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FROM A \$1,000 YEARLING TO A STAKES WINNER, IT'S SIZZLING TIME NOT DONE WRITING HIS STORY



It's Sizzling Time (inside) outduels Double Crown in John B. Campbell Stakes | Jim McCue

The Week in Review, by Bill Finley

It's Sizzling Time (Not This Time) finished second in Saturday's \$100,000 Harrison E. Johnson Memorial S. at Laurel, but trainer Valrie Smith wasn't about to complain. The gelding banked another \$20,000, upping his career earnings to \$327,766. Not bad for a horse who cost \$1,000 as a yearling, which is what **It's Sizzling Time** sold for at the 2019 Fasig-Tipton Midlantic Fall Yearling sale

"If you had told me back then that he'd win all these races, win a stakes and make all that money, I would have told you you were being ridiculous," Smith said. "I would have told you there was no way that could happen."

But it did.

It's Sizzling Time has won seven races, including the John B. Campbell S., and has developed into one of the better older dirt horses on the Maryland circuit.

Smith and her husband Donovan Haughton like to buy at Fasig Tipton's fall yearling sale and are always on the lookout for bargains. But the couple is not well off and they cannot afford to buy horses even in the four-figure range. **Cont. p3**

WINSTAR STALLION IMPROBABLE EUTHANIZED

WinStar Farm stallion **Improbable** (City Zip--Rare Event, by A.P. Indy), the Eclipse champion older male of 2020, was euthanized late Saturday night at Rood & Riddle Equine Hospital in Lexington after suffering from ataxia--a condition which causes poor voluntary muscle control--behind earlier in the day, the farm said in a release early Sunday.

"He was sent to Rood and Riddle yesterday morning to determine the exact cause of the ataxia," said Elliott Walden, president, CEO, and racing manager of WinStar Farm. "He was responding well to treatment, but went to lie down in his stall, and fell awkwardly. As a result, he broke his right tibia, which could not be repaired."

Improbable won three consecutive Grade I races in 2020, taking the GI Hollywood Gold Cup at Santa Anita, the GI Whitney S. at Saratoga and the GI Awesome Again S. at Santa Anita en route to Eclipse honors at season's end. **Cont. p5**

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SEAMIE HERRERNAN DEPARTS BALLYDOYLE

It has been one of the worst kept secrets in Irish racing, but for the first time since 1996, Heffernan will not be based at Ballydoyle in favour of being a freelancer. The TDN has details.

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Ridden by Laura Moquett, champion sprinter Whitmore (Pleasantly Perfect) leads the post parade of Saturday's GIII Whitmore S. | Coady Photography

TIME FOR TRUTH TUNES UP FOR ARKANSAS DERBY

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The lightly raced Time for Truth (Omaha Beach) tuned up for an expected start in the Mar. 30 GI Arkansas Derby Saturday at Oaklawn Park. The colt, who missed the GII Rebel S. due to a minor shin injury, is coming off an allowance victory at the Hot Springs oval for trainer Ron Moquett.

REID HAS TRIO PRIMED FOR WOOD CARD

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Trainer Butch Reid has a trio of sophomores on track for stakes engagements on Aqueduct's Apr. 6 Wood Memorial card. Uncle Heavy (Social Inclusion), most recently winner of the GIII Withers S., leads the trio and heads to the GII Wood Memorial.

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The Week in Review *(cont. from p1)*

Many of their purchases have been for \$1,000, the lowest price a horse can sell for at a Fasig-Tipton auction.

Smith doesn't pretend that she saw something special in It's Sizzling Time or that she knew something the other buyers didn't. She also couldn't have predicted what was to come for the sire, **Not This Time** (Giant's Causeway).

Not This Time was second in the 2016 GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile and never ran again. Taylor Made took a chance on the horse and started him off with a stud fee of \$15,000. He's since gone on to become one of the top sires in the sport, with a stud fee of \$150,000. It's Sizzling Time is from his first crop.

None of that was part of the equation when Smith put in her \$1,000 bid for the horse.

"We bought him because we thought we were getting a bargain," she said.

But why did he sell for so little?

"I have no idea why. It was just our luck," she said. "We were just lucky to get him. There was nothing obviously wrong with him. He looked smart in the ring. It wasn't like he was looking all crazy."

The Florida-bred began his career in a \$25,000 maiden claimer in October of 2020. He finished second and two starts later would go on to break his maiden. For the next three years plus he started only in allowance races and starter allowance races.

But he kept improving and Smith chose the Campbell as the race in which he would make his stakes debut. With jockey Jean Briceno aboard, he won the \$100,000 race by a nose.

"I'm so excited, I'm lost for words," Smith said after the Campbell win.

Smith is a native of Jamaica who came to the U.S. in 2005. Not only did she know nothing about horse racing at the time, she was scared of horses.

"I was scared of them because I thought they were so big," she said.

It was Houghton, who was a jockey in Jamaica, that introduced her to racing. She started off as a hotwalker and soon found out that not only were horses not scary they could be your best friend.

"Gradually, I started to love them. But the horses loved me first," said Smith. "They love people. You just have to be patient and love them back. I started having a good connection with the horses. I was sucked into it."

Smith, who works alongside Houghton, has been training since 2017 and has a four-horse stable. It's Sizzling Time is co-owned by Houghton and Mona Bowley, a friend from Jamaica.

It's not easy to make ends meet with a four-horse stable, but the money that It's Sizzling Time has earned has helped immensely.

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“Oh my God, he has been a huge, huge blessing,” she said. “I just have to thank God. I’m so happy. This horse makes us look real good.”

Smith isn’t sure where It’s Sizzling Time will run next, but it will no doubt be in another stakes race. The \$1,000 yearling has proven that he belongs.

Santa Anita’s Safety Record

Matanzas Creek (Empire Maker) broke down three strides past the wire after winning Saturday’s sixth race at Santa Anita. While no one wants to see a horse break down and euthanized, the incident served to remind us of just how safe racing at Santa Anita has become.

While there have been fatalities during training, Santa Anita went nearly one year without having a fatality in a race. Prior to Saturday, the last time it happened was Mar. 18, 2023 when a horse named **Beverly Vista** (Arrogate) broke down.

The increased veterinary oversight that horses must go through at Santa Anita is obviously an inconvenience to trainers. But no one should be complaining. It’s working

The Chosen Vron Does it Again

It was quite a week for **The Chosen Vron** (Vronsky). First he was named the 2023 California-bred Horse of the Year and then he won for the 16th time in his career when he captured the GIII San Carlos S. Saturday at Santa Anita. He is now 16-for-21 lifetime. It was the fourth graded stakes win for the popular 6-year-old gelding



The Chosen Vron | Benoit

He’s won 11 of his last 12 starts, with the only defeat coming when he was fifth in the GI Breeders’ Cup Sprint.

In an era where a lot of good horses race six or seven times in their careers and their owners can’t get them to the breeding shed fast enough, it’s great to see a tough old gelding whose a throwback to a better time for the sport when racing was more than an audition for the breeding shed.

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Improbable Euthanized (cont. from p1)

Undefeated at two, **Improbable** broke his maiden at first asking at 'The Great Race Place' in late September of 2018. He followed that up with a score in the **Street Sense** S. at Churchill Downs in early November, an effort which earned him a 'TDN Rising Star' badge. **Improbable's** juvenile year ended with a five-length victory in the GI Los Alamitos Futurity.



Improbable wins the Whitney | Sarah Andrew

A stakes winner each season from two to four, **Improbable** concluded his career with a runner-up finish in the GI Breeders' Cup Classic in 2020. All told, he won seven starts, six of them stakes, and earned \$2,729,520 for owners WinStar Farm, China Horse Club and SF Racing.

"These horses are our life, and we work every day to take care of them the best way we know how," said Dr. Natanya Nieman, general manager and resident veterinarian at WinStar Farm. "The whole team is reeling. **Improbable** gave us many great moments to share with our partners, our team, and the whole racing community. It is tragic."



Improbable | Sarah Andrew

Bred in Kentucky by St. George Farm and G. Watts Humphrey Jr., **Improbable** was acquired by Maverick Racing and China Horse Club for \$200,000 out of the Taylor Made Sales Agency consignment at the 2017 Keeneland September Sale.

Out of the A.P. Indy mare Rare Event, the 8-year-old stallion was bred to 329 mares in his first two books and is represented by his initial crop of 2-year-olds this year, including a colt out of the stakes-placed Inaugurate (Empire Maker) who was purchased by trainer Jimmy DiVito, agent, for \$475,000 at last week's OBS March Sale of 2-Year-Olds in Training.

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TIME FOR TRUTH TUNES UP FOR ARKANSAS DERBY

Harry Rosenblum and Cheyenne Stable's **Time for Truth** (Omaha Beach) tuned up for an expected start in the Mar. 30 GI Arkansas Derby with a six-furlong work in 1:13.00 (1/1) work over a muddy Oaklawn strip Saturday.

"This was our meat and potatoes," trainer Ron Moquett said of the work. "Then, we'll put a side on him next week."

A debut winner at Oaklawn on New Year's Eve, Time for Truth was second in the Feb. 10 Ozark S., but missed out on a start in the GII Rebel S. when he suffered a minor shin injury the night before the Feb. 24 race. He resurfaced with a victory in a 1 1/16-mile allowance Mar. 2.

"We're still trying to put it all together," Moquett said. "He's a very talented horse that we're just trying to see where his maturation is. The other day we noticed, even though he won, when he made the front, he kind of waited on a horse for a second, but then galloped out really well. So, we're trying to get him to do everything that he's supposed to do to be more professional."

The Arkansas Derby will offer 200 points to its top five finishers (100-50-25-15-10, respectively) toward starting eligibility for the May 4 GI Kentucky Derby.

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REID TRIO TARGET WOOD DAY STAKES

Trainer Butch Reid, Jr. has three sophomores aiming for stakes on Aqueduct's Apr. 6 Wood Memorial card. Michael Milam's **Uncle Heavy** (Social Inclusion), aiming for the Gill Wood Memorial, worked five furlongs in 1:02.09 (3/15) Saturday at Parx. It was the colt's first official work since winning the Feb. 3 Gill Withers S.

"The work went very well, we couldn't be any happier. He did it well and came out of it great this morning, ate up everything last night," said Reid. "We had a horse in front of him to chase after and he went after him."



Uncle Heavy | Sarah Andrew

Due to a now-lifted Equine Herpesvirus quarantine at Belmont Park, Uncle Heavy shipped to a farm in Pennsylvania following the Withers and returned to Reid's Parx base Feb. 25.

"The time off, believe it or not, actually did him a bit of good. He put his weight back on," said Reid. "He's big and fat and healthy now, so we are very happy with the way he is going."

Cash is King and LC Racing's **Carmelina** (Maximus Mischief), a last-out runner-up in the Mar. 2 Busher S., is expected to line up in the Gill Gazelle S.

"I think a mile and an eighth is the edge of how far she wants to go, but we will see how it comes up and she definitely could get involved," Reid said. "Speed can be dangerous at a mile and an eighth, too."

Reid, LC Racing and Cash is King's **Maximus Meridius** (Maximus Mischief), who earned 10 Derby qualifying points with his fourth-place effort in the one-mile Gill Gotham S., will ditch the Derby trail in pursuit of the seven-furlong Bay Shore S.

"We like a little bit of a turn back. He had to go from the one-hole last time and used a little bit out of the gate to not get swallowed up," said Reid. "Right now, it doesn't look like he is going to be a Classic horse, so this race should be a nice turn back, to keep him going shorter."

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MIKE GILLUM WINS NTRA NATIONAL HORSEPLAYERS CHAMPIONSHIP

Mike Gillum topped the field of 765 entries at the National Thoroughbred Racing Association's 25th National Horseplayers Championship to take home the \$800,000 grand prize and earn the Eclipse Award as the Horseplayer of the Year Sunday evening in Las Vegas.

After finishing day one in fifth place, Gillum found himself in the 81st spot with two races to go on day two. He jumped over a few people to qualify into the semi-final round in 64th place, barely inside the 10% cut line set at 77 entries.

When asked about his strategy going into Sunday's final day of the competition, Gillum said, "My picks did not change since 6 a.m. this morning, I played exactly what I would have played regardless of which place I was in. I got lucky, it was just my day today."

Racing has always been something Gillum, who operates a produce company in Indianapolis, Indiana, enjoyed, he said.

"It's a passion of mine and has been for 20, 30 years. This is just the best," Gillum said.

In only his second trip to the NHC, Gillum is the 25th individual to take home the grand prize at the handicapping contest.

When asked what this means to him, Gillum said, "I am just thinking about my family at home watching, I'm just so excited and happy. Truly I'm at a loss for words."

The official top 10 finishers at the 2024 NHC and prize money won are: Mike Gillum, \$800,000; Seth Morris, \$250,000; Matthew Blanchet, \$200,000; Lawrence Kahlden, \$150,000; Daniel Kaplan, \$125,000; Rob Henie, \$85,000; Nicholas Shirilla, \$80,000; TJ Sonde, \$75,000; GT Nixon, \$70,000; and Scott Cavaliere, \$65,000.

"Horseplayers are such a pivotal part of the sport of Thoroughbred racing, and the NTRA is extremely proud to host this event to celebrate all their contributions every year to crown our annual champion," said NTRA President and CEO Tom Rooney. "It's incredible to see how the NHC has evolved in the 25 years since it began and really special to have so many dedicated horseplayers who work all year to qualify for this event. To have the 25th NHC, coupled with St. Patrick's Day and the NCAA tournament weekend, has made for a weekend like no other. Congratulations to all who made it here this weekend, and especially to Mike Gillum for taking home the grand prize."

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The Director of Nominations and Sales is entrusted with the responsibility of identifying and recruiting top-tier thoroughbred stallions and foals for participation in the Breeders' Cup World Championships. With a keen eye for quality and potential, they collaborate closely with breeders, owners, and industry stakeholders to curate a diverse and competitive field reflective of our commitment to excellence.

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- Create, implement, and manage both the foal marketing and stallion marketing programs worldwide through direct mail, social media, advertising and in person visits.
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A Breed Apart



Saturday, Fair Grounds #12, post time: 6:42 p.m. EDT

TWINSPIRES.COM LOUISIANA DERBY-GII, \$1,000,000, 3yo, 1 3/16m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Triple Espresso 🍀	Omaha Beach	Repole Stable and St. Elias Stables LLC	Pletcher	Saez	122
2	Hall of Fame	Gun Runner	Mrs John Magnier, Michael B. Tabor, Derrick Smith, Asmussen Westerberg, Gandharvi LLC and Brook T. Smith		Santana, Jr.	122
3	Antiquarian 🍀	Preservationist	Centennial Farms	Pletcher	Velazquez	122
4	Agate Road 🍀	Quality Road	Repole Stable and St. Elias Stables LLC	Pletcher	Ortiz, Jr.	122
5	Catching Freedom 🍀	Constitution	Albaugh Family Stables LLC	Cox	Prat	122
6	Awesome Ruta	Mendelssohn	Tri-Star Racing, LLC and Cimarron TTT Farms LLC	Foster	Murrill	122
7	Honor Marie 🍀	Honor Code	Ribble Farms LLC, Michael H. Eiserman, Earl Silver, Kenneth E. and Daniel Fishbein	Beckman	Curtis	122
8	Next Level 🍀	Vino Rosso	Don't Tell My Wife Stables	Desormeaux	Riquelme	122
9	Real Men Violin 🍀	Mendelssohn	Tilted Shamrock Stables	McPeek	Lanerie	122
10	Common Defense 🍀	Karakontie (Jpn)	Tony Holmes	McPeek	Hernandez, Jr.	122
11	Tuscan Gold 🍀	Medaglia d'Oro	William Lawrence, Walmac Farm and Stonestreet	Brown	Gaffalione	122
12	Track Phantom 🍀	Quality Road	L and N Racing LLC, Clark Brewster, Jerry Caroom and Breeze Easy, LLC	Asmussen	Rosario	122

Breeders: 1-Ashview Farm & Colts Neck Stables, 2-Earle I. Mack LLC, 3-Brereton C. Jones, 4-CHC, Inc., 5-WinStar Farm, LLC, 6-Brian Levings, 7-Royce Pulliam, 8-White Fox Farm, 9-Newtown Anner Stud, 10-Tony Holmes, Norevale Farm & Union Dale, 11-Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC, 12-Breeze Easy, LLC

Saturday, Fair Grounds #9, post time: 5:04 p.m. EDT

NEW ORLEANS CLASSIC S. PRESENTED BY RELYNE GI BY HAGYARD-GII, \$500,000, 4yo/up, 1 1/8m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Red Route One	Gun Runner	Winchell Thoroughbreds LLC	Asmussen	Rosario	118
2	Gasoline	Curlin	Harrell Ventures, LLC and CHC INC.	Pletcher	Velazquez	120
3	Touchuponastar	Star Guitar	Set-Hut LLC	Delhomme	Thornton	122
4	Black Belt	Not This Time	EKB Stables LLC and P&L Thoroughbred Racing	Walder	Hernandez, Jr.	118
5	Money Supply 🍀	Practical Joke	Jordan V. Wycoff	Sharp	Gaffalione	122
6	Happy American 🍀	Runhappy	Neil L. Pessin	Pessin	Lanerie	118
7	Super Corinto (Arg)	Super Saver	Jet Set Racing Stable	Correas, IV	Ortiz, Jr.	118
8	Velocitor	Mor Spirit	Ulwelling, Al and Bill	Scherer	Cohen	118
9	Best Actor 🍀	Flatter	Steve Moger	Cox	Prat	120
10	Lure Him In	Khozan	C2 Racing Stable LLC, Double B Racing Stables, Paul Braverman, Timothy Pinch and Mach 1Stables	Joseph, Jr.	Gonzalez	122

Breeders: 1-Winchell Thoroughbreds, LLC, 2-China Horse Club International, LTD., 3-Coteau Grove Farms, 4-Springland Farm & Duncan Taylor, 5-Jeff Little, Teresa Little, Marilyn Little & William Lynn, 6-Claiborne Farm, 7-Firmamento, 8-Al Ulwelling & Bill Ulwelling, 9-E. H. Beau Lane, Gail McMichael Lane, J. B. Lane Orem & Michael Orem, 10-Stonehedge LLC



Saturday, Fair Grounds #11, post time: 6:08 p.m. EDT**FAIR GROUNDS OAKS PRESENTED BY FASIG-TIPTON-GII, \$400,000, 3yo, f, 1 1/16m**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	V V's Dream 🌿	Mitole	MJM Racing and Magdalena Racing	McPeek	Hernandez, Jr.	122
2	Midsummer March 🌿	Mendelssohn	Walking L Thoroughbreds, LLC	McPeek	Gutierrez	122
3	Alpine Princess 🌿	Classic Empire	Full of Run Racing II, LLC and Madaket Stables LLC	Cox	Geroux	122
4	Lucy Got Game 🌿	Vino Rosso	Gregory Tramontin	Amoss	Morales	122
5	Tarifa	Bernardini	Godolphin, LLC	Cox	Prat	122
6	Intricate 🌿	Gun Runner	Bradley Thoroughbreds, Laura Leigh Stable, Scott Estes and Cambron Equine, LLC	Walsh	Gaffalione	122
7	Our Pretty Woman 🌿	Medaglia d'Oro	Courtlandt Farms	Asmussen	Rosario	122
8	Accommodate Eva 🌿	Munnings	Valene Farms LLC	Stewart	Lanerie	122

Breeders: 1-Mark Stansell, 2-Mountmellick Farm, LLC, 3-Betz/DJ Stables/Peter V.Lamantia/Classic Empire Syndicate, 4-Milfer Farm Inc., 5-Godolphin, 6-LBD Stable, LLC, 7-Woods Edge Farm, LLC & Godolphin, 8-Brad King & Todd Fincher

Saturday, Fair Grounds #10, post time: 5:36 p.m. EDT**MUNIZ MEMORIAL CLASSIC S. PRESENTED BY HORSE RACING NATION-GII, \$300,000, 4yo/up, 1 1/8mT**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Adhamo (Ire)	Intello (Ger)	Michael Dubb, Madaket Stables & Louis Lazzinnaro	Brown	Gaffalione	118
2	Strong Quality	Quality Road	Gary Barber and Kinsman Stable	Casse	Velazquez	122
3	Webslinger 🌿	Constitution	D. J. Stable LLC	Casse	Prat	118
4	Beatbox 🌿	Pioneerof the Nile	Rob Comestro and Jeff Ganje	DeVaux	Rosario	122
5	Irish Aces 🌿	Mshawish	Pocket Aces Racing LLC	Walsh	Hernandez, Jr.	120
6	Palazzi 🌿	Pioneerof the Nile	Gary Barber	Casse	Loveberry	118
7	Gigante 🌿	Not This Time	Diamond T Racing LLC and Iapetus Racing LLC	Asmussen	Morales	122
8	Point Proven 🌿	Gun Runner	Norman C. Miller IV	Cohn	Lanerie	118
9	Johny's Fireball 🌿	Tonalist	AJ Suited Racing Stable, LLC, D C Racing and Brilliant Racing, LLC	Casse	Santana, Jr.	120
10	Rising Empire 🌿	Empire Maker	Russell Welch and Ran M. Leonard	Walsh	Graham	118
11	Risk Manager	Lookin At Lucky	Case Chambers	Maker	Gutierrez	118
12	Woods N Water	Palace	Painter, Richard and Dewberry Farm	Thomas	Green	118
13	I'm Very Busy	Cloud Computing	Team Hanley, R. Schermerhorn & P Braverman	Brown	Ortiz, Jr.	120

Breeders: 1-Wertheimer et Frere, 2-Kinsman Farm, 3-Kenneth L. Ramsey & Sarah K. Ramsey, 4-Three Chimneys Farm, LLC, 5-Lynch Bages LTD, 6-HnR Nothhaft Horseracing LLC & Pioneerof the Nile Syndicate, 7-Ann Mudge Backer & Smitten Farm, 8-Three Chimneys Farm, LLC, 9-R. S. Evans, 10-Gainesway Thoroughbreds LTD., 11-Kenneth L. Ramsey & Sarah K. Ramsey, 12-Orange Grove Thoroughbreds, Inc. & Richard Painter, 13-Glenn E. Brok LLC & Mark Toothaker

Saturday, Turfway #12, post time: 6:25 p.m. EDT**JEFF RUBY STEAKS-GIII, \$700,000, 3yo, 1 1/8m**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Freedom Principle 🌿	Flameaway	Echo Papa Racing Corp.	Garoffalo	Beschizza	123
2	Dancing Groom 🌿	Vino Rosso	Alexandres, LLC	Sano	Dettori	123
3	Lucky Jeremy 🌿	Lookin At Lucky	Jeremy Ramsland	Morey	Corrales	123
4	Noted 🌿	Cairo Prince	Repole Stable	Pletcher	Saez	123
5	Agate Road 🌿	Quality Road	Repole Stable and St. Elias Stables LLC	Pletcher	Ortiz	123
6	Northern Flame	Flameaway	Jack Oxley, Harold Lerner LLC, AWC Stables and Magdalena Racing	McPeek	Leparoux	123
7	Woodcourt 🌿	Ransom the Moon	Contreras Stable Inc.	Contreras	Machado	123
8	Otello	Curlin	Siena Farm LLC and WinStar Farm LLC	Clement	Castellano	123
9	Seize the Grey	Arrogate	MyRacehorse	Lukas	Juarez	123
10	Endlessly	Oscar Performance	Amerman Racing LLC	McCarthy	Rispoli	123

11	Baytown Chatterbox 🌿	Street Sense	Baytown Partnership and Resolute Racing Alliance	McEntee	Jimenez	123
12	West Saratoga 🌿	Exaggerator	Harry L. Veruchi	Demeritte	Castanon	123
13	Circle P 🌿	Speightster	DeSales 85 LLC	Stites	Conner	123
14	Triple Espresso 🌿	Omaha Beach	Repole Stable and St. Elias Stables LLC	Pletcher	Ortiz	123

Breeders: 1-Lantern Hill Farm LLC, 2-Don Alberto Corporation, 3-Mr. & Mrs. Craig L Minten, 4-Brereton C. Jones, 5-CHC, Inc., 6-Debby M Oxley, 7-Michelle Lovell, 8-Siena Farms LLC, 9-Jamm, LTD., 10-Mrs. Jerry Amerman, 11-Alpha Delta Stables, LLC, 12-Two Hearts Farm II LLC, 13-Marathon Farms, Inc., 14-Ashview Farm & Colts Neck Stables

Saturday, Oaklawn #9, post time: 5:55 p.m. EDT

ESSEX H.-GIII, \$600,000, 4yo/up, 1 1/8m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Ain't Life Grand	Not This Time	RPM Thoroughbreds	Von Hemel	Garcia	117
2	Lure Him In	Khozan	C2 Racing Stable LLC, Double B Racing Stables, Braverman, Paul, Pinch, Timothy & Mach 1 Stables	Joseph, Jr.	Gonzalez	118
3	Wizard of Westwood 🌿	Tu Brutus (Chi)	Warren, Andrew N. and Warren, Rania	McCarthy	Vazquez	117
4	Great Escape 🌿	Midnight Storm	Bennewith, Arnold, Wiest, Rick, Clayton & Lana, Howg, R, R6 Stables, Kropp, Gary & Tremblay, N	Diodoro	Hernandez	118
5	Magic Tap 🌿	Tapit	Winchell Thoroughbreds LLC	Asmussen	Asmussen	118
6	War Campaign	Declaration of War	Jerry Namy	Sims	Esquivel	119
7	Time for Trouble 🌿	English Channel	Thorndale Stable LLC and Hiles, Jeff A.	Hiles	Bejarano	117
8	Seize the Night 🌿	Carpe Diem	Willis Horton Racing LLC	Milligan, Jr.	Torres	118
9	First Mission	Street Sense	Godolphin, LLC	Cox	Geroux	121

Breeders: 1-RPM Thoroughbreds, 2-Stonehedge LLC, 3-Pope McLean, 4-Usquebaugh Stables, LLC, 5-Don Alberto Corporation, 6-Jerry Namy, 7-Calumet Farm, 8-Cove Springs Farm LLC, 9-Godolphin

Saturday, Turfway #10, post time: 5:13 p.m. EDT

TWINSPIRES KENTUCKY CUP CLASSIC S.-GIII, \$300,000, 4yo/up, 1 1/8m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Surly Furious	Upstart	Novogratz Racing Stables Inc.	Wisner	Cedillo	124
2	Verstappen 🌿	War Front	Andrew Farm, For the People Racing Stable LLC and Windmill Manor Farm	Walsh	Cannon	120
3	Wolfie's Dynaghost	Ghostzapper	Woodslane Farm	Thomas	Ortiz	120
4	Harlan Estate 🌿	Kantharos	Graham Grace Stable	Beckman	Loveberry	120
5	Cellist	Big Blue Kitten	Calumet Farm	Arnold, II	Saez	120
6	Wentru 🌿	Tourist	Frank Taylor, BlackRidge Stables, Deters Company, James B. Keogh and Michael McCabe	Walden	Concepcion	120
7	Curlin's Malibu 🌿	Curlin	William Earl Atkins	Atkins	Lagunes	120
8	Atone	Into Mischief	Three Diamonds Farm	Maker	Castellano	120
9	Tio Magico	Uncle Mo	Agave Racing Stable and Sam-Son Farm	D'Amato	Machado	120
10	County Final 🌿	Oxbow	Ken Copenhaver	Joseph, Jr.	Dettori	120
11	Kitodan 🌿	Point of Entry	Foster Family Racing, Douglas Miller & W. Wargel	Foster	Rodriguez	120
12	Funtastic Again 🌿	Funtastic	Three Chimneys Farm	Ward	Corrales	120

Breeders: 1-Brereton C. Jones, 2-Frank Hutchinson, 3-Woodslane Farm, 4-Tall Oaks Farm, 5-Calumet Farm, 6-Don Alberto Corporation, 7-Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC, 8-Godolphin, 9-Sam-Son Farm, 10-Calumet Farm, 11-Flaxman Holdings Limited, 12-BHMFR, LLC



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IN ORDER OF PURSE:

ANY LIMIT S., \$102,000, Gulfstream, 3-17, 3yo, f, 6f, 1:10.90, ft.

1--**LAUNCH**, 120, f, 3, by **Omaha Beach**

1st Dam: Spark (MSP, \$119,443), by Speightstown

2nd Dam: Mon Belle, by Maria's Mon

3rd Dam: Regal Band, by Dixieland Band

(\$50,000 Ylg '22 KEESSEP). **1ST BLACK TYPE WIN.** O-Amo Racing USA; B-Peter E. Blum Thoroughbreds, LLC (KY); T-Jorge Delgado; J-David Egan. \$62,000. Lifetime Record: GSP-Ire, 11-3-2-3, \$163,760.

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2--**R Harper Rose**, 123, f, 3, Khozan--True Bliss, by Yes It's True. (\$16,000 Ylg '22 OBSOCT; \$60,000 2yo '23 OBSMAR). O-Averill Racing and Two Eight Racing; B-Sally Andersen (FL); T-Saffie Joseph, Jr. \$26,000.

3--**Chi Chi**, 123, f, 3, Audible--Simply Confection, by **Candy Ride (Arg)**. (\$47,000 RNA Ylg '22 OBSWIN). O-Sam Wilensky; B-France Weiner (FL); T-Herman Wilensky. \$14,000.

Margins: 1 3/4, 5, NO. Odds: 3.20, 0.20, 5.20.

Scratched: Candy Gray, Runaway Diva, Amor Fati.

Launch began her career in Ireland and showed enough promise to pick up a group placing at second asking last May. Never able to break her maiden in Europe, she shipped back to America and put a 7 1/2-length win at Delaware in October before resurfacing in Florida to be second in the Glitter Woman S. at Gulfstream Jan. 7. A winner facing optional claimers last out Feb. 14, the 3-1 second choice faced only two rivals in a scratched-down field led by heavy favorite R Harper Rose who was intent on the lead from the jump. Launch initially tried to stick with that runner but took back through fast fractions of :21.58 and :44.65. Set down after the leader turning for home, Launch was able to get past as R Harper Rose began to tire and hit the wire 1 3/4-lengths ahead of the strung-out trio.

"I think she's a better filly coming from behind," said winning rider David Egan. "I felt she was pricking her ears and almost waiting for the other horses to come. She enjoyed the fight."

The fourth stakes winner for Omaha Beach, Launch is out of a half-sister to the dam of GISW and sire Silve State (**Hard Spun**). This is also the family of GI Kentucky Derby winner Monarchos (Maria's Mon). Spark has a 2-year-old Authentic filly and foaled a colt by Bolt d'Oro this year. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**



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EAST VIEW S., \$100,000, Aqueduct, 3-17, (S), 3yo, f, 6f, 1:10.55, ft.

1--**SWEET BROWN SUGAR**, 122, f, 3, by **Collected**

1st Dam: Rachel's Blue Moon, by Bodemeister

2nd Dam: Beautiful But Blue, by El Corredor

3rd Dam: Beautiful America, by Dixie Brass

(\$10,000 Ylg '22 SARAUG; \$32,000 2yo '23 OBSOPN).

1ST BLACK TYPE WIN. O-Richie Rich Racing Stable; B-Chester & Mary R. Broman (NY); T-Paul W. Barrow; J-Jose Lezcano. \$55,000. Lifetime Record: 6-4-0-1, \$150,500.

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2--**Bernietakescharge**, 120, f, 3, **Take Charge Indy**--Berning Rose, by Freud. O/B-Robert D. Rosenthal & Bradford Bernstein (NY); T-Domenick L. Schettino. \$20,000.

3--**Caldwell Luvs Gold**, 122, f, 3, Goldcents--Snow, by **Quality Road**. (\$36,000 Wlg '21 FTNMIX; \$73,000 Ylg '22 SARAUG). O-Dicke Racing; B-Jeremiah Desmond & Drumkenny Farm, LLC (NY); T-Brad H. Cox. \$12,000.

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Margins: 4, 1, 3 1/4. Odds: 6.00, 0.80, 1.75.

Also Ran: Thirteen Red Flags, Bustin Time, Rumint, Soloshot.

A New York bred who has raced exclusively in her home state, Sweet Brown Sugar opened her career two for two at the Finger Lakes late last year and last picked up a win against fellow state-breds at Aqueduct March 3. Trying stakes company for the second time, the 6-1 shot chased into a :22.48 opening quarter set by Bustin Time (Bustin Stones), got by with an inside move past the quarter pole and drew off convincingly for the win.

"She doesn't like the dirt too much in her face, and I got lucky with the horse [No. 4, Bustin Time], she stayed way out and I was able to keep the face clean," said Jose Lezcano. **Cont.**

“She responded and came up with a good race and is feeling very good. I had a lot of horse when I asked her.”

One of 10 stakes winners for **Collected**, Sweet Brown Sugar is her dam's most recent offspring after she lost both her 2022 and 2023 foals. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

DAMON RUNYON S., \$93,000, Aqueduct, 3-17, (S), 3yo, 6f, 1:10.35, ft.

1--**ANTONIO OF VENICE**, 122, c, 3, by **Laoban**

1st Dam: Stella Performance, by Trappe Shot

2nd Dam: Passion Overflow, by Hennessy

3rd Dam: Polar Bird (Ire), by Thatching (Ire)

(\$35,000 Ylg '22 FTKOCT; \$35,000 2yo '23 OBSMAR).

O-Michael Imperio, Robert Cotrone, Hibiscus Stables LLC and Rudy R. Rodriguez; B-Cypress Creek Equine LLC (NY); T-Rudy R. Rodriguez; J-Manuel Franco. \$55,000. Lifetime Record: 8-3-2-1, \$425,744.

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2--**Mischief Joke**, 122, c, 3, **Practical Joke**--Shesabitdistorted, by Distorted Humor. (\$6,500 Ylg '22 KEEJAN; \$150,000 RNA 2yo '23 FTDAUG; \$210,000 RNA 3yo '24 FTDFEB). O-Paradise Farms Corp., Parkland Thoroughbreds, Barry Fowler and Angelo Carlesimo; B-Pine Ridge Stables LTD (NY); T-Michael J. Maker. \$20,000.

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3--**Aelfgar**, 118, g, 3, **Leofric**--Star Orchid, by Successful Appeal.

1ST BLACK TYPE. O-Luanne Bianchi and Rachel Sells; B-ZBS Thoroughbreds LLC & **Leofric** Syndicate (NY); T-Rachel Sells. \$12,000.

Margins: 9 1/4, 1 1/4, 6. Odds: 1.05, 0.80, 18.50.

Also Ran: Mad Banker. Scratched: Heavyweight Champs.

Antonio of Venice in his latest form cycle won the restricted New York Stallion Series S. at the Big A in mid-December, but was beaten a length by Mischief Joke over the slop in the Rego Park S. Jan. 28.

Looking to avenge that loss and off as the 1-1 second choice here, the bay wasted no time establishing firm control of the pace up the backstretch. Mischief Joke tried his best to stick with Antonio of Venice, but the leader built a strong head of steam around the far turn. At the top of the lane, the pacesetter increased his margin and romped over the rest of the field.

"I told Manny [Franco] if he breaks good, take it - don't take no advantage with the one [Aelfgar] because the last time, the one chased Heavyweight Champs a lot," said trainer Rudy Rodriguez. "I think maybe running that horse [Aelfgar] back too quick maybe got a little bit out of that horse or maybe they wanted to take him back. But it was good we found ourselves on the lead. I told Manny if you find yourself on the lead just take it from there."

Stella Performance is responsible for a yearling filly by **McKinzie** who was bought by SJW Enterprises for \$130,000 at this year's Keeneland January Sale. Antonio of Venice's dam foaled a filly by **Keepmeinmind** Feb. 18. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

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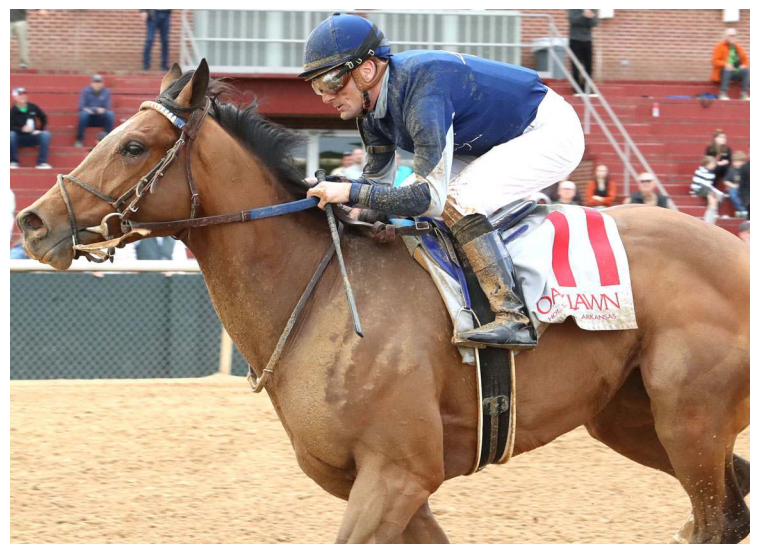
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8th-Oaklawn, \$140,000, Alw, 3-17, (NW1\$X), 4yo/up, 1m, 1:37.83, ft, 2 3/4 lengths.

BEN FRANKLIN (g, 4, City of Light--Inventive {MSP, \$134,000}, by Dixie Union) posted a pair of runner-up finishes--starting last fall at Churchill Downs. The 4-year-old graduated at fifth asking as the well-backed favorite in Hot Springs Feb. 25. As the 8-5 choice here, he was shuffled towards the rear of the field into the first turn but started to make some progress up the backstretch. He throttled up while going wide around the far turn, aimed at Megan's Honor (Ghaaleb) down the lane and sailed by with to win by 2 3/4 lengths. Ben Franklin is a half-brother to **West Coast Chick** (Malibu Moon), GSP, \$163,184 and to **Klimt (Quality Road)**, GISW, \$468,960. A \$380,000 buy for Baccari Bloodstock at the 2019 KEENOV with the winner in-utero, Inventive foaled a colt by **Charlatan** last year and visited Jackie's Warrior for this spring. Sales History: \$435,000 Ylg '21 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 6-2-2-0, \$208,737. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.** O/B-Chris Baccari (KY); T-Kenneth G. McPeek.

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1st-Aqueduct, \$81,480, Alw (NW2\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$62,500), 3-17, 4yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2f, 1:16.43, ft, neck.

LEAVE NO TRACE (f, 4, Outwork--Tanquerray, by Good Journey) enjoyed a stellar 2-year-old campaign which saw her break her maiden on debut and jump right into Grade I company as the winner of the GI Spinaway S. Second in the 2022 Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies to that year's champion Wonder Wheel (Into Mischief), Leave No Trace struggled to regain her form as a 3-year-old. Tried on the turf and the Tapeta, she was last eighth after leading early over the Gulfstream grass course Jan. 27. The 5-1 shot was denied the lead early but tracked Starship Defiant (Empire Way) from second, got by that leader at the furlong marker and hung on to a narrow advantage to defeat Dame Cinco (Cinco Charlie) by a neck. Leave No Trace has a pair of half-brothers by Notional while her dam is due to **Olympiad** this year. Sales History: \$8,000 Ylg '21 FTKFEB; \$40,000 Ylg '21 EASOCT. Lifetime Record: GISW, 10-3-1-1, \$652,000. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.** O-WellSpring Stables; B-Red Cloak Farm, LLC (KY); T-Philip M. Serpe.

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3rd-Santa Anita, \$68,000, (S), Alw (NW1\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$50,000), 3-17, 3yo, 6 1/2fT, 1:15.47, fm, 2 3/4 lengths.

TOM SEAVER (c, 3, Sir Prancealot {Ire}--Enola Gray {GSW & GISP, \$585,100}, by Grazen) broke his maiden by 3/4 length on debut while sprinting over the Santa Anita grass against state bred in late October. Off nearly a five-month break, the homebred with first time Lasix went off as a 5-1 shot here. The gray was hard held mid-pack up the backstretch. Launching a bid around the far turn, the 3-year-old tipped to the three path, uncorked down the lane and roared home by 2 3/4 lengths over Two by Four (Clubhouse Ride). The winner's dam is responsible for a 2-year-old colt named Maury Wills (**Audible**) and yearling colt Robin Olds (Mo Forza). A full-sister to MSW/GSP Alice Marble, Enola Gray was bred back to that same sire for this term. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$76,800. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.** O/B-Nick Alexander (CA); T-Philip D'Amato.

MAIDEN WINNERS

IN ORDER OF PURSE:

7th-Gulfstream, \$70,140, Msw, 3-17, 3yo, f, 6f, 1:11.43, ft, 1 length.

MIUCCIA (f, 3, Mitole--Bay Harbor, by Speightstown) faded to seventh in her first start at Gulfstream Feb. 11. A 4-1 shot here, the bay tracked the favorite up the backstretch and went with the rail-hugging Tinki Abarrio (**Runhappy**) around the far turn. They matched one another stride for stride until Miuccia got the best of her rival with a sixteenth left and sealed the deal by a length. Bay Harbor was a \$130,000 purchase by Fred W. Hertrich III at the 2020 Keeneland November Sale with the winner in-utero. She is also responsible for a filly by **McKinzie** and she foaled a colt by **Maclean's Music** Feb. 21. Miuccia's third dam GSW Our Khrysty (Newfoundland), a half-sister to GI Whitney H. hero Bullsbay (Tiznow), produced \$2 million 2022 Fasig-Tipton Fall Mixed Sale grad and GISW Grace Adler (**Curlin**). Sales History: \$55,000 Ylg '22 KEEJAN; \$140,000 Ylg '22 FTKOCT; \$230,000 2yo '23 EASMAY. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$42,700. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.** O-JR Ranch; B-Fred W. Hertrich III, John D. Fielding & Robert L. Tribbett (KY); T-Gustavo Delgado.

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5th-Turfway, \$69,685, Msw, 3-16, 3yo/up, 6 1/2f (AWT), 1:16.77, ft, 1 3/4 lengths.

POLSTER (c, 4, Speightstown--Enquete {SP}, by Indian Charlie) debuted with Lasix as a 9-1 shot here and raced in the second flight as a pair led the way up the backstretch. Rounding the far turn, the 4-year-old fanned three wide, grabbed the lead before the top of the lane and was able graduate by 1 3/4 lengths over fellow firster Mohtafil (Kitten's Joy). Out of an extended female family which includes English G1 Coronation S. heroines Alpha Centauri (Ire) (Mastercraftsman {Ire}) and Alpine Star (Ire) (Sea The Moon {Ger}), the winner's dam last produced a filly named Profilage (**Munnings**), who is now a 2-year-old. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$40,941. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

O-Silver Lining Racing; B-Wertheimer/Frere (KY); T-B. Colebrook.

3rd-Laurel, \$48,710, Msw, 3-17, 3yo, f, 1 1/16m, 1:49.14, ft, 7 1/2 lengths.

GRAMMY GIRL (f, 3, Mastery--Song Girl, by Songandaprayer) faded to third on debut at Laurel Feb. 10 before being installed as a 7-2 shot here. The dark bay established her lead from the rail into the first turn and continued to control the pace from that spot up the backstretch. Getting away from the rest of the field around the far turn, the 3-year-old ran up the score by 7 1/2 lengths over Amie's Symphony (**Mendelssohn**). A half-sister to champion 2-year-old colt Classic Empire (Pioneerof the Nile), the winner's dam is responsible for a 2-year-old filly by Caravaggio and she visited **Highly Motivated** for this season. Sales History: \$25,000 Ylg '22 EASOCT. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, \$32,900. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

O-Red Storm Stable and Flower Power Stables; B-Steven & Brandi Nicholson (KY); T-Horacio De Paz.

7th-Sam Houston Race, \$33,000, Msw, 3-17, 3, 4, /5yo, f/m, 5 1/2f, 1:05.14, ft, 4 1/4 lengths.

AFFECTION (f, 3, Ghostzapper--Got Lucky {GISW, \$951,340}, by A.P. Indy) dueled on the lead with Violent Violet (**Violence**), took over a furlong from home and cleared off with authority on debut to win by 4 1/4 lengths over Climb to Glory (**Army Mule**). Got Lucky, already the producer of Slip Mahoney (Arrogate), SW & GSP, \$456,180 and Overtook (**Curlin**), MGSP, \$166,380, is from the family of GI Kentucky Derby winner Super Saver. She reported a **Charlatan** filly last year and was bred to **Good Magic** for 2024. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$19,620. **Click for the Equibase.com chart.**

O-Hill 'n' Dale Equine Holdings, Inc.; B-Hill 'N' Dale Equine Holdings, Inc. & Philip J. Steinberg (KY); T-Steven M. Asmussen.



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4-Will Rogers Downs, 3:36 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2f, Let Her Buck, 3-1

World of Trouble (Kantharos), Hill 'n' Dale at Xalapa, \$5,000
129 foals of racing age/22 winners/1 black-type winner
7-Will Rogers Downs, 4:57 p.m. EDT, \$75K Blue Ribbon S., 6f, Red Rose Cafe, 12-1

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QUEEN S., \$125,000, Turfway, 3-16, 4yo/up, f/m, 6f (AWT), 1:09.93, ft.

1--B G WARRIOR, 124, f, 4, Run Away and Hide--Biogio's Gift, by Any Given Saturday. O-Keith Grass; B-Lou Dunn Diekemper Trust (KY); T-Hugo Andrade; J-Albin Jimenez. \$72,434. Lifetime Record: MSW, 22-5-5-3, \$479,686. *1/2 to Tap Dancing Lady (**Tapiture**), MSP, \$192,363.

(DH) 2--**Swall**, 120, f, 4, **Ghostzapper**--Cat Dancer, by Storm Cat. (\$45,000 RNA Ylg '21 KESEP; \$240,000 2yo '22 OBSMAR). **1ST BLACK TYPE.** O-Little Red Feather Racing; B-Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC (KY); T-Philip D'Amato. \$17,742.

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(DH) 2--**Honey Pants**, 124, m, 6, **Cairo Prince**--Queens Carousel, by Afternoon Deelites. (\$90,000 Ylg '19 KEESEP). O-Bakster Farm LLC and Gerald Isbister; B-Betz/Lamantia/J. Betz (KY); T-Jonathan Thomas. \$17,742.

Margins: HD, 2HF, 2HF. Odds: 1.52, 21.21, 5.74.

IRISH O'BRIEN S., \$101,000, Santa Anita, 3-17, (S), 4yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2ft, 1:12.66, fm.

1--**STAY AND SCAM**, 122, f, 4, **Square Eddie**--**Puff Pastry**, by **Momentum**. (\$140,000 RNA 2yo '22 OBSOPN). **1ST BLACK TYPE WIN**. O/B-Reddam Racing, LLC (CA); T-Doug F. O'Neill; J-Mario Gutierrez. \$60,000. Lifetime Record: 10-5-2-1, \$290,760. *Full to Square Peggy, SP, \$276,504.

2--**Chancery Way**, 124, m, 5, Mr. Big--This Means War, by War Chant. (\$6,500 Ylg '20 NCAAUG). O-Andy & Rob Smolich; B-Harris Farm & John Nicoletti (CA); T-Jamey Thomas. \$20,000.

3--**Chismosa**, 124, f, 4, Clubhouse Ride--You Can Dream, by Cat Dreams. O/B-Jaime R Renella (CA); T-Rafael DeLeon. \$12,000.

Margins: HF, NK, HF. Odds: 1.20, 3.50, 8.80.

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

9th-Gulfstream, \$87,240, (C)/Opt. Clm (\$62,500), 3-17, 4yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:36.53, ft, neck.

BETH'S DREAM (m, 6, Jess's Dream--**Gator Brew {SW}**, by **Milwaukee Brew**) Lifetime Record: SW, 13-6-2-2, \$298,617. O-James E. and Virginia Gramble; B-James Gamble (FL); T-Victor Barboza, Jr.

2nd-Aqueduct, \$71,780, (S), (NW2\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$45,000), 3-17, 4yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:11.36, ft, 1/2 length.

JACKSON'S DIXIE (f, 4, Union Jackson--**Captured My Fancy**, by **Uncaptured**) Lifetime Record: 14-6-2-2, \$175,740. O-Roddy J. Valente; B-Andy Beadnell (NY); T-Adam Rice. *\$1,000 2yo '22 FTIDEC.

8th-Laurel, \$58,580, (C)/Opt. Clm (\$44,000-\$55,000), 3-17, 4yo/up, 1 1/16m, 1:44.80, ft, 2 1/4 lengths.

BE BETTER (h, 5, Uncle Mo--**Social Call**, by **Smart Strike**) Lifetime Record: SW, 18-6-1-5, \$319,800. O/B-Repole Stable Inc (KY); T-Brittany T. Russell.

7th-Laurel, \$48,020, Alw, 3-17, (NW1X), 4yo/up, 7f, 1:23.89, ft, 1 1/4 lengths.

UNION FLEET (g, 5, Union Jackson--**Piccolo Flats**, by **A. P. Warrior**) Lifetime Record: 23-5-6-2, \$176,702. O-Pepe Stable and J L M Jacona Stable; B-Jonathan Thorne (NY); T-Jose J. Magana. *\$25,000 Ylg '20 EASOCT.

5th-Sam Houston Race, \$34,500, 3-17, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16mT, 1:46.62, fm, 3/4 length.

VIEWERS DISCRETION (m, 5, Outwork--**Minestrone**, by **Forestry**) Lifetime Record: 14-2-3-4, \$83,748. O-George A. Sharp; B-Kirt & Sarah Cahill (KY); T-Shawn H. Davis. *\$17,000 RNA Ylg '20 KEEJAN; \$25,000 RNA Ylg '20 EASOCT.

8th-Sam Houston Race, \$34,500, 3-17, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 5ft, :57.45, fm, 3 1/2 lengths.

FIRE VISION (m, 5, Court Vision--**Warrior's Fire**, by **Warrior's Reward**) Lifetime Record: 16-4-5-3, \$103,780. O-Blick Stables; B-Russell Dean Louviere (LA); T-George Allan Bryant.

4th-Charles Town, \$27,400, 3-16, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 6 1/2f, 1:20.66, ft, 1 3/4 lengths.

CIDERHOUSE WAY (g, 4, Limehouse--**Apple Valley Miss**, by **Point Given**) Lifetime Record: 8-4-2-0, \$78,782. O/B-Cristina V. Mosby (WV); T-Kristy Gazzier.

5th-Charles Town, \$27,400, 3-16, (NW2LX), 3yo/up, 4 1/2f, :52.22, ft, 2 1/4 lengths.

MARSHALL PEANUT (g, 3, Gandhi--**Crooked Again**, by **Taste of Paradise**) Lifetime Record: 4-4-0-0, \$66,177. O/B/T-Michael G. Atkins (WV).

7th-Charles Town, \$27,400, (S), 3-16, (NW2L), 3yo/up, f/m, 4 1/2f, :52.28, ft, 6 3/4 lengths.

JLODIAMOND (f, 3, Juba--**Hastypuddindiamond**, by **Citislipper**) Lifetime Record: 3-2-1-0, \$38,026. O/B-Timothy Locklear (WV); T-Ricardo Rangel.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Roberta's Love, f, 3, **Collected**--**West Coast** Gal, by Broken Vow. Santa Anita, 3-17, (S), 6f, 1:10.82. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, \$46,800. B-Richard Barton Enterprises (CA). *\$30,000 Ylg '22 FTCAIR. **1/2 to Yesterday's News (New Year's Day), GISP, \$125,245.

Grogu, g, 3, **Get Stormy**--How Unusual (GSW, \$316,057), by Unusual Heat. Golden Gate Fields, 3-16, 1m (AWT), 1:38.91. Lifetime Record: 7-1-2-0, \$27,300. B-Domenic Savides (KY).

Bubba's Reckless, g, 3, **Keep Up**--L T Reckless, by Henny Hughes. Sam Houston Race, 3-17, (S), 5 1/2f, 1:05.27. Lifetime Record: 6-1-1-1, \$40,769. B-Eureka TB (TX). *\$7,000 Ylg '22 TTAYRL.

Lady Moscato, f, 3, **Quality Road**--Theycallmeladyluck (SP), by Dixie Union. Oaklawn, 3-17, 6f, 1:11.36. Lifetime Record: 9-1-4-0, \$168,394. B-Seclusive Farm LLC, Chester Prince & Anne Prince (KY). *\$800,000 Ylg '22 KEESEP. **Full to Salty, GISW, \$688,500.

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Permed, f, 3, **Street Boss**--Curled, by **Curlin**. Gulfstream, 3-17, (C), 5fT, :56.14. Lifetime Record: 4-1-2-1, \$74,400. B-Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners (KY).

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American Symphony, g, 4, **Into Mischief**--Kindle (MSW & MGSP, \$243,370), by Indian Charlie. Charles Town, 3-16, 1 1/16m, 1:49.51. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-0, \$23,419. B-HnR Nothhaft Horse Racing LLC (KY). *\$335,000 RNA Wlg '20 FTKNOV. **1/2 to Palazzi (Pioneer of the Nile), GSW-Can, SW & GSP-USA, \$502,460 and Made in America (Tiznow), SW, \$112,010.

Special Flower, m, 5, **Will Take Charge**--Blossom Special (Ire), by Intello (Ger). Santa Anita, 3-17, 6fT, 1:09.26. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$39,000. B-John D. Gunther & Eurowest Bloodstock (KY). *\$20,000 Ylg '20 KEESEP; \$55,000 2yo '21 FTSANA. **1ST-TIME STARTER.

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Collected, Roberta's Love, f, 3, o/o **West Coast** Gal, by Broken Vow. MSW, 3-17, Santa Anita

Collected, Sweet Brown Sugar, f, 3, o/o Rachel's Blue Moon, by Bodemeister. East View S., 3-17, Aqueduct

Court Vision, Fire Vision, m, 5, o/o Warrior's Fire, by Warrior's Reward. ALW, 3-17, Sam Houston

Gandhi, Marshall Peanut, g, 3, o/o Crooked Again, by Taste of Paradise. ALW, 3-16, Charles Town

Get Stormy, Groggu, g, 3, o/o How Unusual, by Unusual Heat. MSW, 3-16, Golden Gate

Ghostzapper, Affection, f, 3, o/o Got Lucky, by A.P. Indy. MSW, 3-17, Sam Houston

Into Mischief, American Symphony, g, 4, o/o Kindle, by Indian Charlie. MSW, 3-16, Charles Town

Jess's Dream, Beth's Dream, m, 6, o/o Gator Brew, by Milwaukee Brew. AOC, 3-17, Gulfstream

Juba, Jlodiamond, f, 3, o/o Hastypuddindiamond, by Citislipper.

ALW, 3-16, Charles Town

Keep Up, Bubba's Reckless, g, 3, o/o L T Reckless, by Henry Hughes. MSW, 3-17, Sam Houston

Laoban, Antonio of Venice, c, 3, o/o Stella Performance, by Trappe Shot. Damon Runyon S., 3-17, Aqueduct

Limehouse, Ciderhouse Way, g, 4, o/o Apple Valley Miss, by Point Given. ALW, 3-16, Charles Town

Mastery, Grammy Girl, f, 3, o/o Song Girl, by Songandaprayer. MSW, 3-17, Laurel

Mitole, Miuccia, f, 3, o/o Bay Harbor, by Speightstown. MSW, 3-17, Gulfstream

Omaha Beach, Launch, f, 3, o/o Spark, by Speightstown. Any Limit S., 3-17, Gulfstream

Outwork, Leave No Trace, f, 4, o/o Tanquerray, by Good Journey. AOC, 3-17, Aqueduct

Outwork, Viewers Discretion, m, 5, o/o Minestrone, by Forestry. ALW, 3-17, Sam Houston

Quality Road, Lady Moscato, f, 3, o/o Theycallmeladyluck, by Dixie Union. MSW, 3-17, Oaklawn

Run Away and Hide, B G Warrior, f, 4, o/o Biogio's Gift, by Any Given Saturday. Queen S., 3-16, Turfway

Sir Prancealot (Ire), Tom Seaver, c, 3, o/o Enola Gray, by Grazen. AOC, 3-17, Santa Anita

Speightstown, Polster, c, 4, o/o Enquete, by Indian Charlie. MSW, 3-16, Turfway

Square Eddie, Stay and Scam, f, 4, o/o Puff Pastry, by Momentum. Irish O'Brien S., 3-17, Santa Anita

Street Boss, Permed, f, 3, o/o Curled, by **Curlin**. MCL, 3-17, Gulfstream

Uncle Mo, Be Better, h, 5, o/o Social Call, by Smart Strike. AOC, 3-17, Laurel

Union Jackson, Jackson's Dixie, f, 4, o/o Captured My Fancy, by Uncaptured. AOC, 3-17, Aqueduct

Union Jackson, Union Fleet, g, 5, o/o Piccolo Flats, by A. P. Warrior. ALW, 3-17, Laurel

Will Take Charge, Special Flower, m, 5, o/o Blossom Special (Ire), by Intello (Ger). MSW, 3-17, Santa Anita

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"I NEEDED A CHANGE" - SEAMIE HEFFERNAN EXPLAINS BALLYDOYLE DEPARTURE



Seamie Heffernan: to ride freelance in 2024 | [Racingfotos.com](https://www.racingphotos.com)

For the first time since 1996, Seamie Heffernan will not be based at Ballydoyle—but Aidan O'Brien's long and trusted ally has revealed that he still hopes to be riding big-race winners in the Coolmore colours in the future.

It has been one of the worst kept secrets in Irish racing for some time that Heffernan, one of the constants at Ballydoyle for almost three decades now, would not be returning to the fold.

And on the eve of the opening day of the Flat season in Ireland, Heffernan lifted the lid on the reasons behind taking the decision to step away from Ballydoyle in favour of tackling life "in the fast lane" as a freelance jockey. He also revealed that he has already been approached to ride for one of the major opposition stables.

Heffernan told *TDN Europe*, "It was my decision. When I look outside my back door on my farm, I know that I have been so privileged because I started off with absolutely zero. I couldn't believe it when I was offered the job behind Christy Roche in Ballydoyle back in 1996.

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MEET THE UNDER-THE-RADAR TRAINER OUT TO MAKE A SPLASH AT THE CURRAGH

By Brian Sheerin

Barry Fitzgerald may be an under-the-radar trainer but he is by no means unheard of. The County Carlow-based handler registered five winners in Ireland last season and six the previous campaign. What's more impressive is that he was operating at a hugely respectable 10 and 14 per cent strike-rate for those respective campaigns. No mean feat when you're operating with just a handful of Flat horses and working with limited pedigrees every year.

But the quality is on the up in the yard and Fitzgerald, already off the mark this year at Dundalk, is hoping to hit the ground running when he unleashes a couple of youngsters on the opening day of the new Flat season at the Curragh on Monday.

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Zardozi (Kingman) and Tom Marquand taking the G2 Phar Lap S. at Rosehill on Saturday. [Replay](#). | Bronwen Healy

THE CURRAGH WELCOMES BACK THE FLAT

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No sooner is the Cheltenham Festival wound up than the Flat Turf season begins at The Curragh on Monday. Tom Frary has a preview.

SAXON WARRIOR FILLY PREVAILS SECOND OUT

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Runner-up on debut at Saint-Cloud, Cartimandua gamely stayed on to prevail by a neck at Lyon-Parilly for conditioner Francis-Henri Graffard.

SIXPENGE DOMINATES SATSUKI SHO TRIAL

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In an electrifying display through the late stages, Sixpence overwhelmed nine other rivals and proclaimed himself as one to watch for the G1 Satsuki Sho (Japanese 2,000 Guineas).

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Heffernan Departure, cont. from p1

"I have made many friends, plenty of money and I have loads of nice pictures and trophies. It's not over yet but I just felt that I needed a change."

He added, "For me to stay going, I felt it would be easier to stay going by not being based in Ballydoyle. Some lads will raise their eyebrows and wonder why. But, look it, I'm going to continue race riding so, if Aidan wants to use me, it will be absolutely fine. The only difference is that I won't be riding out in Ballydoyle every day anymore."

Heffernan and O'Brien have categorically denied that there has been any falling out. Speaking to the Racing Post on Sunday, O'Brien said, "Obviously I heard the rumours but I didn't think any more about it. However, Seamus rang me last weekend to say he was going to go freelance. I totally respect that and I told him he's welcome to come back any time he likes, we're always here any time it suits him. That will always be the way, if it ever suits him."

O'Brien added, "There has been absolutely no falling out in any way. Seamus rode a lot of very big, important winners for us and we'd always hope and wish the very best for Seamus going forward."

Together, O'Brien and Heffernan combined to win the Derby at Epsom in 2019 with Anthony Van Dyck, the Oaks in 2012 with Was and five more Irish Derby victories at the Curragh. But Heffernan's personal highlight, marginally behind being offered the Ballydoyle gig in the first place, was guiding globetrotting sensation Highland Reel to victory in the Breeders' Cup Turf at

Santa Anita in 2016.

Heffernan remembered, "I probably should have won an Arc on Highland Reel but, a couple of weeks later, I hit the nail on the head—that Breeders' Cup win was awesome. That would have to be the one that sticks out. But, I would nearly have to put that second to being offered the job at Ballydoyle in the first place back in 1996. Getting the job was my highlight."

So what will a day in the life of Heffernan look like this season? Outside of O'Brien, for whom the 51-year-old rode 34 winners from 155 rides domestically last season, Tipperary-based

handlers Willie Browne [rides] and Kevin Coleman [22 rides] were also major supporters. Heffernan says that he is committed to maintaining and developing those relationships going forward as well as working closely with a number of longstanding owners to identify young talent.

Heffernan said, "A change is as good as a holiday. I'm going to be busy and I'm going to be riding on. I feel very fit and I'm very focused. It's onwards and upwards, hopefully. I have little bits and pieces and interests in horses. When I set my mind on something, I try very hard to

make it happen. I'm going to try hard to make things happen this year. I can't call the people I will be riding for smaller trainers—they just don't have the same ammunition as the big boys. I'll be working very closely with some of my owners to get the ammunition and to make it happen for those trainers."

He continued, "I feel that I have achieved a lot and, for me to stay happy and keep achieving, I needed a change."

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"Hopefully it's the right decision. I can't stress how thankful I am to the Magniers, the Tabors and the Smiths. With their pedigrees, I achieved the most on the biggest stages. I can't stress how thankful I am to them for never saying, 'we don't want Seamie.' I am sure I will ride plenty of winners in their silks again."

Heffernan has been associated with many of Coolmore's champions, none more high profile than the legendary Galileo, who he partnered to Derrinstown Stud Derby Trial success in 2001. Coolmore boss John Magnier and his partners are understood to have given Heffernan their full backing in his decision to go freelance after a long and fruitful association riding many of Ballydoyle's big guns.

He explained, "They completely respected my decision. Whatever I felt was the right thing to do, they had no problem with it. I would be inclined to say I have spent all of my career in the slow lane so maybe I might chance putting on the indicator and heading into the fast lane for a while. Maybe it's time I put myself in the fast lane to see if I can handle it!"

Asked if that meant he had designs on challenging for a championship, Heffernan concluded, "I don't have the ammunition so I don't think I would have any chance. Unless you are riding for Joseph O'Brien, Dermot Weld, those sort of trainers, you can't win a title because you just don't have the numbers. I have been approached [by one of the bigger stables] but I am happy enough for my agent [Ruaidhri Tierny] to do his best and I will do my best for him."

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Barry Fitzgerald, cont. from p1

First up for Fitzgerald is Far At Sea (Ire), a filly by first-season sire Far Above (Ire), who tackles the opening two-year-old maiden and is reported to go well at home. The trainer said, "She goes very well—she's a good, fast filly. I know the ground is

quite soft and hopefully that won't blunt her speed too much. We've liked everything she has been doing so far so hopefully she can bring it to the track.

"Far At Sea was bought privately by her owner David Granville. He buys a lot of horses privately and, actually, he bought Harbour Gem (Ire) (Zoffany {Ire}) privately as well. She did well for us last year, placing in two maidens, and she has gone to Dermot Weld now. She could have a big year in front of her."

Fitzgerald will also run another debutante, Bella Mistiko (Ire) (Invincible Army {Ire}), in the three-year-olds and upwards fillies' maiden later on the card.

On her prospects, he commented, "She goes very well as well. We're hoping for a big run but she's drawn in stall 19, which isn't ideal. She was just a very backward two-year-old and we were going to go to Dundalk with her. We said we'd wait and go for the grass instead and I think she will love the ground. She's ready to go as well. If either of them win or get placed, the likelihood is that they'd be sold. You need to sell in order to keep the whole thing going."

Fitzgerald splits his yard of 20 horses between Flat and National Hunt. Much of the emphasis to his business revolves around trading and he has done well in that aspect of the game over both codes.

He explained, "We're getting better horses every year. We started off in 2019 and we've built it up to about 20 horses split 50-50 between the Flat and National Hunt. We got a couple of two-year-olds sold to America last year but we need to keep the two codes going to make the game pay. If I only concentrated on the one code, I'd be out on the road."

On his background, he added, "I grew up on a farm in Limerick and was pony racing for 15 years before I went training a little under five years ago." [Cont.](#)



Barry Fitzgerald (left): has a couple of interesting runners on the opening day of the Flat season at the Curragh
Fairyhouse Racecourse



A Piece of Heaven (left) has Fitzgerald dreaming of a Royal Ascot opportunity | *Racingfotos.com*

"Things got so expensive at the pony racing, I said I might as well have a go at training them for the track, and thankfully it has been working out for us.

"I have worked for Mags Mullins, Shark Hanlon, Enda Bolger and Michael Hourigan so I have seen plenty and have been around the block. I have seen a lot of different things and, above all, I know how important it is to keep your yard clean and healthy. That's been a big part of our success."

The respective strike-rates posted by Fitzgerald in recent seasons do not happen by accident. He only brings a horse to the races if he thinks it has a chance and it's a modus operandi that has served the stable well.

He said, "There is no point running horses for the sake of it. It costs a lot of money to bring a horse to the races and we like to be good and competitive when we go. You need to be trying to get as much of the prize-money as you can. It's an expensive game—even if I want to get the horse plaited, I have to give somebody 20 quid to do that for me. Everyone needs to be paid so there's no point going to the races and not being competitive. There's no craic in that."

Away from the youngsters, Fitzgerald also has a number of smart older horses to lead the team into battle this season, and the handler nominated A Piece Of Heaven (Fr) (Jukebox Jury {Ire}) as being one to keep the right side of.

He said, "A Piece Of Heaven is back in and is one to look forward to this season. He will work next week and hopefully he'll run when the ground dries out. To me, I think he could be a Royal Ascot horse. Races like the Ascot Stakes could be right up his street. It's great to have a horse like him because I don't even know how to enter for Royal Ascot, never mind getting there, so it's nice to dream in this game."

Fitzgerald added, "Genesis (Ire) (Prince Of Lir {Ire}), who ran well the other night at Dundalk, is another to keep the right side of. He'll probably stay sprinting for now but we might step him up to seven furlongs towards the end of the year. The Scurry Handicap is the race I have in mind for him. He could be a progressive horse."

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THE CURRAGH WELCOMES BACK THE FLAT

by Tom Frary

No sooner is the Cheltenham Festival wound up than the Flat Turf season begins at The Curragh on Monday, leaving no time to draw breath. Offering the ultimate contrast to the recent jumping spectacles is the opening five-furlong Castle Star And Alkumait At Capital Stud Irish EBF Maiden for 2-year-olds, where a clutch of the entries are by the first-season sires Sergei Prokofiev, Verbal Dexterity (Ire), Far Above (Ire) and **Arizona (Ire)**. It is Whitsbury Manor Stud's resident Sergei Prokofiev who could have the favourite in the Adrian Murray-trained colt **Arizona Blaze (GB)**, sporting the silks of AMO Racing Limited and Giselle De Aguiar, but this is a race that Jim Bolger likes to make an early statement in and it is significant that he saddles Verbal Dexterity's son **Monotone (Ire)** in his colours. A half-brother to his former TDN Rising Star and G1 Irish 2000 Guineas fourth Wexford Native (Ire) (Teofilo {Ire}), it would be no surprise to see him emulate **Dawn Approach (Ire)**, who gave his sire New Approach (Ire) his first winner in this back in 2012.

Ballydoyle roll out the first of their turf runners in the well-tried **Old Faithful (Fr) (Siyouni {Fr})** in the seven-furlong maiden for 3-year-old colts and geldings and the filly **Mayfair (Ire) (Justify)** in the fillies' version. A daughter of the G1 Cheveley Park S. winner Clemmie (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}), she is chosen to represent the yard in the maiden won three years ago by the subsequent G1 Prix de Diane heroine Joan Of Arc (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}), so there could be a hint there. In the G3 Lodge Park Stud Irish EBF Park Express S., the Rosegreen establishment puts forward the G3 Newtownanner Stud Irish EBF S. runner-up **Brilliant (Ire) (Gleneagles {Ire})** and the Galway maiden scorer **Everlasting (Ire) (Kingman {GB})**, both entered in the 1000 Guineas, while there is a G1 Irish Oaks entry involved in Gerard Kervick's Gowran Park winner **Alpheratz (Ire) (Phoenix Of Spain {Ire})** from the Joseph Murphy stable. The intrigue begins again.

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FIRST-SEASON SIRES WITH RUNNERS

Monday, 18 March, 2024

IRELAND:

Arizona (Ire) (No Nay Never), Coolmore Stud

66 foals of racing age

1-CURRAGH, 5f, Besiege (Ire)

€8,500 Goffs November Foal Sale 2022; £21,000 Goffs UK

Premier Yearling Sale 2023

Far Above (Ire) (Farhh {GB}), Starfield Stud

83 foals of racing age

1-CURRAGH, 5f, Far At Sea (Ire)

Sergei Prokofiev (Scat Daddy), Whitsbury Manor Stud

121 foals of racing age

1-CURRAGH, 5f, Arizona Blaze (GB)

36,000gns Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2022; £82,000 Goffs

UK Premier Yearling Sale 2023

Verbal Dexterity (Ire) (Vocalised)

8 foals of racing age

1-CURRAGH, 5f, Monotone (Ire)

€4,000 RNA Goffs Autumn Yearling Sale 2023



Arizona | Coolmore

FRANCE

Sunday's Results:

5th-Lyon-Parilly, €23,000, Debutantes, 3-17, 2yo, 4 1/2fT, 0:56.97, vs.

CYLENECHOPE (FR) (f, 2, Gutaifan {Ire}--Chopinette {Fr}, by Sin Kiang {Fr}), sent off at 17-1 for this opening salvo of the season for the European juveniles, burst from the gates to lead. Keeping up the pressure throughout, the bay had two lengths to spare over Vivre Libre (Fr) (Van Beethoven) at the line. The winner is a half-sister to the speedy Listed Criterium de Vitesse third Laia Chope (Fr) (Soave {Ger}), whose daughter Livachope (Fr) (Goken {Fr}) proved even more precocious and classy when winning the G3 Prix du Bois and Listed Prix la Fleche. This is the family of another Prix du Bois winner in Cosachope (Fr) (Soave {Ger}) and the G2 Kings Stand S. scorer Bolshoi (Ire) (Royal Academy). Sales history: €16,000 Ylg '23 OSASEP. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, €11,500. **Video, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

O-Pierre Blazy, Alain Chopard, Alain Klodawski & K Tavares; B-A Chopard (FR); T-Kevin Tavares.

6th-Lyon-Parilly, €21,000, Mdn, 3-17, 3yo, 8fT, 1:45.30, vs.

CARTIMANDUA (FR) (f, 3, Saxon Warrior {Jpn}--Chant De Sable {Ire}, by Oasis Dream {GB}), runner-up on debut at Saint-Cloud in March, was sent forward to shadow the early leader. In front before the two-furlong pole, the 27-10 favourite stayed on to prevail by a neck from Burgundy Regal (Fr) (City Light {Fr}). The winner is currently the last known foal out of the dam, a half to the G2 Jebel Hatta winner and G1 Hong Kong Cup runner-up Balius (Ire) (Mujahid), the G2 Prix d'Harcourt-winning sire Delfos (Ire) (Green Tune) and to the dam of the GII Appalachian S. winner and GI Belmont Oaks third Papilio (Ire) (**Starspangledbanner {Aus}**). This is also the family of the Canadian champion Solid Appeal (Successful Appeal) and the GI Cotillion S. winner It Tiz Well (Arch). Sales history: €26,000 Wlg '21 ARQDEC; €30,000 Ylg '22 ARQOCT. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0-0, €15,900. **Video, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

O-Stamford Bloodstock; B-SCEA Marmion Vauville & A Jathiere (FR); T-Francis-Henri Graffard.

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CONDITIONS RESULTS:

7th-Lyon-Parilly, €22,000, 3-17, 4yo/up, 12fT, 2:41.63, vs. **TOP OF MIND (FR)** (f, 4, **New Approach {Ire}**--**Saxon Rose {GB}**, by **Manduro {Ger}**) Lifetime Record: 11-5-0-1, €67,350. O/B-Le Thenney (FR); T-Jean-Pierre Gauvin.

GERMANY

Sunday's Results:

1st-Mulheim, €8,000, Mdn, 3-17, 3yo, 10fT, 2:22.27, sf. **LAHZAR STAR (GER)** (c, 3, **Best Solution {Ire}**--**Lacazar {Ger}**, by **Adlerflug {Ger}**), runner-up when last seen at Dortmund in October, raced under restraint towards the rear early. Produced to lead with two furlong remaining, the 3-1 shot powered clear to score by 6 1/2 lengths from Meer (Ger) (**Sea The Stars {Ire}**). The winner is the first and currently only known foal out of the G1 Preis der Diana heroine Lacazar, whose full-sister Liberry Gold (Ger) was runner-up in the G3 Herzog von Ratibor-Rennen. This is the family of the four-times group-winning Liang Kay (Ger) (Dai Jin {GB}) and the G3 Preis der Winterkonigin winner Lizaid (Ger) (**Zarak {Fr}**). Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-0, €6,600. O/B-Gestut Haus Zoppenbroich (GER); T-Peter Schiergen.

ITALY

My Eternal Love (Ity), g, 4, Cotai Glory (GB)--My Sea of Love (GB) (GSP-Ity, \$127,861), by King's Best. Rome, 3-17, Listed Premio Natale Di Roma, 1600mT, 1:37.50, gd. O-Mario Sansoni; B-Rz Del Velino Srl (Ity); T-Endo Botti Galoppo Di E. Botti Soc Al Srl. *1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN.

Flag's Up (Ire), g, 6, War Command--Baby Revolution (Ire) (SW-Ity), by High Chaparral (Ire). Rome, 3-17, Listed Premio Circo Massimo, 2000mT, 2:04.60, gd. O-Roberto Saggini; B-Razza Del Velino (Ire); T-Stefano Botti Turf Srl Soc Al. *€12,000 Ylg '19 SGASEP. **Half to Trust in Me (Ity) (Desert Prince {Ire}), SP-Ity. ***Hwt. 3yo at 9 1/2-11f & GSW-Ity.

WORLDWIDE NEWS

SIXPENCE DOMINATES SATSUKI SHO TRIAL

In an electrifying display through the late stages, **Sixpence (Jpn)** (Kizuna {Jpn}) overwhelmed nine other rivals and proclaimed himself as one to watch for the G1 Satsuki Sho (Japanese 2,000 Guineas), dominating the G2 Fuji TV Sho Spring S. on Sunday at Nakayama.

Jumping well and close to the pacesetters, Sixpence tucked in neatly behind **Allegro Brillante (Jpn)** (Deep Brillante {Jpn}) and that one's closest pursuer **Cosmo Buddleja (Jpn)** (Gold Ship {Jpn}) as the pair showed the way. The placings remained consistent until the field passed the 800 metre mark with closers beginning their march from the rear and Sixpence was launching his own rally coming off the bend.

Looming the danger with 400 metres left, Christophe Lemaire asked and his charge responded, leaving long-time leader Allegro Brillante in his wake under the mildest of hand rides. The advantage extended with 200 metres left in the running and the gap back to the game pacesetter was 3 1/2 lengths on the wire. **Lucullan Feast (Jpn)** (Isla Bonita {Jpn}) came out best of the scramble for the minors, nosing out Channel Tunnel (Jpn) (Greater London {Jpn}) for the last trifecta spot.

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Sixpence | Horsephotos

Pedigree Note

The lone offspring to race for American Grade I-winner Finley'sluckycharm (**Twirling Candy**) thus far, Sixpence is the newest Classic contender for sire Kizuna (Jpn), who himself was the Japanese champion 3-year-old colt as well as a Classic winner in France and Japan. Among the stallion's best runners are dual champion Songline (Jpn), who twice claimed the G1 Yasuda Kinen, and G1 Queen Elizabeth II Cup victress Akai Ito (Jpn).

On his female line side, the busiest activity is found deep in the pedigree via the dam Gather the Clan (Ire), who is responsible for GISW Pure Clan (Pure Prize). That mare would later go on to produce SW & GISP Princessa Carolina (**Tapit**), who set a course-record en route to her victory in the Fifth Third Insurance Dueling Grounds Oaks. She is not the only runner with a wicked turn of foot as Pure Clan's half-brother MGSW Greater Good set a new track-record beneath the fabled twin spires of Churchill Downs.

Since changing hands to Katsumi Yoshida for \$1.5-million in 2018 at the Fasig-Tipton Kentucky November sale, Finley'sluckycharm has produced two of racing age, but Sixpence is the first to make it to the races. She does have a 2-year-old colt by Lord Kanaloa (Jpn) named Field Note (Jpn). Her 2023 Orfevre (Jpn) foal was stillborn.

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Sunday, Nakayama, Japan

FUJI TV SHO SPRING STAKES-G2, ¥104,580,000, Nakayama, 3-17, 3yo, 1800mT, 1:49.40, fm.

1--**SIXPENACE (JPN)**, 126, c, 3, by **Kizuna (Jpn)**

1st Dam: Finley'sluckycharm (GISW, \$928,068), by Twirling Candy

2nd Dam: Day of Victory, by Victory Gallop

3rd Dam: Gather the Day, by Dayjur

1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN, 1ST GROUP WIN. O-Carrot Farm; B-Northern Farm; T-Sakae Kunieda; J-Christophe Lemaire; ¥54,756,000. Lifetime Record: 3-3-0-0, ¥72,873,000. **Werk Nick Rating: F. Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree. Click for the free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree.**

2--**Allegro Brillante (Jpn)**, 126, c, 3, Deep Brillante (Jpn)--Centenary (Jpn), by French Deputy. **1ST BLACK-TYPE, 1ST GROUP BLACK-TYPE.** O-Sunday Racing; B-Northern Farm; ¥22,216,000.

3--**Lucullan Feast (Jpn)**, 126, c, 3, Isla Bonita (Jpn)--Gorgeous Lunch (Jpn), by Manhattan Cafe (Jpn). **1ST BLACK-TYPE, 1ST GROUP BLACK-TYPE.** O-Shadai Race Horse; B- Shadai Farm; ¥14,108,000.

Margins: 3HF, 1, NO; Odds: 1.90, 24.30, 6.30.

Also Ran: Channel Tunnel (Jpn), Cosmo Buddleja (Jpn), Stinger

Glass (Jpn), Pellegrini (Jpn), Lograr (Jpn), Water Licht (Jpn), Jun Gold (Jpn). **Click for the JRA chart & video.**

Sunday, Hanshin, Japan

HANSHIN DAISHOTEN-G2, ¥129,200,000, Hanshin, 3-17, 4yo/up, 3000mT, 3:06.80, gd.

1--**T O ROYAL (JPN)**, 126, h, 6, by **Leontes (Jpn)**

1st Dam: Meisho Ohi (Jpn), by Manhattan Cafe (Jpn)

2nd Dam: Alpine Rose, by Kris S.

3rd Dam: Amizette, by Forty Niner

O-Tomoya Ozasa; B-Mishima Bokujo; T-Inao Okada; J-Yuji Hishida; ¥68,050,000. Lifetime Record: G1SP-Jpn, 17-7-1-2, ¥294,486,000. *Half to Meisho Hario (Jpn) (Pyro), MGSW & MG1SP-Jpn, \$3,664,748. **Werk Nick Rating: A+++.** *Triple Plus*. **Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree. Click for the free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree.**

2--**Warp Speed (Jpn)**, 126, h, 5, Drefong--Deep Love (Jpn), by Deep Impact (Jpn). (¥20,000,000 Ylg '20 JRHJUL) O-Hiroshi Yamada; B-Northern Farm; ¥27,300,000.

3--**Blow the Horn (Jpn)**, 128, h, 5, Epiphaneia (Jpn)--Halteclere (Jpn), by Durandal (Jpn). O-Makio Okada; B-Okada Stud; ¥17,150,000.

Margins: 5, NK, 1; Odds: 2.30, 11.80, 2.20.

Also Ran: Plume d'Or (Jpn), Golden Snap (Jpn), Savona (Jpn), Deep Bond (Jpn), Meisho Breguet (Jpn), Jean Kazuma (Jpn), Shonan Bashitto (Jpn), Silver Sonic (Jpn), Diastima (Jpn), You Can Smile (Jpn), Intense Reflet (Jpn), Segen (Jpn).

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SC	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Goldana (Ire)	Galileo Gold (GB)	Sights On Gold Partnership	Joseph O'Brien	D McMonagle	140
2	Magical Sunset (Ire)	Kodiac (GB)	Amo Racing Ltd	Adrian Murray	D Egan	140
3	Mammas Girl (GB)	Havana Grey (GB)	Amo Racing Ltd	Adrian Murray	S De Sousa	140
4	Cadeau Belle (Fr)	Harry Angel (Ire)	Anthony Paul Smurfit	Johnny Murtagh	B M Coen	137
5	Lady Of Inishfree (Ire)	Farhh (GB)	Eoin Banville, K Bolger & Peter Robin Parkhill	Noel Meade	C T Keane	137
6	Peace of Mine (Ire)	Fast Company (Ire)	Ms Madeline Burns	W McCreery	W J Lee	137
7	You Send Me (Ire)	Starspangledbanner (Aus)	Craig Bernick, Cayton Park Stud & Mrs Paul Shanahan	Fozzy Stack	J A Heffernan	137
8	Alpheratz (Ire)	Phoenix Of Spain (Ire)	Gerard Kervick	Joseph Murphy	R P Whelan	120
9	Brilliant (Ire)	Gleneagles (Ire)	Smith, Magnier, Tabor, Westerberg	Aidan O'Brien	D P McDonogh	120
10	Everlasting (Ire)	Kingman (GB)	Tabor, Smith, Magnier, Westerberg	Aidan O'Brien	W M Lordan	120
11	Sli Na Ghealai (Ire)	Vocalised	Mrs J S Bolger	Jim Bolger	R P Cleary	120

Breeders: 1-Patrick Grogan, 2-Ms Alice Fitzgerald, 3-Robert Cornelius, 4-Ecurie des Monceaux, Lordship Stud, Ecurie Skymarc Farm & Beauregard Bloodstock, 5-Tinnakill Bloodstock, 6-Rathasker Stud, 7-Joe & Edel Banahan & Micheal Smith, 8-Lynn Lodge Stud, 9-Jossestown Farm, 10-Coolmore, 11-Jim Bolger

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