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KEENELAND'S TIME TO *Shine!*



KEENELAND'S REDEVELOPMENT UNDERWAY

An informative Q&A with Cormac Breathnach,
Keeneland's Director of Sales Operations



Talk about the renovations taking place at Keeneland. We see the administrative offices and jockeys' quarters have been leveled.

■ How will you handle the horsemen's needs during the Spring meet?

CB: Our core staff will operate out of the sales pavilion and will be able to assist horsemen as normal from that location.

■ Where will the jockey's room be located? The horsemen's parking? Will the paddock passes be limited?, etc.

CB: The jockeys' quarters will be housed in a temporary building that is already in place near the North Gate (close to Barns 19 & 20). This temporary facility is the same as the temporary jockeys' quarters that Churchill Downs put in place while utilizing the temporary paddock. Horsemen's parking will move to the parking rows on the other side of Loading Chute

Drive on account of the building site which encompasses some of the rows previously used. We are issuing the same number of paddock passes as in past years. The paddock will be a little constricted but we aim to safely accommodate a similar number of paddock participants.

■ Will the Fall Sales be affected by the renovations?

CB: The new administration building is being built directly across from the entrance to the sales pavilion, so those first parking rows are part of the construction site. Valet parking will move to the grandstand clubhouse entrance with golf cart service from there to the pavilion or barns. The main entrance to the sales pavilion is accessible but only from the lower road (Loading Chute Drive). Our teams

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have worked hard to minimize any impact to the sales experience. Closer to sales time we will announce any changes to the sales paperwork dropoff process. Generally our essential administrative team members will be in or around the repository to make dropping paperwork off as easy as possible.

■ When was the last major update to the Keeneland grounds? What prompted this project?

CB: This is the largest single expansion project undertaken on Keeneland's property since it opened in 1936! We are grateful to be in a position to expand and to further promote this great sport and industry. The project was prompted by the fact that our public dining options for our entire meets in spring and fall sell out in a matter of minutes. We have had a shortage of supply. That is a great position to be in, but also something we needed to address. The paddock building will stretch from the historic clubhouse entrance at the South end of the paddock to the saddling boxes at the North end. There will be two stories above ground level with a rooftop bar on the third floor.

■ When will the updates and new paddock chalet be complete? With the new additional building, will the capacity increase?

CB: The plan is for the entire construction project to be completed by the fall meeting in 2025 – it should take approximately 18 months in total. The new paddock building will create about 1,400 new ticketed admissions to be sold to the public which will be significant. In addition, the paddock building will provide increased kitchen capacity and dining space for our sales participants, so it will serve many purposes.

■ What is the total projected cost of the renovations?

CB: It is budgeted to be a \$93 million project.

■ Is a future Breeders' Cup in sight?

CB: It is likely that we will host the Breeders' Cup again in the future but there is no timeframe for that at the moment. Our current focus is to complete the project as planned with minimal disruption to our racing and sales activities in the meantime. Once we get through that process I'm sure there will be discussions about future Breeders' Cups, but that is somewhere down the road.

■ Final Thoughts

CB: Apart from the expansion project at Keeneland, there are massive redevelopments underway at Belmont Park and Churchill Downs, also. There is real excitement around our sport and that is something that we can all build on. Propagating the best of our sport and contributing to its future is at the core of Keeneland's mission. We look forward to welcoming more fans and participants to Keeneland's race meets and sales for generations to come.

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STRONG START THIS *Spring!*

Blissful overcomes an eventful start to win a Fair Grounds Allowance

BLISSFUL made it interesting but was a determined winner of her allowance race at Fair Grounds on March 21st.

BLISSFUL drew the outside post in a field of 10 distaffers on the turf. She warmed up nicely and loaded into the gate well for rider Brian Hernandez Jr. However, just seconds later, she broke through her stall gate before the start of the race. Luckily, Hernandez had her under control quickly and she was able to rejoin the horses in the gate.

BLISSFUL broke well and had to use herself a bit to move over to the inside. She and Hernandez were shuffled back a little going into the turn but were able to find their rhythm down the backside. BLISSFUL was

given her cue to go and went five-wide, edging past the horse on her inside to win by a head.

Hernandez Jr. commented, "I do not know what happened when she broke through. I was trying to keep her a little on her toes to break well, but I was able to pull her up and get her reloaded quickly. She was game today. Per Cherie's instructions, I got her out and into position early. Even though she has had a few races, she still wants to wait on horses a bit, so we have a couple of things we can do to help her still improve. BLISSFUL is gutsy, as most horses never win when they break through the gate like that."

RACE RECORD: 11-3-0-3 \$158,055



▶ RACE REPLAY

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STRONG START THIS *Spring!* (CONT.)

Zverev serves up a nice win at Turfway Park

ZVEREV put it all together to break his maiden at Turfway Park. His come-from-behind victory started the action on the track's signature program, the Jeff Ruby Steaks Day on March 23rd.

Partnered with Jose Ortiz, ZVEREV broke well and was put into the race early to secure a good position stalking the leaders. Going comfortably down the backside, ZVEREV and Ortiz began picking off horses around the turn, split foes inside the eighth pole, made the lead, and won easily on his first attempt over a synthetic surface.

Cherie commented, "There are a few things that really impressed me today; first, that ZVEREV beat older horses, even maidens, they have more experience, but that was one thing. Second, I like that he finished and kept running through the wire. ZVEREV has been knocking on the door this winter, and now has come through. I want to see how he trains out of this race before deciding on what to do next. Jose Ortiz fit him well and did a great job getting him to finish."

RACE RECORD: 5-1-0-1 \$55,722



▶ RACE REPLAY



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WHO'S YOUR *Pick?*



Spring is the beginning of new dreams and hope for owners, breeders, grooms, and trainers in the Thoroughbred world. It is a time where mares are foaling new prospects and are being bred back with the dream that the next foal might be a Champion. Spring also has many dreaming of a Kentucky Oaks or Derby win during the first weekend in May.



MITOLE
2023 LEADING FRESHMAN SIRE

BELLADONNA RACING FRESHMAN SIRE COMPETITION

For stallion owners, April is the start of the racing calendar for Freshman Sires. A Freshman Sire is one whose first foals are two-year-olds and thus eligible to race. Their performance on the racetrack could add millions of dollars to the value of their sire if successful. It also could mean the end of many dreams of having the next great sire if they under perform on the track.

Join the fun by submitting your pick for the 2024 leading Freshman sire in our 3rd Annual Belladonna Racing Freshman Sire competition. The winner(s) will be determined by the sire which has the most purse earnings on December 31, 2024. The list of 2024 first-crop sires is listed on next page and includes each stallion's name along with other helpful data to assist you in your selection.

LEADING FRESHMAN SIRES BY PURSE EARNINGS:

- 2023 — **MITOLE**
- 2022 — **BOLT D'ORO**
- 2021 — **GUN RUNNER**
- 2020 — **NYQUIST**
- 2019 — **AMERICAN PHAROAH**

Deadline to submit your pick will be **APRIL 5TH**. Please email your one choice to Paul Manganaro (pmanganaro@manganaro.com) by the deadline. Winner(s) might just receive a Belladonna Gift.

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BELLADONNA RACING FRESHMAN SIRE COMPETITION (CONT.)

Sire	Sire of Sire	State	# of 2YOs	Yrlgs Offered	Yrlgs Sold	Yrlg Average	Yrlg Median	Top Price Sold
American Anthem	Bodemeister	NM	31	0	0			
Aurelius Maximus	Pioneerof the Nile	LA	39	25	22	27,918	20,000	100,000
Authentic	Into Mischief	KY	165	121	92	285,033	230,000	900,000
Bobby's Wicked One	Speightstown	LA	25	4	3	36,000	38,000	46,000
Bodexpress	Bodemeister	CA	54	41	36	9,702	5,750	62,000
Bravazo	Awesome Again	KY	15	9	6	20,333	8,000	50,000
Caracaro	Uncle Mo	KY	50	40	31	37,351	27,000	175,000
Complexity	Maclean's Music	KY	126	118	84	83,583	65,000	400,000
Country House	Lookin at Lucky	KY	38	18	8	15,938	10,250	60,000
Curlin's Honor	Curlin	FL	38	18	13	22,169	22,000	50,000
Cutting Humor	First Samuai	AR	17	11	8	11,050	8,750	
Echo Town	Speightstown	KY	64	52	43	39,836	35,000	150,000
Fog of War	War Front	NY	28	32	24	4,367	3,250	17,000
Game Winner	Candy Ride (Arg)	KY	121	94	73	94,904	55,000	600,000
Gift Box	Twirling Candy	KY	85	63	50	23,865	20,000	100,000
Global Campaign	Curlin	KY	126	105	91	59,442	40,000	300,000
Gunnevera	Dialed In	FL	50	25	18	36,900	20,000	255,000
Higher Power	Medaglia d'Oro	KY	95	81	65	27,972	17,000	155,000
Honest Mischief	Into Mischief	NY	78	37	31	40,258	25,000	145,000
Honor A. P.	Honor Code	KY	82	69	53	52,896	40,000	
Imperial Hint	Imperialism	LA	23	11	8	10,950	8,500	25,000
Improbable	City Zip	KY	127	115	86	69,670	37,000	650,000
Instagrand	Into Mischief	KY	136	95	77	44,601	29,000	350,000
Instilled Regard	Arch	KY	51	36	28	28,327	18,500	130,000
Isotherm	Lonhro (Aus)	IN	18	12	6	16,817	6,000	50,000
Jagr	Uncle Mo	FL	15					
Joevia	Shanghai Bobby	NJ	22					
Killybegs Captain	Mizzen Mast	NY	11	0	0			
King for a Day	Uncle Mo	NY	44	20	16	14,875	10,500	50,000
King Zachary	Curlin	TX	10	7	1	1,000	1,000	1,000
Lone Sailor	Majestic Warrior	LA	23	9	9	11,467	11,000	30,000
Lookin at Lee	Lookin at Lucky	NY	14	6	5	19,400	25,000	42,000
Maximum Security	New Year's Day	KY	91	49	41	54,317	37,000	350,000
McKinzie	Street Sense	KY	174	156	119	148,277	90,000	1,200,000
Mr. Money	Goldcents	FL	48	22	14	15,364	8,000	82,000
Mr. Monomoy	Palace Malice	NY	15	0	0			
Name Changer	Uncle Mo	NY	17	1	1	10,000	10,000	10,000
Oscar Nominated	Kitten's Joy	CA	18	0	0			
Pat on the Back	Congrats	PA	17	0	0			
Promises Fulfilled	Shackleford	KY	30	21	19	46,737	20,000	200,000
Revved Up	Candy Ride (Arg)	OK	10	2	2	1,500	1,500	1,800
Rowayton	Into Mischief	KY	29	7	7	34,857	18,000	110,000
Runaway Ghost	Ghostzapper	NM	28	16	15	9,473	8,000	
Seeking the Soul	Perfect Soul (Ire)	FL	20	13	8	23,625	22,500	45,000
Shancelot	Shanghai Bobby	KY	32	23	17	26,365	13,000	130,000
Speightson	Speightstown	IN	16	5	5	16,600	17,000	30,000
Spun to Run	Hard Spun	KY	86	62	49	35,565	25,000	200,000
Thousand Words	Pioneerof the Nile	KY	127	105	79	27,075	15,000	250,000
Timeline	Hard Spun	IA	20	4	3	14,667	7,000	35,000
Tiz the Law	Constitution	KY	101	83	77	94,955	55,000	550,000
Tom's d'Etat	Smart Strike	KY	85	65	56	38,745	23,500	160,000
Tour de Force	Tiznow	AB	11	2	0			
Vekoma	Candy Ride (Arg)	KY	161	132	114	96,825	60,000	775,000
Volatile	Violence	KY	125	116	99	119,333	72,000	1,150,000
War of Will	War Front	KY	115	82	66	111,506	80,000	650,000
Win Win Win	Hat Trick (Jpn)	FL	55	18	14	47,571	15,500	250,000
Yorkton	Speightstown	KY	33	15	9	9,674	8,500	32,000



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RECENT NEWS & NOTABLE DATES

Derby PREP RACE DATES IN APRIL

6th — Santa Anita Derby

Kentucky Derby Championship Series
SA \$750k g 9f

6th — Blue Grass S

Kentucky Derby Championship Series
KEE \$600,000 9f

6th — Wood Memorial S

Kentucky Derby Championship Series
AQU \$750,000 9f

13th — Lexington S

Kentucky Derby Championship Series
KEE \$200k g 8.5f



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Trivia Question What year did Keeneland run its first Blue Grass Stakes?

BLOODHORSE



Jockey Declan Carroll after riding Sir for Sure to win the 2022 Breeders' Stakes at Woodbine

Michael Burns

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Carroll, Melancon to Retire After March 24 Rides

Carroll posted on X, the social platform formerly known as Twitter, that he has taken a position with trainer Cherie DeVaux and David Ingordo's bloodstock operation.



Cherie DeVaux
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We are so excited to welcome not only @dcjock1 to our team but also @casserracingdc and @kimpossibleky14 to Team CD. All add invaluable experience and we can't wait to see what the future holds. We do need to get Declan spelling my last name correctly!

UPCOMING SALES DATES

Texas Tbred Assoc.
2YOs in Training
April 3

OBS Spring Sale
2YOs in Training
April 16-19

Keeneland April
Horses of Racing Age
April 26

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The Process



As You Wish



Vahva



Blissful



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Answer: Keeneland's signature race, the Blue Grass S., was first run in 1937, the track's initial Spring meet.

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Around THE TRACK



Seaport Lane



Ahavah



Profound



Vahva & Cagliostro



Zverev

