



SHAMROCKS IN THE BLUEGRASS: ROBBIE LYONS



Robbie Lyons, Mike Ryan, and Gerry Dilger back in the day

Courtesy of Robbie Lyons

by Chris McGrath

He has been here longer than just about any of them, albeit he arrived in 1978 presuming himself to be only breaking a longer journey. One breeding season in Kentucky, and then it would be off to Australia. Having instead become a pioneer of a remarkable Irish diaspora, Robbie Lyons is a perfect template for the many compatriots who have meanwhile flourished in the Bluegrass: an innate flair for trading, a fierce work ethic, and the willingness to take a gamble.

He wasn't particularly raised to the horse game--his father was in the farm machinery business--but had plenty of exposure through extended family. Cousins David and Mary McCann, for instance, bred the Grand Prix-winning show jumper and leading Sport Horse stallion Cruising. His uncle Bill Corrigan whipped in the Carlow Hunt, while an aunt, Mabel Lyons, competed in many point-to-points.

Sure enough, young Lyons found his way into Pony Club and hunting with the Kildares and the Naas Harriers. But no less valuable to his ultimate calling were days at sheep and cattle marts in Blessington and Maynooth.

"Doing that taught you what type of beast made you money and what did not," he recalls. "I've been around plenty of cattlemen. Those were people who knew how to close a deal. They didn't just know a good-looking animal when they saw one, but were good with figures, they were sharp, on the ball." *Cont.*

MOVIE PRODUCER SCOTT SANDER JOINS TDN WRITERS' ROOM PODCAST

Scott Sander had an idea for a rom-com movie floating around in his head, but wasn't quite sure what the setting should be. Then it hit him. Why not horse racing, and specifically the breeding industry? That's the story behind the story when it comes to the movie Sander is working on, "Breeders."

"I thought I had what was a really good idea for a big, fun romantic comedy," said Sander, who was this week's **Green Group Guest** of the Week on the *Thoroughbred Daily News* Writers' Room Podcast presented by **Keeneland**. "I knew what the idea was, and then I knew that I needed to set it in some beautiful, esoteric world that people don't normally get to see. So I came up with an idea, that I'm going to set it in the world of Thoroughbred horse breeding, not horse racing per se, but down in Lexington." *Cont. p7*

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8 | FIRE DRIVES EVACUATION AROUND RUIDOSO DOWNS

A mandatory evacuation in the area surrounding New Mexico's Ruidoso Downs was issued Tuesday due to the South Fork Fire. We check in on the ongoing situation with New Mexico-based trainer Todd Fincher, who has 70 head on the premises, and New Mexico Racing Commission Executive Director Izzy Trejo.

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Lyons continued: "For them it was about the deal as much as anything else."

An initial vocation did not survive "a vain attempt at veterinary medicine" at Trinity College nor valuable experience with Jimmy Kelly, whose Naas practice included a few stud farms and trainers on the Curragh. As for so many, the turning point--at Kelly's suggestion--was the Irish National Stud course under Michael Osborne, who also happened to be president of the rugby club where Lyons played in Naas. Both Kelly and Osborne remain cherished as mentors who opened new horizons.

"The course basically gave you exposure to a breeding season on a stud farm: stallions, breeding and foaling mares, sales preparation," Lyons says. "Trainees were dispersed to various studs, and I drew Yeomanstown, then run by Tony Coyle for the Levins-Moores. Gerry Dilger drew Brownstown Stud under Tony



Robbie Lyons | Courtesy Susie Lyons

Butler. We figured we did enough walking to cover the distance to Newmarket on foot, and Gerry probably back again as he walked several lots a day to my two. Even though we only spent a few months with those two legendary horsemen, it was like getting a PhD, invaluable."

Dilger would soon follow him to Kentucky, but it was Lyons along with fellow trainees Gerry O'Brien and David Brophy who served as pathfinders--albeit strictly David Mullins got there first--after John Williams asked Osborne for grooms suitable for the Spendthrift stallion barn.

"There wasn't much going on in Ireland, so the three of us signed up," Lyons recalls. "I really had no thought that I'd stay. But it turned out to be one opportunity after another.

Obviously it was totally different to what we'd been exposed to at home, whether in the National Stud or just covering mares down in the country: Spendthrift was a massive operation: 3,000-4,000 acres, hundreds of mares, 28 stallions." **Cont.**

BELMONT AT SARATOGA: What a weekend for Maryland-breds!

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And it so happened that these rookies arrived just as the whole commercial environment was heating up. Affirmed, Seattle Slew and J.O. Tobin had just been syndicated to stand alongside the icons Raise a Native and Nashua, while Caro was new from France.

"It was just at the time that the idea of stallion syndication was really taking off," Lyons recalls. "The value of shares and seasons was soaring, and vehicles like Matchmaker were emerging to streamline trading. It was all pretty wild."

Most importantly he met Susie, his wife for over 40 years, who had come from Virginia to work sales and break yearlings. Together they resolved to move around, meet as many people and gain as much experience as possible.

They started out at Walmac-Warnerton under Johnny Jones, prepping for Keeneland July, before proceeding to the Saratoga sale with Smiser West.

"Post-sale, Dr. West kindly introduced us to Bert and Diana Firestone, who took us on to break their yearlings at Catoctin, Va.," Lyons explains. "These were some of the best-bred yearlings around, as they were breeding from amazing racemares. Genuine Risk and Cure the Blues were also there at the time, for some R & R: they had a magnificent training barn and track, run by another great horseman, Marvin Green."

Eventually Lyons received a call from a friend in Ireland, Tony Watkins, who had attended a syndicate meeting for Tap On Wood. Also present was Wing Commander Tim Vigors, the Battle of Britain veteran, on behalf of W.R. "Fritz" Hawn who had recently bought a farm in Midway, Kentucky.

"Tim was unhappy with the management and was looking to make a change," Lyons recalls. "Tony threw my name out there,

Tim flew over and met me in Lexington along with Hawn and, long story short, I was offered the job. It was an amazing opportunity for someone of my age and background. But despite my inexperience, the farm produced some very nice horses."

These included multiple graded stakes scorer Lovlier Linda and G2 Richmond S. winner Gallant Special. Four years into this dream job, however, Hawn sold up to Will Farish, then developing Lane's End on adjoining land. But a closing door turned out to open the other way: Farish had hired Mike Cline, who had been managing his mares at Big Sink, in the process creating a vacancy there.

"Susie and I had become good friends with Mike, and he very graciously recommended me for the manager's position," Lyons

says. "E.V. Benjamin and his son Tony ran Big Sink primarily as a commercial operation, and were major consignors at Keeneland and Saratoga. So it was another great opportunity to help sell nice horses for some very good clients."

In time, moreover, things would turn full circle: the Benjamins sold Big Sink to his former employers, the Firestones. "Made me feel like I should be in the real estate business!" says Lyons.


All the way through, his career attests to the value of relationships in this business; in other words, the value of trust. His next move, for instance, he credits to another good friend in Richard Holder, who recommended Lyons to Hilary Boone, owner of Wimbledon.

"It was a beautiful farm of several hundred acres, and had produced plenty of good horses including Golden Fleece," Lyons recalls. "Relaunch was among the stallions standing there, and he'd just been joined by Danzig Connection. They were both in big demand, and proved a great way of making new contacts alongside the clients I'd been able to bring from Big Sink." **Cont.**



Diana, Matt, and Bert Firestone with jockey Joe Bravo at Monmouth in 2015 | Equi-Photo

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"The fact that their books were limited to 65 mares made us pretty popular in the office! We had some pretty good staff there, also: Bobby Spalding managed the yearlings, and I was able to bring Mark Moloney and Des Ryan over from Ireland on trainee visas. While I thought all three 'kinda average' at the time, they turned out all right!"

Lyons now reached a point where he felt that he had adequate experience and contacts to strike out on his own. He was already doing some foal pinhooking and Steve Johnson, a friend from their Spendthrift days, brought an opportunity to his attention.

"Steve had developed a showplace farm with Ed Seltzer," Lyons explains. "But plans had changed, as they often do in the horse business, leaving a large part of Margaux unoccupied. Steve made it very attractive for me to lease what was a

top-class, turn-key farm: fresh land, state-of-the-art barns. I had gathered up some nice clients and all I had to do was move in with horses."

Among those clients was Virginia Knott, for whom Lyons bred Lucky Song--sent to Luca Cumani, she won the G2 Park Hill S.--while he meanwhile reconnected with Hawn, and indeed Lovlier Linda: her son Old Trieste thrashed Grand Slam by 12 lengths in the GII Swaps. As ever, Lyons emphasizes the role of good staff, led by Moloney, who had accompanied him over from Wimbledon. Others included Sandra Russell, who arrived as a novice but was able to return home after 10 years to establish Lismacue Stud; while

Leslie Heermann had inherited talent from her father Victor, who set a world record for a yearling when selling a Lyphard colt for \$1.7 million in 1980.

"But while I had a good core business, I knew I needed to get out there," Lyons reflects. **Cont.**



The Lyons family | Courtesy of the Lyons family



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Robbie Lyons, cont.

"I knew that Mike Ryan was on the muscle, as well, so we said, 'Let's go out and buy some weanlings, see if we can get somebody to partner up with us, get some new people into the business.' Mike had this all-important banker who was game enough to lend us the money. Our mutual friend Gerry thought this was a wonderful idea, so he jumped in too.

"I knew Mike to be a man of action as a couple of years previously we had hatched a plan with Phil and Judy Needham to buy some fillies out of training in Newmarket to breed to Hostage, a son of Nijinsky newly retired to Domino Stud under Phil's management. Together we went through the catalogue picking out some suitable candidates and sent Mike to Newmarket with a small bag of cash to buy one or maybe two fillies. At the conclusion Mike had bought four, none of whom we recognized! But all of them made money. As I said, a man of action: send Mike to a sale on your behalf, and you will own some horses!"

One way or another, then, Keeneland November in 1994 was shaping up as a crucial sale: Lyons had put together a consignment of 15 or so, while the lads would also be shopping for a few weanlings. Shortly beforehand, however, Lyons found himself unusually tired after a day out with the Woodford Hounds. Reluctantly he "allowed Susie to load me up and go to the emergency room," where a heart attack was diagnosed.

When the surgeon came in next day--actually a fellow he hunted with--Lyons was feeling much better.

"Well, we'll do an angiogram tomorrow," the doctor said.

"Okay, yeah, let's get that over with because I have to get out of here. We're shipping into the sale Friday." **Cont.**

When he came back with the results, the doctor said: "Son, you've at least two major blockages and two or three more. You need to have surgery."

"Okay, tell you what, let me get this sale out of the way and then I'll come back for the operation."

"Um, that's actually not how it works. In fact, you're going in for open-heart surgery at six o'clock tomorrow morning."

Lyons cursed. "Do you think I'll be out by Friday?"

He was not. But between Susie, Moloney, and various friends



Mike Ryan | Sarah Andrew

rallying round, Lyons was left wondering whether he should just keep out of the way in future: sales reached seven figures, while Ryan and Dilger spent around \$700,000 on a dozen weanlings. But they were only just getting started.

"While I was recovering from surgery, my darling wife went out and bought a farm!" Lyons says. "She moved the horses and set up shop, all while raising four young boys aged nine to two.

It's been a great farm. Of the seven Grade I winners it has produced, three [including champion sprinter Kodiak Kowboy] came in the space of two months in 2008."

Dilger meanwhile leased an adjacent farm and for several years they split the weanlings bought for syndication. "At the peak of it we spent \$9 million on 49 weanlings," Lyons recalls. "The three of us took half and then we'd syndicate the rest. The second year was very successful, I think we got almost 100 percent return, and we thought, 'Jeez, this is easy.'"

Needless to say, that impression would be revised somewhat, not least as the weanling market became more competitive. But as the stakes became giddier, they held their nerve and sometimes rode very high indeed.

"We gave \$800,000 or so for a Storm Cat filly, and that didn't work out," Lyons remembers ruefully. "But we got \$1.8 million for a Deputy Minister colt that had cost \$785,000, and gave \$825,000 for a Mr. Prospector colt that made \$1.6m. We bought a lot of really nice horses. Bought a few crows, as well, of course!"

The most satisfying result on the racecourse itself was Russian Rhythm. Bought as a weanling for \$340,000, she sold through Ted Voute at Tattersalls for 440,000gns before winning the G1 1,000 Guineas for Cheveley Park Stud. She was among many bought with the European market in mind, often sold at Goffs or Tattersalls through local consignors. Another to make that journey was Shamardal, who came aboard as a yearling in the spring and sold at Tattersalls, again through Voute.

"Business generates business," observes Lyons. "Gerry and myself were both full to the brim. Everybody wanted to send you horses when you had some apparent success. But of course it always looks better on the outside. You sell a yearling for a million and people say, 'Wow, these guys are geniuses.' But there's always the other side to it.

"When the syndications wound down Mike and, more so, Gerry carried on." **Cont.**



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"Gerry brought in some other young lads--Spider Duignan, Adrian Regan, Ted Champion, Pat Costello--and showed them how to do it, ultimately pinhooking a Kentucky Derby winner [Nyquist]."

While it is not quite such heady stuff nowadays, the Hartwell consignment remains an essential calling point at any sale, with wry humor and good stories guaranteed alongside the consummate horsemanship. And another thing that doesn't change is the sense of debt Lyons expresses to his team, nowadays including Jane Lewington, a talented event rider back in England, and manager Shane Hennessy, who "rather reminds me of myself, 40 years ago."

A lot of water under the bridge since then, clearly. "If I had to do it all over again, would I try to get back home?" Lyons muses. "It felt kind of hard to break in, in Ireland, and there have just been so many great people that God has put in my life here. People you build relationships with, make connections. It's been a great ride. I don't really know how it all came about, but I thank God it did." He pauses and chuckles. "And I still haven't been to Australia."

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Sander continued: "There are so many beautiful farms there, which I had never been to. Then I realized, I don't know anything about horses."

But he met the right people in Lexington and got a crash education. Among others, Keeneland, Coolmore and Three Chimneys have been assisting him. Without giving away the plot, Sander said, "Breeders' will be a comedy about traditional marriage set in the beautiful world of Thoroughbred horse breeding."

Sander realizes the sport has been hit with a lot of negative publicity in recent years and said his movie will shine a positive light on the breeding industry.

"I absolutely believe people in the industry will like this," he said. "I met one of the owners of one of the most venerable farms down there and when I met her originally, she said, 'don't you make fun of us?'"

"Yes, it is a rom com and it's fun, but it's also an absolute celebration of the breeding world. I told her I turned it into language that I thought would work for her. This movie is going to do for Lexington what 'Sideways' did for the Southern California wine country."

The timetable for release of the movie is uncertain. Sander and his team went to work on the Thursday before the GI Kentucky Derby and got a lot done there.

They hope to shoot some more in the fall, but will take the winter off because Sander wants to show the farms at their best, which is not possible when it's cold and there is snow on the ground. Asked for an estimate of when the movie will hit the theaters, Sanders said he'd hope that it will be out in 18 months.

In our breeding spotlight section we took a look at the [WinStar stallion Tom's d'Etat](#).

The podcast also included the "News You Can Use" segment, which is sponsored by [Darley](#). It featured TDN European Sales Editor Brian Sheerin, who talked about the major stories at this year's Royal Ascot meeting.

Elsewhere on the podcast, which is also sponsored by the [Pennsylvania Horse Breeders' Association](#), [West Point Thoroughbreds](#), [WinStar](#), [Darley](#), [XBTv.com](#) and the [KTOB](#), the team of Randy Moss and Bill Finley took a look at the 2-year-old picture, which included several impressive debut winners during the week. **Cont.**



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They also took a look at the situation in Northern California now that Golden Gate Fields has closed and the news from HISA that breakdowns during the first quarter of the year were down by 38%.

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FIRE DRIVES EVACUATION AROUND RUIDOSO DOWNS



Ruidoso Downs | Ruidoso Downs

New Mexico's Ruidoso Downs was issued Tuesday after the South Fork Fire was reported by government officials at nearly 14,000 acres with zero percent containment. Officials were alerted Monday morning to the fire, which is burning on Mescalero Tribal land, U.S. Forest Service land, and in the areas surrounding Ruidoso. Ruidoso Downs is located within the Village of Ruidoso.

"The racetrack right now is in great shape," said New Mexico-based trainer Todd Fincher, who has 70 head on the premises. "Huge fire destroying the town, but I left there this morning and everything was very good at the track. Some people have moved their horses and some haven't. I haven't yet, but we are on alert. Hopefully it won't get close to the track or affect the horses."

Ruidoso's most recent day of live Thoroughbred racing was conducted Sunday with the next card scheduled for this coming Friday. New Mexico Racing Commission Executive Director Izzy Trejo, reached by phone on Tuesday afternoon, said the Friday, Saturday, and Sunday cards, which have already been drawn, are not cancelled and an appraisal of the situation is ongoing.

"The welfare of the horses, the horsemen, and the Village of

Ruidoso are in our thoughts and prayers," said Trejo. "There is just so much uncertainty right now because communication is so difficult with spotty cell service. As of Tuesday afternoon, there is no evacuation of the racetrack in place, but we know that Ruidoso itself is under siege. Some horsemen have elected to move, but we are in a holding pattern right now. We have put in place measures to open New Mexico's other tracks, including Zia Park and Sunland Park. Albuquerque is currently open for training and that is an ideal place which can accommodate 800-1,000 horses. What we do know is rain is forecast for Thursday and that could bring welcome news. We hope that comes to fruition."

Social media had a number of images showing road access limited in and out of the track with air quality also being a major concern. New Mexico's other tracks range in distance from approximately 150 miles to approximately 200 miles away from Ruidoso.

According to [New Mexico Fire Information](#), the South Fork Fire is a full suppression fire, with air and ground resources utilized from tribal, federal, state, and local agencies. Cell service is limited in the greater area. Tuesday brought an additional concern of increased winds while approximately 500 structures have already been impacted.

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WELFARE AND SAFETY SUMMIT FEATURES UPDATE ON RISK FACTORS AND PREDICTION

The 11th Grayson-Jockey Club Research Foundation's Welfare and Safety of the Racehorse Summit, which is scheduled for June 25 in the Longship Room at Kroger Field in Lexington, Ky., will feature information gleaned from the Equine Injury Database and recent reforms which can be predictive as to future safety initiatives.

The event will be livestreamed at bit.ly/wsslivestream and facebook.com/USJockeyClub.

The entire agenda was released Tuesday morning by Grayson and The Jockey Club.

The summit is free and open to the public, but registration is required. To register, visit bit.ly/wss2024reg.

"This agenda exemplifies what the industry is doing to further increase the safety of its athletes, which has been the goal of the Welfare and Safety Summit since its inception," said Jamie Haydon, president of Grayson-Jockey Club Research Foundation and deputy executive director of The Jockey Club. "We encourage everyone interested in improving our sport to attend or watch the livestream." **Cont.**

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- Jamie Haydon, President, Grayson-Jockey Club Research Foundation
- Annise Montplaisir, Executive Director, Amplify Horse Racing

8:30 - 9:15 Equine Injury Database update on risk, risk factors, and prediction

- Dr. Tim Parkin, Head of Bristol Veterinary School, University of Bristol

9:15 - 10:00 The Jockey Club report on further reducing fatalities

- Jamie Haydon
- Dan Singer, Partner, McKinsey & Company
- Ben Vonwiller, Partner, McKinsey & Company

10:00 - 10:15 Break

10:15 - 11:00 5 years later - an update on Santa Anita safety reforms

- Dr. Dionne Benson, Chief Veterinary Officer, 1/ST RACING
- Tim Yakteen, Trainer

11:00 - 12:00 Panel discussion on sudden deaths in racing: Where are we today?

- Dr. Stuart Brown, Vice President of Equine Safety, Keeneland (Moderator)
- Dr. Sian Durward-Akhurst, Professor & Researcher, University of Minnesota
- Dr. Sue Stover, Distinguished Professor Emerita, University of California - Davis
- Dr. Laura Kennedy, Veterinarian Pathologist, University of Kentucky
- Dr. Lynn Hovda, Chief Commission Veterinarian, Minnesota Racing Commission

12:00 - 1:00 Lunch

1:00 - 2:00 The regulatory veterinarian and attending veterinarian in the HISA environment

- Dr. Will Farmer, Equine Medical Director, Churchill Downs (Moderator)
- Dr. Sarah Hinchliffe, Regulatory Veterinarian, New York Racing Association
- Dr. Lyndsay Hagemeyer, Veterinarian, Ohio Regulatory Veterinarian
- Dr. Chip L. Johnson, Veterinarian, Private Practice, Central Kentucky

2:00 - 2:45 A strategy to expand and accelerate surface safety programs for improved racing surface consistency

- Dr. Mick Peterson, Executive Director, Racing Surfaces Testing Laboratory Professor, Biosystems & Agricultural Engineering, University of Kentucky

2:45 - 3:00 Break

3:00 - 3:30 Equine wearable biometric sensors: The next phase in early injury detection

- Dr. Sara Langsam, Partner, Teigland, Franklin and Brokken

3:30 - 4:00 Use of a standardized veterinary form for evaluation of racehorses entering a second career

- Dr. Jeff Berk, Veterinarian, Associate Equine Medical Associates

4:00 - 4:30 Light Up Racing update

- Price Headley Bell, Jr., Manager, Mill Ridge Farm and Board of Directors, Light Up Racing

The Welfare and Safety of the Racehorse Summit is underwritten and coordinated by the Grayson-Jockey Club Research Foundation and co-hosted by the University of Kentucky Martin-Gatton College of Agriculture, Food and Environment and The Jockey Club.

Previous editions of the summit can be viewed on Grayson's YouTube page and have received nearly 16,000 views. Among the major accomplishments that have evolved from the previous 10 summits are the Equine Injury Database; the Jockey Injury Database; the Racing Surfaces Testing Laboratory; a uniform trainer test and study guide; the racing surfaces white paper and the publication of educational bulletins for track maintenance; the publication of stallion durability statistics; the Hoof: Inside and Out DVD, available in English and Spanish; protocols for horses working off of the veterinarian's list; recommended regulations that void the claim of horses suffering injuries during a race; and inclement weather protocols.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

HORSE RACING HAS COME A LONG WAY TOWARDS ADDRESSING SAFETY

by Armen Antonian, Ph.D.

The just-concluded Santa Anita/Hollywood winter/spring meet with a 99.97% safety record from 6,678 horses racing over the dirt and or turf is truly remarkable. Combine this result with the additional data released by HISA of a fatality rate of .83 per 1,000 starts nationally for the first quarter of 2024 and something extraordinary is starting to occur. Thoroughbred racing can and, importantly is, becoming safe with regard to horse fatalities.

One would have been hard-pressed to make such a statement in 2019 with the many horse fatalities at Santa Anita. I never entirely bought the rain/poor track condition explanation for those fatalities. Yes, the 2019 conditions at Santa Anita were unique, but horse fatalities had been relatively high virtually everywhere in the United States. And, over time, this fact left the industry wide-open to criticism that went far beyond a few animal rights groups.

When the California state government started to get critically involved and when I was asked by several friends about the deaths of horses on the racetrack, I knew that my favorite sport/pastime was in some trouble. The perception of horse racing in the public realm had taken a blow and the reverberations quickly spread nationally.

The starting point was, however, not the horse racing deaths but the fact that so many horses raced at high speed and did not break down. Most horses did NOT break down. That is, the racing itself could not be the culprit as the critics claimed--that is not what the data showed--but something was indeed amiss.

From decades of handicapping--I saw Damascus and Buckpasser race at Santa Anita in the 1960s as a kid--I had noticed that certain horses should not be bet because of their apparent declining form or a projected decline in performance due to an excessive or difficult race schedule. In 2019, I surmised that most racing deaths could be eliminated by ascertaining and then rectifying pre-existing conditions with regard to race horses. I was not a vet or a trainer and, as a handicapper, I could only make broad conjectures, but my graduate study often involved interpreting data. What explained the data? There had to be intervening factors (pre-race) that caused a small percentage of horses to break down in a race and those factors could be identified as in any science.

HISA CEO Lisa Lazarus has recently acknowledged that many factors have now been identified that are warning signs regarding possible racing injury/fatalities for certain horses and she states pointedly, "HISA's most important goal is driving down equine fatalities." Indeed and indeed. Reducing racing fatalities to near zero and understanding the risk factors that will prevent horses with pre-existing conditions from racing are paramount for the viability of the sport.

The news is that horse racing has come a considerable way in addressing safety issues of its equine athletes performing in the sport.

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CLAIBORNE AND LANE'S END CO-SPONSOR RRP'S FORMER BROODMARE DIVISION

Claiborne Farm and Lane's End Farm have committed to a co-sponsorship of the Former Broodmare division at the 2024 Thoroughbred Makeover and National Symposium, presented by Thoroughbred Charities of America, the Retired Racehorse Project (RRP) announced Tuesday.

First run as a pilot program in 2023, the Former Broodmare division is now an official competition avenue at the Thoroughbred Makeover, welcoming recently retired broodmares to compete alongside the traditional retiring racehorse division in all 10 offered disciplines. Broodmares will be pinned and recognized separately, and compete for a separate pot of \$10,000 in prize money.

"Claiborne is happy to once again be one of the lead sponsors of the Thoroughbred Makeover's Former Broodmare division," said Claiborne president Walker Hancock. **Cont.**



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RRP's former broodmare division, cont.

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“Lane’s End is proud to participate as a sponsor of the Former Broodmare Division at the Thoroughbred Makeover,” said Bill Farish of Lane’s End. “Since its inception, the RRP has helped raise the profile of aftercare and showcase the diverse talents of the off-track Thoroughbred. The new broodmare division is another unique opportunity as an avenue for second or even third careers to showcase the athletic abilities of the Thoroughbred.”

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MHBA SETS 2024 BOARD



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Five open seats on the Board of Directors for the Maryland Horse Breeders Association (MHBA) have been filled, with four of the positions filled by returning members and one by a new member. Returning to the board are veterinarian Brooke Bowman, DVM; owner-breeder Michael Horning; Country Life Farm and Merryland Farm co-owner Josh Pons; and Northview Stallion Station's general manager David Wade. Trainer Phil Schoenthal is joining the MHBA Board for the first time.

The five elected will serve for the next three years and will join current directors William K. Boniface, Amy Burk, Henry “Tim” Clark, Charles Fenwick, Jr., Lisa Hofstetter, T. K Kuegler, Grace Merryman, Kent A. Murray, Gina Robb, and Thomas Rooney.

The MHBA’s Annual General Membership meeting will take place on Wednesday, in person at the Maryland Horse Library & Education Center in Reisterstown and on Zoom. Maryland Thoroughbred Racetrack Operating Authority (MTROA) interim CEO Corey Johnson will serve as guest speaker.

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PURSES AND BREEDERS' INCENTIVES IN ALBERTA GET A BOOST

Purses and breeders' incentives in Alberta will get a boost this year as a result of higher-than-expected revenues, Horse Racing Alberta (HRA) announced Tuesday.

HRA is recommending a \$400,000 increase to the 2024 purse allocation and a \$120,000 increase to the 2024 Breed Incentive Program (BIP). The proposal was approved by the HRA Board of Directors on May 24.

“We are excited to share this good news with the Alberta horse racing industry,” said Kent Verlik, Chief Executive Officer of Horse Racing Alberta. “Purses in 2024 will be increased by \$400,000 from \$14.5 million to \$14.9 million and BIP funding is going up by \$120,000 from \$4.2 million to \$4.32 million.”

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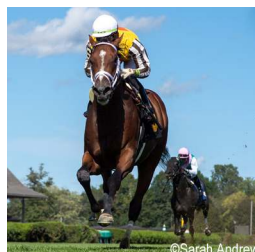
DELAWARE PARK MOVES SATURDAY POST TIME

The first post for Saturday, June 22 at Delaware Park has been moved up an hour to 11:30 a.m. ET due to a forecast of extreme heat. Seven races are scheduled for the day with approximately 30 minutes between each race.

There will be no changes to the usual post time of 12:30 for the Wednesday and Thursday cards and no live racing is scheduled Friday.

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OHIO DERBY-GIII, \$500,000, 3yo, 1 1/8m

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| 1 | Frizzante | Vino Rosso | Winner Circle Stables, LLC | Sacco | Castillo | 126 |
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| 3 | Charleston | Tapiture | Brinley Enterprises LLC | Rone | Rivera | 126 |
| 4 | Copper Tax | Copper Bullet | Rose Petal Stable LLC | Capuano | Torrealba | 126 |
| 5 | Uncle Heavy | Social Inclusion | Milam, Michael and LC Racing LLC | Reid, Jr. | Sanchez | 126 |
| 6 | Deposition | Constitution | Trin-Brook Stables, Inc. | St. Lewis | Haddock | 126 |
| 7 | Who's the King 🦄 | Not This Time | Kenneth L. Ramsey | Joseph, Jr. | Bowen | 126 |
| 8 | Catching Freedom 🦄 | Constitution | Albaugh Family Stables LLC | Cox | Saez | 126 |
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Breeders: 1-Siena Farms LLC, 2-Rock Ridge Thoroughbreds, LLC, 3-Twin Creeks Farm, 4-Lance Sullenberger, 5-Barbara Reid, 6-WinStar Farm, LLC, 7-James Iselin, Eli Gindi, David Asoulin & Louis Asoulin, 8-WinStar Farm, LLC, 9-Juddmonte, 10-JSM Equine, LLC

Saturday, Churchill Downs #7, post time: 3:51 p.m. EDT

CHICAGO S-GIII, \$250,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 7f

| PP | HORSE | SIRE | OWNER | TRAINER | JOCKEY | WT |
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| 1 | Society | Gun Runner | Peter E. Blum Thoroughbreds, LLC | Asmussen | Gaffalione | 118 |
| 2 | Royal Spa | Violence | Breffni Farm | Brisset | Geroux | 118 |
| 3 | Vahva 🦄 | Gun Runner | Belladonna Rcnng, Edward J. Hudson, Jr., West Point Tbds, LLC, Nice Guys Stbls, Twin Brook Stbls, Steve Hornstock, LBD Stbl, Manganaro Bldstck, Runnels Rcnng | DeVaux | Ortiz, Jr. | 123 |
| 4 | Chi Town Lady | Verrazano | Castleton Lyons | Ward | Ortiz | 120 |
| 5 | Positano Sunset | Goldencents | Six Column Stables, Randall Bloch, John Seiler & David Hall | Wilkes | Leparoux | 118 |

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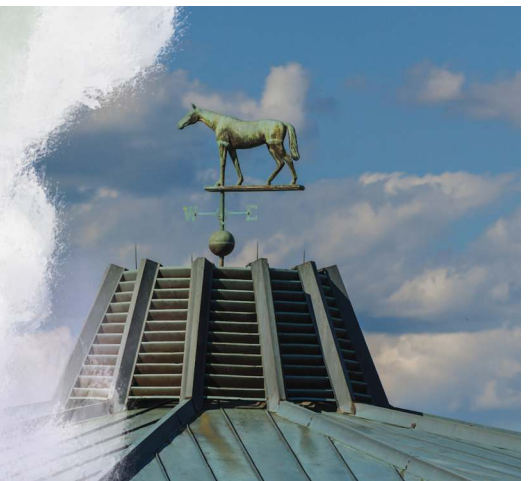
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IN ORDER OF PURSE:

8th-Thistledown, \$35,800, (S), Alw, 6-18, (NW2L), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:12.42, ft, 1 1/4 lengths.

BUCKEYE CRUISER (f, 3, [Catalina Cruiser](#)--Industrial Policy, by [Harlan's Holiday](#)) successfully splashed home at second asking by 1 3/4 lengths over this course and distance while facing state bred May 9. Attempting to clear Ohio allowance company at the end of last month, the filly turned in a well-beaten third. Ready for another crack as the 3-1 second choice here, the chestnut rated in the third position behind a couple of longshots up the backstretch. Buckeye Cruiser launched her bid around the far turn, poked her head in front down the lane and sealed the deal over Cali Cruiser ([Catalina Cruiser](#)). The winner's dam is responsible for 2-year-old filly Lemon N Lime (Tough It Up) and a yearling colt by Alteration. She was sent to [Aloha West](#) for this term. Sales History: \$43,000 Ylg '22 FTKOCT; \$32,000 2yo '23 EASMAY. Lifetime Record: 4-2-1-1, \$52,858. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#), sponsored by [FanDuel TV](#).**

O-Blue Snow Racing Stables and Boots N Bikinis LLC;
B-Maccabee Farm (OH); T-David Wolochuk.

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9th-Prairie Meadows, \$31,740, Msw, 6-17, 2yo, f, 4 1/2f, :54.36, ft, 1/2 length.

MOVE IT MARY (f, 2, [Audible](#)--Red Moon Girl, by [Malibu Moon](#)) faced only two others in a scratched down field on debut at 90 cents on the dollar here. The filly trailed her opponents up the backstretch, but rounding the far turn she began to get into gear. Cutting to the rail down the lane, the juvenile took control at the sixteenth pole and won by half a length. A half-sister to MGISW Mshawish ([Medaglia d'Oro](#)), the winner's dam is responsible for a yearling filly named Sedenya ([Catholic Boy](#)) and she visited [Buccheri](#) for this season. Sales History: \$30,000 Wlg '22 KEENOV; \$10,000 Ylg '23 FTKOCT. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$20,700. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#), sponsored by [FanDuel TV](#).**

O-Travis Swan Murphy and Matt Trent; B-SF Bloodstock & Eric Buckley (KY); T-Travis Swan Murphy.

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IN MAINLAND CHINA:

Wu Di Zhan Shen, c, 2, **War Of Will**--Golden Finale, by Arch. Huhtala, 6-16, 1000m, sand, 1:00.45. O-Mengjun Horse Industry. B-Sea Horse Breeders, LLC (KY). *\$60,000 Ylg '23 KEESEP. **VIDEO.**



FIRST-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19

2024 Stud Fees Listed

Caracaro (Uncle Mo), Crestwood Farm
49 foals of racing age/1 winner/1 black-type winner
3-Churchill Downs, 1:43 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2f, Purse Thief, 3-1
\$40,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$50,000 OBS MAR 2yo

Global Campaign (Curlin), WinStar Farm, \$12,500
123 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners
3-Churchill Downs, 1:43 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2f, Turnbuckle, 8-1
\$8,500 KEE SEP yrl

Improbable (City Zip), WinStar Farm, \$15,000
128 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
3-Churchill Downs, 1:43 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2f, Financial Whiz, 20-1
\$35,000 KEE SEP yrl

Shancelot (Shanghai Bobby), Buck Pond Farm
34 foals of racing age/2 winners/0 black-type winners
3-Churchill Downs, 1:43 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2f, Reb, 20-1
\$10,000 FTK OCT yrl

Timeline (Hard Spun), Iowa State University Horse Farm, \$1,500
17 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
1-Presque Isle Downs, 1:00 p.m. EDT, Msw 4 1/2f, Time for Restraint, 9-2

SECOND-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19

2024 Stud Fees Listed

Audible (Into Mischief), WinStar Farm, \$15,000
261 foals of racing age/51 winners/5 black-type winners
3-Churchill Downs, 1:43 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2f, Gallo de Fuego, 12-1
\$55,000 KEE JAN wnl; \$40,000 FTK OCT yrl

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STAKES RESULTS:

CLASICO DIA DE LOS PADRES S., \$41,840, Camarero, 6-16, 4yo/up, 1 1/8m, 1:51.63, sy.
1--**LASTCHANCEATGLORY, 118, g, 7, by Goldcents--Glorified (GISP, \$166,850), by Honour and Glory. 1ST BLACK TYPE WIN.**
O-Sugar Diaz, LLC PR; B-Samantha Siegel (KY); T-Edwin Diaz, Jr.; J-Julio A. Hernandez. \$24,267. Lifetime Record: 44-13-10-4, \$445,429. *1/2 to Anythingyoucando (**Curlin**), SW, \$145,307.
2--**Grand Wisser, 117, g, 6, Flat Out--Champagne Girl, by Into Mischief.** (\$5,000 Ylg '19 OBSWIN; \$16,000 Ylg '19 OBSOCT). O-Cuadra Boricua PR; B-Spendthrift Farm LLC (KY); T-Edwin Texidor, Jr.. \$8,368.
3--**Walkoff, 122, g, 8, Street Sense--Flying Train, by Empire Maker.** O-Sonata Stable; B-Repole Stable, Inc. (KY); T-Ramon Morales. \$4,184.
Margins: 1 1/4, 3 3/4, 6 1/4. Odds: 9.45, 7.75, 0.40.

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

5th-Horseshoe Indianapolis, \$46,080, (NW2\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$40,000), 6-18, 3yo/up, f/m, 5ft, :54.93, fm, 5 3/4 lengths.
RILEYS REDEMPTION (f, 4, The Factor--Evana, by Even the Score) Lifetime Record: SP, 17-5-2-3, \$183,311. O-Nice Guys Stables and Al Bianchi Racing, LLC; B-Dwayne Tinkle & Kevin Patterson (IN); T-Michael J. Maker. **Cont.**

4th-Horseshoe Indianapolis, \$43,000, (S), 6-18, (NW3LX), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:10.98, ft, 7 1/4 lengths.

UNBRIDLED SLOPE (g, 3, Slope--Unbridled's Lady, by Unbridled's Song) Lifetime Record: 8-3-0-2, \$89,711. O/T-Devarus Douglass; B-Jonas Schwartz (IN).

9th-Parx Racing, \$42,600, (S), 6-18, (NW1BX), 3yo/up, f/m, 1mT, 1:37.16, fm, neck.

ON THE SHORTLIST (f, 4, Jimmy Creed--Gwendolyn, by Lion Hearted) Lifetime Record: 9-4-1-0, \$102,591. O-Tom Coulter; B-Arrowwood Farm (PA); T-Erin C. McClellan. *1/2 to New Hire (Lookin At Lucky), MSP, \$192,330.

3rd-Horseshoe Indianapolis, \$42,160, 6-18, (NW1\$X), 3yo/up, 1 1/16m, 1:45.91, ft, 1 length.

RUN AWAY ROJO (g, 4, Run Away and Hide--Aunt Sherri {SP}, by Stephen Got Even) Lifetime Record: SP, 12-4-5-0, \$210,270. O-West Point Thoroughbreds and James Nichols; B-Sharon Dodgen & Barak Farm (IN); T-Dallas Stewart. *\$40,000 Ylg '21 FTKOCT; \$120,000 2yo '22 OBSAPR.

7th-Thistledown, \$40,100, (S), 6-18, (NW3X), 3yo/up, 5 1/2f, 1:05.46, ft, 2 1/2 lengths.

WILDCAT EXPRESS (g, 5, Wildcat Red--Hopfaithjoy, by Lookin At Lucky) Lifetime Record: 19-8-3-2, \$173,628. O-Harvey L. Blue, Jr.; B-Maccabee Farm (OH); T-Joseph M. Poole.

4th-Thistledown, \$38,400, (S), 6-18, (NW3L), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:13.24, ft, nose.

TADZIO (g, 3, Uncle Lino--Victoriavanquisher, by With Distinction) Lifetime Record: 9-3-2-1, \$75,035. O-Irish Charm Thoroughbreds LLC; B-Western Ebony, LLC (OH); T-Gary L. Johnson.

6th-Horseshoe Indianapolis, \$38,000, (S), 6-18, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 5 1/2f, 1:04.79, ft, 3 1/4 lengths.

MOPED MO (g, 3, Mo Town--Midnight Hook, by Midnight Lute) Lifetime Record: 6-2-3-0, \$70,520. O-Randy Alderson; B-Randy Alderson (IN); T-Robert E. Dobbs, Jr. *\$7,000 RNA Ylg '22 FTKOCT.

14th-Prairie Meadows, \$36,500, (NW2\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$30,000), 6-17, 3yo/up, 1m 70y, 1:42.44, ft, 6 lengths.

CYBERTOWN (g, 5, Cyber Secret--Hometown Queen, by Pollard's Vision) Lifetime Record: 19-4-3-3, \$147,776. O-Scotty Caroom; B-Martin Brothers, Inc. (AR); T-Oscar Flores.

2nd-Penn National, \$35,650, 6-18, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16mT, 1:42.04, fm, neck.

ROSIE'S ALIBI (f, 4, Justify--Essential Rose, by Bernardini) Lifetime Record: SP, 8-3-1-1, \$139,870. O-MyRacehorse; B-Blackstone Farm LLC (PA); T-Michael J. Trombetta. *\$300,000 RNA Wlg '20 FTKNOV; \$625,000 Ylg '21 FTSAUG. **1/2 to Rose's Vision (Artie Schiller), SW-USA, MSP-Can, \$264,358 and Roses for Debra (Liam's Map), MGSW, \$619,868.

7th-Presque Isle Downs, \$31,680, 6-18, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 1m 70y (AWT), 1:41.33, ft, 1 3/4 lengths.

R ADMIRAL (g, 5, Astern {Aus}--Walkinorkisses, by Kissin Kris) Lifetime Record: 18-4-6-4, \$118,180. O-Clair Walker; B-Dorothy Raffa (KY); T-John Fennessy. *1/2 to Yes I'll Go (Yes It's True), SW, \$144,667.

5th-Finger Lakes, \$26,900, 6-18, (NW3L), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:12.85, ft, 3/4 length.

KAZ MUSIC (f, 4, Maclean's Music--Malibu Cougar, by Malibu Moon) Lifetime Record: 15-3-4-2, \$61,059. O-Edwin J. Schatzel; B-Kaz Hill Farm (NY); T-Timothy P. Murphy.

6th-Louisiana Downs, \$25,550, (C)/Opt. Clm (\$25,000), 6-17, 3yo/up, f/m, 1mT, 1:35.37, fm, 7 1/4 lengths.

CHEAPSKATE DIVA (m, 6, Animal Kingdom--Beautiful Liar, by Candy Ride {Arg}) Lifetime Record: MSW, 21-6-3-1, \$205,080. O/B-Keith Plaisance (LA); T-Joseph R. Felks.

3rd-Finger Lakes, \$25,000, (S), (NW2BX)/Opt. Clm (\$10,000), 6-18, 3yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2f, 1:06.10, ft, 1 3/4 lengths.

BUSTINROXY (f, 4, Bustin Stones--Rockin Emmzy, by Tale of the Cat) Lifetime Record: 16-5-4-1, \$97,531. O-All In The Family Racing; B-Richard Kern (NY); T-M. Anthony Ferraro.

1st-Finger Lakes, \$24,500, (S), 6-18, (NW1BX), 3yo/up, 1m 70y, 1:45.72, ft, 2 1/2 lengths.

DELTA RIDGE (g, 5, Will Take Charge--Mind, by Flatter) Lifetime Record: 29-3-4-4, \$81,193. O-Miguel Olguin; B-Newtown Anner Stud (NY); T-Judy E. Turetsky. *\$5,000 Ylg '20 FTKOCT.

7th-Finger Lakes, \$24,500, (S), 6-18, (NW1BX), 3yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2f, 1:05.82, ft, 1 1/4 lengths.

EMBRACEABLE GAL (f, 4, Midnight Lute--Enniskillen, by Desert Warrior) Lifetime Record: 13-4-2-2, \$85,807. O/B-Windylea Farm-New York, LLC (NY); T-Jonathan B. Buckley.



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Buckeye Cruiser (by **Catalina Cruiser**) led the way as his sire went 1-2 at Thistledown
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ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Dianthus, f, 3, **Astern (Aus)**--Storm Lily, by Storm Cat. Presque Isle Downs, 6-18, 1m 70y (AWT), 1:42.03. Lifetime Record: 6-1-2-0, \$44,134. B-Godolphin (KY). *1/2 to Gold City (Ire) (Pivotal {GB}), MGSP-UAE, SP-Eng, \$382,809.

Kohler's, c, 3, **Bandbox**--Dune Drive Avalon, by Holy Bull. Parx Racing, 6-18, (C), 6f, 1:10.78. Lifetime Record: 5-1-1-2, \$61,080. B-SMD Ltd. (PA). *1/2 to Miss Avalon (Jump Start), SP, \$383,364 and Seventeenohsix (Dance With Ravens), SP, \$195,353.

Hanks Girl, f, 3, **Palace**--Aintnoshakin, by Cross Traffic. Prairie Meadows, 6-17, (S), 6f, 1:12.20. Lifetime Record: 5-1-2-2, \$54,257. B-Allen Poindexter & Lynn Chleborad (IA). *\$10,000 Ylg '22 IOWOCT.

Sickle Dance, f, 4, **Bee Jersey**--Dance Secretary (Ire) (GSP-Ire), by Danehill Dancer (Ire). Horseshoe Indianapolis, 6-18, 5fT, :56.78. Lifetime Record: 5-1-1-1, \$43,560. B-Charles E. Fipke (KY). \$9,000 Ylg '21 KEESEP; \$200,000 2yo '22 OBSOPN.

Sebadas, f, 4, **Candy Ride (Arg)**--Sardinia, by **Tapit**. Assiniboia Downs, 6-17, 5 1/2f, 1:07.92. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-1, \$12,597. B-Tracy Farmer (KY). *\$16,000 3yo '23 KEENOV. **1/2 to San Costantino (**Violence**), SP, \$160,940.

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Astern (Aus), Dianthus, f, 3, o/o Storm Lily, by Storm Cat. MSW, 6-18, Presque Isle Downs

Astern (Aus), R Admiral, g, 5, o/o Walkinorkisses, by Kissin Kris. ALW, 6-18, Presque Isle Downs

Audible, Move It Mary, f, 2, o/o Red Moon Girl, by Malibu Moon. MSW, 6-17, Prairie Meadows

Bandbox, Kohler's, c, 3, o/o Dune Drive Avalon, by Holy Bull. MCL, 6-18, Parx Racing

Bee Jersey, Sickle Dance, f, 4, o/o Dance Secretary (Ire), by Danehill Dancer (Ire). MSW, 6-18, Horseshoe Indianapolis

Bustin Stones, Bustinroxy, f, 4, o/o Rockin Emmzy, by Tale of the Cat. AOC, 6-18, Finger Lakes

Candy Ride (Arg), Sebadas, f, 4, o/o Sardinia, by **Tapit**. MSW, 6-17, Assiniboia

Catalina Cruiser, Buckeye Cruiser, f, 3, o/o Industrial Policy, by Harlan's Holiday. ALW, 6-18, Thistledown

Cyber Secret, Cybertown, g, 5, o/o Hometown Queen, by Pollard's Vision. AOC, 6-17, Prairie Meadows

Goldencents, Lastchanceatglory, g, 7, o/o Glorified, by Honour and Glory. GII Clasico Dia de los Padres S., 6-16, Camarero

Jimmy Creed, On the Shortlist, f, 4, o/o Gwendolyn, by Lion Hearted. ALW, 6-18, Parx Racing

Justify, Rosie's Alibi, f, 4, o/o Essential Rose, by Bernardini. ALW, 6-18, Penn National

Maclean's Music, Kaz Music, f, 4, o/o Malibu Cougar, by Malibu Moon. ALW, 6-18, Finger Lakes

Midnight Lute, Embraceable Gal, f, 4, o/o Enniskillen, by Desert Warrior. ALW, 6-18, Finger Lakes

Mo Town, Moped Mo, g, 3, o/o Midnight Hook, by **Midnight Lute**. ALW, 6-18, Horseshoe Indianapolis

Palace, Hanks Girl, f, 3, o/o Aintnoshakin, by Cross Traffic. MSW, 6-17, Prairie Meadows

Run Away and Hide, Run Away Rojo, g, 4, o/o Aunt Sherri, by Stephen Got Even. ALW, 6-18, Horseshoe Indianapolis

Slope, Unbridled Slope, g, 3, o/o Unbridled's Lady, by Unbridled's Song. ALW, 6-18, Horseshoe Indianapolis

The Factor, Rileys Redemption, f, 4, o/o Evana, by Even the Score. AOC, 6-18, Horseshoe Indianapolis

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‘BOY WAS HE GOOD TODAY’: LEVEY GUIDES ROSALLION TO ST JAMES’S PALACE GLORY



Rosallion wins the St James's Palace S. | Megan Coggin

by Tom Frary

There were three Guineas heroes lined up for Tuesday's G1 St James's Palace S. and ultimately it was the winner of the Irish Classic in Sheikh Mohammed Obaid Al Maktoum's **Rosallion (Ire)** (Blue Point {Ire}--Rosaline {Ire}, by New Approach {Ire}) who came away from Royal Ascot with the bragging rights. If his Curragh victory was a case of consolation following his second to **Notable Speech (GB)** (Dubawi {Ire}) at Newmarket, this was all about affirmation as the well-supported 5-2 second favourite readily reversed the 2,000 Guineas form and put the G1 Poule d'Essai des Poulains winner **Metropolitan (Fr)** (Zarak {Fr}) in his place.

In the event, it was the Poulains also-ran **Henry Longfellow (Ire)** (Dubawi {Ire}) who really put it up to the Richard Hannon-trained homebred but Sean Levey was able to conjure the magic to reel in that Ballydoyle blueblood inside the final 100 yards. At the line, there was a neck between, with three lengths separating them and Metropolitan as the 6-4 favourite Notable Speech over-raced and wound up a below-par seventh. [Cont. p3](#)

‘I’VE BEEN DREAMING ABOUT THIS’: BIZAKOV’S CHARYN WINS THE QUEEN ANNE

by Tom Frary

Royal Ascot Tuesday got underway with an admirably professional Queen Anne display from Nurlan Bizakov's **Charyn (Ire)** (Dark Angel {Ire}--Futoon {Ire}, by Kodiak {GB}) as he finally plundered his Group 1 on the biggest stage. Runner-up in the G1 Lockinge S. at Newbury last month, the grey tracked that race's winner **Audience (GB)** (Iffraaj {GB}) throughout the early stages but whereas he wasn't able to get to him previously this time he was already rolling by with 1 1/2 furlongs remaining. Out in the clear under Silvestre De Sousa chased by **Docklands (GB)** (Massaat {Ire}), the 100-30 favourite had 2 1/4 lengths to spare over that rival at the line, with **Maljoom (Ire)** (Caravaggio) 2 3/4 lengths away in third. The race is a "Win and You're In" for the GI Breeders' Cup Mile in the autumn.

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SHAMROCKS IN THE BLUEGRASS: ROBBIE LYONS

Chris McGrath speaks with Robbie Lyons in his ongoing Shamrocks in the Bluegrass column.



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Asfoora (Aus) (Flying Artie {Aus}), a granddaughter of GI Breeders' Cup Mile hero Artie Schiller (El Prado {Ire}), won the G1 King Charles III S. on the opening day of Royal Ascot. The race is a "Win and You're In" for the GI Breeders' Cup Turf Sprint in the autumn. See page 11 for more. | Horsephotos

13 | RASHABAR TAKES THE COVENTRY

Holy Roman Emperor (Ire)'s Rashabar (Ire) won the G2 Coventry S. at Royal Ascot. Sean Cronin has the details.

18 | BREEDERS' CUP CHAMPS CLASH IN PRINCE OF WALES'S

Auguste Rodin (Ire) (Deep Impact {Jpn}) and Inspiral (GB) (Frankel {GB}) will face off in the G1 Prince Of Wales's S. on Wednesday. Tom Frary has the preview.

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G1 St James's Palace S. Cont. from p1

“He had to be good today and he travelled so well, picked up strong and was very tenacious to the line,” Levey said. “This horse really has to have something to aim at, I think he showed that at The Curragh. I just hope that one day they go a really good gallop, so that we get to see him really show his true potential. At the moment, he’s just showing how versatile he really is. I hoped he would be that horse I’ve been waiting for all my career. Boy, he was good today.”

Rosallion was not ready for Royal Ascot last term, but he was here on King George today to set the pulse racing with four-length win in what turned out to be a red-hot renewal of the Listed Pat Eddery S. Only third in Doncaster’s G2 Champagne S., he had things fall into place when subsequently breaking ParisLongchamp’s course record in the G1 Prix Jean-Luc Lagardere on Arc day.

In hindsight, a combination of meeting an on-fire Notable Speech and being exposed to too much daylight caused his undoing in the 2,000 Guineas and having obtained vital cover in the Curragh equivalent was able to unleash his potent acceleration. Ideally drawn against the fence here, he was still a touch free until able to draft in behind Metropolitan with the Ballydoyle pair of **Unquestionable (Fr)** (**Wootton Bassett (GB)**)



Sean Levey celebrates after winning the St James's Palace
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bossing things up ahead.

As Moore committed on Henry Longfellow in the straight, Levey needed **Darlinghurst (Ire)** (Dark Angel {Ire}) to falter to his outside to get into the clear and fortunately for him that was the case. Rattling home as Ballydoyle’s **TDN Rising Star** drove on relentlessly, Rosallion proved as genuine as he is classy to subdue that rival who had enjoyed the perfect trip.

“Rosallion was special before today--has always been brilliant, physically and mentally,” Hannon said. “I couldn’t believe he got beaten in the Guineas the way he was travelling, but he won the Irish Guineas very well and is the complete package. He’s as good as I’ve ever seen in our place. Quite often you call these horses something that they’re not--that’s an occupational hazard--but this lad has never let me down. He’s in the Sussex, he’s in all those big races and I can’t wait.”

Aidan O’Brien said of Henry Longfellow, “We are delighted with him, he ran a great race and we think there’s more to come. He didn’t have much of a run in France, so that was his first real race this year and it’s really like first time out for him. He is happy at a mile, but he could step up further. Ryan was surprised that the winner came and got him, because he was running to the line.”



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Metropolitan's trainer Mario Baratti said, "I won't complain at Alexis [Pouchin], I'm happy with the ride, but he started galloping the last 200 metres when he had the gap. It was good to see that he is at that level and can run with the best. I think we'll stay at a mile--with more pace early in the race, you never know, he might have got it."

Charlie Appleby was unable to explain the effort of Notable Speech, who flattened out for the first time in his career. "Will said he was happy where he was, wheeled him out like he normally would and expected him to pick up through the gears. He said he just didn't pick up and we weren't strong going through the line--he lost a place or two just at the finish," he said. "He seems fine afterwards with no abnormalities at all. We will just see if anything comes out of it."



Rosallion | Horsephotos

It is disappointing, obviously, but full credit to the winner. He's a Blue Point and you always know that they are going to bring their A game to Ascot. Full credit to Richard, Sheikh Mohammed Obaid and all the team."

Pedigree Notes

Rosallion's unraced dam Rosaline is now another notable progeny of the owner-breeder's remarkable Reem Three (GB) (Mark Of Esteem {Ire}), whose six black-type-winning progeny are headed by Triple Time (Ire) (Frankel {GB}) who also excelled at this meeting when capturing last year's G1 Queen Anne S. Also responsible for the G1 Prix Jean Romanet winner Ajman Princess (Ire) (Teofilo {Ire}), whose G2 Sandy Lane S.-winning son Inisherin (GB) by

Blue Point's sire Shamardal heads to post as one of the favourites for Friday's G1 Commonwealth Cup. [Cont. p5](#)

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Rosaline, who is also a full-sister to the G2 Prix Daniel Wildenstein winner Ostilio (GB) and a half to Shamardal's G3 Bengough S. winner Cape Byron (GB), has the 2-year-old colt Lord Capulet (Ire) (Make Believe {GB}) to follow.

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Tuesday, Royal Ascot, Britain

ST JAMES'S PALACE S.-G1, £687,875, Ascot, 6-18, 3yo, c, 7f 213yT, 1:38.38, g/f.

1--**ROSALLION (IRE)**, 128, c, 3, by **Blue Point (Ire)**

1st Dam: Rosaline (Ire), by **New Approach (Ire)**

2nd Dam: Reem Three (GB), by **Mark of Esteem (Ire)**

3rd Dam: Jumaireyah (GB), by **Fairy King**

O/B-Sheikh Mohammed Obaid Al Maktoum (IRE); T-Richard Hannon; J-Sean Levey. £390,094. Lifetime Record: G1SW-Ire & Fr, 7-5-1-1, \$1,241,196. **Werk Nick Rating: A+++ *Triple Plus***.

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3--**Metropolitan (Fr)**, 128, c, 3, **Zarak (Fr)**--Alianza (GB), by Halling. (€78,000 Ylg '22 ARQDOY). O-P R Bradley III/Scuderia

Scolari; B-Stuart McPhee (FR); T-Mario Baratti. £74,015.

Margins: NK, 3, 1 1/4. Odds: 2.50, 5.50, 20.00.

Also Ran: Unquestionable (Fr), Alyanaabi (Ire), Almaqam (GB), Notable Speech (GB), Darlinghurst (Ire).

ROSALLION PICKS UP ASCOT BATON FROM BLUE POINT *By Emma Berry*

ASCOT, UK--A wishlist for the first day of Royal Ascot would certainly have included the hope that a Classic-winning colt would step forward and announce himself as a proper horse, a major win for an international traveller, and the sight of the inimitable Sir Mark Prescott in the winner's enclosure. Tick. Tick. Tick.

We'll throw in to the mix a tearful Mark Loughnane proclaiming the 80/1 Coventry S. victory for his jockey son Billy as "the best ever moment of my life", and Sam Sangster, equally tearful as his father's famous colours were carried in on the back of Loughnane, who in turn was on the back of Rashabar (Ire). In short, it was a day that had everything.

It's too early to talk about coronations for the Classic generation but the horse pushing himself to the front of the queue to be called the next champion is Rosallion (Ire), who won the unofficial battle of the Guineas winners to continue his sire's illustrious association with the royal meeting. **Cont. p6**



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Blue Point (Ire) had himself dazzled on this day in both 2018 and 2019, taking back-to-back runnings of what was then the King's Stand S., before bowing out with a final audacious victory four days after the second of these wins in the Diamond Jubilee S. He hasn't taken long to make his presence felt in his second job.

Rosallion and then Big Evs (Ire) became his first and second top-flight winners on the international stage last year, at the Arc meeting and the Breeders' Cup respectively, and both have stepped up again this year. Big Evs showed blistering early pace in his attempt to emulate Blue Point in the King Charles III S. But ultimately had to give best to Asfoora (Aus) and Regional (GB) when finishing a length and a half back in third.

We discussed Rosallion's family in greater detail in these pages

yesterday. It is one already heavily laden with classy animals, and if his dam Rosaline (GB) had looked a little disappointing in the early days as the sole unraced daughter of the celebrated Reem Three (GB), then boy is she making up for it now.

"Quite often you call these horses something that they're not, because you want them to be the best horse you've trained – and quite often you are disappointed. That's an occupational hazard. But this lad has never let me down," said Richard Hannon, who bore a look of disbelief after Rosallion was beaten by Notable Speech (Ire) in the 2,000 Guineas but has subsequently been fully vindicated in his staunch belief in the colt.

On this day 12 months ago, Rosallion's relation Triple Time (GB) had given their owner-breeder Sheikh Mohammed Obaid another Group 1 success in the Queen Anne S., a race which this year fell to Nurlan Bizakov. [Cont. p7](#)



Rosallion and Sean Levey (right) | PA Media



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Royal Ascot Wrap Day 1 Cont.

The man behind the Sumbe operation has been enjoying a great season with his runners in France and beyond, and Charyn has been his main flagbearer in Britain, winning three of his four starts and finishing second to Audience (GB) in the Lockinge. While Bizakov's stud manager Tony Fry, admitted that he was already preparing a stallion box for Charyn at Haras de Montfort, smiling on from the sidelines was a member of the family who bred him and who stands his sire Dark Angel (Ire).

Robert O'Callaghan admitted that he was the sole member of the clan at Ascot this week and his brother Guy, who bred the four-year-old under his Grangemore Stud banner, was too jittery to join him on the pilgrimage.

"His nerves got the better of him and he couldn't come," he said. "Guy's a real box-walker, and if [Charyn] had not won today it would have been a long day here with him. This is the first Group 1 winner for his own farm so it's a great start for him."

O'Callaghan added of Charyn, "Like most of the Dark Angels he's getting better with age. They thrive on their racing. He's such a genuine horse. I don't think he quite got the credit he deserved last year for the races he ran. He was placed in all those Group 1s and didn't quite have his day, but this year his first two starts have been brilliant and he was a but unlucky the last day, but today it all fell right. It's brilliant."

As for Asfoora, she has been making herself at home in Newmarket over the last few months and the great news is that we are likely to be seeing plenty more of the Australian mare this summer as part of a bold campaign by trainer Henry Dwyer to take in Goodwood, York and perhaps even Longchamp. But Royal Ascot is the one that draws the international raiders here in the first place and in the surge towards the winner's enclosure after the mare's emphatic victory there was barely an English accent to be heard as the Australians took charge. [Cont. p8](#)



Sam Sangster hugs Billy Loughnane | Emma Berry

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There were 40 in Asfoora's entourage alone, including six members of Akram El-Fakhri's family. The owner-breeder, who owns Noor Elaine Farm in Euroa, may not be staying in Europe as long as his star graduate but of this dream Group 1 victory for Asfoora, he said with no little understatement, "This is something that is extremely satisfying. She has been superb, but this is all credit to Henry Dwyer. He has been the impetus behind everything."

All the stallion men would have had eyes on the Coventry, but few could have predicted a trifecta of runners who were sent off at 80/1, 40/1 and 50/1. Perhaps the only people not shocked by the result were trainer Brian Meehan and Sam Sangster, who runs the ownership syndicate behind Rashabar, Manton Thoroughbreds, and has been quietly compiling a record which marks him out as a man with a distinctive eye for a good horse.

Last year, the same syndicate's Isaac Shelby (GB) had beaten Charyn to win the G3 Greenham S. and was then narrowly denied when second in the Poule d'Essai des Poulains. Sangster suffered similar agony this year when Kathmandu (Ire), whom he shares with Ed Babington and who runs in the same colours made famous by his late father Robert, was beaten a head in the Poule d'Essai des Pouliches. This time, however, the verdict went his way.

He said, "There was an unbelievable amount of pride as he crossed the line. I was in tears behind my sunglasses.

"The reason why we set the syndicate up 10 years ago was to keep the colours going. We buy six horses every year and it has been fantastic in the last few few years, with Isaac Shelby last year and this fella this year.

"I get a bit emotional when I talk about the colours and the old man."

For their jockey, it was both a first winner at Royal Ascot and a first group victory in Britain. It will soon be time to stop calling him Billy the Kid, but Loughnane is still only 18, even if he celebrated the 200th win of his career at Windsor on Monday night. He has the composure for the big time, and on a day packed full of stars he shone as brightly as any.

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G1 Queen Anne S. Cont. from p1

“He seems to have found another level of form this year,” trainer Roger Varian said. “His run in the Lockinge last time was outstanding and you only have to look at him in the paddock to see how physically mature he is--he’s a bull of a horse. He’s a fine horse, very consistent and seems to be thriving.”

Successful in the 2022 G2 Criterium de Maisons-Laffitte and third in the G1 St James’s Palace S. and G1 Sussex S. last term, Charyn had shaped like an improved performer on his winning return in the Listed Doncaster Mile on the Flat turf season’s opener and confirmed that in the G2 Sandown Mile in April. This was just another day at the office for the likeable 4-year-old, who kept his head while others around were losing theirs.



Charyn wins the Queen Anne | Megan Coggin

The early part of the 2024 Queen Anne was marked by the exploits of Christophe Soumillon and Maxime Guyon, who opted to race well away from the remainder on **Big Rock (Fr)** (Rock Of Gibraltar {Ire}) and **Facteur Cheval (Ire)** (Ribchester {Ire}), respectively. Robert Havlin was going fast on the stand’s-side group leader Audience, but Super Soumy was either unable to stop Big Rock or had his fractions completely wrong and Guyon was committed to following his mount’s compatriot come what may.

What De Sousa is and has always been is an expert judge of pace, so while the French runners were engaged in their burn-up far side he was content to ease Charyn through the gears among the main pack. As Audience started to flag two out, there was only one who was able to really stretch from behind and that was the uber-honest grey. **Cont. p10**

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G1 Queen Anne S. Cont.

His pursuit had been in vain at Newbury, but his cast-iron constitution meant that he was ready to go again here and the stiff nature of the course played perfectly into his hands.

Always eager to graft, Charyn might have earned himself a break now. “He started early and his first race was at Doncaster in March, so I don’t think we can go bang, bang, bang all summer,” Varian said. “We would love to be back here for Champions Day later in the season, with a couple of races along the way during the summer.”

Bizakov was revelling in the moment. “Now Charyn has booked my box in my stallion yard! I’ve been dreaming about this, but I never thought it would happen,” he said. “It is a big day. You wouldn’t be confident in a Group 1 race, but Charyn would be my shortest-priced runner in Group 1 company and he delivered, so it’s amazing.”



Charyn was bred and sold by Guy O'Callaghan's Grangemore Stud Tattersalls

Harry Eustace said of Docklands, who had won the Britannia H. at this meeting 12 months ago, “He just keeps turning up for us. He loves this track and dropping in with plenty of runners is what he really needs. He hasn’t had that yet this year. The plan was to always work back from Australia at the end of the year.”

Maljoom was coming back to the form of his luckless fourth in the G1 St James’s Palace S. two years ago and trainer William Haggas said, “We’ll campaign him like a good horse and maybe come back here for the [G2] Summer S. and then possibly the [G1] Prix Jacques le Marois.”

Pedigree Notes

Charyn, whose 2-year-old full-sister Shinara (Ire) was a

850,000gns purchase by his owners at Tattersalls Book 1 in October, is the second foal out of Futoon with the first being his G2 Mill Reef S. and G3 Sirenia S.–winning full-brother Wings Of War (Ire). Futoon, who was listed-placed on three occasions, hails from the family of another Mill Reef winner in Galeota (Ire) (Mujadil) who was second in this meeting’s G1 Golden Jubilee S. Also related to the Sirenia-winning half-siblings Burnt Sugar (Ire) (Lope De Vega {Ire}) and Brown Sugar (Ire) (Tamayuz {GB}), her Dark Angel yearling is a filly.

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Tuesday, Royal Ascot, Britain

QUEEN ANNE S.-G1, £750,000, Ascot, 6-18, 4yo/up, 8fT, 1:38.04, g/f.

1--**CHARYN (IRE), 128, c, 4, by Dark Angel (Ire)**

1st Dam: Futoon (Ire) (MSP-Eng), by Kodiak (GB)

2nd Dam: Vermilliann (Ire), by Mujadil

3rd Dam: Refined (Ire), by Statoblest (Ire)

1ST GROUP 1 WIN. (250,000gns Ylg ‘21 TATOCT). O-Nurlan Bizakov; B-Grangemore Stud (IRE); T-Roger Varian; J-Silvestre De Sousa. £425,325. Lifetime Record: GSW-Fr, 15-5-3-4, \$1,198,897. *Full to Wings Of War (Ire), GSW-Eng, GSP-Fr, \$532,295. **Werk Nick Rating: A++.** [Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree, or the free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree.](#)

2--**Docklands (GB), 128, c, 4, Massaaf (Ire)--Icky Woo (GB), by Mark Of Esteem (Ire).** **1ST GROUP BLACK TYPE, 1ST GROUP 1 BLACK TYPE.** (18,000gns Wlg ‘20 TATFOA; £16,000 Ylg ‘21 TATIRY). O-OTI Racing; B-Mickley Stud (GB); T-Harry Eustace. £161,250.

3--**Maljoom (Ire), 128, h, 5, Caravaggio--Nictate (Ire), by Teofilo (Ire).** **1ST GROUP 1 BLACK TYPE.** (72,000gns Wlg ‘19 TATFOA; 160,000gns Ylg ‘20 TATOCT). O-Sheikh Ahmed Al Maktoum; B-GCE Farm Ltd (IRE); T-William Haggas. £80,700.

Margins: 2 1/4, 2 3/4, 1. Odds: 3.30, 10.00, 7.50.

Also Ran: Witch Hunter (Fr), Audience (GB), Facteur Cheval (Ire), Dolayli (Fr), Cairo (Ire), Brave Emperor (Ire), Big Rock (Fr), Hi Royal (Ire), Flight Plan (GB). Scratched: Royal Scotsman (Ire).



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ASFOORA POUNCES LATE TO SECURE SIXTH KING CHARLES FOR AUSTRALIA

by Sean Cronin

Noor Elaine Farm’s multiple pattern-race winner **Asfoora (Aus)** (Flying Artie {Aus}--Golden Child {Aus}, by I Am Invincible {Aus}), who placed twice in elite-level sprints Down Under, benefitted from a Oisin Murphy masterclass and pounced late to secure a sixth renewal for Australia in Tuesday’s G1 King Charles III S., the rebranded King’s Stand S., at Royal Ascot.

The Henry Dwyer-trained mare broke smartly and accepted a tow from **Regional (GB)** (Territories {Ire}), racing second in the smaller stands’ side group, as GI Breeders’ Cup Juvenile Turf Sprint hero **Big Evs (Ire)** (Blue Point {Ire}) blitzed ahead on the far side. Drifting out of Regional’s slipstream for a clear passage passing halfway, the 5-1 chance powered forward to eyeball Big

Evs with 100 yards remaining and drew off late to prevail by a length as Regional overtook Big Evs for second in the dying strides.

“I am really struggling for words, funnily enough,” admitted the winning trainer after striking gold with his first runner at the Royal meeting. “We have come a long way from Ballarat, but it’s been an amazing experience from start to finish. We’ve been so well looked after and we’re so grateful for that. Chanel, who looks after this horse the whole time, has sacrificed a lot to be here, so I’m thrilled for her. It was a bit of an audacious plan. This time last year, or probably two years ago, I thought we were restricted in Australia and needed a few options over here. We couldn’t travel her at that stage because she wasn’t mentally sound enough. We took her to Perth last year for a race called the Quokka, an iconic Australian race, and it was more the travel that we wanted her to experience to see if she could come over here. She did it great, it was the making of her and here we are.”

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2024 TDN EUROPE RISING STARS

| <u>Name</u> | <u>Sire</u> | <u>Trainer</u> | <u>Owner</u> | <u>Racecourse</u> | <u>Date</u> |
|------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------|---|-------------------|-------------|
| Manama Gold | Star Guitar | Fawzi Nass | Victorius | Meydan | Jan. 19 |
| Endless Victory (GB) | Teofilo (Ire) | Charlie Appleby | Godolphin | Wolverhampton | Feb. 12 |
| Night Raider (Ire) | Dark Angel (Ire) | Karl Burke | Clipper | Southwell | Mar. 20 |
| Puchkine (Fr) | Starspangledbanner (Aus) | Jean-Claude Rouget | Alain Jathiere | Toulouse | Mar. 20 |
| Purple Lily (Ire) | Calyx (GB) | Paddy Twomey | Zinlo Syndicate | Naas | Mar. 24 |
| Agenda (Ire) | Galileo (Ire) | Aidan O’Brien | Tabor/Smith/Magnier/Brant | Dundalk | Mar. 26 |
| Narkez (Fr) | Siyouni (Fr) | Andre Fabre | Nurlan Bizakov | Saint-Cloud | Mar. 26 |
| Louise Procter (Fr) | Siyouni (Fr) | Jean-Claude Rouget | White Birch Farm | Chantilly | Mar. 28 |
| Notable Speech (GB) | Dubawi (Ire) | Charlie Appleby | Godolphin | Kempton Park | Apr. 6 |
| Delius (GB) | Frankel (GB) | Jean-Claude Rouget | Magnier/Smith/Tabor/Westerberg | ParisLongchamp | Apr. 7 |
| Gala Real (Fr) | Wootton Bassett (GB) | A & G Botti | Scuderia Dei Duepi, Ballylinch Stud, Ecurie des Charms & Hisham | Saint-Cloud | Apr. 12 |
| Camille Pissarro (Ire) | Wootton Bassett (GB) | Aidan O’Brien | Mrs John Magnier, Michael Tabor, Derrick Smith & Peter M Brant | Navan | Apr. 27 |
| Sea Just In Time (Ire) | Sea The Stars (Ire) | William Haggas | Sunderland Holding Inc (Ire) | Newmarket | May 3 |
| Mountain Breeze (Ire) | Lope De Vega (Ire) | Charlie Appleby | Godolphin | Newmarket | May 5 |
| Kind Of Blue (GB) | Blue Point (Ire) | James Fanshawe | Michelle Morris & Jan & Peter Hopper | Doncaster | May 18 |
| Ancient Truth (Ire) | Dubawi (Ire) | Charlie Appleby | Godolphin | Newmarket | May 19 |
| Tiego The First (Fr) | Blue Point (Ire) | Pia & Joakim Brandt | Magne Jordanger & Finn Blichfeldt | Saint-Cloud | May 20 |
| Spherical (GB) | Blue Point (Ire) | Roger Varian | Cheveley Park Stud, Ltd. | Yarmouth | May 22 |
| Jan Brueghel (Ire) | Galileo (Ire) | Aidan O’Brien | Westerberg, Susan Magnier, Michael Tabor & Derrick Smith | Curragh | May 25 |
| Truly Enchanting (Ire) | No Nay Never | Aidan O’Brien | Susan Magnier, Michael Tabor & Derrick Smith | Tipperary | May 28 |
| Twafeeg (Ire) | Far Above (Ire) | Archie Watson | Sheikh Hamed Dalmook Al Maktoum | Doncaster | June 1 |
| Bedtime Story (Ire) | Frankel (GB) | Aidan O’Brien | Derrick Smith, Mrs John Magnier & Michael Tabor | Leopardstown | June 6 |
| Babouche (GB) | Kodiac (GB) | Ger Lyons | Juddmonte | Corlay | June 14 |
| Polyvega (Ire) | Lope De Vega (Ire) | Carlos Laffon-Parias | Wertheimer et Frere | Chantilly | June 16 |



Asfoora bolts up in the King Charles III | *Mega Coggin*

G1 King Charles III S. Cont.

He added, “We got a bit of stick from home for bringing her over because she wasn’t seen as one of our better sprinters, but we were just so confident that she was really textbook wheelhouse five furlongs and she’s proven that today. We just didn’t have the races for her in Australia and she’s proved she’s up to it and I’m thrilled for everyone involved.”

Reflecting on a Northern Hemisphere debut fourth in last month’s G2 Temple S. at Haydock, Dwyer continued, “We needed a lead-up run at Haydock, so she came over early. With the changing of seasons we wanted to be here before it was too cold in Australia and too warm over here. We came over in the nice interchange period and we needn’t have worried. She settled in brilliantly and the proof was in the pudding today.

“I was incredibly lucky to have a couple of Group 1 winners in my first year, but it’s been a bit of a dry spell since then in terms of Group 1s. This mare really deserved one, she’s had so much go against her in the Group 1s she has run in in Australia. To get a Group 1 at home is great, but to get one at Royal Ascot is just amazing. We’ve got so many people here sharing it with us, but there is another group of 40 or 50 of my owners from home that would saw their left leg off to have a runner at Royal Ascot. It is an amazing experience.”

An ebullient Oisín Murphy was delighted with his 12th Royal Ascot winner and said, “I am thrilled for connections. It’s very brave to come from Australia with a very good horse, taking in all the travel, and perform on the big day. I wasn’t focusing on Big Evs, I was focusing on Regional, who gave me a perfect tow to halfway. She lugged a little bit right under pressure, looking for company, but how good was she at the line? It is hard to win Group 1 races and the King Charles III is a massive race, so I’m delighted. Royal Ascot day one, to win a Group 1, brilliant.”

Trainer Ed Bethell was conflicted in the wake of Regional’s

late-closing second. “Fair play to the Australians, they won fair and square,” he reasoned. “They got their horse in great nick here today and it is mixed emotions. It was tremendous really and I’m delighted for the horse, for Callum [Shepherd] and for these [Future Champions Racing Regional] guys, who have put their money into it. It is great to have syndicates like this. Another half-furlong and we might have got there, but that’s horseracing and we can be nothing but proud of our horse. We will go up to six furlongs, because we are hitting the line good. I would imagine we will try and aim towards something like the [G1] July Cup [at Newmarket] now.”

November’s Breeders’ Cup meet at Del Mar is the ultimate goal for Big Evs this season and Mick Appleby appears set on taking the traditional sprinters’ route in the interim. “He has run very well, he showed a lot of speed early on and the stiff finish just caught up with him in the last 100 yards,” the trainer said. “He’s taking on the older horses, the best sprinters in the world, and he’s held his own against them. He’s only going to improve on that as he gets older. He is rapid and he’s better on a quicker five, so we’ll possibly go back to Goodwood [for the G2 King George S.], and then hopefully back to the Breeders’ Cup.”

Pedigree Notes

Asfoora is the first of four foals and lone scorer produced by a granddaughter of the stakes-placed Hard Rider (NZ) (Marroof), herself the leading representative for the stakes-placed Mrs Clancy (NZ) (Shannon {NZ}). Hard Rider is the dam of five black-type performers headed by G3 Marsh Breeders’ S. victrix Big Chill (Aus) (Artie Schiller), stakes-winning G3 W W Cockram S. third Hard Stride (Aus) (**Street Sense**) and the stakes-winning Utah Saints (Aus) (God’s Own {Aus}). Asfoora hails from the family of Group 1 winners Art Success (NZ) (Pentire {GB}) and Hello Dolly (NZ) (Mi Preferido). Her younger siblings include a 2021 colt by Ilovethiscity and a 2022 colt by Dirty Work (Aus).

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Tuesday, Ascot, Britain

KING CHARLES III S.-G1, £687,875, Ascot, 6-18, 3yo/up, 5fT, :58.60, g/f.

1--**ASFOORA (AUS), 130, m, 6, by Flying Artie (Aus)**

1st Dam: Golden Child (Aus), by I Am Invincible (Aus)

2nd Dam: Predestined (Aus), by King’s Best

3rd Dam: Hard Rider (NZ), by Marroof

1ST GROUP 1 WIN. (24,000 RNA Ylg ‘20 MGMADE). O-Noor Elaine Farm Pty Ltd; B-Noor Elaine Farm (AUS); T-Henry Dwyer; J-Oisín Murphy. £390,094. Lifetime Record: MGSW & MG1SP-Aus, 20-9-2-2, \$1,372,200. **Werk Nick Rating: A+.** [Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree, or the free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree.](#)

2--**Regional (GB)**, 133, g, 6, Territories (Ire)--Favulusa (GB), by Dansili (GB). (35,000gns Wlg '18 TATFOA; 120,000gns Ylg '19 TATOCT; 3,500gns 3yo '21 TATTJU). O-Future Champions Racing Regional; B-Razza Del Sole Societa Agricola SRL (GB); T-Ed Bethell. £147,893.

3--**Big Evs (Ire)**, 127, c, 3, Blue Point (Ire)--Hana Lina (GB), by **Oasis Dream (GB)**. (50,000gns Ylg '22 TATOCT). O-RP Racing Ltd; B-Rabbah Bloodstock Ltd (IRE); T-Michael Appleby. £74,015.

Margins: 1, HF, SHD. Odds: 5.00, 6.00, 2.75.

Also Ran: Believing (Ire), Kerdos (Ire), Twilight Calls (GB), Makarova (GB), Emaraaty Ana (GB), Purosangue (GB), Diligent Harry (GB), Rogue Lightning (Ire), Kylian (Ire), Seven Questions (Ire), Valiant Force, Crimson Advocate, Vadream (GB), Equality (GB).



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RASHABAR A CAREER BEST FOR LOUGHNANE IN THE COVENTRY

by Sean Cronin



Billy Loughnane after winning the Coventry | Megan Coggin

Having secured a maiden pattern-race win in Germany earlier in the campaign, fledgling jockey Billy Loughnane registered a career high when steering the twice-raced maiden and Brian

Meehan trainee **Rashabar (Ire)** (**Holy Roman Emperor (Ire)**--Amazonka (Ire), by **Camelot (GB)**), racing in the famed Robert Sangster silks, to a narrow victory in Tuesday's G2 Coventry S. at Royal Ascot.

The 80-1 outsider, who placed in maidens at Newbury and Chester prior to this black-type bow, broke smartly and raced in a leading wave of three at the head of the smaller far-side group. Last to come off the bridle when shaken up passing the quarter-mile marker, he came under increased urging thereafter and was driven out to prevail by a nose from Wathan Racing's fast-finishing **Electrolyte (Ire)** (Hello Youmzain (Fr)), the duo split by the width of the track. Fellow Wathan Racing entry **Columnist (GB)** (Ardad (Ire)) was a head away in third as two lengths covered the first eight home.

"This feels amazing and, dare I say, it was not a huge surprise," admitted Brian Meehan. "You can try and keep a lid on things now, but we'll draw breath in an hour or so and take some pleasure out of it. It's just very special. He's felt very good since Chester and everything has gone really well with him throughout. When a horse runs around Chester, it's like having two runs and they learn so much, especially for a 2-year-old who had only run once.

"He has been training so well at home and the team have done a tremendous job. We got to 48 hours ago and we thought we were in good shape. [Agent] Shashi Righton looks after Billy as well, so we get to use Billy when we can. He's a great kid, he has a lovely way about him and is wonderful with people. The world is his oyster as far as the horse business is concerned."

Looking ahead to future targets, Meehan continued, "I've always liked the idea of the [G1] Prix Morny [at Deauville], but we shall see. The [G2] July S. [at Newmarket] would be too soon, but the [G2] Richmond S. [at Goodwood] is attractive. Obviously, we have to think about Group 1 races and maybe a Breeders' Cup by the end of the year."

Loughnane was on cloud nine after notching a first Royal triumph and said. "Wow, what a feeling! I haven't even been riding two years yet and I had my 200th career winner last night at Windsor. I came here this week just praying I would manage to get on the board with one. To do it so early is a massive relief and I can't thank everyone from Brian Meehan's and everyone involved. I was very lucky to get the opportunity and Brian was very confident coming into the race.

"Rashabar was very tough and had to do it the hard way. I wasn't 100% sure I had won, I just kept driving away. I looked up at the big TV screen and I thought I might have won, but you never know for certain. This is the best feeling in the world, you grow up watching races like this and it's always been a dream of mine to try and win one. It's my first group race in the UK and it means a lot." **Cont. p14**

G2 Coventry S. Cont.

Manton Thoroughbreds manager Sam Sangster, who was on the docket when Rashabar was knocked down for €120,000 as an Arqana August yearling, commented, "It was amazing, an unbelievable amount of pride with that horse crossing the line and I'm in tears behind my sunglasses. Brian [Meehan] believed in the horse from day one and we came here with, I really did feel, a big chance. The owners are big supporters of mine and I'm blown away. There was a reason I set the syndicate up 10 years ago, to keep the colours going. We have a lot of runners and it's been fantastic in the last couple of years. We had Isaac Shelby last year and this fellow this year. I am a bit lost for words and emotional, especially when you talk about the colours and my old man."

Pedigree Notes

Rashabar is the first of two foals produced by an unraced half-sister to G3 Bronte Cup victrix River Of Stars (Ire) ([Sea The Stars {Ire}](#)), Listed Dortmund St Leger Trial winner Apadanah (Ger) ([Holy Roman Emperor {Ire}](#)) and Listed Premio Coolmore runner-up Ancona (Ire) (Amaron {GB}). The January-foaled bay is half to a yearling filly by Acclamation (GB). Descendants of his third dam, G1 Preis der Diana (German Oaks) heroine Amarette

(Ger) (Monsun {Ger}), include G1 Criterium International victor Alson (Ger) (Areion {Ire}) and G2 German 2000 Guineas hero Ancient Spirit (Ire) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}).

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Tuesday, Ascot, Britain

COVENTRY S.-G2, £175,000, Ascot, 6-18, 2yo, 6fT, 1:13.90, g/f.

1--**RASHABAR (IRE)**, 129, c, 2, by **Holy Roman Emperor (Ire)**

1st Dam: **Amazonka (Ire)**, by **Camelot (GB)**

2nd Dam: **Amazone (Ger)**, by **Adlerflug (Ger)**

3rd Dam: **Amarette (Ger)**, by **Monsun (Ger)**

1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN; 1ST GROUP WIN. (€120,000 Ylg '23 ARAUG). O-Manton Thoroughbreds IX; B-SARL Ecurie Haras de Beaufay (IRE); T-Brian Meehan; J-Billy Loughnane. £99,243. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-1, \$139,916. **Werk Nick Rating: A.** [Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree](#), or the [free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree](#).

2--**Electrolyte (Ire)**, 129, c, 2, Hello Youmzain (Fr)--Bibury (GB), by Royal Applause (GB). **1ST BLACK TYPE; 1ST GROUP BLACK TYPE.** (72,000gns Ylg '23 TATOCT; £220,000 2yo '24 GOUKB). O-Wathnan Racing; B-Bibury Partnership (IRE); T-Archie Watson. £37,625.

3--**Columnist (GB)**, 129, c, 2, Ardad (Ire)--Sand And Deliver (GB),



Rashabar (white/green cap) ekes out a victory | [Racingfotos.com](#)

by Royal Applause (GB). **1ST BLACK TYPE; 1ST GROUP BLACK TYPE.** (8,000gns Ylg '23 TATSOM; £170,000 2yo '24 GOUKB). O-Wathnan Racing; B-Peter Balding (GB); T-Richard Fahey. £18,830.

Margins: NO, HD, HF. Odds: 80.00, 40.00, 50.00.

Also Ran: Cool Hoof Luke (GB), Al Qudra (Ire), Symbol Of Honour (GB), Cowardofthecounty (Ire), Star Anthem (Ire), Angelo Buonarroti, Nascimento (Ire), Camille Pissarro (Ire), Catalyse (Ire), The Actor (Ire), Turners Cross (Ire), Midnight Strike (Ire), Mr Chaplin (GB), Ingot (GB), Yah Mo Be There (GB), Francisco's Piece (GB), Zminiature (GB), Arran (Ire), Up The Clarets (Ire).

Scratched: Andesite (GB).

FIFTH WOLFERTON FOR TEAM GOSDEN AS TDN RISING STAR ISRAR DOMINATES RIVALS

by Sean Cronin

The enigmatic 'TDN Rising Star' **Israr (GB)** (Muhaarar {GB}--Taghrooda {GB}, by **Sea The Stars {Ire}**), unsuccessful in six starts since routing Derby and King George hero Adayar (Ire) (**Frankel {GB}**) in last term's G2 Princess Of Wales S., went postward for this 10th black-type start coming back off a runner-up finish in last month's G2 Huxley S. at Chester and made his class tell with a dominant display in Tuesday's Listed Wolferton S. at Royal Ascot. Israr's victory provided the Gosden stable with a record-extending fifth renewal of the 10-furlong contest.

The 11-4 joint-favourite was alert from the gates and settled several lengths off a solid pace in seventh for the most part. Cruising forward in the straight to loom large on the bridle at the quarter-mile marker, he seized control approaching the final furlong and was ridden clear to comfortably outpoint the Wathnan Racing pair **Haunted Dream (Ire)** (**Oasis Dream {GB}**) and stablemate **Torito (GB)** (**Kingman {GB}**) by 3 1/4 lengths and a short-head.



Israr | Mega Coggin

"I think that at the jockey's surprise, they went a good clip and opened it up," explained John Gosden. "Jim [Crowley] was surprised that the Red Sea opened and sort of got there way too soon, but he went away and won comfortably. Israr is a grand horse and is a well-bred horse too, so hopefully we can find a stallion job for him one day. It's great of Sheikha Hissa to keep him in training. This race used to be a handicap, now it is a very high grade Listed race and you get good horses in there. It made every sense to give him some confidence and go and win a race. He was second to Passenger and ran a superb race at Chester, so I think that probably says a lot about the horse that beat him at Chester. He deserved to come here and win a lovely race on the first day of [Royal] Ascot. He is a good-looking dude as well."

Crowley added, "He loves fast ground and they went a nice even tempo, but I was slightly worried that I was going to get there too soon. I had a nice pitch in the race and was happy to be down the rail. I was hoping to work my way through horses and then all of a sudden, two furlongs out, it opens up like the Red Sea. It never happens normally when you need it and, in fairness to the horse, he got there and didn't stop. He was faultless today, he put his head down and, hopefully, we can add to this during the week."

Israr, the third of six foals, is the lone pattern-race scorer from two winners out of G1 Oaks and G1 King George S. & Queen Elizabeth S. heroine Taghrooda (GB) (**Sea The Stars {Ire}**), who also hit the board in the G1 Yorkshire Oaks and G1 Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe. His dam is the leading performer for multiple stakes-winning G2 Lancashire Oaks second Ezima (Ire) (Sadler's Wells), herself a daughter of the unraced Ezilla (Ire) (Darshaan {GB}). Ezilla is a full-sister to multiple stakes-winning G2 Blandford S. and G3 Killavullan S. placegetter Ebaziya (Ire), whose descendants include Group 1-winning siblings Estimate (Ire) (Monsun {Ger}), Enzeli (Ire) (Kahyasi {Ire}), Ebadiyla (Ire) (Sadler's Wells) and Edabiya (Ire) (Rainbow Quest). Taghrooda's 2-year-old colt by Lope De Vega (Ire) died earlier this year.

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Tuesday, Ascot, Britain

WOLFERTON S.-Listed, £120,000, Ascot, 6-18, 4yo/up, 9f 212yT, 2:03.29, g/f.

- 1--ISRAR (GB), 131, h, 5, by Muhaarar (GB)--Taghrooda (GB) (MG1SW-Eng & G1SP-Fr, \$2,404,603), by Sea The Stars (Ire). TDN Rising Star. O/B-Shadwell Estate Company Ltd (GB); T-John & Thady Gosden; J-Jim Crowley. £68,052. Lifetime Record: GSW-Eng & GSP-Bhr, 18-5-6-4, \$598,852.**
- 2--Haunted Dream (Ire), 131, g, 5, Oasis Dream (GB)--Red Halo (Ire), by Galileo (Ire). (35,000gns Ylg '20 TATOCT). O-Wathnan Racing; B-High Rollers (IRE); T-Hamad Al Jehani. £25,800.**
- 3--Torito (GB), 131, g, 4, Kingman (GB)--Montare (Ire), by**

Montjeu (Ire). **1ST BLACK TYPE.** O-Wathnan Racing; B-George Strawbridge (GB); T-John & Thady Gosden. £12,912.

Margins: 3 1/4, SHD, 3 1/4. Odds: 2.75, 14.00, 3.50.

Also Ran: Savvy Victory (Ire), Notre Belle Bete (GB), Checkandchallenge (GB), Ouzo (GB), Silver Sword (GB), Astro King (Ire), Knight (Ire), Mujtaba (GB), Ancient Rome, Cemhaan (GB), Bold Discovery, Botanical (Ire). Scratched: Certain Lad (GB).

TALKING POINTS: WATHNAN RACING OUT OF LUCK WITH TWO NEAR MISSES



Wathnan Racing: suffered two narrow defeats on day one but have some big bullets to fire throughout the week

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It was a day that had everything. From Rosallion landing the St James's Palace S. to yet another Australian sprinter showing the Euros how it's done, day one of the royal meeting did not disappoint. Here are some of the talking points.

Faux Pas For The French

Anyone who backed the French raiders Big Rock (Fr) (Rock Of Gibraltar {Ire}) and Facteur Cheval (Ire) (Ribchester {Ire}) in the Queen Anne knew pretty early that they were not going to get off to a winning start at the royal meeting.

After Christophe Soumillon elected to ignore the rest of the field and make his effort on the far side aboard Big Rock, Maxime Guyon felt it would be best to follow his fellow countryman.

It proved to be a spectacular faux pas for the French raiders and, what's even worse for Guyon who broke from stall seven, is that the winner, Charyn (Ire) (Dark Angel {Ire}), came from two doors down in stall nine.

Big Day For Eustace

That race provided a big moment for trainer Harry Eustace.

Despite not winning the Queen Anne, last year's Britannia winner Docklands (GB) (Massaat {Ire}) confirmed that he belongs at the highest level when staying on for second.

A breakthrough Group 1 does not look beyond Docklands on that evidence and Eustace could have a potential candidate to take in big-race international targets.

Wathnan Hitting The Crossbar

Speaking of enhancing your reputation in defeat, Wathnan Racing did exactly that when recent breeze-up purchases Electrolyte (Ire) (Hello Youmzain {Fr}) and Columnist (GB) (Ardad {Ire}) finished second and third in that order in the Coventry.

Bloodstock agent Richard Brown may have been shopping the breeze-up sales with the equivalent of a blank cheque but you still need to come up with the goods.

Had Electrolyte or Columnist raced in the same group as the winner Rashabar (Ire) (**Holy Roman Emperor {Ire}**), who knows, maybe Wathnan would have been off the mark for the week in the Coventry.

It didn't get any easier for the owners who had to fill the placings yet again in the Wolferton but there are bigger bullets to fire later in the week and one would imagine recent recruit Haatem (Ire) (Phoenix Of Spain {Ire}) will be very hard to beat in the Jersey S. on Saturday.

Unadulterated Speed

How good are those Australian sprinters? By no means a star Down Under, Asfoora (Aus) (Flying Artie {Aus}) picked off the best of the European sprinters in the King Charles III S.

Ed Bethell was left ruing his decision not to opt for the six-furlong Group 1 on Saturday with the runner-up Regional (GB) (Territories {Ire}) after the race but perhaps the trainer was being a little hard on himself.

Meanwhile, Big Evs (Ire) (Blue Point {Ire}) just appeared to be going too fast for his own good by blazing a trail out in front before being swallowed up by the front two.

One would imagine that the Nunthorpe would be tailor-made for Big Evs and he could be hard to beat at York.

The Real Deal

It was billed as a big day for Blue Point, with Big Evs and Rosallion (Ire) holding leading chances in the feature Group 1s on day one, and so it proved with the latter putting in a spellbinding performance to win the St James's Palace S.

Rosallion has now won three Group 1s in three different countries and built on that hard-fought Irish 2,000 Guineas victory with another top-class display at Ascot which can be viewed as something of a coming of age performance. **Cont. p17**

Royal Ascot Talking Points Cont.

Of course, Blue Point has some deep Royal Ascot history himself, given he won the King’s Stand and Diamond Jubilee sprints within the space of a week back in 2019.

When he joined the Darley roster, it would have been easy to see him siring very fast horses but Tuesday proved that he is not only about speed and precocity. He can get you much more than that and, in Rosallion, he has produced a genuine top-notch.

Willie In The Bumper

What more can you say about that man? Willie Mullins took the Copper Horse Handicap 12 months ago with Vauban (Fr) (Galiway {GB}), a leading fancy for Thursday’s Gold Cup, and who’s to say where this year’s winner Belloccio (Fr) (Belardo {Ire}) might end up.

Word on the street was that Mullins might not have been bringing his usual power-packed team to Royal Ascot this year but how wrong that proved with Belloccio taking the race with something to spare.

Regardless of the code, be it Flat or jumps, there really is no stopping the Mullins juggernaut.

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ROYAL ASCOT WINNERS

Winners By Country (Trainer)

| Country: | Wins: |
|---------------|-------|
| Great Britain | 5 |
| Australia | 1 |
| Ireland | 1 |

Winners By Country (Bred)

| Country: | Wins: |
|---------------|-------|
| Ireland | 4 |
| Australia | 1 |
| France | 1 |
| Great Britain | 1 |



DID YOU KNOW?

Zarak (Dubawi) was tabbed as a “TDN Rising Star”

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5th-Ascot, £110,000, Hcp, 6-18, 4yo/up, 19f 210yT, 4:21.99, g/f. PLEDGEOFALLEGIANCE (IRE) (g, 4, Sea The Stars {Ire}--Vow {GB} {SW-Eng}, by Motivator {GB}), sent off at 20-1 for this Ascot S. despite hailing from Sir Mark Prescott’s Newmarket stable and having won a two-mile handicap at Goodwood last month, tracked the early leader in second. Committed by Luke Morris approaching the final two furlongs, the 450,000gns Tattersalls Book 1 graduate showed toughness to ward off Divine Comedy (Ire) (Le Havre {Ire}) and prevail by half a length. Only the third winner for Prescott at the Royal Meeting and the first since Pivotal (GB) in the 1996 King’s Stand S., Pledgeofallegiance was repaying the outlay of Victorious Racing who were enjoying a Royal winner for the third year in succession after the Coventry and King’s Stand successes of Bradsell (GB) (Tasleet (GB)). “The only thing he’s ever done wrong in his life is cost all that money as a yearling,” Prescott quipped in his inimitable style. “If he couldn’t win the Derby, the next best thing was to win at Royal Ascot for them so I’m very grateful he has. He is a big, lovely, staying horse, very genuine. He’s a thoroughly nice, straightforward horse. Trainers don’t have enough of them!”



Pledgeofallegiance | Megan Coggin

Prescott is renowned for providing his jockey with detailed analysis of how races will unfold and he had this spot-on. “The tactics were right, and that’s what mattered,” he added. “It was one of those races. I can’t remember one going so well since Alborada got the pacemaker and High-Rise didn’t! Everything went just to plan. Pivotal was a long time ago--too long. I think when those plans go right, you’re churlish if you don’t enjoy it.” For Morris, it also signalled the end of a drought at the meeting. “It has been eight years since I last had a winner here and to ride a winner here for Sir Mark means a huge amount,” he said. “We’ve only got a few bullets to fire during the week, so to get one of them to land is fabulous.” **Cont. p18**

5th-Ascot Cont.

The dam Vow, who captured the Listed Lingfield Oaks Trial for Brian Haggas, is kin to the G1 Doomben Cup hero Beaten Up (GB) (Beat Hollow {GB}) and the G3 John Porter S. scorer Harris Tweed (GB) (Hernando {Fr}). Another of her half-siblings Tweed (GB) (Sakhee) produced Motivator's high-class Hamish (GB), the eight-times group-winning member of the Haggas stable who was runner-up in this month's G1 Coronation Cup. Her yearling colt is by Awtaad (Ire). Sales history: 450,000gns Ylg '21 TATOCT. Lifetime Record: 13-5-1-2, \$124,131.

O-Victorious Racing; B-Lodge Park Stud (IRE); T-Sir Mark Prescott.

7th-Ascot, £110,000, Hcp, 6-18, 4yo/up, 14f 34yT, 3:01.31, g/f. BELLOCCIO (FR) (g, 6, Belardo {Ire})--Three Cards {GB}, by Mastercraftsman {Ire}), successful in the Listed Wild Flower S. and Listed Criterium du Languedoc when with David Menuisier, started as the 4-1 second favourite for this Copper Horse H. and raced in mid-division early. Staying on powerfully to reel in Lmay (Ire) (Frankel {GB}) inside the final 150 yards, the grey hit the line with 1 1/4 lengths to spare. "This fellow will probably go to the Ebor," trainer Willie Mullins said. "He's entered here on Saturday, but we won't make any decisions about this weekend yet. We'll see how he comes out of this race, and I think the bigger picture may come into it. The long-term aim might be to qualify for the Melbourne Cup." Sales history: €62,000 Ylg '19 AROYRG; €80,000 RNA HRA '23 ARARC; €60,000 HRA '23 ARQAU. Lifetime Record: SW-Eng & Fr, 19-7-0-1, \$251,839. O-Thurloe Thoroughbreds Ireland Limited; B-Vasby Distribution AB (FR); T-Willie Mullins.

November, Cheveley Park Stud's mare outshone him on that occasion when closing out the G1 Breeders' Cup Filly & Mare Turf in :21.98. Oh boy.

Ascot's stiff nature does not lend itself to those kind of fractions, but Inspiral was impressive here when outclassing smart fillies in the G1 Coronation S. two years ago and is faster than Auguste Rodin on all known evidence to date, so a lot will depend on her mood and Kieran Shoemark. This is a big, big day for the rider in the immediate post-Frankie era at Clarehaven and extra pressure will be heaped on due to her at-first-glance compromising draw widest of all in 10.

While that stall would be a problem for most, Inspiral is a true hold-up merchant with a tendency to break slowly--although let's hope not *as* slowly as in the 2022 QEII--and she loves to run at horses ahead of her.



Auguste Rodin | Horsephotos

Her record around a turn on fast ground is three-for-three and the way the bends lit her fire at this meeting two years ago and at the Breeders' Cup, it is possible that she had simply got bored of straight tracks. Stamina isn't an issue either, with both sides of her pedigree suggesting it is a surprise that she has been such a high-class miler.

Is Moore's Mind Made Up?

Few riders navigate Ascot like Ryan Moore and while his unrivalled racing brain will probably have already mapped out the way this will unfold, he surely has only one option available. To not press on with Auguste Rodin, a colt that can churn out relentless sub-12 second fractions as he proved at Leopardstown in September, could prove disastrous with the mare locked and loaded in behind. Auguste Rodin looks for all the world like a fast mile-and-a-half performer and it is worth remembering that two years ago Aidan O'Brien revealed that he is also prone to waiting on rivals in front as was the tendency of his dam Rhododendron (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}). **Cont. p19**

RACE PREVIEWS

AUGUSTE RODIN AND INSPIRAL READY FOR PRINCE OF WALES'S SHOWDOWN *by Tom Frary*

For many the centrepiece of the whole week, Wednesday's G1 Prince of Wales's S. at Royal Ascot may have lost a key ingredient in White Birch (GB) (Ulysses {Ire}) but remains an utterly fascinating contest with arguably Europe's best male and female matched against each other for the first time. In **Auguste Rodin (Ire)** (Deep Impact {Jpn}) and **Inspiral (GB)** (Frankel {GB}), we have two genuine superstar racehorses who have proven their worth time and again, most notably on the clock in their finest hours.

For Ballydoyle's Derby hero, his defining moment came in the Blue Riband last June when he rattled to the line in :22.18 for his final quarter mile, a very high standard which stands up to the closest inspection. While they both triumphed at Santa Anita in



Inspiral | Benoit Photo

Royal Ascot Day 2 Preview Cont.

With the useful **Hans Andersen (GB)** (**Frankel {GB}**) in here, he should at least have a lead into the straight and then he may have to commit early to attempt to draw the sting from his main rival. Then it is a case of how much he has in the locker to repel a mare who hit almost 41mph at the end of the Filly & Mare Turf. What is certain is that he is a top-of-the-ground specialist and absolutely had to have that here. Luckily for connections, he has.

“We were hoping the weather would stay dry for him and it looks like doing so,” Moore said. He looks great at the moment and he is going very well. The ground probably wasn’t ideal when White Birch beat him last time, but we’d like to think you will see improvement in him here.”

A Two-Horse Race?

With due respect to most of the contenders for the Prince of Wales’s, this probably is a match-up given the elevated ability of the big two. The likes of **Blue Rose Cen (Ire)** (**Churchill {Ire}**), **Horizon Dore (Fr)** (**Dabirsim {Fr}**) and **Alfaiila (GB)** (**Dark Angel {Ire}**) are smart, genuine Group 1 horses but there is a gulf for them to cross in this kind of company. The latter was outpaced on this kind of ground when last seen in the Irish Champion and needs rain out of the blue to have a serious impact, while the French contenders have yet to demonstrate that they can dig it out at the very top level.

Horizon Dore is perhaps the most interesting, given that he threw in a :10.53 split in last month’s G1 Prix d’Ispahan staged on officially “soft” ground at ParisLongchamp and broke 33 seconds for the final three furlongs. His underwhelming third

behind King Of Steel (**Wootton Bassett {GB}**) in the G1 Champion S. suggests he isn’t the easy-ground specialist that so many French runners are cast as and isn’t ready to be pigeon-holed just yet. But then you think that he was narrowly denied by Mqse De Seville (Ire) (**Siyouni {Fr}**) last time and we all remember what Inspiral did to her in the Sun Chariot...

Rogue Two?

Springing a minor surprise in last year’s G2 Duke of Cambridge S., **Rogue Millennium (Ire)** (**Dubawi {Ire}**) was merely finding her metier as a miler for the first time having displayed telling speed over middle distances. Now with Joseph O’Brien, Scott Heider’s 1.65million gns Tattersalls December plunge couldn’t have shaped with more promise on her debut for her new stable when an unlucky third behind **Ocean Jewel (Ire)** (**Sioux Nation**) in The Curragh’s G2 Lanwades Stud S. and is poised for her repeat bid.

Like Rogue Millennium, Juddmonte’s **TDN Rising Star Laurel (GB)** (**Kingman {GB}**) can boast impressive time figures, but she has not been seen since finishing down the field in the G1 Lockinge S. last May. With that in mind, it is a surprise that the Gosdens have opted to throw her back into the deep end and she has that all-important Polytrack prowess that is so influential here.

“It will be a big training performance from John and Thady and it is going to be a very big ask,” the operation’s European racing manager Barry Mahon said. “To be fair, they are very happy with the filly, but it’s difficult at the best of times and when you have been off the track for over 12 months and heading into Royal Ascot, it is a whole different ball game. We’re hopeful of a good run, but under no illusions that she is definitely going to improve for the run.” **Cont. p19**



Blue Rose Cen | Scoop Dyga



Ultima Grace | Coady Photography

Royal Ascot Day 2 Preview Cont.

An Enchanting Prospect...

Aidan O'Brien has yet to win the G2 Queen Mary S., but it is surely only a matter of time and **TDN Rising Star Truly Enchanting (Ire)** (No Nay Never) is a fascinating contender following her visually taking Tipperary maiden win. Out of an Oaks third but blessed with the speed her dominant sire so generously imparts, she will have to go much harder than she did on debut to keep up with these but will be in all likelihood coming home strongly. Compatriot **Make Haste (GB)** (Blue Point {Ire}), who has been purchased by LNJ, Gainesway, Chappell and the Eves Partnership since her impressive debut win at Naas, is more of a typical Queen Mary type and would be a fairytale result for the Diego Dias stable.

Course form is rare for 2-year-olds at this meeting and perhaps underestimated, so Paul and Oliver Cole's live contender **Miss Rascal (GB)** (Havana Gold {Ire}) must enter the reckoning after her track-and-trip win in a smart time last month. "She was a bit unlucky on debut and did it the hard way at Ascot," Oliver Cole said. "She's definitely a horse we'd like to see tucked in, as she has a great turn of foot and is exciting." Others to excite on the clock are Cheveley Park Stud's **TDN Rising Star Spherical (GB)** (Blue Point {Ire}) and Wesley Ward's **Ultima Grace (American Pharoah)**. While the Roger Varian-trained Spherical quickened dramatically off a slow pace to finish strongly at Yarmouth, Ultima Grace had to survive a furious early pace duel before asserting her superiority at Keeneland in April.

Chris Richardson said of Spherical, "I don't know what she beat first time out, but she couldn't have done it more easily and the plan is to find out a bit more about her. It makes sense to have a go, I think she's done well since the race and worked nicely last week."

Take Your Pick...

Ryan Moore had a quartet to choose from in the G2 Queen's Vase and opted for **Illinois (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}) as Ballydoyle begin their search for another St Leger winner. Time will tell whether that was the correct choice, with the wide-margin Leopardstown winner **Highbury (Fr)** (Galileo {Ire}) there to tempt any jockey. "We have four in here and they are all similar types and with roughly the same form level coming into the race, though Highbury is probably more about potential at this stage." Moore said. "I'd have happily got on any of these, as they all have something to recommend them but I ride Illinois. He shapes as though this greater test of stamina will suit, though this will probably be the quickest ground he has raced on." This could be booked for Irish export again, with Anamoine's Listed Yeats S. winner **Birdman (Ire)** (Free Eagle {Ire}) looking a typical Queen's Vase type for the Jessica Harrington yard.

Moore also had a dilemma choosing between the Ballydoyle duo **Treasure Isle (Ire)** (No Nay Never) and **Celtic Chieftain (Ire)** (No Nay Never) in the closing Listed Windsor Castle S., but he has sided with the former who captured Naas's Coolmore Stud **Calyx** Race on the Royal Ascot Trials Day. There is American interest here, but interestingly Moore is unmoved by the standard of the opposition. "I don't think this is a particularly deep contest form-wise, for all it is a very big field as usual and I think he will be well suited to the demands of this five-furlong contest," he said. "The race he won at Naas last time is one we have used as a stepping stone with some very good 2-year-olds--the likes of River Tiber, who used it as a springboard to winning the Coventry last year--and he is a speedy sport with more to give. That said, our Celtic Chieftain is one of his serious rivals as I think he beat a fair sort in Red Evolution--I rode the fifth in that race--on his debut at Navan recently. I wouldn't underestimate him." [Cont. p21](#)



Cheval De Guerre | Emma Berry

Nine To Challenge Kyprios In The Cup...

Ten stayers will line up in Thursday's G1 Gold Cup at Royal Ascot, with the 2022 title-holder **Kyprios (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}) looking to regain his crown having missed out through injury 12 months ago. He will be Aidan O'Brien's sole runner, while John and Thady Gosden saddle a trio in Wathnan Racing's **Gregory (GB)** (Golden Horn {GB}), Godolphin's **Trawlerman (Ire)** (Golden Horn {GB}) and Normandie Stud's **Sweet William (Ire)** (**Sea The Stars (Ire)**). Willie Mullins has booked Colin Keane for the ride on the Riccis' **Vauban (Fr)** (Galiway {GB}), while other notable are the Mariscottis' **Coltrane (Ire)** (Mastercraftsman {Ire}) and Clive Washbourn's **Caius Chorister (Fr)** (Golden Horn {GB}).

In the G2 Ribblesdale S., a field of 13 fillies will head to post including Godolphin's Listed Haras de Bouquetot Fillies' Trial S. winner **Diamond Rain (GB)** (Shamardal) and Valmont and Newsells Park Stud's Oaks fourth **You Got To Me (GB)** (Nathaniel {Ire}), while the G2 Norfolk S. hosts 14 super-charged 2-year-olds headed by Ballydoyle's First Flier S. scorer **Whistlejacket (Ire)** (**No Nay Never**) and Fitri Hay's **Saturday Flirt (Mendelssohn)** representing Wesley Ward. Andre Fabre has confirmed Wathnan Racing's recently-acquired G1 Prix du Jockey Club runner-up **First Look (Ire)** (Lope De Vega {Ire}) for the G3 Hampton Court S., in which a dozen line up.

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EUROPEAN NEWS

OPERA SINGER AMONG 32 IN FALMOUTH AS ENTRIES RELEASED FOR JULY FESTIVAL HIGHLIGHTS

The first entries for the G1 Tattersalls Falmouth S. were released on Tuesday, with 32 fillies and mares in contention for the feature race on the second day of Newmarket's July Festival on Friday, July 12.

Joseph O'Brien has the strongest hand numerically with five entries, headed by last year's G2 Duke Of Cambridge S. heroine **Rogue Millennium (Ire)** (Dubawi {Ire}), who is among the favourites to defend her crown when she returns to Royal Ascot on Wednesday. Aidan O'Brien is responsible for four possible runners, including **Opera Singer (Justify)**, a leading contender for Friday's G1 Coronation S. in which her rivals include the first two from the G1 1,000 Guineas at Newmarket, **Elmalka (GB)** (**Kingman (GB)**) and **Porta Fortuna (Ire)** (Caravaggio), both of whom are also entered in the Falmouth.

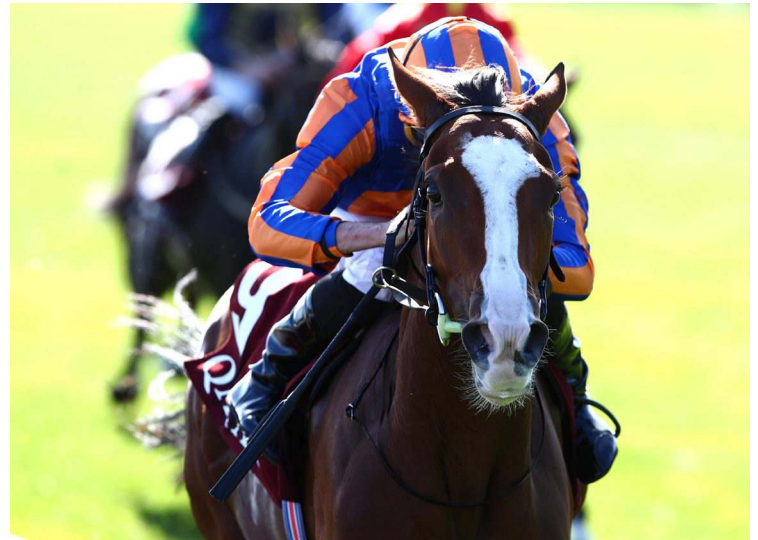
G1 Irish 1,000 Guineas runner-up **A Lilac Rolla (Ire)** (Harry

Angel {Ire}) and Godolphin's **Romantic Style (Ire)** (Night Of Thunder {Ire}) are others who feature among the three-year-old contingent, while French raider **Kelina (Ire)** (**Frankel (GB)**) is one of the standout older horses with this option. She's been off the track since last year's Breeders' Cup, having previously won the G1 Prix de la Foret for Carlos Laffon Parias.

The entries for the G2 Princess Of Wales's S. (Sponsored By The Kingdom of Bahrain), which takes centre stage on the opening day of the July Festival on Thursday, July 11, were also released on Tuesday.

The 40-strong list includes the previous Group 1 winners **Continuous (Jpn)** (Heart's Cry {Jpn}) and **Emily Upjohn (GB)** (**Sea The Stars (Ire)**), plus several others who have been knocking at the door at the top level such as **Bluestocking (GB)** (**Camelot (GB)**), **Hamish (GB)** (Motivator {GB}) and **Point Lonsdale (Ire)** (**Australia (GB)**).

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Opera Singer | Scoop Dyga

ASCOT RACECOURSE AND VICTORIA RACING CLUB ANNOUNCE NEW STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP

Ascot Racecourse and the Victoria Racing Club (VRC) have signed a new strategic partnership this week, acknowledging the unique ties between the two "sister" tracks, it was announced on Tuesday. The signatories are Ascot chairman and His Majesty's representative, Sir Francis Brooke, and Neil Wilson, chairman of the Victoria Racing Club.

Both courses stage their nations' premier Flat meetings and they work together on various race planning initiatives, which have led to multiple runners in the Royal Ascot sprints from Australia and numerous runners in the Melbourne Cup and other feature events at Flemington from the UK. [Cont. p22](#)

Ascot/VRC Partner Cont.

The Melbourne Cup Tour in 2024 will come through Ascot for QIPCO King George Weekend (July 26-27) and the Qatar Goodwood Festival (July 30 to August 3) next month and racegoers will get the chance to be photographed with the famous three-handled cup.

"For many years we have worked with the VRC on membership reciprocals and race planning initiatives and this important alliance formalises the links between Flemington and Ascot," said Brooke. "We will develop this strategic alliance further in coming years and are delighted to welcome the VRC chairman, Neil Wilson, and his wife, Stephanie, to Royal Ascot today."

Wilson added, "At the start of one of the world's most prestigious racing events, we are pleased to continue the official partnership between the Victoria Racing Club and Ascot. First signed in 2006, our international alliance has contributed to the successful evolution of thoroughbred racing as a truly global sport."

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The Melbourne Cup trophy will be at Ascot and Goodwood next month | Emma Berry

FIRST-SEASON SIRES WITH RUNNERS

Wednesday, June 19, 2024:

UNITED KINGDOM

Earthlight (Ire) (Shamardal), Kildangan Stud

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

14:30-ASCOT, 150K The Queen Mary Stakes (Class 1) (Group 2)

5f, **Xanthe (Ire)**

€75,000 Tattersalls Ireland September Yearling 2023

17:45-NOTTINGHAM, 6f, **Skyelight (GB)**

38,000gns RNA Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2022; 42,000gns

Tattersalls Somerville Yearling Sale 2023; 75,000gns Tattersalls

Craven Breeze Up Sale 2024

18:00-RIPON, 5f, **Charmster (Ire)**

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

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

18:15-ASCOT, 110K The Windsor Castle Stakes (Class 1) (Listed

Race) 5f, **Rock N Roll Rocket (Ire)**

£11,000 RNA Goffs UK Premier Yearling Sale 2023; £125,000

Goffs London Sale 2024

Golden Horde (Ire) (Lethal Force {Ire}), Haras de Montfort et Preaux

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

14:50-HAMILTON PARK, 6f, **Gold Black (Fr)**

€65,000 Arqana Deauville Yearling Sale V2 2023

Kameko (Kitten's Joy), Tweenhills Stud

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

17:45-NOTTINGHAM, 6f, **The Magic Turtle (GB)**

16,000gns RNA Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2022; 11,000gns

Tattersalls October Yearling Sale (Book 3) 2023

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

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

18:00-RIPON, 5f, **Lady Roxby (GB)**

£20,000 Goffs UK Premier Yearling Sale 2023; 180,000gns

Tattersalls Guineas Breeze Up & HIT Sale 2024



Hello Youmzain has a runner in France | Zuzanna Lupa

Sands of Mali (Fr) (Panis), Ballyhane Stud
 98 foals of racing age/5 winners/0 black-type winners
 17:45-NOTTINGHAM, 6f, **Koulikoro (Ire)**
 €18,000 Goffs February Sale 2023
 18:15-ASCOT, 110K The Windsor Castle Stakes (Class 1) (Listed Race) 5f, **Ain't Nobody (Ire)**
 £30,000 Goffs UK Premier Yearling Sale 2023
 18:15-ASCOT, 110K The Windsor Castle Stakes (Class 1) (Listed Race) 5f, **Aviation Time (Ire)**

Sergei Prokofiev (Scat Daddy), Whitsbury Manor Stud
 121 foals of racing age/7 winners/2 black-type winners
 14:30-ASCOT, 150K The Queen Mary Stakes (Class 1) (Group 2) 5f, **Enchanting Empress (GB)**
 62,000gns Tattersalls Somerville Yearling Sale 2023
 14:30-ASCOT, 150K The Queen Mary Stakes (Class 1) (Group 2) 5f, **Flicka's Girl (GB)**
 22,000gns Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2022; £32,000 Goffs UK Premier Yearling Sale 2023
 14:30-ASCOT, 150K The Queen Mary Stakes (Class 1) (Group 2) 5f, **Seraphim Angel (GB)**
 16,000gns Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2022; 24,000gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale (Book 3) 2023
 17:45-NOTTINGHAM, 6f, **She's A Dark Horse (GB)**
 21,000gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale (Book 3) 2023

FRANCE

Hello Youmzain (Fr) (Kodiac {GB}), Haras d'Etreham
 109 foals of racing age/4 winners/0 black-type winners
 2-TOULOUSE, 1400m, **Aloysius (Fr)**
 €140,000 Arqana Deauville August Yearling Sale 2023

Madhmoon (Ire) (**Dawn Approach {Ire}**), Haras du Saz
 20 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
 2-TOULOUSE, 1400m, **Dimanche Soir (Fr)**
 €10,000 Arqana Deauville Yearling Sale V2 2023

OBSERVATIONS

on the European racing scene

KING OF CHANGE'S TATTERSALLS GUINEAS BREEZE-UP TOPPER DEBUTS AT RIPON

18.00 Ripon, Mdn, £9,000, 2yo, f, 5fT
LADY ROXBY (GB) (**King Of Change {GB}**) debuts for the R N J Partnership and the Bryan Smart stable, having topped the Tattersalls Guineas Breeze-Up Sale at 180,000gns. From the family of the G1 July Cup and G1 Diamond Jubilee S. winner

Slade Power (Ire) (Dutch Art {GB}), she faces six in a low-key affair.

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BRITAIN

Tuesday's Results:

1st-Beverley, £10,000, Nov, 6-18, 2yo, 7f 96yT, 1:36.40, g/s.
PAP'S TURF (IRE) (c, 2, Shaman {Ire}--Pirate Cove {Ire}, by Lawman {Fr}), who ran fourth behind subsequent G2 Coventry S. runner-up Electrolyte (Ire) (Hello Youmzain {Fr}) over six furlongs at Ayr in his June 3 debut last time, was swiftly into stride and gained an early advantage here. Holding sway throughout, the 5-1 chance had all six opponents on the stretch passing the two pole and maintained a high tempo under late rousting to defeat Footwork (GB) (**Footstepsinthesand {GB}**) by 2 1/4 lengths, becoming the fourth winner for his freshman sire (by Shamardal). Pap's Turf is the latest of six foals and second scorer out of a half-sister to G3 St Simon S.-winning G1 Oaks and G1 Coronation Cup runner-up High Heeled (Ire) (High Chaparral {Ire}) and Listed Cairn Rouge S. victrix Bella Estrella (Ire) (High Chaparral {Ire}). High Heeled produced the stakes-winning Pabouche (Ire) (Dubawi {Ire}) while Bella Estrella is the dam of last term's G2 Champagne S. victor Iberian (Ire) (Lope De Vega {Ire}). Descendants of the March-foaled bay's dual Grade II-winning second dam Uncharted Haven (GB) (Turtle Island {Ire}) include G1 Irish 1000 Guineas and GI E. P. Taylor S. heroine Just The Judge (Ire) (Lawman {Fr}). Sales history: €23,000 Ylg '23 GOFFEB; €46,000 Ylg '23 TATIRY. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$7,409. O-Keatley Owners Group, Finneran & Moore; B-Canice Farrell (IRE); T-Adrian Keatley.

2nd-Catterick Bridge, £7,500, Nov, 6-18, 2yo, 5fT, 1:01.17, g/s.
EDUCATING RITA (GB) (f, 2, Belardo {Ire}--Excel And Succeed {Ire}, by Exceed And Excel {Aus}), who posted a May 27 debut second over this trip at Redcar last time, chased the leaders in fifth through the early stages of this one. Bustled along to close approaching halfway, the 13-8 favourite was ridden to challenge entering the final furlong and kept on strongly under continued urging to assert by a length from Kitten In The Sky (Ire) (Far Above {Ire}). Educating Rita is the first of two foals out of a half-sister to the dams of G2 Golden Fleece S. and G3 International S. victor Cadillac (Ire) (Lope De Vega {Ire}) and Listed Leisure S. runner-up First Folio (GB) (Dark Angel {Ire}). The March-foaled bay's second dam Kiyra Wells (Ire) (Sadler's Wells) is a half-sister to G1 Phoenix S. heroine Damson (Ire) (Entrepreneur {GB}), who is the dam of dual Group-winning sire Requinto (Ire) (Dansili {GB}). **Cont. p4**

2nd-Catterick Bridge Cont.

Educating Rita is half to a yearling colt by Lope Y Fernandez (Ire). Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$7,728. O/B-Elwick Stud (GB); T-Michael Dods.

2nd-Brighton, £6,800, Mdn, 6-18, 2yo, 5f 215yT, 1:09.46, g/f. **MISS NIFTY (IRE) (f, 2, Far Above {Ire}--Neat 'n Nifty {Ire}, by Dandy Man {Ire})**, sent off at 25-1, was outpaced from the outset in last. Picking up gradually to enter contention in the final furlong, the homebred got up in the shade of the post to deny Alashos (Fr) (Showcasing {GB}) by a short head. The third winner for her first-crop sire (by Farhh {GB}), Miss Nifty is the second of two current foals out of a granddaughter of the Gill Natalma S. scorer Hoh Dear (Ire) (Sri Pekan). The family features the GI Northern Dancer Turf S. hero Wigmore Hall (Ire) (High Chaparral {Ire}) and the GI Gamely S. winner Ocean Road (Ire) (Australia {GB}). Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$4,665. O/B-Albert Conneally (IRE); T-Stan Moore.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Coppull Hall Lane (GB), f, 3, **Mayson (GB)**--Ocean Boulevard (GB), by Danehill Dancer (Ire). Beverley, 6-18, 7f 96yT, 1:34.03. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$7,580. B-Highfield Farm LLP (GB).

**IN MAINLAND CHINA:**

River Thames (Ire), h, 5, **Churchill (Ire)**--Where's Sue (Ire), by Dark Angel (Ire). Yulong, 6-15, 1200m, sand, 1:13.10. O-Ma He. B-Mountain View Stud & J.C Bloodstock (Ire). *320,000gns Ylg '20 TATOCT. **VIDEO**.

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| SC | HORSE | SIRE | OWNER | TRAINER | JOCKEY | WT |
|----|---------------------|---------------------|--|---------------------|-------------------|-----|
| 1 | Alflaila (GB) | Dark Angel (Ire) | Shadwell Estate Company Ltd | Owen Burrows | Jim Crowley | 128 |
| 2 | Auguste Rodin (Ire) | Deep Impact (Jpn) | M Tabor/D Smith/Mrs J Magnier/Westerberg | Aidan O'Brien | Ryan Moore | 128 |
| 3 | Hans Andersen (GB) | Frankel (GB) | Westerberg/Mrs J Magnier/M Tabor/D Smith | Aidan O'Brien | W. M. Lordan | 128 |
| 4 | Horizon Dore (Fr) | Dabirsim (Fr) | Gousserie Racing/Ec.Gribomont/F.Delaunay | P. Cottier | Mickael Barzalona | 128 |
| 5 | Lord North (Ire) | Dubawi (Ire) | HH Sheikh Zayed bin Mohammed Racing | John & Thady Gosden | William Buick | 128 |
| 6 | Royal Rhyme (Ire) | Lope de Vega (Ire) | Sheikh Mohammed Obaid Al Maktoum | K. R. Burke | Clifford Lee | 128 |
| 7 | Snobbish (Ire) | Dawn Approach (Ire) | Yeguada Centurion | Maurizio Guarnieri | Fabien Lefebvre | 128 |
| 8 | Zarakem (Fr) | Zarak (Fr) | Ecurie Benaroussi Sofiane/HarasD'Etream | J. Reynier | Maxime Guyon | 128 |
| 9 | Blue Rose Cen (Ire) | Churchill (Ire) | Yeguada Centurion | Maurizio Guarnieri | C. Soumillon | 125 |
| 10 | Inspirale (GB) | Frankel (GB) | Cheveley Park Stud | John & Thady Gosden | Kieran Shoemark | 125 |

Breeders: 1-Shadwell Estate Company Limited, 2-Coolmore, 3-Sun Bloodstock SARL, 4-Mlle Chantal Becq, 5-Godolphin, 6-Sheikh Mohammed Obaid Al Maktoum, 7-Yeguada Centurion SL, 8-Jean-Paul Cayrouze, 9-Yeguada Centurion SL, 10-Cheveley Park Stud Limited

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QUEEN'S VASE-G2, £265,000, 3yo, 14F 34y

| SC | HORSE | SIRE | OWNER | TRAINER | JOCKEY | WT |
|----|--------------------------|------------------|--|-----------------------|-----------------|-----|
| 1 | Birdman (Ire) | Free Eagle (Ire) | Anamoine Ltd | Jessica Harrington | Shane Foley | 128 |
| 2 | Grosvenor Square (Ire) | Galileo (Ire) | M Tabor/D Smith/Mrs J Magnier/Westerberg | Aidan O'Brien | D B McMonagle | 128 |
| 3 | Highbury (Fr) | Galileo (Ire) | Westerberg/Coolmore/Brant/Dubois | Aidan O'Brien | Wayne Lordan | 128 |
| 4 | Illinois (Ire) | Galileo (Ire) | D Smith/Mrs J Magnier/M Tabor | Aidan O'Brien | Ryan Moore | 128 |
| 5 | Imperial Sovereign (Ire) | Frankel (GB) | Sheikh Mohammed Obaid Al Maktoum | Karl Burke | Clifford Lee | 128 |
| 6 | Lavender Hill Mob (GB) | Expert Eye (GB) | The Gredley Family | Michael Bell | Callum Shepherd | 128 |
| 7 | Meydaan (Ire) | Frankel (GB) | Sheikh Ahmed Al Maktoum | Simon & Ed Crisford | William Buick | 128 |
| 8 | Mina Rashid (GB) | Almanzor (Fr) | Ahmad Al Shaikh | Andrew Balding | Oisin Murphy | 128 |
| 9 | Mr Hampstead | Galileo (Ire) | Amo Racing Ltd | Dominic Ffrench Davis | David Egan | 128 |
| 10 | Pappano (GB) | Nathaniel (Ire) | Ms Rachel D S Hood | John & Thady Gosden | Kieran Shoemark | 128 |
| 11 | See The Green (GB) | Postponed (Ire) | Ahmad Al Shaikh | Owen Burrows | Jim Crowley | 128 |
| 12 | The Equator (Ire) | Galileo (Ire) | M Tabor/D Smith/Mrs J Magnier | Aidan O'Brien | Declan McDonogh | 128 |

Breeders: 1-Windflower Overseas Holdings Inc, 2-Lynch Bages Ltd, 3-Jean-Philippe Dubois, 4-Coolmore, 5-Sheikh Mohammed Obaid Al Maktoum, 6-Stetchworth & Middle Park Studs Ltd, 7-Godolphin, 8-London Thoroughbred Services Ltd, 9-Orpendale/Chelston/Wynatt, 10-Rachel D S Hood, 11-Bluehills Racing Ltd, 12-Coolmore

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DUKE OF CAMBRIDGE S.-G2, £235,350, 4yo/up, f/m, 7f 213y

| SC | HORSE | SIRE | OWNER | TRAINER | JOCKEY | WT |
|----|----------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------|----------------|-----|
| 1 | Ocean Jewel (Ire) | Sioux Nation | Al Shira'aa Racing | Willie McCreery | Billy Lee | 131 |
| 2 | Breege (GB) | Starspangledbanner (Aus) | Chasemore Farm | John & Sean Quinn | Jason Hart | 128 |
| 3 | Doom (GB) | Dubawi (Ire) | James Wigan | William Haggas | Tom Marquand | 128 |
| 4 | Gregarina (Fr) | De Treville (GB) | Sights On Gold & E S Racing | Joseph O'Brien | William Buick | 128 |
| 5 | Julia Augusta (GB) | Ulysses (Ire) | J C G Chua | David O'Meara | Daniel Tudhope | 128 |
| 6 | Laurel (GB) | Kingman (GB) | Juddmonte | John & Thady Gosden | Ryan Moore | 128 |
| 7 | Magical Sunset (Ire) | Kodiac (GB) | Amo Racing Ltd | Adrian Murray | David Egan | 128 |
| 8 | Nibras Angel (GB) | Harry Angel (Ire) | Saeed H Altayer | Ismail Mohammed | Kevin Stott | 128 |
| 9 | Novus (Ire) | Dandy Man (Ire) | Omar Jackson | Gary & Josh Moore | Tom Queally | 128 |

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| 10 | Orchid Bloom (GB) | Farhh (GB) | Sheikh Rashid Dalmook Al Maktoum | William Haggas | Cieren Fallon | 128 |
| 11 | Rogue Millennium (Ire) | Dubawi (Ire) | S Heider | Joseph O'Brien | D B McMonagle | 128 |
| 12 | Royal Dress (Ire) | Night Of Thunder (Ire) | Saeed Manana | James Tate | Ben Coen | 128 |
| 13 | Running Lion (GB) | Roaring Lion | D P Howden | John & Thady Gosden | Oisin Murphy | 128 |
| 14 | Sea The Lady (Fr) | Sea The Moon (Ger) | Mrs R G Hillen | Christopher Head | Aurelien Lemaitre | 128 |

Breeders: 1-Grenane House Stud, 2-Chasemore Farm, 3-James Wigan, 4-Rashit Shaykhutdinov, 5-Denniff Farms & Cheveley Park Stud Ltd, 6-Juddmonte Farms Ltd, 7-Ms Alice Fitzgerald, 8-Rabbah Bloodstock Ltd, 9-Fleur Partnership, 10-Overbury Stallions & Conduit Farm Stud, 11-Shadwell Estate Company Ltd, 12-Rabbah Bloodstock Ltd, 13-The Bella Nouf Partnership, 14-Avatara SA

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QUEEN MARY S-G2, £150,000, 2yo, f, 5f 0y

| SC | HORSE | SIRE | OWNER | TRAINER | JOCKEY | WT |
|----|-------------------------|--------------------------|---|-------------------------|--------------------|-----|
| 1 | Adrestia (GB) | Havana Grey (GB) | KHK Racing | Simon & Ed Crisford | Callum Shepherd | 128 |
| 2 | Amestris (GB) | Mehmas (Ire) | Mrs B Green & Mrs Michael Bell | Michael Bell | Kevin Stott | 128 |
| 3 | Betty Clover (GB) | Time Test (GB) | Eve Johnson Houghton | Eve Johnson Houghton | Georgia Dobie | 128 |
| 4 | Enchanting Empress (GB) | Sergei Prokofiev | Amo Racing Ltd & Giselle de Aguiar | Raphael Freire | David Egan | 128 |
| 5 | Englemere (Ire) | Goken (Fr) | George Waud | George Boughey | Billy Loughnane | 128 |
| 6 | Flash The Cash (Ire) | Bungle Inthejungle (GB) | Amy Marnane & Olivia Marnane | Jessica Harrington | Shane Foley | 128 |
| 7 | Flicka's Girl (GB) | Sergei Prokofiev | Twenty Four Seven Recruitment | David Loughnane | Rossa Ryan | 128 |
| 8 | Glorious Kitty (Ire) | Cotai Glory (GB) | Middleham Park & South Bank Racing | M & D Easterby | Sam James | 128 |
| 9 | Kassaya (GB) | Kingman (GB) | Juddmonte | Andrew Balding | Oisin Murphy | 128 |
| 10 | Kiss Me My Love (Ire) | Invincible Spirit (Ire) | Jaber Abdullah | Charlie Johnston | Joe Fanning | 128 |
| 11 | Kuwaitya (Ire) | Soldier's Call (GB) | Refai Alghraiban | Alice Haynes | Kieran O'Neill | 128 |
| 12 | Leovanni (Ire) | Kodi Bear (Ire) | Wathnan Racing | Karl Burke | James Doyle | 128 |
| 13 | Make Haste (GB) | Blue Point (Ire) | LNJ,Gainesway, Chappell, Eves Partnership | Diego Dias | Gavin Ryan | 128 |
| 14 | Maw Lam (Ire) | Acclamation (GB) | C R Hirst | Adrian Nicholls | Hollie Doyle | 128 |
| 15 | Mighty Eriu (Ire) | Inns Of Court (Ire) | Qatar Racing Ltd & Fergus Galvin | Gavin Cromwell | Gary Carroll | 128 |
| 16 | Miss Lamai (Ire) | Mehmas (Ire) | C R Hirst | Karl Burke | Clifford Lee | 128 |
| 17 | Miss Rascal (GB) | Havana Gold (Ire) | Charlie Rosier & Mrs Julia Rosier | Paul & Oliver Cole | Tom Marquand | 128 |
| 18 | Oxford Rock (Ire) | Starspangledbanner (Aus) | M O'Flynn | Joseph O'Brien | D B McMonagle | 128 |
| 19 | Ruby's Profit (Ire) | Profitable (Ire) | SAS Logistics Contracts Ltd | Dr R Newland & J Insole | Kieran Shoemark | 128 |
| 20 | Sands of Havana (GB) | Havana Grey (GB) | The Cool Silk Partnership | Ollie Sangster | Trevor Whelan | 128 |
| 21 | Seraphim Angel (GB) | Sergei Prokofiev | Russell Jones & Partner | Tom Dascombe | Pierre-Louis Jamin | 128 |
| 22 | Spherical (GB) | Blue Point (Ire) | Cheveley Park Stud | Roger Varian | William Buick | 128 |
| 23 | Truly Enchanting (Ire) | No Nay Never | Mrs J Magnier/M Tabor/D Smith | Aidan O'Brien | Ryan Moore | 128 |
| 24 | Ultima Grace | American Pharoah | For The People Racing LLC | Wesley Ward | Joel Rosario | 128 |
| 25 | Where's Clare (Ire) | Mehmas (Ire) | Paul & Clare Rooney | Charlie Johnston | Jason Hart | 128 |
| 26 | Xanthe (Ire) | Earthlight (Ire) | Mrs J Wood | Richard Hannon | Pat Dobbs | 128 |

Breeders: 1-The In Trutina Partnership, 2-Bickmarsh Stud, 3-Eve Johnson Houghton, 4-Llety Farms & Whitsbury Manor Stud, 5-Kildaragh Stud, 6-Mark Burns, 7-Whitsbury Manor Stud, 8-P Turley, 9-Whitsbury Manor Stud, 10-Irish National Stud, 11-Ballyhane, 12-KCS Bloodstock Ltd, 13-Sheraton Bloodstock Ltd, 14-Brickfield Stud Ltd, 15-Brian Canning & Tom Kelly, 16-Denis McDonnell, 17-Charlie Rosier & Mrs Julia Rosier, 18-Ms A Sammon, 19-Mylestown Farms Ltd, 20-The Cool Silk Partnership, 21-Mrs Mary Taylor & James F Taylor, 22-Cheveley Park Stud Ltd, 23-Coolmore, 24-For The People Racing, Mrs Deborah L O'Connor & Jon Rabinowitz, 25-Wansdyke Farm & Joseph Burke Bloodstock, 26-Ballylinch Stud

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GOLD CUP-G1, £650,000, 4yo/up, 19F 210y

| SC | HORSE | SIRE | OWNER | TRAINER | JOCKEY | WT |
|----|----------------|-----------------------|---|----------------|-------------------|-----|
| 1 | Coltrane (Ire) | Mastercraftsman (Ire) | Mick & Janice Mariscotti | Andrew Balding | Oisin Murphy | 130 |
| 2 | Enemy (GB) | Muhaarar (GB) | Tracey Bell & Caroline Lyons | Ian Williams | Richard Kingscote | 130 |
| 3 | Kyprios (Ire) | Galileo (Ire) | Moyglare/Magnier/Tabor/Smith/Westerberg | Aidan O'Brien | Ryan Moore | 130 |
| 4 | Prydwen (Ire) | Camelot (GB) | Blue Starr Racing & Keith Breen | George Scott | Callum Shepherd | 130 |

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| 5 | Sweet William (Ire) | Sea The Stars (Ire) | Normandie Stud Ltd | John & Thady Gosden | Robert Havlin | 130 |
| 6 | Trawlerman (Ire) | Golden Horn (GB) | Godolphin | John & Thady Gosden | William Buick | 130 |
| 7 | Trueshan (Fr) | Planteur (Ire) | Singula Partnership | Alan King | Hollie Doyle | 130 |
| 8 | Vauban (Fr) | Galiway (GB) | Mrs S Ricci | Willie Mullins | Colin Keane | 130 |
| 9 | Gregory (GB) | Golden Horn (GB) | Wathnan Racing | John & Thady Gosden | James Doyle | 129 |
| 10 | Caius Chorister (Fr) | Golden Horn (GB) | Clive Washbourn | David Menuisier | Benoit de la Sayette | 127 |

Breeders: 1-Rockfield Farm, 2-Ecurie des Monceaux & Skymarc Farm Inc, 3-Moyglare Stud Farm Ltd, 4-Honey Hunter Syndicate, 5-Normandie Stud Ltd, 6-Godolphin, 7-Didier Blot, 8-Philippe Decouz & SCEA du Bas Bugey, 9-Normandie Stud Ltd, 10-Clive Washbourn

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RIBBLESDALE S.-G2, £273,000, 3yo, f, 11f 211y

| SC | HORSE | SIRE | OWNER | TRAINER | JOCKEY | WT |
|----|----------------------|--------------------|--|---------------------|-----------------|-----|
| 1 | Danielle (GB) | Cracksman (GB) | A E Oppenheimer | John & Thady Gosden | Kieran Shoemark | 128 |
| 2 | Diamond Rain (GB) | Shamardal | Godolphin | Charlie Appleby | William Buick | 128 |
| 3 | Forest Fairy (Ire) | Waldgeist (GB) | G C Myddelton & V E C Taylor | Ralph Beckett | Rossa Ryan | 128 |
| 4 | Higher Leaves (Ire) | Golden Horn (GB) | J Halley & Mrs Ciara Hogan | Henry de Bromhead | Shane Foley | 128 |
| 5 | Je Zous (Ire) | Zoustar (Aus) | Go Racing Ltd | Joseph O'Brien | D B McMonagle | 128 |
| 6 | Kalpana (GB) | Study Of Man (Ire) | Juddmonte | Andrew Balding | Oisin Murphy | 128 |
| 7 | Lava Stream (Ire) | Too Darn Hot (GB) | Elwick Stud | David O'Meara | Daniel Tudhope | 128 |
| 8 | Port Fairy (Ire) | Australia (GB) | M Tabor/D Smith/Mrs J Magnier/Westerberg | Aidan O'Brien | Ryan Moore | 128 |
| 9 | Queens Fort (GB) | Galileo (Ire) | Lady Bamford | John & Thady Gosden | Robert Havlin | 128 |
| 10 | Rubies Are Red (Ire) | Galileo (Ire) | D Smith/Mrs J Magnier/M Tabor/Westerberg | Aidan O'Brien | Wayne Lordan | 128 |
| 11 | Sheema's Rose (Fr) | Anodin (Ire) | Andy Claire | Mrs Alicja Karkosa | Tom Marquand | 128 |
| 12 | Siyola (Ire) | Siyouni (Fr) | Juddmonte | John & Thady Gosden | James Doyle | 128 |
| 13 | You Got To Me (GB) | Nathaniel (Ire) | Valmont & Newsells Park Stud Bldstk.24 | Ralph Beckett | Hector Crouch | 128 |

Breeders: 1-Hascombe & Valiant Stud Ltd, 2-Godolphin, 3-Philip & Orla Hore, 4-D G Icton, 5-Manister House Stud, 6-Juddmonte Farms Ltd, 7-Elwick Stud, 8-Whisperview Trading Ltd, 9-Lady Bamford, 10-Coolmore, 11-SARL Jedburgh Stud, Thierry de la Heronniere, Ecurie de Chivallet SCEA, 12-Juddmonte Farms Ltd, 13-Dullingham Park Stud & Sarabex

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NORFOLK S.-G2, £150,000, 2yo, 5f 0y



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|----|----------------------|-------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|-----|
| 1 | Aesterius (Ire) | Mehmas (Ire) | Wathnan Racing | Archie Watson | William Buick | 129 |
| 2 | Arizona Blaze (GB) | Sergei Prokofiev | Amo Racing Ltd/Giselle De Aguiar | Adrian Murray | David Egan | 129 |
| 3 | Binadham (Ire) | Kodiac (GB) | Salhia Stud Ltd | Kevin Philippart de Foy | Benoit de la Sayette | 129 |
| 4 | Blinky (Ire) | Mehmas (Ire) | TBT Racing Ltd | Ed Walker | Tom Marquand | 129 |
| 5 | Evening Saigon (Ire) | Harry Angel (Ire) | Evening Saigon Partnership | Michael O'Callaghan | Colin Keane | 129 |
| 6 | Loom (Ire) | Kodiac (GB) | Peter Timmins & John Rhodes | Richard Fahey | Billy Garrity | 129 |
| 7 | Milford (GB) | Kodiac (GB) | The Milford Partnership | Karl Burke | Clifford Lee | 129 |
| 8 | Moving Force (Ire) | Mehmas (Ire) | Sheikh Rashid Dalmook Al Maktoum | Richard Fahey | Oisin Orr | 129 |
| 9 | Rock Hunter (GB) | Expert Eye (GB) | D MacAuliffe, A Don & D De Souza | Amy Murphy | Silvestre De Sousa | 129 |
| 10 | Shareholder | Not This Time | Wathnan Racing | Karl Burke | James Doyle | 129 |
| 11 | The Man (Ire) | Mehmas (Ire) | Phil Cunningham | Richard Spencer | Hollie Doyle | 129 |
| 12 | Tropical Storm (GB) | Eqtidaar (Ire) | Teme Valley | Andrew Balding | Oisin Murphy | 129 |
| 13 | Whistlejacket (Ire) | No Nay Never | P Brant/Mrs J Magnier/M Tabor/D Smith | Aidan O'Brien | Ryan Moore | 129 |
| 14 | Saturday Flirt | Mendelssohn | Mrs Fitri Hay | Wesley Ward | Joel Rosario | 126 |

Breeders: 1-Sean Maguire, 2-Andrew Bengough & Partners, 3-Tally-Ho Stud, 4-Paul McCartan, 5-Tally-Ho Stud, 6-Tally-Ho Stud, 7-Blue Diamond Stud Farm (UK) Ltd, 8-Rabbah Bloodstock Ltd, 9-Perryston Bloodstock, 10-Skyfall Thoroughbreds LLC, 11-Tally-Ho Stud, 12-Hellwood Stud Farm & R C Dollar, 13-Camas Park, Lynch Bages & Summerhill, 14-Wesley Ward

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HAMPTON COURT S.-G3, £150,000, 3yo, 9f 212y

| SC | HORSE | SIRE | OWNER | TRAINER | JOCKEY | WT |
|----|-----------------------|------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|-----|
| 1 | Al Musmak (Ire) | Night Of Thunder (Ire) | Sheikh Abdullah Almalek Alsabab | Roger Varian | Silvestre De Sousa | 128 |
| 2 | Bellum Justum (Ire) | Sea The Stars (Ire) | King Power Racing Co Ltd | Andrew Balding | Oisin Murphy | 128 |
| 3 | Bracken's Laugh (Ire) | Zoffany (Ire) | Bernardine & Sean Mulryan | Richard Hughes | Daniel Tudhope | 128 |
| 4 | Caviar Heights (Ire) | Sea The Stars (Ire) | Sheikh Mohammed Obaid Al Maktoum | Karl Burke | Clifford Lee | 128 |
| 5 | First Look (Ire) | Lope De Vega (Ire) | Wathnan Racing | Andre Fabre | James Doyle | 128 |
| 6 | Jayarebe (Fr) | Zoffany (Ire) | Iraj Parvizi | Brian Meehan | Sean Levey | 128 |
| 7 | King's Gambit (Ire) | Saxon Warrior (Jpn) | Mohammed Jaber | Harry Charlton | William Buick | 128 |
| 8 | Portland (Ire) | Dubawi (Ire) | M Tabor/D Smith/Mrs J Magnier | Aidan O'Brien | Ryan Moore | 128 |
| 9 | Sons And Lovers (GB) | Study Of Man (Ire) | Hugo Morriss & Kirsten Rausing | Jane Chapple-Hyam | Tom Marquand | 128 |
| 10 | Stromberg (GB) | Iffraaj (GB) | Teme Valley | Joseph O'Brien | D B McMonagle | 128 |
| 11 | Taraj (Ire) | Churchill (Ire) | Amo Racing Ltd | Dermot Weld | David Egan | 128 |
| 12 | Under The Sun (GB) | Golden Horn (GB) | Al Asayl Bloodstock Ltd | Hugo Palmer | Rossa Ryan | 128 |

Breeders: 1-Rabbah Bloodstock Ltd, 2-Rabbah Bloodstock Ltd, 3-Guardia Partnership, 4-Norelands & Sunderland Holding Inc, 5-Haras de la Perelle, 6-Oliver John Pawle, 7-Roundhill Stud, 8-Coolmore, 9-Kirsten Rausing, 10-Aston Mullins Stud, 11-Springbank Way Stud, 12-Silfield Bloodstock

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| SC | HORSE | SIRE | OWNER | TRAINER | JOCKEY | WT |
|----|--------------------------|-------------------------|---|----------------------|--------------------|-----|
| 1 | Ain't Nobody (Ire) | Sands Of Mali (Fr) | J Blackburn & J Matthews | Kevin Ryan | Jamie Spencer | 131 |
| 2 | Arabian Cobra (Ire) | Dark Angel (Ire) | Jones, McCarthy, Owen | Hugo Palmer | David Probert | 131 |
| 3 | Artagnan (Ire) | Mehmas (Ire) | Wathnan Racing | Karl Burke | William Buick | 131 |
| 4 | Bretton Wood (GB) | Frankel (GB) | The Gredley Family | James Owen | Silvestre De Sousa | 131 |
| 5 | Brosay (GB) | Tasleet (GB) | RC VIP Syndicate One | Diego Dias | Gavin Ryan | 131 |
| 6 | Calyxoh (Ire) | Calyx (GB) | Laurence Holder | Jane Chapple-Hyam | Mickael Barzalona | 131 |
| 7 | Celtic Chieftain (Ire) | No Nay Never | Tabor/Smith/Magnier/Brant | Aidan O'Brien | Wayne Lordan | 131 |
| 8 | Cheval De Guerre | Caravaggio | Resolute Racing | Eddie Kenneally | Oisin Murphy | 131 |
| 9 | End Of Story (Ire) | Bungle Inthejungle (GB) | Mrs J Ryan | Kevin Ryan | Kevin Stott | 131 |
| 10 | Fuji Mountain (Ire) | Invincible Spirit (Ire) | Steve & Bea Ryan Ltd | Declan Carroll | Callum Shepherd | 131 |
| 11 | Gabalton | Gone Astray | Soldi Stable LLC | Jose d'Angelo | Emisael Jaramillo | 131 |
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