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HISA *Overview*

THE HORSE RACING INTEGRITY AND SAFETY AUTHORITY HISA

Q & A with David Ingordo



Q: What do you know about this entity (HISA) and what effect do you think it will have on the business of Thoroughbred racing?

A: We have been very involved with the implementation of HISA since it went into effect as a Federal law on July 1, 2022. The goal of HISA is to have uniform rules across the United States for Thoroughbred horse racing, for all of us to participate under, whether it's an owner, a trainer, a jockey, etc. The rules oversee safety, medication, and adjudicating of issues. I think that it will have a profound effect on our industry, as this is the first time in my lifetime that we have had a uniform set of rules, that if you are a trainer in CA and you go to KY, or a trainer in KY and go to NY, or reverse that, it will be known what you can and cannot do across the whole of US racing. This is something we have never had.

Once the initial setup of HISA is done, trainers, owners, jockeys, stable staff, will all find it a great benefit to the industry.

Q: What will be required of Belladonna and other racing entities as far as steps that will need to be taken to comply with HISA rules and procedures.

A: Nothing will be required of the owners other than to set up under HISA on-line, which is a pretty easy Registration. Once you're registered, that is it. The rest of it we take care of with the horse side. So

it's fairly a non-issue for someone being in a racing partnership.

Q: What recommendations, if any, would you give HISA with the intent to streamline the process for owners, trainers, veterinarians, and racetrack facilities?

A: So, HISA is a Federal law and it is under the Federal Trade Commission. They, HISA, took an idea that we were actually one of the co-authors of to create a Horsemen's Advisory Group (HAG), which I am a part of. The HAG is there to give HISA recommendations with the intention being to streamline the process, as the question asked. The HAG is made up of owners, trainers, vets, and different racing executives from high levels that have experience. We are trying to get a national license – it's not there yet but it's something we have recommended. We are in support of keeping Lasix, not in 2YO races or graded stakes, but for the rest of the horse population. We are trying to stop real cheating, not therapeutic overages. We are being heard because the first six months of HISA was up mid-year and we were asked to look at the rules and make recommendations. Those suggested changes all went in on May 26th this year. I think HISA is doing a good job of listening to us, the participants, and trying to make practical changes. The whole point of HISA to me is to have it be practical where we can ultimately race our horses.

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Q: How important is it to have unified set of medication regulation to allow for a race to take place under a comprehensive set of rules such as those presented by the Anti-Doping and Medication Control (ADMC).

A: The uniform medication rules is the #1 goal that HISA needs to achieve. And the ADMC is, to me, the #1 most important thing that HISA can do. There are actually two organizations: HISA and HIWU. HIWU is more of the drug testing, medication, control side of it. And we have been quite involved with that as well. We as an industry as a whole are running horses on the least amount of medication that we have ever run on in my lifetime. Both legal medications and illegal medications are curtailed more maybe than they ever have been. Much of that is due to the federal indictments back in 2020 (Jason Servis, Jorge Navarro).

Is our industry totally where it needs to be? No, but that's where the ADMC comes in and the people they've hired are very good at what they do. They come from the anti-doping world of professional human sports, and they come from the investigative arm of the FBI. I think the ADMC is going to be a great program, and having a uniform set of rules that a trainer like Cherie knows how to follow in each jurisdiction she's in. It doesn't matter what state you're in, you know this medication is permissible and usable up to this point and it's not a guessing game or reeducation in every state that a trainer goes to.

Q: What other knowledge can you share with us as far as the mission of HISA or the other programs that you feel beneficial to improving TB racing?

A: HISA's mission is to basically be a governing body of our sport for the rules that it has. I've mentioned earlier, there's going to be uniform rules across the country and these rules will be "The Law of the Land." Something interesting about HISA is, if KY has a rule and it's more strict or less strict than HISA's rule, it doesn't matter. HISA's rule is the rule. If HISA doesn't have a rule regarding a specific situation, then the state rule is what we will abide by. But HISA has a pretty robust catalog of rules, regulations. HISA has been painted as a bad guy by some of the horsemen's groups, and I actually don't think it is. I think they're going to have control, but I think they'll be more fair than people realize.

For instance, if you follow the sport, you'll see that FORTE had a positive for a medication overage back in September 2022 and it's only now being adjudicated in May 2023. Under HISA's rules, which on the medication side take in what are called the International Equine Federation Standards, they have thresholds which don't even trigger positives. So, FORTE is being charged with a positive that now under HISA would not even trip that because it's such a minute amount.

So, there are some positives going forward that are going to be huge for the industry and for us. And hopefully we will catch the bad guys who are trying to take advantage of the situation, and let people like us and others that do it right, to get back to where there is a level play.

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WINNING ON *Oaks Day!*



VAHVA driving for the win at Churchill



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VAHVA turned in an excellent performance at Churchill Downs on Kentucky Oaks Day, holding off a closing **UNDERVALUED ASSET** to win by a half-length.

Jockey Luis Saez let **VAHVA** collect herself after the break and sat right off the speed and the quick fractions. At one stage, he was behind **UNDERVALUED ASSET** and then used a little of **VAHVA**'s turn of foot to get outside of that rival. Turning for home, **VAHVA** began to pull away from the field and the eventual second-place finisher tried to come to her, but to no avail.

Saez commented, "I rode her a little more patient today and she did well. She likes Churchill Downs and the other filly, who is quite nice, was never getting past me."

Cherie commented "I'm so proud of **VAHVA**. Luis rode her perfectly and that was a very good field of horses. I'm glad for all the partners to win a race like this on Oaks Day."

VAHVA has plans to be busy this summer at Saratoga, with the August 5th Test S. (G1) as her primary goal. Per Cherie, "After watching the fillies run in the Eight Belles S. at Churchill, I think we are right there in that division. I'm going to give **VAHVA** two weeks of turn-out at Becky Maker's just to get her head down and eat some spring grass and let her put some weight on for this Saratoga campaign. She deserves a little break. There is nothing wrong with her, but if we want to be at our best for Saratoga, this is the best plan. **VAHVA** looks good out of the race."

LIFETIME RECORD: SP, 7-2-2-1, \$209,235



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RECAP OF RACING IN *May*

Blissful



Postnup



BLISSUL earned her second-best Beyer number when finishing a close third in a \$136K allowance at Churchill Downs on May 18th. She missed second by a scant nose and increased her record to 8-2-0-1, \$111,425.

POSTNUP made her second start of the season and finished third in an allowance race at Horseshoe Indianapolis on May 9th. She improved her record to 12-2-2-2, \$101,519.



Bout Time



Velocheetah

Stakes-winning **BOUT TIME**, making her first start in more than seven months, found running room in the final sixteenth of a 5.5-furlong turf allowance at Churchill Downs on May 27th, and squeezed her way into third at the wire. Her record now stands at 8-3-1-1, \$190,838.

VELOCHEETAH made her career debut at Horseshoe Indianapolis on Memorial Day, where she ran a very respectable second to a heavy favorite. She is a half-sister to our own stakes winner and three-time graded stakes-placed runner Bayerness. Race record currently 1-0-1-0, \$6,800

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FT MIDLANTIC 2YO PURCHASE



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2021 Colt, American Pharoah-Desert Isle

Purchased at Fasig-Tipton Midlantic 2YO Sale for \$180,000

Our Team traveled to Timonium, Maryland, for the Fasig-Tipton Midlantic May 2YO Sale and we came away with a well-bred American Pharoah colt. There were 600+ horses entered in this sale, and the catalog cover-boy was 2022 graduate MAGE, winner of this year's Kentucky Derby (G1).

Our newest addition for the Belladonna V partnership was presented as Hip 136 and posted a workmanlike breeze in :10.3. He is the first foal out of a young Bernardini mare named DESERT ISLE, who raced in the colors of her breeder, Sam-Son Farm, and for trainer Graham Motion. A frequent traveler, she tried five different tracks in 10 starts, winning three races and \$120,858. Her stakes victory came in the Zadracarta S. at Woodbine, one race after she set a new course record at Delaware Park. She was fourth to millionaire G1 winner Got Stormy in her final start, a stakes at Saratoga.

DESERT ISLE is out of a champion and a three-quarter sister to a champion. Her dam is Grade 2 winner EYE OF THE

SPHYNX (by Smart Strike), named 2004 Sovereign Award champion 3YO filly after a single season record of 7-4-2-0, \$688,340. As a broodmare, Eye of the Sphynx was even more impressive, having all seven foals become winners. Her top horse is 2009 Canadian 3YO champion EYE OF THE LEOPARD (A.P. Indy), who won the prestigious Queen's Plate.

DESERT ISLE has two other stakes-winning siblings by A.P. Indy: HOTEK earned over \$727K and was three times G2-placed. The other sibling is Graded stakes winner DECEPTIVE VISION, an earner of \$501K and the dam of a current 3YO filly named Ancient Peace, who just missed by a head of placing in a Grade 3 at Santa Anita in late April.

Triple Crown winner AMERICAN PHAROAH, of course, needs no introduction. Already a sire of five crops of racing age, he has sired a pair of champions, FOUR Grade 1 winners in 2022 (three on dirt), and his progeny earnings are beyond \$41-million. He stands this year for \$60,000 at Ashford Stud near Versailles, KY.

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2023 SUMMER RACING MEETS

Assiniboia Downs	May. 22 - Sep. 19
Belmont Park	May. 4 - Jul. 9
Belterra Park	Apr. 27 - Oct. 7
Canterbury Park	May. 27 - Sep. 16
Century Mile	May. 6 - Sep. 1
Churchill Downs	Apr. 29 - Jul. 3
Delaware Park	May. 24 - Oct. 28
Emerald Downs	May. 6 - Sep. 17
Energy Downs	May. 20 - Jun. 25
Evangeline Downs	Apr. 7 - Aug. 12
Fairmount Park	Apr. 18 - Nov. 18
Finger Lakes	Apr. 24 - Nov. 22
Fort Erie	May. 23 - Oct. 17
Golden Gate Fields	Dec. 26, 2022 - Jun. 11, 2023
Gulfstream Park	Apr. 6 - Jun. 11
Hastings Racecourse	Apr. 30 - Oct. 15
Hawthorne Race Course	Mar. 5 - Sep. 4
Charles Town Races	Jan. 4 - Dec. 16
Horseshoe Indianapolis	Apr. 18 - Nov. 17
Lone Star Park	Apr. 13 - Jul. 4
Louisiana Downs	May. 6 - Sep. 26
Monmouth Park	May. 13 - Sep. 10
Mountaineer	Apr. 30 - Dec. 13
Parx Racing	Jan. 2 - Dec. 27
Penn National	Jan. 11 - Dec. 29
Pimlico	May. 11 - Jun. 4
Prairie Meadows	May. 12 - Sep. 30
Presque Isle	May. 1 - Oct. 19
Ruidoso Downs	May. 26 - Sep. 4
Santa Anita Park	Dec. 26, 2022 - Jun. 18, 2023
ThistleDown Racino	Apr. 24 - Oct. 12
Woodbine	Apr. 15 - Dec. 10



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Q: Since 2000, how many horses have won the first two legs of the Triple Crown, but lost the Belmont Stakes?

UPCOMING SALES DATES

OBS June Sale
Two-Year-Olds/Racing Age
June 13-15

FT Midlantic June
Two-Year-Olds in Training
June 28

FT July Select Horse
of Racing Age
July 10

FT July Sale
of Select Yearlings
July 11

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Around THE TRACK



The Process



Salvaje



Iseult



Domina

A: There have been 23 total near misses of the Triple Crown, including SIX since 2000: War Emblem (2002); Funny Cide ('03); Smarty Jones ('04); Big Brown ('08); I'll Have Another ('12); California Chrome ('14)

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Around THE TRACK



Desert Isle



Seaport Lane



Depiction



'21 Egyptian Storm



Polyrhythmic



Mural



Seaport Lane



The Process