

# THE WINDWARD POST

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Timberlake wins the Rebel Stakes!

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## Game of Silks to Release Season 2

Game of Silks Season 2 begins March 8th and the suspense is ratcheting up. What horses will be minted? What syndicates to join?

Management has slowly trickled out news and updates but they seem to do little to calm the community. The rise is payouts, the inclusion of Canada race tracks, what else does Game of Silks have in store for Season 2?

## Kentucky Bound?

Barely two months till race day and many feel that the current leader board will be the race line-up. Favorites like Timberlake and Track Phantom continue to rack up points-have they locked in their invites?

Those who would say “yes” should remember that, at this time last year, Mage had only raced one time. Looking further back Rich Strike had barely grabbed one win in multiple starts, and even the great Justify had only raced once. As the time counts down it is still any horse’s game.



# WELCOME

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February was cold and wet on the home farm but out in the racing world we started seeing more and more horses working out and entering races.

It is so exciting to see these horses returning. They look more filled out, older, they know their job and they are ready to do it.

Here's to a great spring season!

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# Tips on Horse Buying

With all the focus on the 2022 crop the secondary market has started to show a reduction in price. Part of this is due to many horses having moved out of the US (and out of game play) and owners cutting their losses, however there are still gems to be found. Just like in the real world buying a horse can be a daunting task. Here are a couple key points to consider:

## Purpose

What are you expecting from this horse? Are you looking for a broodmare? Are you hoping for a quick flip? Do you want a series of quick wins or are you prepared to wait for a long, consistent career? Think beyond just a horse that wins and brings home a paycheck. This type of planning will direct the growth and future of your barn.

## Location

If you are shopping for a broodmare you might not mind if a young horse is currently in a country outside the game play; if you are looking for an instant payout then you'll want to focus on horses who are already racing and known to be in the game play area. Do you want a year round racer? Then you'll want a horse based at a larger track that hosts multiple meets a year, or with a trainer known to migrate with the seasons.

## Pedigree

Understanding a pedigree is one of the most important things to learn for horse buying, and probably one of the hardest. Certain bloodlines are known to behave in specific ways and knowing the who, what, and why can greatly help guide the buyer narrow their choices.

## Owner/Trainer/Jockey

A talented jockey can take an average horse to great; an owner known to move their horses with the season can hint at a more active racer; a trainer with a stellar record; these are all things that can give one horse an advantage over another. Learn who's who in the racing world, it will be a great benefit.





The most important part of horse buying is researching the horse in question. Here are a few of our favorite resources:

<https://www.equibase.com/>

<https://www.registry.jockeyclub.com>

<https://www.pedigreequery.com/>

<https://www.horseracingnation.com/>

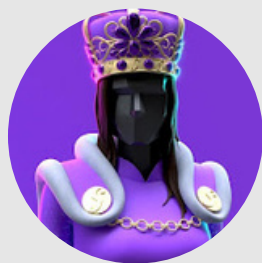
## Ask Discord

Discord hosts the Game of Thrones community and is a wonderland of information. It can be overwhelming at first, but the fastest way to find out about a horse is simply to ask a few questions. “What do you guys think of XYZ?” will send the extremely knowledgeable OGs out en masse to find out every detail they can.

Some players have even created educational videos and helpful learning tutorials that they provide, for free. Click on their pic to learn more!



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# Windward Racing Updates

February saw more US races being run while our PR horses have slowly returned to workouts. The first weekend of March sees many of our PR horses, including barn favorite Frosted Brees, back on the track.

Just a reminder that many of our northern based horses won't begin steady competition till May. Don't let the quiet fool you though, Windward has been working behind the scenes in preparation for Season 2!

We are excited to announce the addition of a new filly to our stables:

## Vee's Reason

A bay filly by Brody's Cause out of Crypto Rising Star (by Cryptoclearance (IRE)).



# Are you ready for March Madness?



## General Store Open

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