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GOLDEN GATE FIELDS: DISPATCHES FROM A TRACK FACING THE END



Golden Gate Fields | Vassar Photography

by Dan Ross

GOLDEN GATE FIELDS, CA -- On bright June mornings at the end of training when a cool breeze is skimmed from the top of San Francisco Bay, Golden Gate Fields suspends in midair.

The remaining horses gallop by almost silently, save for a sound like the ripple of a kite tugging at a string. Behind them, the infield water fountains shiver and hiss while above, western gulls turn and wheel on invisible wires. It's a world contained--its shoulder braced against the whirring cogs of time, straining against the pull.

Then your eyes lift to the traffic crawling the I-580. Your ears adjust to the constant hum of cars headed to brunch dates and shopping trips and hikes up Mount Diablo. Even in its faded pomp, the yawning grandstand seems to call out to them proudly. "Look out your window! Come visit!" Every so often, one of the cars heeds the call. But few do--not anymore. In trying to pause the clock, the risk is that time gives up on you altogether.

"I always say, if you can't say anything good, don't say anything at all," says a figure hunched over the rail at the entrance to the track, her grey hair swept back, cracked hands ingrained with dirt. She doesn't want her name used. She's tired, dejected.

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THE ACORN AND THE BEAST by Christina Bossinakis

SARATOGA SPRINGS, NY -- It sounds a little like a fairy tale. A fire-breathing creature descending on several unsuspecting ladies in search of a prized acorn. In this story, however, the role of the fearsome creature is played by GI Kentucky Oaks heroine **Thorpedo Anna** (Fast Anna), who while not grotesque, gives eight other GI Acorn S. rivals cause for concern nonetheless.

"The boys are lucky she is not running," said trainer Kenny McPeck with a chuckle. "I mean she's *good*."

After an emphatic win at Keeneland last October, she returned to win impressively and was named a **'TDN Rising Star'** at Churchill Downs Nov. 10 before finishing second in that oval's GI Golden Rod S. Nov. 25. That was the last time she would taste defeat. A four-length winner in her 2024 debut in the Mar. 30 Fantasy S. at Oaklawn Park, the filly easily dismantled her rivals on a sloppy first Friday in May.

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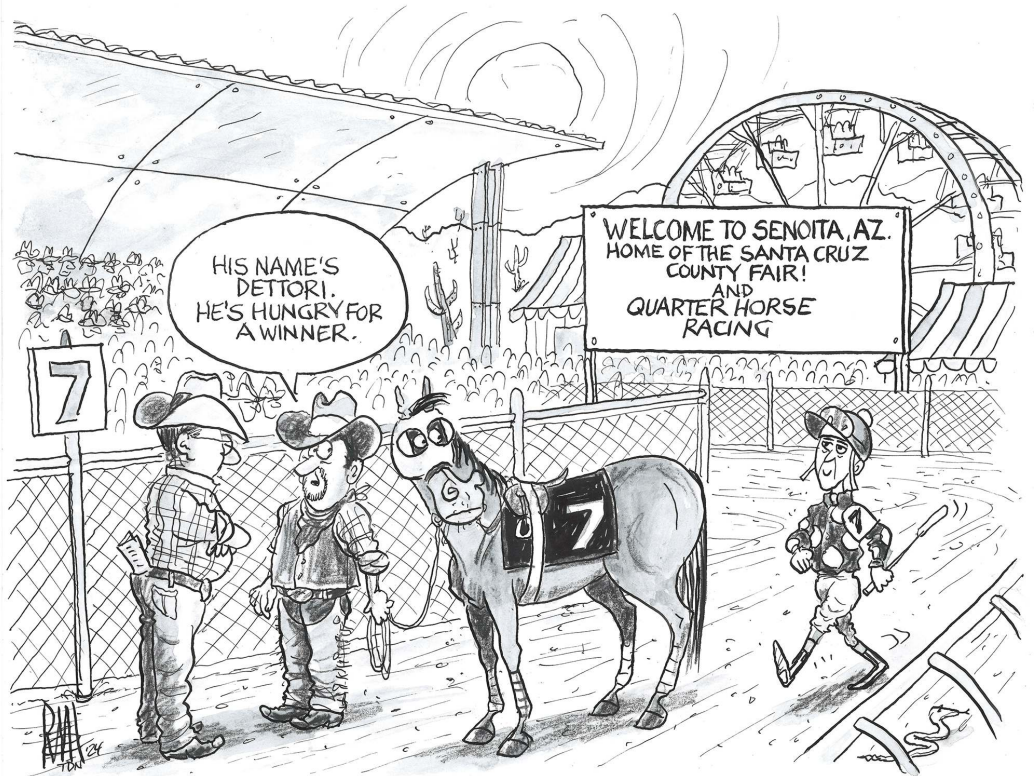
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This Sunday, The Stronach Group (TSG)-owned track will stage its very last race. And then the fate of hundreds of Northern California-based trainers, grooms, hotwalkers, breeders, exercise riders and jockeys could hinge on the success or failure of a 10-week meet this fall at the Alameda County Fair in Pleasanton about 35 miles away, depending on the route.

"It's just rotten what's been done to us," she eventually says, forgetting her well-intentioned mantra.

Just then, her companion at the rail—a tall, portly man with a citrus orange t-shirt pulled tight over his stomach—suddenly breaks off towards his barn. The woman perks up: his exercise rider has exited the track one circuit too soon.

"Then just tell him to go back," she calls out, and chuckles when the man shrugs his shoulders. She trundles off in the same direction. "I'll see you around, I guess," she says, over her shoulder. "Someplace, anyways."

"It's terrible. No bueno," says Octavio Saldana, 37, hosepipe in hand as he fills the last of the water buckets in the barn of his boss, trainer D. Wayne Baker. Theirs is a corner of the backstretch just a few hundred feet from the Bay, where the waters break against the rocks.

The barn is a paint-pot amid a faded watercolor of a backstretch, where splintered doorframes are eaten raw, thin walls slant inwards and roofs sag. Rickety barrows rigged with bicycle wheels are discarded next to broken pitchforks. Parked cars look as though they could rust in a second.

But not at D. Wayne Baker's stable. The entrance wears a garland of flowers like a Kentucky Derby winner. An empty concrete water fountain in the middle of a neatly raked walking ring suggests a certain exotic splendor. The interior is just as carefully kept, all thanks to the work of employees like Saldana, who doesn't want to leave his workplace of 11 years.

Saldana will commute to Pleasanton from the Bay Area, where

he lives with his wife and daughter, when the barn relocates wholesale in the next week or so.

"I've got no choice," he says. "I don't know why they close this place. But what can we do?"

Saldana wears the watchful demeanor of someone who rarely stops thinking about his horses. He takes a question about memories and heads straight to a pretty, sweet-natured gelding

with a nose as soft as moss—Honeymoonz Over, a modern legend at Golden Gate, with a taste for nibbling visitors' backpacks. At the grand old age of nine, Honeymoonz Over has won 19 races here, "sixteen of them for me," Saldana says, proudly.

Saldana remembers one week at Golden Gate some six or seven years ago when he won four races back-to-back. He rubs his chin as he tries to recall their names.

A few barns over lives a long-time track resident who

could give Ken Burns a run for his money.


"I don't remember people's names, but I remember horses' names," says trainer Melanie McDonald, leant against the doorway of room number six, behind her a jar of pickles open on a small fold-away table. Just off to the side, her husband Frank, 90, listens in while hanging a sentry of worn red bandages in the sun.

At 86, McDonald has a broad open face crisscrossed with deep lines, like a carpenter's workbench. She's small and wiry and strong. A few years ago, weeks after almost dying of COVID, she was back to work lugging around bales of straw on her back.

McDonald first came to Golden Gate in 1957, walking hot for trainer Buck Logan. She remembers a time when women weren't allowed to be exercise riders—but she did it anyway, when the men let her. She remembers galloping a stakes-class mare called Mystic Air who once jumped a snake slithering across a dirt road like it was a fence. And she remembers the early years of her training career, before Frank joined in the fun. **Cont.**



D. Wayne Baker's barn area | Dan Ross

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Golden Gate, cont.

"I had a horse called Meadow Blade who was by Sword Dancer," says McDonald, recalling an older mare with some distant form on Belmont Park's turf course. "I think it was the first year they had the grass course here," she says. And so, she entered the mare on the new turf. "She ended up winning and paid pretty good, too.

"My husband, who I didn't really know at the time, bet on her. He was good friends with another guy I was training for. He won a whole bunch of money out of me on the exacta. I think the exacta paid \$2,600 or something. And that's how I met my husband," says McDonald, "that mare winning on the grass."

McDonald reserves special place for the celebrity closer Silky Sullivan, who in the late 1950s did more to raise blood pressures up and down the state than saturated fats. She remembers asking Logan for the afternoon off to see Silky Sullivan run at Golden Gate.

"Those days the paddock was kind of where the winner's circle is now. It was a big round cement thing. There were stairs going down to it for the public so they could view the horses--the horses were lore back then," says McDonald, her pale blue eyes clouding in the clear morning sunlight.

"We went down three races early so that we could get a place right up front to watch Silky Sullivan in the paddock," says



Lost in the Fog memorial | Dan Ross

McDonald. "He was a beautiful chestnut horse. When you're a kid, and I was a horse-mad girl, you thought he was a god."

Silky Sullivan was buried in the Golden Gate infield in 1977, his head pointed East at the behest of his owner, Kjell Qvale. In the Turf Club, a sprawling memorial adorns the wall for another revered champion, **Lost in the Fog**, the Eclipse winner who for one glorious summer in 2005 grounded the nation's quickest lightning bolts. **Cont.**

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"That's one of the best memories we've had in Lost in the Fog. And Soviet Problem. She was pretty incredible," says trainer Gloria Haley, perched in the rail-side shelter near the stable entrance, a wide-brimmed visor and Jackie O sunglasses giving her a certain presidential glamour.

Bred and owned by John Harris and Don Valpredo, Soviet Problem was another Greg Gilchrist high achiever, to go with Lost in the Fog. He shepherded her to 15 career wins, seven of them at Golden Gate. In 1994, only Cherokee Run's head stood between the Moscow Ballet mare and a win in the GI Breeders' Cup Sprint.

"Soviet Problem? I broke her," says Jacqui Navarre, from the other end of the shelter. "Yeah, I broke her," she adds, when Haley voices surprise.

"Quite a mare," Haley says, under her breath.

Navarre is a multi-hyphenate who can't sit still. She's an exercise rider and trainer and she ponies on race day. She describes the imminent move of her five-horse stable to Pleasanton in resigned terms, familiar with the process but far from happy.



Golden Gate stable area | Dan Ross

"We've seen it all before," Navarre says, slowly nodding. In 1992, the closure of Longacres racetrack in Washington State drove her to Portland Meadows in Oregon.

She moved to Golden Gate some 13 years ago, well before TSG closed Portland Meadows in 2019.

"It's the Trail of Tears," Haley intones.

Navarre will dearly miss the place, she says--in particular, a surface that she says is as kind on a horse's legs as anywhere.

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"We've been to so many tracks that close, but for some reason this one bothers me the most," she says. "You know how it is in racing. You hate someone one minute, but you're good the next. At the end of the day, this is such a tight-knit group."

Navarre gets to her feet, off to pony one in the next. "They say the view of the Bay from the men's room is spectacular," she says, as she marches off, before adding: "Obviously, I've never been in there."

It turns out the view is even better atop the entire grandstand, along the stretch of roof that Bill Downes takes before he calls the races from high up in his roost. He took the job at the end of last year. Six months isn't really long enough to lay down roots.

"Not really," Downes replies, when asked if he's a lump-in-the-throat kind of guy.

Downes is already thinking about his next gigs, wherever they may be--just outside the door of his booth is the end of the world. Through the sturdy limbs of Golden Gate Bridge, the view is one that millions have taken in over the years, inspired and haunted by it, and always left wondering.


In a concrete bunker somewhere not too far from the simulcasting windows is the track's archive room. It's as dark in there as a Watergate break-in. The lights don't work. Shelves are lined with dusty videocassettes, left there from the days of Sam Spear, the former Bay Area sports media maven. But there are a few old cardboard boxes brimming with newspapers. Russell Baze smiles out from many of them. But not all.

"Did you see the film clip of Vice President Gore dancing with his wife?" a 70-year-old former rhythm-and-blues star called Charles Brown told the Oakland Tribune on opening day in 1993. "I was the one playing on the stage."

Lost in the Fog, Shared Belief, Bold Chieftain--these are the Golden Gate headliners that main track superintendent, Juan Meza, 63, ticks off. But not for his favorite moments. **Cont.**



Bill Downes in the booth | Dan Ross




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"Those are when I see every horse make it to the wire safe. Every morning, to see all the horses training with no injuries and no riders injured," he says, beneath the shade of a tree at the north end of the facility. It's his favorite spot--from there, no stumble, jinx or fall anywhere on the track is hidden from his view. He's worked the surface for about 20 years.

There's a quiet carefulness about Meza, as though each thought has been chewed over a hundred times. A quiet determination, too. He's known to put in 25-hour days, one after the other.

"I take things really personal--really serious," says Meza. "To me, time doesn't matter. I could spend day and night here. I do that because I love it. I do what it takes."

Such bloody-mindedness, however, is hardly the recipe for



Juan Meza | Dan Ross

marital bliss. "I've been lucky with my wife. She supports me 100%.

"Otherwise, it would be difficult," Meza says.

General manager David Duggan's marriage to the track has been shorter and more tumultuous.

"I used to get cross at her," says Duggan, at a Turf Club table, referring to the old track like it was the Queen Mary. "When we got a lot of rain or it didn't rain properly, I called her terrible names. But she was a very, very graceful track. She did a lot more than people realized."

Duggan helped put together a video--played at a recent backstretch farewell meal--showing the track's history since its 1941 launch. Its role as a naval

landing equipment depot during WWII. Where Willie Shoemaker beat in 1953 the record for most wins in a single year. Where Noor cleared away from Triple Crown winner Citation to claim the 1950 Golden Gate Handicap. **Cont.**

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Golden Gate, cont.

The days and weeks after the very last race, however, "I think that's when it'll probably dawn on me," Duggan says, of what is to befall the great old place, and the people who made it so.

All too soon Golden Gate Fields will be manned by a spartan army, figures scurrying here and there preparing for the auctioning off of memorabilia and equipment. They'll dismantle the rails and lock up the barn area.

Chained and padlocked, the place will echo with hollow footfalls and a wind that has blown across the Bay since the very first sunrise discovered this paradise. And the drivers on the I-580 will continue to pass by, oblivious to this locked tomb and the solitary freeway sign that had once signaled its life. Oblivious to what is. Oblivious to what was. Eyes forward, missing a race already lost.

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Thorpedo Anna in the Acorn, cont. from p1

Since that victory, McPeek vacillated whether he wanted to run her back against her own gender in the Acorn or take on the colts in the GI Belmont S., which will be contested this year over 10 furlongs. However, cooler heads prevailed and in a desire to



Thorpedo Anna | Sarah Andrew

keep Kentucky Derby winner **Mystik Dan** (Goldencents)--also trained by McPeek--and Thorpedo Anna apart, the decision was made to give the nine-furlong Acorn a go. The filly has registered three works since her Oaks victory, including a four-furlong move in a bullet :46 1/5 at Churchill May 22 followed by an easy maintenance move of 1:02 4/5 for five panels over the Oklahoma training track June 1. **Cont.**

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Thorpedo Anna in the Acorn, cont.

And given the twinkle in his eye and the wide grin on his face, he knows she's locked and loaded.

"As a matter of fact I think she's on the improve," he said. "Those two wins were her only races all year. She was very impressive. But she hasn't even felt the whip. She's a beast."

Last season's champion juvenile filly **Just FYI (Justify)** dominated her division in 2023, winning all three starts, including the GI Frizette S. and GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies. This term, she has yet to find the winner's circle having finished runner-up in both the GI Ashland S. at Keeneland and the Oaks.

The George Krikorian homebred has posted bullet works in her two latest outings, including a five-furlong move in 1:01 1/5 over the Oklahoma training track May 31.

"I thought we went into the Kentucky Oaks as good as you can go into a race," Bill Mott said Thursday. "We were second best on that day."

He continued, "It was on an off racetrack. I don't know if running on a fast race track can even things out a little bit. But I am equally happy with how she is coming into this race. I don't think I am any better or worse than I was going into the Kentucky Oaks. It seems she is doing much the same and her works have been good and she seems to be very good with herself."



Leslie's Rose | Sarah Andrew

One of three Grade I winners in this race, GI Ashland S. winner **Leslie's Rose** (Into Mischief) will try to rebound off a forgettable 13th in the Oaks. The \$1.15-million Keeneland September purchase also earned **'TDN Rising Stardom'** in her sole start of 2023, a 9 1/4-length score at Aqueduct in November.

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Acorn, cont.

“I think she absolutely hated the slop [in the Kentucky Oaks], and I had concerns about it because she had been training absolutely great every day we were [at Churchill], except the Tuesday before the Oaks when we had a sloppy track,” said trainer Todd Pletcher. “She was noticeably less aggressive and didn’t seem to care for it. She never really had any experience on a sloppy track, so I was hoping maybe in a race scenario she could overcome it, but Irad [Ortiz, Jr.] said she hated it the whole way.

“She’s a filly that has always trained well and she ran great in her first two starts,” Pletcher said of her first two efforts, including a length win in a Gulfstream optional claimer in January. She subsequently finished third in the GII Davona Dale S. at Gulfstream in March.

“She had a little bit of a tricky trip in the Davona Dale and then she got a great trip in the Ashland. I’m thinking if she can regain that form—and the way she’s training, she acts like she’s going to—she should be very competitive.”

Coming off a confident victory in the GII Black-Eyed Susan S. on the Preakness Day undercard, **Gun Song (Gun Runner)** gets another crack at a distance that she has shown an affinity for. Prior to her sojourn to Baltimore, she finished fourth behind GII Gulfstream Park Oaks winner **Power Squeeze (Union Rags)**, who subsequently finished sixth in the Kentucky Oaks.



Gun Song | Sarah Andrew

Grass Is the Word

Friday’s other graded action is highlighted by an additional three graded stakes, two at the Grade I level, and all on the turf. The Just a Game S. offers up seven runners, only two of them *not* trained by Chad Brown. Listed at 3-1 on the morning line, **Gina Romantica (Into Mischief)** and **Coppice (GB) (Kingman {GB})** both stand to improve off a single prior start this season.

The former, winner of last season’s GI QEII Cup and GI First Lady S., finished seventh last time in Keeneland’s GI Jenny Wiley S., while her stablemate was just a neck shy of another Brown runner, **Chili Flag (Fr) (Cityscape {GB})**, in the May 4 GII Distaff Turf Mile at Churchill Downs. Brown also saddles Jenny Wiley victress **Beaute Chachee (Fr) (Literato {Fr})** and last-out GIII Beaugay S. runner-up **Whitebeam (GB) (Caravaggio)**.



English Rose | Sarah Andrew

In the 1 3/16-mile GI New York S., Brown saddles Grade I winner **McKulick (GB) (Frankel {GB})** and GSW **Royalty Interest (Fr) (Le Havre {Ire})** but he’ll have a much tougher time of it with several seasoned competitors facing his duo. Godolphin is represented by G2 Balanchine S. winner **English Rose (Ire) (Frankel {GB})**, who was runner-up as the favorite in the aforementioned Jenny Wiley. Charlie Appleby trains the homebred while William Buick comes in for the mount.

Chris Connett, Appleby’s assistant and head traveling lad, said, “She’s a versatile filly who can go a mile or stretch out. The race down at Keeneland, she was a little bit keen, but I think that’s down to being at a new place, new track and new style of racing. Hopefully, now she is settled into the American ways and we’ll see her relaxing into the race and really be able to finish.”

Also likely to garner support, George Krikorian’s 7-year-old **War Like Goddess (English Channel)** makes her seasonal debut for trainer Bill Mott. Last season’s winner of the GI Turf Classic over the soggy turf at Aqueduct in October, she concluded the year with a seventh, beaten 4 1/4 lengths, by Auguste Rodin (Ire) (Deep Impact {Jpn}) in the GI Breeders’ Cup Turf at Santa Anita.

“We had a little mishap in Kentucky, she was supposed to run the end of April at Keeneland, and she wound up kicking herself above the hock and had a laceration on the inside of her leg that was causing her some grief so we had to scratch,” he explained. **Cont.**



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Friday preview, cont.

“But since then, she's been fine and training well. We are probably up against it a little bit at 9 1/2 furlongs since she'd probably prefer to go 11 or 12 furlongs. If there is some cut in the ground and a hot pace, that might play into her running style. Maybe it'll even things out and she can compete.”

Also explaining the decision to run her at a distance that might not be ideal for War Like Goddess, Mott said, “There aren't many other races that we would be interested in running in at this time of the year and she's ready to go. I figured we should just go ahead and run.”

When asked about her longevity, he explained, “With the older horses, there is no pressure to run. It's not like the Kentucky Derby when you only have one chance to run. Bobby Frankel once told me 'there is only one race that comes around once and that's the Derby.' The others you can rotate and come back the next year. So we have the luxury of running when we're ready.”

Also lining up are dual Grade I winner **Fev Rover (Ire)** (Gutaifan {Ire}), also making her 2024 debut, in addition to last year's GI Belmont Oaks scorer **Aspen Grove (Ire)** (Justify), last seen finishing a closing third in the GIII Modesty S. at Churchill May 3.

“Her wins in the GI Beverly D. and GI E. P. Taylor were big races,” said Mark Casse of Fev Rover. “Her race at Saratoga in the GI Diana [third, last July], she just got a little unlucky. I was disappointed with her effort in the Breeders' Cup [11th in the Filly & Mare Turf at Santa Anita], she just didn't show up. I don't know why; she had trained really well into it. She's training very well. She loves to train on the [Woodbine Racetrack] synthetic.”

Rounding out Friday's graded action is the GII Intercontinental S., led by 6-5 morning-line favorite **Roses for Debra** (Liam's Map). The 5-year-old was last seen taking the GIII Giant's Causeway S. at Keeneland Apr. 13.

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WALSH WILL KEEP AN EYE TO THE SKY BEFORE PRETTY MISCHIEVOUS RUNS IN OGDEN PHIPPS *by Tim Wilkin*

SARATOGA SPRINGS, NY -- Given his choice, trainer Brendan Walsh would rather not see it wet on Saturday at Saratoga Race Course. That's because the big horse in his barn, **Pretty Mischievous** (Into Mischief) is scheduled to run in the GI Ogden Phipps S. on the GI Belmont S. undercard at Saratoga Race Course.

“The less rain we get, the better,” Walsh said while sitting in his office at his barn at the Oklahoma Training Track.



Pretty Mischievous with Brendan Walsh | Sarah Andrew

Owned by Godolphin LLC, Pretty Mischievous has seen off-tracks before and has run okay. She was third in the GI La Troienne S. at Churchill Downs in her 2024 debut; in her last start of 2023, she was second in the GI Cotillion S. at Parx.

Pretty Mischievous also won on a sloppy track when she was a 2-year-old.

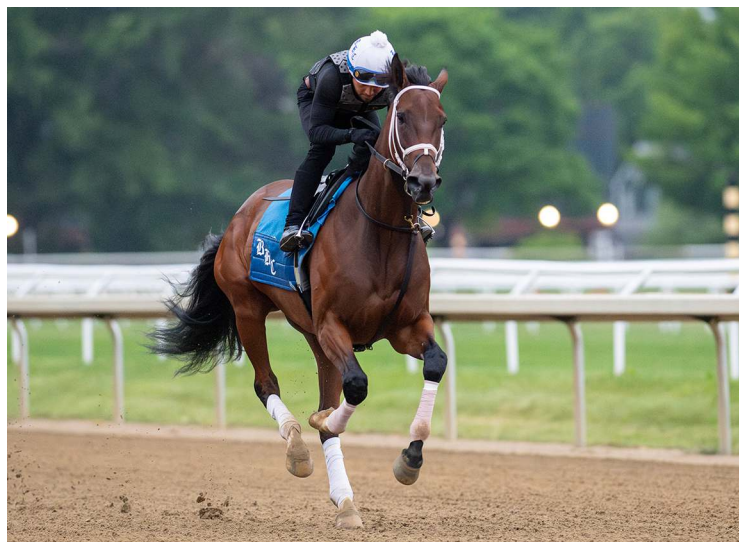
“She'll go on it, but it's not her best surface,” Walsh said.

When asked if he would definitely run Pretty Mischievous in the Phipps, Walsh did not commit.

“I'm not sure,” he said. “It depends on how much rain we get.”

In the La Troienne, Pretty Mischievous and jockey Tyler Gaffalione were beaten 5 1/4 lengths by **Idiomatic** (Curlin), who has steamrolled her way to six straight wins and won an Eclipse of her own last year for older dirt female.

Idiomatic, from the barn of Brad Cox, is the 3-5 morning-line favorite in the Phipps. Pretty Mischievous is the co-third choice--along with **Randomized** (Nyquist)--at 6-1. **Cont.**



Idiomatic | Sarah Andrew

Saratoga notebook, cont.

Walsh is looking forward to a rematch, hopefully on a fast track.

“I liked the way she ran the last time,” he said. “She loomed up there like she was going to do something. Maybe it was a combination of the track and she got a little tired.”

Pretty Mischievous has satisfied Walsh with her three works at Churchill Downs since the La Troienne.

The filly arrived in Saratoga on Monday.

“She seems like she is working as good as ever--it not better--going into this,” Walsh said. “She is the nicest filly in the world to train. She makes us all look good.”

McPeek’s ‘Other’ Horse Runs Friday

In any other year, **Thorpedo Anna** (Fast Anna) would be getting all the attention at trainer Kenny McPeek’s barn.

Not this year. Thorpedo Anna is the best 3-year-old filly in the country and she gets to prove it again on Friday when she runs in the GI Acorn S. at Saratoga Race Course. Winner of four of five career starts by a combined 26 1/4 lengths, Thorpedo Anna is the 8-5 morning line favorite in the Acorn.

She is being overshadowed because she lives in the same barn as **Mystik Dan** (Goldencents), the GI Kentucky Derby winner and runner-up in the GI Preakness S. Mystik Dan is running in Saturday’s GI Belmont at the Spa.

“It’s weird,” McPeek said outside his barn. “Here you have a filly and there is no telling what she is worth, and she literally gets ignored. In any other year, I would be running her in the Belmont!”

McPeek didn’t care that Mystik Dan was made the 5-1 third choice behind 9-5 **Sierra Leone** (Gun Runner) and 7-2

Mindframe (Constitution) in the Belmont by New York Racing Association (NYRA) linemaker David Aragona.

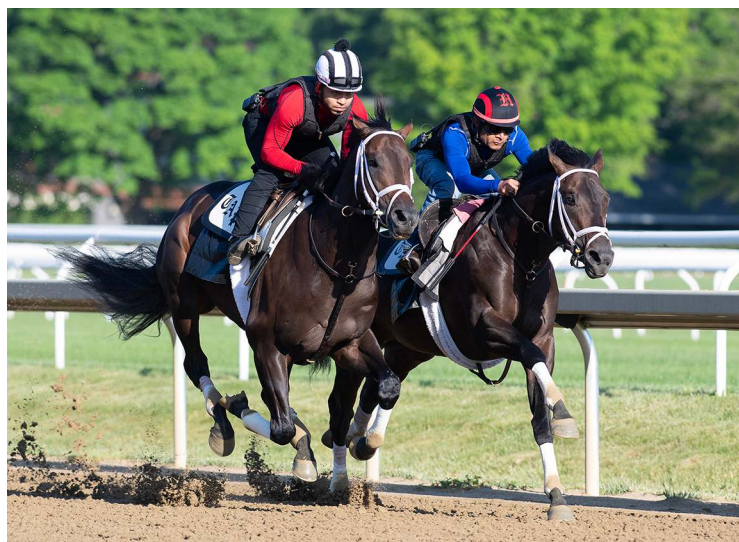
“I’m not a gambler so it doesn’t really matter to me,” McPeek said. “In New York, they tend to bet on Chad [Brown, trainer of Sierra Leone] and Todd [Pletcher, trainer of Mindframe]. In Kentucky, they bet on me!”

Repole Will Go It Alone ... Sort Of

Owner Mike Repole rolled into town on Thursday and will have two chances to take home the top prize in the GI Belmont S. on Saturday. His stable owns **Mindframe** (Constitution), the 7-2 second choice on the Belmont morning line.

He also owns 20-1 **Protective** (Medaglia d’Oro) with his long-time partners, Vinnie and Teresa Viola (St. Elias Stable).

However, the Violas aren’t going to be able to make the Belmont. Vinnie Viola owns the Florida Panthers and they are playing Game 1 of the Stanley Cup finals against Edmonton Saturday night in Miami.



Mindframe (outside) and Protective (inside) | Sarah Andrew

“He and Teresa will be sitting in a box cheering on their team,” Repole said by phone. “Hopefully, we can get the Belmont and they get the Stanley Cup.”

Even though Viola won’t be at the Spa, don’t feel for Repole. He won’t be lonely. He said he has 70 people in his Saturday entourage at Saratoga.

History Is Made At The Spa

Someday, trainer Mertkan Kantarmaci, jockey Dylan Davis and a 3-year-old gelding named **Drunk on Sake** (Yoshida {Jpn}) will be the answer to a Saratoga trivia question.

The answer: They combined to win the first race on Thursday as the four-day Belmont Festival at Saratoga got underway. It is the earliest race ever run in the storied history of Saratoga, which started racing Thoroughbreds in 1863.

“I’m happy to make some history,” Davis, who was born and raised in Saratoga, said. “We’re here a little earlier, but it’s great to be here.” **Cont.**



Drunk on Sake takes the field into the first turn | Sarah Andrew

Saratoga notebook, cont.

According to the National Museum of Racing and Hall of Fame, before Thursday, the earliest race ever run at Saratoga was July 11, 1882. Opening day of the 2024 summer meet at Saratoga is July 11.

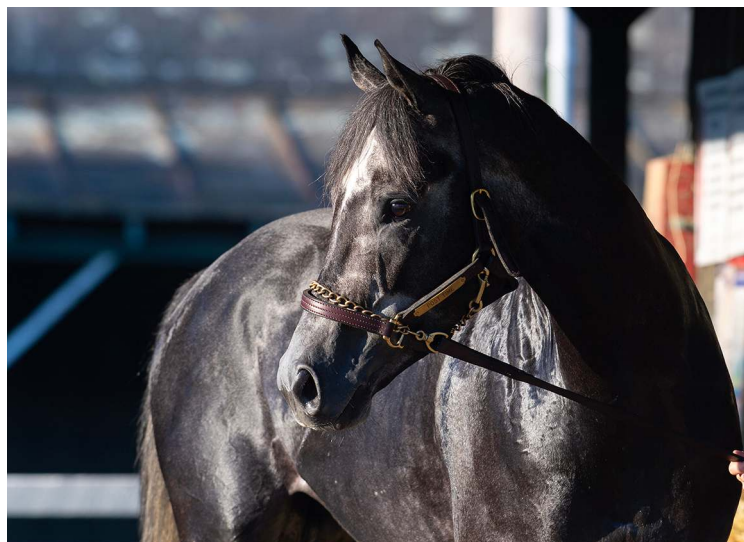
"This is the earliest start ever at Saratoga, so its special," Kantarmaci said. "What can I say?"

Drunk on Sake took the lead from the bell and won by 8 1/4 lengths in the 1 1/16-mile race on the inner turf. It was his first start on the grass after beating no one in his career debut on a muddy track at Aqueduct.

Kantarmaci is hoping this will be the start of a successful Belmont Festival. He said he has six more horses that could start here.

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POST TIME ANSWERS THE BELL IN THE GI MET MILE *by Mike Kane*



Post Time | Sarah Andrew

SARATOGA SPRINGS, NY -- When Hillwood Stable's **Post Time** (**Frosted**) blossomed this year, trainer Brittany Russell began the normal process of testing him in tougher races. Each time, he proved to be up to the task, leading the Maryland-bred to the biggest challenge of his career in the 131st GI Metropolitan H. Saturday at Saratoga Race Course.

Post Time drew Post 3 in the field of six led by GI Breeders Cup Classic and GI Whitney S. winner **White Abarrio** (Race Day) and GI Pegasus World Cup and GI Preakness winner **National Treasure** (**Quality Road**). He is the 7-2 third choice on the morning line. The lineup includes **Castle Chaos** (Palace Malice), **Blazing Sevens** (**Good Magic**) and **Hoist the Gold** (**Mineshaft**).

Commonly called the Met Mile, the prestigious race has long been a showcase for champions and Hall of Fame-bound runners. It debuted as a 1 1/16-mile test at Morris Park in 1891

and was shortened to a mile in 1897. It is being run at Saratoga this year and next in the Belmont Stakes Racing Festival while Belmont Park is undergoing a massive makeover.

The \$1-million Met Mile will start in the Wilson Chute, a straight which meets the main track in the first turn. With a 1 1/8-mile oval, Saratoga was unable to run races between seven and nine furlongs on dirt after the original Wilson Chute was closed following the 1972 season and the space used for parking. There was an experiment with one-mile races in 1992 that was deemed unfair to horses that drew inside. The New York Racing Association (NYRA) rebuilt the Wilson Chute prior to the 2022 season.

As Post Time climbed the competitive ladder--he is 8-1-1 in 10 starts--Russell and Hillwood Stable owner Ellen Charles began to consider the Met Mile for the 4-year-old's debut at the top level.

"We had it on our radar," Russell said. "It's a short field, but it's a quality field, and what are you going to expect? It's a Grade I for a million dollars. It's the Met Mile. You're not going to get an easy spot, but there's a lot of good things for us, if you look at it.

"Our horse, now, he has some seasoning under him. He's had some really good runs. We've learned some things along the way. Look, there's good horses in there, but who says that those horses are going to run their best race that day? Those horses have done a lot of traveling and we're sitting here with a horse that I feel like we kind of brought into this race the way we wanted. So, we feel good about him and that gives us confidence."

White Abarrio and National Treasure will be making their first starts since the GI Saudi Cup on Feb. 24. National Treasure ended up fourth, 1 1/2 lengths behind the winner, late-running **Senor Buscador** (**Mineshaft**). White Abarrio, the 6-5 favorite in the Met Mile, checked in 10th, beaten 15 lengths. Blazing Sevens was away from racing for nine months before his winning return Apr. 20. **Cont.**



Post Time | Sarah Andrew

Post Time, cont.

While White Abarrio and National Treasure were competing in the Middle East, Post Time was emerging as a capable late-running stakes runner for Russell, 34, the leading trainer in Maryland last year. After he won his first four career starts, she took him to Keeneland in October for the Perryville S. He was third by 1 1/4 lengths.

"That was the turning point for us to say, 'OK, we need to kind of dip our toes outside Maryland, for sure,'" Russell said. "I wouldn't say that I had him as good as I could going there, but we thought it was a good stepping stone. I think he showed up and he showed that he can run outside Maryland."

To start this year, Russell sent Post Time out for a 6 1/2-length victory in the Jennings S. Jan. 29 and a three-length success in the GIII General George S. Feb. 17.

"The Jennings was the state-bred race. It was his first time going a mile," she said. "That wasn't the easiest group in Maryland-breds you've ever seen. There were some well-seasoned, good, old racehorses that he destroyed on that day. That was a performance for me where it's like 'yeah, it's at home, and it's against Maryland-breds, but the way he did it.' He followed that big race up three weeks later, which you don't like to do sometimes with these better horses, but I had to. My hands are kind of tied to run him back there, and he did it again. Those two races there, that's when we're like, 'Alright, cool.' We're sitting here looking at the Carter and it just seemed like it was time to get him back on the road."

Post Time won the GII Carter S. at Aqueduct Apr. 6 by a neck over Castle Chaos and finished second by three-quarters of a length in the GIII Westchester S. May 3.

Charles, the granddaughter of Marjorie Merriweather Post, owner of General Foods, has raced as Hillwood Stable since 2004. Her family has been deeply involved in Maryland racing for many decades and her father was a longtime steward.

Charles purchased Post Time, a son of 2016 Met Mile winner **Frosted**, who holds the stakes records for fastest time, 1:32.73, and margin of victory, 14 1/4 lengths, for \$85,000 as a yearling. Among the reasons she was attracted to the colt is that his second dam is named Merriweather. His name came from her family. Russell and Charles became acquainted when she trained the Hello Beautiful (Golden Lad), a very successful filly Charles had bred and Russell bought at auction.



Brittany Russell and Ellen Charles | Sarah Andrew

Russell's husband, Sheldon, is the regular rider for Post Time and will be seeking his first Grade I victory against a seasoned crew.

"Against a group like this with the speed that these kinds of horses are going to show, for what he's faced, I expect Sheldon is going to have to use him a little bit away from there, put him in a little bit of a handier spot," Russell said. "Going a mile you think, 'Oh, he's going to be able to break and settle.' You don't really. He's going to have to use him a bit and get him traveling. And he's going to have to be calling on him sooner, too. It's definitely going to be a test to what this horse is made of."

Russell has plenty of experience at Saratoga as an assistant and since opening her own stable in 2018 and said she appreciates competing in the Met Mile during the

historic Belmont-at-Saratoga festival.

"To have a horse that I feel like has a legit shot to show up on a day like that, in a race like this, and especially at kind of a special year at Saratoga, it's pretty exciting."

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BELMONT STAKES CONTENDERS

TDN BELMONT STAKES PREVIEW: 'TEST OF A CHAMPION' GETS A SPA TREATMENT

by T.D. Thornton

The field for the GI Belmont S., ranked in "likeliest winner" order:

1) SIERRA LEONE (c, Gun Runner--Heavenly Love, by Malibu Moon). 'TDN Rising Star'. O-Mrs. John Magnier, Michael B Tabor, Derrick Smith Westerberg, Rocket Ship Racing LLC & Peter M. Brant; B-Debby M Oxley (Ky); T-Chad Brown. Sales History: \$2,300,000 Ylg '22 FTSAUG. Lifetime Record: GISW, 5-3-2-0, \$1,918,000. Last start: 2nd May 4 GI Kentucky Derby.

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Scanlon Training Graduate

Belmont preview (Sierra Leone), cont.

This relentless, long-striding closer looms as the most logical choice to be draped with a blanket of white carnations Saturday at Saratoga.

Yet the field Sierra Leone is facing in the truncated (12 furlongs to 10) Belmont S. isn't a collection of cream-puffs, and there is a point beyond the hype and endless scrutinization of his roughly run stretch finish in the GI Kentucky Derby when you have to wonder if this colt is "too obvious" to be bettable at or below his favored 9-5 morning-line ranking.

Most handicappers will concede that this Chad Brown trainee is going to unleash one of his trademark, locomotive-like closing kicks, and that is he is probably going to have an easier time doing so in the 10-horse Belmont S. than he did in the chaotic 20-horse Derby. That off-the-tailgate strategy has been Sierra Leone's mode for four straight graded stakes routes, and it's earned him two impressive wins and two narrow defeats by a nose while riding an ascending arc of lifetime Beyer Speed Figures to 99.



Sierra Leone | Sarah Andrew

In the Derby, Sierra Leone rated while third or fourth from last for most of the backstretch run, advanced with authority entering the far turn, gathered momentum weaving through the pack, then got stalled behind a wall of rivals three-eighths out. He then swung eight wide off the turn, built up serious late-race torque, and was leaning all over eventual third-place finisher **Forever Young (Jpn)** (Real Steel {Jpn}) the entire length of the stretch, culminating in a frenzied three-way photo for the win.

Brown has had five weeks to freshen this colt. According to DRF's Formulator, his benchmark win rate is 24% for all starters over the past five years. That number rises to 26% when you only count horses running back between 33 and 35 days at all levels. It drops to 20% for starters in graded stakes within that 33-to-35-day layoff frame, and dips to 14% when the parameter is narrowed to just Grade I stakes starters running back between

33 and 35 days.

Despite his power and prowess, bettors have reason to be concerned that Sierra Leone will continue to be his own worst enemy in the stretch because of his career-long habit of leaning in for his stretch runs.

To that end, Brown is employing both a new steering bit in Sierra Leone's mouth and a new jockey on his back (from Tyler Gaffalione to Flavien Prat). Will it be enough to set Sierra Leone straight?

2) DORNOCH (c, Good Magic--Puca, by Big Brown). O-West Paces Racing LLC, R A Hill Stable, Belmar Racing and Breeding LLC, Two Eight Racing LLC & Pine Racing Stables; B-Grandview Equine (Ky); T-Danny Gargan. Sales History: \$325,000 Ylg '22 KEESSEP. Lifetime Record: MGSW, 7-3-2-0, \$552,275. Last start: 10th May 4 GI Kentucky Derby.

— Runnymede Farm Foaled, Raised, and Sold —

Dornoch enters the Belmont S. coming off the two worst performances of his career, a fourth-place try, beaten 6 1/4 lengths, in the GI Blue Grass S., and a tenth-place trouncing by 18 lengths in the Kentucky Derby. Yet both races are complete, cross-a-line-through-'em tactical misfires that are masking this colt's true ability, and the bet here is that Dornoch's 15-1 morning-line price overlays his actual chances of winning.

After this full brother to 2023 Derby winner **Mage** wired a scratch-decimated GII Fountain of Youth S. at Gulfstream, trainer Danny Gargan pressed on with a late-prep-season plan to teach Dornoch to rate from off the pace in the Blue Grass S. at Keeneland. Dornoch never looked comfortable while taking copious dirt kickback in that Apr. 6 race, and Gargan's strategy then reverted to just letting this colt roll to the front end in Louisville.

Yet that plan never panned out either. Dornoch drew the one post for the Derby, and his also-ran fate was sealed when he got bumped and brushed early and never settled while pegged down inside for most of the trip. Luis Saez eventually positioned him for a decent far-turn bid by coming free from cover, but Dornoch checked hard when the hole Saez was aiming for closed as the field careered off the far turn.

Dornoch managed to spark to life with mild, upper-stretch interest. But when he encountered more roughhousing, and it was obvious the colt wouldn't attain a top placing, Saez didn't hammer on him for run.

From post six at Saratoga, Dornoch figures to put outside pressure on GI Preakness S. upsetter **Seize the Grey** (Arrogate), who drew the rail and looms as the race's other likely early speed threat. How taxing any internal pace battle might be is what will determine if Dornoch can hold off waves of very capable pressers and closers. **Cont.**

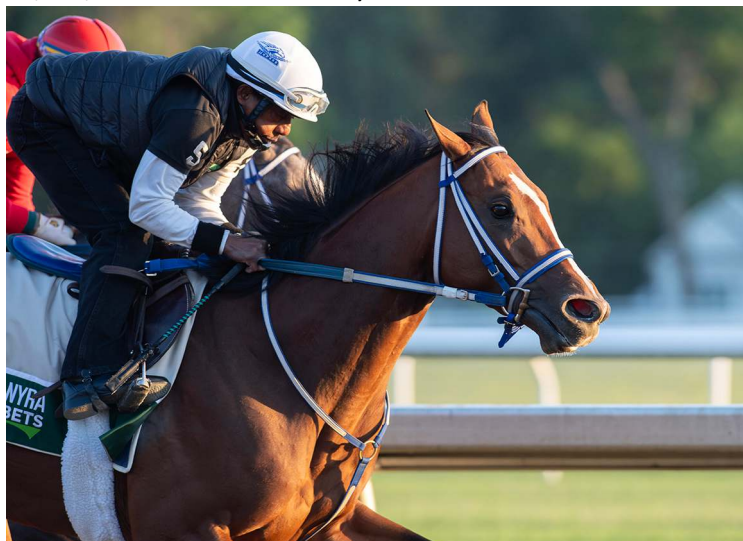
Belmont preview, cont.

Dornoch is one of only two horses ever to finish in front of No. 1-ranked Sierra Leone. But that Gil Remsen S. victory is now six months in the rear-view mirror, and Dornoch--even after hitting the rail in the stretch of that December stakes--had the advantage of being on the best part of a speed-conducive track that helped him re-rally against a not-ready-for-prime-time Sierra Leone.

If Dornoch is to rekindle their rivalry in the Belmont S., he will have to do so on distinctly different terms as a stronger, faster colt.

3) MYSTIK DAN (c, Goldencents--Ma'am, by Colonel John).

O/B-Lance Gasaway, Daniel Hamby & 4G Racing, LLC (Ky); T-Kenneth G. McPeck. Lifetime Record: GISW, 8-3-2-1, \$4,141,360. Last start: 2nd May 18 GI Preakness S.



Mystik Dan | Sarah Andrew

No reason to micro-analyze the Derby winner's second-place showing in the Preakness: A 9-1 frontrunner who relished a muddy track went straight to an unopposed lead, and the hard-trying Mystik Dan, despite enjoying a no-excuse trip, simply had too much work to do to reel him in.

It is rare these days to see any colt contest all three legs of the Triple Crown, and even more of an unexpected treat for a Derby winner who lost the Preakness to attempt it. And since trainer Kenny McPeck has earned a reputation for not running horses where they don't belong, you can go ahead and make the logical leap that Mystik Dan is benefitting from the seasoning that is transforming him from a speed-centric sprinter to a formidable stalker who punches above his weight in Grade I routes.

Mystik Dan won the Derby by popping out on top for the first sixteenth, conceding the lead, rating at the rail, then edging up despite continually being locked into that inside position. He ranged within two lengths of the lead four furlongs out,

continued to race "on hold" through the turn, then Hernandez won a risky gamble by shooting Mystik Dan through a narrow inside gap at the head of the lane that required his colt to skim the fence while shouldering aside a spent pacemaker.

Mystik Dan opened up by two lengths three-sixteenths out, but with two legit closers zeroing in as the line loomed, that lead got whittled away. There's a difference between "tiring" and "quitting," and while Mystik Dan was losing steam in the final sixteenth, he never packed it in, surviving a three-way bob to prevail in one of the most exciting Derby finishes in decades.

Mystik Dan's trip in the Belmont S. ideally unfolds with Hernandez--like in the Derby--securing inside positioning from post three, about four or five lengths behind dueling leaders. A sustained run from the half-mile pole home is well within this colt's scope of ability over 10 furlongs against this level of competition.

4) ANTIQUARIAN (c, Preservationist--Lifetime Memory, by Istan).

(\$250,000 Ylg '22 KEESEP). O-Centennial Farms; B-Brereton C. Jones (Ky); T-Todd A. Pletcher. Lifetime Record: GSW, 4-2-1-0, \$173,000. Last start: WON May 11 GIII Peter Pan S.

Antiquarian was unfazed when pinballed at the break of the GIII Peter Pan S., then gave up ground three wide around both turns before responding to energetic hustling from jockey John Velazquez. That rousing produced a long, grind-down stretch run that resonated as a nice visual, especially when this colt became emboldened in response to favored rival **The Wine Steward** (Vino Rosso) digging in and re-rallying at the sixteenth pole.

The result was a three-quarters of a length victory that came back as a 92 Beyer, matching the same figure Antiquarian earned when sixth (but only beaten four lengths) in the Mar. 23 Gil Louisiana Derby. **Cont.**



Antiquarian | Sarah Andrew

Belmont preview, cont.

Antiquarian had broken through the gate prior to the Louisiana Derby, so perhaps more important than any statistical analysis is the fact that he was much more polished given the benefit of seven weeks of development between his Fair Grounds and Aqueduct starts.

This colt, after all, didn't truly turn three until May 11, the date he took flight in the Peter Pan.

A wet track could move up Antiquarian. He broke his maiden in the slop at Fair Grounds Feb. 17 in a race that yielded two next-out winners.

Velazquez has won the Belmont S. twice, and any time you get him at 12-1 on the morning line for a Grade I stakes, you have to consider including his mount purely from a value perspective.

5) MINDFRAME (c, Constitution--Walk of Stars, by Street Sense). 'TDN Rising Star'. O-Repole Stable and St. Elias Stables LLC; B-R. Larry Johnson (MD); T-Todd A. Pletcher. Sales History: \$600,000 Ylg '22 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$87,360. Last start: WON May 4 allowance.

Half-sis is a **HOUSATONIC BLOODSTOCK** Broodmare Purchase

The 2-for-2 Mindframe carries himself with an assertive panache that belies his light experience and May 13 foaling date.

His emphatic 103 and 97 Beyers, earned in a seven-furlong maiden race and a 1 1/16-miles allowance, respectively, are what earned him lofty status as the 7-2 second favorite on the morning line for the Belmont S.

And those numbers (or comparable values from any other figure-maker) are what will propel this colt to wise-guy contention as the new-face wild card with sky's-the-limit potential making his first start against stakes company.

In Mindframe's unveiling on the undercard of the Mar. 30 GI Florida Derby, he blasted out of gate, planted himself in a primo outside stalking spot while fourth behind a blistering pace, then opened up at will to apply a 13 3/4-length beatdown to a shell-shocked field of foes.

Start number two was on the May 4 undercard for the Kentucky Derby, and Mindframe seized control straight from the outermost post, established a measured mid-race tempo (while always appearing as if he was cruising faster), and only had to effortlessly swat back a single bid from a 30-1 shot before running up the score by 7 1/2 lengths.

Mindframe is aiming to become the first Maryland-bred winner of the Belmont S. since Caveat in 1983.

They'll be partying like it's 1877 in the Free State if this colt joins the 19th Century's Cloverbrook as the third Maryland-bred winner of the third leg of the Triple Crown.

6) SEIZE THE GREY (c, Arrogate--Smart Shopping by Smart Strike). O-MyRacehorse; B-Jamm, Ltd. (KY); T-D. Wayne Lukas. Sales History: \$300,000 Ylg '22 FTSAUG). Lifetime Record: GISW, 10-4-0-3, \$1,819,938. Last start: WON May 18 GI Preakness S.

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If you judge Seize the Grey solely by his Preakness upset that was orchestrated under extremely favorable conditions (as the lone speed over a muddy surface that other contenders didn't handle), it's tough to project that he'll be able to produce another forward leap like the one that added 12 points to his best lifetime Beyer (from 88 to 100).

But if you widen the lens to account for the overall progress he's made since breaking his maiden on Feb. 24, and then factor in trainer D. Wayne Lukas's enthusiasm for how well this colt bounced out of the Preakness three weeks ago, you have to give this gray son of Arrogate more than a dark-horse chance of building on that momentum.



Seize the Grey | Sarah Andrew

Although Seize the Grey seems likely to be asked for speed from post one based on what we saw in his most recent effort, a glance at his past performances shows that only in two of his 10 races has he totally committed to winging it on the lead.

"This horse is very manageable," Lukas said earlier this week. "You could lay him anywhere in the race and he would be effective. He is not at all a one-dimensional horse."

Two starts back, when Seize the Grey upset the GII Pat Day Mile S., he stalked in a tight pack behind very quick fractions, rallied four wide, then survived some bumping and split foes to score by 1 1/4 lengths.

Lukas has won four editions of the Belmont S., sweeping the race between 1994 and 1996. He last won in 2000 with 18-1 pace-presser Commendable. **Cont.**

Belmont preview, cont.

7) RESILIENCE (c, Into Mischief--Meadowsweet, by Smart Strike). O-Emily Bushnell & Ric Waldman; B-Pam & Martin Wygod (Ky); T-Bill Mott. Lifetime Record: GSW, 7-2-1-1, \$494,630. Last start: 6th May 4 GI Kentucky Derby.

LANE'S END FOALÉD & RAISED



Resilience | Sarah Andrew

This son of Into Mischief beat 14 horses in the Derby, which is no small feat. He raced at the back of the first flight while three wide through the initial turn, then vaulted into contention off the far bend while seven deep, making his move at the same time a large number of rivals were either surging or regressing. He was in the mix chasing Mystik Dan between the quarter pole and the three-sixteenths marker, then tired.

It took Resilience four starts to break his maiden, but the horses who won those first three at Saratoga and Churchill all eventually became stakes winners, so he didn't exactly have an easy path to the winner's circle when he finally graduated Jan. 1 at Gulfstream. He subsequently ran fourth behind Sierra Leone in New Orleans, then capitalized off of a no-excuse, ground-saving go behind 52-1 and 80-1 shots who were sparring on the front end of the GII Wood Memorial S.

This colt wore blinkers in both the Wood and Derby. That equipment was added by trainer Bill Mott because Resilience was previously hesitant to pass horses. Will he be a passive player or more aggressive off a five-week freshening? Even with Mott's well-established mojo at the Spa, I'd still want higher than Resilience's 10-1 morning-line odds.

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8) HONOR MARIE (Honor Code--Dame Marie, by Smart Strike). O-Ribble Farms LLC, Michael H. Eiserman, Earl I. Silver, Kenneth E. Fishbein and Dave Fishbein; B-Royce Pulliam (Ky); T-D. Whitworth Beckman. Sales History: \$40,000 Ylg '22 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: GSW, 6-2-2-0, \$526,175. Last start: 8th May 4 GI Kentucky Derby.

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Although I have Honor Marie ranked here as the eighth-likeliest winner, his chances of making a sustained move to snag a minor placing in exotics is a much more likely possibility.

This \$40,000 KEESEP son of Honor Code isn't a large-framed stayer, but he's been described by trainer Whit Beckman as a smart horse who "keeps himself where he needs to be." His style of making one determined, even-keeled run will serve him well over 10 furlongs, especially if he gets a little help from an overheated pace.

A legit concern is that Honor Marie is now past the six-month mark since his last trip to the winner's circle. When he captured the GII Kentucky Jockey Club S. at Churchill back on Nov. 25, it came under the unusual circumstances of five horses dueling early and two others taking failed late-race runs at the lead before this colt swooped by from last.

In the Derby, Honor Marie was jostled early, then had to steady to get out of the way of a veering-out rival on the clubhouse turn. He passed faders to finish eighth but never established the type of positioning that would have enabled him to launch into a better-planned closing kick.

9) THE WINE STEWARD (c, Vino Rosso--Call to Service, by To Honor and Serve). O-Paradise Farms Corp. and David Staudacher; B-Sequel Thoroughbreds LLC, Lakland Farm & Mark Toothaker (NY); T-Michael J. Maker. Sales History: \$70,000 Ylg '22 SARAUG; \$340,000 2yo '23 OBSMAR. \$40,000. Lifetime Record: SW, 6-3-3-0, \$467,260. Last start: 2nd May 11 GIII Peter Pan S.

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The Wine Steward and Seize the Grey are the only two Belmont S. entrants to have won a race at Saratoga. After capturing a stakes for New York-breds at the Spa last Aug. 27, this colt ran one of the more visually appealing Breeders' Cup preps for 2-year-olds despite coming up short in the Oct. 7 GI Breeders' Futurity S. **Cont.**

Belmont preview, cont.

That Keeneland stakes was The Wine Steward's first try around two turns, and he drew the rail while entering the race off a 3-for-3 record. He saved ground, advanced to lead a quarter-mile out over a short-stretch configuration, got accosted by the odds-on favorite, then gamely snatched back the lead for a sixteenth of a mile in deep stretch before that fave re-rallied to nail The Wine Steward by half a length.



The Wine Steward | Sarah Andrew

The Wine Steward was entered in the GI Juvenile, but had to scratch the morning prior to his Breeders' Cup start because of an allergic reaction. The issue then delayed his return over the winter, but this colt has since posted a pair of seconds, beaten three-quarters of a length each time, in both the GIII Lexington S. over 1 1/16 miles and the Peter Pan S. at nine furlongs.

The Wine Steward's Beyers have plateaued at roughly the same level from age two to three (last three starts 92-92-91), but he's always in it to win it in deep stretch, an intangible that could matter more than speed figures.

10) PROTECTIVE (c, Medaglia d'Oro--Grace Hall, by Empire Maker). O-Repole Stable; B-Alpha Delta Stables, LLC (KY); T-Todd A. Pletcher. Sales History: (\$250,000 Ylg '22 KEESEP). Lifetime Record: 4-0-1-2, \$121,920. Last start: 3rd May 11 GIII Peter Pan S.

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Protective has crossed the wire second and third in two recent stakes and also in two earlier maiden tries (once DQ'd to fourth). But he remains winless entering the Belmont S.

Judging by beaten lengths, he's been within striking range of Resilience (in the Wood Memorial) and Antiquarian (in the Peter Pan). But he has yet to face the likes of the horses ranked 1-2-3 in this write-up.

Both of Protective's stakes tries had a "best of the rest" flavor that suggest he would need to run the race of his life Saturday in conjunction with most of the other major contenders coming up empty in order to orchestrate an upset.

But still, if you take a look at this colt's stout pedigree, trainer Todd Pletcher's overall success, and factor in a switch to a different rider (Irak Ortiz, Jr. to Tyler Gaffalione), all the ingredients are there for the redboarding should Protective break his maiden in the Belmont S.

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WARD ACCEPTS RESPONSIBILITY AFTER LONG NECK PAULA SCRATCHED FROM ASTORIA by *Tim Wilkin*

SARATOGA SPRINGS, NY -- Trainer Wesley Ward said it was his fault that 'TDN Rising Star' Long Neck Paula (Uncle Mo), the 2-1 morning-line favorite in Thursday's Astoria S., was scratched by the stewards.

Ward said he took Long Neck Paula to Burke Equine Therapy to go in a cold water spa on Wednesday.

Unbeknownst to Ward, there is a rule stating that permission must be granted by the stewards before a horse can be taken off the grounds for such treatment.

"I didn't know, it's my own fault," Ward said by phone. "The stewards gave me a warning, and believe me, I understand. If this is what you got to do, then this is what you got to do. It's not a problem for me. I want to abide by the rules and there will be no issues moving forward."

Ward said he saw no rule about this on any overnights or in the condition book, but he was assured the rule was in place.

Burke Equine Therapy is about six miles away from Saratoga Race Course. **Cont.**



Long Neck Paula | Sarah Andrew

Long Neck Paula, cont.

Ward took the 2-year-old filly there for cold water treatment, something he does with his horses in Kentucky as well.

“After workouts, I take them to the spa, before workouts or races ... you try to do all you can so they can feel good naturally,” Ward said. “Every one of my horses has been to a spa and I love it. We are in a no-medication country, so anything you can do naturally to get them sound you do.”

Long Neck Paula, owned by Will Stroud, broke her maiden in her first start by 3 1/2 lengths, which earned her 'TDN Rising Star' honors at Churchill Downs May. 2.

“If I would have known there was a rule, I would certainly have called and asked,” Ward said. “I’m not arguing and I’m not mad. It was my bad. I will know moving forward. It’s just a shame, because she was ready to run.”

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THE GREY WIZARD WORKS HIS MAGIC IN BELMONT GOLD CUP *by Christina Bossinakis*



The Grey Wizard (far left) | Sarah Andrew

In a race that is longer than the vast majority of Thoroughbred races in the U.S., Thursday's two-mile GII Belmont Gold Cup S. was won in high style by Eclipse Thoroughbreds and The Estate of Albert Frassetto's **The Grey Wizard (Ire)** (Caravaggio), who waited until the final moments to close with a rush and nab the narrow victory from **Champagne Juan (Justify)**. With the victory, The Grey Wizard annexed the Golden Ticket for the G1 Melbourne Cup at Flemington Nov. 5.

Sent off at 6-1, the grey was unhurried in the early going of the marathon, settling at the back as longshots **So High (Nathaniel {Ire})** and **Lucky Curlin (Curlin)** led the way with last year's winner **Siskany (GB)** (Dubawi {Ire}) several lengths back in third

through an opening half in :48.96 and three-quarters in 1:13.94. With the leading pair still in front passing the wire the first time, the favorite narrowed the gap while The Grey Wizard had yet to get the wake-up call at the back. As Champagne Juan took over down the backstretch and Siskany ranged within striking distance, the field began to constrict as The Grey Wizard launched his enthusiastic bid from the back. Turning for home in front, Champagne Juan was just over a length ahead of the looming **Limited Liability** (Kitten's Joy) as Siskany seemingly began to spin his wheels. Meanwhile, down the center of the track, The Grey Wizard closed like a freight train and was up just in time to get a head victory over Champagne Juan and Limited Liability back in third. Siskany faded to seventh.

“I wasn’t surprised he was that far back,” said winning trainer Graham Motion. “They went quick enough. It was a tough post, too. I was a little nervous because Johnny [Velazquez] had to go wide on the turn here. The amazing thing about it is that Al Frassetto, who was the co-owner, he was so passionate about international racing, and he died this week. I wish Al was here. He would have loved this.”

The runner-up was pulled up on the gallop out and was loaded onto an equine ambulance shortly after the race. A spokesman for NYRA shared after the race, “Per NYRA Veterinarian Dr. Sarah Hinchliffe, Champagne Juan sustained a suspensory injury to his right front and is resting comfortably in his stall.”

Champagne Juan's rider Joel Rosario added, “In the gallop-out, I had to ease him up. It looked like he was traveling not the best so I kind of just let him stop himself, you know. I tried to pull him up because he was lame a little bit, just tried and wanted to make sure he was fine.”

Lightly raced last season, the Irish-bred winner recorded allowance victories at Santa Anita in January and later at Keeneland in April. **Cont.**



The Golden Ticket to the Melbourne Cup as part of the Gold Cup winner's presentation | Sarah Andrew

Belmont Gold Cup, cont.



The Grey Wizard | Sarah Andrew

Second in this race behind Siskany (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}) at Belmont last June, he rounded out the season with an eighth-place finish in the 1 3/8-mile GII Bowling Green S. at this venue in late July. Sent off at 11-1 for his 2024 bow, The Grey Wizard was a flat ninth in Keeneland's 1 1/2-mile GII Elkhorn S. Apr. 20 before finishing an improved third last time out in the GIII Louisville S. at Churchill May 18.

Handle for Thursday, the first day of the four-day Belmont Stakes Racing Festival and the first time it was held at Saratoga, was \$18,168,565. The previous record for the Thursday prior to the GI Belmont S. at Belmont Park was \$10,309,890, set in 2017.

Pedigree Notes:

The Belmont Gold Cup winner is the 11th group or graded winner worldwide from 17 black-type winners for English and Irish Group 1 winner Caravaggio, who sends his fourth crop of 2-year-olds to the races this year. Caravaggio also saw a daughter have success over this course just last year when Whitebeam (GB) won the GI Diana S. The Scat Daddy stallion spent his first few years at Coolmore Ireland before transferring to the organization's Ashford Stud in Kentucky. He was acquired by the Japanese Bloodstock Breeders Association in late 2022 and has stood the last two seasons in Japan.

The Grey Wizard is one of four Caravaggio stakes winners out of a Galileo (Ire) mare and one of 332 out of a daughter of that late Coolmore stallion. His unraced dam, who is out of Irish GSW Danehill Music (Ire), has also produced English MSW & MGSP Fancy Man (Ire) (Pride Of Dubai {Aus}). Her most recent reported foal is 2-year-old colt New York Minute (Ire) (**Wootton Bassett {GB}**), who sold to A.C. Elliott, agent at the 2023 Goffs Orby sale for €400,000.

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Thursday, Saratoga

BELMONT GOLD CUP S.-GII, \$250,000, Saratoga, 6-6, 4yo/up, 2mT, 3:18.35, fm.

1--**THE GREY WIZARD (IRE)**, 118, g, 5, by Caravaggio

1st Dam: Fancy (Ire), by Galileo (Ire)

2nd Dam: Danehill Music (Ire), by Danehill Dancer (Ire)

3rd Dam: Tuesday Morning (Ire), by Sadler's Wells

1ST BLACK TYPE WIN, 1ST GRADED STAKES WIN. (£78,000 Ylg '20 GOFOR). O-Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners and The Estate

of Albert Frassetto; B-Longfield Stud (IRE); T-H. Graham

Motion; J-John R. Velazquez. \$137,500. Lifetime Record:

15-4-4-1, \$573,531. *Set new course record. **1/2 to Fancy

Man (Ire) (Pride Of Dubai {Aus}), SW-Aus, MSW & MGSP-Eng,

\$260,973. **Werk Nick Rating: A++.**

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Another Irish-bred stakes WINNER

2--**Champagne Juan**, 118, c, 4, **Justify**--Well Monied, by Maria's

Mon. **1ST BLACK TYPE, 1ST GRADED BLACK TYPE.** (\$300,000

Wlg '20 FTKNOV; \$500,000 Ylg '21 KESEP). O-R.T Racing

Stable; B-Newstead Corp (KY); T-Christophe Clement. \$50,000.

Sold by Hunter Valley Farm

Consigned by **GAINESWAY**

Hip #345: 1/2 sis sells at OBSJUN with **BRITTON PEAK**

3--**Limited Liability**, 118, g, 5, Kitten's Joy--Hold Harmless,

by **Blame**. O/B-Stuart S. Janney, III LLC (KY); T-Claude R.

McGaughey III. \$30,000.

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STEWART TRANSFERS PRICEY AUSTRALIAN PURCHASE TO U.S.



John Stewart | Fasig-Tipton

On Thursday, Resolute Racing's John Stewart confirmed to *TTR AusNZ* that his A\$3.2-million acquisition from the Inglis Chairman's Sale, MG1SP **Tutta La Vita (Aus)** (The Autumn Sun {Aus}), will continue her career in America under the care of trainer Ignacio Correas.

Stewart, who ventured into the Australian market by spending A\$5.44 million on six yearlings at Inglis Easter, said that the Southern Hemisphere 3-year-old filly would compete in some of the feature American turf events under her new trainer.

"We're going to bring her [Tutta La Vita] up here and prepare her for some of the turf races in the summer and also a fall campaign to try to go to the Breeders' Cup," said Stewart. "We currently have **Didia (Arg)** (Orpen) running at Saratoga this weekend with Ignacio Correas. Ignacio has experience bringing South American horses into North America, so it was a logical choice."

Tutta La Vita was last seen finishing a well-beaten eighth behind **Scarlet Oak (Aus)** (Kermadec {NZ}) in the G2 The Roses S. at Doomben (Aus) May 25.

"We think bringing her up here to the U.S. could be really interesting and cause some international excitement for people," said Stewart. "I have some horses in the U.S. that I want to send down to Australia for the spring."

"We're trying to get some international competition going and generate some interest and try to get some of the bloodlines moving back and forth between geographies. We currently have a few accomplished turf horses that we believe would perform well down there. We plan to evaluate some of them over the summer and then send a select few for the spring."

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TWIRLING CANDY FULL-SIS TO ROMBAUER EARNS OBS BULLET THURSDAY

by Jessica Martini

A filly by **Twirling Candy (hip 509)**, a full-sister to GI Preakness S. winner Rombauer, equaled the fastest quarter-mile work of the week when covering the distance in :20 2/5 during the third session of the under-tack show for the Ocala Breeders' Sales Company's June Sale of 2-Year-Olds in Training Thursday in Central Florida. Consigned by Tom McCrocklin, who also consigns the **Tiz the Law** filly who set the :20 2/5 mark Wednesday, the bay was purchased by Mustang Farm for \$140,000 at last year's Fasig-Tipton October sale. She RNA'd for \$285,000 at the OBS Spring sale in April.



Hip 509 | Judit Seipert

A pair of fillies shared the fastest furlong work of the day--and the week so far--when working in :9 4/5 Thursday. A daughter of Win Win Win (**hip 467**) was first to hit that mark. Consigned by Santa Fe Thoroughbreds, the dark bay is out of Biloxi Princess (Animal Kingdom) and from the family of Grade I winner Honey Ryder. Purchased for \$14,000 at last year's OBS October sale, the filly RNA'd for \$23,000 at the OBS March sale.

Late in Thursday's session, a filly by **Vino Rosso (hip 452)** became the fourth juvenile of the under-tack show to work in :9 4/5. Consigned by Golden Noguez, the chestnut is out of Beach Time (Bernardini) and from the family of Emcee and **Constitution**. Aureliano Noguez purchased the filly for \$12,000 at last year's Keeneland September sale.

The under-tack show continues through Sunday with sessions beginning daily at 7:30 a.m. The June sale will be held next Wednesday through Friday. Bidding commences each day at 10 a.m. **Cont.**



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Seltzer Begins Dispersing Stock at OBS

Edward Seltzer, who has been breeding racehorses for over six decades, will be offering some 20 juveniles and horses of racing age through the Boutte Sales consignment at next week's OBS June sale. The offerings are the first to go through the ring in the dissolution of a partnership which will continue at upcoming auctions throughout the rest of the year and will include horses of racing age, yearlings and broodmares.

"I am putting all of my horses up for sale this year," Seltzer said. "Not only here [at OBS], but in the yearling sales and at Fasig-Tipton and Keeneland. I will disperse all of my horses."

The juveniles on offer in Ocala will all be galloping at this week's under-tack show. The horses will stand out on their own measure, according to consignor Lynne Boutte.

"These are all homebred horses of Mr. Seltzer's that have been raised the old way and brought forward as racehorses in a slower, more old-school style," Boutte said. "Mr. Seltzer's success proceeds, he is a genius with pedigrees and has developed his own line. The horses speak for themselves. I have been able to go to the farm for a few weeks and [farm manager] Curtis [Garrison] has been wonderful about letting us get to know the horses. We are very happy to be a part of Mr. Seltzer's team in helping with this dissolution of the partnership."

Four of the juveniles in the group are by English Channel, reflecting one of Seltzer's dreams in the sport.

"I loved him as a horse," Seltzer said of the late champion. "I loved him as a sire. In my lifetime, I have never been opposed to grass horses. I enjoy the grass. I enjoy Europe. And one day, I promised my daughter that I would try to win the Arc."

While the horses are selling without reserve, Seltzer is hopeful they will find homes with friends and family.

"If there are people in my life that are interested in owning these horses, like my daughter Krista, is one of them, my farm manager Curtis is one of them, and I have another friend who has been involved in this," Seltzer said. "They are all for sale. People that I care about may buy some of them. I am not opposed to that. And if there are people that want to buy them and they want to call me and they want me to own an interest, I am here."

Reflecting on his time in the sport, Seltzer said, "It's my dream. I have been blessed. I grew up poor. I knew nothing about horses when I grew up and I never saw a horse run until I was out of college. I bought an eighth of a horse. I love the business. I never want to be out of it. It's the most beautiful thing I've ever known."

No matter who ends up owning the horses he has bred, Seltzer said, "In my mind, I own them anyway. Whoever buys them, in my mind I am part of that."

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DRAYDEN VAN DYKE SHIFTS TACK TO GULFSTREAM



Drayden Van Dyke | Horsephotos

Former Eclipse Award-winning apprentice jockey Drayden Van Dyke, a mainstay in Southern California, will move his tack to Gulfstream Park for 30 days to ride for trainer Saffie Joseph, Jr. The multiple Grade I-winning rider and his agent, Ryan Cosato, will then evaluate where Van Dyke will be based in the future.

"We'll bring him out there for about a month," said Cosato. "If he does well, we'll go from there. There's no big announcement. We're just giving it a try."

Van Dyke took a break from riding for a few months last fall, then returned in January at Santa Anita. He has had two winners and 13 runner-up finishes from 57 mounts.

"I've never paid too close attention," said Joseph. "I know what he's accomplished, obviously. It just seems like he's not doing any good out there. When it gets like that, you need a change. If I can help someone get their career going, why not help someone get going?"

Van Dyke will ride debuting maiden Southern Palace (Palace Malice) in Race 3 on Friday at Gulfstream for Joseph, who also has him named on four horses both Saturday and Sunday.

"Saffie and I have a relationship from about five years back when he had some horses for Slam Dunk Racing," said Cosato. "I worked for Slam Dunk Racing for about seven years out of college and I've been an agent for a year starting last August. Saffie reached out to me about two weeks ago and asked me if I still had Drayden's book. He said he wanted to help and wanted to bring him out there."

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MAY ECONOMIC INDICATORS; WAGERING AND PURSES CONTINUE TO RISE

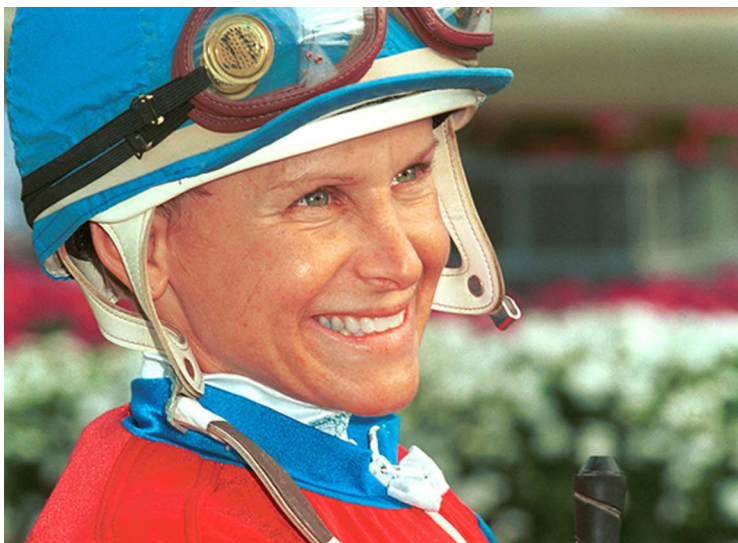
Wagering on U.S. races, plus available and paid purses, all saw increases to varying degrees when compared to a year ago in May, while the number of races declined during the month, according to information released by Equibase on Friday.

Total wagering of over \$1.4 million on races during the month represented a 0.57% increase over the same period from 2023, while available purses of \$124.6 million were up by 2.86%. The figure of over \$119.9 million for paid purses in May was up 2.44%. However, the total number of race days dropped from 370 to 359 (-2.97%) and the number of U.S. races was down from 3,025 in May 2023 to last month's tally of 2,958.

Average field size in May was down slightly from over a year ago when it was 7.16, and checked in at an average of 7.10 runners, a decrease of 0.82%. Average daily wagering increased by 3.65% to \$3,907,361 and the average available purse number per race day was up 9.78% to \$347,292 from the figure of \$316,351 in 2023.

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JULIE KRONE DOCUMENTARY PLANNED BY SI STUDIOS AND SPYGLASS



Julie Krone | Equi-Photo

Hall of Fame jockey Julie Krone will be the subject of a new documentary produced by Sports Illustrated Studios, a division of Authentic Studios, and Spyglass Media Group, that organization said in a press release on Friday.

The documentary, which will highlight Krone's racing accolades, will be helmed by Larissa Bills, director/producer of Apple TV+'s *The Super Models*.

"Not only is Julie one of the greatest jockeys in horse racing, she also shattered expectations and broke down barriers for all women in Thoroughbred racing," said Gary Barber, Chairman & CEO, Spyglass. "We are lucky to have Larissa at the helm, as a passionate horse enthusiast herself, to illuminate Julie's story for the world."

Details concerning production time and a release date are forthcoming.

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HEAVY OVERNIGHT RAIN FORCES DELAWARE PARK TO CANCEL THURSDAY RACING

Due to the heavy rain in the area on Wednesday evening, the live racing card at Delaware Park was cancelled, the track said in a release Thursday morning.

Live racing is scheduled to resume Friday, June 7 with post time set for 12:30 p.m. ET.

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The Grey Wizard (Ire) (Caravaggio) earns berth in G1 Melbourne Cup after winning Saratoga's two-mile GII Belmont Gold Cup S.

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Friday, Saratoga #11, post time: 6:05 p.m. EDT

NEW YORK S. PRESENTED BY RIVERS CASINO-GI, \$750,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 3/16mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	McKulick (GB)	Frankel (GB)	Klaravich Stables, Inc.	Brown	Ortiz, Jr.	122
2	English Rose (Ire)	Frankel (GB)	Godolphin, LLC	Appleby	Buick	122
3	Didia (Arg)	Orpen	Merriebelle Stables and Resolute Racing	Correas, IV	Ortiz	122
4	Aspen Grove (Ire)	Justify	Glen Hill Farm and Magnier, Mrs. John	Sisterson	Gaffalione	124
5	American Sonja (GB)	Tasleet (GB)	Mark Dobbin	O'Brien	Dettori	120
6	Fev Rover (Ire)	Gutaifan (Ire)	Tracy Farmer	Casse	Castellano	124
7	Necie Marie	Cross Traffic	Michael Milam	Reid, Jr.	Rosario	120
8	Be Your Best (Ire)	Muhaarar (GB)	Michael J. Ryan	De Paz	Carmouche	118
9	Sparkle Blue	Hard Spun	Augustin Stable and Parke, Catherine	Motion	Ruiz	122
10	War Like Goddess 🐾	English Channel	George Krikorian	Mott	Alvarado	124
11	Star Fortress (Ire)	Sea The Stars (Ire)	Gunther, John D. and Eurowest Bloodstock Services	DeVaux	Saez	120
12	Royalty Interest (Fr)	Le Havre (Ire)	Klaravich Stables, Inc.	Brown	Cancel	120
13	Surprisingly 🐾	Mastery	Repole Stable	Pletcher	Prat	120

Breeders: 1-Essafinaat UK Ltd, 2-Godolphin, 3-La Manija, 4-Glen Hill Farm, 5-Whatcote Farm Stud, 6-Manister House Stud, 7-Jon A. Marshall, 8-St. Croix Bloodstock, 9-Catherine Parke, 10-Calumet Farm, 11-Sahara Group/Eurowest/Sunderland Hldgs, 12-China Horse Club International LTD, 13-Phipps Stable

Friday, Saratoga #10, post time: 5:30 p.m. EDT

JUST A GAME S.-GI, \$500,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 1mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Mission of Joy	Kitten's Joy	RyZan Sun Racing, LLC and Madaket Stables	Motion	Velazquez	120
2	Beaute Cachee (Fr)	Literato (Fr)	Louis Lazzinano LLC, Madaket Stables LLC, Caruso, Michael J. and Dubb, Michael	Brown	Franco	124
3	Gina Romantica 🐾	Into Mischief	Peter M. Brant	Brown	Gaffalione	124
4	Coppice (GB)	Kingman (GB)	Juddmonte	Brown	Dettori	118
5	Evvie Jets 🐾	Twirling Candy	The Estate of Robert J. Amendola	Kantarmaci	Davis	122
6	Chili Flag (Fr)	Cityscape (GB)	Madaket Stables LLC, Dubb, Michael and Kisber, Michael E.	Brown	Ortiz, Jr.	122
7	Whitebeam (GB)	Caravaggio	Juddmonte	Brown	Prat	124

Breeders: 1-Sam-Son Farm, 2-Gregor Vischer, 3-Machmer Hall, Carrie Brogden & CraigBrogden, 4-Juddmonte Farms Ltd, 5-Farfellow Farms Ltd., 6-Finanza Locale Consulting SRL, 7-Juddmonte Farms Ltd



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Friday, Saratoga #12, post time: 6:40 p.m. EDT

DK HORSE ACORN S-GI, \$500,000, 3yo, f, 1 1/8m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Becky's Joker 🌿	Practical Joke	Lee Pokoik	Contessa	Lopez	120
2	Power Squeeze 🌿	Union Rags	Lea Farms, LLC	Delgado	Castellano	120
3	Leslie's Rose 🌿	Into Mischief	Whisper Hill Farm, LLC	Pletcher	Ortiz, Jr.	120
4	Just F Y I	Justify	George Krikorian	Mott	Alvarado	122
5	My Mane Squeeze	Audible	Butler, William J. and WinStar Farm LLC	Maker	Saez	120
6	Where's My Ring 🌿	Twirling Candy	Michael McMillan	Brinkerhoff	Gaffalione	120
7	Regulatory Risk 🌿	Omaha Beach	Klaravich Stables, Inc.	Brown	Ortiz	118
8	Gun Song 🌿	Gun Runner	R. Lee Lewis	Hennig	Velazquez	120
9	Thorpedo Anna	Fast Anna	Alaali, Nader, Edwards, Mark, Hicks, Judy B. and Magdalena Racing	McPeek	Hernandez, Jr.	122

Breeders: 1-Warran J. Harang, 2-Forging Oaks Farm, LLC, 3-John D. Gunther & Eurowest Bloodstock Services, 4-George Krikorian, 5-William Butler, 6-Don Alberto Corporation, 7-Upson Downs Farm & Louis W. Wright, 8-Marianne Stribling, 9-Judy Hicks

Friday, Saratoga #9, post time: 4:55 p.m. EDT

INTERCONTINENTAL S. PRESENTED BY MTV SOLUTIONS-GII, \$200,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2ft

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Run for the Hills 🌿	Runhappy	Gary Barber	Casse	Ortiz	118
2	Kaufmaker	Jimmy Creed	Gregory Kaufman	Ward	Saez	118
3	EveryoneLovesLinda 🌿	Secret Circle	Red Storm Stable	Rice	Cancel	120
4	Lady Milagro	First Dude	Laderer, Amanda and Rivas, Dianette	Martin	Rivera, Jr.	122
5	Future Is Now	Great Notion	R. Larry Johnson	Trombetta	Lopez	122
6	Roses for Debra 🌿	Liam's Map	Cheyenne Stable LLC and O'Meara, John	Clement	Ortiz, Jr.	124
7	Medalla Match	Summer Front	Twisted Chaps Racing Stables LLC	DeVaux	Hernandez, Jr.	122
8	Gal in a Rush 🌿	Ghostzapper	West Point Thoroughbreds, Larsen, Chris and Tittletown Racing Stables	Clement	Prat	118
9	Spicybug 🌿	Speightstown	Mike G. Rutherford	McCarthy	Franco	118
10	Love Reigns (Ire)	U S Navy Flag	Stonestreet Stables LLC	Ward	Rosario	118

Breeders: 1-Peter A. Berglar Racing Interests, LLC, 2-Greg Kaufman, 3-E. H. Beau Lane III, 4-Dianette Rivas & Amanda Laderer, 5-R. Larry Johnson, 6-Blackstone Farm LLC, 7-Jane Wiggins, 8-Tom & Mary Lou Teal & Adena Springs, 9-Sandra Sexton & Silver Fern Farm, 10-Patrick Grogan

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Saturday, Saratoga #12, post time: 6:41 p.m. EDT**BELMONT S. PRESENTED BY NYRA BETS-GI, \$2,000,000, 3yo, 1 1/4m**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Seize the Grey	Arrogate	MyRacehorse	Lukas	Torres	126
2	Resilience	Into Mischief	Emily Bushnell and Ric Waldman	Mott	Alvarado	126
3	Mystik Dan	Goldencents	Four G Racing, Lance Gasaway, Daniel Hamby III, and Valley View Farm LLC	McPeek	Hernandez, Jr.	126
4	The Wine Steward	Vino Rosso	Paradise Farms Corp. and David Staudacher	Maker	Franco	126
5	Antiquarian 🌿	Preservationist	Centennial Farms	Pletcher	Velazquez	126
6	Dornoch 🌿	Good Magic	West Paces Racing, R. A. Hill Stable, Belmar Racing Gargan and Breeding, LLC, Two Eight Racing, LLC, and Pine Racing Stables		Saez	126
7	Protective 🌿	Medaglia d'Oro	Repole Stable	Pletcher	Gaffalione	126
8	Honor Marie 🌿	Honor Code	Ribble Farms LLC, Michael H. Eiserman, Earl Silver, Kenneth Fishbein and Dave Fishbein	Beckman	Geroux	126
9	Sierra Leone	Gun Runner	Mrs. John Magnier, Michael B. Tabor, Derrick Smith, Westerberg, Rocket Ship Racin and Peter Brant	Brown	Prat	126
10	Mindframe 🌿	Constitution	Repole Stable and St. Elias Stables LLC	Pletcher	Ortiz, Jr.	126

Breeders: 1-Jamm, LTD., 2-Pam & Martin Wygod, 3-Lance Gasaway, Daniel Hamby & 4GRacing, LLC, 4-Sequel Thoroughbreds LLC, Lakland Farm & Mark Toothaker, 5-Brereton C. Jones, 6-Grandview Equine, 7-Alpha Delta Stables, LLC, 8-Royce Pulliam, 9-Debby M. Oxley, 10-R. Larry Johnson

Saturday, Saratoga #10, post time: 4:52 p.m. EDT**HILL 'N' DALE METROPOLITAN H.-GI, \$1,000,000, 3yo/up, 1m**
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PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Castle Chaos	Palace Malice	Sanford J. Goldfarb, Nice Guys Stables, and Robert N. Falcone, Jr.,	Falcone, Jr.	Davis	118
2	National Treasure	Quality Road	SF Racing, Starlight Racing, Madaket Stables LLC, Robert E. Masterson, Stonestreet Stables LLC, Jay A. Schoenfarber, Waves Edge Capital LLC, and Donovan, Catherine	Baffert	Prat	125
3	Post Time	Frosted	Hillwood Stable LLC	Russell	Russell	120
4	Blazing Sevens 🌿	Good Magic	Rodeo Creek Racing, LLC	Brown	Franco	122
5	Hoist the Gold 🌿	Mineshaft	Dream Team One Racing Stable	Stewart	Velazquez	120
6	White Abarrio	Race Day	C Two Racing Stable, Antonio Pagnano, and Prince Faisal bin Khaled bin Abdulaziz Al-Saud	Dutrow, Jr.	Ortiz, Jr.	126

Breeders: 1-Dragon Slayer Stable, 2-Peter E. Blum Thoroughbreds, LLC, 3-Dr. & Mrs. Thomas Bowman, Dr. Brooke Bowman & Milton P. Higgins III, 4-Tracy Farmer, 5-Dream Team Racing, 6-Spendthrift Farm, LLC

Saturday, Saratoga #11, post time: 5:36 p.m. EDT**RESORTS WORLD CASINO MANHATTAN S.-GI, \$1,000,000, 4yo/up, 1 3/16mT**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	I'm Very Busy	Cloud Computing	Team Hanley, Richard Schermerhorn, and Paul Braverman	Brown	Ortiz, Jr.	122
2	Ohana Honor 🌿	Honor Code	West Point Thoroughbreds, Woodford Racing, LLC, Edward J. Hudson, Jr. and Lynne Hudson	McGaughey III	Carmouche	118
3	Kertez (GB)	Intello (Ger)	Michael Dubb, Morris Bailey and West Point	Clement	Rosario	122
4	Strong Quality	Quality Road	Gary Barber and Kinsman Stable	Casse	Geroux	118
5	Program Trading (GB)	Lope de Vega (Ire)	Klaravich Stables, Inc.	Brown	Prat	124
6	Al Riffa (Fr)	Wootton Bassett (GB)	Al Riffa Syndicate and Joseph O'Brien	O'Brien	Velazquez	118
7	Nations Pride (Ire)	Teofilo (Ire)	Godolphin, LLC	Appleby	Dettori	124
8	Far Bridge	English Channel	LSU Stables	Clement	Ortiz	124
9	Measured Time (GB)	Frankel (GB)	Godolphin, LLC	Appleby	Buick	124

Breeders: 1-Glenn E. Brok LLC & Mark Toothaker, 2-Daniel J. Burke, 3-Wertheimer et Frere, 4-Kinsman Farm, 5-Fittocks Stud & Arrow Farm & Stud, 6-Haras d'Etreham, B Chalmel, Cofinvest, Meridian International SARL, 7-Godolphin, 8-Calumet Farm, 9-Godolphin

Saturday, Saratoga #7, post time: 2:36 p.m. EDT**OGDEN PHIPPS S.-GI, \$500,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/8m****CHALLENGE SERIES WIN AND YOU'RE IN.™**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Randomized 🌿	Nyquist	Klaravich Stables, Inc.	Brown	Rosario	124
2	Tizzy in the Sky	Sky Kingdom	KimDon Racing, LLC	Pletcher	Carmouche	118
3	Pretty Mischievous	Into Mischief	Godolphin, LLC	Walsh	Gaffalione	124
4	Soul of an Angel	Atreides	C Two Racing Stable and Agave Racing Stable	Joseph, Jr.	Ortiz, Jr.	122
5	Idiomatic	Curlin	Juddmonte	Cox	Geroux	124
6	Raging Sea 🌿	Curlin	Alpha Delta Stables, LLC	Brown	Prat	120

Breeders: 1-Cove Springs, LLC, 2-Westrock Stables LLC, 3-Godolphin, 4-Westbrook Stables, LLC, 5-Juddmonte Farms Inc, 6-Alpha Delta Stables, LLC**Saturday, Saratoga #8, post time: 3:22 p.m. EDT****WOODY STEPHENS S. PRESENTED BY MOHEGAN SUN-GI, \$500,000, 3yo, 7f**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Book'em Danno	Bucchero	Atlantic Six Racing, LLC	Ryan	Ortiz, Jr.	122
2	Barksdale 🌿	Street Sense	Cypress Creek Equine	Walden	Gaffalione	118
3	Imagination 🌿	Into Mischief	SF Racing, Starlight Racing, Madaket Stables LLC, Stonestreet Stables LLC, Dianne Bashor, Robert E. Masterson, Waves Edge Capital LLC, Catherine Donovan and Tom J. Ryan	Baffert	Dettori	124
4	Valentine Candy	Justify	L. William & Corinne Heiligbrodt, Jackpot Farm, Whispering Oaks Farm and Coteau Grove Farms	Asmussen	Santana, Jr.	122
5	Frost Free 🌿	Frosted	Keene Thoroughbreds LLC	Creighton	Ortiz	124
6	Reasoned Analysis 🌿	Upstart	Klaravich Stables, Inc.	Brown	Cancel	122
7	Prince of Monaco	Speightstown	SF Racing, Starlight Racing, Madaket Stables LLC, Stonestreet Stables LLC, Dianne Bashor, Robert E. Masterson, Waves Edge Capital LLC, Catherine Donovan and Tom J. Ryan	Baffert	Prat	124
8	Vlahos 🌿	Kantharos	Ty Leatherman, Dan Northrup, Todd Cady, and Pappas Horse Racing Corp	O'Neill	Maldonado	118
9	Nash	Medaglia d'Oro	Godolphin, LLC	Cox	Geroux	122
10	Nutella Fella 🌿	Runhappy	Bell Gable Stable LLC	Contessa	Alvarado	124
11	Maximus Meridius	Maximus Mischief	LC Racing, Cash is King and Robert Reid, Jr.	Reid, Jr.	Rosario	118
12	Be You 🌿	Curlin	Repole Stable	Pletcher	Velazquez	118

Breeders: 1-Gregory J. Kilka & Bright View Farm, 2-Dixiana Farms, LLC, 3-Peter E. Blum Thoroughbreds, LLC, 4-Pine Creek LP, 5-Jackpot Farm, 6-Jack Miller & Upstart Syndicate, 7-Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC, 8-John Bates, Ron Kirk & Greg McDonald, 9-Godolphin, 10-Ashview Farm, 11-Westerly Farm, 12-Alpha Delta Stables, LLC**Saturday, Saratoga #9, post time: 4:08 p.m. EDT****JAIPUR S.-GI, \$500,000, 3yo/up, 5 1/2f****CHALLENGE SERIES WIN AND YOU'RE IN.™**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Thin White Duke	Dominus	P. Gleaves, S. Crist, Ken deRegt & Bryna Hilliard	Donk	Ortiz	120
2	Arzak 🌿	Not This Time	Sonata Stable	Trombetta	Torres	124
3	Dancing Buck	War Dancer	J and N Stables and Diamond M Stable	Nevin	Franco	120
4	Coppola 🌿	Into Mischief	Hammer Time Stable and S.O.K. Racing	Romans	Zayas	120
5	Big Invasion 🌿	Declaration of War	Reeves Thoroughbred Racing	Clement	Rosario	124
6	Star of Mystery (GB)	Kodiac (GB)	Godolphin, LLC	Appleby	Prat	117
7	No Nay Mets (Ire)	No Nay Never	Bregman Family Racing, I. Carbrera & Edge Racing	Gulyas	Dettori	118
8	Cogburn 🌿	Not This Time	Clark Brewster, L. William and Corinne Heiligbrodt	Asmussen	Ortiz, Jr.	126
9	Sosua Summer 🌿	Summer Front	Wachtel Stable, Barber, Gary and R.T Racing Stable	Mott	Saez	120
10	Alogon	California Chrome	Charles T. Matses	Allard	Alvarado	120

11	Filo Di Arianna (Brz)	Drosselmeyer	Barber, Gary, Wachtel Stable and Deutsch, Peter	Casse	Gaffalione	118
12	Mischief Magic (Ire)	Exceed And Excel (Aus)	Godolphin, LLC	Appleby	Buick	120
13	Grooms All Bizness	Fed Biz	Colts Neck Stables LLC	Duarte, Jr.	Ruiz	120
14	Outlaw Kid	Violence	R. A. Hill Stable and SGV Thoroughbreds	Gulyas	Castellano	120
15	American Monarch	American Pharoah	Mike G. Rutherford	Mott	Lezcano	120
16	Souper Quest	Munnings	Live Oak Plantation	Casse	Velazquez	120

Breeders: 1-Phil Gleaves, 2-John C. Oxley, 3-J & N Stables LLC, 4-Fifth Avenue Bloodstock, 5-John O'Meara, 6-Godolphin, 7-Coolmore, 8-Bellary Bloodstock, 9-Brereton C. Jones, 10-Charles T. Matses, 11-Stud Principessa di Capri, 12-Godolphin, 13-Colts Neck Stables, LLC, 14-Robert G. Harvey, 15-Mike G. Rutherford, 16-Live Oak Stud

Saturday, Saratoga #4, post time: 12:31 p.m. EDT

TRUE NORTH S. PRESENTED BY F. W. WEBB-GII, \$350,000, 4yo/up, 6 1/2f

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Ninetypercentmaddie	Weigelia	LC Racing LLC	Reid, Jr.	Lezcano	118
2	Rotknee	Runhappy	William J. Butler	Maker	Franco	118
3	Twenty Four Mamba 🦋	Classic Empire	PlayingTheField Racing, Final Turn Racing Stable, WLIR Racing Stables and Acqua Nova Stable	Baker	Davis	118
4	Accretive 🦋	Practical Joke	Klaravich Stables, Inc.	Brown	Ortiz, Jr.	118
5	Gun Pilot	Gun Runner	Three Chimneys Farm, LLC	Asmussen	Torres	124
6	Gun It 🦋	Tapit	Winning Move Stable	Rice	Ortiz	118
7	Baby Yoda	Prospective	Pantofel Stable, LLC, Wachtel Stable, Barber, Gary, and Zaro, Jerold L.	Mott	Cancel	118

Breeders: 1-LC Racing LLC, 2-William Butler, 3-Respite Farm, Inc, 4-Falcon Wood Partners, 5-Three Chimneys Farm, LLC, 6-Three Chimneys Farm, LLC and Besilu Stables, LLC, 7-Kathleen Amaya, Alexandro Centofanti & Raffaele Centofanti

Saturday, Saratoga #6, post time: 1:51 p.m. EDT

SUBURBAN S.-GII, \$350,000, 4yo/up, 1 1/4m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Signator	Tapit	West Point Thoroughbreds, Woodford Racing, LLC, Gainesway Stable, Phipps Stable, Langone, Ken, Edward & Lynne Hudson, Jr. and Lane's End Racing	McGaughey III	Castellano	118
2	Kuchar	Uncle Mo	LSU Stables	Rodriguez	Prat	118
3	Masqueparade 🦋	Upstart	John Holleman	Atras	Franco	118
4	Charge It	Tapit	Whisper Hill Farm, LLC	Pletcher	Velazquez	122
5	Time for Trouble 🦋	English Channel	Hiles, Jeff A. and Thorndale Stable	Hiles	Torres	118
6	Good Skate	American Freedom	Jordan V. Wycoff	Maker	Gaffalione	118
7	Crupi 🦋	Curlin	Repole Stable and St. Elias Stables LLC	Pletcher	Ortiz, Jr.	118
8	Bendoog	Gun Runner	Mohammed Khaleel Ahmed	Mott	Lezcano	118

Breeders: 1-Gainesway Thoroughbreds LTD., 2-WinStar Farm, LLC, 3-Brereton C. Jones, 4-Whisper Hill Farm, LLC, 5-Calumet Farm, 6-Brereton C. Jones, 7-Claiborne Farm, 8-Calumet Farm

Saturday, Santa Anita #7, post time: 7:00 p.m. EDT

SUMMERTIME OAKS-GII, \$200,000, 3yo, f, 1 1/16m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Jane Austen	Tapit	Muir Hut Stables, LLC	Glatt	Fresu	120
2	Sugar Fish 🦋	Accelerate	Sweetwater Stable and Talla Racing LLC	Mullins	Baze	120
3	Show Card	Into Mischief	Juddmonte	Baffert	Smith	120
4	Nothing Like You 🦋	Malibu Moon	Georgia Antley Hunt, Jeff Giglio, and John L. Rogitz	Baffert	Hernandez	124

Breeders: 1-Speedway Stables LLC, 2-George Gilbert, 3-Juddmonte, 4-Notch Hill Farm, Wolverton Mountain Farm & Spendthrift Stallions, LLC

Saturday, Saratoga #5, post time: 1:11 p.m. EDT

POKER S.-GIII, \$350,000, 4yo/up, 1mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Mysterious Night (Ire)	Dark Angel (Ire)	Godolphin, LLC	Appleby	Buick	122
2	Casa Creed 🌿	Jimmy Creed	LRE Racing LLC and JEH Racing Stable LLC	Mott	Saez	124
3	Carl Spackler (Ire)	Lope de Vega (Ire)	e Five Racing Thoroughbreds	Brown	Gaffalione	124
4	Ice Chocolat (Brz)	Goldikovic (Ire)	Barber, Gary, Wachtel Stable and Deutsch, Peter	Casse	Ortiz	118
5	Front Run the Fed 🌿	Fed Biz	George A. Sharp	Caramori	Torres	118
6	Kubrick (Ire)	Dubawi (Ire)	Peter M. Brant	Brown	Prat	118
7	Talk of the Nation	Quality Road	Allen Stable, Inc. and CHC INC.	Pletcher	Ortiz, Jr.	118
8	Lucky Score 🌿	Lookin At Lucky	Barber, Gary, Pantofel Stable and Wachtel Stable	Casse	Rosario	118

Breeders: 1-Godolphin, 2-Silver Springs Stud, LLC, 3-Fifth Avenue Bloodstock, 4-Haras Niju, 5-Colts Neck Stables, 6-White Birch Farm, SC, 7-CHC Inc., 8-James Everatt, Janeane Everatt & ArikaEveratt-Meeuse

Sunday, Churchill Downs #8, post time: 4:22 p.m. EDT

MATT WINN S.-GIII, \$400,000, 3yo, 1 1/16m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Northern Flame	Flameaway	Oxley, Jack, Harold Lerner LLC, AWC Stables and Magdalena Racing	McPeck	Leparoux	118
2	Who Dey	Liam's Map	Maccabee Farm LLC	Drury, Jr.	Hernandez, Jr.	118
3	Scatify	Justify	West Point Thoroughbreds	Sadler	Ortiz	118
4	West Saratoga 🌿	Exaggerator	Harry L. Veruchi	Demeritte	Castanon	118
5	Rocketeer	Curlin	e Five Racing Thoroughbreds and Brennan, Ian	Cox	Gaffalione	118
6	Nash	Medaglia d'Oro	Godolphin, LLC	Cox	Geroux	118
7	Society Man 🌿	Good Magic	Reeves Thoroughbred Racing, West Paces Racing GMP Stables, Pascarella, Carl & Pascarella, Yurie	Gargan	Lanerie	118
8	Mighty Message	Goldencents	Highlander Training Center	Amoss	Torres	118
9	Next Level 🌿	Vino Rosso	Don't Tell My Wife Stables	Desormeaux	Loveberry	118
10	Luna Tap	Ransom the Moon	Calumet Farm	O'Neill	Machado	118

Breeders: 1-Debby M Oxley, 2-Maccabee Farm, 3-Doug Branham & Felicia Branham, 4-Two Hearts Farm II LLC, 5-Fifth Avenue Bloodstock & GlenwoodBreeding, 6-Godolphin, 7-SF Bloodstock LLC, 8-Edward A. Seltzer & Beverly S. Seltzer, 9-White Fox Farm, 10-Calumet Farm



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INTO MISCHIEF FILLY AUDACIOUS A NEW 'RISING STAR' AT SARATOGA *by Alan Carasso*



Audacious | Sarah Andrew

Part of a Todd Pletcher-trained and Ramona Bass-owned entry favored at 45 cents on the dollar, with each filly making her first trip to the races, **Audacious (f, 3, Into Mischief--Veracity, by Distorted Humor)** turned in a professional racetrack debut, and although things appeared to get a bit dicey in the final 30 yards, had done enough to become a 'TDN Rising Star'.

Drawn one to the outside of her homebred stablemate **Chanteuse** (Into Mischief) in the six hole, the \$700,000 Keeneland September yearling purchase actually won the break, but was content to drift back into fourth, handy enough to the pace, as Chanteuse took them down the backstretch and into the far turn.

Clicked up three wide on the bend, Audacious was poised three furlongs out and had the front-runner in the cross-hairs moving past the quarter pole. With a confident John Velazquez at the controls, Audacious easily gathered up Charteuse with three-sixteenths of a mile to run and threatened to pull away to a wide-margin victory. Only tenderly--some might say audaciously--ridden by Velazquez and appearing to idle entering the final sixteenth of a mile, with the race apparently in safe keeping, Audacious was only under hands-and-heels encouragement for the remainder and was home 3/4 of a length better than 15-1 **Refuse To Lose (Union Rags)**, whose dam Victory Party (Yankee Victor) is a half-sister to the winner's sire in addition to Beholder, **Mendelssohn**, et al.

Perhaps the eye-catcher of the bunch was Stuart Janney III's **Silvology (Blame)**, who veered inward at the start from the inside barrier and was clearly last early, but attacked the line to just miss second.

The 45th of her sire's progeny to earn 'TDN Rising Star' honors, Audacious is the second winner from two foals to race out of Veracity, a \$460,000 purchase by Bob Edwards's Fifth Avenue Bloodstock at the 2016 Keeneland January Sale whose stakes-winning full-sister Cherry produced the dual Grade I-winning 'Rising Star' **Elate (Medaglia d'Oro)**.

Second dam Yell, a Grade II winner at three and twice placed at Grade I level--including the 2003 Kentucky Oaks--is also responsible for Toll (Giant's Causeway), the dam of 2019 GII Jim Dandy S. winner Tax (Arch); as well as GSP Chide (**Blame**) and MSP Shrill (Distorted Humor). Third dam Wild Applause was a half-sister to GI Travers S. winner Sea Hero and the dam of the sires Roar (Forty Niner) and Eastern Echo (Damascus). Veracity was a \$1.7 million buyback at the 2019 Fasig-Tipton November Sale.

Audacious is bred on the exact same cross as fellow 'TDN Rising Star' and WinStar sire **Life Is Good** as well as Coolmore's **Practical Joke**, while Goldencents is out of a daughter of the Forty Niner stallion Banker's Gold.

Veracity is also the dam of the 2-year-old colt Truth Telling (**Nyquist**), a \$200,000 purchase at KEESEP last fall.

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TDN RISING STAR

6th-Saratoga, \$100,000, Msw, 6-6, 3yo/up, f/m, 7f, 1:24.27, ft, 3/4 length.

AUDACIOUS, f, 3, by Into Mischief

1st Dam: Veracity, by Distorted Humor

2nd Dam: Yell, by A.P. Indy

3rd Dam: Wild Applause, by Northern Dancer

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O-Bass Stables LLC; B-Fifth Avenue Bloodstock (KY); T-Todd A Pletcher.

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by Stefanie Grimm

1st-SAR, \$100K, Msw, 3yo/up, 7f, 12:20 p.m.

The second day of the Belmont at Saratoga festival continues with a strong opening race featuring China Horse Club homebred **TRULLI WARRIOR** (Curlin). Dam Alberobello, who CHC purchased as a yearling for \$475,000, is related to a trio of 'TDN Rising Stars' in half-sisters MGSW/GISP Jojo Warrior (Pioneer of the Nile) and MSW/GSP J Z Warrior (Harlan's Holiday) along with full-sister GISW A Z Warrior. The 'Rising Star'-quality continues through the family with Jojo Warrior's son Under Oath (Speightstown) and A Z Warrior's daughter Key To My Heart (Ire) who produced a recent 'Rising Star' in Prides Crossing (Quality Road) along with SW Justa Warrior (Justify). Trulli Warrior will break from the rail for the Todd Pletcher barn and comes in off a best-of-152 work from the gate, going four furlongs in :46 2/5 at Belmont May 31.

Lined up in gate four, **Illuminare** (City of Light) is the second Todd Pletcher runner of the field. A \$500,000 Keeneland September yearling buy for Centennial Farms, he is out of MSW I Still Miss You (Majestic Warrior).

Itza Mirrakle (Arrogate), a \$575,000 Keeneland September yearling, debuts for Tom Morley and the ownership group of RAM-ZANOTTI Stables, West Paces Racing LLC and Curtis Green. He is the second foal out of MSW/GSP Justa Lady (More Than Ready) and from the final crop of the late Arrogate. **TJCIS PPS**



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7th-SAR, \$110K, Alw, 3yo/up, f, 6f, 3:46 p.m.

Race 7 features the return of 'TDN Rising Star' **Munnys Gold** (Munnings). A winner of her first three starts by a combined 28 lengths, she ran second in the GII Eight Belles S. and then finished twice behind Champion 3-year-old Filly Pretty Mischievous (Into Mischief) when fourth in the GI Acorn S. and third in the GI Test S. before going to the sidelines last year. Regular pilot Irad Ortiz, Jr. stays aboard for trainer Todd Pletcher and owner Robert and Lawana Low. **TJCIS PPS**

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IN ORDER OF PURSE:

TREMONT S., \$150,000, Saratoga, 6-6, 2yo, 5 1/2f, 1:04.22, ft.

1--**STUDLYDORIGHT, 122, c, 2, by Nyquist**

1st Dam: Peach of a Gal (SW & GSP, \$101,155),
 by Curlin

2nd Dam: Richetta, by Polish Numbers

3rd Dam: Riscay, by Rahy

(\$185,000 RNA Ylg '23 FTSAUG; \$110,000 Ylg '23 EASOCT).

1ST BLACK TYPE WIN. O-David R. Hughes; B-Glenangus Farm LLC (MD); T-John J. Robb; J-Xavier Perez. \$82,500. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$114,930.

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2--**Touchy, 120, c, 2, Nyquist**--Touch the Moon, by Malibu Moon. **1ST BLACK TYPE.** O/B-Three Chimneys Farm, LLC (KY); T-Wesley A. Ward. \$30,000.

3--**Three Echoes, 122, c, 2, Echo Town**--Bayou Miss, by Dixie Union. (\$37,000 Wlg '22 KEENOV; \$40,000 Ylg '23 FTKJUL; \$130,000 2yo '24 OBSMAR). **1ST BLACK TYPE.** O-L and N Racing LLC; B-Vossfeld Bloodstock LLC (KY); T-Steven M. Asmussen. \$18,000.

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Margins: 1 3/4, HF, 5 1/4. Odds: 13.90, 0.85, 2.45.

Also Ran: Classic of Course, Brereton's Baytown, Dew, Dominican Thunder, Shoot the Nickel.

The wagering public had their money on a son of **Nyquist**, it just happened to be the wrong one. The "other **Nyquist**", 13-1 longshot Studlydoright, kept his perfect record intact and picked up his first stakes win Thursday taking the Tremont S. on the opening day of the Belmont at Saratoga Racing Festival.

A come-from-behind winner in the slop at first asking at Laurel Park, the Maryland-bred Studlydoright added an extra furlong of distance Thursday and was one of only three runners in the 8-horse field with any prior experience. Outrun from his rail draw, the longshot was swarmed to the outside by Touchy and Three Echos who both were intent on the lead. Shuffled back to fifth as a gap opened up from the first four back, Studlydoright continued along the inside into the turn as the leading pair blitzed an opening quarter in :22.11. Touchy seemed ready to go on with it at the top of the lane but the eventual winner was rolling as he switched outside of the leaders and drove past the early pacesetters in the final jumps to win going away.

“It set up exactly like I thought it would,” said winning trainer John “Jerry” Robb. “I just told [jockey Xavier Perez] to save ground and wait to make a late run. I was hoping he was going to be third, and he jumped up and won. I knew there was a lot of speed and we planned on closing and coming from off of it, but the first race on the [main] track I had nothing to go by. I didn’t know if speed was holding or closing. We couldn’t be happier.”

The 24th stakes winner for sire **Nyquist**, Studlydoright is out of a stakes-winning and graded-stakes placed full-sister to MSP Cu Rahy and a half-sister to MSW/GSP Concealed Identity (Smarty Jones) while another half-sister, Rich Love, is responsible for MGSW Ruby Nell (Bolt d’Oro). Studlydoright has a yearling **Ghostzapper** half-sister while Peach of a Gal foaled a colt by Omaha Beach this year. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

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Studlydoright | Sarah Andrew

ASTORIA S., \$150,000, Saratoga, 6-6, 2yo, f, 5 1/2f, 1:05.06, ft.

1--**WHATINTHELITERAL, 120, f, 2, by Lord Nelson**

1st Dam: Lilikoi, by Freud

2nd Dam: Corredor's Wind, by El Corredor

3rd Dam: Ka Lae, by Hawaii

1ST BLACK TYPE WIN. O-horseOlogy Racing and Craig Steinhart; B-Bella Inizio Farm, LLC (FL); T-Jena M. Antonucci; J-Javier Castellano. \$82,500. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-1, \$89,129.

2--**Aoraki, 122, f, 2, Dominus--Mountain Music, by Maclean's Music.** (\$11,000 Ylg '23 KEEJAN). **1ST BLACK TYPE.** O-OXO Equine LLC and Susan Montanye; B-Hawk Hill Thoroughbreds (KY); T-Steven M. Asmussen. \$30,000.

3--**French Horn, 122, f, 2, Complexity--Emma's Encore, by Congrats.** (\$65,000 Ylg '23 KEESEP). **1ST BLACK TYPE.** O-BG Stables; B-Narola, LLC (ON); T-Mark E. Casse. \$18,000.

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Margins: HD, 1 1/4, 6 3/4. Odds: 13.50, 3.85, 3.15.

Also Ran: Baytown Butterfly, West Memorial, Biscuitwiththeboss, The Queens M G. Scratched: Baytown Cleopatra, Long Neck Paula.

In a race that changed with the early-morning scratch of **'TDN Rising Star'** Long Neck Paula (**Uncle Mo**), it was Whatintheliteral for trainer Jena Antonucci who was able to take the field gate to wire and break her maiden at odds of 13-1 in the Astoria S. Thursday. Run twice at Keeneland over 4 1/2 furlongs, the daughter of Lord Nelson ran into both The Queens M G (Thousand Words) and West Memorial (Caracaro) in her debut start Apr. 7. Up for third beaten just three-quarters of a length Apr. 24, Whatintheliteral shipped to Saratoga and picked up the extra furlong to work with. Ridden for the lead from the rail slot under jockey Javier Castellano, the longshot set a pressured tempo with Aoraki never far off her in second. That pair kept things interesting into the stretch as racing room often got tight between them and Whatintheliteral only just getting her head down on the wire first. The stewards opted to take a look at the stretch run but ultimately made no change to the order of finish.

“We didn’t expect her to run on the front,” admitted Antonucci. “She’s always been sharp out of the gate. She had a couple green moments at Keeneland. Today, she didn’t have to run across a non-existent rail, so I think her having a white line to follow all the way around [helped]. Cornelia, her rider, has been giving her some good mileage around this track kind of closer to the rail to make sure she was comfortable there. We thought we’d break, have some speed, sit her off the rail a little bit and someone would go. Obviously, Javier [Castellano] read the right race. It’s my job to stay out of his way, too.” **Cont.**

The eighth stakes winner for the late Lord Nelson, WhatintheLiteral is the third foal and third winner from Lilikoi, herself a half to MSW/MGSP Manchurian High (The Daddy). Lilikoi reported a filly by Greatest Honour this year. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#), sponsored by [FanDuel TV](#).

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JERSEY GIRL S., \$145,500, Saratoga, 6-6, 3yo, f, 6f, 1:09.52, ft.
1--ALMOSTGONE ROCKET, 118, f, 3, by Into Mischief

1st Dam: Bound (MSW, \$419,174), by Jump Start

2nd Dam: China Sky, by Skywalker

3rd Dam: Bolchina, by Bolger

1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN. (\$250,000 Ylg '22 KEESEP). O-Frank Fletcher Racing & Ten Strike Racing; B-Malibu Farm LLC (KY); T-BradCox; J-Flavien Prat. \$82,500. Lifetime Record: 3-3-0-0, \$224,460.

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2--Manama Gold, 122, f, 3, Star Guitar--Charged Cotton, by Dehere. (\$100,000 Ylg '22 KEESEP; \$200,000 2yo '23 OBSAPR). O-Victorious Racing; B-Brittlyn (LA); T-Todd Pletcher. \$30,000.


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3--Gray Lightning, 118, f, 3, Social Inclusion--Fairy Gray, by Cat Thief. 1ST BLACK-TYPE. (\$370,000 HRA '24 FTDAPR). O-NR Club; B-Desmond C Wynter (PA); T-J Tyler Servis. \$18,000. Margins: 6, 3, 4 1/4. Odds: 0.50, 4.30, 3.45.

Also Ran: Becky's Joker, Dorothy's Dreams. Scratched: Carmelina, Moonlit Lady, Roman Grace.

Almostgone Rocket made good on a promise of 1-2, leading home a **'TDN Rising Star'** exacta as a much-the-best winner of Thursday's Jersey Girl S. at Saratoga.

A \$250,000 Keeneland September purchase, Almostgone Rocket decimated a field of Oaklawn maidens by nearly a dozen lengths on debut Apr. 5 to become a **'TDN Rising Star'**, but instead of going for a race like the Gil Eight Belles S., for which she would have been well-fancied, opted for a first-level Churchill allowance May 3, and she duly obliged by 4 1/4 lengths as the 2-1 chalk, good for a 93 Beyer.

Just outsprinted to the front by Gray Lightning, Almostgone Rocket tracked intently to her outside, and the duo were joined deeper out by fellow **'Rising Star'** Manama Gold, who was away very awkwardly in her American debut before entering the fray. Gray Lightning was the first to back out of it and Manama Gold loomed a threat turning for home, but Almostgone Rocket went through her gears in the final furlong and a half to crush.



Almostgone Rocket | Sarah Andrew

Manama Gold, last-out winner of the G3 UAE Oaks over an extended nine furlongs, was no match for the favorite, but ran on nicely over a trip surely short of optimal.

“The trip was good. She broke a little bit [awkwardly] out of the gate, but she got herself forwardly placed,” said winning jockey Flavien Prat. “I was traveling well all the way around and when it was time to make her move, she did. When I squeezed on her she responded really well. I knew it was going to take a good horse to run me down, and it didn't happen.”

The 152nd stakes winner for Into Mischief, Almostgone Rocket is out of a three-time stakes-winning Pennsylvania-bred mare that was purchased by Malibu Farm for \$170,000 at the 2016 Keeneland November Sale. Bound is also the dam of the 2-year-old filly Big Air (Vekoma), a \$120,000 OBS March purchase by Mike Maker, a yearling colt by Vino Rosso and the mare produced a full-sister to Almostgone Rocket Apr. 25. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) and [VIDEO](#), sponsored by [FanDuel TV](#).**

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4th-Churchill Downs, \$118,831, Alw (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$100,000), 6-6, 3yo, f, 1mT, 1:35.86, gd, 2 lengths.

SIMPLY IN FRONT (f, 3, Summer Front--Complicated, by Blame)

had a strong juvenile campaign at Woodbine, placing in the GI Natalma S. in her second start last September. Off a five-month layoff, she returned in Keeneland's GII Appalachian S. to be fourth at long odds Apr. 6. Thursday's 3-2 favorite on the drop in class, she tracked from fourth behind Big Trouble ([Kantharos](#)), made steady progress towards the front around the far turn and got separation late to win by two lengths over Kalispera (Ire) ([Ten Sovereigns {Ire}](#)). A half to both Honor D Lady (Honor Code), MGSW-USA, MGSP-Can, \$388,167 and Churchtown (Air Force Blue), SW-USA, SP-Can, \$373,259, Simply in Front has a 2-year-old half-sister by Omaha Beach, a yearling half-sister by [War Front](#) and a newborn half-brother by [Golden Pal](#). Sales History: \$115,000 Ylg '22 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: GISP, 6-2-2-0, \$213,968. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) and [VIDEO](#), sponsored by [FanDuel TV](#).**

O-Colebrook Farms; B-William Harrigan & Mike Pietrangelo (KY); T-Eddie Kenneally.

THINK INDIAN CREEK

7th-Saratoga, \$110,000, Alw, 6-6, (NW1\$X), 3yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:35.90, ft, 8 1/4 lengths.

WAYS AND MEANS (f, 3, [Practical Joke--Strong Incentive {SW, \\$123,568}](#), by [Warrior's Reward](#)) was given an entry for Friday's GI Acorn S., but took in this race in its stead and duly stamped her authority on it as the 1-5 mortal. Drawn two from the outside going the Wilson Chute config and adding Lasix for the first time, last year's GI Spinaway S. runner-up was trapped out wide as they angled towards the backstretch and raced out of harm's way from fourth into the final half-mile. Cruising up towards the lead rounding the turn, she was asked to win her race a quarter-mile from home and widened on her overmatched rivals to score by a considerable distance. Having romped to the '[TDN Rising Star](#)' tag on debut last summer, Ways and Means returned to action with a troubled second in the GII Gulfstream Park Oaks Mar. 30 and was most recently fourth from a high draw in the GI Kentucky Oaks May 3. Strong Incentive, a \$200,000 OBS April grad, won the 2015 Jammed Lovely S. for Klaravich and William H. Lawrence before Mike Ryan paid \$40,000 for the mare, in foal to [Practical Joke](#), to dissolve the partnership at the 2018 Keeneland November Sale. From there, the family took off, as Strong Incentive accounted for GSW [Highly Motivated](#) (Into Mischief), GSW, \$667,375, and about a month before Strong Incentive's daughter Surge Capacity (Flintshire {GB}), GISW, \$547,100, won the GI Matriarch S. last December, the mare was purchased by Jon Clay's Alpha Delta Stables for \$2.15 million in foal to [Good Magic](#) at the Fasig-Tipton November Sale. She produced a filly this year. Lifetime Record: GISP, 5-2-2-0, \$294,500. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) and [VIDEO](#), sponsored by [FanDuel TV](#).** O/B-Klaravich Stables Inc (KY); T-Chad C Brown.

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Caldo Candy | Sarah Andrew

3rd-Saratoga, \$90,000, (S), Alw, 6-6, (NW1\$X), 3yo/up, 7f, 1:23.00, ft, 5 lengths.

CALDO CANDY (g, 4, **Candy Ride {Arg}**--Tanglewood Tale, by Tale of the Cat), off the board in only one prior start late last year, came in have raced exclusively at Aqueduct as an Avanti Stable homebred. Entered off a second facing allowance horses over this distance March 24, the 5-2 second choice went right to the lead under Luis Rivera, Jr. and was not for catching, running up the score late to come home five lengths ahead of Toscano (Vino Rosso). Tanglewood Tale has a yearling colt by **Union Rags** named Pride of the Union and foaled an **Upstart** filly this spring. Lifetime Record: 6-2-2-1, \$129,000. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

O/B-Avanti Stable (NY); T-H. James Bond.

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1st-Churchill Downs, \$114,375, Msw, 6-6, 2yo, 5 1/2f, 1:05.77, ft, 1/2 length.

CONQUERING CAT (c, 2, **Game Winner**--Coy Cat {MSW, \$247,755}, by Hold That Tiger) had to settle for second on his debut over course and close to distance May 16 but came back Thursday to do one better, becoming the first winner for his

freshman sire (by **Candy Ride {Arg}**). The 2-1 favorite raced mid pack from an outside draw but slowly began to reel in loose leader The Toner (**Union Rags**) around the far turn. With a strong closing drive, he put that rival behind him and lasted over a late-running Munson (**Ghostzapper**) to graduate by a half-length. Summer Vibe (**Good Magic**) wound up a trainer scratch before the race while Magnitude (**Not This Time**) came home fifth and Keep It Easy (**Hard Spun**) was seventh. Coy Cat, already responsible for Doups Point (Point of Entry), MSP, \$218,120 and Newport Breeze (Majestic Warrior), MSP, \$157,220, also produced Lin Marie (**Curlin**), the dam of MGSP Dream Marie (Graydar). She reported a colt by **Silver State** last year before visiting Jackie's Warrior for 2024. Sales History: \$80,000 Ylg '23 KESEEP; \$100,000 2yo '24 OBSMAR. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$93,000. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

O-Dare To Dream Stable LLC (Michael Faber); B-SF Bloodstock & Tuscany Bloodstock (KY); T-Christopher Davis.

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8th-Saratoga, \$85,000, (S), Msw, 6-6, 3yo/up, 1 1/16mT, 1:41.50, fm, 1/2 length.

TETA'S TROTTER (g, 3, **Flintshire {GB}**--Lemon Drop Dolly, by Lemon Drop Kid) caused the biggest surprise on the opening day of the Belmont Stakes Racing Festival, lighting up the tote to the tune of 26-1. Away without incident from a low gate, the homebred secured a good spot at the fence from midfield behind a decent pace. Traveling sweetly on the turn in the hands of Manny Franco, Teta's Trotter responded when set down in

upper stretch, went for an inside run entering the final furlong and outfinished favored Mission Hill (Street Boss) by a half-length. Teta's Trotter is the most recent live produce for his dam, a daughter of the Grade III-placed turf distaffer Zindandoll (Sky Classic), Lemon Drop Dolly Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$46,750. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) and [VIDEO](#), sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

O/B-Quaker Springs Equine LLC (NY); T-David G Donk.

2nd-Gulfstream, \$55,000, (S), Msw, 6-6, 2yo, f, 4 1/2f, :52.86, ft, 3/4 length.

YOU NEED ME (f, 2, St Patrick's Day--Mochaccino, by Uncaptured), second at 44-1 odds in last month's Royal Palm Juvenile Fillies, took considerably more money in her second start, breaking as the 8-5 favorite. Engaged early with first-time starter Frida (City of Light), she dueled that rival around the turn and was just able to put her away in the final strides to graduate by three-quarters of a length. You Need Me has a yearling half-brother by Rushie while her dam visited Colonel Liam for this year. Sales History: \$7,000 RNA Ylg '23 OBSOCT; \$50,000 2yo '24 OBSMAR. Lifetime Record: SP, 2-1-1-0, \$66,560. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#), sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

O-Champion Equine LLC; B-McKathan Brothers (FL); T-J. David Braddy.

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8th-Gulfstream, \$43,000, Msw, 6-6, 3yo/up, 1mT, 1:33.67, fm, neck.

SENTENZA (c, 3, Justify--Primadona {Ire}, by Galileo {Ire}) was still a maiden when he stepped up into stakes company last out but backed out of it late to come home 10th in the English Channel S. May 4. Kept over course and distance Thursday, the 6-5 favorite had to stay outside of horses from third while never far off the lead before moving to come after the leader late and just last to graduate by a neck over Devilment (Into Mischief). From a European family that includes MG1SW Kyprios (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) and G1SW Search for a Song (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}), Sentenza has a 2-year-old Maclean's Music half-sister and a yearling full-sister while her dam visited Volatile for this year. Sales History: \$30,000 Ylg '22 FTKOCT; \$75,000 RNA 3yo '24 FTDMAR. Lifetime Record: 4-1-1-0, \$35,900. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#), sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

O-Gandolfi Stables; B-Spry Family Farm (KY); T-Dante Zanelli, Jr.

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2nd-Horseshoe Indianapolis, \$32,000, Msw, 6-6, 3yo, f, 1m 70y, 1:43.22, ft, 3/4 length.

EL KOWN (f, 3, Ghostzapper--Kosmo's Buddy {MSW, \$298,095}, by Outflanker) made a trio of starts as a juvenile, hitting the

board at first asking last summer but finishing fifth and seventh respectively in her last two. Unseen since Nov. 16, the 3-1 shot, racing with Lasix for the first time, tried her longest distance to date Thursday and came from off the pace with a strong bid at the top of the lane to drive past Anointed of God (Always Dreaming) and steal the three-quarter of a length win. A half-sister to Ch. Older Dirt Male and Horse of the Year Knicks Go (Paynter), MGISW, \$9,258,135, El Kown has a newborn half-brother by Paynter, making him a full-sibling to Knicks Go. Sales History: \$650,000 Ylg '22 KESEP. Lifetime Record: 4-1-0-1, \$23,195. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#).**

O-Shadwell Stable; B-Newtownanner Stud Farm (KY); T-Brad H. Cox.

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In this continuing series, Alan Carasso takes a look ahead at US-bred and/or conceived runners entered for the upcoming weekend at the tracks on the Japan Racing Association circuit, with a focus on pedigree and/or performance in the sales ring. Here are the horses of interest for this weekend running at Hakodate, Kyoto and Tokyo Racecourses:

Saturday, June 8, 2024

3rd-HAK, ¥10,480,000 (\$67k), Maiden, 3yo, 1000m

ARGENTINITA (JPN) (f, 3, Constitution--Way to Versailles, by Tizway) fetched just \$16,000 at the 2016 OBS June Sale, then punched well above her weight under the care of Kevin Attard, winning the GII Royal North S. in 2018. Bought back on a bid of \$575,000 when offered in foal to Quality Road at the 2019 Fasig-Tipton November Sale, the mare was hammered down to Emmanuel de Seroux's Narvick International for \$300,000 with this filly in utero at the 2020 Keeneland November Sale. *B-Pride Rock Ltd*

3rd-KYO, ¥10,480,000 (\$67k), Maiden, 3yo, 1800m

MOD FLAME (JPN) (c, 3, Uncle Mo--Inflamed, by Unusual Heat) is out of an unplaced full-sister to GSW Burns who first sold to Glen Hill Farm for \$170,000 in foal to Tapiture at Keeneland November in 2019, but the mare was the recipient of the best sort of pedigree update when her son Mo Forza (Uncle Mo) validated favoritism in the GI Hollywood Derby a matter of weeks later. Inflamed was returned to Keeneland for the 2020 January Sale and was knocked down to Shadai Farm for \$525,000. *B-Shadai Farm*



Tepin sold in front of a full house at Fasig-Tipton November in 2017
Fasig-Tipton photo

Sunday, June 9, 2024

5th-TOK, ¥13,720,000 (\$88k), Newcomers, 2yo, 1800mT

JASPER CROSS (c, 2, American Pharoah--Tepin Thru Life {Ire}, by Curlin), a \$140,000 Keeneland November buyback turned \$185,000 Keeneland September grad, gets his career underway just four days after his unraced dam's half-sister Grateful (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) opened her account at second asking at the Curragh for Coolmore and trainer Aidan O'Brien June 5. Second dam Tepin (Bernstein) needs no introduction. Trained by Mark Casse for Robert Masterson, Tepin won no fewer than a half-dozen times at the elite level, three of those against the boys, including a championship-clinching success in the 2015 Breeders' Cup Mile. Tepin's finest hour--at the races--occurred at Royal Ascot the following season where she defeated a talented bunch in the G1 Queen Anne S. before adding the G1 Ricoh Woodbine Mile a few months later. Retired and bred to Curlin in 2017, Tepin was hammered down to M.V. Magnier for \$8 million--second only to the \$9.5 million for Songbird--at that year's Fasig-Tipton November Sale while carrying Tepin Thru Life. *B-Orpendale/Chelston/Wynatt (KY)*

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FIRST-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: FRIDAY, JUNE 7

2024 Stud Fees Listed

Complexity (Maclean's Music), Airdrie Stud, \$12,500
121 foals of racing age/3 winners/0 black-type winners

4-Churchill Downs, 2:13 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2f, Don't Blink, 6-1 \$30,000 KEE JAN wnl; \$65,000 KEE SEP yrl

Event Driven (Medaglia d'Oro), R.C. Cline Thoroughbred Farm
6 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
1-Belterra, 12:35 p.m. EDT, Msw 4 1/2f, Elopeditthederby, 9-2
1-Belterra, 12:35 p.m. EDT, Msw 4 1/2f, Perfect Date, 5-1

Global Campaign (Curlin), WinStar Farm, \$12,500
123 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
4-Churchill Downs, 2:13 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2f, Mrs Worldwide, 12-1 \$100,000 OBS MAR 2yo

McKinzie (Street Sense), Gainesway Farm, \$30,000
170 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
4-Churchill Downs, 2:13 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2f, Minty, 4-1 \$130,000 FTK FEB wnl; \$165,000 KEE SEP yrl

Shancelot (Shanghai Bobby), Buck Pond Farm
34 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners
4-Churchill Downs, 2:13 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2f, Miss Elle, 12-1

Thousand Words (Pioneerof the Nile), Spendthrift Farm, \$5,000
123 foals of racing age/3 winners/0 black-type winners
1-Gulfstream, 12:57 p.m. EDT, Msw 5fT, Big Boy Jak, 20-1 \$32,000 KEE NOV wnl; \$17,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$50,000 RNA OBS MAR 2yo
4-Churchill Downs, 2:13 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2f, Talksalot, 12-1 \$14,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$50,000 OBS MAR 2yo

War of Will (War Front), Claiborne Farm, \$25,000
113 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
4-Churchill Downs, 2:13 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2f, Murphy Girl, 7-2 \$50,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$180,000 OBS MAR 2yo

SECOND-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: FRIDAY, JUNE 7

2024 Stud Fees Listed

Audible (Into Mischief), WinStar Farm, \$15,000
261 foals of racing age/47 winners/5 black-type winners
5-Century Mile, 10:15 p.m. EDT, \$50K Chariot Chaser H., 6f, Belle Epoque, 2-1 \$17,000 KEE JAN wnl; \$82,000 FTK OCT yrl; \$47,000 RNA EAS MAY 2yo; \$47,000 RNA FTJ UNE 2yo
1-Gulfstream, 12:57 p.m. EDT, Msw 5fT, Final Data, 8-1 \$120,000 KEE NOV wnl; \$85,000 KEE SEP yrl
12-Saratoga, 6:40 p.m. EDT, \$500K GI DK Horse Acorn S., 1 1/8m, My Mane Squeeze, 12-1
1-Gulfstream, 12:57 p.m. EDT, Msw 5fT, Premiado, 12-1 \$20,000 KEE SEP yrl

Dynamic Racer (Run Away and Hide), R.C. Cline Thoroughbred Farm
 17 foals of racing age/2 winners/0 black-type winners
 8-Belterra, 4:05 p.m. EDT, \$100K Best of Ohio Green Carpet S., 1
 1/16mT, C V Dynamic, 20-1

Maximus Mischief (Into Mischief), Spendthrift Farm, \$25,000
 232 foals of racing age/53 winners/4 black-type winners
 4-Churchill Downs, 2:13 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2f, Bowtie Or Notie,
 6-1
 \$70,000 KEE SEP yrl
 5-Century Mile, 10:15 p.m. EDT, \$50K Chariot Chaser H., 6f,
 Maramax, 25-1
 \$9,000 KEE NOV wnl; \$20,000 KEE SEP yrl
 4-Two Day Pick 6, 3:22 p.m. EDT, \$500K GI Woody Stephens S.
 Presented by Mohegan Sun SAR - R8, 7f, Maximus Meridius,
 15-1

Mitole (Eskendereya), Spendthrift Farm, \$15,000
 294 foals of racing age/61 winners/5 black-type winners
 4-Century Mile, 9:45 p.m. EDT, \$50K Western Canada H., 6f, Mr
 Phillip, 8-5
 \$145,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$300,000 OBS APR 2yo

Omaha Beach (War Front), Spendthrift Farm, \$40,000
 291 foals of racing age/39 winners/5 black-type winners
 12-Saratoga, 6:40 p.m. EDT, \$500K GI DK Horse Acorn S., 1
 1/8m, Regulatory Risk, 12-1 \$235,000 KEE SEP yrl

Preservationist (Arch), Airdrie Stud, \$5,000
 103 foals of racing age/29 winners/2 black-type winners
 2-New York - Belmont Double, 6:41 p.m. EDT, \$2000K GI
 Belmont S. Presented by NYRA Bets SAR - R12, 1 1/4m,
 Antiquarian, 12-1
 \$250,000 KEE SEP yrl

St Patrick's Day (Pioneerof the Nile), Journeyman Stud, \$3,500
 93 foals of racing age/19 winners/1 black-type winner
 3-Gulfstream, 1:54 p.m. EDT, Msw 1m, Ethel, 4-1
 \$30,000 OBS WIN wnl
 5-Century Mile, 10:15 p.m. EDT, \$50K Chariot Chaser H., 6f, Miss
 Miezie, 9-5

Vino Rosso (Curlin), Spendthrift Farm, \$20,000
 309 foals of racing age/56 winners/2 black-type winners
 2-New York - Belmont Double, 6:41 p.m. EDT, \$2000K GI
 Belmont S. Presented by NYRA Bets SAR - R12, 1 1/4m, The
 Wine Steward, 15-1
 \$70,000 SAR AUG yrl; \$340,000 OBS MAR 2yo

Yoshida (Jpn) (Heart's Cry {Jpn}), Darley Japan, \$1,500,000
 164 foals of racing age/29 winners/1 black-type winner
 8-Belterra, 4:05 p.m. EDT, \$100K Best of Ohio Green Carpet S., 1
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 f/m, 5 1/2f, 1:05.87, ft, 3/4 length.

**EYE SHADOW (f, 3, Storm's Eye--Perfect List, by Peaks and
 Valleys)** Lifetime Record: 10-3-1-0, \$92,523. O-Haran
 Thoroughbreds, LLC; B-Triple D Partners LLC (IN); T-John Haran.

8th-Horseshoe Indianapolis, \$41,000, (S), 6-6, (NW2L), 3yo/up,
 1m 70y, 1:44.56, ft, 1 1/4 lengths.

**HOOSIER DADDY NOW (g, 3, Charming Kitten--Scatter Point, by
 Scat Daddy)** Lifetime Record: 4-2-0-0, \$49,048. O-Stuart G.
 Kendall; B-Elizabeth Kuhn & Elise Kendall (IN); T-John L.
 Langemeier.

6th-Louisiana Downs, \$22,150, (C)/Opt. Clm (\$25,000), 6-5,
 3yo/up, f/m, 5f (off turf), :58.05, ft, 1 1/4 lengths.

**HEATED ARGUMENT (m, 6, Tapiture--Heated Debate {SP}, by
 Closing Argument)** Lifetime Record: SP, 26-4-2-5, \$253,575.
 O/B-Starfish Stable, LLC (AR); T-Jaime N. Gonzalez. *1/2 to
 Ministry (Ordained), SW, \$303,315.

10th-Fair Meadows, \$21,120, (S), 6-5, (NW2L), 3yo/up, 6 1/2f,
 1:19.68, ft, 3 3/4 lengths.

**STORMS LAST (g, 5, All Storm--Ashleys Account, by
 Unaccounted For)** Lifetime Record: 8-2-1-2, \$27,462. O-Ismael
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Touchdown Pass, f, 3, **Pass Rush**--Nora's Song, by War Chant. Horseshoe Indianapolis, 6-6, (S), 1m 70y, 1:44.51. Lifetime Record: 5-1-0-1, \$27,720. B-KP Thoroughbreds, LLC (IN).

Drunk On Sake, g, 3, **Yoshida (Jpn)**--Drunk Philosophy, by Scat Daddy. Saratoga, 6-6, (C), 1 1/16mT, 1:42.08. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$26,750. B-Gene Tenbrink & Frank Ables (KY). *\$42,000 2yo '23 OBSAPR.

Strictly Taboo, f, 4, **Astern (Aus)**--Spuntastic, by **Hard Spun**. Saratoga, 6-6, (S), 5 1/2fT, 1:01.42. Lifetime Record: 6-1-1-2, \$80,172. B-John Scott Rogers (NY). *\$40,000 Ylg '21 SARAUG. **1/2 to Rossa Veloce (Girolamo), SW & GSP, \$508,385.

Bel Rosso, f, 4, **Free Drop Billy**--Tiz the Key, by Tiznow. Gulfstream, 6-6, 5fT, :55.64. Lifetime Record: 6-1-1-1, \$55,730. B-Spendthrift Farm LLC (KY). *\$180,000 Ylg '21 FTKOCT. **1/2 to Tiz the Bomb (Hit It a Bomb), MGSW & GISP, \$1,099,099.

First Player, g, 4, **The Player**--Bodacious Bets, by After Market. Churchill Downs, 6-6, (C), 1 1/16m, 1:44.98. Lifetime Record: 6-1-1-1, \$51,970. B-Richard L. Harter (KY).

War in Charge, g, 4, **War Dancer**--She's in Charge, by Will Take Charge. Woodbine, 6-6, (C), 7 1/2fT, 1:30.34. Lifetime Record: 7-1-2-0, \$40,317. B-Anthony B. & Leslie L. Russo (ON). *C\$5,500 Ylg '21 CANSEP.

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Astern (Aus), Strictly Taboo, f, 4, o/o Spuntastic, by **Hard Spun**.

MSW, 6-6, Saratoga

Candy Ride (Arg), Caldo Candy, g, 4, o/o Tanglewood Tale, by Tale of the Cat. ALW, 6-6, Saratoga

Caravaggio, The Grey Wizard (Ire), g, 5, o/o Fancy (Ire), by Galileo (Ire). GII Belmont Gold Cup S., 6-6, Saratoga

Charming Kitten, Hoosier Daddy Now, g, 3, o/o Scatter Point, by Scat Daddy. ALW, 6-6, Horseshoe Indianapolis

Flintshire (GB), Teta's Trotter, g, 3, o/o Lemon Drop Dolly, by Lemon Drop Kid. MSW, 6-6, Saratoga

Free Drop Billy, Bel Rosso, f, 4, o/o Tiz the Key, by Tiznow. MSW, 6-6, Gulfstream

Game Winner, Conquering Cat, c, 2, o/o Coy Cat, by Hold That Tiger. MSW, 6-6, Churchill Downs

Ghostzapper, El Kown, f, 3, o/o Kosmo's Buddy, by Outflanker. MSW, 6-6, Horseshoe Indianapolis

Into Mischief, Almostgone Rocket, f, 3, o/o Bound, by Jump Start. Jersey Girl S., 6-6, Saratoga

Into Mischief, Audacious, f, 3, o/o Veracity, by Distorted Humor. MSW, 6-6, Saratoga

Into Mischief, Life Advice, f, 3, o/o Ervsayslethergo, by Hold Me Back. MSW, 6-6, Horseshoe Indianapolis

Justify, Sentenza, c, 3, o/o Primadona (Ire), by Galileo (Ire). MSW, 6-6, Gulfstream

Lord Nelson, WhatintheLiteral, f, 2, o/o Lilikoi, by Freud. Astoria S., 6-6, Saratoga

Mendelssohn, King **Mendelssohn**, c, 3, o/o Crown Royal Queen, by Tale of the Cat. MSW, 6-6, Penn National

Nyquist, Studlydoright, c, 2, o/o Peach of a Gal, by **Curlin**. Tremont S., 6-6, Saratoga

Pass Rush, Touchdown Pass, f, 3, o/o Nora's Song, by War Chant. MSW, 6-6, Horseshoe Indianapolis

Practical Joke, Ways and Means, f, 3, o/o Strong Incentive, by Warrior's Reward. ALW, 6-6, Saratoga

Silent Name (Jpn), Livin On Luv, m, 6, o/o D C Love Bug, by Niigon. OCL, 6-6, Woodbine

St Patrick's Day, You Need Me, f, 2, o/o Mochaccino, by Uncaptured. MSW, 6-6, Gulfstream

Storm's Eye, Eye Shadow, f, 3, o/o Perfect List, by Peaks and Valleys. ALW, 6-6, Horseshoe Indianapolis

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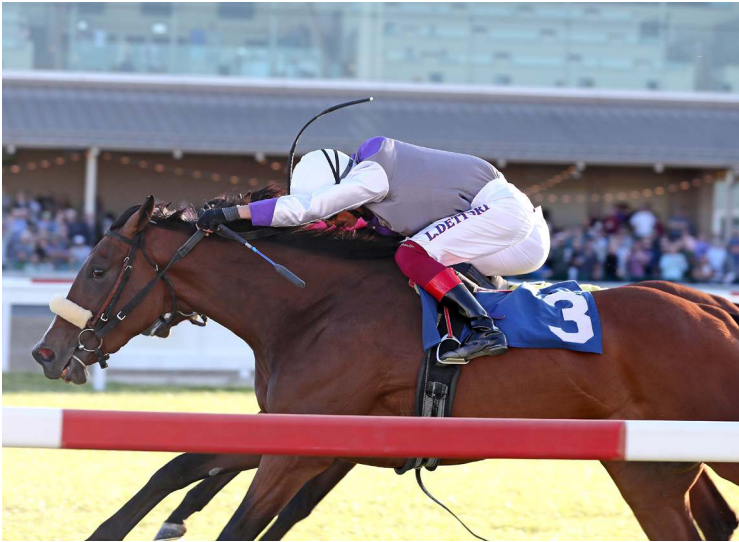
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The Player, First Player, g, 4, o/o Bodacious Bets, by After Market. MCL, 6-6, Churchill Downs

War Dancer, War in Charge, g, 4, o/o She's in Charge, by Will Take Charge. MOC, 6-6, Woodbine

Yoshida (Jpn), Drunk On Sake, g, 3, o/o Drunk Philosophy, by Scat Daddy. MCL, 6-6, Saratoga

BEATING THE DRUM FOR GOFFS, BO HAS FAT PLANS FOR ORBY GRAD SLIM



Poolside With Slim and Frankie Dettori win the Penn Oaks
Bill Denver/Equi-Photo

By Brian Sheerin

Glenn 'Bo' Bromagen has compared Penn Oaks winner and Goffs Orby graduate Poolside With Slim (Ire) (**Churchill {Ire}**) favourably to Concrete Rose (**Twirling Candy**), the Grade I Belmont Oaks winner and just about the highest-class racehorse that the American-based agent has been associated with.

The George 'Rusty' Arnold-trained import Poolside With Slim ran out a gritty winner of the \$150,000 contest under Frankie Dettori at Penn National last week leaving Bromagen convinced that there are more fat cheques to be cashed with the progressive three-year-old.

"It's exciting—you can't help but get excited about where this filly could go," he said. "A couple of years back we had a filly called Concrete Rose who was obviously as good as anything that we have ever had. I couldn't help but dream a little bit that Poolside With Slim could be another Concrete Rose."

Bromagen continued, "We thought this filly was going to be a top-tier turf talent in America and we got aggressive in her campaigning because we needed to get her Graded Stakes earnings up in order to get into the Edgewood Stakes on Oaks day. That's really what our goal was." **Cont. p3**

DEE STAKES WINNER CAPULET SOLD TO RACE IN HONG KONG

The recent Dee S. winner **Capulet** will leave Ballydoyle to continue his career in Hong Kong.

The son of **Justify** has been purchased privately by prominent owner Peter Lau, who has enjoyed phenomenal success with the globetrotting eight-time Group 1 winner Romantic Warrior (Ire) (Acclamation {GB}). It is believed that Capulet will join the stable of Romantic Warrior's trainer Danny Shum.

The agreement to purchase the colt was brokered by Newmarket-based Mark McStay of Avenue Bloodstock in partnership with Hong Kong agent Eric Sze, who operates as Standard Bloodstock.

Confirming the deal to *TDN* on Thursday morning, McStay said, "Capulet is a very exciting horse going forward. His performances to date have been very impressive, particularly last time out at Chester." **Cont. p6**

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*Bedtime Story (Ire) is **Frankel (GB)**'s 39th 'TDN Rising Star' after swooping late in the Leopardstown opener. See page 5 for more. | Racingfotos.com*

7 | PLANS REVEALED FOR TWOMEY FILLIES

*A Lilac Rolla (Ire) (Harry Angel {Ire}) and Purple Lily (Ire) (**Calyx {GB}**) will target races at a mile for the former and the G1 Pretty Polly S. at the Curragh, respectively.*

7 | HUXLEY LEADS THE WAY AT TATTERSALLS ONLINE

Promising Galileo (Ire) colt Huxley (Ire) topped the Tattersalls Online June Sale, which concluded on Thursday.

13 | A SHARE IN ZOUSTAR TO BE OFFERED ON INGLIS DIGITAL

A share in Group 1 runner and sire Zoustar (Aus) will be offered during the Inglis Digital June (Early) Online Sale beginning on Friday.

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Glenn 'Bo' Bromagen Cont.

He added, "We got rail-drawn three times in a row--starting in the Florida Oaks at Tampa--and were pressed to go to the front, which may not have been her ideal running style. This time, being able to take her back a bit, I think that has really been able to show her to best effect. She has really been vindicated in what type of horse she could be."

Asked what could be in store for Poolside With Slim next, Bromagen replied, "Early in the season, I thought maybe we could run in that Triple Tiara series in New York, but now we have pivoted a little bit. We're going to have to be smart about where we take her next and obviously there is some really nice racing in Saratoga. Kentucky Downs also has some incredible racing so, if we were lucky enough to take her down there and do something big, that would be incredible. California is even on

the table. We learned a couple of lessons last year with her that we need to give her possibilities. We can't just be focussed on one spot or one circuit with this filly."

At €110,000, it would be a stretch to describe Poolside With Slim as something of a bargain buy. But given the filly snuck in below the average [€121,337] at the 2022 Orby Sale at Goffs and then compare that with the massive sums of money being paid on the private market of late, it's hard to argue that Bromagen didn't sniff out a value deal.

"She was a little early in the sale, I think she was hip 21 or 22, and at any public auction, you tend to see people sitting on their hands early in the day. She was very nice--was physically correct and had a good pedigree. I think I just got lucky by jumping in that little bit early in the sale game. I think we got some value." [Cont. p4](#)



Bromagen hugging jockey Julien Leparoux after Concrete Rose's win in the Belmont Oaks Invitational S. | Sarah Andrew

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Glenn 'Bo' Bromagen Cont.

He added, "You could see that she wasn't your typical two-year-old type and that she was going to need some time to come to hand. Maybe that gave us some extra value. But it's so hard to get the horse you want at the right price and sometimes you've just got to get lucky in the sales ring."

Bromagen has made a habit of being lucky at Goffs. He's been talking up for the Irish sales house for some time, and prior to snapping up Poolside With Slim at Goffs in 2022, he told *TDN Europe* that the Orby Sale was "at the top of my list every single year".

The filly's graduation to being a genuine Graded performer in the States is just as much of a vindication of Bromagen's eye for a good horse as it is his commitment to travelling to Ireland to source equine talent to race in America year after year.

He said, "I'm out here beating the drum for the Goffs boys. The horses that they raise in Ireland are really nice horses. The world is getting to be a smaller place as far as the thoroughbred

market goes and the more international trade that can happen is only better for us all. The more people we can get over there and the more trade that goes on, the more exciting that will be for everyone."

And Bromagen was back again last year.

"I talk about value the whole time and on my trip to Ireland last year, it looked like I was struggling to find anything to bring home," he recalled. "That's why I jumped in with Ramiro [Restrepo] on a couple of horses. The first was a Kodiak (GB) colt [for €75,000], who is in training with Tim Donworth in France, while the second was an Earthlight (Ire) colt [€300,000] who is with Paddy Twomey. That horse was bought by me, Ramiro and Jason Taylor. I know that Ramiro

was over to see the horse recently and all of the reports from Paddy are pretty positive. We're excited about both of those horses. I'm willing to partner up as well. I mean, shoot, it's more fun having partners in a winner's circle than doing it by yourself." [Cont. p5](#)



Concrete Rose | Sarah Andrew

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While plans are somewhat in the air as to where Poolside With Slim could end up next, Bromagen is in no doubt that he has a filly capable of taking in some big targets over the coming months.

He said, "We're going to be shooting here. We're going to try and punch up and see what we can find. Rusty has done such a good job in training this filly and keeping her on the track that we thought she could be on. We were a little disappointed not to have hit the board on her previous two starts but, again, I think that was because we were at the mercy of the post draw.

"The way that Frankie rode her is more of her running style and that gives us some versatility, which gives us something to look forward to going forward. We're going to let Rusty do what he does best and learn about this filly as she develops. She's trending upwards, that's for sure."

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BEDTIME STORY A NEW TDN RISING STAR FOR FRANKEL *by Tom Frary*

The seven-furlong Irish Stallion Farms EBF Fillies Maiden staged on Leopardstown's Thursday evening card has often

played host to a future luminary and the latest renewal could have thrown up another as Ballydoyle's **Bedtime Story (Ire)** (Frankel {GB})--Mecca's Angel {Ire}, by Dark Angel {Ire}) earned instant **TDN Rising Star** status. Settled in mid-division early by Wayne Lordan, the 5-1 shot enjoyed an untroubled run down the outer in the straight as the stable's 8-11 favourite **Giselle (Ire)** (Frankel {GB}) became ensnared in traffic deeper towards the rail.

Surging ahead from 150 yards out, the grey asserted to score by 1 1/4 lengths from that promising daughter of Newspaperofrecord (Ire) (Lope De Vega {Ire}) to lead home a one-two for the sire who now boasts 39 TDN Rising Stars. The Adrian Murray-trained **Queens Fury (Fr)** (Blue Point {Ire}) was a further half-length away in third in the maiden won in 2019 by Cayenne Pepper (Ire) (Australia {GB}), when Ballydoyle's Love (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) was fourth, in 2017 by the stable's September (Ire) (Deep Impact {Jpn}) and in which Discoveries (Ire) (Mastercraftsman {Ire}) was fourth in 2021 and Minding (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) ran second in 2015.

"She's a lovely filly and had been working nicely," commented Lordan, who partnered the Bedtime Story's G3 Staffordstown Stud S.-winning half-sister Content (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) to be third in this 12 months ago. [Cont. p6](#)



Bedtime Story rolls to victory at Leopardstown over stablemate Giselle | PA Media

'TDN Rising Star' Cont.

He said, "She came home well when she hit the rising ground and is very similar to Content, has the same quality and ability but covers more ground than her. Ryan's is quite a nice filly too and probably didn't get the clearest run like me. It rode like a nice maiden and a mile will be a perfect option for her."

Aidan O'Brien's representative Chris Armstrong added, "They are two lovely fillies going forward. There wasn't much between them at home and it was a tough choice for Ryan. Both fillies were quite green through the race and Wayne's filly probably got an easier run at it. Before the race, they were both in the mix for the [Listed] Chesham [at Royal Ascot] and you can't really take much away from Ryan's filly. We'll see how they come through it and at the moment they are both in the mix. Wayne said when she steps up in trip again, she will be a fine filly for the backend. She has plenty of class and has an unbelievable pedigree."

Frankel, whose other TDN Rising Stars include the future Group 1 winners Ylang Ylang (GB), Nashwa (GB), Onesto (Ire), Homeless Songs (Ire), Snow Lantern (GB), Quadrilateral (GB) and Veracious (GB), has been passed the baton from Galileo when it comes to covering the dual G1 Nunthorpe S. heroine Mecca's Angel. Of her previous four foals by Coolmore's late great, the first was the colt Hudson River (Ire) who was also labelled a TDN Rising Star on his winning debut but ran only once more when down the field in the G2 Superlative S. Content, who was also a close fourth in the G1 Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies Turf, was until Thursday her only other runner.

Mecca's Angel, who also took the G3 World Trophy and G3 Prix de Saint-Georges alongside her big-time exploits at York, is a full-sister to the G3 Criterion S. and G3 Chipchase S.-winning sire Markaz (Ire), while she is a granddaughter of the G3 Prix d'Arenberg scorer and G3 Norfolk S. runner-up Desert Dawn (GB) (Belfort {Fr}). Her 2024 filly is a full-sister to Bedtime Story.

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2nd Dam: Folga (GB), by Atraf (GB)

3rd Dam: Desert Dawn (GB), by Belfort (Fr)

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O-Derrick Smith, Mrs John Magnier & Michael Tabor;
 B-Coolmore (IRE); T-Aidan O'Brien.

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Capulet Cont. from p1

"The owner Mr Lau, Eric and I had been following him closely and are delighted to have secured him from Coolmore," McStay added. "Justify as a sire has succeeded at the highest level globally and we are confident that he'll also make his mark with his runners in Hong Kong. Let's hope Capulet is very lucky for his new owner Mr Lau. I believe he is to be trained by Danny Shum."

Bred by the Coolmore affiliate of Orpendale, Chelston and Wynatt, Capulet is out of the Galileo (Ire) mare Wedding Vow (Ire), a full-sister to the Derby winner Serpentine (Ire) who won the G2 Kilboy Estates S. and was runner-up in the G1 Nassau S. The 109-rated Capulet has won two of his five starts as well as placing in last year's G2 Juddmonte Royal Lodge S. and G2 Champions Juvenile S.

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Capulet after winning at Chester in May | [Racingfotos.com](#)

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ASCOT UNLIKELY FOR A LILAC ROLLA AS PURPLE LILY STEPS BACK UP IN TRIP



Paddy Twomey with A Lilac Rolla | [Racingfotos.com](https://www.racingfotos.com)

Paddy Twomey has outlined plans for **A Lilac Rolla (Ire)** (Harry Angel {Ire}) and **Purple Lily (Ire)** (**Calyx {GB}**) following their creditable efforts in defeat when finishing second and fifth, respectively, in the G1 Irish 1,000 Guineas at the Curragh.

A Lilac Rolla forfeited her unbeaten record in that Classic, ultimately having to settle for the runner-up spot behind the high-class winner, Fallen Angel (GB) (Too Darn Hot {GB}), while Purple Lily was seemingly the stable's number one contender on jockey bookings but could never get on terms having been caught further back than ideal in a steadily-run race.

Whilst Twomey is considering other races at around a mile for A Lilac Rolla's next start, he expects Purple Lily to return to a mile and a quarter for the G1 Pretty Polly S. back at the Curragh on Saturday, June 29. On her only previous start at that distance she filled the runner-up spot in the G3 Salsabil S. at Navan, form which received a boost last week when the winner, Ezeliya (Fr) (Dubawi {Ire}), followed up in the G1 Oaks at Epsom.

"We were very pleased with A Lilac Rolla's run in the Guineas and she came out of the race very well," said Twomey. "She's in the Coronation but at this stage Ascot would look unlikely. I think maybe something like a Minstrel Stakes or the Prix Rothschild might suit her.

"Purple Lily came out of the race very well also. Something like the Pretty Polly Stakes at the Curragh on Irish Derby weekend might just suit her, stepping back up to 10 furlongs.

"Mr Weld's filly [Ezeliya] won the Oaks very impressively. It was a good race in Navan with the fourth horse, Caught U Looking, running a good race in the Oaks too."

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GALILEO'S HUXLEY TOPS THE TATTERSALLS ONLINE JUNE SALE

The late Galileo (Ire)'s **Huxley (Ire)** topped the Tattersalls Online June Sale when selling to Dare To Dream Racing for 52,000gns on Thursday.

Consigned by Bawnmore Racing, the placed 3-year-old colt (lot 80) is a half-brother to Group 1 winner and young sire Cloth Of Stars (Ire), while their dam, Strawberry Fledge (Kingmambo,) is a full to G1 Oaks winner Light Shift, herself the dam of Group 1 winner and Group 1 sire Ulysses (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}).

Will Smith of Dare To Dream Racing said, "We've been wanting to get a nice horse for the syndicate to take us to some top tracks, and we think he'll provide us with some great opportunities over the summer. He'll be going to Michael Attwater in Epsom and that's one of the tracks that should suit him perfectly. His form at Dundalk seems pretty tidy so we'd like a crack at some of the better all-weather races as well."

Second on the buyers' sheet was another Galileo, lot 58, the 3-year-old filly **World Vision (Ire)**, who sold to the Wind Chimes Partnership for 49,000gns. Lot 58 was consigned by Baroda Stud. The unraced chestnut is a daughter of G3 Prix de Lieurey winner Wind Chimes (GB) (Mastercraftsman {Ire}), who was second in the G1 Prix du Moulin and third in the G1 Poule d'Essai des Pouliches.

The third priciest horse of the day was **Mono River (Fr)** (**Zarak {Fr}**) (lot 94), who caught the eye of Mohammed Hamad Khalifa Al Attiyah at 39,000gns. Consigned by Somerville Lodge, the 3-year-old gelding has been placed three times.

Leading the breeze-up portion of the sale, which was added in 2023, was a daughter of Coulsty (Ire) (lot 14) from the Beresford Stables draft. [Cont. p8](#)



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A half-sister to four winners, she was picked up for 27,000gns by Jack Cantillon. This is the family of Group 1 winner Ransom O'War (Red Ransom). The filly posted the fastest timed breeze over a quarter-mile at Dundalk.

Beresford Stables' Shane Ryan said, "I couldn't be any happier, she's after getting a good home. I've loved the filly from the start and struggled to get her into sales but always knew I had a bit of quality with her. Thank god that Tattersalls put on the Online Sale and gave me a position. It couldn't have been a better sale for everyone to sell their horses."

At the close of trade, 71 lots sold (59%) of 119 offered for an aggregate of 677,100gns. The average was 9,537gns and the median was 4,200gns. Tattersalls Online also made the breeze-up times publicly available, a first for breeze-up sales conducted in Europe.

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FRENCH RACING DOCUMENTARY PILOT TO BEGIN SHOOTING ON PRIX DIANE DAY

A film pilot on Flat racing in France will begin shooting on June 16, G1 Prix de Diane Day, *Jour de Galop* reported on Thursday.

Produced by Quad Lab, the project will be aimed at convincing Netflix, or another major platform to produce a documentary series on racing to boost exposure of the sport to a larger audience. The series would focus exclusively on the French racing scene.

Quad Lab, under the direction of Yann Le Bourbouach, already has a Netflix series to its credit: the cycling documentary series "Tour de France: Au Coeur du Peloton". This model for sports documentaries focusing on intersecting stories which emphasise the adrenaline of competition was set by "Formula One, Drive to Survive", whose producers joined Quad Productions.

Both series have given greater exposure to their respective sports, which has drawn a strong audiences, and also a younger demographic.

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NOMINEES FOR THE TBA FLAT BREEDERS' AWARDS EVENING REVEALED

Shortlisted nominees for five of the award categories at this year's TBA Flat Breeders' Awards Evening were announced on Thursday.

Sponsored by Dullingham Park, the awards ceremony will take place on Wednesday, July 10 at Chippenham Park, near Newmarket. All 13 awards--including the previously announced statistical awards for British-based stallions and breeders--will be presented to the winners on the night.

Tickets for the TBA Flat Breeders' Awards Evening are £80 (inc. VAT) per person and admission includes a champagne reception, a two-course dinner and the awards ceremony.

The awards and nominees are as follows:

Silver Rose Bowl - TBA Flat Breeder of the Year

- Cheveley Park Stud
- Juddmonte Farms Ltd
- Kirsten Rausing
- Newsells Park Stud and Merry Fox Stud
- Whitsbury Manor Stud

TBA Silver Salver - Special Merit Award (Flat)

- Blue Diamond Stud
- Branton Court Stud
- Fittocks Stud and Arrow Farm
- Hascombe and Valiant Stud Ltd
- Lordship Stud

Langham Cup - Small Breeder of the Year

- Brian Haggas
- David and Yvonne Blunt
- Deborah O'Brien
- Lemington Grange Stud
- Martin Hughes and Michael Kerr Dineen
- Maywood Stud

Filly of Merit Award

- Anisette (Morera Partership)
- Perdika (Bumble Mitchell and Sally Nicholls)
- Sparks Fly (Lowe Family)

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Frankel, already announced as the winner of the BBA Silver Cigar Box | Juddmonte

Nominees For The TBA Flat Breeders' Awards Cont.

H. J. Joel Silver Salver, sponsored by Barton Stud - Broodmare of the Year (Flat)

Agnes Stewart (Branton Court Stud)
 Mosa Mine (Maywood Stud)
 Reem Three (Sheikh Mohammed Obaid Al Maktoum)
 Suelita (Whitsbury Manor Stud)

Other awards to be presented during the evening include:

Stud Employee Award, sponsored by New England Stud

Nominees to be announced

BBA Silver Cigar Box - Leading British-based Stallion (Flat earnings)

Winner previously announced: **Frankel**

Barleythorpe Stud Silver Cup - Leading British-based Stallion (Individual Flat winners)

Winner previously announced: **Kingman**

The Queen's Silver Cup - Leading British-based Flat Breeder (Flat earnings)

Winner previously announced: **Shadwell**

Tattersalls Silver Salver, sponsored by Tattersalls - Leading British-based First Season Sire (Flat earnings)

Winner previously announced: **Too Darn Hot**

British EBF Stallion Special Merit Award

Winner previously announced: **Havana Grey**

Dominion Bronze

To be announced at the Flat Breeders' Awards Evening

Andrew Devonshire Bronze

To be announced at the Flat Breeders' Awards Evening

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FIRST-SEASON SIRES WITH RUNNERS

Friday, June 7, 2024:

UNITED KINGDOM

Circus Maximus (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}), Coolmore Stud

49 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners

20:03-HAYDOCK PARK, 7f, **Green Storm (Ire)**

€12,000 Goffs Orby Yearling Sale (Book 1) 2023

Kameko (Kitten's Joy), Tweenhills Stud

87 foals of racing age/3 winners/0 black-type winners

18:15-BATH, 5.75f, **Dynamite Diva (GB)**

7,000gns Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2022; 20,000gns

Tattersalls Somerville Yearling Sale 2023

18:15-BATH, 5.75f, **Keep Singing (Ire)**

€3,500 Goffs Autumn Yearling Sale 2023

King of Change (GB) (Farhh {GB}), Starfield Stud

47 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners

18:15-BATH, 5.75f, **Lady With The Lamp (Ire)**

€14,000 Goffs Orby Yearling Sale (Book 2) 2023

FRANCE

Hello Youmzain (Fr) (Kodiac {GB}), Haras d'Etreham

109 foals of racing age/4 winners/0 black-type winners

2-MAR.BORELY, 1200m, **Reux (Fr)**

€67,000 Arqana December Breeding Stock Sale 2022; €90,000

Arqana Deauville August Yearling Sale 2023

Stunning Spirit (GB) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}), Haras de Beaumont

16 foals of racing age/2 winners/0 black-type winners

2-MAR.BORELY, 1200m, **Pastisse (Fr)**

2-MAR.BORELY, 1200m, **Stunning Angel (Fr)**

Threat (Ire) (**Footstepsinthesand** {GB}), Haras du Mont Goubert

42 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners

2-MAR.BORELY, 1200m, **By Sensation (Fr)**



Stunning Spirit has runners in France | Haras de Beaumont

OBSERVATIONS

on the European racing scene

CRAVEN BREEZE-UP SENSATION SET FOR HAYDOCK DEBUT

20.03 Haydock, Nov, £10,000, 2yo, 6f 212yT

Godolphin's 1-million guineas Craven Breeze-Up sale topper **ROYAL OFFICER (IRE) (Galileo {Ire})** is a son of stakes-placed G1 1000 Guineas fourth Manderley (Ire) (Clodovil {Ire}) and thus a sibling of Listed Prix de la Seine victrix Hidden Dimples (Ire) (**Frankel {GB}**). The Charlie Appleby-trained debutant encounters eight rivals headed by Yuesheng Zhang's 650,000gns October Book 1 graduate **Best Adventure (Ire) (Frankel {GB})**, an Andrew Balding-trained son of G1 Irish 1000 Guineas third Foxtrot Liv (GB) (Foxwedge {Aus}).

HOW THEY FARED

16.40 Haydock, Nov, £10,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f 212yT

Haute Couture (GB) (Kingman {GB}), the half-sister to Decorated Knight (GB), was difficult in the preliminaries and blew her chance with a slow start before showing some promise to be sixth.

16.55 Leopardstown, Mdn, €18,000, 2yo, f, 7f 60yT

Giselle (Ire) (Frankel {GB}), the daughter of Newspaperofrecord (Ire) (Lope De Vega {Ire}), looked as if she was launching a winning run inside the final furlong only to be swamped by her stable's slightly speedier and possibly better filly Bedtime Story (Ire) (**Frankel {GB}**).

19.15 Chelmsford, Nov, £9,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 10f (AWT)

Qatar Racing's **Upton (Kitten's Joy)**, a homebred full-sister to G1 Futurity Trophy and G1 2000 Guineas hero Kameko, attempted to make all and drifted back through the field once headed on the home run, finishing 10 1/2 lengths off the winner in eighth.

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BRITAIN

Thursday's Results:

6th-Haydock, £10,000, Novice, 6-6, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f 212yT, 1:27.97, gd.

FOREVER BLUE (GB) (f, 3, Blue Point {Ire}--Toujours L'Amour {GB} {SW-Eng}, by Authorized {Ire}), impressive here on debut

in early August before running fifth on her only other start in Goodwood's G3 Prestige S. later that month, raced in fourth early. Outpaced for much of the straight, the 5-2 favourite got rolling late to subdue Upscale (GB) (**Kingman {GB}**) in the last 50 yards and score by 1 1/4 lengths. The dam, who captured the Listed Lingfield Oaks Trial, is a daughter of the stakes-winning G2 May Hill S. runner-up High Heel Sneakers (GB) (Dansili {GB}) and therefore a half-sister to the G1 Prix Vermeille and G2 Prix Corrida winner Sweet Lady (Fr) (Lope De Vega {Ire}). Her yearling filly is by Sea The Moon (Ger), while she also has a filly foal by Palace Pier (GB). Sales history: 80,000gns Ylg '22 TATOCT. Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, \$23,381.

O-Valmont & The Sunshine Partnership; B-Deerfield Farm (GB); T-Ralph Beckett.

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Blue Point | Marc Ruhl

2nd-Haydock, £10,000, Novice, 6-6, 2yo, 6fT, 1:14.54, gd.

DUBAI BLING (IRE) (c, 2, Dark Angel {Ire}--Millicent Fawcett {GB}, by Kingman {GB}), a 33-1 outsider on this debut, tracked the leaders stand's side early. Staying on to gain the edge with half a furlong remaining, the £80,000 Goffs UK Premier graduate held on gamely to prevail by a nose from U Sure Do (Ire) (Kodiac {GB}). The dam, who also has a yearling filly by **Starspangledbanner (Aus)**, is a half-sister to the G2 Hungerford S. and Listed Chesham S. winner Richard Pankhurst (GB) (Raven's Pass) and the G3 Horris Hill S. scorer Crazy Horse (GB) (Sleeping Indian {GB}). Sales history: €50,000 Wlg '22 GOFNO1; £80,000 Ylg '23 GOFFUK. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$6,905. O-Hussey Owen Wholely; B-Irish National Stud Mare Syndicate III (IRE); T-Hugo Palmer.

5th-Chelmsford City, £9,000, Nov, 6-6, 3yo/up, f, 10f (AWT), 2:04.52, st.

CANDLE OF DUBAI (IRE) (f, 3, Zoffany {Ire}--Flame Of Hestia {Ire}, by Giant's Causeway), runner-up in 10-furlong heats here and at Goodwood last month, raced in second passing the judge first time and remained there for most of this one. Ridden to the front on the home turn, the 5-1 chance was not for catching in the straight and kept on strongly under urging inside the final quarter-mile to prevail by 2 1/2 lengths from Ten Dimes (GB) (**No Nay Never**). Candle Of Dubai is the eighth of 10 foals and seventh scorer from as many runners out of a half-sister to G3 Prix du Bois third Faslen (Fasliyev), herself the dam of multiple stakes winner Don't Be (GB) (Cape Cross {Ire}). The April-foaled chestnut's dam Flame Of Hestia (Ire) (Giant's Causeway) is also a half-sister to the dam of G3 Grosser Preis der Landeshauptstadt Dresden victrix Alpen Rose (Ire) (**Sea The Stars {Ire}**). Candle Of Dubai is a half-sister to G3 Henry II S. third Sleeping Lion (Teofilo {Ire}), the unraced 2-year-old colt Dropshot (Ire) (New Bay {GB}) and a weanling filly by **Starspangledbanner (Aus)**. Sales history: 40,000gns Ylg '22 TATOCT. Lifetime Record: 3-1-2-0, \$23,879. O-Jaber Abdullah; B-Merry Fox Stud Ltd (IRE); T-Charlie Johnston.

5th-Haydock, £10,000, Mdn, 6-6, 3yo/up, f/m, 10f 42yT, 2:11.93, gd.

POWER OF DESTINY (GB) (f, 3, Sea The Stars {Ire}--Rux Power {GB}, by Kingman {GB}), third on debut at Salisbury last month, tracked the leading duo early. Steadily angled off the rail to challenge in the straight, the 6-1 second favourite was in front a furlong out and after settling the issue soon after was ahead of Cabrera (Ire) (Phoenix Of Spain {Ire}) by a diminishing neck margin at the line. The winner is the first foal out of a half to the GI Garden City S. third Concise (GB) (Lemon Drop Kid) and the Listed Dick Poole Fillies' S. winner Brevity (Street Cry {Ire}). From the family of the G2 Champagne S. and G2 Richmond S.-winning sire Daggers Drawn, her unraced 2-year-old filly The Terminus (Ire) is by Too Darn Hot (GB), while she also has a yearling full-brother to the winner and a filly foal by **Churchill (Ire)**. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, \$8,353.

O/B-King Power Racing Co Ltd (GB); T-Sir Michael Stoute.

2nd-Chelmsford City, £8,000, Mdn, 6-6, 2yo, 6f (AWT), 1:11.74, st.

COOL HOOF LUKE (GB) (c, 2, Advertise {GB}--Dutch Monument {GB}, by Dutch Art {GB}) recovered from a dawdling getaway to track the leaders under cover in fifth after the initial strides of this debut. Nudged along rounding the home turn, the 7-2 second choice charted a passage to the outside for a clear path approaching the final furlong and ran on well under a late drive

to deny Brian (Ire) (Shaman {Ire}) by a neck nearing the line. Cool Hoof Luke, half to a yearling colt by Tasleet (GB), is the second of three foals and first scorer out of a full-sister to G3 Premio Omenoni victor Lohit (GB) (Dutch Art {GB}). Descendants of the March-foaled bay's dual stakes-placed second dam Lovina (Ity) (Love The Groom) also include G3 Premio Regina Elena (Italian 1000 Guineas) heroine Lokaloka (GB) (Pursuit Of Love {GB}), Listed Criterium Labronico victrix Lasika (GB) (Pursuit Of Love {GB}), the dual stakes-placed Marziano (GB) (Mark Of Esteem {Ire}) and stakes-winning G3 Premio Chiusura third Sadalmelik (Ity) (Aussie Rules). Sales history: 16,000gns Wlg '22 TADEWE; €20,000 Ylg '23 TATIRY. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$5,354.

O-John Wallinger & Partner; B-Tony Nerses (GB); T-Andrew Balding.



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1st-Hamilton, £7,500, Mdn, 6-6, 2yo, f, 6f 6yT, 1:12.44, gd.
LIBERALISED (GB) (f, 2, Kodiak {GB}--Savannah's Dream {GB} {SP-Eng}, by Showcasing {GB}), sent off the 5-2 second favourite, raced behind the early pace. Working her way to the front with 1 1/2 furlongs remaining, the newcomer was pushed out to score comfortably by a length from Selection (Ire) (Cotai Glory {GB}). The winner is currently the last known foal out of the dam, the Listed Windsor Castle S. Runner-up whose family features the G2 Sun Chariot S. scorer Lady In Waiting (GB) (Kylia). Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$5,179.

O-Clipper; B-Branton Court Stud LLP (GB); T-Karl Burke.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Oakley Boy (GB), c, 2, Mayson (GB)--Posy Fossil, by Malibu Moon. Chelmsford City, 6-6, 6f (AWT), 1:12.31. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$5,354. B-J W Parry (GB). *£22,000 Ylg '23 GOFFUK.

IRELAND

Thursday's Results:

KING GEORGE V CUP-Listed, €40,000, Leopardstown, 6-6, 3yo, 12fT, 2:38.87, gd.

1--**PORTLAND (IRE)**, 131, c, 3, by **Dubawi (Ire)**

1st Dam: **Zagitova (Ire) (GSP-Ire)**, by **Galileo (Ire)**

2nd Dam: **Penchant (GB)**, by **Kyllachy (GB)**

3rd Dam: **Irresistible (GB)**, by **Cadeaux Genereux (GB)**

1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN. O-Michael Tabor, Derrick Smith & Mrs John Magnier; B-Coolmore (IRE); T-Aidan O'Brien; J-Ryan Moore. €24,000. Lifetime Record: G1SP-Fr & GSP-Ire, 9-2-1-3, \$96,131.

2--**Kinesiology (GB)**, 131, c, 3, Study Of Man (Ire)--Kinaesthesia (GB), by **Sea The Stars (Ire)**. (€65,000 Ylg '22 GOFOR). **1ST BLACK TYPE.** O-Alpha Racing; B-Kirsten Rausing (GB); T-Jessica Harrington. €8,000.

3--**Keeper's Heart (Ire)**, 131, c, 3, **Saxon Warrior (Jpn)**--Sonning Rose (Ire), by Hawk Wing. (€110,000 Wlg '21 GOFNO1). **1ST BLACK TYPE.** O-David Spratt, Sean Jones & Mrs Lynne Lyons; B-Mrs Eleanor Commins (IRE); T-Ger Lyons. €4,000.

Margins: NK, 1 3/4, HF. Odds: 1.63, 2.25, 2.00.

Also Ran: Bad Desire (Fr), Gesture (Ire). Scratched: Ich Liebe Berlin (Ire).

Portland, third in last term's G2 Futurity S. and G1 Criterion International, ran fourth in Sandown's Apr. 26 G3 Classic Trial when last seen and stepped forward to register a first stakes triumph here. Positioned fourth of the five runners until inching into third at halfway, the 13-8 favourite powered forward off the home turn to lead approaching the final furlong and was ridden out to hold the late threat of Kinesiology by a neck for a career high.

"We thought he'd appreciate stepping up to a mile-and-a-half and it's lovely to get another win as he's run some good races," said Ballydoyle's Chris Armstrong. "He'll come on another bit from it, he put the head down well and he's as game as the day is long. Ryan [Moore] gave him a lovely ride and wanted to get there at just the right time. That puts him in the mix for Royal Ascot and he could go for the [G2] King Edward VII over a mile-and-a-half or there is no reason why he wouldn't get the mile-and-six in a [G2] Queen's Vase. We'll see over the next week where they are all going to fit in."

Portland is the second of four foals and lone scorer out of G2 Debutante S. third Zagitova (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}), herself a half-sister to G1 Prix Maurice de Gheest-winning sire Garswood (GB) (Dutch Art {GB}) and to the dam of G2 Temple S. runner-up Ainsdale (GB) (Mayson {GB}). His second dam Penchant (GB) (Kyllachy {GB}) is an unraced half-sister to G3 Nell Gwyn S.

victrix and dual Group 1-placed matriarch Infallible (GB) (Pivotal {GB}), whose leading performer is G1 Falmouth S. heroine Veracious (GB) (**Frankel {GB}**). The May-foaled bay is kin to a yearling filly and weanling filly by **Wootton Bassett (GB)**.



Ryan Moore with Portland | PA Media

IRISH STALLION FARMS EBF GLENCAIRN S.-Listed, €40,000, Leopardstown, 6-6, 3yo/up, 9fT, 1:55.27, gd.

1--**TARAWA (IRE)**, 130, f, 4, **Shamardal--Tanoura (Ire) (SW & GSP-Eng, GSP-Fr & Ire, \$126,320)**, by **Dalakhani (Ire)**.

1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN. O-H H The Aga Khan; B-H H The Aga Khan's Studs SC (IRE); T-Dermot Weld; J-Chris Hayes. €24,000. Lifetime Record: MGSP-Ire & SP-Eng, 11-2-3-3, \$124,006. *Full to Taniyar (Ire), GSW-Fr, \$109,702; and 1/2 to Tanaza (Ire) (Dubawi {Ire}), MGSW-Ire, \$108,930; and Taramansour (Ire) (Dansili {GB}), MGSP-Aus, \$209,368.

2--**Cairo (Ire)**, 135, c, 4, **Quality Road--Cuff (Ire)**, by Galileo (Ire). O-Refai Alghraiban; B-Coolmore (IRE); T-Alice Haynes. €8,000.

3--**Unreasonable (Ire)**, 119, f, 3, **No Nay Never--Silent Thoughts (Ire)**, by Galileo (Ire). **1ST BLACK TYPE.** (375,000gns Ylg '22 TATOCT). O-Newtown Anner Stud Farm Ltd; B-Barronstown Stud (IRE); T-Joseph O'Brien. €4,000.

Margins: 2 1/4, 3/4, SHD. Odds: 2.00, 6.50, 9.00.

Also Ran: Self Belief (Ire), Formal Display (GB), Belhaven (Ire), Quar Shamar (Ger), Clean Energy (Ire).

Tarawa's six career placings have all come at black-type level, including a second in the G3 Cornelscourt S. and a third in the G2 Minstrel S., and she left the role of bridesmaid behind with a breakthrough victory in this nine-furlong test.

The 2-1 favourite, lining up off a third in the May 19 Listed Owenstown Stud S. at Naas on seasonal return, tracked the leaders in third through sedate early fractions before being sent forward to lead with six furlongs remaining. **Cont. p13**



Tarawa | PA Media

Listed Glencairn S. Cont.

Rowed along soon after turning for home, she held a decisive advantage passing the furlong pole and was ridden out to claim a first black-type success.

“It was her first time to run over that [nine-furlong] trip, I thought she’d enjoy it and she deserved that win,” reflected Dermot Weld. “She has a lot of Group black type and I wanted to win a Stakes race with her. I loved the way she quickened and put it away very quickly. Winning over that trip opens up a lot more opportunities going forward. I’d stick to at least a mile-and-one for now and we could edge on to a mile-and-a-quarter with her. The [good] ground is a credit to Leopardstown, it is beautiful summer ground.”

Tarawa is the ninth of 12 foals and one of six scorers produced by multiple Group-placed Listed Galtres S. victrix Tanoura (Ire) (Dalakhani {Ire}), herself a daughter of G2 Pretty Polly S. victrix Takarouna (Green Dancer). Takarouna’s quintet of black-type performers also includes dual GII American H. victor Takarian (Ire) (Doyoun {Ire}), G2 Royal Whip S. and G3 Meld S. winner Takali (Ire) (Kris {GB}) and G3 Minstrel S. winner Takar (Ire) (Oratorio {Ire}). Tarawa is a full-sister to G3 Prix du Pin victor Taniyar (Ire). She is also kin to G3 Fairy Bridge S. and G3 Silver Flash S. victrix Tanaza (Ire) (Dubawi {Ire}), dual G3 Bendigo Cup third Taramansour (Ire) (Dansili {GB}), the unraced 2-year-old filly El Megeeth (Ire) (Ghaiyyath {Ire}) and a yearling colt by **Wootton Bassett (GB)**.



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FRANCE

CONDITIONS RESULTS:

5th-ParisLongchamp, €28,000, Cond, 6-6, 3yo, 7fT, 1:20.60, g/s.

SHAMROCK GLITTER (FR) (c, 3, Shalaa {Ire}--Lady Glitters {Fr} {MSP-Fr}, by Homme De Loi {Ire}) Lifetime Record: 5-2-1-2, €63,152. O-Team Valor International; B-Elevage de Tourgeville & Mme Hilary Erculiani (FR); T-Francis-Henri Graffard. *€28,000 RNA Ylg ‘22 ARQOCT; €250,000 2yo ‘23 ARQNOV. **1/2 to Lord Glitters (Fr) (Whipper), G1SW-Eng & UAE, GSW-Bhr & SP-Fr, \$3,184,074.

8th-ParisLongchamp, €16,000, Cond, 6-6, 4yo/up, 8fT, 1:38.17, g/s.

LARNO (FR) (g, 10, Milanais {Fr}--Honorable Sister {Fr}, by Highest Honor {Fr}) Lifetime Record: 115-15-8-18, €355,030. O-Jean-Pierre Vanden Heede; B-Ecurie Plessis (FR); T-Bernard Goudot.

WORLDWIDE NEWS

SHARE IN LEADING STALLION ZOUSTAR TO BE OFFERED BY INGLIS DIGITAL

A share in Widden Stud's flagship sire **Zoustar (Aus)** will be offered in the Inglis Digital June (Early) Online Sale.

A dual Group 1-winning sprinter in 2013 when trained by Chris Waller, Zoustar recently had his 2024 fee increased to A\$275,000 (around €168,000) from A\$220,000 (€134,000) for the Southern Hemisphere breeding season, making him the joint most expensive stallion in Australia alongside Extreme Choice (Aus) and I Am Invincible (Aus).

That follows an outstanding season on the track for Zoustar in 2023/24, with Zougotcha (Aus), Joliestar (Aus), Climbing Star (Aus) and the recently retired Ozzmosis (Aus) all winning at the top level. In the sales ring, seven of his 2024 yearlings fetched at least A\$1 million, including his A\$2.2 million filly out of Prompt Response (Aus) (Beneteau {Aus}).

The Zoustar share is being offered on account of Qatar Bloodstock. This offering enables the owner to annual priority access to the stallion--despite him already being fully booked for the 2024 breeding season--as well as a 1/60th share of the pooled income for each year.

Zoustar Cont.

"He is the foundation upon which we have built an extensive involvement in the Australian market," Qatar Bloodstock's manager David Redvers said of Zoustar. "The equity in the horse is very tightly held, so this represents an unprecedented opportunity to become involved in a future champion sire of Australia and share the benefits that come with that."

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