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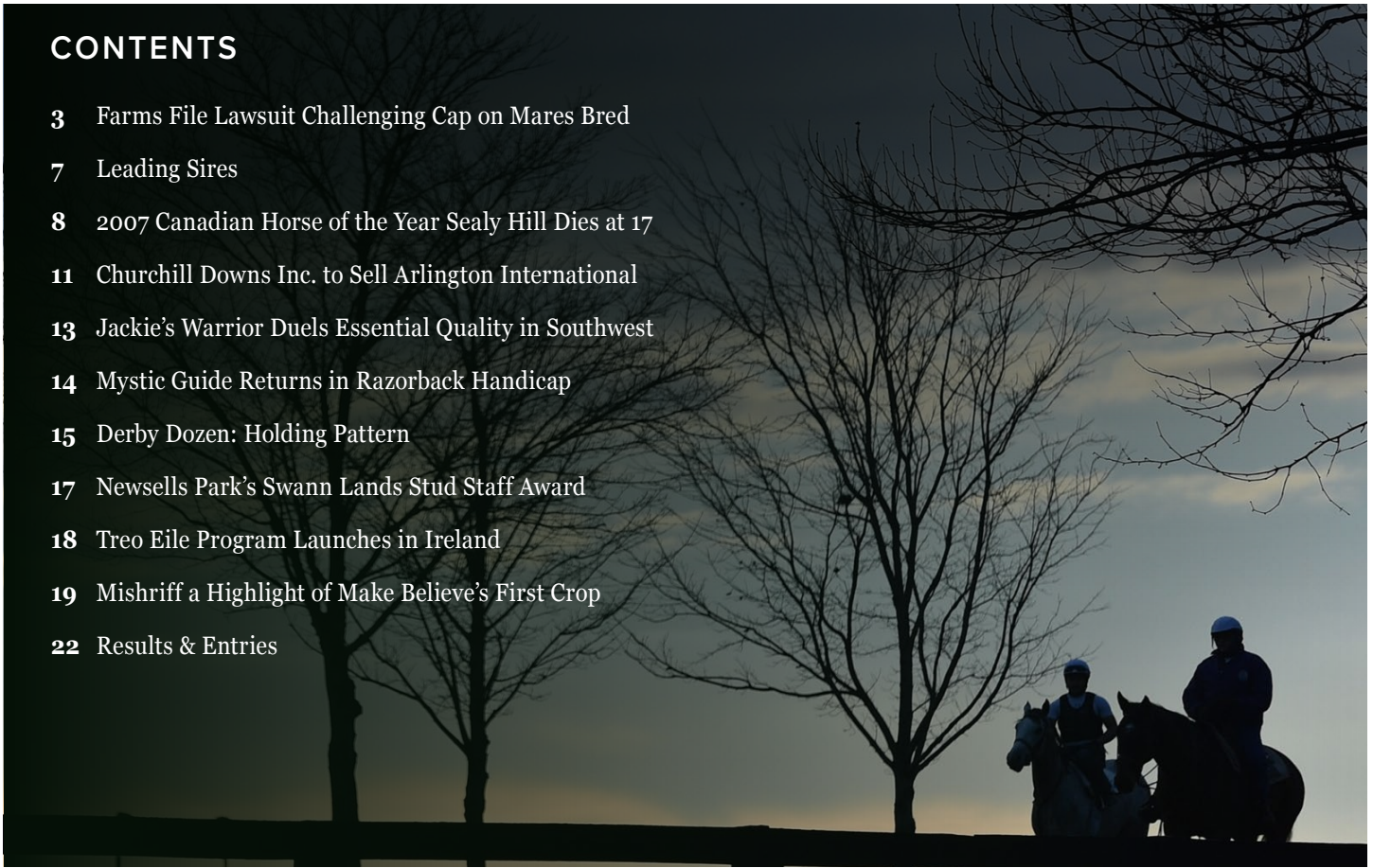
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FARMS FILE LAWSUIT CHALLENGING CAP ON MARES BRED

By Eric Mitchell

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Three of Kentucky's biggest stud farms filed a lawsuit Feb. 23 challenging The Jockey Club's rule to restrict Thoroughbred stallions from breeding more than 140 mares each year—the so-called "stallion cap."

The complaint, filed in the U.S. District Court Eastern District of Kentucky, Central Division in Lexington, names The Jockey Club, Kentucky Horse Racing Commission chairman Jonathan Rabinowitz, and KHRC executive director Marc Guilfoil as defendants. The suit argues KHRC has unlawfully delegated power to The Jockey Club, and that the new rule breaches the constitutions of Kentucky and the United States as well as federal and state antitrust laws.

The Jockey Club announced its new Rule 14c amendment of the American Stud Book rules and requirements May 7, 2020, to address a declining and concerning degree of diversity within the Thoroughbred gene pool. Declining genetic diversity has been linked by one study to a trend since 1996 of stallions breeding books of well over 100 mares. In 2007, 5,894 mares (9.5% of the total) were bred by stallions who covered more than 140 mares. By 2019, 7,415 mares (27% of the total) were covered by stallions with books of more than 140, a threefold increase, according to The Jockey Club's report of mares bred statistics.

The rule change, which begins with stallions foaled in 2020, limits the number of mares that can be bred to a stallion in a calendar year to 140. For stallions born in 2019 and earlier, there continues to be no limit to the number of mares reported bred in the United States, Canada, and Puerto Rico, according

to previous BloodHorse reports.

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The KHRC issued the following statement regarding the lawsuit: "The Kentucky Horse Racing Commission is aware of this lawsuit, and our legal team looks forward to addressing these issues in the litigation process. We have no additional comment at this time, due to the Kentucky Horse Racing Commission's policy about not commenting on pending litigation."

The plaintiffs in the complaint are Spendthrift Farm, Ashford Stud (under the name Bemak N.V.), and Three Chimneys Farm. The plaintiffs characterized the stallion cap in a news release as a "blatant abuse of power" by The Jockey Club. The suit argues that the rule change is "arbitrary" and "anti-competitive" and will reduce access or drive up prices for many owners of mares looking to access top stallions. The rule also risks driving the best stallions overseas, according to plaintiffs, as no other country with a Thoroughbred stud book imposes a cap.

The plaintiffs also believe The Jockey Club's action will have a significant impact on the entire economic structure of the industry by undermining the value of Thoroughbreds throughout the United States, with a consequential impact on jobs and livelihoods. In addition, it places artificial restrictions on breeders' abilities to decide for themselves the best course of action for their stables.



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The stallion complex at Spendthrift Farm

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"The refusal of The Jockey Club to register a Thoroughbred completely devalues that horse on the open market, because it cannot run in Thoroughbred races or breed other Thoroughbred racehorses," the lawsuit states. "As a result, the highest quality Thoroughbred horses will be bred less times than market economics would otherwise dictate. Hundreds of millions of dollars of stud fee revenues will be impacted; all owners of mares will pay higher prices to breed their mares; and less well-connected owners of mares will be precluded entirely from access to high quality stallions."

The Jockey Club issued a statement Tuesday defending the rule change as reflecting the registry's goal to preserve the health of the Thoroughbred breed for the long term.

"The Jockey Club publicly proposed a draft rule in September 2019 and received many thoughtful comments, which the stewards carefully considered in formulating a rule that will promote diversity of the Thoroughbred gene pool and protect the long-term health of the breed," the statement said. "Because the rule applies only to stallions born in 2020 or later,



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Spendthrift Farm owner B. Wayne Hughes during the 2020 Breeders' Cup World Championships at Keeneland

any effect on future stud fees or breeding economics is speculative. The Jockey Club stands by the rule and its purpose, which is to preserve the health of the Thoroughbred breed for the long term. The Jockey Club will continue to maintain the Principal Rules and Requirements of The American Studbook in keeping with its mission to ensure the health of the Thoroughbred breed."

Some studies have indicated a troubling trend toward declining diversity, but the plaintiffs' lawsuit

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Horses in their paddock at Spendthrift Farm

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argues there is "no scientific basis" to support The Jockey Club's position that the rule change is necessary for the health of the Thoroughbred breed or to promote genetic diversity. Plaintiffs take the position a cap simply means excess demand will move on to the less desirable, less commercial stallions, making it more difficult for breeders to be profitable. Some breeders have reportedly stated the new rule will lead them to simply get out of the business rather than tolerate it, according to the plaintiffs. No other country has seen a basis for introducing a cap, and the plaintiffs believe such a fundamental change cannot be taken unless supported by robust scientific evidence.

Forty-two stallions in the 2020 season bred 140 or more mares and among these stallions, 12 bred 200 or more mares. Ashford's Uncle Mo topped the list by mares bred at 257 followed by Spendthrift's Into Mischief at 248. Among the 12 stallions, Ashford Stud stands six of them with an average book size of 233 mares, while Spendthrift stands four that averaged 224 mares bred in 2020.

The statement from the plaintiffs also took exception to how the rule was adopted, claiming The Jockey Club board of stewards made its decision without discussion or a vote at the The Jockey Club's annual general meeting. Plaintiffs also allege The Jockey Club stewards making the decision had "clear conflicts of interest given they also represent or own various breeding and racing entities that stand to benefit now that owners of mares are being denied their first-choice stallions."

Commenting on behalf of the plaintiffs, Spendthrift Farm owner B. Wayne Hughes said:

"The introduction of the stallion cap by The Jockey Club is a blatant

abuse of power that is bad law, bad science, and bad business. A handful of individuals from a private club in New York have been allowed to make a decision that will negatively impact the future of Thoroughbred racing and breeding both in Kentucky and the whole country.

"We have filed this complaint to defend the industry from anti-competitive, un-American, and arbitrary decision making that is not based on scientific evidence. If they can limit the number to 140, what's to stop them from limiting it to 100 or 80 or any other number down the road? What if your mare isn't one of the 140? We are really concerned about the small breeder's ability to survive this."

The lawsuit argues the actions of The Jockey Club and KHRC breach sections 1, 2, 3, 8, and 29 of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, which are designed to protect property rights and limit delegations of power by governmental bodies to private entities. In addition, it states the stallion cap violates the due process and equal protection rights of the three stud farms as guaranteed by the Fifth and the 14th Amendments to the U.S. Constitution. The suit also argues the rule violates the Sherman Antitrust Act and suppresses competition. **BH**

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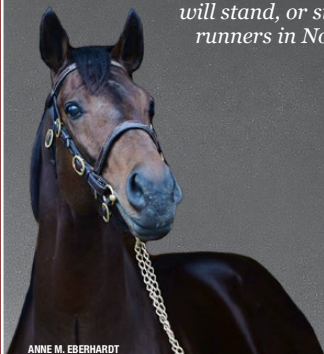
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1	Speightstown, '98, (Gone West) WinStar Farm, KY, \$90,000	118 / 27	2 / 8	2	0	1.96	Charlatan \$3,500,000	\$4,976,784
2	Paynter, '09, (Awesome Again) WinStar Farm, KY, \$10,000	103 / 31	1 / 3	1	1	1.40	Knicks Go \$3,240,000	\$4,102,037
3	Into Mischief, '05, (Harlan's Holiday) Spendthrift Farm, KY, \$225,000	193 / 43	10 / 18	4	0	2.10	Mandaloun \$260,000	\$2,804,996
4	Tapit, '01, (Pulpit) Gainesway, KY, \$185,000	100 / 25	1 / 6	1	0	2.24	Tacitus \$500,000	\$1,624,725
5	Curlin, '04, (Smart Strike) Hill 'n' Dale Farms, KY, \$175,000	126 / 24	2 / 10	1	0	2.28	Clairiere \$183,000	\$1,370,283
6	Tapiture, '11, (Tapit) Darby Dan Farm, KY, \$10,000	87 / 20	0 / 2	0	0	1.27	Jesus' Team \$580,000	\$1,303,462
7	Paddy O'Prado, '07, (El Prado) N/A, Died	46 / 8	0 / 0	0	0	0.92	Sleepy Eyes Todd \$1,145,000	\$1,296,604
8	Candy Ride (ARG), '99, (Ride the Rails) Lane's End, KY, \$75,000	98 / 28	5 / 6	4	0	2.04	Share the Ride \$188,000	\$1,292,462
9	American Pharoah, '12, (Pioneerof the Nile) Ashford Stud, KY, \$100,000	81 / 20	4 / 5	2	1	1.73	Cafe Pharoah \$403,446	\$1,288,400
10	Munnings, '06, (Speightstown) Ashford Stud, KY, \$40,000	119 / 35	3 / 5	0	0	1.55	Boldor \$126,000	\$1,257,224
11	Street Sense, '04, (Street Cry) Darley, KY, \$60,000	107 / 26	5 / 6	3	0	1.53	Concert Tour \$156,600	\$1,175,653
12	Twirling Candy, '07, (Candy Ride) Lane's End, KY, \$40,000	112 / 22	1 / 3	0	0	1.55	Emblem Game \$300,000	\$1,090,231
13	Constitution, '11, (Tapit) WinStar Farm, KY, \$85,000	87 / 21	1 / 6	0	0	2.33	Independence Hall \$290,000	\$1,066,872
14	Hard Spun, '04, (Danzig) Darley, KY, \$35,000	147 / 30	2 / 4	0	0	1.44	Silver State \$90,000	\$1,060,781
15	Medaglia d'Oro, '99, (El Prado) Darley, KY, \$150,000	101 / 19	4 / 6	3	1	1.87	Golden Sixty \$226,759	\$1,060,153

Listed above are the top 15 leading sires by 2021 Northern Hemisphere earnings through February 22, 2021. Only stallions that stand, will stand, or stood in North America (excluding stallions that died or were exported prior to the 2017 breeding season), and have runners in North America are included. Racing statistics are 2021 Northern Hemisphere only.



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2007 CANADIAN HORSE OF THE YEAR SEALY HILL DIES AT 17

By Byron King

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Sealy Hill, the 2007 Canadian Horse of the Year, died Feb. 23 at Bonne Chance Farm near Versailles, Ky., from infirmities as she advanced in age, said Bonne Chance Farm bloodstock and office manager Leah Alessandrone. The Point Given mare was 17.

Alessandrone said Sealy Hill had not been bred the last couple of years after producing Eleven Central, an unraced 3-year-old Into Mischief colt, in 2018, and "basically she told us this morning it was time to go."

The mare will be buried at the farm.

A five-time stakes winner, Sealy Hill won seven of 18 races and earned more than \$1.74 million, highlighted by a sophomore campaign in 2007 in which she captured the Bourbonette Oaks (G3) at Turfway Park and was a Canadian Triple Tiara champion by winning the Labatt Woodbine Oaks, Bison City Stakes, and Wonder Where Stakes, all at Woodbine. For her accomplishments that year, she was honored as Canadian champion 3-year-old filly,



FASIG-TIPTON PHOTOS

Sealy Hill at Fasig-Tipton in February 2013 with her newborn Distorted Humor filly, later named True Elegance

Canadian champion female turf horse, and Horse of the Year.

A homebred for Eugene Melnyk of Melnyk Racing Stables, the Ontario-foaled mare trained by Mark

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Casse became a winner in her second start and went on to win the Glorious Song Stakes at 2. During her 4-year-old campaign, she placed in a couple of grade 1s, including a runner-up finish to Forever Together in that fall's Emirates Airline Breeders' Cup Filly & Mare Turf (G1T) at Santa Anita Park in her last start. She was inducted into the Canadian Hall of Fame in 2013.

Sealy Hill produced four graded stakes winners, led by dual grade 1 winner Cambier Parc, bred by Bonne Chance Farm. Her other black-type winners were Hillaby, Belle Hill, and Gale Force.

She was twice sold at public auction following her retirement from racing, selling for \$590,000 to Regis Farms from the Taylor Made Sales Agency consignment at the Fasig-Tipton Kentucky Winter Mixed Sale in 2013 with a newborn Distorted Humor filly. Roughly 2 1/2 years later, she sold to F. T. I. for \$750,000 from the Three Chimneys Farm consignment at the 2015 Keeneland November Breeding Stock Sale while in foal to Medaglia d'Oro, the mating that produced Cambier Parc.

Bonne Chance Farm acquired Regis Farms, retaining its management staff, and Sealy Hill was one of two mares Bonne Chance bought back from the Regis Farms dispersal in 2015, according to Alessandrini.

"To have a mare like that produce Cambier Parc, who we bought her in foal to, and have her do what she did, I mean it kind of put us on the map very, very early," Alessandrini said. "She was one of those mares that opened so many doors. Monumental would be a good word to use in terms of the effect she had on our program." **BH**

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STYLE AND GRACE: Stakes winner and graded stakes producer Sealy Hill died Feb. 23 at Bonne Chance Farm. The Canadian Horse of the Year leaves behind a legacy of success and will live on through her progeny

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CHURCHILL DOWNS INC. TO SELL ARLINGTON INTERNATIONAL

By Frank Angst

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One of North America's top racing venues may soon be no more as Churchill Downs Incorporated announced Feb. 23 that it officially has launched a process to sell the Arlington International Racecourse property.

CBRE Group, a commercial real estate company, will bring the redevelopment opportunity of the 326-acre property in Arlington Heights, Ill., to market on behalf of CDI. The property will be marketed for development.

CDI said while it's selling the property, it's committed to pursuing relocation of Arlington's racing license somewhere else in the state. The company believes there will be strong interest in purchasing the property.

"Arlington's ideal location in Chicago's northwest suburbs, together with direct access to downtown Chicago via an on-site Metra rail station, presents a unique redevelopment opportunity. We expect to see robust interest in the site and look forward to working with potential buyers, in collaboration with the village of Arlington Heights, to transition this storied location to its next phase," said CDI CEO Bill Carstanjen. "In the meantime, we are very committed to pursuing the relocation of Arlington's racing license to another community in the Chicagoland area or elsewhere in

the state. We are exploring potential options with the state and other constituents and remain optimistic that we can find solutions that work for the state, local communities, and the thousands of Illinoisans who make their living directly or indirectly from Thoroughbred horse racing.

"We are committed to the Illinois Thoroughbred racing industry and will consider all options in working toward opportunities for it to continue into the future."

CDI said it's committed to running Arlington's 2021 race dates April 30-Sept. 25. CDI does not expect any sale of the Arlington site to close prior to the conclusion of Arlington's 2021 race meet or that the sale process will impact Arlington's racing operations this year.

While CDI officials previously have discussed such a move, the announcement Tuesday brings another level of reality to the situation. It's quite a turnaround from less than two years ago when it seemed the future of the track and Illinois racing would be on stable ground when the state authorized tracks to offer casino gaming and sports wagering.

While Hawthorne Race Course and Fairmount Park would soon embrace that opportunity, CDI balked. CDI owns a majority interest in Rivers Casino, the state's largest and most successful gaming facility. Arlington is located less than 15 miles from Rivers Casino.

"It's a very complicated bill, and the gaming landscape now is incredibly competitive," said Arlington president Tony Petrillo at the time—June 28, 2019. "We're still analyzing the bill and what

might happen in the fall (during the legislative veto session) to see how we can best take advantage of the opportunities that are open to us."

Still, optimists hoped CDI would find a way to make things work but in the year that would follow, CDI expressed interest in moving the license. In the summer Carstanjen said moving the license to a new location made more sense.

"Long-term for Arlington Park, as we've explained on these calls and we've explained to the state, it doesn't work," Carstanjen said



Arlington International Racecourse

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in a July conference call with analysts and investors. "The economics don't work. It's not a viable solution. We'd like to give the state, given everything that's going on, an opportunity to help us find a better long-term solution. But the long-term solution is not Arlington Park. That land will have a higher and better purpose for something else at some point."

As CDI opposes added casino competition at Arlington, sale of the property as a venue to continue racing seems a longshot. Should racing at Arlington end after the 2021 season, it would fall just short of celebrating the 100th anniversary of its launch in 1927.

In a statement from the Illinois Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association, ITHA president Mike Campbell commented: "The license is not Churchill's to move. Moreover, the notion that a seasoned gaming operator would relocate a racing license away from a state of the art, modern racing facility near the heart of the Chicago metropolitan region to some yet-to-be-determined location is absurd. Churchill is just trying to obfuscate from the fact that it cares only about maximizing profit and will gladly sacrifice the spirit of Illinois law and the livelihood of working Illinoisans to serve its greed."

The track has enjoyed a rich history. The Arlington Classic would become one of the top races for 3-year-olds in the country, drawing the likes of Triple Crown

winners Gallant Fox and Omaha in the 1930s. Stars including Nashua, Dr. Fager, and Alydar would follow in the 1950s, 60s, and 70s.

Arlington became the world's first track to offer a \$1 million race for Thoroughbreds when it launched the Arlington Million Stakes (G1T) in 1981.

Fire destroyed the Arlington clubhouse in July 1985 but the track pulled things together to offer the Arlington Million Aug. 25, as some 35,000 fans watched from tents and temporary facilities. The "Miracle Million" would earn the track an Eclipse Award.

Owner Richard Duchossois would rebuild the track—a lavish, modern racing facility recognized as one of the best in North American racing. It has maintained that status to this day.

Despite the sparkling facility, Duchossois would have to close the track for two seasons, 1998 and 1999, before selling to CDI in 2000—a deal that saw Duchossois pick up nearly four million shares of CDI common stock.

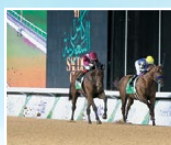
Confident Chicago area racing fans would support such ventures, Arlington has been willing to put races together to draw top equine stars. In 1973 it landed Secretariat for his first start after the Triple Crown in the Arlington Invitational, drawing more than 41,000 fans; and 23 years later it would attract Cigar, who secured his 16th straight win before more than 34,000 fans in the Arlington Citation Challenge Invitational Stakes.

In 2002 Arlington hosted the Breeders' Cup.

Bob Kieckhefer contributed to this story. **BH**

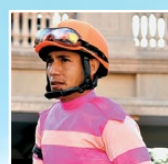
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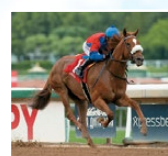
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JACKIE'S WARRIOR DUELS ESSENTIAL QUALITY IN SOUTHWEST

By Byron King

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Essential Quality and Jackie's Warrior stood above the crowd in 2020, the only juvenile males to win multiple grade 1s in North America. They were among three finalists for the Eclipse Award, a championship that went to Essential Quality.

Now they get their first chance to show where they stand in the 3-year-old division in the \$750,000 Southwest Stakes (G3) at Oaklawn Park. The 1 1/16-mile race drew just five other entrants, only one of which—California invader Spielberg—has existing black-type.

The Southwest, twice postponed due to extreme winter weather in Arkansas, had originally been targeted by Kentucky Jockey Club (G2) winner Keepmeinmind. But with the loss of 11 training days at Oaklawn due to the harsh weather, the colt's return will be delayed until the March 13 Rebel Stakes (G2), trainer Robertino Diodoro said.

The conditions in the region had far less of an impact on Essential Quality and Jackie's Warrior, both of whom were able to maintain training in warmer weather in New Orleans at Fair Grounds Race Course & Slots. Both horses were able to work an additional two times there while awaiting the new race date on Saturday.

Hall of Famer Steve Asmussen, who trains Jackie's Warrior, called the changes a minimal setback saying, "if anybody can handle it, 'Jackie' can."

Asmussen is a three-time Southwest winner. He captured the race with Private Emblem (2002), Tapiture (2014), and Silver Prospector (2020).

Godolphin's Essential Quality and Kirk and Judy Robison's Jackie's Warrior have met once before, separated by 3 1/4 lengths when first and fourth, respectively, in a fast-paced TVG Breeders' Cup Juvenile Presented by Thoroughbred Aftercare Alliance (G1) Nov. 6 at Keeneland.

Moderate fractions appear likely in the Southwest, a Road to the Kentucky Derby qualifier that awards points on a 10-4-2-1 basis to its top four finishers—the same scale as the \$100,000 John Battaglia Memorial Stakes Feb. 26 at Turfway Park. With far less speed in the Southwest compared to the Juvenile, Jackie's Warrior and jockey Joel Rosario should be able to go to the front—a style that led to three graded victories last year including in the Runhappy Hopeful Stakes (G1) and Champagne Stakes (G1).

"He has worked impressively and obviously we feel very fortunate to have him to run in the Southwest," Asmussen said of the Maclean's Music colt.

Drawn inside under Luis Saez, Essential Quality will likely sit closer than he did in the Juvenile when he closed from eighth, nine lengths off the early leader. A month earlier, he had won the Claiborne Breeders' Futurity (G1) at Keeneland after pressing slow fractions.

Both wins came at 1 1/16 miles, a trip over which Jackie's Warrior only raced in the Juvenile.

Eclipse Award-winning trainer Brad Cox conditions Essential Quality, a homebred son of Tapit who is unbeaten in three starts.

Spielberg, winner of the Los Alamitos Futurity (G2) and fourth most recently in the Jan. 30 Robert B. Lewis Stakes (G3) at Santa Anita Park, is the first West Coast invader of the Oaklawn season for Hall of Fame trainer Bob Baffert, a four-time Southwest winner.

Saffa's Day, Last Samurai, Santa Cruiser, and Woodhouse complete the lineup for the Southwest, one of three stakes at Oaklawn on Saturday along with the \$600,000 Razorback Handicap (G3) and \$200,000 Spring Fever Stakes. **BH**



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Jackie's Warrior trains ahead of the 2020 Breeders' Cup at Keeneland

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MYSTIC GUIDE RETURNS IN RAZORBACK HANDICAP

By Christine Oser

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Godolphin homebred Mystic Guide will make his 4-year-old debut in the \$600,000 Razorback Handicap (G3) Feb. 27 at Oaklawn Park. The 1 1/16-mile event for 4-year-olds and up is one of multiple stakes at the Arkansas track postponed from Presidents Day weekend due to winter weather.

Mystic Guide is the lightest raced of the seven entries. The Ghostzapper colt debuted for trainer Michael Stidham in February last year and went on to win the Jim Dandy Stakes (G2) in a last-to-first effort at Saratoga Race Course, beating multiple grade 1-placed Jesus' Team and Belmont Stakes Presented by NYRA Bets (G1) runner-up Dr Post.

In the final start of his sophomore season Oct. 10 at Belmont Park, Mystic Guide raced off the pace in the Jockey Club Gold Cup (G1) against older horses and briefly took the lead in the stretch before fellow 3-year-old Happy Saver got up to win by three-quarters of a length.

"We were delighted with the way his 3-year-old year turned out," Stidham said. "There were a lot of temptations to run in the (Kentucky) Derby (G1) and different spots and the timing just wasn't right. It just seemed like he needed a little bit more time, so we kept being real patient with him and let him develop. As he developed and those other races showed up, we always felt like a mile and an eighth and farther was going to be helpful to him."

Luis Saez has the mount on Mystic Guide for the first time. The pair will break from the outside.

Also coming back from a grade 1 placing in the fall will be Rupp Racing's Owendale, who rallied from 12th to finish third in the Nov. 27 Clark Stakes Presented by Norton Healthcare (G1) at Churchill Downs. The 5-year-old son of Into Mischief was a three-time grade 3 winner his sophomore season and picked up another black-type win in the Blame Stakes last spring at Churchill. His show finish in the Clark, a race he was second in at 3, came 20 days after finishing

fifth in the Big Ass Fans Breeders' Cup Dirt Mile (G1) at Keeneland.

Joel Rosario will ride for trainer Brad Cox from post 4.

Bringing Oaklawn experience into the Razorback are Silver Prospector, winner of the 2020 Southwest Stakes (G3); Hunka Burning Love, caught by a nose in the Jan. 23 Fifth Season Stakes; Rated R Superstar, who was claimed for \$50,000 in a winning effort Jan. 30 at the track; and Long Range Toddy, a winner of a division of the 2019 Rebel Stakes (G2).

Completing the field is Mailman Money, who last out won a one-mile allowance optional claiming race Nov. 25 on a sloppy track at Churchill.

The \$200,000 Spring Fever Stakes for older fillies and mares sprinting 5 1/2 furlongs will also be contested Saturday. Novogratz Racing Stables' Amy's Challenge is entered for the third straight year. The 6-year-old Artie Schiller mare won the 2019 edition by 8 1/4 lengths and returned in 2020 to finish second beaten a neck. Trained by McLean Robertson, she made her first start of the season at Oaklawn and finished second to Frank's Rockette in the Jan. 30 American Beauty Stakes.

Also entered in the Spring Fever is Ten Broeck Farm's Kimari, a returning 4-year-old Munnings filly trained by Wesley Ward who won the Purple Martin Stakes last spring over a sloppy track at Oaklawn in her season bow. **BH**

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Mystic Guide wins the Jim Dandy Stakes at Saratoga Race Course

1 | ESSENTIAL QUALITY

Owner/Trainer: Godolphin/Brad Cox
Pedigree: Tapit—Delightful Quality,
by Elusive Quality
Breeder: Godolphin (KY)

Oaklawn Park's weather-related postponement of the Southwest Stakes (G3) until Feb. 27 delayed the champ's return but likely won't impact his preparation much toward the Kentucky Derby Presented by Woodford Reserve (G1). His training has gone uninterrupted at Fair Grounds Race Course & Slots. The April 3 Toyota Blue Grass Stakes (G2) or April 10 Arkansas Derby (G1) is likely to follow the Southwest.

2 | FIRE AT WILL

Three Diamonds Farm/Mike Maker
Declaration of War—Flirt, by Kitten's Joy
Troy Rankin (KY)

He faces an arduous task in the Feb. 27 Fasig-Tipton Fountain of Youth Stakes (G2) at Gulfstream Park, shifting to dirt in his return since winning the Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf Presented by Coolmore America (G1T) Nov. 6. Though dirt is not new to him—he won the off-the-turf With Anticipation Stakes last summer in the slop—he did not beat the likes of Greatest Honour and Prime Factor in that race.

3 | LIFE IS GOOD

China Horse Club and WinStar Farm/
Bob Baffert
Into Mischief—Beach Walk,
by Distorted Humor
Gary and Mary West Stable (KY)

This speedster is pointed to return in the March 6 at Santa Anita Park in the San Felipe Stakes (G2), a race Hall of Fame trainer Bob Baffert has won seven times, including last year with eventual Derby winner Authentic. Promising challengers await him, such as Robert B. Lewis Stakes (G3) runner-up Roman Centurian and 14-length maiden winner and fellow Derby Dozen member The Great One.

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4 | MANDALOUN

Juddmonte Farms/Brad Cox
Into Mischief—Brooch, by Empire Maker
Juddmonte Farms (KY)

Based at Fair Grounds, where he was third in the Lecomte Stakes (G3) before a blinkers-added Risen Star Presented by Lamarque Ford (G2) victory, he likely returns in the March 20 TwinSpires.com Louisiana Derby (G2) there. The Louisiana Derby figures to draw more out-of-state interest than the Risen Star, with California-based Robert B. Lewis third-place finisher Hot Rod Charlie among those under consideration for the 1 3/16-mile race.

5 | GREATEST HONOUR

Courtlandt Farms/Shug McGaughey
Tapit—Tiffany's Honour, by Street Cry
Courtlandt Farm (KY)

The Holy Bull Stakes (G3) winner is the anticipated favorite for the Fountain of Youth, a race Hall of Fame trainer Shug McGaughey previously won with Orb and Code of Honor—colts who would later run first and second in the Kentucky Derby in 2013 and 2019, respectively. Several of those that chased this 3-year-old across the wire in the Holy Bull are expected back, plus Fire At Will and other new shooters.



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Greatest Honour remains ranked at No. 5 in this week's Derby Dozen

6 | MEDINA SPIRIT

Zedan Racing Stables/Bob Baffert
Protonico—Mongolian Changa,
by Brilliant Speed
Gail Rice (FL)

The Robert B. Lewis winner was given a stiff six-furlong workout in a bullet 1:12 2/5 by Baffert Feb. 20 at Santa Anita. Spotting workmate Heels Up, a stakes-placed 3-year-old filly, a couple of lengths, he finished on even terms, though he came under pressure to catch up. Not as brilliant as some others in the 'Dozen, but his tenacity should carry him a long way on the Triple Crown trail.

7 | CADDO RIVER

Shortleaf Stable/Brad Cox
Hard Spun—Pangburn, by Congrats
Shortleaf Stable (KY)

When freezing temperatures and cold rolled into Arkansas earlier this month, Cox shipped him from Oaklawn to his division at Fair Grounds in warmer New Orleans, a move that has kept the Smarty Jones Stakes winner on schedule to start in the \$1 million Rebel Stakes (G2) at Oaklawn March 13. He's posted two works at Fair Grounds while Oaklawn has been shuttered, including a bullet five furlongs in :59 3/5 Feb. 20.

8 | CONCERT TOUR

Gary and Mary West/Bob Baffert
Street Sense—Purse Strings, by Tapit
Gary and Mary West Stables (KY)

In contrast to Medina Spirit's in-company breeze Feb. 20 at Santa Anita, Baffert gave

this colt an easier half-mile solo breeze that morning, having just run Feb. 6 when taking the San Vicente Stakes (G2). Going comfortably, he smoked the distance in :47 1/5. Now comes his first route test and a showdown with Caddo River in the Rebel. Preparation mirrors that of the Baffert-trained Nadal from last year.

9 | THE GREAT ONE

ERJ Racing, Train Wreck Al Racing Stables, Niall Brennan, Tom Fritz,
and William Strauss/Doug O'Neill
Nyquist—Little Ms Protocol, by El Corredor
Coteau Grove Farms (LA)

His 14-length maiden win Jan. 23 was a beauty, an encore performance after a close second in the Los Alamitos Futurity (G2) for two-time Derby-winning trainer Doug O'Neill. The answer to whether that win was the result of improvement or a class drop should be answered in the San Felipe, where he and Life Is Good figure to be among those duking it out.

10 | JACKIE'S WARRIOR

Kirk and Judy Robison/Steve Asmussen
Maclean's Music—Unicorn Girl,
by A. P. Five Hundred
J & J Stables (KY)

Like Essential Quality, he has been training in New Orleans toward the Southwest—meaning he dodged the cold and snow that blanketed the Arkansas track. A three-time graded winner last year at 2, he weakened to fourth around two turns in the 1 1/16-mile TVG

Breeders' Cup Juvenile Presented by Thoroughbred Aftercare Alliance (G1) at Keeneland Nov. 6, though with the excuse of chasing furious splits.

11 | PROXY

Godolphin/Mike Stidham
Tapit—Panty Raid, by Include
Godolphin (KY)

The Lecomte and Risen Star runner-up gives Godolphin two in the 'Dozen, joining top-ranked Essential Quality. This colt has a powerhouse pedigree, being by Tapit and out of Panty Raid, an Include mare so classy and versatile that she won graded stakes on dirt, turf, and synthetic as a 3-year-old in 2007. Her daughter, Micheline, has notched three stakes victories for trainer Mike Stidham, including over 1 5/16 miles on turf.

12 | KEEPMEINMIND

Cypress Creek Equine, Arnold Bennewith, and Spendthrift Farm/Robertino Diodoro
Laoban—Inclination, by Victory Gallop
Southern Equine Stables (KY)

The Kentucky Jockey Club Stakes (G2) winner slips a position due to missed mid-February training caused by a snow-covered, frozen Oaklawn racetrack. As a result of lost training, trainer Robertino Diodoro is skipping the Southwest with him to await the Rebel. This colt already has 18 Derby qualifying points—should he pick up a manageable 25 points in a pair of Derby preps, he should make the Derby based on the point cutoffs of recent years.



NEWSSELLS PARK'S SWANN LANDS STUD STAFF AWARD

By Kitty Trice/Racing Post

This year's Godolphin Stud and Stable Staff Awards may have been held virtually but there were still celebrations aplenty as Newsells Park Stud's Elody Swann won the prize in the stud staff category.

Swann, who has been a mainstay of the leading operation for 17 years, had first worked with showjumping ponies back in her native France, but had always held a passion for bloodstock and breeding.

She said: "I used to work with showjumping ponies in France but I always liked the breeding industry, it has always been my big passion. The guy I was working with just wanted to sell ponies, so I talked to my parents about it and my mum knew someone who worked at Newsells.

"He asked me whether I was worried about leaving my parents and told me he would try to get me an interview. I had my interview on the phone and I got the job!"

"I'm currently looking after the pregnant mares, bringing them in and taking care of them when they are looked at by the vet, and later on when they foal so it's a busy time of year."

The operation's general manager Julian Dollar was quick to praise Swann's dedication and skill, and also cited her love of horses from day-old foals to runners on the track.

He said: "I was thrilled for Elody, I nominated her back in the autumn as she's somebody that has been with us for quite a long time—17 years to be precise—and there's very few people who are more dedicated or passionate.

"She loves her horses and would do anything for them, from the moment she looks after them as newborn foals, to taking them through the yearling



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Elody Swann leads a horse in the sales ring

sales, and then following their careers thereafter.

"People like Elody, who are so dedicated to their

jobs, deserve that recognition and I think it reflects well on the rest of her colleagues here who make my life very easy. I'm very lucky to have them.

"It's nice to be able to recognize one but I'd like to think it's a recognition for all of them."

Overall prize money for the awards, which were broadcast free to air on Racing TV and hosted by ITV Racing's Ed Chamberlin, was £128,500.

The other two finalists for the Stud Staff award were Martin Languillet of Fittocks Stud and Hazelwood Bloodstock's Tom Hughes.

An event to celebrate the achievements of the winners and finalists is being planned for the summer, subject to government guidance.

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—JULIAN DOLLAR

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TREO EILE PROGRAM LAUNCHES IN IRELAND

By James Thomas/Racing Post

Treo Eile, a new Irish not-for-profit organization, has launched with the aim of assisting owners and trainers looking to re-home their racehorses once their careers on the track have drawn to a close.

The company, which aims to act as a matchmaking tool between those behind a horse's racing career and new owners who can provide an active retirement, has three key objectives.

They are: connect racehorse owners with retrainers/new owners through Treo Eile's online platform; support ex-racehorse specific prizes across the Irish equine event calendar, including showjumping, dressage, eventing; and to promote the versatility of the ex-racehorse through an awareness campaign.

"The idea is that Treo Eile (Irish for Another Direction) acts as a gateway to source former racehorses, whilst creating a stronger demand for them by adding lucrative prizes for the best ex-racehorse in class," said founder Sarah Sands, who together with Godolphin's Caoimhe Doherty has spent the past year developing the concept.

"It's a concept that works really well in Britain through ROR, so we've worked with the industry

stakeholders in Ireland to develop a similar program. Response so far has been fantastic and we're thrilled to have recruited some influential ambassadors in the shape of Patrick Mullins, Robbie Power, and Katie Walsh.

"Spreading the word is really important so that more people become aware of the opportunities available for ex-racehorses and exactly what they can do."

Although launched only on Feb. 20, Treo Eile has already successfully re-homed its first ex-racehorse.

Dance Alone, an 8-year-old son of Bahamian Bounty who won four times from 67 races, was owned by the On Each Way Syndicate and trained by Kieran Cotter and has joined Kildare-based retrainer Richard Hyland.

Hyland, a graduate of the Irish National Stud breeding course who works for Jessica Harrington, said: "Every horse deserves a second chance after racing and Dance Alone had an incredible career, running 67 times so that says something about his durability. I especially enjoy teaching them to jump although some need more time than others depending on their temperaments."

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PEDIGREE ANALYSIS

WITH ALAN PORTER

MISHRIFF A HIGHLIGHT OF MAKE BELIEVE'S FIRST CROP

By Alan Porter

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On paper, the world's richest race, the Saudi Cup, run in Riyadh Feb. 20, appeared to lie between a pair of United States challengers, Charlatan and Knicks Go. For much of the race that was how things went, with Charlatan, coming off a victory in the Runhappy Malibu Stakes (G1), outfooting Knicks Go, who had scored front-running triumphs in the Big Ass Fans Breeders' Cup Dirt Mile (G1) and Pegasus World Cup Invitational Stakes (G1) on his last two starts, for the early lead, then repulsing his rival's attempt to assert himself at the head affairs. The duo were still at the head of affairs late on final turn, but Knicks Go was spent at this stage. But, while Charlatan had defeated the horse who appeared to be his most dangerous foe, it proved to be something of a pyrrhic victory. Drafting behind the dueling leaders for much of the race was the English-trained Mishriff, and as Mishriff produced his challenge down the long Riyadh straight, the mid-race

MAKE BELIEVE, b, 2012	Makfi, 2007	Dubawi, 2002	Dubai Millennium
		Dhelaal, 2002	Zomaradah
MISHRIFF b, c April 1, 2017	Rosie's Posy, 1999	Suave Dancer, 1988	Green Desert
		My Branch, 1993	Irish Valley
CONTRADICT, b, 2010	Raven's Pass, 2005	Bahri, 1992	Green Dancer
		Acts of Grace, 2003	Suavite
		Rafha, 1987	Distant Relative
			Pay the Bank
		Elusive Quality, 1993	Gone West
		Ascutney, 1994	Touch of Greatness
			Lord At War
			Right Word
			Riverman
			Wasnah
			Kris
			Eljazzi

effort of Charlatan began to take its toll, and bravely as the Bob Baffert-trained runner fought on, he was unable to resist Mishriff's final charge, which took him to the wire a length to the good.

On reflection, it can be seen that Mishriff was probably a more dangerous opponent than the odds made him appear, especially given clear possibility that the U.S. duo would soften each other up on the front end. Not only had Mishriff run creditably on his sole previous outing on the dirt, he also owned top-class form beyond the nine furlongs of the Saudi Cup, whereas that distance is probably at least half a furlong beyond the ideal for Charlatan and Knicks Go.

Now 4, Mishriff has generally been a steady improver through his career. He took a maiden at Nottingham in good style on the third of three starts as a juvenile. The following year, after recovering from an awkward start to claim second in the Samba Saudi Derby, Mishriff gained successive wins in the Betfair Exchange Free Bet Streak Newmarket Stakes, the Prix du Jockey Club (French Derby, G1), and the Prix Guillaume d'Ornano—Haras du Logis Saint-Germain (G2), where he underlined his progression by scoring by 4 1/2 lengths



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Mishriff wins the Saudi Cup at King Abdulaziz Racetrack

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from The Summit, who'd only been 1 3/4 lengths in arrears when filling runner-up spot in the Prix du Jockey Club. Mishriff's only other run that term was an unplaced effort in the QIPCO Champion Stakes (G1) on heavy ground last October.

Mishriff is a member of the first crop of Make Believe, a horse who retired to stud as a proven top-class racehorse, but with a less than pedigree. Winner of both his starts at 2, Make Believe lost his unbeaten record going down by a head in the Prix Djebel (G3) over seven furlongs on very soft going. He rebounded in style in the Poule d'Essai des Poulains—Prix Le Parisien (French Two Thousand Guineas, G1), quickening clear to score comfortably by three lengths from New Bay, who would take the Prix du Jockey Club on his next outing. Make Believe's reappearance was less spectacular, as racing on fast ground for the first time, he trailed home fifth of five behind Gleneagles in the St. James's Palace Stakes (G1). Make Believe wasn't seen out again for close to four months, when he ran out a comfortable winner of the Qatar Prix de la Foret (G1) on the Qatar Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe (G1) undercard. He made just one more start, finishing fifth albeit beaten only 4 1/2 lengths by Tepin, in the Breeders' Cup Mile (G1T).

Make Believe's sire, Makfi, had both pedigree and performance on his side when he began his stud career. Champion European 3-year-old miler and joint-champion 3-year-old colt in Europe, Makfi earned group 1 victories in the Stanjames.com Two Thousand Guineas (G1) and Prix du Haras de Fresnay-le-Buffard-Jacques Le Marois (G1). Makfi was a son of Dubawi, another classic-winning miler, and a horse who has been second only to Galileo among European sires for most of the last decade. Makfi's dam, Dhelaal, is a Green Desert half brother to champion European 2-year-old, Alhaarth, and the second is a half sister to Green Dancer, winner of

three group 1 races, including the Poule d'Essai des Poulains, and later a major sire.

Despite his impressive credentials, Makfi, proved to be somewhat disappointing as a stallion and although he has 19 stakes winners from his first seven Northern Hemisphere crops, only nine are group winners and the only other group 1 scorer is the 2019 Criterium de Saint-Cloud (G1) winner Mkfancy. He's also sired 16 stakes winners, nine group, from six crops in New Zealand, three grade 1, including Bonneval, successful in the Wellfield New Zealand Oaks (G1), James Boags Premium Australian Oaks (G1), and Hyland Race Colours Underwood Stakes (G1), and Sofia Rosa, who took the Australian Oaks one year before Bonneval.

Make Believe has made a start which promises that he may outperform his sire, and he's had five black-type winners in his first crop, with Mishriff being joined by Rose of Kildare, Believe In Love, and Ocean Fantasy as winners at group level.

Mishriff's dam, Contradict, was a useful winner and came within a nose of earning some black-type when fourth in the 10-furlong Height of Fashion Stakes. She is a daughter of the European-trained Elusive Quality horse, Raven's Pass, best remembered in the U.S. for his victory in the 2008 Breeders' Cup Classic (G1) on the then all-weather surface at Santa Anita Park. She's produced another black-type winner in French listed scorer Orbaan. The granddam, Acts of Grace (by Bahri), recorded a group success in the PricewaterhouseCoopers Princess Royal Stakes (G3). She was one of four stakes winners produced by the Prix de Diane (French Oaks, G1) heroine, Rafha, the others including the outstanding sire, Invincible Spirit (by Green Desert, who also appears in Make Believe's pedigree), as well as Kodiak a group-placed runner and record-breaking sire of 2-year-olds. Rafha's dam, Eljazzi, has been a very important foundation mare, and her other descendants include Uni, who defeated males to take the TVG Breeders' Cup Mile; Pinatubo, the European champion 2-year-old of 2019; and Pride

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Of Dubai, the Champion Australian 2-year-old of 2014-15.

Mishriff is a production of what appears to be a rapidly emerging cross, that of Dubawi line stallions with Raven's Pass mares, which has already produced four stakes winners from just nine starters, this being a specific version of the successful Dubawi/Gone West cross.

The only duplicated ancestor in the first five generations of Mishriff's pedigree is Nijinsky II, who appears 5x5, but there are some more complex and significant patterns further back. Make Believe and Raven's Pass are both from the Mr. Prospector line,

and Mr. Prospector's dam was by Nashua, a son of Nasrullah, and from the Myrtlewood branch of the famed Frizette family. Mishriff also has four crosses of Never Bend (three through the close relatives Mill Reef and Riverman), and Never Bend was by Nasrullah out of a mare by Djeddah, a horse inbred to Frizette. Make Believe's second dam is by Distant Relative, whose third dam is the noted producer, Natasha (by Nasrullah and from the Frizette family). Natasha reappears in the pedigree—this time on the distaff side—as the fourth dam of Elusive Quality. Finally, Mishriff's second dam is by Riverman's son, Bahri, whose own granddam, Champion Irish 2-year-old filly, Highest Trump, is by a grandson of Nasrullah, and from the Myrtlewood branch of Frizette. **BH**

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Delta Downs, Race 2, ALW

2/23, \$38,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 5f (dirt), :59.29, track fast.

1—Grillin, 120, dk b/br m, 5, **Awesome Bet**—Chef Bertie, by Indian Charlie, \$22,800, O—End Zone Athletics, Inc., B—Lora Pitre (LA), T—Karl Broberg, J—Timothy Thornton

Margin: 1¼, 9 starters. [View Equibase Chart](#)

Delta Downs, Race 4, AOC

2/23, \$39,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 5f (dirt), :59.40, track fast.

1—Icy Charlie, 120, gr/ro f, 4, **My Pal Charlie**—Lady Lyra Lee, by Academy Award, \$23,400, O—Elite Thoroughbred Racing LLC, B—Michele Rodriguez (LA), T—Lee Thomas, J—Ashley Broussard

Margin: 1, 7 starters. [View Equibase Chart](#)

Parx Racing, Race 8, ALW

2/23, \$45,000, 4yo/up, 6f (dirt), 1:11.12, track sloppy.

1—Arch Cat, 121, b g, 7, Arch—Miss Lavinia, by **Speightstown**, \$27,000, O—Burns Thoroughbred Racing LLC, B—Santucket Stables & Indian Creek (KY), T—Daniel Velazquez, J—Abner Adorno

Sale History: 2015 KEESEP, \$40,000.

Margin: 2½, 6 starters. [View Equibase Chart](#)

Parx Racing, Race 9, AOC

2/23, \$41,000, 3yo, 8.32f (dirt), 1:43.75, track sloppy.

1—Market Maven, 118, ch g, 3, **Super Ninety Nine**—My Sonata, by Noble Causeway, \$34,440, O—Gregory A. Gordon, B—Gregory Gordon (PA), T—Penny Pearce, J—Dexter Haddock

Margin: 4, 6 starters. [View Equibase Chart](#)

Turf Paradise, Race 1, ALW

2/23, \$25,000, 3yo, 6.5f (dirt), 1:16.61, track fast.

1—Beckham James, 118, gr/ro c, 3, **Shanghai Bobby**—Ciddy's Song, by Unbridled's Song, \$15,190, O—Jeremy Ramsland, B—Mike Abraham (KY), T—Justin R. Evans, J—Scott A. Stevens

Sale History: 2020 OBSJUN, \$70,000, 2020 OBSMAR, (\$35,000 RNA), 2019 KEESEP, \$40,000.

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Delta Downs, Race 5, MSW

2/23, \$37,000, 3yo, 5f (dirt), :59.85, track fast.

1—Little Can, 122, dk b/br g, 3, Can the Man—Highest Reward, by **Congrats**, \$22,200, O—Coteau Racing, B—Cloyce C. Clark Jr. (LA), T—Samuel Breaux, J—Luis Batista

Sale History: 2019 OBSJAN, (\$2,700 RNA).

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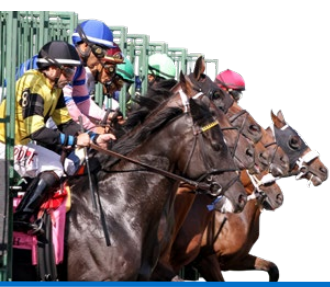
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1	1	Oceanic	Constitution	4/g	Jesus Lopez Castanon	118	20/1	Surfside Stables, LLC
2	2	Imprimis	Broken Vow	7/g	Antonio A. Gallardo	124	8/5	Breeze Easy, LLC
3	3	Quarky	The Factor	5/g	Daniel Centeno	118	12/1	Ballybrit Stable, LLC
4	4	My Boy Lenny	Wildcat Heir	6/g	Daniel Centeno	118	15/1	J J Brevan Stable, LLC
5	5	The Critical Way	Tizway	7/g	Samy Camacho	122	4/1	Monster Racing Stables
6	6	The Connector	City Zip	4/g	Ronald Dale Allen, Jr.	118	8/1	Mark Hoffman
7	7	Arcadia Calls	City Zip	5/g	Roberto Alvarado, Jr.	118	20/1	Winning Stables, Inc.
8	8	Tench	Majesticperfection	5/g	Hector Rafael Diaz, Jr.	118	20/1	Duncan Lloyd, Check Racing, Blazing Meadows Farm, LLC and Michael J. Lewis
9	9	Turned Aside	American Pharoah	4/c	Jose C. Ferrer	124	3/1	D. J. Stable, LLC and West Point Thoroughbreds
10	10	Fox Rox	Officer	10/g	Ricardo Feliciano	118	15/1	Mark Hoffman
11	11	Jazzy Times	Discreetly Mine	8/g	Chad Lindsay	118	15/1	Dennis F. Smith

Breeders: 1–DP Racing, LLC; 2–Craig L Wheeler; 3–Center Hills Farm; 4–JJ Brevan Stable LLC; 5–Blackstone Farm LLC; 6–Nursery Place & Robert T. Manfuso; 7–Mr. & Mrs. Alberta Davies; 8–Mr. & Mrs. Duncan Lloyd; 9–Paul P. Pompa; 10–Dennis Petrisak & Deborah Petrisak; 11–RDurham Racing LLC.

Trainers: 1–Jordan Blair; 2–Joseph F. Orseno; 3–Michael Dini; 4–Gerald S. Bennett; 5–Jose H. Delgado; 6–Dennis Ward; 7–Gerald S. Bennett; 8–Timothy E. Hamm; 9–Mark E. Casse; 10–Dennis Ward; 11–David Van Winkle.

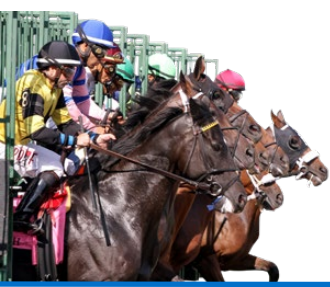
LIGHTNING CITY S.

Tampa Bay Downs, Wednesday, February 24, Race 9
5f (turf), \$100,000, 4yo/up f/m, 4:21 PM (local)

P #	PP	Horse	Sire	Age/Sex	Jockey	Weight	M/L	Owner
1	1	The Great Kath	Poseidon's Warrior	6/m	Kevin Mendez	118	20/1	Steven Dye
2	2	Royal Collection	Munnings	4/f	Hector Rafael Diaz, Jr.	120	5/1	Lael Stables
3	3	Weekend Fun	More Than Ready	4/f	Manny Jimenez	118	20/1	Windways Farm
4	4	The Goddess Lyssa	Fury Kapcori	4/f	Daniel Centeno	120	3/1	Team Equistaff, Inc.
5	5	Payntdemblesaway	Paynter	5/m	Samy Camacho	118	8/1	All My Hart Racing, Inc.
6	6	Sethamee Street	Street Sense	5/m	Keiber J. Coa	120	10/1	Jerry Weiss
7	7	Miss Auramet	Uncaptured	5/m	Roberto Alvarado, Jr.	120	4/1	David Melin, Leon Ellman and Laurie Plesa
8	8	Awsum Roar	In Summation	7/m	No Rider	118	15/1	Imaginary Stables, Louis Mairone and Carmen Pinto
9	9	Jeanie B (GB)	Bated Breath (GB)	4/f	Antonio A. Gallardo	118	6/1	CJ Thoroughbreds
10	10	Lenzi's Lucky Lady	With Distinction	4/f	Alonso Quinonez	118	10/1	David A. Bernsen, LLC
11	11	Bluefield	Field Commission	5/m	Ronald Dale Allen, Jr.	118	15/1	Edward A. Seltzer
12	12	Ode to Joy	Artie Schiller	6/m	Jesus Lopez Castanon	120	8/1	Beverly S. Anderson and Edward A. Seltzer
13	13	Roman d'Oro	Medaglia d'Oro	4/f	Tomas B. Mejia	118	6/1	Gary Barber
14	14	Nightlife	Into Mischief	5/m	Daniel Centeno	118	12/1	Triton Stable, Brian Chenvert and Eddie Kenneally

Breeders: 1–SJT Racing Stable LLC; 2–Mr. & Mrs. M. Roy Jackson; 3–Whisper Hill Farm, LLC; 4–Brent Fernung & Crystal Fernung; 5–Fred W. Hertrich III & John D. Fielding; 6–Brittlyn, Inc.; 7–Marion G. Montanari; 8–Thomas Moore; 9–E & R Bastian; 10–Stonehedge LLC; 11–Ed Pendray & Edward A. Seltzer; 12–Edward A. Seltzer & Beverly Anderson; 13–Whisper Hill Farm, LLC; 14–Everest Stables Inc..

Trainers: 1–Steven Dye; 2–Arnaud Delacour; 3–James Bentley Begg; 4–Gerald S. Bennett; 5–Jane Cibelli; 6–Baltazar Galvan; 7–Edward Plesa, Jr.; 8–Antonio Sano; 9–Mark E. Casse; 10–Robert B. Hess, Jr.; 11–Curtis L. Garrison; 12–Arnaud Delacour; 13–Mark E. Casse; 14–Eddie Kenneally.



UPCOMING ENTRIES

RAZORBACK H. (G3)

Oaklawn Park, Saturday, February 27, Race 7
8.5f (dirt), \$600,000, 4yo/up, 3:20 PM (local)

P #	PP	Horse	Sire	Age/Sex	Jockey	Weight	M/L	Owner
1		Silver Prospector	Declaration of War	4/c	Ricardo Santana, Jr.	117	-	Ed & Susie Orr
2		Hunka Burning Love	Into Mischief	7/g	David Cabrera	117	-	End Zone Athletics, Inc. (Karl Broberg)
3		Mailman Money	Goldencents	4/c	Joseph Talamo	115	-	Allied Racing Stable LLC (Chester Thomas)
4		Owendale	Into Mischief	5/h	Joel Rosario	120	-	Rupp Racing LLC (James Rupp)
5		Rated R Superstar	Kodiak Kowboy	8/g	Ramon A. Vazquez	115	-	Danny R. Caldwell
6		Long Range Toddy	Take Charge Indy	5/h	Jon Kenton Court	116	-	Willis Horton Racing LLC (Willis Horton)
7		Mystic Guide	Ghostzapper	4/c	Luis Saez	121	-	Godolphin LLC (Sheikh Mohammed Bin Rashid Al Maktoum)

Breeders: 1–Hargus Sexton, Sandra Sexton & Silver Fern Farm, LLC; 2–Morris B. Floyd & Chuck Givens; 3–TK Stables LLC; 4–Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC; 5–ThornDale Stable LLC; 6–Willis Horton Racing LLC; 7–Godolphin.

Trainers: 1–Steven M. Asmussen; 2–Karl Broberg; 3–W. Bret Calhoun; 4–Brad H. Cox; 5–Federico Villafranco; 6–Dallas Stewart; 7–Michael Stidham.

SPRING FEVER S.

Oaklawn Park, Saturday, February 27, Race 8
5.5f (dirt), \$200,000, 4yo/up f/m, 3:52 PM (local)

P #	PP	Horse	Sire	Age/Sex	Jockey	Weight	M/L	Owner
1		Cashcheckorcharge	Will Take Charge	5/m	David Cabrera	115	-	Simmons Racing, LLC
2		Sunny Dale	Medaglia d'Oro	5/m	Martin Garcia	115	-	Barry R. Ostrager
3		Amy's Challenge	Artie Schiller	6/m	Alex L. Canchari	115	-	Novogratz Racing Stables Inc (Joseph Novogratz)
4		Casual	Curlin	4/f	Ricardo Santana, Jr.	122	-	Hill 'n' Dale Equine Holdings Inc. (J. Sikura) & Stretch Run Ventures LLC (E. McGhee)
5		Headland	Paynter	5/m	Francisco Arrieta	115	-	HWL Partnership (B & J Walmsley and M & D Lamberth)
6		Ain't No Elmers	Goldencents	4/f	David Cohen	115	-	John E. and Iveta Kerber & Jon Lapczenski
7		Shesomajestic	Majesticperfection	5/m	Ramon A. Vazquez	115	-	WSS Racing LLC (William Simon)
8		Best Kept Secret	Line of David	5/m	Kelsi Harr	115	-	Tracy Hersman
9		Kimari	Munnings	4/f	Joel Rosario	115	-	Ten Broeck Farm Inc. (David Mowat)

Breeders: 1–Tom Durant; 2–Godolphin & Cornerstone Thoroughbreds LLC; 3–Sierra Farm; 4–Hill 'n' Dale Equine Holdings, Inc & Stretch Run Ventures, LLC; 5–Sheltowee Farm & WinStar Farm, LLC; 6–John Kerber; 7–Green Hills Farm Inc.; 8–Flying H Stables, LLC; 9–CHINA HORSE CLUB INTERNATIONAL LIMITED.

Trainers: 1–Casey T. Lambert; 2–Jerry Hollendorfer; 3–McLean Robertson; 4–Steven M. Asmussen; 5–Steve Hobby; 6–W. Bret Calhoun; 7–John Alexander Ortiz; 8–Robert N. Cline; 9–Wesley A. Ward.

SOUTHWEST S. (G3)

Oaklawn Park, Saturday, February 27, Race 10
8.5f (dirt), \$750,000, 3yo, 4:58 PM (local)

P #	PP	Horse	Sire	Age/Sex	Jockey	Weight	M/L	Owner
1		Essential Quality	Tapit	3/c	Luis Saez	119	-	Godolphin LLC (Sheikh Mohammed Bin Rashid Al Maktoum)
2		Saffa's Day	Carpe Diem	3/c	Ricardo Santana, Jr.	117	-	L and N Racing LLC (Michael Levinson et al) & Clark O. Brewster
3		Last Samurai	Malibu Moon	3/c	Jon Kenton Court	117	-	Willis Horton Racing LLC (Willis Horton)
4		Jackie's Warrior	Maclean's Music	3/c	Joel Rosario	119	-	J. Kirk & Judy Robison
5		Santa Cruiser	Dialed In	3/r	Richard E. Eramia	117	-	Calumet Farm (Brad Kelley)
6		Woodhouse	Speightstown	3/c	David Cabrera	117	-	Samuel F. Henderson
7		Spielberg	Union Rags	3/c	Martin Garcia	119	-	SF Racing LLC, Starlight Racing, Madaket Stables LLC, Golconda Stables, Siena Farm LLC and Masterson, Robert E.

Breeders: 1–Godolphin; 2–SF Bloodstock LLC; 3–Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC; 4–J & J Stables; 5–Calumet Farm; 6–Blue Heaven Farm; 7–G. Watts Humphrey Jr..

Trainers: 1–Brad H. Cox; 2–Steven M. Asmussen; 3–Dallas Stewart; 4–Steven M. Asmussen; 5–J. Keith Desormeaux; 6–C. R. Trout; 7–Bob Baffert.