

# BELLADONNA RACING<sup>LLC</sup>

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CHURCHILL STAKES Winner



Talking strategy during the 30 min. weather delay

We kicked off the Spring meet at Churchill Downs on a high note when Bayerness took the \$139,400 Roxelana Overnight Stakes by the most comfortable 4½ lengths under Luis Saez. The field was reduced to three runners and the race was delayed nearly 30 minutes to allow a

quick lightning storm to pass through Louisville on the opening night card. The 10:37 pm post time didn't faze Bayerness as she skipped over the sealed muddy surface, much like she did a year ago when she won handily on the 2021 sloppy opening night.

Bayerness was coming off a nearly nine-month layoff after winning the Shine Again Stakes at Saratoga in early August. The fact that her 92 Beyer Speed figure matched her August number is quite impressive, and this 5-year-old mare has never looked better. This win pushed her earnings to \$427,928 with an 11-5-1-3 record.

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BELLADONNA RUNNERS
WELL REPRESENTED AT
KEENELAND SPRING MEET





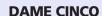
Trophy presentation for the \$110,000 allowance win by SALVAJE on April 22

**SALVAJE** broke a step slowly and ended up in traffic down the backside. She had her momentum stopped a few times rounding the turn before diving down to the inside, where she found a seem and burst out of the pack to win by a head in a dramatic 3-way photo finish.

Jockey Brian Hernandez Jr. said, "She showed a lot of class and determination today and won well."

Cherie commented, "This was the race we knew SALVAJE had in her and to win at Keeneland for us and with the big purse, was a great day."

Race record: 5-2-1-1 for \$105,195



Finished second by a half-length on the meet's penultimate day.



### **POSTNUP**

Finished a solid 4th in allowance company.

Cherie commented "I'm happy with how POSTNUP ran... the filly ran hard and even in defeat, this was one of her best efforts."





Belladonna IV's two-year-old fillies are doing well, with the first five arriving at Keeneland in early April. Well schooled during their time at the Eisaman Equine facility in Florida, four of these fillies already posted their first official workouts (video below).

Now, we need to pick out names! We welcome all suggestions.

'20 Safwah (outside) and '20 Holiday Soirée

- ◆ CLICK TO PLAY Dazzletown '20 (I)-Holiday Soiree '20 (M)-Political Act '20 (O) 4/24 at Keeneland
  - ◆ CLICK TO PLAY Political Act '20 (inside) / Safwah '20 (outside) 4/30 at Keeneland



# BELLADONNA RACING LLC Oaks and Derby PREVIEW



## 2022 POST POSITION DRAW



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| Post<br>Position | Horse             | Jockey              | Morning Line Odds<br>By Mike Battaglia |
|------------------|-------------------|---------------------|--|
| 1                | Secret Oath       | Luis Saez           | 6-1                                    |
| 2                | Nostalgic         | Jose Ortiz          | 15-1                                   |
| 3                | Hidden Connection | Rey Gutierrez       | 20-1                                   |
| 4                | Nest              | Irad Ortiz Jr.      | 5-2                                    |
| 5                | Goddess of Fire   | John Velazquez      | 15-1                                   |
| 6                | Yuugiri           | Florent Geroux      | 30-1                                   |
| 7                | Echo Zulu         | Joel Rosario        | 4-1                                    |
| 8                | Venti Valentine   | Tyler Gaffalione    | 20-1                                   |
| 9                | Desert Dawn       | Umberto Rispoli     | 20-1                                   |
| 10               | Kathleen O.       | Javier Castellano   | 7-2                                    |
| 11               | Cocktail Moments  | Corey Lanerie       | 30-1                                   |
| 12               | Candy Raid        | Rafael Bejarano     | 30-1                                   |
| 13               | Shahama           | Flavien Prat        | 15-1                                   |
| 14               | Turnerloose       | Manny Franco        | 20-1                                   |
| AE 15            | Beguine           | Ricardo Santana Jr. | 30-1                                   |

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|------------------|--------------------|---------------------|--|
| 1                | Mo Donegal         | Irad Ortiz Jr.      | 10-1   |
| 2                | Happy Jack         | Rafael Bejarano     | 30-1   |
| 3                | Epicenter          | Joel Rosario        | 7-2  |
| 4                | Summer Is Tomorrow | Mickael Barzalona   | 30-1   |
| 5                | Smile Happy        | Corey Lanerie       | 20-1   |
| 6                | Messier            | John Velazquez      | 8-1  |
| 7                | Crown Pride (JPN)  | Christophe Lemaire  | 20-1   |
| 8                | Charge It          | Luis Saez           | 20-1   |
| 9                | Tiz the Bomb       | Brian Hernandez Jr. | 30-1   |
| 10               | Zandon             | Flavien Prat        | 3-1  |
| 11               | Pioneer of Medina  | Joe Bravo           | 30-1   |
| 12               | Taiba              | Mike Smith          | 12-1   |
| 13               | Simplification     | Jose Ortiz          | 20-1   |
| 14               | Barber Road        | Rey Gutierrez       | 30-1   |
| 15               | White Abarrio      | Tyler Gaffalione    | 10-1   |
| 16               | Cyberknife         | Florent Geroux      | 20-1   |
| 17               | Classic Causeway   | Julien Leparoux     | 30-1   |
| 18               | Tawny Port         | Ricardo Santana Jr. | 30-1   |
| 19               | Zozos              | Manny Franco        | 20-1   |
| 20               | Ethereal Road      | Luis Contreras      | 30-1   |
| AE 21            | Rich Strike        | Sonny Leon          | 30-1   |
| AE 22            | Rattle N Roll      | James Graham        | 30-1   |

Churchill Paddock to Undergo \$185-\$200M Redesign

Churchill Downs Inc. to transform Churchill Downs paddock for 2024 Derby (G1).

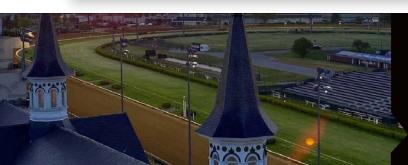
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The Paddock Project design for Churchill Downs Racetrack



Derby Trivia Question

What is the record attendance number for the Kentucky Derby?



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RECENT NEWS & NOTABLE DATES

# **CURRENT RACING MEETS**

| Belmont Park           | Apr. 28 - Jul. 10             |
|------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Belterra Park          | Apr. 28 - Oct. 6              |
| Century Mile           | Apr. 30 - Nov. 5              |
| Charles Town           | Jan. 6 - Dec. 18              |
| Churchill Downs        | Apr. 30 - Jul. 4              |
| Evangeline Downs       | Apr. 6 - Aug. 27              |
| Fairmount Park         | Apr. 19 - Sep. 24             |
| Finger Lakes           | Apr. 25 - Nov. 23             |
| Fonner Park            | Feb. 19 - May. 21             |
| Golden Gate Fields     | Dec. 26, 2021 - Jun. 14, 2022 |
| Gulfstream Park        | Apr. 7 - Sep. 25              |
| Hawthorne              | Apr. 2 - Jun. 25              |
| Horseshoe Indianapolis | Apr. 19 - Nov. 23             |
| Laurel Park            | Jan. 1 - May. 8               |
| Lone Star Park         | Apr. 28 - Jul. 24             |
| Mountaineer            | Apr. 18 - Dec. 14             |
| Oaklawn                | Dec. 3, 2021 - May. 8, 2022   |
| Parx Racing            | Jan. 3 - Dec. 28              |
| Penn National          | Jan. 4 - Dec. 30              |
| Santa Anita Park       | Dec. 26, 2021 - Jun. 19, 2022 |
| SunRay Park            | Apr. 22 - May. 29             |
| Tampa Bay Downs        | Nov. 24, 2021 - May. 7, 2022  |
| ThistleDown Racino     | Apr. 25 - Oct. 13             |
| Turf Paradise          | Nov. 5, 2021 - May. 7, 2022   |
| Will Rogers Downs      | Mar. 21 - May. 25             |
| Woodbine               | Apr. 16 - Dec. 11             |
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# 2022 UPCOMING SALES DATES

| May 23 - 24  | Fasig-Tipton Midlantic Two-Year-Olds in Training Sale |  |
|--------------|---|--|
| June 7 - 9   | OBS June Two-Year-Olds & Horses of Racing Age Sale    |  |
| July 11      | Fasig-Tipton July Selected Horses of All Ages Sale    |  |
| July 12 - 13 | Fasig-Tipton July Sale of Selected Yearlings          |  |
| Aug. 8 - 9   | Fasig-Tipton Saratoga Sale of Selected Yearlings      |  |
| Aug. 14 - 15 | Fasig-Tipton New York Bred Yearling Sale              |  |

# **NEXT-GEN OWNERS?**



Adrianne DeVaux and former racehorse and now pony Poz took time out of their busy morning to meet and greet young fans visiting Keeneland for the workouts. It takes moments like this to help people of all ages fall in love with the Thoroughbred business.

# BELLADONNA RACING ONLINE APPAREL STORE

The link below contains the first offering of items. We will be adding other items from time to time. Please note all items are a custom pre-order.

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# BELLADONNA RACING<sup>LLC</sup> TEAM MEMBER Spotlight

# **GRETCHEN FELD**

**Years in the Horse Business:** About 23 years, with a two-year leave of absence.

> **Years with the DeVaux Racing TEAM:** 3 months

> > **Position on TEAM:** David Ingordo's assistant

## List other horse-related jobs you have had prior to joining DeVaux Racing:

Nominations & Operations coordinator and Horsemen's Relations Manager at Breeders' Cup; Administrator of Special Projects and Assistant to the CEO at Town & Country Farms; Mutual Clerk at Arlington Park and Keeneland; Camera operator at Turfway Park.

### How did your involvement in Thoroughbred Racing start?

My Dad, who writes about racing for UPI and The Bloodhorse, started taking me to the races when I was about 7. I became somewhat of the "Press box Mascot" on the Chicago circuit.

## What do you enjoy most about your current job?

I really like attending the sales and getting to meet a lot of the great Belladonna partners.

# What is your favorite Race Track?

It was Arlington, but now it's probably Keeneland.

### Do you have a favorite Belladonna owned Horse?

I haven't been around long enough to really get to know all of them!

### What activities or hobbies do you enjoy outside of horse racing?

I'm a big sports fan, particularly baseball. The Cubs are my team. I play softball and enjoy going to the movies. I'm also a big foodie, so I enjoy cooking and finding new restaurants and cuisines to try.

## Do you have a favorite memory in racing?

Having a front-row seat for Zenyatta's two Breeders' Cup Classic performances. Obviously, 2009 was a little more satisfying than 2010. Trevor Denman said it best, "What a performance. One we'll never forget!" I still get chills when I watch it.

> Who is your all-time favorite race horse? Cigar



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Answer: 170,513 people attended the Derby in 2015, and they witnessed future Triple Crown winner AMERICAN PHAROAH win.

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