimated to equal \$1,191,120, respectively, then the NYJICF will seek additional funds pursuant to the Racing, Pari-Mutuel Wagering and Breeding Law Section 221 (7).

- For determining the responsibility for payment of workers' compensation, an owner is the person whose account would be debited or credited when a horse runs. In the case of multiple ownership, this would be the managing partner.
- In order for trainers to reduce their stall charge, they must officially return stalls
 to the proper association, stall man or racing secretary within 10 days after
 assuming the stalls.
- The charge per stall is in no way to be construed as a payment for stall rent.
 This is only a method which the NYJICF uses to estimate the appropriate premium charge that is due.

For those racing at NYRA:

Please send checks for the base premium payable to:

New York Racing Association, Inc.

PO Box 170243

Ozone Park, NY 11417

Attention: Horsemen's Bookkeeper

or

Call the Horsemen's Bookkeeper at 718-687-4843 to have that amount debited from your account.

For those racing at FLRA:

Please send checks for the base premium payable to:

Finger Lakes Gaming and Racetrack, Inc.

PO Box 25250

Farmington, NY 14425

or

Call the Horsemen's Bookkeeper at 585-924-3004 after April 1, 2025 to have that amount debited from your account.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Just Licorice, c, 3, Justify--Maria's Candy, by Candy Ride (Arg). Aqueduct, 1-5, (S), (C), 1m, 1:41.09. Lifetime Record: 4-1-0-0, \$29,175. B-Pine Ridge Stables LTD (NY). *\$65,000 RNA Ylg '23 KEESEP; \$120,000 RNA 2yo '24 EASMAY.

Pnutbutter Whiskey, c, 3, **Skipshot**--Lynda D, by The Factor. Turfway, 1-4, 1m (AWT), 1:39.03. Lifetime Record: 6-1-0-0, \$53,946. B-Blazing Forest Stable LLC (KY).

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Last Elizabethan, f, 4, Karakontie (Jpn)--Surf, by Tapit. Santa Anita, 1-5, (C), 1mT, 1:35.50. Lifetime Record: 10-1-1-2, \$43,760. B-Richard Barton Enterprises (CA). *\$7,000 Ylg '22 NCAAU.

Frost Mountain, g, 5, Frosted--Tizaqueena (MGSW & GISP, \$654,698), by Tiznow. Fair Grounds, 1-5, 5 1/2f (off turf), 1:06.08. Lifetime Record: 5-1-1-1, \$59,544. B-Godolphin (KY). *\$95,000 4yo '24 KEENOV.

Sassy Flyer, m, 5, Sky Flight--Sassy Sondra, by Officer. Sam Houston Race, 1-5, (S), 6f, 1:14.68. Lifetime Record: 5-1-0-0, \$26,964. B-Richard Martin & Danny Payne (TX).

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Air Force Blue, Supersonic Blue, g, 3, o/o Entrechat, by Giant's Causeway. MSW, 1-5, Santa Anita

Bolt d'Oro, Look Forward, f, 3, o/o Troublesome, by Into Mischief. Fasig-Tipton Santa Ynez S., 1-5, Santa Anita **Bolt d'Oro**, Sol d'Oro, f, 3, o/o Peru (GB), by Motivator (GB). MSW, 1-5, Gulfstream

Carpe Diem, Seize the Night, g, 6, o/o Candle Maker, by Tapit. Tinsel S., 1-5, Oaklawn

Dialed In, Crushed It, g, 4, o/o Pinch Hit, by Harlan's Holiday. ALW, 1-4, Delta Downs

Enticed, Patricia Ann, f, 4, o/o Soother, by Rahy. AOC, 1-5, Aqueduct

Flatter, Brees, h, 5, o/o Speedy War, by War Front. AOC, 1-5, Gulfstream

Frosted, Frost Mountain, g, 5, o/o Tizaqueena, by Tiznow. MSW, 1-5, Fair Grounds

Frosted, Grubauer, g, 4, o/o Conquest Sweetride, by Candy Ride (Arg). AOC, 1-5, Santa Anita

Global Campaign, Lottie Margaret, f, 3, o/o Passionate Diva, by Street Cry (Ire). MSW, 1-5, Aqueduct

Grazen, Safa, f, 4, o/o Hadarra, by Harlan's Holiday. AOC, 1-5, Santa Anita

Gun Runner, Black Powder, h, 5, o/o Oldfashioned Style, by Old Fashioned. AOC, 1-5, Oaklawn

Gun Runner, Hall of Fame, c, 4, o/o Flag Day, by Giant's Causeway. AOC, 1-5, Fair Grounds

Hard Spun, Alder, g, 4, o/o Arbol, by Elusive Quality. ALW, 1-4, Turfway

Justify, Just Licorice, c, 3, o/o Maria's Candy, by Candy Ride (Arg). MCL, 1-5, Aqueduct

Karakontie (Jpn), Last Elizabethan, f, 4, o/o Surf, by Tapit. MCL, 1-5, Santa Anita

Liam's Map, Baron of Sealand, g, 4, o/o To a Friend, by Scat Daddy. MSW, 1-5, Aqueduct

Maclean's Music, Coming in Hot, c, 3, o/o Allianna, by Flat Out. Turfway Prevue S., 1-4, Turfway

Midnight Lute, In Just My Heels, f, 4, o/o High Heels, by E Dubai. ALW, 1-5, Oaklawn

Omaha Beach, Freedom's Not Free, c, 3, o/o

Wonderfuladventure, by Tiz Wonderful. MSW, 1-5, Santa Anita **Shamardal**, Sareeha (Ire), m, 6, o/o Saraha (GB), by Dansili (GB). AOC, 1-5, Santa Anita

Skipshot, Pnutbutter Whiskey, c, 3, o/o Lynda D, by The Factor. MSW, 1-4, Turfway

Sky Flight, Sassy Flyer, m, 5, o/o Sassy Sondra, by Officer. MSW, 1-5, Sam Houston

Take Charge Indy, Take Charge Milady, f, 3, o/o Price too High, by Scat Daddy. MSW, 1-5, Oaklawn

Tamarkuz, Red Flag, g, 7, o/o Surrender, by Stormy Atlantic. AOC, 1-5, Oaklawn

Temple City, El Potente, h, 6, o/o Charmsil, by Silver Charm. AOC, 1-4, Santa Anita

Ten Sovereigns (Ire), Cat Eyes (Ire), f, 4, o/o Bodak (Ire), by Kodiac (GB). MSW, 1-5, Gulfstream

Tom's Ready, Muchmorethanready, m, 5, o/o Astarte, by Street Sense. ALW, 1-4, Delta Downs

War of Will, War Signal, f, 3, o/o Uchenna (Ire), by Fastnet Rock (Aus). ALW, 1-5, Gulfstream

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