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OFF TO A GREAT *Start!*



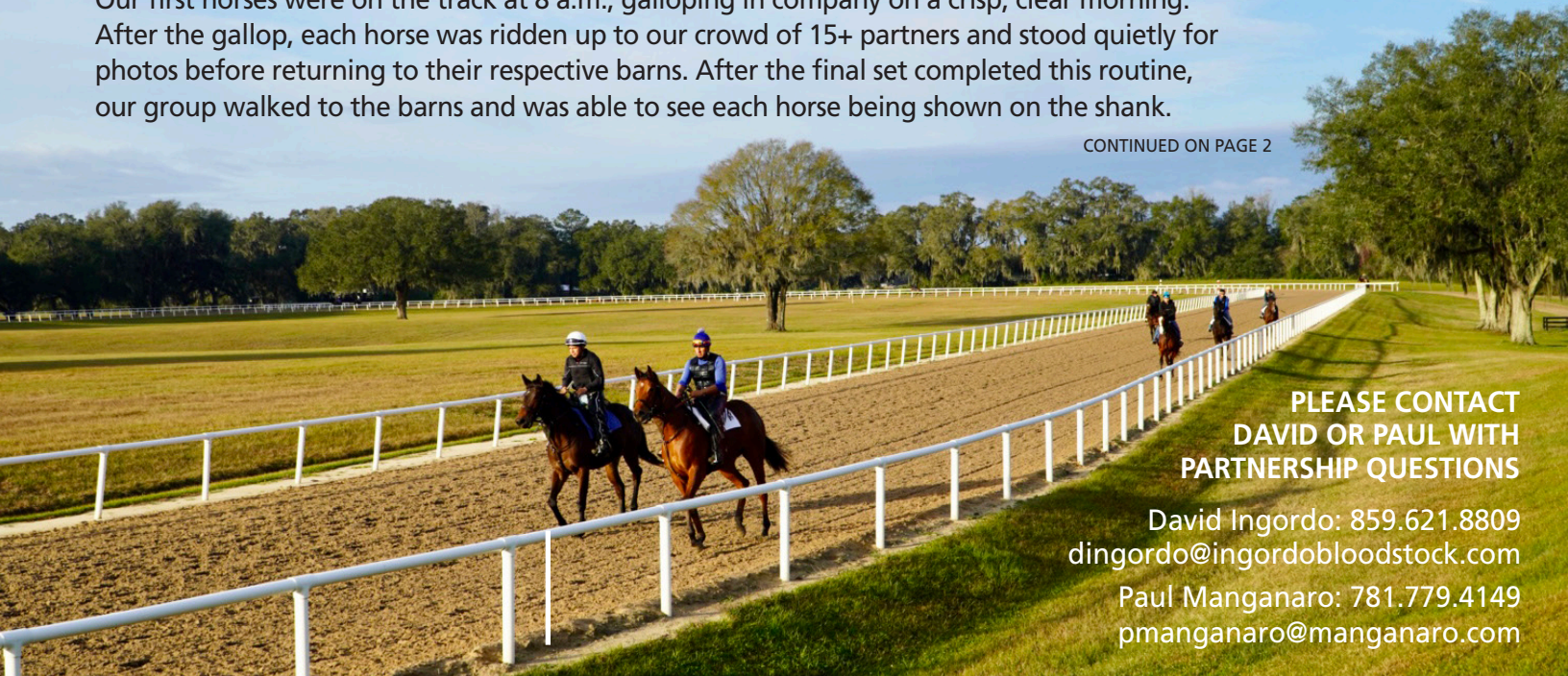
## *The* PARTNERSHIP IS OUR PEOPLE

We recently wrapped up our annual Ocala trip with several of our partners joining David Ingordo and Paul Manganaro on a three-day visit to the area. The primary focus of the visit was our half-day spent with Dr. Barry Eisaman at his Eisaman Equine training facility in nearby Williston, FL.

The group of partners enjoyed seeing the progression in training of each of the 19 two-year-olds that comprise the Belladonna VI partnership. For several, it was the first time seeing these horses since they were purchased last year at the Saratoga and Keeneland yearling sales.

Our first horses were on the track at 8 a.m., galloping in company on a crisp, clear morning. After the gallop, each horse was ridden up to our crowd of 15+ partners and stood quietly for photos before returning to their respective barns. After the final set completed this routine, our group walked to the barns and was able to see each horse being shown on the shank.

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## OFF TO A GREAT *Start!* (CONT.)



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Manganaro emphasized the importance of early training: "We understand and appreciate the fact that every step in getting an equine athlete to perform to its fullest potential is important. The early lessons they receive are critical, and like with everything we do we want to provide only the best. Dr. Eisaman and his team have a proven track history of being the best in the game at what they do."

These trips and gatherings are so important for Belladonna, as we pride ourselves on "The Partnership is Our People." The camaraderie, the laughter and fun at the farm, plus our large dinners out just add to the experience of being part of such a great group of like-minded people.



# The PARTNERSHIP IS OUR PEOPLE



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*Tracking* OUR RUNNERS!

## FOXFIRE

Making her third career start, **FOXFIRE** broke her maiden impressively in the mud at Fair Grounds on Jan. 27th under Brian Hernandez Jr. She settled behind a quick pace, made a bold move around the turn, then drew clear by 6 ½ powerful lengths.

Cherie commented "**FOXFIRE** has been training well for us coming into this race and she really put it together tonight. I like that she rated and split horses and ran away from the competition."

Hernandez added, "that was an impressive race, she really relaxed and then was there for me when I asked her. She ran all the way to the wire and was professional today."



RECORD: 3-1-1-0 \$59,450

[▶ RACE REPLAY](#)

## OUR GRADE 2 WINNER VAHVA

HAS ENJOYED HERSELF AT  
EISAMAN EQUINE AND IS EXPECTED  
TO REJOIN CHERIE SOON



## DEPICTION EARNS BLACKTYPE

**DEPICTION** (3YO colt, More Than Ready-Trensita) became the latest Belladonna horse to earn blacktype when he finished a close third in the \$125,000 Dania Beach S. at Gulfstream Park on January 6th. After trailing the field for half the race, he closed willingly to finish 2 ¾ lengths back at the wire.

In January, we also had **BLISSFUL** and **ZVEREV** finish a close third in their respective allowance and maiden races, hopefully setting up for a strong next outing.



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CONNECTIONS MAKING THE *News!*



PARTNERSHIPS PRESENTED  
BY TAYLOR MADE  
PARTNERSHIPS:  
**BELLADONNA RACING**  
*by Joe Scurto*



**BREEDER SELECTION**  
Paul Manganaro  
**BELLADONNA  
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Paul Manganaro | Christina Bossinakis

It is often espoused at business management seminars that having access to people smarter than you is a blessing and not a threat. We also know that having access to communities that share a common interest fosters social collaboration and belonging. But did you know having access to a guy affectionately nicknamed the “Italian Yoda” can lead to a graded stakes victory as a racehorse owner?

This type of access has been thoughtfully curated by the powerhouse team at Belladonna Racing Partnership, which includes Paul Manganaro (the Italian Yoda), David Ingordo, trainer Cherie DeVaux and recent addition Casey Klein. This team, along with their inaugural partners, launched Belladonna in 2019 with the purchase of over \$1.5 million in 2-year-olds, who happened to all be fillies.

Belladonna, which means “pretty woman” in Italian, set out in 2019 to foster a partnership approach that provides the opportunity to buy, race, and network at the highest levels of the Thoroughbred industry.

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### **Bronze Medal: Twirling Candy (\$60,000)**

Twirling Candy offers breeders a lot of bang for their buck. He has ranked in the top 15 on the national sires by progeny earnings list the last two seasons and has produced eight Grade I winners to-date.

### **Silver Medal: Quality Road (\$200,000)**

Quality Road has consistently produced the ABig Saturday Afternoon@ horse. He can get you a quality two-year-old and one that can compete at the highest level around two turns. His 2.14 (AEI) average earning index is on or near par with the elite stallions currently standing in America. His offspring are also very popular in the sales ring.

### **Gold Medal: Constitution (\$110,000)**

To have access to Constitution at his stud fee is like stealing in my opinion. He’s a stallion that had 17 yearlings sell for \$400,000 or higher in 2023 topped by a \$1.3-million Keeneland September yearling. The offspring from his best book of mares are just starting to hit the ground in the past few years and as of Jan. 11 he has three colts ranked in the TDN’s Top 12 2024 Derby list

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## RECENT NEWS & NOTABLE DATES

### Freshman Sire Contest Winners

The Freshman Sire race in 2023 was unique in that the Top Four sires were the only stallions in the group to have at least \$2 million in progeny earnings and that all four stood at the same farm, Spendthrift Farm. It was MITOLE (Eskendereya) who pulled away in the final weeks of the year to earn the crown of Leading Freshman Sire. His chart-topping 35 winners helped propel his progeny earnings to \$2,624,858, which was \$358,629 more than runner-up MAXIMUS MISCHIEF (\$2,266,229). Spendthrift's VINO ROSSO (\$2,193,544) and OMAHA BEACH (2,129,783) wrapped up the race.

Our annual contest of readers selecting the Leading Freshman Sire had four people correctly select Mitole. Congratulations to Adrienne Zarnegin, Amy Scucci, Matt Ebert, and Paul Manganaro.



MITOLE



#### BETWEEN THE QUARTER POLES WITH DAVID INGORDO

This month tune in to listen to all the details on the latest Belladonna Racing IV, V and VI updates.



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We encourage you to visit our Belladonna YouTube channel frequently, as we regularly post workout and training videos of the Belladonna runners.

### Trivia Question



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**Q: HOW MANY THOROUGHBRED FOALS ARE PROJECTED TO BE BORN IN NORTH AMERICA THIS YEAR?**

## UPCOMING SALES DATES

**FT Kentucky  
Winter Mixed**  
February 5-6

**OBS March Sale  
2YOs in Training**  
March 12-14

**Texas Tbred Assoc.  
2YOs in Training**  
April 3

**OBS Spring Sale  
2YOs in Training**  
April 16-19

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## PARTNER *Spotlight*

### CORRINA CORSER

**What attracted you to the sport of Thoroughbred Racing?**  
I enjoy going to the races and watching how the horses have matured and grown to become race horses.

**How were you introduced to the Belladonna Racing Partnership?**  
David Ingordo and Cherie DeVaux, who currently trains some of our race horses and are personal friends.

**What Belladonna Racing Partnerships are you involved in?**  
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**Do you have a favorite Belladonna horse? If so, tell us why?**  
Quality Road colt called Cromwell, the half-brother to Arabian Knight who was bred at Corser Thoroughbreds in Lexington, KY

**Do you have a favorite part of the Thoroughbred Racing game? Race day? Sales? Other?**  
I love race day and going to different race tracks, the atmosphere on the day, and especially if your own horse is running in a race.

**What features of the Belladonna Racing Partnerships do you like most?**  
Being part of the team and being able to watch more of the horses you're a part of become winners hopefully and enjoy the journey they will take you on.

**Tell us a little about your family and where you call home?**  
Home is Lexington, KY, where we have a Thoroughbred farm called Corser Thoroughbreds. Originally from England and moved to the USA in 2008 to California and then moved to KY in 2019 before the Covid pandemic. I am married and have 2 daughters who also ride and compete.

**What is your daytime job?**  
I am self-employed at CM Process Solutions, which is our company we set up in 2010 in California with my husband, Mark Corser

**What hobbies or other activities do you enjoy when you have the time?**  
I enjoy watching our foals play at the farm and watch my daughters compete at horse shows; spending time with my family and going to the horse sales at Keeneland.



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## *Around* THE TRACK



Blissful



Legalize



Depiction



'22 Momentary Magic filly



The Process

A: The Jockey Club projects the N.A. foal crop to be 18,000 in 2024, the lowest number since 1964. Meanwhile, the purse structure for racing is setting records.

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## *Around* THE TRACK



Seaport Lane



Depiction



'22 River Maid colt



Sands of War (both)



Seaport Lane



Vahva