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## SUPPORTING PARTNERSHIPS AND SYNDICATES: INSIGHTS TO UNLOCKING POTENTIAL



MyRacehorse partners in Preakness winner's circle | Horsephotos

by Joe Scurto

As witnessed at this year's GI Preakness S., partnerships and syndicates are reaching the winner's circle at the highest levels. MyRacehorse scored the victory with **Seize the Grey** (Arrogate) and over 2,500 people now can claim they were part of a Triple Crown victory. MyRacehorse may be getting all the press, but the reality of the situation is it only provides a small fraction of the horses needed to fill races at the racetracks in the United States. When you zoom out and look at all the managed partnerships and syndicates operating across the racetracks in North America, you begin to see how integral the multitude of partnerships and syndicates become to a race meet and the future of the industry.

"Rocket Wrench Racing will probably end up with 75-100 starts this year at racetracks like Canterbury Park, Delta Downs, and Sam Houston," points out managing partner Justin Revak. "We might not win a Breeders' Cup in the near future, but we fill races and I believe that makes us an important spoke in the wheel."

There is no doubt that partnerships and syndicates have become a bigger part of racing's ecosystem. We only need look down under at Australia to see the full integration of people pooling their Aussie dollars to purchase racehorses. **Cont. p3**

## BELMONT STAKES RACING FESTIVAL PACKS THEM INTO SARATOGA

Highlighted by a 17-1 upset victory by Dornoch (**Good Magic**) in the \$2-million GI Belmont S., the four-day Belmont Stakes Racing Festival drew better than 120,000 racing fans to Saratoga for the unprecedented event, approximately double the attendance for the two most recent runnings at Belmont Park.

Thursday's opening day of the Festival featured a pair of \$150,000 stakes for the 2-year-old males and females and the first of the weekend's 14 graded stakes, the GII Belmont Gold Cup. In front of an announced crowd of 22,027, renowned Australian commentator Matt Hill described the action as The Grey Wizard (Ire) (Caravaggio) earned a berth in the G1 Lexus Melbourne Cup.

Some 27,529 passed through the turnstiles for Friday's program, anchored by the GI Acorn S. A pop-up thunderstorm delayed the start of the first of the afternoon's four graded races, the GII Intercontinental S., but the track surfaces were not unduly affected and the day ended on a high note with GI Kentucky Oaks-winning '**TDN Rising Star**' Thorpedo Anna (Fast Anna) tightening her grip on the 3-year-old filly division in the Acorn. **Cont. p7**



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*Dornoch's freshly-painted GI Belmont S. jockey statue stands alongside Arcangelo's GI Travers S. statue at Saratoga Race Course. | TDN staff*

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So, what can be done to get us out of the gate? I reached out to managing partners to garner their input on what racetracks, trainers, and regulators could do to help fuel their businesses and help them help our industry.

Kyle Yost from Taste of Victory Stables started with, “New owner days with significant advertising to the public prior to the event. Allow syndicates to set up booths to easily interact with the public.”

To be fair, there have been an uncountable number of new owner seminars at local tracks, plus The Jockey Club’s Ownersview Ownership Seminars have been held both on track and virtually, but what Yost advocates for is unique in that it reaches out to the public not just insiders.

With a certain “event” element, which is free to attend, would help connect those with or without deep interest to syndicate management and partners.

Another avenue of support from the tracks that seemed universal was the need to provide more hospitality options.

Kyle McGinty from Blackout Racing Stable commented, “For tracks, our group members love it when we have a hospitality area to attend. Offering tickets, meals and an “in-game” experience for owners goes a long way to making owners feel special on race day.”

Tony Rallo from Crowns Way Racing agrees.

“I think the racetrack experience is of paramount importance,” he said. “Keeping partners attending the races and not watching from home is the name of the game. Some tracks are great at this, like Keeneland and Churchill, yet many others are not.”

Some racetracks do offer things like reserved seating and free admission to owners, but creating an experience for syndicate groups is different than simple owner benefits. These are groups of people who are racing for as much the social aspect as the financial opportunity.

“Special areas like the cabanas at Canterbury or suites at other tracks have the most appeal to our partners on race day,” said Revak of Rocket Wrench Racing.

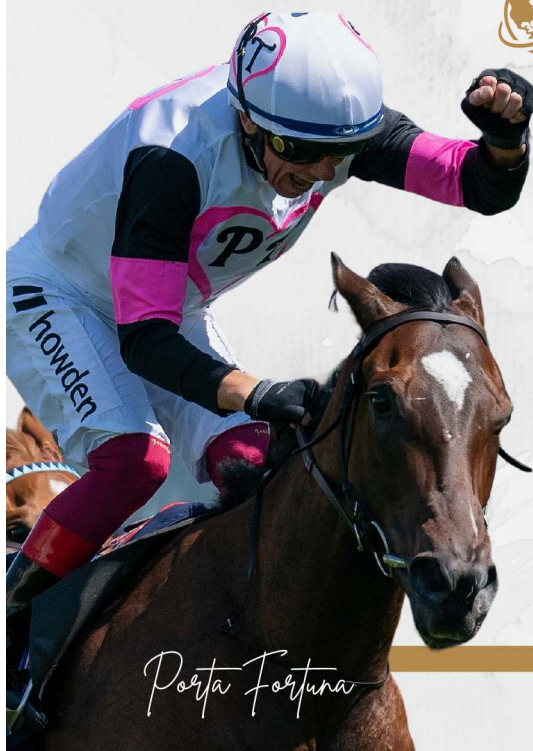
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“There also must be a better and less expensive way to provide winner's circle photos to all members. A picture on a partner's wall in their home or office is a conversation starter and great publicity for partnerships, but having to buy 10-20 photos at \$20 or more gets to be expensive. Maybe the tracks can help in that area as well.”

One of the newer thoughts on how tracks could help support partnerships and syndicates was marketing support. Racetracks have marketing assets that have little hard costs that could be offered to syndicates and partnerships to promote their offerings. Few partnerships have the budgets to advertise directly or buy on-track advertising or sponsorship pointed out by Rallo of Crowns Way.

“As it stands, only groups that charge high fees or take large markups can afford to advertise,” he said.

Howie Heiberger, Managing Partner of InFront Racing Stable summed it up well.

“We don't have budgets that the big boys like My Racehorse and West Point have,” he said. “If we do well, the tracks benefit probably more than we do at the entry box. Without the entry box being filled, there is no racing. If you took the partnerships out of the game, and relied on individual owners, like they had in the old days, there would be no racing.”

On the business side of things, finding a better way to handle partner purse distribution via the bookkeeper, education about what happens at the entry box and broadcast quality came up a few times. **Cont. p5**



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TK Kuegler from Wasabi Stables had a suggestion along those lines.

“Broaden the education process around entries and condition books by moving to a digital process,” Kuegler said. “The other key thing about partnerships is that the vast majority of the owners are not local to the tracks. The broadcast quality and quantity of the entire ownership process should increase. Morning training, claiming shakes, and the card selection broadcast should all be broadcast and made public. It is relatively cheap and efficient to enhance broadcast of the entire ownership process.”

Partnerships and syndicates have also had a major impact on trainers. With the insertion of managing partners, a number of tasks that used to fall onto the shoulders of trainers outside the barn are now the responsibility of partnerships and syndicate managers. Recruiting new owners, owner communications, billing and collections are now the functions of the managing partner. Trainers should value this, yet there is a tradeoff, and some trainers are not ready to provide the new level of customer service that is needed.

“The fact is that not all trainers are built to work with partnerships. Many trainers want to train horses and not deal with people. But owners want access. That is why they are in the game and making the investment. Trainers need to produce more content on their training process and be more available to all their owners in a partnership,” said Wasabi's Kuegler.

When asked what trainers could do to support the efforts of partnerships and syndicates, things understandably become a bit more complicated. Yost, from Taste of Victory hit on a number of points most managing partners experience.

“More transparency and to provide an education,” he said. “This is tough, as you know, because people don't want to share their business secrets and a lot of trainers have never had experience with customer service. Sharing ideas while educating owners will give the owners more interest to be involved. I think trainers can provide some level of detail without the risk of exposing the reasons for their success. Some examples: Phil Schoenthal provides videos where he provides routine horse updates and an education to his various owners. Dan Blacker makes audio updates and, in fact, provides to his owners, in audio file, the verbal post-race exchange with the jockey. Megan Fadlovich routinely provides pictures with her updates... sometimes videos. These are some examples of great customer service being provided by trainers, but the above-mentioned efforts are not the norm from trainers. Customer service and providing education is not at the forefront of a lot of trainers because understandably they are interested in training horses.

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Crown's Way's Tony Rallo agrees and points out the new hurdle being placed in the way since HISA became part of racing.

“I think trainers could help more by sending more videos of workouts or anything where the horse is showing some personality. Some trainers are better than others. Neil Pessin, for example, is the best guy ever at this kind of stuff. He would have anyone by his barn to show off his horses. One concern I have about it is, if these contamination positives are true, and I assume some of them are, trainers are going to be more and more hesitant about having people by the barn and rightfully so.”

Having a dozen partner/owners showing up at your barn with chocolate donuts and coffee could send any trainer into a tizzy these days, but without people physically connecting with the horses, we would lose a key element to attracting and retaining people to horse racing and ownership.

When the conversation turned to regulation and how regulators could help fuel the growth of partnerships and syndicates, there seemed to be a universal theme: Licensing.

“Uniform licensing would make a huge improvement for owners. Each state has various licenses for owners, stables, sometimes managing partner, silks, etc. and on top of that the expiration dates of the various licenses in an individual state do not coincide with each other. So, if you have licenses in four states, for example, and you have a stable name you may have something like eight or 10 separate licenses and all with varying expiration dates. Some states require fingerprints, which adds another layer of difficulty to an already difficult situation. The varying licenses, expiration dates and other requirements make licensing very difficult to manage, outlined Yost of Taste of Victory.

The National Racing Compact has helped in this area, but there is a cost (\$300 for three years) to using their services. When you begin to multiply that cost on top of the licensing itself, the total cost begins to really add up.

One managing partner commented, “It costs Mike Repole approximately \$100 to get licensed in most states, it costs my partnership close to \$2,500. How is that possible?”

The recognition that partnerships and syndicates are now--and will continue to be--a larger part of the racing ecosystem, it would seem apparent that racetracks, trainers, and regulators should focus more on how they can take these incubators of ownership development and provide the fuel to one day reach the numbers that we see in Australia.

Have more comments or insights? E-mail me at [jscurto@horseshoemarketing.com](mailto:jscurto@horseshoemarketing.com).

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The weather finally took a bit of a turn for the worst on Sunday, forcing the cancellation of the afternoon's turf racing and the rescheduling of the Steinmann Hurdle H., but the rains did not stop better than 20,000 from attending the final day which featured a half-dozen stakes restricted to New York-breds.

Total attendance for the four-day BSRF was 120,427, compared to 62,841 last year (Thursday racing was cancelled) and 61,200 in 2022.

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## BALTAS LOSES PETITION AGAINST CHRB; NO PROHIBITED SUBSTANCES DETECTED, SAYS JUDGE *By Dan Ross*



Richard Baltas | Horsephotos

Trainer Richard Baltas has lost his petition for a writ of mandate against the California Horse Racing Board (CHRB), ending a legal tussle stemming from multiple charges of administering race-day supplements to his horses at Santa Anita in the spring of 2022.

In a **ruling publicly posted** in early December of 2022, the CHRB handed Baltas a one-year suspension and a \$10,000 fine for the alleged race-day administration of substances to his horses more than 20 times over roughly a three-week span the prior spring, and captured on surveillance video.

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The CHRB has strict rules on what can be administered to a racehorse of up to 24 and 48 hours of post time, with only Lasix a permitted medication on race-day.

The judgement of LA Superior Court Judge, Curtis Kin, found that while both parties agreed that Baltas's trainees had been administered substances not permitted on race-day, "no post-race samples from any of the horses tested revealed the presence of a prohibited substance"--a distinction the trainer is keen to highlight.

"Mr. Baltas accepts responsibility for administrating (sic) the substance in question on race day but believes the public and horse race industry should know the product in question was not a drug, was not prohibited in list of prohibited substances under CHRB Rule 1843.2, and certainly was not administrated as a performance enhancing drug," wrote Baltas's attorney, Steven Haney, in a press release on the ruling.

The CHRB declined to comment on the judge's ruling.

The product in question was "X-Treme Air Boost," a herbal paste believed to contain higenamine and paenol. According to the United States Anti-Doping Agency (USADA), higenamine is a chemical found in a variety of plants and can act as an anti-asthmatic to open up airways. Paenol is also a plant extract.

Neither are specifically classified by the Association for Racetrack Commissioners International uniform guidelines.



Baltas’s suspension lifted at the end of last year. So far this year, he has trained 13 winners from 62 runners, including GIII Monrovia S. winner Ag Bullet (*Twirling Candy*).

Back in May of 2022, surveillance cameras fitted across the Santa Anita backstretch caught one of Baltas’s employees administer via oral syringe a substance to one of the stable’s runners within hours of its scheduled race.

A subsequent retroactive review of surveillance footage from Baltas’s barn prompted the CHRB to file a formal complaint. At the order of track management and regulators, Baltas did not make any California starts after early May 2022. He was formally charged that December.

On April 4 this year, Judge Kin presided over a writ of mandate hearing in which Baltas sought damages and a reversal of the CHRB’s initial findings, among other requests.

While the judge found that Baltas had breached the rules on what can be administered on race-day, he was not in breach of an aspect of CHRB rule 1887, which pertains to the trainer “absolute insurer” clause, wrote Haney in the press release.

The rule states that “If the chemical or other analysis of urine or blood test samples or other tests, prove positive showing the presence of any prohibited drug substance defined in Rule 1843.1 of this division, the trainer of the horse may be fined, his/her license suspended or revoked, or be ruled of.”

According to the judge, none of the Baltas trainees tested positive post-race for prohibited substances. According to Baltas, he has no intention of pursuing any further legal proceedings related to the case.

“My time is served,” said Baltas. “Did I make a mistake? Yes. [The suspension] was a year-and-a-half. That’s just the way things are. And I’ve had to start over. I’m grateful to be back.”

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## FOUR JOIN HISA HORSEMEN'S ADVISORY GROUP

Craig Bendoroff, proprietor of Denali Stud, D J Stables' Jon Green, L&N Racing racing manager and part-owner Michael Levinson and trainer Todd Pletcher have been added to the HISA Horsemen's Advisory Group, the organization said Monday. The new members replace the outgoing Mark Casse, Tom Drury, Jr., Linda Gaudet, Fred Hertrich III, David Ingordo and Tom Robbins. The Horsemen's Advisory Group is a group of racing industry participants formed in 2022 to provide formal feedback to HISA’s executive team and Standing Committees.

“I want to thank all of the members of the Horsemen’s Advisory Group who are rotating off their roles,” said HISA CEO Lisa Lazarus. “Their dedication and insightful feedback have been instrumental in tangible changes that have made HISA’s rules better.

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“As we welcome a new group of horsemen, I look forward to continuing our collaboration and further improving HISA’s programs. Their guidance and input will be invaluable as we work together to uphold the integrity and safety of Thoroughbred racing.”

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### HISA Horsemen's Advisory Group cont.

According to a release, the Horsemen's Advisory Group has been involved in suggesting meaningful changes to HISA rules that have been submitted to the Federal Trade Commission, including:

- Delaying any provisional suspension of a trainer until the B sample has confirmed the presence of a Banned Substance;
- Creating a new rule on the treatment of human drugs of abuse, such as methamphetamine, cocaine, THC, and oxycodone, which caps sanctions at 60 days, with the possibility to reduce the sanction even further;
- Re-classifying Altrenogest from a Banned Substance to a Controlled Medication;
- Allowing unsupplemented isotonic electrolyte solutions by oral or intravenous administration up to 24 hours before post time;
- Eliminating suspensions for violations related to working a horse within seven days of an intraarticular injection;
- Treating the first positive vets' list sample for a Controlled Medication as a warning and reducing the penalty for ulcer medication in vets' list samples from a sanction to a warning, and;
- Allowing a four-millimeter hind leg traction for horses racing on dirt.

The Horsemen's Advisory Group has been instrumental in helping foster an industry-wide focus on advancing equine and human safety, the release says. For example, the Horsemen's Advisory Group prompted HISA to reach out to sales companies to involve them in strengthening anti-doping and medication control policies for horses at the major auctions. They also played a role in the appointment of an ombudsman to help horsemen navigate the ADMC Program.


The Horsemen's Advisory Group contains 18 members and represent a variety of viewpoints from across the industry. Its membership includes trainers, owners, veterinarians, backstretch employees, and representatives of racing offices and aftercare initiatives. The full list of the Horsemen's Advisory Group members can be found [here](#).

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### HARDY APPOINTED DIRECTOR OF FARM OPERATIONS AND PROPERTY AT PIN OAK



Michael Hardy | Pin Oak photo

Michael Hardy, the former Head of Sales for Goffs and general manager of Margaux Farm near Lexington, has been appointed as the new director of farm operations and property at Jim and Dana Bernhard's Pin Oak Stud, officials at the nursery announced Monday. **Cont. p10**



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Born into a racing family in Northern Ireland, Hardy gained early experience on his family's stud farm before completing a degree in Equine Science at the University of Limerick. He was a participant in the Irish National Stud's Management Course in addition to the Godolphin Flying Start program.

Hardy spent six years at Margaux, helping it expand and develop into a premier breeding and training facility before returning to Ireland in a bloodstock role with Goffs for the last three years.

"It's an incredible opportunity to return to Kentucky in this new role," stated Hardy. "The Bernhard family has such a clear and inspiring vision for the future of Pin Oak Stud. Building on the legacy left by Ms. Abercrombie, I am thrilled to help bring that vision to life and contribute to a successful future for the farm."

Added Pin Oak Vice President Ben Bernhard: "Michael Hardy is a great addition to the Pin Oak family. His proven leadership abilities, extensive knowledge of the industry, and passion for innovation will be instrumental in shaping the future of the farm."

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## U.S. RACING INVESTIGATORS INAUGURATE EXCHANGE WITH IRELAND AND ENGLAND



Steward in his box at The Curragh | Getty Images/Alan Crowhurst

by J.N. Campbell

Over the next fortnight, board members of the Organization of Racing Investigators (ORI) will participate in a new exchange program, which features an intensive tour of hallowed racing sites in Ireland and England.

"The new program is a continued effort by the ORI to exchange tradecraft and weigh how integrity is protected in different countries across the world," said ORI's immediate past chairman Jason Klouser.

The small group, which includes Klouser, Tyler Durand, J.C. Jaramillo, Juan Estrada and David Duncan, will make stops at The Curragh, Leopardstown and Coolmore. Fellow ORI representative Chris Gordon, the Head of Security & Investigations for the Irish Horseracing Regulatory Board, serves as host.

During the next leg of the trip, members will liaise with ORI's John Burgess, the Head of Integrity for the British Horseracing Authority, who will give them a behind-the-scenes look at how his integrity teams operate during the Royal Meeting at Ascot. A yard inspection and tour of the National Stud are also on the itinerary.

This year's inaugural exchange is sponsored by the Breeders' Cup, the Keeneland Association, the Racing Officials Accreditation Program (ROAP), the Pennsylvania Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association and Hanover Shoe Farm.



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"The Breeders' Cup is very pleased to continue to promote not only best in class standards for equine security and investigations, but also universal comprehension and implementation of best practices from those that are responsible for its success," said Dora Delgado, Executive Vice President and Chief Racing Officer for the Breeders' Cup. "The safety, security, and integrity of the Breeders' Cup World Championships is priority number one and we are privileged to collaborate with esteemed global partners who share the vision of upholding the highest standards in the industry."

Future trips are in the works as ORI will offer travel opportunities to its membership, so they can see firsthand what the rest of the world is implementing.

"Horse racing is a multi-breed, international industry," said Russell Williams, President of Hanover Shoe Farm. "By establishing new international contacts and exchanging ideas, regulatory investigators can profoundly improve integrity and safety in racing."

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## NYRTC SEEKS DONATIONS FOR SUMMER ENRICHMENT PROGRAM

The New York Race Track Chaplaincy is seeking donations for their Summer Enrichment Program in Saratoga, which keeps families together when workers have to travel from Belmont Park to Saratoga for the summer, and provides children with a summer experience they may have never had before, away from the city and the track.

The Chaplaincy has been providing the program for over a decade.

"Of all the services offered by the New York Race Track Chaplaincy, the summer enrichment program may be the most important one," said Chaplain Humerto Chavez, "because it keeps the families together in Saratoga and it provides a safe, educational and fun experience for the children while their parents are working."

Donors may choose to sponsor a child for one day for \$45, one week for \$300, one month for \$1,250 and the entire summer for \$2,500.

The New York Race Track Chaplaincy ministers to the over 3,500 people who make up the community of workers behind the scenes in support of the Thoroughbred racing industry at Belmont Park, Aqueduct Racetrack, and Saratoga Race Course, providing children's enrichment, teen mentoring, women's programming, social service, recreational, and educational programs as well as non-denominational religious services.

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FOR THE WEEK ENDING JUNE 9, 2024

### ACTIVE NORTH AMERICAN-BASED STALLIONS

Sire (Sire's Sire)	#SWs	#GSW (GISW)
<b>Army Mule</b> (Friesan Fire) <i>(You're in the army now--Prairie Mile S.)</i>	12	2
<b>Bucchero</b> (Kantharos) <i>(Book'em Danno--Woody Stephens S.-GI)</i>	3	1 (1)
<b>Congrats</b> (A.P. Indy) <i>(Hip Hip Hooray--Best of Ohio Babst/Palacios Memorial S.)</i>	46	12
<b>Curlin</b> (Smart Strike) <i>(Crupi--Suburban S.-GII)</i>	105	59
<b>Good Magic</b> (Curlin) <i>(Dornoch--Belmont S.-GI) Society Man--Matt Winn S.-GIII)</i>	18	10 (4)

<b>Into Mischief</b> (Harlan's Holiday) <i>(Almostgone Rocket--Jersey Girl S.-L)</i>	152	74
<b>Justify</b> (Scat Daddy) <i>(Parenting--Affirmed S.-L)</i>	26	14
<b>Maclean's Music</b> (Distorted Humor) <i>(Thunders Rocknroll--Lady Slipper S.)</i>	33	8
<b>Maximus Mischief</b> (Into Mischief) <i>(Maramax--Chariot Chaser H.)</i>	5	---
<b>Not This Time</b> (Giant's Causeway) <i>(Cogburn--Jaipur S.-GI)</i>	34	14 (6)

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Cogburn set a new course and North American record and became the sixth Grade I winner for **Not This Time** in the Jaipur S.

Stephanie Valenti

<b>Nyquist</b> (Uncle Mo) <i>(Studlydoright--Tremont S.-L)</i>	24	13
<b>Omaha Beach</b> (War Front) <i>(Landed--Bouwerie S.)</i>	6	1
<b>Preservationist</b> (Arch) <i>(In a Jam--Not Surprising S.)</i>	3	1
<b>Solomini</b> (Curlin) <i>(Doc Sullivan--Mike Lee S.)</i>	4	1

*Italics indicate new activity, statistics include Northern Hemisphere results only. Want to promote your stallion? Email [suefinley@thoroughbreddailynews.com](mailto:suefinley@thoroughbreddailynews.com).*

**CLARIFICATION:** Monday's TDN incorrectly stated that Jose Ortiz's victories in Puerto Rico were not included in his 3,000th career total. Equibase has clarified that the jockey's 18 starts in Puerto Rico are included in that total.





## LUC BELAIRE GOLD BOTTLE TO BE AUCTIONED FOR CHARITY

A six-liter limited-edition bottle of Luc Belaire Gold Champagne, featuring art from the 2024 Santa Anita Big ‘Cap, will be auctioned off online with proceeds benefitting **Amplify Horse Racing**. The art on the bottle is signed by the artist, Julianna Johnson.

Amplify Horse Racing is a 501(c)(3) organization whose mission is to increase youth access to education, job opportunities, and mentorship in the Thoroughbred horse industry.

The auction is open until closing day of the Santa Anita Hollywood Meet June 16. For online bidding, [click here](#).

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## RRP CAMPAIGN GETS MATCHING DONOR

An anonymous donor has pledged a matching \$4,500 contribution to the Retired Racehorse Project's summer Fund-a-Need campaign.

“We’re exceedingly grateful for the donation match that has been pledged to our Fund-a-Need campaign this year,” said RRP development manager Megan Garlich. “The Makeover is much more than a horse show. It’s a movement of people committed to showcasing the versatility, athleticism and trainability of Thoroughbred ex-racehorses and securing their place in non-racing careers. Fund-a-Need allows us to continue to

provide the necessary resources to produce the event and foster meaningful community through the Makeover experience.”

The Fund-a-Need campaign, which has a goal of \$20,000 total for 2024, allows supporters to contribute to the cost of producing the Thoroughbred Makeover by directly funding aspects of the event production, including volunteer lunches, jump decor, participant ribbons and more.

To support the Fund-a-Need campaign, please visit [therrp.org/fund-a-need](http://therrp.org/fund-a-need).

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## CKRH NIGHT OF THE STARS FUNDRAISER JUNE 22

Central Kentucky Riding for Hope (CKRH), a non-profit which offers a variety of equine-assisted therapies and activities for people of all ages, will host its 21st annual gala fundraiser, Night of the Stars, June 22 at Fasig Tipton in Lexington. “Broadway Nights” is the theme of the event, which begins at 6 p.m., and which includes dinner and drinks, a silent auction and a live auction in which the highest bidders earn a sponsorship of CKRH participants and their equine partners.

“Night of the Stars is a meaningful way for people to celebrate and support CKRH, which for more than 40 years has provided therapy programs that showcase the healing power of horses,” CKRH Executive Director Pat Kline said. “We are proud to have helped thousands of people over the years thanks to our beloved therapy horses, who produce such positive physical and emotional responses. While our horses represent many breeds, the Thoroughbred industry is an especially strong supporter of ours, sharing our belief that horses have a magic ability to communicate with people.”

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### Report type:

- All reports
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- Yearlings

### Sales Year:

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- 2020
- 2019
- 2018

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**CKRH Night of the Stars cont.**

Bidding is now open on both silent and live auctions at <https://one.bidpal.net/nos2024/browse/all>. Items include: halters from Thoroughbreds, including Cody's Wish, **Curlin**, **Flightline**, **Gun Runner**, Rachel Alexandra, **Tapit** and **Uncle Mo**; a gameday experience with the University of Kentucky men's basketball team; a wide selection of Kentucky bourbon; two days of racing at Kentucky Downs for four people; and a day of racing in the Godolphin box at Keeneland for six people.

For more information on the event, or for tickets, [click here](#).

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**WOODBINE DOCUSERIES EARNS HASHTAG SPORTS AWARD**



Woodbine's Nathan Riddell and Jonathan Rubinoff | Woodbine

'Woodbine: Free Rein', a documentary series produced about womens' experiences in horse racing, has taken top honors at the Hashtag Sports Awards in New York, according to a release from the Woodbine communications office.

Woodbine's content team, including producers Alanna Nolan and Nathan Riddell and director Jake Thompson, were recognized in the 'Best Women's Sports Content' category for **episode four of 'Free Rein'**, entitled, *The World-Class Women of Woodbine*. The episode focused on the unique nature of horse racing, where women jockeys compete head-to-head with their male counterparts as well as the meaningful presence of women in the game. Other finalists included the LPGA, FOX Sports, PUMA, Clemson Athletics and The Players' Tribune.

In episode four, viewers are introduced to successful horsewomen, including trainer Catherine Day-Phillips and jockeys Sofia Vives and Emma-Jayne Wilson, who lay out the biases, dangers and triumphs facing them each time they enter a starting gate.

"This episode is a real reflection of the uniqueness of our sport and the people that work so very hard day in and day out," said Jonathan Rubinoff, Woodbine's Director of Content and Social Media. "Woodbine has one of the most diverse jockey colonies in the world and this story shines a light on the incredible individuals that make it possible for women and men to compete against one another."

Now in its sixth year, the Hashtag Sports Awards bring the sports, media, and entertainment industries together to celebrate excellence in engagement that inspires new and creative fan experiences.

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These locations include thoroughbred and steeplechase racing at Colonial Downs, steeplechase at Great Meadows, and harness racing at Shenandoah Downs. All facilities host two meets per year.

With the passage of HB 1609 in 2018, the VRC also oversees the licensing and compliance, associated with historical horseracing (HHR) machines. There are currently eight Rosie's Gaming Emporiums located around the Commonwealth of Virginia.

### *Qualifications include:*

Demonstrated management skills; experience in working with the administration of government and the legislative process; knowledge of horse racing, and pari-mutuel wagering; a basic knowledge of accounting and budget development; communications skills enabling good working relationships with Commissioners, State Administration Officials, business and political leaders, members of the horse racing industry, the media, and the public; college degree preferred.

This is an At Will position which is under recruitment by the Virginia Racing Commission. The position serves at the pleasure of the VRC under the Secretary of Agriculture and Forestry.

Contact: **Bernard Hettel, Interim Executive Secretary** • [Bernard.Hettel@vrc.virginia.gov](mailto:Bernard.Hettel@vrc.virginia.gov) | 804.966.7404

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Rank	Stallion	Standing NA - Worldwide Earnings - NH Foals						Starters	Wnrs	Highest Earner	Earnings
		BTW	BTH	GSW	GSH	G1SW	G1SH				
1	Street Cry (Ire) (1998) by Machiavellian	7	23	5	17	4	6	381	90	\$5,836,850	<b>\$19,374,120</b> Rebel's Romance (Ire)
2	<b>Tapit</b> (2001) by Pulpit	<b>15</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>18</b>	--	5	515	152	\$2,105,000	\$13,361,899 Saudi Crown
3	Smart Strike (1992) by Mr. Prospector	13	33	8	15	2	3	434	147	\$1,738,800	\$11,902,947 Seize the Grey
4	Congrats (2000) by A.P. Indy	6	11	3	4	2	3	223	77	\$2,381,669	\$8,908,461 Danon Decile (Jpn)
5	Empire Maker (2000) by Unbridled	5	16	4	8	1	2	458	151	<b>\$7,156,056</b>	\$15,628,465 Laurel River
6	<b>Medaglia d'Oro</b> (1999) by El Prado (Ire)	<b>15</b>	31	5	12	1	2	467	160	\$3,769,000	\$14,520,867 National Treasure
7	More Than Ready (1997) by Southern Halo	14	23	7	12	--	2	414	145	\$1,738,508	\$11,055,386 Gulinga Spirit (Aus)
8	Giant's Causeway (1997) by Storm Cat	5	25	1	10	--	2	<b>629</b>	<b>209</b>	\$921,267	\$10,795,101 Aljamaanee (KSA)
9	Malibu Moon (1997) by A.P. Indy	10	22	2	3	1	2	462	149	\$2,021,250	\$9,907,990 Sierra Leone
10	<b>Candy Ride (Arg)</b> (1999) by Ride the Rails	8	16	4	8	--	2	294	108	\$475,445	\$5,878,484 Ecoro Bloom (Jpn)
11	<b>Uncle Mo</b> (2008) by Indian Charlie	3	8	2	3	2	2	165	58	\$1,515,050	\$5,706,288 Thorpedo Anna
12	<b>Street Sense</b> (2004) by Street Cry (Ire)	3	11	2	5	--	2	283	86	\$447,360	\$5,313,075 Mindframe
13	Awesome Again (1994) by Deputy Minister	6	11	3	6	--	2	241	77	\$471,000	\$4,959,060 Tarifa
14	Scat Daddy (2004) by Johannesburg	3	15	--	2	--	2	257	89	\$171,947	\$4,648,740 Sunrise Soleil (Jpn)
15	Flatter (1999) by A.P. Indy	1	9	--	5	--	2	180	72	\$286,950	\$3,939,394 Impel

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### IN ORDER OF PURSE:

**1st-Prairie Meadows, \$44,470, (S), Msw, 6-10, 2yo, f, 4 1/2f, :52.92, ft, 3 lengths.**

**SIPPING FIREWATER (f, 2, Echo Town--Cute Cash, by Exchange Rate)** flashed speed from her rail draw but had pressure right away to her outside from race favorite Kanjeng (Mor Spirit). That pair stayed together around the far turn before Sipping Firewater put her rival away and came home with a clear advantage to win by three lengths at odds of 3-1. Mind Your Mo (Mo Town) closed to just get the better of Kanjeng for second. The second winner for her freshman sire (by Speightstown), Sipping Firewater is her dam's youngest offspring to date. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$26,676. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

O-West Stables and David D. McShane; B/T-Dave McShane (IA).



**Echo Town** picked up his second winner Monday | Sarah Andrew

### IN CHINA

**Tao Qi Nan Hai, c, 3, World Of Trouble--Slim Fit, by Tiznow.**

Huhtala, 6-9, 1200m, Sand Track, 1:11.53. Purse: 100,000

RMB. O-AN Zhi Qiang; B-River Oak Farm (KY). \*\$30,000 Ylg '22 KEESEP. **VIDEO.**

**Mei Guo Lao, c, 3, Yoshida (JPN)--Langtry, by Street Sense.**

Yulong, 6-8, 1800m, Sand Track, 1:57.87. Purse: 100,000 RMB.

O-Heli Horse Industry; B-Gary Broad--Walmac Farm, LLC (KY).

\*\$72,000 Ylg '22 KEESEP. **VIDEO.**

 AMERICAN-BRED WINNERS  
**ABROAD**

### IN JAPAN:

**Sexy Bouquet, f, 3, Liam's Map.** See 'US-Bred & -Sired Winners in Japan'

**Meritites, f, 4, American Pharoah--Gem Gem, by Tapit.**

Hakodate, 6-9, Allowance, 1700m, 1:44.2. Lifetime Record: 13-2-1-2, \$150,128. O-Hiroo Race Co Ltd; B-Charles Fipke (KY); T-Yoshito Yahagi. \*\$140,000 Ylg '21 KEESEP.

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### IN RUSSIA:

**Laptop, c, 3, Tapit--La Belle Marquet, by Marquetry.** Krasnodar, 6-8, Allowance, 1800m. B-Dan Considine & Tapit Syndicate (KY). \*\$250,000 Ylg '22 KEESEP. \*\*1/2 to Vasilika (Skipshot), MGISW, \$1,882,595; and Chasing the Crown (Skipshot), GSP, \$419,550.

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 WINNERS IN JAPAN  
*by Alan Carasso*

### Sunday's Results:

**7th-Tokyo, ¥15,200,000 (\$96,839), Allowance, 3yo/up, 1600m, 1:36.9, ft.**

**ROUGE STUNNING (JPN) (f, 3, Into Mischief--Boyne Beauty, by Giant's Causeway),** a maiden winner in three starts on the turf, switched to this surface and turned in an encouraging third-place effort over course and distance Feb. 11. Returning to action here as the 11-5 second choice, the beautifully bred bay was with them in the opening strides before drifting back to fourth behind a loose leader. Shaken up a bit 600 meters out, Rouge Stunning gradually gained ground into the final quarter mile, took over just inside the furlong marker and outfinished odds-on Erika Sapphire (Jpn) (Kizuna {Jpn}) for a half-length victory. Rouge Stunning is the second winner from two to race for her dam, a \$700,000 purchase by Nobutaka Tada at the 2020 Fasig-Tipton November Sale. Boyne Beauty is a daughter of SW &

GSP Bubbler (Distorted Humor), who was RNAd for \$4.7 million at FTKNOV in 2016 a few days after her son Arrogate (Unbridled's Song) won the GI Breeders' Cup Classic to sew up an Eclipse Award. Bubbler is also the dam of SW Osare (**Medaglia d'Oro**), whose son Quester (Into Mischief) most recently annexed his turf debut at Gulfstream Park for Robert and Lawana Low and trainer Heather Smullen. Boyne Beauty is also the dam of a 2-year-old filly by Epiphaneia (Jpn), a yearling colt by Contrail (Jpn) and a colt by Kitanas Black (Jpn) foaled Feb. 18. Sales history: \$700,000 in utero '20 FTKNOV. Lifetime Record: 5-2-0-1, \$114,317.

O-Tokyo Horse Racing Co Limited; B-Mint Co; T-Yasuo Tomomichi.

**Saturday's Results:**

**6th-Hakodate, ¥10,480,000 (\$66,789), Maiden, 3yo, 1700m, 1:46, ft.**

**SEXY BOUQUET (f, 3, Liam's Map--Shurakaa, by Tapit)** had not missed a place in his first three runs, including a second-place finish when last seen over 1800 meters at Kyoto Feb. 17. Away a half-step slowly from gate nine, the \$180,000 Keeneland September yearling had just a couple behind exiting the straight for the first time, but was set alight with better than six furlongs to race, and by the time the field had reached the second turn,

she had rolled all the way up into the lead. Firmly in front on the swing for home, Sexy Bouquet found more in the final stages and went on to score by five impressive lengths as the 3-1 third wagering choice. Sexy Bouquet is the first foal to race out of a daughter of Lahudood (GB) (Singspiel {Ire}), winner of the 2007 GI Breeders' Cup Filly & Mare Turf in the bog at Monmouth Park and an outstanding producer in her own right. Not only is she the dam of Mahrajaan (Kitten's Joy), a two-time winner at group level in New Zealand, but her stakes-winning Aghareed (Kingmambo) is responsible for champion five-times Group 1 winner Baaeed (GB) (**Sea The Stars {Ire}**) and the champion and multiple Group 1-winning stayer Hukum (Ire) (**Sea The Stars {Ire}**). Behind Sexy Bouquet is the 2-year-old filly Ashwaag (**Medaglia d'Oro**), a yearling colt by **War Front** and a **Curlin** filly foaled Apr. 9. Sales history: \$180,000 Ylg '22 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 4-1-2-1, \$72,930.

O-Yuki Hashimoto; B-Shadwell Farm (KY); T-Katsunori Tanaka.

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**Calculator** (In Summation), Breakway Farm

10 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners  
 1-Horseshoe Indianapolis, 2:10 p.m. EDT, Msw 5f, Calcolery, 7-2  
 \$24,000 RNA KEE SEP yrl

**SECOND-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: TUESDAY, JUNE 11**

2024 Stud Fees Listed

**Divisidero** (Kitten's Joy), Airdrie Stud, \$5,000

42 foals of racing age/6 winners/2 black-type winners  
 6-Finger Lakes, 3:40 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2f, Bella Mama, 12-1

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**ALLOWANCE RESULTS:**

**9th-Parx Racing, \$59,800**, 6-10, 3yo/up, 1m, 1:37.62, ft, 1 length.

**COUNTERSPY (g, 4, Gun Runner--Simplify {SW & GSP, \$261,658}, by Pulpit)** Lifetime Record: 15-6-3-0, \$217,917. O-Jack J. Armstrong; B-Winchell Thoroughbreds LLC (KY); T-Robert Mosco. \*\$150,000 Ylg '21 KEESEP; \$47,000 3yo '23 KEENOV. \*\*Full to Optionality, MSW, \$193,798; 1/2 to Simple Surprise (Cowboy Cal), SW, \$185,446.

**STEVEN W. YOUNG** HORA Purchase

**5th-Thistledown, \$42,000**, 6-10, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 1m, 1:41.20, ft, 3/4 length.

**FIRST SONG (g, 6, Itsthesameoldsong--Mini Mostest, by Atticus)** Lifetime Record: MSP, 34-7-5-5, \$247,117. O/T-Rivera Racing Stable (Nestor R. Rivera); B-Blazing Meadows Farm (OH).

**5th-Horseshoe Indianapolis, \$40,000**, (S), 6-10, (NW3L), 3yo/up, 1 1/16mT, 1:40.55, fm, 1 1/2 lengths.

**MONUMENTALJUSTICE (g, 4, Super Saver--Sheltoewee's Gold, by Dialed In)** Lifetime Record: 10-3-1-5, \$95,200. O/B-Justice Farm, Greg Justice (IN); T-Tomas Medina.

**3rd-Horseshoe Indianapolis, \$34,560**, (NW2\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$40,000), 6-10, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:10.99, ft, 2 1/2 lengths.

**HIGHER STANDARD (h, 5, Into Mischief--Minks Aprise {SW & MGSP-Can, MSW-USA, \$300,215}, by Northern Afleet)** Lifetime Record: SP, 16-4-2-4, \$273,500. O-David E. Campbell, Douglas S. Arnold, Marc Winston and David Clement; B-Buck Pond Farm, Inc. (KY); T-William D. Cowans. \*\$290,000 RNA Ylg '20 KEESEP; \$345,000 RNA 2yo '21 OBSMAR.

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**8th-Hawthorne, \$33,540**, 6-9, (NW1\$X), 3yo/up, f/m, 5fT, :57.09, fm, 1/2 length.

**CADENCIA (m, 6, Mshawish--Tango Time {Ire}, by Danehill Dancer {Ire})** Lifetime Record: 19-3-8-0, \$196,810. O-Roger H. Newman and Omar Aldabbagh; B-Town and Country Horse Farms, LLC & George Saufley (KY); T-William E. Morey. \*\$45,000 RNA Ylg '19 KEESEP; \$115,000 2yo '20 OBSAPR.

**9th-Hawthorne, \$33,240**, 6-9, (NW1\$X), 3yo/up, 1m 70y, 1:43.23, ft, 1 1/4 lengths.

**HARD TO FATHOM (g, 4, Hard Spun--Morediamondsplease, by More Than Ready)** Lifetime Record: 12-4-2-1, \$79,132. O-Anthony Simonovich and David Crowley; B-BHMFR, LLC (KY); T-Daniel Simonovich. \*\$27,000 RNA Ylg '21 KEESEP.

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**7th-Golden Gate Fields, \$30,490**, 6-9, (NW1\$X), 3yo/up, 1 1/16mT, 1:43.11, fm, 1 1/4 lengths.

**COUSIN RICHIE (g, 4, Richard's Kid--Crown On Tap, by Tapizar)** Lifetime Record: MSP, 17-4-2-4, \$121,804. O/B-Larry Odbert (CA); T-Sergio Ledezma.

**3rd-Thistledown, \$29,700**, 6-10, (NW2X), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:11.42, ft, 2 1/2 lengths.

**KEY TO SUCCESS (f, 4, Cupid--New Key, by Majesticperfection)** Lifetime Record: MSP, 21-3-5-5, \$178,306. O-Gene Burkholder; B-Fletcher & Carolyn Gray (KY); T-Kim A. Puhl. \*\$100,000 Ylg '21 FTKOCT.

**8th-Golden Gate Fields, \$27,079, (NW1\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$25,000), 6-9, 3yo/up, f/m, 1mT, 1:36.85, fm, 2 1/2 lengths.**

**ADELIE (IRE) (m, 5, Ardad {Ire}--Dame Shirley {GB}, by Haafhd {GB})** Lifetime Record: 16-2-2-3, \$81,300. O-Abbondanza Racing, LLC and Omar Aldabbagh; B-Denis Phelan (IRE); T-Philip D'Amato. \*€2,000 RNA Ylg '20 GOFFEB; €20,000 Ylg '20 GOFOCT; 100,000gns 2yo '21 TATBRE. \*\*1/2 to Baron Samedi (GB) (Harbour Watch {Ire}), GSW-Fr, GSW-USA, GSW & G1SP-Ire, \$588,924.

**3rd-Finger Lakes, \$26,500, 6-10, (C), 3yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2f, 1:05.26, gd, 2 1/2 lengths.**

**EASY PLAY (m, 5, Big Brown--Sweet Frost, by Frost Giant)** Lifetime Record: 31-6-4-5, \$180,940. O/B-Sunrise Stables (NY); T-Ralph D'Alessandro.

**7th-Finger Lakes, \$26,465, 6-10, (NW2L), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:12.55, gd, 3/4 length.**

**UNCLE GEORGE (g, 7, Uncle Mo--Andraste, by Pulpit)** Lifetime Record: 23-2-3-5, \$132,854. O-Ron Cecere; B-Waterville Lake Stables Ltd LLC (NY); T-Chris J. Englehart. \*\$310,000 Ylg '18 SARAUG. \*\*1/2 to Epping Forest (Exchange Rate), SP, \$306,000.

**7th-Emerald Downs, \$25,500, (C)/Opt. Clm (\$30,000), 6-9, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:08.11, ft, 5 1/2 lengths.**

**MISS DYNAMIC (f, 4, Dynamic Impact--Miss Salome, by Harbor the Gold)** Lifetime Record: SW, 10-4-2-2, \$99,330. O/B-Antonio Mendoza (WA); T-Rigoberto Velasquez.

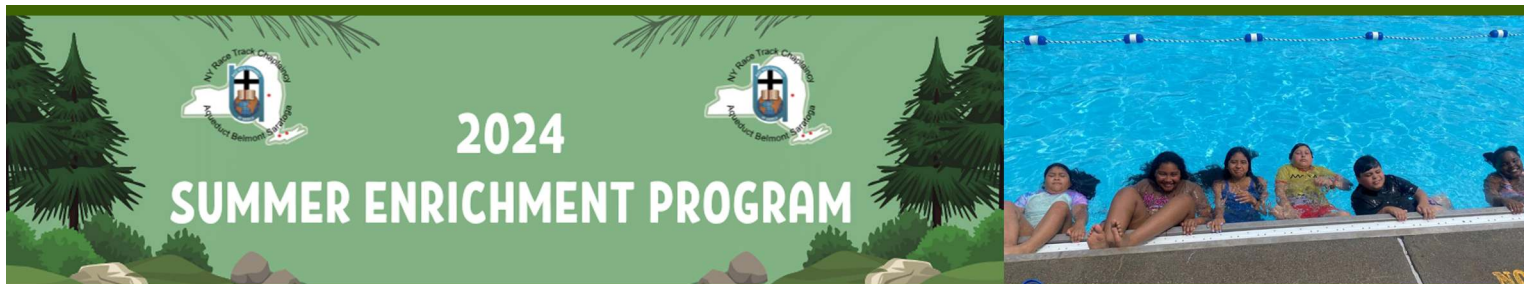
**7th-Mountaineer Casino & Resort, \$23,086, (NW3X)/Opt. Clm (\$17,500), 6-9, 3yo/up, 1m, 1:39.37, ft, head.**

**INDIAN EMPIRE (g, 5, Bodemeister--Ada Lovelace, by Algorithms)** Lifetime Record: 25-7-4-3, \$108,393. O-Royal Oak Farm; B-Royal Oak Farm Inc & Bodemeister Syndicate (WV); T-Jennifer A. Johnson.

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**Galoshes**, f, 3, **Get Stormy**--Accessorizing, by Old Fashioned. Horseshoe Indianapolis, 6-10, (S), 1m 70y, 1:46.06. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-0, \$23,760. B-Michael E. & Penny S. Lauer (IN).

**Sox for Daughters**, g, 3, **Good Samaritan**--Little Bullet, by **Uncle Mo**. Finger Lakes, 6-10, 1m 70y, 1:47.54. Lifetime Record: 4-1-0-1, \$24,939. B-Beals Racing Stable, LLC (NY).

**Free Folk**, g, 3, **Mor Spirit**--Spring Elusion, by Elusive Quality. Finger Lakes, 6-10, 6f, 1:13.43. Lifetime Record: 4-1-2-0, \$33,190. B-Classic Bloodstock (NY). \*\$37,000 Ylg '22 SARAUG. \*\*1/2 to Letmetakethiscall (**Take Charge Indy**), MSP, \$534,712.

**Fred George (Ire)**, g, 3, **No Nay Never**--Keenes Royale (GB), by Red Ransom. Presque Isle Downs, 6-10, 1m 70y (AWT), 1:41.49. Lifetime Record: 4-1-1-0, \$24,706. B-Barronstown Stud (IRE). \*\$425,000 Ylg '22 FTSAUG. \*\*1/2 to Ivawood (Ire) (Zebedee {GB}), MGSW & MG1SP-Eng, G1SP-Ire, \$357,052.

**Bee Eye Gee**, g, 3, **Mr. Big**--B Positive, by Thewayyouare. Santa Anita, 6-9, (S), 6fT, 1:09.79. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$34,040. B-George Krikorian (KY). \*\$50,000 Ylg '22 FTCAYR.

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**Ardad (Ire)**, Adelie (Ire), m, 5, o/o Dame Shirley (GB), by Haafhd (GB). AOC, 6-9, Golden Gate

**Big Brown**, Easy Play, m, 5, o/o Sweet Frost, by Frost Giant. ALW, 6-10, Finger Lakes

**Bodemeister**, Indian Empire, g, 5, o/o Ada Lovelace, by Algorithms. AOC, 6-9, Mountaineer

**Cupid**, Key to Success, f, 4, o/o New Key, by Majesticperfection. ALW, 6-10, Thistledown

**Dynamic Impact**, Miss Dynamic, f, 4, o/o Miss Salome, by Harbor the Gold. AOC, 6-9, Emerald Downs

**Echo Town**, Sipping Firewater, f, 2, o/o Cute Cash, by Exchange Rate. MSW, 6-10, Prairie Meadows

**Get Stormy**, Galoshes, f, 3, o/o Accessorizing, by Old Fashioned. MSW, 6-10, Horseshoe Indianapolis

**Good Samaritan**, Sox for Daughters, g, 3, o/o Little Bullet, by **Uncle Mo**. MSW, 6-10, Finger Lakes

**Gun Runner**, Counterspy, g, 4, o/o Simplify, by Pulpit. ALW, 6-10, Parx Racing



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**Hard Spun**, Hard to Fathom, g, 4, o/o Morediamondsplease, by More Than Ready. ALW, 6-9, Hawthorne

**Into Mischief**, Higher Standard, h, 5, o/o Minks Aprise, by Northern Afleet. AOC, 6-10, Horseshoe Indianapolis

**Itsthesameoldsong**, First Song, g, 6, o/o Mini Mostest, by Atticus. ALW, 6-10, Thistledown

**Mor Spirit**, Free Folk, g, 3, o/o Spring Elusion, by Elusive Quality. MSW, 6-10, Finger Lakes

**Mr. Big**, Bee Eye Gee, g, 3, o/o B Positive, by Thewayyouare. MSW, 6-9, Santa Anita

**Mshawish**, Cadencia, m, 6, o/o Tango Time (Ire), by Danehill Dancer (Ire). ALW, 6-9, Hawthorne

**No Nay Never**, Fred George (Ire), g, 3, o/o Keenes Royale (GB), by Red Ransom. MSW, 6-10, Presque Isle Downs

**Richard's Kid**, Cousin Richie, g, 4, o/o Crown On Tap, by Tapizar. ALW, 6-9, Golden Gate

**Super Saver**, Monumentaljustice, g, 4, o/o Sheltowee's Gold, by **Dialed In**. ALW, 6-10, Horseshoe Indianapolis

**Uncle Mo**, Uncle George, g, 7, o/o Andraste, by Pulpit. ALW, 6-10, Finger Lakes



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## SEVEN DAYS: ASCOT AHOY



Wathnan Racing's Gregory returns to Royal Ascot for the Gold Cup  
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by Emma Berry

Outside the racing world it was impossible not to be moved over the last week by the commemorative ceremonies marking the 80th anniversary of D-Day.

Plenty of people in the bloodstock business will be familiar with the lovely countryside around Deauville, best known to us as home to France's Thoroughbred breeding heartland. The serenity of rural Normandy makes it hard to comprehend the appalling ravages of war that were played out there on the beaches and in the bocage all those decades ago.

I would urge anyone who is a sales regular in Deauville to take some time on one of your trips to visit some of the memorials and museums while you are in that part of the world. The debt of gratitude we owe those young men lying in the war cemeteries should never be forgotten.

It remains incredible to consider that racing was able to continue through those war years, albeit in a reduced and altered state. We have reflected on this before, but fascinating insight on those days is provided in VR Orchard's *A War Time Diary*, which was included within the *Bloodstock Breeders' Review* in Britain during World War II.

For this month 80 years ago, Orchard begins, "June racing was carried through in circumstances which were unique in the history of the country. **Cont. p3**

## FITZGERALD: 'THE HORSE IS GONE AND SO IS MY YARD, BUT I'LL BUILD BACK STRONGER'

Leading Royal Ascot fancy A Piece Of Heaven (Fr) (Jukebox Jury {Ire}) will sport a new set of silks when he lines out in the Copper Horse Handicap after Syndicates Racing secured a deal for the potential Melbourne Cup contender to join Joseph O'Brien.

That bit of business comes as a double blow to A Piece Of Heaven's former trainer Barry Fitzgerald as, not only did he lose his flag-bearer in the transaction, but he now finds himself without a yard to train from after a fallout with his landlord Mark Foley, who was also a part-owner in the horse.

A Piece Of Heaven was a wildly impressive winner of a lady riders' handicap at Leopardstown last month, barely coming off the bridle to warm up for the royal meeting in the best possible fashion. **Cont., p6**

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Joe Scurto asks the managing partners of several large and mid-sized syndicates for their insights on how the future of the industry will be shaped by percentage ownership.

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**Bill Mott's Mansa Musa winning an Allowance at Saratoga on Saturday. The *Ten Sovereigns* colt was previously trained by Diego Dias.** | Stephanie Valenti

**7 | FUN WITH FLAGS BRINGS €630,000 AT ARQANA ONLINE**

Nicolas de Watrigant of Mandore International Agency had the final say for Fun With Flags (Ire) on behalf of an undisclosed client. She will target an American Grade I race.

**8 | MQSE DE SEVIGNE LEADS FABRE'S SUMMER SQUAD**

Mqse De Sevigne (Ire) will aim to add to her Group 1 tally at Deauville before ending her career with a crack at the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe. Details inside.

**10 | FIRST-CROP SIRE KAMEKO CONTINUES MOMENTUM**

Juddmonte's homebred Ardeur (GB) dominated a Pontefract maiden and became her sire's fourth winner in under a fortnight on Monday.

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# Seven Days

by Emma Berry



## Seven Days, cont. from p1

It should be emphasised that it proceeded without let or hindrance, apart from travelling difficulties. It was difficult to believe that we were in the most momentous period of the war.

"When the news of the Normandy invasion came through on the 6th, one wondered whether the Newmarket races arranged for that day would be held. They did, however, take place, and ten days later the Derby and Oaks fixtures at Newmarket were successfully completed."

In 1939 the St Leger meeting had been cancelled owing to the onset of the Second World War, denying that year's 2,000 Guineas and Derby winner Blue Peter (GB) his chance to become a Triple Crown winner. There was some small compensation however when, in 1944, Blue Peter's first-crop son Ocean Swell (GB) won the Derby at Newmarket, which played host to the

Classics run between 1915 to 1918 and 1940 to 1945.

A fortnight after VE Day, the then Princess Elizabeth attended Ascot racecourse for the first time, on May 21, 1945. In later years, as Queen Elizabeth II, the avowed supporter of horseracing would of course become synonymous with the royal meeting staged at the racecourse owned by the Crown.

It is the countdown to this year's Royal Ascot which now dominates our thoughts and, despite some negative newspaper coverage in the last week regarding its supposedly dwindling appeal to certain overseas owners, it is important not to underestimate the lure it still provides for many.

It is becoming increasingly clear that for the Qatari ruler, Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani, few stones are being left unturned in the pursuit of potential winners at this year's meeting following a dream start for his Wathnan Racing operation last year with Courage Mon Ami (GB) (**Frankel {GB}**) and Gregory (GB) (**Golden Horn {GB}**).

Those two horses had been bought from their owner-breeders, Anthony Oppenheimer and Philippa Cooper respectively, just prior to their victories in the Gold Cup and Queen's Vase. The pressure is now on for those trainers associated with Wathnan Racing to provide further success from a number of presumably expensive **purchases made in recent weeks** to top up a significant outlay at the breeze-up sales. **Cont.**

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Perfect Part's breeder John Cullinan, left, with Roger Marley and Mark Dwyer | Emma Berry

From the 11 purchased at those sales, six juveniles, all secured for six-figure sums, are already winners who will presumably be part of the sizeable team set to represent the owner at Royal Ascot.

The private sales scene appears to be busier than ever, and the calendar for public auctions is now almost unrecognisable compared to what was in place pre-pandemic. During the Covid

years, necessity dictated the rise of online sales and they have now become a monthly feature. Leaving aside the growing concern that more people are now interested in trading rather than owning racehorses, the online sales do offer a useful opportunity for owners and consignors to sell when it suits them, rather than waiting for the July or autumn horses-in-training sales, and without having the expense of taking one's horse to a physical sale.

This week alone, there's a pop-up here and a pop-up there, before we head into one of the biggest weeks of racing in Britain, which commences with the Goffs London Sale next Monday.

### It's Not All Big Bucks

There have been eye-watering sums involved in securing some of the Royal Ascot prospects but one who does not fall into that category is Saturday's Hilary Needler Trophy winner Perfect Part (Ire).

The daughter of Mehmas (Ire) was secured for £10,000 at the Goffs UK Breeze-up Sale on April 24 by her owner Keith Brown. She has already earned more than double her purchase price in scooping £25,770 for winning the Hilary Needler, the British EBF-backed juvenile contest which is worth a total of £50,000.

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She is likely to head next to the G2 Queen Mary S. at Ascot after her trainer Brian Ellison reported that she has come out of her debut at Beverley in good heart.

For Perfect Part's breeder John Cullinan there are understandably mixed feelings. On the one hand he must feel that he let her go too cheaply when Brown offered to buy her privately after she left the ring unsold. On the other, any success she has helps to raise the profile and value of both her dam Queensbrydge (GB) (Dutch Art {GB}) and yearling half-sister by Shaman (Ire), who heads to the sales later this year.

Cullinan, one of the most experienced participants on the breeze-up scene through his partnership with Roger Marley, has had many good horses through his hands, not least Perfect Part's sire Mehmas, whom he and Marley sold for 170,000gns at the Craven Breeze-up Sale back in 2016.

He said, "It rained for two days before we sold the filly and the soft ground inconvenienced some more than others. This year, at the earlier sales in particular, the focus was very much on the clock, to the detriment of the sales in my view, and there is even more of a focus on the Royal Ascot type."

"Unfortunately she fell just out of those top times, but these timings are not official and the difference in the top 40 or 50 on the clock is one second. Depending on which times you looked at she was in the top 40 or 50, and there were 200 or so horses in it, so it wasn't as if she was out with the washing. But the difference between the times is so fine that it can knock you down the running order. He continued, "Ambiente Friendly, who was second in the Derby, is a good example of the value that can be found in looking beyond the five-furlong type."

Keith Brown has made something of a habit of finding a decent horse for little money. His Group 3 winner Top Notch Tonto (Ire) (Thousand Words {GB}) cost €3,000 and won six races, including a Group 3 and two Listed contests, while Dream Walker (Fr) (Gold Away {Ire}) was bought for £4,500 and won 11 times,

scoring at back-to-back Galway Festivals and earning black type.

Cullinan added, "You can't eat glory and it's not the first time I have sold a good horse very cheaply. I sold [Group 1 winner] Music Show to Gill Richardson for the price of a sandwich and I didn't feel very clever after that.

"But I still have the mare and she is in foal to Phoenix Of Spain. We always wish those that buy from us the best of luck and hopefully the filly will go from strength to strength."

### **Back in the Flow**

One of the most heartwarming results of the weekend was seeing Tiber Flow (Ire) (Caravaggio) win the G3 John of Gaunt S. at Haydock. It was hard not to fear the worst when the five-year-old took a shocking somersault of a fall at York, but thankfully he was soon back on his feet and, incredibly, just over three weeks later landed his second Group 3 and sixth win of his career for his owner-breeders Jon and Julia Aisbitt and trainer William Haggas.

The Aisbitts also raced his dam, the fellow dual Group 3 winner Malabar (Ire) (Raven's Pass), who is a half-sister to Group 1 winner Poet's Word (Ire) (Poet's Voice {GB}). Malabar has already proved her worth as a broodmare and her family could well be represented at Ascot next week as Tiber Flow's year-younger half-brother Godwinson (GB) (Saxin Warrior {Jpn}) has an entry for the Royal Hunt Cup.

### **Weekend Double for Elwick Stud**

Another family in the news over the weekend was that of the George Strawbridge-bred Stream Song (GB) Mastercraftsman {Ire}). The dual winner, who is a half-sister to the Group 1 and 2-winning Dubawi (Ire) fillies Journey (GB), Mimiky (GB) and Indigo Girl (GB), was bought from her breeder for 440,000gns by the Turnbull family of Elwick Stud in December 2019. Now Stream Song's first two foals are both multiple winners, with their most recent victories coming within 24 hours of each other.

On Saturday, Iron Lion (GB) (Roaring Lion) won for the third time in the Elwick colours at Haydock, followed on Sunday by the Listed Agnes Keyser Fillies' S. victory for three-year-old Lava Stream (GB) (Too Darn Hot {GB}), who landed her third consecutive race. Both horses are trained by David O'Meara.

However, a good case for broodmare of the year could be argued on behalf of Godolphin's Minidress (GB) (Street Cry {Ire}). Her sons Rebel's Romance (Ire) (Dubawi {Ire}) and Measured Time (GB) (Frankel {GB}) have each now won two Group/Grade 1 races this year alone in Dubai, Hong Kong and America, the latest of those coming on Saturday when Measured Time landed the G1 Manhattan S. at Saratoga, leading home his Charlie Appleby stable-mate Nations Pride (Ire) (Teofilo {Ire}). **Cont.**



Rebel's Romance, now six and a proper globetrotter who has raced in seven different countries, is one of the most consistent horses in training. The gelding has won 13 of his 19 starts, five of which have been at the highest level, with his latest success coming at the end of May when he lifted the Champions & Chater Cup at Sha Tin.

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### [A Piece of Heaven, cont. from p1](#)

The six-year-old naturally became the subject of interest and a difference of opinion within the camp left Fitzgerald with no other option but to accept the best offer that was put in front of him.

He explained, "Look, I'm sorry I lost the horse in such circumstances but I wish Joseph O'Brien and Jack Cantillon the best of luck with him--they're not the bad guys here. I have always spoken highly of this horse. Even when he was running in bumpers, I thought a lot of him. The ground is the big thing and that's probably why he's been lightly-raced. There is no point running him on dead ground--he needs to be able to quicken off good ground.

"His profile is ideal for Royal Ascot and my big plan for him was to go there and then go on to Melbourne with him. That's how good of a horse I think he is. He's a relentless galloper."

Fitzgerald has kept the majority of his string despite the fallout and is temporarily based with his brother and prominent point-to-point handler Aidan. However, he hopes to find a more permanent address by the end of the week and has vowed to "build back bigger and stronger". His rebuilding will be made that little bit easier after selling recent Down Royal maiden winner Miss Meager (Ire) (Galileo Gold {GB}) to America.

He said, "We're in the trading business but, to be honest, I thought the trading angle was gone with A Piece Of Heaven and that he might be a flag-bearer for the yard."



**A Piece Of Heaven: has been bought by Syndicates Racing and will now be trained by Joseph O'Brien | [Racingfotos.com](#)**

"It's a big blow because he's gone, the yard is gone, and I have to build back bigger and stronger again. I've only lost two other horses and have brought the majority of the string with me and thankfully plenty of people have stood by me. I have seven horses stabled in my brother's place--but there are more to come in from the field--and I'm hoping to get sorted with a more long-term arrangement by the end of this week. It's a shame the way things worked out but these things happen in racing and we'll bounce back stronger from it. I'm going to be at the Arkle Sale at Goffs this week and hopefully we can reinvest."

He added, "Jack and Joseph were great to deal with here and I genuinely hope the horse can win plenty of races for them. The bigger picture for A Piece Of Heaven is in November and I've no doubt that I will be setting my alarm clock to get up and watch him in the Melbourne Cup."

And Melbourne was put forward as one of the main attractions behind securing the deal for A Piece Of Heaven by the Syndicates Racing boss.

Cantillon said, "I think what this horse did at Leopardstown was really underestimated. He was off a mark of 94 and the handicapper gave him seven pounds. We looked at his stride and sectional analytics and both metrics pointed to a top-class performance being posted. Not only did he put in the performance but he also vetted extremely well. If he can continue on his upward trajectory, he's a horse with the profile and lack of miles on the clock to be a Melbourne Cup contender.

"My Dad, Dermot, was lucky enough to be the racing manager for the Smurfit family during a time when they enjoyed two Melbourne Cup wins and we keep talking about how striking a similar profile that A Piece Of Heaven has with Vintage Crop. You need to be realistic; he's currently rated 101 but I think a lot of very shrewd readers of form are very excited about this horse for Royal Ascot and have him down as one of their bankers in the Copper Horse Handicap, which of course is the route that Vauban and Absurde took to Melbourne."

He added, "A Piece Of Heaven has been sent to one of Ireland's greatest trainers and a brilliant man to travel a horse in Joseph O'Brien but I think Barry deserves huge credit by how well he has campaigned him thus far. If the horse can achieve more in 2024 and beyond, which I think he can, I'd really like Barry to get the credit that he deserves for what a brilliant job he has done in nurturing this horse's talents."

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## EUROPEAN NEWS

### FUN WITH FLAGS BRINGS €630,000 ON ARQANA ONLINE POP-UP SALE



Fun With Flags | Scoop Dyga

Nicolas de Watrigant of Mandore International Agency had the final say for **Fun With Flags (Ire)** (Zoffany {Ire}) at the **Arqana Online Pop-Up Sale**, the Listed winner bringing a final bid of €630,000.

Fun With Flags won the Prix Rose de Mai, and was the G3 Prix Cleopatre runner-up by just over two lengths to Halfday (Fr) (Lope De Vega {Ire}), for Jerome Reynier, and was offered with an entry in the G1 Prix de Diane. She has won three of her four career starts.

When asked for details, de Watrigant could not divulge the name of his client, but said the filly will target the GI Belmont Oaks in America on July 6.

Out of an unplaced Galileo (Ire) mare, Fun With Flags hails from the female family of Group-placed Gemstone (Ire), a full-sister to her dam, who herself produced Group 1-placed Nugget (GB) (**Siyouni {Fr}**) and Listed winner UAE Jewel (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}). This is also the family of G1 Irish St. Leger winner Sonnyboyliston (Ire) (Power {GB}); G1 Irish 2,000 Guineas winner Bachelor Duke (Miswaki); globetrotting multiple Group winner Spanish Mission (Noble Mission {GB}); and American Graded-placed Dude N Colorado (GB) (**Uncle Mo**).

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### IRISH DERBY AIM FOR EPSOM RUNNER-UP AMBIENTE FRIENDLY

The G1 Dubai Duty Free Irish Derby at the Curragh on Sunday, June 30 has been confirmed as the next port of call for Epsom runner-up **Ambiente Friendly (Ire)** (**Gleneagles {Ire}**), with Robert Havlin again booked to ride having replaced Callum Shepherd in the premier Classic.

Sent off the 9/2 second favourite at Epsom following a dominant four-and-a-half-length success in the Listed Lingfield Derby Trial S. on his previous start, Ambiente Friendly proved himself a high-class colt when chasing home City Of Troy (**Justify**) on that occasion, ultimately passing the post two and three-quarter lengths behind that rival having travelled strongly throughout.

The G1 Coral-Eclipse S. on Saturday, July 6--which was **confirmed as the next target for City Of Troy on Sunday**--had been under consideration for Ambiente Friendly following that effort, but a trip to Sandown has now been ruled out as connections plot another Classic tilt over a mile and a half for his next start.

"After the dust settled, we were very keen to keep him at a mile and a half and, as importantly, stay against his own age group," said co-owner Tim Gredley. "It was the only option really and I'm really looking forward to it and I think the race will suit him. We want to do what is right by the horse and the conditions of the Irish Derby seem a lot more favourable than going to the Eclipse.

"They came and won our Derby and for the sport, it only seems fair to go and have a go over there. We think the gradients of the Curragh and conditions of the race will suit, so that is why we have made the decision to go there."

"Rab [Havlin] will ride and we all had a good chat this morning--Mr Fanshawe and I also spoke to Rab and Freddie Tylicki. We are all in unanimous agreement that we should go to Ireland."

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### LIVE IN THE DREAM PLAN REMAINS THE SAME DESPITE HAYDOCK SETBACK

Last year's G1 Nunthorpe S. winner **Live In The Dream (Ire)** (Prince Of Lir {Ire}) is reported to have returned from his below-par effort at Haydock on Saturday with "a bit of bruising on his off-side and lower rib cage", though trainer Adam West is optimistic of a swift return to action for his stable star.

Runner-up in the G2 Temple S. on his first start of the season, Live In The Dream returned to Merseyside as a short-priced favourite for the Listed Achilles S. at the weekend, but his supporters had a nervous moment at the start when he stumbled badly as the stalls opened. **Cont.**



He soon recovered to take up his customary position at the head of affairs but was a spent force entering the final furlong and weakened to finish fifth of the eight runners.

"It's just unfortunate that these things happen in racing," West summed up. "The headwind wouldn't have helped but, ultimately, his confidence was shot. Even though his class got him back to the front, you can't win a sprint race after falling on your nose at the gates."

On the extent of Live In The Dream's injuries, West added, "He's been checked out thoroughly and he's got a bit of bruising on his off-side and lower rib cage. He actually hit the deck quite hard [leaving the stalls] and he had grass stains up to his knees. He caught the stalls or maybe one of the other horses caught him with a foot down the off-side.

"He's not too sore, but it would have been enough to scupper a bold show like we had hoped. He will come through it and he will be fine."

All being well, the five-year-old is likely to make his next appearance in the G3 Coral Charge at Sandown on Saturday, July 6, a run which his trainer hopes will put him spot on for the defence of his Nunthorpe crown on Friday, August 23.

"The plan will still be to go to the Coral Charge," West confirmed. "There is enough time to recover from that [before Sandown] but, of course, we will just take things sensibly. We're hoping to go to Sandown and then on to York."

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## INTENDED ARC RUNNER MQSE DE SEVIGNE LEADS SUMMER SQUAD FOR ANDRE FABRE

**Mqse De Sevigne (Ire)** will aim to add to her Group 1 tally at Deauville before ending her career with a crack at the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe, trainer Andre Fabre revealed on Monday.



**Mqse De Sevigne (left) | Scoop Dyga**

The daughter of **Siyouni (Fr)** won a pair of top-level races at Deauville as a four-year-old, registering back-to-back victories in the Prix Rothschild and Prix Jean Romanet, before filling the runner-up spot behind Inspiral (GB) (**Frankel {GB}**) in the G1 Sun Chariot S. at Newmarket on her final start of the campaign.

This year Mqse De Sevigne is unbeaten in two starts and Fabre is now plotting a tried-and-tested route at Deauville with his star mare after she gained the third Group 1 success of her career in the Prix d'Ispahan at Longchamp last time.

"We have some nice older horses this year, of course with Mqse De Sevigne," said Fabre. "She will wait for Deauville, the Prix Rothschild and the Prix Jean Romanet, and then the Arc. She's versatile over distances, but I don't want to risk her over a mile and a half early in the season, until the Arc. We've nothing to lose by running her in it then."

Fabre has seven horses entered in the G1 Grand Prix de Saint-Cloud at the end of the month, with **Junko (GB)** (Intello {Ger}) and **Pensee Du Jour (Ire)** (**Camelot {GB}**), both owned by the Wertheimer brothers, very much in the mix, along with **Sevenna's Knight (Ire)** (**Camelot {GB}**).

"Pensee Du Jour is in the Grand Prix de Saint-Cloud and she's in at Longchamp in the Prix de Malleret, but she's likely to go for the Grand Prix," the trainer explained. "I think she's a stronger filly this year. Obviously, last year she had the scope to get better as an older mare and she's now that much stronger.

"I've entered seven, so I've got a few to choose from in the Grand Prix. One who is sure to go is Junko, in the same ownership, and I will try to run Sevenna's Knight in it, too. He looks a progressive horse over staying distances, so I want to see him over a shorter distance."

Fabre also had news of the three-year-olds **First Look (Ire)** (Lope De Vega {Ire}) and **Sosie (Ire)** (**Sea The Stars {Ire}**), who finished second and third, respectively, in last weekend's G1 Prix du Jockey Club won by the exciting Look De Vega (Fr) (Lope De Vega {Ire}).

He added, "I think they were both beaten by a very nice colt. I haven't quite decided what they will do. The third horse will go for the Grand Prix de Paris and First Look I don't know. Sosie is a nice, big horse and will keep progressing throughout the year."

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## FIRST-SEASON SIRES WITH RUNNERS

Tuesday, 11 June, 2024

### UNITED KINGDOM

**Earthlight (Ire)** (Shamardal), Kildangan Stud

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

14:00-SALISBURY, 6f, **Cayman Tai (Ire)**

€65,000 Goffs November Foal Sale 2022; £45,000 Goffs UK

Premier Yearling Sale 2023

18:00-WETHERBY, 5.5f, **Tees Aggregates (Ire)**

£25,000 Goffs UK Premier Yearling Sale 2023; £20,000 Goffs UK

2yo Breeze Up Sale 2024

**Far Above (Ire)** (Farhh {GB}), Starfield Stud

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

14:32-SALISBURY, 6f, **Stratusnine (Ire)**

€30,000 Goffs November Foal Sale 2022; £40,000 Goffs UK

Premier Yearling Sale 2023

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

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

14:32-SALISBURY, 6f, **Kon'nichiwa (Fr)**

€60,000 Arqana Deauville October Yearlings 2023

**Romanised (Ire)** (**Holy Roman Emperor (Ire)**), Haras de

Bouquetot

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

14:32-SALISBURY, 6f, **Yala (Fr)**

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

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

14:00-SALISBURY, 6f, **Pietro (Ire)**

€50,000 Goffs November Foal Sale 2022; £24,000 Goffs UK

Premier Yearling Sale 2023; £40,000 Goffs UK 2yo Breeze Up

Sale 2024

14:32-SALISBURY, 6f, **Sands of Marra (Ire)**

€20,000 Tattersalls Ireland September Yearling 2023; £46,000

Goffs UK 2yo Breeze Up Sale 2024

17:25-WETHERBY, 5.5f, **Yes I'm Mali (GB)**

**Sergei Prokofiev** (Scat Daddy), Whitsbury Manor Stud

121 foals of racing age/7 winners/2 black-type winners

14:32-SALISBURY, 6f, **Cairdeas (GB)**

95,000gns Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2022; 60,000gns

Tattersalls October Yearling Sale (Book 1) 2023

14:32-SALISBURY, 6f, **Limegreentangerine (GB)**

14:00-SALISBURY, 6f, **Sweet Sonata (GB)**

### FRANCE

**Persian King (Ire)** (**Kingman {GB}**), Haras d'Etreham

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

3-SAINT-CLOUD, 1400m, **Yoga Master (GB)**

€85,000 Arqana Deauville October Yearlings 2023



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## OBSERVATIONS

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### HOW THEY FARED

**18.10 Windsor, Novice, £9,950, 2yo, 6f 12yT**

**Adrestia (GB)** (**Havana Grey {GB}**), the £420,000 Goffs UK

Breeze Up topper, ran with real promise for a long way before fading out of the fight with the winner late and finishing third.

## BRITAIN

### Monday's Results:

**4th-Carlisle, £10,000, Novice, 6-10, 2yo, f, 6f 195yT, 1:29.47, gd.**

**EXPENSIVE ROSE (IRE)** (f, 2, **Australia {GB}**--Iveagh Gardens

{Ire} {GSW-Ire, SP-Ger}, by **Mastercraftsman (Ire)**), runner-up on debut over six furlongs at Pontefract last month, tracked the leader Li Ban (Ire) (Prince Of Lir {Ire}) closely throughout the early stages. Getting the edge over that rival a furlong from home, the 8-13 favourite stayed on to record a 1 1/2-length success. **Cont.**

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The dam, who captured the G3 Athasi S., is responsible for the smart hurdlers Flying Scotsman (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) and Comfort Zone (Ire) (**Churchill {Ire}**). From the family of the G3 Coventry S. winner CD Europe (Ire) (Royal Academy), her yearling is a full-sister to the winner. Sales history: €36,000 Wlg '22 GOFNO1; 26,000gns Ylg '23 TATOCT. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$16,532. O-Jaber Abdullah; B-Noreen McManus (IRE); T-Charlie Johnston.

**2nd-Windsor, £9,950, Novice, 6-10, 2yo, f, 6f 12yT, 1:12.44, g/f. CELANDINE (GB) (f, 2, Kingman {GB}--Pepita {Ire}) {SW & GSP-Eng, by Sir Prancealot {Ire}}**, seventh on debut at Goodwood last month, broke well to lead from the outset. Seeing off the persistent challenge of Adrestia (GB) (Havana Grey {GB}) inside the final furlong, the 6-1 shot hit the line with 1 3/4 lengths to spare over Pouting (GB) (Blue Point {Ire}) who denied the newcomer Adrestia the runner's-up spot by half a length. The listed-winning and group 3-placed dam is kin to three other black-type performers headed by the Listed Heron S. winner and G1 Criterium International-placed Redolent (Ire) (Redback {GB}). Also a half to the dam of the G1 Flying Five runner-up Son Of Rest (GB) (Pivotal {GB}), her unraced 3-year-old colt Pizarro (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}) was a 400,000gns purchase by Godolphin at the Tattersalls October Book 1. She also has a yearling full-brother to the winner and a filly foal by **Starspangledbanner (Aus)**. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$6,841. O/B-Rockcliffe Stud (GB); T-Ed Walker.

**1st-Carlisle, £10,000, Mdn, 6-10, 2yo, f, 5f 182yT, 1:13.15, gd. KISS ME MY LOVE (IRE) (f, 2, Invincible Spirit {Ire}--Love Street, by Kitten's Joy)**, runner-up in five-furlong heats at Hamilton and this venue last month, jinked left while making a swift break and was trapped wide in a handy third through the initial fractions of this third start. Cruising to the fore on the bridle approaching the two pole, the 2-1 favourite was safely clear passing the furlong marker and kept on strongly up the hill to score by 1 1/2 lengths from Tower Of Africa (Ire) (Sands Of Mali {Fr}). Kiss Me My Love, half to a yearling filly by Lucky Vega (Ire), is the third of four foals and second winner out of a winning half to GIII Endine S. victrix Bold Union (Dixie Union) and the stakes-placed El Compactador (**The Factor**). Bold Union, in turn, is the dam of GIII Pocahontas S. third Bold Quality (Elusive Quality) and the stakes-placed Bold Confection (**Candy Ride {Arg}**). Descendants of Kiss Me My Love's GIII Azalea Breeders' Cup S.-winning second dam Bold World (Fortunate Prospect) also include the stakes-placed duo Race Day Speed (Race Day) and Jordi's Dream (Neolithic). The February-foaled bay hails from the family of GI Breeders' Futurity-winning sire Consolidator (Storm Cat). Sales history: 30,000gns Ylg '23 TATOCT. Lifetime Record: 3-1-2-0, \$12,986. O-Jaber Abdullah; B-Irish National Stud (IRE); T-Charlie Johnston.



Kameko | Tweenhills

**2nd-Pontefract, £7,000, Mdn, 6-10, 2yo, f, 6fT, 1:17.47, gd. ARDEUR (GB) (f, 2, Kameko--Chaleur {GB}) {GSP-Eng, SP-US, \$152,017}, by Dansili {GB}**, sent off the 30-100 favourite having finished fourth in a well-contested novice at York last month, was quickly in control at the head of affairs. Asked to stretch turning for home, the homebred responded willingly to record a six-length success from Lady Luzon (Ire) (Pinatubo {Ire}). In doing so, she was providing her Tweenhills Farm-based first-crop sire (by Kitten's Joy) with a fourth winner in under a fortnight. The winner is the first foal out of the G2 Duchess of Cambridge S.-placed dam, who is a full-sister to the G3 Ballysax S.-placed Dalvey (GB) and a half to the G2 Linlithgow S. scorer Old Flame (GB) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}). She is a granddaughter of Didina (GB) (Nashwan), who captured the GII Dahlia H. and was third in the GI Gamely H., and is the second dam of the operation's sires **Bated Breath (GB)** also by Dansili and Cityscape (GB) (Selkirk). Also connected to Invincible Spirit's G2 Gimcrack S.-winning sire Ajaya (GB) and the G1 St Leger hero Logician (GB) (**Frankel {GB}**), Chaleur's yearling filly is by **Kingman (GB)**. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$6,428.

O-Juddmonte; B-Juddmonte Farms Inc (GB); T-Ralph Beckett.

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**5th-Lingfield, £6,300, Mdn, 6-10, 2yo, 4f 217yT, :58.94, gd. KINETIC FORCE (GB) (c, 2, Land Force {Ire}--Kinematic {GB}, by Kyllachy {GB})**, a half-brother to the G2 Temple S. winner King's Lynn (GB) (Cable Bay {Ire}), raced towards the fore from the outset. Edging ahead two out, the 14-1 shot had 1 1/2 lengths to spare over Nala Star (Ire) (Cotai Glory {GB}) at the line. Alongside King's Lynn, who also captured two listed prizes, the dam is responsible for Collinsbay (GB) who took the G3 Premio Tudini.

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A half-sister to the Listed Carnarvon S. winner Musical Comedy (GB) (Royal Applause {GB}), her yearling filly is by Dark Angel (Ire) while she also has a colt foal by Blue Point (Ire). Sales history: 21,000gns Ylg '23 TADEY. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$4,331.

O-Mr W P Flynn; B-Queen Elizabeth II (GB); T-D Donovan.

#### ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

**Due To Henry (GB)**, g, 3, **Due Diligence**--Rivas Rhapsody (Ire) (SP-Eng), by Hawk Wing. Lingfield, 6-10, 7f 135yT, 1:31.86. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$5,019. B-D Hefin Jones & Whitsbury Manor Stud (GB). \*15,000gns Ylg '22 TATSOM.

**T'Challa (GB)**, c, 3, **Kingman (GB)**--Ebony Flyer (SAf) (MG1SW-SAF, \$230,517), by Jet Master (SAf). Windsor, 6-10, 8f 31yT, 1:40.31. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-0, \$14,209. B-Team Valor, Cayton Park Stud, Cad Racing (GB). \*1/2 to Tangible (SAf) (Trippi), GSP-SAF, \$260,743.

**Approval (GB)**, g, 3, **Le Havre (Ire)**--Alnoras (GB), by **Kingman (GB)**. Windsor, 6-10, 10fT, 2:04.28. Lifetime Record: 4-1-2-0, \$11,492. B-Highclere Stud (GB). \*160,000gns Ylg '22 TATOCT.

## FRANCE

#### Monday's Results:

##### FIRST WINNER FOR SIRE

**5th-Craon**, €23,000, Mdn, 6-10, unraced 2yo, 6 1/2fT, 1:17.55, sf.

**OUT OF AFRICA (FR)** (f, 2, **Persian King {Ire}**--**Africaine {GB}**, by **Oasis Dream {GB}**) broke smartly and raced prominently in a close-up second through the early fractions of this debut. Stoked up at the top of the straight, the 19-5 favourite gained control with 350 metres remaining and bounded clear under minimal urging inside the final furlong to easily account for Eclairdegeny (Fr) (City Light {Fr}) by three lengths, becoming the first winner for her freshman sire (by **Kingman {GB}**). Out Of Africa is the latest of three reported foals and first scorer produced by a winning daughter of G3 Prix des Reservoirs victrix and G1 Prix Saint-Alary runner-up Article Rare (El Prado {Ire}). Article Rare is one of five black-type winners out of G3 Prix de Sandringham victrix Action Francaise (Nureyev), whose descendants include stakes-winning G1 Prix de Diane, G1 Prix Saint-Alary and G1 Diana S. runner-up Argentina (Ire) (Sadler's Wells). Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, €11,500. **Video, sponsored by FanDuel TV.** O/B-Elevage Pierre Levesque, Ecurie Thomas Levesque & Hugues Rousseau (FR); T-Joel Boissnard.



Persian King | Zuzanna Lupa

**1st-Dax**, €21,000, Mdn, 6-10, 3yo, 11 1/2fT, 2:26.70, sf.

**OLATZ DE VEGA (GB)** (f, 3, **Lope De Vega {Ire}**--**Motivee {Ire}**, by **Motivator {GB}**), a May 17 first-up 10th going nine furlongs at La Teste in her only prior start, settled several lengths off the pace in eighth passing the judge first time and remained there for most of this one. Nudged along to reduce arrears rounding the home turn, the 2-1 chalk made rapid headway in the straight into second with 300 metres remaining and was pushed out inside the final furlong to easily defeat Pretty Storm (Fr) (Storm The Stars) by an impressive three lengths. Olatz De Vega is the third of five foals and first scorer out of a winning full-sister to Listed Prix Ridgway victor Lumineux (GB) (Motivator {GB}). Her dam Motivee (Ire) (Motivator {GB}) is also kin to G1 Prix Marcel Boussac heroine Indonesienne (Ire) (Muhtathir {GB}) and the stakes-placed duo Papua (Fr) (Mastercraftsman {Ire}) and Kamran (Fr) (Green Tune). Indonesienne, in turn is the dam of G3 Prix d'Aumale third Bahasa (Ire) (**Siyouni {Fr}**) and Listed Grand Criterium de Bordeaux runner-up Precious Sea (GB) (**Sea The Stars {Ire}**). Motivee, whose 2023 Kameko colt died last year, has the unraced 2-year-old gelding Zou's Your Daddy (GB) (Zoustar {Aus}) to come. Sales history: 90,000gns Ylg '22 TATOCT. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, €10,500. **Video, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

O-White Birch Farm; B-Gestut Ammerland (GB); T-Jean-Claude Rouget.

#### CONDITIONS RESULTS:

**1st-Craon**, €30,000, Cond, 6-10, 3yo, 12fT, 2:33.85, sf.

**SHAMARKAND (FR)** (c, 3, **Harzand {Ire}**--**Shamkala {Fr}** {GSW-Fr, \$171,838}, by **Pivotal {GB}**) Lifetime Record: 5-3-0-2, €44,700. O-H H The Aga Khan; B-H H The Aga Khan's Studs SC (FR); T-Francis-Henri Graffard.



**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**

**First Diva (Fr)**, f, 3, **Hunter's Light (Ire)**--Diva Star (GB), by **Siyouni (Fr)**. Niort, 6-9, 11 1/4fT, 2:21.13. B-FTP Equine Holdings Ltd (FR). \*€3,500 Ylg '22 ARQNOV.

**Darnetal (Fr)**, c, 3, **Intello (Ger)**--Develyn (GB), by Pivotal (GB). Orleans, 6-9, 13 1/2fT, time: n/a. B-Haras d'Haspel (FR). \*€42,000 RNA Ylg '22 ARQOCT; €49,000 2yo '23 OSAAPR. \*\*1/2 to Zarwaan (GB) (Dutch Art {GB}), SW-Eng, \$102,007.

**Lundo (Fr)**, c, 3, **Kendargent (Fr)**--Le Muguet (Ire), by Indian Ridge (Ire). Langon-Libourne, 6-9, 9fT, 1:51.82. B-Nearco Producciones SL (FR).

**Adrett (Ire)**, f, 3, **No Nay Never**--Easter (Ire) (SW & MGSP-Ire, \$109,475), by Galileo (Ire). Limoges, 6-9, 10 1/2fT, 2:25.10. B-Barronstown Stud (IRE). \*200,000gns Ylg '22 TATOCT.

**Belize (Fr)**, f, 3, **The Grey Gatsby (Ire)**--Baldamelle (Fr), by Dansili (GB). Langon-Libourne, 6-9, 12 1/2fT, 2:39.20. B-Francois Rohaut (FR).

**Semper Fi (Fr)**, g, 3, **Zoffany (Ire)**--Just Dance (GB), by Equiano (Fr). Niort, 6-9, 7fT, 1:23.69. B-Ecurie Haras de Saint Vincent (FR). \*€34,000 RNA Ylg '22 ARQOCT.



**IN CHINA**

**Yin Ling Shi Shang (Ire)**, c, 3, Inns of Court (Ire)--Bloomsday Babe, by Cherokee Run. Yulong, 6-8, 1200m, Sand Track, 1:00.07. Purse: 100,000 RMB. O-LIU Gui Sheng; B-Mr Liam Wright (IRE). \*€10,500 Elg '21 GOFNOV, €9,000 Ylg '22 GOFNOV. **VIDEO.**

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