



## SUPREME COURT WON'T HEAR HISA CONSTITUTIONALITY CHALLENGE



Sarah Andrew

The United States Supreme Court will not hear a challenge to the Horse Racing Safety and Integrity Act (HISA) filed by Oklahoma, Louisiana and West Virginia after the Sixth Circuit's Court of Appeals found that HISA is constitutional, according to an announcement from the Supreme Court Monday.

"Certiorari denied," was the only statement coming from the court regarding the ruling, which was included among a monthly list of numerous other writ approvals and denials that the Supreme Court made public in batch format June 24.

A writ of certiorari is the primary means to petition the Supreme Court for a review of a lower court's ruling.

The Supreme Court's ruling on Monday is not to be confused with a related, but different, case whose forthcoming ruling has been highly anticipated within the racing industry for nearly nine months now.

That case involves a three-year legal fight led by the Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association (NHBP) to try and overturn HISA based on alleged constitutional flaws. The United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit in New Orleans heard oral arguments in that case back on Oct. 4, 2023, but has yet to issue a ruling.

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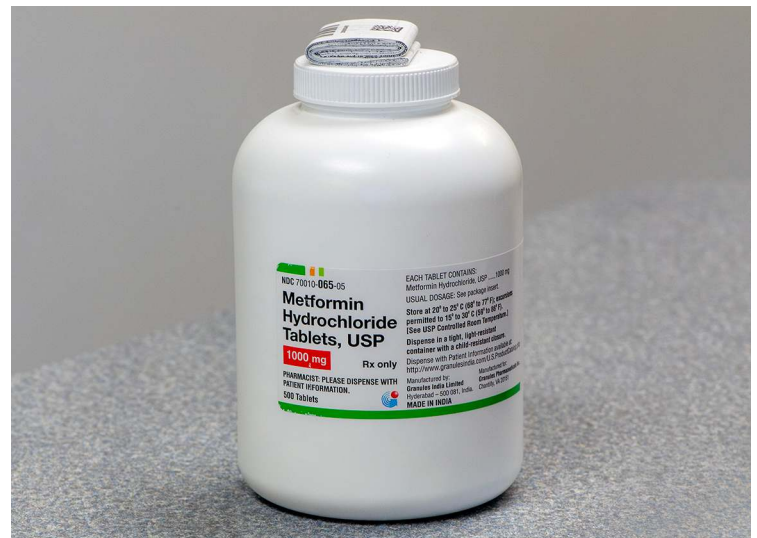
Since the launch of the Horseracing Integrity and Safety Act's (HISA) drug testing program over a year ago, metformin has sucked up an awful lot of oxygen. Under HISA, there have been seven resolved cases and four pending cases involving metformin--perhaps not an especially large number on its own, until framed against the number of metformin cases adjudicated before the program went into effect. An Association of Racing Commissioners International's (ARCI) review of their database "going back decades" found five metformin cases for Thoroughbreds. All were from 2017 onwards.

The resolved metformin cases under HISA include a two-year suspension, an 18-month suspension and a 75-day suspension. Four cases have been resolved with no sanctions to the trainer, though in one case, that was because the B sample had insufficient volume for analysis. Another **trainer passed away** before a formal hearing. **Cont. p8**

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### CRYSTAL BLACK PROVIDES KEANE WITH NEW LEASE ON LIFE

While the Melbourne Cup could be on the cards for Crystal Black (Ire) after his Royal Ascot win, the gelding has given his trainer 'a new lease on life' after a fall in 2021 almost left him paralysed.

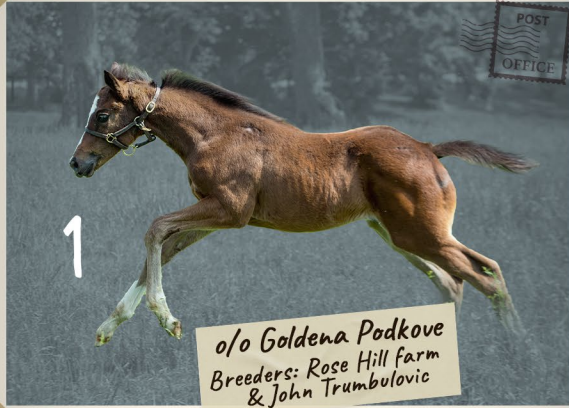


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**HISA Ruling, cont. from p1**

Should that Fifth Circuit appeal end up producing a ruling contrary to the Sixth Circuit's upholding of HISA, it, too, is very likely to produce petitions to the Supreme Court from either side to try and clear up what would then be conflicting rulings in two federal appeals courts.

When any issue produces contrary rulings from two different federal appeals courts, the Supreme Court is more likely to deem that the issue deserves its attention.

The writ that got rejected on Monday dates from six weeks after the Sixth Circuit Appeals Court upheld HISA's constitutionality in March 2023. That's when the losing plaintiffs asked for an en banc hearing at the appeals court level, where all 28 judges would need to rule on the matter. They were denied, and now the highest court in the land has said that it, too, will not hear the challenge.

HISA's chairman of the board, Charles Scheeler, praised the Supreme Court's decision.

"We are pleased the Supreme Court has decided to let the Sixth Circuit Court's ruling affirming HISA's constitutionality stand," Scheeler said in a written statement. "As evidenced by the 38 percent decline in equine fatalities recorded for the first quarter of this year, HISA's uniform standards are having a material, positive impact on the health and well-being of horses.

"It is long past time for opponents of HISA to drop their outstanding lawsuits," Scheeler continued. "In light of this decision, continued litigation only serves to take time and valuable resources away from our core mission of improving the safety and integrity of Thoroughbred racing."

Tom Rooney, the President and CEO of the National Thoroughbred Racing Association, also pronounced himself pleased with the decision.

"Today's Supreme Court ruling affirming the constitutionality of HISA represents a significant step forward in ensuring the safety and integrity of Thoroughbred racing," Rooney said in a written statement.

"This decision will allow HISA to continue its work to protect the health and safety of equine athletes, thereby fostering greater confidence and integrity in the sport of Thoroughbred racing...It is time for all parties to stop their internal fighting and support HISA as the law of the land," Rooney said.

Emails seeking comment from the attorneys general representing the three petitioner states did not yield replies prior to publication of this story.

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## NY CLAIM RULE CHANGES VOTED IN BY GAMING COMMISSION *by T.D. Thornton*

A unanimous voice vote Monday by the New York State Gaming Commission (NYSGC) restructured some of the time frames related to Thoroughbred claiming rules in the state.

The measures had been developed in consultation with the managements of New York's Thoroughbred racetracks and horsemen's organizations in the state.

The overall slate of changes had been in the works **since last August**, and the package was originally scheduled to be voted upon last month.

But during the May 20 meeting, commissioner John Crotty **raised concerns** about whether it was in the best interest of equine safety to reduce by 10 the number of days that a claimed horse is restricted from running back for a claiming tag less than 25% greater than the price at which it was claimed.

So the vote was tabled until June 24 for the purpose of allowing Scott Palmer, VMD, who is the NYSGC's equine medical director, to express his opinion on changing the post-claim run-back time frame from 30 to 20 days.

Palmer opened his remarks on Monday by explaining that, "It's important to understand that this is a subject that is under constant revision and consideration...We know that horses that

are in claiming races are at increased risk for catastrophic injury."

Palmer then pointed out that published equine safety research has shown that horses are indeed at an increased risk for injury within 30 days of being claimed.

But Palmer added, "during that period of time, it's a matter of getting acquainted with the horse; evaluating the horse to make sure it's okay to race again."

Palmer then said, "And so I think that any change to rules that allows a claimed horse to race back [in] less than 30 days, potentially, could increase the risk for injury if that horse was not well-evaluated in that period of time before he's raced again.

"I'm not saying it couldn't happen—it certainly could happen within 20 days," Palmer continued. "But I think it's important that we emphasize that period of time be used constructively and aggressively to examine and make sure that [any claimed horse] is fit to race again before they enter the horse."

After hearing this line of reasoning, the NYSGC voted in the entire claiming rules package without discussion.

Crotty—who had both made the original motion to consider the rules changes last August and also raised concerns about the run-back time on May 20—was not in attendance for the June 24 vote.



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But NYSGC executive director Robert Williams made sure it got put into the record that he had spoken to Crotty before the meeting, and that Crotty had indicated to Williams that he would have voted affirmatively to pass the measure if he had been able to make the meeting.

Last Aug. 3, a brief written by NYSGC general counsel Edmund Burns outlined the following rationale for the run-back time portion of the rule change:

"A review of recent data...indicates that horses generally run on a 28-day schedule and condition books generally schedule a value class every 28 days. Under current regulations, a claimant who wants to start a horse again in the same class may be effectively forced to wait 56 days from the date of the claim. The position has been advanced that such period is unnecessarily long and causes issues for owners, trainers and the racetrack, which seeks to fill competitive races...

"By reducing the requisite waiting period, owners will have a greater opportunity to start a horse for the price at which the horse had been claimed, given that the owners would be able to gain access to races that had already been written in the track's condition book 28 days in advance," Burns wrote.

Other aspects of the rules package that passed on June 24 included:

Allowing claimants who have raced on a circuit within 120 days, which would increase the number of owners qualified to make claims.

Allowing 30 additional days for holders of a certificate of eligibility who have lost a "shake" for a claimed horse, providing an owner with an opportunity to claim when the owner has not been successful in claiming a horse within the first 30 days of a race meeting.

Beyond the 20-day restriction against running a claimed horse again for a claiming price less than 25% greater than the claiming price, the establishment of a further 10-day period in which a claimed horse may start for a price equal to the claiming price.

Extending from 30 to 60 days the prohibition against running a claimed horse outside of New York State, with an exception for horses claimed at Finger Lakes, in which case the horse may run elsewhere after 30 days from the end of a Finger Lakes racing season.

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***HISA to Host Educational Seminars on changes, see p13***



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## 'SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE' AT FASIG-TIPTON MIDLANTIC JUNE SALE *by Alan Carasso*



Vekoma colt hip 4 | Fasig-Tipton

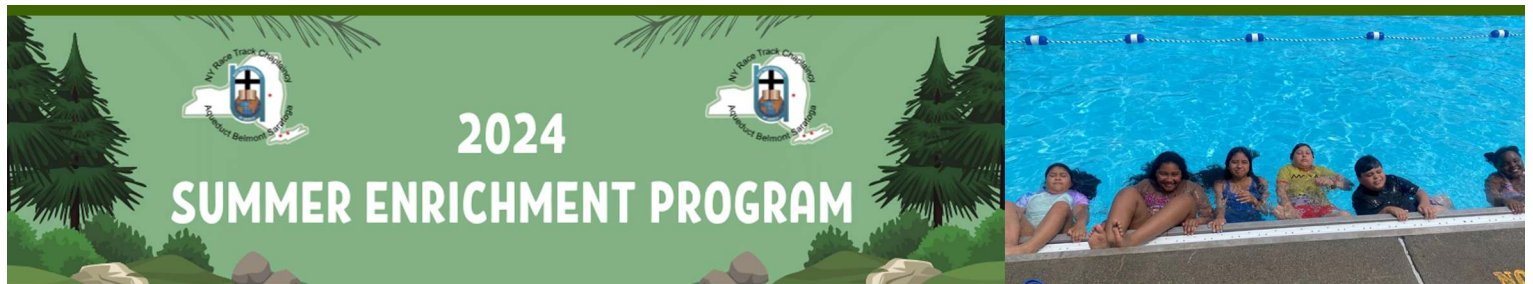
A relentless stretch of heat and humidity gave way to at least slightly cooler and less sultry conditions Monday morning as the under-tack preview took place for Tuesday's Fasig-Tipton Midlantic June Sale of 2-Year-Olds in Training at the Maryland State Fairgrounds in Timonium.

From an original catalogue of 80 juveniles, some 65 horses were set to go under the hammer beginning at 2 p.m. ET Tuesday afternoon. While the numbers may not be quite as robust as officials at the auction house might prefer--the inaugural June Sale in 2023 attracted a catalogue of 99 horses--there remains confidence that the diversity will appeal to a wide array of horsepeople.

"That's kind of my go-to line is that this location always gets something for everybody," said Fasig-Tipton Midlantic Director of Sales Paget Bennett. "We even have a couple of Indiana-breds, so with Pennsylvania-bred and -sired and Maryland Million, the New York-breds never go out of favor, so it's truly a sale where there is definitely something for everybody."

It was one of those regionally bred juveniles that emerged front and center during Monday's breeze-ups, as hip 4, a New Jersey-bred colt by freshman sire of the moment Vekoma (*Candy Ride {Arg}*), was one of two horses to go :10 flat for an eighth of a mile over the conventional dirt surface at Timonium.

"The expectations were very high for this guy coming into the sale," said Marcus Ryan, who consigns hip 4 with his wife Crystal through their Mason Springs agency. "He's a seriously, seriously fast horse, he really did it effortlessly galloping out. He had the second-fastest gallop-out on the day."



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He continued, "He came back home, walked around the shedrow about 10 times and he had cooled out. He's a very fit horse."

Bred by Gregory Kilka, the co-breeder of recent New Jersey-bred GI Woody Stephens Stakes winner Book'em Danno (**Bucchero**), hip 4 hails from the family of seven-time Grade I winner Sharp Cat and her Group 1-winning half-brother Royal Anthem. Purchased for \$77,000 as a short-yearling at the 2023 Fasig-Tipton February Sale, the Vekoma colt changed hands for \$60,000 at the Fasig-Tipton July Sale. He was most recently bought back on a bid of \$55,000 at the OBS April Sale.

"He was slightly immature at that time and it was a great thing that they pulled him back," Ryan said. "They believed in him. He came up from Tradewinds down there and they've always believed in him a lot. He's a May horse and put on a load of weight."

With two new winners on Sunday, Vekoma sits atop the freshman sire table with eight individual winners.

Sharing the furlong bullet was **hip 61**, a James Layden-consigned filly by **Country House**--Bud's Little Edge (Valid Expectations) ([video](#)). Three horses bred in New York stopped the clock in :21.4 for a quarter-mile Monday morning: **Tiz the Law** filly (**hip 16**); **hip 56**, a gelding by Central Banker; and **hip 58**, a gelding by Solomini. Each of the three is consigned by Wes Carter, the first on behalf of Lemon Creek Farm and the others for Crossed Sabres Farm.

"As the under-tack show proved today, we have some very nice, useful horses in the barn area here, we just wish we had more of them," Bennett admitted. "We just have to do the best with what we have and we have some lovely horses here, so hopefully people find something that works out for them and goes on to be a star."

Last year's first-of-its-kind June Sale saw four horses sell for six-figure pricetags, topped by a **Kantharos** filly that was knocked down to Steve Young, agent, for a salestopping \$500,000. Overall, 57 horses sold for \$2.509 million, an average of \$44,018 and median of \$27,000. There were 22 reported buybacks.

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## COOLMORE STALLION TALE OF THE CAT DIES AT 30



**Tale of the Cat** | *Coolmore*

Coolmore stallion **Tale Of The Cat** (Storm Cat--Yarn, by Mr. Prospector) died Monday from "the infirmities of old age" according to an announcement released through the Coolmore website. Born in 1994 for the breeding partnership of Indian Creek, Philip Freedman and Hugo Lascelles, Tale of the Cat was a \$375,000 Keeneland September grad in 1995 for trainer John Forbes, who signed the ticket on behalf of Phantom House Farm. He was a 11 1/2-length winner on debut at Monmouth Park and quickly moved up the ranks, contesting the GI Buick Haskell Invitational Handicap in his third start where he finished fourth to GI Belmont Stakes winner Touch Gold (Deputy Minister). Just 20 days later, he rebounded to earn his first graded stakes win, taking the GII Kings Bishop Stakes at Saratoga. His 3-year-old season ended with a third in the GI Vosburgh at Belmont in September. As a 4-year-old, Tale of the Cat picked up an additional Grade I-placing in the GI Whitney before finishing out his racing career when third again in the 1998 Vosburgh.

Retired to Coolmore's Ashford Stud for the 1999 breeding season, Tale of the Cat would go on to sire 109 stakes winners worldwide with 48 individual graded or group winners and 10 Grade I winners, including 3-time Eclipse winner Gio Ponti, GI Breeders' Cup Distaff winner Stopchargingmaria, Lion Heart and **Tale of Ekati**. As a broodmare sire, his daughters have supplied 118 stakes winners, 46 graded/group winners and nine Grade I winners including Dortmund (Big Brown) and Amazing Maria (Ire) (Mastercraftsman {Ire}). He also sired 10 'TDN Rising Stars'.

The announcement in its entirety reads: "It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Ashford's elder Statesman - Tale Of The Cat at the age of 30, due to the infirmities of old age. The winner of the 1997 Gr.2 Kings Bishop

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3	C	<b>Maclean's Music</b> -Eleadora	\$107,000	FTN NY-BRED YLG 23	Ill Beautys Thoroughbreds	Fast Horses
4	C	Vekoma-Elusively	\$60,000	FTKOCT YLG 2023	Chad Schumer	Mason Springs
5	F	Unified-Everybody Loves Me	\$5,000	FTI YLG OCT 2023	R. Marie Farms	R. Marie Farms
6	C	<b>Honor A. P.</b> -Family Myth	\$30,000	KEESEP YLG 2023	EA Bloodstock	Wolf Creek Farms
7	F	Vekoma-Here's to Life	\$27,000	FTKOCT YLG 2023	Kings Equine	Kings Equine
9	F	Thousand Words-Hold Me Down	\$8,000	FTI YLG OCT 2023	Aquino Stable	Fast Horses
10	F	<b>Game Winner</b> -J'ray's Sunshine	\$37,000	FTN NY-BRED YLG 23	Kings Equine	Kings Equine
11	C	<b>Audible</b> -Justwalkonby	\$15,000	FTI YLG OCT 2023	Carter Brothers	Wes Carter
12	C	Central Banker-Keepnherinthedark	\$25,000	OBSMAR 2YO 2024	Violeta Racing	Fast Horses
16	F	<b>Tiz the Law</b> -Marcy Darcy	\$10,000	FTI YLG OCT 2023	Lemon Creek Farm	Wes Carter
20	F	Redesdale-Nothin But a Smile	\$3,000	FTN FALL MIXED 22	Luis Seglin	Fast Horses
25	F	Lookin At Lee-Queen Frostine	\$3,000	FTI YLG OCT 2023	R. Marie Farms	R. Marie Farms
28	C	Gunnevera-Releasethe Glacken	\$27,000	OBS YLG SALE 2023	Breandon Draper	Fast Horses
33	C	<b>Spun to Run</b> -Ruby Roan	\$8,000	FTKOCT YLG 2023	Little Farm	Little Farm Equine
35	F	<b>Liam's Map</b> -Sassy Seneca	\$16,000	KEESEP YLG 2023	Moderniza	Crane T'bred Services
36	F	Lord Nelson-Slam's Honor	\$35,000	FTKOCT YLG 2023	Fast Horses	Fast Horses
37	C	Speightster-Solo Survivor	\$25,000	FTKOCT YLG 2023	Fast Horses	Fast Horses
38	C	Hoppertunity-Spanish Dream	\$5,500	FTI YLG OCT 2023	Bargary Garner	R. Marie Farms
39	C	<b>Munnings</b> -Street Rumor	\$140,000	OBSMAR 2YO 2024	Champion Equine	Tom McCrocklin
40	F	Bolt d'Oro-Strike Twice	\$62,000	FTN NY-BRED YLG 23	Kings Equine	Kings Equine
42	F	Vekoma-Summer Shade	\$4,000	KEESEP YLG 2023	Isdel Diaz	Navas Equine
48	F	<b>Catalina Cruiser</b> -Tiger Cat Lilly	\$15,000	KEESEP YLG 2023	Notya Mamma Stable	Crane T'bred Services



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52	C	American Freedom-Unusually Talented	\$26,000	FTKOCT YLG 2023	Eric Aquino	Fast Horses
53	C	McKinzie-Violent Times	\$350,000	FTNSEL YLG SAR 23	Champion Eq./McCrocklin	Tom McCrocklin
55	C	Maximum Security-Argentesque	\$45,000	FTI YLG OCT 2023	Fast Horses	Fast Horses
59	F	Frosted-Balandra Bay	\$27,000	KEESEP YLG 2023	Little Farm Equine	Little Farm Equine
61	F	Country House-Bud's Little Edge	\$15,000	FTKOCT YLG 2023	James Layden	James Layden
62	C	Cairo Prince-Carta de Oro	\$20,000	OBSMAR 2YO 2024	Violeta Racing	Fast Horses
65	C	Dialed In-Chia	\$45,000	KEESEP YLG 2023	Keep the Ball Rollin	Crane T'bred Services
68	C	War of Will-Crown It	\$50,000	FTKOCT YLG 2023	Keiber Rengifo	Fast Horses
69	F	Always Dreaming-Dahteste	\$47,000	FTI YLG OCT 2023	Fast Horses	Fast Horses
70	C	Paynter-Deep in December	\$30,000	FTKOCT YLG 2023	Tom McCrocklin	Tom McCrocklin

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Stakes when partnered by Julie Krone for John Forbes & Phantom House, Tale Of The Cat was bred in Kentucky by Indian Creek, Philip Freedman & Hugo Lascelles Farm. Enjoying an illustrious stud career, he was responsible for over 100 Stakes winners worldwide including three-time Eclipse Award winner Gio Ponti.

"Tale Of The Cat was a brilliant servant, he was a wonderful stallion and has turned into a very good broodmare sire, he was a great horse to get a young mare off to a good start," said Dermot Ryan. "Tale Of The Cat has been at Ashford for 25 years, so was very much part of the family, he was a great character who was loved by all and I would like to thank Richard Barry and all of his staff past and present who cared for him over the years both during his stud career and during his retirement."

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### Metformin, cont. from p1

Until recently, if a metformin-related B sample returns positive--or is waived altogether--the Horseracing Integrity and Welfare Unit (HIWU) had the ability to impose an interim suspension until the case was formally heard, **with the potential** to drastically shake up someone's life and livelihood.

**Earlier this month**, HISA announced that it was deferring all interim suspensions involving metformin until the Racing Medication and Testing Consortium's (RMTC) Scientific Advisory Committee had conducted a review of the available science relating to metformin. The RMTC's review is expected to take months.

The thing is, the RMTC will find scant scientific information available regarding the substance's effect and relevant pharmacokinetics in horses. Nor is it easy to extrapolate the findings from human research to horses, or that from other animals. Indeed, several respected independent experts in the drug testing field declined when asked to comment for this story because of this information desert.

"All of the questions you've posed are certainly worthy, although current research may not provide answers to them," wrote one. "Based on the limited information about this drug's behavior in horses, I am not sure I would be of much help," wrote another.

Until more concrete evidence comes to light, therefore, this drug appears to sit in the cross-hairs of a more philosophical debate.

Given racing's tenuous public standing, is a hardline stance on drugs a necessity for the survival of the sport--even if that approach sometimes results in collateral damage? Or should every effort be made to give the sport's participants discretion in the face of doubt--even if sometimes, a cheat slips through the cracks?

### Pre-HISA

The ARCI classes the drug a category 2 penalty B substance, which comes with a **15-day suspension** (or 60-days with aggravating circumstances) for a first-time offense. According to the ARCI, of the sanctions meted out for the metformin cases pre-HISA, the most severe was a 15-day suspension (and \$2,000 fine) handed to Wesley Ward last year, along with a **separate \$5,000 fine** (and 5-day suspension) handed to Ward in 2022.

HISA, on the other hand, makes it a banned substance that comes with a maximum two-year suspension and \$25,000 fine for a first offense--sanctions meted out to trainer **Jonathon Wong**.

"There is no generally accepted use for metformin in the racehorse, and one of the [Anti-Doping and Medication Control] Program's goals is to protect equine welfare," a HIWU spokesperson wrote.



RTIP - Veronica Branson

The agency claims, too, that it has received whistleblower information that the drug is being administered purposefully to racehorses to enhance performance. When asked for specifics about these whistleblower complaints—including whether any of the accusations have been substantiated—a spokesperson responded that it "cannot comment on ongoing investigations."

While HIWU officials have stressed that regulators are often looking at more than just the detected levels of a substance when adjudicating cases, this still leads to another wrinkle in the debate: What are permissible levels of this drug?

Using the information **in this recent paper** published in **Pferdeheilkunde – Equine Medicine**, the blood metformin level detected in one of Ward's two cases was 4.2 nanograms per milliliter (ng/ml). The paper includes no urine levels for that case.



With just the information provided in the same paper, the highest blood level detected under HISA is at 630 picograms per milliliter (pg/ml), found in Wong's case. One nanogram is 1000-times larger than one picogram.

As for the urine in Wong's case, a metformin level of 242.5 ng/ml was reported. In Ward's other metformin case, the horse tested positive with urine metformin levels of 577 ng/ml. The paper includes no blood levels for that case.

Trainer Guadalupe Munoz Elizondo's case was dismissed after HIWU **established harmonized testing specifications** for metformin, as was the metformin case against trainer Javier Morzan. Levels of metformin at 162 pg/ml had been detected in the blood of Munoz trainee, Quinton's Corner, before the case was dropped.

After a review of the current literature on metformin (which is primarily on humans), the same paper recommends an interim Screening Limit of Detection for metformin of 5 ng/ml in the blood, calling that amount an "irrelevant trace level." That level would clear Wong. The methodology used to determine that level was for therapeutic use as opposed to prohibited substances.

When asked for her thoughts on this recommended threshold, former RMTC executive director and COO and current 1ST Racing chief veterinary officer, Dionne Benson, said that she didn't think "setting the levels just above the concentrations that have been found is the right approach." She advocated, however, for more research into the matter.

"I think that's something worth investigating," said Benson. "With the information we have right now, it's easy to say we don't know. And I think that should go into the consideration that HISA is taking into these suspensions. But a year from now, we might find out that you have to administer it to get these concentrations, and I would be wrong."

## Pathways of Exposure

Metformin is primarily prescribed in humans to help those who suffer type 2 diabetes more readily use the insulin produced in their bodies in order to better regulate blood glucose levels.

Though the drug has been available as a diabetes treatment for decades, **researchers are still figuring out its other benefits**, including as a possible defense against strokes, dementia and other age-related diseases. "We're still learning about all the different things that metformin does to the body," explained Joseph Bertino, a human clinical pharmacologist.

With no discernable use in racehorses, metformin's primary use for horses, explained Benson, is to help ponies and older horses suffering insulin resistance, who are susceptible to foundering.

One key difference between humans and horses is that the drug is excreted much quicker and in larger quantities in horses than in humans. In other words, humans readily absorb a significantly greater amount of the drug than horses do. It's also a chemically stable drug excreted by humans largely unchanged into the environment.

Among the various experts consulted for the story, all said the likeliest route of possible environmental contamination is through a horse eating hay or straw soaked with the urine of someone who takes the drug.

HISA and HIWU have made **public efforts** to warn horsemen and women how best to protect themselves from inadvertent cross-contamination, including maintaining a strict policy against urination in the stables.

At the same time, stakeholders argue that's sometimes easier said than done given the poor and sometimes sparse bathroom amenities at certain backstretches and the fast pace of morning training.

A key detail in this particular argument is just how much straw a racehorse would need to consume to trigger the sorts of levels that have prompted regulatory action under HISA. "With the low bioavailability in horses, that's going to be challenging, especially with a human dose," said Benson.

"I would love to do a calculation to figure out exactly how much straw they would have to actually eat that is covered in urine in order to actually create a dose that would significantly show up an hour after," Benson added.

Another commonly-floated pathway of exposure is the transference of the drug from human to horse--a metformin-using groom, for example, whose hands are coated with the drug.

**In a February TDN letter to the editor**, Bertino poured cold water on this argument, arguing that the polymer coating around many of these typically long-acting pills makes such an occurrence unlikely. Are all metformin pills film coated in this way?

"I could not find metformin that was not film coated, and it's no surprise because generic companies have to be bioequivalent to an approved metformin tablet in order for the FDA to approve their tablets for use and sale," Bertino wrote on an email. "There are immediate release metformin tablets but from what I can tell, they are also film coated to mask the bad taste of the drug."

Bertino said that Latin American countries may manufacture non-film coated drugs. "But I can tell you that in many countries throughout the world, the metformin is film coated," he added.

Robert Holland is an expert in respiratory and infectious diseases and is one of the authors on the paper recommending an interim screening limit of detection for metformin.

He also sits on HISA's lasix advisory committee. In highlighting a general hygiene component to the issue, Holland explained how some tracks are equipped with portable toilets with no ready hand-washing facilities.

"You can see where even when you're thinking you're okay, you may not be," Holland said, and pointed to a study from a few decades ago that found trace levels of urea on the handles of scoops used for children's confectionary.

Given how prodigiously metformin is prescribed, it is a **widely found, near ubiquitous** presence in rivers, lakes, and wastewater effluent across the country. It's even found in tap water. This includes the racetrack where two of the violations were found, according to the HBPA.

When asked about this phenomenon, Benson said how, given all horses stabled at a track drink from the same source, "I would think that if you had that as a true source of contamination causing positives, we would have so many it would overwhelm the system."

Holland, however, suggested the answer is more complicated thanks to variables like the levels of metformin in the water over a period of time and the amount of water consumed by individual horses.

"Could that be constantly going at a low level and then trip a test? I don't know the answer to that," he said. "I don't have dose."

A few years ago, researchers conducted **tests of Charles Town's ship-in stalls**, to determine any presence in the environment of common substances. Metformin was detected in 2 of the 21 stalls swabbed, along with a host of other substances commonly detected in racehorse samples.

Which leads to a common gripe among horsemen and women: That receiving barns across the country are often contaminated with the remains of prior horses, and that they are in the sort of poor physical shape that makes thoroughly disinfecting them difficult.

The British Horseracing Authority (BHA) has four pages of strict requirements for the cleanliness of racetrack stables, including the removal of all bedding, "steam cleaning or pressure hosing all surfaces," and chemical disinfectant before a new horse can enter the stable. Tracks in the UK face possible sanctions for not adhering to the rules.

HISA's regulations on the same topic **are scant** in comparison, with HISA's safety officers given a broad set of vaguely-written tasks, which includes requiring them to "monitor" common areas such as the receiving barns for cleanliness.

When asked, a HISA spokesperson wrote that no tracks have been officially sanctioned for receiving barn violations. However, "should the accreditation team identify deficiencies, the racetrack's accreditation could be impacted," the spokesperson added.

HIWU is silent on how many metformin positives are from ship-in runners, writing that "HIWU does not track this data." Only one published decision discloses this info—for Wong,

whose horse had shipped into Horseshoe Indianapolis. All of which leads to another possible feature of the environmental contamination argument: The accumulative effects from multiple exposures. In other words, could the combined exposure to metformin-using grooms who haven't washed their hands, to dirty ship-in stalls and to drinking water laced with metformin all combined result in a positive test? "To me, if you look at these multiple stream arguments, most of those, with the exception of

drinking water, you can control," said Benson.

She added that metformin is one of **many commonly prescribed drugs** that are found in U.S. waterways, and is one of several common substances detected in receiving barns. She suggested that in using this argument, it would be fair to expect an array of common substances appearing more ubiquitously in tests.

Holland was more cautious when asked about this possibility. He said that metformin behaved differently to many other substances commonly found in the environment, and added how intentional illicit administration of a drug would often result in a rash of positives within the same barn.

"People recognize that we come into contact with different sources, and sometimes we just don't know all the sources," said Holland. "We think that [people urinating in the stalls] is the likely source, but we just don't know. And at the same time, if you read our peer review paper, at those levels [which prompt regulatory action], it wouldn't have a biologic effect on the horse at all."



Sarah Andrew



## Performance Enhancer?

The research into the possible performance enhancing effects of the drug is centered around metformin's impacts on humans. This [recent blog post](#)--shared on social media and forwarded to the TDN by a HISA executive during the reporting of this story--lists some of the key studies showing how it might impact human athletic performance.

In summarizing the study findings, the author makes the following claim: "Metformin may enhance exercise performance during short-high-intensity exercise, similar to what thoroughbred racing demands. However, metformin may also inhibit fitness gains if taken continually in the long term."

*(Note: The TDN reached out to the author of the blog multiple times for a name and their credentials but received no response).*

Does the scientific literature, however, support such a claim? HIWU declined to "speak to metformin as a performance-enhancing substance in racehorses."

The authors of the paper advocating for a metformin screening limit of detection are more circumspect. "The scientific literature is mixed on whether Metformin has an effect on athletic performance on any species at any plasma concentration," they write, before adding:

"A meta-analysis evaluating this group of scientific papers concludes that, overall, these studies failed to show any effect of Metformin on indices of athletic performance, other than an increased rating of perceived exertion."

When asked the same question, Benson was similarly cautious. "We have a lot of mixed and unknown information," she said, before raising the idea that trying to confirm one way or the other metformin's possible performance enhancing properties might be the wrong question to ask.

"We almost look at every drug the wrong way, at least on the regulatory side. It is difficult if not impossible to prove effect. What I mean is, I don't know that we can show even if a horse won by 30 lengths--so that's what, six seconds?--that there was a statistically significant effect of a drug," said Benson.

"The problem we have is that horse races are won or lost by inches, not 30 lengths, and I don't know that I would be able to ever definitely prove what improved a horse a length or two," she said.

## Lab Variability

Towards the end of last year, metformin proved central to a key obstacle as HISA works towards drug testing uniformity--the [issue of laboratory variability](#).

Internal reviews of the [\(at the time\) six HIWU-contracted laboratories](#) uncovered different limits of detection in blood for metformin. Indeed, all metformin positives up to that point [originated from just the one lab](#).

The laboratory-related issues that HISA has faced in properly policing the drug were grandfathered in. Pre-HISA, every lab had different drug-testing sensitivities, and a lot of discretion was given by the state regulators in how they approached enforcement, said Benson.

"There was an inherent inconsistency because the labs had different levels and the commissions potentially had the option to decide whether they wanted to pursue a finding," said Benson.

At the end of last year, HIWU announced that it had harmonized "testing sensitivity" across its contracted labs, to ensure they were screening for metformin at the same levels in blood and urine.


A HIWU spokesperson wrote that since then, "more than one laboratory has reported the presence of metformin in an A Sample," though added they could not disclose which ones, other than Industrial Laboratories in Colorado.

In the same vein, have any metformin positives been kept from public disclosure or dismissed before any regulatory action was taken? "HIWU cannot comment on cases or findings that have not been publicly disclosed in accordance with the ADMC Program rules," the agency spokesperson wrote.

The Federation Equestre Internationale (FEI) lists metformin a "Prohibited Substance-Controlled Medication," for use in the treatment of equine metabolic syndrome. There are no withdrawal guidelines, however. The FEI did not respond to multiple attempts for an interview on this story.

International efforts are underway to "harmonize" a regulatory approach to the drug, according to a renowned animal sports medication and doping control expert, who asked to remain anonymous.

"Obviously, the aim within Europe and North America is to achieve a harmonized approach at both a national and international level. Metformin, however, presents several challenges. Neither screening limits or international thresholds in the strictest sense of their definitions are appropriate applications and so the likes of harmonized, scientifically based reporting limits come more into consideration," the expert wrote in an email.




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All of which leaves this final question: Is there another way of testing for metformin to determine whether it was administered intentionally to a racehorse at a high dose? According to Holland, hair testing offers that possibility.

"If we are still learning about potential sources and if we are unsure, hair testing would be an avenue that would help us," said Holland. "If you're seeing a horse that's getting a lot of a drug, you'll see it in the hair."

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## FASHIONABLE FILLIES LUNCHEON TO HONOR THE LATE NANCY KELLY

The Jockey Club Safety Net Foundation will host its annual Fashionable Fillies Luncheon honoring their former Executive Director, the late Nancy Kelly who, over the course of her 32-year career, helped thousands of individuals in need in addition to organizing fundraising events and creating the inaugural Fashionable Fillies Luncheon. The event will be held in Saratoga Springs, N.Y., at Saratoga National Golf Club Monday, August 5.

The theme of this year's luncheon is 'All Things Nancy!'. The event will feature shopping for handbags from Kent Stetson and Lisi Lerch, shoes from Violet's of Saratoga, hats by Christine A. Moore, Patty Tobin Jewelry, and teaser spa and salon services, including HydraFacials, from Complexions Spa for Beauty and Wellness. There will be an Italian menu chosen by Angelo Mazzone's team and Jackson Family wines.

"This event is an important fundraiser for The Jockey Club Safety Net Foundation, whose mission is to assist those in need in the racing industry," said Executive Director of The Jockey Club Safety Net Foundation Shannon Kelly. "Common colds, broken bones, disease, family emergencies, the need for suitable clothing, holiday celebrations, and warm meals are all within the scope. This cause was near and dear to Nancy's heart. She immersed herself in every case and was a nurturing and calming force for many who sought us out. Her smile was captivating, and her thoughtfulness and love were present in all that she did. For Nancy, it was personal. She grew our foundation into what it is today, and she will be forever missed."

Tickets and sponsorship opportunities are available [here](#).

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## HISA TO HOST PAIR OF EDUCATIONAL WEBINARS AHEAD OF UPCOMING RULE CHANGES



**Lisa Lazarus** | *Carley Storm*

The Horseracing Integrity and Safety Authority (HISA) will hold a pair of educational webinars ahead of upcoming rule changes that will go into effect July 8. The first, aimed towards trainers, will take place Monday, July 1 at 2 p.m. and will cover the impact of the modified rules along with a Q&A on the changes. To register and/or submit questions, click [here](#). The HISA Town Hall series will continue with a one-hour webinar Monday, July 8 at 2 p.m. and will also include an overview on the major rule changes along with a Q&A. This event is open to all racing participants and the general public. Speakers will include HISA CEO Lisa Lazarus, HISA Director of Equine Safety & Welfare Dr. Jennifer Durenberger, HISA Director of Stewarding & State Racing Commission Relations Marc Guilfoil and HISA Director of Racetrack Safety Ann McGovern.

“We look forward to having an insightful session on the updates to the Racetrack Safety Rules,” said Lazarus. “Protecting the health and wellbeing of every horse and jockey is paramount to our mission at HISA, and these updates continue our collective journey towards a safer sport. We thank the many stakeholders whose constructive feedback helped us develop these rule modifications and greatly appreciate the industry’s continued support and collaboration.”

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2	First Mission	<b>Street Sense</b>	Godolphin, LLC	Cox	Geroux	124
3	Happy American 🌿	<b>Runhappy</b>	Neil L. Pessin	Pessin	Lanerie	124
4	Disarm	<b>Gun Runner</b>	Winchell Thoroughbreds, LLC	Asmussen	Rosario	124
5	Dreamlike 🌿	<b>Gun Runner</b>	Repole Stable and St. Elias Stable	Pletcher	Ortiz, Jr.	124
6	Classic Causeway	Giant's Causeway	Old Kentucky Home, LLC	McPeck	Leparoux	124
7	Kingsbarns	<b>Uncle Mo</b>	Spendthrift Farm, LLC	Pletcher	Saez	124
8	Steal Sunshine	<b>Constitution</b>	Michael & Jules Iavarone, Carrie L. Brogden, Kevin J. Pollard, Ed Gorry and David Menard	Dibona	Lopez	124
9	Skippylongstocking 🌿	Exaggerator	Daniel Alonso	Joseph, Jr.	Ortiz	124

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**Saturday, Churchill Downs #7, post time: 3:52 p.m. EDT**

**WISE DAN S.-GII**, \$500,000, 4yo/up, 1 1/16mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Strong Tide	English Channel	Penny S. Lauer	Lauer	Esquivel	118
2	Ottoman Fleet (GB)	<b>Sea The Stars (Ire)</b>	Godolphin, LLC	Appleby	Prat	120
3	Chasing the Crown	Skipshot	Paradise Farms Corp., David Staudacher, and Angelo Carlesimo	Maker	Rosario	118
4	Johnny's Fireball 🌿	<b>Tonalist</b>	AJ Suited Racing Stable, LLC, D C Racing, and Brilliant Racing, LLC	Casse	Gaffalione	118
5	Win for the Money	Mohaymen	Live Oak Plantation	Casse	Ortiz	118
6	Exaulted 🌿	<b>Twirling Candy</b>	C R K Stable, LLC	Eurton	Hernandez	118

**Breeders:** 1-Michael E. Lauer & Penny S. Lauer, 2-SCEA Marmion Vauville & Alain Jathiere, 3-Mikhail Yanakov, 4-R. S. Evans, 5-Kenneth L. Ramsey & Sarah K. Ramsey, 6-Jack Swain III

**Saturday, Churchill Downs #8, post time: 4:25 p.m. EDT**

**FASIG-TIPTON FLEUR DE LIS S.-GII**, \$500,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/8m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Free Like a Girl	El Deal	Gerald Bruno Jr, C. Deville, Chasey Deville Pomier and Jerry Caroom	Pomier	Lanerie	119
2	Shotgun Hottie	<b>Gun Runner</b>	Omar Aldabbagh and Jeff Ganje	DeVaux	Lopez	119
3	Taxed 🌿	<b>Collected</b>	Richard Bahde	Morse	Hernandez, Jr.	119
4	Scylla	<b>Tapit</b> Juddmonte	Mott	Castellano	121	
5	Occult 🌿	Into Mischief	Alpha Delta Stables	Brown	Ortiz, Jr.	119
6	Xigera 🌿	<b>Nyquist</b>	Rigney Racing, LLC	Bauer	Leparoux	121

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1	<b>Good Magic</b> (2015) by <b>Curlin</b>	3	4	3	3	2	2	66	25	\$1,494,875	\$3,972,168
		FYR: 2020/Crops: 3/Stands: Hill 'n' Dale at Xalapa KY/Fee: 125,000 Dornoch									
2	<b>Goldencents</b> (2010) by <b>Into Mischief</b>	1	5	1	2	1	1	97	33	<b>\$4,070,050</b>	<b>\$5,856,778</b>
		FYR: 2016/Crops: 7/Stands: Spendthrift Farm KY/Fee: 10,000 Mystik Dan									
3	<b>Into Mischief</b> (2005) by <b>Harlan's Holiday</b>	7	12	5	7	1	2	<b>125</b>	<b>46</b>	\$697,500	\$5,563,228
		FYR: 2010/Crops: 13/Stands: Spendthrift Farm KY/Fee: 250,000 Timberlake									
4	<b>Justify</b> (2015) by <b>Scat Daddy</b>	6	18	2	10	1	6	93	30	\$1,124,380	\$5,397,201
		FYR: 2020/Crops: 3/Stands: Coolmore Ashford KY/Fee: Private City of Troy									
5	<b>Gun Runner</b> (2013) by <b>Candy Ride (Arg)</b>	3	9	2	4	1	1	67	23	\$2,021,250	\$4,507,158
		FYR: 2019/Crops: 4/Stnds: Three Chimneys Farm KY/Fee: Private Sierra Leone									
6	<b>Arrogate</b> (2013) by <b>Unbridled's Song</b>	4	5	1	3	1	1	59	22	\$1,738,800	\$3,735,767
		FYR: 2019/Crops: 3/Stands: Juddmonte Farms USA (Dead) Seize the Grey									
7	<b>City of Light</b> (2014) by <b>Quality Road</b>	1	5	1	3	1	1	57	25	\$601,100	\$1,988,784
		FYR: 2020/Crops: 3/Stands: Lane's End Farm KY/Fee: 35,000 Fierceness									
8	<b>Fast Anna</b> (2011) by <b>Medaglia d'Oro</b>	1	2	1	1	1	1	20	11	\$1,515,050	\$1,926,962
		FYR: 2017/Crops: 5/Stands: Three Chimneys Farm USA (Dead) Thorpedo Anna									
9	<b>Buccherro</b> (2012) by <b>Kantharos</b>	1	5	1	1	1	1	60	23	\$605,000	\$1,695,076
		FYR: 2020/Crops: 3/Stnds: McMahon of Saratoga TBs NY/Fee: 7,500 Book'em Danno									
10	<b>Ghostzapper</b> (2000) by <b>Awesome Again</b>	2	3	2	2	1	1	43	18	\$682,800	\$1,393,417
		FYR: 2007/Crops: 16/Stands: Hill 'n' Dale at Xalapa KY/Fee: 75,000 Stronghold									
11	<b>Constitution</b> (2011) by <b>Tapit</b>	4	10	3	6	--	2	113	40	\$1,297,000	\$4,665,782
		FYR: 2017/Crops: 6/Stands: WinStar Farm KY/Fee: 110,000 Catching Freedom									
12	<b>Audible</b> (2015) by <b>Into Mischief</b>	4	7	2	5	--	--	83	33	\$450,150	\$2,980,234
		FYR: 2021/Crops: 2/Stands: WinStar Farm KY/Fee: 15,000 My Mane Squeeze									
13	<b>Omaha Beach</b> (2016) by <b>War Front</b>	5	10	1	3	--	2	78	25	\$320,400	\$2,599,444
		FYR: 2021/Crops: 2/Stands: Spendthrift Farm KY/Fee: 40,000 E J Won the Cup									
14	<b>Oscar Performance</b> (2014) by <b>Kitten's Joy</b>	3	7	2	4	--	--	51	23	\$546,880	\$2,520,970
		FYR: 2020/Crops: 3/Stands: Mill Ridge Farm KY/Fee: 25,000 Trikari									
15	<b>Mendelssohn</b> (2015) by <b>Scat Daddy</b>	2	5	1	1	--	--	119	41	\$168,451	\$2,455,824
		FYR: 2020/Crops: 3/Stands: Coolmore Ashford KY/Fee: 15,000 Mendelssohn Bay									

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**POWER BY FAR S.**, \$100,000, Parx Racing, 6-24, (S), 3yo/up, f/m, 5fT, :57.19, fm.

1--**DONTLOOKBACKATALL, 128, f, 4, Peace and Justice--Celtic Arch, by Arch.** (\$150,000 2yo '22 OBSMAR). O-West Point Thoroughbreds, Scarlet Oak Racing & Titledown Racing Stables; B-A1A Racing (PA); T-Christophe Clement; J-Irad Ortiz Jr. \$57,600. Lifetime Record: 12-5-5-0, \$377,290. \*1/2 to En Wye Cee (Declaration of War), GSP, \$196,270.

2--**Organized Chaos**, 123, f, 4, Weigelia--Harmonic Miss, by Subordination. **1ST BLACK-TYPE.** O-Tom Coulter; B-Arrowwood Farm Inc. (PA); T-Erin C McClellan. \$19,200.

3--**Eight Danzas**, 123, m, 6, Danza--Eight Dancers, by Capitano. O/B-Paladin of PA & Fox Tale Racing Stable (PA); T-Alan Bedard. \$9,600.

Margins: 3/4, 5 3/4, 3/4. Odds: 0.20, 20.60, 62.20.

Also Ran: Princess Runaway, Disco Ebo, Aoife's Magic, Boss Like Beth, Always Mia, Midnight in Alaska. Scratched: Flamingo Way, My Hunny Bunny, Shoshanah.



**Dontlookbackatall (left) | Equi-Photo**

Having finished outside the top three just twice in her previous 11 starts, Dontlookbackatall took out a grassy six-furlong allowance at Aqueduct last September ahead of a runner-up effort to the talented Danse Macabre (**Army Mule**) in the Glen Cove Stakes the next month. A comebacking second in Gulfstream allowance company Mar. 31, the dark bay earned her first stakes success by a neck in the May 5 License Fee Stakes at the Big A.

Heavily favored in this restricted spot with Irad Ortiz, Jr. in to ride, Dontlookbackatall prompted the pace outside of longshot Organized Chaos, stuck her head in front at the furlong grounds and outbattled her rival to the line. Steve Young purchased dam Celtic Arch for \$260,000 as a FTKOCT yearling in 2011 and signed the ticket in the name of his A1A Racing when he paid \$3,000 for the mare in foal to Trappe Shot at KEENOV in 2018. Celtic Arch, the dam of a 2-year-old Peace and Justice filly, was most recently hammered down to Stone Farm for \$125,000 at KEENOV last fall and produced a **War Front** filly this season. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

**NIAGARA S. (NB)**, \$50,000, Finger Lakes, 6-24, (S), 3yo, f, 6f, 1:12.41, ft.

1--**SWEET BROWN SUGAR, 124, f, 3, Collected--Rachel's Blue Moon, by Bodemeister.** (\$10,000 Ylg '22 SARAUG; \$32,000 2yo '23 OBSOPN). O-Richie Rich Racing Stable; B-Chester & Mary R Broman (NY); T-Paul W Barrow; J-Jeremias Flores. \$30,000. Lifetime Record: SW, 7-5-0-1, \$180,500.

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2--**Love Thyself**, 119, f, 3, Solomini--Miss Narcissist, by Freud. (\$28,000 Ylg '22 SARAUG). O-Windylea Farm LLC; B-Davie Bloodstock & Gerard Stuchbury (NY); T-Jonathan B Buckley. \$10,000.

3--**Dorth's Sol Dancer**, 119, f, 3, Solomini--Secret Candy, by **Candy Ride (Arg).** (\$40,000 2yo '23 OBSAPR). O-SJB Stable; B-Christopher Shelli & Ray DeStefano (NY); T-M Anthony Ferraro. \$5,500.

Margins: 5HF, HF, 8 1/4. Odds: 0.05, 25.50, 9.30.

Also Ran: Dreamery, Sevens Up. Scratched: A Thousand Plans.

Sweet Brown Sugar was perfect in two runs at this venue last season, including a facile success in the Shesastonecoldfox Stakes, and was exiting a first black-type victory as a 6-1 chance in the Mar. 17 East View Stakes at Aqueduct. Accordingly bet off the board for this non black-type contest, Sweet Brown Sugar was soon in front and set an easy pace, then widened through the final furlong and a half to prove a much-the-best winner. Rachel's Blue Moon, a daughter of MSW & GISP Beautiful But Blue (El Corredor) and a half-sister to MSP Montebello (**Curlin**), was purchased by Full Throttle Racing for \$11,000 in foal to **Honest Mischief** at the 2022 Fasig-Tipton Fall Mixed Sale in Saratoga, but has not produced a life foal since Sweet Brown Sugar. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#).**



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**7th-Parx Racing, \$52,480, Msw, 6-24, 2yo, 4 1/2f, :54.18, ft, 4 lengths.**

**BABY DUKES (c, 2, Maximus Mischief--Flatter's Secret, by Flatter)**, a \$130,000 Fasig-Tipton Midlantic yearling, was hammered into 2-5 while debuting for the same connections that raced this GII Remsen Stakes-winning sire. Under a hustling ride from Mychel Sanchez from the bell, the Pennsylvania-bred dueled outside a rival into the turn, was asked for his best on the swing for home and was just being shown the whip through the final sixteenth of a mile en route to a four-length graduation. The winner's dam was most recently covered by Wicked Strong. Sales history: \$130,000 Ylg '23 EASOCT. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$35,280. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

O-Cash is King LLC & LC Racing; B-William E Riddle (PA); T-Robert E Reid Jr.

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**3rd-Parx Racing, \$45,760, Msw, 6-24, 2yo, f, 4.5f, :55.65, ft, nk. HOLLYWOOD BEAUTY (f, 2, Honor A. P.--America's Friend {SW, \$284,244}, by Unusual Heat)** became the second debut winner and third overall for her freshman sire (by Honor Code) with a determined effort in the season's first baby race in suburban Philly. Off at odds of 10-1, the bay was void of early speed despite being asked for it and raced in fifth of the six runners into the turn. Improving her position inside approaching the quarter pole, Hollywood Beauty continued to gain, was shifted to the inside of the well-backed Mischief Maxey (Maximus Mischief) with time ticking away and was along late to score narrowly. A half-sister to America's Tale (Gio Ponti), GSW, \$405,853, Hollywood Beauty is the seventh winner out of a stakes-winning full-sister to Bel Air Sizzle, a two-time stakes winner in Cal-bred company and runner-up in the 2008 GI Del Mar Oaks. America's Friend is also a sister to GSP Starspangled Heat. Hollywood Beauty is the second winner over the past few days produced by Unusual Heat mares, joining Warming (**Global Campaign**), who graduated at first asking on the turf at Aqueduct June 21. America's Friend is the dam of a yearling filly by **Independence Hall** and was most recently bred to **Mandaloun**. Sales history: \$30,000 Wlg '22 KEENOV; \$8,000 Ylg '23 FTKOCT. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$25,200. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.** O-Albert R Lupcho Jr; B-M Auerbach LLC & Catherine Parke (KY); T-Jacinto Solis.

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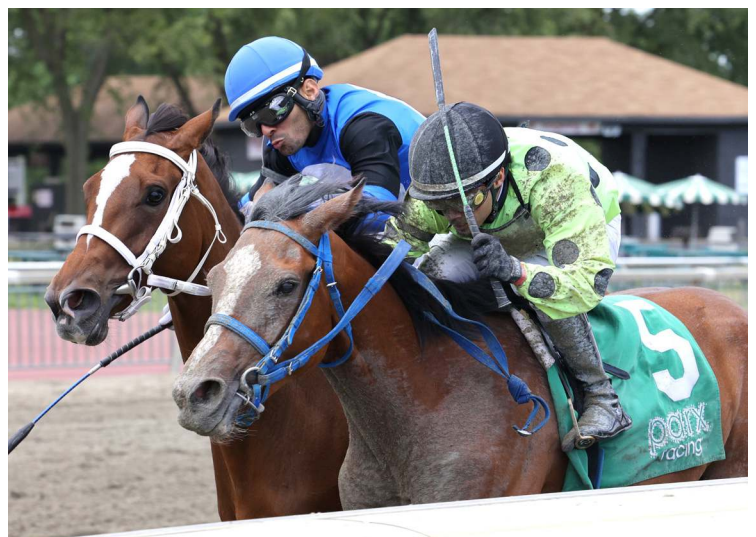


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**8th-Horseshoe Indianapolis, \$32,000, Msw, 6-24, 2yo, f,**  
7 1/2ft, 1:32.71, fm, 2 1/4 lengths.

**TIGERISH (f, 2, Tiz the Law--Lerici, by Woodman)** kicked home nicely once produced by Declan Cannon to become the second winner for her first-crop sire (by **Constitution**). Away alertly from gate five, the \$25,000 KEESEP yearling settled between horses in the second flight through the opening five furlongs. Finding plenty when popped the question turning for home, Tigerish exchanged a sound bump with an outside rival in upper stretch and showed a nice turn of foot thereafter to score convincingly. That Tigerish might excel on the grass is no real surprise, as she is kin to three full stakes winners on the surface: **Avenge (War Front)**, MGISW, \$868,341; **Liguria (War Front)**, GSW, \$242,200; and **Lira (Giant's Causeway)**, MSW & GSP, \$163,669, in turn the dam of turf SW **Lia Marina (Uncle Mo)**. Tigerish is also related to **Pistoletto (War Front)**, GSP-Eng, SP-Ire, \$151,566. The most recent produce from Lerici is a yearling colt by **Uncle Mo** and she most recently visited **Practical Joke**. Sales history: \$25,000 Ylg '23 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$19,200. **Click for the Equibase.com chart.**

O-Christian & Isabol Hays and Eddie Kenneally; B-Newstead Corp (KY); T-Eddie Kenneally.

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**IN JAPAN:**

**Escale, c, 3, American Pharoah--Pretty Girl (Arg)** (G1SW-Arg, MGSP-US, SP-Fr, \$229,181), by Harlan's Holiday. Kyoto, 6-23, Allowance, 1200m. Lifetime Record: 10-3-2-2, \$250,814. O-Koji Maeda; B-Bonne Chance Farm LLC (KY); T-Hideyuki Mori. \*\$310,000 Ylg '22 KEESEP.

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**Assurbanipal, c, 3, Arrogate.** See 'US-Bred & -Sired Winners in Japan'

**Ecoro Neo, c, 3, Bernardini--Smoke Signals (GSP), by Street Sense.** Mombetsu, 6-19, Allowance, 1200m. Lifetime Record: 4-1-1-0, \$21,215. O-Masatoshi Haramura; B-Kathleen Schweizer & Daniel Burke (KY); T-Hideyuki Mori. \*1/2 to Smokie Eyes (**Nyquist**), MSP, \$156,050. \*\*\$110,000 Ylg '22 KEESEP; \$300,000 2yo '23 OBSMAR.

**Kafuji Nihonium, c, 3, Kitten's Joy--Broken Dreams (MGSW, \$394,072), by Broken Vow.** Hakodate, 6-23, Maiden, 1000m. Lifetime Record: 7-1-1-1, \$63,229. O-Mamoru Kato; B-Glen Hill Farm (KY); T-Yoshito Yahagi. \*1/2 to Caribou Club (City Zip), MGSW-US, GSW-Can, \$751,848. \*\*\$190,000 Ylg '22 KEESEP.

**Static Bouquet, f, 3, Practical Joke--Sovereign Halo,** by Haynesfield. Sonoda, 6-20, Allowance, 1400m. Lifetime Record: 5-1-0-0, \$20,890. O-Normandy Thoroughbred Racing; B-Gerty Bloodstock (KY); T-Hisashi Shimizu. \*\$50,000 Wlg '21 KEENOV; \$100,000 Ylg '22 KEESEP.

**IN SOUTH KOREA:**

**Velox Boy, c, 3, Classic Empire--Aspen Hilltop,** by Bernardini. Seoul, 6-22, Hcp. (C4), 1400m. B-Cove Springs LLC (KY). \*\$27,000 Ylg '22 KEEJAN; \$32,500 Ylg '22 FTKJUL; \$85,000 2yo '23 OBSAPR. \*\*1/2 to Renio Joy (Arg) (Fortify), SW & GSP-Arg.

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**Fair Skies**, c, 3, **Midshipman**--Glimpse (MSP), by Touch Gold. Seoul, 6-23, Hcp. (C4), 1200m. B-Mr & Mrs Charles McGinnes (MD). \*\$50,000 Ylg '22 FTMOCT; \$20,000 2yo '23 OBSAPR.

**VIDEO (SC 11)**

**IN RUSSIA:**

**Jamila Maf**, f, 2, **McKinzie**--Giant Remex (Arg) (MGSW-Arg, \$116,750), by Giant's Causeway. Krasnodar, 6-22, Goryanka S. (Rus-G3, NBT), 1200m. B-Don Alberto Corporation (KY). \*\$12,000 Ylg '23 KEESEP.

**Nimble Boy**, c, 2, **Upstart**--Funfortheholidays, by Harlan's Holiday. Krasnodar, 6-22, Allowance, 1200m. B-Schultz Family Racing (KY). \*\$32,000 Wlg '22 KEENOV. \*\*Won by about seven lengths to stay perfect in two starts.

**Smart Angel**, f, 3, **Cupid**--Angelic Lady (Ire), by Sadler's Wells. Krasnodar, 6-24, Krasnodar Oaks (Rus-G1, NBT), 2400m. B-Vartan Vartanov (KY).

**Tap Leader**, c, 3, **Tapiture**--Others Will Follow, by Jimmy Creed. Krasnodar, 6-22, Anilin S. (Rus-G2, NBT), 2000m. B-Vartan Vartanov (KY). \*Won by eight lengths.

**Perfect Boy**, c, 3, **Upstart**--Taaffeite, by Gemologist. Krasnodar, 6-22, Allowance, 2000m. B-Eric Buckley (KY). \*\$37,000 RNA Wlg '21 KEENOV; \$40,000 Ylg '22 FTKOCT. \*\*Won by about 10 lengths.

**IN MEXICO:**

**Global Crown**, c, 2, **Global Campaign**--Langcita, by Langfuhr. Hipodromo de las Americas, 6-21, Maiden, 5 1/2f. B-Brereton C Jones (KY). \*Third winner for freshman sire (by **Curlin**). \*\*\$1,000 Ylg '23 KEESEP. \*\*\*1/2 to Hold Her Tight (Proud Citizen), GSP, \$137,400.

**Quitate d'Ai**, f, 3, **Kitten's Joy**--Jala Jala (Mex) (Horse of the Year, Ch. Older Mare & Ch. 3yo Filly-Mex, MSW & GSP-US, \$354,668), by Point Determined. Hipodromo de las Americas, 6-21, Maiden, 6 1/2f. B-St George Stables LLC (KY). \*1ST-TIME STARTER.

**IN PERU:**

**Jatosisa**, f, 3, **Tale of Ekati**--Now Champagne, by Tiznow. Monterrico, 6-22, Allowance, 1000m. B-Charles Fipke (KY). \*\$7,000 Ylg '22 KEESEP. **VIDEO (SC 3)**

**Saturday's Results:**

**10th-Tokyo, ¥29,960,000 (\$187,610), Allowance, 3yo/up, 1600m, 1:35.1, my.**

**ASSURBANIPAL (c, 3, Arrogate--Georgie's Angel {GSW, \$129,564}, by Bellamy Road)** was the easy winner of a first-level allowance over this course and distance May 18 and was the 1-10 mortal to continue his progression here. Away only fairly from gate 11, the New York-bred traveled slightly worse than midfield and well off the inside rail through the opening half-mile. In hand, but wide on the turn, Assurbanipal switched out to the center of the course, advanced steadily to lead with just less than a furlong to race and bravely held off a late bid from 9-1 second favorite Rata Forest (Jpn) (Pyro) for the victory. "He is a quality horse," said winning jockey Christophe Lemaire. "He didn't like the kickback, but when I wheeled him out, he responded quickly." Georgie's Angel, winner of the 2011 GIII Schuylerville Stakes, produced a colt from the second crop of Arrogate in 2020 and was purchased by Kathleen Schweizer's Longford Farm for \$75,000 back in foal to the late Juddmonte stallion at that year's Keeneland November Sale. The foal of 2020 made \$210,000 as a weanling at the same auction and was subsequently hammered down to Three Amigos for \$550,000 at the 2021 Keeneland September Sale. Under the care of Bob Baffert, Cave Rock (\$748,000) would proceed to win the GI Del Mar Futurity and GI **American Pharoah** Stakes. ahead of a runner-up effort in the 2022 GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile. Two days after Cave Rock was named a '**TDN Rising Star**' on his career debut, Assurbanipal was purchased by Michael Sucher's Champion Equine for a sales-topping \$700,000 at the Fasig-Tipton New York-Bred Sale in Saratoga and a handful of months later, fetched \$1.05 million from Katsumi Yoshida at the OBS March Sale. Georgie's Angel is also responsible for the newly named 2-year-old filly Lakeside (Improbable), a \$135,000 purchase by Solis/Litt at FTNAUG last summer, a yearling filly by **Connect** and a filly from the initial crop of **Flightline** foaled Apr. 25. Georgie's Angel was to visit **Good Magic** this season. Sales history: \$700,000 Ylg '22 FTNAUG; \$1,050,000 2yo '23 OBSMAR. Lifetime Record: 4-3-1-0, \$217,574. **VIDEO (SC 11)** O-Kazumi Yoshida; B-Kathleen Schweizer (NY); T-Hiroyasu Tanaka.



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**IN AUSTRALIA:**

**Ndola (Aus)**, c, 2, **Justify**--Hear The Chant (Aus) (GSW-Aus, \$291,830), by Nicconi (Aus). Pakenham, 6-24, Maiden, 1200m (AWT), 1:10.16. B-P B Devitt (Vic). \*1ST-TIME STARTER.



**FIRST-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: TUESDAY, JUNE 25**

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**Instagrاند** (Into Mischief), Taylor Made Farm, \$7,500  
135 foals of racing age/2 winners/0 black-type winners  
6-Horseshoe Indianapolis, 4:45 p.m. EDT, Msw 5f, Streaking, 8-1

**Instilled Regard** (Arch), Taylor Made Farm, \$7,500  
50 foals of racing age/2 winners/0 black-type winners  
6-Horseshoe Indianapolis, 4:45 p.m. EDT, Msw 5f, Studio Hall, 9-2

**Isotherm** (Lonhro {Aus}), Swifty Farms  
19 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners  
6-Horseshoe Indianapolis, 4:45 p.m. EDT, Msw 5f, Toodle Loo, 7-2  
\$50,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$75,000 RNA OBS MAR 2yo

**McKinzie** (**Street Sense**), Gainesway Farm, \$30,000  
170 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners  
6-Horseshoe Indianapolis, 4:45 p.m. EDT, Msw 5f, **McKinzie**  
Magic, 20-1  
\$3,500 KEE SEP yrl

**Vekoma** (**Candy Ride** {Arg}), Spendthrift Farm, \$15,000  
161 foals of racing age/8 winners/0 black-type winners  
6-Horseshoe Indianapolis, 4:45 p.m. EDT, Msw 5f, Vekomancer, 5-2  
\$95,000 FTK FEB wnl; \$90,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$210,000 OBS MAR 2yo

**SECOND-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: TUESDAY, JUNE 25**

*2024 Stud Fees Listed*

**Solomini** (**Curlin**), McMahan of Saratoga Thoroughbreds, \$7,500  
142 foals of racing age/23 winners/4 black-type winners  
6-Finger Lakes, 3:40 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2f, Intentionous, 10-1  
\$5,500 RNA EAS OCT yrl

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**STAKES RESULTS:**

**CROWD PLEASER S.**, \$100,000, Parx Racing, 6-24, (S), 3yo, 1 1/16mT, 1:44.26, fm.

1--**TREVESSO, 121, c, 3, by Kitten's Joy**

**1st Dam: Setubal, by The Factor**

**2nd Dam: Yadira, by Pulpit**

**3rd Dam: Heavenly Cat, by Tabasco Cat**

**1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN.** O-Runnymoore Racing, LLC; B-Gregory & Caroline Bentley Breeders (PA); T-Cathal A. Lynch; J-Jorge Ruiz. \$57,600. Lifetime Record: 5-2-0-1, \$111,710.

2--**Capo**, 126, g, 3, Peace and Justice--Seven Dreams, by Majestic Warrior. O/T-Jacinto Solis; B-A1A Racing (PA). \$19,200.

3--**Max Barley**, 121, g, 3, Well Spelled--Pink Elephant, by Activist. **1ST BLACK-TYPE.** O-Robert E Curley & Judith M Barrett; B-Godstonefarm LLC (PA); T-Michael Zalalas. \$9,600. Margins: 1HF, HD, 3 1/4. Odds: 1.80, 8.40, 42.20.

**BUDWEISER S.**, \$50,000, Emerald Downs, 6-23, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:07.98, ft.

1--**NEIMAN, 123, g, 4, Munnings--Tizacity, by Tizway. 1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN.** (\$210,000 Ylg '21 FTKOCT; \$50,000 2yo '22 OBSAPR). O-Mike Abraham, Leslie Amestoy & Pierre Jean Amestoy Jr; B-Three Lyons Racing LLC & HTH Enterprises (KY); T-Justin R Evans; J-Luis R Reyes. \$27,500. Lifetime Record: 6-4-0-1, \$96,275.





2--**Slew's Tiz Whiz**, 121, g, 6, Slew's Tiznow--Ros's Girl, by Rosberg. O-Slew's Crew Racing; B-Karl Krieg (WA); T-Tom Wenzel. \$10,000.

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3--**Papa's Golden Boy**, 123, g, 8, Harbor the Gold--Brookie Girl, by Proud Citizen. (\$9,000 Ylg '17 WASSEP). O-Lusk Racing; B-Bar C Racing Stables Inc (WA); T-Vince Gibson. \$6,000.

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Margins: 1HF, 1 3/4, NK. Odds: 18.93, 3.00, 2.44.

**ONTARIO COUNTY S. (NB)**, \$50,000, Finger Lakes, 6-24, (S), 3yo, 6f, 1:12.92, ft.

1--**MISCHIEF JOKE**, 124, c, 3, **Practical Joke--Shesabitdistorted, by Distorted Humor**. (\$6,500 Ylg '22 KEEJAN; \$150,000 RNA 2yo '23 FTDAUG; \$210,000 RNA 3yo '24 FTDFEB). O-Paradise Farms Corp, Parkland Thoroughbreds, Barry Fowler & Angelo Carlesimo; B-Pine Ridge Stables Ltd (NY); T-Michael J Maker; J-Andre Shivarine Worrie. \$30,000. Lifetime Record: SW, 13-3-6-2, \$259,595.

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2--**Aelfgar**, 121, g, 3, **Leofric--Star Orchid**, by Successful Appeal. O-Luanne Bianchi & Rachel Sells; B-ZBS Thoroughbreds LLC & **Leofric** Syndicate (NY); T-Rachel Sells. \$10,000.

3--**Stars N Stones**, 119, g, 3, **Bustin Stones--Rockin Emmzy**, by Tale of the Cat. O-All In The Family Racing; B-Richard Kern (NY); T-M Anthony Ferraro. \$5,000.

Margins: 5 1/4, 5 1/4, 2 3/4. Odds: 0.45, 9.50, 3.45.

**ALLOWANCE RESULTS:**

**10th-Woodbine, C\$104,624**, (NW2X)/Opt. Clm (\$34,680-\$36,505), 6-23, 3yo/up, 1 1/16m (AWT), 1:44.37, ft, 3/4 length.

**LAC MACAZA (g, 5, Giant Gizmo--Garavogue Colleen {GSP, \$104,563}, by Sligo Bay {Ire})** Lifetime Record: MSP, 22-6-3-2, \$306,218. O-Goldie Stables & Discovery Racing; B-Frank Mermenstein & Elliot Kohn (ON); T-Julia Carey. \*C\$19,000 RNA Ylg '20 CANSEP.

**9th-Woodbine, C\$97,940**, (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$21,903-\$23,363), 6-23, 3yo/up, 1 1/16m (AWT) (off turf), 1:45.88, ft, 1 length.

**MAAKWA (g, 6, Giant Gizmo--Euro Platinum {MSW, \$267,850}, by Eurosilver)** Lifetime Record: 36-4-3-6, \$229,994. O-Old Oregon Trail Stables; B-Larry Cappuccitti (ON); T-Shana Lopez. \*C\$7,000 Ylg '19 CANSEP.

**8th-Parx Racing, \$69,840**, (NW2X)/Opt. Clm (\$40,000), 6-24, 3yo/up, 1m 70y, 1:44.71, ft, 3/4 length.

**MARGIN OF AIR (g, 5, Mineshaft--Chase Me Now, by Tiznow)** Lifetime Record: 35-9-4-4, \$313,730. O-Charles Lo, Troy Johnson & John M Lee; B-Everest Stables Inc (PA); T-Jamie Ness.

**9th-Los Alamitos, \$45,000**, (S), (NW1\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$20,000), 6-23, 3yo/up, 5 1/2f, 1:03.10, ft, 1 3/4 lengths.

**YO TIME (g, 4, Smiling Tiger--Hi Ho Yodeler {SW, \$139,090}, by Swiss Yodeler)** Lifetime Record: 5-2-0-1, \$76,540. O-Old Bones Racing Stable LLC; B-Todd Marshall & Andrew Molasky (CA); T-Philip D'Amato. \*1/2 to Dr Wysong (Cyclotron), MSP, \$220,471.

**4th-Horseshoe Indianapolis, \$43,000**, (S), 6-24, (NW2X), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:11.93, ft, 1 1/4 lengths.

**THE KID PATAKY (f, 3, Pataky Kid--Zappita, by Ghostzapper)** Lifetime Record: 8-3-1-1, \$123,670. O/B-Swifty Farms Incs Inc. (IN); T-Anthony F. Cunningham.

**6th-Thistledown, \$40,100**, (S), 6-24, (NW4L), 3yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:39.46, ft, 9 1/4 lengths.

**CHANEL SPIRIT (f, 4, English Channel--Latin Tudor, by Yes It's True)** Lifetime Record: 19-4-8-2, \$155,627. O-Nana's Nest & Robert C Cline; B-English Channel Co-Owners & Robert Cline (OH); T-Robert C Cline. \*\$12,000 Ylg '21 OTBOMX.

**11th-Prairie Meadows, \$35,500**, 6-23, (NW1\$X), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:10.26, ft, neck.

**RUN FIRE RUN (g, 3, Run Like Fire--Brassy Lucky Lady, by Brassy Wells)** Lifetime Record: 7-2-3-1, \$68,863. O-Terry L Sapp; B-Glenda K Sapp (MO); T-Jose Ibarra.

**7th-Horseshoe Indianapolis, \$34,000**, 6-24, (NW1\$X), 3yo/up, f/m, 5f, :56.64, fm, 1 length.

**SONG OF NORWAY (f, 3, Flatter--Cougarstown {SW, \$101,723}, by Speightstown)** Lifetime Record: 5-2-0-1, \$70,273. O-CJ Thoroughbreds; B-Ramspring Farm (KY); T-Wesley A Ward. \*\$130,000 Ylg '22 FTKJUL. \*1/2 to Treason (**Constitution**), GSW, \$231,280; and Elevenses (More Than Ready), SW & GSP, \$146,365.

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**3rd-Thistledown, \$30,000**, 6-24, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:11.28, ft, 4 1/2 lengths.

**THE SWEATY FOX (m, 5, Bal a Bali {Brz}--Conquest Razor, by Lonhro {Aus})** Lifetime Record: 25-5-4-3, \$92,359. O-Danielle Agnello; B-Calumet Farm (KY); T-Jeffrey Skerrett.

**7th-Thistledown, \$28,000**, 6-24, (NW2L), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:11.06, ft, head.

**QUICK QUICK WHIT (g, 4, First Samurai--Smarty Smart, by Congrats)** Lifetime Record: 18-2-3-3, \$67,461. O-Danielle Agnello; B-Live Oak Stud (FL); T-Jeffrey Skerrett.

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**7th-Finger Lakes, \$26,290**, 6-24, (NW2L), 3yo/up, 5 1/2f, 1:05.75, ft, 5 lengths.

**SKYLER'S STARSHIP (g, 3, Mendelssohn--Dorothy's Aurora {SP, \$312,633}, by Simon Pure)** Lifetime Record: 6-2-0-0, \$79,125. O-SJB Stable; B-Stephen J Barberino Jr Accumulation Trust (NY); T-M Anthony Ferraro.

**6th-Emerald Downs, \$25,500**, (NW1\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$30,000), 6-23, 3yo, f, 6 1/2f, 1:16.06, ft, neck.

**CHAI (f, 3, Race Day--Find Your Spot {SW, \$103,570}, by Nationhood)** Lifetime Record: 3-2-1-0, \$33,015. O-Jill Fabulich & Lori Heist; B-Frederick L Pabst (WA); T-Kay Penney Cooper. \*\$15,000 Ylg '22 WASSEP.

**2nd-Mountaineer Casino & Resort, \$20,988**, (S), 6-23, (NW3L), 3yo/up, f/m, 7ft, 1:24.19, fm, 3/4 length.

**SOMESUGARNSPICE (f, 3, Denis of Cork--Cotton Candy, by Bandini)** Lifetime Record: 18-3-4-1, \$65,836. O/T-Elizabeth E Meehan; B-John A Casey (WV).

**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**

**Permit to Carry**, g, 2, **Goldencents**--I Got the Boy, by **Candy Ride (Arg)**. Horseshoe Indianapolis, 6-24, 5f, 1:01.01. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-1, \$28,800. B-Dixiana Farms LLC (KY). \*\$5,000 Ylg '23 FTKOCT.

**My Kinda Trouble**, f, 2, **World of Trouble**--Sky Trail, by Congrats. Prairie Meadows, 6-23, 4 1/2f, :52.70. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$27,240. B-George Bates (KY). \*\$3,000 Ylg '23 KEEJAN.

**Jimmy Slice**, g, 3, **Backstabber**--Market Wizard, by **Curlin**. Prairie Meadows, 6-23, 5 1/2f, 1:04.32. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$21,178. B-Beth E Caster (OK).

**Suprise Me Again**, f, 3, **Dialed In**--Summerlin, by Lost Soldier. Hawthorne, 6-23, 6f, 1:12.33. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$27,180. B-Team Block (IL). \*\$57,000 RNA Ylg '22 FTKOCT. \*\*1/2 to Trail Ridge Road (Point of Entry), SW, \$174,637.

**Hair On Fire**, g, 3, **Flameaway**--Deputy Cures Blues (MSW, \$405,893), by War Deputy. Finger Lakes, 6-24, 6f, 1:14.20. Lifetime Record: 7-1-0-0, \$27,208. B-Christopher Shelli (NY). \*\$82,000 Ylg '22 SARAUG. \*\*1/2 to Wine Police (Speightstown), MSW & GISP, \$509,873; and Moon Traveler (Malibu Moon), SP, \$195,266.

**El Michoacano**, g, 3, **Khozan**--Flor de Paraiso, by **First Samurai**. Horseshoe Indianapolis, 6-24, (S), 6f, 1:12.62. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-0, \$23,580. B-Rancho Monarca LLC (IN).

**Le Grand Garcon**, g, 5, **Conquest Curlinate**--Gentle Jazz, by Malibu Moon. Fort Erie, 6-24, 6f, 1:12.65. Lifetime Record: 7-1-0-1, \$13,443. B-Charles Hayden (ON). \*C\$7,000 Ylg '20 CANSEP.

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**Backstabber**, Jimmy Slice, g, 3, o/o Market Wizard, by **Curlin**. MSW, 6-23, Prairie Meadows

**Bal a Bali (Brz)**, The Sweaty Fox, m, 5, o/o Conquest Razor, by Lonhro (Aus). ALW, 6-24, Thistledown

**Collected**, Sweet Brown Sugar, f, 3, o/o Rachel's Blue Moon, by Bodemeister. Niagara S., 6-24, Finger Lakes

**Conquest Curlinate**, Le Grand Garcon, g, 5, o/o Gentle Jazz, by Malibu Moon. MSW, 6-24, Fort Erie

**Denis of Cork**, Somesugarnspice, f, 3, o/o Cotton Candy, by Bandini. ALW, 6-23, Mountaineer

**Dialed In**, Suprise Me Again, f, 3, o/o Summerlin, by Lost Soldier. MSW, 6-23, Hawthorne

**English Channel**, Chanel Spirit, f, 4, o/o Latin Tudor, by Yes It's True. ALW, 6-24, Thistledown

**First Samurai**, Quick Quick Whit, g, 4, o/o Smarty Smart, by Congrats. ALW, 6-24, Thistledown

**Flameaway**, Hair On Fire, g, 3, o/o Deputy Cures Blues, by War Deputy. MSW, 6-24, Finger Lakes

**Flatter**, Song of Norway, f, 3, o/o Cougarstown, by Speightstown. ALW, 6-24, Horseshoe Indianapolis

**Giant Gizmo**, Lac Macaza, g, 5, o/o Garavogue Colleen, by Sligo Bay (Ire). AOC, 6-23, Woodbine

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**Hollywood Beauty (Honor A.P.)** becomes a third winner for her sire (click to watch)



**Giant Gizmo**, Maakwa, g, 6, o/o Euro Platinum, by Eurosilver. AOC, 6-23, Woodbine

**Goldencents**, Permit to Carry, g, 2, o/o I Got the Boy, by **Candy Ride (Arg)**. MSW, 6-24, Horseshoe Indianapolis

**Honor A. P.**, Hollywood Beauty, f, 2, o/o America's Friend, by Unusual Heat. MSW, 6-24, Parx Racing

**Khozan**, El Michoacano, g, 3, o/o Flor de Paraiso, by **First Samurai**. MSW, 6-24, Horseshoe Indianapolis

**Kitten's Joy**, Trevesso, c, 3, o/o Setubal, by **The Factor**. Crowd Pleaser S., 6-24, Parx Racing

**Maximus Mischief**, Baby Dukes, c, 2, o/o Flatter's Secret, by Flatter. MSW, 6-24, Parx Racing

**Mendelssohn**, Skyler's Starship, g, 3, o/o Dorothy's Aurora, by Simon Pure. ALW, 6-24, Finger Lakes

**Mineshaft**, Margin of Air, g, 5, o/o Chase Me Now, by Tiznow. AOC, 6-24, Parx Racing

**Munnings**, Neiman, g, 4, o/o Tizacity, by Tizway. Budweiser S., 6-23, Emerald Downs

**Pataky Kid**, The Kid Pataky, f, 3, o/o Zappita, by **Ghostzapper**. ALW, 6-24, Horseshoe Indianapolis

**Peace and Justice**, Dontlookbackatall, f, 4, o/o Celtic Arch, by Arch. Power by Far S., 6-24, Parx Racing

**Practical Joke**, Mischief Joke, c, 3, o/o Shesabitdistorted, by Distorted Humor. Ontario County S., 6-24, Finger Lakes

**Race Day**, Chai, f, 3, o/o Find Your Spot, by Nationhood. AOC, 6-23, Emerald Downs

**Run Like Fire**, Run Fire Run, g, 3, o/o Brassy Lucky Lady, by Brassy Wells. ALW, 6-23, Prairie Meadows

**Smiling Tiger**, Yo Time, g, 4, o/o Hi Ho Yodeler, by Swiss Yodeler. AOC, 6-23, Los Alamitos Thoroughbred

**Tiz the Law**, Tigerish, f, 2, o/o Lerici, by Woodman. MSW, 6-24, Horseshoe Indianapolis

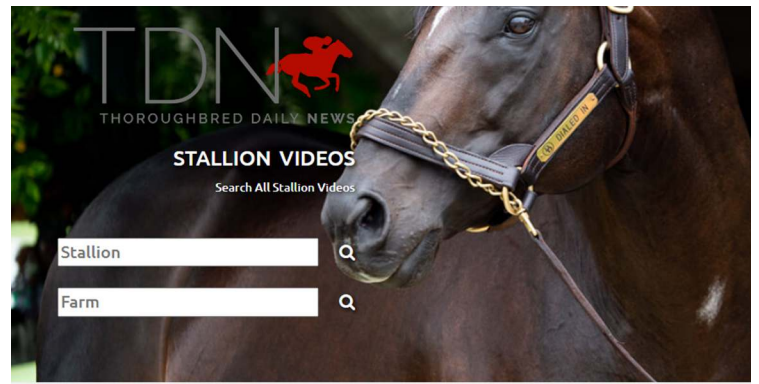
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## ROYAL ASCOT WINNER PROVIDES KEANE WITH "NEW LEASE OF LIFE"



Crystal Black: could be bound for the Melbourne Cup | Racingfotos.com

by Brian Sheerin

After lighting up Royal Ascot, a tilt at the Melbourne Cup could be on the cards for Crystal Black (Ire) (Teofilo {Ire}), with Ireland's reigning champion jockey Colin Keane explaining how the gelding has provided his father "with a new lease of life" after a horror fall in 2021 almost left the trainer paralysed.

The celebrations that followed Crystal Black's victory in the Duke Of Edinburgh Stakes at Ascot went unrivalled as the Wear A Pink Ribbon Syndicate who own the former Dermot Weld-trained inmate burst into song in the winner's enclosure shortly after the success.

Such scenes are now likely to be reenacted Down Under, with the father and son duo agreeing that Crystal Black could develop into a genuine contender for the Melbourne Cup.

Gerry said, "The boys are talking big-they're talking about the Melbourne Cup and everything. The Ebor has been mentioned as well but we'll have to see what the handicapper does. He has to be a black-type horse now anyway."

He added, "I don't know whether we start thinking about travelling with him or thinking about stakes races here. He can go either way with the trip-I think he can go up or down."

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## HENDERSON AND DE BROMHEAD BLAST POTENTIAL CHANGES TO MARES' HURDLE

By Brian Sheerin

Nicky Henderson and Henry de Bromhead have spoken out against the rumoured changes to the National Hunt programme in Britain that would see Grade 1 winners not being qualified to run in the Mares' Hurdle at the Cheltenham Festival.

Dual Champion Hurdle winner Honeysuckle signed off on her glittering career for de Bromhead by notching a 13th Grade 1 and a second Mares' Hurdle success in what many people describe as one of the greatest moments in Cheltenham Festival history back in 2023.

Henderson has trained a galaxy of star mares himself and took the Champion Hurdle in 2020 with Epatante as well as scooping the Mares' Hurdle in 2022 with Marie's Rock.

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*Ghostwriter (Ire), last seen finishing fourth in the G1 Prix du Jockey Club, is pointed to return in the G1 Coral-Eclipse at Sandown for a clash of the generations which could include City of Troy. Details p7. | Scoop Dyga*

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*The daughter of Frankel closed relentlessly in the final strides to register her first career victory at Lyon-Parilly.*

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**Crystal Black to Melbourne, cont. from p1**

"There are loads of options with him so we will let him freshen up this week and have a chat together in a few days but Melbourne could be an option."

Colin agrees.

"He definitely could be a Melbourne Cup horse," the rider said. "Every time we step him up in trip it seems to bring about more improvement in him. The only slight worry I had for him heading to Ascot was the ground. I wasn't sure how he'd handle the quick ground. But riding him out in the mornings before the race, he was like a ballerina on the surface."

Not only did Ireland's five-time champion jockey deliver another top-notch performance in the saddle to notch his second Royal Ascot success, but he can also be credited for sourcing his father's stable star on behalf of the owners, for whom he built up a good relationship with through the Willie Mullins-trained globetrotter True Self some years previously. That's how this whole fairytale started.

Gerry explained, "I have to credit Colin for finding the horse. He had ridden True Self for the lads a couple of years before this and they asked him to keep an eye out for a horse. When Alan Fleming gave up training, they sent me a filly called Baby Bubbles but she had bits and pieces of problems and wasn't much good.

"We sent her home and I actually didn't think we'd hear from them again after that. But when this horse came up, Colin rang Neville [Edgar, the syndicate leader] to tell them that he thought Crystal Black might suit them. Neville said to go and get him bought so that's how it all came about. They went and bought another one off Dermot Weld last year as well. Genuine Article is his name. He's a nice horse--he just wants an ease in the ground."

He added, "We're used to fighting it out in 0-65s. I thought I'd never have a better horse than Laughifuwant but now this lad has come along. Small trainers don't normally get horses like this. "It's all about the horse. No trainer will get a bad horse to win but most fellas will train a good one. It is a good feeling to know that, now that I have a good horse, I've done the right thing and brought him along the right way. It gives you a bit of confidence."

The emergence of Crystal Black as a flagbearer for the Keane stable comes just three years after the 68-year-old suffered a horrific fall at home on the gallops. The trainer still wears the scars of that morning and can't get around without using a walking stick but there were genuine fears of a much worse outcome at the time.

"I've had a rough couple of years," Gerry admitted. "I had a very bad fall and I still walk with a limp but I'm lucky not to be in a wheelchair from it."

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"It was one of those stupid falls, where a horse ducked off the gallop, but I landed on my back and ended up bruising my spinal cord. If I had fractured it, I was gone."

"I'm 68 years of age now and, I'd say if I wasn't as fit as I was when it happened, it would have been a lot worse. I'm very lucky because the family kept the place going when I was out of action. I used to ride out four or five lots every morning but, between James Hyland, Frankie Duffy, obviously Colin and the rest of my family, they kept it going."

According to Colin, a good horse can prove a perfect tonic, and in Crystal Black, Gerry has plenty to look forward to.

He said, "I thought he was a lovely horse when we bought him but I didn't think he'd end up being a Royal Ascot winner for us. I know it was only a handicap that he won last week but Royal Ascot is one of the hardest places in the world to win a race. The lads involved in Crystal Black are such lucky people, and are extremely down to earth as well. I don't know if that has anything to do with it but the horse has just transformed for them."

Colin added, "It was very hard when Dad got the fall. It was very hard for everyone because nobody really knew what was happening. It was a simple fall. I wasn't there the morning of the fall but I can only imagine the fright he got."

**Cont.**



# *The Galileo influence at Royal Ascot continues unabated*

## *Sire and sire of sires...*

Galileo posted more winners at Royal Ascot this year than any other sire, with three....Frankel was one of six sons of Galileo on the mark at Ascot last week....Coolmore might not have Frankel....but the three sons of Galileo they are left with on their Flat roster are capable of getting top-notch horses  
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"We got an awful fright when we heard about it so I can only imagine what was running through his head."

"He's been a great horse for Dad. He still complains about how bad he is after the fall but it could have been a lot worse! This horse has given him a new lease of life. To have a horse like Crystal Black in the yard, even getting up to go out and see him in the yard every day. It's definitely been a big help."

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### [Henderson and De Bromhead, cont. from p1](#)

Both trainers agree that the potential tweaks-that would see any Grade 1 winner within the past 13 months of the meeting being denied a run in the Mares' Hurdle-has the potential to undo years of progress within the sector.

Speaking on Monday afternoon, Henderson said, "Peter Molony [of Rathmore Stud] was the first person to alert me to these potential changes last Friday and I thought to myself, 'Christ, what's going on?' I made a few calls over the weekend and, while nobody had been aware of it, they were pretty horrified by the thoughts of what might be coming. I haven't met anybody who thinks this is a good idea."

He added, "A hell of a lot of work has been done by the TBA and the ITBA to promote National Hunt fillies and it has worked. The allowance was the first big step forward but then the introduction of these mares' races has helped enormously. You've got breeders' premiums on top of all of that so there is such an incentive to put a National Hunt filly in training right now. It's marvellous."

De Bromhead explained the healthy demand for owners wanting to get involved in National Hunt fillies, largely down to the host of opportunities that have been put in place for such horses. To limit such opportunities would be a step in the wrong direction, according to the trainer.



**Nicky Henderson: says potential changes to the Mares' Hurdle at Cheltenham are "wrong" | Tattersalls**

He explained, "The mares need championship races. Look what it has done for the whole mare population. It's incredible. Since we have started to give these National Hunt mares such opportunities, the interest has soared.

"But they need a championship race and you want the best mares having the opportunity to take each other on. If someone is happy to go and try their hand in one of the other Grade 1 races, like the Champion Hurdle, that's great. But they have to have the opportunity to take each other on, like Honeysuckle and Benie Des Dieux did in their first encounter in the 2020 Mares' Hurdle. That was an incredible race. As was Honeysuckle's swansong in the race a couple of years ago. We need a championship race for the mares and I can't understand why anyone would go making changes to the race."

As it stands, the top four mares in the ante-post market for next year's Mares' Hurdle--last year's runaway winner Lossiemouth, Brighterdaysahead, Jade De Grugy and Kargese--would not be qualified to run in the 2025 edition.

As well as weakening the Mares' Hurdle, Henderson thinks that the changes being discussed by Cheltenham and the Jockey Club have the potential to weaken the top-flight races in the build-up to the Festival.

He explained, "There are two points I'd like to make as to why this simply cannot happen. We need to get as many runners as we possibly can in the Grade 1 races but, if you put a restriction on Grade 1-winning mares running in the Mares' Hurdle at Cheltenham, they won't be running in a Grade 1 race before Cheltenham. Straight away, you weaken races like the Royal Bond Novice Hurdle etc etc. It's not very fair at all."

Henderson added, "The second point is that you simply cannot put a restriction on a Grade 1 race. It's rather like saying no filly can run in the Oaks if they have won a Group 1 previously. So, all previous Group 1 winners, you've got to run in the Derby. It doesn't make any sense."

It is understood that a number of potential Cheltenham Festival tweaks, including that of the Mares' Hurdle, were up for discussion at board level on Monday afternoon.

Providing a comment to The Irish Field's Mark Boylan on Saturday, a Jockey Club spokesperson said, "It has been in the public domain for some time that we are looking at a wide number of aspects of the Cheltenham Festival following this year's fixture.

"Some possible tweaks to the race programme form one element of what is being considered, and we're currently seeking the views of a variety of stakeholders as we weigh up our options. "We have a set process for how these discussions are conducted and our objective will always be to listen to the wide variety of views on offer and make a decision which is in the best overall interests of the Festival and the sport of jump racing." [Cont.](#)



"We should stress that we are only discussing some initial options at present and remain some way from making any final decisions."

While Henderson agrees that changes are required to heighten competitiveness at the flagship jumps meeting, he says altering the Mares' Hurdle would be "wrong".

He concluded, "I believe that there is a meeting taking place today to discuss these measures. The Mares' Hurdle is not the only subject on the agenda. It's quite right that they review the programme every year. That is sound judgement. But sometimes I think they tweak things for the wrong reasons.

"Everybody has got their views but I don't think this is a very good idea. It's basically them saying, 'Lossiemouth, you cannot run in the Mares' Hurdle next year.' Such a decision would have a knock-on effect on the entire programme and it's wrong."

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## EUROPEAN NEWS

### FACTEUR CHEVAL AND HORIZON DORE BEING CONSIDERED FOR RETURN TRIPS TO BRITAIN

**Facteur Cheval (Ire)** (Ribchester {Ire}) will be given the chance to gain compensation for his "nightmare" run in the G1 Queen Anne Stakes when he makes his next intended appearance in the G1 Sussex Stakes at Goodwood, a race in which he filled the runner-up spot behind **Paddington (GB)** in 2023.

Trainer Jerome Reynier was optimistic of a prominent showing at Royal Ascot from his stable star, who was having his first start since winning the G1 Dubai Turf at Meydan in March. In the event, however, Facteur Cheval never looked likely to double his top-level tally, ultimately passing the post over eight lengths behind the winner, Charyn (Ire) (Dark Angel {Ire}), in sixth place.

It's a performance which his trainer is keen to put a line through as he plots a return to Britain for the Goodwood highlight on Wednesday, July 31, with the way the race developed at Ascot going against his runner from an early stage.

"The tactics of following Big Rock [did not work] as at the three-furlong pole he had to make his effort on his own, which was impossible," Reynier explained. "He needs someone [another horse] to rely on and he was just on his own. He's a fighter and when he won the Dubai Turf he came between horses and when Namur came on his outside he kept battling hard.



Facteur Cheval | Scoop Dyga

"He also lost a shoe, I think quite early in the race, so it was just a disaster and a nightmare.

"The plan is to go back to Goodwood because he ran so well there last year. Obviously the ground was very heavy and I think he is better with a bit of cut in the ground."

Reynier enjoyed better luck at the meeting with his G1 Prince of Wales's Stakes runner-up Zarakem (Fr) (**Zarak {Fr}**), who is **now being considered for a tilt at the G1 Juddmonte International** following his career-best effort in defeat behind Auguste Rodin (Ire) (Deep Impact {Jpn}).

One place behind Zarakem in the Prince of Wales's was his compatriot **Horizon Dore (Fr)** (Dabirsim {Fr}), another for whom the York feature on Wednesday, August 21 has been identified as a potential target, having delighted his connections at Ascot.

"We were very happy with our results during Royal Ascot week," said Pauline Chehboub, racing manager for her family's Gousserie Racing operation who part-own the gelding.

"Horizon Dore ran a great race, mentally he grew a lot. Next time we can ride him more positively, depending on the draw. We have to decide the plan but he will have an entry for the Juddmonte International at York in August."

### Guarnieri Pencils in Deauville Date for Big Rock

Like Facteur Cheval, **Big Rock (Fr)** (Rock Of Gibraltar {Ire}) proved a big disappointment when well held in the Queen Anne, having raced apart from the main body of the field.

A six-length winner of last year's G1 Queen Elizabeth II Stakes when trained by Christopher Head, Big Rock now has a bit to prove after a pair of below-par efforts in 2024, having also finished down the field on his first start for Maurizio Guarnieri in the G1 Lockinge Stakes at Newbury.

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Blue Rose Cen | Scoop Dyga

The four-year-old is likely to be seen back on home soil at Deauville when he makes his next start, according to Guarnieri, who hasn't ruled out a drop in class to help him rediscover his best form.

"He is okay after the race," the trainer said. "But as you know he went on the right and most of the other horses were on the left. I think after five furlongs on a track that was very hard, the race was finished [for him]."

"He will probably go to Deauville. I'm not sure if we go in the Group 1 [the Prix Jacques le Marois in which Big Rock filled the runner-up spot in 2023] or in a Group 3."

Guarnieri also had news of the four-time Group 1 winner **Blue Rose Cen (Ire)** (**Churchill {Ire}**), another new recruit to his stable for this season in the ownership of Yeguada Centurion.

Having finished a close-up fifth on her return to action in the G1 Prix d'Ispahan at Longchamp, she was unable to build on that effort at Royal Ascot when coming home only seventh in the Prince of Wales's.

"With Blue Rose Cen we tried to win, but with a four-year-old filly in the first part of the year, it is very difficult to beat a big, champion colt like Auguste Rodin," said Guarnieri. "We tried to beat a champion, but the champion is the champion and he is a very strong horse."

"For us it is better to run with fillies. She was a champion filly as a two-year-old and a three-year-old, but she never ran against colts and it's not so easy to go against horses like Auguste Rodin and all the others."

"Normally, she will go to Deauville for the Prix Jean Romanet on August 18."

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## NO IRISH DERBY BID FOR DEIRA MILE

**Deira Mile (Ire)**, last seen finishing fourth in the G1 Derby at Epsom, will not run in this weekend's Irish equivalent at the Curragh, trainer Owen Burrows confirmed on Monday.

The son of **Camelot (GB)** was beaten a total of seven and a half lengths behind City Of Troy (**Justify**) at Epsom, proving well suited by the step up to a mile and a half as he ran on strongly from the rear of the field to be nearest at the finish.

All roads now lead to the G1 St Leger at Doncaster on Saturday, September 14, according to Burrows, who is favouring a patient approach rather than pitching Deira Mile in at the top level again on Sunday.

"I've spoken to the owner Ahmad [Al Shaikh] this morning and we're just going to give him a little bit more time," Burrows said of the decision to miss the Irish Derby.

"We feel that the Leger really is his race and he's got one or two other entries abroad later on. He's not going to get confirmed tomorrow and we'll be swerving Ireland."

Burrows saddled only five runners at Royal Ascot, with **Alflaila (GB)** (Dark Angel {Ire}) faring best of his Group 1 horses when returning from 284 days off the track with a creditable fourth-place finish in the Prince of Wales's Stakes.

"I was pleased with him," Burrows said of Alflaila's performance. "I thought it was a solid run after 280 odd days off. It wasn't helpful he got slightly hampered late on, but I'm not making excuses and I'm not sure it would have made too much difference anyway."

"He seems fine coming out of it and we'll see where we'll go next--we're not 100% certain yet."

The trainer also saddled **Alyanaabi (Ire)** to finish fifth in the G1 St James's Palace Stakes on the opening day of the meeting.

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Owen Burrows | Tattersalls



A step up in trip is now being considered for the talented son of Too Darn Hot (GB), who was also fifth to Notable Speech (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}) on his first start of the campaign in the G1 2,000 Guineas at Newmarket.

"He's probably run to a similar level to what he did in the Guineas," Burrows summed up. "It's a very strong year for the three-year-olds over a mile and Jim [Crowley, jockey] just felt that we probably want to be going a little bit further next time.

"He's not quite able over a mile but when we do step him up to 10 [furlongs] he can improve a bit.

"It's early days yet so we'll see how he's come out of it but he seems fine. He's run a tidy enough race but we'll go a little bit further with him."

### Cox Sets Eclipse Goal for Ghostwriter

One place ahead of Alyanaabi in the 2,000 Guineas was the Clive Cox-trained **Ghostwriter (Ire)** (Invincible Spirit {Ire}), who forfeited his unbeaten record at Newmarket having won his three starts as a two-year-old, including the G2 Royal Lodge Stakes.

Last seen finishing fourth in the G1 Prix du Jockey Club at Chantilly, Ghostwriter was a notable absentee at Royal Ascot but is due to return at Sandown on Saturday, July 6 when he could take on his elders for the first time in the G1 Coral-Eclipse.

"Ghostwriter is in great form and worked really well on Saturday morning," Cox said. "As long as we don't have soft ground for Sandown in a couple of weeks, then at the moment we are hopefully heading to the Eclipse.

"The Guineas form keeps getting franked day by day and I do feel that his performance on the slightly easier ground in France would lead us to being quite excited about returning to a quicker surface over a mile and a quarter.

"It could be a very deep race but we are looking forward to it."

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### GRAFFARD IN NO RUSH WITH CALANDAGAN

G2 King Edward VII Stakes winner **Calandagan (Ire)** (Gleneagles {Ire}) will likely get a break after his exploits at Royal Ascot.

Since he is ineligible for some French Group 1 races after being gelded--namely the G1 Grand Prix de Paris and the G1 Arc de Triomphe--trainer Francis-Henri Graffard is in no rush to plot what the next assignment will be for the multiple Group winner.

"We know how hard it is to be competitive and win at Ascot, so we are delighted with this win of course," Graffard said. "He can't run in the Grand Prix de Paris and Arc de Triomphe. We will see where we go next. He came out of the race well but he probably needs a little bit of a break now."



Calandagan | Horsephotos

It is a similar situation for G1 French 1,000 Guineas winner **Rouhiya (Fr)** (Lope De Vega {Ire}), but in the filly's case, it'll be in the hopes of diagnosing what went wrong with her non-effort at Ascot. She trailed home last of nine in the G1 Coronation Stakes.

"We have to find out what went wrong. I have my idea behind my back, in my head, but she didn't run a minute--too bad to be true. I don't know where she will go next. I want to find out what went wrong."

Another runner in the yard does have future targets, however, as Graffard hinted that G3 Prix d'Hedouville winner **Goliath (Ger)** (Adlerflug {Ger}) could be returning to Britain for the G1 King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Stakes July 27 at Ascot after his runner-up effort to Isle of Jura (GB) (New Approach {Ire}) in the G2 Hardwicke Stakes.

"Goliath is a horse I've always liked. He's quite difficult to manage during the race. He pulled too much again on Saturday but he was a comfortable second. He came out well and can even return in the King George. It's a thing we can look at with the owner but he's a nice horse and we are pleased with the track."

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### NEW ALLIANCE ANNOUNCED BETWEEN ARC, RMG, TABCORP AND 1/ST CONTENT

Arena Racing Company (ARC), Racecourse Media Group (RMG), Tabcorp and 1/ST CONTENT have announced a new strategic alliance which brings together four content leaders of the horse and greyhound racing world, creating a network of rights holders that will distribute content across multiple international markets.

ARC is the largest racing group in the UK, operating a total of 16 racecourses and 5 greyhound stadia around the country.



**Brendan Parnell, managing director of Media and International at ARC**  
*Arena Racing Company*

RMG is a British-based media rights management company. In Australia, Tabcorp is the largest gambling company operating multichannel wagering, media and gaming services, while 1/ST CONTENT is a division of 1/ST, the premier racing company in the Americas.

The new collaboration ensures that global and local operators will be able to choose from an array of bespoke 24/7 racing video, data and wagering solutions, including tote and managed trading services. Wagering customers will also have easier access to additional content and services.

Brendan Parnell, managing director of Media and International at ARC, said, "Customers will be able to enjoy access to a complete service hub which will enable our betting partners to deliver a best-in-breed product to their consumers at any time of the day, every day.

"The strength of our data and wagering technology, coupled with a depth of 24/7 broadcast and video streaming rights, places this newly-created alliance in the vanguard of driving growth and diversified revenues for the horse and greyhound racing sector."

Martin Stevenson, CEO of RMG, added, "This is an excellent illustration of different racing jurisdictions innovating together to create new products and services to grow access and interest in horse racing around the world."

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## BBC RADIO 4 DROPS DAILY RACING TIPS

Daily tips will no longer be a feature of BBC Radio 4's Today programme, it was announced on Monday. The tips, which were read out during the sports bulletin each morning, had been a feature for over 40 years.

Presenter Amol Rajan said, "There's no racing tips today because we have decided to break the tradition and reserve the tips for the biggest days on the racing calendar.

"We will very much continue to cover horse racing, as we do so many other sports, not least through interviews with leading lights in the racing world. And we will sometimes continue to broadcast from the big ticket events like the Grand National or Cheltenham Gold Cup week."

A statement from the BBC added, "After careful consideration, we have decided to focus racing tips on the big races across the year.

"The Today programme remains committed to covering racing news and this will continue on the programme's sports bulletins."

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## FIRST-SEASON SIRE WITH RUNNERS

**Tuesday, 25 June 2024**

### UNITED KINGDOM

**Mohaather (GB)** (Showcasing {GB}), Beech House Stud

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

16:55-NEWBURY, 6f, **Khutulun (GB)**

55,000gns Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2022; 55,000gns

Tattersalls October Yearling Sale (Book 3) 2023

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

98 foals of racing age/5 winners/1 black-type winner

14:17-BEVERLEY, 7.5f, **Tower of Africa (Ire)**

€4,000 Goffs Orby Yearling Sale (Book 2) 2023; £35,000 Goffs

UK 2yo Breeze Up Sale 2024

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

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

16:55-NEWBURY, 6f, **Mercutia (GB)**

22,000gns Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2022

16:55-NEWBURY, 6f, **Sweet Sonata (GB)**

**Without Parole (GB)** (Frankel {GB}), Newsells Park Stud

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

14:17-BEVERLEY, 7.5f, **Liberty Bird (GB)**

30,000gns Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2022; 16,000gns

Tattersalls October Yearling Sale (Book 3) 2023

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## BRITAIN

### Monday's Results:

**2nd-Windsor, £6,800, Mdn**, 6-24, 2yo, 6f 12yT, 1:13.46, g/f.  
**PRIAPOUS (IRE) (c, 2, Zoustar {Aus}--Laurel Wreath {GB}), by Hot Streak {Ire}**, sent off the 4-1 second favourite, had the rail to help from the outset and soon held a narrow advantage. Always doing enough in front, the newcomer had 3/4 of a length to spare over White Chapel Road (GB) (Land Force {Ire}) at the line. The winner is the first of two current foals out of a half-sister to the listed winner and G2 Mill Reef S.-placed Global Applause (GB) (Mayson {GB}) and the G2 Gran Criterium-placed Revelstoke (GB) (Toronado {Ire}). Her yearling filly is by Coulsty (Ire). Sales history: 120,000gns Ylg '23 TATOCT. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$4,642.  
 O-The M Team; B-Diomed Bloodstock Ltd (IRE); T-Ralph Beckett.

**2nd-Bath, £6,300, Mdn**, 6-24, 2yo, 5f 160yT, 1:09.69, fm.  
**MYTHICAL COMPOSER (GB) (c, 2, Sergei Prokofiev--Mythicism {GB}), by Oasis Dream {GB}**, fourth at Goodwood earlier this month, travelled strongly behind the early leader. Taking over approaching two out, the 4-1 shot drew away to score by four lengths from Nala Star (Ire) (Cotai Glory {GB}) and become the eighth winner for his first-crop sire. The dam, who is responsible for the stable's G2 Prix Robert Papin and triple listed winner Tis Marvellous (GB) (Harbour Watch {Ire}) and multiple listed-placed Mythmaker (GB) (Major Cadeaux {GB}), also has a yearling colt by Expert Eye (GB). She is a daughter of Romantic Myth (GB) (Mind Games {GB}) who captured the Queen Mary when it was staged as a group 3, as did her half-sister Romantic Liason (GB) (Primo Dominie {GB}) two years later. Sales history: 50,000gns Ylg '23 TATOCT. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-0, \$5,864.  
 O-Browns and Hornbys; B-Crossfields Bloodstock Ltd (GB); T-Clive Cox.

### ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

**Westridge (Fr)**, c, 3, **Blue Point (Ire)**--Embiyra (Ire), by Tamayuz (GB). Windsor, 6-24, 8f 31yT, 1:40.29. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-1, \$7,242. B-Samuel De Barros (FR). \*€78,000 Wlg '21 ARQDEC; 105,000gns Ylg '22 TATOCT.

**Fayqa (GB)**, f, 3, **Dubawi (Ire)**--Tarfasha (Ire) (MGSW-Ire & G1SP-Eng, \$477,507), by Teofilo (Ire). Thirsk, 6-24, 7f 218yT, 1:39.26. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-0, \$8,543. B-Shadwell Estate Company Ltd (GB). \*Full to Wuqood (GB), GSP-Ire; and 1/2 to Rakan (GB) (**Sea The Stars {Ire}**), SW-Ire; and Giladah (Ire) (Muhaarar {GB}), SP-Ire.

**Pack Ice (Ire)**, f, 3, **Postponed (Ire)**--Patuca (GB), by Teofilo (Ire). Chepstow, 6-24, 10fT, 2:06.75. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-1, \$8,360. B-M Downey & Kildaragh Stud (IRE). \*1/2 to Victory Chime (Ire) (Campanologist), SW-Eng, \$201,507; and Pontchateau (Ire) (War Command), GSP-HK, \$517,618.  
**Eternal Sunshine (GB)**, f, 4, **Oriente (GB)**--Eternal Instinct (GB), by Exceed And Excel (Aus). Thirsk, 6-24, 6fT, 1:10.45. Lifetime Record: 6-1-0-0, \$5,070. B-Goldie Racing Ltd (GB).

## IRELAND

### ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

**Juja Kibo (Ire)**, g, 3, **Belardo (Ire)**--Na Zdorovie (GB), by Cockney Rebel (Ire). Ballinrobe, 6-24, 9f 156yT, 2:09.10. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$12,825. B-Coseda Ltd (IRE). \*€9,500 Wlg '21 GOFNO1.

## FRANCE

### Monday's Results:

**2nd-Lyon Parilly, €23,000, Mdn**, 6-24, 2yo, 6 3/4fT, 1:26.46, sf.  
**LADY VITESSE (FR) (f, 2, Toronado {Ire}--Laem Sing {Fr}), by Myboycharlie {Ire}** stole an immediate advantage with a sharp exit and accepted a tow in second after the initial exchanges of this debut. Bustled along approaching the quarter-mile pole, the 86-5 outsider came under sterner urging thereafter and kept on relentlessly to defeat Iowa City (Fr) (Territories {Ire}) by a half-length nearing the line. Lady Vitesse, the latest of four foals, is the second scorer out of a winning half-sister to Group 1-winning sires Stormy River (Fr) (Verglas {Ire}) and Silverwave (Fr) (Silver Frost {Ire}). Descendants of the April-foaled chestnut's unraced second dam Miss Bio (Fr) (River Mist) include multiple Group-winning G1 Gold Medallion runner-up **Frosted Gold (NZ)** (All Too Hard {Aus}). Sales history: €40,000 Ylg '23 ARQOCT. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, €11,500. **Video, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

O-Ecurie Melanie; B-Mme Marie-Laure Collet & Teddy Poirier (FR); T-Richard Chotard.

**3rd-Lyon Parilly, €21,000, Mdn**, 6-24, 3yo, 11fT, 2:23.31, sf.  
**MAGICAL HOPE (GB) (f, 3, Frankel {GB}--Magical Touch {GB}) {SW-Ger & GSP-Fr}, by Dubawi {Ire}**, relocated to France after registering a sixth for Charlie Appleby in her Feb. 29 unveiling at Chelmsford, hurdled a path after passing the judge first time and settled off the tempo in rear.

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**Magical Hope** | Scoop Dyga

Rowed along to close with three furlongs remaining, the 15-2 chance was ridden into contention at the 300-metre pole and ran on strongly under continued rousting to deny After Midnight (Fr) (Teofilo {Ire}) by a head in the dying strides. Magical Hope is the lone reported foal produced by Listed Hoppegartener Steherpreis victrix and G3 Prix Belle de Nuit third Magical Touch (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}), herself kin to Saturday's G3 Jersey S. third Chicago Critic (GB) (Night Of Thunder {Ire}) out of dual Grade II-winning GI Flower Bowl Invitational runner-up Criticism (GB) (Machiavellian). The February-foaled homebred bay's third dam, GII Orchid Stakes and GIII The Very One Handicap winner Innuendo (Ire) (Caerleon), is a daughter of G1 International Stakes heroine Infamy (Ire) (Shirley Heights {GB}). Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, €10,500. **Video, sponsored by FanDuel TV.** O/B-Godolphin (GB); T-Henri-Alex Pantall.

**CONDITIONS RESULTS:**

**4th-Lyon Parilly, €22,000, Cond, 6-24, 4yo/up, 8ft, 1:39.96, sf. ANTHORUS (FR) (h, 5, Territories {Ire})--Anna Platini {GB}, by Dubawi {Ire}** Lifetime Record: MSP-Fr, 25-5-4-2, €163,500. O/T-Henri-Alex Pantall; B-Henri-Alex Pantall & Mme Yvette Pantall (FR).

GERMANY

**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**

**Vibia Sabina (Fr)**, f, 3, **Holy Roman Emperor (Ire)**--Vologda (Ire), by Red Ransom. Munich, 6-24, 10ft, 2:13.18. B-European Bloodstock Management (FR). \*€20,000 2yo '23 BBAMAY.

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