

HE'S GOT THE LOOK: LOPE DE VEGA ON HIGH WITH CLASSIC BRACE



Lope De Vega heads the sires' table in Europe with two Classic winners this season | Ballylinch Stud

By Emma Berry

With two Classic winners to his name already this season, Lope De Vega (Ire) peers down at his peers from on high in the stallion table.

In an era of great depth to the European sire ranks, it is hard to begrudge the son of Shamardal his time in the spotlight with an increasingly burgeoning record of excellence. The Aga Khan's Rouhiya (Fr) landed the Poule d'Essai des Pouliches for Francis-Henri Graffard, followed by Sunday's easy victory for Look De Vega (Fr) in the Prix du Jockey Club. The latter win was all about succession, with both Lope De Vega and Shamardal having won this particular Classic – one which is often put forward as an increasingly influential 'stallion-making race'. Look De Vega is also from the family of the 2007 winner Lawman (Fr), who is a half-brother to his granddam, Larceny (Ire) (Cape Cross {Ire}).

Lawman was a former resident at Ballylinch Stud, where Lope De Vega now rules the roost. In addition to his Classic duo, the 17-year-old is responsible for another five black-type winners in Europe this season, while in America, Program Trading (GB) landed another Grade I and Silver Knott (GB) has won back-to-back Grade II contests. [Cont. p3](#)

DALLAS STAR RULED OUT FOR SEASON AFTER DERBY SETBACK

Group winner **Dallas Star (Fr)** (Cloth Of Stars {Ire}) sustained an injury during the running of the G1 Betfred Derby and will miss the rest of the season according to trainer Adrian Murray.

Owned by Kia Joorabchian's Amo Racing, the G3 Ballysax S. hero ran 14th over the good to soft ground.

"Dallas Star picked up a bit of an injury unfortunately and I'd say he won't run again now this year," said Murray. "I know the ground had gone a bit quick for him, but he's a better horse than that."

Murray also had updates on his Royal Ascot team, which would number as many as 10, all in the deep purple silks with white checked cap of Amo Racing. G3 Marble Hill S. hero **Arizona Blaze (GB)** (Sergei Prokofiev) is pointing to the G2 Coventry S., while **California Dreamer (GB)** (Mehmas {Ire}) is set for the G2 Queen Mary S. or G3 Albany S. The trainer enjoyed his first Royal Ascot winner with **Valiant Force** (Malibu Moon) at 150-1 in the G2 Norfolk S. in 2023. He returns to the fray, as does Group 1 winner **Bucanero Fuerte (GB)** (**Wootton Bassett** {GB}). [Cont. p4](#)



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"We're optimistic that he's going to continue to have a great season because he has lots of nice horses to come through the system yet," says John O'Connor, managing director of Ballylinch Stud.

It is not exactly headline news to say that Lope De Vega is a good stallion. In the preceding four seasons he has been in the top eight stallions in Europe, finishing fourth overall in 2022. But there are plenty of names surrounding him – the likes of **Frankel (GB)**, **Dubawi (Ire)**, **Sea The Stars (Ire)**, **Dark Angel (Ire)**, **Galileo (Ire)** and **Siyouni (Fr)** – who also pack a mighty punch.

"I think that's the measure," O'Connor agrees. "And the thing is that those horses deservedly get outstanding books of mares, so you're not really going to be able to compete with them until you get somewhat equivalent mares. The top stallions cover the top mares and therefore they remain the top stallions. It's a self-fulfilling prophecy.

"The end of Galileo's career is kind of a watershed moment in the European stallion ranks because he was just such an outstanding sire that it's kind of a new ball game. The mares that went to him have been distributed elsewhere and you see the emergence of the new top guard in terms of the stallions."

He adds, "Lope De Vega has worked his way up from more modest stud fees but now, for the last number of years, he's covered very good books. This year's crop of three-year-olds is his first at six figures and we are starting to see a consolidation of top-class horses from these better books he is covering."

A solid, big-walking chestnut, with that noble Roman nose handed down by his father, Lope De Vega started out at €15,000 and dropped to €12,500 in his third and fourth seasons at Ballylinch, where he has stood throughout, bar four stints of shuttling to Patinack Farm in Queensland. Since 2016, his foal crops have been comfortably into three figures, but that wasn't always the case. Starting off with 101 foals in his first year, the three subsequent seasons in Europe there were 77, 86 and 72 of his foals born. Hardly scant representation but also not sizeable compared to some stallions these days.

Arriving in the stallion market in 2011 without a trace of Sadler's Wells or Danzig in his pedigree made him a pretty easy mate for many European and Australian mares. His success, particularly with Danehill-line mares, has been noteworthy, though his two most recent of 21 Group or Grade 1 winners worldwide, Rouhiya and Look De Vega, are out of daughters of Raven's Pass and High Chaparral (Ire) respectively. [Cont. p4](#)



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Lope De Vega Cont.

Lope De Vega's tally of stakes winners now stands at 130. The next test of any stallion is of course as a broodmare sire and sire of sires, and he is at the age where these elements are coming to the fore. At stud, two apiece in Ireland and Britain, stand his sons Phoenix Of Spain (Ire), Lucky Vega (Ire), Lope Y Fernandez (Ire), and Belardo (Ire). The latter, bred by Ballylinch Stud from Danaskaya (Danehill), was Lope De Vega's first-crop breakthrough horse, winning the Dewhurst S. and later the Lockinge. Now at Bearstone Stud, he should not be overlooked, insists O'Connor. Phoenix Of Spain now has his own breakthrough horse in Haatem (Ire), who is knocking on the door of a Group 1 win and has this week been purchased by Wathnan Racing.



Look De Vega streaks home in the Prix du Jockey Club | Scoop Dyga

In the G1 Prix de Diane in less than a fortnight, there is a chance that Lope De Vega may feature prominently as damsire. Two of his daughters are responsible for Birthe (Fr) (Study Of Man {Ire}) and Gala Real (Fr) (**Wootton Bassett {GB}**), the winners recently of the G2 Prix Saint-Alary and Listed Prix de la Seine.

Lucien Urano of Ecurie des Charmes is the co-owner-breeder of Look De Vega and he also part-owns Gala Real with Ballylinch Stud and Carlo Ancelotti of Scuderia dei Duepi.

O'Connor will not be drawn on longer-term interest in the stallion career of Look De Vega but says, "We have had a fairly longstanding partnership with Lucien Urano, just as we have had with [Lope De Vega's owner-breeder] Ammerland and other important breeders and stallion owners. There can be no doubt that there will be plenty of people looking at that horse. He's a very interesting potential stallion, for sure. He looks very good."

Wherever Look De Vega eventually stands, the team at

Ballylinch Stud has plenty to keep tabs on with some of its younger stallions on the way through.

"The stallions are firing quite evenly. It's good to have a flagship horse like Lope De Vega but I actually think that both New Bay and Make Believe will make a big impact this year," says O'Connor.

Indeed, New Bay (GB), another winner of the Prix du Jockey Club, has the G2 German 2,000 Guineas winner Devil's Point (Ire) to his credit this season, along with the Poule d'Essai des Poulains third Alcantor (Fr). The perhaps under-rated Make Believe (GB) has already sired a Jockey Club winner in the statuesque Mishriff (Ire) and has been represented by the Group 3 winners Sajir (Ire) and Making Dreams (Ire) this season.

"He hasn't had big numbers up until now but his two-year-old crop are the ones that followed Mishriff," O'Connor notes, immediately after watching a Ballylinch-owned runner just get beaten at Saint-Cloud by a daughter of Waldgeist (GB). A win-win, if you like.

"Waldgeist had a good day at Saint-Cloud, with a first, a close second and a third," he says. "I think we are going to start seeing a bit more action from him."

Right now, however, it is Lope De Vega in the vanguard, and his international prowess is underlined by Group/Grade 1 winners in Australia and America on Saturday. Wherever his son Look De Vega goes next, perhaps to the G1 Grand Prix de Paris, he will start to be a crowd-puller. Rouhiya, meanwhile, is set for a potential clash of the English, Irish and French Guineas winners in the G1 Coronation S. for what should be one of the highlights of Royal Ascot.

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"We're hoping to have nine or 10 going," he said. "Arizona Blaze will go, he'll probably go over six furlongs in the Coventry.

"We've a nice 2-year-old filly in California Dreamer, she'll either go Queen Mary or the Albany and of course there's Valiant Force.

"We'll split him and Bucanero Fuerte up so Valiant Force will probably run over five with Bucanero in the [G1] Commonwealth Cup, but none of these plans are set in stone just yet, we're still over a week away and a lot can change."

Breeders' Cup runner-up and multiple graded/group stakes winner **Go Bears Go (Ire)** (Kodi Bear {Ire}) has also returned from a stint in America and has joined Murray's string. [Cont. p5](#)

Dallas Star, Murray's Royal Ascot Team Cont.

“Go Bears Go is with us now, he’s back from America,” he added. “We did have him in a race the other day but I’m not sure where he’ll go, I’ll have to talk to Kia.”

G1 Tattersalls Gold Cup third **Crypto Force (GB)** (Time Test {GB}) could also be a force at Royal Ascot, and Murray is aiming the 4-year-old at the G2 Hardwicke S. He won the G2 Beresford S. in 2022. He was one position in front of stablemate **Elegant Man (Arrogate)** in the Gold Cup.

He said, “Crypto Force ran well in the Tattersalls Gold Cup. He finished in front of Elegant Man, but when we galloped them the week before Elegant Man galloped all over him. There’s every chance he’ll get his ground at Ascot, possibly in the Hardwicke.”

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VOYAGE HOPING FOR REDEMPTION WITH KING EDWARD VII STAKES TARGET



Voyage | John Hoy/The Jockey Club

Julie Wood’s **Voyage (GB)** (Golden Horn {GB}), who parted ways with Pat Dobbs at the start of the G1 Betfred Derby, will return in the G2 King Edward VII S. at Royal Ascot, according to trainer Richard Hannon. A winner at Newbury in April, the bay was making just his second start in the Blue Riband.

“Unfortunately, things didn’t go to plan for Voyage in the Derby after he stumbled coming out of the stalls and unseated Dobbys, who had no chance whatsoever,” Hannon said on his *Unibet* blog.

“I had plenty of texts after the race congratulating me on training the first past the post in the Derby, but unfortunately there’s no prize-money for ‘winning’ without the jockey!

“It was a bitter disappointment for everyone, not least Julie Wood who has always wanted a Derby runner, but the horse is absolutely fine, and is definitely heading to Ascot for the King

Edward VII S.”

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IMPRESSIVE DEBUT WINNER GOLDEN BELLE IN AUCTAV FLASH SALE

Recent five-length Saint-Cloud maiden winner **Golden Belle (Fr)** will be offered in the next Auctav Flash Sale on June 14.

The three-year-old daughter of the Deep Impact (Jpn) stallion Martinborough (Jpn) was impressive when beating a field of colts by five lengths to land the Prix Helissio over 2,400m on debut for trainer Mathieu Brasme.

Golden Belle is out of the Kendor (Fr) mare Golden Clou (Fr), a winner and black-type performer who is already the dam of six other winners. These include the nine-time Flat scorer Golden Rajsa (Fr) (Rajsaman {Ire}) and Listed-winning hurdler Golden Witch (Fr) (Elvstroem {Aus}).

Brasme said of Golden Belle, “She has recently shown great improvement in training. Her win was very promising. She has all the qualities to be a good Flat race filly over long distance and to transition to National Hunt if that is what her future connections wish.

“She has never jumped, but physically, mentally, and in terms of pedigree, she has everything it takes to be an excellent performer over hurdles or in steeplechases. She will continue to develop physically in the coming months.”

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Golden Belle | Auctav

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ADAM POTTS JOINS BBA IRELAND



Adam Potts | Tattersalls Ireland

Adam Potts has joined BBA Ireland as a bloodstock agent, the organisation announced on Friday.

A graduate of the Irish National Stud Course, Potts has a Bachelor of Science in Economics with Finance from the Queen's University Belfast. He previously worked for the *Racing Post*, as well as *European Bloodstock News*, *Thoroughbred Stallion Guide* and *International Thoroughbred*. More recently, Potts worked with trainer Ken Condon, in addition to his work as a bloodstock agent. He selected G1 Irish 1000 Guineas runner and 'TDN Rising Star' Purple Lily (Ire) (*Calyx* {GB}) as a foal, and also was involved with the purchase of yearlings alongside Donovan Bloodstock.

BBA Ireland's Patrick Cooper said, "We are delighted that Adam has joined the bloodstock team at BBA Ireland and look forward to future successes together."

"I am delighted to be given the opportunity to join BBA Ireland, a world renowned agency known for its integrity, service and skill in purchasing successful racehorses," Potts said. "I am eager to deliver on this for clients. Ireland is a global leader in the thoroughbred industry and BBA Ireland has long been associated with its success."

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COURSETRACK IMPLEMENTED AT 25 IRISH RACECOURSES

Coursetrack, an in-race timing information system, has been successfully installed at 25 Irish racecourses, the company announced on Friday.

The data began being broadcasted on-screen and published online for 25 Irish racecourses since the start of the year. Coursetrack worked closely with Horse Racing Ireland (HRI), the

Association of Irish Racecourses (AIR) and each individual course during the installation process. The system is operated by Racecourse Media Group (RMG)'s timing partners, Coursetrack. Horses carry GPS trackers, designed to fit within the saddlecloth, during the race. In-race data for all races in Ireland--including race clock, leader's speed, leader's time per furlong and distance to finish--is provided to networks, including RTE and Racing TV, for live broadcasts.

Chris Murtagh, operations director at Coursetrack, said "We are delighted that the implementation and operation of Coursetrack has been so well received by racecourses in Ireland. Listowel, which raced on Sunday, was the 25th racecourse to successfully deploy the system, and we hope Laytown--which is staged on a beach--will complete the full set of 26 Irish racecourses in September. I'd like to thank all Irish racecourses, who have been a pleasure to work with and are now, along with their audiences, benefitting from this ultra-reliable, low-latency and easy-to-interpret data."

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FIRST-SEASON SIRES WITH RUNNERS

Saturday, June 8, 2024:

UNITED KINGDOM

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

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

14:05-BEVERLEY, 5f, **Powerful Lady (Fr)**

€8,500 Arqana Deauville Yearling Sale V2 2023

Sands of Mali (Fr) (Panis), Ballyhane Stud

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

14:05-BEVERLEY, 5f, **Aviation Time (Ire)**

14:05-BEVERLEY, 5f, Sands of Dubai (GB)

IRELAND

River Boyne (Ire) (Dandy Man {Ire}), Tara Stud

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

1-NAVAN, 5f, **Faire La Nouba (Ire)**

€10,000 Goffs November Foal Sale 2022; €4,000 Goffs Orby

Yearling Sale (Book 2) 2023

Sands of Mali (Fr) (Panis), Ballyhane Stud

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

1-NAVAN, 5f, **Wee Mary (Ire)**

€2,000 RNA Goffs Autumn Yearling Sale 2023



Hello Youmzain has a runner in Ireland on Saturday | Zuzanna Lupa

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ANOTHER WATHNAN ASCOT PROSPECT AT BEVERLEY

2.40 Beverley, Cond, £50,000, 2yo, c/g, 5ft

SHAREHOLDER (Not This Time) is the forecast favourite for this Two Year Old Trophy which has been won in recent times by a pair who went on to make an impact at Royal Ascot in Prince Of Lir (Ire) (Kodiac {GB}) and Cardsharp (GB) (Lonhro {Aus}). Trained by Karl Burke for Wathnan Racing, the newcomer whose dam is kin to the G3 Jersey S. winner Gale Force Ten (GB) (**Oasis Dream {GB}**) was a €460,000 purchase at the Arqana May Breeze Up and connections are sure to have the Royal meeting in mind.

HOW THEY FARED

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

Royal Officer (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}), Godolphin's 1million gns Craven Breeze-Up topper, was withdrawn due to the unsuitably quick ground.

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BRITAIN

Friday's Results:

6th-Haydock, £10,000, Novice, 6-7, 2yo, 6f212yT, 1:26.37, g/f.

SEAGULLS ELEVEN (IRE) (c, 2, Galileo Gold {GB}--Thrilled {Ire}, by Kodiac {GB}), a half-brother to the G1 Prix de l'Abbaye de Longchamp heroine The Platinum Queen (Ire) (Cotai Glory {GB}), had been runner-up over course and distance last month and tracked the leader Green Storm (Ire) (Circus Maximus {Ire}) in second. In front approaching the furlong pole, the 2-1 favourite drew away to score by 2 1/4 lengths. The dam, a relative of the G2 Mill Reef S. runner-up Sir Xaar (Ire) (Xaar {GB}), has a 2024 full-brother to The Platinum Queen, who also captured the G2 Flying Childers S. and was runner-up in the G1 Nunthorpe S. Sales history: 50,000gns Ylg '23 TATOCT. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, £7,935.

O-Two Plus Three Two Plus Four; B-Tally-Ho Stud (IRE); T-Hugo Palmer.

FIRST WINNER FOR SIRE

2nd-Bath, £30,000, Mdn, 6-7, 2yo, 5f 160yT, 1:11.29, g/f.

LADY WITH THE LAMP (IRE) (f, 2, King Of Change {GB}--Caring Touch, by Elusive Quality), third on debut at Windsor last month, was positioned behind the leaders early. Produced to lead approaching the furlong pole, the 7-2 favourite asserted to score by half a length from Flash Harry (GB) (Harry Angel {Ire}). In doing so, she provided Starfield Stud's first-season sire (by Farhh {GB}) with a first winner. The winner is the third of three current foals out of a Godolphin cast-off who is related to the GI Champagne S.-placed Fortify (Distorted Humor) and the GI Del Mar Oaks and GI American Oaks runner-up Be Your Best (Ire) (Muhaarar {GB}). Sales history: €14,000 Ylg '23 GOFOR2. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, \$26,524.

O-K Blake/Mrs E Palmer/M Wilson/N Luck; B-Billy McEnergy & Paul McEnergy (IRE); T-Joseph O'Brien.

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Lady With The Lamp as a yearling | Goffs

CONDITIONS RESULTS:

1st-Bath & Somerset County, £5,700, Cond, 6-7, 4yo/up, 5f 160yT, 1:11.51, g/f.

NEPTUNE LEGEND (IRE) (g, 5, Invincible Spirit {Ire}--Kate The Great {GB}, by Xaar {GB}) Lifetime Record: 45-5-5-2, \$54,731. O-N Sfrantzis; B-Airlie Stud (IRE); T-Tony. Carroll. *£350,000 Ylg '20 GOFOR; 67,000gns 3yo '22 TATFEB. **1/2 to Eastern Impact (Ire) (Bahamian Bounty {GB}), GSW & G1SP-Eng, GSP-Ire, \$428,739; Summerghand (Ire) (Lope De Vega {Ire}), GSW-Eng & GSP-Ire, \$770,502; Miss Katie Mae (Ire) (Dark Angel {Ire}), SW-Can, GSP-Ire & MSP-US, \$166,139.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Dramatic Effect (GB), f, 3, Bated Breath (GB)--Daryana (GB), by Dutch Art (GB). Goodwood, 6-7, 8fT, 1:41.15. Lifetime Record: 5-1-0-2, \$14,429. B-Fiona Marner Bloodstock (GB).

Ebt's Guard (GB), c, 3, Cable Bay (Ire)--Whims Of Desire (GB), by Nathaniel (Ire). Thirsk, 6-7, 7f 218yT, 1:38.49. Lifetime Record: 10-1-3-2, \$22,782. B-Bluehills Racing Ltd (GB). *9,000gns RNA Wlg '21 TADEWE; 5,000gns Ylg '22 TADEY.

Subsequent (Ire), g, 3, Galileo (Ire)--After (Ire) (MGSP-Ire, \$107,377), by Danehill Dancer (Ire). Haydock, 6-7, 11f 140yT, 2:33.13. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-0, \$9,802. B-Coolmore (IRE). *135,000gns Ylg '22 TATOCT. **Full to Armory (Ire), MGSW & MG1SP-Ire, GSW & G1SP-Eng, MG1SP-Fr, G1SP-Aus, \$1,214,300.

Duran (Ire), g, 3, Invincible Spirit (Ire)--Dolma (Fr) (MSW & G1SP-Fr, \$223,667), by Marchand De Sable. Brighton, 6-7, 5f 215yT, 1:11.11. Lifetime Record: 4-1-1-1, \$8,893. B-Tinnakill Bloodstock & Jack Cantillon (IRE). *€45,000 Ylg '22 GOFOR. **1/2 to Thistle Bird (GB) (Selkirk), G1SW-Ire, MGSW & G1SP-Eng, G1SP-Fr, \$577,634; and McCreery (GB) (Big Bad Bob {Ire}), MGSW & G1SP-Aus, \$546,607.

Move On In (GB), g, 3, Masar (Ire)--Movementneverlies (GB), by Medicean (GB). Haydock, 6-7, 11f 140yT, 2:26.31. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-0, \$10,709. B-Mrs K Thomas (GB). *20,000gns RNA Wlg '21 TADEWE; 68,000gns Ylg '22 TATOCT.

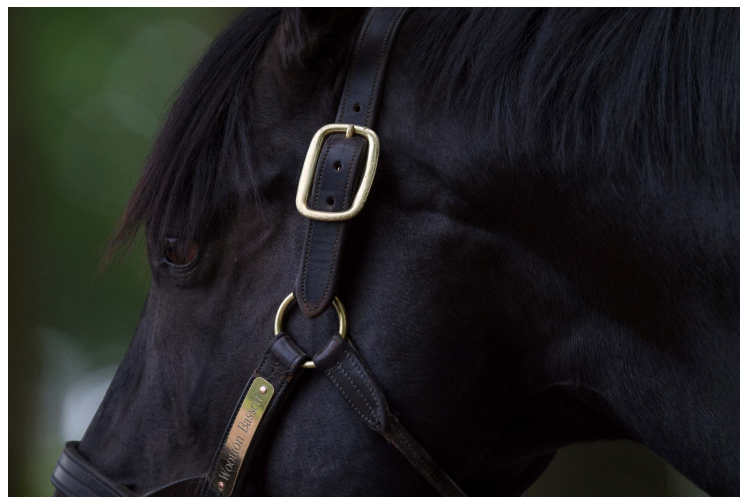
IRELAND**Friday's Results:**

1st-Fairyhouse, €18,000, Mdn, 6-7, 2yo, 6fT, 1:15.13, gd.
EASY MOVER (IRE) (f, 2, Wootton Bassett {GB}--Rain Goddess {Ire} {GSW & MG1SP-Ire, SP-Eng, \$275,631}, by Galileo {Ire}) broke well and tracked the leaders in fourth through the initial fractions of this debut. Straightening for home in third, the 16-5 chance came under pressure to launch her bid approaching the quarter-mile marker and was ridden out to deny Canto Della

Terra (Ire) (Kodiac {GB}) by a head in a bobbing finish. "She's a filly that's been going nicely at home and we thought we'd get her out," revealed Ballydoyle's Chris Armstrong. "We were just a little bit worried coming here first time as the six around here is quite sharp and they can get a bit lost. Wayne [Lordan] gave her a lovely introduction, he kept her together as long as he could and got her there. She's a filly that's going to appreciate going up to seven [furlongs] or even a stiff six. She's now put herself in the mix for [Royal] Ascot, for the six [-furlong G3 Albany S.], or we could keep her for the [G3] Airlie Stud S. at the Curragh on [Irish] Derby weekend. She's a lovely filly physically, typical of the Wootton Bassetts. She's a very good mover, she has a good attitude and does everything right. She's one to look forward to." Easy Mover is the fourth of five foals and third scorer from as many runners out of G3 Snow Fairy S. victrix and G1 Irish Oaks and G1 Pretty Polly S. runner-up Rain Goddess (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}), herself a full-sister to the Group 3-placed duo Queenstown (Ire) and Realism (Ire). The April-foaled homebred bay's third dam is G1 1000 Guineas heroine Virginia Waters (Kingmambo). Easy Mover is a half-sister to Listed Dee S. victor San Antonio (Ire) (Dubawi {Ire}) and a yearling filly by **No Nay Never**. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$11,761.

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

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Wootton Bassett's first crop sired in Ireland are now 2-year-olds
Coolmore

CONDITIONS RESULTS:

2nd-Fairyhouse, €22,000, Cond, 6-7, 3yo/up, 6fT, 1:13.76, gd.
TANGO FLARE (IRE) (g, 5, Fulbright {GB}--Magadar, by Lujain) Lifetime Record: 11-3-1-0, \$46,802. O-R J McSharry; B-Kilnamoragh Stud (IRE); T-Patrick Foley. *1/2 to Miss O Connor (Ire) (Roderic O'Connor {Ire}), GSW-Fr & SW-Eng; and Irish Admiral (Ire) (French Navy {GB}), SP-Ire.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Highland Bling (Ire), g, 3, **Highland Reel (Ire)**--Padma (GB), by Three Valleys. Fairyhouse, 6-7, 12fT, 2:37.47. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-0, \$9,539. B-Paul McEnery (IRE). *€22,000 Ylg '22 GOAUJR.

Kortez Bay (Ire), c, 3, **New Bay (GB)**--Kayak (GB) (SP-Ity), by Singspiel (Ire). Fairyhouse, 6-7, 7fT, 1:28.38. Lifetime Record: 9-1-1-2, \$33,338. B-John O'Connor (IRE). *€80,000 Ylg '22 GOFOR. **1/2 to Lady Kaya (Ire) (Dandy Man {Ire}), GSW & G1SP-Ire, G1SP-Eng, \$295,624.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Noble Cotai (Ire), c, 3, **Cotai Glory (GB)**--Noble Duchess (Ire), by Duke Of Marmalade (Ire). Marseille-Borely, 6-7, 6fT, 1:12.52. B-Thomas Smullen (IRE). *€7,500 Ylg '22 TIRSEP; €5,000 2yo '23 ARQJUL.

FRANCE

Friday's Results:

2nd-Marseille-Borely, €27,000, Cond, 5-10, 2yo, 6fT, 1:10.84, g/s.

REUX (FR) (c, 2, Hello Youmzain {Fr}--Restless {Fr}, by Le Havre {Ire}), who shed maiden status over this course and distance last month, was steadied to track the leaders in fifth after an alert getaway. On and off the bridle in snatches, the 7-2 joint-second favourite fanned wide into an open lane turning for home and was under continued urging inside the final quarter-mile to deny Stunning Angel (Fr) (Stunning Spirit {GB}) by a head. Reux is the lone reported foal produced by a half-sister to GI E. P. Taylor S. heroine and G1 Coronation S. runner-up Reggane (GB) (Red Ransom) and to the dam of dual Group-winning G1 Prix de Diane third Rosacea (Ire) (Soldier Hollow {GB}). The January-foaled bay's third dam is G1 Prix de Diane third Raintree Renegade (Green Forest). Sales history: €67,000 Wlg '22 ARQDEC; €90,000 Ylg '23 ARQAUG. Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, €26,150. **Video, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

O-Gerard Augustin-Normand & Bernard Giraudon; B-Benoit Jeffroy, SCEA des Prairies, Mme Audrey Leyval & Sigma Agency (FR); T-Fabrice Vermeulen.

CONDITIONS RESULTS:

6th-Marseille-Borely, €30,000, 6-7, 3yo, 10 1/2fT, 2:12.50, g/s.

DARLING DARLING (FR) (f, 3, Dabirsim {Fr}--Almahroosa {Fr}, by Green Tune) Lifetime Record: 8-2-0-1, €39,650. O-Sarah Lauff; B-Haras de Grandcamp EARL (FR); T-Nicolas Perret. *€10,000 Ylg '22 ARQSEP.

4th-Compiègne, €27,000, Cond, 6-7, 4yo/up, 10fT, 2:05.25, g/s.

LORD ACHILLES (FR) (g, 7, Rio De La Plata--Lords Lane {GB}), by Sulamani {Ire}) Lifetime Record: SW-Fr, 39-8-6-5, €248,828. O-Robert Siegers; B-Eric Hemming & Mme Maggie Hemming (FR); T-Philippe van de Poele. *€9,000 RNA Ylg '18 ARQNOV.

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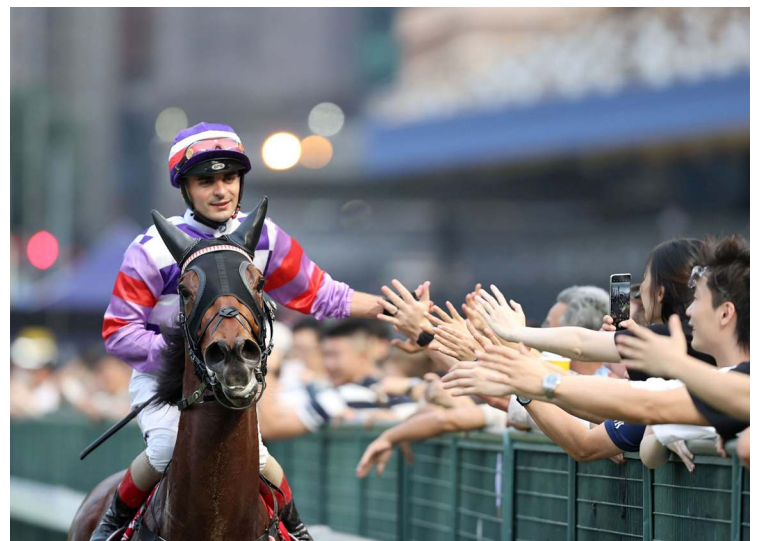
ATZENI AND BENTLEY RE-LICENCED BY HKJC

Former UK-based jockeys Andrea Atzeni and Harry Bentley have once again been granted licences by the Hong Kong Jockey Club (HKJC) for the upcoming season.

Atzeni is currently ranked fourth during the 2023/2024 season with 44 wins, and Bentley is enjoying his best season in Hong Kong with 34 winners.

Atzeni said, "I've had a fantastic time in Hong Kong. To be in the top five of the jockeys' championship for most of the season, to win two group races, and to be on 44 winners, was definitely more than I expected. Hopefully we can get to 50 or more winners from the meetings left--that'd be a nice mark to hit.

"I've been lucky that I've landed on a couple of horses that have allowed me to be competitive in group races, which I wasn't necessarily expecting. I got the ride on Lucky With You (Aus) (Arctie Schiller) by chance, and won a Class 2 and was placed twice at Group 1 level. And there's obviously Taj Dragon (Ire) (Mehmas {Ire}) too, who gave me my first group winner--he's been a really solid horse, as is Nimble Nimbus (NZ) (Sacred Falls {NZ}) who we've had a lot of fun with. And not forgetting Ka Ying Generation (Ire) (Churchill {Ire}), who was third in the Derby." **Cont. p10**



Andrea Atzeni greets the Hong Kong faithful | HKJC

Atzeni/Bentley Cont.

Both Atzeni and Bentley were previously retained riders for Roger Varian. Atzeni will be riding his second full season in Hong Kong, while Bentley will enter his fourth year on the challenging circuit.

“Your contact base here is so important,” Bentley said. “The more time you spend here [in Hong Kong] the broader that can become, and the more confidence people have in you. I have a much bigger spread of trainers that are using me now, so going into next season, I feel like I have the backing you need to keep improving.

“When I first moved to Hong Kong, I came with the intention of making it a long-term fixture, so I’m delighted to have a licence for the 2024/25 season and I look forward to hopefully building on my tally of winners again. A half century or more next season would certainly be the aim.

“This season, we’re on 34 winners versus 25 last season and there’s still 10 fixtures to go, so hopefully we can get past the 40-mark. It was also important for me to get a group winner out here, so to win the G2 Bauhinia Sprint Trophy on Whizz Kid (Aus) (Shalaa {Ire}) was definitely one of the standout moments of the season. That, as well as getting my first treble at Happy Valley, were both great. I’m open to picking up rides over the summer in the UK, at Goodwood for example, but my main intention is to recharge the batteries for the 2024/25 Hong Kong season.”

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1	Caernarfon (GB)	Cityscape (GB)	Hunscote Stud, P Humphreys & J Sweeney	Jack Channon	David Probert	128
2	Ching Shih (Ire)	Lope De Vega (Ire)	Kirsten Rausing	David Simcock	Jim Crowley	128
3	Lady Boba (GB)	Lope De Vega (Ire)	Andrew Rosen & Barry K Schwartz	Ralph Beckett	Rossa Ryan	128
4	Madame Ambassador (GB)	Churchill (Ire)	Kirsten Rausing	Charlie Johnston	Joe Fanning	128
5	Miss Cantik (Fr)	Recoletos (Fr)	Haven't A Pot, Daniel MacAuliffe & Anoj Don	Amy Murphy	Silvestre De Sousa	128
6	Mistral Star (GB)	Frankel (GB)	Helena Springfield Ltd	Hughie Morrison	Clifford Lee	128
7	Moogie (GB)	Mastercraftsman (Ire)	Lord Halifax	James Fanshawe	Ross Coakley	128
8	Night Sparkle (Ire)	Postponed (Ire)	Mrs Barbara M Keller	Andrew Balding	Kevin Stott	128
9	Queen of The Pride (GB)	Roaring Lion	Qatar Racing Ltd	John & Thady Gosden	Oisin Murphy	128
10	Sapphire Seas (GB)	Frankel (GB)	Godolphin	Charlie Appleby	Pat Dobbs	128
11	Scenic (Fr)	Lope De Vega (Ire)	David Ward	Ed Walker	Saffie Osborne	128
12	Sea Theme (Ire)	Sea The Stars (Ire)	Sheikh Juma Dalmook Al Maktoum	William Haggas	Tom Marquand	128
13	Starry Heavens (Ire)	Mastercraftsman (Ire)	Healthy Wood Ltd	Jessica Harrington	Jamie Spencer	128
14	Wynter Wildes (GB)	Tamayuz (GB)	Paul Wildes	Charlie Fellowes	Kieran Shoemark	128

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BETFRED JOHN OF GAUNT S.-G3, £85,000, 4yo/up, 7f 37y

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1	Flight Plan (GB)	Night Of Thunder (Ire)	Clipper	Karl Burke	Daniel Tudhope	133
2	Bless Him (Ire)	Sea The Stars (Ire)	Tony Perkins & Partners	David Simcock	Jamie Spencer	128
3	Jumby (Ire)	New Bay (GB)	Anthony Pye-Jeary & David Ian	Eve Johnson Houghton	Charles Bishop	128
4	Noble Dynasty (GB)	Dubawi (Ire)	Godolphin	Charlie Appleby	Pat Dobbs	128
5	Pogo (Ire)	Zebedee (GB)	Gary & Linnet Woodward	Charles Hills	Kieran Shoemark	128
6	Point Lynas (Ire)	Iffraaj (GB)	Julie Martin, David R Martin & Dan Hall	Edward Bethell	Callum Rodriguez	128
7	Popmaster (Ire)	Gutaifan (Ire)	Laurence Bellman	Ed Walker	Saffie Osborne	128
8	Quinault (Ger)	Oasis Dream (GB)	TJE Racing	Stuart Williams	Richard Kingscote	128
9	Ramazan (Ire)	Kodiac (GB)	KHK Racing	Richard Fahey	Billy Garrity	128
10	Tiber Flow (Ire)	Caravaggio	Jon & Julia Aisbitt	William Haggas	Tom Marquand	128
11	Witch Hunter (Fr)	Siyouni (Fr)	William Stobart	Richard Hannon	Sean Levey	128
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by *Christina Bossinakis*

SARATOGA SPRINGS, NY--Hosting a slew of top-shelf graded stakes action at the Spa is not a new concept. However, doing it the first weekend in June is. The ongoing construction at Belmont Park necessitated a venue change for the next two years, creating a unique opportunity to host a Triple Crown jewel in upstate New York. Admittedly, the decision has sent local accommodation rates into the stratosphere, to the point of hilarity. But, for the diehard fans that want to get a glimpse of history, this year's shift was welcomed.

Saturday's sparkling nine-race graded card his led by the GI Belmont S., shortened to 1 1/4 miles for the 2024 renewal.

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LA RACING COMMISSION RESCINDS ALL CHANGES TO MEDICATION RULES by *Bill Finley*

The Louisiana Racing Commission went back to square one Friday, announcing that it will adhere to the guidelines set by the Association of Racing Commissioners International (ARCI) regarding medications.

The move came just nine days after the commission announced an emergency set of rules that were about to take effect and would have meant that Louisiana had, by far, the most lenient medications policies in the U.S. The withdrawal times for dozens of medications had been reduced and the threshold levels had been increased. The laundry list of changes included two particularly controversial drugs, Clenbuterol and Depo-Medrol. The withdrawal time for Clenbuterol was reduced to 72 hours. Under ACRI rules the withdrawal time was 14 days. The new regulations called for a withdrawal time of seven days for Depo-Medrol. Under ARCI rules the withdrawal time was 21 days.

Clenbuterol is a bronchodilator that is believed to act like a steroid and build muscle mass. Depo-Medrol is a steroid injected into joints to treat pain and swelling.

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LOPE DE VEGA ON HIGH WITH CLASSIC BRACE

Ballylinch Stud's **Lope De Vega (Ire)** heads the European sires table at this point in the season, and Emma Berry chats to Ballylinch's John O'Connor on his star stallion.

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The infield pond canoe floats at Saratoga Race Course ahead of Saturday's GI Belmont Stakes. | Sarah Andrew

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LA Racing Commission, cont. from p1

The new rules were roundly criticized throughout an industry that has been trying to reduce the sport’s dependence on drugs, including therapeutic medications, and create as safe a sport as possible. **Some of the harshest criticism came** from trainers who stable at the Fair Grounds before returning to Kentucky or other jurisdictions.

Reacting to the criticism, the Louisiana Racing Commission backtracked on the rules regarding Clenbuterol and Depo-Medrol, announcing Tuesday that, regarding those two drugs, it was returning to the rules established by the ARCI. With all other medications the new rules were to stay in effect.

But that was not enough to appease those opposed to the overall direction the commission had taken. **On Wednesday, HISA announced** that any horses shipping from Louisiana to tracks covered by HISA would have to go on the vet’s list.

“HISA has reviewed the Emergency Rule (as modified during the public meeting on June 4, 2024) and HISA’s Veterinary Team has determined that it poses significant risks to both equine welfare and the integrity of Thoroughbred racing,” read a HISA statement

Still more pressure came from Churchill Downs Inc., which owns the Fair Grounds. On Thursday, CDI CEO Bill Carstanjen sent a letter to the commission.

“...CDI views the LSRC’s actions in passing the Remaining Emergency Rules as a credible risk to the reputation, safety and integrity of Louisiana racing that will result in damage to the economics of the Louisiana racing ecosystem,” Carstanjen’s letter read. “Indeed with the announcement made Wednesday evening by the Horseracing Integrity and Safety Authority requiring any horses that race in Louisiana to be placed on the HISA Veterinarian’s List prior to running an another racing jurisdiction, our initial concerns are no longer hypothetical.”

Carstanjen went on to threaten that unless Louisiana fully adhered to the ARCI rules there would be a “strong likelihood that we will not hold the Risen Star, Lecomte, or the Louisiana Derby at Fair Grounds, to name but a few key races.”

With its back fully up against the wall, the commission voted Friday to ditch the controversial rules it had passed and to fully return to the ARCI rules. The vote was unanimous.

“The commission does not wish to create any undo hardships to Louisiana racing participants,” said the commission’s executive director Steven Landry. “Given these concerns the commission has convened today to consider a total revision to the April 29 changes to the medication rules, thereby returning to the rules that had been in place for the last several years.”

“In my opinion we never should have considered these emergency drug rules,” said Commissioner Mike McHalfey.

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Shortly after the Louisiana commission voted to rescind the emergency rules, HISA announced that horses shipping out of Louisiana will no longer be required to go on the vet’s list.

“This afternoon, the Louisiana State Racing Commission held an Emergency Public Meeting at which the Commission voted to rescind in full the emergency updates to Louisiana’s controlled medication schedule for thoroughbred racing, which reportedly were set to take effect tomorrow in Louisiana (the “Emergency Rule”),” the HISA statement read. “With the complete rescission of the Emergency Rule, the Horseracing Integrity and Safety Authority, Inc. (“HISA”) will not require Covered Horses shipping from Louisiana to a HISA jurisdiction to be placed on the HISA Veterinarians’ List as medically compromised and unfit to race as announced in the June 5, 2024 Memorandum. HISA appreciates the Commission’s willingness to reconsider this important matter.”

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Belmont Preview, cont. from p1

Classic winners **Mystik Dan** (Goldencents), who took the Kentucky Derby), and **Seize the Grey** (Arrogate), all-the-way winner of the GI Preakness S., lead the fray and would help solidify their hold on the division in the first half of the year. Trained by D. Wayne Lukas, the latter has been somewhat overlooked in the days leading up to the third jewel in the Triple Crown. A winner of his last two starts--the GII Pat Day Mile on the Derby undercard prior to the Preakness, the MyRacehorse runner is listed at 8-1 on the morning line.


His Hall of Fame conditioner acknowledges the strength of the competition, however, points out that the colt's current form and versatility makes him dangerous.



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Despite winning the Preakness on the front end, Lukas said that his colt won't be confined, tactically.

“We'll run our own race,” he said. “They want the pace, we'll let them have it. Our horse is not one dimensional. That's the beautiful part. You can do anything with him. We can be fifth or first. I'll have a little conference with Jaime [Torres] and work on a couple of scenarios.”

While the sentiment was probably the last thing Mystik Dan's trainer Kenny McPeek wants to hear heading into the race, it was not unexpected.

“You do not know how these races are going to unfold. I quit trying to predict them years ago,” he said. “You have to trust that [Brian Hernandez] knows the horse, and we do. How it unfolds, is anybody's guess. We found that out at the Preakness. We thought we could run down [Seize the Grey], but we couldn't catch him. We'll see if anybody goes with [Seize the Grey] and how things play out.”

A runaway winner in the GIII Southwest S. earlier in the season, Mystik Dan has shown consistency in eight career starts, finishing out of the money only twice.

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Sierra Leone | Sarah Andrew

“He's been awfully consistent all winter, so we have just been trying to make sure he's on an even keel. Even Steven,” McPeck said.

Regarding his colt's post position, he added, “[Owner] Lance Gassaway had said prior to the draw that three was his lucky number, and we nailed post three. We feel good about it.”

Favored at 9-5 on the morning line, **'TDN Rising Star' Sierra Leone (Gun Runner)** will try and do what he couldn't do in the

Derby five weeks ago. Nosed out by **Mystik Dan**, the \$2.3 million Fasig-Tipton Saratoga topper won the GII Risen Star S. and GI Toyota Blue Grass S. prior to his Derby run, and bypassed the Preakness in favor of a return to a distance he has shown he can handle.

“I'm more or less managing him to try to make him Champion 3-Year-Old--picking the right races and giving him the rest that would be most beneficial to him,” said Chad Brown.

“He ran a super race and never let us down in terms of not showing up in the race. He's always fired. Has he gotten in his own way a couple times that prevented him from being undefeated? Probably, but he has so much raw ability that you take the good with the bad--and there's a lot more good.”

Typically well-armed in the Triple Crown's third jewel, trainer Todd Pletcher arrives with **Antiquarian (Preservationist)**, **Mindframe (Constitution)** and **Protective (Medaglia d'Oro)**.

Likely the most fancied on the day is Mindframe, named a **'TDN Rising Star'** in a flashy debut at Gulfstream Mar. 30. Back in the winner's circle following another easy win, this time at Churchill Downs May 4, the Repole Stable and St Elias Stables runner faces stakes company for the first time.

“He's been super-impressive in his two races and the way he's done that and how easily he's won those races, how fast those races have been--it gives you the confidence he has the talent,” Pletcher said. **Cont.**

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“The question mark is if he has the experience and the seasoning. Obviously, he’s giving up some experience to some really good horses, so that’s the concern. I think, from a talent perspective, he has enough talent to compete with this field, but he doesn’t have the foundation and the experience that most of the ones in here do.”

Antiquarian won the GIII Peter Pan S. at the Big A May 11 and will be trying the 10-furlong distance for the first time as will be Protective, the Peter Pan and GII Wood Memorial S. third-place finisher.

“I liked the way Antiquarian finished [in the Peter Pan], and I really like the way he galloped out,” said Pletcher. “I’m excited about giving him the opportunity to run a mile and a quarter.”

Also keen to see how **Resilience** (Into Mischief) will handle the Classic distance, trainer Bill Mott believes a last-out Derby seventh might have been better than some might think.

“He had a great trip,” the Hall of Famer said. “Coming off the turn, he looked like he had as good a chance to win as anybody with the momentum and trip that he had. But at the eighth pole, he just didn’t finish it off. I really don’t have any excuses for him other than maybe he’s a horse that’s slightly inexperienced.

Maybe he just didn’t run his very best race on that day. He ran a good race and I thought he was in position to win but didn’t get it done. We’re going to try again.”

He continued, “We want to find out about the 10-furlong distance. I think that’s very important for us to find out at this point in his life. Not that we want to experiment in a race like this, but we’ll find out if we need to move forward and try to go to the [GI] Travers [S.] or if we need to back up in distance and find some other races at eight or nine furlongs.”

Asked if the GII Wood Memorial winner would have started in the Belmont if it had been at its traditional 1 1/2-mile distance, Mott admitted, “I don’t believe he would have been. It wouldn’t have been something we are trying to do. I think 10 furlongs probably a better proving ground for a stallion prospect. I think people are more anxious to see a horse win at 10 furlongs than 12.”

Rounding out the field, last year’s GII Kentucky Jockey Club winner **Honor Marie** (Honor Code), who finished a troubled eighth in the Derby; GII Remsen S. and GII Coolmore Fountain of Youth S. scorer **Dornoch** (*Good Magic*) and **The Wine Steward** (Vino Rosso), victorious in last season’s Funny Cide S. and runner-up in his three latest starts, including the Peter Pan last time.

Underscoring the quality of the Belmont field, Lukas summed it up succinctly.

“I think this field is excellent,” he said. “It’s better than the Derby and better than the Preakness. You can make a case for more horses here than you could in the Derby or the Preakness.”



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Ogden Phipps Sets Stage for a Clash of Champions

Getting the afternoon's Grade I racing action off to a fast start, the Ogden Phipps S. renews the rivalry of champions **Idiomatic** (**Curlin**) and **Pretty Mischievous** (Into Mischief). The former rounded out 2023 with five consecutive victories, including the GI Breeders' Cup Distaff. Making her seasonal return in a sloppy renewal of the GI La Troienne S. May 3, the Brad Cox trainee came home 3 3/4 lengths ahead of Free Like a Girl (El Deal) and Pretty Mischievous farther back in third.

The 5-year-old daughter of Lockdown registered her most recent work at Churchill Downs, covering five furlongs in :59 2/5 June 1. According to the home team, it was exactly what they wanted.

"It was impressive," said assistant Blake Cox. "She kind of caught come company and was rocking around there pretty good. She was doing it in hand and she's very happy. She's ready for Saturday. She trained up [at Saratoga] all last summer and did well and she likes the Oklahoma [training track] a lot."

Idiomatic won her only start at Saratoga in last summer's GI Personal Ensign S.

"She is just the model of consistency, no doubt," added Cox. "There's not many like her, and she makes our jobs easier. You're very confident in here every time you lead her over. Pretty Mischievous is a very good filly, and obviously we'll see how we break, but we're planning to break running and go from there."

Standing in the champion's way is Pretty Mischievous, who annexed a trio of Grade I wins in 2023--the Kentucky Oaks, Acorn S. and Test S. After rounding out the season with a runner-up finish in the GI Cotillion S. at Parx, the Godolphin homebred looks to post her first victory since this venue last summer.

"She's doing well," said trainer Brendan Walsh. "She came out of the last race good and we were happy enough with her. She should move forward from it. I think we were a little compromised by the wet track [at Churchill]. She's not quite her best on it and that's been proven in the past.

"From a fitness point of view, she's been working and doing very well and looks fantastic. Hopefully, we get a nice, dry track and have no excuses. That's all we want."

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Options abound in Saturday's 1 3/16-mile GI Manhattan S. Among them, Godolphin sends out the Grade I/Group 1 winning Charlie Appleby-trained duo of **Nation's Pride (Ire)** (Teofilo {Ire}) and **Measured Time (GB)** (**Frankel** {GB}). The former collected wins in the 2022 GI Saratoga Derby and last year's GI Canadian International. He finished third most recently in the 11-furlong GII Man O War S. at Aqueduct May 11. The latter kicked off 2024 with a win in Meydan's G1 Jebel Hatta before finishing fourth in the G1 Dubai Turf Mar. 30.

Attempting to overturn the Boys in Blue, three-time Grade I winner **Program Trading (GB)** Lope de Vega {Ire}). A winner at this venue in last summer's GI Saratoga Derby Invitational, the Chad Brown runner took the May 4 GI Turf Classic at Churchill Downs in his only prior start this term. **Cont.**



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In addition to the afternoon's GI Metropolitan Mile and the GI Woody Stephens, Saturday's Belmont Day card also features the GII True North S., GII Suburban S. and GIII Poker S.

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THORPEDO ANNA STRIKES AGAIN IN ACORN

by *Christina Bossinakis*

SARATOGA SPRINGS, NY--It didn't seem possible for trainer Kenny McPeck to be any more confident in his filly, '**TDN Rising Star**' **Thorpedo Anna** (Fast Anna), as he was prior to her win in the GI Kentucky Oaks at Churchill Downs five weeks ago. But a short chat with the Kentucky-based trainer earlier in the week spoke volumes as to her ability to repeat in Friday's GI DK Horse Acorn S. Giving the afternoon's 27,529-strong crowd no real cause for concern at any point during the race, she unleashed a tour-de-force display to land in Saratoga's winner's circle after a facile 5 1/2-length victory over fellow '**Rising Star**' **Leslie's Rose** (Into Mischief).



Thorpedo Anna | Sarah Andrew

Displaying a dance of simmering power in the paddock prior to the nine-furlong race, the bay appeared to project exactly what McPeck had been saying all week about the filly--a 'beast' that could have been a force to be reckoned with in the GI Belmont S. one day later. However, given the presence of GI Kentucky Derby winner Mystik Dan (Goldencents) in Saturday's big race, it didn't seem to make sense to fire both of his big shots in the same race. **Cont.**

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“I think my first thought [after the Acorn] was, 'Dang, I could have run her in the Belmont,’” laughed McPeek.

“I really felt I could have. She makes it easy.”

According to regular pilot Brian Hernandez, Jr., the filly has developed a bit of a reputation for getting worked up prior to her races, but has also shown that she is starting to put it all together with experience.

“She gets a little nervous [before her races],” he said. “But with each race, she has gotten better about things. On the racetrack, we have learned that if we just take her by herself and leave her with just her and her pony, she settles right in and just soaks it all in and goes back into her routine. She is just the type of filly that is so competitive, I believe, that she just wants to show how good she is. We’ve got to get her to just take a deep breath and get her settled back in.”

Breaking sharply from her outside post, the 3-4 favorite rushed into contention, settling just off the outer hip of last year's champion juvenile filly **Just F Y I (Justify)**, who atypically cruised to the front and carved out an opening quarter in :23.53. The duo kept up the tempo through a half in :46.75 as GI Ashland S. winner Leslie's Rose and GII Black-Eyed Susan victress **Gun Song (Gun Runner)** kept the leading pair in their sights. Starting to press the issue approaching the home turn, Thorpedo Anna cornered like a Ferrari, spurted clear in upper stretch and

poured in on late, stretching her advantage under another confident hand ride by Hernandez. Leslie's Rose was a clear second, 1 1/4 lengths ahead of the closing **Power Squeeze (Union Rags)**. Just F Y I, runner-up in the Kentucky Oaks, faded to sixth as the clear second favorite at odds of 3-1.

Thorpedo Anna, owned by Nader Alaali, Mark Edwards, Judy Hicks and Magdalena Racing, became the 14th filly to register the Acorn-Kentucky Oaks double and the second consecutive year after Pretty Mischievous (Into Mischief) accomplished the feat in 2023 at Belmont Park.

“She’s an amazing filly,” said Hernandez. “Just F Y I kind of surprised me by going to the lead, but my filly is such a good filly that she just settled right off of her outside and we got to the second turn. She was traveling so beautifully. For her to go :46 and change like she did again, she doesn’t feel like she’s going that quick. She just is doing it effortlessly with her ears up.

“We turned for home and I reached back and I slapped her one time, because she was kind of messing around a little bit, I didn’t want someone to really run at her and jump on her, once I did that, I was like 'OK, we are in good order now. She is going to cruise home from here.’”

McPeek was equally taken aback by the early pace scenario.

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"I was surprised, yes [that Just F Y I went to the lead], and I was also surprised that she [Thorpedo Anna] took him [Hernandez] there," admitted McPeek. "That's what she does. She's got :47 and change speed. She can get you there. She makes my job easy and his job easy."

Trainer Todd Pletcher, who saddled runner-up Leslie's Rose, was upbeat about his charge's defeat.

"I thought she ran super," he said. "She had a good trip and kept trying to the wire. She was just second best to a really good filly today."

He continued, "We were in the spot we wanted to be in. I was hoping [the frontrunners] would engage each other a little more. The winner was very settled outside. I thought for a moment we had a shot, but that other filly kicked clear. Our filly kept trying to the wire. We were happy to get [her back running well after a 13th-place finish in the Oaks]. I'm happy with her effort."

Of Just F Y I, jockey Junior Alvarado said, "I wanted to take a shot and go to the front. I didn't want to sit off [Thorpedo Anna] again. I had to try something different. I am a little disappointed. I didn't think she ran her race. She didn't necessarily have to win, but she didn't fire at all today."

"When we switched leads at the half-mile pole, I was already completely empty. It was too early to be empty with her. That's when she usually turns her game on. She wasn't traveling well after that and wasn't taking me anywhere. She's a push-button horse, so when she didn't give me anything, I tried to regroup and go back again and didn't get any response, it wasn't necessary to keep pushing on her. You just try to save her for next time."

Despite the ease of Friday's victory, McPeek later admitted that the week leading up to the race wasn't without its anxious moments.

"Pre-race, for some reason and I don't know how it happened, she got this little bitty cut on the left side of her mouth," he explained. "It happened within the last couple of days. It's never easy, this game."

"I told Brian he was going to have to be really light with her because you don't want to get in any wrestling match because she's got a little cut. On a scale of 10 it was like a one or a two, but if you get to wrestling with her you're going to open it up. So I was watching her real close with that. Brian said she never felt it."

Thorpedo Anna showed her talent early, scoring by an impressive 8 1/2-length margin in an auction-price restricted maiden at Keeneland last October before proving it was no fluke with an equally impressive nine-length score going a mile at Churchill Downs Nov. 10. Earning 'Rising Star' status in the latter, she made a quick turnaround for the Nov. 25 GII Golden Rod S. and had to settle for second, beaten 5 1/4 lengths by Intricate. Freshened through the winter, she resumed with a confident four-length win in Oaklawn's GII Fantasy S. over 1 1/16 miles Mar. 30 prior to her romp at Churchill in May.

McPeek believes there is little doubt as to who leads the current sophomore filly division, given the nature of her two Grade I wins.

"That was one of our goals coming into the race was to stamp her as the best 3-year-old in America," he said. "Whether we take on the colts [later] will be fun and it will be interesting. I'll probably tease you all with what I'm thinking about. We'll see. If she's doing really well and she came back in the [GI] Coaching Club [Oaks], and Mystik Dan didn't make the GI Travers S., then who knows? You might see us here. But I'm not going to run them against each other if I can help it."

Hernandez was a bit more sentimental about what his recent dream run means.

"I believe we have a superstar on our hands," he said. "Those are put in a rare air, but she seems to be one of those fillies. When the announcer calls you brilliant in a Grade I, you know it tends to make you believe that you are a part of something really magical. Something really special."

Pedigree Notes:

Thorpedo Anna was bred by Judy Hicks, who took on the mare as a charitable act and later stayed in for a piece of the filly.

"She was premature; seven, eight weeks premature when she was born," Hicks explained following her Oaks victory. "She was 45" tall, weighed 60 pounds. Her hocks were crushed. And there wasn't much hope of any future for her. So I volunteered to take her from the owners, Mr. Sanford Robertson and Kathryn Nikkel, who bred her. And Mr. Robertson graciously gave her to me when I volunteered to keep her." **Cont.**

"And I tried to do my magic and it worked."

Sanford Robertson campaigned Thorpedo Anna's third dam Aldebaran Light to three wins from five starts at River Downs and went on to breed successfully from her. Robertson campaigned Aldebaran Light's foal of 2001, a Stravinsky colt named Balmont, to a victory (via DQ) in the 2003 G1 Middle Park S. for trainer Jeremy Nosedá, while Eskendereya (Giant's Causeway) helped to further enhance the family with victories in the 2010 GI Wood Memorial S. and GII Fountain of Youth S.

Thorpedo Anna is the second foal out of the 9-year-old Sataves. The first, Charlee O (**Tonalist**) earned over \$100,000 on the track. Thorpedo Anna was purchased by McPeck for \$40,000 at the Fasig-Tipton October yearling sale in 2022. Sataves is also the dam of the 2-year-old colt McAfee (Cloud Computing), a \$40,000 purchase by Maddie Mattmiller Keeneland last September, and the daughter of **Uncle Mo** foaled a filly by Known Agenda--already named After the Storm--earlier this year.

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DK HORSE ACORN S.-GI, \$500,000, Saratoga, 6-7, 3yo, f, 1 1/8m, 1:49.02, ft.

1--**THORPEDO ANNA, 122, f, 3, by Fast Anna**



1st Dam: Sataves, by Uncle Mo

2nd Dam: Pacific Sky, by Stormy Atlantic

3rd Dam: Aldebaran Light, by Seattle Slew

'**TDN Rising Star**'. (\$40,000 Ylg '22 FTKOCT). O-Nader Alaali, Mark Edwards, Judy B. Hicks and Magdalena Racing (Sherrí McPeek); B-Judy Hicks (KY); T-Kenneth G. McPeek; J-Brian Joseph Hernandez, Jr. \$275,000. Lifetime Record: 6-5-1-0, \$1,705,663. **Werk Nick Rating: A+++**. ***Triple Plus***

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3rd Dam: Dial a Trick, by Phone Trick

'**TDN Rising Star**'. (\$1,150,000 Ylg '22 KEESEP). O-Whisper Hill Farm, LLC; B-John D. Gunther & Eurowest Bloodstock Services (KY); T-Todd A. Pletcher. \$100,000.

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3--**Power Squeeze, 120, f, 3, by Union Rags**

1st Dam: Callmethesqueeze (MSW, \$324,499), by Awesome Again

2nd Dam: Mop Squeezer, by Roanoke

3rd Dam: Honey League Girl, by Honey Jay

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DIDIA GOES ONE BETTER FROM 2023, TAKES NEW YORK IN STYLE

She might have been the bridesmaid in last year's running, but no one was taking her 'New York moment' in 2024.

Didia (Arg) (m, 6, Orpen--Delambre {Brz}, by Rainbow Corner {GB}) broke well to briefly see open air in the GI New York S. before eager pacesetters to her outside, namely **Royalty Interest (Fr)** (Le Havre {Fr}) and **Surprisingly** (Mastery), stepped out to dispute who would lead the large field of 13. The former ended up at the head of affairs and rolled along through :23.18 and :47.74 fractions as **Fev Rover (Ire)** (Gutaifan {Ire}) joined them despite some pre-race antics which left Javier Castellano off her back and her briefly loose.

In no hurry as she neatly tucked into cover from fourth, Didia raced well on the fence behind that leading flight and was picking up steam as the field swung through the final bend. Four wide for her rally but rolling with all the momentum, the 9-1 shot inhaled the leaders outside of the eighth pole and kicked away to a clear advantage as **Necie Marie** (Cross Traffic) ran on for second with **War Like Goddess** (English Channel) getting up for third in her seasonal bow. **Cont.**



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"She was like a monster. It's a great feeling," said trainer Ignacio Correas, IV. "I targeted this race for months and months. It was really hard for me to lose this race last year [when Didia ran second]. I never expected to lose it last year. I was disappointed."

Correas added jokingly, "Probably the secret today was that Chad [Brown] only had two in there, usually he has four."

Jose Ortiz similarly had glowing praise for his charge's effort en route to capturing her first North American Grade I victory. "I think she leveled up her performance today. The trainer, Ignacio [Correas, IV], does an amazing job with this horse and all his horses. He had this filly doing unbelievable for a long time, which is remarkable."

"I mean I won [the GI New York S.] last year [on Marketsegmentation], but [Didia] was very deserving. She is a nice filly. Hopefully, she goes and keeps getting better, or stays at this level because she is very nice."

A Group 1 winner in her native Argentina, Didia has only been off the board three times in her career, and at once point rode a seven-race win streak that spanned two continents, and four different track across them. Said win streak was ironically snapped in last year's edition of the GI New York S., but she quickly returned to the winner's enclosure in October when taking the GII Rodeo Drive S. at Santa Anita Park. She would finish 10th in the GI Breeders' Cup Filly and Mare Turf but would again bounce back to form with a game victory over Surprisingly in the GII Pegasus World Cup Filly and Mare Turf Invitational Jan. 27. She was last seen Apr. 13 at Keeneland running third in the GI Jenny Wiley S.

Pedigree Notes:

Didia hails from a dam who has produced a fleet of accomplished runners in addition to being on herself. Delambre was Group 1-placed in Brazil in her time on the track and has found great acclaim in the shed as well being the dam or granddam to no less than four Group/Grade I horses.

Her first offspring was a filly who did not make the races, but did go on to produce a Group runner in Argentina. Her second was Didia's elder full-brother Dedini (Arg), who would twice be Group 1 placed in their homeland before retiring to the shed and the third was another full-brother who would later become Singaporean champion all-weather horse SW Davide (Arg).

Didia's full-sister Delirada (Arg) was a winner as well, but her greatest claim to fame came in the form of her son, Argentinian Horse of the Year MG1SW-Arg Tetaze (Arg) (Equal Stripes {Arg}) and his half-brother G1SP-Arg Hacer Un Puente (Arg) (Cosmic Tiger {Arg}). Didia is the last for her dam--there are no living foals or covers on record since 2019--and arguably her most accomplished.

Orpen is among leading sires in both Argentina and Slovakia, and counts 15 champions from his 21 crops of racing age. In a fascinating side bar, one of his sons, Invincible Son, dominated in Eastern Europe as an eight-time Turkish champion.

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1--DIDIA (ARG), 122, m, 6, by Orpen

**1st Dam: Delambre (Brz) (G1SP-Brz),
by Rainbow Corner (GB)**

2nd Dam: Diya, by Ariosto (Arg)

3rd Dam: Sevilla (Arg), by Ringaro

O-Merrielle Stables and Resolute Racing; B-La Manija (ARG); T-Ignacio Correas, IV; J-Jose L. Ortiz. \$412,500. Lifetime Record: Ch. 3-year-old Filly-Arg, MG1SW-Arg, 17-11-2-1, \$1,533,484. *Full to Davide (Arg), Ch. All-weather Horse-Sin, SW-Sin, \$549,642; 1/2 to Desvelo (Arg) (Sunray Spirit), MSP, \$181,511; Full to Dedini (Arg), MG1SP-Arg. **Werk Nick Rating: C+.** [Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.](#)

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2--Necie Marie, 120, f, 4, by Cross Traffic

1st Dam: Lode Lady, by Posse

2nd Dam: Gold Strike, by Smart Strike

3rd Dam: Brassy Gold, by Dixieland Brass

1ST G1 BLACK TYPE. (\$25,000 Ylg '21 EASOCT). O-Michael Milam; B-Jon A. Marshall (PA); T-Robert E. Reid, Jr. \$150,000.

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3--War Like Goddess, 124, m, 7, by English Channel

1st Dam: Misty North, by North Light (Ire)

2nd Dam: Misty Gallop, by Victory Gallop

3rd Dam: Romanette, by Alleged

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Chili Flag | Sarah Andrew

by Christina Bossinakis

SARATOGA SPRINGS, NY--Trainer Chad Brown was widely expected to win Friday's GI Just a Game S. However, the actual winner of the race proved to be a bit of question as the trainer was represented by five of seven of the runners in the one-mile turf event. After surviving a jockey's claim of foul, it was 4-1 chance **Chili Flag (Fr)** (Cityscape {GB}) who rose over the \$1-million mark in earnings while annexing her first career Grade I-victory.

Breaking well but eased to the back, Chili Flag was unhurried as 26-1 chance **Evvie Jets (Twirling Candy)** and **Whitebeam (GB)** (Caravaggio), sent off at 7-2, strode to the front, carving out opening fractions of :23.91 and :48.64. Still at the back but within striking distance turning for home, the French-bred filly bore down on the late-leading Whitebeam down the center of the course, popped to the front in deep stretch and was a half-length clear of her grey stablemate at the wire. **Mission of Joy (Kitten's Joy)** closed resolutely to nab third while Evvie Jets held on to fourth. Favored **Coppice (GB) (Kingman {GB})** never threatened after getting pinched back at the start and had to settle for sixth. The victory represented the fourth on the day for jockey Irad Ortiz Jr.

"I had a beautiful trip," said Ortiz Jr. "A perfect trip, to be honest. Broke, I let her settle, and she just came running late. She was rolling at the end."

Brown added, "The pace wasn't really that fast. I have to look at the race again to see. We had that flash storm [earlier in the afternoon] and it seems like there was a ton of water on there. The turf was so hard and then it went to being--I don't want to say firm--and a couple of my other jockeys that didn't run as well said they were slipping and sliding out there on that turf."

"I don't think it was [detrimental] for every horse. Chili Flag has been very versatile. She's run on very firm turf early in the season and she can handle moisture in it."

Of the runner-up, Brown added, "Whitebeam improved off a disappointing loss off the layoff last time. She stepped up into Grade I company today and almost got it done. She proves to be a horse that likes Saratoga."

It was a record seventh win in the Just a Game for Brown, who previously won with Antonoe [2017], A Raving Beauty [2018], Rushing Fall [2019], Newspaperofrecord [2020], Regal Glory [2022] and In Italian [2023].

Chili Flag achieved minor success in her native France, winning a pair of minor regional races before making the move to the Chad Brown barn in advance of the 2023 season. On the board in her first two starts in early 2023, she broke through with her first stateside win in a Belmont allowance in July before finishing runner up in her next two on the New York circuit, including a Saratoga optional claimer in August.

Returning to the winner's circle following the Forever Together S. at the Big A in November, she got a freshener before picking up in 2024 with a sixth in the 1 1/16-mile GII Pegasus World Cup Filly & Mare Invitational at Gulfstream Jan. 27. Cut back to a mile for her next two, she won both, taking the GIII Honey Fox S. in Hallandale Mar. 2 before eking out a win in the GII Distaff Turf Mile at Churchill Downs on the Kentucky Derby undercard.

"She really improved this year, so it's nice to see if you're patient with some of these horses and you let them develop into the program [they can succeed]," said Brown. "There was a point in time last year when I thought she wouldn't be a Grade I-winner, but I'm not surprised at all that she's having this type of season. During the winter she kept showing us she's really improving."

Pedigree Notes:

Chili Flag, purchased by Mandore International Agency for €140,000 at the Arqana Arc Sale in 2022, is out of Flag Day, also responsible for Flers (Fr) (Dream Ahead), herself stakes placed in France. The unraced mare foaled her latest recorded foal--a filly by Olympic Glory (Ire)--in 2022. Second dam, European champion 2-year-old filly Blue Duster (Danzig), is out of European champion sophomore filly Blue Note (Fr) (Habitat), also responsible for Group 1 scorer Zieten (Danzig).

Chili Flag represents the sixth Grade I /Group 1 winner for Cityscape, but the first Northern Hemisphere-based Grade I horse for the sire as the rest are in the Southern.

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Friday, Saratoga

JUST A GAME S.-GI, \$500,000, Saratoga, 6-7, 4yo/up, f/m, 1mT, 1:35.01, fm.

1--**CHILI FLAG (FR)**, 122, m, 5, by **Cityscape (GB)**

1st Dam: **Flag Day (GB)**, by **Pivotal (GB)**

2nd Dam: **Blue Duster**, by **Danzig**

3rd Dam: **Blue Note (Fr)**, by **Habitat**

1ST GRADE I WIN. (€5,000 RNA Wlg '19 ARQDE; €140,000 3yo '22 ARARC). O-Madaket Stables LLC, Michael Dubb and Michael E. Kisber; B-Finanza Locale Consulting Srl (FR); T-Chad C. Brown; J-Irad Ortiz, Jr. \$275,000. Lifetime Record: SP-Fr, 19-7-6-1, \$1,003,377. **Werk Nick Rating: A+++**. ***Triple Plus*** [Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.](#) [Click for the free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree.](#)

2--**Whitebeam (GB)**, 124, m, 5, by **Caravaggio**

1st Dam: **Sleep Walk (GB)**, by **Oasis Dream (GB)**

2nd Dam: **Scuffle (GB)**, by **Daylami (Ire)**

3rd Dam: **Tantina**, by **Distant View**

O/B-Juddmonte Farms Ltd. (GB); T-Chad C. Brown. \$100,000.

3--**Mission of Joy**, 120, f, 4, by **Kitten's Joy**

1st Dam: **Smart Mission**, by **Smart Strike**

2nd Dam: **Misty Mission**, by **Miswaki**

3rd Dam: **Hangin On a Star**, by **Vice Regent**

(\$32,000 Ylg '21 FTKOCT). O-RyZan Sun Racing, LLC and Madaket Stables LLC; B-Sam-Son Farm (ON); T-H. Graham Motion. \$60,000.

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Friday, Saratoga

INTERCONTINENTAL S. PRESENTED BY MTV SOLUTIONS-GII, \$200,000, Saratoga, 6-7, 4yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2fT, 1:01.35, fm.

1--**FUTURE IS NOW**, 122, f, 4, by **Great Notion**

1st Dam: **Past as Prelude**, by **Bernardini**

2nd Dam: **Magical Meadow**, by **Meadowlake**

3rd Dam: **Special Kell**, by **Parfaitement**

1ST GRADED STAKES WIN. O/B-R. Larry Johnson (MD); T-Michael J. Trombetta; J-Paco Lopez. \$110,000. Lifetime Record: 11-5-1-0, \$324,935. *1/2 to Continentalcongres (**Constitution**), MSP, \$260,300; Call Another Play (**Audible**), SW & GSP, \$238,625. **Werk Nick Rating: A+++** ***Triple Plus*** [Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree.](#)

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IT PAYS TO BREED MARYLAND-BREDS



Future Is Now (center) | Sarah Andrew

2--**Roses for Debra**, 124, m, 5, **Liam's Map**--**Essential Rose**, by **Bernardini**. (\$120,000 Ylg '20 KEEJAN; \$25,000 Ylg '20 KEESEP). O-Cheyenne Stable LLC & O'Meara, John; B-Blackstone Farm LLC (PA); T-Christophe Clement. \$40,000.

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3--**Kaufmaker**, 118, m, 5, **Jimmy Creed**--**Heaven's Touch**, by **Montbrook**. O/B-Gregory Kaufman (KY); T-Wesley A. Ward. \$24,000.

Margins: HD, NK, 1 3/4. Odds: 10.40, 0.50, 6.60.

Also Ran: Gal in a Rush, Run for the Hills, Spicybug, Lady Milagro, Medalla Match, EveryoneLovesLinda. Scratched: Love Reigns (Ire). [Click for the Equibase.com chart or the TJCIS.com PPs.](#) **VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

A pop-up thunderstorm hit Saratoga just as the field for Friday's GII Intercontinental S. was getting ready to be saddled up, but the deluge did not adversely impact the prevailing underfoot conditions on the Mellon, and the in-form Maryland-bred **Future Is Now** proved the chief beneficiary with a narrow defeat of heavily favored Pennsylvania-bred **Roses for Debra**.

Kaufmaker was hustled to the front by Luis Saez, but Future Is Now was also ridden positively by Paco Lopez and **Roses for Debra** landed not too far away from the pacemakers, taking the sit from third beneath Irad Ortiz, Jr. Going strongly after an opening quarter in :21.76, Kaufmaker was hounded to her outside by Future Is Now and **Roses for Debra** swung out with every conceivable chance turning for home. Future Is Now collared the front-runner at the eighth pole, jumped onto her incorrect lead and was saved by the wire, as **Roses for Debra** took a desperate dive at her late.

"This filly has learned to sit off of horses and run when she's needed," said winning trainer Michael Trombetta, who sends out a live chance in Saturday's GI Jaipur S. in the form of Arzak (**Not This Time**). "It's really changed things for her." **Cont.**

"In the last couple of races, it's all really come together for her. This was great. I mean, this is over the top for us. We came in here with expectations just to run well. But to win it is extraordinary."

Victorious in a Gulfstream optional claimer Feb. 9, Future Is Now was second in the Mar. 10 Captiva Island S. ahead of a fifth against the boys in the King T. Leatherbury S. at Laurel the next month. She bounced back in no uncertain terms in her latest, striking from close range for a convincing victory in the sex-restricted The Very One S. at Pimlico May 17.

Pedigree Notes:

Future Is Now is the third winner at the graded level for Great Notion, the leading Maryland-based sire each year since 2018 and well clear on the sires' table nearing the midway point of 2024.

A half-sister to Call Another Play, who finished third in the GII Black-Eyed Susan S. a few races after Future Is Now won her race, the Intercontinental winner is out of a half-sister to this breeder's GIII Hirsch Jacobs S. winner and Maryland stallion Street Magician (Street Cry {Ire}). Johnson also raced third dam Special Kell to a single black-type victory and she would go on to produce Stark Kell (Star de Naskra), the dam of MSW & MGSP Strike the Moon (Malibu Moon) and SW Walk of Stars (**Street Sense**). The latter is responsible for the Johnson-bred '**TDN Rising Star**' Mindframe (**Constitution**), who takes on Classic winners Mystik Dan (Goldencents) and Seize the Grey (Arrogate) in Saturday's GI Belmont S.

Past Is Prelude is the dam of the 2-year-old colt Places in My Past (**McKinzie**), currently in training at Fair Hill, and she was most recently bred to Omaha Beach. [@EquinealTDN](#)

ALL EYES ON SEIZE THE GREY FOR

MYRACEHORSE PARTNERS *By Mike Kane*

SARATOGA SPRINGS, N.Y. - Every one of the 2,570 partners in MyRacehorse's Seize the Grey (Arrogate) has a story about their GI Belmont S.-bound Preakness winner.

Or three.

Or six.

Truth be told, probably more.

They are co-owners, albeit with micro shares that cost a mere \$127, of the winner of a Triple Crown race, who will try to add a second jewel on Saturday when the 156th Belmont is run for the first time at Saratoga Race Course. They are part of a movement begun 55 years ago by the late Cot Campbell, to offer fractional ownership of thoroughbreds.



MyRacehorse partner Amanda Stebbins | *Mike Kane*

The MyRacehorse concept makes ownership possible for even more people. Formed in 2018 by Michael Behrens, MyRacehorse had a huge early success during the summer of 2020 when it was able to buy into subsequent 2020 GI Kentucky Derby and GI Breeders' Cup Classic winner with Authentic (Into Mischief).

MyRacehorse officials expect between 300 and 400 of the Seize the Grey partners will be on the grounds when the oldest Triple Crown race is staged at America's oldest track. The Belmont will be run at Saratoga this year and next while Belmont Park undergoes a substantial makeover. Deborah and Stephen Dursos, residents of Long Beach on Long Island, figure they have been racing fans for about 50 years.

"We've been visiting Saratoga for 30 years because of the racetrack," Deborah said.

The Dursos own property in Saratoga and have been involved in other partnerships. Seize the Grey was their first purchase with MyRacehorse. They have four shares, and have since bought into two other horses as well as a package of four New York-breds.

They watched Seize the Grey's gate-to-wire triumph in the Preakness on television. When GI Kentucky Derby winner Mystik Dan was making a run at Seize the Grey in the stretch, the Dursos were on their feet.

"We were screaming, 'stay up there. Don't let him pass you,'" she said.

Though they were miles from Pimlico, the Dursos were celebrating the triumph.

"I like to say to people, 'think of your son hitting a home run in the bottom of the ninth,'" Stephen said. "That's literally how it felt."

As veterans of other partnerships, the Dursos said the MyRacehorse approach works just fine for them. **Cont.**

"You might get into a partnership where you need \$50,000," he said. "In this, it was fun, you made a little money and it's exciting like you own the horse all by yourself."

The Dursos watched Seize the Grey break his maiden at Saratoga on July 29 and participated in the owner's experience, visiting the colt at trainer D. Wayne Lukas' barn. Before he emerged as a Triple Crown series-caliber runner they had purchased their tickets for the Belmont-at-Saratoga week.

"We were hoping that he would be here in one race or another for this weekend or the summer," Stephen said. "Then when he won the Pat Day Mile, and then he won the Preakness and now he's in the Belmont, it's just as good as it gets."

Amanda Stebbins could very easily be the face of a MyRacehorse marketing campaign. Besides the single share in Seize the Grey, she has a stake in 43 other horses.

Stebbins, a resident of nearby Malta, N.Y., joined the MyRacehorse party in the summer of 2020 with the purchase of two shares in Authentic. She dove in a little deeper just before he won the Kentucky Derby by purchasing eight more shares. She says her investment in a colt who went on to be the 3-year-old male champion and Horse of the Year was about \$2,000.

"I bought in right before he ran in the Haskell and won," she said. "He was already pre-qualified for the Derby and I said, 'I have a horse going to the Kentucky Derby.' Of course, this is the year of COVID. No one's going anywhere. I'm telling all my friends and family and everybody's getting excited. On September 5, he goes into the Derby and my parents said, 'are you going to be upset if he loses?' I said, 'I will only be upset if they van him off the track.' I said, 'I don't care. 'I have a horse in the Derby.' And we went right to the lead and held the lead the entire time. That was fantastic. Of course, that stretch run with Swiss Skydiver in the Preakness was amazing. And then going to the Breeders' Cup Classic and winning. He still holds a track record at Keeneland. That was wonderful."

Stebbins figured she had reached the peak of her career as an owner with Authentic.

"You think, 'lightning strikes once and that's it,'" she said, laughing. "Then when (Seize the Grey) came into the stable, he was a yearling, and I had an opportunity to purchase into him. I saw that Wayne Lukas was going to be his trainer. And I said,

'Man, the Coach knows what he's doing.' So I bought in."

Stebbins said MyRacehorse is very appealing to her because the company does not charge owners anything beyond the initial share price. She also likes the social aspect of meeting other owners and having opportunities to meet the horses and trainers.

In her professional life, Stebbins is the Lead Manufacturing Process Engineer at Ball Metal in Saratoga Springs. She said the facility produces nine million aluminum cans a day.

Stebbins and her husband were in New York to start a cruise when the Preakness was run. She thought about making the drive to Baltimore for the race, but decided she was cutting it too close. By then, she had already purchased her tickets for the Belmont at the hometown track she has been visiting for a decade.

"I'm like, 'What are the odds that the Belmont would be at

Saratoga, 20 minutes from my home?" she said. "I have a horse in the Belmont with a very good chance of winning the Belmont. And he won the Preakness. When you start looking at those odds and those probabilities, it's absolutely amazing. I'm very happy that I booked myself for all four days to be here at the track."

Bryce and Shayla Teater of Little Rock, Ark. had hoped to see Seize the Grey run in the Belmont, but had to change plans and will watch it at home. They missed the Preakness, too,

but have a memorable story about their seeing the race while on a flight to Greece. The Teaters were in window seats with Shayla in the row in front of her spouse. They bought separate Wi-Fi package because they were seated apart.

"Twenty-five bucks each to watch this and we weren't even sure if it would work because plane Wi-Fi, especially over the ocean, isn't that dependable," he said. "But we have YouTube TV, and we were both able to stream it."

As Mystik Dan tried to overtake Seize the Grey in the stretch, Bryce reached forward.

"I just started shaking my wife's shoulder, and she started jumping up and down. Both of us screamed," he said. "If you've flown overseas, it was right after dinner when everyone is trying to go to sleep. I remember looking over when we had our hands in the air and yelled and everyone is staring at us."



Seize the Grey | Horsephotos

"An older couple was next to me and I said, 'I'm sorry, I own a micro share of this horse and he just won the Preakness.' He said, 'you've got to be kidding.' I said, 'No, I'm not.'"

Teater said he and his wife became much more interested in racing during the pandemic when it was one of the few sports on television. She is the news director at the CBS affiliate in Little Rock and he is a product marketing director for the software company Datapath. They have been with MyRacehorse for a few years and have shares in 13 active horses.

When Seize the Grey goes to the post in the Belmont, the Teaters will be in a more familiar place where they won't have to explain if they stand and shout at the TV.

"We're going to have a little get together here with my parents and friends and try and will him to victory," Teater said. "It'll be definitely a tougher test this time around, but I think he's got it." Ken and Mary Myers traveled to Saratoga for the Belmont from their home in Naples, Fla. They are major investors in MyRacehorse and also personally have a big stake in Seize the Grey. Myers said he liked the plan Behrens developed.

"It's a spectacular opportunity to show people what horse racing is like, beyond what they see when they watch the Derby, or the Preakness or the Belmont Stakes, and maybe that's all they ever see," Myers said. "There's so much behind the scenes. And what we're doing in MyRacehorse is giving people that emotional attachment to really being able to own a piece of a horse, sharing the winnings, sharing the experience, just really revel in what this is all about."

The Myers faced a dilemma when Seize the Grey won the Pat Day Mile on May 4 and Lukas said the Preakness was up next on May 19. That was the date of their goddaughter Molly Meadows' wedding.

"We thought, 'We can't miss the wedding. But at the same time, the Preakness is potentially a once in a lifetime,'" Myers said. "Our goddaughter and her fiance said to us, 'listen, we could see you anytime, you've got to go to the Preakness.' They actually stopped the wedding reception and all watched the race. It was an incredible time for them as well."

Myers said the noting the number of partners in Seize the Grey only tells part of the story if its impact.

"People have said to me, 'Think about 2,750 people now are getting the experience.' I said 'No, each one of them has a partner and kids and friends and family. There are tens of thousands of people that are following Seize the Grey and that's what the sport really needs. It needs this type of publicity, and it's bringing it to a whole new generation of fans."

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MINDFRAME TURNING HEADS HEADING INTO BELMONT STAKES



Mindframe | Sarah Andrew

by Tim Wilkin

SARATOGA SPRINGS, NY--So far, a colt named Mindframe (**Constitution**) has been nothing short of mind blowing.

Two starts. Two wins. By a combined margin of 21 1/4 lengths. His connections think so much of him that start No. 3 will be the GI Belmont S. Saturday. Trainer Todd Pletcher and co-owner Mike Repole are confident the lightly raced horse will make a credible showing in the 1 1/4-mile Belmont. Despite having little experience, Mindframe was made the 7-2 second choice by New York Racing Association linemaker David Aragona.

Mindframe broke his maiden by 13 3/4 lengths on the same day that stablemate Fierceness was dominating the GI Florida Derby. In his second start, on GI Kentucky Derby day, he dominated an allowance optional claimer, winning by 7 1/2 lengths.

If Mindframe were to do more of the same in the Belmont, Pletcher and company might really have something.

"He could become the freshman that is the star on the varsity," Repole, who owns Mindframe along with Vinnie and Teresa Viola's St. Elias Stable, said by phone. "If he wins this race, we might have something really special, something we haven't seen too many times."

Mindframe will start the Belmont from post position nine and will have jockey Irad Ortiz Jr. on board. He is the only horse in here that has never run in a stakes race. The water is considerably deeper, but Pletcher and Repole are betting Mindframe can swim.

"We know he fits," Repole said. "Whether he comes in first by five or fifth by 10, he fits. We are the freshest horse in the race. Is that an advantage or a disadvantage? I guess we'll find out Saturday."

Speaking about Fierceness...

Fierceness (**City of Light**), the well-beaten favorite in the G1 Kentucky Derby continues to be a work in frustration for the people who work the closest with him.

“He has,” Hall of Fame trainer Todd Pletcher said when asked if the colt has been a head scratcher. “He has been brilliant at times.”

And not so good at others.

Pletcher pulled the plug on the G1 Belmont S. for Fierceness after deciding the horse needed more time after his 15th place in the Run for the Roses. Fierceness’ new target is the G1 Haskell Invitational S. at Monmouth Park on July 20. Fierceness won the Eclipse Award for best 2-year-old colt last year after a 6 1/4-length win in the GI Breeders’ Cup Juvenile.

Following an up-and-down winter in Florida, Fierceness went to Louisville as the favorite off a record 13 1/2-length win in the GI Florida Derby.

Then, the Derby dud. Now, a regroup.

“At the end of the day, putting these horses in spots where they are ready and can win has always been what I want to do and what Todd wants to do,” owner Mike Repole said.

And that is not where Fierceness is right now. He is a horse, Pletcher and Repole said, that needs more time between races. He has continued to gallop every day on the Oklahoma Training Track. He is healthy. He’s getting ready to race; he just wasn’t ready for the Belmont.

“He has been one that isn’t as consistent as normal horses with that much talent can be,” Pletcher said. “Hopefully, it’s something he will regain with a little bit of time from the Derby to the Haskell.”

Moving forward, that seems to be the new blueprint for Fierceness. Race, then take a boatload of time between the next one.

“Let’s not give up on Fierceness,” Repole said.

Brown won't feel the pressure

There is no extra pressure on trainer Chad Brown. He has the 9-5 morning line favorite in Saturday’s GI Belmont S. morning line favorite in Sierra Leone (**Gun Runner**). What could make things even more stressful is Brown grew up down the road in Mechanicville, 16 miles from Saratoga Race Course.

“I don’t approach the race any different,” Brown said outside his barn on the Oklahoma Training Track. “I know there will be a lot more interest, but I don’t want to be distracted.”

Sierra Leone was expected to do big things in the GI Kentucky Derby and he did. However, it was an agonizing finish when the horse just missed, losing by a nose to Mystik Dan (Goldencents). That’s part of the game every trainer most likely will endure at some point.



Todd Pletcher | *Walter Wlodarczyk*

“Losing the Kentucky Derby was very disappointing,” Brown said. “With horse racing, or any professional sport, you better be prepared for the worst. Anything can happen in the big games. You could lose a championship game by a one kick, one shot missed, you could run out of time on the clock, a photo finish. You really have to be prepared for that if you are going to play at the top of any sport.”

Lukas feeling the love

The good wishes started the first day Hall of Fame trainer D. Wayne Lukas arrived in Saratoga last Saturday. And it hasn’t stopped.

Lukas, forever young at the age of 88, accompanied GI Preakness winner Seize the Grey to the track each day as he prepared him for Saturday’s GI Belmont Stakes. Exercise riders aboard other horses shout out congratulations to Lukas as do people walking by on the Oklahoma Training Track.

Seize the Grey became the seventh Preakness win for Lukas; overall, he has 15 Triple Crown race victories. It has been a constant barrage of well wishes to Lukas and his striking grey horse.

“Well, it’s a great feeling knowing you have accomplished something, that has gotten everyone’s interest” Lukas said outside his barn at the Oklahoma. “But I’ve been there. I have had the experience. I take it more in stride now. As you get older, you realize the ups and downs in this business come real quick. Everything can be beautiful one day and tomorrow you can be nowhere.”

Saturday, Lukas saddles Seize the Grey in the GI Belmont S. Going into it, Lukas has that beautiful feeling.

“My horse has actually gotten better (since the Preakness),” Lukas said. “I would not have been afraid to run him last Saturday.”

AFTER 35 YEARS, A CHANCE TO WIN A GRADE I FOR VETERAN TRAINER



Frost Free | Sarah Andrew

by Tim Wilkin

SARATOGA SPRINGS, N.Y. -- In his 35 years as a horse trainer, Brett Creighton has never once entered a horse in a Grade I race. There's a reason for that.

"I just never had the opportunity I guess," the 62-year-old Creighton said in a matter-of-fact way through an easy Arkansas drawl as he stood on the backstretch at Saratoga Race Course.

That all changes on Saturday when Creighton saddles **Frost Free (Frosted)**, the best horse he's ever had, in the GI Woody Stephens S. at Saratoga, part of the blockbuster GI Belmont S. card that features nine stakes races--six of them GIs--worth \$6.55 million.

A field of 10 has been entered for the seven-furlong race, named for the legendary trainer who won five consecutive G1 Belmont S. from 1982-86.

Creighton, a former rodeo rider in his youth in Arkansas, has been training since 1989. According to Equibase, he has 1,346 career starts and 138 wins. This year, he has four wins in 22 starts, two by Frost Free.

Before Frost Free came along, Creighton had minor success with a horse named Humble Smarty, who had 19 wins in 90 starts. He ran from 2006-14 and Creighton was the trainer for most of them. Best finish? He won several black-type races.

In his last start, Frost Free won the GIII Chick Lang S. at Pimlico as the 9-5 favorite. That was the first graded stakes race Creighton ever won. When it happened, there was no wild victory dance in the winner's circle, no crazy celebration.

That's not what Creighton is all about.

"At the time, it was just another normal day," Creighton said. "I mean, don't get me wrong, it was all good. It just hadn't sunk in."

"He is all about the horse," Danny Keene, whose Keene Thoroughbreds LLC own Frost Free, said by phone from Arkansas. "I guarantee you he is as honest and trustworthy as they come. When it comes to the horses, he is like an old mother hen. If they get a little blemish on them, he goes worrying about them."

The 79-year-old Keene purchased Frost Free for \$100,000 at the Texas Thoroughbred Association's 2-year-old in training sale in April of 2023. In eight career starts, he has three wins, a second and two thirds.

Keene bought Friendswood Farm, a training center in Hot Springs, Ark. about eight years ago. That's where he met Creighton, who was working there.

He decided to give him a chance to train some horses for him and the two have been together ever since.

Creighton drove the van from Baltimore to Saratoga Springs soon after the Chick Lang. He and a groom have been here just short of two weeks. After winning that race going gate-to-wire, the decision was made to try the Woody Stephens. Jose Ortiz will ride.

"Mr. Keene said 'let's go,' so here we are," Creighton said. "He pays the bills. This horse has been doing really well. He's fast. He deserves a shot."

Frost Free raised some eyebrows when he worked a bullet four furlongs in 47 seconds (1/24) on Sunday. Creighton said he was looking for a 49, and had some concern, but the horse put those to rest. Creighton said Frost Free bounced out of the work like it never happened.

In the Woody Stephens, Frost Free is 15-1 on the morning line and will try seven furlongs for the first time.

Keene, who began investing in Thoroughbreds about 14 years ago, has three graded stakes wins on his resume. The other two belong to Texas Chrome, who won the GIII Super Derby and GIII Oklahoma Derby in 2016. **Cont.**



Brett Creighton | Sarah Andrew



Imagination | Sarah Andrew

If he is going to get that first GI, he knows he'll have to beat some tough foes in the Woody Stephens.

"There are some awful good horses in there from all over the country," Keene said. "You never know."

Hall of Fame trainer Bob Baffert will run the 7-2 morning-line favorite in **Prince of Monaco** (Speightstown), who is making his first start since a fifth-place finish in the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile. Flavien Prat will ride.

Book'em Danno (**Bucchero**), trained by Derek Ryan and to be ridden by Irad Ortiz Jr., is the 9-2 second choice on the morning line. When last seen, he was second, beaten a head by GI Kentucky Derby third-place finisher **Forever Young** (**Jpn**) (Real Steel {Jpn}) in the GIII Saudi Derby.

Three colts are coming into the race with 6-1 odds: **Valentine Candy** (**Justify**), trained by Hall of Famer Steve Asmussen, with jockey Ricardo Santana Jr.; **Nash** (Medaglia d'Oro) from trainer Brad Cox, who finished second with jockey Florent Geroux to GI Preakness S. winner **Seize the Grey** (Arrogate) in the GII Pat Day Mile; and that race's third-place-finisher **Vlahos** (**Kantharos**) for Doug O'Neill and jockey Edwin Maldonado. **Imagination** (Into Mischief), last seen fading to seventh in the Preakness, returns for Baffert and Frankie Dettori and is 10-1 on the morning line.

Trainer Chad Brown will saddle **Reasoned Analysis** (**Upstart**), who makes his first start since winning the Bay Shore S. at Aqueduct on April 6. He is 15-1 on the morning line and will be ridden by Eric Cancel. Also at 15-1 is **Nutella Fella** (**Runhappy**), who is back after recovering from a left-hind injury which has kept him inactive since winning the GI Hopeful S. for trainer Gary Contessa and jockey Junior Alvarado at 54-1.

Trainer William Walden has **Barksdale** (**Street Sense**), a winner of two of three this year, who is making his graded stakes debut. Tyler Gaffalione rides the 20-1 shot.

NHBPA FILES MOTION OVER HISA

METFORMIN POLICY CHANGE *by Sue Finley*

The National HBPA has filed a 'motion to supplement the record' to their longstanding case currently before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit in which they challenge the lawfulness of the Horseracing Integrity and Safety Authority. This new motion charges that it again shows that HISA, and not the FTC, is actually in charge of horseracing rules, pointing to the new policy governing how Metformin cases were handled.

On Tuesday, June 4, **HISA announced that some trainers** whose horses had tested positive for Metformin would have their suspensions deferred while HISA sought additional guidance on the drug. Those changes were, by and large, a result of the lobbying of horsemen for HISA to make changes in the way Metformin cases were handled, due to the possibility of environmental contamination. Metformin is a widely prescribed diabetes medication, and in several cases, horsemen had said that it was regularly used by the horses' handlers. The NHBPA concedes this point in the motion.

The new motion reads, "The new guidance document issued June 4, 2024, is a current example in addition to the score of existing examples provided by the NHBPA Appellants...The newest document again demonstrates the NHBPA Appellants' point that HISA, not the FTC, has 'the last word' and 'final say over horseracing rules.' Though the new policy, announced through a press release, is in response to concerns raised by horsemen, it again represents an exercise of the Authority's self-claimed 'enforcement discretion' to rewrite a rule from what the FTC approved to what the Authority now wants."

The motion goes on to charge that the original Metformin guidance was flawed.

"In this instance, the document is doubly damning because in it the Authority admits it drafted the rule with a dubious scientific basis for the substance's inclusion in the banned substances list, a problem that perhaps would have been avoided if the FTC had exercised more robust initial review than mere 'consistency,' i.e., rubber-stamping," the motion reads.

"The National HBPA filed this motion yesterday opposing HISA's policy change with respect to provisional suspensions and Metformin pending the RMTTC's scientific review," said HISA CEO Lisa Lazarus. "It raises the question of why a horsemen's group would oppose a measure that was proposed for horsemen, by the Horsemen's Advisory Group, of which Dr. Doug Daniels, the NHBPA President, is a member. Instead of helping horsemen understand and comply with the rules, they're expending resources opposing measures that have been requested by, and supported by, the very horsemen they represent."

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Cont.

HISA and HIWU have always had the ability to amend provisional suspensions under Rule 3247(e), which reads, "HIWU may lift a provisional suspension (if) it considers it appropriate to do so on the specific facets on the case." They have exercised this ability in the past, such as in [the 2023 case of Ray Handal](#), whose provisional suspension was lifted after it appeared probable that mycotoxins in his horse's feed could have caused his positive result.

"The Motion filed by the NHBPA is to supplement the record in its case before the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals to permit the judges involved in the case to be alerted and knowledgeable of changes made by the Authority without approval or input from the FTC and to show that the rules that have been promulgated with severe punishment impacting horsemen have been done without sufficient scientific basis," the National HBPA wrote in response to a request for comment from the TDN. "There is nothing in this motion that requests the court to stop this rule change but merely to show what is happening in reality to the suffering horsemen under HISA. The motion filed is not opposing the action taken by HISA, as was misrepresented by Mrs. Lazarus in her comments. While Mrs. Lazarus may score a few points in the propaganda dissertation, she has missed the fundamental issue with the rule change. The issue continues to be the lack of due process and equal protection for all parties involved."

Dr. Doug Daniels said, "The NHBPA motion highlights the concerns raised by horsemen, which points to an exercise of the Authority's self-claimed 'enforcement discretion' of what the FTC approved, to what the Authority now wants. The Authority additionally admits a point stressed on multiple fronts by horsemen since the beginning. Specifically, in this case metformin lacked scientific basis for the substance's inclusion in the banned substances list, and is a problem that should and likely would have been avoided if the FTC had exercised more robust initial review than mere 'consistency' rubber-stamping."

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ALL THURSDAY SPA STAKES WINNERS EXIT RESPECTIVE RACES WELL, PLANS PENDING

All four of the stakes winners on the Thursday card at Saratoga exited their respective races in good order according to their conditioners.

The Grey Wizard (Ire) (Caravaggio) took home the GII Belmont Gold Cup S. with a timely surge at the wire, which earned the 5-year-old the Golden Ticket for the G1 Melbourne Cup at Flemington Nov. 5.

Trainer Graham Motion said, "He looks really good, this morning. I'm very happy with him. He scoped clean and he looks really well."

Motion said he will speak with [owner] Aron Wellman of



The Grey Wizard at the wire | Sarah Andrew

Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners before making a decision on whether to travel to Australia and take part in 'the race that stops a nation.'

"I need to talk to Leigh [Jordan, Executive General Manager, Racing of Victoria Racing Club] about there being other incentives and I haven't even spoken to Aron [Wellman] yet, but I'm as game as anyone with this kind of stuff. I think this horse is the right kind of horse to do it with, but it is a huge ask. I'm sure we will discuss it."

'TDN Rising Star' Looks To Test

Almostgone Rocket (Into Mischief), who earned 'TDN Rising Star' honors on debut at Oaklawn Park, stayed perfect when she won the Jersey Girl S. on Thursday. Trainer Brad Cox said that the filly will target the GI Test S. at Saratoga which is set for Aug. 3.

"She came back in good shape and I'm super happy with how she looks," said Cox. "We're going to zero in on the Test and hopefully she can put in a similar effort."

Tremont To Sanford Question

Studlydoright (Nyquist), who came from off the pace to win the Tremont S., is already back home at his base in Maryland.

"First stakes win in June in Saratoga ever, right?" the Laurel Park-based trainer John "Jerry" Robb said. "The horse came out of it great. He shipped back a few hours after the race and everything's good."

As to whether the GIII Sanford S. at Saratoga July 13 will be the 2-year-old colt's next target, Robb said he was unsure at this point.

"We really haven't talked about it," said Robb. "We were thinking about the race in Kentucky, the Bashford Manor, but that's back a little quick." **Cont.**

At Saratoga they come back with a race going three-quarters in mid-July which is a little better. The owner is very involved, so I'll discuss everything with him."

Astoria Upsetter On Hold

Trainer Jena Antonucci confirmed that Astoria S. heroine **Whatintheliteral** (Lord Nelson) exited her race in good order, but the conditioner has not yet given much thought about the next step for her 2-year-old filly.

"She's great, came out of the race great," said Antonucci. "She did well last night and looks all of her normal, sassy-self today."

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THREE FILLIES SHARE BULLET EIGHTH DURING OBS FRIDAY

A trio of fillies shared the fastest eighth-mile time during Friday's session of the Ocala Breeders' Sales Company's June Sale of 2-Year-Olds in Training. All three, working before a downpour delayed the tail end of the fourth session for about thirty minutes, breezed their eighth in :9.4.

Out earliest of the bunch, a Florida-bred daughter of **Bucchero** (hip 568) consigned by Cruzin' Thoroughbreds LLC, Agent. The filly, an \$8,000 yearling buy from the OBS Winter Mixed Sale last year, is a half to MSP Ek Haseena (Songandaprayer), herself the dam of G3 Boutique Group Saudi Derby winner Commissioner King (Commissioner).

Another Florida-bred filly, **hip 657** (The Big Beast) is consigned by Iran Faria Corporation LLC and sold for \$6,500 at the same OBS Winter Mixed Sale. Dam Force of Passion is a half to MGSW Pontchatrain (**War Front**).

The only Kentucky-bred filly of the trio, **hip 624** (**Justify**) was a considerably more expensive buy, first bringing \$225,000 as a weanling at Fasig-Tipton November in 2022 and then coming



Hip 624 | Judit Seipert

under the hammer once more as a yearling at Keeneland September for \$275,000. Consigned here by Hartley/DeRenzo Thoroughbreds, hip 624 is out of a daughter of GI Kentucky Oaks winner Summerly who last sold to WinStar Farm for \$3.3m out of FTKNOV in 2006.

Two more fillies, both from first-crop stallions, shared the fastest quarter-mile breeze of the day with **hip 569** (**Complexity**) and **hip 633** (Win Win Win) each working in :20.4.

Posting the fastest three-eighths time of the sale thus far was a colt by Rogueish (**hip 589**) from the MRM Thoroughbreds consignment who completed the work in :32 4/5.

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 with bidding starting each day at 10 a.m.

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MIDLANTIC JUNE TWO-YEAR-OLDS IN TRAINING CATALOGUE NOW ONLINE

Fasig-Tipton has released the catalogue for its Midlantic June Two-Year-Olds in Training Sale, to be held on Tuesday, June 25, at 2 p.m. ET at the Maryland State Fairgrounds in Timonium, Maryland, the auction house said in a Friday release.

The under-tack show will be conducted the day before on Monday, June 24, beginning at 8 a.m. ET. The sale was scheduled for Wednesday, June 26, but that date was adjusted.

"This is the last opportunity to purchase a 2-year-old in training in 2024," said Fasig-Tipton Midlantic Director of Sales Paget Bennett. "We have good sire power, quality pedigrees, and a dirt surface for horses to breeze over. The late June sale date is very advantageous for buyers as they can send their purchases straight to the racetrack from the sale."

A wide-variety of sires will be represented in the catalogue. State-bred programs will be on display including juveniles from Florida, Indiana, Kentucky, Maryland, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania and West Virginia.

The catalogue may now be **viewed online** and will also be available in the EquineLine sales catalogue app. Print catalogues will be available beginning June 14.

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FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION APPROVES HISA RULE CHANGES

The Federal Trade Commission (FTC) has approved the proposed rule changes to the Horseracing Integrity and Safety Authority (HISA)'s Racetrack Safety Program and the changes will take effect starting July 8, the organization announced Friday via presser. **Cont.**

The 30-day window before the official start day allows for an educational campaign so as to prepare the industry for the changes, an effort which will include handbooks, webinars, posters, HISA portal messaging and social media outreach. The revisions come after extensive dialogue and feedback from industry participants, including from the Horsemen’s Advisory Group.

Some highlights include an updated void claim rule; a second waiver claiming option; changes to certain intra-articular injection standdown times; updates to prohibited practices and qualifications for placement on, or removal from, the vet list; and enhanced safety protocols required at race meets.

The newly approved rules are available [in full here](#).

In addition to the racetrack safety rule, the FTC also approved changes to HISA’s registration rules, which will go into effect July 1. Those can be [found here](#).

"The approval of these rule changes marks a significant step forward in our ongoing efforts to enhance the safety and integrity of Thoroughbred horse racing," said HISA CEO Lisa Lazarus. "We are committed to working closely with all industry participants during this transition period and beyond to ensure these new standards are fully understood and effectively implemented."

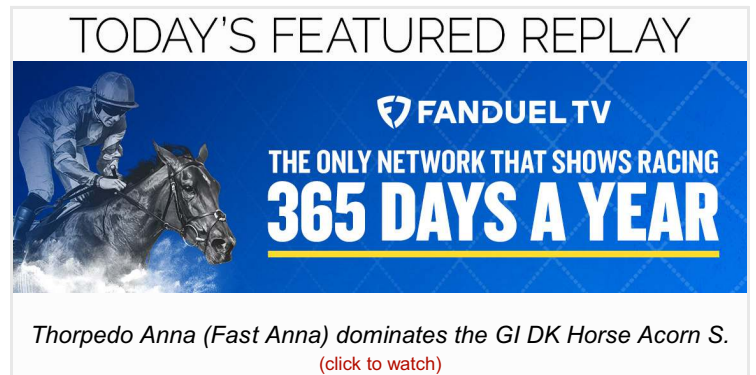
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Saturday, Saratoga #12, post time: 6:41 p.m. EDT

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	McPeck	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



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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'Etream, 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



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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	Atrides	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



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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 1/2fT****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	Goldcents	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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Rank	Stallion	BTW	BTH	GSW	GSH	G1SW	G1SH	Starters	Wnrs	Highest Earner	Earnings
1	Gun Runner (2013) by Candy Ride (Arg)	8	17	6	10	3	3	172	64	\$1,821,250	\$9,203,923
				FYR: 2019/Crops: 4/Stands: Three Chimneys Farm KY						Fee: Private	Sierra Leone
2	Practical Joke (2014) by Into Mischief	6	17	4	8	--	--	221	79	\$840,750	\$5,750,531
				FYR: 2019/Crops: 4/Stands: Coolmore Ashford KY						Fee: 45,000	Skelly
3	Connect (2013) by Curlin	2	5	1	4	--	1	140	45	\$190,500	\$2,200,380
				FYR: 2019/Crops: 4/Stands: Lane's End Farm KY						Fee: 15,000	Apple Picker
4	Big Blue Kitten (2008) by Kitten's Joy	1	2	1	2	--	--	21	6	\$195,960	\$380,345
				FYR: 2018/Crops: 4/Stands: Calumet Farm KY						Fee: Private	Cellist
5	Ribchester (Ire) (2013) by Iffraaj (GB)	1	3	1	1	1	1	137	33	\$2,900,000	\$3,666,099
				FYR: 2019/Crops: 4/Stands: Haunui Farm NZ						Fee: Private	Facteur Cheval (Ire)
6	Cupid (2013) by Tapit	1	2	1	1	--	--	78	25	\$102,000	\$875,034
		F		YR: 2019/Crops: 4/Stands: Atlanta Hall Farm MD						Fee: 8,000	Desert Dawn
7	Slumber (GB) (2008) by Cacique (Ire)	1	2	1	1	--	--	5	1	\$111,000	\$139,858
				FYR: 2018/Crops: 4/tands: Rockridge Stud NY						Fee: 7,500	Fluffy Socks
8	Unified (2013) by Candy Ride (Arg)	--	2	--	--	--	--	108	48	\$102,167	\$1,681,733
				FYR: 2019/Crops: 4/Stands: Lacer at Aztec Equine LA						Fee: 3,500	Ecoro Ares
9	Keen Ice (2012) by Curlin	--	--	--	--	--	--	102	39	\$71,360	\$1,448,421
				FYR: 2019/Crops: 4/Stands: Calumet Farm KY						Fee: 7,500	Icy Reply
10	Gormley (2014) by Malibu Moon	1	2	--	--	--	--	98	28	\$126,240	\$1,265,787
				FYR: 2019/Crops: 4/Stands: Red River Farms LA						Fee: Private	Bron and Brow
11	Stanford (2012) by Malibu Moon	--	--	--	--	--	--	68	33	\$128,060	\$934,201
				FYR: 2019/Crops: 4/Stands: Harris Farms CA						Fee: 5,000	Man O Rose
12	Bal a Bali (BRZ) (2010) by Put It Back	--	1	--	--	--	--	66	18	\$109,960	\$710,971
				FYR: 2019/Crops: 4/Stands: Calumet Farm KY						Fee: 5,000	Thrill of It
13	Red Vine (2010) by Candy Ride (Arg)	--	--	--	--	--	--	10	5	\$38,555	\$153,755
				FYR: 2018/Crops: 4/Stands: Cabin Creek Farm PA						Fee: Private	Dust Bunny
14	Airoforce (2013) by Colonel John	--	--	--	--	--	--	7	1	\$19,480	\$42,108
				FYR: 2019/Crops: 4/Stands: Caines Stallion Station OK						Fee: 2,500	Airosilver Away

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SATURDAY'S RACING INSIGHTS:

by J.N. Campbell



American Pharoah | Sarah Andrew

DAUGHTER OF AMERICAN PHAROAH EYES FIRST START AT CHURCHILL

7th-CD, \$120K, Msw, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 3:51 p.m. ET.

Coteau Grove homebred and first-time starter **EYE OF THE PHAROAH** (**American Pharoah**) is out of unraced dam You Caught My Eye (Can the Man), who the farm purchased for \$230,000 at the 2020 Keeneland November Sale with the filly in utero. Trained by Brad Cox, the 3-year-old's second dam, MSW Halo River (Irish River), is responsible for Canadian Horse of the Year Catch A Glimpse (City Zip) and north of the border multiple-leading sire Old Forester (Forestry).

Also set for her unveiling is **Life's for Living** (**Uncle Mo**). The 3-year-old filly is trained by William Morey. Her dam MGISW Life Is Sweet (Storm Cat) is a full-sister to champion 2-year-old filly Sweet Catomine and MSW Calimonco. **TJCS PPS**

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5th-Churchill Downs, \$135,230, Alw (C), Opt. Clm (\$175,000), 6-7, 3yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2fT, 1:02.42, fm, neck.

TONY ANN (m, 6, Cairo Prince--Never Ever, by In Excess {Ire}) defeated none other than Caravel (Mizzen Mast) in last year's Gil Franklin S. at Keeneland and was eighth, but beaten under four lengths, in the GI Breeders' Cup Turf Sprint the following



Tony Ann | Coady Media

month. She was entered for this year's Fasig-Tipton February Sale, but connections turned down \$725,000 for her and she was sixth to Ova Charged (Star Guitar) in a yielding-turf renewal of the GIII Unbridled Sidney S. May 3. The 6-5 chalk was beaten to the punch by her chief market rival, the listed-winning Beauty of the Sea (**Bucchero**), but she hounded that rival through strong fractions of :22.02 and :44.72. Tony Ann appeared out on her feet with a furlong to go, as Beauty of the Sea proved tough as nails on the front end, but the favorite picked herself off the canvas and willed herself to the wire. The winner's dam is a half-sister to GI Ancient Title S. winner and GI Breeders' Cup Sprint third Cost of Freedom (Cee's Tizzy). Sales history: \$725,000 RNA HRA '24 FTKFEB. Lifetime Record: GSW, 13-6-1-3, \$610,393. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) and VIDEO, sponsored by [FanDuel TV](#).**

O-A Venneri Racing Inc & Anthony Fanticola; B-Alex Venneri Racing LLC (KY); T-Philip D'Amato.

8th-Churchill Downs, \$128,215, Alw (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$100,000), 6-7, 3yo, 1mT, 1:35.46, fm, 1 3/4 lengths.
BRILLIANT BERTI (c, 3, Noble Mission {GB}--Believe in Bertie {MSW & MGSP, \$413,482}, by Langfuhr) debuted a well-beaten



Brilliant Berti | *Coady Media*

fifth at Fair Grounds in mid-February, but returned with a driving performance to graduate over the Twin Spires turf course May 2. Heavily backed at the windows as the even-money choice here, the bay settled mid-pack into the first turn and continued to wait his turn up the backstretch. Running into some honest fractions, the homebred split horses around the far turn and swung to the four path for the stretch drive. The 3-year-old targeted Funnyflame (**Flameaway**), cleared at the sixteenth pole and won by 1 3/4 lengths. The winner's dam is responsible for unraced 2-year-old filly Hey Bertie (**Kantharos**) and she was bred to **Nashville** for this spring. Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, \$143,670. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

O/B-Klein Racing (KY); T-Cherie DeVaux.

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2nd-Saratoga, \$115,000, Alw (NW2\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$62,500), 6-7, 3yo/up, 1 1/4m, 2:00.99, ft, 12 3/4 lengths.

ARTHUR'S RIDE (c, 4, Tapit--Points of Grace {Ch. Grass Mare-Can, GSW, \$502,353}, by Point Given) ran well twice to place over this surface as a juvenile before breaking his maiden in his 3-year-old debut at Gulfstream early last year. Off a year-long layoff, he put in a dominant win at a mile in South Florida but was no factor over a sloppy surface at Churchill Downs last out May 3. The 2-1 favorite broke right to the lead from his rail draw and set the tempo throughout in an impressive gate-to-wire win by 12 3/4 lengths. Perform (**Good Magic**) came home



Arthur's Ride | *Sarah Andrew*

the best of the rest at odds of 18-1 in a strung-out finish. Out of Canadian champion Points of Grace, Arthur's Ride is a half to both Victory to Victory (Exchange Rate), Ch. 2-year-old Filly-Can, GISW, \$210,804; and Alittleloveandluck (Arrogate), SW, \$182,155. Points of Grace was bred to **Justify** for this year but has not produced a foal since 2021. Sales History: \$250,000 Ylg '21 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 6-3-2-0, \$214,955. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.** O-Glassman Racing; B-Helen Barbazon, Joseph Barbazon & Tapit Syndicate (FL); T-William I. Mott.

7th-Saratoga, \$110,000, Alw, 6-7, (NW1\$X), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:09.08, ft, 2 lengths.

MUNNYS GOLD (f, 4, Munnings--Haraawa, by Medaglia d'Oro), making her 4-year-old debut and her first start since finishing third in last year's GI Test S. at this venue last August, flaunted her considerable speed en route to a facile, pillar-to-post victory as the prohibitive 3-4 favorite. Immediately in front for Irad Ortiz, Jr., whose status for Friday's card was up in the air owing to a Thursday ankle injury, the Florida-bred took her rivals along through quick splits, covering the opening half-mile in a snappy :44.32 while maintaining a safe advantage. Asked to kick in upper stretch, she opened a bit more daylight into the final furlong and was punched out to score by two lengths over the immaculately bred Roswell (Into Mischief x Acoma). It was the third win on the day for Ortiz, Jr. Winner of her first three career starts by a combined 38 lengths, Munnys Gold tasted defeat for the first time when beaten a head into second by Red Carpet Ready (**Oscar Performance**) in last year's GII Eight Belles S. She was a pacesetter, but distance-challenged fourth as the somewhat surprising favorite in the GI Acorn S. downstate ahead of her effort in the Test, where she was beaten 1 3/4 lengths. Hailing from the deeper female family of champion



Munnys Gold | Sarah Andrew

Anees (Unbridled), Munnys Gold has a 2-year-old half-sister named **Frosted Gold (Frosted)** and a yearling half-brother He's a Nickelback (**Game Winner**). The current foal from the dam, a colt by **Munnings**, has already been named My Habibi. Munnys Gold's victory comes nearly 15 years to the day of her sire's score in the Woody Stephens S., then a Grade II. Sales history: \$92,000 Wlg '20 FTKNOV; \$300,000 Ylg '21 FTKJUL. Lifetime Record: SW & GISP, 7-4-1-1, \$375,400. **Click for the Equibase.com chart and VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.** O-Robert E & Lawana L Low; B-Nicksar Farms (FL); T-Todd A Pletcher.

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8th-Saratoga, \$110,000, Alw, 6-7, (NW1\$X), 3yo/up, 6 1/2f, 1:14.96, ft, 8 lengths.

JEFFERSON STREET (c, 3, Street Sense--Apiary, by Bernardini) began 2024 with a third-place finish behind Be You (**Curlin**) at Gulfstream Park in early March. The homebred then splashed home impressively with a nine-length score at Keeneland Apr. 11. Stepping up against optional claimers on the Derby undercard, the dark bay was a well-beaten third before being installed as the 5-2 second choice here. The colt tracked favorite El Capi (**Maclean's Music**) from the third position as the leader posted a brisk :21.77 for the first quarter mile. Rolling off the turn as the pace began to wilt, Jefferson Street took control at the eighth pole and won for fun by eight lengths over Kunshan Bridge (Prontonico). The winner's second dam, MGSW Fast Cookie (Deputy Minister), produced MGISW and sire **Frosted (Tapit)** and Apiary's full-sister, GSW Indulgent. Fast Cookie is also responsible for the dam of MGSW/GISP Caramel Swirl (**Union Rags**). This is an extended female family which includes

champion 2-year-old colt **Midshipman** (Unbridled's Song) and MGISP Solomini (**Curlin**). As for Apiary, she has a **Nyquist** colt named Cooper, who is now a 2-year-old, and last year foaled a colt by **Maclean's Music**. She was not bred in 2023. Lifetime Record: 5-2-0-3, \$154,800. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

O/B-Godolphin (KY); T-William I. Mott.

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Jefferson Street | Sarah Andrew

6th-Saratoga, \$110,000, Alw (NW1\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$80,000), 6-7, 3yo, 1mT, 1:34.25, fm, 1 length.

ARMY OFFICER (c, 3, Not This Time--Worth a Chance Mo, by Uncle Mo), a maiden winner at fourth asking over the Turfway synthetic Mar. 30 and runner-up in a grassy optional claimer at



Army Officer | Sarah Andrew

Churchill May 11, was favored at 5-2 to go one better here. Drawn on the outside in post nine, he went three wide beneath Frankie Dettori on the first turn. A well-placed third through a half mile in :46.81, he set his sights on the top two at the top of the stretch and kicked home to score by a length over Spirit Prince (**Cairo Prince**). The winner's dam is also responsible for the 2-year-old colt To the Chief (**Global Campaign**), a yearling filly by **Not This Time** and an **Epicenter** filly of this year. Sales history: \$200,000 Wlg '21 KEENOV; \$475,000 Ylg '22 FTSAUG. Lifetime Record: 6-2-2-1, \$148,347. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

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4th-Laurel, \$52,430, Alw (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$50,000-\$62,500), 6-7, 3yo, f, 5 1/2f, 1:05.43, ft, 3/4 length.

OVERLY DRAMATIC (f, 3, Into Mischief--Tenacious Jewel, by Medaglia d'Oro) graduated in a \$45,000 maiden claimer (not in for the tag) at Laurel Mar. 15, then finished a close third after trouble at the start in an optional claimer at Pimlico May 16. Given a 3-1 chance while facing four rivals here, she tracked the early leaders from third, hit the front nearing the top of the stretch and dug down to score by 3/4 of a length over Buckin' Great (Great Notion). The winner's dam had a filly by **Street Sense** in 2022, a filly by **McKinzie** in 2023 and a colt by **Olympiad** this year. Sales history: \$285,000 RNA Wlg '21 FTKNOV; \$300,000 Ylg '22 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 5-2-1-0, \$74,770.

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2nd-Churchill Downs, \$120,945, Msw, 6-7, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/8mT, 1:49.17, fm, 4 lengths.

SANCTIFY (f, 3, Audible--Liquorice Marilyn, by Candy Ride {Arg}), third over the main track here May 18, was given a 10-1 chance in this first try over the spinach. She sat a stalking trip in

second, hit the front at the top of the stretch and kicked clear to graduate by four lengths over Marina Gamba (**Hard Spun**). The winner's dam produced a colt by **Liam's Map** in 2022, a filly by **Not This Time** in 2023 and a colt by **Charlatan** this year. Sales history: \$7,500 2yo '23 KEEJAN. Lifetime Record: 7-1-2-2, \$115,908. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

O-Valerie L. Peterson; B-Chiyoda Farm (KY); T-Hutch Holsapple.

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4th-Churchill Downs, \$114,375, Msw, 6-7, 2yo, f, 5 1/2f, 1:04.37, ft, 1 1/4 lengths.

SLANG (f, 2, Omaha Beach--Sunbury, by Speightstown) flashed early speed and tired to fourth at a well-backed 3-1 in her debut over a sloppy going here May 17. Overlooked at 10-1 this time, Slang forced the issue from second, gained a narrow advantage at the top of the stretch and dug down gamely to turn back favored Murphy Girl (**War of Will**) by 1 1/4 lengths. Sunbury has produced offspring by Authentic the past two seasons, a colt in 2023 and a filly in 2024. Sales history: \$77,000 Wlg '22 KEENOV; \$190,000 Ylg '23 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$75,000.

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1st-Saratoga, \$100,000, Msw, 6-7, 3/up, 7f, 1:22.56, ft, 1 3/4 lengths.

ILLUMINARE (c, 3, City of Light--I Still Miss You {MSW, \$276,737}, by Majestic Warrior) jumped as the 9-2 third choice and flashed early speed up front before yielding the lead to 27-1 shot Call Bob (Central Banker). Poised right off that rival's flank up the backstretch, the \$500,000 Keeneland September grad made his move off the turn, striking the front at the furlong marker and holding a steady advantage to the line to finish 1 3/4 lengths ahead of a closing Itza Mirrakle (Arrogate), who put in a good late run at odds of 24-1. Trulli Warrior (**Curlin**) came home sixth. Illuminare is the second foal and winner out of Astoria S. winner I Still Miss You. She has a 2-year-old **Candy Ride (Arg)** filly named Princess Fiona, lost her 2023 **Justify** foal and was bred to **Street Sense** for this year. Sales History: \$500,000 Ylg '22 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$55,000. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

O-Centennial Farms; B-Emcee Stable LLC (KY); T-Todd Pletcher.

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3rd-Gulfstream, \$54,700, Msw, 6-7, 3yo, f, 1m 70y (AWT), 1:41.11, ft, neck.

SOUTHERN PALACE (f, 3, Palace Malice--Southern Girl {SW, \$120,905}, by Tapit) kicked off jockey Drayden Van Dyke's month-long stay in the Sunshine State with a narrow first-out victory. The 33-10 third choice was beaten for speed and settled back second last while racing off the inside. Ridden along three furlongs out, the homebred circled up about five wide into the stretch, confronted the twice-raced favorite Victory Girl (**American Pharoah**) inside the final sixteenth of a mile and inched clear. Southern Girl, a \$775,000 Keeneland September yearling acquisition for Fox Hill Farm in 2014, won the Shine Again S. at three in 2016 and was hammered down to Bridlewood Farm for \$820,000 at that year's Fasig-Tipton November Sale. Southern Girl is a daughter of the late Ponche de Leon (Ponche), the dam of Grade II winner Marconi (**Tapit**), but more prominently of 2013 GI Breeders' Cup Classic and \$5.6-million winner Mucho Macho Man (Macho Uno). Southern Girl is the dam of a 2-year-old colt by **Maclean's Music**, a yearling filly by the same sire and foaled a colt by **Epicenter** this year. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$37,500. **Click for the Equibase.com chart and VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.** O/B-Bridlewood Farm (FL); T-Saffie A Joseph Jr.

Bridlewood Farm Training Graduate

1st-Gulfstream, \$40,000, Msw, 6-7, 2yo, 5fT, :55.39, fm, 1 length.

BOUNDFORTROUBLE (c, 2, World of Trouble--The Niagara Queen {GSW, \$581,172}, by Langfuhr) showed good debut speed from an outside draw and made the majority of the running in his five-furlong debut over the local synth May 11 before settling for second. Crunched into 3-5 favoritism for this logical switch to the grass, the half-brother to Mayas Queen Neetee (Speightstown), SW, \$305,523, hit the ground running from the inside stall, set crisp fractions and held sway for a one-length victory over Madroc (**Constitution**). Boundfortrouble is the last listed produce for his dam, winner during her racing days of the grassy GII Dance Smartly S. Sales history: \$22,000 Ylg '23 FTKOCT. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$32,400. **Click for the Equibase.com chart and VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.** O-Chester A Bishop, Anthony Hinkson, Alvin Rampaul, PK Ventures, Grand Cay Breeders & Racing Company & Ricardo Rampaul; B-Hedberg Hall Inc (KY); T-Jose Francisco D'Angelo.



FIRST-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: SATURDAY, JUNE 8 2024 Stud Fees Listed

Complexity (Maclean's Music), Airdrie Stud, \$12,500
121 foals of racing age/3 winners/0 black-type winners
6-Woodbine, 3:47 p.m. EDT, Msw 5f, Ambitious Lass, 10-1
\$29,000 RNA KEE SEP yrl; \$8,000 WAN FEB yrl

Global Campaign (Curlin), WinStar Farm, \$12,500
123 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
2-Gulfstream, 1:27 p.m. EDT, Msw 4 1/2f, Global Legend, 3-1
\$80,000 OBS WIN wnl; \$50,000 RNA OBS MAR 2yo

SECOND-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: SATURDAY, JUNE 8 2024 Stud Fees Listed

Audible (Into Mischief), WinStar Farm, \$15,000
261 foals of racing age/48 winners/5 black-type winners
11-Gulfstream, 6:01 p.m. EDT, \$95K Martha Washington S.,
1 1/16mT, Carrington, 8-1
\$120,000 RNA KEE SEP yrl; \$85,000 FTK OCT yrl
11-Gulfstream, 6:01 p.m. EDT, \$95K Martha Washington S.,
1 1/16mT, De Regreso, 9-5
\$80,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$105,000 RNA OBS MAR 2yo
7-Prairie Meadows, 10:12 p.m. EDT, \$50K Prairie Mile S., 1m,
Zatara, 15-1

Demarchelier (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}), Claiborne Farm, \$7,500
99 foals of racing age/24 winners/0 black-type winners
4-Gulfstream, 2:28 p.m. EDT, \$95K Not Surprising S., 1 1/16mT,
El Chato, 12-1 \$15,000 OBS APR 2yo

Divisidero (Kitten's Joy), Airdrie Stud, \$5,000
42 foals of racing age/6 winners/2 black-type winners
1-Santa Anita, 4:00 p.m. EDT, Msw 6 1/2fT, Divisible By, 12-1
4-Gulfstream, 2:28 p.m. EDT, \$95K Not Surprising S., 1 1/16mT,
Oishi, 6-1
\$15,000 KEE JAN wnl; \$19,000 RNA OBS OPN 2yo

Enticed (Medaglia d'Oro), Darley, \$5,000
157 foals of racing age/34 winners/2 black-type winners
6-Prairie Meadows, 9:45 p.m. EDT, \$50K Panthers S., 1m,
Shimmering Allure, 9-5



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\$40,000 FTK JUL yrl

Flameaway (Scat Daddy), Darby Dan Farm, \$15,000
 200 foals of racing age/41 winners/4 black-type winners
 11-Churchill Downs, 5:58 p.m. EDT, Msw 6f, Go Purple, 15-1
 \$47,000 KEE NOV wnl; \$65,000 KEE SEP yrl
 7-Prairie Meadows, 10:12 p.m. EDT, \$50K Prairie Mile S., 1m,
 Northern Flame, 6-5
 \$425,000 FTS AUG yrl

G. G. Ryder (Chhaya Dance), Victory Rose Thoroughbreds
 13 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners
 5-Golden Gate Fields, 8:00 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2f, Parthena, 6-1

Maximus Mischief (Into Mischief), Spendthrift Farm, \$25,000
 232 foals of racing age/54 winners/4 black-type winners
 8-Saratoga, 3:22 p.m. EDT, \$500K GI Woody Stephens S.
 Presented by Mohegan Sun, 7f, Maximus Meridius, 15-1

Preservationist (Arch), Airdrie Stud, \$5,000
 103 foals of racing age/29 winners/2 black-type winners
 12-Saratoga, 6:41 p.m. EDT, \$2000K GI Belmont S. Presented by
 NYRA Bets, 1 1/4m, Antiquarian, 12-1
 \$250,000 KEE SEP yrl
 4-Gulfstream, 2:28 p.m. EDT, \$95K Not Surprising S., 1 1/16mT,
 In a Jam, 2-1
 \$50,000 FTK JUL yrl; \$75,000 FTD AUG 2yo

Rumpus Cat (**Street Sense**), Daehling Ranch
 20 foals of racing age/2 winners/0 black-type winners
 3-Golden Gate Fields, 7:00 p.m. EDT, Msw 5f, Play Misty Cat, 9-2
 \$6,500 RNA NCA AU yrl

Vino Rosso (**Curlin**), Spendthrift Farm, \$20,000
 309 foals of racing age/56 winners/2 black-type winners
 4-Gulfstream, 2:28 p.m. EDT, \$95K Not Surprising S., 1 1/16mT,
 Dancing Groom, 5-1
 \$37,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$60,000 OBS MAR 2yo



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12-Saratoga, 6:41 p.m. EDT, \$2000K GI Belmont S. Presented by
 NYRA Bets, 1 1/4m, The Wine Steward, 15-1
 \$70,000 SAR AUG yrl; \$340,000 OBS MAR 2yo

World of Trouble (**Kantharos**), Hill 'n' Dale at Xalapa, \$5,000
 129 foals of racing age/29 winners/1 black-type winner
 6-Prairie Meadows, 9:45 p.m. EDT, \$50K Panthers S., 1m,
 Barbsdreamcometrue, 6-1
 \$8,000 RNA KEE JAN wnl; \$2,500 RNA KEE SEP yrl; \$10,000 OBS
 OPN 2yo

Yoshida (Jpn) (Heart's Cry {Jpn}), Darley Japan, \$1,500,000
 164 foals of racing age/29 winners/1 black-type winner
 5-Churchill Downs, 2:46 p.m. EDT, Msw 1 1/8mT, Sandborn,
 12-1 \$50,000 KEE NOV wnl



STAKES RESULTS:

- BEST OF OHIO NORM BARRON QUEEN CITY OAKS, (NB)**
 \$100,000, Belterra, 6-7, (S), 3yo, f, 1 1/16m, 1:48.12, ft.
 1--**HERE'S THE SPIDER, 122, f, 3, by Tapiture--Richmond Spider,**
by Union Rags. O-Jack Cannon; B-Susan K. King (OH); T-Edward
 Fernandez; J-John McKee. \$60,000. Lifetime Record: SW,
 6-4-0-0, \$154,150.
- 2--**Work'n On a Buzz, 122, f, 3, Outwork--Buzz Home, by**
 Bellamy Road. O/B-Hillburn Racing Stables, LLC (OH); T-Robert
 M. Gorham. \$20,000.
- 3--**Minestress, 122, f, 3, Mineshaft--Math Class, by Eddington.**
 O/B-Ramona Holt Thomson (OH); T-Michelle C. Brafford.
 \$10,000.

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Margins: 1 1/4, 2 1/4, 3 3/4. Odds: 1.80, 27.80, 2.00.

- BEST OF OHIO BABST/PALACIOS MEMORIAL S., \$100,000,**
 Belterra, 6-7, (S), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:11.52, ft.
- 1--**HIP HIP HOORAY, 124, g, 5, Congrats--Nocturne, by Giant's**
Causeway. 1ST BLACK TYPE WIN. O-Mast Thoroughbreds LLC;
 B-Eric Heyman (OH); T-Robert M. Gorham; J-Fernando Salazar
 Becerra. \$60,000. Lifetime Record: 22-6-5-7, \$253,880.
- 2--**Startfromdabottom, 124, g, 6, Kantharos--Female Drama,**
 by Indian Charlie. (\$70,000 Ylg '19 FTKJUL; \$60,000 RNA 2yo
 '20 EASMAY). O-Hayden Noriega; B-Susan L Anderson Racing
 LLC (OH); T-John Ennis. \$20,000.

3--**Empire's Fire**, 124, g, 5, Empire Way--Victoria's On Fire, by Langfuhr. O-Douglas J. Diemer; B-Loner Farms, LLC (OH); T-Jeffrey A. Radosevich. \$10,000.
 Margins: 1, 2, 3/4. Odds: 20.90, 2.00, 0.70.

BEST OF OHIO GREEN CARPET S., (NB) \$100,000, Belterra, 6-7, (S), 3yo, 1 1/16mT, 1:43.02, fm.

1--**SPELLCAST**, 122, g, 3, by **Tourist--Orientate to Luv (MSP, \$179,515)**, by **Orientate**. O/B-Blazing Meadows Farm, LLC & WinStar Farm, LLC (OH); T-Timothy E. Hamm; J-Rocco Bowen. \$60,000. Lifetime Record: SW, 6-3-2-0, \$158,970.



2--**This Time**, 122, c, 3, **Not This Time**--La Quebrada, by More Than Ready. O/B-Jane N. Fraser & James A. Fraser (OH); T-Michael J. Maker. \$20,000.



3--**Shadowy**, 122, c, 3, National Flag--Feeling Ethereal, by **Union Rags**. O-Blazing Meadows Farm LLC; B-Blazing Meadows Farm LLC & Brian Kahn (OH); T-Timothy E. Hamm. \$10,000.
 Margins: 3/4, 3HF, 2 3/4. Odds: 0.70, 6.60, 0.70.

BEST OF OHIO SYDNEY GENDELMAN S., (NB) \$100,000, Belterra, 6-7, (S), 3yo/up, 1 1/16mT, 1:42.42, fm.

1--**HENRY MAC**, 124, g, 6, **Midshipman--Boom Boom Bertie**, by **Thunder Gulch**. O-Samuel Klein, Jr., LLC and Enjoy The Ride Stable, LLC; B-Dustin J. Thomson & James Slaughter (OH); T-Jeffrey A. Radosevich; J-Jose A. Bracho. \$60,000. Lifetime Record: MSP, 31-14-6-4, \$410,163.

2--**Brilliant Journey**, 124, g, 6, **Tourist--Radiant Sky**, by Leroidesanimaux (Brz). O-Enjoy The Ride Stable. LLC and Kenneth W. Dalton; B-Blazing Meadows Farm, LLC & WinStar Farm, LLC (OH); T-Larry E. Smith. \$20,000.



3--**Laugh a Lot**, 124, g, 5, **Tourist--My Dear Opal**, by **Candy Ride (Arg)**. O/B-Maccabee Farm (OH); T-Thomas Drury, Jr. \$10,000.
 Margins: 2 3/4, 3 1/4, 1HF. Odds: 9.00, 14.50, 0.40.

BEST OF OHIO DIANA S., \$100,000, Belterra, 6-7, (S), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:10.09, ft.

1--**BUCKEYE PRINCESS**, 124, f, 4, **Mr Speaker--Westminister Road**, by **Quality Road**. (\$9,500 RNA Ylg '21 OTBOMX). **1ST BLACK TYPE WIN**. O/B-Maccabee Farm (OH); T-Thomas Drury, Jr.; J-John McKee. \$60,000. Lifetime Record: 6-5-0-1, \$135,120.

2--**Sweet Shild O Mine**, 124, f, 4, **Mineshaft--To Be Determined**, by Elusive Quality. O/B-Joseph M. Engelhart (OH); T-Joe Sharp. \$20,000.

3--**Sweet Unique**, 124, f, 4, Free Drop Billy--Great Goin Rose,

by Albert the Great. **1ST BLACK TYPE**. O/B-Nancy Lavrich (OH); T-Richard Zielinski. \$10,000.
 Margins: 3 1/4, 5HF, 4 1/4. Odds: 1.30, 1.70, 17.40.

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

6th-Churchill Downs, \$135,117, (NW2\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$80,000), 6-6, 3yo/up, 1 1/8m, 1:50.09, ft, neck.

SPEED BIAS (g, 5, Uncle Mo--Hot Summer {MGSW, \$298,959}, by Malibu Moon) Lifetime Record: MGSP, 19-3-6-4, \$489,023. O- Keith F. Johnston & William S Sparks; B-Alpha Delta Stables LLC (KY); T-Ron Moquett. *\$220,000 Ylg '20 KEESEP. **1/2 to Mount Travers (Speightstown), MSP, \$309,808.



7th-Churchill Downs, \$132,603, (NW3\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$100,000), 6-6, 3yo/up, 1 1/16mT, 1:42.36, gd, 3/4 length.

JOHNY'S FIREBALL (g, 6, Tonalist--Sweet Emma Rose {SW-USA, GSP-Eng, \$137,997}, by City Zip) Lifetime Record: GSP, 23-6-2-4, \$404,466. O-AJ Suited Racing Stable, LLC, D C Racing & Brilliant Racing LLC; B-R S Evans (KY); T-Norm W Casse. *\$140,000 Ylg '19 KEESEP.



6th-Churchill Downs, \$120,135, 6-7, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 7f, 1:22.78, ft, neck.

UNDERHILL'S TAB (g, 5, Unified--Mykindasaint {MSW, \$171,228}, by Saint Ballado) Lifetime Record: SP, 15-3-3-2, \$250,081. O-Snake River Stable LLC & Medina, Robert; B-Jay Goodwin & Brian Foret (KY); T-Robert Medina. *\$10,000 Wlg '19 KEENOV; \$19,000 Ylg '20 FTKOCT; \$400,000 2yo '21 OBSMAR; \$90,000 4yo '23 FTDOCT. **1/2 to Malibu Saint (Malibu Moon), SW, \$103,261.



5th-Saratoga, \$115,000, (NW2\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$62,500), 6-7, 3yo/up, 5 1/2ft, 1:00.66, fm, head.

BOAT'S A ROCKIN (g, 7, Red Rocks {Ire}--Charming Legacy {Ire} {MGSP, \$266,711}, by Danehill) Lifetime Record: GSP, 30-12-6-5, \$389,352. O-Jeffrey A. Matty, Jr.; B-Calumet Farm (KY); T-Brandon L. Kulp. *\$2,500 Ylg '18 EASOCT. **Full to Light of Darkness, Ch. Grass Mare-Tur, Ch. 3-year-old Filly-Tur, GSW-Tur, \$335,056.

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6th-Woodbine, C\$101,668, (NW2X)/Opt. Clm (\$34,686-\$36,512), 6-6, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16mT, 1:42.52, gd, 1 1/2 lengths.
TITO'S CALLING (f, 4, Society's Chairman--Unstablenthemornin {SP}, by First Dude) Lifetime Record: SW, 17-4-3-3, \$352,284. O-Zilli Racing Stables; B-Robert Marzilli (ON); T-Michael P De Paulo. *C\$27,000 Ylg '21 CANSEP.

8th-Gulfstream, \$60,790, (NW1\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$25,000), 6-7, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:12.38, gd, 4 1/2 lengths.
SOPHIA'S STORM (m, 5, Handsome Mike--Sophia's Pride, by Pleasant Tap) Lifetime Record: 27-7-4-3, \$186,980. O/B-Just For Fun Stable, Inc. (FL); T-Ruben Sierra. *1/2 to Warrior's Pride (Poseidon's Warrior), MSW, \$301,592.

7th-Laurel, \$59,960, (NW2X)/Opt. Clm (\$32,000-\$40,000), 6-7, 3yo/up, 5 1/2fT, 1:01.34, fm, 2 1/2 lengths.
WHENIGETTOHEAVEN (g, 5, Street Magician--Heaven Knows What {MSW, \$193,170}, by Holy Bull) Lifetime Record: SP, 20-4-4-5, \$235,665. O-Kenneth L. Ramsey; B-R. Larry Johnson (MD); T-Nolan Ramsey.

7th-Woodbine, C\$52,600, (NW2L)/Opt. Clm (\$29,209), 6-6, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m (AWT), 1:45.54, ft, 1/2 length.
WAR PAINTER (f, 3, Danish Dynaformer--Morning Tale, by Tale of Ekati) Lifetime Record: SW, 7-2-3-1, \$141,129. O-Canuck Racing Club; B-Charles Fipke (ON); T-Kevin Attard.

3rd-Woodbine, C\$50,838, (NW3L)/Opt. Clm (\$29,209), 6-6, 3yo/up, f/m, 6fT, 1:10.61, gd, 3/4 length.
LIVIN ON LUV (m, 6, Silent Name {Jpn}--D C Love Bug, by Niigon) Lifetime Record: 29-3-7-5, \$225,875. O-GraceLynn Farm; B-1326029 Ontario Inc. o/a Gracelynn Farm (ON); T-Paul M Buttigieg.

6th-Delaware, \$42,252, (C)/Opt. Clm (\$50,000), 6-7, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:11.30, ft, 10 lengths.
PETINGAS TWIN (c, 3, Take Charge Indy--Summer Punch, by Candy Ride {Arg}) Lifetime Record: 8-2-5-0, \$102,460. O-James C. Wolf; B-Mesingw Farm, LLC (KY); T-Anthony Farrior. *\$52,000 Ylg '22 KEESEP.

3rd-Ruidoso Downs, \$39,200, (S), 6-7, (NW3L), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:13.60, ft, 1 1/4 lengths.
WHISPER'S MARK (f, 4, Marking--Whisper's Sister {SW}, by Ghostly Moves) Lifetime Record: SP, 9-3-1-3, \$96,411. O-Ritchie W. Yarbar, Brent Nichols and Billy Joe Coombs; B-Joe Milam (NM); T-Simon J. Buechler.

3rd-Evangeline Downs, \$36,000, (S), (NW2X)/Opt. Clm (\$15,000), 6-6, 3yo/up, f/m, 1m (off turf), 1:40.83, ft, 3/4 length.
GIRL THIRSTY (m, 9, Stay Thirsty--Perthshire, by Subordination) Lifetime Record: 61-10-9-9, \$246,950. O-Claudio Solis; B-Robert Stockett (LA); T-Ronnie P Ward.

5th-Evangeline Downs, \$33,710, 6-6, (NW1TX), 3yo/up, f/m, 5f (off turf), :57.93, ft, 1/2 length.
SIX STRING (f, 3, Star Guitar--Oh Whata Holiday {MSP, \$157,291}, by Harlan's Holiday) Lifetime Record: 6-4-0-0, \$103,710. O/B-World War IV Racing & Rebel Tide Racing LLC (LA); T-Allen Landry.

7th-Evangeline Downs, \$31,120, 6-6, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 1m (off turf), 1:39.40, ft, 1/2 length.
SPECIAL STORMY (c, 3, Get Stormy--Head for Home, by Whiskey Wisdom) Lifetime Record: 6-2-1-0, \$50,062. O-P T Thoroughbreds LLC; B-Columbiana Farm LLC (KY); T-Benard Chatters. *\$15,000 Ylg '22 FTKOCT; \$25,000 2yo '23 OBSOPN. **1/2 to Race Home (Race Day), SW, \$220,740.

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4th-Charles Town, \$28,400, 6-6, (NW2LX), 3yo/up, 1 1/16m, 1:46.52, ft, 1/2 length.
PAYMENGOLD (g, 4, Golden Lad--Loves to Glance, by Not For Love) Lifetime Record: SW, 19-5-4-3, \$165,922. O/B/T-Dewayne C Johnson (WV). *1/2 to Limited View (Freedom Child), MSW, \$401,141.

6th-Charles Town, \$27,400, (S), 6-6, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 7f, 1:27.04, ft, 1 3/4 lengths.
LIEUTENANT BROWN (g, 6, Mikimoto's Mojo--Ladeputaut, by Chapel Royal) Lifetime Record: 19-5-3-1, \$92,287. O-Hi-Rock Stable; B-Barbara J Belotti (WV); T-Michael E Jones Jr.

7th-Charles Town, \$27,400, 6-6, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 6 1/2f, 1:19.65, ft, 7 lengths.
TRAIN WRECK (f, 4, Girvin--Mystic Magnolia, by First Dude) Lifetime Record: 4-2-1-0, \$31,262. O-Owen Kiernan; B-Jay & Joan Janssen (FL); T-Scott J Lane.

9th-Belterra, \$27,200, (S), 6-7, (NW3L), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:11.97, ft, 10 1/2 lengths.
LARRY'S ANGEL (f, 4, Conveyance--The War Department {SW}, by Lost Soldier) Lifetime Record: SP, 7-3-2-1, \$78,930. O-Memory Lane Racing, LLC; B-Nancy Friel (OH); T-William D. Cowans.

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8th-Fair Meadows, \$21,120, (S), 6-6, (NW2L), 3yo/up, f/m,
6 1/2f, 1:20.31, ft, 4 3/4 lengths.

SHAWK'S LIL MIA (f, 3, Competitive Edge--Shawk's Lil Sis, by Island City) Lifetime Record: 5-2-0-0, \$28,065. O-George W Straw Jr; B-George W Straw (OK); T-Jody Pruitt.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

FIRST WINNER FOR FRESHMAN SIRE

Elopedatthederby, f, 2, Event Driven--Belle Du Sud, by Corinthian. Belterra, 6-7, (S), 4 1/2f, :55.25. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$15,004. B-Robert C Cline (OH). *1ST-TIME STARTER. **First winner for freshman sire (by **Medaglia d'Oro**).

Enticed by Chance, g, 3, Enticed--Third Chance (MSW & GSP, \$481,464), by Kafwain. Belterra, 6-7, (S), 6f, 1:13.39. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-0, \$20,570. B-Elliott Sullivan & Don Tiger (OH). *\$17,000 RNA Ylg '22 FTKOCT.

Hattie Bloom, f, 3, Firing Line--Naomi Ridge Esq., by Lawyer Ron. Canterbury, 6-6, 7 1/2ft, 1:30.27. Lifetime Record: 6-1-0-2, \$27,670. B-Winchester Place Thoroughbreds LLC (KY).

Sassy Mama, f, 3, Get Stormy--Sassy Molly, by Mineshaft. Canterbury, 6-6, (S), 5ft, :58.38. Lifetime Record: 7-1-1-1, \$29,190. B-Eric Berg (MN).

Nine Part, c, 3, Leofric--Alva, by Into Mischief. Evangeline Downs, 6-6, (S), 6f, 1:10.58. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$20,400. B-Cloyce C Clark (LA). *\$30,000 Ylg '22 TTAYRL; \$46,000 2yo '23 OBSOPN. **1ST-TIME STARTER.



Amy Z, f, 3, Maximus Mischief--Overly Indulgent, by Pleasantly Perfect. Churchill Downs, 6-6, (C), 6f, 1:10.48. Lifetime Record: 10-1-2-2, \$111,466. B-Robert Clements, Irene Clements & Javier Martinez (KY). *\$30,000 Wlg '21 KEENOV; \$82,000 RNA Ylg '22 FTKJUL; \$67,000 2yo '23 EASMAY.

Victorious Vanda, g, 3, Race Day--Orchid Lane, by Giant's Causeway. Canterbury, 6-6, (S), 1m, 1:42.64. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$20,800. B-Dennis Minnehan (MN). *\$100,000 Ylg '22 FTKJUL; \$40,000 3yo '24 FTDAPR.



J Dutton, g, 3, Smiling Tiger--Cat Five' O (SW, \$121,817), by Pleasantly Perfect. Santa Anita, 6-7, (S), 1m, 1:39.55. Lifetime Record: 7-1-2-1, \$68,900. B-PT Syndicate #1 LLC (CA). *\$97,000 Ylg '22 FTCAYR. **1/2 to Tut's Revenge (Eskendereya), MSW, \$625,067.

Rhino, g, 4, Texas Ryano--Rockin Dorita, by Rockport Harbor. Santa Anita, 6-7, (S), 1mT, 1:36.36. Lifetime Record: 6-1-2-2, \$80,720. B-Williamson Racing, LLC (CA).

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- Audible,** Sanctify, f, 3, o/o Liquorice Marilyn, by **Candy Ride (Arg).** MSW, 6-7, Churchill Downs
- Cairo Prince,** Tony Ann, m, 6, o/o Never Ever, by In Excess (Ire). AOC, 6-7, Churchill Downs
- City of Light,** Illuminare, c, 3, o/o I Still Miss You, by Majestic Warrior. MSW, 6-7, Saratoga
- Cityscape (GB),** Chili Flag (Fr), m, 5, o/o Flag Day (GB), by Pivotal (GB). GI Just a Game S., 6-7, Saratoga
- Competitive Edge,** Shawk's Lil Mia, f, 3, o/o Shawk's Lil Sis, by Island City. ALW, 6-6, Fair Meadows



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- Congrats,** Hip Hip Hooray, g, 5, o/o Nocturne, by Giant's Causeway. Best of Ohio Babst/Palacios Memorial S., 6-7, Belterra
- Conveyance,** Larry's Angel, f, 4, o/o The War Department, by Lost Soldier. ALW, 6-7, Belterra
- Danish Dynaformer,** War Painter, f, 3, o/o Morning Tale, by **Tale of Ekati.** OCL, 6-6, Woodbine
- Enticed, Enticed** by Chance, g, 3, o/o Third Chance, by Kafwain. MSW, 6-7, Belterra
- Event Driven,** Elopedatthederby, f, 2, o/o Belle Du Sud, by Corinthian. MSW, 6-7, Belterra

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Fast Anna, Thorpedo Anna, f, 3, o/o Sataves, by **Uncle Mo**. GI DK Horse Acorn S., 6-7, Saratoga

Firing Line, Hattie Bloom, f, 3, o/o Naomi Ridge Esq., by Lawyer Ron. MSW, 6-6, Canterbury

Get Stormy, Sassy Mama, f, 3, o/o Sassy Molly, by **Mineshaft**. MSW, 6-6, Canterbury

Get Stormy, Special Stormy, c, 3, o/o Head for Home, by Whiskey Wisdom. ALW, 6-6, Evangeline

Girvin, Train Wreck, f, 4, o/o Mystic Magnolia, by **First Dude**. ALW, 6-6, Charles Town

Golden Lad, Paymengold, g, 4, o/o Loves to Glance, by Not For Love. ALW, 6-6, Charles Town

Great Notion, Future Is Now, f, 4, o/o Past as Prelude, by Bernardini. GII Intercontinental S. Presented by MTV Solutions, 6-7, Saratoga

Handsome Mike, Sophia's Storm, m, 5, o/o Sophia's Pride, by Pleasant Tap. AOC, 6-7, Gulfstream

Into Mischief, Overly Dramatic, f, 3, o/o Tenacious Jewel, by **Medaglia d'Oro**. AOC, 6-7, Laurel

Leofric, Nine Part, c, 3, o/o Alva, by Into Mischief. MSW, 6-6, Evangeline

Marking, Whisper's Mark, f, 4, o/o Whisper's Sister, by Ghostly Moves. ALW, 6-7, Ruidoso Downs

Maximus Mischief, Amy Z, f, 3, o/o Overly Indulgent, by Pleasantly Perfect. MCL, 6-6, Churchill Downs

Midshipman, Henry Mac, g, 6, o/o Boom Boom Bertie, by Thunder Gulch. Best of Ohio Sydney Gendelman S., 6-7, Belterra

Mikimoto's Mojo, Lieutenant Brown, g, 6, o/o Ladeputaut, by Chapel Royal. ALW, 6-6, Charles Town

Mr Speaker, Buckeye Princess, f, 4, o/o Westminster Road, by **Quality Road**. Best of Ohio Diana S., 6-7, Belterra

Munnings, Munnys Gold, f, 4, o/o Haraawa, by **Medaglia d'Oro**. ALW, 6-7, Saratoga

Noble Mission (GB), Brilliant Berti, c, 3, o/o Believe in Bertie, by Langfuhr. AOC, 6-7, Churchill Downs

Not This Time, Army Officer, c, 3, o/o Worth a Chance Mo, by **Uncle Mo**. AOC, 6-7, Saratoga

Omaha Beach, Slang, f, 2, o/o Sunbury, by Speightstown. MSW, 6-7, Churchill Downs

Orpen, Didia (Arg), m, 6, o/o Delambre (Brz), by Rainbow Corner (GB). GI New York S. Presented by Rivers Casino, 6-7, Saratoga

Palace Malice, Southern Palace, f, 3, o/o Southern Girl, by **Tapit**. MSW, 6-7, Gulfstream

Race Day, Victorious Vanda, g, 3, o/o Orchid Lane, by Giant's Causeway. MSW, 6-6, Canterbury

Red Rocks (Ire), Boat's a Rockin, g, 7, o/o Charming Legacy (Ire), by Danehill. AOC, 6-7, Saratoga

Smiling Tiger, J Dutton, g, 3, o/o Cat Five' O, by Pleasantly Perfect. MSW, 6-7, Santa Anita

Society's Chairman, Tito's Calling, f, 4, o/o Unstablenthemornin, by **First Dude**. AOC, 6-6, Woodbine

Star Guitar, Six String, f, 3, o/o Oh Whata Holiday, by Harlan's Holiday. ALW, 6-6, Evangeline

Stay Thirsty, Girl Thirsty, m, 9, o/o Perthshire, by Subordination. AOC, 6-6, Evangeline

Street Magician, Whenigettoheaven, g, 5, o/o Heaven Knows What, by Holy Bull. AOC, 6-7, Laurel

Street Sense, Jefferson Street, c, 3, o/o Apiary, by Bernardini. ALW, 6-7, Saratoga

Take Charge Indy, Petingas Twin, c, 3, o/o Summer Punch, by **Candy Ride (Arg)**. AOC, 6-7, Delaware

Tapit, Arthur's Ride, c, 4, o/o Points of Grace, by Point Given. AOC, 6-7, Saratoga

Tapiture, Here's the Spider, f, 3, o/o Richmond Spider, by **Union Rags**. Best of Ohio Norm Barron Queen City Oaks, 6-7, Belterra

Texas Ryano, Rhino, g, 4, o/o Rockin Dorita, by Rockport Harbor. MSW, 6-7, Santa Anita

Tonalist, Johnny's Fireball, g, 6, o/o Sweet Emma Rose, by City Zip. AOC, 6-6, Churchill Downs

Tourist, Spellcast, g, 3, o/o Orientate to Luv, by Orientate. Best of Ohio Green Carpet S., 6-7, Belterra

Uncle Mo, Speed Bias, g, 5, o/o Hot Summer, by Malibu Moon. AOC, 6-6, Churchill Downs

Unified, Underhill's Tab, g, 5, o/o Mykindasaint, by Saint Ballado. ALW, 6-7, Churchill Downs

World of Trouble, Boundfortrouble, c, 2, o/o The Niagara Queen, by Langfuhr. MSW, 6-7, Gulfstream

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