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• Jack Sisterson is no newcomer to the racetrack but is a recent addition to the training ranks after being engaged by the storied Calumet Farm. On Saturday, Sisterson will be looking for a serious boost to his profile when he sends out Bandua for his new employers in the Pattison Canadian International.

• Bandua will be making his first start in Sisterson's name after beginning his career in Ireland with Dermot Weld, who also was the trainer of record for the colt's first two American starts.

• Sisterson was keeping a close eye on the proceedings, however, when Bandua finished third when facing fellow three-year-olds in Arlington's Grade I Secretariat. "His effort in the Secretariat was very promising, I thought," said Sisterson. "They went quickly enough up front. He showed a lot of early speed, to sort of keep up with those fractions, and sort of kept going."

• His next and most recent appearance, also against his own age group, yielded a fourth-place finish in the Dueling Grounds Derby at Kentucky Downs with his Canadian International pilot Adam Beschizza in the irons for the first time. "He was in a good spot, and Adam gave him a great ride," said Sisterson. "Whether it was the track he didn't sort of like, or what it was, I thought he'd run a better race than he did. We think he'll come on a lot for that run."

• Sisterson believes the spacious Woodbine layout will enable Bandua to deliver an optimum performance. "I think if a course is ever tailor-made for a horse, it would be Bandua for Woodbine," said Sisterson. "He's got such a big stride, and he's a very galloping type of horse. We're excited to run him up there."

Owner - Calumet Farm

Calumet Farm was established in 1924 by William Monroe Wright and remained in the family for many years. Headquartered in Lexington since the 193Os, where it started out as a Standardbred operation, Calumet made the move to Thoroughbreds when William's son Warren took over from his late father in 1932. Calumet has gone on to be one of the most successful breeding and racing operations in North American history with Triple Crown winners Whirlaway (1941) and Citation (1948) among their eight Kentucky Derby winners and seven Preakness winners. Lucille Wright inherited Calumet upon her husband's death in 1950 and when she died in 1982 the farm went to the heirs of their only child Warren Wright Jr. (1920–1978) with son-in-law J.T. Lundy in charge. Calumet won an Eclipse Award as Outstanding Breeder in 1990 but the following year the outfit filed for bankruptcy protection. A trust established by Henryk de Kwiatkowski purchased Calumet at auction in 1992 but then sold the farm in 2012 to Calumet Investment Group, who in turn leased it to Brad Kelley.

Trainer - Jack Sisterson

Jack Sisterson, at age 33, joined Calumet Farm as a trainer in mid-May. His first connection to racing began when he was enrolled in the University of Louisville's Equine Business Program and went to the track as a hotwalker for trainer Todd Pletcher. In 2010, Sisterson joined trainer Doug O'Neill's barn and was an assistant there when I'll Have Another captured the Kentucky Derby and Preakness in 2012 and Nyquist won the Kentucky Derby in 2016. He left O'Neill's employ for a brief stint as an account executive with Eaton Sales in November 2016 but returned to the fold in the next year. Sisterson's first winner was the Calumet homebred Next Dance, who won a maiden race at Belterra Park. He is based at Keeneland.

Jockey – Adam Beschizza

Adam Beschizza began his career in England in 2009, contending for champion apprentice honours with 39 winners the following season. The 25-year-old had visited the U.S. for the first time in 2009, exercising horses for trainer Mike Stidham at the Fair Grounds. He was back in New Orleans in 2015, galloping and riding a few horses for Joe Sharp. Following a 38-win English campaign in 2017, Beschizza once again was at the Fair Grounds and this time he has not returned home. Off to a fast start, Beschizza finished the meeting with six stakes wins and 65 overall victories, just one shy of leader Shaun Bridgmohan. He has since ridden five more stakes winners while competing mainly in Kentucky.