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## HEALTHY OSCAR PERFORMANCE TWIN FILLIES HEAD HOME

hat looked like a typical day for Lori Hendrickson, who manages her family's Meadowbrook Farm in Shelbyville, Ky., was anything but as she discovered around 2:30 in the afternoon of March 10.

Hendrickson spied one of the farm's broodmares lying down in a paddock on a day that hinted spring is around the corner. She knew the mare, Kona Kai, owned by Surfside Stables and in foal to four-time grade 1 and Breeders' Cup winner Oscar Performance, was due to give birth any day so she went to check on her.

What came next is something Hendrickson, a former stakes-winning trainer, said will forever be imprinted in her mind.



The Oscar Performance twins with Kona Kai shortly after birth



Healthy twins "Mary-Kate" (left) and "Ashley" enjoy a snuggle at Rood & Riddle Equine Hospital in Lexington after being born March 10 at Meadowbrook Farm

"I walked out to the paddock to check on her, and (Kona Kai) kinda sat up to see me. I said, 'You OK, Mama?' I walked away to let her rest," Hendrickson recalled. "She had waxed for a couple of days, but not much. As I was walking away, I kinda heard her grunt, and I looked back, and she was pushing."

Things moved quickly from there, with Hendrickson being assisted by her staff. Kona Kai, an 8-year-old daughter of Palace Malice who had given birth to her first foal in 2024, an Oscar Performance filly, was led into the barn with her water breaking before she got there.

"We get into the barn and she starts pushing standing up. This is my second year of foaling horses, so I haven't yet experienced a horse foaling out while standing up, but I had heard about it," Hendrickson said.

"The baby came out perfectly, the umbilical cord broke quickly, and then Kona took two steps forward and laid down. At that point, I thought something was wrong with her. I gave her a Banamine shot (a nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory to relieve pain). We heard her grunt again and my guy went back behind her, and said, 'Boy, there is another baby.' My jaw drops. Another guy that works for me came to help. There was no pulling and the baby came out easily. I was concerned the second baby would be dead or compromised, but she was breathing and moving."

Hendrickson said neither she nor the vet, who cared for Kona Kai throughout her pregnancy and had scanned her, had any inkling that she was carrying twins.

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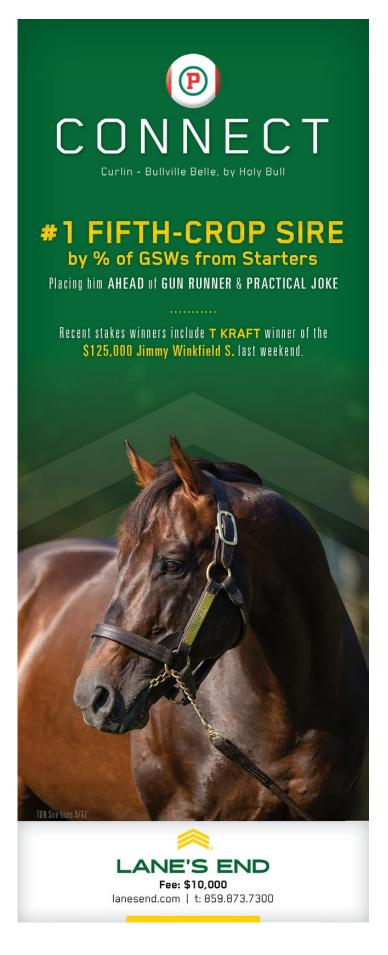
"As a maiden mare last year, she was big, and she was big this year," Hendrickson said. "Maybe the only difference was that her belly was lower to the ground this time."

Hendrickson called the vet and then she and her staff took the mare and foals straightaway to Rood & Riddle Equine Hospital in Lexington, about 60 miles from Meadowbrook Farm, to be evaluated by Dr. Bonnie Barr, a neonatal specialist.

In a 2022 BloodHorse story about healthy twins born in Louisiana, Barr's associate at Rood & Riddle, Dr. Chris Newton, explained how twins are a rare occurrence and when it does happen, it can be a very serious situation for the foals and their dam.

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Siblings Debbie and Howard Appel of Surfside Stables

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"The rate at which mares twin is about 14%, meaning about 14% of pregnancies will have twins," Newton said. "Most of the time we reduce that, by manually ablating (removing) one fetus prior to 16 days. ... And almost always if not checked, the mare will result in aborting the pregnancy (or) end up with a severe dystocia (slow or difficult birth) which could result in the death of both the mare and foals."

### <u>McCroskey: Coteau Grove Receives 'Gift'</u> of Healthy Twin Colts

Thankfully, Kona Kai and her foals are healthy and the family of three left Rood & Riddle to return to Meadowbrook Farm the afternoon of March 17.

"The (foals) are getting up and down pretty well, and nursing well," Barr said while they were at Rood & Riddle. "They play around in the stall a little bit. All normal vital parameters. For the fact that they are twins, it's going remarkably well. And Kona Kai is a rock star and doing great with all of this."

Upon arrival at Rood & Riddle, the fillies received nicknames of "Mary-Kate" (the bay who foaled first) and "Ashley" (the chestnut). For those not well versed in '80s and '90s television culture, Mary-Kate and Ashley Olsen are former twin actresses who starred in the hit sitcom series, "Full House," which ran from 1987-95.

It will be up to the twins' owners, siblings Debbie and Howard Appel of Surfside Stables, to come up with the official registered names for the twins. No doubt, they will be bouncing all sorts of clever ideas off of each other.

The Appels only recently became involved in the breeding end of the business with two broodmares, Kona Kai and Phantom Opening. They started their racing stable in 2018 and among their top runners are a pair of graded stakes-placed geldings, Oceanic and Midnight Rising. Oceanic won the 2022 Da Hoss Stakes at Colonial Downs.

They bought Kona Kai for \$75,000 at the Keeneland September Yearling Sale in 2018 and raced her four seasons. She retired with a record of 1-3-1 in 11 starts. Debbie Appel said the mare was a trooper even before giving birth to twins, as she survived strangles (a bacterial infection of the upper respiratory tract) which she contracted while on lay-up at a farm recovering from a leg injury.

"We're so excited. This has been a crazy, wild ride," said Debbie, who first announced the news through photos and videos posted March 12 via the social media platform X. Not surprisingly, these posts were greeted with a frenzy of "likes" and reposts.

"The fact that Kona and these foals had such a good outcome is obviously a testament to Kona, but also to her vet who provided her care during her pregnancy and particularly Lori, who provided just exceptional care. In my view, if they hadn't really taken such good care of Kona, we actually wouldn't be here.

"I think over the last (several days), we've all—my brother, Howard, and I, and Lori—come to appreciate just how rare this is."

Right before Kona Kai and her daughters were about to board a van back to Shelbyville, Debbie shared that each twin gained 22 pounds while at Rood & Riddle and that Barr told her they were so "active and playful" she could barely contain them to do an exam. Debbie said, "we're all very thankful" for the care the horses received at Rood & Riddle.

Besides the steep odds of twins surviving or thriving after birth, those who do rarely make it to the races, let alone win. A BloodHorse statistical report covering the years of 2018-22 in North America shows there have been 16 horses registered through The Jockey Club that were born as part of a surviving twin set. (According to TJC figures, from 2018-22, the North American registered foal crop totaled more than 92,000, meaning twins accounted for just 0.0002%).

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The twins' sire, Oscar Performance, at Mill Ridge Farm

### HEALTHY OSCAR PERFORMANCE TWIN FILLIES HEAD HOME

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Of those horses, six reached the starting gate for a combined 31 starts, and just one entered the winner's circle, Galaxy Affair, a Louisiana-bred who won a maiden race in her seventh career start, in December of 2022 at Delta Downs. That is her sole victory to date from 15 starts. Her unnamed twin did not race.

None of the stallions who sired the twins in the referenced data are as high-profile as Mill Ridge Farm's Oscar Performance who currently stands for \$45,000 in Kentucky. From his first three crops to reach the races, the son of Kitten's Joy has sired several graded stakes winners including Trikari, a grade 1 winner with more than \$1,3 million in the bank.

Making a connection between a famous name and a twin, 1980 Horse of the Year Spectacular Bid's second dam, Stop On Red, was a twin.

But for those involved in this latest twin saga, the data on twins in relation to racing careers is noise, and beside the point. The real victory here is that Kona Kai and her twins are healthy and getting stronger every day.

"I told (Debbie Appel) whether they ever race or not, the fact that we have done this, is a miracle in itself," Hendrickson said. BH

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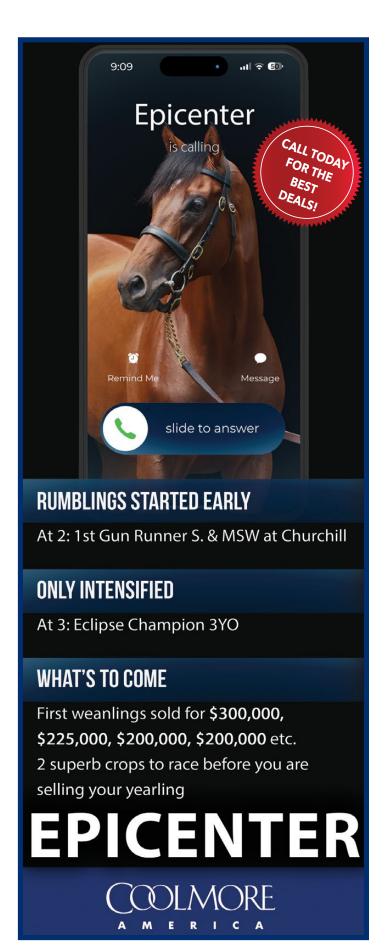
## **Surfside Stables** @surfsidestables



On Monday, Kona Kai unexpectedly gave birth to twin fillies. Sire is OSCAR PERFORMANCE. All 3 are healthy and well. Our deepest thanks to Lori Hendrickson and team and Dr. Barr and everyone at @roodandriddle. This is the rarest of events. A small miracle. @millridgefarm



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## LEADING SIRES BY EARNINGS

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Rank	Stallion, YOB (Sire) Farm, Stud Fee	Rnrs/ Wnrs	BT SW/ SHs	GSW	G1W	AEI	Chief Earner (Earnings)	'25 Earnings
1	Into Mischief, '05, (Harlan's Holiday) Spendthrift Farm, KY, \$250,000	255 / 69	6 / 19	5	0	2.00	Sovereignty \$245,520	\$4,199,071
2	Gun Runner, '13, (Candy Ride) Three Chimneys Farm, KY, \$250,000	153 / 38	6 / 12	3	1	2.91	Locked \$726,000	\$3,406,767
3	Vekoma, '16, (Candy Ride) Spendthrift Farm, KY, \$35,000	74 / 30	5/6	2	0	1.40	Golden Vekoma \$1,063,380	\$2,973,322
4	Practical Joke, '14, (Into Mischief) Ashford Stud, KY, \$100,000	194 / 38	5 / 15	2	0	1.56	Burlsworth \$144,000	\$2,805,580
5	Constitution, '11, (Tapit) WinStar Farm, KY, \$110,000	170 / 47	3/8	1	0	1.78	John Hancock \$138,560	\$2,643,245
6	Munnings, '06, (Speightstown) Ashford Stud, KY, \$65,000	198 / 61	4/9	0	0	1.44	G W's Girl \$166,500	\$2,610,385
7	Speightster, '12, (Speightstown) N/A, Died	102 / 29	3/5	1	0	1.13	Straight No Chaser \$1,200,000	\$2,381,012
8	Quality Road, '06, (Elusive Quality) Lane's End, KY, \$150,000	120 / 23	3 / 10	1	0	2.12	Scotland Yard \$250,000	\$2,342,229
9	Race Day, '11, (Tapit) N/A, N/A	50 / 17	1/1	1	1	1.28	White Abarrio \$1,638,000	\$2,220,010
10	Connect, '13, (Curlin) Lane's End, KY, \$10,000	93 / 25	3/3	2	0	1.17	Rattle N Roll \$1,200,000	\$2,172,759
11	Not This Time, '14, (Giant's Causeway) Taylor Made Stallions, KY, \$175,000	121 / 30	4/8	3	0	1.93	Magnitude \$302,500	\$2,107,103
12	Nyquist, '13, (Uncle Mo) Darley, KY, \$175,000	132 / 39	2/4	2	1	1.51	Cavalieri \$240,000	\$2,073,749
13	Uncle Mo, '08, (Indian Charlie) Ashford Stud, KY, Died	138 / 38	2/7	1	0	1.57	Pretty Layla \$110,550	\$2,070,833
14	Justify, '15, (Scat Daddy) Ashford Stud, KY, \$250,000	124 / 25	5/8	0	0	2.04	American Promise \$335,000	\$2,028,792
15	Mendelssohn, '15, (Scat Daddy) Ashford Stud, KY, \$15,000	166 / 35	0 / 10	0	0	1.11	Miss Hebrides \$182,800	\$1,971,638

Listed above are the top 15 leading sires by 2025 Northern Hemisphere earnings through March 16, 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.

# DEN'S LEGACY FLAT OUT

## LEADING OKLAHOMA SIRES

Rank	Stallion, YOB (Sire) Farm, Stud Fee	Rnrs/ Wnrs	BT SW/ SHs	Chief Earner (Earnings)	'25 Earnings
1	Always Dreaming, '14, (Bodemeister) River Oaks Farms, OK, Died	68 / 7	0/0	Saudi Crown \$81,900	\$505,724
2	Flat Out, '06, (Flatter) Mighty Acres, OK, \$3,000	57 / 15	0/0	Flat Out Flying \$73,700	\$376,821
3	Cowtown Cat, '04, (Distorted Humor) Kirton Farms, OK, \$1,500	20 / 7	0/0	Right On the Munny \$29,700	\$161,753
4	Excaper, '09, (Exchange Rate) River Oaks Farms, OK, \$2,000	9/5	0/0	Colonel Yorke \$59,163	\$126,563
5	Atreides, '11, (Medaglia d'Oro) N/A	12/3	0/0	Big Blue Line \$27,533	\$103,425
6	Caleb's Posse, '08, (Posse) River Oaks Farms, OK, \$1,000	15 / 4	0/0	Red Dirt Rich \$27,460	\$91,744
7	Successful Appeal, '96, (Valid Appeal) Pnsd	9/2	0/0	Kitten's Appeal \$29,700	\$64,859
8	Airoforce, '13, (Colonel John) Caines Stallion Station, OK, \$2,500	6/2	0/0	Double Airo \$33,900	\$56,208
9	Den's Legacy, '10, (Medaglia d'0ro) Mighty Acres, OK, \$2,000	13/3	0/0	Legacy Account \$13,746	\$42,674
10	Shakin It Up, '10, (Midnight Lute) Died	10 / 2	0/0	Shakin the Belle \$24,240	\$41,662

Listed above are the top 10 leading sires in Oklahoma by 2025 Northern Hemisphere earnings through March 16, 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.



Racing at Gulfstream Park

## FLORIDA HOUSE COMMITTEE MOVES DECOUPLING FORWARD

Despite strong public opposition to Florida legislation that would allow Thoroughbred racetracks to operate a casino and cardrooms without being required to run live races, the House Commerce Committee voted 13-7 in support of the legislation March 17.

Rep. Adam Anderson, a sponsor of House Bill 105, started Monday afternoon's hearing outlining amendments to the bill that is being championed by 1/ST Racing, which is The Stronach Group entity operating Gulfstream Park.

Anderson said the revised bill does allow both Gulfstream Park and Tampa Bay Downs to operate live racing separately from their gaming operations, but adds a "trifecta of support to the Thoroughbred industry."

After meeting "with a number of Thoroughbred industry stakeholders," Anderson said the following changes were identified:

- Require any racetrack to provide a three-year notice if its executives elect to stop racing and requires that the earliest such a notice can be given is July 1, 2027.
- Allow the existing Thoroughbred racing permits to be transferred to different facilities "to provide flexibility and create new possibilities for the Thoroughbred industry," and,
- Add specific language to have the Florida Gaming Control Commission oversee how nearly \$14 million for breeders' awards and purse supplements for Floridabreds would be allocated.

"This bill will put millions of dollars currently spent on administration fees and overhead directly into the hands of successful Florida-bred owners and breeders, while preserving the FTBOA's role in registering and maintaining the registry for Florida-bred foals and stallions," Anderson said.

After accepting these amendments unanimously, the committee members then heard from 16 members of the Florida Thoroughbred community all opposing the bill: veterinarians, trainers, owners, breeders, sales company executives, and family members of farm owners.

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## FLORIDA HOUSE COMMITTEE MOVES DECOUPLING FORWARD

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Across the board, they voiced concern that allowing Gulfstream Park to operate a casino without being required to run live racing would ultimately allow The Stronach Group to close the track and just operate the casino, endangering more than 34,000 Thoroughbred breeding and racing jobs and a more than \$3.24 billion industry.

In a meeting earlier this year, 1/ST Racing representatives told horsemen they could not guarantee live racing would continue at Gulfstream Park even if decoupling were allowed because the track's site in Hallandale Beach was too valuable.

"In South Florida, if racing were to disappear, it would send shock waves through the entire racing industry, threatening agriculture and diminishing the value of the horses themselves," said Hall of Fame trainer Mark Casse. "The effect would be devastating for Florida but felt far beyond. Is one more hotel or casino in Hallandale Beach worth destroying an

industry that supports the tens of thousands of lives in rural Florida?"

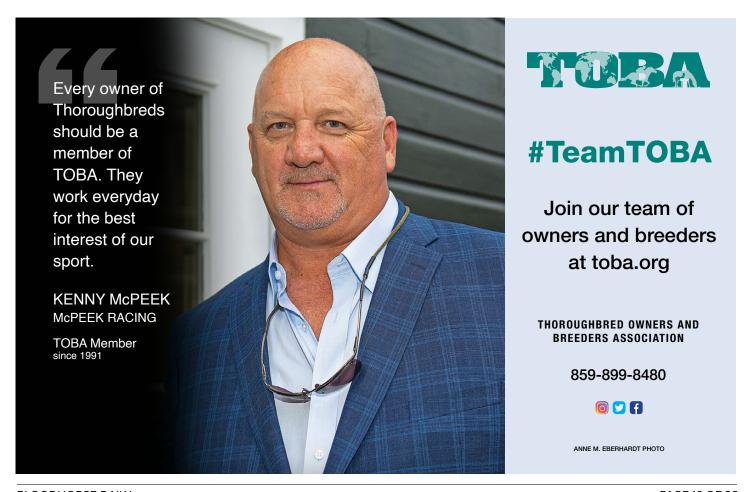
Chester Bishop, vice president of Florida Thoroughbred Horsemen's, said this bill will take away the ability of horsemen to be involved in purse negotiations and changes how the breeders are funded.

"This committee needs to look at the details," he said. "What we need is a serious partner to talk to and I don't think that effort has been given full consideration."

Tom Ventura, president of the Ocala Breeders' Sales Company, said the committee needed to recognize the history of keeping Thoroughbred racing and gaming revenue connected.

"The importance of purses and breeders awards has long been recognized in statutes as critical to the success of the Florida Thoroughbred industry," he said, noting that Gulfstream Park supported the initial gaming legislation in 2005 that required an active pari-mutuel permit in order to also operate a casino and also supported giving a portion of gaming revenue to purses and breeders awards.

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## FLORIDA HOUSE COMMITTEE MOVES DECOUPLING FORWARD

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"Now decades later it wants to renege on that deal," he said. "This bill immediately shuts off the funding requirements from slots and cards and reduce the number of live performances at a Thoroughbred track must conduct to continue these gaming operations.

"While it is certainly the prerogative of Gulfstream Park and 1/ST Racing to walk away from racing and develop and sell their property," he continued. "They do not, and should not, have the right to walk away with parting gifts of two slot machine and card room licenses on the backs of the horsemen and breeders who have been their partners and critical in it obtaining these privileges."

The testimony did sway several members of the committee.

"It is not the Legislature's responsibility to force a private business to operate a line of business that might not be profitable. I believe in a free market, but I also believe that when you make an agreement—that is your agreement," said Democratic Ranking Member Rep. Christine Hunshofsky. "We are not saying to a company that has slot machines and cards, now that you've built up these on your own, now we are going to force you to do racing. They only got that profitable (gaming) business because of racing."

She encouraged industry stakeholders to have honest, thoughtful conversations and find another way forward.

Rep. David Smith said he came into the committee meeting supporting the legislation and feeling he really understood this bill. Then he heard the testimony. "Until today's great testimony, nobody explained, if you decoupled this would happen," he said. "I'm going to do something I have never done in seven (legislative) sessions. I don't think I understand this bill well enough, so I'm going to vote it down."

After the testimony, Anderson stressed with the committee members that he had reached out to industry leaders and asked them to give him a plan that would work for everyone.

"I didn't get that," he said. "Instead what happened, each of those associations hired a team of lobbyists to simply fight the bill. I wondered why they were spending money on lobbying instead of investing in the folks they are supposed to be representing—the breeders, the trainers, and the owners."

He said HB 105 addresses how the gaming subsidies should be handled and puts it into the right hands.

Anderson added that he felt it would be a failure if Thoroughbred racing ended in Florida.

"This bill is carefully crafted to do everything in our legislative power to ensure that doesn't happen," he said. "It provides a pathway so if there is a track that does want to stop racing, they will be able to transfer that license to someone who does. It provides a five-year visibility...early warning to get their groups together and come up with a plan."

Lonny Powell, CEO of the Florida Thoroughbred Breeders and Owners Association, said he was greatly disappointed to see the bill move forward and added that none of the changes made should be construed as a compromise with the horse community.

"Let me be clear: The latest changes to HB 105 are not a compromise—they are designed to scuttle Florida's vital Thoroughbred industry. No matter how our opponents try to spin it, this bill decouples live racing from voter-

approved gaming requirements," he said. "This means fewer races, fewer jobs, and fewer opportunities for the hardworking Floridians devoted to this industry, including the passionate horsemen and women from the farms and barns who testified today.

"If this bill passes, it will ripple across the entire state economy, gutting a major industry and sending Florida jobs and horses to other states and our dollars to Toronto. This industry has helped power Florida's economy for generations, and we must not allow bad special-interest policy to dismantle it," he said. BH



Gulfstream Park Share this story

### CALIFORNIA CHAMPION THE CHOSEN VRON RETIRED

By Tracy Gantz

The Chosen Vron, recently voted California-bred Horse of the Year for a second consecutive year, has been retired. Co-owner John Sondereker and trainer and co-owner Eric Kruljac said March 17 that the decision has been made to let the 7-year-old gelding continue his rehabilitation and segue into a second career at the appropriate time.

"It's just wear and tear," Kruljac said of the reasoning behind the decision. "We just don't want to risk any further injury, especially since he's 7. He'll be going up to Katie Fisher's ranch up in Solvang."

The Chosen Vron had been sidelined with an ankle injury since late last year, and Sondereker said that a recent follow-up MRI performed at Santa Anita showed that it had not yet healed enough for the gelding to return to training.

"He's been the horse of a lifetime for all of us," Sondereker said.

Sondereker, Kruljac, Richard Thornburgh, and Robert Fetkin bred The Chosen Vron in the name of Tiz Molly Partners, and the four have raced him throughout his career.

"We came to the conclusion that continued training and racing would not be beneficial to the horse at this time," Sondereker said. "We owe so much to that horse, and he owes us nothing."

The journey to The Chosen Vron began when the partners raced his dam, the Tiz Wonderful mare Tiz Molly, as part of the Class Racing partnership. Upon Tiz Molly's retirement from racing, Thornburgh's wife, Ly, suggested that they keep her and breed her.

As Richard related at the recent California Thoroughbred Breeders Association awards banquet, he told his wife, "We don't know anything about breeding horses. Let me talk to Eric. We need somebody who knows what they're doing to be our partner at least."

Sondereker, Thornburgh, and Fetkin have frequently credited Kruljac with much of The Chosen Vron's success, beginning with the trainer's selection of Vronsky as a stallion.

"He's just done a phenomenal job getting this horse ready for every one of his races," Fetkin said at the banquet.



The Chosen Vron won many of his races with Hector Berrios in the irons

Making his first start late in his 2-year-old season in 2020, The Chosen Vron put together a consistent record that encompassed 18 stakes victories, including a string of eight stakes wins in 2022-23 and six more from 2023-24. He won back-to-back editions of the Bing Crosby Stakes (G1) at Del Mar, both with Hector Berrios aboard, as well as the 2021 Lazaro Barrera Stakes (G3) and Affirmed Stakes (G3) and 2024 San Carlos Stakes (G3) at Santa Anita.

With total earnings of \$1,709,678, The Chosen Vron ranks 19th on the list of all-time leading Cal-bred earners. He has earned six other Cal-bred championships in addition to being named Horse of the Year in 2023 and 2024: champion 3-year-old male of 2021, champion older male from 2022-24, and champion sprinter in 2023-24.

Sondereker said that The Chosen Vron would soon be sent to Kingfisher Farms, which began as a layup facility and now also breeds, raises, and sales prep horses.

"She's going to rehab him," said Sondereker, adding that Fisher will help find a suitable second career for The Chosen Vron, possibly as a therapy horse. "Katie runs a great operation. I'm just thrilled that he's going to be there."

Kruljac said that The Chosen Vron has been a barn favorite and that he will miss the gelding.

"He's such a sweet horse to be around," Kruljac said.
"It's been a great ride." BH

## HISA RELEASES ANNUAL METRICS REPORT

Edited Press Release

The Horseracing Integrity and Safety Authority announced March 17 the release of its 2024 Annual Metrics Report, reaffirming its commitment to

transparency and accountability in
Thoroughbred racing. The report
presents key data collected in
2024 as part of HISA's Racetrack
Safety Program. Information
related to HISA's Anti-Doping and
Medication Control Program will be
released later this month by HISA's
independent anti-doping administrator,
the Horseracing Integrity & Welfare Unit.

In 2024, HISA continued to advance safety and welfare measures for Thoroughbred horses and riders. As previously announced, the 47 racetracks operating under HISA's ADMC Program and Racetrack Safety Program recorded an aggregate racing-related fatality rate of 0.90 per 1,000 starts. The Jockey Club subsequently published the 2024 data from its Equine Injury Database, announcing a North American racing-related fatality rate of 1.11 per 1,000 starts. Significantly, the 2024 EID shows that racetracks in the United States that are not subject to HISA's rules have a fatality rate of 1.76 per 1,000 starts, which is almost double the 0.90 per 1,000 starts at HISA racetracks.

"HISA has made significant progress in advancing its mandate across racetrack safety, technological innovation, uniform medication control and equine welfare," said HISA CEO Lisa Lazarus. "HISA pursued these initiatives with input and support from the many racing stakeholders who are the backbone of the sport, and their collective efforts have led to meaningful improvements in our safety metrics. We look forward to continuing to work with the industry to make further inroads."

The rate of 0.90 is a 35% decrease from the rate of 1.39 reported by the EID in 2021—the last full year prior to the launch of HISA's Racetrack Safety Program—and a 27% decrease from the rate of 1.23 that HISA reported last year. It also represents a 55% decline since 2009, when the EID first began reporting such fatalities, at a rate of 2.00.

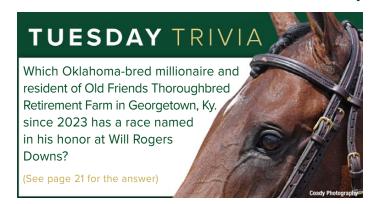
The 2024 report marks the first time in Thoroughbred racing history that nationwide data on training-related fatalities has been published in the United States (and, to HISA's knowledge, internationally). By implementing standardized tracking and reporting for training-related fatalities and sharing such data on a by-state and by-racetrack basis, HISA is providing unprecedented

transparency and knowledge-sharing among industry stakeholders. In 2024, racetracks operating under HISA's rules (and the training facilities owned by them) reported 181 training-related deaths, equating to 0.50 deaths per 1,000 workouts (i.e., the official timed works of racehorses preparing for an official start). This is a conservative ratio, as HISA's training-related data includes fatalities that occur during all training activities, not just workouts.

While it is too early to establish trends in combined racing- and training-related fatality data, transparency is a critical first step in identifying risk factors and developing targeted safety initiatives. The information collected on training-related fatalities has served to expand the already significant database HISA has built and will be instructive as the organization moves into the next phase of its data-driven efforts—identifying patterns to help racing stakeholders make more informed decisions regarding their horses and proposing guidance and rules designed to make training safer.

The full report can be accessed here: <u>2024 Annual Metrics Report - Horseracing Integrity and Safety Authority.</u>

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### FIVE BAFFERT RUNNERS WORK AT SANTA ANITA

Edited Press Release

Barnes, who endured his first defeat in the San Felipe (G2) March 1, and standout debut winner Cornucopian worked six furlongs at Santa Anita Park in company March 17 for trainer Bob Baffert. They were joined on the tab by fellow Baffert-trained 3-year-olds Citizen Bull, Gaming, and Rodriguez.

Barnes and Cornucopian were clocked in 1:11 4/5 to share the bullet for six furlongs.

"I was trying to get a good work into them. They both went well," Baffert said.

Citizen Bull drilled six furlongs in company in 1:12. He worked in company with Nafisa, a 4-year-old filly who is winless in six starts. For Citizen Bull, it was his third six-furlong work in the past 22 days. Last year's champion 2-year-old male, Citizen Bull exits a win in the Robert B. Lewis (G3) at Santa Anita Park when making his sophomore debut Feb. 1.

Gaming earned a bullet with a five-furlong work in :59. By Game Winner, Gaming was expected to run in the March 15 Virginia Derby at Colonial Downs but did not make the trip after reportedly spiking a fever.

Rodriguez, who was third in the San Felipe, worked four furlongs in :48 3/5.

Baffert said it remains to be determined where the quintet of 3-year-olds will make their next starts. Options include the Santa Anita Derby (G1) April 5 and both the Arkansas Derby (G1) at Oaklawn Park and Florida Derby (G1) at Gulfstream Park March 29.

"I'll know more by next week," he said.

Cornucopian was an eye-catching winner at Oaklawn when sprinting six furlongs Feb. 23. The Into Mischief colt blitzed through fractions of :21.86, :45.50, and :57.41 seconds before crossing the wire a 5 3/4-length winner in a time of 1:09.02. He earned a lofty 101 Beyer Speed Figure for the effort. Oaklawn officials reported it was the fastest time in track history for a 3-year-old maiden special weight at six furlongs.

Cornucopian was a \$1.1 million purchase at the 2023 Keeneland September yearling sale. He is owned by an extensive ownership group led by SF Racing, Starlight Racing, Madaket Stables, and Stonestreet Stables. Dubbed "The Avengers" by Baffert, they are also the principal owners of both Citizen Bull and Rodriguez.

Barnes, owned by Zedan Racing, was making his two-turn debut when upended in the San Felipe by top 3-year-old prospect Journalism. Barnes set fractions of :23.71, :47.31, and 1:11.10 before being overtaken in deep stretch. Despite the loss, Barnes still earned a career-best 105 Beyer Speed Figure.

Also working for Baffert was unbeaten 4-year-old Nysos,

who hasn't started since February 2024 when winning the Robert B. Lewis. The Nyquist colt was clocked in 1:12 2/5 for six furlongs.

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-BOB BAFFERT



Barnes working earlier in the year at Santa Anita Park

## OWEN ALMIGHTY TO CONTINUE ON KENTUCKY DERBY TRAIL

By Sean Collins

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Pollowing an impressive frontrunning score in the March 8 Tampa Bay Derby (G3), Flying Dutchmen Breeding and Racing's Owen Almighty will continue on the Kentucky Derby (G1) trail rather than take an eightweek layoff and start in the Pat Day Mile (G2), held on Kentucky Derby Day May 3 at Churchill Downs.

"We're going to take a shot with the Derby trail still," Flying Dutchmen's president Hunter Rankin said on the March 17 episode of the BloodHorse Monday podcast. "We're going to keep going on that track and see how far he can take us."

"BloodHorse Monday" is a new, hour-long podcast hosted by BloodHorse in partnership with Louisville, Ky.-based radio host Louie Rabaut. The show can be accessed on BloodHorse's YouTube channel, Spotify, Apple Podcasts, iHeart, ESPN Louisville+ and espnlouisville.com. The show also airs in Louisville on ESPN 680/105.7, as well as other stations throughout the country.

Refocusing on the Derby means one more final prep for the Brian Lynch-trained Owen Almighty, who clinched enough Derby qualifying points in the Tampa Bay Derby to make the field. Rankin said a decision on which prep hasn't been made yet, but the April 5 Blue Grass Stakes (G1) at Keeneland is among the top candidates.

Questions have been raised about whether the son of champion sprinter Speightstown out of the grade 2-placed Bayern mare Tempers Rising can be successful at the Derby's 1 1/4-mile distance, but Rankin says the team feels confident given how Owen Almighty finished the

Tampa Bay Derby.

"I think eventually—long-term—his best days are probably going to be around one turn. But horses change and horses surprise you," Rankin said. "He ran so well the other day. I know he got away with fairly easy fractions, but he finished in 29 and change going the last 5/16ths. Most sprinters can't do that after running close to 7/8ths of a mile. I think he has the



Owen Almighty runs away to a 3 1/2-length score in the Tampa Bay Derby at Tampa Bay Downs



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— HUNTER RANKIN

ability to do it. The owners really want to go and that means a lot. We're just going to do our best."

Flying Dutchmen is owned by Travis Boersma, CEO of Dutch Bros. Coffee. Boersma has been a long-time participant in the sport, especially in Oregon where Dutch Bros. is headquartered. Flying Dutchmen recently purchased a farm near Lexington and Boersma's son, Payton, is the COO. The colt himself is named after another of Boersma's sons, Owen.

"They're amazing people, and they deserve to have good things happen to them," Rankin said. "They're incredibly reasonable, they know the challenge. But they also know the opportunity. For them, as much as anything, this is

about the experience of having a horse with a chance, enjoying the day, bringing their whole family. ... You never know on that day what can happen. Strange things happen in that race."

During the full podcast interview, Rankin also discussed what he liked about the colt at the 2023 Fasig-Tipton Saratoga Select Yearling Sale, the evolution of Flying Dutchmen, and more. BH

## NEW YORK BREEDER SCHOSBERG DIES AT 85

Edited Press Release

A stalwart of New York's racing and breeding programs, Jane Mindlin Schosberg died peacefully March 15, surrounded by her family. She was 85.

Schosberg grew up near Scarsdale, N.Y., and attended Scarsdale High School, where she met Paul Schosberg, her high school sweetheart. After attending Bennington College and earning a liberal arts degree, Jane married Paul

in 1959. Their daughter Jill was born in 1960, their son Richard a year later.

Paul's career in politics took the couple to Northern Virginia and Washington, D.C., where he worked as chief of staff to two members of the House of Representatives. Jane had grown up riding horses, and it was in Virginia that she and family began the racing and breeding operation that continued to her death, and where the Schosberg family bought their first farm.

Jane gave riding lessons at Deerfield Riding Academy in Great Falls, Va., while her daughter Jill became an accomplished show rider and her son Rick, in his words, "mucked out stalls as fast as I could."

"One day, Mom and I were out riding in Virginia," remembered Rick. "She was riding her Thoroughbred mare Dot in Spot, who became our foundation broodmare. I was riding a little Arab Welsh cross named My Fair Lady, and she was anything but. There was a pond in the middle of the field, and Mom told me to gallop through the pond.

"My Fair Lady decided that she liked being in the pond, and my mom turned around and yelled, 'Kick kick kick! She's going to roll on top of you!' I was too stupid to get off, and of course the horse knelt down and rolled on me. Once mom realized I was OK and breathing, she started laughing and made me get back on and do it the right way."

In 1974, the Schosbergs purchased Pine Lane Farm near Katonah, N.Y., and brought Dot in Spot with them.

Dot in Spot produced 10 foals, with nine of them bred in Jane Schosberg's name, all bred in New York. The mare produced nine winners led by multiple stakes-placed winner Lotus Delight, with more than



Paul (L), Jane (center), and Rick (R) Schosberg

\$243,000 in earnings; and stakes-placed winner Tim's Lady. As a broodmare, Tim's Lady produced stakes winner Mellow Roll, who earned more than \$555,000 and was voted New York-bred champion 2-year-old male in 1997.

Schosberg also bred six other black-type stakes winners, including Cyanea, the 1982 New York-bred champion 2-year-old filly.

She often visited Kentucky and was a regular at the Keeneland and Fasig-Tipton sales, developing strong relationships with Denali Stud, Ashford Stud, and Coolmore America. Though mostly a lifelong New Yorker, she was an ardent fan of the University of Kentucky Wildcats.

Schosberg was predeceased by her husband, Paul, in 2017 and her daughter Jill Stoller in 2021. She is survived by her son Richard and her daughter-in-law Dawn; her sister Katherine Reinleitner; her son-in-law Timothy Stoller; grandsons Travis and Ryan; granddaughter Jenna Stoller Grimshaw and her husband Sean; and two great-grandchildren Bryce and Nora.

Schosberg is also survived by Waffles, her beloved Corgi, who now lives with Schosberg's best friend Donna Klemas in Canada. Rescued from Lexington, Waffles hitched a ride on a Morrissey's horse van to become her constant companion.

Services will be private. Those wishing to honor Schosberg's life and legacy are encouraged to donate to the Mayo Clinic, to Take2/Take The Lead, or to the Thoroughbred Aftercare Alliance.

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Early arriving fans at Oaklawn Park

### OAKLAWN PARK FANS CONTINUE TO EMBRACE SHOW BET BONUS

A low takeout show pool wager offered for on-track fans at Oaklawn Park continues to hit the mark as part of the Hot Springs, Ark., track's efforts to market horse racing as affordable sports entertainment for families.

The easiest wager in racing continues to prove popular with the fans that show up each day at Oaklawn, which compared with other tracks enjoys a demographic that includes more families, young people, and new racing fans. By offering a 10% takeout for show wagers made on-track—as opposed to the 17% rake off-track—Oaklawn rewards patrons who show up in person for the racing with higher show pool payouts. Those fans know a bargain when they see one.

Through the first 38 days of the 2024-25 meeting, on-track handle at Oaklawn reached \$14,322,812 for an average of \$376,916. Of that on-track total, \$2,773,637 was wagered in the show pool; good for \$72,990 daily while accounting for 19.4% of the pools.

The more novice crowd that turns out for the track's biggest days supports the show pool even more. The Feb. 23 card that featured top 3-year-olds in the \$1.25 million Rebel Stakes (G2) saw more than \$220,000 wagered ontrack in the show pool. More than \$206,000 was wagered into the show pool March 8 when Horse of the Year Thorpedo Anna won the Azeri Stakes (G2). That latter total accounted for nearly 25% of the track's on-track handle.

It's a study in what is seemingly a lost art in racing: churn. And, the wager offers a fun way to be introduced to the sport as opposed to a complicated Pick 5 or something of that sort. Oaklawn, in turn, has taken the approach of giving the customer what they want.

"Our fans have always enjoyed cashing tickets more often than trying to pick exotics and getting the big windfall," said Oaklawn Park president Louis Cella. "Our per capita wagering is lower than just about every track, but when you look at the pools, you see that they are \$2 show bet players. But those fans are coming out in droves. They love it because it's entertainment."

As part of that approach, Oaklawn has tried to keep concession prices low as well.

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### OAKLAWN PARK FANS CONTINUE TO EMBRACE SHOW BET BONUS

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"Our secret sauce is always to be fan friendly and give them opportunities to enjoy the day," Cella said. "It's entertainment. It's not gambling. It's entertainment; it's the sport of horse racing. Any more you go to a track, they're focused on the gambling dollar and not on the sport of racing and the entertainment value of it. That's the whole purpose of it.

"That's why we've subsidized our food and beverage. You'll never find a \$12 beer or a \$15 beer—or a \$16 beer which you saw at the SEC (men's basketball) championship. A friend of mine was there and took a picture of it at the concession stand. So there's a reason we do this. It's that we're fan friendly, and it all starts with little things like food and beverage, a free gate, an inexpensive program, and the show bet bonus."

Cella sees this approach as key in developing new fans.
"We want to reward our on-track fan. And I've talked
to many, many tracks, and I don't understand why
other tracks don't do this," Cella said. "It works. The

show bet bonus works. We have younger fans, more fans. They're all cashing tickets. We're growing the sport in Arkansas, and you can't say that really in any other jurisdiction. We are growing the sport of horse racing."

Cella believes there is a market for this level of sports entertainment and racing can find fan support in this space.

"We encourage families to come out with their kids, go to the infield, and buy a \$2 hot dog and a Coke and just enjoy horse racing, because we know our job is to sell the sport. We know when those kids grow up, they're going to come back to Oaklawn, because they had a great experience," Cella said.

A report I referenced in this <u>column Feb. 19</u> prepared for the Iowa Racing and Gaming Commission suggested Prairie Meadows offer lower takeout (bigger winning payouts) for on-track and in-state customers as a way to develop fans. Oaklawn's experience suggests this approach can pay dividends.

At Oaklawn fans line up outside the track a half-hour or more before the doors open for the race day. When the track launched its show pool bonus in 2017, average daily attendance had fallen to 9,483. But it returned to a five-figure average in 2021-22 and reached 11,385 last year. Fans have embraced the on-track experience.

"Well, who has the highest attendance for a 65-day race meet and a younger demographic?," Cella said of Oaklawn, where last year's show pool accounted for just over 20% of on-track handle. "The proof's in the pudding. There is not a racing jurisdiction in the country that is half that. Nationally it's usually between 6%-9% in any jurisdiction." BH



Racing at Oaklawn Park

## INTERNATIONAL REPORT

AUSTRALIAN COVERAGE

### WRITTEN TYCOON FILLY TOPS FIRST DAY OF ADELAIDE SALE

By Kitty Trice and Tayla Dake/ANZ Bloodstock News



The Written Tycoon filly, consigned as Lot 109 tops the first day of the sale at AU\$260,000

Victorian champion-sire Written Tycoon enjoyed more sales ring success during the first session of selling at the Magic Millions Adelaide Yearling Sale March 17, when a daughter of the sire was knocked down via an online bid to Chinese investor Wei Jiaoqi for AU\$260,000 (approx. US\$166,090, US\$1=AU0.64), topping the day's trade in the process.

Yulong, who have had strong drafts at each of the yearling sales on Australia's east coast, reiterated their support of the sole South Australian yearling sale.

"We've got a lot of confidence in this sale bringing stock like (this filly) here. This is a sale we've had great success with in the past and today's result certainly solidified that and proved you can bring a good horse here and get good money," said Yulong's head of sales and nominations, Harry King.

"We've come here with 15 horses, our thoughts on the sale have been very positive. We've had a lot of foot traffic and that's a huge credit to the Magic Millions team for getting the buyers here, getting them keen and getting busy in the sales ring. "The last couple of days we haven't had a quiet one, we're still continuing to show horses, people are very healthy and happy in the buying bench, and we're enjoying that for sure."

"It's well-documented that we are very active in both parts of the market. Mr Zhang has seen how healthy and vital the Australian breeding and sales market is here, and wants to be active in all parts of that, and we're getting great results in doing so."

Out of the unraced mare Saaryaa, the filly hails from a family that includes the Melbourne Cup (G1) winner Fiorente and listed scorer Tom Melbourne.

"She was a Written Tycoon through and through, out of a very lovely Dubawi mare as well. (Written Tycoon) goes from strength to strength, he could very well have another (Golden) Slipper winner to add to the tally in the coming weeks. This filly looks very sharp, and we saw great results with her in the sale ring."

At the end of trade, Magic Millions reported that 138 lots sold at a clearance rate of 73% and recorded an aggregate of AU\$6,732,500 (US\$4,300,776), a drop of 8.6% at the same point 12 months ago.

The average closed at AU\$49,504 (US\$31,624) compared with AU\$51,208 (US\$32,712) recorded at the same point last year, while the median jumped 14%, finishing at AU\$40,000 (US\$25,552).

Barry Bowditch, the managing director of Magic Millions, was pleased with the way trade picked up after a steadier start to proceedings.

"I think today started quite slowly and I think that would have a lot to do with the way the numbers fell today. I think the quality of horses picked up as the day went on and you could see, whether it be the clearance rate or the competition in the ring building, as the day went on.

"All in all a 72% clearance rate, an average of almost AU\$50,000, they're reasonable numbers and something to build on for tomorrow," he said.

Bowditch expected tomorrow's trade to continue to pick up in similar fashion to the latter part of the first day of trade.

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# RACE RESULTS PRESENTED BY THE JOCKEY CLUB

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#### **BLACK TYPE STAKES**

#### Irish O'Brien S.

Santa Anita Park, 3/16, \$100,000, 4yo/up, f/m, a6.5f (turf), 1:13.18, course firm.

- 1—Prancingthruparis, 122, b f, 4 ...\$60,000 Sir Prancealot (IRE)—She's a Big Winner, by Bellamy Road
- O-Ciaglia Racing LLC, SAF Racing and Crusberg, Harry A., B-SAF Racing, Ciaglia Racing LLC, & H. Crusberg (CA), T-Peter Eurton, J-Armando Ayuso
- 2-Pushiness, 124, b f, 4......\$20,000 Kantharos-Imperial Pippin, by Empire Maker
- O-Repole Stable, B-Richard Barton Enterprises (CA), T-Michael W. McCarthy, J-Umberto Rispoli

**Sale History:** 2022 FTCSEP, \$115,000.

- Breeding, LLC (CA), T–George Papaprodromou, J–Lanfranco Dettori

Sale History: 2022 FTK0CT, \$120,000.

Margins: ½, 1, 1¼. Others: Moment's Pleasure (\$6,000), Shocking Grey (\$2,000), Lamporghini (\$500), Tam's Little Angel (\$500). Scratched: Cornelia Fort. View Equibase Chart

#### PRIX RONDE DE NUIT

Chantilly, 3/17, €55,000, 3yo, 5.5f, 1:04.23, vsft. 1-Polyvega (IRE), 122, b f, 3..........€27,500 Lope de Vega (IRE)-Polydream (IRE), by Oasis Dream (GB)

O-Wertheimer & Frere, B-Wertheimer Et Frere (IRE), T-FERLAND CHRISTOPHE, J-GUYON MAXIME

- 2-Hot Darling (IRE), 122, b f, 3 .....€11,000 Too Darn Hot (GB)-Boater (IRE), by Helmet (AUS)
- O-NÜRLAN BIZAKOV, B-Rabbah Bloodstock Limited (IRE), T-BARATTI MARIO, J-DEMURO CRISTIAN

**Sale History:** 2024 TATHDO, \$615,331, 2023 TATOC3, \$32,320.

3-Mehmist (FR), 126, b c, 3 ...........€8,250 Mehmas (IRE)-A Mist Opportunity (AUS), by Foxwedge (AUS) O-Haras d'Etreham, B-HARAS D'ETRE-HAM & KATELANIS BLOODSTOCK (FR), T-LE ROCH NICOLAS, J-LEMAITRE AU-

Sale History: 2023 ARQAUG, (\$81,546 RNA). Margins: 5, 2½, 2½. Others: Liberalised (GB), Markus, une pointure, blazing star.

RELIEN



Prancingthruparis wins the Irish O'Brien Stakes at Santa Anita Park

#### NON-BLACK TYPE STAKES

#### Blue Ribbon S.

Will Rogers Downs, 3/17, \$50,000, 3yo, f, 6f (dirt), 1:12.09, track fast.

- 1–Eireann, 122, gr/ro f, 3 .............\$29,838 Flat Out–Colombe, by Monarchos O–Buehrer, Mark W. and Dupy, Steve, B–Center Hills Farm & Randy Blair (OK), T–Mark W. Buehrer, J–Freddy Jose Man-
- 2-Elegant Echo, 122, dk b/br f, 3 ...\$9,946 Echo Town-Violation, by Violence O-Edward B. Melzer Revocable Trust, B-Circle Bar H LLC (OK), T-J. Alan Williams, J-Alex Birzer

**Sale History:** 2024 OBSJUN, \$55,000, 2023 FTKOCT, \$50,000, 2022 KEENOV, \$15,000.

3-Caleb's Finest, 122, dk b/br f, 3..\$5,470 Caleb's Posse-Team One, by Oratory O-Lori L. Bravo, B-Lori Bravo Lynn Chleborad / (OK), T-Francisco Bravo, J-Floyd Wethey Jr.

Margins: 1¼, 2¼, 4¼. Others: Penny Powers (\$2,984), Raspberry Martini (\$1,492), Competitive Bond (\$90), Imamidnightspecial (\$90), Little Iris (\$90). View Equibase Chart

#### ALLOWANCE RESULTS

#### Mahoning Valley Racecourse, Race 7, AOC

3/17, \$27,500, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f (dirt), 1:11.75, track

1–Silent Rule, 124, b f, 4, Street Boss–Modern Lady, by Candy Ride (ARG), \$23,500, 0–John Hoctel, B–T/C Stable, LLC (OH), T–Jay P. Bernardini, J–Brandon Tapara

Sale History: 2022 KEESEP, \$16,000.

Margin: 71/4, 6 starters. View Equibase Chart

#### Mahoning Valley Racecourse, Race 8, ALW

3/17, \$25,900, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f (dirt), 1:14.02, track muddy.

1—Ain't No Other, 124, gr/ro f, 4, Constitution—Life of Illusion, by Harlan's Holiday, \$15,540, O—Ryan Wolking, B—Tommy Town Thoroughbreds, LLC (KY), T—Robert C. Cline, J—Victor R. Fernandez

Margin: head, 7 starters. View Equibase Chart

#### Oaklawn Park, Race 9, ALW

3/16, \$130,000, 3yo/up, 6f (dirt), 1:10.93, track fast.
1–Touchdown Arkansas, 125, ch c, 4, Bee Jersey–
Jonesboro Polly, by Jonesboro, \$78,000, 0–Lewis E.
Mathews, Jr., B–Eugene Branum & Linda Branum
(AR), T–Thomas L. Van Berg, J–Francisco Arrieta
Sale History: 2022 FTK0CT, \$20,000.

Margin: 134, 12 starters. View Equibase Chart

#### Parx Racing, Race 8, AOC

3/17, \$42,000, 4yo/up, 6f (dirt), 1:12.04, track slop-

py.
1—Young Squire, 122, ch g, 5, Uptowncharlybrown—Ambling Rose, by Montbrook, \$25,200, O—Top Notch Racing, B—Uptowncharlybrown Stud LLC (PA), T—Esteban Padilla, J—Abner Adorno

Margin: 11/4, 4 starters. View Equibase Chart

#### Sam Houston Race Park, Race 7, ALW

3/16, \$34,500, 3yo, 6f (dirt), 1:11.77, track fast. 1–Tizabling, 122, gr/ro c, 3, Too Much Bling—Tiz Tiz, by Tiznow, \$24,840, O–Billy Clevenger, B–Billy Clevenger (TX), T–Matt Hebert, J–David Cabrera **Margin:** 2, 6 starters. **View Equibase Chart** 

#### Turf Paradise, Race 3, AOC

3/17, \$22,000, 3yo/up, 6f (dirt), 1:10.70, track fast.
1—Rhodesia, 122, b g, 6, Runhappy—Oil Empress, by
Empire Maker, \$13,200, O—Hayes, Brian, Gunnala,
Upendranath and Purple Rose Ranch, B—Wayne Lyster, Gray Lyster & Bryan Lyster (KY), T—M. L. Pierce,
J—Alex M. Cruz

Sale History: 2020 KEESEP, (\$85,000 RNA).

Margin: neck. 8 starters. View Equibase Chart



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#### Will Rogers Downs, Race 6, ALW

3/17, \$25,000, 3yo/up, 6f (dirt), 1:11.23, track fast. 1–Okie Smoke, 125, dk b/br g, 4, Caleb's Posse–Okie Smokey, by Cavvy, \$14,892, O–Juan Padilla, B–Richter Family Trust (OK), T–Juan Padilla, J–Richard E. Eramia

Margin: neck, 7 starters. View Equibase Chart

#### MAIDEN RESULTS

#### Aqueduct, Race 1, MCL

3/16, \$32,000, 3yo/up, 6f (dirt), 1:14.63, track fast. 1–Shakin the Belle, 125, dk b/br g, 5, Shakin It Up–Hickory Belle, by Unbridled Time, \$17,600, O–M.C. Stables and Rodriguez, Rudy R., B–Steve Prather (KY), T–Rudy R. Rodriguez, J–Carol Cedeno

Sale History: 2021 OBSOCT, (\$27,000 RNA).

Margin: 2½, 6 starters. View Equibase Chart

#### Santa Anita Park, Race 1, MSW

3/17, \$65,000, 4/5yo, 6f (turf), 1:09.74, course firm. 1–Razen the Stakes, 124, dk b/br g, 5, Grazen–Margie Blackjack, by Stormy Jack, \$39,000, 0–Guernsey, Jade H. and Osborne, Candice J., B–Paul Newhart and Craig Martin (CA), T–Anthony K. Saavedra, J–Abel Lezcano

Margin: neck, 6 starters. View Equibase Chart

#### Santa Anita Park, Race 5, MSW

3/16, \$65,000, 3/4/5yo, 8f (dirt), 1:37.01, track fast. 1–Extensive, 126, b c, 4, City of Light–Clothes Fall Off, by Daaher, \$39,000, 0–Cheyenne Stable LLC, B–Candy Meadows LLC (KY), T–Michael W. McCarthy, J–Kyle Frev

Margin: 3¾, 5 starters. View Equibase Chart

#### Santa Anita Park, Race 10, MSW

3/16, \$65,000, 3yo, f, 8f (turf), 1:36.16, course firm. 1–Brilliantly, 122, b f, 3, Uncle Mo–Slieve Mish, by Bernardini, \$39,000, 0–Pegram, Michael E., Watson, Karl and Weitman, Paul, B–Dr. Hartmut H Malluche & Silesia Farm (KY), T–Bob Baffert, J–Juan J. Hernandez

**Sale History:** 2023 KEESEP, \$500,000. **Margin:** 34, 9 starters. **View Equibase Chart** 

#### Will Rogers Downs, Race 8, MSW

3/17, \$22,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 5.5f (dirt), 1:05.56, track fast.

1–Vita's Song, 120, b f, 3, Wilburn–Levia Vita, by Ghostzapper, \$13,038, O–Lori L. Bravo, B–Francisco Bravo & Dale Schenian (OK), T–Francisco Bravo, J–Floyd Wethey Jr.

Margin: 131/2, 8 starters. View Equibase Chart

#### TUESDAY TRIVIA

**Answer:** Welder





## TODAY'S ENTRIES

#### WELDER S.

Will Rogers Downs, Tuesday, March 18, Race 5 6f (dirt), \$50,000, 3yo, 3:03 PM (local)

Р#	PP	Horse	Sire	Age/Sex	Jockey	Weight	M/L	Owner
1	1	Simmeron	Liaison	3/g	Obed Sanchez	122	12/1	Mark W. Buehrer and Steve Dupy
2	2	Tzedakah	Maimonides	3/g	Alfredo Triana, Jr.	122	6/1	Patrick E. Swan and Robert E. Lewis
3	3	John	Black Bear	3/c	Freddy Jose Manrrique	122	9/5	Black Hawk Stable (James Rogers)
4	4	Lucky Tapiture	Tapiture	3/g	Alex Birzer	122	8/1	Dusty Rose Ranch LLC
5	5	Mister Omaha	Omaha Beach	3/c	Luis S. Quinonez	122	4/5	Bryan Hawk

**Breeders:** 1–Center Hills Farm; 2–Don G. Trett; 3–James Rogers; 4–Dusty Rose Ranch, LLC; 5–Bryan Hawk. **Trainers:** 1–Mark W. Buehrer; 2–Patrick E. Swan; 3–Austin Gustafson; 4–Mark C. Lee; 5–Joe S. Offolter.

## **UPCOMING ENTRIES**

#### MELODY OF COLORS S.

Gulfstream Park, Sunday, March 23, Race 8 5f (turf), \$115,000, 3yo f, 4:20 PM (local)

P#PP	Horse	Sire	Age/Sex	Jockey	Weight	M/L	Owner
1	Shesinamood	Unified	3/f	Shaun Bridgmohan	118	-	Jude Madden
2	Make Haste	Blue Point	3/f	Irad Ortiz, Jr.	118	-	Gainesway Stable (Antony Beck) and LNJ Foxwoods (Larry Roth)
3	Thankfully	Tom's d'Etat	3/f	Paco Lopez	118	-	JR Ranch (Jose Aguirre)
4	Cloe	Tiz the Law	3/f	Luis Saez	118	-	Lugamo Racing Stable LLC (Luis Eduardo Gavignano)
5	Me Governor	The Factor	3/f	Jorge Ruiz	122	-	Danbro Farms, LLC
6	Le Amazonia	Practical Joke	3/f	Emisael Jaramillo	118	-	Vicente Stella Stables LLC (Vicente Stella)
7	Origami	Sioux Nation	3/f	Joel Rosario	118	-	JWS Racing LLV, Jeff Berk and David Grund
8	Laurice	Bolt d'Oro	3/f	Junior Alvarado	118	-	Bregman Family Racing LLC (Alexander Bregman)
9	Abientot	Not This Time	3/f	Dylan Davis	122	-	Tracy Farmer
10	Dare to Breeze	Daredevil	3/f	Tyler Gaffalione	118	-	Peter Deutsch

**Breeders:** 1—Haras Barlovento LLC; 2—Sheraton Bloodstock Limited; 3—SF Bloodstock LLC; 4—Crosshaven Bloodstock; 5—Mr. & Mrs. Mike Buckley & William Van Meter; 6—Team Block; 7—Myles Sunderland; 8—Vehbi Hakan Keles; 9—Killora Stud, LLC; 10—Mike G. Rutherford.

**Trainers:** 1-Melanie Giddings; 2-Christophe Clement; 3-Gustavo Delgado; 4-Jose Francisco D'Angelo; 5-Carlos A. David; 6-Oscar M. Gonzalez; 7-Jack Sisterson; 8-George Weaver; 9-Mark E. Casse; 10-Mark E. Casse.

