# THE WINDWARD POST



# ROAD TO THE DERBY/OAKS HEATS UP

Less than a hundred days until the 150th running of the Kentucky Derby/Oaks and the number of qualifying races (known as the Road to the Derby/Oaks) are starting to drastically increase.

Starting with the Iroquois Stakes in September of the previous year, the Road to the Derby is a series of races that gives points to the top 5 finishers of each race. At the end of the series the top 20 horses receive an invitation to the Kentucky Derby/Oaks.

January saw only three races that provided Derby/Oaks points but that changes in February...(cont. pg.2)

#### GAME OF SILKS SEASON ONE ENDS

Game of Silks has ended their first season with a historic payout of over half a million ETH in winnings. Per management, all unminted tokens are removed from the catalog in preparation for Season 2.

What awaits us in the second season? Rumors abound, from massive increases in payout percentages to an expansion in the tracks included in payouts to new artwork, and everything in between.

An AMA has been whispered to be scheduled for February 8th. More details to follow as we learn more.

What do you think Season 2 will bring?



## **WELCOME**

January was a long, slow month with many of our horses still on break or only sporadically training.

That is about to change.

February perks up the race world with many winter meets beginning and the excitement for the Kentucky Derby rising.

Get ready, Thoroughbred racing is about to kick it up a notch!



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Road to the Derby/Oaks Heats Up (cont)

...with 9 races in February and 14 in March.

With so many points still available it's any horse's game on who makes it in and who the favorite will be.

The Kentucky Derby and Kentucky Oaks are two of the most publicly known races in the world. They are often the first introduction to Thoroughbred racing a non-racing person experiences.

Even for those not into horses it's hard not to get excited with the huge, fancy hats, the mint juleps, the colorful pageantry, and allthe traditions that surround these iconic races.

This year's Derby and Oaks is particularly special being the 150th time the races have been run.

**DERBY POINT STANDINGS** 



#### The 150th Kentucky Derby Trophy

The 14-karat gold trophy is adorned with diamonds, rubies, and emeralds, stands 22 inches tall, and weighs just over 4 pounds.

### OAKS **POINT STANDINGS**

1. Fierceness	30	Just F Y I	40
2. Track Phantom	30	Gin Gin	26
3. Locked	19	West Omaha	25
4. Timberlake	16	Candied	19
5. Liberal Arts	13		

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## Syndicates and Shares

All Windward Racing syndicates are full. We are preparing for the release of the 2022 foal crop and finalizing our buying plans for 2024. Be sure to follow on Twitter and sign up to the email group for the most up-to-date news.

If you are interested in joining a different syndicate please join the <u>Discord</u> group to meet other stables and get in on the action!



## Windward Racing Updates

Windward Racing is excited to announce that we have completed all the paperwork and are, officially, a registered US business! To celebrate we have completely revamped the website and added a merch store-now you can easily show off your Windward colors anytime, anywhere. Go to the General Store or our brand new Etsy store and order yours now!

The January race schedule was slow, with only a handful of entries, but February is already looking spicy with early entries coming in. The horses based in Puerto Rico are coming back from winter break with Lianne V, Justice Jewell, and Lt Commander already entered to run the first weekend of February.

We are starting to see more horses log their first workouts as well. The 2024 racing season looks like it will be much more exciting than the 2023 season, with quite a few more horses running.

We are excited to announce the addition of two new horses to our stables:

#### Cry If I Want To

A bay filly By Brody's Cause out of High Cry (by Street Cry (IRE)). Currently in training with Steven Amussen.

#### **Weekend Concerto**

A bay colt by Mendlessohn out of Weekend Fantasy (by Pleasantly Perfect). Currently in training with Michael J. Maker.



Want to show off your stables or get your event on the calendar?

Contact
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## FEBRUARY

2024

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17 Louisiana Derby Preview Day
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29		

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