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THE ROAD BACK: A 'MAJOR' REDEMPTION



Billy Major | Sara Gordon

by Sara Gordon

It was during the moments after Billy Major came face-to-face with death, and momentarily lost the battle, that he knew something needed to change. On November 14, 2022, as he awoke on the floor of a motel room after overdosing on heroin, Major felt the hand of God rest upon his shoulder. And this time, he reached over to take it.

"I woke up laying on the floor in front of my refrigerator. I saw people sitting on the bed, some of my friends, and there was a gentleman with EMS. I said, 'What's going on?' as I tried to breathe through an oxygen mask. And he told me, 'Young man, evidently you overdosed from a high dose of drugs,' recalled Major.

It wasn't the first time Major overdosed, though it was the latest detrimental experience in a series of unfortunate events that had led him to reside in the motel room in the first place. And it was quite the contrast from the way he lived in his early years, growing up in both Kentucky and Ohio, surrounded by family and fueled by a passion for sports.

As a young boy, his love of the game was only amplified by his parents' own baseball card shop. Major pursued everything from football to wrestling, gymnastics, pole vaulting and even martial arts. When he wasn't in school or playing sports, he was by his dad's side helping him build barns.

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INVESTIGATOR EXCHANGE PLANTS FLAG AT ROYAL ASCOT

by J.N. Campbell

George Bernard Shaw offered the pithy observation that, "England and America are two countries divided by a common language."

The quote seems appropriate when viewed through the lens of a pilot program set up by the Organization of Racing Investigators (ORI). This week, ORI board members donned the famous finery--don't forget the millinery either--of the Royal Meeting at Ascot, but it wasn't all about one's garb.

They were on hand to impart their own tradecraft to the British Horseracing Authority (BHA) and their investigators, while in turn soaking up English best practices.

The BHA teaching laboratory was none other than a massive operation to protect some of the best racehorses in the world.

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Billy Major, cont. from p1

However, once he was ineligible to continue wrestling, Major turned a side job in the summer into more of a full-time gig, which eventually led to him quitting school altogether.

"I missed 80-something days my freshman year and 100 some my sophomore year. At that point, I never continued with school. But some of those teachers really cared about me, and they knew I could learn almost anything, so I'd show up there to visit and see how school life was going," said Major.

Life took a downward turn later on for Major when he found himself in trouble with the law, resulting in a prison sentence of three to 15 years in Ohio. After serving part of his time, he was released on parole, until a slip up with cannabis use landed him back behind bars.

"I didn't hardly drink alcohol growing up, and I didn't use drugs until I was older in life, like 16 or 17 I guess," said Major. "But I messed up. They gave me a choice, I was doing good, but I still violated my parole. Plus, you go back and start on the time you were originally given."

Once he was finally out, Major eventually made his way to

Lexington, Ky., where he spent time in treatment programs at the Hope Center and later utilized services offered by New Vista, which eventually helped him find an apartment and supported him while he resided in it.

Though he'd faced the highest of highs and lowest of lows as he dealt with his drug use, nothing could have prepared Major for the suffering he'd endure after being hit by a car in January of 2022 while pushing his friend in a wheelchair across the street. The accident left his body broken, suffering from a fractured fibula, tibia, knee, and C5-C6 in his spine.

"I went to Cardinal Hill Rehabilitation where I had to relearn how to walk. I knew that I could walk, but my mind wouldn't react with my body. I was in a cervical column for five and a half months, a leg brace for five months, and I was in a wheelchair. I was also prescribed all kinds of medication," said Major.

However, the most harmful injury of all was extensive trauma to his brain, which was only exacerbated when he overdosed in the motel room that fateful night later in the year. The trauma of the car accident, combined with the lack of oxygen when he overdosed, has resulted in a permanent change that can make it hard for Major to stay on topic when conversing.

Yet when he shares his story, the details he does remember are so vivid, it's like you're walking through those chapters of his life alongside of him. **Cont.**

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Billy Major, cont.

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"My case manager had a routine visit the next day. When he came, I told him, 'I died last night.' He said, 'Mr. Major, tomorrow you're going to go to a treatment program.' He'd been my case manager for three years, so I knew he was looking out for the well-being of myself and others," said Major.

On November 16, 2022, he entered the 28-day residential treatment program at New Vista's Schwartz Center.

"I learned grounding, coping skills, and conflict resolution. I learned about emotions, everything that I think of. I realized that I was the problem, no matter what, with the drug usage. I was the problem, I made that choice, it's nobody's fault but mine. You don't blame the drug dealer; you don't blame the chemists. You blame yourself for making that decision to use," said Major. "I started to learn about recovery as a person. By doing the exercises they pass out in treatment and being one-on-one with a counselor or therapist, I started to get memory back."

Though he was offered a housing voucher for a new apartment after completing treatment in the Schwartz Center, an appreciation for structure and time spent as a fan of horse racing pushed Major in the direction of the Stable Recovery program. He started this new chapter on December 14, 2022.

Initially Major was overwhelmed with feelings of awkwardness and discomfort, but soon the layout of the program, the security of routine and the overarching sense of community and brotherhood washed all of that away. And the School of Horsemanship, providing the opportunity to work hands-on with horses at Taylor Made Farm, only added to that.



Major at work at Taylor Made | Sara Gordon

"It's very therapeutic. It's very healing. Once you start a relationship with that horse and that horse trusts you, there's not hardly anything it won't do [for you], it's amazing.

"The [therapeutic nature] of the horses and working with them, I really sponged up what they were teaching me," said Major. "When you're in there grooming a horse, you start to notice maybe one horse does this and that another horse

doesn't do that.

"It's very helpful for anybody. You don't have to be a drug addict or an alcoholic."

Outside of the responsibilities and expectations, Major's time in Stable Recovery and working in the School of Horsemanship gave him time to process, heal and reflect.

"I have a goal every morning. I have to look myself in the mirror and say, 'I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.' Looking at yourself in mirrors and seeing your reflection on a regular basis, it

brings back something. It's not only a reflection of what you look like," said Major. "I'm just glad that it took a higher power, along with my case manager and treatment, for me to continue to change. Knowing that I put my friends in a bad position [that night at the motel], I felt bad. I had to deal with that and understand how I put myself and them in that position."


In 2023, Major graduated from the Stable Recovery program in March, was hired full-time by Taylor Made in April and by December, he officially became a Stable Recovery Legacy, which a graduate of the program earns after a year of sobriety.

"I'm a horse enthusiast but I never thought about working with horses until this opportunity.

"I do my faith first, then my recovery, and I try to be the best professional I can," he said. "You can take alcohol and drugs away, but you're still going to deal with everyday problems."

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Billy Major, cont.

"Stable Recovery and the School of Horsemanship combined, it really sets someone in recovery up to succeed in life, to become a better version of themselves."

As someone who has started over, in more ways than one, Major has developed an affinity for the aftercare aspect of the Thoroughbred industry and is a particular admirer of the New Vocations Racehorse Adoption Program. Though he loves his job at Taylor Made, and appreciates the entire team that has become his family over the last couple of years, the 49-year-old sees himself venturing out in the industry one day.

"I run around here like I'm 25 or 26, but I'm 49 years old. I'm not going to keep doing all this stuff the rest of my life," said Major. "If I ever left here, it would have to be something private, working as a groom. Or it'd have to be [aftercare], working on the bigger picture where [racehorses] go on to be something else."

For Major, it's faith and recovery first. But when you see him in a stall with a mare and foal, a soft smile upon his face as his hand strokes the foal's neck and the mare nuzzles his head, you truly understand divine intervention.

"I feel like God's calling me to do something," he had said earlier.

Indeed, he has.



Major and friends | Sara Gordon

Stable Recovery is a recovery housing program in Lexington, Kentucky that offers men in the early stages of recovery access to 12-step meetings, life skills training and--through the Taylor Made School of Horsemanship--the opportunity to develop a trade in the equine field.

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Investigator exchange, cont. from p1

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Jason Klouser, Director of Enforcement, Pennsylvania State Horse Racing Commission, led the charge, and he was joined by J.C. Jaramillo of New York; Juan C. Estrada of Arizona; Tyler Durand, Senior Manager, Equine Drug Unit under the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario; and David Duncan, Director, Operations for the Breeders' Cup.

"It has been an honor to participate in this inaugural program, which was designed to foster collaboration between investigators on a global level," said Duncan.

"The Breeders' Cup is thankful for partners who recognize the value in ensuring best practices are implemented around the world where safety, integrity and security in racing are concerned. Those at the forefront appreciate the opportunity for education, collaboration and innovation. We certainly look forward to future opportunities to expand our knowledge."

During the week, John Burgess, the Head of Integrity for the British Horseracing Authority-- who is also a member of ORI and was a presenter at their last conference at Parx earlier this year--laid out an ambitious itinerary for the group. Besides visiting Newmarket, the British Racing School and the National Stud on Thursday and Friday, Burgess wanted the contingent to take part in searches and carry on a running dialogue with his

own investigative teams. The commonalities were evident from the start. **Cont.**



Members of ORI board in the enclosure at Royal Ascot
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Investigator exchange, cont.

“Hosting our first exchange has been an undeniable success,” said Burgess. “Just because this was in our own backyard, doesn't mean it was just a one-way street. Our BHA integrity team gained from the collaboration by listening to the perspectives of the U.S. members. This was nothing short of an opportunity to showcase how all of us do what we do because we all have the same problems, which means we can all learn from one another.”

In order to stay on top of their jobs, racing investigators thrive when they network with others who protect the horses at racetracks. The BHA has a centralized authority, which has become part of the long-established equine culture of England. Education is central to their growth and continued expansion, so they are used to collaborations like this exchange.



Members of the BHA integrity team conduct a soundness examination during Royal Ascot
courtesy of Jason Klouser

ORI is too, although it is based on the core principles of their membership because, unlike the BHA, they are spread across different jurisdictions.

Still, the two sides have much to learn from one another, and the exchange is a first step to widening the global view that investigators can use in their day-to-day jobs.

“Education for us is so important,” said Klouser, who pitched the idea to the board. “We want our members to have access to every avenue that is possible, so training like this will be an essential part of being a member in ORI.”

Learning about BHA regulations, seeing how their logistics operates compared to the U.S. and how 'yards'

function when it comes to training as opposed to on an American racetrack were just part of the larger takeaway from a very successful first exchange. **Cont.**

NTRA FUNDRAISING PROGRAMS WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE?

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Investigator exchange, cont.

ORI's international flag of integrity will stay planted and now the common language of investigation is even less divided.

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ABC NEWS: SHEETS DIED FROM DROWNING



Toby Sheets | Sarah Andrew

Toby Sheets, the former assistant to Steve Asmussen, died from drowning, Ioannis Aivatidis, the coroner in Corfu, Greece who performed the autopsy, told ABC News on Tuesday. Sheets disappeared last Tuesday, and was **found dead on the beach** on the island of Mathraki, in Greece, on Sunday.

ABC said that the U.S. Embassy was working to have Sheets's body sent home to the United States.

Sheets, 55, lived in Floral Park, New York, near Belmont Park. He had last been seen alive on Tuesday, June 11 at a bar on Mathraki, and was reported missing on Thursday when a friend found the door to his house open with the lights on and the air conditioning running inside.

"Toby was a part of our stable for many years, including our Belmont Stakes win with Creator, as well as his expert handling of Haynesfield among others," Asmussen told the *TDN* on Monday. "He will be deeply missed by his family and many friends."

Sheets is one of several foreign tourists who have gone missing in Greece over the past week, where they are experiencing extreme heat.

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RAMSEY'S DONOR KIDNEY SURGERY SCHEDULED FOR THURSDAY

Ken Ramsey said that his donor kidney surgery is scheduled for Thursday morning at 9 a.m. at New York Columbia Presbyterian Hospital. "I have passed all of my tests, and my donor has passed all his essential tests," Ramsey said by text. "They've placed me on their accelerated priority list and are really taking good care of me. I will be the oldest kidney transplant they've ever done. The record is 84 and I'm going to be 88, seven months and 17 days. It's nice to be the new poster boy. My gratitude and thanks to all the people who have helped make this possible."

In May, **Ramsey shared the news** that he needed to find a living donor for a kidney, and that he wouldn't survive the wait on the list, currently at around eight years, estimating that he had four months to live without it.

"Thanks for all the prayers and well wishes," he said. "Tom Pope, a family friend, is generously donating me one of his kidneys. The surgery will last approximately four hours and I should be discharged Monday, June 24th if all goes well. I'll have to stay in New York for 12 weeks. I have to go check in twice a week for six weeks and then once a week for six weeks. I feel blessed and very lucky that it all has gone so well. The support I've received has been overwhelming."

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GLOBAL SUMMIT ON EQUINE SAFETY AND TECHNOLOGY HIGHLIGHTS RECENT RESEARCH

The International Federation of Horseracing Authorities (IFHA) Global Summit on Equine Safety and Technology took place at Woodbine Racetrack in Toronto, Canada June 12-14. The Summit was attended by approximately 90 international research scientists, clinicians, veterinarians and racing regulators from at least 13 countries.

"The Summit has been a major achievement for the Federation and our ongoing commitment to improving equine safety and welfare," said IFHA Executive Council Member Jim Lawson, who delivered the Summit's closing remarks. "Scientific research and technology are cornerstones of the IFHA's efforts to protect our equine athletes, and this Summit has provided the industry the opportunity to discuss and build upon the significant body of research that has been carried out around the world."

Scientists, veterinarians and regulators participated in dedicated workshops throughout the three-day event to investigate critical issues relating to, and recent technological advances in, fracture prevention and exercise-associated sudden death (EASD). **Cont.**



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Jim Lawson at Woodbine | *Michael Burns photo*

“This is an important first step in enabling us to go even further in detecting horses that are at risk of injury,” said Dr. Christopher Riggs, Director of The Hong Kong Jockey Club Equine Welfare Research Foundation, who chaired the Summit’s fracture prevention workstream. “We are appreciative of the IFHA’s support in encouraging collaboration between scientists, scholars, veterinarians and administrators in the global racing industry.”

Dr. Celia Marr, Associate Veterinary Specialist at Rossdales Equine Hospital and Diagnostic Centre and Chair of the Summit’s EASD workstream, was similarly cognizant of the event’s significance.

“The Summit has generated and refreshed collaborative efforts to address the most critical horse welfare issues,” said Marr. “We are energised by the innovative research that has been presented, and optimistic of its potential to positively impact equine welfare going forward.”

The outcomes from the Summit will be analysed by the IFHA Executive Council, with the goal of developing recommendations for the IFHA membership on addressing the risk of fractures and EASD in the future.

The IFHA Global Summit was supported by Cornell University’s Harry M. Zweig Memorial Fund for Equine Research, The Hong Kong Jockey Club Equine Welfare Research Foundation, and Woodbine Entertainment Group.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

CONNECTING YOUTH TO THE JOY OF THOROUGHBRED RACING

Cicero, Illinois is a suburb that hugs the west side of Chicago, and is home to Hawthorne Race Course. It's also the headquarters of Morton High School District 201, which serves approximately 8,000 students from Cicero and surrounding communities.

Near the top of the Hawthorne stretch is a Golden Corral parking lot. From this vantage point you can clearly see horses on the track during training or racing. One morning while watching training from here, trainer Chris Block saw a group of Morton High School students gathered by a fence observing the horses. An idea popped into his head: "We should bring more of those students to the track."



Chris Block | *Coady*

Last week, the Illinois Backstretch Charitable Foundation (IBCF), the benevolent arm of the Illinois Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association (ITHA), in collaboration with Amplify Horse Racing and the Morton High School District 201, did just that by hosting the inaugural Morton Urban Equine Program-- and it was a tremendous success. All I could think about on my drive home to Kentucky was how it was one of the most impactful outreach programs I have been involved with since the start of Amplify.

Chris is President of the ITHA, which is led by Executive Director David McCaffrey. David and IBCF Program Coordinator George Moreno reached out to me in February, looking for program development help from Amplify, and we decided to tackle the project together. **Cont.**

Letter to the editor, cont.

The ITHA team presented the concept of hosting students at Hawthorne to the school district, who jumped at the opportunity to connect their students with horses and suggested the creation of a four-day summer enrichment program. From there, the ITHA and Amplify worked on a schedule and syllabus of topics and activities, and the school district handled the registration of students.

We had anticipated a relatively small group for our first year, and the final attendance resulted in five high school junior and senior girls and their science teacher, Kyle Boyd. The students' minimal prior horse experiences spanned from never having touched a horse to going on a leadline ride. Throughout the four days of the Urban Equine

Program, the students arrived at the ITHA office in a small bus, and for three hours experienced the daily activity of a racetrack firsthand while learning industry practices, horsemanship, and applied science. They had the opportunity to groom a horse, feed copious amounts of peppermints to dozens of racehorses, ride around the track in tractors, peer into a scope at a horse's respiratory tract, and even go on (what was for most of them) their first-ever horse ride. By day three, one student told us she was having so much fun she wished the program were longer.

Instrumental in the success of this program was the genuine commitment and enthusiasm from the ITHA team. David and George took active roles in the planning and communication with the school district, as well as the day-to-day teaching. Horsemens Liaison Mena Perez even shared her very special lead pony, Bandit, as our mascot and teaching assistant for everything from grooming lessons to a test barn demonstration and pony rides. Chris Block and his assistant Martin Martinez openly shared their barn as a teaching space, amidst training and caring for around 35 head of horses. Chris served as an educator each day, and invited the students to be part of every step of training, from understanding the role of nutrition and the feed room, to hearing the importance of hoof care while watching a horse get trimmed and reshod. His horses also received the vast majority of the aforementioned peppermints.

To conclude day four, we asked the students to complete a feedback survey. Nearly all of them conveyed that just being in the presence of horses and getting to touch them was the most special part of the entire experience. They also reflected strongly

on how much they learned about racing, veterinary medicine, and the great care they observed the horses receiving. Four of the five students expressed interest in becoming veterinarians, and one specifically asked how she can pursue a job at the racetrack in the near future. Most telling of all was the

hand-written thank you card the students handed over before climbing back on the bus to leave the track one last time. One message read "Thank you all for taking care of us and giving us all these wonderful lessons. It was an amazing, fun, unforgettable experience that we won't be forgetting any time soon."

There were several moments from this program that will stick with me for a long time: watching all five students grooming Bandit and softly petting him as he munched grass; the laughter as they climbed into the starting

gate like assistant starters; the beaming smiles as they stepped down from the big John Deere tractors after riding around the track; the even bigger smiles as they sat tall on Bandit's back.

The ITHA team and I went into the week understanding that the program was a trial run, and would serve as a learning experience for all of us. We came out of it knowing that we had positively impacted the five teenage girls who had attended. Without this program, those students might never have had the chance to truly be around horses. But as a result of it, they experienced moments they will never forget. Racetracks have massive potential to serve as centers for learning within the communities where they reside. In many highly urban and inner-city areas, racetracks are the only places for miles and miles where people can go to see and possibly touch a horse. That's certainly what Hawthorne is for Cicero.

At Amplify, our vision is to leverage the Thoroughbred industry to connect youth, families, students, and educators with opportunities to learn about and engage with horses. But in order to make those connections, we have to create the opportunities. The ITHA developed an unforgettable opportunity through the Morton Urban Equine Program, and I'm excited for all of the students who will get to learn about horses and experience the excitement of racing as the program grows.

Annise Montplaisir is Executive Director of Amplify Horse Racing, a youth-focused 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to amplifying education, mentorship, and career opportunities for young people in the Thoroughbred horse industry.



Morton Urban Equine Program at Hawthorne | Courtesy of Amplify

WEEKLY RULINGS



STEWARDS AND COMMISSIONS RULINGS: JUNE 12-18

Every week, the *TDN* posts a roundup of the relevant Horseracing Integrity and Safety Act (HISA)-related rulings from around the country.

Among this week's rulings, trainer Jim Lewis was suspended two years and fined a total of \$20,000 (including the Horseracing Integrity and Safety Unit's arbitration costs) after his trainee Hughie's Holiday tested positive for clenbuterol after winning at Ruidoso Downs on July 8 last year.

Clenbuterol is a bronchodilator with known performance-enhancing properties. Clenbuterol will typically be detectable in the blood for about three to four days after administration, and between 10 to 17 days after administration in urine. **Experts say** that hair tests can show the presence of the substance up to six months after it was given to a horse.

Lewis claimed that he had never administered clenbuterol to Hughie's Holiday, and had waited 50 days after receiving the horse in his barn to race him out of an abundance of caution, having received no medical records for the horse from prior connections. No hair test was conducted.

A HIWU arbitration panel, however, dismissed Lewis's claim, after an evidentiary hearing on Apr. 18.

"Dr. Heather Knych, an expert in equine pharmacology, pharmacokinetics and pharmacodynamics, will testify that it is highly unlikely that the Clenbuterol detected in Hughie's Holiday's blood samples collected on July 8 could have been caused by the administration of Clenbuterol prior to May 21, 2023," the arbitrator wrote in a **final decision**.

Lewis's suspension started on Sept. 22 last year.

NEW HISA/HIWU STEWARDS RULINGS

The following rulings were reported on HISA's "**rulings**" portal and through the HIWU "**pending**" and "**resolved**" cases portals.

Resolved ADMC Violations

Date: 06/12/2024

Licensee: Jim Lewis, trainer

Penalty: 2-year period of Ineligibility for Covered Person, beginning on September 22, 2023; 14-month period of Ineligibility for Covered Horse, beginning on July 8, 2023; Disqualification of Covered Horse's Race results, including forfeiture of all purses and other compensation, prizes, trophies, points, and rankings and repayment or surrender (as applicable); a fine of \$15,000; payment of \$5,000 of HIWU's arbitration

costs. Final decision by arbitral body.

Explainer: For the presence of Clenbuterol-- banned substance-- in a sample taken from Hughie's Holiday, who won at Ruidoso Downs on 7/8/23.

Date: 06/17/2024

Licensee: Hugo Rodriguez, trainer

Penalty: A fine of \$500; imposition of 1.5 Penalty Points. Admission.

Explainer: Vets' list medication violation for the presence of Phenylbutazone--Controlled Medication (Class C)--in a sample taken from Code Runner, who finished fifth at Tampa Bay Downs on 5/14/24.

Date: 06/17/2024

Licensee: Justin Rivera, trainer

Penalty: A fine of \$500; imposition of 1.5 Penalty Points. Final decision by HIWU.

Explainer: Administration of electrolytes other than by "free choice" within 24 hours prior to Post-Time for Sig, who was scratched late at Aqueduct on 5/324.

Date: 06/18/2024

Licensee: Michael Hewitt, trainer

Penalty: None. Equine Controlled Medication charges withdrawn (B Sample Not Confirmed).

Date: 06/18/2024

Licensee: Henry Guillory, trainer

Penalty: A fine of \$3,000; imposition of 3 Penalty Points. Admission.

Explainer: Intra-articular injection within 7 days of a timed and reported workout on the horse, Xcaret.

Date: 06/18/2024

Licensee: Rory Huston, trainer

Penalty: A fine of \$500; imposition of 1.5 Penalty Points. Admission.

Explainer: Vets' list medication violation for the presence of Dantrolene--Controlled Medication (Class C)--in a sample taken from Joy's Pride on 5/10/24.

Pending ADMC Violations

06/12/2024, Rodolphe Brisset, trainer: Pending medication violation for the presence of Lidocaine--Controlled Medication (Class B)--in a sample taken from Royal Spa, who finished second in the American Beauty Stakes on 2/3/24.



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Weekly rulings, cont.

06/12/2024, Robert Medina, trainer: Pending medication violation for the presence of Lidocaine--Controlled Medication (Class B)--in a sample taken from Forge in Fire, who won at Turfway Park on 2/21/24.

06/12/2024, Ricardo Bailey, trainer: Pending medication violation for the presence of Dexamethasone--Controlled Medication (Class C)--in a sample taken from Mutiny, who won at Thistledown on 5/8/24.

06/13/2024, Patrick Reynolds, trainer: Pending medication violation for the presence of Phenylbutazone--Controlled Medication (Class C)--in a sample taken from Uncle Water Flow, who won at Thistledown on 5/8/24.

06/14/2024, Mario Serey, Jr., trainer: Pending violation for intra-articular injection within 7 days of a timed and reported workout on the horse, Succeed.

06/17/2024, Joseph Davis, trainer: Pending vets' list medication violation for the presence of Dexamethasone--Controlled Medication (Class C)--in a sample taken from Vino Caldo on 5/22/24.

Violations of Crop Rule

One important note: HISA's whip use limit is restricted to six strikes during a race.

Delaware Park:

Andres Chavez--violation date June 12; \$250 fine and one-day suspension

Jose Batista--violation date June 13; \$500 fine and three-day suspension

Kirsten Swan--violation date June 14; \$250 fine and one-day suspension

Finger Lakes:

Jeremias Flores--violation date June 12; \$250 fine and one-day suspension

Penn National

Jose Torrealba--violation date June 12; \$250 fine and one-day suspension

Jerry Villegas-Serrano--violation date June 12; \$250 fine and one-day suspension

Hawthorne:

Alexis Centeno--violation date June 15; \$250 fine and one-day suspension

Prairie Meadows:

Glenn Corbett--violation date June 15; \$250 fine and one-day suspension

Ramsey Howard Zimmerman--violation date June 15; \$880 fine and three-day suspension

Santa Anita:

Diego Herrera--violation date June 13; \$250 fine and one-day suspension

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OWNER JOE FRIEDBERG PASSES AWAY

Joe Friedberg, a prominent Minneapolis defense attorney and racehorse owner, died Monday from colon cancer. He was 87.

Friedberg was born in Brooklyn, New York, was a graduate of the University of North Carolina law school, and served in the Marine Corps.

A colorful attorney with a large personality, Friedberg represented a long list of NFL players, politicians and others. He was married to his mutual best friend, Carolyn, for 62 years, and they raised a daughter and son, both of whom married and presented their parents with grandchildren to adore. Joe and Carolyn worked together every day, and shared a rare bond of love that made them truly unique as a couple. They shared a love of horses and racing. Carolyn Friedberg once named a stakes-winning filly Blonde Moment after seemingly bidding on the wrong Affirmed filly one September Sale.

Joe loved horses and racing--and especially those involved in racing. His favorite saying was, "I bet a little every day, because I wouldn't want to be walking around lucky and not know it."

He befriended everyone, from the shoe-shine man at the track to those with powerful stables. Some of his greatest friendships were with those who had their hands on his horses.

Joe teamed up with a young trainer from New Orleans, Richie Scherer, who also lost his fight with cancer at age 53 in 2017. Together they had a number of stakes horses, the best was homebred Shires Ende, who won both the Locust Grove and Ashland Mile at Churchill Downs. They raced at Churchill, Keeneland, Fair Grounds, Arlington, and Canterbury, Joe's hometown track.

"Joe Friedberg was one of a rare breed, brilliant attorney, devoted husband and family man, self-made (paying for his education by selling encyclopedias door-to-door), incredibly funny, with a big heart," said Tom Thornbury. "Racing will miss the likes of him. I know I certainly will, as will everyone who ever knew him."

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Saturday, Thistledown #13, post time: 6:00 p.m. EDT

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

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Frizzante	Vino Rosso	Winner Circle Stables, LLC	Sacco	Castillo	126
2	Gould's Gold	Goldencents	4 G Racing, LLC, Gasaway, Lance and Magdalena Racing	McPeck	Hernandez, Jr.	126
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
9	Batten Down	Tapit	Juddmonte	Mott	Alvarado	126
10	Mugatu	Blofeld	Average Joe Racing Stables, Ltd. and Wells, Dan	Engler	Vazquez	126

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
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

Breeders: 1-Peter E. Blum Thoroughbreds, LLC, 2-Breffni Farm, 3-Woodford Thoroughbreds, LLC, 4-Castleton Lyons, Kilboy Estate & Gavin Tierney, 5-John Seiler, Randy Bloch, Trish Henson, Brad Stephens & Dave Hall

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by Alan Carasso



Authentic | Sarah Andrew

5th-CD, \$120k, Msw, 2yo, 5 1/2f, post time: 6:56 p.m. ET

Some 120 members of the first-crop of Horse of the Year **Authentic** went under the hammer at public auction in 2023, and the most expensive of them, **INNOVATOR**, debuts for BC Stables and trainer D. Wayne Lukas Thursday beneath the same Twin Spires where the sire won the 2020 GI Kentucky Derby. Bred by Peter Blum, also the breeder of Authentic, the dark bay colt was hammered down for \$900,000 at the Keeneland September Sale, the dearest of the 91 youngsters reported as sold during the year. The five-times stakes-winning dam Inspired (Unbridled's Song) is responsible for five winners from six to the races, including Carmel Road (**Quality Road**), runner-up in the 2022 GII Los Alamitos Futurity and more recently, victorious in the Listed King Faisal Cup in Saudi Arabia. Inspired is kin to six other winners, including the SW & GSP duo of Silver City (Unbridled's Song) and Elope (Gone West); SW Initiation (Deputy Minister); and Treasure (**Medaglia d'Oro**), the dam of GI Preakness Stakes, Pegasus World Cup Invitational Stakes and GI Met Mile Handicap winner National Treasure (**Quality Road**). This is also the family of GISWs Well Chosen (Deputy Minister) and **Leofric (Candy Ride {Arg})**. DJ Stable opposes Innovator with **Dream On (Not This Time)**, a son of GII Fantasy Stakes winner Mamma Kimbo (Discreet Cat), also the dam of SW Balandeen (Bernardini). Dream On was bought back at FTKNOV (\$295,000) and KEESEP (\$245,000) before selling for \$380,000 at this year's OBS April Sale. **TJCS PPs**

8th-CD, \$120k, Msw, 3yo/up, f/m, 7f, 8:23 p.m. ET

PRESTWICK (Uncle Mo) debuts for Bonnie Baskin and Adam Corndorf's Blue Heaven Farm and trainer Cherie DeVaux, the same connections responsible for the 3-year-old filly's year-older half-brother Pyrenees (Into Mischief), who was up in the waning strides to win the GIII Pimlico Special Stakes on the eve of the GI Preakness Stakes May 17. Blue Heaven Farm acquired the Grade III-winning dam Our Khrysty (Newfoundland) for \$600,000 in foal to Tiznow at the 2011 Fasig-Tipton November Sale and the mare's other winners include Grace Adler (**Curlin**) winner of the 2021 GI Del Mar Debutante S., who sold to Japanese interests for \$2 million at FTKNOV the following year. Our Khrysty is a half-sister to GISW Bullsbay (Tiznow). (Note: due to the late post time, this result will appear in Saturday's TDN)

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7th-Churchill Downs, \$124,570, Alw (NW1X), Opt. Clm (\$100,000), 6-19, 3yo, 7f, 1:21.65, ft, 5 lengths.

PURE FORCE (c, 3, Constitution--Mexican Gold {GSW & G1SP-Fr, GSP-US, \$234,810}, by Medaglia d'Oro) debuted in the Derby Day opener going 6 1/2 furlongs over a muddy strip and raced a bit greenly through the closing stages, but stamped his authority over seven rivals with a 2 1/4-length victory. That effort would otherwise have made him strictly the one to beat in a first-level allowance, but the presence of **'TDN Rising Star'** Discreet Mischief (Into Mischief), a distant second to the highly impressive Raging Torrent (Maximus Mischief) in the penultimate race on Derby Day, relegated Pure Force to 2-1 second favoritism. Drawn widest in a field of seven Wednesday, the homebred broke right in stride and was allowed a very easy time of things up front through an opening quarter in just :23.38 as Discreet Mischief lingered at the rear. Axel Concepcion was able to gradually up the tempo as the furlongs ticked away, and by the time he'd reached the eighth pole, the lead had expanded to three. Kept to his task through the final panel, Pure Force had five lengths in hand at the finish as Discreet Mischief was up late to round out the exacta. **Cont. p2**

7th-Churchill, cont.

Pure Force is the second winner from as many starters for his dam, winner of the G3 Prix de la Grotte and subsequently third in the G1 Poule d'Essai des Pouliches (French 1000 Guineas) for Andre Fabre in 2015. In three starts in this country for Chad Brown, Mexican Gold won a Saratoga allowance, was third in the GIII Athenia S. and fourth in the GI Matriarch S. A half-sister to G1SW Announce (GB) (Selkirk) and from the family of Zafonic and Zamindar, Pure Force has a 2-year-old half-brother named Global Asset (**Street Sense**) and a yearling full-brother. Mexican Gold delivered a **Tapit** filly Feb. 26. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$141,960. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

O/B-Juddmonte (KY); T-Brad H Cox.



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2nd-Churchill Downs, \$123,355, Alw, 6-19, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:09.02, ft, 3/4 length.

SILVER ROSE (f, 3, Constitution--Pure Silver {GSW, \$290,326}, by Mission Impazible) was placed in a couple of local maidens last fall before graduating at Oaklawn Park Dec. 9. The homebred made the majority of the running and was tagged late over track and trip May 25 and was a warm item to go one better here. Ridden forward once again by Florent Geroux, the 7-10 favorite led narrowly in the two path as the rail-drawn Sister Kisses (**Outwork**) did just enough to hold her spot at the rail. The latter edged forward to lead three furlongs from home, but Silver Rose re-engaged at the top of the lane, then got just the better of an enervating stretch duel for a hard-fought victory. Twin Creeks acquired the stakes-winning second dam Jehan (Forest Wildcat) for \$150,000 at the 2012 Fasig-Tipton February sale and her third foal was Pure Silver, herself a daughter of Twin Creeks' Mission Impazible.

Constitution, raced in partnership by Twin Creeks and WinStar, is also the sire of Silver Rose's 2-year-old full-sister Silver Pearls and the yearling colt White Tiger. Pure Silver was most recently covered by **Epicenter**. Sales history: \$90,000 RNA Ylg '22 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 5-2-2-1, \$203,360. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

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7th-Delaware, \$41,375, Alw, 6-19, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16mT, 1:43.87, fm, 5 1/4 lengths.


LUTE WARM (f, 4, Midnight Lute--Warm Sunshine, by Unbridled's Song) came from a mile back behind a slow pace to just miss in her turf debut at Laurel Apr. 21 before wiring a rained-off Pimlico maiden in her last start May 12. Returning to the grass for this as a 37-5 chance, the half-sister to Steal Sunshine (**Constitution**), GSW, \$541,420, was kicked straight into the lead by Sheldon Russell, began to shake loose on the turn and maintained a clear advantage through the lane to take it by open lengths. Warm Sunshine, closely related to SW & GI Florida Derby runner-up Reveron (Songandaprayer), was purchased by Machmer Hall for \$50,000 at the 2015 Fasig-Tipton October Sale. The current 2-year-old from the mare, Cat Chat (Flatter), was purchased by Taproot Bloodstock for \$325,000 at this year's OBS March Sale and is in training at Belmont Park, where she breezed three furlongs in:37.03 (12/30) on June 9. Warm Sunshine foaled a filly by **Essential Quality** Jan. 28. Sales history: \$125,000 Ylg '21 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 4-2-1-1, \$66,900. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

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3rd-Churchill Downs, \$90,000, Msw, 6-19, 2yo, 5 1/2f, 1:04.91, ft, 2 1/4 lengths.

PURSE THIEF (c, 2, Caracaro--Hey Little Sister, by Jump Start) became the second winner--from two starters--for his freshman sire (by **Uncle Mo**) with a determined second-out tally. Well-backed on his sloppy-strip debut May 26, the dark bay found a couple spots of trouble in transit, but still managed to hit the line to finish third, beaten just 2 1/2 lengths. Made the 31-10 third choice to improve for that debut in another auction maiden, the \$40,000 KEESEP yearling turned \$50,000 OBS March breezer settled just off the early pace and was shifted out three wide at the quarter pole to deliver his attack. Roused left-handed three-sixteenths of a mile from home, Purse Thief edged in front with 100 yards to race and pulled clear. Hey Little Sister is also responsible for recent GIII Royal North Stakes winner Play the Music (**Mo Town**), MGSW-Can, SW-US, \$401,037, and was most recently served by **Mo Town**. Sales history: \$40,000 Ylg '23 KEESEP; \$50,000 2yo '24 OBSMAR. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, \$61,520. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

O-Crown's Way Racing LLC & Eli Diamant; B-Laura Mckinney (KY); T-Kelsey Danner.

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1st-Presque Isle Downs, \$30,600, Msw, 6-19, 2yo, 4 1/2f (AWT), :51.46, ft, 3 1/4 lengths.

MR. SQUEAKY WHEELS (g, 2, Gormley--Follow the Lite {MSW, \$247,290}, by Lite the Fuse) drilled five furlongs in :59 flat from the gate (1/9) on June 13 and jumped the 23-10 favorite, by a mere \$3 over Snowstorm (**Frosted**). Only fairly into stride from gate six, the \$20,000 FTKFEB yearling was hustled along to sit three wide from third into the turn. Asked for an effort turning for home, Mr. Squeaky Wheels opened up under a vigorous hand ride and covered his final sixteenth of a mile in a slick :5.93 seconds to win by daylight. Time for Restraint (Timeline), the third choice and within \$50 of being favored, closed to be a non-threatening second. Snowstorm set the early pace and faded to fifth. Mr. Squeaky Wheels is the last listed produce for his dam. Sales history: \$20,000 Ylg '23 FTKFEB. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$18,000. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or VIDEO, sponsored**

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Authentic (Into Mischief), Spendthrift Farm, \$50,000
 160 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners
 5-Churchill Downs, 6:56 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2f, Innovator, 5-1 \$900,000 KEE SEP yrl

Complexity (**Maclean's Music**), Airdrie Stud, \$12,500
 121 foals of racing age/4 winners/0 black-type winners
 2-Belmontthe Big A, 1:34 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2f, Mo Plex, 2-1 \$27,000 RNA SAR AUG yrl; \$45,000 OBS APR 2yo

Event Driven (**Medaglia d'Oro**), R.C. Cline Thoroughbred Farm
 6 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners
 2-Belterra, 11:45 a.m. EDT, Msw 4 1/2f, Moon Event, 9-2
 2-Belterra, 11:45 a.m. EDT, Msw 4 1/2f, Perfect Date, 7-2

Game Winner (Candy Ride {Arg}), Lane's End Farm, \$20,000
 118 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners
 5-Churchill Downs, 6:56 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2f, I Got Game, 7-2
 \$85,000 RNA KEE NOV wnl; \$130,000 KEE SEP yrl

Honest Mischief (Into Mischief), Sequel New York
 72 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
 2-Belmontthe Big A, 1:34 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2f, Man From
 Malta, 15-1
 \$46,000 SAR AUG yrl; \$17,000 OBS MAR 2yo

Improbable (City Zip), WinStar Farm, \$15,000
 128 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
 5-Churchill Downs, 6:56 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2f, Maybe Eye'll Call,
 6-1
 \$95,000 RNA KEE SEP yrl; \$75,000 OBS APR 2yo

Tiz the Law (Constitution), Coolmore Ashford, \$20,000
 97 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners
 2-Belmontthe Big A, 1:34 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2f, Out On Bail, 3-1
 \$40,000 SAR AUG yrl; \$110,000 OBS MAR 2yo

Volatile (Violence), Three Chimneys Farm, \$15,000
 124 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners
 2-Belmontthe Big A, 1:34 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2f, Vamonos
 Vamonos, 4-1
 \$27,000 SAR AUG yrl; \$45,000 OBS MAR 2yo

SECOND-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: THURSDAY, JUNE 20
2024 Stud Fees Listed

Leofric (Candy Ride {Arg}), Darby Dan Farm, \$7,500
 105 foals of racing age/15 winners/2 black-type winners
 2-Belmontthe Big A, 1:34 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2f, Chasing Colton,
 4-1



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7th-Horseshoe Indianapolis, \$42,160, 6-19, (NW1\$X), 3yo/up,
 f/m, 1mT, 1:35.19, fm, 1 1/2 lengths.

HABUIAH (m, 5, Jimmy Creed--Errant Angel, by Tiz Wonderful)
 Lifetime Record: MSP, 16-4-1-6, \$161,600. O/B-Spooky Hollow
 Racing Inc (IN); T-John L Langemeier.

6th-Delaware, \$42,125, (NW2X)/Opt. Clm (\$32,000), 6-19,
 3yo/up, 1m 70y, 1:44.44, ft, 2 1/2 lengths.

**AUTO GLIDE (c, 4, Tiznow--Lunar Surge {SW & GSP, \$287,500},
 by Malibu Moon)** Lifetime Record: 13-4-1-1, \$193,567. O-Greg
 Compton, Mark Dean & Mike Cohen; B-Calumet Farm (KY);
 T-Greg Compton.

4th-Thistledown, \$41,500, (S), 6-19, 3yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:39.64,
 ft, 2 3/4 lengths.

**CANDLELIGHT HOURS (m, 5, Dominus--Nava, by Even the
 Score)** Lifetime Record: MSW, 26-12-7-6, \$587,610. O/B-Elkhorn
 Oaks Inc (OH); T-James R Jackson. *1/2 to Timeless Bounty
 (Elusive Hour), SW, \$269,164; full to City Scene, SW, \$183,580.

6th-Horseshoe Indianapolis, \$41,000, (S), 6-19, (NW1X),
 3yo/up, 6f, 1:11.25, ft, 2 1/2 lengths.

**COMMANDER STORM (g, 3, Storm's Eye--Cupid's Best, by
 Posse)** Lifetime Record: 12-2-1-2, \$66,703. O-Clabar Mor Stables
 LLC & Haran Thoroughbreds LLC; B-John F Haran & Mike Ryan
 (IN); T-John Haran.

2nd-Penn National, \$38,400, (C)/Opt. Clm (\$25,000), 6-19,
 3yo/up, 5fT, :54.68, fm, 5 lengths.


JEAN VALJEAN (g, 5, Uncle Lino--Lady's Tale, by Tale of the Cat)
 Lifetime Record: 12-5-1-1, \$119,916. O-Hasting Farm LLC;
 B-Hasting Farm (PA); T-Elizabeth M Merryman.

5th-Penn National, \$36,000, (S), 6-18, (NW1BX), 3yo/up, f/m,
 6f, 1:12.07, ft, 2 lengths.

ARUMA (m, 5, Il Villano--Springingtherein, by Spring At Last)
 Lifetime Record: 20-5-1-1, \$131,902. O-Hector A Padilla;
 B-Chuck Robert Russo (PA); T-Hugo O Padilla. *Full to Veeson,
 SW, \$240,352.



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1st-Horseshoe Indianapolis, \$34,000, 6-19, (NW2L), 3yo/up, 5 1/2f, 1:04.87, ft, 3/4 length.

HOW'S UR ATTITUDE (c, 3, Street Sense--Daring Kathy {GSW-US, GSP-Can, \$494,956}, by Wildcat Heir) Lifetime Record: 7-2-0-3, \$87,298. O-Welch Racing LLC; B-Malibu Farm LLC (KY); T-John Ennis. *\$170,000 Ylg '22 KEESEP.

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3rd-Belterra, \$26,300, (S), 6-19, (NW3L), 3yo/up, 1m, 1:42.81, ft, 3/4 length.

SCHOOL'S OUT (g, 3, Kettle Corn--School Lass {SW, \$109,924}, by Private School) Lifetime Record: 4-3-1-0, \$52,115. O-Navarrete Stables LLC; B-Robert A Reeves (OH); T-Anna Navarrete.

2nd-Belterra, \$26,100, (S), 6-19, (NW2L), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:13.60, ft, neck.

FACTUM'S STAR (g, 4, Factum--Aphrodisiac, by Arch) Lifetime Record: 14-2-1-1, \$45,958. O/T-Rebecca Johnston; B-Randy Kerr (OH).

7th-Finger Lakes, \$25,800, 6-19, (NW2L), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:13.31, ft, 1 1/2 lengths.

MA MI JO DREAMS (f, 4, Freud--Just Cat, by City Zip) Lifetime Record: 16-2-3-4, \$65,107. O-Clear Stars Stable, Mitre Box Stable & Koshanostra Stables; B-Davie Bloodstock LLC & Paradise Farms Inc (NY); T-Jonathan B Buckley. *\$13,000 Ylg '21 OBSOCT; \$120,000 2yo '22 EASMAY.

3rd-Finger Lakes, \$25,000, (S), (NW2BX)/Opt. Clm (\$10,000), 6-19, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:12.55, ft, 3/4 length.

N Y ANTHEM (g, 5, War Dancer--Lady June Bug, by Elusive Quality) Lifetime Record: 19-7-2-3, \$124,661. O-My Purple Haze Stables; B-War Dancer Ladies LLC (NY); T-Chris J Englehart. *\$35,000 2yo '21 FTIDEC.

6th-Finger Lakes, \$24,400, 6-19, (NW2L), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:12.50, ft, 1/2 length.

EIRIK RIDGE (r, 4, Tonalist--Great South Bay, by Henny Hughes) Lifetime Record: 7-2-1-2, \$68,790. O-DiRico Racing & Breeding LLC; B-Richlyn Farm (KY); T-Karl M Grusmark. *\$15,000 Ylg '21 KEEJAN.

6th-Mountaineer Casino & Resort, \$22,848, (NW3X)/Opt. Clm (\$17,500), 6-18, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:10.62, ft, 1 3/4 lengths.

ADVANCE CASH (g, 6, Handsome Mike--Erin's World, by Pomeroy) Lifetime Record: 39-8-4-5, \$187,515. O-JAS Racing Stable LLC; B-Just For Fun Stable Inc (FL); T-Vanessa Peltroche.

6th-Louisiana Downs, \$22,000, (C)/Opt. Clm (\$25,000), 6-18, 3yo/up, 1mT, 1:36.24, fm, 1/2 length.

CHROME BABY (h, 5, California Chrome--Star Super {SW, \$147,780}, by Super Saver) Lifetime Record: SP, 24-8-4-3, \$212,878. O-Levings Racing LLC; B-Taylor Brothers Properties LLC, George E Saufley et al (KY); T-Juan A Larrosa. *\$70,000 Wlg '19 KEENOV; \$25,000 Ylg '20 KEESEP.

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What About Now, f, 3, **Congrats--Dancingontheedge**, by The Cliff's Edge. Horseshoe Indianapolis, 6-19, (S), 5 1/2f, 1:06.95. Lifetime Record: 6-1-1-0, \$30,060. B-Pat & Dennis Doran (IN). *\$10,000 Ylg '22 FTKOCT.

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Prettyontheprarie, f, 3, **Dowsing (Jpn)--A Beutiful Blurr**, by Colonial Colony. Horseshoe Indianapolis, 6-19, (S), 1 1/16mT, 1:44.20. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-0, \$23,652. B-Arven P & Jay J Holden (IN).

Flattering Heart, f, 3, **Flatter--Heart d'Oro**, by **Medaglia d'Oro**. Thistledown, 6-19, 1m, 1:42.24. Lifetime Record: 6-1-3-1, \$33,811. B-Martell Bloodstock & Joe Anzalone (KY). *\$2,000 Ylg '22 KEESEP.

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Congrats, What About Now, f, 3, o/o Dancingontheedge, by The Cliff's Edge. MSW, 6-19, Horseshoe Indianapolis

Constitution, Pure Force, c, 3, o/o Mexican Gold, by **Medaglia d'Oro**. AOC, 6-19, Churchill Downs

Constitution, Silver Rose, f, 3, o/o Pure Silver, by Mission Impazible. ALW, 6-19, Churchill Downs

Dominus, Candlelight Hours, m, 5, o/o Nava, by Even the Score. ALW, 6-19, Thistledown

Dowsing (Jpn), Prettyontheprairie, f, 3, o/o A Beautiful Blurr, by Colonial Colony. MSW, 6-19, Horseshoe Indianapolis

Factum, Factum's Star, g, 4, o/o Aphrodisiac, by Arch. ALW, 6-19, Belterra

Flatter, Flattering Heart, f, 3, o/o Heart d'Oro, by **Medaglia d'Oro**. MSW, 6-19, Thistledown

Freud, Ma Mi Jo Dreams, f, 4, o/o Just Cat, by City Zip. ALW, 6-19, Finger Lakes

Gormley, Mr. Squeaky Wheels, g, 2, o/o Follow the Lite, by Lite the Fuse. MSW, 6-19, Presque Isle Downs

Handsome Mike, Advance Cash, g, 6, o/o Erin's World, by Pomeroy. AOC, 6-18, Mountaineer

Il Villano, Aruma, m, 5, o/o Springingintherein, by Spring At Last. ALW, 6-18, Penn National

Jimmy Creed, Habuiah, m, 5, o/o Errant Angel, by Tiz Wonderful. ALW, 6-19, Horseshoe Indianapolis

Kettle Corn, School's Out, g, 3, o/o School Lass, by Private School. ALW, 6-19, Belterra

Midnight Lute, Lute Warm, f, 4, o/o Warm Sunshine, by Unbridled's Song. ALW, 6-19, Delaware

Storm's Eye, Commander Storm, g, 3, o/o Cupid's Best, by Posse. ALW, 6-19, Horseshoe Indianapolis

Street Sense, How's Ur Attitude, c, 3, o/o Daring Kathy, by Wildcat Heir. ALW, 6-19, Horseshoe Indianapolis

Tiznow, Auto Glide, c, 4, o/o Lunar Surge, by Malibu Moon. AOC, 6-19, Delaware

Tonalist, Eirik Ridge, r, 4, o/o Great South Bay, by Henry Hughes. ALW, 6-19, Finger Lakes

Uncle Lino, Jean Valjean, g, 5, o/o Lady's Tale, by Tale of the Cat. AOC, 6-19, Penn National

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'A VERY SPECIAL HORSE': AUGUSTE RODIN GIVES O'BRIEN 400TH GROUP 1 IN THE PRINCE OF WALES'S



Auguste Rodin | Megan Coggin

by Tom Frary

Granted the ideal conditions of fast ground and a true pace to run at, **Auguste Rodin (Ire)** (Deep Impact {Jpn}--Rhododendron {Ire}, by Galileo {Ire}) carved a landmark 400th group 1 success for Aidan O'Brien as he became the first Derby hero to come back and win at Royal Ascot since Royal Palace (GB) in 1968. Unique in his achievement in that he was augmenting his Blue Riband triumph with this feature prize in its current guise as a group 1, Ballydoyle's ground-breaking colt put any doubts that he was yesterday's horse following his defeat in the G1 Tattersalls Gold Cup firmly behind him.

Travelling in ideal flow in fourth behind the two pacemakers and outsider **Royal Rhyme (Ire)** (Lope De Vega {Ire}), the 13-8 favourite moved to the front two out where it was the French raiders **Horizon Dore (Fr)** (Dabirsim {Fr}) and **Zarakem (Fr)** (**Zarak {Fr}**) who emerged as threats and not the slow-starting and ultimately disappointing **Inspirale (GB)** (**Frankel {GB}**). It was the 33-1 shot Zarakem who got closest in the dying strides, but there was never going to be less than the 3/4-of-a-length margin that separated them at the line. Horizon Dore was a further length back in third. [Cont. p3](#)

LEOVANNI MAKES THE BREAKTHROUGH FOR WATHNAN RACING IN THE QUEEN MARY by Sean Cronin

Wathnan Racing struck the woodwork more than once during Tuesday's opening day of Royal Ascot and made a belated breakthrough in Wednesday's opener, the G2 Queen Mary Stakes, with £190,000 Goffs Breeze-Up acquisition and once-raced Nottingham maiden winner **Leovanni (Ire)** (Kodi Bear {Ire}--Kassandra {Ire}, by Dandy Man {Ire}).

The Karl Burke trainee broke smartly and raced to the fore in the smaller far-side group throughout the five-furlong dash. Shaken up to gain an overall advantage soon after passing the quarter-mile marker, the 22-1 chance refused to buckle once in front and was driven out inside the final furlong to prevail by 1 3/4 lengths from Irish raider **Mighty Eriu (Ire)** (Inns Of Court {Ire}). The winner's Yorkshire compatriot **Maw Lam (Ire)** (Acclamation {GB}) finished a neck further adrift in the third.

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The Organization of Racing Investigators were at Royal Ascot this week in an exchange of ideas with the BHA on best practices.

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The Prince of Wales's Stakes

The Prince of Wales presents Aidan O'Brien with a special memento to commemorate the 400th Group 1 success of his career. | Horsephotos

10 | ILLINOIS TOO STRONG IN QUEEN'S VASE

Ballydoyle's Illinois (Galileo) wins the G2 Queen's Vase at Royal Ascot, giving jockey Ryan Moore is 80th career victory at the venue.

11 | RUNNING LION HEADS GOSDEN STABLE 1-2 IN DUKE OF CAMBRIDGE

David Howden's son of Roaring Lion tops stablemate Laurel in Wednesday's G2 Duke of Cambridge Stakes.

13 | AIN'T NOBODY REGISTERS WINDSOR CASTLE WIN

Ain't Nobody gives Freshman sire Sands of Mali his first career stakes winner with a score in Wednesday's Windsor Castle Stakes.

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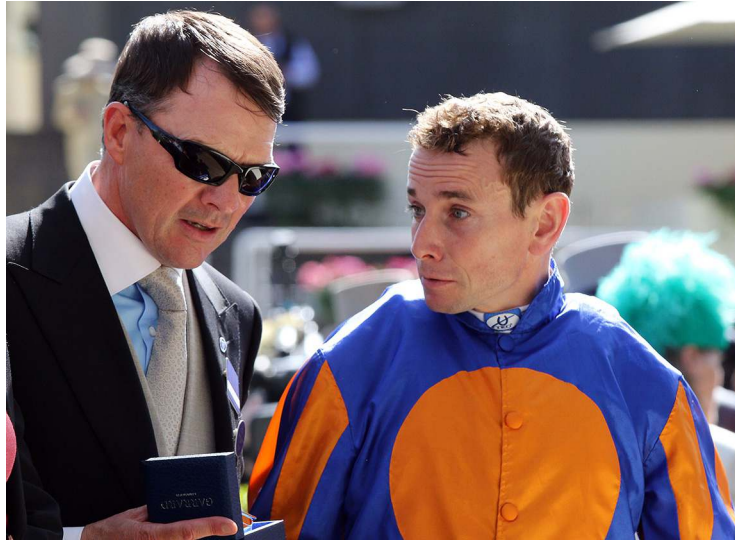
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“He gets to the front and he waits and then goes again and that’s what makes him very good,” Aidan O’Brien said of his fifth winner of this race--equalling the records of Sir Henry Cecil and John Gosden--and the one that provided an 87th at the Royal meeting. “Auguste Rodin is a very special horse. He gets a mile and a half very well and I was probably giving instructions wrong all along. We were riding him too far back so we changed everything. Ryan said he was going to ride him positive, engage him straight away, as he’ll get up there and cruise off any pace. He has a personality, like all the good ones do--they have to develop a personality to become good.”

This was as straightforward as rides in group 1 races here can get, with Moore able to follow the required pace ahead of all his chief rivals, kick soon into the straight and get the rail. While the French runners had to check at different stages coming from behind, Auguste Rodin was doing what he does best up ahead. Appearing to idle approaching the final furlong with Royal Rhyme beaten, he gave his surge once Horizon Dore emerged at his flanks and was in his unstoppable momentum as Zarakem came with his impressive late effort.

“He is a proper horse,” Moore said after registering his own landmark, with this 81st Royal Ascot winner meaning that he draws level with Dettori. “There have been reasons every time it hasn’t happened for him. The King George was maybe coming



Aidan O'Brien and Ryan Moore | Horsephotos

after a hard run in both Derbys and people are always very quick to knock horses, but he’s a group 1 winner at two, won four group 1s last year and showed great courage today. He wanted to win. He has been a real good horse and did everything beautifully today.”

Aidan O’Brien will be keen to keep Auguste Rodin away from slow ground, but he is not averse to having a go at the dirt at some point. “He has everything--the action, the movement, the temperament, the pedigree,” he said. “The lads will decide what

they want to do, but he can do anything really. He can go to America--we were very surprised when he went to the dirt with the way he handled it. He cruises and the great thing about him is now we see that he’s very happy to be ridden forwards. I think now we are more confident that we have worked him out and can keep it very straightforward. It’s his high cruise that’s important.”

Zarakem ran some noteworthy splits as he lunged from the back and it is clear that connections have a high-class horse to take on to the international stage. “On his reappearance this year, he won a group 2 on heavy ground and today he’s been second in a very hot race at Royal Ascot in a group 1 on firm ground, so he can do everything,” trainer Jerome Reynier said. “He is a complete athlete, improving with age, mentally and physically.”

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“He is entered in the Arc at the end of the year, because he does Longchamp so well and he seems to have plenty of stamina,” Reynier added. “This was his first time abroad and out of France, so it opens many, many doors and we’ll see if we will be back for the King George in a few weeks’ time. We don’t want to rush him and we can keep the Arc as a final target for the year.”

Pauline Chehboub said of Horizon Dore, “He showed again he is a group 1 horse and we are very happy. We will see the plan for the second half of the season, but maybe it will be the Champion Stakes. He’s an easy horse, more and more macho with age--he’s a super horse.”

John Gosden said of Inspiral, who lost her chance with one of her slower starts. “They’ve gone very, very hard and I think, quite frankly, over the mile and a quarter here, she’s just been

caught out for stamina. She’s won group 1s over a mile and over a very easy mile and a quarter at Santa Anita and I think stamina-wise, she just got caught today. She came with a run and the last furlong was too far for her. A Derby winner has won it, he’s got the trip well and shown a lot of grit at the end.”



Auguste Rodin | Horsephotos

Pedigree Notes

Auguste Rodin is the first foal out of the aforementioned five-times group 1-winning champion Rhododendron, like fellow Ballydoyle and Galileo heavyweight Magical (Ire) a daughter of the excellent Halfway To Heaven (Ire) (Pivotal {GB}). She captured the Irish 1,000 Guineas, Nassau Stakes and Sun Chariot Stakes at the top level before becoming such

a key broodmare for Coolmore, with her Magical winning a remarkable seven of these including a Champion Stakes and Irish Champion. [Cont. p5](#)

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Wednesday, Royal Ascot, Britain

PRINCE OF WALES'S STAKES-G1, £1,000,000, Ascot, 6-19, 4yo/up, 9f 212yT, 2:03.12, g/f.

1--**AUGUSTE RODIN (IRE)**, 128, c, 4, by Deep Impact (Jpn)
 1st Dam: Rhododendron (Ire) (G1SW-Fr, MG1SW-Eng, GSW & G1SP-Ire, GISP-US, \$1,786,763), by Galileo (Ire)
 2nd Dam: Halfway To Heaven (Ire), by Pivotal (GB)
 3rd Dam: Cassandra Go (Ire), by Indian Ridge (Ire)

TDN Rising Star. O-M Tabor/D Smith/Mrs J Magnier/Westerberg; B-Coolmore (IRE); T-Aidan O'Brien; J-Ryan Moore. £567,100. Lifetime Record: MG1SW-Ire & GISW-US, 13-8-2-0, \$5,782,288. **Werk Nick Rating: A+++ *Triple Plus***. Click for the **eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree**, or the **free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree**.

2--**Zarakem (Fr)**, 128, c, 4, **Zarak (Fr)**--Harem Mistress (Ire), by Mastercraftsman (Ire). **1ST G1 BLACK TYPE.** (€85,000 Ylg '21 ARQDOY; €500,000 HRA '23 ARARC). O-Ecurie Benaroussi Sofiane/Haras d'Estreham; B-Jean-Paul Cayrouze (FR); T-Jerome Reynier. £215,000.

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3--**Horizon Dore (Fr)**, 128, g, 4, Dabirsim (Fr)--Sweet Alabama (Fr), by Enrique (GB). (€45,000 Ylg '21 ARAUG). O-Gousserie Racing/Ecurie Gribomont/F Delaunay; B-Chantal Becq (FR); T-Patrice Cottier. £107,600.

Margins: 3/4, 1, 2. Odds: 1.63, 33.00, 7.00.

Also Ran: Alflaila (GB), Royal Rhyme (Ire), Inspiral (GB), Blue Rose Cen (Ire), Lord North (Ire), Hans Andersen (GB), Snobbish (Ire).



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“She’s got a fantastic mind, not just for a 2-year-old, but for a breeze-up 2-year-old she’s unbelievable,” said Burke, who won this contest in 2022 with subsequent GI Breeders’ Cup Juvenile Turf Sprint runner-up Dramatised (Ire) (Showcasing {GB}). “I am sure she’ll stay six furlongs as she’s so relaxed and that will be a great help to her going forward.”

Rider James Doyle added, “I think anytime you get a winner early on in the week is quite nice, but it is especially so this year. We know there’s a lot of work that’s been put in behind the scenes at Wathnan Racing to get a select group of horses that are targeted for this meeting, so the pressure is on to perform. To get a winner early on in the week can only help. I was pleased with Leovanni on debut and she won like a potentially smart filly, but it’s so hard to tell. I won this race before on a filly called Rizeena for Clive Britain [in 2013] and I would say this filly has all the class that she had. The raw speed, the ability to relax, the temperament and being versatile with the ground. There is a lot to look forward to with her.”

Runner-up Mighty Eriu retains maiden status after finding one too good once again and trainer Gavin Cromwell was delighted with the effort. “That was a great run and we certainly can’t complain. We needed to wait a while for the gap to open, she went through it well and won her race on her side. She probably got a little bit lonely in front of her bunch, but it was a lovely run and I’m delighted. She’s got a great attitude and great mind to her and she will keep improving.”

Adrian Nicholls was similarly pleased with the performance of third-place finisher Maw Lam. “I am delighted,” he said. “I don’t have the firepower that a lot of teams have. She’s my only runner, so you’re coming down here with hope. They went fast and she finished strong, so to get black type in the Queen Mary is brilliant. We’ll see what the team want to do, maybe a Listed race, and then onwards to better things, hopefully.” **Cont. p7**



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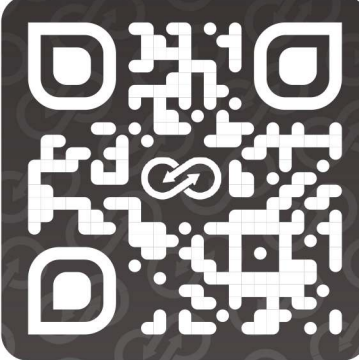
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Pedigree Notes

Leovanni, who becomes the third pattern-race winner for her sire, is the fourth of five foals and one of two winners produced by a full-sister to G2 Coventry Stakes, G2 Gimcrack Stakes and G2 Vintage Stakes placegetter Parbold (Ire) (Dandy Man {Ire}). The April-foaled bay's dam *Kassandra* (Ire) (Dandy Man {Ire}) is also a half-sister to dual Group-placed dual Listed City Plate

winner *Majestic Myles* (Ire) (*Majestic Missile* {Ire}) and to the dam of G3 Amethyst Stakes victor *Power Under Me* (Ire) (*Mehmas* {Ire}). *Leovanni's* third dam *Style N' Elegance* (*Alysheba*) is kin to G1 Irish 1000 Guineas-winning matriarch *Trusted Partner* (Affirmed). *Kassandra*, who has a weanling filly by *Ghaiyyath* (Ire) to come, was bred back to *Ghaiyyath* this year.

Wednesday, Ascot, Britain

QUEEN MARY S.-G2, £150,000, Ascot, 6-19, 2yo, f, 5fT, :59.60, g/f.

1--**LEOVANNI (IRE)**, 128, f, 2, by **Kodi Bear (Ire)**

1st Dam: **Kassandra (Ire)**, by **Dandy Man (Ire)**

2nd Dam: **Gala Style (Ire)**, by **Elnadim**

3rd Dam: **Style N' Elegance**, by **Alysheba**

1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN; 1ST GROUP WIN. (20,000gns Ylg '23 TATOCT; £190,000 2yo '24 GOUKB). O-Wathnan Racing; B-KCS Bloodstock Ltd (IRE); T-Karl Burke; J-James Doyle. £85,065.

Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$112,860. **Werk Nick Rating: F.**

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2--**Mighty Eriu (Ire)**, 128, f, 2, Inns Of Court (Ire)--Teeline (Ire), by Exceed And Excel (Aus). **1ST BLACK TYPE; 1ST GROUP BLACK TYPE.** (€30,000 Wlg '22 GOFNO1; €16,000 Ylg '23 GOFOR2). O-Qatar Racing Ltd & Fergus Galvin; B-Brian Canning & Tom Kelly (IRE); T-Gavin Cromwell. £32,250.

3--**Maw Lam (Ire)**, 128, f, 2, Acclamation (GB)--Bobbi Grace (Ire), by Big Bad Bob (Ire). **1ST BLACK TYPE; 1ST GROUP BLACK TYPE.** (€52,000 Wlg '22 GOFNO1; £100,000 Ylg '23 GOFFUK). O-C R Hirst; B-Brickfield Stud Ltd (IRE); T-Adrian Nicholls. £16,140.

Margins: 1 3/4, NK, NK. Odds: 22.00, 50.00, 50.00.

Also Ran: Miss Lamai (Ire), Miss Rascal (GB), Xanthe (Ire), Oxford Rock (Ire), Betty Clover (GB), Amestris (GB), Flash The Cash (Ire), Adrestia (GB), Kassaya (GB), Truly Enchanting (Ire), Englemere (Ire), Sands Of Havana (GB), Seraphim Angel (GB), Enchanting Empress (GB), Ruby's Profit (Ire), Kiss Me My Love (Ire), Ultima Grace, Spherical (GB), Where's Clare (Ire), Make Haste (GB), Flicka's Girl (GB). Scratched: Glorious Kitty (Ire), Kuwaitiya (Ire).

'IT'S A REALLY IMPORTANT MOMENT': LEOVANNI ROARS FOR WATHNAN

by Emma Berry

ASCOT, UK -- Her name means brave as a lion, and it is hard not to admire the two bold showings by Leovanni (Ire) in her brief racing career to date as she has led home the pack, first at Nottingham and now here on the big stage at Ascot.

The Kodi Bear (Ire) filly will not go down in history as the first Royal Ascot winner for Wathnan Racing--the owner had of course burst onto the scene on this day last year when Gregory (GB) (Golden Horn {GB}) won the Queen's Vase--but her Queen Mary victory felt like another important first in the evolving history of the racing operation of Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani, the emir of Qatar.

The ruler wasn't at Ascot on this occasion but plenty of his advisors were in attendance, and for Richard Brown, the bloodstock agent charged with assembling a team of 26 runners for this year's royal meeting, the mixture of joy and relief was palpable.

"It has been well documented that there has been significant investment by Wathnan, but that doesn't guarantee success, especially in our game," he said. **Cont. p9**

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Wathnan cont.

Indeed, and four of the seven Wathnan starters on the opening day had finished in the frame, including second and third in the Coventry Stakes. Close, but no cigar.

"We hit the crossbar a couple of times yesterday, so to get this one in the back of the net is great for all the team," added Brown, though for his team, it's what happens on the turf this week that matters, even while plenty of others have one eye on the European football championships.

He continued, "With the two-year-olds, if you are finishing second and third in the Coventry, it means you've got a nice horse to go forward with, so we took great positives from that. But of course any sport is about winning and, though we were delighted with yesterday, this [win] will make the rest of the week a lot more enjoyable, I can tell you.

"It's an extraordinary opportunity to have been given, to build this team of horses and to work with these people, and you want to deliver for them. They back us, and they back our judgement, and the whole team in Qatar has been hugely supportive."

The joy was perhaps extended by the fact that it was Brown's good friend, the former trainer George Peckham, who could bask in some reflected glory having prepared Leovanni for the Goffs UK Breeze-up Sale after being talked into buying her as a yearling from her breeder Kilmoney Cottage Stud.

"Considering we only do two or three each year, to have a filly like her is special. It's incredible," said Peckham, watching the celebrations with his wife Emma.

"I wasn't massively involved in the buying bit but there were a couple of guys who pointed her out to us and we were lucky to get her on the Saturday morning of Book 3 for 20 grand.

"Diego Lima rode her at home all the time and did a great job with her. She made my life really easy - the whole way through she was really professional. It's a big team effort."

Peckham added, "Richard and Sophie [Brown] are great friends of ours. We stayed with them last night and on the way here this morning we were just praying that she would be the one to break the duck this week."

Brown was full of praise for Peckham, whose main business is now pre-training. He said, "George did a brilliant job with her. For the breeze-up horses to come here you can't miss a day and they've got to behave. She's such a sweet character. She walked around here and never raised a hair, and James [Doyle] said she was so straightforward and just travelled the whole way. It's a very special moment."

Leovanni, trained by Karl Burke, further enhanced the Royal Ascot record of the 'Donny' breezers by becoming the tenth from the sale to win at this meeting in the last nine years.

Brown added, "We thought at the time that she was probably the best filly in the sale and it might turn out that she was."

With such notable investment taking place, both at the public sales and through a number of private purchases in recent weeks, it is easy to draw comparisons between Wathnan Racing's entry to European racing and the early days of the involvement of the Maktoum brothers of Dubai. Sheikh Mohammed, in particular, has become one of the biggest owner-breeders in the world. With a Group 2-winning filly now among the Wathnan string, surely the logical next step for the owner is to become a breeder?

"I'm going to play the forward defensive stroke to that," Brown replied with a grin. "Honestly, I don't know. Eventually those conversations will have to come because she's now a valuable breeding prospect, but hopefully we can enjoy her and run her for the next couple of seasons." [Cont. p10](#)



Emma and George Peckham with David Appleton | [Emma Berry](https://www.emmaberry.com)

Wathnan cont.

He continued, "Whether it's Wathnan or anybody, it's our job to try to get people to come and participate in this amazing sport. I've been coming here for over 20 years and you see the royal procession and you look around you, and it's absolutely a world-class sporting event. For any new player to come into our sport is tremendous, and for somebody to show the scale of ambition that Wathnan has shown so far - and I don't know what's going to happen in the future -- but it's great for them to have winners at this stage. This is a really important moment."

To gild the lily on a momentous day on the track for the Qatari royal family, Sheikh Tamim's younger brother, Sheikh Joaan, who, through his Al Shaqab operation, has become a familiar name in European racing over the last decade, also celebrated a winner at Ascot. It may have been one of the lesser races, but Doha (GB), winner of the Kensington Palace Stakes, is a daughter of two of the greatest horses of the modern era in [Sea The Stars](#) and Treve. Pedigrees don't come much more regal than that.

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ILLINOIS TOO STRONG IN THE QUEEN'S VASE

by Tom Frary



Illinois | Megan Coggin

Franking the form of the Listed Lingfield Derby Trial, Ballydoyle's **Illinois (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}--Danedrop {Ire}, by Danehill) relished the extra trip of Wednesday's G2 Queen's Vase to justify Ryan Moore's faith and reward him by bringing up his 80th Royal Ascot. Always content on the front end, Ballydoyle's 7-4 favourite veered left in the straight when in command but found the line 1 1/4 lengths ahead of stablemate **Highbury (Fr)** (Galileo {Ire}), with compatriot **Birdman (Ire)** (Free Eagle {Ire}) 3/4 of a length away in third.

Aidan O'Brien, who was equalling Sir Henry Cecil's record of

eight Queen's Vase wins, was at a loss to provide a fitting tribute to the peerless jockey. "What can I say about Ryan that hasn't already been said? He is an unbelievable man," he said. "We felt any three of them could win, but Ryan made the decision on this one. He's obviously a Leger-type horse and is going to improve from three to four."

Illinois, who followed his Curragh maiden win with a third in the G1 Criterium de Saint-Cloud last term, had been third in Leopardstown's G3 Ballysax S. in April before chasing home Ambiente Friendly (Ire) ([Gleneagles \(Ire\)](#)) at Lingfield. This was more in his comfort zone, taking on hybrid stayers of a lesser level of ability than that Derby runner-up and despite his errant tendencies late on, it was as straightforward as it gets for the rider.

"He's a middle-distance, mile-and-six type horse and he's going to get better from three to four," O'Brien added. "He might have a bit of a rest now and go to York on the way to the St Leger, something like that. When he went to the front he flattened out and he thought the race was over and then he asked him to come again and he did."

Of the runner-up Highbury, who was on a much steeper experience curve than the winner, he said, "He's only a baby and we didn't know what to expect, but he's obviously a good horse. Wayne [Lordan] said he was babyish through the race, but will come on as well. He is probably a Leger-type horse as well. He could go to Goodwood and then back to York."

Pedigree Notes

Illinois's dam Danedrop produced the five-times group 1-winning German champion Danedream (Ger) (Lomitas {GB}), whose exploits include victories in the G1 Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe and G1 King George VI & Queen Elizabeth Stakes. She is also responsible for Galileo's G3 Denny Cordell Lavarack & Lanwades Stud S. winner Broadway (Ire) and G3 Chester Vase winner and G1 Grand Prix de Paris-placed Venice Beach (Ire), while she is also the second dam of this year's G3 Prix Vanteaux winner Dare To Dream (Fr) ([Camelot \(GB\)](#)).

Illinois's third dam Lady Berry (Fr) (Violon d'Ingres {Fr}) produced three group 1 winners in the Prix Vermeille heroine Indian Rose (Fr) (General Holme), the Prix Ganay-winning sire Vert Amande (Fr) and the Grand Prix de Paris-winning sire Le Nain Jaune (Fr) and is the ancestress of the likes of Groom Dancer, Plumania (GB) (Anabaa) and Left Hand (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}). Danedrop's as-yet unnamed 2-year-old colt is by [Churchill \(Ire\)](#). [Cont. p11](#)



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Wednesday, Royal Ascot, Britain

QUEEN'S VASE-G2, £265,000, Ascot, 6-19, 3yo, 14f 34yT, 3:00.57, g/f.

1--**ILLINOIS (IRE)**, 128, c, 3, by Galileo (Ire)

1st Dam: Danedrop (Ire) (Broodmare Of The Year-Ger), by Danehill

2nd Dam: Rose Bonbon (Fr), by High Top (Ire)

3rd Dam: Lady Berry (Fr), by Violon d'Ingres (Fr)

1ST BLACK TYPE WIN, 1ST GROUP WIN. O-Derrick Smith, Mrs John Magnier & Michael Tabor; B-Coolmore (IRE); T-Aidan O'Brien; J-Ryan Moore. £150,282. Lifetime Record: G1SP-Fr & GSP-Ire, 5-2-1-2, \$252,839. *Full to Venice Beach (Ire), GSW-Eng, G1SP-Fr, \$216,579; Full to Broadway (Ire), GSW-Ire; 1/2 to Danedream (Ger) (Lomitas {GB}), Horse Of The Year-Ger, Champion 3-year-old Filly-Eur, G1SW-Eng, MG1SW-Ger, G1SW-Fr, GSW-Ity, \$5,044,792. **Werk Nick Rating: A.** [Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree](#), or [the free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree](#).

2--**Highbury (Fr)**, 128, c, 3, Galileo (Ire)--High Celebrity (Fr), by Invincible Spirit (Ire). **1ST BLACK TYPE, 1ST GROUP BLACK TYPE.** (€650,000 Ylg '22 ARAUG). O-Westerberg, Coolmore, Brant, Dubois; B-Jean-Philippe Dubois (FR); T-Aidan O'Brien. £56,975.

3--**Birdman (Ire)**, 128, g, 3, Free Eagle (Ire)--Carol (Ire), by Acclamation (GB). **1ST GROUP BLACK TYPE.** O-Anamoine Ltd; B-Windflower Overseas Holdings Inc (IRE); T-Jessica Harrington. £28,514.

Margins: 1 1/4, 3/4, 4 1/4. Odds: 1.75, 3.00, 6.50.

Also Ran: Meydaan (Ire), The Equator (Ire), Imperial Sovereign (Ire), Lavender Hill Mob (GB), Pappano (GB), Mina Rashid (GB), Mr Hampstead, See The Green (GB). Scratched: Grosvenor Square (Ire).

RUNNING LION LEADS HOME GOSDEN ONE-TWO IN THE DUKE OF CAMBRIDGE

by Sean Cronin



Running Lion | Horsephotos

David Howden's 4-year-old filly **Running Lion (GB)** (Roaring Lion--Bella Nouf {GB}, by Dansili {GB}), last of eight in Epsom's G3 Princess Elizabeth Stakes earlier this month, halted a six-race losing streak with a dominant performance in Wednesday's G2 Duke of Cambridge Stakes at Royal Ascot.

Last term's Listed Pretty Polly Stakes victrix kept wide of the peloton initially and drifted inwards to assume control after the opening exchanges. Holding sway thereafter, she was nudged along in early straight to poach a decisive buffer approaching the final furlong and kept on strongly under a drive to withstand the late challenge of stablemate and **'TDN Rising Star' Laurel (GB)** (Kingman {GB}) by two lengths. William Haggas trainee **Doom (GB)** (Dubawi {Ire}) fared best of the remainder and was another two lengths back in third. Running Lion's triumph provided the Gosden stable with a record fifth renewal of this 10-furlong contest.

"I knew Running Lion had it in her and what a way to do it," said owner-breeder David Howden. "She gets her head down, she changes her legs and she digs in. Her sire Roaring Lion ran the same way, with his head down, and it's wonderful to see. I bred her, she's by Roaring Lion who tragically died, so it just couldn't be more special. For Oisin [Murphy] to do it on Roaring Lion's filly is as good as it gets."

Reflecting on a change of fortune for the winner, John Gosden commented, "Running Lion has been unlucky. She moved a bit soon in the [May 5 G2] Dahlia Stakes at Newmarket and then got boxed in [in the June 1 Princess Elizabeth] at Epsom. Oisin [Murphy] was drawn 11, got to the front and controlled it. It was perfect, because we got in a muddle in the last two races."



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Winners By Country (Trainer)

Country:	Wins:
Great Britain	10
Ireland	3
Australia	1

Winners By Country (Bred)

Country:	Wins:
Ireland	8
Great Britain	4
Australia	1
France	1

Duke Of Cambridge cont.

"The second filly Laurel has run a brilliant race," Gosden said of the runner-up. "She has been off for 13 months so she's run an absolute blinder from the inside and Ryan [Moore] is very happy with her."

Murphy added, "Running Lion is by the horse that put me on the map, Roaring Lion, and she's owned by David Howden, who sponsors Ascot through Howden Insurance. She was brilliant today and we got it together. The plan was to go forward and forget about her last two races. I had to have a bit of confidence to go out and do my own thing, and fair play to David Howden, David Redvers and John and Thady. They allowed me to have an open book and, when she broke well and pricked her ears up, I was happy to lead. Saving energy like that, she was going to be hard to pass. I got some breathers into her all the way round the turn, but today I had the horse to do that, whereas on her first start this year I couldn't slow her down. This means an awful lot, because there were no complaints when things didn't go right at Newmarket and Epsom, and I appreciate that support and confidence in me. David Howden is vital to British racing, and he's been rewarded this afternoon."

Doom's effort pleased trainer William Haggas, who revealed loftier targets ahead for the James Wigan homebred. "We weren't sure about the ground and the trip, but she handled both very well," he said. "She ran a lovely race, so it's onwards and upwards for us. She is in the [G1] Falmouth and she might be in the [G1 Prix] Rothschild. I don't see any reason why we should be going backwards and we'd like to win a proper Group race with her. She's stayed in training to do things like this and hopefully she will. She's run two very good races this year and needs to win now."

Pedigree Notes

Running Lion, the leading performer from her ill-fated sire's only crop, becomes the second black-type scorer for Bella Nouf (GB) (Dansili {GB}), whose first is G3 Sweet Solera victrix Majestic Glory (GB) (Frankel {GB}). Bella Nouf is a dual-winning half-sister to three black-type performers headed by Listed Lyric Stakes winner Nouriya (GB) (Daneshill Dancer {Ire}), herself the dam of Aljazzi (GB) (Shamardal), who also won this contest, and Listed John Musker Fillies' Stakes winner Majestic Noor (GB) (Frankel {GB}). Running Lion's third dam Shy Danceuse (Groom Dancer) is responsible for Listed Prix Occitanie winner Sweet Story (Ire) (Green Tune) and Listed Oppenheim-Rennen first Shy Lady (Fr) (Kaldoun {Fr}), the latter being the dam of five black-type scorers headed by G1 St. James's Palace Stakes hero and G1 2000 Guineas runner-up Zafeen (Fr) (Zafonic). From the family of GI Breeders' Cup Mile-winning sire Opening Verse (The Minstrel), the February-foaled grey is kin to a 2-year-old gelding by Kameko and a yearling colt by Frankel (GB).



David Howden celebrates the win of Running Lion | Horsephotos

Wednesday, Ascot, Britain

DUKE OF CAMBRIDGE S.-G2, £235,350, Ascot, 6-19, 4yo/up, f/m, 7f 213yT, 1:39.12, g/f.

1--**RUNNING LION (GB)**, 128, f, 4, by **Roaring Lion**

1st Dam: Bella Nouf (GB), by **Dansili (GB)**

2nd Dam: Majestic Sakeena (Ire), by **King's Best**

3rd Dam: Shy Danceuse, by **Groom Dancer**

1ST GROUP WIN. O-David Howden; B-The Bella Nouf Partnership (GB); T-John & Thady Gosden; J-Oisin Murphy. £133,467. Lifetime Record: 12-5-2-1, \$289,041. *1/2 to Majestic Glory (GB) (Frankel {GB}), GSW-Eng. **Werk Nick**
Rating: A. Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree, or the free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree.

2--**Laurel (GB)**, 128, m, 5, **Kingman (GB)**--Promising Lead (GB), by Daneshill. O-Juddmonte; B-Juddmonte Farms Ltd. (GB); T-John & Thady Gosden. £50,600.

3--**Doom (GB)**, 128, f, 4, Dubawi (Ire)--Dank (GB), by Dansili (GB). O/B-James Wigan (GB); T-William Haggas. £25,324.
Margins: 2, 2, SHD. Odds: 6.00, 4.00, 12.00.

Also Ran: Magical Sunset (Ire), Rogue Millennium (Ire), Julia Augusta (GB), Breege (GB), Royal Dress (Ire), Orchid Bloom (GB), Novus (Ire), Ocean Jewel (Ire), Nibras Angel (GB), Sea The Lady (Fr), Gregarina (Fr).

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AIN'T NOBODY A BLACK-TYPE FIRST FOR SANDS OF MALI IN THE WINDSOR CASTLE



Ain't Nobody | *Racingfotos.com*

by Sean Cronin

Kevin Ryan trainee **Ain't Nobody (Ire)** (Sands Of Mali {Fr}--Burmese Waltz {GB}, by Showcasing {GB}) became his first-crop sire's fourth individual winner when notching a decisive debut victory over Carlisle's stiff five furlongs at the end of last month and registered a first black-type success for the Ballyhane Stud resident in Wednesday's Listed Windsor Castle S. at Royal Ascot.

Drawn alongside Stateside challenger **Gabaldon** (Gone Astray) and caught in the wash as that rival blazed a trail on the stands' side, the 5-1 third choice emerged as the most serious threat to the long-time leader when coming under a Jamie Spencer drive approaching the final furlong and kept on relentlessly to collar Gabaldon in the last 50 yards en route to a one-length tally.

"Ascot is Ascot and I am very happy to have this winner," the winning trainer said. "The horses we bring down here, we expect to be competitive, and this was a very competitive race. When I looked at the [G2] Norfolk, I thought maybe we're in the wrong race, but he's a very good horse and will do nothing but improve. Jamie [Spencer] gave him a super ride. Jamie is brilliant here and we've had a great association for a number of years. With nice 2-year-olds, we are never in too much of a rush with them. If we have one or two to go to Ascot, we go, and if we haven't, we stay at home. There is a lot of the season left after Ascot and a lot of big festival meetings to go."

Spencer added, "Normally, I take my time, but it's a speed-favouring track today and it panned out perfectly. I followed the American horse, getting a good lead, and he was always going to bring me as far as I wanted. I got a little bit lost coming to the final furlong, when Ain't Nobody eased out a little, but once he straightened up, off he went. We've got our Classics, but this is

the most important Flat meeting of the year, so to get on the board is important as you only get so many chances. I am especially pleased for Kevin [Ryan], he is a great guy and I have been riding for him for a long time. Kevin and his team deserve all the success they get."

Pedigree Notes

Ain't Nobody is the first of two foals thrown by a dual-winning granddaughter of Nitya (Fr) (Indian Ridge {Ire}), herself a full-sister to GI Breeders' Cup Mile-winning sire Domedriver (Ire). Nitya is also kin to G3 Prix du Prince d'Orange winner Tau Ceti (GB) (Hernando {Fr}) and to the dam of G2 Prix de Pomone victrix and GI Joe Hirsch Turf Classic Invitational runner-up Freedonia (GB) (Selkirk). Freedonia, in turn, is the dam of G1 Prix Marcel Boussac heroine Albigna (Ire) (Zoffany {Ire}). The March-foaled bay, who hails from the family of Group 1-winning champions Try My Best (Northern Dancer) and El Gran Senor (Northern Dancer), is half to a yearling colt by Dandy Man (Ire).

FIRST STAKES WINNER FOR SIRE

Wednesday, Ascot, Britain

WINDSOR CASTLE S.-Listed, £110,000, Ascot, 6-19, 2yo, 5fT, :59.32, g/f.

1--**AIN'T NOBODY (IRE)**, 131, c, 2, by Sands Of Mali (Fr)

1st Dam: **Burmese Waltz (GB)**, by Showcasing (GB)

2nd Dam: **Heho (GB)**, by Dansili (GB)

3rd Dam: **Nitya (Fr)**, by Indian Ridge (Ire)

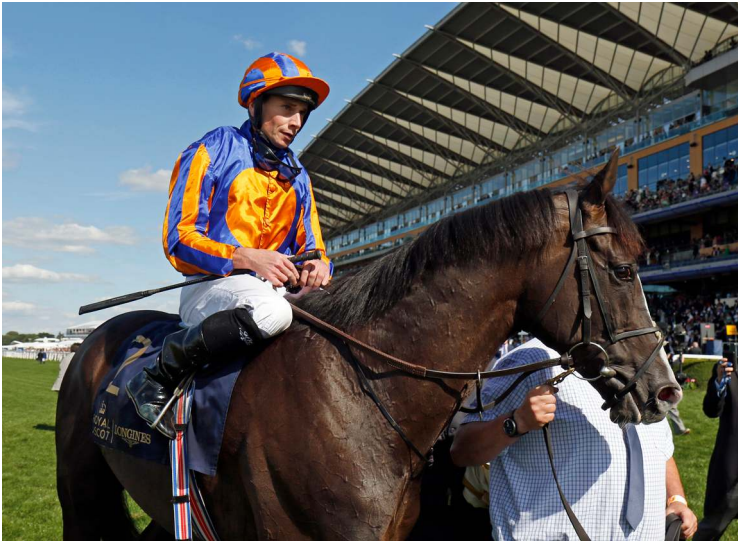
1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN. (£30,000 Ylg '23 GOFFUK). O-J Blackburn & J Matthews; B-Ballyhane (Rathbride) Umlimited (IRE); T-Kevin Ryan; J-Jamie Spencer. £62,381. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$87,871.

2--**Gabaldon**, 131, c, 2, Gone Astray--Valuable Miss, by Value Plus. (\$9,000 Ylg '23 OBSOCT). O-Soldi Stable LLC; B-Carol Ann Reitman, Susan Gannon & Warren Miller (FL); T-Jose Francisco D'Angelo. £23,650.

3--**Aviation Time (Ire)**, 126, f, 2, Sands Of Mali (Fr)--Lady Correspondent, by **War Front**. **1ST BLACK TYPE.** O-Bronte Collection 1; B-Ballyhane (IRE); T-Richard Hughes. £11,836. Margins: 1, HF, 1HF. Odds: 5.00, 16.00, 28.00.

Also Ran: Weissmuller (Ire), Vingegaard (Ire), Rudi's Apple (Ire), Sir Yoshi (Ire), Calyxoh (Ire), Zabeel Road (Ire), End Of Story (Ire), Fuji Mountain (Ire), Reposado (GB), Shadow Army (GB), Sensorium (Ire), Sex On Fire (Ire), Cheval De Guerre, Hawaiian (GB), Celtic Chieftain (Ire), Brosay (GB), Rock N Roll Rocket (Ire), Artagnan (Ire), Karl Carlston (Ire), Treasure Isle (Ire), Honorary American (Ire), Arabian Cobra (Ire), Pont Neuf (Ire), Bretton Wood (GB).

TALKING POINTS: MOORE WEIGHS IN TO DEFEND AUGUSTE RODIN FROM CRITICS



Ryan Moore: "As soon as you get beat, they want to have a go at you." *Racingfotos.com*

By Brian Sheerin

There was no shortage of talking points to unpick from Wednesday. From Sands Of Mali bagging a breakthrough winner at the royal meeting to Karl Burke and Wathnan racing enjoying a change of fortune and even Ryan Moore coming out of his shell to defend Auguste Rodin, the action on and off the track did not disappoint.

Sands Of Mali Puts His Name In Lights

It proved to be a big day for Ballyhane Stud's Sands Of Mali (Fr), who became the first of the freshman sires to get off the mark at the royal meeting when Ain't Nobody (Ire) landed the Windsor Castle.

Sands Of Mali has had five individual winners in Europe so far this season. Only Sergei Prokofiev, who has seven, is having a better time of it.

Ain't Nobody was fittingly sold by Joe Foley's Ballyhane outfit at the Goffs UK Premier Yearling Sale for £30,000 to Stephen Hillen and trainer Kevin Ryan.

He's now two from two and, judging by Wednesday's smooth success under Jamie Spencer, will continue to fly the flag for his young sire on the biggest of stages.

Welcome Change In Fortune

What a difference a day can make in this game. Just 24 hours previously, Karl Burke was left cursing his luck when Andesite (GB) (Pinatubo {Ire}) was unable to run in the Coventry.

However, Leovanni (Ire) (Kodi Bear {Ire}) provided the trainer

with a much-needed tonic on Wednesday when confirming herself a hugely classy prospect with victory in the Queen Mary.

Leovanni Provides Another Boost For The Breeze-Ups

Horses sourced from the breeze-up sales hit the crossbar in the Coventry on Monday but Leovanni did her bit to fly the flag for the sector with that stunning performance in the Queen Mary. There should be even more to come.

Lack Of International Competition A Worry

Sod's law dictates that Wesley Ward will go and win the Norfolk with Saturday Flirt (*Mendelssohn*) but it must be said that the American trainer's raiding party has not packed the same punch in recent years.

Ward became the first US-based handler to record a winner at the royal meeting when sending out Strike The Tiger (Tiger Ridge) to win the Windsor Castle at odds of 33-1 in 2009

Since then, Ward amassed 11 more winners, but is now winless at the meeting since Campanelle (Ire) (Kodiac {GB}) was awarded the 2021 Commonwealth Cup in the stewards' room.

International competition underpins meetings like Royal Ascot and, if one thing has been missing so far this week, it has been genuine challengers from overseas. Ward operating in his pomp provided a fascinating subplot to the meeting and it's a pity his raiding squad was reduced to just three runners this year.

It must be said that the Jose D'Angelo-trained Gabaldon (Gone Astray) ran a fine race when second in the Windsor Castle but the point remains; we need more international runners.

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Karl Burke (right) receives his prize after Leovanni's Queen Mary victory | *Horsephotos*

Talking Points cont.

Running Lion An Important Winner For Howden

Nobody would begrudge David Howden his first Royal Ascot success with Running Lion (GB) (Roaring Lion) in the Duke Of Cambridge Stakes. He comes across as a proper good egg and, given how much he puts into the game, it's great to see him getting a result on the biggest of stages.

Moore Please, Ryan

Is it just me or has Ryan Moore come out of his shell a bit at the age of 40? There was a time when cracking a smile would have counted as the master rider showing emotion.

Well, he has certainly opened up to the media a bit more in recent times and there was a lot to like about how he defended Auguste Rodin (Ire) (Deep Impact {Jpn}) on ITV Racing after the pair landed the Prince Of Wales's Stakes.

"He won four Group 1s last year," Moore told Matt Chapman. "I don't know, people are very quick to knock horses and [Aidan O'Brien] kept the Derby winner in training. As soon as you get beat, they want to have a go at you."

He continued, "You can never keep everyone happy. He's been a really good horse and done everything beautifully today. He deserved that."

Questions To Answer After Big-Race Flops

Blue Rose Cen (Ire) (Churchill {Ire}) couldn't land a blow on Auguste Rodin and it would appear that her light is starting to dim.

It will be back to the drawing board for the four-time Group 1 winner and the same applies to her trainer Maurizio Guarnieri after what has been a frustrating week.

Yeguada Centurion, the ownership and breeding entity of Spanish-based Leopoldo Fernandez Pujals, caused a bit of a stir when removing his horses from trainer Christopher Head at the beginning of the year.

The disappointing effort of Big Rock (Fr) (Rock Of Gibraltar {Ire}) in the Queen Anne followed by Blue Rose Cen's below-par run on Wednesday will leave the owner scratching his head.

One Tough Cookie

One of the sights of the week so far was seeing Jessica Harrington looking fit and well in the parade ring prior to Birdman (Ire) (Free Eagle {Ire}) running a fine race to finish third in the G2 Queen's Vase.

Having been diagnosed with breast cancer last year, Harrington has overcome a torrid time and it is great to see her fighting fit and banging in the winners of late. She's one tough cookie.



Wild Tiger (center) | Megan Coggin

5th-Ascot, £175,000, Hcp, 6-19, 3yo/up, 8fT, 1:38.20, g/f. **WILD TIGER (GB) (g, 5, Frankel {GB})--Antara {Ger} {MGSW & G1SP-Eng, GSW-Ger, G1SP-Fr & Ity, SP-Tur, \$499,204}, by Platini {Ger})** was three-for-three at British tracks and went postward for this Royal Hunt Cup coming back off handicap wins at Great Yarmouth and Goodwood last month. The straight one-mile contest lived up to its cavalry-charge tradition and the 29-runner field split into four distinct groups with the eventual winner to the fore in one of the centre-track columns, racing in an overall fifth. Bounding into an outright lead approaching the quarter-mile marker, the 11-2 joint-favourite would not yield once in front and was driven out inside the final furlong to bravely hold the late threat of last year's runner-up Sonny Liston (Ire) (Lawman {Fr}) by a head. "I have always like Wild Tiger, but last year he had some tiny problems and I stopped running him," explained trainer Saeed bin Suroor. "This year he is doing good and physically he looked much better when he arrived back in Newmarket from Dubai. We will look for a Group race for him now, but I think we will keep him at a mile. In the past I used to have 220 horses, but now we have 40 horses. We have to do our best with what we have, but winning a race at Royal Ascot means big things for everybody and makes it easier. I am always happy when I win a race with a class horse." Oisin Murphy's third winner of the meeting was a poignant one for the rider, who added, "Saeed provided me with my first Royal Ascot winner [aboard Benbatl in 2017] and he's given me another one today. He has been integral in my career and I am very grateful to him, His Highness Sheikh Mohammed and all the people who work for Godolphin. Wild Tiger relaxed brilliantly and got the mile well. I had a horse who was well weighted and perfectly prepared. Saeed was very confident, he told me I'd win and I'm glad we got it done."

5th-Ascot cont.

Wild Tiger is the sixth of seven live foals and one of four winners from as many runners out of multiple Group 1-placed dual G3 Princess Elizabeth Stakes victrix Antara (Ger) (Platini {Ger}), herself a half-sister to G3 Walther J Jacobs Rennen victor Andolini (Ger) (Kallisto {Ger}). The April-foaled bay is a half-brother to dual Group 2-winning G1 Dubai World Cup runner-up Algiers (Ire) (Shamardal), a weanling filly by **Camelot (GB)** and to the dam of the multiple stakes-placed Anthonus (Fr) (Territories {Ire}). Lifetime Record: 6-4-1-0, \$151,941. O/B-Godolphin (GB); T-Saeed bin Suroor.

6th-Ascot, £110,000, Hcp, 6-19, 4yo/up, f, 8fT, 1:38.24, g/f. DOHA (GB) (f, 4, Sea The Stars {Ire}--Treve {Fr} {MG1SW-Fr & G1SP-Eng, \$9,459,441}, by Motivator {GB}), who backed up a nine-length maiden win at Windsor in October with a May 24 handicap second over 10 furlongs at Haydock on seasonal return last time, settled into a comfortable rhythm and raced towards the stands' side in an overall ninth through the early fractions of this Kensington Palace Handicap. Stoked up when taking closer order passing the quarter-mile pole, the 10-1 chance went second entering the final furlong and was driven out to inch ahead of Hopeful (GB) (Make Believe {GB}) in the dying strides of a thrilling duel. The winning margin was a head, with the duo 4 1/4 lengths clear of the rest.



Doha winning the Kensington Palace Stakes Fillies' Wednesday
Megan Coggin

"I wanted to follow Mickael [Barzalona aboard Hopeful] into it and the race couldn't have gone any smoother for me," said winning rider after registering the second Royal winner of his career. "I got a lovely clean run at them on the outside and she stayed the trip well. Doha has improvement to come, it is only her third time trying a mile and it's her first time on good-to-firm

ground. She's opened up plenty of options with her performance today and we're due an exciting season." Winning trainer Ralph Beckett added, "Royal Ascot is a big deal for Sheikh Joaan and Al Shaqab. It occurred to me that dropping back to a mile in a race like this, where they go a good gallop, might just play to Doha's strengths. She's bred to get a mile-and-a-half well, so it was a roll of the dice. It's been a bit of a circuitous route, because we only dropped her back to a mile [at Windsor] in what we thought was a winnable maiden, but it was worth doing and it worked out." Bred in the purple, Doha is the fourth of five foals and one of three scorers out of six-time Group 1 victrix and dual Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe heroine Treve (Fr) (Motivator {GB}). The March-foaled bay is a full-sister to a weanling filly. Lifetime Record: 5-2-1-1, \$84,075. O/B-Al Shaqab Racing (GB); T-Ralph Beckett.

RACE PREVIEWS

KYPRIOS BACK FROM THE BRINK FOR CUP DEFENCE *by Tom Frary*

If you believe that **Kyprios (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}) is the best stayer to emerge from Ballydoyle since Yeats (Ire), then it could be said that all those that lined up for last year's G1 Gold Cup in his absence were granted a stay of execution. Back to Royal Ascot on Thursday with his severe injury woes behind him, the latest sakura from the ever-flourishing branch of one of Moyglare's great trees is one of the week's major stories. Aidan O'Brien described ahead of last year's G1 Irish St Leger bid that it was touch and go whether he would return and that he "had to be taught to walk, trot and canter again" lending him that warrior-like aura.

Being able to battle is key in this race, which has taken so many class horses trying to stretch out to the two-and-a-half miles deep into the red, but Kyprios's 2022 performance was not about slogging it out. Showing surprising speed to see off Mojo Star and Stradivarius, he produced the fastest finish to a Gold Cup and was just a tick off the previous day's Coventry winner over the final two furlongs and virtually as quick as the Queen Anne hero Baaeed in his final furlong.

Able to race just four times since his scarcely-believable 20-length romp going diagonally up ParisLongchamp's straight in the 2022 G1 Prix du Cadran, the chestnut leaves us guessing as to whether he can hit these heights again. His workmanlike win in Leopardstown's G3 Saval Beg Levmosse Stakes last month was uninspiring, but Yeats ran like a has-been in the 2009 Vintage Crop before coming back here to ensure immortality.

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Kyprios | *ScoopDyga*

Royal Ascot preview cont.

“He’s an unbelievable horse and to have him back to this pitch, we’re delighted really,” O’Brien said. “I don’t think there is any worries about the ground and I always thought he wanted nice ground, he’s a very good mover.”

Can Wathnan Do It Again?

While Kyprios was away, Courage Mon Ami (GB) ([Frankel {GB}](#)) struck for Wathnan Racing and while he is taking his turn to miss the party this time, John and Thady Gosden still have a live chance in those silks in last year’s G2 Queen’s Vase winner **Gregory (GB)** (Golden Horn {GB}). He may not have excelled subsequently, having finished a well-beaten third in the St Leger, but his latest effort when third in the G2 Yorkshire Cup screamed Gold Cup.

The Gosdens also have Godolphin’s G2 British Champions Long Distance Cup winner **Trawlerman (Ire)** (Golden Horn {GB}) and Normandie Stud’s G3 Henry II S. scorer **Sweet William (Ire)** ([Sea The Stars {Ire}](#)), but Gregory seems to be the one with group 1 pretensions. “It won’t be easy beating Kyprios, who is really solid and looks very straightforward, but I’m really looking forward to him,” James Doyle said. “Obviously he’s never run over this far before, so we can’t be sure he’ll stay, but he’s from a very good family of stayers and all of the signs are positive. His run in the Yorkshire Cup was very good, and he relaxes really well, which I think is vital in the Gold Cup. The way he hit the line was really good and I wasn’t hard on him as John had said the run was very much to be sure he was primed for the Gold Cup.”

Richard Brown, racing adviser to Wathnan, added, “It was amazing for Wathnan to win this race last year in what was really their first few weeks of ownership and it’s amazing to be going back with a colt with another chance. It’s a very tough

race and Kyprios is a worthy favourite, but there’s others in there to worry about as well. Hopefully he can be a good substitute for Courage Mon Ami. I think he will stay but you never know until you run them over those extreme distances.”

Welcome Rain?

Royal Ascot is, for once, blessed with dry conditions and the only wet reference on Thursday could come via Godolphin’s exciting Listed Haras de Bouquetot Fillies’ Trial Stakes winner **Diamond Rain (GB)** (Shamardal) in the G2 Ribblesdale S. Having won over a mile here on debut before beating the highly-regarded subsequent winner Ejaabiyah (GB) ([Frankel {GB}](#)) in that 10-furlong Newbury Oaks prep, the daughter of Dancing Rain (Ire) (Danehill Dancer {Ire}) looks one of the country’s most promising middle-distance fillies for the season ahead.

“Diamond Rain is two from two and brings some experience of Ascot into the race, while we feel that the step up to a mile and a half is going to suit,” trainer Charlie Appleby said. “She improved from her first to second run and looks to have progressed again since. It’s always a competitive contest, but she heads into it in great shape.”

Juddmonte’s **Kalpana (GB)** (Study Of Man {Ire}) had the bad fortune to run into a high-class rival in Friendly Soul (GB) ([Kingman {GB}](#)) when second in the Listed Pretty Polly Stakes at Newmarket last month and that peer’s subsequent flop in the Musidora was too bad to be true. Kalpana’s 10-length defeat of a subsequent winner over the same track and 10-furlong trip in April stands up and this mile-and-a-half trip should help being a relative of the G1 Grand Prix de Paris hero Zambezi Sun (GB) (Dansili {GB}).

“Andrew [Balding] was keen to give her a break after Newmarket, which was fair as she has been on the go since the beginning of the year racing on the all-weather,” Juddmonte’s racing manager Barry Mahon explained. “She’s had a nice little break and is training nicely and we were half tempted to supplement for the Oaks, but we just felt that freshening her up and heading into Ascot after a break was the right thing to do. She will definitely enjoy the step up to a mile and a half and she is one you would really be looking forward to this week. We’ve a nice bunch of horses, but she is one you can definitely get excited about.” [Cont. p18](#)

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A Fine Art...

Aidan O'Brien doesn't seem to overly press his 2-year-olds ahead of this meeting, but the good ones invariably win as was the case with **Little Big Bear (Ire)** (**No Nay Never**) in last year's Listed Windsor Castle Stakes. Step forward his full-brother **Whistlejacket (Ire)** on Thursday as he bids to emulate his sibling in the G2 Norfolk Stakes and is expected to be heavily-backed to do so. He beat the re-opposing subsequent G3 Marble Hill Stakes winner **Arizona Blaze (GB)** (Sergei Prokofiev) in the Listed First Flier Stakes at The Curragh in a noteworthy time, giving Ryan Moore all the right vibes. "I was very impressed and, while you have to respect a fair few of these, I like to think I am on the best horse going into the race. He is a very exciting prospect," he said.

Wathnan Racing took the Queen Mary on Wednesday and are here with another Karl Burke prospect in the Beverley debut winner **Shareholder (Not This Time)**. He has been in a bit of a hurry to get here, but Wathnan's racing adviser Richard Brown is aware of the task in hand. "I said to Karl when we bought him, 'I think the horse is very quick and ready to go and let's see if we can give him a chance to get to Ascot, even though it's a very quick turnaround,'" he said. "Karl and his team have done a tremendous job with this horse and he has bounced out of Beverley and done very well since. He's eating up and drinking and had a very easy breeze and looks full of himself. Everything went wrong at Beverley and he still managed to win and it's the Norfolk, there will be plenty there with a similar profile, but I think he goes there with a realistic chance of running a good race for us."

Opening Gambit...

Harry Charlton combined with father Roger to win the 2022 Britannia Handicap, but in his first season training on his own at Beckhampton Stables has a leading chance of a breakthrough moment via **King's Gambit (Ire)** (**Saxon Warrior {Jpn}**) in Thursday's G3 Hampton Court Stakes. Winning Newbury's competitive London Gold Cup by four lengths, he joined the past Charlton-trained heavyweights Headman (GB) (**Kingman {GB}**), Time Test (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}) and Al Kazeem (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}) on the honour roll of one of Britain's most significant handicaps which nearly always throws up future group winners.

"I was pretty hopeful he was going to win at Newbury, but as to the manner that he did it in, he was very impressive," he said. "I think what we saw was a much more professional horse than we knew of last year on the track and he's mentally growing up all the time. You're getting a more complete package every time he races now, so it's exciting and I think he'll improve again."



First Look | ScoopDyga

Whereas King's Gambit is all about future group 1 potential, Wathnan Racing's acquisition **First Look (Ire)** (Lope De Vega {Ire}) has already performed on one of Europe's biggest stages when runner-up in the G1 Prix du Jockey Club. Richard Brown said of the French raider, "Andre Fabre is obviously a master of bringing these horses along and we are delighted and excited to have added him to the team. It's quite a quick turnaround from Chantilly and we're leaving it down to Andre--he is the master. He feels he has come out of the race quite well. Like a lot of the horses we have bought, they will go to Ascot and take their chance, but they haven't just been bought for Ascot. They are horses for the future and beyond and a horse like him, there's no reason he won't be running with Andre as a five-year-old."

Opera Singer Elmalka Coronation Clash Is On For Friday...

Wednesday saw the draw made for Friday's two group 1 contests at Royal Ascot, with the 10 fillies set to contest the Coronation Stakes headed by Ballydoyle's G1 Prix Marcel Boussac winner **Opera Singer (Justify)** and Sheikh Ahmed Al Maktoum's 1,000 Guineas heroine **Elmalka (GB)** (**Kingman {GB}**). Opera Singer, who was returning from a setback when third in the Irish 1,000 Guineas, has drawn an outside stall in nine for the mile feature while the Roger Varian-trained Newmarket Classic heroine is in seven. James Doyle takes over from Silvestre De Sousa on Elmalka, while Oisin Murphy will replace Aurelien Lemaitre on **TDN Rising Star** and Guineas third **Ramatuelle (Justify)**. She is on the rail in one, while the G1 Cheveley Park Stakes winner and 1,000 Guineas runner-up **Porta Fortuna (Ire)** (Caravaggio) has also fared well in five.



Ramatuella | ScoopDyga

Royal Ascot preview cont.

The Aga Khan's G1 Poule d'Essai des Pouliches heroine **Rouhiya (Fr)** (Lope De Vega {Ire}) has a favourable draw in two, next to the other Ballydoyle representative **Content (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}), while the up-to-scratch field is completed by Godolphin's unbeaten **Devoted Queen (GB)** (**Kingman (GB)**), Jeff Smith's **See The Fire (GB)** (**Sea The Stars (Ire)**), Juddmonte's **Skellet (Ire)** (**Kingman (GB)**) and Scuderia Sagam's **Folgaria (Ire)** (Due Diligence).

The other top-bracket highlight, the six-furlong Commonwealth Cup, sees a strong representation from Sheikh Mohammed Obaid Al Maktoum with Kevin Ryan's emphatic G2 Sandy Lane Stakes winner **Inisherin (GB)** (Shamardal) joined by the Karl Burke-trained Listed Carnarvon Stakes scorer **Elite Status (GB)** (Havana Grey {GB}). Al Mohamediya Racing's G3 Commonwealth Cup Trial Stakes winner **Jasour (GB)** (Havana Grey {GB}) from the Clive Cox stable is another high-profile runner among the 15 contenders. They include Michelle Morris and Jan and Peter Hopper's unbeaten **TDN Rising Star Kind Of Blue (GB)** (Blue Point {Ire}), interestingly thrown in at the deep end by the normally conservative James Fanshawe.

In the G3 Albany Stakes also over six, 17 juvenile fillies will line up including Ballydoyle's G3 Coolmore Stud Irish EBF Fillies Sprint S. winner **Fairy Godmother (Ire)** (Night Of Thunder {Ire}), Godolphin's unbeaten **TDN Rising Star Mountain Breeze (Ire)** (Lope De Vega {Ire}), Sheikh Hamed Dalmook Al Maktoum's **TDN Rising Star Twafeeg (Ire)** (Far Above {Ire}) and the Wesley Ward-trained **Burning Pine (Nyquist)**. There are 14 colts in the G2 King Edward VII Stakes, with a quartet for Aidan O'Brien including **TDN Rising Stars Agenda (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}) and **Diego Velazquez (Ire)** (**Frankel (GB)**), alongside The Aga Khan's dual group 3 winner **Calandagan (Ire)** (**Gleneagles (Ire)**).

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SHARE IN HELLO YOUMZAIN ADDED TO ARQANA ONLINE POP-UP SALE



Hello Youmzain | Zuzanna Lupa

A share in the Haras d'Etreham stallion **Hello Youmzain (Fr)** has been added to the Arqana Online Pop-Up Sale scheduled for Wednesday, June 26. Bidding on the lots, which also include a share in the Haras de Bonneval resident **Zarak (Fr)**, will take place between 5-6pm local time, with registration for bidding already open on www.arqanaonline.com.

Hello Youmzain was a high-class sprinter for the Kevin Ryan yard, notably winning the G1 Haydock Sprint Cup and G1 Diamond Jubilee Stakes. He stood his first season at Haras d'Etreham in 2021 and his first crop of juveniles to race this year include Tuesday's G2 Coventry Stakes runner-up Electrolyte (Ire), who was bought by Wathnan Racing for £220,000 at the Goffs UK Doncaster Breeze-up Sale.

The share gives the right to two coverings a year.

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O'LEARY LEADS GODOLPHIN FLYING START CLASS OF 2024

The 2024 Godolphin Flying Start graduation ceremony took place in the Cape Cross Centre at Kildangan Stud in Ireland on the afternoon of Friday, June 14. Invited guests included the parents of the graduating class, Godolphin management and University College Dublin Michael Smurfit Business School representatives who have supported the Flying Start trainees throughout their two years on the programme. [Cont. p20](#)



The Godolphin Flying Start graduates of 2024 | M Larkin

Hugh Anderson, managing director of Godolphin UK and Dubai and trustee of Godolphin Flying Start, said, "On behalf of the global Godolphin team, I congratulate this graduating class and wish them success and encouragement for their futures in the thoroughbred industry."

The 2024 graduates comprised trainees from five countries, including Alex Sausville (USA), Orlaith Nangle (IRE), Jamie Smith (UK), Susannah Jeffery (UK), David O'Farrell (IRE), Ben Triandafillou (AUS), Sarah Kelly (IRE), Megan O'Leary (IRE), Annabel Adams (NZ), Edmond Ryan (IRE), Annie O'Rourke (UK) and Liam Cunningham (NZ). The diploma for the top trainee was presented to Megan O'Leary (IRE), who achieved a Distinction award, the highest grade among the 2024 graduating group.

The next opportunity to apply for Godolphin Flying Start is December 2024. More information about the course can be found [here](#).

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FIRST-SEASON SIRES WITH RUNNERS

Thursday, June 20, 2024:

UNITED KINGDOM

Earthlight (Ire) (Shamardal), Kildangan Stud
112 foals of racing age/3 winners/0 black-type winners
18:00-WOLVERHAMPTON, 7.25f, **Moeeez (Ire)**

Hello Youmzain (Fr) (Kodiac {GB}), Haras d'Etream
109 foals of racing age/4 winners/0 black-type winners
19:30-LINGFIELD PARK, 6f, **Kon'nichiwa (Fr)**
€60,000 Arqana Deauville October Yearlings 2023

Mohaather (GB) (Showcasing {GB}), Beech House Stud
96 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
14:15-CHELMSFORD CITY, 6f, **Beauhaather (GB)**
22,000gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale (Book 3) 2023
14:15-CHELMSFORD CITY, 6f, **Telford (GB)**
55,000gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale (Book 1) 2023

Pinatubo (Ire) (Shamardal), Dalham Hall Stud
109 foals of racing age/2 winners/0 black-type winners
18:00-WOLVERHAMPTON, 7.25f, **Cavallo Bay (GB)**
19:30-LINGFIELD PARK, 6f, **Bentley Air (GB)**
88,000gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale (Book 2) 2023
19:30-LINGFIELD PARK, 6f, **Leyhaimur (GB)**
100,000gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale (Book 2) 2023

Sands of Mali (Fr) (Panis), Ballyhane Stud
98 foals of racing age/5 winners/0 black-type winners
14:05-RIPON, 6f, **Toota (Ire)**
€17,000 Goffs Orby Yearling Sale (Book 2) 2023

Sergei Prokofiev (Scat Daddy), Whitsbury Manor Stud
121 foals of racing age/7 winners/2 black-type winners
14:30-ASCOT, 150K The Norfolk Stakes (Class 1) (Group 2) 5f,
Arizona Blaze (GB)
36,000gns Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2022; £82,000 Goffs
UK Premier Yearling Sale 2023

Without Parole (GB) (Frankel {GB}), Newsells Park Stud
53 foals of racing age/2 winners/0 black-type winners
18:00-WOLVERHAMPTON, 7.25f, **Lazieelunch (GB)**
23,000gns Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2022; 42,000gns
Tattersalls October Yearling Sale (Book 2) 2023

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IRELAND

Arizona (Ire) (No Nay Never), Coolmore Stud
66 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
1-LEOPARDSTOWN, 7.25f, **William F Browne (Ire)**
45,000gns Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2022; 58,000gns
Tattersalls October Yearling Sale (Book 2) 2023

Earthlight (Ire) (Shamardal), Kildangan Stud
112 foals of racing age/3 winners/0 black-type winners
1-LEOPARDSTOWN, 7.25f, **Booklight (Ire)**
€35,000 Tattersalls Ireland September Yearling 2023

Verbal Dexterity (Ire) (Vocalised),
8 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners
1-LEOPARDSTOWN, 7.25f, **Monotone (Ire)**
€4,000 RNA Goffs Autumn Yearling Sale 2023

FRANCE

Threat (Ire) (Footstepsinthesand {GB}), Haras du Mont Goubert
42 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners
5-SENONNES, 1350m, **Lahomi (Fr)**

OBSERVATIONS

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HOW THEY FARED

18.00 Ripon, Mdn, £9,000, 2yo, f, 5fT
Lady Roxby (GB) (King Of Change {GB}), the 180,000gns
Tattersalls Guineas Breeze-Up Sale topper, caught the eye
finishing strongly to be fourth having blown the start.

BRITAIN

Wednesday's Results:

2nd-Hamilton, £8,900, Mdn, 6-19, 2yo, 5f 7yT, 1:00.45, gd.
JUNGLE DRUMS (IRE) (c, 2, **Bungle Inthejungle {GB}**--**Ayr Missile {GB}**, by **Cadeaux Genereux {GB}**) dwelt at the break and chased all four rivals through the early fractions of this debut. Taking closer order once past halfway, the 15-8 second favourite came under pressure approaching the final furlong and was driven out late to deny Joshuas Dream (GB) (Expert Eye {GB}) by a head in the dying strides. Jungle Drums is the latest of six foals and fourth scorer out of a half-sister to multiple winner Suelita (GB) (Dutch Art {GB}).

Suelita is the dam of five black-type performers, including G1 Dewhurst Stakes and G1 2000 Guineas hero **Chaldean (GB)** (**Frankel {GB}**), G2 Mill Reef Stakes victor Alkumait (GB) (Showcasing {GB}) and stakes-winning G1 Flying Five runner-up Get Ahead (GB) (Showcasing {GB}). The March-foaled bay is a full-sister to G2 Lowther Stakes victrix Living In The Past (Ire). Sales history: €38,000 Ylg '23 GOFOR. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$6,108. O-Bronte Collection 1; B-Newlands House Stud & Mrs A M Burns (IRE); T-Karl Burke.

1st-Ripon, £9,000, Mdn, 6-19, 2yo, f, 5fT, :59.78, sf.
BACOR (IRE) (f, 2, **Mehmas {Ire}**--**Flying Sparkle {Ire}** {SP-Eng}, by **Fast Company {Ire}**), third behind the day's G2 Queen Mary-placed Maw Lam (Ire) (Acclamation {GB}) at Thirsk last month, was professional in front from the outset with the rail to help. Never in any real danger, the 6-1 shot stayed on strongly to score by 2 1/2 lengths from She Went Whoosh (Ire) (Profitable {Ire}). The dam, who was second in the Listed Two-Year-Old Trophy, is a half to the G1 Nunthorpe Stakes winner Winter Power (Ire) (Bungle Inthejungle {GB}). Also connected to the G2 Ridgewood Pearl S. winner and G1 Irish 1,000 Guineas-placed Devonshire (Ire) (Fast Company {Ire}), her colt foal is by Cotai Glory (GB). Sales history: 105,000gns Ylg '23 TATOCT. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-1, \$7,545. O-George Waud; B-Tally Ho Stud (IRE); T-George Boughey.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Shazani (Fr), c, 2, **Dark Angel (Ire)**--Sonjeu (Fr) (SW-Fr), by Intello (Ger). Hamilton, 6-19, 6f 6yT, 1:11.91. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-0, \$7,568. B-Haras de Beauvoir, Mme Fatou Michenot, Mme Charlotte Demailly & Thomas Michenot (FR). *€47,000 Ylg '23 ARQDOY.

Countess Ciara (GB), f, 2, **Havana Grey (GB)**--Highly Dancer (Ire), by Helmet (Aus). Nottingham, 6-19, 6f 18yT, 1:14.42. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$4,734. B-Whitsbury Manor Stud (GB). *70,000gns Wlg '22 TADEWE; 150,000gns Ylg '23 TATOCT.

Flowstate (Ire), g, 3, **Bungle Inthejungle (GB)**--Free Lance (Ire), by Grand Lodge. Ripon, 6-19, 6fT, 1:12.42. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$5,987. B-Lisieux Stud (IRE). *€26,000 Wlg '21 GOFNO1; €10,000 RNA Ylg '22 TATIRY.

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FRANCE

Wednesday's Results:

2nd-Toulouse, €23,000, Mdn, 6-19, 2yo, 7fT, 1:24.90, gd.

ALOYSIUS (FR) (c, 2, Hello Youmzain {Fr}--Shivajia {Ger} {GSW-Ger}, by Adlerflug {Ger}), a May 16 debut runner-up over six furlongs at Bordeaux last time, recovered from a sluggish exit to stalk the pace in third after the initial exchanges. Improving into second on the home turn, the 3-5 favourite gained a narrow edge passing the quarter-mile marker and was ridden out in the latter stages to assert by 1 1/4 lengths from Biarn (Fr) (Le Brivido {Fr}), becoming the fifth winner for his freshman sire (by Kodiak {GB}). Aloysius is the latest of four foals and second scorer produced by G2 T von Zastrow Stutenpreis winner Shivajia (Ger) (Adlerflug {Ger}), herself a half-sister to Listed Prix Luth Enchantee victrix Shanjia (Ger) (Soldier Hollow {GB}). Sales history: €140,000 Ylg '23 ARQAUG. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, €16,100. **Video, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

O-Ecuries Serge Stempniak; B-Ecurie Haras du Cadran, Stephane Gilibert & SAS I.E.I. (FR); T-Jean-Claude Rouget.

CONDITIONS RESULTS:

1st-Toulouse, €22,000, Cond, 6-19, 3yo, 10fT, 2:01.80, gd.

FRANCAISE (IRE) (f, 3, Saxon Warrior {Jpn}--Stars So Bright {Ire}, by Sea The Stars {Ire}) Lifetime Record: 5-2-1-1, €32,800.

O-Joseph Lesguer, Free Man Racing, Ecurie Olivier Piraud & Ecurie R.E.; B-Sunderland Holding Inc (IRE); T-Jean-Claude Rouget. *47,000gns Ylg '22 TATOCT; €115,000 2yo '23 ARQMAY. **1/2 to So Majestic (Ire) (Siyouni {Fr}), SP-Ire.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Reconnect (Ire), f, 3, Prince Of Lir (Ire)--Cead Mile Failte (Fr), by Dabirsim (Fr). Toulouse, 6-19, 7fT, 1:22.90. B-Con Marnane (IRE). *€5,000 RNA Ylg '22 TIRSEP.

Lepsa (Fr), f, 3, Wootton Bassett (GB)--Waikika (Fr) (G1SW-Ity, SW & MGSP-Fr, \$335,674), by Whipper. Toulouse, 6-19, 7fT, 1:22.90. B-Yann Barberot & Philippe Bellaiche (FR). *€190,000 Ylg '22 ARQAUG.

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WORLDWIDE NEWS

CHAMPION LEMON POP POSTS POIGNANT COMEBACK SUCCESS IN SAKITAMA HAI

by Alan Carasso



Lemon Pop | Horsephotos/Tomoya Moriuchi

Making his first start since finishing well down the field in the G1 Saudi Cup at the end of February, reigning Japanese champion dirt horse **Lemon Pop** (Lemon Drop Kid) resumed with a two-length victory in Wednesday's Listed Sakitama Hai at Urawa Racetrack about 20 miles north of Central Tokyo.

Crunched into \$1.20 (1-5) favoritism, the \$70,000 Keeneland November weanling acquisition was away without incident from barrier seven and was content to track pacesetter **Alain Barows (Jpn)** (Henny Hughes) through the early sections of the contest, run over a two-turn, 1400-metre configuration.

Sent into the lead with fully half the journey to cover, Lemon Pop pinched a bit of a break into the final two furlongs and plugged on gamely to hold off defending champion and third betting pick **Igniter (Jpn)** (Espoir City {Jpn})--a latest fifth in the G1 Dubai Golden Shaheen--by two lengths. Second choice **Shamal (Jpn)** (Smart Falcon {Jpn}) was another half-length away in third.

"If he can get off to an even start, then he has the upper hand," said winning jockey Ryusei Sakai. "I thought it would be best if he sit second, but I wasn't too concerned about the position. He handled the tight 1400m course without any problems."

Winner of the G1 February Stakes last year, Lemon Pop faltered in the Golden Shaheen, but won the local G1 Mile Championship Nambu Hai by 10 lengths in October ahead of a pillar-to-post success from a terrible draw in the G1 Champions Cup (1800m). With that win, he earned a crack at the Saudi Cup, but he weakened from two furlongs out and was no factor.

The victory was especially meaningful to the Godolphin Japan team. "Today we said a final goodbye to a valued member of our training team, Kaz Nabeta, who died suddenly last week. Today's win is for him," said Godolphin Japan President Harry Sweeney.

He continued: "Urawa is a tight and tricky track, and we were much less confident than his starting odds would suggest. Lemon Pop will definitely be joining our stallion roster next year, but may run once or twice again this year. It is early days yet, but it would seem logical for him to defend his title in the Mile Championship Nambu Hai [at Morioka Oct. 14]. In the immediate aftermath of the race, Tanaka trainer mooted the [GI] Breeders' Cup [Dirt] Mile, but I'm not fully convinced, as Lemon Pop may be like Guinness beer--brilliant at home but doesn't travel well."

Lemon Pop is one of four winners from six to the races for Unreachable, whose multiple graded-stakes winning dam Harpia is a full-sister to the legendary Danehill. The mare, who was acquired privately by Chad Schumer for \$50,000 after she was led out unsold at Keeneland November in 2020, is also the dam of a 2-year-old Ontario-bred colt by **Macleans Music**, who fetched \$310,000 at Keeneland September last fall, but was bought back on a bid of €340,000 at this year's Arqana May Breeze-Up Sale.

Wednesday's Results:

SAKITAMA HAI (Jpn-G1)-Listed, ¥136,000,000 (\$861,152/£676,328/€800,904), Urawa, 6-19, 3yo/up, 1400m, 1:26.7, my.

1--**LEMON POP, 126, h, 6, Lemon Drop Kid--Unreachable, by Giant's Causeway**. (\$70,000 Wlg '18 KEENOV). O-Godolphin; B-Mr & Mrs Oliver S Tait (KY); T-Hiroyasu Tanaka; J-Ryusei Sakai; ¥80,000,000. Lifetime Record: Ch. Dirt Horse & MG1SW-Jpn, 16-11-3-0, \$4,050,134.

Sold by Blandford Stud for Mr. and Mrs. Tait
Dam purchased by SCHUMER BLOODSTOCK

2--**Igniter (Jpn)**, 126, h, 6, Espoir City (Jpn)--Bianco (Jpn), by Warning (GB). (¥7,020,000 Ylg '19 HOKSUM). O-Yoshiki Noda; B-Haruki Farm; T-M Atarashi; J-T Sasagawa; ¥28,000,000.

3--**Shamal (Jpn)**, 126, h, 6, Smart Falcon (Jpn)--Native Code (Jpn), by Agnes Digital. O-Toshiya Kanayama; B-Okada Stud; T-Takeshi Matsushita; J-Haruhiko Kawasu; ¥16,000,000.

Margins: 2, HF, NK. Odds 0.20, 9.60, 4.00.

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Thursday, Ascot, Britain, post time: 16:25

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
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

Thursday, Ascot, Britain, post time: 15:45

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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**Thursday, Ascot, Britain, post time: 14:30****NORFOLK S.-G2, £150,000, 2yo, 5f 0y**

SC	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
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 Garritty	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

Thursday, Ascot, Britain, post time: 17:40**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 Alsabah	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

Thursday, ParisLongchamp, France, post time: 16:35**PRIX DE LA PORTE MAILLOT-G3, €80,000, 3yo/up, 7fT**

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	6	Breizh Sky (Fr)	Pedro The Great	A&G Botti	Bachelot	130
2	4	Mount Athos (GB)	Dark Angel (Ire)	Tate	Soumillon	130
3	2	King Gold (Fr)	Anodin (Ire)	Caullery	Pasquier	130
4	5	Sadalbari (Ire)	Gleneagles (Ire)	Nieslanik	Marie	130
5	9	Exxtra (Fr)	Starspangledbanner (Aus)	C&Y Lerner	Thomas	129
6	3	Kimi Orenda (Fr)	Bated Breath (GB)	Menard	Pouchin	127
7	8	Easy (Ire)	Kodiac (GB)	Slattery	Slattery	127
8	7	Kelina (Ire)	Frankel (GB)	Laffon-Parias	Guyon	127
9	1	Mr Fleurant (Ire)	Invincible Spirit (Ire)	Fabre	Barzalona	121

Friday, Ascot, Britain, post time: 15:05**COMMONWEALTH CUP-G1**, £725,750, 3yo, c/f, 6f 0y

SC	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Elite Status (GB)	Havana Grey (GB)	Sheikh Mohammed Obaid Al Maktoum	Karl Burke	Clifford Lee	128
2	Evade (Fr)	Wootton Bassett (GB)	Resolute & Qatar Racing	Archie Watson	Oisin Murphy	128
3	Givemethebeatboys (Ire)	Bungle Inthejungle (GB)	Bronsan Racing/Exors of Theresa Marnane	Jessica Harrington	Shane Foley	128
4	Inisherin (GB)	Shamardal	Sheikh Mohammed Obaid Al Maktoum	Kevin Ryan	Tom Eaves	128
5	Jasour (GB)	Havana Grey (GB)	AlMohamediya Racing	Clive Cox	Jim Crowley	128
6	Kind Of Blue (GB)	Blue Point (Ire)	Michelle Morris & Jan & Peter Hopper	James Fanshawe	Daniel Muscutt	128
7	Lake Forest (GB)	No Nay Never	Tony Bloom & Ian McAleavy	William Haggas	Tom Marquand	128
8	Louis Barthas (Ire)	Zoustar (Aus)	Redknapp/Donnelly/Gardiner/Orbital Racing	Ollie Sangster	John Egan	128
9	Malc (GB)	Calyx (GB)	Middleham Park Racing LXVI	Richard Fahey	Oisin Orr	128
10	Military (GB)	Siyouni (Fr)	Westerberg/Magnier/Tabor/Smith/Brant	Aidan O'Brien	Ryan Moore	128
11	Orne (Ire)	Acclamation (GB)	Al Shaqab Racing	John & Thady Gosden	Kieran Shoemark	128
12	Pocklington (GB)	Blue Point (Ire)	Bond Thoroughbred Ltd	Geoff Oldroyd	Harry Russell	128
13	Starlust (GB)	Zoustar (Aus)	Mrs Fitri Hay	Ralph Beckett	Rossa Ryan	128
14	Classic Flower (GB)	Calyx (GB)	Gousserie Racing & Jean-Etienne Dubois	Patrica Cottier	Mickael Barzalona	125
15	Pandora's Gift (Ire)	Churchill (Ire)	James Parry & Partners	Stuart Williams	Sean Levey	125

Breeders: 1-Whitsbury Manor Stud, 2-Ecurie des Monceaux, Ecurie Loick Fouchet, Ralph Meahjohn, Kastro Stud Farm, 3-Airlie Stud & Mrs S Rogers, 4-Sheikh Mohammed Obaid Al Maktoum, 5-Wardley Bloodstock, 6-Mr & Mrs M Morris, Mr & Mrs P Hopper, 7-Sahara Group Holdings, 8-Airlie Stud & Mrs S Rogers, 9-Bearstone Stud, 10-Highclere Stud & Mrs Michelle Morris, 11-Rathbarry Stud, 12-Bond Thoroughbred Ltd, 13-Branton Court Stud LLP, 14-Petches Farm Ltd, 15-Rossenarra Bloodstock Ltd

Friday, Ascot, Britain, post time: 15:45**CORONATION S.-G1**, £650,000, 3yo, f, 7f 213y

SC	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Content (Ire)	Galileo (Ire)	Westerberg/Mrs J Magnier/M Tabor/D Smith	Aidan O'Brien	Wayne Lordan	128
2	Devoted Queen (GB)	Kingman (GB)	Godolphin	Charlie Appleby	William Buick	128
3	Elmalka (GB)	Kingman (GB)	Sheikh Ahmed Al Maktoum	Roger Varian	James Doyle	128
4	Folgaría (Ire)	Due Diligence	Scuderia Sagam SRLS	Marco Botti	Hollie Doyle	128
5	Opera Singer	Justify	M Tabor/D Smith/Mrs J Magnier/Westerberg	Aidan O'Brien	Ryan Moore	128
6	Porta Fortuna (Ire)	Caravaggio	Medallion/S Weston/B Fowler/Reeves Thoroughbreds	Donnacha O'Brien	Tom Marquand	128
7	Ramatuelle	Justify	Infinity 9 Horses/C W Knok	Christopher Head	Oisin Murphy	128
8	Rouhiya (Fr)	Lope De Vega (Ire)	H H The Aga Khan	Francis-Henri Graffard	Maxime Guyon	128
9	See The Fire (GB)	Sea The Stars (Ire)	J C Smith	Andrew Balding	David Probert	128
10	Skellet (Ire)	Kingman (GB)	Juddmonte	Ralph Beckett	Rossa Ryan	128

Breeders: 1-Coolmore, 2-Godolphin, 3-Godolphin, 4-T Boylan, 5-Mrs E Stockwell, 6-Whisperview Trading Ltd, 7-Yeguada Centurion SL, 8-H H The Aga Khan's Studs SC, 9-Littleton Stud, 10-Airlie Stud & Mrs S Rogers

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Friday, Ascot, Britain, post time: 17:40**KING EDWARD VII S.-G2**, £273,000, 3yo, c/g, 11f 211y

SC	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Agenda (Ire)	Galileo (Ire)	Tabor/Smith/Mrs J Magnier/Brant	Aidan O'Brien	D B McMonagle	128
2	Calandagan (Ire)	Gleneagles (Ire)	H H The Aga Khan	Francis-Henri Graffard	Stephane Pasquier	128
3	Chief Little Rock (Ire)	Galileo (Ire)	Mrs J Magnier/M Tabor/D Smith	Aidan O'Brien	Wayne Lordan	128
4	Defiance (Ire)	Camelot (GB)	Highclere Thoroughbred Racing (Monet)	Roger Varian	Silvestre De Sousa	128
5	Diego Velazquez (Ire)	Frankel (GB)	Smith/Magnier/Tabor/Westerberg/Brant	Aidan O'Brien	Ryan Moore	128
6	Harper's Ferry (GB)	Lope De Vega (Ire)	M H Dixon & J L Rowsell	Ed Walker	Tom Marquand	128
7	Macduff (GB)	Sea The Stars (Ire)	Juddmonte	Ralph Beckett	Rossa Ryan	128
8	Mondo Man (GB)	Mondialiste (Ire)	Ecuries Serge Stempniak/NP Gill/P Brandt	Pia & Joakim Brandt	William Buick	128
9	Royal Supremacy (Ire)	Make Believe (GB)	Michael Blencowe	Andrew Balding	Oisin Murphy	128
10	Space Legend (Ire)	Sea The Stars (Ire)	Wathnan Racing	William Haggas	James Doyle	128
11	The Euphrates (GB)	Frankel (GB)	Brant/Magnier/Tabor/Westerberg/Smith	Aidan O'Brien	Declan McDonogh	128
12	Theory Of Tides (GB)	Galileo (Ire)	Isa Salman Al Khalifa	John & Thady Gosden	Kieran Shoemark	128
13	Voyage (GB)	Golden Horn (GB)	Mrs J Wood	Richard Hannon	Pat Dobbs	128
14	War Rooms (Ire)	Churchill (Ire)	Brook Farm Bloodstock	Owen Burrows	Jim Crowley	128

Breeders: 1-Coolmore & White Birch Farm SC, 2-H H The Aga Khan's Studs SC, 3-Coolmore, 4-Seven Hills Bloodstock & Torres Strait Bloodstock Ltd, 5-Epona Bloodstock Ltd, 6-Ashbrittle Stud & M H Dixon, 7-Juddmonte Farms Ltd, 8-Elwick Stud, 9-John O'Connor, 10-Sunderland Holdings Inc, 11-Bobby Flay Thoroughbreds, 12-Isa Salman Al Khalifa, 13-Effevi SRL & Razza Del Velino, 14-Lynch Bages & Camas Park Stud

Friday, Ascot, Britain, post time: 14:30**ALBANY S.-G3**, £125,000, 2yo, f, 6f 0y

SC	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Burning Pine 🌿	Nyquist	Hat Creek Racing	Wesley Ward	Joel Rosario	128
2	California Dreamer (GB)	Mehmas (Ire)	Amo Racing Ltd/Giselle De Aguiar	Adrian Murray	David Egan	128
3	Convo (Ire)	Kodiac (GB)	Daniel MacAuliffe & Anoj Don	Amy Murphy	Tom Marquand	128
4	Cradle Of Love (Ire)	Kodiac (GB)	MV Magnier/MrsShanahan/Maclennan/Magnier	Joseph O'Brien	D B McMonagle	128
5	Fairy Godmother (Ire)	Night Of Thunder (Ire)	M Tabor/D Smith/Mrs J Magnier	Aidan O'Brien	Ryan Moore	128
6	Heavens Gate (Ire)	Churchill (Ire)	M Tabor/D Smith/Mrs J Magnier	Aidan O'Brien	Wayne Lordan	128
7	Hot Darling (Ire)	Too Darn Hot (GB)	Nurlan Bizakov	Amy Murphy	Silvestre De Sousa	128
8	Jayvee (Ire)	Dandy Man (Ire)	Medallion, Aldabbagh & Weston	Brian Ellison	Chris Hayes	128
9	Kylie Of Lochalsh (Ire)	Kodi Bear (Ire)	Bev Hendry	Gay Kelleway	Hayley Turner	128
10	Liberalised (GB)	Kodiac (GB)	Clipper	Karl Burke	Daniel Tudhope	128
11	Mountain Breeze (Ire)	Lope De Vega (Ire)	Godolphin	Charlie Appleby	William Buick	128
12	Nad Alshiba Snow (Ire)	Oasis Dream (GB)	Jaber Abdullah	Michael Appleby	Rossa Ryan	128
13	Peregrine Falcon (Ire)	Showcasing (GB)	Emmet Mullins & Paul Byrne	Emmet Mullins	Colin Keane	128
14	Royalty Bay (Ire)	Kodiac (GB)	Eco-Power Racing	John & Sean Quinn	Jason Hart	128
15	Simmering (GB)	Too Darn Hot (GB)	Mrs BV Sangster, Justin Casse & Dr J Berk	Ollie Sangster	Jamie Spencer	128
16	Substitute (Ire)	Bungle Inthejungle (GB)	Kingsley Park 39 - Gold	Charlie Johnston	Oisin Murphy	128
17	Twafeeg (Ire)	Far Above (Ire)	Sheikh Hamed Dalmook Al Maktoum	Archie Watson	Hollie Doyle	128

Breeders: 1-Hidden Brook Farm & Spruce Lane Farm, 2-Ickworth Stud, 3-Coseda Ltd, 4-Vimal & Gillian Khosla, 5-Ballyphilip Stud, 6-Whisperview Trading Ltd, 7-Rabbah Bloodstock Ltd, 8-Airlie Stud & Mrs S Rogers, 9-Ballyhampshire Stud Ltd, 10-Branton Court Stud LLP, 11-Godolphin, 12-Tinnakill Bloodstock & Jack Cantillon, 13-Newtown Anner Stud, 14-Luke & Adam Morgan, 15-Lofts Hall Stud, 16-Kildaragh Stud, 17-Cooneen Stud

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DARLEY PRIX DE THIBERVILLE-Listed, €55,000, 3yo, f, 12ft

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	4	Lemsairbat (Fr)	Bated Breath (GB)	Delzangles	Mendizabal	126
2	8	Strassia (Fr)	Kendargent (Fr)	Gadbin	Bachelot	126
3	5	Lavender Lace (Ire)	Lope De Vega (Ire)	Graffard	Barzalona	126
4	1	Le Combat Continue (Fr)	De Treville (GB)	S Wattel	Madamet	126
5	2	Where I Wanna Be (Ire)	Camelot (GB)	Beckett	Soumillon	126
6	3	Chasuble (Fr)	Cloth Of Stars (Ire)	Libaud	Pouchin	126
7	7	Our Golden One (Ire)	Golden Horn (GB)	T Ward	Pasquier	126
8	6	Mosaique (Fr)	Dubawi (Ire)	Laffon-Parias	Guyon	126

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