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KEENELAND OPENS THE *Gates!*



Time flies. It feels like just a month or so ago that the majority of our stable shipped to New Orleans for the winter, and now they have returned to the Blue Grass State to get our spring and summer campaigns going. Several of our three- and four-year-olds have been on the grounds since mid-March when Keeneland's main track opened, and they have been joined by the runners who recently ran at Fair Grounds.

Soon, our first group of two-year-olds will arrive from Florida to begin their early training on the track. It's possibly the most exciting time of the year for horse-racing fans and owners alike.

Spring in Kentucky, especially after a long, cold winter, is what everyone needs. The fresh air, the dogwood trees in bloom, and the green, green fields of rolling land dotted by mares with their newborns racing around is just what the doctor ordered. Keeneland is good for the soul.

The historic track opens on April 3rd and continues through the 24th for its 2026 season, which will also hold its fall meet in October, culminating with the Breeders' Cup being held in Lexington for the fourth time.

Keeneland holds racing each Wednesday through Sunday, except Easter Sunday, April 5th. Post time is 1 pm ET.

For an in-depth view of what Keeneland has to offer, here is the current Media Guide: <https://www.keeneland.com/media/media-guide>

SPRING HAS SPRUNG WITH KEENELAND OPENING



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Tuff enough AT TURFWAY!

WIRE-TO-WIRE — *Win for* — AMBITIOUSLY

AMBITIOUSLY followed up his nice second-place effort from mid-February with a commanding, 1½-length maiden win at Turfway Park on March 13th.

AMBITIOUSLY broke sharply and went right to the

lead with jockey Rafael M. Hernandez. Running off the first part of the race, Hernandez was able to get AMBITIOUSLY to relax and settle, and then cut him loose for home. The pair had enough left to hold off a closing challenger for the win.

RACE RECORD: 4-1-1-0 \$80,815



[▶ RACE REPLAY](#)

Cherie commented, "We have found AMBITIOUSLY a home sprinting. The poly is fine for him to go the 6 furlongs, but we will sprint him on the turf 5.5 going forward. I like this horse and he will be fun for us this spring and summer."

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WHERE ARE THEY *Now!*

Welcome to the first edition of Belladonna Racing's "Where Are They Now." This segment is designed to check in with past Belladonna racehorses after they have retired from racing to see what they have been doing lately.

BAYERNESS

2017 F. BAYERN - WEIGHT NO MORE



We kick off our "Where Are They Now" stories with Bayerness, who was a key part of the Belladonna I group. She was a very consistent race filly that excelled at distances from 6F to about-8F. She won five races from 12 lifetime starts with earnings of \$433,823, and was a two-time stakes winner and was graded stakes-placed three times. One of her stakes victories was at Saratoga on August 04, 2021 in the Shine Again S. (LS).

▶ RACE REPLAY

Bayerness was sold at the 2022 Keeneland November Breeding Stock sale to Coteau Grove Farm in Louisiana. She is enjoying her second career as a broodmare, already with a 2-year-old gearing up for a race career. Here is full the produce record for Bayerness.

- Determined Galt (2024 F. by Flightline)
- 2025 F. by Cody's Wish • 2026 Barren
- Is being bred back to Flightline

SHINE AGAIN STAKES



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RECENT NEWS & NOTABLE DATES



UPCOMING SALES

APRIL 1

Texas Thoroughbred Association
2YOs in Training Sale in Grand Prairie, TX.

APRIL 14-17

OBS Spring Sale of
2YOs in Training in Ocala, FL.

APRIL 24

Keeneland April Horses of
Racing Age Sale in Lexington, KY.



View From the Deck with Barry Eisaman

Friday, March 20, 2026 at 5:56 pm | [Back to: Shared News](#)
Updated: March 20, 2026 at 6:04 pm

By *Katie Petrunyak*

The sales season looks a lot different these days for Dr. Barry Eisaman and his wife Shari. The husband-and-wife duo's Eisaman Equine was a fixture at the OBS sales for decades, but their shingle has been notably absent since 2023. With the pinhooking and consigning chapter closed, the Eisamans are now focusing on the other aspect of their business: breaking and training two-year-olds and rehabilitating older horses for some of the country's leading ownership groups.



Mendoza, a \$900,000 Gun Runner colt out of champion Songbird, training at Eisaman Equine | *Katie Petrunyak*

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Q: How many acres does Keeneland Race Course own in Lexington, KY?



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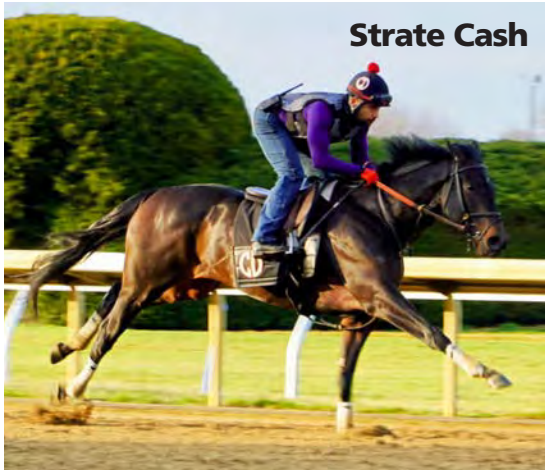
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Bloodstock agent David Ingordo, who picked out Flightline as a yearling, talks about the potential for Lane's End's undefeated 2022 Horse of the Year to be North America's leading freshman sire.

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Around THE TRACK



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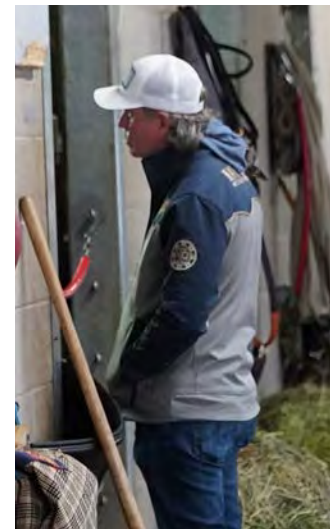
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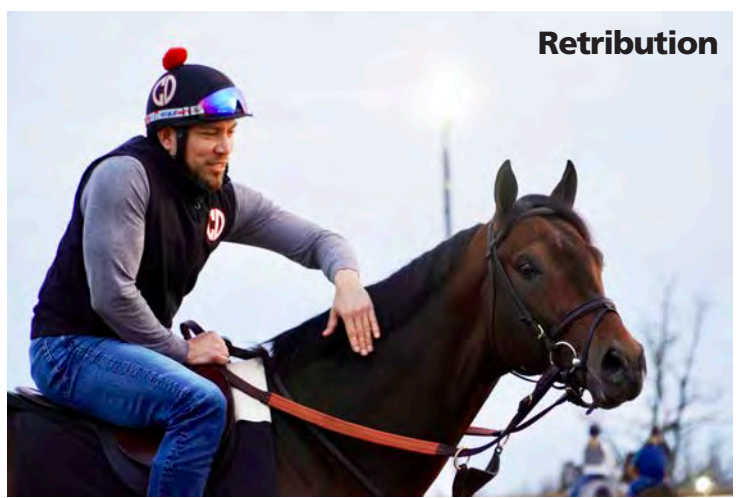


Double Entendre



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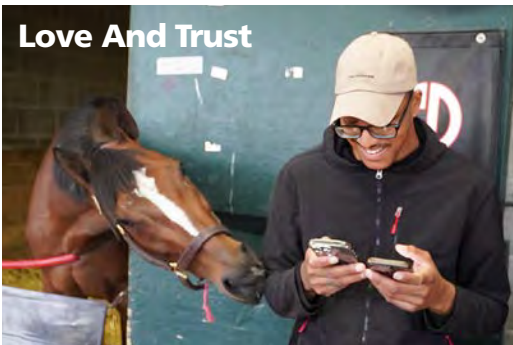
Sailing Home



White Smoke



Iconoclast



Love And Trust



A: Keeneland has 1,234 acres, including 57 barns with 1,951 stalls.