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# MEDINA SPIRIT STEWARDS' HEARING SCHEDULED FOR FEB. 7

By Frank Angst

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More than eight months after Bob Baffert-trained Medina Spirit failed a post-race drug test after finishing first in the 2021 Kentucky Derby Presented by Woodford Reserve (G1), Kentucky stewards are expected to conduct a hearing to consider any sanctions against the trainer.

The information on the hearing date came out during testimony Jan. 27 before a New York hearing officer who is considering a New York Racing Association effort to ban Baffert from its tracks for a period of time—a move that started after the failed Derby post-race test.

While questioning Baffert during Thursday's hearing, Henry Greenberg, serving as counsel for NYRA, referenced the Feb. 7 hearing in Kentucky. An attorney for Baffert, who was off camera in streaming coverage of the hearing, confirmed the date.

A source with knowledge of the situation who spoke on a condition of anonymity confirmed that the Feb. 7 hearing is scheduled to take place before the stewards,

which is the standard starting point for such a case.

BloodHorse reached out to KHRC officials, who declined to comment.

Zedan Racing Stables' Medina Spirit is at risk of disqualification from the Derby after his post-race test indicated the prohibited race-day presence of betamethasone, a corticosteroid. In addition to potential disqualification of the horse, Baffert could be fined and/or suspended by the stewards. The split sample corroborated the finding.

After initially saying when the first test result from the Derby was revealed that Medina Spirit was not treated with betamethasone, Baffert said in a May 11 statement that upon evaluation he believed the test finding came from an ointment used to treat a skin condition. That anti-fungal ointment is called Otomax, which contains betamethasone.

In an effort to provide evidence of the source of the betamethasone, as Baffert's legal team believes that could provide exculpatory or mitigating evidence, a sample was sent to Dr. George Maylin, director of the New York Equine Drug Testing and Research Laboratory.

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Medina Spirit (inside) crosses the wire first in the 2021 Kentucky Derby at Churchill Downs



# MEDINA SPIRIT STEWARDS' HEARING SCHEDULED FOR FEB. 7

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The further testing in New York is one reason the case has been delayed. After receiving the sample in the summer, Maylin did not begin the follow-up testing until mid-November. In a Dec. 3 statement, Baffert attorney Craig Robertson said testing at the New York lab confirmed the betamethasone did not come from an injection.

Whether that finding of the source of the betamethasone will be in dispute—or even much matter as possible mitigating of exculpatory evidence—is unclear as KHRC officials have largely remained silent on the case. In June during a court hearing in Kentucky before the urine sample was sent to New York, Jennifer Wolsing, general counsel for the KHRC, said the betamethasone prohibition is "not differentiated" between creams and injections in the regulator's list of prohibited substances.

Baffert's attorneys feel otherwise, claiming that only betamethasone acetate—the specific type of betamethasone used in injections—is addressed and regulated in Kentucky rules. Otomax contains betamethasone valerate.

Wolsing made her comments at a court hearing that paved the way for the testing of the sample in New York. Franklin (Ky.) Circuit Court Judge Thomas Wingate granted Zedan Racing Stables and Baffert due process rights to conduct further testing of the sample in New York.

Medina Spirit died after a Dec. 6 workout at Santa Anita Park. That sudden death is being investigated by the California Horse Racing Board.

Should Medina Spirit be disqualified from his Derby victory, he would be the second horse taken down from victory in the classic because of a drug violation. Dancer's Image was disqualified from victory in 1968 after a urine sample came back positive for phenylbutazone. **BH**

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1	Tapit, '01, (Pulpit) Gainesway, KY, \$185,000	59 / 8	1 / 1.7%	5 / 8.5%	0 / 0	2.23	Courvoisier \$82,500	\$439,380
2	Medaglia d'Oro, '99, (El Prado) Darley, KY, \$100,000	65 / 13	2 / 3.1%	5 / 7.7%	0 / 0	1.83	La Crete \$90,000	\$603,845
3	Bernardini, '03, (A.P. Indy) Died	43 / 3	0 / 0.0%	3 / 7.0%	0 / 0	1.31	Sundown Warren \$23,400	\$160,141
4	Speightstown, '98, (Gone West) WinStar Farm, KY, \$90,000	65 / 17	2 / 3.1%	4 / 6.2%	0 / 0	2.01	Pingxiang \$114,621	\$504,315
5	Not This Time, '14, (Giant's Causeway) Taylor Made Stallions, KY, \$45,000	50 / 12	1 / 2.0%	3 / 6.0%	0 / 0	1.54	Simplification \$92,070	\$591,402
6	Nyquist, '13, (Uncle Mo) Darley, KY, \$55,000	37 / 4	0 / 0.0%	2 / 5.4%	0 / 0	1.83	Awake At Midnyte \$40,000	\$283,142
7	Keen Ice, '12, (Curlin) Calumet Farm, KY, \$7,500	39 / 3	0 / 0.0%	2 / 5.1%	0 / 0	0.55	Long Crow \$27,000	\$132,586
-	War Front, '02, (Danzig) Claiborne Farm, KY, \$100,000	39 / 1	0 / 0.0%	2 / 5.1%	0 / 0	2.06	War Beat \$13,060	\$106,066
9	Paynter, '09, (Awesome Again) WinStar Farm, KY, \$10,000	60 / 9	0 / 0.0%	3 / 5.0%	0 / 0	1.70	Positivity \$30,000	\$301,789
10	Pioneerof the Nile, '06, (Empire Maker) Died, 2019	61 / 13	3 / 4.9%	3 / 4.9%	1 / 0	1.69	Under the Stars \$120,000	\$619,606
-	Tonalist, '11, (Tapit) Lane's End, KY, \$10,000	61 / 10	1 / 1.6%	3 / 4.9%	0 / 0	1.33	Shamrocket \$52,995	\$360,387
12	Curlin, '04, (Smart Strike) Hill 'n' Dale Farms, KY, \$175,000	63 / 9	0 / 0.0%	3 / 4.8%	0 / 0	2.27	Zoomer \$35,750	\$374,712
13	Munnings, '06, (Speightstown) Ashford Stud, KY, \$85,000	85 / 20	3 / 3.5%	4 / 4.7%	0 / 0	1.59	Dash Attack \$150,000	\$838,904
14	Into Mischief, '05, (Harlan's Holiday) Spendthrift Farm, KY, \$250,000	111 / 16	2 / 1.8%	5 / 4.5%	1 / 0	2.08	Mandaloun \$90,000	\$887,751
-	Gun Runner, '13, (Candy Ride) Three Chimneys Farm, KY, \$125,000	22 / 2	0 / 0.0%	1 / 4.5%	0 / 0	2.52	Peace Peddler \$50,400	\$144,627

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## BAFFERT TESTIMONY RUNS GAMUT IN NYRA CASE

By Dick Downey

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Bob Baffert, a trainer for 45 years, may have gone through four of the longer hours of his career Jan. 27 when he testified in day four of the case instigated by the New York Racing Association seeking suspension of his license.

Baffert was called to the stand by his attorney, W. Craig Robertson III, after a late lunch break and began on a positive note after being asked to relate receiving several impressive awards.

He went on to say that for decades he trained without a drug positive in New York and was never called by a NYRA official expressing concern about any out-of-state drug positives—until after Medina Spirit's win of the Kentucky Derby Presented by Woodford Reserve (G1).

In times that now must look like the good old days, Baffert said he was feted by NYRA and politicians both upstate and downstate, won the Triple Crown at Belmont Park with American Pharoah in the greatest experience he's had at a track, was installed in Saratoga Race Course's Walk of Fame alongside giants of the sport, and shared humorous conversation with Secretariat's owner/breeder Penny Chenery at Saratoga. And then, before he knew it, all hell had broken loose.

Baffert, feeling disappointed and betrayed by NYRA's suspension of his activities in New York, which is enjoined for now, continues to be able to race there, but he's operating under a cloud, a cloud which NYRA says is of his own making.

Baffert spent much of his direct examination in



**Bob Baffert testifies Jan. 27 at a hearing conducted by the New York Racing Association**

Thursday's hearing session trying to explain away one drug positive after another, starting with Cruel Intention in July 2019 at the Del Mar meet and ending with the 2021 Kentucky Derby on the first Saturday in May. But at the end of his explanations, some of them simple, some of them with contradictions, one thing remained. The particulars of NYRA's factual charges against him remained in place.

The medication cases, and their internal facts, go on and on.

Charlatan and Gamine tested positive for lidocaine on Arkansas Derby (G1) day in 2020. But Nadal, who won a second division of the Arkansas Derby, did not. Assistant trainer Jimmy Barnes handled all three horses after using a lidocaine patch for back pain on Thursday and Friday mornings,

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but only two of them showed up with the Class 2 substance. The horse that ran second to Charlatan was positive for lidocaine too (but below the threshold), but Barnes never touched him. Was there environmental contamination in the test barn? If so, why did Baffert's attorney put out a media fact sheet two months later alluding to Barnes' lidocaine patch?

Merneith tested positive for the cough suppressant dextrophan. His groom had been taking medicine containing the substance. Did he urinate in Merneith's straw? No, he told an investigator. Yes, he said later in an affidavit.

Gamine tested positive for betamethasone after the 2020 Longines Kentucky Oaks (G1), but she was injected four days before the withdrawal window. "I called Dr. Carpenter and told him, and he said 'that's impossible'... (but) I had to accept the punishment

because rules are rules," Baffert said. There was a disqualification from a placing in the Oaks and a fine. Despite the disqualification, Gamine's owner, Michael Lund Petersen, kept the filly with the trainer.

After that, Baffert said, he "instructed my veterinarians I wanted no more betamethasone injections, didn't want it in my barn." Yet Medina Spirit came up positive after the Derby, and Baffert lost his usual cool. He held a press conference in front of his barn and the next day went on a round of television interviews when he said some things he regrets.

"I was upset," he said Thursday. "This is the greatest race in America, and that horse ran his heart out. I felt like I owed it to the owner, and I wanted people to know something was wrong."

But what was wrong, that is the question. As elicited at the hearing, Baffert all but said back then he was the victim of a conspiracy, that he was the victim of cancel culture, that something was wrong in racing enforcement, and that all the problems came from sources other than him.

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Not only did he deny Medina Spirit was injected during his media tour, he admitted today he said in one of the TV interviews, "No one who handled the horse had any creams or anything like that, so we just don't know where it came from." But a few days later, and now, that's exactly what he maintains happened.

At the time, "it never crossed my mind (that betamethasone was available in another form)," Baffert said at the hearing in New York. A few days later, "Dr. Baker called me and said it might be in a skin ointment."

Baffert, with the help of Robertson, put out a statement just before the Preakness (G1) indicating remorse for saying hurtful things after what he termed the "gut punch" of learning about the drug

positive. Now, Baffert says, it's his understanding the test results of a urine sample tested in New York proves the betamethasone came from an ointment called Otomax used for the skin rash.

Under questioning on cross-examination by NYRA attorney Henry Greenberg, Baffert acknowledged he is on record as saying, "I take pride in running a tight ship and know the rules in every state." But it was revealed Baffert didn't realize the Kentucky threshold for betamethasone had changed from 10 picograms per milliliter to detection level a week before Gamine tested positive after the Oaks—but he did know the 14-day window, and it was observed.

Baffert acknowledged he has been cited and paid fines 14 times in his career for bute, including six overages in the 2000s, and that he has at least 25 medication infractions in his career with 31 infractions overall. He maintains the overages were all innocent mistakes made by veterinarians.

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Hints of a conspiracy theory didn't start with Medina Spirit. A CHRB investigative report letter after 2019 overages in Cruel Intention and Eclair says Baffert told the investigator "he thinks someone is intentionally giving bute to his horses and mentioned that he would be offering a reward to help solve the case." On Thursday, Baffert said he has been joking, then backtracked and said he was upset, and then admitted "it turned out to be a mistake."

In an effort to discredit Baffert, Greenberg proved the trainer said he was opposed to a complete ban of anabolic steroids in 2007 because, in his words, "I thought it was good for some horses that were coming out of sickness." Now, Baffert says, the ban "really doesn't matter," meaning that no harm came from the ban.

Following up on the hearing's recurring theme that Baffert's barn had six drug overages in 14 months, Greenberg brought up Baffert's statement to BloodHorse in November 2020 he was retaining Dr. Michael Hore "to add an additional layer of protection to ensure the well-being of horses in my care and rule compliance."

It never happened. Baffert maintained at the hearing Hore, who was based in Kentucky, was unable to take the position because the pandemic prevented travel to California. Baffert said he finally retained someone to help with compliance issues seven months following the BloodHorse interview—and a month after the Medina Spirit debacle.

Baffert's notorious use of the term "cancel culture" to describe the uproar after the revelation of Medina Spirit's positive test was, he said at the hearing, a poor choice of words that should never have been used. Greenberg appeared to accept the trainer was genuinely recalcitrant.

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Although hearing officer O. Peter Sherwood has ruled evidence on the subject is inadmissible, Baffert attorney Clark Brewster has claimed NYRA board members are out to get Baffert because he races against their horses. At Thursday's hearing, Greenberg turned the conversation to the fact that members of the California Horse Racing Board, who were sitting in judgment of Justify's scopolamine positive after the 2018 Santa Anita Derby (G1), also raced horses in competition with Baffert. Baffert said he had never thought about it. As things turned out, Baffert was cleared of wrongdoing in that case.

Baffert said events have harmed him professionally and personally. However, he acknowledged in his testimony that racing has been harmed too.

Greenberg drove home the point that Baffert bears responsibility for making sure that nothing like betamethasone in any form got "within a million miles" of Medina Spirit so that this "terrible cloud" would not be cast over the Kentucky Derby. Baffert admitted he understands the whole situation is, using his word, "horrible."

Following that exchange, it was revealed a Kentucky stewards hearing on the Medina Spirit case is set for Feb. 7, and the hearing was adjourned for the day. It's unclear what is scheduled for Friday.

## Baffert's Experts

Testimony from Dr. Clara Fenger and Dr. Steven

Barker opened the morning session, and they offered similar opinions when called to the stand by Robertson.

Fenger has a PhD in veterinary science from the University of Kentucky, and Barker, also a PhD, was state chemist for the Louisiana Racing Commission from 1987 to 2016, when he retired.

Both of them had reviewed records of the medication overages listed in charges brought by NYRA, and both of them said the overages would have no pharmacological effect, no performance-enhancing effect, and no injury-masking effect. They admitted, however, the overages were out of regulatory compliance.

The Medina Spirit case, which is the most important of the allegations against Baffert, is one on which Fenger has worked. She was involved in delivering a urine sample of Medina Spirit, along with members of the Kentucky Horse Racing Commission, from Kentucky to Dr. George Maylin for testing in New York. In the meantime, she said, Maylin has applied Otomax to test animals in a research project to see if it can be detected by lab testing.

According to Fenger, the urine sample was tested in New York to see if Otomax "could have" resulted in the positive test after the Kentucky Derby. She said betamethasone acetate, which is used in an injectable, was not detected in the urine sample, and that Fenger said that means the horse was not injected. However, this isn't the last word. According to her, "We consider this to be a research project that will be presented for peer review." **BH**

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## TWO TRAINERS ACKNOWLEDGE USING FISHMAN'S DRUGS

By Robert Gearty

Two current trainers testified Jan. 27 at Dr. Seth Fishman's horse doping trial that they raced horses on illegal performance-enhancing drugs that came from the accused veterinarian.

The testimony from Adrienne Hall and Jamen Davidovich highlighted the seventh day of Fishman's trial on adulteration and misbranding conspiracy charges. Fishman was one of 27 individuals charged in the case and is the first on trial. Those charged include two prominent trainers—Jason Servis, who is awaiting trial, and Jorge Navarro, who pleaded guilty and has been sentenced to five years in prison.

Hall, of Monroe, N.J., trains horses at the Sunshine Meadows harness track in Florida and last raced a Standardbred last month in New Jersey. Davidovich, also an owner, raced primarily in the Mid-Atlantic in 2020-21. He has starts this year in New York and Ohio and says he approaches the sport now more as a hobby.

Both told the jury of eight women and four men how they went about getting in touch with Fishman in 2017 and 2018 with the sole intention of obtaining PEDs that wouldn't show up in post-race testing.

"His reputation preceded him," Davidovich, 31, of Pennsylvania said.

Hall testified Fishman gave her a PED called VO2 Max, which she used to dope a horse and win a harness race in March 2019. Prosecutors have elicited testimony that VO2 Max increases horses' oxygen levels that enable them to run faster and longer but at



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Dr. Seth Fishman

risk to their safety and well-being.

The jury heard a portion of an FBI wiretap that captured Hall excitedly telling Fishman about the first-place finish.

"I wish you could have seen the race," Hall says to the veterinarian. "He was so fantastic. He dominated. He was a completely different animal. I was so happy."

Hall added the horse's final quarter time was :27.

"What is it usually?" Fishman asks.

"Usually it's :28 or :29 and struggling," she responds.

Hall testified that the PEDs were a gift from Fishman. She said she believed that was the case because Fishman wanted her to connect him to two trainers she knew.

One of those trainers was Todd Pletcher, the Hall of Famer who runs a large stable.

His name was revealed under cross-examination by Fishman attorney Maurice Sercarz.

Prosecutor Sarah Mortazavi, who initially questioned Hall, never asked Hall to reveal the names during her direct examination.

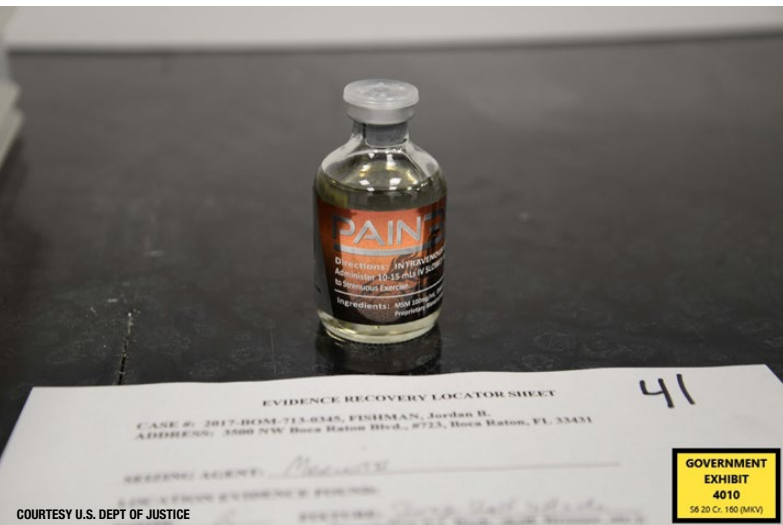
At the start of her direct testimony Hall had said that before she got her trainer's license, she worked at two Thoroughbred farms and for Pletcher's stable in an administrative position, not with horses.

Hall told Sercarz that even though she told Fishman she would contact Pletcher, she never did.

Mortazavi then asked why that was when she questioned the witness again.

"He would never take my advice or opinion," Hall testified, referring to Pletcher. "I would never approach him about something like that."

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PEDs the FBI found in Fishman's possession



## TWO TRAINERS ACKNOWLEDGE USING FISHMAN'S DRUGS

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Hall was on the witness stand, testifying against Fishman as part of a non-prosecution agreement with prosecutors. They agreed not to prosecute her for doping horses.

Davidovich was testifying without any such agreement. Instead, he invoked his Fifth Amendment right not to testify and then was compelled to testify by Judge Mary Kay Vyskocil under a grant of immunity. Under a grant of immunity, a witness can't be charged with any crimes he or she admits to.

Hall and Davidovich could, however, potentially face sanctions from regulators after their testimony. Servis and Navarro have been suspended from racing, as have other indicted individuals.

Davidovich told the jury Fishman began supplying him with PEDs after a meeting at a sushi bar in Fort Lauderdale, Fla. He said there was a third person at the meeting, a person he described as "my owner."

Asked by prosecutor Anden Chow how the subject of PEDs came up, Davidovich responded, "We were talking about different things to make the horse run better."

Davidovich said that as they got to know each other, Fishman complained to him about Navarro. Prosecutors say Fishman was one of Navarro's suppliers of banned PEDS.

"He said Navarro owed him a lot of money, and he was going to cut him off if he didn't pay," the witness testified. "He also said he didn't want (Navarro) taking down the whole ship because he had a loud mouth."

Davidovich said Fishman was referring to a video shot at Monmouth Park in which Navarro and one of his owners bragged after winning a race that Navarro was the "Juice Man."

Davidovich said he stopped doping horses in 2018 after meeting Dr. Steve Allday, a well-known Thoroughbred veterinarian.

"He was the first person in the business who took me under his wing and taught me a different way of being involved in horse racing," he testified.

He added: "I know what I did was wrong, and I wanted to move forward in a different way."

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# CURTAIN FALLS ON KNICKS GO'S RACING CAREER IN PEGASUS

By Bob Ehalt

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Life was considerably different for Brad Cox in 2005.

It was his first full year as a trainer and he worked through long and exhausting hours with a small string of horses in the Midwest. From 2005 through 2008, all of that hard work was rewarded with just 51 wins in four racing seasons and only one year with earnings of more than \$290,000.

He toiled for nine years before he won his first grade 3 stakes in 2014.

Then his ascent started.

In 2015, he captured his initial grade 2 stakes, and the big breakthrough came in 2018 when Monomoy Girl provided him with his first grade 1 win.

After that, Cox sprinted up the ladder of success. He now operates one of the sport's most successful stables and has become a fixture at the sport's top events. He was honored with the Eclipse Award as the outstanding trainer in 2020 and is favored to make it two in a row next month when the sport's Eclipse champions are crowned.

He's won a Triple Crown race and eight Breeders' Cup stakes—four of them in 2020. His earnings in 2021 alone were \$31,832,345. He has a horse who is a 2021 Longines Breeders' Cup Classic (G1) winner and a cinch to be named the Horse of the Year for 2021, and the 41-year-old Louisville native has trained a total of four champions.

Through it all, there has also been a far different process. One that encompasses the short circle of racetrack life for the best horses. After developing those horses into champions or grade 1 winners, usually in a matter of a quick year or two later, Cox and his team has to endure the emotional pain of saying goodbye to them as they head off to a new life as a breeding prospect.

Now that's happening all over again as Knicks Go will run for the final time Jan. 29 as he attempts to win



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Knicks Go trains Jan. 27 at Gulfstream Park

the \$3 million Pegasus World Cup Invitational Stakes Presented by 1/ST BET (G1) at Gulfstream Park for a second straight time before shipping to Taylor Made Stallions next week to begin his life as a sire.

"It's bittersweet. He's been a tremendous horse to watch with his Pegasus victory and two Breeders' Cup wins. He's given my team and my family a tremendous amount of enjoyment. He's been a fun horse, a cool horse to have around the barn. He's a class act who loves his job," Cox said. "It's tough because you wonder where is the next one like him. You look down the shed row and you see some prospects that can maybe fill the void, but that will not happen every year. We're looking for someone to step up and there is definitely going to be an empty spot in the barn for a while. He's going to be hard to replace."

The final chapter in the racing career of the Korea Racing Authority's Knicks Go promises to be another gem in a storybook life at the racetrack. In facing eight rivals Saturday, Knicks Go, the 6-5 favorite, figures to be challenged from the start by 7-5 second choice Life Is Good in a mesmerizing and extremely entertaining 1 1/8-mile duel around Gulfstream Park with \$3 million on the line.

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"This race is going to be great for the sport and that's the bottom line," Cox said. "I mean five minutes after the Breeders' Cup Classic I was hearing about Life Is Good against Knicks Go in the Pegasus and I started thinking about it. It was like 'Wow, what a great matchup! What a great race for racing!' Everything we've done since then has been to prepare for the Pegasus and we'll need a big effort to come out on top. It's going to be a very good field and Life Is Good is a brilliant horse who will be in the mix with us early."

As his career comes to an end, Knicks Go rates as one of those precious horses who traveled an unconventional path to glory.

The 6-year-old grey son of Paynter was bred in Maryland by Angie Moore and was acquired by the Korea Racing Authority for \$87,000 from the Woods Edge Farm consignment at the 2017 Keeneland September Yearling Sale.

He thrived at 2 with trainer Ben Colebrook, winning the 2018 Claiborne Breeders' Futurity (G1) at 70-1 odds and then finishing second to 2-year-old champion Game Winner in the Sentient Jet Breeders' Cup Juvenile (G1).

But at 3, he was winless in eight starts and the KRA opted to switch things up and move him to Cox for his 4-year-old season.

"We were very happy with Ben Colebrook. He kept the

horse sound and he's the one who recognized his talent as a 2-year-old and made him a grade 1 winner," said Jun Park, racing manager for the KRA. "But the horse needed some time off and then we discussed that we needed to refresh everything and put the horse in a different environment with a different type of training. We wanted to give him another chance and gave him to Brad."

Once Knicks Go settled in with Cox in 2020, he reached new heights of success. After two lopsided wins in allowance optional claiming races, he notched the Breeders' Cup win that eluded him two years earlier when he sprinted to a 3 1/2-length win in the Big Ass Fans Breeders' Cup Dirt Mile (G1). That led to a front-running 2 3/4-length score in the Pegasus World Cup, which served notice that the son of the Outflanker mare Kosmo's Buddy was going to be a major player in the year's premier races.

Subsequent victories in the Whitney Stakes (G1) and Classic not only confirmed that and elevated his earnings to a ritzy \$8,673,315, but gave him the credentials to become the Longines World's Best Racehorse and a cinch to earn two trophies next month as Horse of the Year and the champion older dirt male.

"Brad has done a tremendous job with Knicks Go and Knicks Go has done so much more than we expected in his career," Park said about a 6-year-old with a record of 10 wins in 24 starts. "We'd like to have another horse like him, but we know that will be hard to do. We know this weekend marks the end of a wonderful journey and this has meant so much to us. But at the same time, we are looking forward to his next chapter as a stallion."

Breeding was the reason behind the KRA's purchase of Knicks Go as it searched for American horses with the capability of improving bloodstock in Korea.

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—BRAD COX



**Brad Cox with Knicks Go at Gulfstream Park**



# CURTAIN FALLS ON KNICKS GO'S RACING CAREER IN PEGASUS

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The Kentucky-bred Menifee had been one of Korea's top stallions until he passed away in 2019 and as he grew older, the KRA began devoting more of their attention and financial resources toward buying young American horses.

About seven years ago, it started by buying 15 horses at various U.S. sales. Included in that first group was Mr. Crow, who was bought for \$150,000 at the 2016 Ocala Breeders' Sales March Sale of 2-Year-Olds in Training. He earned \$348,963 and was grade 1-placed before the 2020 beginning of his stud career in Korea.

Knicks Go was among the third group of horses purchased, and now the KRA is looking forward to purchasing his sons and daughters at U.S. sales and bringing them back to Korea at some point.

"The KRA is not focused just on racing. It also wants to improve the bloodlines in Korea," Park said. "They like to support Korean breeders as much as they can, so they came up with their genomic system to select horses in the United States who they hope can become stallions after a successful racing career. It has been successful for us and now the KRA is going to continue to buy yearlings from Knicks Go when they are offered for sale. Some Korean owners and breeders are also considering sending mares to him."

Cox also said he plans to support Knicks Go's progeny when the opportunity presents itself.

"I'm looking forward to seeing him become a stallion. I know that's a long drawn-out process but the Korea Racing Authority is going to give him a chance here in America and I hope it goes extremely well for him. I'm going to be his number one fan and will try to support him any way I can, from buying his weanlings and yearlings and give them an opportunity to become good racehorses," Cox said. "I think he has everything people in the breeding industry want from a racehorse. He was

a grade 1 winner at 2. Ben Colebrook did a fantastic job with him. He has speed and can carry it around two turns. He was able to win going short to start his career. So from a racehorse standpoint he has checked all the boxes, and it will be up to the breeders to give him an opportunity and hopefully it works."

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—JUN PARK

Of course, all of that will come after Knicks Go receives one last chance to dazzle fans on the racetrack. Breaking from the rail under Joel Rosario in Saturday's test, the most likely scenario is that Knicks Go will be pushed to grab the lead and, if the formula from the Classic and last year's Pegasus is repeated, he might wave bye-bye and not look back until he's at Taylor Made in Kentucky.

"I have to thank the Korea Racing Authority for giving him one more run," Cox said. "They love this horse. He has a big following in

Korea and it's special for them to see him in a race like this. I know he has a big fan base in America, so I know that besides us a lot of people are going to miss seeing him run." **BH**

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# HOT ROD CHARLIE 'AMAZING' IN FIRST DUBAI BREEZE

By Michael Adolphson

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Grade 1 winner Hot Rod Charlie turned in his first major work Jan. 27 at Meydan, nine days after arriving in the emirate from his California base.

Trained by Doug O'Neill for Boat Racing, Gainesway, Roadrunner Racing, and Bill Strauss, the 4-year-old son of Oxbow breezed four furlongs, hand-timed in :48 1/5 with a gallop-out in 1:01.

William Buick, aboard for the work, will sub for regular pilot Flavien Prat in the Al Maktoum Challenge Round 2 (G2) Feb. 4. The 1,900 meter (about 1 3/16 miles) test is Hot Rod Charlie's intended prep for the \$12 million Dubai World Cup Sponsored by Emirates Airline (G1) March 26. The Dubai World Cup is 2,000 meters (about 1 1/4 miles).

"He was amazing," said assistant trainer Leandro Mora, who accompanied eight O'Neill Dubai World Cup Carnival imports on their journey. "He went by himself because I didn't want too fast of a workout from him. I think the longer stretch here will help and maybe be less pressure on him.

"He didn't get tired today. This is his first work in Dubai and we didn't do too much. We usually work every seven to eight days, so this will be perfect leading into next week's race."

Buick, who rode two of O'Neill's three Carnival winners in 2020—Curlin Stakes Sponsored By

Mohammed Bin Rashid Al Maktoum City District One winner Parsimony and UAE Two Thousand Guineas Sponsored By Masdar (G3) winner Fore Left—was pleased with the work. It was the second time in the past year that he has been tapped to drill a high-profile American runner, having breezed Mystic Guide before his 2021 Dubai World Cup victory.

"I was very happy with him," Buick said. "He looks great and has obviously shipped and settled in well. He's a fit horse and came across this dirt very well. It's the first time I've ridden him and he feels like a class horse. What he gave me this morning, just a half-mile breeze, he did what we wanted. He'll be ready with eight days to the race—no doubt about that.

"You look at his form from last year and it's very good and he definitely feels like a horse who has that kind of profile," Buick added. "Doug, Leandro, and I get on quite well and it's nice when they come in with such good horses and I can be of service to them."

Hot Rod Charlie is a winner of three of 13 races and more than \$2.5 million. He ran second as the favorite in the San Antonio Stakes (G2) in his last start Dec. 26 at Santa Anita Park.

Round 2 is also expected to draw stablemate Go On, Preakness Stakes (G1)-placed Everfast, grade 1 winner For the Top, and local winners Al Nefud and Hypothetical, as well as possibly American import Avante Garde, UAE Derby (G2) runner-up Panadol, and well-regarded Curlin—Blind Luck, by Pollard's Vision, progeny Kafoo. **BH**

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—WILLIAM BUICK



Hot Rod Charlie prepares to work Jan. 27 under William Buick at Meydan Racecourse

# GABRIEL NAMED SVP OF RACING OPERATIONS AT NYRA

By BloodHorse Staff

The New York Racing Association announced Jan. 27 the appointment of Frank G. Gabriel Jr. as senior vice president of racing operations. Gabriel succeeds Martin Panza, who departed NYRA in October 2021, and will assume his responsibilities Feb. 3.

Gabriel has served as CEO of Dubai Racing Club from 2005-2014 and, most recently, as the executive director of racing for Dubai Racing Club from 2014-20. As CEO, Gabriel oversaw the project to construct Meydan Racecourse, which opened in 2010 featuring a 60,000-seat grandstand, five-star hotel, and numerous restaurants and amenities. Gabriel then led the transition of the Dubai World Cup Carnival and Dubai World Cup from Nad Al Sheba to Meydan Racecourse. Since its completion in 2010, Meydan has become one of the world's premier racing and entertainment venues.

The appointment marks a return to NYRA for Gabriel, who was director of racing from 1998-99 and racing secretary for Belmont Park and Saratoga Race Course in a seasonal capacity in 2014. Gabriel also spent 16 years at Arlington International Racecourse, serving at one point as vice president of racing operations; and worked previously in various capacities at Timonium, Keystone Racetrack (now Parx Racing), Atlantic City Race Course, Meadowlands, Garden State Park, Hialeah Park, and Gulfstream Park.

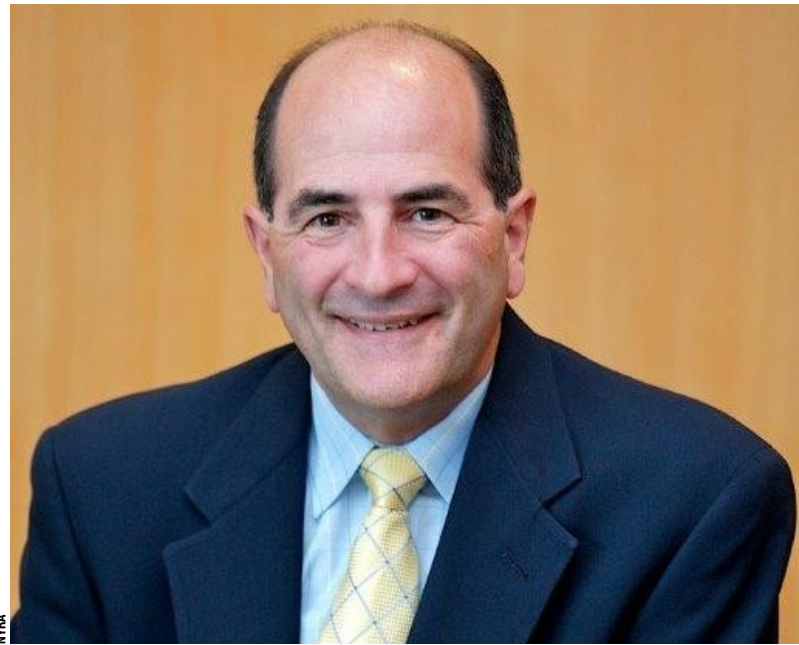
"We are pleased to welcome Frank Gabriel back to NYRA at this important time in the history of the

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organization," said NYRA president and CEO David O'Rourke. "His passion for racing is matched by a deep knowledge of the current dynamics of the sport. Frank is a proven leader with expertise in nearly every aspect of racing who will continue the successes achieved at NYRA in recent years."

In his new role, Gabriel will be responsible for leadership and oversight of racing functions at



NYRA  
**Frank Gabriel Jr.**

NYRA, including the overall development, planning, and execution of NYRA's premier stakes offerings, marquee events, and daily racing programs.

"NYRA is the premier racing circuit in the country, and it is a high honor to accept this position," Gabriel said. "Our sport continues to evolve and change in meaningful and important ways, and I look forward to joining a team that successfully balances history and traditions while embracing the changes that will benefit the sport for decades to come."

Hall of Fame trainer Shug McGaughey, who was stabled in New York during Gabriel's previous stints with NYRA, was happy to welcome him back to New York.

"He's a good racetrack guy who gets along well with people," McGaughey said. "I think he'll be a good addition. I'll miss Martin, but Frank will do a good job."

A native of Pennsylvania, Gabriel has served as a member of the Breeders' Cup selection committee. In addition, he has been a member of the Dubai World Cup Committee, Meydan management team, and Emirates Racing Authority.

In his more than four decades in the Thoroughbred industry, Gabriel has served as well on the Asian Racing Federation Executive Council; as vice chairman of the International Grading and Racing Planning Advisory Board; as chairman of the Asian Pattern Committee; as representative for the Emirates Racing Authority at the International Federation Horse Racing Authority Conference; and as chairman of the UAE Pattern Committee. **BH**

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# REJECTED FOAL ON WAY TO HAPPY ENDING IN BRITAIN

By Claire Crosby

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A filly in Britain whose first days of life took a frightening turn may be out of the woods thanks to an unlikely nurse mare—her great-granddam, who stepped in to serve as a surrogate after the filly was rejected in the days following her birth.

The first foal out of 2019 Ladbrokes Prestige Stakes (G3) winner Boomer, this chestnut daughter of Lope de Vega seemed well on her way in the world a few days after foaling, said Andrew Black, who owns Chasemore Farm where the filly was born. Boomer was an excellent mother—until she wasn't.

"She was a fantastic mom and did everything we would want her to do and appeared very interested in the foal for about two and a half days," Black recalled. "And then completely out of the blue for no reason anyone could understand, she completely rejected the foal and became very dangerous. She picked her up by the neck, threw her across the stall, and kicked her. It was quite shocking, and a very dangerous situation."



COURTESY ANDREW BLACK

The Lope de Vega filly out of Boomer foaled at Chasemore Farm

Although the farm team tried to reintroduce the foal after treating the mare hormonally, Boomer was having none of it.

"We separated them, we injected her, and tried to reintroduce the foal, but that clearly didn't work," Black said. "It was a highly charged situation, so we just had to move the foal away, and (the foal) was very, very down. It was a long time before we were even able to bottle feed her. We tried to cheer her up and got her the teddy, which she seemed to like. For a few days we were bottle feeding her; she did take it after a while, while we got a foster mare ready."

Three lines back on the page and over in a nearby paddock was the 22-year-old Veiled Beauty, living her first season as a pensioner but about to be called into duty. The producer of five winners, including group 1-placed group 3 winner The Cheka and group 2-placed Wall of Sound (who produced group 3 winner Boomer), Veiled Beauty's first season without a foal of her own saw her nevertheless end up with a foal by her side.

"Veiled Beauty has been an amazing mare for us over the years and is a really, really good mom," Black said. "We retired her last year; she could have gone on but we just felt like it was a good time to retire her. We kind of assumed she would just live her life out on the farm. It felt like she was the most obvious candidate as a foster mare."

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**Andrew Black**  
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What a difference a few days makes. A foal, rejected by her mother, has been adopted by her great grandmother who we had retired from breeding last year; but she still seems to have a strong maternal instinct and can run plenty of milk.



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Veiled Beauty began treatments with a hormonal injection to induce lactation Jan. 24, the same day the incident happened, and was introduced to "Baby Boomer," as the farm staff calls the filly, as soon as her milk came in.

"Then it was a question of would she take to the foal, and would the foal take to her," Black said. "That went incredibly well, and I'm touching wood as I speak to you because it could go wrong, but I don't think it will. I think this has gone extremely well so far. They seem to have formed an incredibly good bond incredibly quickly. The mare is very laid back and has taken a lot of interest in the foal, and the foal is in love with the mare."

Farm staff will continue to supplement the filly with bottle-feeding to be sure she is receiving enough nutrition as the mare's milk continues to come in over the coming days.

Black revolutionized the gambling industry together with Edward Wray when he founded Betfair, the world's first online betting exchange. Chasemore Farm is a project he took on along with his wife Jane Black, developing a 340-acre stud operation over the rolling



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hills of Surrey. With 35 mares on the farm, 28 of them belonging to the Blacks, the farm will foal out around 30 foals this year. Three have been born so far, with "Baby Boomer" providing enough excitement for the entire season.

"I love the racing game," said Black. "I hadn't been a breeder before; I hadn't grown up with anything like that. I was probably more than anything else a punter. Nonetheless, I've always followed the horses.

"I think breeding is very similar to betting so when you're looking at a mare and deciding which stallion to take her to, I think the analysis is very similar to backing a horse in a race. I've always been into pedigrees anyway so I make all of the decisions on mating and that's all I do. The rest of it is done by other people here who are more expert than me. My wife and I run it together so we're involved ... My wife is quite good with the hands-on aspect and foals out a few. It's a lifestyle for us and we really enjoy it. We enjoy all aspects of racing; we breed to sell and we breed to race."



Arthur Kitt finishes second in the 2018 Solario Stakes at Sandown

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# REJECTED FOAL ON WAY TO HAPPY ENDING IN BRITAIN

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"Baby Boomer" is not the first Chasemore youngster to make headlines over a foaling story. In 2016 their homebred Arthur Kitt was born by emergency C-section and had to be resuscitated multiple times on the night of his birth, then was raised by a nurse mare. He went on to win the 2018 Chesham Stakes at Royal Ascot, finished second to Too Darn Hot in the 188bet Solario Stakes (G3), and was fourth that year in the Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf (G1T) at Churchill Downs, cheered on by many fans.

"That was our dramatic story," Black said, but now "Baby Boomer" has added another to the books. The tiny chestnut has gained a following through social media after Black shared a photo on Twitter of her curled up with her teddy Jan. 25 and then Thursday posted a video of her galloping circles around her new mother.

"It's actually genuinely moving to see them together," Black said. "There's a lot of drama in this business, and most of it's bad. When something bad



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“When something bad happens and you still get something positive out of it, that’s just wonderful. Everyone gets excited about that.”

— ANDREW BLACK

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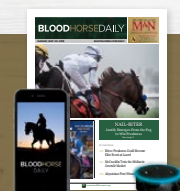
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# GRANTS PASS DOWNS' 'SPEEDY' LATEST ARTWORK BY O'TOOL

By Byron King

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Racing at Grants Pass Downs may have concluded in November, but one 1,200-pound horse is front and center at the Oregon racetrack's yet-to-open gaming complex known as The Flying Lark.

"Speedy," a bronze 10' x 6' x 5' sculpture designed by Arizona artist Trevor O'Tool, greets visitors as part of a planned \$2.5 million outdoor equestrian art exhibit at The Flying Lark, located next to Grants Pass Downs. Rather than on all fours, captured in motion, Speedy is lightheartedly presented sitting on a bench, eyeglasses on, poring over the inside pages of Daily Racing Form.

O'Tool said he called upon his experience sculpting other animals as inspiration, though a goal of the project was to draw patrons to sit next to Speedy. To readers of racing publications, Speedy may prove somewhat reminiscent of the artwork of Pierre "Peb" Bellocq, whose humorous drawings were featured for decades in Daily Racing Form.

The making of Speedy entailed a lengthy process. Using a technique known as lost-wax casting, O'Tool made a 3-D model on his computer, created a foam carving, sculpted it and added detail, and then constructed molds into which wax was poured to make copies. Then, a shell was built from the wax, and ultimately bronze was poured into the shell to create the sculpture.

"It's kind of like photography—where you take your photo, and it creates a negative, and you have to turn that negative into a (print). It's a multi-step process to get to the end result," O'Tool said.

The project, which took three months to complete, was wrapped up when O'Tool, 34, and his girlfriend hopped in a truck at their base in Tucson, Ariz., and took Speedy in a trailer for a 19-hour, 1,200-mile journey to Oregon.

"It was a long haul," said the 2013 graduate of the University of Arizona.

The opening of The Flying Lark, which would feature historical horse racing gaming, has been delayed, limiting Speedy's attention this winter. Officials hope to open The Flying Lark in the spring,

provided HHR can receive the necessary approval. Tribal leaders in Oregon have opposed it, and HHR in Oregon has faced legal, regulatory, and legislative challenges.

Creating Speedy was a new experience for O'Tool, who had not sculpted horses. Previously, he had made an elephant sitting with his head on his hand, as if in thought, aptly named "Wise Elephant." He also created animal sculptures for "Deer in the Headlights" and "Lazy Days," in which a bear sits on his backside.

His artwork is displayed at numerous sites over the western half of the country, with "Wise Elephant" at the Cameron Park Zoo in Waco, Texas, and "Lazy Days" at the Richard Nixon Presidential Library and Museum in Los Angeles, Calif.

With a name like O'Tool, it was almost fate that the artist would find such a calling for his career.

"I know, it's weird. As a child, I didn't really like tools, like power tools, you know," he said. "Now, I gotta have them all." **BH**

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"Speedy" at The Flying Lark, located next to Grants Pass Downs



## BAFFERT TRIO AMONG FIVE IN SAN VICENTE

By Tracy Gantz

At seven furlongs, the San Vicente Stakes (G2) at Santa Anita Park may not look like a prep for the Kentucky Derby Presented by Woodford Reserve (G1). It offers no Derby points either. Yet in 2016 Nyquist used it as part of his trip to the Derby winner's circle.

The Jan. 29 San Vicente has attracted five colts with much potential, though none with a lengthy résumé as yet. Even the most accomplished, 2021 Runhappy Del Mar Futurity (G1) winner Pinehurst, has only started three times.

Bob Baffert trains three of the five, all for large partnerships that vary slightly but are headed by SF Racing, Starlight Racing, and Madaket Stables. In addition to Pinehurst, the Baffert trio includes Doppelganger and McLaren Vale, who have each won in their only start.

Veteran Mike Smith from post 2 will ride Pinehurst, with whom Smith won the Del Mar Futurity by 4 1/2 lengths. A son of Twirling Candy—Giant Win, by Giant's Causeway, Pinehurst cost \$385,000 at the 2020 Keeneland September Yearling Sale. Following the seven-furlong Del Mar Futurity, Pinehurst, under John Velazquez, finished fifth in the 1 1/16-mile TVG Breeders' Cup Juvenile Presented by Thoroughbred Aftercare Alliance (G1) while Smith won the race aboard Baffert-trained Corniche.

Doppelganger, a son of Into Mischief, cost \$570,000 at the 2020 Fasig-Tipton Kentucky Selected Yearling showcase. In his only start, Doppelganger broke his maiden by 3 1/2 lengths. Flavien Prat rode the colt in that race and will be back aboard from post 4.

McLaren Vale broke his maiden by a length. The son of Gun Runner cost \$625,000 at the 2020 Keeneland September sale. Baffert named Abel Cedillo to ride McLaren Vale from post 3.

Trainers Richard Mandella and John Sadler each have entered colts to take on the Baffert juggernaut. Mandella's may have more rooting interests because



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Pinehurst wins the 2021 Del Mar Futurity at Del Mar

Forbidden Kingdom races for MyRacehorse and Spendthrift Farm. Many of the microshare owners in MyRacehorse runners show up at Santa Anita whenever one of their horses competes.

Forbidden Kingdom is by American Pharoah, trained by Baffert to win the 2015 Triple Crown. Spendthrift and MyRacehorse bought Forbidden Kingdom for \$300,000 at the 2020 Fasig-Tipton showcase sale. After he won his first race, Forbidden Kingdom finished third in the Oct. 1 Speakeasy Stakes on turf and ran second in the Nov. 14 Bob Hope Stakes (G3) on dirt.

"He grabbed a quarter in his last race," Mandella said of the Bob Hope. "It was a bad one, and it took a while to heal up. But he's back in good shape now."

Juan Hernandez has ridden Forbidden Kingdom in each of his races and again will be the pilot, this time from the rail.

Sadler has the only homebred, What in Blazes (Tyler Baze, post 5), in the San Vicente field. Kevin and Kimberly Nish's KMN Racing bred What in Blazes, a son of Straight Fire, in California. What in Blazes ran second in his first start and then scored by 5 3/4 lengths in state-bred competition last July. **BH**

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# CEZANNE DUELS BARNMATE ESSENTIAL WAGER IN PALOS VERDES

By BloodHorse Staff

Cezanne, a rousing 9 3/4-length winner of the Kona Gold Stakes (G3) when last seen in April 2021, marks his return to action Jan. 29 against five rivals in the six-furlong, \$200,000 Palos Verdes Stakes (G3) at Santa Anita Park.

A winner in three of four starts, the 5-year-old son of Curlin worked five furlongs in :59 3/5 Jan. 23 for trainer Bob Baffert, second-fastest of 88 at the distance that morning. Stablemate and fellow Palos Verdes entry Essential Wager, who outworked Cezanne in a joint move, earned the bullet in :59 2/5.

Owned by Mrs. John Magnier, Michael Tabor, Derrick Smith, and St. Elias Stable, Cezanne will have Flavien Prat back aboard as he breaks from post 3. Prat has been the only rider aboard Cezanne on race day.

Cezanne was the headliner in 2019 at The Gulfstream Sale, Fasig-Tipton's select 2-year-olds in training sale in Florida, when he topped the action at \$3.65 million. Agents Jamie McCalmont and Donato Lanni secured him from Crupi's New Castle Farm consignment.

Cezanne is related to two other stakes winners: Counterforce and Arabian Hope.

With Prat on Cezanne, Essential Wager, a winner in his last two of three career starts, will be handled for the first time by Abel Cedillo.

Essential Wager was sharp in his Sunday workout, starting just ahead of Cezanne on the inside and hitting the wire about three-quarters of a length in front. He galloped out lengths in front.

Mike Pegram, Karl Watson, and Paul Weitman's Essential Wager, a 4-year-old Honor Code colt, won at second asking Nov. 12 at Del Mar going six furlongs. At that same distance, he took an allowance optional claimer by two lengths Dec. 11 at Los Alamitos Race Course.

Holly and David Wilson's Arham has a recent victory in his corner and seeks his third consecutive win in his initial stakes assignment. Trained by Vladimir Cerin, Arham, who was conditioned by Todd Pletcher while based on the East Coast through his first six starts, seeks to remain unbeaten through three starts with his California-based trainer. The 5-year-old son of Union Rags won two allowance optional claimers most recently, going a mile Nov. 13 at Del Mar and six furlongs Dec. 31 at Santa Anita.

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Cezanne rolls in the 2021 Kona Gold Stakes at Santa Anita Park





# CEZANNE DUELS BARNMATE ESSENTIAL WAGER IN PALOS VERDES

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## Burgoo Alley Back in Megahertz

Seeking to rebound from a sound defeat on dirt in the off-the-turf American Oaks (G1), Irish-bred Burgoo Alley heads a field of eight older fillies and mares going a flat mile on grass in Saturday's \$100,000 Megahertz Stakes (G3T) at Santa Anita.

Although a distant ninth in the American Oaks Dec. 26, the Phil D'Amato-trained Burgoo Alley need only return to the form she displayed on turf previously to contend this weekend. Two starts ago, she won going a mile on grass in the Autumn Miss Stakes (G3T) Oct. 30.

With regular rider Umberto Rispoli riding at Gulfstream Park Saturday, Victor Espinoza will be aboard the 4-year-old Footstepsinthesand filly for the first time. Burgoo Alley, owned by CYBT, Michael Nentwig, and Ray Pagano, is 2-for-3 at a mile on turf.

Benjamin and Sally Warren's hard-knocking homebred Warren's Showtime also appears dangerous as she gets back to her best distance and bids for her third graded stakes victory.

The lone California-bred in the field and the leading money earner with \$823,431, the Craig Lewis-trained Warren's Showtime comes off a fourth-place finish going 6 1/2 furlongs down the hillside turf and should relish a flat mile on Saturday. The 5-year-old Clubhouse Ride mare is a six-time winner over the Santa Anita turf and will be paired as usual with regular rider Juan Hernandez.

English-bred Bodhicitta, fresh of a second-place finish in the Robert J. Frankel Stakes (G3T) Jan. 1, is another threat. The 6-year-old Showcasing mare is well seasoned for trainer Richard Baltas and has proven effective over the Santa Anita turf, evidenced by her 3-2-1 mark from seven starts on it.

Although winless in seven starts since taking the Yellow Ribbon Handicap (G2T) in August 2020 at Del Mar, Bodhicitta has kept good company and may



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(Top): Burgoo Alley takes the 2021 Autumn Miss Stakes at Santa Anita  
(Bottom): Bodhicitta breezes Jan. 23 over the turf course

appreciate shortening up a furlong. She is owned by Calvin Nguyen and will be ridden for the first time since the 2020 Yellow Ribbon by Flavien Prat, who has a winning history aboard her.

Seventh beaten 2 1/2 lengths by Burgoo Alley in the Autumn Miss Stakes, Madone, a dedicated deep closer, will be ridden for the first time by Joe Bravo. The 4-year-old Vancouver filly, owned by Kaleem Shah and trained by Simon Callaghan, captured the one-mile San Clemente Stakes (G2T) in July at Del Mar and the one-mile Seniorita Stakes (G3T) last May at Santa Anita. **BH**

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# HAPPY MEDIUM BRINGS UNCOMPROMISING FORM INTO TOBOGGAN

By BloodHorse Staff

Jay Em Ess Stable's talented Happy Medium will make his stakes debut in the 129th running of the \$150,000 Toboggan Stakes (G3), a seven-furlong sprint for older horses Jan. 29 at Aqueduct Racetrack.

The Toboggan kicks off the 2022 graded stakes lineup on the New York Racing Association circuit.

Trained by Michelle Nevin, Happy Medium seeks his fourth straight trip to the winner's circle having captured his trio of wins by a combined 21 1/4 lengths. The 4-year-old son of Runhappy arrives off a triumph in a second-level allowance optional claimer Dec. 18 at Aqueduct, defeating next-out winner Wudda U Think Now and stakes winner Chestertown.

"He's a very nice horse and we just have taken the logical steps to go along with him. We've gone from his maiden, a-other-than, and two-other-than," Nevin said. "This step is the next logical one, so we're excited to see him run."

Happy Medium, bred in Kentucky by Colts Neck Stables, is out of the Coronado's Quest mare Well Spring, who also produced Mendip—a multiple group stakes winner in Dubai. Happy Medium's second dam, Chaposas Springs, was a multiple grade 1-winning sprinter.

Manny Franco, aboard Happy Medium for all three of his victories, will return to the irons from post 2.

Happy Medium will carry 120 pounds.

Returning to Aqueduct by the way of Parx Racing is Hopeful Treasure, who sprung an 18-1 upset in the six-furlong Fall Highweight (G3) last out Nov. 28. The 5-year-old bay son of Oxbow provided trainer Michael Catalano Jr. with his first graded stakes victory, fending off a late challenge by graded stakes winner Green Light Go to win by a head. He races for Tony Como's Just In Time Racing.

"We thought about running in a stakes at Parx at the end of the year and it just seemed like he wasn't back to where he was mentally," Catalano said. "He started to hit his stride in early January and has been just doing better and better each day since then. He's ready to run right now and hopefully he'll show up at one of these places and run really well again."

Hopeful Treasure carries Trevor McCarthy and a co-high 124 pounds in the race.

Michael Dubb's graded stakes winner Chateau seeks a second straight stakes win at the Big A. The Flat Out veteran captured the six-furlong Gravesend Stakes Dec. 19 last out by 3 1/2 lengths in his first stakes win since taking the Tom Fool Handicap (G3) in March. Chateau's trainer Rob Atras earned his first graded stakes win in last year's Toboggan with American Power.

Chateau, who will carry 124 pounds, will emerge from post 4 under Kendrick Carmouche.

Drafted, Penguin Power, War Tocsin, and Repo Rocks complete the field.

Penguin Power is cross-entered in the Fire Plug Stakes Saturday at Laurel Park. **BH**

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(L-R): Happy Medium dominates a Dec. 18 allowance optional claiming race at Aqueduct Racetrack; Hopeful Treasure after his win in the 2021 Fall Highweight Handicap



# WONDRWHERECRAIGIS TOPS FIRE PLUG ON LOADED LAUREL CARD

By BloodHorse Staff

Madaket Stables, Michael Dubb, The Elkstone Group, and Bethlehem Stables' Wondrwherecraigis, unraced since giving trainer Brittany Russell her first graded stakes victory three months ago, will kick off his 5-year-old campaign at home in the \$100,000 Fire Plug Stakes at Laurel Park Jan. 29.

The six-furlong Fire Plug is among six stakes worth \$550,000 in purses on a scheduled 10-race program at the Maryland oval.

Russell watched from home as Wondrwherecraigis notched a front-running 2 1/4-length victory over six rivals in the seven-furlong Bold Ruler Handicap (G3) Oct. 31 at Belmont Park. The effort came six weeks after the Munnings gelding finished first but was disqualified to second in Laurel's Frank J. De Francis Memorial Dash (G3), and one day before Russell and her husband, jockey Sheldon Russell, welcomed the birth of their second child, Rye.

Wondrwherecraigis was subsequently entered in the Dec. 17 Gravesend at Aqueduct but was forced to scratch after developing a foot infection. He has breezed three times this month for his return, most recently going a half-mile in :49 Jan. 23.

"It's just a tough time of year with these feet and he never had an issue until that point. It doesn't seem to be a big thing, it's just a timely thing. They just take time to get over it and he seems good. Everything's good now," Russell said.

"I had to work him back a little quicker one time than I wanted but that was so we didn't miss out, and then he worked again on Sunday and worked fantastic," she added. "From a fitness standpoint I think we're in a great spot. It's time to get him back racing."

Also the victor of the 2021 Tale of the Cat Stakes at Saratoga Race Course, Wondrwherecraigis is 4-for-8 lifetime at six furlongs and will be ridden by Jevian Toledo from post 2 in a field of seven at co-topweight of 126 pounds.

His main rival appears to be the Steve

Asmussen-trained Jaxon Traveler, who has never been worse than third in 12 lifetime starts with five wins, four of them in Maryland. He races for owners West Point Thoroughbreds and Marvin Delfiner.

"He's what I call a partnership horse dream," West Point chief operating officer Tom Bellhouse said.

"He's run at seven or eight different tracks, on dirt, on synthetic, on turf, and he tries hard every time."

Other contenders are the top-three finishers from the Dec. 26 Dave's Friend Stakes at Laurel: Threes Over Deuces, Penguin Power, and Youngest of Five, respectively.

Three races before the Fire Plug, 3-year-olds compete over seven furlongs in the \$100,000 Spectacular Bid, a race led by the promising H P Moon (Malibu Moon). The K E M Racing Stable and Five Hellions Farm-owned colt makes his long-awaited return for trainer Lacey Gaudet after scoring on debut by 9 3/4 lengths last summer at Pimlico Race Course.

Seven of H P Moon's rivals have previous stakes experience, including stakes winners Local Motive, Shake Em Loose, and Witty.

"We've been training him like a good horse and he's been taking it like a good horse," Gaudet said of H P Moon. "He's really handling everything that we throw at him well and I think he's telling us that he's ready, so we're going to move forward with it." **BH**

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Wondrwherecraigis wins the 2021 Bold Ruler Handicap at Belmont Park



# INTERNATIONAL REPORT

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## 'UNDER THE WEATHER' DETTORI OFF MOUNTS WITH COVID-19

By James Burn/Racing Post

Frankie Dettori, who had been due to ride classy miler Real World at Meydan Jan. 28, will miss the mount after testing positive for COVID-19.

Dettori, who said he had been vaccinated, revealed the news on Twitter Jan. 27, posting a video from the hotel room where he will now isolate.

"Morning everyone," the 51-year-old said. "Just to inform you that I won't be riding this weekend as I've tested positive for COVID.

"I'm restricted in my room for a few days and still feel a little under the weather, but I've had my vaccine and should survive. Take care and I'll keep you posted, but I'm not going to do much anyway. Ciao."

One of the sport's most famous jockeys, Dettori has been in action at the last two Meydan meetings—the opening fixtures of the Dubai World Cup Carnival—and was booked for four rides on Friday's card.

They included Real World, a remarkable improver for the jockey's old Godolphin ally Saeed bin Suroor last year.

The 5-year-old won the Royal Hunt Cup at Royal Ascot before claiming listed and group 3 and 2 successes.



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Frankie Dettori Nov. 5 at Del Mar

He will now have Danny Tudhope aboard for the Meydan Zabeel Mile Presented by Emaar Beachfront (G2). Real World took the Qatar Prix Daniel Wildenstein (G2) in his latest during his current four-race win streak.

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## PAIR BANNED 10 YEARS FOR DOPING FAVORITE AT NEWCASTLE

By Chris Cook/Racing Post

Two men have been banned from racing for 10 years over the doping of Ladies First, the 3-2 favorite who was beaten 22 lengths in race at Newcastle in 2018.

It emerged at a disciplinary hearing Jan. 27 that the pair, who were employed as maintenance staff by the racecourse, were caught on closed-circuit television footage feeding something to her in the hours before she ran while she was in the racecourse stables. The horse subsequently tested positive for timolol, a beta blocker.

The men were named by the British Horseracing Authority as Neil Waggot and Stephen Walker. Neither appeared or was represented at Thursday's hearing and it was said that both had failed to cooperate with the BHA's investigation, although an official had at least one conversation with Waggot and requests for help were repeatedly sent to the last known addresses for both.

Great concern was expressed about the security breach by Rory Mac Neice, a solicitor speaking on behalf of Mick Easterby, trainer of Ladies First.

"The horse was doped in a secure racecourse stabling area by two people who were given access to that secure area by the racecourse stable manager, when no checks

have been made by either the racecourse or the BHA as to who those two men actually were," Mac Neice said.

The BHA's investigation showed, Mac Neice said, that Waggot had been taken on to do repair work to the stables, mainly because he was friends with the track's stable manager at the time. Waggot then asked for Walker to be taken on to help him, which was approved even though the stable manager did not know Walker's name but knew him only as "Taff."

Neither Waggot nor Walker was paid directly by the racecourse but were paid instead through the stable manager, which Mac Neice described as "a very odd arrangement."

### 'No one asked any questions of them'

Neice said, "Mr. Walker could have been anybody. The racecourse had no real idea who he was and yet the stable manager appears to have organized for him to have access to the most secure area on the racecourse.

"There appears to have been no oversight here over these two. No one at the racecourse or at the BHA asked any questions of them. To gain access to Ladies First, all they had to do was walk in and sign a register.

"This case identifies a very serious and very significant weakness in the protection offered to horses on the racecourse and that is a matter of very great concern to Mr. Easterby."

According to the BHA's barrister, Louis Weston, CCTV footage showed that Waggot and Walker "approached Ladies First and they're seen between them, one to be lookout and one to be acting, to act in a very unusual way. The first thing about it that is unusual is that, although they were employed by the course to carry out repairs and the like to the stables, they had no purpose in going to that horse.

"One reaches into his pocket and puts his hand towards the horse's head. We say in that action they were giving the horse Timolol, with the intention of doping the horse."

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## PAIR BANNED 10 YEARS FOR DOPING FAVORITE AT NEWCASTLE

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It appears the pair also doped another beaten favorite on the same day, as Weston said CCTV footage showed them approaching Victoriano, who finished sixth in a maiden race. He was not tested on the day but a subsequent hair test showed traces of Timolol.

The rules in place in 2018 require a trainer to be punished if one of their horses tests positive for a banned substance but Weston was at pains to say that Easterby had been exonerated by the investigation and was clearly not to blame in any way. Under the current rules, he would not be in breach but the strict liability rules from the time required a nominal penalty.

Mac Neice argued that even a nominal penalty could not be justified. "Mr. Easterby had no control over who was allowed into the racecourse stabling area that day," he said. "That control lies with the BHA and to a lesser extent the racecourse. And yet it is perhaps ironic that Mr. Easterby is the one who is now appearing before you. There is a fundamental disconnect between the rules and the responsibility."

The panel decided it was obliged to penalize Easterby but fined him just one penny. Philip Curl, the panel chairman said: "We are sorry that the matter has taken as long as it has and at a time when he hasn't been enjoying the best of health. We wish him well for the future."

Weston denied that the BHA was to any extent responsible for the security breach, saying: "The BHA is not the employer here. While I understand the concern, to suggest the BHA has to carry out background checks on everyone employed by every racecourse has obvious difficulties.

"Mr. Waggot and Mr. Walker had a role that allowed them to do tasks at the stables. It wasn't two punters off the street wandering in. It is a great shame and a great

sadness that the human condition ends with some people abusing rights and the privileges they enjoy to do bad things. But that does not always mean that it is the BHA's fault and I'm not here to let it be pinned on the BHA that they are responsible for what Mr. Waggot and Mr. Walker did. They are not."

### **'It required a great deal of work'**

Weston also responded to concerns over the delay in bringing the case, which were expressed by Mac Neice and all three members of the panel. "There were other matters and other considerations of a much broader nature that required a great deal of investigation before charges could properly be brought.

"I recognize that bringing a case in April 2021, which is when the charges went out, in relation to an event in 2018 is not particularly attractive, but there was an investigation, it did require a great deal of work. I can't reveal the contents of it and I'd invite you to take that on trust.

"In the end, it has not gone anywhere and charges were brought reasonably shortly after that. If the delay has caused Mr. Easterby any upset, I'm very sorry

for it. I don't actually want to suggest there is a problem of substance. This isn't a case where I would give my client a stern ticking-off, if I was even bold enough ever to do so; I'm not."

A spokesman for Arc, which owns Newcastle, said: "Newcastle Racecourse takes all matters of security and integrity very seriously and meets all licensing requirements in that regard. Following this incident in 2018, the individuals concerned were removed from the racecourse as soon as their actions had come to light and the racecourse has provided all relevant information to the BHA, as and when requested.

"We look forward to seeing the written summary of the hearing and will work with the relevant bodies to implement any amendments to security procedures that are deemed necessary."

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—MAC NEICE





# RACE RESULTS

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## ALLOWANCE RESULTS

### Aqueduct, Race 7, ALW

1/27, \$72,000, 4yo/up, 9f (dirt), 1:52.52, track fast.  
1—**Therisastormbrewin**, 120, b g, 6, Broken Vow—Stormy's Smile, by Stormy Atlantic, \$39,600, O—Grab, Gary and Manfredi, Linda, B—Francis Paolangeli (NY), T—Rob Atras, J—Manuel Franco

**Margin:** 4¾, 6 starters. [View Equibase Chart](#)

### Delta Downs, Race 2, AOC

1/27, \$42,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 7.5f (dirt), 1:35.87, track fast.

1—**Tecate Time**, 118, b f, 4, **Karakontie (JPN)**—Urge to Splurge, by Successful Appeal, \$25,200, O—Whispering Oaks Farm LLC, B—Carrol J. Castille (LA), T—Steven B. Flint, J—Timothy Thornton

**Margin:** 2¼, 6 starters. [View Equibase Chart](#)

### Delta Downs, Race 4, AOC

1/27, \$36,000, 3yo, 5f (dirt), :58.94, track fast.

1—**Totalizer**, 118, b g, 3, **Candy Ride (ARG)**—Taxable, by **Tapit**, \$21,600, O—Winchell Thoroughbreds LLC, B—Winchell Thoroughbreds LLC (KY), T—Steven M. Asmussen, J—Joel Dominguez

**Margin:** 2, 6 starters. [View Equibase Chart](#)

### Delta Downs, Race 5, ALW

1/27, \$40,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 6.5f (dirt), 1:22.70, track fast.

1—**Scrapbook**, 118, b f, 4, **Interactif**—Lisa, by Capital-improvement, \$24,000, O—Judy Beavin, B—Lora Pitre (LA), T—Judy Beavin, J—Paulina Ramirez

**Margin:** 6¼, 6 starters. [View Equibase Chart](#)

### Delta Downs, Race 6, AOC

1/27, \$38,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 8f (dirt), 1:40.73, track fast.

1—**Tizafeelin**, 118, dk b/br f, 4, **Jimmy Creed**—Tiza Cowgirl, by Tiznow, \$22,800, O—Maggi Moss, B—Kimberly Crabtree & Danny Wills (KY), T—Thomas M. Amoss, J—Timothy Thornton

**Sale History:** 2019 KEESSEP, (\$15,000 RNA), 2018 KEENOV, (\$7,000 RNA).

**Margin:** 6½, 6 starters. [View Equibase Chart](#)

### Delta Downs, Race 7, ALW

1/27, \$40,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 6.5f (dirt), 1:22.66, track fast.

1—**Foursweetnieces**, 118, dk b/br m, 5, **My Pal Charlie**—Bear's Marie, by Congaree, \$24,000, O—Dale White, Sr., B—Floyd Pitzer & Renee Pitzer (LA), T—Dale White, Sr., J—Joe Stokes

**Margin:** 3¼, 7 starters. [View Equibase Chart](#)

### Fair Grounds, Race 4, AOC

1/27, \$49,000, 4yo/up, 8.32f (dirt), 1:42.98, track fast.

1—**Highland Creek**, 121, b g, 4, Broken Vow—Mizzenway, by Mizzen Mast, \$29,400, O—Allied Racing Stable, LLC, B—J. Adcock & Neal McFadden (LA), T—W. Bret Calhoun, J—Adam Beschizza

**Sale History:** 2019 ESLSEP, \$60,000.

**Margin:** 6¾, 6 starters. [View Equibase Chart](#)

### Fair Grounds, Race 6, AOC

1/27, \$46,000, 3yo, 8.5f (dirt), 1:46.13, track fast.

1—**Tommy Bee**, 119, b c, 3, **Medaglia d'Oro**—Call-back, by **Street Sense**, \$27,600, O—LaPenta, Robert V. and Madaket Stables LLC, B—Elevage II, LLC & Hill 'n' Dale Equine Holdings, Inc. (KY), T—Brad H. Cox, J—Colby J. Hernandez

**Sale History:** 2021 FTFMAR, \$175,000, 2020 KEESSEP, (\$200,000 RNA), 2019 KEENOV, \$400,000.

**Margin:** 7½, 5 starters. [View Equibase Chart](#)

### Fair Grounds, Race 8, AOC

1/27, \$47,000, 4yo/up, 5.5f (dirt), 1:04.49, track fast.

1—**Surveillance**, 122, gr/ro g, 5, **Constitution**—Majorelle, by Mizzen Mast, \$28,200, O—Big Chief Racing, LLC, Rocker O Ranch, LLC and Desormeaux, J. Keith, B—Kendall E. Hansen, M.D. Racing, LLC (KY), T—J. Keith Desormeaux, J—James Graham

**Sale History:** 2018 KEESSEP, \$25,000, 2017 KEENOV, \$40,000.

**Margin:** ¾, 6 starters. [View Equibase Chart](#)

### Fair Grounds, Race 9, AOC

1/27, \$54,000, 4yo/up, 8.5f (dirt), 1:45.26, track fast.

1—**Warrior in Chief**, 120, b c, 4, **Kantharos**—On Reflection, by Malibu Moon, \$32,400, O—L. T. B., Inc. and Childers, Miles, B—Woods Edge Farm, LLC (KY), T—Bernard S. Flint, J—Marcelino Pedroza, Jr.

**Sale History:** 2019 KEESSEP, \$140,000.

**Margin:** 1, 8 starters. [View Equibase Chart](#)

### Gulfstream Park, Race 5, AOC

1/27, \$54,000, 4yo/up, f/m, a5f (all-weather), :57.06, track fast.

1—**Harper's in Charge**, 120, b f, 4, Malibu Moon—Azara, by **More Than Ready**, \$32,400, O—Cheyenne Stable LLC, B—Bridlewood Farm (FL), T—Christophe Clement, J—Luis Saez

**Sale History:** 2019 KEESSEP, \$220,000.

**Margin:** 1¼, 6 starters. [View Equibase Chart](#)

### Gulfstream Park, Race 8, ALW

1/27, \$54,000, 3yo, f, 5.5f (dirt), 1:04.72, track fast.  
1—**Hot Peppers**, 120, b f, 3, **Khozan**—Friends Pro, by Friends Lake, \$32,400, O—Michael Dubb, B—Brent Fernung & Crystal Fernung (FL), T—Ronald B. Spatz, J—Emisael Jaramillo

**Sale History:** 2021 OBSJUN, \$16,000, 2020 OBSOCT, \$40,000.

**Margin:** 5½, 6 starters. [View Equibase Chart](#)

### Laurel Park, Race 5, AOC

1/27, \$66,528, 3yo, f, 6f (dirt), 1:12.68, track fast.

1—**Moody Woman**, 121, b f, 3, **Gormley**—A J's Gal, by Monashee Mountain, \$34,560, O—Robert James McGee, B—Double Eagle Thoroughbreds (KY), T—Marilyn G. McMullen, J—Jorge Ruiz

**Sale History:** 2020 FTKOCT, (\$5,000 RNA).

**Margin:** 2, 8 starters. [View Equibase Chart](#)

### Laurel Park, Race 8, ALW

1/27, \$62,496, 4yo/up, f/m, 8.5f (dirt), 1:46.19, track fast.

1—**Frost Point**, 123, b f, 4, **Frosted**—Balletto (UAE), by Timber Country, \$34,560, O—Godolphin, LLC, B—Godolphin (KY), T—William I. Mott, J—Victor R. Carrasco

**Margin:** 7¾, 7 starters. [View Equibase Chart](#)

### Turf Paradise, Race 5, AOC

1/27, \$29,400, 4yo/up, f/m, a7.5f (turf), 1:28.28, course firm.

1—**Flying to the Line**, 122, b m, 6, **Boisterous**—Sky Diver, by Tale of the Cat, \$17,681, O—Stable H. M. A., B—Gary Barber (CA), T—Miguel L. Hernandez, J—Heriberto Naherd Martinez

**Margin:** ¾, 8 starters. [View Equibase Chart](#)

### Turf Paradise, Race 7, AOC

1/27, \$27,300, 4yo/up, 5f (dirt), :56.81, track fast.

1—**Linchpin Storm**, 124, b g, 4, **Linchpin**—Parker's Jewel, by Parker's Storm Cat, \$16,249, O—Mitch Sutherland, B—Mr. & Mrs. Elwin F. Gibson (WA), T—James R. Brown, J—Sahin Civaci

**Margin:** 1¾, 9 starters. [View Equibase Chart](#)

### Turf Paradise, Race 8, AOC

1/27, \$26,600, 4yo/up, f/m, a7.5f (turf), 1:28.97, course firm.

1—**Big Andy**, 122, b f, 4, **Mr. Big**—Your Special Day, by **Kafwain**, \$15,997, O—Charles Garvey, B—Dr. Dorothee Kieckhefer, Lee Evans & Sandy Evans (CA), T—Robertino Diodoro, J—Karlo Lopez

**Margin:** neck, 8 starters. [View Equibase Chart](#)



# RACE RESULTS

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## MAIDEN RESULTS

### Aqueduct, Race 1, MCL

1/27, \$32,000, 3yo, 6f (dirt), 1:12.77, track fast.  
1—**Jokemeister**, 120, b c, 3, **Practical Joke**—Poppy's Baby Girl (GB), by Yankee Victor, \$17,600, O—Julia, John and Tucciarone, Vincenzo, B—Murray Stroud & Endeavor Farm (KY), T—Michael L. Catalano, Jr., J—Trevor McCarthy  
**Sale History:** 2021 FTMMAY, \$20,000, 2020 FTKOCT, \$35,000, 2020 FTKFEB, (\$37,000 RNA).  
**Margin:** 8¾, 5 starters. [View Equibase Chart](#)

### Aqueduct, Race 5, MCL

1/27, \$48,000, 3yo, 7f (dirt), 1:24.54, track fast.  
1—**Good Skate**, 120, ch g, 3, **American Freedom**—Keep Crossing, by Istan, \$26,400, O—Black Sheep Squadron Racing Stable, B—Brereton C. Jones (KY), T—Rudy R. Rodriguez, J—Trevor McCarthy  
**Sale History:** 2021 FTMMAY, \$35,000.  
**Margin:** 4½, 8 starters. [View Equibase Chart](#)

### Fair Grounds, Race 2, MSW

1/27, \$46,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 8.5f (dirt), 1:47.35, track fast.  
1—**La Gioiosa (FR)**, 125, gr/ro f, 4, **Myboycharlie (IRE)**—Zaraba (IRE), by Sakhee, \$27,600, O—Marci-stown Thoroughbreds, B—Ecurie Haras du Cadran, E. Ciampi, Scea Haras du MA (FR), T—Brad H. Cox, J—Marcelino Pedroza, Jr.  
**Sale History:** 2018 ARQDEC, \$2,847.  
**Margin:** 5½, 5 starters. [View Equibase Chart](#)

### Gulfstream Park, Race 4, MSW

1/27, \$60,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 8.5f (dirt), 1:44.54, track fast.  
1—**Viva La Red**, 122, ch f, 4, **Texas Red**—Patriotic Viva, by Whywhywhy, \$31,800, O—Bonan, Raoul, Hovitz, Charles P., Carter, Cary, Brehm, Erich G. and Biancone, Patrick L., B—Erich Brehm & Charles Hovitz (KY), T—Patrick L. Biancone, J—Romero Ramsay Maragh  
**Margin:** neck, 6 starters. [View Equibase Chart](#)

### Gulfstream Park, Race 9, MSW

1/27, \$60,000, 3yo, f, a5f (all-weather), :57.29, track fast.  
1—**Comedic**, 120, dk b/br f, 3, **Practical Joke**—Goforitmrsmler, by Speightstown, \$31,800, O—Michael B. Tabor, B—Amy Rabanal, DVM, Constance Wickes & Highclere, Inc. (KY), T—Simon Callaghan, J—Julien R. Leparoux  
**Sale History:** 2021 FTFMAR, \$800,000, 2020 FTKSEP, \$150,000.  
**Margin:** neck, 10 starters. [View Equibase Chart](#)

### Sam Houston Race Park, Race 2, MSW

1/27, \$36,000, 4/5yo, f/m, 8f (turf), 1:39.29, course firm.  
1—**Sip**, 123, gr/ro m, 5, **Race Day**—Kodiak Cocktail, by Kodiak Kowboy, \$21,480, O—HDT Allied Management, LLC, B—Southern Springs Stable (AR), T—Alejandro Baldillez Jr., J—Eduardo E. Perez  
**Margin:** 1, 7 starters. [View Equibase Chart](#)

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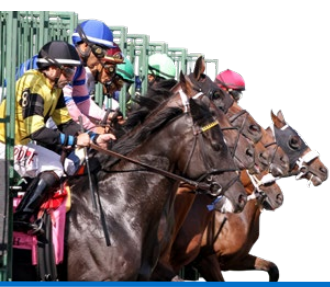
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## JIMMY WINKFIELD S.

Aqueduct, Sunday, January 30, Race 8  
7f (dirt), \$100,000, 3yo, 3:50 PM (local)

P #	PP	Horse	Sire	Age/Sex	Jockey	Weight	M/L	Owner
1		Coastal Mission	Great Notion	3/g	Arnaldo Bocachica	118	-	Runco, Jeff, C.
2		Morello	Classic Empire	3/c	Jose Lezcano	118	-	Blue Lion Thoroughbreds, Taylor, Craig and Taylor, Victoria
3		Beast Or Famine	The Big Beast	3/c	Kendrick Carmouche	120	-	J A G Racing and Jettany Thoroughbred Corp.
4		Dance Code	Honor Code	3/c	Frankie Pennington	122	-	Richie's World Stables LLC
5		H P Moon	Malibu Moon	3/r	Trevor McCarthy	118	-	KEM Stables and Five Hellions Farm
6		Life Is Great	Tapiture	3/c	Manuel Franco	118	-	E.V. Racing Stable
7		Witty	Great Notion	3/g	Carol Cedeno	120	-	Merryman, Elizabeth, M.
8		Hagler	Tapiture	3/c	Jorge A. Vargas, Jr.	120	-	E.V. Racing Stable

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**Trainers:** 1—Jeff C. Runco; 2—Steven M. Asmussen; 3—Penny Pearce; 4—Juan C. Vazquez; 5—Lacey Gaudet; 6—Robert P. Klesaris; 7—McLane Hendriks; 8—Rudy R. Rodriguez.

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