



# MEET THE FRENCH-BASED IRISHMAN GUNNING FOR IRISH OAKS GLORY



Gavin Hernon: bidding for Irish Oaks glory with Dare To Dream
Scoop Dyga

#### By Brian Sheerin

The irony is not lost on Gavin Hernon. Less than a decade after he elected to launch his training career in France rather than his home country in favour of more opportunities, the Irishman will return to home soil to at the Curragh on Saturday with leading claims of making the Classic breakthrough when his star filly Dare To Dream (Fr) (Camelot {GB}) lines out in the Juddmonte Irish Oaks.

Described by the soon-to-be 32-year-old trainer as the best horse he's ever had through his hands, Dare To Dream has been trained with the Curragh Classic in mind for the guts of a year now

The daughter of Camelot boasts course experience after finishing third in the G3 Staffordstown Stakes at two and, following a luckless fifth in the Prix de Diane at Chantilly when last seen, Dare To Dream can be backed at odds of 8-1 for the Group 1 contest.

"She's in flying form--I don't think I've had her this well all year," Hernon said. "Now it's just a question as to whether she is good enough but I think she has some pretty solid formlines to her name. I think she has been crying out for a-mile-and-a-half and was just unlucky in the Prix de Diane where she got trapped down the rail." Cont. p3

#### **MAKING WAVES: SHAMARDAL'S AMERICAN**

**LEGACY** by Heather Anderson

In this series, the TDN takes a look at notable successes of European-based sires in North America. This column is highlighted by the victory of Godolphin's Cinderella's Dream in the Belmont Oaks.

#### Slipper Fits For Godolphin Miss

Flawless in her first four starts in England and Dubai prior to a seventh in the G1 QIPCO 1000 Guineas, **Cinderella's Dream (GB)** (Shamardal) handed breeder Godolphin and Charlie Appleby a victory in the GI Belmont Oaks Invitational Stakes during the final days of the Belmont at the Big A meeting (video).

The winner of the Jumeirah 1000 Guineas at Meydan in March, the bay is the second foal out of the late Espadrille (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}), whose latest produce is the juvenile filly Blue Laced (GB) (Farhh {GB}). Cont. p5

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Mont De Soleil (Ire) (Siyouni {Fr}) is the latest stakes winner for his Aga Khan Studs' sire. The gelding won the Listed Prix Hubert Baguenault de Puchesse at Vichy on Tuesday. | Scoop Dyga

#### 6 | IRISH OAKS FIELD GROWS TO 18 WITH LATE SUPPLEMENTS

A pair of fillies have been supplemented to the G1 Irish Oaks field, bringing the total number of entries to 18.

#### 7 | A QUARTER CENTURY OF NOMS FOR THE ST LEGER

Aidan O'Brien fields 14 of the 25 current G1 St Leger nominees. The race is held at Doncaster on Saturday, Sept. 14 this year.

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#### Gavin Hernon cont. from p1

"Alexis [Pouchin, jockey] thinks that she'd have been in the first four at least had she not met the traffic," Hernon added. "We go there crossing our fingers and hoping for a big run.

We're excited about her chances and I do think she has taken a good step forward from the last day. That seems to be quite typical of this pedigree as well--they seem to just get better and better throughout their three-year-old careers."

Not only has the Chantilly-based handler done a fine job in nurturing Dare To Dream's talent, but Hernon can also be credited for sourcing the filly for just €67,000 at the Argana October Yearling Sale from leading vendor Monceaux.

Dare To Dream | Scoop Dyga

Recalling that transaction, he said, "Her owner, Dun Lee, used to have a mare in Normandie. He would send me that mare's progeny every year but all they had to do was have a look at the gallop before they'd run into problems. I asked him if he would

let me buy him a foundation mare instead and, with this filly's pedigree, sire and physique, I thought she fit the bill quite nicely. She was quite an athletic-looking filly as a yearling. She wasn't one of those bigger Camelot models, she was very athletic with

a good hip.

"We took our chance and she showed us that she had a lot of class from the get-go. I probably could have run her in May or June as a two-year-old but we gave her the extra time and ran her in August just because the Montjeu (Ire) can come out in her mentally. So we took our time with her and I think it's paying dividends. Dun's dream was to have an Oaks runner at Epsom. We've come close to buying him that-we could have gone there, but I didn't think it

was the right thing for her at that stage of her career. Even though that was his dream, he was very cool about not going to Epsom, and he is a great owner to have in the yard."

Cont. p4



#### **Gavin Hernon cont.**

"Obviously the Irish Oaks has been at the forefront of our minds for a very long time," he added. "That's why she made the journey over there last year for the Group 3 Staffordstown Stakes, just so she would get the experience of travelling, and she came through that very well."

Hernon, whose family own Castletown Stud in County Cork, was born to work in racing. His father, Joe, works as a manager for Coolmore at Castlehyde, so his life has been a soundtrack to horses. But Ireland was seen as a closed shop when Hernon first set his sights on becoming a trainer. Hence why the move to France came about. Having spent time working with giants of the game like Jim Bolger, Andre Fabre and Nicolas Clement, he set up on his own in 2018 and hasn't looked back.

He explained, "I decided at the age of 16 that I wanted to become a trainer. I was working with Jim Bolger at the time. I suppose I had dreams of becoming a jockey but mother nature took over! But from there, I just thought that Ireland was ultra-competitive with one race meeting a day so, for a young lad like myself starting out, it was going to be very difficult to get up and running. With England, the prize-money situation was off-putting, but there were no such worries on that front over here in France.

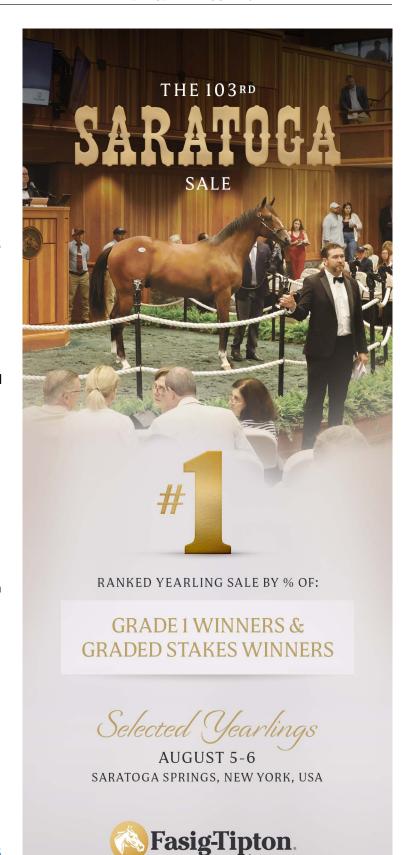
"I just thought there was a lot of opportunity for young people over here and spent time working with Andre Fabre and Nicolas Clement. I did a stint in America as well before setting up here in 2018. It's gone well and we've had a couple of Group winners, a couple of listed winners, but still waiting for that breakthrough Group 1. It is pretty special to go back to Ireland–having left there thinking we couldn't be competitive–with a live chance in a Classic. It would be amazing if it came off."

An Irishman based in France, Hernon boasts a broad diaspre of owners—all keen to have a taste of what France has to offer. Prize-money is the greatest lure, along with premiums, and the trainer shared how an increasing number of international owners have been picking up the phone in recent times.

He said, "The majority of my owners are based outside of France. That ranges from America, to Hong Kong, England and Ireland. It's growing all of the time and people are starting to wake up to the benefits of racing in France. It's lovely when you buy these horses as yearlings and hope that they bring you to Classics but the reality is that seventy five per cent of horses operate in the lower grades. France is the one country where an average horse can pay its way. That changes the game." Cont. p5

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#### **Gavin Hernon cont.**

Paying the way is not something that Hernon has to worry about with Dare To Dream. Asked if the Irish Oaks contender is the best horse he has been associated with to date, Hernon replied, "I'm based in Alain de Royer-Dupre's old yard in Chantilly and, funnily enough, Dare To Dream lives in Chaquita's old stable. We've known that [she's the best he's trained] for a while. Everything comes very easily to her. She just takes her work brilliantly and came out of the Diane bucking and everything. She didn't even lose a pound. When you have a yard of 40 horses, when you have a horse as good as Dare To Dream in the string, she stands out. It's very exciting to have one as good as her."

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Making Waves

by Heather Anderson

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#### Shamardal's American Legacy cont. from p1

Second dam High Heeled (Ire) (High Chaparral {Ire}), a Group 3 winner and third in both the G1 Oaks and G1 Coronation Cup, is a full-sister to the stakes-winning dam of G2 Champagne Stakes hero Iberian (Ire) (Lope De Vega {Ire}). Classic winner Just The Judge (Ire) (Lawman {Fr}) also features under the third dam.

The late Darley sire Shamardal has a sparkling 59% winners (22/37) to runners in the U.S. Cinderella's Dream is one of seven stakes scorers there (19%), with GI Breeders' Cup Turf heroine Tarnawa (Ire) his other top flight winner in that locale.

#### No Mystery Here For Kodiac Filly

Godolphin homebred **Star Of Mystery (GB)** (Kodiac {GB}) has been plying her trade with success at Meydan this past winter, with a win versus elder males in the G2 Blue Point Sprint, as well as seconds in the G3 Nad Al Sheba Turf Sprint and the G1 Al Quoz Sprint. The 'TDN Rising Star's second American start resulted in a win for trainer Charlie Appleby in the GIII Quick Call

Stakes at Saratoga on Sunday (video).

Runner-up in the G2 Duchess of Cambridge Stakes last year and third in the GI Jaipur Stakes at Saratoga in June, the daughter of Mistrusting (Ire) (Shamardal) is a half-sister to Dark Angel (Ire) Grade I winners Althiqa (GB) and Mysterious Night (Ire), as well as the Dubawi (Ire) juvenile colt Secret Theory (Ire) and a yearling full-brother to the last-named horse. Second dam Misheer (GB) (Oasis Dream {GB})'s biggest day in the sun was a win in the G2 Cherry Hinton Stakes, and she was also second in both the G1 Cheveley Park Stakes and the G2 Queen Mary

Tally-Ho Stud's Kodiac has 43 winners from 83 runners (52%). Nine of those (11%) are stakes winners, and six horses have struck at the graded level (7%). All of his graded winners in America are fillies, barring GII City Of Hope Mile Stakes and GIII Thunder Road Stakes winner True Valour (Ire).

#### Frankel Filly Stars at Delaware

Bach Stables' **Toy Collector** (Frankel {GB}) graduated at second asking at Delaware Park (video). The Don Alberto Corporation-bred bay is out of the Irish stakes-placed Rubina (Ire) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}).

The \$550,000 Keeneland September yearling was consigned by Lane's End, agent and caught the eye of Bach Stables in the autumn of 2022. She is a full-sister to Listed Pebbles Stakes heroine Rubilinda, and a half-sister to Chilean Group 2-placed Ruffina (Street Cry {Ire}). Cont. p6



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#### **Making Waves Cont.**

Her latest half-siblings are the filly Riddle Trigger (American Pharoah), and a Justify yearling filly. This is the extended family of the stakes winner and G2 Sha Tin Trophy-placed Riyazan (Ire) (Iffraaj {GB}).

Juddmonte's Frankel is responsible for 30 winners from 57 runners (52%), while his 12 North American stakes winners (21%) are anchored by Grade I winners McKulick (GB), Inspiral (GB), and Measured Time (GB).



Star Of Mystery | Sarah Andrew



Frequent Making Waves horse Carl Spackler (Ire) (Lope De Vega {Ire}) added another graded win to his ledger in the GIII Kelso Stakes for Chad Brown and e Five Racing in July (video). The 'TDN Rising Star' also has wins in the GII National Museum of Racing Hall of Fame Stakes, the GIII Saranac Stakes and the Listed Opening Verse Stakes.

GIII Wilshire Stakes winner Nadette (Fr) (Outstrip {GB}) returned to the limelight with a 4 3/4-length win in the Beverly D. Stakes at Colonial Downs (video). The Team Valor International runner is trained by Neil Drysdale.

John Gunther and Eurowest Bloodstock Services' **Rebel Red (GB)** (Frankel {GB}) won his second race on the bounce when taking a Saratoga allowance last weekend (video). The Cherie DeVaux trainee previously featured here at Churchill Downs in June.

Michael Ryan's **Violet Gibson (Ire)** (Expert Eye {GB}) scored at Gulfstream Park earlier this month (video) for trainer Saffie Joseph, Jr. She was previously part of this column back in March of 2023.



### EUROPEAN NEWS

### LAVA STREAM AND HANALIA ADDED TO 18-STRONG LIST OF IRISH OAKS ENTRIES

Ribblesdale Stakes runner-up **Lava Stream (Ire)** (Too Darn Hot {GB}) has been supplemented for the G1 Juddmonte Irish Oaks at the Curragh on Saturday, along with course winner **Hanalia** (Ire) (Sea The Stars {Ire}).

Trained by David O'Meara, Lava Stream was rated just 74 at the start of the season, but she has since been successful in a handicap at Doncaster and a Listed contest at Goodwood before faring best of the rest behind **Port Fairy (Ire)** (Australia (GB))--the ante-post favourite for Saturday's Classic--at Royal Ascot.

Beaten just a neck on the last occasion, Lave Stream is now set to test the waters at the top level for the first time at the Curragh, having been supplemented at a cost of €50,000 on Tuesday by owners Elwick Stud.



Lava Stream | Getty Images

#### Irish Oaks Supplements Cont.

"We just thought with the Ribblesdale form being so strong and the winner of the Ribblesdale being favourite for the Irish Oaks, we may as well take our chance," said stud manager Gary Moore.

"There's only a couple of Oaks you want to win. This is one of them and you're able to take on three-year-olds rather than waiting to take on older fillies in the Yorkshire Oaks next time.

"She goes on any ground--the ground won't bother at all. Even if she gets placed it would be amazing, for the stud, for David, for everyone. We're hoping that we're going over there with a fighting chance."

The addition of Lava Stream and Naas Listed winner Hanalia takes the number of possible runners in the Classic up to 18. Paddy Power make Port Fairy their 11-4 favourite to provide trainer Aidan O'Brien with an eighth win in the race, with the Willie Mullins-trained Lope De Lilas (Ire) (Lope De Vega (Ire)) next in the betting at 4-1 as she prepares to carry the Wathnan Racing colours for the first time.

David Menuisier's G1 Oaks third War Chimes (Fr) (Summer Front), Port Fairy's stable-mate Content (Ire) (Galileo (Ire)) and Gavin Hernon's G1 Prix de Diane fifth Dare To Dream (Fr) (Camelot {GB}) are other notable contenders, while Paddy Twomey is looking forward to saddling **Purple Lily (Ire)** (Calyx (GB) after she stayed on to finish fifth in the G1 Irish 1,000 Guineas.

"Purple Lily has been trained very much with the Irish Oaks in mind and we're looking forward to Saturday with her," said Twomey.

"It's a step into the unknown [over a mile and a half], but her

overall form is very good and the filly she ran against over a mile and a quarter [Ezeliya] ended up the top of generation in Epsom. I think there's every chance she'll stay."

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#### LOS ANGELES SPEARHEADS BALLYDOYLE'S ST LEGER BATTALIONS

Aidan O'Brien dominates the entries for the G1 Betfred St Leger, which takes place at Doncaster on Saturday, September

Of the 25 entries, O'Brien is responsible for no fewer than 14 of them, headed by G1 Irish Derby hero Los Angeles (Ire) (Camelot (GB)) and the unbeaten Jan Brueghel (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}). They could be joined at Doncaster by two of the stable's Royal Ascot winners in G2 Queen's Vase scorer Illinois (Ire) (Galileo {Ire})--last seen filling the runner-up spot in the G1 Grand Prix de Paris--and Port Fairy (Ire) (Australia {GB}), who heads the betting for Saturday's G1 Irish Oaks following her victory in the G2 Ribblesdale Stakes.

Los Angeles held off the the David Menuisier-trained **Sunway** (Fr) (Galiway {GB}) at the Curragh and that rival could be in opposition once again on Town Moor, while **Deira Mile (Ire)** (Camelot {GB}), who was one place behind Los Angeles when finishing fourth in the G1 Derby at Epsom, could have a second tilt at Classic glory for Owen Burrows.

The twice-raced Vanish (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) is another possible runner for the Burrows yard, while G2 King Edward VII Stakes third Royal Supremacy (Ire) (Make Believe {GB}) and Wild Waves (Ire) (Crystal Ocean {GB}) could both line up for Andrew Balding. Cont. p8



**Los Angeles** | *Getty Images* 

#### **St Leger Entries Cont.**

**Ancient Wisdom (Fr)** (Dubawi {Ire}), who had Royal Supremacy back in second when running out an impressive winner of last week's G3 Bahrain Trophy at Newmarket, is another standout contender for Charlie Appleby, but an absentee is his stable companion Arabian Crown (Fr) (Dubawi {Ire}), who has not been seen since winning the G3 Classic Trial at Sandown in April. Û



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<u>Name</u>	Sire	<u>Trainer</u>	Owner	Racecourse	<u>Date</u>
Manama Gold	Star Guitar	Fawzi Nass	Victorius	Meydan	Jan. 19
Endless Victory (GB)	Teofilo (Ire)	Charlie Appleby	Godolphin	Wolverhampton	Feb. 12
Night Raider (Ire)	Dark Angel (Ire)	Karl Burke	Clipper	Southwell	Mar. 20
Puchkine (Fr)	Starspangledbanner (Aus)	Jean-Claude Rouget	Alain Jathiere	Toulouse	Mar. 20
Purple Lily (Ire)	Calyx (GB)	Paddy Twomey	Zinlo Syndicate	Naas	Mar. 24
Agenda (Ire)	Galileo (Ire)	Aidan O'Brien	Tabor/Smith/Magnier/Brant	Dundalk	Mar. 26
Narkez (Fr)	Siyouni (Fr)	Andre Fabre	Nurlan Bizakov	Saint-Cloud	Mar. 26
Louise Procter (Fr)	Siyouni (Fr)	Jean-Claude Rouget	White Birch Farm	Chantilly	Mar. 28
Notable Speech (GB)	Dubawi (Ire)	Charlie Appleby	Godolphin	Kempton Park	Apr. 6
Delius (GB)	Frankel (GB)	Jean-Claude Rouget	Magnier/Smith/Tabor/Westerberg	ParisLongchamp	Apr. 7
Gala Real (Fr)	Wootton Bassett (GB)	A & G Botti	Scuderia Dei Duepi, Ballylinch Stud,		
			Ecurie des Charms & Hisham		
			Abdulwahed	Saint-Cloud	Apr. 12
Camille Pissarro (Ire)	Wootton Bassett (GB)	Aidan O'Brien	Mrs John Magnier, Michael Tabor,		
			Derrick Smith & Peter M Brant	Navan	Apr. 27
Sea Just In Time (Ire)	Sea The Stars (Ire)	William Haggas	Sunderland Holding Inc (Ire)	Newmarket	May 3
Mountain Breeze (Ire)	Lope De Vega (Ire)	Charlie Appleby	Godolphin	Newmarket	May 5
Kind Of Blue (GB)	Blue Point (Ire)	James Fanshawe	Michelle Morris & Jan & Peter Hopper	Doncaster	May 18
Ancient Truth (Ire)	Dubawi (Ire)	Charlie Appleby	Godolphin	Newmarket	May 19
Tiego The First (Fr)	Blue Point (Ire)	Pia & Joakim Brandt	Magne Jordanger & Finn Blichfeldt	Saint-Cloud	May 20
Spherical (GB)	Blue Point (Ire)	Roger Varian	Cheveley Park Stud, Ltd.	Yarmouth	May 22
Jan Brueghel (Ire)	Galileo (Ire)	Aidan O'Brien	Westerberg, Susan Magnier,		
			Michael Tabor & Derrick Smith	Curragh	May 25
Truly Enchanting (Ire)	No Nay Never	Aidan O'Brien	Susan Magnier, Michael Tabor &		
			Derrick Smith	Tipperary	May 28
Twafeeg (Ire)	Far Above (Ire)	Archie Watson	Sheikh Hamed Dalmook Al Maktoum	Doncaster	June 1
Bedtime Story (Ire)	Frankel (GB)	Aidan O'Brien	Derrick Smith, Mrs John Magnier		
			& Michael Tabor	Leopardstown	June 6
Babouche (GB)	Kodiac (GB)	Ger Lyons	Juddmonte	Corlay	June 14
Polyvega (Ire)	Lope De Vega (Ire)	Carlos Laffon-Parias	Wertheimer et Frere	Chantilly	June 16
Lake Victoria (Ire)	Frankel (GB)	Aidan O'Brien	Michael Tabor, Derrick Smith &		
			Mrs John Magnier	Curragh	June 28
Surpass (Ire)	Saxon Warrior (Jpn)	Aidan O'Brien	Derrick Smith, Mrs John Magnier &		
			Michael Tabor	Tipperary	July 3
Gun Of Brixton (Fr)	Frankel (GB)	Andre Fabre	Haras Voltaire	Clairefontaine	July 11
Chancellor (GB)	Kingman (GB)	John & Thady Gosden	Cheveley Park Stud	Doncaster	July 11
Field Of Gold (Ire)	Kingman (GB)	John & Thady Gosden	Juddmonte	Newmarket	July 12
Desert Flower (Ire)	Night Of Thunder (Ire)	Charlie Appleby	Godolphin	Newmarket	July 13
Zarigana (GB)	Siyouni (Fr)	Francis-Henri Graffard	His Highness the Aga Khan	Chantilly	July 14
Galen (GB)	Gleneagles (Ire)	Joseph O'Brien	Paul Redmond, T Fitzgerald, Mrs		
, ,	- ,		A M O'Brien & Barry Fowler	Killarney	July 15
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### FIRST-SEASON SIRES WITH RUNNERS

#### Wednesday, July 17, 2024:

#### **UNITED KINGDOM**

Arizona (Ire) (No Nay Never), Coolmore Stud 66 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners 15:00-BATH, 5.75f, Holbrook (Ire) €11,000 Goffs February Sale 2023; €21,000 Tattersalls Ireland September Yearling 2023

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

42 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners 15:00-BATH, 5.75f, **Eighteencaratgold (GB)** 28,000gns Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2022; 35,000gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale (Book 3) 2023

King of Change (GB) (Farhh {GB}), Starfield Stud 47 foals of racing age/2 winners/0 black-type winners 17:40-YARMOUTH, 5.25f, Too Sweet (GB) 20,000gns Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2022; £39,000 Goffs UK Premier Yearling Sale 2023; £280,000 Goffs UK 2yo Breeze Up Sale 2024

Mohaather (GB) (Showcasing {GB}), Beech House Stud 96 foals of racing age/2 winners/0 black-type winners 13:52-THIRSK, 6f, Ann Terry (GB) £39,000 Goffs UK Premier Yearling Sale 2023; £75,000 Goffs UK 2yo Breeze Up Sale 2024

**Pinatubo (Ire)** (Shamardal), Dalham Hall Stud 109 foals of racing age/3 winners/0 black-type winners 19:00-FFOS LAS, 6f, **Lakers (Ire)** 90,000gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale (Book 1) 2023

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

98 foals of racing age/8 winners/1 black-type winner

15:00-BATH, 5.75f, Sofian (Ire)

€7,000 Tattersalls Ireland September Yearling Sale Part II 2023

15:00-BATH, 5.75f, Up The Pace (Ire)

€3,000 Goffs November Foal Sale 2022; €13,000 Goffs Autumn

Yearling Sale 2023; £20,000 Goffs UK 2yo Breeze Up Sale 2024

Without Parole (GB) (Frankel {GB}), Newsells Park Stud 53 foals of racing age/5 winners/0 black-type winners 13:52-THIRSK, 6f, Saudi Expo (GB) 20,000gns Tattersalls December Yearling Sale 2023

17:40-YARMOUTH, 5.25f, **Prada On Parole (GB)**15,000gns Tattersalls Somerville Yearling Sale 2023
17:40-YARMOUTH, 5.25f, **Sunny Time (GB)**8,000gns RNA Tattersalls October Yearling Sale (Book 3) 2023

Yorkton (Speightstown), Crestwood Farm 30 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners 15:00-BATH, 5.75f, Halfeti (Ire) 20,000gns RNA Tattersalls Guineas Breeze Up & HIT Sale 2024

#### **IRELAND**

Persian King (Ire) (Kingman {GB}), Haras d'Etreham 102 foals of racing age/2 winners/0 black-type winners 2-KILLARNEY, 8.25f, Cap Saint Martin (Fr) €70,000 Arqana Deauville August Yearling Sale 2023

#### **FRANCE**

Golden Horde (Ire) (Lethal Force {Ire}), Haras de Montfort et Preaux
42 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners

2-VICHY, 1600m, **Goldy Day (Fr)** 

Hello Youmzain (Fr) (Kodiac {GB}), Haras d'Etreham
110 foals of racing age/7 winners/0 black-type winners
3-VICHY, 60K SEALIWAY - PRIX DES JOUVENCEAUX ET
JOUVENCELLES - BERNARD FERRAND1400m, Reux (Fr)
€67,000 Arqana December Breeding Stock Sale 2022; €90,000
Arqana Deauville August Yearling Sale 2023

Romanised (Ire) (Holy Roman Emperor {Ire}), Haras de Bouquetot

84 foals of racing age/2 winners/0 black-type winners
2-VICHY, 1600m, Made in Pepper (Fr)
€6,500 Arqana Deauville October Yearlings 2023
2-VICHY, 1600m, Young and Proud (Fr)
€15,000 Arqana Deauville October Yearlings 2023
3-VICHY, 60K SEALIWAY - PRIX DES JOUVENCEAUX ET
JOUVENCELLES - BERNARD FERRAND1400m, O Sole Mio (Fr)
€13,000 Arqana Deauville October Yearlings 2023

Stunning Spirit (GB) (Invincible Spirit {Ire}), Haras de Beaumont 17 foals of racing age/2 winners/0 black-type winners 2-VICHY, 1600m, Taga (Fr) 3-VICHY, 60K SEALIWAY - PRIX DES JOUVENCEAUX ET JOUVENCELLES - BERNARD FERRAND1400m, Stunning Angel (Fr)

Threat (Ire) (Footstepsinthesand {GB}), Haras du Mont Goubert 42 foals of racing age/2 winners/0 black-type winners 2-VICHY, 1600m, Abbesses (GB) 1,000gns Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2022



Hello Youmzain has runners in France on Wednesday | Zuzanna Lupa

Van Beethoven (Scat Daddy), Karwin Farm
33 foals of racing age/3 winners/0 black-type winners
3-VICHY, 60K SEALIWAY - PRIX DES JOUVENCEAUX ET
JOUVENCELLES - BERNARD FERRAND1400m, Ciaran (Fr)
€26,000 Arqana Deauville Yearling Sale V2 2023

Waldpfad (Ger) (Shamardal), Gestut Etzean 26 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners 2-VICHY, 1600m, Pariscayenne (Fr)

Wooded (Ire) (Wootton Bassett {GB}), Haras de Bouquetot 80 foals of racing age/3 winners/0 black-type winners 2-VICHY, 1600m, Tomika (Fr) €3,000 Arqana Deauville October Yearlings 2023

### BRITAIN

#### **Tuesday's Results:**

**1st-Beverley, £7,500, Nov**, 7-16, 2yo, f, 5fT, 1:03.91, sf. **COTO DE CAZA (IRE) (f, 2, Sioux Nation--Coto (Ire), by Fast Company (Ire))**, a June 29 debut third going five furlongs at Lingfield last time, stalked the pace in a close-up second through halfway in this one. Shaken up soon after passing the quarter-mile marker, the 5-6 favourite seized control approaching the final furlong and was pushed clear in the closing stages to easily outpoint Loudan (Ire) (Blue Point (Ire)) by an impressive five lengths. Coto De Caza is the latest of three foals and first scorer out of a multiple-winning half-sister to Listed Celebration Stakes victor Insignia Of Rank (Ire) (Epaulette (Aus)) and Listed Scottish Sprint runner-up Mayleaf Shine (Ire) (Mayson (GB)). The Aprilfoaled bay's fourth dam Minnie Hauk (Sir Ivor) produced G1 Prix du Cadran winner Chief Contender (Ire) (Sadler's Wells) and G1

Phoenix Stakes victrix Aviance (Ire) (Northfields). Aviance, in turn, is the dam of multiple Grade I-winning sire Denon (Pleasant Colony), dual Group 1-winning distaffer Chimes Of Freedom (Private Account), stakes-winning G1 Cheveley Park Stakes second Imperfect Circle (Riverman) and G1 Prix Marcel Boussac runner-up Piquetnol (Private Account). Sales history: €270,000 2yo '24 TATGOR. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, \$6,038. O-Mohammed Sultan; B-Matthew Tynan (IRE); T-Simon & Ed Crisford.

**2nd-Kempton,** £**6,800, Nov**, 7-16, 2yo, f, 6f (AWT), 1:14.10, st/sl.

BEAUTY NATION (IRE) (f, 2, Sioux Nation--Red Avis {GB}, by Exceed And Excel (Aus)) settled off the tempo in ninth through halfway in this unveiling. Rowed along to close approaching the quarter-mile marker, the 5-2 favourite went fourth entering the final furlong and quickened smartly in the closing stages to deny the flagging Forager (GB) (Showcasing {GB}) by 1 3/4 lengths nearing the line. Beauty Nation is the latest of eight foals and sixth scorer out of a half to G3 Albany Stakes victrix Newfangled (New Approach (Ire)). The April-foaled bay's third dam is G1 Premio Presidente della Repubblica heroine Flagbird (Nureyev), whose descendants include GI Ashland Stakes heroine Little Belle (A.P. Indy), Little Belle's GI Jenny Wiley Stakes-winning daughter Dickinson (Medaglia D'Oro) and Grade I performers Be Your Best (Ire) (Muhaarar {GB}), Lady Alexandra (More Than Ready) and Fortify (Distorted Humor). Sales history: €21,000 Ylg '23 GOFOR2. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$4,703. O-Highclere Thoroughbred Racing (Swallow 1); B-Epona Bloodstock Ltd (IRE); T-George Boughey.

**3rd-Kempton,** £**6,800, Nov**, 7-16, 2yo, f, 8f (AWT), 1:39.25, st/sl. ALLA STELLA (GB) (f, 2, Study Of Man {Ire}--Alla Speranza {GB} **(GSW-Ire)**, by Sir Percy **(GB)**), who hit the board in starts at Carlisle and Ffos Las last month, was bustled along from the gates to track the leaders in fourth after the initial strides here. Coming under pressure to launch her challenge passing the two pole, the 11-4 favourite hit the front approaching the final furlong and was ridden clear to defeat We Sea You (Ire) (Sea The Stars (Ire)) by four lengths. Alla Stella is the latest of nine foals and sixth scorer out of G3 Kilternan Stakes winner Alla Speranza (GB) (Sir Percy {GB}), herself a half-sister to stakes-winning G3 Give Thanks Stakes runner-up Altesse (GB) (Hernando {Fr}). The April-foaled homebred grey is a half-sister to G2 City Of York victor Shine So Bright (GB) (Oasis Dream (GB)) and Listed Prix Petite Etoile third Amboseli (GB) (Kingman (GB)). All Stella's third dam is dual G1 Champion Stakes heroine Alborada (GB) (Alzao). Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-1, \$9,420.

O/B-Kirsten Rausing (GB); T-Sir Mark Prescott.

#### **CONDITIONS RESULTS:**

**5th-Kempton,** £**7,000, Nov**, 7-16, 3yo/up, f, 11f 219y (AWT), 2:35.77, st/sl.

FAIRY GLEN (FR) (f, 3, Farhh {GB}--Natural Scenery {GB}, by Dubawi {Ire}) Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, \$15,835. O-Rabbah Racing; B-Godolphin (FR); T-Simon & Ed Crisford.

### **IRELAND**

#### **ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**

Shavasi (Ire), f, 3, Muhaarar (GB)--Zahoo (Ire) (SP-Eng), by Nayef. Killarney, 7-16, 8f 30yT, 1:40.92. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-1, \$10,573. B-Double First Stables Ltd. \*1/2 to Marbaan (GB) (Oasis Dream {GB}), GSW-Eng & GSP-UAE, \$230,999; and Convergence (Ire) (Cape Cross {Ire}), GSW-Ire, \$165,624.

Nelda (Ire), f, 4, Dark Angel (Ire)--Choose Me (Ire) (SW & MGSP-Ire, \$388,395), by Choisir (Aus). Killarney, 7-16, 8f 30yT, 1:39.75. Lifetime Record: 6-1-2-0, \$16,082. B-Owenstown Bloodstock Ltd (IRE). \*€230,000 Ylg '21 GOFOR. \*Full to Persuasive (Ire), G1SW-Eng & MG1SP-Ire, \$1,161,785; and 1/2 to Creative Force (Ire) (Dubawi {Ire}), G1SW-Eng & GISP-US, \$1,094,425; and Tisbutadream (Ire) (Dream Ahead), SW & MGSP-Eng, GSP-Fr, \$133,016.

### **FRANCE**

#### **Tuesday's Results:**

PRIX HUBERT BAGUENAULT DE PUCHESSE-Listed, €52,000, Vichy, 7-16, 4yo/up, 12fT, 2:30.57, gd.

- 1--MONT DE SOLEIL (IRE), 126, g, 4, Siyouni (Fr)--Kohinur (GB), by Dubawi (Ire). 1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN. O/B-Al Asayl France (IRE); T-Francis-Henri Graffard; J-Mickael Barzalona. €26,000. Lifetime Record: 4-3-0-1, €54,550.
- 2--Hamaki (Ire), 126, g, 5, Churchill (Ire)--Sarawati (Ire), by Haafhd (GB). **1ST BLACK TYPE**. (£150,000 Ylg '20 GOFORB; 260,000gns 3yo '22 TATAUT). O-Wathan Racing; B-Pigeon Park Stud (IRE); T-Alban de Mieulle. €10,400.
- 3--Marianachic (Ire), 126, h, 5, Authorized (Ire)--Marianabaa (Fr), by Anabaa. O/B-Jean-Claude Seroul (FR); T-J Reynier. €7,800. Margins: 1 1/4, HF, HF. Odds: 1.20, 6.00, 14.00.

Also Ran: Ponty (Fr), Goya Senora (Fr), Jour Polaire (Fr), Shining Sky (Fr), Opasan (Ire), Ante Alios (Ger), Azka (Fr), Mon Vieux Leon (Fr), So Moonstruck (Ger).



#### **CONDITIONS RESULTS:**

2nd-Chateaubriant, €16,000, Cond, 7-16, 4yo, 9 3/4fT, 2:03.86, sf. KAWARETH (FR) (f, 4, Oasis Dream {GB}--Zalzalah {Fr}, by Dubawi {Ire}) Lifetime Record: 10-2-2-2, €33,380. O-Dr Susan Kendall, Annua Racing SL, Ecurie Castillon Bloodstock & Henri-Francois Devin; B-Al Shaqab Racing (FR); T-Henri-Francois Devin. \*€67,000 3yo '23 ARQJUL.

#### **ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**

Raimondin (Fr), g, 3, Caravaggio--Melusine (GB), by Zamindar. Chateaubriant, 7-16, 9 3/4fT, 2:04.73. B-Ecurie Serval (FR). \*€90,000 RNA Ylg '22 ARQAUG.

Ragnar City (Fr), c, 3, City Light (Fr)--Darannda (Fr), by Invincible Spirit (Ire). Chateaubriant, 7-16, 13 1/4fT, 2:57.90. B-Haras de Montaigu (FR). \*€12,000 RNA Ylg '22 ARQOCT.

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#### **GRAND PRIX DE VICHY-G3**, €80,000, 3yo/up, 10fT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	3	Woodchuck (Fr)	Birchwood (Ire)	Bellanger	Planque	130
2	2	Magellan (Fr)	Roaring Lion	Graffard	Guyon	128
3	8	Speechman	Kingman (GB)	Rarick	Mendizabal	128
4	7	Mon Bel Canto (Fr)	The Wow Signal (Ire)	Rouget	Eyquem	128
5	9	Quest The Moon (Ger)	Sea The Moon (Ger)	Steinberg	Piechulek	128
6	6	Une Perle (Ire)	Mount Nelson (GB)	Reynier	Orani	127
7	4	Jordanella (Fr)	Ectot (GB)	Couetil	Guillochon	125
8	5	Persist (GB)	Frankel (GB)	Boughey	Pouchin	125
9	1	Trafalgar Square (Fr)	Kendargent (Fr)	Cottier	Barzalona	119

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#### SEALIWAY - PRIX DES JOUVENCEAUX ET DES JOUVENCELLES - BERNARD FERRAND-Listed, €60,000, 2yo, 7fT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	2	Ciaran (Fr)	Van Beethoven	Guarnieri	Pouchin	128
2	7	Supido (Fr)	Blue Point (Ire)	Decouz	Thomas	128
3	4	Reux (Fr)	Hello Youmzain (Fr)	Vermeulen	Guyon	128
4	6	Detonate (Fr)	Siyouni (Fr)	Graffard	Barzalona	128
5	8	O Sole Mio (Fr)	Romanised (Ire)	Sogorb	Gutierrez Val	128
6	3	Stunning Angel (Fr)	Stunning Spirit (GB)	Fradet	Millet	125
7	5	La Guapisima (Fr)	City Light (Fr)	C Head	Lemaitre	125
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## THE SARATOGA Q AND A: DALE ROMANS



A slimmed-down Dale Romans with his life partner,

Tammy Fox | Sarah Andrew photo

by Tim Wilkin

Trainer Dale Romans, 57, has been as much a constant at Saratoga Race Course as hand melons and chicken from Hattie's. This is the 32nd straight year that Romans has spent his summer at the Spa. He sat down with Tim Wilkin to talk about life, his disappearing waistline and his questionable choice of an actor to play him in the Dale Romans story.

### TDN: You look a lot different this year. How much weight have you lost?

**Dale Romans:** It has taken a couple of years, but I've lost 180 pounds.

#### TDN: What was your maximum?

**DR:** It was 385. Now, I'm 205. I'll tell you when it started. I haven't told anyone this story. I got COVID and I was in the hospital in Miami in 2020. They came back with about five sheets of paper with everything that was wrong with me. A light went off. I knew I had to do something. I had a lot of friends that had gastric sleeve surgery and they were pushing me to do it. I went ahead and did it. Best thing I ever did. I feel like I'm aging in reverse.

### WITH RECORD SETTER INFORMED PATRIOT, HOULIHAN BACK HOME AT TAYLOR MADE

by Katie Petrunyak

Getting Informed Patriot (Hard Spun) from Horseshoe Indianapolis to the sales ring at Fasig-Tipton in less than 48 hours was going to be quite the juggling act, but Hunter Houlihan and the rest of the Taylor Made team managed to keep all the balls in the air and then finish with a flourish when the late supplement to the Fasig-Tipton July Selected Horses of Racing Age Sale came out as a record-breaking sales topper.

The morning that Informed Patriot was set to run in the GIII Indiana Derby, Hunter Houlihan, a Thoroughbred advisor for Taylor Made Farm, shot a good luck text to owners Kirk and Judy Robison. That message was followed up with a congratulatory text a few hours later when the full-brother to GI Breeders' Cup Dirt Mile victor Spun to Run finished a well-fought third.

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#### IN TON EUROPE TODAY

### HERNON GUNNING FOR IRISH OAKS WITH DARE TO DREAM

Trainer Gavin Hernon will run **Dare To Dream (Fr)** (Camelot {GB}) in the G1 Irish Oaks Saturday, and Brian Sheerin finds out more.



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#### TODAY in the





With trainer Arch Kingsley in the irons, L'Imperator (Fr) (Holy Roman Emperor {Ire}) works in company with fellow Hudson River Farms colorbearer Cibolian (Temple City) Sunday morning at Saratoga. A Grade II winner on the flat and a Grade I winner last month in the Beverly R. Steinman Hurdle Handicap, L'Imperator seeks a second consecutive Grade I hurdle victory in Wednesday's A. P. Smithwick Memorial Stakes at Saratoga. | Sarah Andrew

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Mike Kane offers a deep dive into the successes trainer Kenny McPeek has enjoyed in the sales ring.

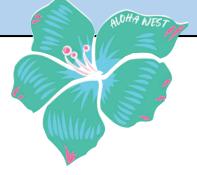
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#### Dale Romans Q & A, cont. from p1

#### TDN: You're Benjamin Button.

**DR:** Yup. I even started playing golf again. I wasn't able to play for 10 years.

#### TDN: Too heavy.

**DR:** That's right. Couldn't swing a club. Now, I'm playing every day. One day I played 45 holes.

#### **TDN: Walking?**

**DR:** (laughs). No, I won't ever get to that. I started getting healthier and the next move was to quit drinking. Quit acting like a fool all the time. In September, I went into a rehab for 12 days and have not had a drink since Sept. 25. I am the healthiest now since I was 20 years old.

### TDN: If you could train one horse from history and it can't be Secretariat, who is it?

**DR:** Seattle Slew. I was nine years old when I went to my first Kentucky Derby and it was Seattle Slew in 1977 and I fell in love with him. When he got sick, I called the farm and wanted to go see him before he died. I went up to see him, they brought him out for me, I went to pet him, and the son of a gun bit me.

Seattle Slew bit me. One of my claims to fame. He didn't like me as much as I liked him.

TDN: Correct me if I am wrong, but I am going to say your most satisfying win ever was Keen Ice beating Triple Crown winner American Pharoah in the 2015 Travers.

**DR:** That is the most historic win. Miss Mindy on Feb. 15, 1988 was as excited as I have ever been. Maiden, \$3,500 at Turfway Park. It was my first winner.

#### TDN: If there was a movie made on your life and you could pick the actor to play you, who are you picking?

**DR:** It used to be John Goodman. Now, it would be George Clooney.

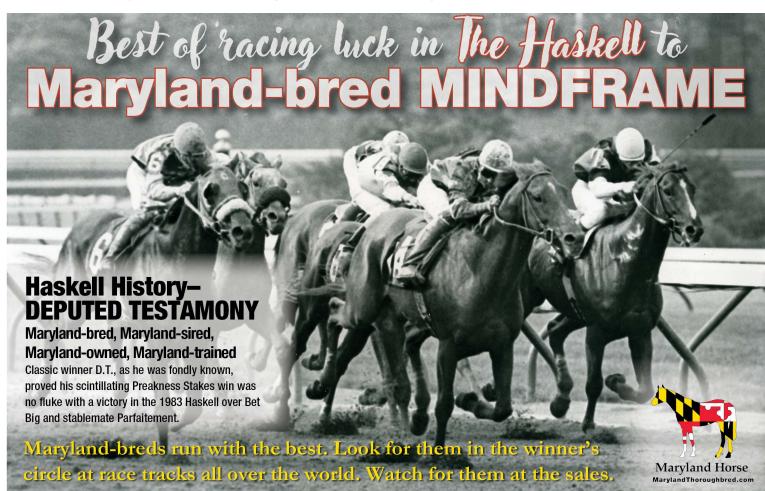
#### TDN: Really.

DR: Why not? It's my movie.

### TDN: If you could have dinner with three people, living or dead, who would they be?

**DR:** Good question. Bill Clinton. JFK. And Ben Jones, the great horse trainer.

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#### TDN: Favorite TV show.

DR: "Gunsmoke." I watch it every night. Multiple episodes. I like Marshall Dillon but, for my favorite, I go back and forth between Festus and Chester. I like 'em both.

#### TDN: Favorite horse movie?

**DR:** "Let It Ride." No doubt. Anyone who doesn't like that movie doesn't like horse racing. I liked "Seabiscuit." I liked the stunt rider in "Dreamer" (that was his life partner Tammy Fox, who filled in for Dakota Fanning).

#### TDN: Family is very important to you.

DR: Yes. My son (Jake) is an agent in Kentucky and handles all my business and our daughter (Bailey) is in Washington and is a yoga instructor and works on Capitol Hill. We are all very close.

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#### Hunter Houlihan, Informed Patriot cont. from p1

The next morning, the Robisons called Houlihan to ask what he thought of offering Informed Patriot at the sale the following afternoon. After trainer Steve Asmussen and Mark Taylor were brought into the discussion and all were in favor, Informed Patriot was put on a van bound for Lexington by Sunday afternoon.

The biggest challenges were still ahead as Houlihan raced to get the word out on the new supplement with less than 24 hours before the sale was set to start. Meanwhile, there were still questions surrounding how the colt would vet and how he would present to buyers in the few hours of showing on Monday

"Luckily when he got off the van we all knew we were in good shape," recalled Houlihan. "He was almost dead correct. He had maybe a little more stretch to him than your typical Hard Spun, but at the same time he had that Hard Spun neck and shoulder to him. He was a very nice horse."

morning before the sale began.

A nice horse with a resume to match. In addition to the 3-yearold's second graded-stake placing in the Indiana Derby, which brought his lifetime earnings to just under \$350,000, Informed Patriot also earned a

\$1.550.000

Informed Patriot becomes highest-priced horse to sell at Fasig-Tipton July Horses of Racing Age Sale | Fasig-Tipton

win in the Bathhouse Row Stakes earlier this year.



The colt was the last horse to go through the ring Monday, but there was plenty of demand waiting for him. Representing HRH Prince Saud bin Salman Abdulaziz, agent Ibrahim Rachid won out with a \$1.55 million bid-- a record figure at the July Sale.

"We knew that we had a couple of people locked onto him

going into the ring, but we never thought \$1.55 million," said Houlihan. "That was huge. We were on the phone with Kirk and Judy afterwards and they were over the moon."

The successful sale was a victory in more ways than one for Hunter Houlihan, who started working for Taylor Made in 2006 and, after a brief hiatus away from the farm for several years, has just recently returned to his role as Thoroughbred advisor.

A native of Winchester, Kentucky, Houlihan got his start

in horse racing as a college student working part-time as a translator for the track chaplain at Keeneland.



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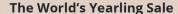
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As a 20-year-old spending his afternoons playing ping-pong in the jocks' room with the likes of Jerry Bailey and other famed riders, it wasn't long before Houlihan was hooked.

After a stint working at the track for D. Wayne Lukas, Houlihan got his foot in the door at Taylor Made in 2006 as an office runner. He spent the next decade with the farm, eventually working his way up to Director of Research and then Thoroughbred advisor.

In 2017, he stepped down at Taylor Made to take on a different role within in the Thoroughbred business, but left soon after when COVID hit. In 2021, he reached out to Taylor Made about rejoining their operation. He started out in his former position as the Director of Research, but eventually returned to the role of Thoroughbred advisor in April of this year.

For Houlihan, returning to Taylor Made was like coming home. "One of our mottos is, 'With us, you're family' and you just really feel that," he explained. "It's a family feeling in the office. The Taylor and the Payne families are some phenomenal people to work with and to work for. Any time anybody needs literally anything, the whole team is there."

Houlihan enjoyed plenty of success over his early years at Taylor Made. Through his relationship with King of Prussia Stable's Ed Stanco, he was responsible for bringing in 2013 GI Kentucky Oaks victress Princess of Sylmar (Majestic Warrior), who sold for \$3.1 million with Taylor Made at the 2014 Fasig-Tipton November Sale.

Even though he wasn't gone for all that long, when Houlihan returned to the same role at Taylor Made after a seven-year hiatus, he had to learn to adjust to the market's ever-increasing demand for recent form. Informed Patriot's swift turnaround from the track to the sales ring was just the latest example.

"I think the difference now is I'm literally hunting every day instead of during different seasons," he said. "It's less of a seasonal kind of sales cycle and now we are all hunting every day. The landscape has undoubtedly changed. It is 1,000% a different beast. Everything is so 'now' and everything can be done so quickly.

"If you factor in these Fasig-Tipton Digital sales, there's basically one every month now. Racehorses are trading at an all-time high. You can now turn them over every month. Especially with companies like Fasig-Tipton or Keeneland that are so willing to work with you, when you do get a big update and you can get a horse in so late to the sales, people are paying a premium for horses with recent form that they think can go on. If we have a client's horse run big, we say hey, strike while the iron is hot."

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#### SAVVY SHOPPER MCPEEK KEEPS FINDING **TOP-LEVEL WINNERS**

by Mike Kane

SARATOGA SPRINGS, N.Y. - Minutes after trainer Kenny McPeek signed the \$40,000 purchase ticket for a yearling filly sired by Fast Anna (Medaglia d'Oro) he told its breeder, Judy Hicks, that he would earn \$1 million with her.

Turns out that McPeek was right with his bold prediction about his now 3-year-old star, who was eventually named Thorpedo Anna. With five wins and a second in six career starts, the daughter of the Uncle Mo mare Sataves, has already earned \$1,705,663. Most of that purse money came from victories in the GI Kentucky Oaks and the GI Acorn that carried her to leadership of her division and into the top 10 of the NTRA's weekly national poll.



**Kenny McPeek** | Fasig-Tipton

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She will be the heavy favorite to add to her bankroll Saturday in the \$500,000 GI Coaching Club American Oaks at Saratoga Race Course.

Thorpedo Anna gave McPeek, 61, his first victory in the Kentucky Oaks. The next day, Mystik Dan (Goldencents) delivered him his first GI Kentucky Derby win. He is the first trainer to sweep both races in the same year since Hall of Famer Ben Jones in 1952.

McPeek has longstanding reputation for identifying prospects at sales and acquiring them at bargain prices. He purchased 10 of the 14 millionaires he has trained at public auction. The most expensive was Tiz the Bomb (Hit It a Bomb), who sold for \$330,000, while McPeek's first national standout, 1995 GI Kentucky Derby runner-up Tejano Run (Tejano), cost \$20,000 and earned \$1,66,842. He bought GI Preakness winner and champion Swiss Skydiver (Daredevil) for \$35,000. She



Thorpedo Anna | Sarah Andrew

earned \$2,216,480 on the track and sold for \$4.2 million as a broodmare prospect.

Though he did not train them, McPeek bought two-time Horse of the Year and top sire Curlin (Smart Strike) for \$57,000, Einstein (Brz) (Spend a Buck), who earned \$2,945,238, for \$50,000 and four-time Grade I winner Casa Creed (Jimmy Creed) for \$105,000.

Thorpedo Anna drew McPeek's attention at the 2022 Fasig-Tipton Kentucky Fall Yearling Sale. She was Hip #20 on the first day of the sale, Oct. 24.

"I just thought that physically she was a beast," he said. "Other than maybe she's a little offset in one leg, she's gorgeous."

While McPeek focuses on appearance over pedigree, he said that Thorpedo Anna sold for a very moderate price for a championship-caliber Thoroughbred due to her breeding.

"That was because of the sire. Fast Anna hadn't produced anything," he said. "She's just another level of anything he's ever produced. But she really looks like an Uncle Mo. She's out of an Uncle Mo mare. That's the difference."

Grade I-placed Fast Anna sired five crops before he was euthanized in 2021 due to the effects of laminitis.

Hicks thought so much of the filly that she foaled and raised at her Brookstown Farm that she approached McPeek at the sale and asked if she could buy into the partnership. He agreed and she is a co-owner with Brookdale Racing, Mark Edwards and Magdalena Racing, which is operated by McPeek's wife, Sherri. McPeek's confidence level in his ability to pick out horses at auction prompted him to change his business model.

"Today, I no longer charge commission. I get 10% equity at the

hammer," he said. "My reward only comes if I buy a good horse. Otherwise, I'm paying bills like the other 90%."

After graduating from the University of Kentucky with a degree in business administration, McPeek took out his training license in 1985. His first winner was a horse owned by his father. Six years later, he saddled his first stakes winner. Out of necessity, he taught himself how to scout for talent.

"I didn't have a lot to work

with in the beginning, so I created a system to sort them and I still use the same system today," he said. "I don't do anything different than when Roy Monroe gave me a \$6,000 budget because I found that if you squeeze them down and you focus in on the athlete the pedigree doesn't matter. When they head to the winner's circle nobody was saying, 'Oh, that one doesn't have any page.' It doesn't matter."

McPeek bought Tejano Run in 1993 for Monroe. The colt secured the trainer's first two graded stakes wins the next year and finished 2 1/4 lengths behind Thunder Gulch (Gulch) in the Derby. In 2000 with She's a Devil Due (Devil His Due), McPeek picked up the first of his five Alcibiades wins, all with fillies he purchased at auction. That summer, he made what he considers one of the most important buys of his career: Take Charge Lady (Dehere) for \$175,000.

"Take Charge Lady had no black type in her first three dams when I bought her," he said. "Today, she is a Blue Hen. So, you're trying to beat the market to the punch. You want to buy before that mare gets hot or that family gets hot. That's really what I'm trying to do, beat the market to the punch."

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### KENNY MCPEEK'S BARGAIN PURCHASES WITH BIG RETURNS THROUGH THE YEARS

Tejano Run (Tejano)	\$20,000	\$1,166,842
Pure Fun (Pure Prize) *	\$22,000	\$487,360
Swiss Skydiver (Daredevil) *	\$35,000	\$2,216,480
Prince Arch (Arch) *	\$37,000	\$609,186
Thorpedo Anna (Fast Anna) *	\$40,000	\$1,705,663
Einstein [Brz] (Spend A Buck) *	\$50,000	\$2,945,238
Frac Daddy (Scat Daddy)	\$50,000	\$701,236
Simply Ravishing (Laoban) *	\$50,000	\$426,200
Curlin (Smart Strike) *	\$57,000	\$10,501,800
Dream Empress (Bernstein) *	\$60,000	\$763,154
Golden Ticket (Speightstown) *	\$100,000	\$1,362,924
Casa Creed (Jimmy Creed) *	\$105,000	\$2,691,308

#### \*Grade I winner

Note: Some in this group were handled by other trainers, but McPeek selected them for owners he was representing.

During her career Take Charge Lady won 11 of 22 starts, earning \$2,480,347 in purse money. She sold for \$4.2 million as a broodmare in foal to Seeking the Gold. The resulting foal was Charming, who later produced Grade I millionaires Take Charge Brandi and Omaha Beach. Two of her other foals were Grade I winners Will Take Charge (Unbridled's Song) and Take Charge Indy (A.P. Indy).

In the Take Charge Lady years, he also had the graded stakes winners Repent and Harlan's Holiday in his care.

In 2005, McPeek stepped away from training and his assistant Helen Pitts took over the stable. One of the yearlings he purchased at the Keeneland September sale that year as a bloodstock agent was Curlin. The colt started his career with Pitts, but was purchased and turned over to Steve Asmussen. He earned over \$10 million at the races and has had a long run as top sire. McPeek believed what his eyes told him and picked the colt up for a pittance.

"Curlin had the body of a Greek god," McPeek said. "When he walked out as a yearling, he looked like a 4-year-old. The only thing is, is he had an ankle on him the size of a grapefruit. His left front ankle. He'd had surgery and the surgery site had gotten infected and inflamed. He was almost unpresentable as a yearling. But everything else was there, so you bought him just because you thought you could deal with the ankle. In time the ankle was fine. But he was just a complete Greek god as a yearling."

McPeek ranks Rattle N Roll (Connect) as an important buy at \$210,000 in 2019. He has won seven stakes, five of them graded, and earned \$1,732,141 for Lucky Seven Stable.

Despite his rise to prominence as a trainer who has won all three of the Triple Crown races and a total of 27 Grade I's,

McPeek has not wavered from his approach to the sales.

"I work an auction with a clear mind. I don't even look at the book," he said. "I just look at horses. If a horse is bringing more than I think it's worth then I will walk away because you've got to have some return on investment for people. The ones that fall through for the modest prices that I think are the physicals then we snatch all those up. Then we will do it again. Same pattern."

McPeek laughed as he described how his investors react when he is buying horses at auctions.

"Any time that I sign a ticket for probably under \$100,000, my phone blows up." he said. "I've got a great base of clients. Some wonderful people."

McPeek said his process of shopping for value while searching for graded-stakes bodies, is something of a chess match.

"Of course, if I spend a client's money wisely, they're more likely to buy more," he said. "We all know it's a very difficult game."

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### THE BORN IDENTITY: 'BREAK THEM TO BE HORSES NOT RACEHORSES' by J.N. Campbell



Click on the image to watch Night Beacon and Emily Ellingwood train over the Whittier Narrows trails | Benoit

Rider Emily Ellingwood straightened **Night Beacon** (Spun to Run) for her stretch run, then banked the young filly for the gallop out. All the while she allowed her mount--who moved like a western pleasure horse--to feel the ground beneath her during what was becoming a regular workout late in 2023.

But it wasn't a nicely-groomed all-weather surface the pair were traveling over. No, the terrain was undulating and severe. Among the flora was fauna which included snakes and coyotes. There's no renovation break amid the rock and earth here. True, the harrowed dirt of Arcadia was not far off as the crow flies, but it seemed a world away.

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Night Beacon's training track at Whittier Narrows near Los Angeles, California, with its ravines and embankments, was therefore something different.

Having a yearling start a career in this fashion is all part of trainer Ryan Hanson's plan--a forward-thinking memo regarding a horse's born identity.

"The idea is simple," Hanson said. "What we need to be doing is break them to be horses, not racehorses."

Conventional wisdom in the 21st century tells the postmodern trainer that they should begin to put a saddle on a yearling in the early fall and then proceed to teach them about the rigors of daily life around the oval and in the stable.

Sure, turning them out into a field, watching their every move while they're in their stalls and seeing to their needs becomes

part and parcel of the rhythms of everyday life.

Clocking times and the coming of the 2-year-old sales become like sand through an hourglass as the calendar flips.

Under these old methods, plans for life events like becoming an off-track Thoroughbred (OTTB) can be procrastinated and are

an impediment to progress. And so it goes, why think about the distant future when the target is the track and then ultimately the breeding shed?

Channeling the film *Jerry Maguire*--fewer clients, more
personal attention--Hanson's own
training memo tries to look
beyond a Thoroughbred's current
condition in the here and now.
He and his team are about
building blocks, which if
constructed properly, have a
major influence on the life of a
horse after their racing career is

over.

"We used to go with a plan, but what we learned is that they are around the track all the time," he said. "Going to a place like Whittier Narrows allows them to grow and mature at their pace, instead of ours."

Hanson's approach to breaking a horse, how to 'condition' them and finally get them to the track could have a reverberative effect on the sport. His unique take could also be the key to building soundness and longevity.

First though, you should know that Hanson operates a stable of roughly 40 head and competes primarily at Santa Anita, Los Alamitos and Del Mar. You probably have heard of his wife,

Michelle Yu, who is prominent on several networks providing handicapping analysis and interviews. She's an accomplished horseman in her own right and, just like Ellingwood, integral to the operation.

"Michelle is really the boss of this outfit," said Hanson. "We do everything ourselves and it is a sun-up to sundown effort, which never stops. Christmas Day, holidays, we are just in constant motion, but there just is nothing like a nice day and



Night Beacon at Whittier Narrows | Michelle Yu

being with these horses."

Hanson, who is a fourth-generation horseman originally from Idaho, has spent his whole life around equine athletes. His story is distinctive because he might be the only Thoroughbred trainer in North America to first be a champion chariot racer. You aren't

going to find this ambitious and hard-working fellow in a three-piece suit gabbing with the clients. His uniform, as he describes it, is dirty blue jeans paired with a ball cap. He can steer a Thoroughbred as well as anybody and his parents instilled in him a work ethic that shows.

"My parents taught hard work, and that is what Michelle and I are all about," he said.

Hanson's program places a strong emphasis on the horse getting to be just that, a horse.

Ryan Hanson line driving with his assistant | Michelle Yu

When yearlings are sent to him, they don't go to the track immediately, rather, he specifically keeps them away in order to foster some important qualities. It is a deposit on their future.

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The breaking of Night Beacon is a case in point. Yu suggested to the owner of WSS Racing, Bill Simon, that he find a son or daughter by Gainesway freshman sire Spun to Run (by Hard Spun). Out of Stormandaprayer, Night Beacon was selected by Jared Hughes for Simon and taken home for \$45,000 at the 2023 Keeneland January Sale. The short yearling filly was then turned out in Kentucky through the summer before she headed to Hanson in California that September. Her breaking in a corral went smoothly.

"She was a pleasure to break and we started her from the ground, line drove her," said the trainer. "By mid-November she was being ridden every day with a western saddle and Emily [Ellingwood] helped guide her over logs and sometimes we would go two at a time, while sometimes it's just a single."



Night Beacon with Emily Ellingwood up | Benoit

Built like a competitive trail event for an OTTB, Hanson's module is more like a Montessori school where each pupil is an individual. Paths of varying degrees of difficulty allow horses to build different strengths in their legs. Hanson, Yu and Ellingwood rotate mounts, especially if one in the string needs some special attention.

When she was ready, Night Beacon took to the river bottoms, went knee deep into water and learned to pick up her feet on the trails at Whittier. The course which is about a mile and a half includes deep sand at different junctures and is coupled with steeper points, which provide a nice set of challenges.

"She's [Night Beacon] just one of those fillies who never missed a beat, never needed to slow down and was always training forward," Hanson said.

The trainee became comfortable in her own skin, so when it was time to transition to the track at Santa Anita, the process was a smooth one in late February.

Ellingwood took Night Beacon for her first registered workout going a furlong Mar. 9. Regular drills followed and the juvenile broke her maiden on debut by 2 3/4 lengths going 4 1/2 furlongs with her regular rider aboard in Arcadia May 10, which handed her first-crop sire his first winner of his career.

"Night Beacon has always been a pack leader," said Ellingwood. "I always enjoy breaking babies and working with them before they head to the track. Taking them on the Whittier trails allows them to develop a natural confidence as they experience different surfaces. I think that it definitely helps with their development. I even own one who was trained like this and they had such a great foundation for their next job in life."

Since her graduation, Night Beacon has set her sights on the GIII Sorrento Stakes at Del Mar Aug. 10. Her works have



Night Beacon in the winner's circle | Benoit

continued to be steady and to form. No matter what the filly accomplishes on the track, Hanson has instilled in the daughter of Spun to Run skills that will last the rest of her life.

"You have to have a ton of patience to do this kind of training, but it's our responsibility to let them be horses first," Hanson said.

There is nothing easy when it comes to breaking yearlings and preparing them to race or for the auction ring. With aftercare and an OTTB's future in mind though, Ryan Hanson and his team are committed to letting a horse be a horse.

When it does come time for them to retire from the track, the foundation is ready for them as they begin to adjust to their next career. That is why breaking them to be horses and training them on the trails allows their born identity to flourish.

### PREAKNESS WINNER SEIZE THE GREY CONFIRMED FOR THE JIM DANDY



Seize the Grey | Sarah Andrew

Over the course of the past week, D. Wayne Lukas had indicated that it was very likely that GI Preakness winner **Seize the Grey** (Arrogate) would stay put and run in the GII Jim Dandy Stakes at Saratoga July 27 rather than ship to the Jersey Shore for Monmouth's GI Haskell Stakes one week earlier. Gainesway Farm announced that it had secured the breeding rights in the Classic winner last week.

"Since the breeding rights have gotten involved with this horse, there's so much more involvement in far as the bonus's and incentives are concerned, so the Jim Dandy and Travers makes more sense," Lukas told *DRF* Tuesday. "And we don't have to travel. I kind of like that too."

In his penultimate move prior to next week's Jim Dandy, the grey worked six furlongs in 1:11.90 over Saratoga's main track Tuesday. In his latest start, the colt finished seventh in the GI Belmont Stakes at Saratoga June 8.

"I didn't care too much for the way he ran on the main track in the Belmont," Lukas told *DRF*. "They tell me it was a lot deeper and looser that day, but it's much tighter now that they got the water in it. So I was really pleased to see the way he moved over the track today. His action over it this morning was excellent."

He added, "Anytime you break 1:12, that's serious. Especially in the morning with an exercise rider. We were pleased. I think we got what we needed. We'll get another work in at Oklahoma before the Jim Dandy and move forward off of this. I feel good about it."

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### NYRA BETS TO MANAGE NEW JERSEY HORSE RACING ONLINE AND MOBILE SYSTEM

NYRA Bets will act as the managing vendor of New Jersey's online and mobile pari-mutuel account wagering system for horse racing under an agreement signed by Darby Development, acting as agent of the New Jersey Sports & Exposition Authority.

Under the agreement, all account wagering platforms will have the opportunity to enter the New Jersey market, provided those entities gain the approval of NYRA Bets, Darby Development and the New Jersey Horse Racing Commission. As a result, New Jersey residents will soon be able to choose among multiple account wagering platforms.

"This is a win for the patrons in New Jersey, allowing them to have choices for the first time as to which site they prefer to wager with," said Dennis Drazin, Chairman and CEO of Darby Development. "It's another step in our ongoing effort to make the racing experience in New Jersey as fan-friendly as we possibly can."

Pending the approval of the New Jersey Racing Commission, NYRA Bets will coordinate with online/mobile/sportsbook operators to establish a launch date later this year.

"We are pleased to usher in a new era for horseplayers in New Jersey," said Tony Allevato, President of NYRA Bets. "As the sports betting market continues its rapid evolution, the expansion of NYRA Bets into New Jersey will benefit consumers by increasing competition. It's a win for New Jersey, for horse racing and for NYRA Bets."

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### NYTHA CONTRIBUTES \$25K TO SUPPORT CORNELL EQUINE

The New York Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association (NYTHA) has made a contribution of \$25,000 to support the development of Cornell Equine. The cross-campus program, rooted in Cornell University's scientific research clinical care and education, and based at the Cornell University College of Veterinary Medicine, aims to advance equine health and education through enhanced collaboration amongst interdisciplinary teams.

"We are so grateful for the support of NYTHA in helping us bring Cornell Equine to fruition," says Dr. Mandi de Mestre, professor of equine medicine with the Baker Institute for Animal Health and Department of Biomedical Sciences, College of Veterinary Medicine. "This gift will support us to take the first steps in leveraging the exceptional breadth of skills of leading Cornell faculty to tackle novel research questions in equine health and safety and build leadership capacity for the future."

"A coordinated equine program will also bolster the University's efforts to recruit and retain the best veterinary students into equine practice through enhanced and coordinated access to educational opportunities, faculty support, and industry."

Tina Marie Bond, president of NYTHA, added, "The College of Veterinary Medicine has a long-standing history of driving research and clinical results that have had lasting impact on the Thoroughbred industry and equine health and care. We are pleased to be able to support the college as it builds upon this legacy."

The gift will support Cornell Equine's first phase of development, in which a new, two-way communication platform will be launched to invite horse owners, trainers and veterinarians to discuss their most pressing issues, ultimately guiding future research and education programs. The platform will enhance dissemination of research results to deliver benefits nationally to equine management and clinical services. This initial phase of the initiative is underway, and it is anticipated to be available to the equine field at large by the summer of 2025.



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#### Saturday, Saratoga #11, post time: 6:17 p.m. EDT

COACHING CLUB AMERICAN OAKS-GI, \$500,000, 3yo, f, 1 1/8m

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1	Candied	Candy Ride (Arg)	Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners	Pletcher	Franco	120
2	Barbratina	Catholic Boy	Black Type Thoroughbreds, Swinbank Stables,			
			Big Tufff Stables, S. Adkisson & Tommy Humphries	Weaver	Alvarado	118
3	Thorpedo Anna	Fast Anna	Nader Alaali, Mark Edwards, Judy B. Hicks	McPeek	Hernandez, Jr.	122
			and Magdalena Racing			
4	Leslie's Rose 🛪	Into Mischief	Whisper Hill Farm, LLC	Pletcher	Velazquez	122
5	Intricate 🛪	Gun Runner	Bradley Thoroughbreds, Laura Leigh Stable,			
			Scott Estes and Cambron Equine, LLC	Walsh	Gaffalione	118

Breeders: 1-Buck Pond Farm, Inc., 2-H & E Ranch, 3-Judy Hicks, 4-John D. Gunther & Eurowest BloodstockServices, 5-LBD Stable, LLC

### Saturday, Saratoga #10, post time: 5:38 p.m. EDT LAKE GEORGE S.-GIII, \$175,000, 3yo, f, 1mT

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2	Oversubscribed (GB)	Too Darn Hot (GB)	Klaravich Stables, Inc.	Brown	Rosario	122
3	Manama Gold 🖛	Star Guitar	Victorious Racing LLC	Pletcher	Velazquez	124
4	Vive Veuve 🖛	Collected	Sterling Stables, LLC	Sisterson	Vazquez	122
5	Gala Brand 🖛	Violence	Arnmore Thoroughbreds& Even Keel Thoroughbreds	Mott	Lezcano	120
6	Sweet Rebecca 🖛	American Pharoah	Resolute Racing	Brown	Gaffalione	122
7	De Regreso 🖛	Audible	Cairoli Racing Stable and Magic Stables, Inc.	Sano	Franco	122
8	Pounce 🛪	Lookin At Lucky	Resolute Racing	Casse	Davis	124
9	Lemon Muffin 🖛	Collected	Aaron Sones, Julie Gilbert and Harrison M. Sones	Lukas	Santana, Jr.	124
10	Magic Cross 🛪	Good Magic	James S. Karp	Mott	Alvarado	120

**Breeders:** 1-Stiftung Gestut Fahrhof, 2-Rabbah Bloodstock, 3-Brittlyn, 4-Speedway Stable, 5-Desmond Ryan & Martin Schwartz, 6-Mt Brilliant Farm & Ranch, 7-Baron Thoroughbreds, 8-Bell, Rankin, VanMeter & Hancock, 9-Mr. & Mrs. Theodore R. Kuster & Collected Syndicate, 10-Phil & Christine Hatfield, 11-Allied Racing Stable, 12-Lynch Bages, 13-Brian Kahn

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**1st-Horseshoe Indianapolis, \$39,680, Msw**, 7-16, 2yo, f, 5f, :58.71, gd, 5 lengths.

DON'T MISS OUT (f, 2, Gormley--Nitta Yuma, by Quality Road) was adding blinkers here following a runner-up effort over a sloppy track and trip in her July 5 debut. The 3-1 shot broke sharply from her outside post and bore in, jostling rivals to her inside, including favored Winter Waves (Frosted) who was shuffled back to last. Don't Miss Out quickly opened a clear advantage while taking the field through an opening quarter in :22.45. She extended her advantage down the lane and won by five lengths. Seven Anns (Coal Front) closed for second.

Winter Wave never got on track after the troubled beginning and checked in sixth. Fernando De La Cruz, aboard the beaten favorite, lodged an objection against the winner, but the stewards made no changes.

Nitta Yuma has a yearling colt by Elnaawi and a weanling filly by Shagaf. Co-breeder Bruce Murphy purchased the mare, with Don't Miss Out in utero, for \$9,500 at the 2022 Keeneland January sale. Click for the Equibase.com chart. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$34,080.

O-Southwest Racing Stables Inc., Bruce & Lori Murphy; B-Bruce Murphy & Lori Murphy (IN); T-Genaro Garcia.



Don't Miss Out | Coady Media

**6th-Horseshoe Indianapolis, \$32,000, Msw**, 7-16, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:10.39, gd, 1 1/4 lengths.

METALHEAD (g, 3, Tonalist--Danzig Girl, by Hard Spun), sent off at 6-1, was outfooted in the early going as a pair of rivals battled through an opening quarter in :21.90. The dark bay gelding rallied three wide approaching the stretch as the half went up in :44.72 and reeled in pacesetting Sweet as Sin (Candy Ride (Arg)) in deep stretch before pulling away to score by 1 1/4 lengths. Metalhead was a \$150,000 Keeneland September yearling purchase by the Lothenbach Stables of the late Bob Lothenbach last fall and was purchased for \$26,000 at the Fasig-Tipton Digital Lothenbach Dispersal of Horses of Racing Age Sale in February. Danzig Girl has a 2-year-old filly by American Freedom, who sold for \$19,000 at the Fasig-Tipton Midlantic May sale, and a yearling colt by Tacitus. She was bred to Speaker's Corner last year. The winner's third dam is multiple Grade I winner Jersey Girl (Belong to Me). Click for the **Equibase.com chart.** Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$19,200. O-Mathiesen Racing, LLC; B-Machmer Hall, Carrie & Craig Brogden (KY); T-William E. Morey.

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Complexity (Maclean's Music), Airdrie Stud, \$12,500 121 foals of racing age/12 winners/1 black-type winner 2-Horseshoe Turf Pick 3, 5:16 p.m. EDT, Msw 5fT, Complex Cat, 12-1

Country House (Lookin At Lucky), Darby Dan Farm, \$7,500 37 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners 5-Century Mile, 10:15 p.m. EDT, Msw 4 1/2f, Kitty House, 6-1 \$1,000 RNA FTK OCT yrl

**Gift Box** (Twirling Candy), Lane's End Farm, \$5,000 82 foals of racing age/2 winners/0 black-type winners 2-Horseshoe Turf Pick 3, 5:16 p.m. EDT, Msw 5fT, Gift Certificate, 15-1

Instagrand (Into Mischief), Taylor Made Farm, \$7,500 135 foals of racing age/4 winners/0 black-type winners 5-Century Mile, 10:15 p.m. EDT, Msw 4 1/2f, No Rejoyce, 6-1 \$5,000 KEE SEP yrl

**Isotherm** (Lonhro {Aus}), Swifty Farms 19 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners 3-Horseshoe Indianapolis, 3:12 p.m. EDT, Msw 5f, Ace of Cats, 9-2

**Killybegs Captain** (Mizzen Mast), Mill Creek Farm 12 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners 3-Saratoga, 2:18 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2f, Ailani, 15-1

Rowayton (Into Mischief), Taylor Made Farm, \$7,500 30 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners 2-Horseshoe Turf Pick 3, 5:16 p.m. EDT, Msw 5fT, Onwatch, 7-2

**Speightsong** (Speightstown), Midwest Equine & Veterinary Hospital

13 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners 1-Horseshoe Indianapolis, 2:10 p.m. EDT, Msw 5f, Estrella Brillante, 8-1

1-Horseshoe Indianapolis, 2:10 p.m. EDT, Msw 5f, Glitter Queen, 9-2

\$25,000 IND MIX yrl

3-Horseshoe Indianapolis, 3:12 p.m. EDT, Msw 5f, Kitten's Song, 10-1

**Thousand Words** (Pioneerof the Nile), Spendthrift Farm, \$5,000 124 foals of racing age/6 winners/2 black-type winners 3-Saratoga, 2:18 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2f, Pawtucketshuffle, 6-1 \$40,000 SAR AUG yrl

**Vekoma** (Candy Ride {Arg}), Spendthrift Farm, \$15,000 162 foals of racing age/11 winners/0 black-type winners 3-Saratoga, 2:18 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2f, Vehemente, 9-5 \$40,000 FTN MIX wnl

#### SECOND-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: WEDNESDAY, JULY 17

2024 Stud Fees Listed

Audible (Into Mischief), WinStar Farm, \$15,000 261 foals of racing age/56 winners/5 black-type winners 3-Saratoga, 2:18 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2f, Bellacose, 6-1 \$33,000 FTN MIX wnl; \$82,000 FTK OCT yrl

**Bahjatty** (Carpe Diem), Indiana Stallion Station 3 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners 1-Horseshoe Indianapolis, 2:10 p.m. EDT, Msw 5f, Seeyouinabit, 4-1

**Shagaf** (Bernardini), Indiana Stallion Station 15 foals of racing age/5 winners/0 black-type winners 3-Horseshoe Indianapolis, 3:12 p.m. EDT, Msw 5f, Mi Caprichuda, 4-1

Solomini (Curlin), McMahon of Saratoga Thoroughbreds, \$7,500 142 foals of racing age/30 winners/4 black-type winners 8-Saratoga, 5:10 p.m. EDT, \$150K New York Stallion Series S., 1m, My Shea D Lady, 8-1 \$25,000 FTN MIX wnl; \$100,000 OBS APR 2yo 8-Saratoga, 5:10 p.m. EDT, \$150K New York Stallion Series S., 1m, Sohana, 6-1 \$200,000 OBS MAR 2yo 8-Saratoga, 5:10 p.m. EDT, \$150K New York Stallion Series S., 1m, Soloshot, 4-1 \$30,000 FTN MIX wnl; \$290,000 EAS MAY 2yo 3-Saratoga, 2:18 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2f, Trail of Gold, 10-1





#### **STAKES RESULTS:**

**JACK HARDY S.**, (NB) C\$51,000, Assiniboia Downs, 7-15, 3yo, f, 7 1/2f, 1:35.26, ft.

- 1--MIDNIGHT LADY, 119, f, 3, Midnight Lute--Steal the Dance, by Tapit. (\$5,500 2yo '23 OBSOPN). O-Henry S. Witt, Jr.; B-Calumet Farm (KY); T-Lee Delaronde; J-Prayven Badrie. C\$30,600. Lifetime Record: 13-2-4-0, \$50,324.
- 2--**Zorina**, 119, f, 3, Enticed--Magdalena's Moment, by Harbor the Gold. O-Linda Eidal; B-Lucky Larr Stable (KY); T-Carlos Moreno. C\$10,200.
- 3--She's My Niece, 119, f, 3, Hard Spun--Anydayismyday, by Afleet Alex. (\$50,000 Ylg '22 FTKOCT). O-Kachur, Kane and Houle, Sharyn; B-Glenangus Farm LLC (MD); T-Jared Brown. C\$5,100.

Margins: HF, 1, HF. Odds: 6.10, 1.85, 1.60.

**DERBY TRIAL S.,** (NB) C\$50,500, Assiniboia Downs, 7-15, 3yo, 1m, 1:40.72, ft.

1--MR FILLIP, 122, c, 3, Mitole--Filibustin (MSW, \$309,140), by Bustin Stones. (\$145,000 Ylg '22 KEESEP; \$300,000 2yo '23 OBSAPR). O-Tremblay, Norman and Howg, Randy; B-Susan Moulton (KY); T-Rick A. Wise; J-Antonio Whitehall. C\$30,600. Lifetime Record: SW, 8-4-1-2, \$185,521.

#### **VINERY SALES** GRADUATE

2--Lt. Norm, 122, g, 3, City of Light--Annadale, by Speightstown. (\$50,000 Ylg '22 KEESEP; \$37,000 2yo '23 OBSAPR). O-Drop'en Racing; B-Ann Marie Farms (KY); T-Steve Keplin, Jr. C\$10,200.

#### LANE'S END SALES GRADUATE

3--Magnolia Speed, 122, g, 3, Clearly Now--Major Ashworth, by Colonel John. (\$6,000 Ylg '22 OBSWIN). O-Mike Powers; B-Jerold Murrell & Daniel Putt (LA); T-Lee Delaronde. C\$5,100. Margins: 6, 2, HF. Odds: 0.05, 21.30, 16.30.

#### **ALLOWANCE RESULTS:**

**7th-Thistledown, \$41,500**, (S), 7-16, 3yo/up, 5 1/2f, 1:04.60, ft, 1 1/2 lengths.

EMPIRE'S FIRE (g, 5, Empire Way--Victoria's On Fire, by Langfuhr) Lifetime Record: MSP, 18-10-3-1, \$280,015.

O-Douglas Diemer; B-Loner Farms (OH); T-Jeffrey A. Radosevich.

**5th-Horseshoe Indianapolis, \$40,000**, (S), 7-16, (NW2X), 3yo/up, 1 1/16m (off turf), 1:45.38, gd, head. **BLACK WHITE N GOLD (g, 3, Oscar Performance--Frosting, by Flatter)** Lifetime Record: 14-3-1-1, \$91,816. O-P Lauer;

B-Michael & Penny Lauer & Amerman Racing (IN); T-M Lauer.

**1st-Thistledown, \$39,000**, 7-16, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 5 1/2f, 1:04.64, ft, head.

SPECIALIZED (g, 4, Midshipman--Love Spun, by Hard Spun) Lifetime Record: 10-5-0-2, \$121,838. O-Mast Thoroughbreds LLC; B-Mapleton Thoroughbred Farm (OH); T-Robert M. Gorham. \*Full to Special Reserve, MGSW & GISP, \$789,746.

**4th-Horseshoe Indianapolis, \$34,000**, 7-16, (NW2L), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:11.04, gd, 1 length.

MARMALADE SKYE (f, 4, Danza--Dawn Before Dawn {SW & GSP, \$164,605}, by High Yield) Lifetime Record: 9-2-2-3, \$120,524. O-Reginald Clarke; B-Redge Clarke & Carl Mathieu (KY); T-Magda Jacobs.

**8th-Thistledown, \$31,400**, 7-16, (NW4L), 3yo/up, f/m, 1m, 1:40.86, ft, 1 1/2 lengths.

MAGIC PALACE (m, 5, Palace Malice--Thatbossanovasound, by Blame) Lifetime Record: 18-4-4-2, \$106,529. O-Blackstone Racing; B-James Bryan (KY); T-R Castro. \*\$20,000 Ylg '20 KEESEP.

#### TAMBHOLM SOUTH Training Graduate

**2nd-Thistledown, \$28,000**, 7-16, (NW2L), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:10.22, ft, 2 1/4 lengths.

**BAXLEY (g, 3, Klimt--Curlamorous, by Curlin)** Lifetime Record: 4-2-1-0, \$48,293. O-Carolyn Wilson; B-Hidden Point Farm, Inc. (KY); T-Larry Rivelli. \*\$235,000 2yo '23 OBSAPR.

**1st-Mountaineer Casino & Resort, \$27,742**, 7-15, 3yo/up, 1mT, 1:35.24, fm, neck.

RIP THORN (g, 8, Twirling Candy--Got No Name, by Bernstein) Lifetime Record: 44-12-10-6, \$215,327. O/T-Timothy M. Collins; B-Charles A. Woodson (WV). \*\$4,000 RNA Ylg '17 EASOCT.

**5th-Finger Lakes, \$26,147**, 7-16, (NW3L), 3yo/up, 1m 70y, 1:45.94, sy, 2 1/2 lengths.

MO TRUMP (g, 4, Mo Town--Objective Complete, by Mission Impazible) Lifetime Record: MSP, 16-3-1-3, \$100,115. O-Ferraro, M. Anthony and Cummings, David; B-Patricia Clark & Topsmeade, LLC (NY); T-M. Anthony Ferraro. \*\$15,000 Wlg '20 KEENOV; \$5,500 Ylg '21 OBSWIN; \$29,000 Ylg '21 EASOCT.

#### Baldwin Bloodstock Graduate



**3rd-Finger Lakes, \$24,500**, (S), 7-16, (NW1BX), 3yo/up, 1m 70y, 1:46.22, sy, 7 lengths.

RHYMES LIKE DIMES (g, 5, Union Jackson--Sleek, by Bernardini) Lifetime Record: 25-5-6-4, \$115,873. O/T-Timothy P. Murphy; B-Hidden Lake Farm, LLC & Fred Rosen (NY). \*\$1,500 Ylg '20 FTKFEB; \$27,000 RNA 2yo '21 OBSOPN.





**3rd-Fanduel Sportsbook And Horse Racing, \$23,500**, (S), (NW2L)/Opt. Clm (\$10,000), 7-16, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:12.96, sy, 2 1/4 lengths.

REBA ATTACK (f, 4, Forest Attack--Lucky Lipstick, by Lucky Lionel) Lifetime Record: 11-2-4-0, \$58,778. O-Lois McCrosky; B-Donald J. McCrosky (IL); T-Vance Childers.

**4th-Fanduel Sportsbook And Horse Racing, \$23,040**, (S), (C)/Opt. Clm (\$12,500), 7-16, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:12.68, sy, 2 1/2 lengths.

**HIGHLY PERFECT (g, 4, Highly Justin--Verdant, by Pleasantly Perfect)** Lifetime Record: 25-3-7-1, \$88,275. O-Aaron Scott Reese; B-Chad Hassebrock (IL); T-Ralph Martinez.

**5th-Fort Erie, C\$21,241**, 7-15, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:11.66, sy, 1 1/4 lengths.

MOUNTAIN SOUND (f, 4, Souper Speedy--Yolie, by Menifee) Lifetime Record: 12-3-1-2, \$56,315. O-Carpenter, Denise and Simms, John; B-Frank Di Giulio (ON); T-John Simms.

#### **ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**

**Dawn of the Devil**, f, 4, **Daredevil**--Secret Appeal, by Street Hero. Assiniboia Downs, 7-15, 6f, 1:14.90. Lifetime Record: 5-1-0-2, \$14,983. B-Greenlaw Farms (SK).

**Twirling Piper**, f, 4, **Twirling Candy**--Pipers Future (MSP, \$188,334), by Niigon. Fort Erie, 7-15, 6 1/2f (off turf), 1:18.65. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$7,971. B-Chiefswood Stables Limited (ON). \*1/2 to Piper's Factor (The Factor), GSP, \$144,942.

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**Danza**, Marmalade Skye, f, 4, o/o Dawn Before Dawn, by High Yield. ALW, 7-16, Horseshoe Indianapolis

**Daredevil**, Dawn of the Devil, f, 4, o/o Secret Appeal, by Street Hero. MSW, 7-15, Assiniboia

**Empire Way**, Empire's Fire, g, 5, o/o Victoria's On Fire, by Langfuhr. ALW, 7-16, Thistledown

**Forest Attack**, Reba Attack, f, 4, o/o Lucky Lipstick, by Lucky Lionel. AOC, 7-16, Fanduel Sportsbook And Horse Racing **Gormley**, Don't Miss Out, f, 2, o/o Nitta Yuma, by Quality Road. MSW, 7-16, Horseshoe Indianapolis

**Highly Justin**, Highly Perfect, g, 4, o/o Verdant, by Pleasantly Perfect. AOC, 7-16, Fanduel Sportsbook And Horse Racing **Klimt**, Baxley, g, 3, o/o Curlamorous, by Curlin. ALW, 7-16, Thistledown

Midnight Lute, Midnight Lady, f, 3, o/o Steal the Dance, by Tapit. Jack Hardy S., 7-15, Assiniboia

Midshipman, Specialized, g, 4, o/o Love Spun, by Hard Spun. ALW, 7-16, Thistledown

**Mitole**, Mr Fillip, c, 3, o/o Filibustin, by Bustin Stones. Derby Trial S., 7-15, Assiniboia

**Mo Town**, Mo Trump, g, 4, o/o Objective Complete, by Mission Impazible. ALW, 7-16, Finger Lakes

Oscar Performance, Black White N Gold, g, 3, o/o Frosting, by Flatter. ALW, 7-16, Horseshoe Indianapolis



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**Palace Malice**, Magic Palace, m, 5, o/o Thatbossanovasound, by Blame. ALW, 7-16, Thistledown

**Souper Speedy**, Mountain Sound, f, 4, o/o Yolie, by Menifee. ALW, 7-15, Fort Erie

**Tonalist**, Metalhead, g, 3, o/o Danzig Girl, by Hard Spun. MSW, 7-16, Horseshoe Indianapolis

**Twirling Candy**, Rip Thorn, g, 8, o/o Got No Name, by Bernstein. ALW, 7-15, Mountaineer

**Union Jackson**, Rhymes Like Dimes, g, 5, o/o Sleek, by Bernardini. ALW, 7-16, Finger Lakes



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