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PINHOOKERS KEEN AS GOFFS KICKS OFF NEW YEAR

Sale Report by **JAMIE MCGLYNN**



On the back of a busy week for the Irish bloodstock and racing industry, Kildare Paddocks welcomed its first sale of 2024, as the Goffs February Sale got underway on a crisp morning in Kill.

At the end of trade, 112 of the 188 offered lots were sold (60 per cent), with turnover finishing at €1,457,100, a drop of 30 per cent from the first day of last year's sale. The average was down 18 points to €13,014, though the median of €9,000 was the same as last year.



Yeomanstown Stud secured **Lot 189**, a yearling colt by **Havana Grey**, for a session-topping €85,000 from the consignment of Kellsgrange Stud yesterday.

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1	FRANKEL	16	9	£350,000
2	KINGMAN	15	8	£125,000
3	Into Mischief	14	6	\$250,000
4	Galileo	10	4	Deceased
5	Lope de Vega	10	2	€125,000
6	Quality Road	8	3	\$200,000

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GOFFS FEBRUARY SALE – DAY ONE

Lot	Age	Sire – Dam	Vendor	Purchaser	Price (€)
189	yc	HAVANA GREY – How High The Sky	Kellsgrange Stud	Yeomanstown Stud	85,000
148	yc	NO RISK AT ALL – Eccetera	Railstown Stud	Tally-Ho Stud/Hamish Macauley	75,000
201	yc	GALIWAY – Kenava	Drumloose Stables	Yeomanstown Stud	68,000
91	yc	HAVANA GREY – All Back To Mine	Drumloose Stables	Con Marnane	46,000
216	yf	KODI BEAR – Lina De Vega	Ballylinch Stud	Jane Davis/Michelle Connolly	46,000

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SPECULATORS KEEN ON HAVANA GREY

Headed by the Gr.1 Prix Morny and Gr.1 Middle Park Stake hero **Vandeeek, Havana Grey** has sired 15 individual Stakes winners from 184 runners, at a ratio of just over eight per cent. With yearlings by the sire averaging just over €110,000 last year, it came as no surprise to see a plethora of pinhookers follow yesterday's two offerings by the Whitsbury Manor Stud's high-flying sire into the ring. The Gr.1 Flying Five Stakes winner, who will stand this season for £55,000, sired the day's top lot in the

shape of **Lot 189**, who was bought by Yeomanstown Stud for €85,000. Consigned by Dermot Dwan's Kellsgrange Stud on behalf of breeders Whatton Manor Stud, the March-born colt is a half-brother to eight winners, including the 97-rated **Up Above (Bated Breath)**, who won a 5f Navan maiden for trainer Michael O'Callaghan. Their dam **How High The Sky (Danehill Dancer)** is an unraced half-sister to the Gr.3 winners **Homeland (Highest Honor)** and **High Rock (Rock Of Gibraltar)**, as well as the winning dam of the Gr.1 Poule d'Essai des Poulains winner and sire **Silver Frost (Verglas)**.

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They all sent mares to Dubawi's lookalike son **NAVAL CROWN** in 2023.

SHAMAN



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Archie Watson



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"He's a lovely horse," reported David O'Callaghan. "He's a great model, by a very good stallion, with a good dam line to back it all up. He'll be for resale and can go to any of those sales in the autumn, but we'll get him home and decide where to go later in the year."

Earlier in the day, Amy Marnane went to €46,000 to secure Drumloose Stables' colt by the sire. **Lot 91** is the third foal out of the **Dutch Art** mare **All Back To Mine**, who won two sprint handicaps when trained by Joseph Tuite, and hails from the immediate family of the Gr.3 Blue Wind Stakes heroine and Gr.1 Tattersalls Gold Cup third **Euphrasia (Windsor Knot)**, who will sell as **Lot 345** today.

Unsurprisingly, the colt was also purchased as a pinhooking prospect, as Amy Marnane outlined: *"He is a cracking colt. He is the best physical in the sale and he will come back for resale. We will decide what sale nearer the time, but if we had to keep him to breeze, we wouldn't mind."*

"We have seven Havana Greys at home for the breeze-ups and they are extremely nice horses. They have such good minds and a will to run, we can't have enough of them."

DRUMLOOSE STABLES TOPS OFF GOOD DAY WITH GALIWAY COLT

Having sold **Lot 91** earlier in the day, Simon Cavanagh and Aisling Noone's Drumloose Stables sold its only other offering, a **Galiway** colt (**Lot 201**) to Yeomanstown Stud for €68,000. The attractive chesnut is the third foal out of the **Kendargent** mare **Kenava**, who won an 1800m maiden when trained by Jean-Paul Gauvin. From the immediate family of the Gr.2 Sky Classic Stakes winner and sire **Lauro (Monsun)**, as well as the Gr.1-winning sires **Lando (Acatenango)** and **Laroche (Nebos)**, the colt has full-siblings in training with David Menuisier and Gavin Hernon.

There are nicks that work and then there is the **Galiway/Kendargent** cross. Granted, **Galiway** stands at Guy Pariente's Haras de Colleville and thus has had access to many of the well-bred and highly-rated **Kendargent** fillies, but with six Stakes winners from just 37 individual runners, a ratio of 19 per cent, including the Gr.1 Champion Stakes and Gr.1 Prix Jean-Luc Lagardere winner **Sealiway**, who will stand his second season at Haras de Beaumont for €12,000 this year, this is very much a



Hamish Macauley and Tally-Ho Stud went to €75,000 for **Lot 148**, a yearling colt by **No Risk At All**, consigned by Railstown Stud.

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working cross. Other Stakes performers bred on the cross include **Sealiway's** Gr.1 Criterium International-winning full-brother **Sunway**, the Gr.3 Prix La Rochette winner **Kenway**, who will stand his first season at David Stack's Coolagown Stud this year, as well as the Gr.3 Prix du Lys winner and sire **Rubis Vendome** and the dual Gr.1-winning hurdler **Gala Marceau**.

"He can go to any yearling sale in the autumn," reported David O'Callaghan. "He is a beautiful horse with a huge, athletic walk and is a great model. He's another by a very good sire and bred on the **Galiway/Kendargent** cross that has produced the Gr.1-winning full-brothers **Sealiway** and **Sunway**."

A consignment in its infancy, this isn't the first big result for Drumloose Stables. The consignment also sold a **Blue Bresil** gelding for €95,000 to Paul Holden at the Goffs Arkle Sale last year, a fact not lost on Noone, who added: "We have been very lucky here at Goffs in the short time we have been consigning."

"We sourced him privately in France and have him with a couple of friends. We liked everything about him. **Galiway** is such a good sire and can get you a top-class horse under both codes."

"He has always been a straightforward horse to look after. When he got here on Monday, he settled in straight away and has been a superstar since then. I don't think he has been in his box for more than ten minutes. Of all the horses we have offered, he has been the best we've had."

"Everyone you wanted to see come to the door did and the feedback was so positive. When you have a horse that is bought by judges like the O'Callaghans, then you know that you have something special!"

NO RISK AT ALL COLT TO TALLY-HO

Tally-Ho Stud and Hamish Macauley fought off a host of challengers for Railstown Stud's good-actioned **No Risk At All** colt (**Lot 148**). The partnership's final bid of €75,000 was enough to see off Gerry Hogan, who was taking instruction on the phone, for the April-born yearling colt. The second foal out of the **Fuisse** mare **Eccetera**, who won over hurdles at Fontainebleau when trained by Francois-Marie Cottin, his year-older half-brother by **Kapgarde** was a €62,000 foal purchase by Johnny Collins's Brown Island Stables at the Goffs December NH Sale in 2022. From the immediate family of the Gr.1 Tolworth Novices' Hurdle (now the Formy Novices' Hurdle) winner **Marcel (Bateau Rouge)**, **Eccetera** is a half-sister to **Vieux Lion Rouge (Sabiango)**, who won two editions of the Gr.3 (then) Becher Chase, as well as the pair of Listed-winning hurdlers **Azza (Great Pretender)** and **Reflexion (Discover D'Auteuil)**.

"I thought he was the best of what was on offer here today," said Macauley. "He's been bought with Tally-Ho Stud and he will be reoffered as a store."

WELL-BRED YEARLINGS IN DEMAND

Further lots of note included Ballylinch Stud's **Kodi Bear** filly, who was sold to Jane Davis and Michelle Connolly for €46,000. **Lot 216** is a half-sister to **Impact Warrior (Saxon Warrior)**, who won a Roscommon maiden on debut for Paddy Twomey, before being exported to the US, where she finished third in the Gr.1 Del Mar Oaks for trainer Philip D'Amato. Her dam is the Gr.3-placed **Lina De Vega (Lope De Vega)**, a half-sister to the Gr.1 Irish 1,000

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	2024	%	2023
Catalogued	231		259
Offered	188		216
Sold	112 (60%)		131 (61%)
Aggregate	1,457,600	-30	2,081,750
Average	13,014	-18	15,892
Median	9,000	=	9,000

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Guineas third **La Nuit Rose (Rainbow Quest)** and the winning dam of the Gr.1 Prix Jacques le Marois winner and sire **Al Wukair (Dream Ahead)**, out of the Gr.1 Prix de Diane heroine **Caerlina (Caerleon)**.

Earlier in the day, a colt from the first crop of Kildangan Stud's three-time Gr.1-winning sire **Space Blues (Dubawi)** was sold to Federico Barberini for €36,000. **Lot 175** is out of **Glorification (Champs Elysees)**, who has produced three winners from as many runners, including the Listed-placed **More Than Ready** filly **Huboor** and the five-time winner **Saligo Bay (New Bay)**. This is the immediate family of the 11-time Gr.1 winner **Enable (Nathaniel)** and the five-time Gr.1-winning sire **Flintshire (Dansili)**.

The sale continues at 10am today.

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51 c ex Tanit 13,000

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197 f ex Jodotville 10,000

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SPACE BLUES50 c ex Tallulah Bell WD
175 c ex Glorification 36,000**STARMAN**79 f ex What Endures 22,000
89 f ex Adelina 8,000
95 c ex American Spirit 11,000
120 f ex Cape Dollar 25,000
126 c ex Cin Cin n/s 14,000
128 f ex Commala 6,000
155 f ex Escape Proof v 8,000
195 f ex Ishimagic WD
210 c ex Lady Shanghai WD**SUPREMACY**106 c ex Beat Of My Heart n/s 8,000
119 c ex By Design n/s 3,500
147 f ex Ease The Jets WD
181 c ex Guajira 4,000
186 f ex High Shine 17,000**WITHDRAWALS****Today**

Lots: 225, 226, 228, 230, 233, 238, 241, 253, 261, 268, 271, 275, 278, 280, 281, 290, 298, 299, 300, 304, 312, 315, 322, 331, 332, 344, 350, 354, 355, 360, 375, 383, 387, 389, 410, 411, 416, 431, 431K

STUD NEWS**BRITAIN****CLASSIC HEROINE MAWJ RETIRED**

Godolphin has announced that the Gr.1 1,000 Guineas and Gr.1 Queen Elizabeth II Challenge Cup Stakes heroine **Mawj** has been retired and will now join its broodmare band.

The Godolphin homebred daughter of **Exceed And Excel** won the Gr.2 Duchess of Cambridge Stakes and placed in the Gr.1 Cheveley Park Stakes as a juvenile, before earning the biggest victory in the 1,000 Guineas at three, where she defeated the



Classic heroine **Mawj (Exceed And Excel)** has been retired from racing and will join Godolphin's broodmare band.

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four-time Gr.1 winner **Tahiyra (Siyouni)**. She returned to claim the Queen Elizabeth II Challenge Cup Stakes at Keeneland in the Autumn, providing trainer Saeed bin Suroor with a 500th Group success, before being beaten just a nose by fellow Godolphin-owned **Master Of The Seas (Dubawi)** in the Gr.1 Breeders' Cup Mile.

Out of the **New Approach** mare **Modern Ideals**, she is a half-sister to the five-time Gr.1 victor and sire **Modern Games (Dubawi)** and the Listed winner and Gr.3-placed **Modern News (Shamardal)**. Her dam is a half-sister to the Gr.1 Prix Jean-Luc Lagardere winner and sire **Ultra (Manduro)**.

INDUSTRY NEWS**BRITAIN****SHADWELL HONOURED AT 2023 STATISTICAL AWARDS**

The Thoroughbred Breeders' Association (TBA) has released details of its annual Flat statistical-based awards for 2023, with Shadwell announced as the winner of the Queen's Silver Cup for leading British-based Flat breeder.

The awards which are presented at the annual ceremony in July, are calculated from racecourse results throughout the calendar year and include both British and Irish statistics for British-based stallions and breeders.



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This is the third occasion that Sheikha Hissa's Shadwell operation has collected the award, the last back in 2005 and firstly in 1999. The distinctive blue and white colours were carried to Gr.1 success by numerous homebreds over the course of 2023, including **Al Husn**, **Hukum** and **Mostahdaf**. Others to add to the tally included **Mutasaabeq**, **Alflaila** and **Alyanaabi**.

Stephen Collins, European Bloodstock Manager for Shadwell, commented: "We are delighted to be the recipient of the Queen's Silver Cup for leading British-based breeder in 2023.

"It's a testament to Sheikh Hamdan's vision and legacy which is being carried on by Sheikha Hissa with great success and we are very much looking forward to this prestigious event later in the year. Last year is going to be hard to follow but hopefully Shadwell will have a successful 2024 with some promising horses coming through."

The Juddmonte operation came away from the statistical awards dual handed. Last year was another superb season for **Frankel** and he regained the BBA Silver Cigar Box (awarded to the Leading British-based stallion by earnings), having first won the prize two years previous. His son **Chaldean** collected the Gr.1 2,000 Guineas last May and joined his father at Banstead Manor ahead of the upcoming breeding season.

It was also notable for his daughters, including **Inspiral**, who captured the Gr.1 Prix Jacques le Marois, Gr.1 Sun Chariot Stakes and Gr.1 Breeders' Cup Filly & Mare Turf, whilst **Nashwa** took apart the Gr.1 Falmouth Stakes field.

The leading British-based stallion by Flat winners, the Barleythorpe Stud Silver Cup, went to **Kingman** who was represented on the track last year by over 100 winners, including



Darley's **Too Darn Hot (Dubawi)** was awarded the Tattersalls Silver Salver award in the 2023 TBA Statistical Awards.

the likes of standard-bearer **Kinross**. Whilst not counting towards his tally, the son of **Invincible Spirit** gained new Gr.1 winners abroad. Over in France, **Feed The Flame** (Gr.1 Grand Prix de Paris) and **Sauterne** (Gr.1 Prix du Moulin) were both top-level winners, whilst down in Australia, **Zardozi** (Gr.1 Kennedy Oaks) and **King Colorado** (Gr.1 J J Atkins) had their days in the spotlight.

The final TBA statistical award went to the Darley team as **Too Darn Hot** was crowned the leading British-based first-season sire by earnings to take the Tattersalls Silver Salver.

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Whitsbury Manor's **Havana Grey (Havana Gold)** earned the British EBF Stallion Special Merit Award for 2023.

The son of **Dubawi** and the high-class **Dar Re Mi** supplied a first-crop top-level winner in the shape of Steve Parkin's Gr.1 Moyglare Stud Stakes heroine, **Fallen Angel**. Another homebred, this time of Maurice Reegan's, **Darnation**, won the Gr.2 May Hill Stakes, whilst Shadwell's homebred, the aforementioned **Alyanaabi**, won the Gr.3 Somerville Tattersall Stakes.

Voted by an industry panel, **Havana Grey** was the recipient of the British European Breeders' Fund's Stallion Special Merit Award for results from the 2023 Flat racing season.

The British EBF Stallion Merit Award recognises British-based stallions that reward breeders through value for money, accessibility and performance, without, necessarily, the advantages of large books of mares or the high fees such popularity commands.

Rachel Linsell, British EBF, commented: "The British EBF are delighted to be sponsoring the Stallion Merit Award again this year which recognises the achievements of GB-based stallions that reward breeders through value for money, accessibility and performance. **Havana Grey**, the recipient of the award for the 2023 Flat season, produced his winners off a stud fee of between £6,000 - £8,000, providing great rewards for owners and breeders. As one of the panel put it: everything he has done has impressed so far."

The initial list of nominees is drawn from the British EBF supported Stallion Focus feature in the European Bloodstock News, which seeks to highlight milestones and notable performances in the British stallion ranks.

Whitsbury Manor Stud's **Havana Grey** in 2023 was represented by his first top-level winner in the shape of the Gr.1 Middle Park Stakes and Gr.1 Prix Morny hero **Vandeek**, Gr.2 July Stakes hero **Jasour**, as well as the Listed winner **Shouldvebeenaring**, who was also runner-up in the Gr.1 Haydock Park Sprint Cup and third in the Gr.1 Prix de la Foret.

Havana Grey was shortlisted for the award alongside **Cracksman**, **Golden Horn** and **Sea The Moon**.

All five awards will be presented at the annual TBA Flat Breeders' Awards Evening which will take place at Chippenham Park on Wednesday, 10th July 2024.

AWARD

Queen's Silver Cup
BBA Silver Cigar Box
Barleythorpe Stud Silver Cup
Tattersalls Silver Salver
British EBF Stallion Special Merit

WINNER

Shadwell
Frankel
Kingman
Too Darn Hot
Havana Grey

IRELAND

ITBA BREEDING SEMINAR

The Irish Thoroughbred Breeders Association (ITBA) and ITBA Next Generation held a highly successful Breeding Seminar on the eve of the Goffs February Sale on Tuesday, 6th February. The panel, hosted by Kevin Blake, entertained and informed over 200 in attendance as they talked about all things breeding.

The panel opened with a scenario of purchasing a mare, and it was Dermot Cantillon who was first called on to talk about his vast experience of what he looks for when buying breeding mares. Helena Burns followed with advice for breeding from older mares and Matt Coleman shared his experiences of purchasing on a budget. Barry Mahon and Cathal Beale rounded up the opening segment by looking at breeding mares and different stallion options.

The panel spoke about the realities involved with breeding, including costs of getting a mare in foal and keeping a mare and foal, what it takes to get an agent to look at stock at a sale, the health of the industry, and where we can see ourselves in the years to come.

The attendees engaged the panel with plenty of questions, asking about advice for prospective breeders, looking at ratings of mares, breeding from proven or unproven stallions, breeding from unraced, raced or black-type mares, and breeding from mares with wind issues.

A recording of the event will be available through the ITBA in the coming weeks. Coming up next in the Education Programme, ITBA will shortly announce the 'Ask The Expert' Series which will take place online during March, April and May and give attendees the opportunity to hear from different experts on a range of topics.



The ITBA Breeding Seminar panel, which was hosted by Kevin Blake at Goffs on Tuesday.



Spotlight on



Haras de Meautry

Baron Edouard de Rothschild's Haras de Meautry enjoyed one of its most successful years on the track in 2023 in recent times, with dual Gr.1 winner **Mqse De Sevigne (Siyouni)** and the highest-rated two-year-old colt in France and Classic hope **Alcantor (New Bay)**. The former is a homebred, descended from the small, quality broodmare band that is the result of generations of selection, and the latter a foal purchase. The stud has been managed by Nick Bell since 2008, when Rothschild inherited Haras de Meautry from his late father, Baron Guy de Rothschild. Nick Bell discusses the mating plans for this elite French operation, writes *Lizzy Sainty*.

The stalwart queen of the Haras de Meautry broodmare band, **Penne (Sevres Rose)**, produced the multiple Gr.1 winner **Meandre (Slickly)**, her first foal. He took four wins at the highest level between 2011-2013 and was placed 11 times at Stakes level. It was nine years and ten months later that this mare, a daughter of **Une Pensee (Kenmare)** and **Sevres Rose (Caerleon)**, both bred by Baron Guy de Rothschild, enjoyed a new Gr.1 win. **Mqse De Sevigne** won, fittingly, the Gr.1 Prix Rothschild at Deauville, taking the Gr.1 Prix Jean Romanet at the same track just three weeks later.

Penne will head to Ireland for what is likely to be her final mating this winter, as Bell explains: "*Penne is getting on in years now, and if she were in foal, we would probably retire her. She went in foal to Siyouni last year, and that was after two years of trying very, very hard with her. However, unfortunately she had twins right on top of one another and we lost both. She looks great at 21 years of age, so we thought it was worth trying once more.*"

"We chose to send her to a young son of **Siyouni** in **St Mark's Basilica**, who has excellent fertility. She's a complicated mare to get in foal; when she comes into season and she's clean it's only for a day, so you have to cover her straight away. She's at Coolmore now, and we are hopeful she will go in foal. We don't usually use unproven sires, but she's a bit of an exception."

Penne is by the unraced, but beautifully bred, **Sevres Rose** who stood at Meautry, where he was bred. He has 22 daughters registered at stud who have to date produced 54 runners for an impressive 32 winners and four Stakes winners. "He is still here on the stud at the age of 31", says Bell, "although he takes a long time to walk to his paddock these days. Considering he had very limited opportunities – at the time France Galop had a rule that unraced sires could only cover, I think, 15 in a season – he did very well. When you look at the lists of broodmare sires at the end of the year, he's usually there with a couple of Group winners!"

Mqse De Sevigne gave Baron Edouard de Rothschild his first Gr.1 win in his colours since **Elliptique (New Approach)** in 2016 when taking the Prix Rothschild – a race that the Haras de Meautry champion **Esoterique (Danhill Dancer)** also won in 2014. **Mqse De Sevigne** became the first mare to achieve the Gr.1 double of the Rothschild – Jean Romanet since the inauguration of the latter race in 2004. "*Mqse De Sevigne will stay in training as a five-year-old and will probably run in the same sort of races as last year*", reveals



Nick Bell.

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Bell. "*She will make a very nice mare when she retires. Andre [Fabre] seems to think that with another year on her, she'll be bigger and stronger, and Edouard likes to keep the good ones in training anyway.*"

Penne's legacy is also upheld by three more of her daughters already in the broodmare band at Meautry. Bell explains: "*Pensee Spirituelle will go to New Bay – her first foal was a Gleneagles colt [Anaxarque] that was very small, but is in training with Stephane Wattel and his trainer is pleased with him. She has a Saxon Warrior two-year-old filly with Mikel Delzangles who is a nice type, and a yearling colt by Iffraaj. Dogma has been a bit of a problem child. She was a much better filly on the all-weather than the turf. She only has one ovary, so she's a bit of a difficult breeder. She had a four-time winner by Power in Germany, and she has an Iffraaj two-year-old called Mqse De La Grange with Stephane Wattel. She will be covered by City Light – again following the Siyouni line. She's difficult to get in foal, so we wanted to keep her here in France. Finally, Une Fausse Venus, by Saxon Warrior, is an unraced daughter of Penne. She was very fragile. She is in foal to Mehmas on a very late cover as she didn't take to Kodiak. As she's a young mare we will probably rest her this year.*"

The great racemare **Esoterique**, winner of the Gr.1s Sun Chariot Stakes, Prix Jacques le Marois and Prix Rothschild and second in the Queen Anne Stakes, Poule d'Essai des Pouliches and Prix Maurice de Gheest, has just had one to race since her retirement to stud in 2017. Plagued by fertility issues, she produced a **Galileo** colt, **Ingres**, who ran without success. However, eyes are firmly on the future for this globetrotting mare, as Bell reveals:

"*Esoterique always had problems with her ovaries, even in training, so we knew that it was going to be difficult breeding with her. She's in foal to Kingman on a late cover date, so we will keep her in France and give her one pop to Siyouni and hope that she goes in foal. If she doesn't it's not the end of the world, we can start back in February next year. Normally we would rest her, but seeing as she is so difficult to get in foal we will at least give her a chance. She has two by Kingman on the ground – a two-year-old colt with Fabre called King Esoterique, and a yearling filly so there's plenty to look forward to for her. She's done well with Kingman, he's got the job done!*"

"We don't have a lot of fillies from this family, which was why it was so important that **Esoterique** had a filly. **Dievotchka (Dancing Brave)** produced a lot of colts, as did **Russian Hill (Indian Ridge)**. We have **Baba Yaga**, out of **Russian Hill** and by **Charm Spirit**, who is in foal to **Churchill** and is going to **Zarak**, and **Mqse De Masquarille**, a **No Nay Never** filly who was disappointing on the track, and will visit **Galiway**."

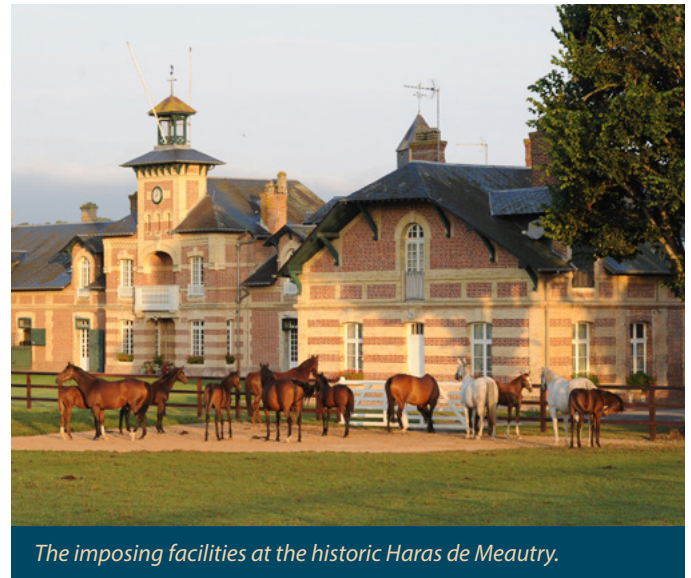
The Colleville sire crops up frequently at Haras de Meautry, as does leading French sires **Kendargent** and **Le Havre**. Bell says: "We use **Galiway** an awful lot: **Baba Yaga** has a filly by **Galiway** named **Belise**, who won last year as a two-year-old and has just gone back to **Stephane Wattel** after her break, he likes her a lot. She has a two-year-old full-brother also going to **Stephane**. The good thing about **Galiway** is that he gets good-looking stock and there are not many excuses if they are no good. He's a very good stallion to send a young mare to because if she can't produce a winner by him it might be a sign that your mare is no good. We used **Kendargent** in much the same way. It's why we don't use many unproven sires; if you go to them, you don't know if it's the mare or the sire who is no good for many years. So, we tend to try and use stallions like him as much as possible. **Le Havre** is another example, we have a lot of mares and fillies by him. Others that are going to local stallions include foal purchase **Philaminte**, who is by **Roaring Lion** out of a **Galileo** mare [**Persian Sky**] and bred by Haras de Montaigu. She will visit **Muhaarar**. **Ogidine**, by **Le Havre**, can't travel far as she shattered a joint at two and spent an entire year in the box. She has a nice three-year-old filly by **Kendargent**, a **Goken** two-year-old and a very nice **Zarak** colt yearling. She is in foal to **Almanzor** and visits **Persian King**."

Altruiste, a half-sister to **Urban Sea**, was a nine million Franc purchase by the late Baron de Rothschild. This family is owned in partnership with the late Lady O'Reilly's Petra Bloodstock. Her best daughter, **Alpine Snow (Verglas)**, won the Listed Prix Urban Sea and at stud has produced the Gr.2 Prix Corrida winner **Armande (Sea The Stars)**. "**Alpine Snow** was empty to **Ghaiyyath** last year and is going back to him this year", says Bell. "She's getting on a bit now, and her last few foals haven't been very correct."

"Her daughter **Armande**, owned in partnership with Skymarc Farm, is the most important mare of this family. She was barren to **Wootton Bassett** last year and is going back to him this year. She didn't have a very promising start to her broodmare career; she had a foal with a lot of cysts. However, she then produced **Mr Moliere (Kingman)**; he was born without testicles, one in the abdomen and one in the canal. He was eventually operated on to remove them hence why he is a gelding. He won a Listed race last year and was Group-placed – he should have probably won a Group race at Deauville but was squeezed on the rail and had no space. He came back to the stud over the winter and he's bigger and stronger, he's a mature horse now. We hope he will be a nice horse this year at four, and there should be some good opportunities for him. His full-sister, **Mlle Moliere**, won her first two starts [including the coveted Prix des Marettes at Deauville], and then ran in the Gr.3 Prix d'Aumale, but was a bit disappointing – they found out afterwards that she was sick. So there's lots to look forward to with her this year too. She has a very nice two-year-old this year by **No Nay Never** called **Mme De Pompadour**. **Armande** is one of our big hopes, so we are looking forward to the future with her."

Also from this family is the **Wootton Bassett** four-year-old mare **Anne De Cleves**, who is in foal to **Sea The Stars** and visits **Night Of Thunder**. Third in the Gr.3 Prix Penelope, she is out of **Alcandre (Fastnet Rock)**. **Ascagne (Siyouni)**, a daughter of Stakes performer **Ambivalence** goes to **Galiway**. **Amaranthe (Mastercraftsman)** out of **Alkania (Dalakhani)** will visit **Calyx**.

Victorine is the fifth generation bred by Rothschild's Ecurie de Meautry, with her pedigree harking back to the **Naevus** mare



The imposing facilities at the historic Haras de Meautry.

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Bouche Bee, who coincidentally was Group-placed in France for John Hammond before returning to the US where she produced the four-time winner **Affirm Miss (Sky Classic)**. **Victorine** is the first Stakes winner from this family in three generations, taking the Listed Prix Melisandre for trainer Henri-Alex Pantall. Bell continues: "**Victorine** is a **Le Havre** mare who was Stakes-placed over in the US and a Listed winner in France. She's in foal to **Kingman** and is visiting **New Bay**. She has a **Siyouni** two-year-old and a three-year-old by **Kitten's Joy** called **Vcte De Jodelet**, who hasn't run yet. He's a lovely-looking horse, but he was a late foal and has had a couple of problems, so he didn't get to the track at two. He should be out reasonably early on this year. She's a nice mare and we've invested quite a bit of money in her matings."

The smart racemare **Palombe (Nathaniel)**, Listed winner and multiple Group-placed, is due to foal to **St Mark's Basilica** and will visit **Too Darn Hot**. Bell explains: "**Palombe** is from the family of **Grey Lilas**; we bought her dam, **Grey Lily**. She was second in the Gr.2 [then] Prix de Royallieu. Her first foal was no good, but she then produced a filly by **Kodiac** called **Mme Jourdain**. She was big and tall, and we gave her masses of time. She debuted at Compiègne and ran a cracker to finish second, then won at Deauville. She should be a much nicer three-year-old this year. **Palombe** also has a **Wootton Bassett** filly that has gone to **Andre [Fabre]**. Unusually for **Wootton Bassett** she is also quite tall. She also has quite a bit of character, but everyone at the yard and the pre-trainer really likes her."

Uryale (Kendor), who was bred by Aliette and Gille Forien, was a yearling purchase by the late Baron Guy de Rothschild in 1999. At stud, she produced the Gr.1 winner **Elliptique** as well as multiple Stakes winner **Cicerole (Barathea)** and **Miryale (Anabaa)**, dam of Gr.1 performer **Afandem**. **Uryale** is represented at Meautry by her daughter **Danaide (Rajsaman)**, explains Bell: "**Danaide** wasn't exactly brilliant on the track, but she won a couple of times. She's by **Rajsaman** and quite small but she's the only mare we have out of **Uryale**. She's in foal to **Masar** this year, trying to reproduce the **New Approach** cross of **Elliptique**, and she goes to **Harry Angel** this year. She hasn't had a runner yet; her first foal last year was by **Galiway**."

Haras de Meautry can look forward to seeing not only their new generation on the track in 2024 alongside their dual Gr.1-winning filly, but also one of the favourites for the summer Classics in **Alcantor**: "Last year was an incredible one on the track for us", says Bell, "we had the best two-year-old colt in France with **Alcantor** – we are sending two mares to **New Bay** on the strength of him – and the best older filly in France with **Mqse De Sevigny**. For us, that's really something as we are quite a small operation."

The Industry's Young Bloods



Name: KAJSA LINDSJÖ • Age: 28

SWEDISH TRAINER – First year with a professional licence

Interview by XANDER BRETT

Did you grow up around horses?

My family have always had horses. Firstly, it was a bunch of ex racehorses. Then, when I was old enough, I got my first pony. She was a Shetland, and she taught me so much... from how to stay on while she was going full rodeo, to how to overcome stubbornness. My second pony was a Gotland, a native Swedish breed. It turned out that this pony had the perfect pedigree for trotting races, so that was my entry to trotting. I had up to 15 trotting ponies to train and break in. I was 14 at the time. Combining that with school, homework and everything else, it taught me a great deal about hard work. Even if I did not have a lot of spare time (none actually!), I loved every bit of it. Horses have always been everything to me.

Trotting has a much stronger following than thoroughbred racing in Sweden. Do you miss the large crowds, and being involved in a sport that is in the national consciousness?

Racing in the UK and trotting in Sweden have similar followings. Thoroughbred racing in Sweden, though, has many issues that it needs to overcome... from getting the public to go racing, to getting new owners to promote the sport. That said, I wish people knew that we actually have quite good prize money for moderate races. If you have a horse who is consistent and sound, but just not good enough for higher classes, Sweden is probably the place for you. We also have a generous breeding bonus programme. Swedish-bred horses earn between 30 and 40 per cent on top of prize money.

Do you think you will ever go back to the trotting, or are you all about racing now?

The hours in a trotting yard are very different. In a trotting yard, you work between eight and 12 hours every day with just a short lunch break. It is a great sport, and the love of horses is amazing. A groom normally has around eight horses to look after. They exercise them and go racing with them. The horses become everything to them. That sort of care is amazing, and it is something that I have brought with me to my yard. Instead of having one person for each job (a groom, exercise rider, travelling head lad etc), I am always looking for people who want to learn as much as possible about everything. To watch, feel, listen and see everything is impossible, but together we can be a great team and get it all done even better. I like and enjoy trotting, but racing is closer to my heart.

After moving to racing, you became an apprentice jockey to Hans Adielsson. What made you switch to training?

In 2016, I took out my apprentice licence. Two years later, I was Champion Apprentice in Sweden. That was my final year riding. Mr Adielsson was a great teacher. He was tough, and it was hard work, but I learned so much in a short period of time. Mr Adielsson would time every piece of fast work we did, driving alongside us in his car. After a while he could tell me what fractions to do, and I would nail it. Mr Adielsson was also amazing to ride races for. He would never blame the jockey. Instead, his idea was that it was his decision to put the jockey on the horse. If the jockey screwed up, it would come back to him. That meant I was brave enough to make my own decisions, knowing that I would never get told off after the race. It is something I now replicate as a trainer myself.



Johanna Friberg

Where is your yard located, and how many horses do you have in training?

At the moment, I have about 20 horses in the yard. It would be great to reach 25 or 30, then keep it there with some quality offerings. To have a variety of horses and owners is important, as it ensures that there is something for everyone. Every morning, all our horses go out in the paddock. That is something I pride myself on, and I know that it is not common everywhere. Most Swedish trainers are based at our racecourses. I never wanted to be, though. In the summer of 2022, I was out walking in a forest with our dogs. I came across a perfect exercise track. It was a 1800m straight sand track, similar to those in Chantilly. I remember saying: "This is where I want to train racehorses". Now I do.

Could you tell us a bit more about becoming a trainer, and why you wanted to go it alone at such a young age?

I have always preferred yard to time at the racecourse. The horse who really made me think I would prefer training to riding was a gelding at Mr Adielsson's.

The horse struggled to keep sound, and he had lost his spirit in races. I had all these ideas as to why he did not run at full capacity. I bought the horse from his owner, and I changed everything: feed, farrier, training. I followed my gut feeling. Next season, he won three races for me. After the 2018 season, Mr Adielsson decided to retire. He asked me whether I wanted to take over his yard. I said no, and it is a decision I will never regret, even if it would have been the perfect way in. I was 22 at the time, and I had never experienced racing outside Scandinavia.

Which leads us to your time in the UK...

I had some contacts who arranged for me to go to England and work a month with Ed Walker. That month turned into more than three years. I loved working for Ed. He is not just a good trainer, but a very good leader. He looks after his staff, gives them credit when deserved, and if you want to learn or get experience somewhere else, he is always there to help. Over the years, I got to ride some very nice horses, to travel with our runners, and to work with some of the best jockeys around. That is more than I could ever have dreamed of.

You created a special bond with Ed's filly Royal Intervention (Exceed And Excel), owned by Lord Lloyd Webber. What made you fall in love with her?

The first month I worked for Ed, I started to ride a three-year-old chestnut filly who had just come back from a break. The first weeks were just trotting, but I remember the first day I was asked to canter her. Ed and some staff warned me about how strong the horse was, and how I was to do anything I could to not have her bolt on me. We got on to the gallops and the little filly just lobbed away on long loopy reins. Ed could not believe his eyes. She was very quirky, but she always made things worth it in the end. The Lloyd Webbers were great. When **Royal Intervention** was retired, I could go and visit her at Watership Down. Now it will be exciting to follow her first offspring by **Lope De Vega**.

Royal Intervention took you to Baden-Baden, and you have also ridden track work in the Middle East. Which international experiences particularly stick with you?

For me, one of the best things in this game is to have the opportunity to

travel. The Middle East was a great experience, especially Saudi Arabia (I was there in the first year that they hosted the Saudi Cup). Baden-Baden, meanwhile, was such a welcoming track. The crowd were engaged, and it was a great atmosphere. I really miss that atmosphere over here. I feel we do not really give our owners an exciting racing experience, nor do we take care of them in the same way that they do abroad.

I presume you hope to travel in your training career?

It is a seven-hour drive between our two most important racecourses, Jägersro in Malmö and Bro Park near Stockholm. From Malmö to Hamburg, it is only five and half hours. France is not too far either. So, it would be fun to travel around Europe, and hopefully in the near future I can send out some runners and give it a try.

But, relatively speaking, you're in easy reach of tracks in all three Scandinavian countries. Which is your favourite?

After Jägersro, our second nearest is Klampenborg in Copenhagen. If you ask anyone which Scandinavian racecourse you get the best experience at, I think they would all say Klampenborg. The track can be challenging for horses and riders, but as a racegoer it is great fun. Klampenborg is the track I bring owners to. Another racecourse I enjoy, but probably more as a jockey and trainer than as racegoer, is Gothenburg. It is a fair racecourse, and it is often in perfect shape. You can ride some really smart races there, once you get to know the track. Both Klampenborg and Gothenburg are turf tracks. I have had more success sending my runners to race on turf, rather than dirt.

Scandinavian racing is dominated by a small collection of top trainers (Niels Petersen, Lennart Reuterskiold Jr, Annike Bye Hansen etc). Do you worry about taking on such giants of the sport?

Those trainers are some of the greatest in Scandinavia, with many years of experience. Of course, it would be great to one day make it on to that list and to have horses fit for our biggest races. For me, one of the best things about racing in Scandinavia is that because the sport is not very big, you can get a shot even if you are a small or new trainer. It is only a question of whether you have a talented horse.

There seems to be more female representation in Swedish racing than perhaps exists in other jurisdictions (both in the training and riding ranks).

Do you think that is true?

The whole of Scandinavia is a great place for girls to try out being riders. For the last couple of years, the only apprentices that we have had here have been girls. I feel it is a bit easier over here to get a first break as a girl. After that, of course, it is up to the individual to make the best of things. At the moment, I only have girls working for me in the yard. I normally use female jockeys too. As a girl, you always have to fight twice as hard to get what you want.

What is your favourite part of working in racing?

I love to work with the young horses, and to see them progress as they develop into racehorses.

... and least favourite?

On days when the Swedish winter hits, and you are working in a -15C snowstorm, I do question my choice of lifestyle! But those days are all worth it when the season starts in the spring, and when we start to send out runners again.

Who inspires you in racing?

I have always admired Aidan O'Brien for his knowledge and success. Another person I think is amazing, and who is doing so well, is Hollie Doyle. Her journey is exceptional, and as a woman I know how many doubters she has proved wrong.

... and outside racing?

Outside racing, Swedish footballer Zlatan Ibrahimović is a role model. Again, for his journey and achievements.

Finally, who are your dream dinner guests?

I'd invite Freddie Mercury, Michelle Obama and Queen Elizabeth II.

... and where would the dinner be held?

I would host it in the south of Sweden, on the coast, so that everyone could enjoy our country and its traditional dishes. Who would turn down the chance to try some herring and meatballs?!



AUSTRALIA

COOLMORE PURCHASES STORM BOY

Coolmore Australia last night confirmed the purchase of star juvenile **Storm Boy** in a deal that could escalate to A\$50m should the son of **Justify** win the Sydney juvenile Triple Crown, writes *Glen Latham*. With the Magic Millions 2YO Classic already on his CV, the three-start unbeaten colt is currently a heavy favourite for the Gr.1 Golden Slipper Stakes on 23rd March, success in which would see him progress to the Gr.1 ATC Sires' Produce and Gr.1 Champagne Stakes in two-week intervals. The colt will remain in training with Gai Waterhouse and Adrian Bott.

Coolmore Australia's Tom Magnier said of the purchase: *"We are extremely excited to secure **Storm Boy** with a great group of clients and friends from all over the world. His performance in the Magic Millions had to be seen to be believed. He had to do the work at both ends and broke his opponents' hearts in a similar way to what **Justify** himself did in his own racing career. We have had a close eye on this colt since his first trial and he has raised the bar each time he has been seen in public."*

When **Storm Boy** does make his way to Coolmore's Jerry's Farm property, he'll take with him a very strong pedigree. His dam **Pelican** won twice, once at Morphettville in Adelaide and another at Moonee Valley in Melbourne. She is a daughter of **Fastnet Rock** and the seven-time Gr.1 winner **Seachange (Cape Cross)**, the latter of whom is a half-sister to Gr.1 Levin Classic winner and Gr.1 New Zealand 1,000 Guineas runner-up **Keepa Cruisin (Keeper)**. It will be something of a homecoming for the colt, who was born and raised at Coolmore for breeder Rob McLure and his Morning Rise Stud.

RACING NEWS

SAUDI ARABIA

STAR NAMES SET FOR SAUDI CUP'S INTERNATIONAL JOCKEYS CHALLENGE

Three-time Gr.1 Melbourne Cup winner Damien Oliver will lock horns with some of the world's leading riders, including Ryan Moore, Ryusei Sakai and Maryline Eon, later this month in the International Jockey Challenge to be held on the Friday of the Saudi Cup weekend.

Fifty-one-year-old Oliver ended a glittering career in the saddle with victory in a race named in his honour in Perth on 16th December, but has now been enticed back into competitive action and will go up against 13 of the planet's best in the four-race competition on 23rd February.

The Hall of Famer will be looking to add to the 3,168 winners he rode during his 34-year career and emulates fellow countryman Glen Boss, who had also hung up his saddle before heading back to the weighing room for the competition in 2022.

The Australian, whose three Melbourne Cup wins came aboard **Dorismus** (1996), **Media Puzzle** (2002) and **Fiorente** (2013) faces competition from jockeys out of the UK, France, the USA, South Africa, New Zealand and Japan in what promises to be a high-class international showdown.

HRH Prince Bandar bin Khalid Alfaisal, Chairman of the Jockey Club of Saudi Arabia, extended a warm welcome to all jockeys competing in the International Jockeys Challenge.

"The jockeys challenge on the Friday of Saudi Cup weekend is always one of the event highlights for me," he said.

"We are justifiably proud of the variety of racing showcased across the two days. To be in a position to offer a global stage to 14 of the world's best jockeys, seven men and seven women, is highly gratifying."

"We wish the best of luck to all the jockeys competing and hope that their feats on the racecourse serve to inspire new generations of riders both in Saudi Arabia and beyond."

Joining Oliver in the starting gates is the three-time UK champion Moore, who was once again voted the Longines World Best Jockey at a ceremony in Hong Kong at the end of 2023.

Moore competes in the IJC for the first time, having won races at the highest level in the UK, France, America, Japan, Hong Kong, UAE, Ireland, Germany, Canada and Australia.

He is one of five international men recruited to the competition, alongside two domestic stars in the form of eight-time Saudi Champion Camilo Ospina and current title holder Adel Alfouraidi.

The female jockeys include France's Eon, who was in 2017 the first female to participate in the Gr.1 Prix de Diane, a year after being voted the country's top female rider.

She is joined by New Zealand's returning Lisa Allpress, who starred in 2020 when she became the first woman to win a Flat race in Saudi Arabia.

Allpress is a four-time leading rider in her home country, with further antipodean interest coming from the Sydney-based Alysha Collet, who boasts more than 700 wins to her name.

The USA is represented by Katie Davies, a rider hailing from a legendary family of jockeys. She had a breakout year in 2023 upon returning from becoming a mother. The US challenge is boosted by Luis Saez, winner of more than 3,000 races and more than \$165m who returns to defend his 2023 IJC crown.

Current French champion jockey Maxime Guyon and Japan's Ryusei Sakai, who is no stranger to success in Saudi Arabia having steered **Bathrat Leon (Kizuna)** to victory in last year's Gr.3 1351 Turf Sprint, will also take part in King Abdulaziz Racecourse's fifth IJC.

Rachel Venniker rode 70 winners in 2021/22 to become South Africa's champion apprentice and is currently the only woman riding in that jurisdiction. The KwaZulu-Natal native will line up alongside Brazil's Victoria Mota. Mota, the 24-year-old daughter of top Brazilian jockey Alex Mota, won on her very first ride, was champion apprentice in 2016/17 and has now ridden over 250 winners.

Bred along similar lines to Mota, Britain's Saffie Osborne is the final name to be announced and the daughter of UK trainer and former jockey Jamie. She has more than 160 wins to her name and was part of the female team which triumphed at last year's Shergar Cup competition at Ascot.

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FASIG-TIPTON WINTER MIXED SALE – DAY TWO

Lot	Age/Sex	Name (Sire) Covering Sire / Sire – Dam	Vendor	Purchaser	Price (\$)
536	14m	ZETTA Z (Bernardini) Cyberknife	Grovendale Sales	Coolmore	2,000,000
476	8m	BELL'S THE ONE (Majesticperfection)	Vinery Sales	Catherine Hudson	1,300,000
485	7m	SHE CAN'T SING (Bernardini)	Vinery Sales	Hill 'n' Dale at Xalapa	1,100,000
494	yc	INTO MISCHIEF – Distorted Music	Taylor Made Sales Agency	North Ocean Equine	650,000

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FASIG-TIPTON

COOLMORE SWOOP FOR
DAM OF NYSOS TO TOP TRADE

There were fireworks on the second and final day of the Fasig-Tipton Winter Mixed February Sale as three mares made seven figures in the ring. They were led by the Grovendale Sales-consigned **Zetta Z**, who topped the sale when sold to Coolmore Stud for \$2m.

The 14-year-old daughter of **Bernardini**, who entered the ring as **Lot 536**, has already produced two black-type performers. The first, **Attabe (Distorted Humor)**, placed at Listed level, while the second is the promising unbeaten dual Gr.3 winner **Nyos (Nyquist)**, whose performance in the recent Gr.3 Robert Lewis Stakes earned rave reviews. She was offered in foal to Spendthrift Farm's **Cyberknife**.

The second most expensive offering was Vinery Sales's **Bell's The One**, consigned as **Lot 476** from the complete dispersal of Lothenbach Stables. The Gr.1 Derby City Distaff Stakes heroine is out of a half-sister to the Gr.2 winner and sire **Tap Day (Pleasant Tap)**, and was knocked down to Catherine Hudson for \$1.3m.



Day two of the Fasig-Tipton February Sale was topped by the Grovendale Sales-consigned **Bernardini** mare **Zetta Z**, who sold to Coolmore for \$2m as **Lot 536**. © Fasig-Tipton

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DAY TWO STATISTICS (\$)

	2024	%	2023
Catalogued	236		294
Offered	196		241
Sold	175 (89%)		211 (88%)
Aggregate	13,756,000	+63	8,444,900
Average	78,606	+96	40,023
Median	19,000	-5	20,000

CUMULATIVE STATISTICS (\$)

	2024	%	2023
Catalogued	536		594
Offered	433		472
Sold	372 (86%)		402 (84%)
Aggregate	21,687,000	+54	14,105,200
Average	58,298	+66	35,088
Median	17,000	+13	15,000

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The third seven-figure mare, **She Can't Sing**, continued the trend of **Bernardini** mares being in demand at the February Sale. Another to be consigned by Vinery Sales from the Lothenbach Stables dispersal, the Gr.3 Chilukki Stakes victrix entered the ring



Another millionaire mare was the Vinery Sales-consigned **She Can't Sing (Bernardini)**, who sold to Hill 'n' Dale for \$1.1m as **Lot 485**. © Fasig-Tipton

as **Lot 485** and was purchased by Hill 'n' Dale for \$1.1m. She is from the family of the Gr.1 heroines **Music Note (A P Indy)** and **Musical Chimes (In Excess)**.

Another in demand lot from the Lothenbach Stables dispersal, but this time offered by Taylor Made Sales Agency, was a yearling colt by **Into Mischief**. Catalogued as **Lot 494**, the half-brother to the aforementioned **She Can't Sing** was knocked down to North Ocean Equine for \$650,000.

Rounding out the top five lots sold during the second and final session of the Fasig-Tipton Winter Mixed February Sale was another offering from the Lothenbach Stables dispersal, the Stakes winner and Gr.2-placed **Audrey's Time**. The daughter of **Uncle Mo** was offered in foal to **Into Mischief** as **Lot 474** and had the Imaginary Partners reaching for \$525,000.

EBF NATIONAL HUNT RESULTS

BRITAIN

Ludlow: Soft

EBF "NATIONAL HUNT" NOVICES' HURDLE, Ludlow, 2m, 4yo+, 1st £4,357, 2nd £2,007, 3rd £1,003



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- ROSSBRIDGE** (Ire), 5g,
Affinisea – Rossbridge Lass (Clerkenwell)
O: Kay & Steve Kent, **B:** Patrick Murphy, **T:** Donald McCain
not sold €6,500 2019 Tattersalls Ireland November NH Sale
consigned by Patrick H Murphy
€25,000 2022 Tattersalls Ireland May Store Sale
by Rob James, consigned by Patrick H Murphy
£40,000 2023 Tattersalls Cheltenham November Sale
by D McCain Racing, consigned by Rob James Racing
- The Grey Man** (GB), 3. **Jackpot Cash** (Fr)
Distances: 3l, 2¼l. 8 ran.

IRELAND

Fairyhouse: Heavy

EBF MARES BEGINNERS CHASE, Fairyhouse, 2m5½f, 5yo+ m, 1st €8,260, 2nd €2,660, 3rd €1,260



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- SAINTE DONA** (Fr), 7m,
Saint Des Saints – Dona Ballerina (Ballingarry)
O: Whitechurch Stud, **B:** SCEA Ecurie Elevage du Gade,
T: Thomas Cooper
- Jumping Jet** (Ire), 3. **Missiee** (Ire)
Distances: 26l, 68l. 6 ran.

YESTERDAY'S RACING REVIEW

BRITAIN

Kempton: Standard to Slow

6.00 KEMPTON, 3YO+ NOVICE, 7F AW

- NEWSREADER** (Ire), 3g,
Prince Of Lir – Kaplinsky (Fath)
O: News Team, **B:** John R Jeffers, **T:** Kevin Philippart De Foy
€23,000 **Goffs** November Foal Sale
by Sam Hoskins, consigned by Annfield House
45,000gns **Tattersalls** Somerville Yearling Sale
by Stroud Coleman Bloodstock,
consigned by Hegarty Bloodstock

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- Lessay** (Ire), 3. **Spirit Of The Rose** (GB)
Distances: 1¾l, 2¼l. 13 ran.

FRANCE

Cagnes-sur-Mer: All-Weather - Standard, Turf - 3.9 (Very Soft)

11.40 (GMT) CAGNES, 3YO MAIDEN, 1600M AW

- DARI RIVER** (Fr), 3f,
Dariyan – River Plate (Kamsin)
O/B: Mme Rebecca Shepard, **T:** Yann Barberot
- Noir Bleu** (Fr), 3. **Black Gangster** (Fr)
Distances: 1¼l, shd. 8 ran.

Dari River (Dariyan) was never too far off the leaders and travelled best approaching the 200m marker, where she soon hit the front and went a length clear to win a shade cosily at the second attempt.

She is the only runner out of the dual winner **River Plate (Kamsin)**. The second dam, the unraced **Bahri** mare **Rue Ravnigan**, produced one other winner and is a daughter of the Gr.2 Flying Childers Stakes winner and Gr.1 Cheveley Park Stakes-placed **Poker Chip (Bluebird)**. She is not only the dam of three winners, but is also the grandam of the talented Listed-placed hurdler **Leapaway**. This is the family of the multiple Gr.3 winner and top Italian sprinter **Pleasure Place**.

River Plate has a two-year-old filly by **Zarak** named **Rivera** (€70,000 Arqana October Yearling Sale).

12.11 (GMT) CAGNES, 3YO MAIDEN, 1300M

- CHERI MAN** (Fr), 3c,
Cracksman – Cherisy (Le Havre)
O/B: Jean-Pierre-Joseph Dubois, **T:** Patrice Cottier
not sold €45,000 **ARQANA** October Yearling Sale
consigned by Haras des Capucines
- Roast Chestnut** (Ire), 3. **Lapointedespieds** (Fr)
Distances: ½l, 3l. 9 ran.

Cheri Man (Cracksman) tracked the leader, responded well to pressure to claim the lead over 200m from home and stayed on to shed his maiden tag at the third attempt.

He is the first foal out of the Listed Premio Bereguardo victrix **Cherisy (Le Havre)**, a half-sister to the Listed Prix La Sorellina winner **Cherierarch (Arch)**; dam of the Gr.3 winner **Welwal**, the Gr.3-placed **Epistrophy** and the Listed-placed **Chic Cherie**). The second dam is the Listed Dearly Precious Stakes winner and Gr.3-placed **Cherish Destiny (Grand Slam)**, a half-sister to the Listed-placed pair **Silver Chele (Cahill Road)** and **Princess Hiawatha (Petionville)**. The third dam is the winner **Silver Hiawatha (Silver Buck)** and the family also includes the Gr.1 winners **Grand Canyon**, **Jurado** (sire), **Champagne Glow**, **Ruler On Ice** and **Champagne D'Oro**.

ITALY

Naples: Good

2.25 (GMT) NAPLES, 3YO MAIDEN, 1800M

- MARCHES WARRIOR** (USA), 3f,
Mohaymen – Here's To Life (Into Mischief)
O: Maurizio Illuminati, **B:** Ernest Frohboese, **T:** Vincenzo Fazio
\$15,000 **Fasig-Tipton** Kentucky October Yearling Sale
by Shamington Farms,
consigned by Taylor Made Sales Agency

€27,000 Tattersalls Ireland Goresbridge **Breeze-Up** Sale
by Gianluca Concetti, consigned by MC Thoroughbreds



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2. **Meritable** (Ity), 3. **Ostilius** (Ire)

Distances: 1¼l, 1l. 12 ran.

The US-bred **Marches Warrior (Mohaymen)** relished the step up in trip to win on her fifth start. She set the pace and stayed on well to open her account.

She is the second foal and first winner out of the **Into Mischief** mare **Here's To Life**, a \$190,000 breeze-up purchase at the OBS March Sale. The second dam **Ruby's Realm (Empire Maker)** failed to reach a racecourse but produced the Gr.3 Tyros Stakes-placed winner **Currency Converter (Exchange Rate)**; who raced as **Double Valentine** in Hong Kong). The third dam **Ruby Ransom (Red Ransom)** is a half-sister to the Gr.1 Breeders' Cup Turf hero **Chief Bearhart (Chief's Crown)** and produced the multiple Gr.2 winner and Gr.1-placed **Strut The Stage (Theatrical)** and the Gr.3

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Lancashire Oaks winner and Gr.1 Yorkshire Oaks runner-up **Sacred Song** (Diesis; dam of the Gr.2 Prix Guillaume d'Ornano victor **Multidimensional**).

Here's To Life has a two-year-old filly by **Vekoma**, a yearling colt by **Honor A P** and was purchased for \$30,000 in foal to **McKinzie** by Rancho San Leonardo at the 2024 Keeneland January Sale. FRANCO RAIMONDI

STAKES FIELD

NATIONAL HUNT

BRITAIN

LR SIDNEY BANKS MEMORIAL NOVICES' HURDLE, Huntingdon, 2m3½f, 4yo+, 1st £17,085, 2nd £6,411, 3rd £3,210, **2.50pm**

JANGO BAIE (Fr), 5g,

Tiger Groom – Tennessee (Kapgarde)

DIAMOND RI (Ire), 5g,

Diamond Boy – Quaspia (Fragrant Mix)

BUGISE SEAGULL (Ire), 6g,

Mount Nelson – Golan Lady (Golan)

HANDSTANDS (Ire), 5g,

Getaway – Wattle Bridge (King's Theatre)

STALLIONS ROUND-UP

WINNERS BY BRITISH SIRES

BELARDO

Gonzalo (Tur), 4c, ex **Palena** (Tiger Hill)
Istanbul, Turkey, 24 Jan, 4yo+, hcap, 1500mT, £6,245
B: **Yigit Can Yazici**

Arigato (Fr), 3g, ex **Silvery Bay** (Numerous)
Cagnes-sur-Mer, France, 30 Jan, 3yo, claimer, 1600mAW, €8,500
B: **NBH Racing**

Fleur de Sel (Fr), 4f, ex **Guerande** (Diesis)
Pornichet, France, 30 Jan, 4yo, cond, 1700mAW, €9,000
B: **Haras du Cadran**

FRANKEL

Our Maryanne (Aus), 4f, ex **This Time Bridie** (More Than Ready)
Kensington, Australia, 31 Jan, 3yo+, hcap, 1550mT, A\$28,400
B: **Strawberry Hill Stud**

IFFRAAJ

Delsheer (Fr), 9g, ex **Rose et Noire** (Dansili)
Deauville, France, 26 Jan, 4yo+, hcap, 2500mAW, €11,000
B: **Ecurie des Charmes**

TOP TRIP

Jack Top (Fr), 4g, ex **Nana de Boitron** (Nickname)
Pau, France, 25 Jan, 4yo, clm chase, 3700mT, €9,200
B: **Ecurie Altima**

WINNERS BY GERMAN SIRES

COUNTERATTACK

Counter Command (Aus), 5g, ex **Whisper Of Hearts** (Duporth)
Cairns, Australia, 28 Jan, hcap, 1250mT
B: **Gainsborough Lodge**

SOLDIER HOLLOW

Antaios (Fr), 7g, ex **Aletheia** (Teofilo)
Deauville, France, 26 Jan, 4yo+, hcap, 2500mAW, €10,000
B: **Conzept Real Ag**

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