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Romantic Warrior gets a feel for the main track ahead of his dirt debut in the Saudi Cup at King Abdulaziz Racecourse

SAUDI CUP TO TEST ROMANTIC WARRIOR'S VERSATILITY

By Bob Kieckhefer

Despite all the action and high stakes on offer in two days of world-class racing at the 2025 Saudi Cup meeting, everything ultimately comes down to a single question.

Can Romantic Warrior perform as well on the dirt as he has on the turf?

If the answer is yes, the Hong Kong-based, 7-year-old gelding will be a good bet to add an 11th group 1 victory, in a fifth country, to his already staggering record and extend his career earnings record by the $10 million winner's share of the Saudi Cup (G1) purse.

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And even if the answer is no, the crowd assembled at King Abdulaziz Racecourse in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, Feb. 22 will still be in for a treat as the race also features group 1 winners from other points of the compass.

Notable among them is Forever Young, who won the 2024 Saudi Derby (G3) in a remarkable stretch battle and went on to win the UAE Derby (G2) and finish third in both the Kentucky Derby (G1) and the Breeders' Cup Classic (G1).

Also set to line up in the 1,800-meter (about 1 1/8 miles) Cup are the likes of 2023 G1 Dubai World Cup (G1) winner Ushba Tesoro, Wilson Tesoro, and Ramjet, all proven dirt runners from Japan; Facteur Cheval from France; and Rattle N Roll from the United States.

Ace Dubai trainer Bhupat Seemar brings Walk of Stars, fresh off a victory in the Al Maktoum Challenge (G1) at his home track. Elite South American runner El Kodigo represents his continent in the Cup field.



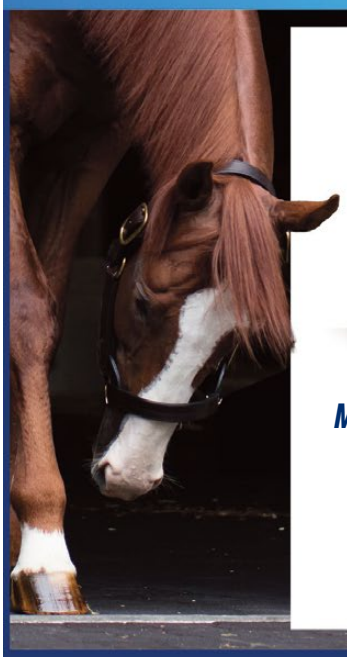
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Forever Young at King Abdulaziz Racecourse

Trainer Kenny McPeek sent 2022 St. Louis Derby winner Rattle N Roll to Saudi Arabia early, passing up the Pegasus World Cup Invitational Stakes (G1) at Gulfstream Park in favor a local qualifier for the Saudi Cup. The 6-year-old won that with ease.

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THE NEXT GENERATION!



2024 Top Sires of 2YOs in North America

(By GSW / Wnrs / BTWnrs / BTHrs)

Rank	Sire	Fee (Conceived At)	GSW	WNRS	BTWnrs	BThrs	Fee (2025)
1	**MUNNINGS**	**$40,000**	**2**	**31**	**4**	**9**	**$65,000**
2	Into Mischief	$225,000	2	22	6	9	$250,000
3	**TIZ THE LAW**	**$40,000**	**2**	**20**	**5**	**8**	**$30,000**
4	Not This Time	$40,000	2	20	4	9	$175,000

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"We wanted to bring him last year but the timing wasn't right," McPeek said Feb. 19 after drawing gate 7 in a field of 14. "This year, we gave him time and it worked out great. And he seems to like this track just fine."

The rest of the gate fills with lesser-credentialed hopefuls but long odds have been overcome in this race.

Still, attention focuses on Romantic Warrior. He's done everything asked of him by owner Peter Lau, trainer Danny Shum, and jockey James McDonald. He won the Cox Plate (G1) in Australia in 2023. He won the Yasuda Kinen (G1) in Japan in 2024, and added Dubai to his conquest list in January with a record-breaking performance in the Jebel Hatta (G1)—all while piling up seven group 1 victories at home, many of them against top-level international competition.

The Hong Kong Jockey Club reckons his earnings at a global record of approximately US$22.8 million or HK$179.7 million—not bad for a horse purchased out of the 2021 Hong Kong International Sale by Lau for HK$4.8 million.

But that's all been on turf.

Owner, trainer, and jockey all say they believe Romantic Warrior can be just as good on the new surface. And Lau said, via the HKJC before leaving for Riyadh, that if he can, he can dominate the Cup.

"If he can suit the dirt, I think his class is no lower than any of the other horses," Lau said. "My prediction is that it will not be too close. If we are not suited on the dirt then maybe he'll finish fourth, fifth or in the middle. But if we are as good on the dirt as we are on the turf then I think we are very hard to beat."

McDonald gave Romantic Warrior his final fast work Feb. 19 over the course and had nothing negative to say about the surface or his mount's affinity for it.

"I haven't ridden on too many dirt tracks," said McDonald, recently crowned Longines World's Best Jockey of 2024, "so I can't really compare too many. But he seemed to handle it okay. It's a real powdery sort of track and the kickback was there but it wasn't coarse or anything."

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BREED PROVEN

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TDN Top 5 Kentucky Oaks

Name	Sire	2025 Fee
1. MUHIMMA	MUNNINGS	$65,000
2. GOOD CHEER	MEDAGLIA D'ORO	$75,000
3. TENMA	NYQUIST	$175,000
4. TAKE CHARGE MILADY	TAKE CHARGE INDY	$7,500
5. LA CARA	STREET SENSE	$50,000

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She was **impressive**... She's the spitting image of Take Charge Lady. It's the funniest thing because she is by a son of **Take Charge Lady**. That's why we bought her. We've always been really impressed with her."

–Trainer, **Kenny McPeek**

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Team Romantic Warrior isn't alone in its assessment. Even the competition singles him out as the one to beat, with a wary eye still on the rest of the talented field.

"Romantic Warrior should be the biggest danger, but he is not the only rival to us," said Forever Young's trainer, Yoshito Yahagi.

Yahagi, known at racing venues around the world as "the man in the hat" for his colorful headgear, should know. His international triumphs include twin victories in the Breeders' Cup World Championships and four at the Saudi Cup meeting, including the 2023 Cup itself with Panthalassa.

Forever Young will have to beat Romantic Warrior from different parts of the starting gate. Romantic Warrior drew post 3 early in the elaborate draw process. A bit later, Forever Young was relegated to gate 14.

Neither trainer seemed too concerned about the draw given their horses' different running styles and the long backstretch run to the sole turn.

The leading local hope in the Cup is Al Musmak, formerly trained by Roger Varian in England and now handled for new Saudi owners by leading trainer Thamer Aldaihani. He echoes the handicapping of his rivals.

"I've seen Romantic Warrior's races. He's number one in the world, a very good horse. If he's good with the dirt, nobody can beat him," Aldaihani said. "After two furlongs, you'll know if Romantic Warrior can win or not. He must jump from the gate and carry on the pace, sit in a good position."

But trainers are not paid to be pessimists and Aldaihani allowed the same might be said of Al Musmak.

"If he runs like in England and he acts on the dirt very well—like Romantic Warrior—the race will be between Romantic Warrior and Al Musmak, I'm sure," Aldaihani said, adding only, "Forever Young is a very good horse, too." BH

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Rank	Stallion, YOB (Sire) Farm, Stud Fee	Rnrs/ Wnrs	BTW/ % Rnrs	BTH/ % Rnrs	GSW/ G1W	Lifetime AEI	Chief Earner (Earnings)	'25 Earnings
1	Vekoma, '16, (Candy Ride) Spendthrift Farm, KY, $35,000	12 / 5	1 / 8.3%	1 / 8.3%	0 / 0	1.21	Vixen $92,070	$284,380
2	Sir Prancealot (IRE), '10, (Tamayuz) Rancho San Miguel, CA, $8,500	15 / 5	0 / 0.0%	0 / 0.0%	0 / 0	1.05	Got Soul $39,600	$188,420
3	Twirling Candy, '07, (Candy Ride) Lane's End, KY, $60,000	10 / 4	0 / 0.0%	0 / 0.0%	0 / 0	1.51	Friendly Confines $36,000	$162,735
4	American Pharoah, '12, (Pioneerof the Nile) Ashford Stud, KY, $45,000	13 / 3	0 / 0.0%	1 / 7.7%	0 / 0	1.42	Cali Cat $48,800	$156,525
5	Mendelssohn, '15, (Scat Daddy) Ashford Stud, KY, $15,000	14 / 4	0 / 0.0%	0 / 0.0%	0 / 0	1.10	Annelle $37,920	$137,168
6	Constitution, '11, (Tapit) WinStar Farm, KY, $110,000	11 / 3	1 / 9.1%	1 / 9.1%	0 / 0	1.78	Chasing Liberty $56,400	$134,520
7	I'll Have Another, '09, (Flower Alley) Pnsd	6 / 1	1 / 16.7%	1 / 16.7%	0 / 0	1.02	Take Another Card $96,250	$126,830
8	Karakontie (JPN), '11, (Bernstein) Gainesway, KY, $15,000	7 / 3	0 / 0.0%	1 / 14.3%	0 / 0	1.43	Miso Phansy $69,250	$123,220
9	Not This Time, '14, (Giant's Causeway) Taylor Made Stallions, KY, $175,000	9 / 2	0 / 0.0%	0 / 0.0%	0 / 0	1.94	Souper Times $45,000	$115,020
10	Caravaggio, '14, (Scat Daddy) N/A	14 / 1	1 / 7.1%	1 / 7.1%	0 / 0	1.16	Scipio $60,000	$111,260
11	Frosted, '12, (Tapit) Darley, KY, $15,000	9 / 3	0 / 0.0%	0 / 0.0%	0 / 0	1.07	Barbara Joan $42,000	$107,250
12	More Than Ready, '97, (Southern Halo) Died, 2022	10 / 2	0 / 0.0%	0 / 0.0%	0 / 0	1.41	Capturing $42,000	$105,725
13	Medaglia d'Oro, '99, (El Prado) Darley, KY, $75,000	3 / 1	1 / 33.3%	1 / 33.3%	0 / 0	1.74	Nitrogen $88,350	$95,165
14	Blame, '06, (Arch) Claiborne Farm, KY, $25,000	4 / 1	1 / 25.0%	1 / 25.0%	0 / 0	1.38	Charlie's to Blame $91,140	$93,300
15	Candy Ride (ARG), '99, (Ride the Rails) Lane's End, KY, $75,000	7 / 2	0 / 0.0%	0 / 0.0%	0 / 0	1.86	Bakers Street $42,000	$87,950

Listed above are the 2025 leading sires of 3-year-olds by progeny earnings on turf through February 18, 2025. Only stallions that stand, will stand, or stood in North America (excluding stallions that died or were exported prior to the 2021 breeding season), and have runners in North America are included. Racing statistics are 2025 Northern Hemisphere only.

TEN CHASE FOREVER YOUNG'S SUCCESS IN SAUDI DERBY

By Bob Kieckhefer

A year ago, Forever Young and Book'em Danno slugged it out in the final strides of the Saudi Derby (G3) and both went on to successful seasons—very successful in Forever Young's case.

The Feb. 22 renewal at King Abdulaziz Racecourse in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, provides a similar opportunity with a field of 10 set to face the starter, again including promising Japanese runners and another American with potential.

The one-mile Derby is the second race on a program filled with talent from around the globe that culminates in the $20 million Saudi Cup (G1).

Chad Summers brings this year's lone American Derby contender—Cyclone State, an Iowa-bred colt by McKinzie. Cyclone State started his career in New York with lackluster performances on dirt and in the mud but perked up in his fourth start in an off-the-turf maiden event at Aqueduct Racetrack, finishing second.

The penny dropped after that start and the colt went on to post three straight wins, culminating in the Jerome Stakes Jan. 4, a tour de force in which he led by as much as eight lengths, opening up a literal world of possibilities for Summers and owners Gold Square, George Messina, and Michael Lee.

"The beautiful thing about this is that it allows you to become a handicapper," the trainer said after the Jerome. "Having a nice 3-year-old is great. It gets you excited when you get out of the bed in the morning, and I am thankful to the owners for giving a small stable like ours a chance with a horse like this."



COGLIANESE PHOTOS/SUSIE RAISHER

Cyclone State wins the Jerome Stakes at Aqueduct Racetrack

Cyclone State's big lead throughout the Jerome was similar to Book'em Danno's in the 2024 Saudi Derby—a lead he lost only in the final strides as Forever Young made up a seemingly impossible gap for the victory. And Forever Young's trainer, Yoshito Yahagi, is back with another Derby candidate, Mistress.

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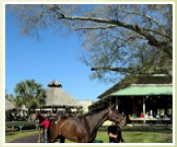
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The filly, a daughter of Kizuna, has been marked for big things. After a career-opening win, she finished second in the Artemis Stakes (G3) but then failed to make an impression against some of the top Japanese 2-year-old fillies in the Hanshin Juvenile Fillies (G1) in December. She tried dirt for the first time Jan. 22 in the Bluebird Cup at Funabashi Racecourse but reported home fourth.

She joins Yahagi's Cup candidate Forever Young and Neom Turf Cup (G2T) contender Shin Emperor on the Saudi Cup undercard. While Forever Young is the marquee name, Yahagi has hopes for all three.

"All the three horses had nice gallops for the final preparation before they left for Riyadh and I am very satisfied with how healthy they are at the moment," he said.

More successful on the Japanese dirt is another of that country's Saudi contingent, Myriad Love, a New Year's Day filly who is 2-for-2 on the surface. Both victories came at National Association of Racing tracks—the primary site of dirt racing in Japan.

Dubai sends a hot Derby contender in Golden Vekoma, winner of two in a row for trainer Ahmad bin Harmash. The Kentucky-bred son of Spendthrift Farm's 2024 North American leading freshman sire Vekoma was last seen scoring an off-the-pace victory in the UAE Two Thousand Guineas (G3) at Meydan Racecourse Jan. 24.

Ireland's Joseph Patrick O'Brien has Apples And Bananas, a Wootton Bassett colt who finished third in the Criterium International (G1) at Saint-Cloud in October after three straight wins in Ireland and France.

Leading local trainer Thamer Aldaihani is high on Mhalhal, a Daredevil colt who brightened up in a start two weeks out from the Derby after disappointing in the local Two Thousand Guineas, comparing him to the 2024 edition of Forever Young.

"This horse can do like Forever Young," he said. "He will win here, he will run in Dubai and I hope will go to America. He's a good horse."

The references were to the UAE Derby (G2) in Dubai April 5, which serves effectively as a "Win and You're In" for the Kentucky Derby (G1). BH

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STRAIGHT NO CHASER, HOWARD WOLOWITZ TOP SAUDI UNDERCARD

By Byron King and Sean Collins

Straight No Chaser, honored last month as North America's champion male sprinter at the Eclipse Awards, now has a chance to prove his mettle in Saudi Arabia.

The Breeders' Cup Sprint (G1) winner is favored over Remake, Gabby's Sister, and nine other foes in the $2 million Riyadh Dirt Sprint (G2) at King Abdulaziz Racecourse on Saudi Cup day, Feb. 22.



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Straight No Chaser trains Feb. 17 at King Abdulaziz Racecourse

The Riyadh Dirt Sprint is among five graded stakes races that support the Saudi Cup (G1); the four others are the Red Sea Turf Handicap (G2T), Neom Turf Cup (G2T), 1351 Turf Sprint (G2T), and Saudi Derby (G3).

Besides MyRacehorse's Straight No Chaser, American hopes are represented by Rattle N Roll in the Saudi Cup, Howard Wolowitz in the 1351 Turf Sprint, and Cyclone State in the Saudi Derby.

Straight No Chaser's form when last in action in the fall is likely to make him a prohibitive favorite in an international pari-mutuel pool. Before winning the Nov. 2 Breeders' Cup Sprint at Del Mar, when he outdueled Bentornato down the stretch after coming from just off the pace, he romped in the Sept. 29 Santa Anita Sprint Championship Stakes (G2) by 6 1/4 lengths.

Trainer Dan Blacker credits Hall of Fame jockey John Velazquez for the successful off-the-pace ride in the Breeders' Cup.

"Johnny felt that was the tactic he'd like to use, and the horse responded really well," the trainer told publicity from the Jockey Club of Saudi Arabia. "Johnny is a great jockey and timing is part of what makes him so great. He got the horse to switch off and relax behind the pace and then come with a run."

Remake and Gabby's Sister travel to Saudi Arabia from Japan, where both have been top performers.

Remake, last year's Riyadh Dirt Sprint winner, will look to bounce back from a last-place finish in the Breeders' Cup Sprint. Gabby's Sister is not as battled tested but is in top form.

HOWARD WOLOWITZ SHOULD LOVE 1351 DISTANCE

The distance of the 1351 Turf Sprint should fit perfectly for Howard Wolowitz's first venture overseas. As the race's name suggests, the 1351 Turf Sprint will be contested over 1,351 meters—between 6 1/2 and seven furlongs.

"Six (furlongs) is perfect for him, 6 1/2 better than perfect," D'Angelo told BloodHorse after the colt's win in Turfway Park's Holiday Cheer Stakes Dec. 14. "He's a nice horse with tons of talent."

D'Angelo has been anticipating international travels with the son of Munnings since his grade 1 triumph in the Franklin-Simpson Stakes (G1T) at Kentucky Downs in September. After overcoming a troubled trip and non-ideal five-furlong distance to be beaten just three lengths in the Breeders' Cup Turf Sprint (G1T), followed by his authoritative win over elders at Turfway, he has now earned himself a shot at a $2 million purse in Saudi Arabia.



JOCKEY CLUB OF SAUDI ARABIA / ALI AL-ABDULLAH

Howard Wolowitz trains at King Abdulaziz Racecourse

Regular jockey Emisael Jaramillo makes the trip to ride from post 8 for owner Al Gold's Gold Square.

His toughest competition in the 13-horse international cast could come from the three Japanese runners. Ten Happy Rose was a strong fourth in the Nov. 2 Breeders' Cup Mile (G1T) and is a grade 1 winner over a mile, Win Marvel is a four-time graded winner at sprint distances, and Ascoli Piceno was crowned the country's champion 2-year-old filly of 2023 and is favored with British bookmakers. BH

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CHURCHILL ANNOUNCES EXPANSION AND RENOVATION PROJECTS

By Joe Perez

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Churchill Downs Incorporated announced Feb. 19 a multiyear series of capital projects that it says will "enhance and expand the Kentucky Derby experience across three key areas of Churchill Downs."

CDI is calling these projects, collectively, the largest expansion and renovation undertaken in the company's 150-year history.

"These projects, as well as key infrastructure improvements, reflect the company's commitment to providing world-class hospitality and premium seating options for guests for many decades to come," said CDI CEO Bill Carstanjen in a statement. "We have a proven track record of prudently investing capital in the Kentucky Derby to create once-in-a lifetime experiences for our guests while also creating significant long-term value for our shareholders."

The renovation includes three projects at Churchill Downs: The Skye Reconstruction and Expansion Project, or "The Skye Project"; the Conservatory Project; and the Infield General Admission Project.

The Skye Project will see 11,500 existing seats—uncovered box seats and dated dining areas just past the finish line and extending to the First Turn Club—replaced with 13,300 seats "providing a variety of premium hospitality experiences that include improved track views and upgraded amenities," according to CDI. The existing Skye Terrace structure will be replaced with a new five-story structure.

The first three floors are expected to be operational for the 2027 Kentucky Derby (G1), with project completion anticipated for the following edition. Beginning with the 2026 Derby through project completion, ticketed guests in the existing Skye Terrace will be provided with the opportunity for alternative premium seating.

The Conservatory Project will replace 2,100 temporary suites in the infield which line the homestretch of the racetrack with new permanent structures providing more than 7,000 premium experiences for guests including 36 suites.



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Track view artist's rendering of The Skye at Churchill Downs

The first phase will include the Pagoda Club and Terrace, which will offer views of the grandstand and the Kentucky Derby winner's circle.

The first Conservatory building will feature nine upgraded suites and covered rooftop dining with views of the racetrack, frontside, and infield. The Stargazer Lounge on the first turn of the infield will provide VIP guests with a "unique and private area to enjoy all the sights and spectacle." CDI said that the first phase will be ready for the 2026 Derby while the second and third phases should be operational for the 2027 and 2028 Derby, respectively.

Finally, the Infield General Admission Project will see the building of three new permanent structures within the infield. Not only is the plan to improve the general admission experience, but it will allow CDI to "create ticket upgrade opportunities with additional entertainment and rooftop viewing options." One building will open in time for each successive Kentucky Derby beginning with the 2026 Run for the Roses.

In addition to the aforementioned efforts, CDI is planning to invest in infrastructure improvements at the track including those on the backstretch benefiting horsemen and trainers as well as a new tunnel to the infield that will simplify access to and from the front side of the facility.

All of these improvements are estimated to cost $880 million to $920 million.

CDI in its release said that "pending approval of incentives that must be approved" first by the city of Louisville, Ky., and then by the appropriate state agencies including the Kentucky Cabinet for Economic Development, it expects to spend $120 million-$130 million this year. CDI anticipates having all improvements done for the 2028 Kentucky Derby. BH

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CDI REPORTS SHARP INCREASE IN 2024 REVENUE, INCOME

By Byron King
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Coinciding with an announcement of a series of multiyear capital projects at its flagship track of Churchill Downs, Churchill Downs Inc. reported record 2024 financial results Feb. 19, topped by a rewarding fourth quarter.

The Louisville, Ky.-based CDI, which owns Churchill Downs and other tracks and wagering and gaming holdings across the country, announced 2024 net revenue of $2.7 billion, up $272.6 million or 11%; net income attributable to CDI of $426.8 million, up $9.5 million or 2%; and adjusted earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization of $1.2 billion, up $135.3 million or 13%.

EBITDA is a key financial metric reflecting a company's profitability and cash flow.

CDI's fourth-quarter returns included net revenue of $624.2 million, up $63 million or 11%; net income attributable to CDI of $71.7 million, up $14.1 million or 24%; and adjusted EBITDA of $236.6 million, up $17.5 million or 8%.

However, CDI's fourth-quarter 2024 revenue decreased $2.6 million due to a $3.5 million decrease from CDI's sports betting business and a $1.3 million decrease in TwinSpires primarily due to market access and shifts in race days at other tracks. These decreases were partially offset by a $2.2 million increase from Exacta Systems due primarily to the growth of CDI's Virginia historical horse racing gaming venues.

CDI acquired Exacta Systems, a leading HHR technology provider, in 2023.

CDI also reported "regional gaming softness, increased competition, and higher labor and benefit expense" as a partner in Rivers Casino Des Plaines in Illinois, about 20 miles outside Chicago. That casino has been the remaining holding for CDI in the Northwest Chicago area after CDI shuttered nearby Arlington Park in 2021 and sold the property.

In its earnings release, CDI spotlighted a successful Kentucky Derby Week in 2024, which included a record all-sources handle, and the opening of Terre Haute Casino Resort in Indiana, The Rose Gaming Resort in Virginia, and Owensboro Racing & Gaming in Kentucky, which opened Feb. 12.

This past year, CDI's board of directors approved an annual cash dividend on the company's common stock of $0.409 per outstanding share, a 7% increase over the prior year. This marks the fourteenth consecutive year CDI has increased the dividend per share.

CDI estimates its project capital to be approximately $350 to $400 million in 2025. It plans to use its operating cash flows and existing revolving credit facility to fund its capital project expenditures.

CDI will host a conference call with its executives Feb. 20 to discuss its financial returns and capital projects. BH



Racing at Churchill Downs

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DEL MAR PLANS TO INCREASE OVERNIGHT PURSES THIS SUMMER

Edited Press Release



BENOIT PHOTO

Horses break from the gate at Del Mar

Del Mar is planning across-the-board increases to its overnight purse schedule from its top allowance offerings all the way down to the maiden claiming ranks for its 2025 summer racing season that kicks off July 18.

This year will be the 86th summer meet at America's only seaside racetrack, and it will be conducted for 31 days over eight weeks going forward to Sept. 7.

All told, Del Mar will present approximately 300 races with overnight purses, which are projected to be $15.7 million. That represents a blended increase of 8% over 2024's purses.

A redirect in purse funds from the northern part of the state to the south has contributed to purse gains in Southern California. Currently, no race meetings are scheduled in Northern California this year. However, officials from Ferndale have expressed an interest in racing a seven-day summer meet if deemed feasible and approved by the California Horse Racing Board, Daily Racing Form reported last week.

Santa Anita Park has also reported a rise in its handle amid a consolidation of racing this winter in the south.

Additionally, Del Mar will offer 38 stakes races valued at $7,825,000. Once again, the highlight of that schedule will be the $1 million Pacific Classic Stakes (G1), a 1 1/4-mile test that will be run as part of a sparkling five graded-stakes card Aug. 30.

Notable in the overnight purse increases is that the vast majority of the track's owners and trainers will be able to run in maiden special weight dirt races—both open and California-bred—for purses of $100,000. The track again will be offering its Maiden Dirt Bonus that provides a 25% increase to non-winner races at the $62,500 level and above, meaning those conditioners with fewer than 100 horses on the Southern California circuit will be competing in those straight maiden affairs for more than six-figure prizes for their horses.

"We are thrilled to announce our purse increase," said Del Mar vice president and racing secretary David Jerkens. "Santa Anita is off to a strong start with the new single-circuit structure now in place for California racing, and we are looking forward to continuing this positive momentum for our summer meet."

Noting Santa Anita's success in integrating northern horses into its racing program, Del Mar plans to offer similar racing opportunities to those horses at its summer stand.

Jerkens also noted that the track will be back to providing its richest "Ship & Win" program again, with out-of-state qualifying horses who come to race locally offered a $5,000 bonus just for starting in a dirt race, while turf horses are given a $4,000 up-front bonus. Further, those same horses will earn an additional 50% supplement on top of their purse earnings for running first through fifth on the dirt, while eligible turf horses will receive a 40% bonus. This will be the 15th year that the "Ship & Win" program has been in effect, and it has attracted nearly 3,000 additional horses to race at Del Mar.

"The Del Mar summer racing season is prime time for racing fans, horse owners and everyone in between across the country," said Thoroughbred Owners of California president Bill Nader. "The increase in overnight purses builds on the momentum we established early this year and is another clear indication that California racing is moving in the right direction. We look forward to another great summer with perfect weather and the very best of American racing."

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OSTER STEPS DOWN AS FTH EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

By Eric Mitchell

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The Florida Thoroughbred Horsemen group in South Florida announced Feb. 19 that its executive director Herb Oster is stepping down to concentrate on recent health issues.

Oster has served as FTH executive director since January 2024. For the past 25 years, he has served on racing industry boards in New York and Florida, including as director for the New York Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association. He became involved in the FTH after moving to Aventura, Fla., in 2014, first as a board member and then as a special projects coordinator. His greatest interest has been on the benevolence side of the horsemen group's responsibilities and initiated several programs to improve the lives of backstretch workers at Gulfstream Park and Palm Meadows Training Center.

Most recently, Oster has been embroiled in controversy involving a legislative initiative that, if approved, would allow Thoroughbred racetracks to operate casinos or card rooms without being required to run live racing, as is currently required by law. The FTH initially supported the legislative effort, known as decoupling, when bills were filed with the Florida Legislature Jan. 6.

"By supporting the statutory amendments to Chapter 550 to enable Gulfstream Park's live racing schedule to become independent of the venue's pari-mutuel license, we are securing a sustainable future for horsemen in Florida that sensibly addresses the challenging economic realities facing the industry," Oster said back in January.



COURTESY FLORIDA THOROUGHBRED HORSEMEN

Herb Oster

After a meeting with Stronach Group representative Keith Brackpool, who told Florida horsemen that live racing could not be guaranteed beyond 2028 because the land on which Gulfstream sits is too valuable, the FTH board of directors changed its position and now opposes the legislative change.

"The future of Thoroughbred racing in South Florida is too important and too uncertain if HB 105 is passed. We cannot take that risk without a definitive plan going forward," read a Feb. 3 statement from the FTH. "Unless and until that solution is developed and agreed upon, the Florida Thoroughbred Horsemen will be against decoupling or any legislation that threatens continued Thoroughbred racing in South Florida."

The FTH will establish a search committee to find a suitable replacement for Oster.

"The organization extends its best wishes to Herb for his future endeavors and health," the FTH said in its announcement of Oster's resignation. "His contributions to the Thoroughbred racing community will be fondly remembered and greatly missed." BH



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Racing at Gulfstream Park

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Welcome to this capsule look at three horses who are heating up on the Triple Crown trail, provided by America's Best Racing.

CALDERA BATTLES INTO CONTENTION

By Mike Curry/America's Best Racing



COADY MEDIA

Caldera (outside) finishes second to Getaway Car in the Sunland Park Derby at Sunland Park

1. CALDERA

With a nice win bet on Caldera in the Feb. 16 Sunland Park Derby, I started to count my money in early stretch when he rallied boldly on the outside of pacesetter Getaway Car and seized command. I was obviously disappointed when Getaway Car battled back to prevail by a nose after a thrilling stretch duel, but I came away impressed nonetheless by the runner-up.

A robust gray or roan colt by Liam's Map trained by Hall of Famer D. Wayne Lukas, Caldera seemed to lose focus a bit after he took the lead and allowed the winner to fight back on his inside. He was equipped with blinkers to limit his vision and might have thought his work was done when he hit the front, only to find out big races like this are rarely easy. He dug back in gamely and fought to the finish line only to come up just short.

Caldera was making his stakes debut after a 5 1/2-length win in his third career start Jan. 17 at Oaklawn Park and shows a promising trajectory. He has improved both his Equibase Speed Figure and Beyer Speed Figure in each of his four starts, with a career-best 99 Equibase Speed Figure and 91 Beyer Speed Figure for the Sunland Park Derby. Caldera still has some maturing to do but Lukas will give him every opportunity to prove he belongs on the Kentucky Derby (G1) trail.

2. JOHN HANCOCK

John Hancock was a tepid 5-2 favorite for the Sam F. Davis Stakes Feb. 8 at Tampa Bay Downs coming off an impressive three-length debut win at the track in January, and he proved up to the task with a front-running half-length score for trainer Brad Cox.

He faced some pressure through a half-mile in :46.23 and had enough petrol in the tank to win the race with a final furlong in :12.95. He wasn't flying but the Constitution colt finished reasonably well under the circumstances.

Likewise, the speed figures were OK—a 96 Equibase Speed Figure and an 85 Beyer Speed Figure, both incremental steps forward—but with only two starts to date there is room for improvement for this unbeaten colt with tactical speed.

3. BAEZA

After an unplaced finish on grass in his career debut and a runner-up finish to well-regarded Rodriguez in his second start, Baeza broke through with a win Feb. 14 at Santa Anita Park in his third try for trainer John Shirreffs.

The McKinzie colt pressed a strong pace from second under Hector Berrios and proved much the best late in a 4 3/4-length victory going a mile, completing the final eighth of a mile in :12.57.



BENOIT PHOTO

Baeza beaks his maiden at Santa Anita

Shirreffs won the Kentucky Derby (G1) 20 years ago with Giacomo, so this half brother to 2023 Kentucky Derby winner Mage and 2024 Belmont Stakes (G1) winner Dornoch is in good hands. He earned a career-best 100 Equibase Speed Figure for the maiden win and an eye-catching 93 Beyer Speed Figure. He looks like a colt Shirreffs brought along slowly who is now starting to figure things out, plus he's bred to be a star. BH

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NOT THIS TIME'S SON MAGNITUDE FOLLOWS FAMILIAR PATTERNS

By Alan Porter

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In 2022, a Steve Asmussen-trained son of Not This Time rebounded from a defeat in the Lecomte Stakes (G3) to stamp himself as a major Kentucky Derby (G1) contender with a decisive victory in the Risen Star Stakes (G2). That horse, Epicenter, would go on to add the Louisiana Derby (G2), and following seconds in the Kentucky Derby and Preakness Stakes (G1), would capture the Jim Dandy Stakes (G2) and Travers Stakes (G1)—in which he defeated the Kentucky Derby and Preakness winners—to earn the title as champion 3-year-old male of 2022.

Three years later, Magnitude, another Asmussen-trained son of Not This Time appeared to be charting a very similar course. Unfortunately, how far those similarities would have extended will remain unknown as Magnitude—so impressive in this weekend's Risen Star—came out of the race with ankle chip that was surgically removed Feb. 19.

Despite the parallels between the careers of Epicenter and Magnitude up to the Risen Star, there are also some marked differences. Epicenter came into the race as a proven performer having won the 2021 Gun Runner Stakes by 6 1/2 lengths, then missed by just a head in the Lecomte, caught late by a closer after prevailing in a pace duel. By way of contrast, although Magnitude had taken his maiden by 5 3/4 lengths last July, then added a Churchill Downs allowance in November, he had seemed exposed when tackling better, finishing seventh in the 2024 Iroquois Stakes (G3) and then going down by 6 3/4 lengths when second to Built (who finished third in the Risen Star) in the Dec. 21 Gun Runner. And, where Epicenter's Risen Star triumph was decisive, seeing him go wire to wire to score by 2 3/4 lengths, Magnitude's victory was a demolition. The 43.2-1 shot romped by 9 3/4 lengths while setting a record time for the event at that distance (the Risen Star was first contested at 1 1/8 miles in 2020), and running a Beyer Speed Figure of 108, a stratospheric number for a 3-year-old in a Derby prep.

NOT THIS TIME, dkb/br, 2014	Giant's Causeway, 1997	Storm Cat, 1983	Storm Bird
			Terlingua
		Mariah's Storm, 1991	Rahy
			Immense
	Miss Macy Sue, 2003	Trippi, 1997	End Sweep
			Jealous Appeal
MAGNITUDE b, c March 12, 2022		Yada Yada, 1996	Great Above
			Stem
	Bernardini, 2003	A.P. Indy, 1989	Seattle Slew
			Weekend Surprise
		Cara Rafaela, 1993	Quiet American
			Oil Fable
ROCKADELIC, gr/ro, 2014	Octave, 2004	Unbridled's Song, 1993	Unbridled
			Trolley Song
		Belle Nuit, 1990	Dr. Carter
			Belle Noel



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Magnitude wins the Risen Star Stakes at Fair Grounds Race Course

It should be noted that Magnitude did run uncontested on the lead throughout, and on a speed-favoring rail, but it's also worth noting that his other two wins were achieved in wire-to-wire fashion. One hopes that Magnitude will be able to return in late summer, and we'll get a chance to find out to what degree the performance was an artifice of circumstance, and to what degree it revealed his emergence as a true top-class horse.

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NOT THIS TIME'S SON MAGNITUDE FOLLOWS FAMILIAR PATTERNS

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Magnitude is from the fifth crop of Not This Time, a son of Giant's Causeway who ran just four times, all at 2, winning the 2016 Iroquois Stakes by 8 3/4 lengths, and missing by just a neck to Classic Empire in the Breeders' Cup Juvenile (G1). Three of those five crops were sired at an advertised fee of $15,000, with the fourth conceived at $12,500. His fifth crop was conceived on a $40,000 fee. Despite this, Not This Time has already been represented by 44 stakes winners, and in addition to Epicenter and Magnitude, they include 2023 champion turf male Up to the Mark, and other grade 1 winners Cogburn, Just One Time, Princess Noor, Sibelius, and Sacred Wish. His current 3-year-old crop includes another classic trial winner in the undefeated Disco Time, winner of the Lecomte Stakes.

Magnitude is out of the once-raced Bernardini mare Rockadelic. She is a daughter of the top-class Octave, successful in the 2007 Coaching Club American Oaks (G1), 2007 Mother Goose Stakes (G1), and 2006 Adirondack Breeders' Cup Stakes (G2), and also runner-up in the 2007 Kentucky Oaks (G1), 2006 Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies (G1), 2007 Ashland Stakes (G1), and 2006 Matron Stakes (G1). Incidentally, Octave is by Unbridled's Song, the sire of the brilliant Liam's Map out of the dam of Not This Time. Liam's Map himself came close to having a Derby trial winner of his own at the weekend, his son Caldera missing by a nose in the Sunland Park Derby.

Octave is full or half sister to three other stakes winners, the most notable of which is the Belong to Me product, Belle Cherie, winner of four graded stakes events, including the 1999 Top Flight Handicap (G2), which she took by 7 1/4 lengths. She subsequently produced a pair of stakes winners, including Beau Choix, who also achieved grade 1-placed status. Octave's dam, Belle Nuit, is a stakes-winning half sister to the prolific Ms. Eloise, winner of 16 races, six black-type, including the 1987 Shuvee (G1) and Top Flight handicaps. The second dam of Belle Nuit, Christmas Belle II, was bred in Britain by American financier Richard King Mellon, and imported by him. Christmas Belle's own granddam, Kisaki, was half sister to 1946 Irish Two Thousand Guineas captor Claro and to Dama II, the granddam of Wild Again, hero of the inaugural 1984 Breeders' Cup Classic (G1), and later a successful sire.

Magnitude is one of eight stakes winners from 61 starters by Not This Time out of mares by A.P. Indy and sons and grandsons, others including grade 1 winner Sibelius, and graded winners Arzak and Disco Time. Not This Time's half brother Liam's Map has also sired grade 1 winners Colonel Liam and Wicked Whisper out of mares by Magnitude's broodmare sire, Bernardini.

Beyond this, the pedigree is an extremely interesting one, and although it's not obvious from a five-cross pedigree, it builds up a remarkable accumulation of strains associated with Florida's Tartan Farm. The pedigree of Not This Time's dam, Miss Macy Sue, features In Reality (by Intentionally, out of 1959 champion 2-year-old filly My Dear Girl, by Rough'n Tumble). Her dam, Yada Yada, is inbred 2x3 to twice champion sprinter Ta Wee (by Intentionally out of Aspidistra) and is by Great Above (by a son of Rough'n Tumble out of Ta Wee).

Magnitude's broodmare sire, Bernardini, is out of a mare by Quiet American, who is 3x2 to Dr. Fager (by Rough'n Tumble out of Aspidistra, so half brother to Ta Wee, and closely related to Great Above). Octave is by a son of Unbridled, who brings in Dr. Fager and In Reality, and is inbred to Aspidistra, and is out of a mare by Dr. Carter, whose own dam is out My Dear Girl, and so half sister to In Reality. All in all this gives Dr. Fager 7x6x7, Aspidistra 6x7x8x7x8x8, Rough 'n Tumble 8x6x8x7x8x9x7, Intentionally 7x6x7x8, and My Dear Girl 7x8x6, mostly through related individuals. BH

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HISA NEEDS TO TAKE LONGER LOOK AT CONTAMINATION

Reading the article about the California trainer suspended for medication he provided evidence he never used on his horse is an example of one of the problems with the regulations as they are now.

I don't want horses overmedicated, but there has to be realistic restrictions and acceptance of evidence of contamination out of the trainer's control as long as barns don't have sufficient security to maintain that the medication could only have been administered by the trainer or his staff.

I have to give some merit to what the trainer says here, why would he deliberately give his horse medication he knows is restricted when he does not have a history of medication abuse?

We need to get larger doses of common sense into this issue instead of reacting to social media posts.

I have been a fan of racing for a long time and I see a lot of changes that are for good and some that are just knee-jerk reactions to accusations made from outside without evidence against the industry.

Drug levels that are so low that they would not affect the animal also need better determination. Just because modern drug tests can detect it doesn't mean it has a negative effect or proves abuse. I agree horses should not be medicated to mask injuries so they will run as fast as we want them to, but I believe it is just as harmful to not give treatment to an ailing animal because someone doesn't believe in giving them medication. When my cat gets sick, I give her medicine, and she gets treated to prevent illness.

I don't have a medical degree and I'm not a lawyer. But I do approach problems with common sense and I think more of that needs to be applied to this issue.

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CINDERELLA'S DREAM HEADLINES FEB. 21 DUBAI CARNIVAL

Edited Press Release

The Dubai Racing Carnival ramps up a gear at Meydan Racecourse Feb. 21 when three graded stakes are likely to throw up contenders for the Dubai World Cup meeting.

Five line up in Friday night's feature race, the 1,800-meter (approx. 1 1/8-mile) Balanchine Stakes (G2T), including Cinderella's Dream for trainer Charlie Appleby, who has won this race for the last six years straight. William Buick's mount won both her starts at Meydan last season before going on to grade 1 success in the United States in the 2024 Belmont Oaks Invitational Stakes (G1T), and a runner-up finish in the Breeders' Cup Filly and Mare Turf (G1T).

"We gave Cinderella's Dream a little break following the Breeders' Cup and she looks fresh and well," said Appleby. "This will be her only start in Dubai before we look at taking her back out to North America for the summer. She isn't finely tuned for this, as it's the start of hopefully another long campaign, but her preparation has gone well and she looks a worthy favorite."

Choisya held off all challengers in the Cape Verdi (G2T) over 1,600 meters, and looks to be the main danger to Cinderella's Dream.

"We're really pleased with the way Choisya has been training out here in Dubai," said co-trainer Ed Crisford. "She won the Cape Verdi in good style and I think if she can progress again she'll be very competitive."

The international field is completed by Scandinavian raiders Easywithme and Ultima, and Ziggy's Dream, trained in the United Kingdom by Alice Haynes.

QUEEN AIMS TO RULE OAKS FOR NORWAY

The UAE Oaks (G3) awards 50 Road to the Kentucky Oaks points to the race winner, all but guaranteeing the first-place finisher the opportunity to compete in the $1 million Kentucky Oaks (G1) May 2 at Churchill Downs.

That would be a remarkable feat for the Norwegian-trained Queen Azteca, who beat six of Friday's rivals in the Cocoa Beach Stakes over 1,600 meters last time out and who is expected to enjoy the 1,900 meters here even better.



COGLIANESE PHOTOS/CHELSEA DURAND

Cinderella's Dream wins the 2024 Belmont Oaks Invitational Stakes at Aqueduct Racetrack

"Queen Azteca has come on for the race and will benefit from a little bit further," said trainer Niels Petersen. "The opposition will be pretty much the same, so of course we are optimistic, but most importantly the filly just looks like she's getting better and better.

"It's a big race for us, coming here for so many years, it means a lot to us if we're able to pull this one off because we know it's very difficult to win here."

KEFFAAF, KING OF CONQUEST REMATCH IN NAD AL SHEBA TROPHY

The Nad Al Sheba Trophy (G3T) offers automatic qualification to the Dubai Gold Cup (G2T) through the Dubai World Cup Bonus Scheme.

Six are hoping to achieve just that, including the first, second, sixth, seventh, and eighth from the Jan. 24 Al Khail Trophy (G3T). Keffaaf, successful that day, holds winning credentials again, having just held off King of Conquest by a head.

"We are very happy with him and he's very happy with himself," said trainer Michael Costa. "He worked on Sunday and looks to have improved again from his last run."

King of Conquest's trainer Appleby said: "King of Conquest has proven very consistent so far this year and put up another strong effort in the Al Khail Trophy. He takes his racing well and should be very competitive again."

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PLAYING GOD YEARLINGS IN DEMAND AT MAGIC MILLIONS PERTH

By James Thomas/ANZ Bloodstock

Darling View Thoroughbreds stud manager Brent Atwell has described the Magic Millions Perth Yearling Sale as being akin to a "grand final" for breeders in Western Australia. If recent form is any guide, buyers look set to make the operation's gun sire Playing God the MVP at the Swan Valley sales complex Feb. 20-21.

The reigning champion sire in Western Australia has 37 entries across the 350-lot catalog, including 10 in Darling View's own consignment, which also features eight members of the stud's first-crop sire Splintex.

"It's massive," Atwell said of the two-day sale. "It's probably my favorite week of the year. It's our grand final, which I'm sure is the case for most vendors. For us in WA, we get one premier sale for the year. While you might not like throwing all your eggs into one basket, this is our number one sale, so there's a lot of anticipation and excitement around."

Plenty of that excitement is on account of Playing God. Despite standing for as little as AU$4,400 in his early seasons, which were spent at Mungrup Stud before a transfer to Darling View in 2020, he has come up with a whole host of high-class performers. These have come at an exceptional stakes horses-to-runners ratio of 15%, and include two group 1 winners to boot.

His debut crop contained just 29 starters, but five of those won stakes races to set in motion a meteoric rise up the ranks. That momentum was maintained when his second crop contained three more stakes winners, including 2019 Kingston Town Classic (G1) scorer Kay Cee.

This will be Darling View's first sale trading under the operation's own banner, having spent the last 10 years selling as the Western Breeders Alliance, a partnership that also involved Einoncliff Park and Westbury Park. This year each member of the triumvirate will go it alone, with Atwell explaining the decision was essentially a practical consideration.

"It was mainly a numbers thing," he said. "The first year that we sold under Western Breeders we had 15 yearlings in total. This year, if we'd stayed together, there'd have been in the vicinity of 60 yearlings, so it was getting a little bit big. But we also had the opportunity of selling the first crop of Splintex under our own name, so we thought it was good timing with that."

Atwell said he expected the market to follow the trends witnessed elsewhere this sales season, with a lively top end but increasing selectivity in the tiers below.

Those sentiments were echoed by David Houston, manager of Magic Millions' Perth operation. "I think a good horse is always very hard to buy, no matter what sale you go to," he said. "Luckily here in WA we have the best horses the state produces, they haven't been picked through and sent off to other sales; essentially the best we produce are here on the ground. You have to find people to take them away at the lower end, which is probably difficult at any sale, but the locals do support this sale very strongly and we have some interstate people to have a crack too."

Selling begins Thursday at 11 a.m, with Book 2 following Friday at 10 a.m.

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ALLOWANCE RESULTS

Tampa Bay Downs, Race 9, ALW

2/19, $53,000, 4yo/up, 8.5f (dirt), 1:45.25, track sloppy.

1–Oishi, 118, dk b/br c, 4, Divisidero–Imaginary Saint, by Saint Liam, $19,175, O–Gran Chanito Stable LLC, B–Springland Farm & Prime Bloodstock LLC (KY), T–Gerard Ochoa, J–Cipriano Gil

Sale History: 2023 OBSJUN, ($19,000 RNA), 2022 KEEJAN, $15,000.

Margin: 1, 9 starters. **View Equibase Chart**

Turf Paradise, Race 3, AOC

2/19, $22,500, 4yo/up, f/m, 8f (dirt), 1:35.92, track fast.

1–She's So Shiny, 124, ch m, 6, Capo Bastone–Sky Ay Ay Ay, by Sky Mesa, $13,725, O–Chris Di Piero, B–Davaadorj Purevragchaa (KY), T–Edward J. Kereluk, J–Daniel P. Vergara

Margin: 5¼, 6 starters. **View Equibase Chart**

MAIDEN RESULTS

Delta Downs, Race 1, MSW

2/19, $35,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 5f (dirt), 1:00.15, track wet fast.

1–Miz Mastery, 124, b f, 4, Mastery–Lucky I Guess, by Giant's Causeway, $21,000, O–MAT Investments LLC, B–C. Hudson, J Fial & Kildare Stud (KY), T–Eduardo Ramirez, J–Vicente Del-Cid

Sale History: 2022 KEESEP, $30,000.

Margin: 6, 8 starters. **View Equibase Chart**

Delta Downs, Race 2, MSW

2/19, $43,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 6.5f (dirt), 1:22.56, track wet fast.

1–Goldzone, 124, b f, 4, Goldencents–Tujuacagofast, by Bwana Charlie, $25,800, O–Set-Hut LLC, B–Brett A. Brinkman & Tyler Touchet (LA), T–Jeff Delhomme, J–Timothy Thornton

Sale History: 2022 OBSOCT, $30,000, 2022 OBSJAN, $17,000.

Margin: 4, 6 starters. **View Equibase Chart**

Delta Downs, Race 4, MSW

2/19, $43,000, 3yo, 5f (dirt), 1:00.64, track wet fast.

1–Girlie's Max, 121, ch g, 3, Aurelius Maximus–Girlie Go, by Lydgate, $25,800, O–Samuel Breaux, B–Samuel Breaux (LA), T–Samuel Breaux, J–Elio J. Barrera

Margin: 2¼, 6 starters. **View Equibase Chart**

Gulfstream Park, Race 1, MCL

2/19, $36,000, 3yo/up, 6f (dirt), 1:11.58, track fast.

1–Ben's Hero, 125, ch r, 5, Bucchero–April Rose, by Wildcat Heir, $21,100, O–Lillian Klesaris, B–Lillian Klesaris (FL), T–Steve Klesaris, J–Tyler Gaffalione



Margin: ½, 6 starters. **View Equibase Chart**

Gulfstream Park, Race 2, MCL

2/19, $41,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 8.32f (all-weather), 1:40.66, track fast.

1–Miss Spitfire, 122, gr/ro f, 4, The Factor–Morning Rush, by Unbridled's Song, $24,100, O–Reitman Stables LLC, B–Rustlewood Farm, Inc. (FL), T–Fernando Abreu, J–Luca Panici

Sale History: 2022 FTKOCT, ($30,000 RNA), 2022 OBSJAN, $32,000.

Margin: ¾, 9 starters. **View Equibase Chart**

Gulfstream Park, Race 6, MCL

2/19, $41,000, 4yo/up, 8.5f (all-weather), 1:43.34, track fast.

1–Sir Magestrate (IRE), 122, b c, 4, Justify–Princesschope (FR), by Panis, $19,200, O–The Estate of Albert Frassetto, B–Powerstown Stud (IRE), T–William I. Mott, J–Junior Alvarado

Sale History: 2022 ARQAUG, ($164,154 RNA), 2021 TATDEF, $223,823.

Margin: 1, 5 starters. **View Equibase Chart**

Penn National, Race 3, MSW

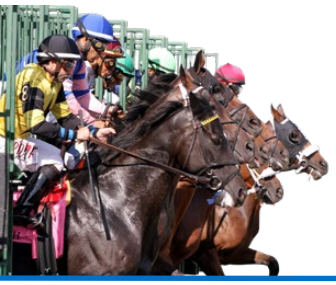
2/19, $34,000, 3yo, 6f (dirt), 1:11.02, track fast.

1–Lou's Birthday, 122, b g, 3, Blofeld–Mischief Music, by Weigelia, $20,400, O–Louis J. Ulman, B–Susan C. Quick (PA), T–Phillip Capuano, J–Julio A. Hernandez

Sale History: 2023 FTMOCT, $12,000.

Margin: ½, 8 starters. **View Equibase Chart**





UPCOMING ENTRIES

LIGHTNING CITY S.

Tampa Bay Downs, Saturday, February 22, Race 8
5f (turf), $125,000, 4yo/up f/m, 3:58 PM (local)

P #	PP	Horse	Sire	Age/Sex	Jockey	Weight	M/L	Owner
1		Mendys Honey	Mendelssohn	4/f	Jaime Rodriguez	118	-	Ultra Championship Racing, LLC
2		Sol Hope	Soldat	6/m	Irad Ortiz, Jr.	118	-	C2 Racing Stable, LLC
3		Bunny Hop	Hoppertunity	4/f	Cipriano Gil	118	-	Boston Boyz Racing, LLC
4		Musical Design	Maclean's Music	6/m	Marcos Meneses	118	-	Etarip Stables, Ltd.
5		Talkin Tipsy	Greenpointcrusader	6/m	Ken S. Tohill	118	-	Kelly's Racing, LLC
6		Admiral Hopper	Field Commission	7/m	Daniel Centeno	118	-	Stonebase, LLC
7		Visby	Midshipman	6/m	Antonio A. Gallardo	118	-	Justin J. Nixon
8		Bahamian Moon	Bahamian Squall	8/m	Sara Hess	118	-	Ridenjac Racing and David F. Kegley
9		Great Venezuela	Neolithic	4/f	Leonel Reyes	118	-	Orlyana Farm
10		Drum Roll	Maclean's Music	5/m	Miguel Angel Vasquez	118	-	Jeff Siskin
11		Risk Threshold	Dubawi	5/m	Samuel Marin	118	-	Klaravich Stables, Inc.
12		Beauty of the Sea	Bucchero	5/m	Rajiv Maragh	120	-	Ironhorse Racing Stable, LLC
13		Sara Mia	English Channel	7/m	Sonny Leon	118	-	De Luca and Sons Stable
14		Theodora Grace	Noble Mission	8/m	Gabriel Maldonado	118	-	Alex Kazdan

Breeders: 1–James F. Miller; 2–Bull Creek LLC; 3–Elizabeth Martin; 4–Green Lane Farm South, LLC; 5–Jim Gulick; 6–Krista Seltzer & Edward Seltzer; 7–Edward Seltzer, Beverly Anderson & Krista Seltzer; 8–Good Beginnings Farm; 9–Orlyana Farm; 10–Kenneth L. Ramsey & Sarah K. Ramsey; 11–ALAN SPENCE; 12–Shade Tree Thoroughbreds Inc; 13–Mt. Joy Stables, Inc.; 14–Alien Farm LLC.

Trainers: 1–Anthony Farrior; 2–Saffie A. Joseph, Jr.; 3–Mario Roberto Lopez; 4–Robert G. Smith; 5–Jon G. Arnett; 6–Justin J. Nixon; 7–Justin J. Nixon; 8–Dennis Ward; 9–Victor Barboza, Jr.; 10–David Fawkes; 11–Chad C. Brown; 12–Joseph F. Orseno; 13–Victor Barboza, Jr.; 14–Enrique Hernandez.

TURF DASH S.

Tampa Bay Downs, Saturday, February 22, Race 10
5f (turf), $125,000, 4yo/up, 4:58 PM (local)

P #	PP	Horse	Sire	Age/Sex	Jockey	Weight	M/L	Owner
1		Super Chow	Lord Nelson	5/h	Leonel Reyes	118	-	Lea Farms LLC
2		Souper Quest	Munnings	5/h	Antonio A. Gallardo	120	-	Live Oak Plantation
3		Thealligatorhunter	Overanalyze	7/g	Alonso Quinonez	118	-	Tim P. Padilla and Peter D. Mattson
4		Horsepower	Good Samaritan	4/g	Rajiv Maragh	118	-	D. J. Stable, LLC
5		Going Up	Mineshaft	4/g	Ronald Dale Allen, Jr.	118	-	Tammy and Robert G. Klimasewski
6		Reef Runner	The Big Beast	4/c	Miguel Angel Vasquez	118	-	JoAnn and Alex Lieblong
7		Smithwick's Spice	Frost Giant	9/g	Jorge L. Gonzalez	118	-	New Spice Stable
8		Our Shot	Kantharos	6/g	Irad Ortiz, Jr.	122	-	Gatsas Stables, Steven Schoenfeld and John P. Terranova, II
9		American Monarch	American Pharoah	7/r	Daniel Centeno	118	-	Mike G. Rutherford
10		Rouki	Rogueish	4/g	Samy Camacho	118	-	Tropic Lightning Racing, LLC
11		Isivunguvungu	What a Winter	7/g	Samuel Marin	120	-	Hollywood Racing
12		Chess Master	Overdriven	9/g	Jesus Lopez Castanon	118	-	Flying P Stable
13		Honeyquist	Nyquist	5/g	Jaime Rodriguez	118	-	Mammas Boys Thoroughbred Racing Group, LLC, Ultra Championship Racing, LLC and James F. Miller
14		Cotton	Twirling Candy	7/g	Sonny Leon	118	-	Angela Rutledge

Breeders: 1–Spendthrift Farm LLC; 2–Live Oak Stud; 3–Pete Mattson & Tim Padilla; 4–Ledgelands LLC & Andrew C. Ritter; 5–Tammy Klimasewski & Robert Klimasewski; 6–Alex Lieblong & JoAnn Lieblong; 7–New Spice Stable LLC; 8–Dr. S. Mark Rayburg Inc.; 9–Mike G. Rutherford; 10–Bonnie J. Thompson & Edward Seltzer; 11–Narrow Creek Stud; 12–Brenda K Jones; 13–James F. Miller; 14–Empire Equines, LLC.

Trainers: 1–Jorge Delgado; 2–Mark E. Casse; 3–Tim P. Padilla; 4–Joseph F. Orseno; 5–Ron G. Potts; 6–David Fawkes; 7–Douglas Nunn; 8–John P. Terranova II; 9–William I. Mott; 10–Gerald S. Bennett; 11–H. Graham Motion; 12–Jorge R. Abreu; 13–Anthony Farrior; 14–Michael W. Wright.