

BELLADONNA RACING LLC

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Tracking THE TWO-YEAR-OLDS!

FUN IN THE SUN: OUR ANNUAL OCALA TRIP

With crisp but perfect weather, our great group of owners got to meet a stellar cast of young 2-year-olds on this year's trip to Ocala.

Friday, February 6, was a busy day from start to finish. We were greeted at Dr. Eisaman's Eisaman Equine Training Center with frost on the ground but sunshine abound. We enjoyed fresh donuts, bagels, and hot coffee as we got the day started. Our stalwart members that have been with Belladonna since its inception embraced the new faces who joined us for the first time. We spent the entire morning watching our colts and fillies go through their morning routine on the track, and then we met each horse individually at the barns.

After all business was complete, we had the pleasure of having a few great meals together. As Paul said, we are working on the Belladonna-50# (a la Freshman-15#) and so we didn't miss the opportunity for a fantastic lunch at Ivy's in downtown Ocala, followed by an outstanding dinner at Mark's Prime Steakhouse in the evening. The chatter and banter about horse racing is just the best.

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**WHAT
A GREAT
CROP OF
TWO-YEAR-
OLDS**

**33 two-year-olds
are in the up-and-coming
classes of Belladonna VIII
and Andiamo Racing**

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Tracking THE TWO-YEAR-OLDS! (CONT.)



This year, we offered a second chance to see the 2-year-olds train toward the end of the month. On February 28th, several owners took the opportunity to join David and go through the morning routine.

These young horses are at a stage of training where several are making significant progress. It won't be long before the more precocious ones will ship into Cherie's barn at Keeneland.

Thank you to each member for taking your valuable time to share a few days with us in Florida. We truly appreciate the effort and we hope you had as much fun as we did.



"I was more impressed with our group of 2YOs at this point in time than I was when we bought them, and that says a lot!" – Paul Manganaro

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WIN IN THE *Big Easy!*



Love Leads to Mardi Gras Celebration

LOVE AND TRUST won impressively in her two-turn debut at Fair Grounds on February 17th, leading the parade from gate to wire on Mardi Gras Day. It was her second career start.

LOVE AND TRUST broke inward at the start and collided with the horse next to her, while the horse outside the 3 horse came inward. Jockey Jose Ortiz was able to gather LOVE AND TRUST up and they went to the lead easily.

Allowed to relax on the lead, LOVE AND TRUST set measured but quick splits of :24.17, :48.37, 1:13.11, and 1:37.2. Turning for home, Ortiz cut her loose and LOVE AND TRUST spurted away from the field, although greenly. Deep in the stretch, she was swapping leads from possibly seeing tire tracks and a shadow, yet was still able to win in hand while galloping out well. She finished the 1¹/₁₆-mile maiden in 1:43.69 over a fast main track, crossing the wire 3 ½ lengths in front as the even-money choice.

Ortiz commented, "I REALLY like this filly; she ran super and felt good all the way around the track. I had a lot of horse the whole way around. I'm not sure what happened at the gate; she broke in but then got herself righted quickly. She put herself in the race and then rated nicely. Down the stretch she saw something and ducked but never stopped running. She is very nice!"

Cherie added, "That was what I was expecting out of LOVE AND TRUST today. The post cost her last time going short, but her real future is at the two turns. She exited the race well. As for a next start, we will nominate to the Fair Grounds Oaks and see who goes in there. LOVE AND TRUST is a nice filly, so I'm not going to get in a hurry with her, but her talent is one that gives us a lot of hope for the rest of the year."

RACE RECORD: 2-1-0-0 \$36,000

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INSIDE LOOK

The goal of Belladonna's new "Inside Look" segment is to provide our owners a closer look into all things related to the great sport of Thoroughbred racing. We will cover a wide range of topics that will be designed to expand your knowledge and provide you with a source for interesting information.



In this edition of Belladonna's **"INSIDE LOOK"** we feature fun facts on our recent impressive maiden winner, **LOVE and TRUST**.

HORSE: LOVE AND TRUST

Bay Filly born April 07, 2023

- ▶ **SIRE** (Father): **CONSTITUTION** (2011, by Tapit)
Winner of the Florida Derby (G1), Ranked on the Top 5 General Sire list in both 2024 and 2025. Stud fee is \$110,000 in 2026; Stands at WinStar Farm.
- ▶ **DAM** (Mother): **FINDING FAME** (2017, by Empire Maker)
Two-time winner from 10 starts with earnings of \$120,010. **LOVE AND TRUST** is her first foal.
In foal to **FLIGHTLINE** for 2026
- ▶ **SIBLINGS:**
2025 Filly by **UNCLE MO**
- ▶ **SALES HISTORY:**
LOVE AND TRUST was purchased for \$240,000 at the 2024 Keeneland September Yearling sale.
- ▶ **ENICK RATING:** **A +++** (see below for description))
- ▶ **DOSAGE INDEX (DI):** (see below for description)
B-I-C-S-P (Brilliant-Intermediate-Classic-Solid-Professional)
4-7-5-0-0 DI = 5.40

Numbers starting on the left would suggest speed influence and move toward stamina influence as we move to the right. The DI is calculated by taking the sum of the B-I and half of the C numbers and dividing that number by the sum of half the C number and the S-P number.

DESCRIPTIONS

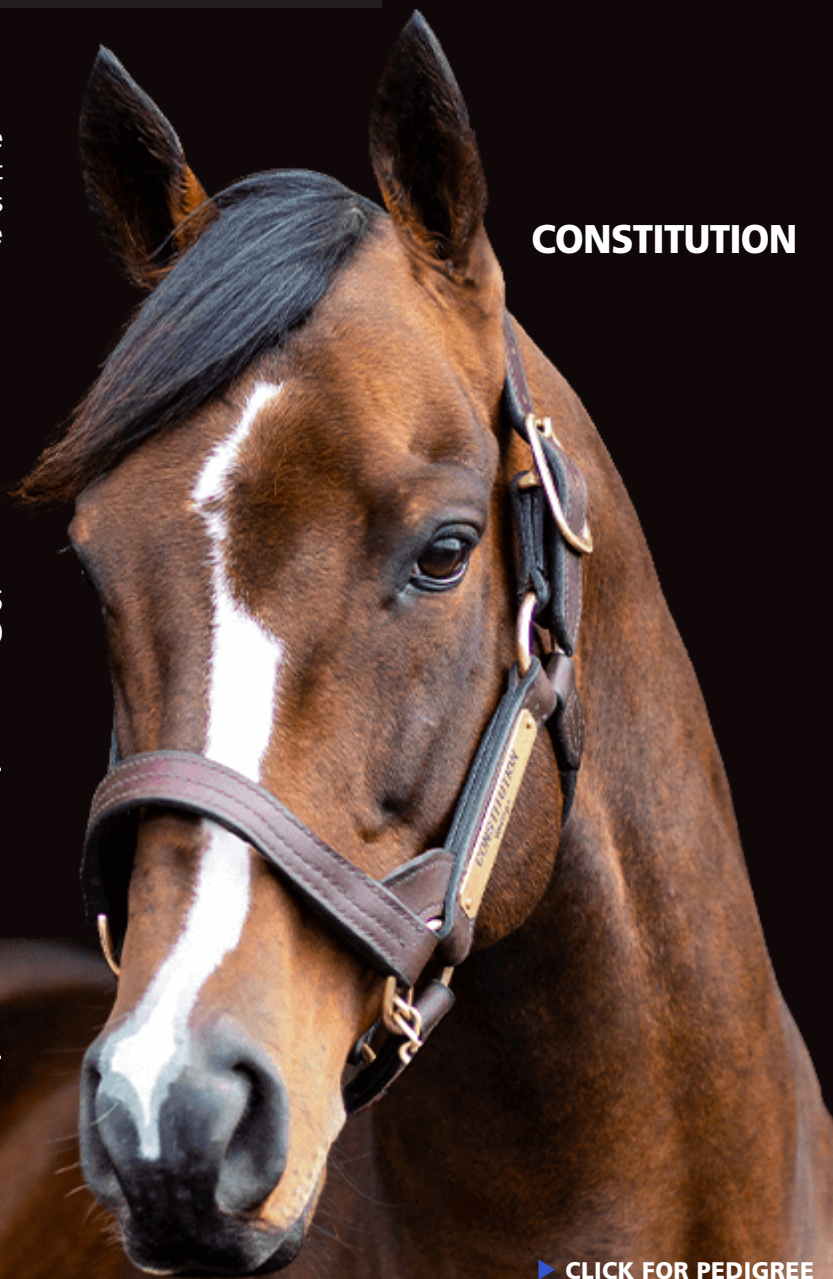
ENICK RATING:

Werk Nick Ratings (often referred to as eNicks reports) measure the statistical success of pairing a specific stallion with a mare's sire line in horse racing. Ratings range from F to A+++, indicating how often a cross produces stakes winners compared to the average, with "A" grades representing superior, proven success.

DOSAGE INDEX:

The Dosage Index (DI) is a pedigree-based metric, with lower numbers (ideally under 4.00) indicating higher stamina for distance, while higher numbers suggest speed. It is calculated as a ratio of speed-to-stamina points based on chefs-de-race in the first four generations.

CONSTITUTION



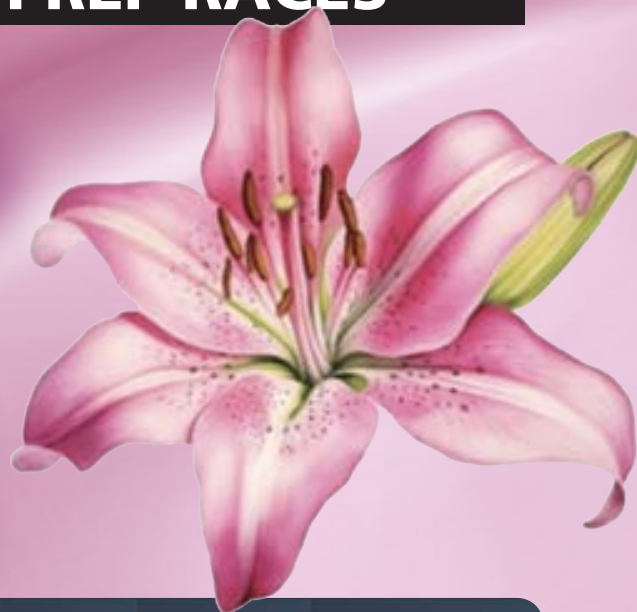
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UPCOMING OAKS PREP RACES

ROAD *to the* OAKS



Date	Race	Racetrack	Grade	Purse	Distance	1st	2nd	3rd	4th
March 1, 2026	Honeybee	Oaklawn Park	3	\$750,000	1 1/16 miles		50	25	15
March 1, 2026	Santa Ysabel	Santa Anita	3	*\$100,000	1 1/16 miles		50	25	15
March 14, 2026	Virginia Oaks	Colonial Downs	black-type	*\$250,000	1 1/16 miles		50	25	15
March 21, 2026	Fair Grounds Oaks	Fair Grounds	2	\$400,000	1 1/16 miles		100	50	25
March 21, 2026	Bourbonette Oaks	Turfway Park	listed	*\$300,000	1 1/16 miles (AW)		50	25	15
March 27, 2026	Fantasy	Oaklawn Park	2	\$1,000,000	1 1/16 miles		100	50	25
March 28, 2026	Gulfstream Park Oaks	Gulfstream Park	2	*\$250,000	1 1/16 miles		100	50	25
April 3, 2026	Ashland	Keeneland	1	*\$750,000	1 1/16 miles		100	50	25
April 4, 2026	Gazelle	Aqueduct	3	*\$200,000	1 1/8 miles		100	50	25
April 4, 2026	Santa Anita Oaks	Santa Anita	2	*\$200,000	1 1/16 miles		100	50	25

* Race dates, distances and purses are to be announced by host track. Tables are based on recent historical placement and subject to change.

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UPCOMING DERBY PREP RACES

ROAD TO THE DERBY

Date	Race	Racetrack	Grade	Purse	Distance	1st	2nd	3rd	4th
March 1, 2026	Rebel	Oaklawn Park	2	\$1,000,000	1 1/16 miles	50	25	15	10
March 7, 2026	Tampa Bay Derby	Tampa Bay Downs	3	*\$400,000	1 1/16 miles	50	25	15	10
March 7, 2026	San Felipe	Santa Anita	2	*\$400,000	1 1/16 miles	50	25	15	10
March 14, 2026	Virginia Derby	Colonial Downs	black-type	*\$500,000	1 1/8 miles	50	25	15	10
March 21, 2026	Jeff Ruby Steaks	Turfway Park	3	*\$777,000	1 1/8 miles (AW)	100	50	25	15
March 21, 2026	Louisiana Derby	Fair Grounds	2	\$1,000,000	1 3/16 miles	100	50	25	15
March 28, 2026	Florida Derby	Gulfstream Park	1	*\$1,000,000	1 1/8 miles	100	50	25	15
March 28, 2026	Arkansas Derby	Oaklawn Park	1	\$1,500,000	1 1/8 miles	100	50	25	15
April 4, 2026	Wood Memorial	Aqueduct	2	*\$750,000	1 1/8 miles	100	50	25	15
*April 4, 2026	Blue Grass	Keeneland	1	*\$1,250,000	1 1/8 miles	100	50	25	15
*April 4, 2026	Santa Anita Derby	Santa Anita	1	*\$500,000	1 1/8 miles	100	50	25	15
*April 11, 2026	Lexington	Keeneland	3	*\$400,000	1 1/16 miles	20	10	6	4

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RECENT NEWS & NOTABLE DATES

UPCOMING SALES

MARCH 10-12
OBS March Sale of
2YOs in Training in Ocala, FL.

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.



Admission To Preakness At Laurel Will Be Limited To 4,800

Tuesday, February 24, 2026 at 3:55 pm | [Back to: Top News](#)

By Bill Finley

With the GI Preakness moving to Laurel for this year's running, attendance will be limited to just 4,800 patrons, according to a spokesperson for 1/ST Racing.

The story was first reported by Matt Hegarty in the *Daily Racing Form*, who provided 1/ST with a list of questions regarding this year's race.

Though 1/ST had turned over Laurel and Pimlico to a quasi- public organization now running racing in Maryland, 1/ST maintained the rights to the 2026 Preakness.



Laurel Park | MJC

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Q: Focusing on the Kentucky Oaks (G1), what was the largest length of victory?

Trivia



ANSWER PAGE 9

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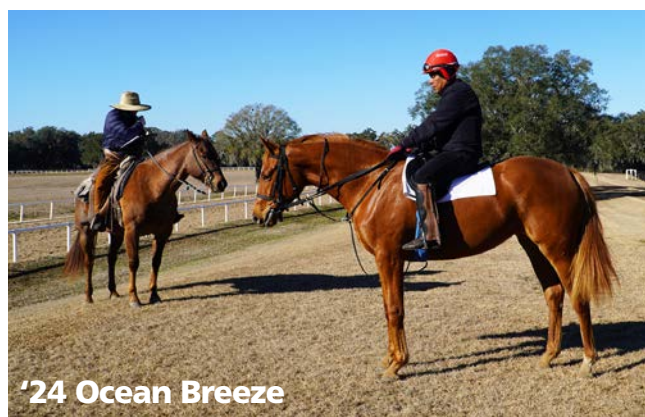
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A: Rachel Alexandra won the 2009 KY Oaks by 20 $\frac{1}{4}$ lengths. She was named Horse of the Year and Champion 3YO Filly.

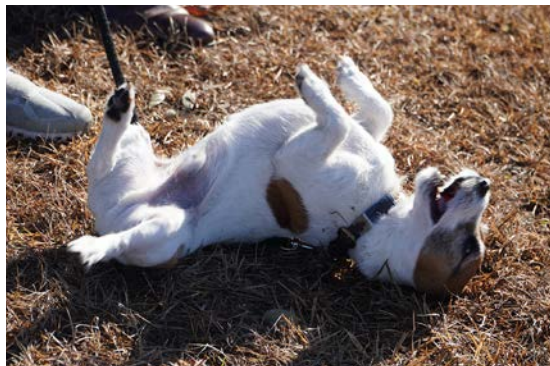


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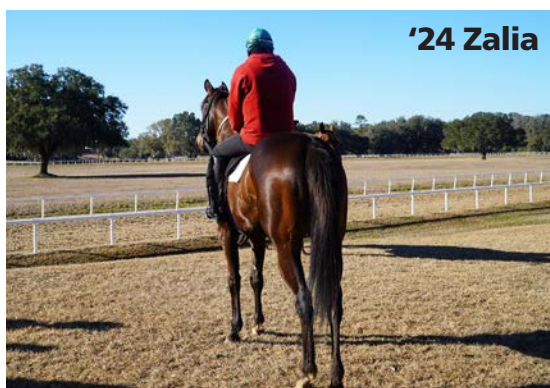
'24 Flying Fortress



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Mount
Vernon



'24 Zalia



'24 Secret Someone



Core Principle