

YOUNG GUNS: GETTING TO KNOW GOFFS' CONOR WIXTED



Conor Wixted | Goffs

Conor Wixted has quickly climbed the ranks at Goffs. In three years with the company, he has quickly become a familiar face within the company, and currently holds the role as Senior Bloodstock Executive at just 28 years of age. Outside of Goffs, Conor holds the position as chairman of the ITBA Next Generation and has already proved himself as a shrewd judge of young stock through his successful pinhooks and breeding ventures.

What can you tell us about your role as Senior Bloodstock Executive at Goffs? What would a typical week look like for you?

It is quite a varied role, it really depends on the time of the year. We are always working towards the next sale. From mid-January to March I would be on the road looking at stores for the Arkle Sale. It's then on to viewing yearlings in May and June ahead of the Orby [yesterday, we finished finalising what is an exciting catalogue and it should be online very soon]. Throughout August we will be working towards the November Foal and Breeding Stock Sale. [Cont. p3](#)

GODOLPHIN'S €2.3M ARQANA BREEZE-UP SENSATION RULING COURT POWERS TO TDN RISING STARDOM AT SANDOWN

by Sean Cronin & Brian Sheerin

Godolphin newcomer **Ruling Court** (*Justify--Inchargeofme* {GB}, by High Chaparral {Ire}) caused a stir when knocked down for a sale-topping €2.3-million at Arqana's Breeze-up sale in May and made another huge splash with an imperious performance to earn a 'TDN Rising Star' rosette in Thursday's Martin Densham & Peter Deal Memorial British EBF Maiden Stakes at Sandown.

The seven-furlong contest has earned its status as an important staging post with recent winners including Arabian Crown (Fr) (Dubawi {Ire}), Nostrum (GB) (**Kingman** {GB}) and Kameko (Kitten's Joy). Ruling Court becomes the ninth Rising Star for his upwardly mobile sire (by Scat Daddy), whose European honour roll includes City Of Troy and Ramatuelle.

The 4-9 favourite was slowly into stride and raced off the pace in rear until taking closer order in the home straight. Looming large out wide passing the quarter-mile marker, he quickened to the fore approaching the final furlong and powered clear in the closing stages to easily outclass **Pantile Warrior** (GB) (**Frankel** {GB}) by a hugely impressive 5 1/2 lengths. [Cont. p8](#)



Ruling Court is now a 'TDN Rising Star' | [Racingfotos.com](#)

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Godolphin's €2.3-million Arqana Breeze-Up Sale topper, Ruling Court (*Justify*), strode home an easy 5 1/2-length winner at Doncaster. The ninth 'TDN Rising Star' for his sire, the colt was consigned by Norman Williamson's Oak Tree Farm to the Deauville sale this spring. | Zuzanna Lupa

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When I went for my first interview at Goffs with Nick Nugent and Mary Kilduff, Nick compared the role to a chef working in a kitchen, in that there is often a lot going on in the background that you don't see. In September during the yearling sales, we will be finalising foal placings and entries while the sale is happening.

Outside of Goffs, you are the driving force behind the ITBA Next Generation, which has made massive strides in recent years. The seminars and events have been a huge success but what other things are in the pipeline for the Young ITBA?

Since its revival two years ago, there has been a huge appetite from young people--not just from those in the industry but also from those solely with an interest in the game. I must say we have huge support from some of the biggest players in the game which has been massively appreciated. It is heartening that they give up their time and recognise the importance of helping and supporting the future of the industry. One of Cathy Grassick's goals as Chair of the ITBA was to relaunch the Next Generation Internship. The internships will be a year-long, fully paid, offering successful candidates invaluable experience working in three different industry areas for four months each. One of the internships will focus on an office placement and working with businesses within the industry. While the second placement will be a practical placement with work on stud farms offering hands-on experience. The interviews have been completed and the successful candidates will be announced in the coming weeks.

And you couldn't work for Goffs and be the chairman of the ITBA Next Generation without having some skin in the game! I gather you have had quite a bit of success at pinhooking in recent times and I know you work closely with Clare Manning of Boherguy Stud.

It would be hard not to be involved in some way or another. It's exciting watching foals and yearlings develop. It's not always simple but that's what makes it all the more interesting and all the better when it works out. I couldn't do it without the help of my parents and sister at home in County Clare and of course Clare Manning who does the foaling and prep. Last year, we took the plunge on a foal in America so that's exciting. She's by Vino Rosso and is based with Adrian Regan and Fergus Galvin at Hunter Valley who have been extremely helpful. That has been a completely different experience for us and let's see how it goes.

What has been your best result/greatest day in the sport?

To date, it has been selling a foal to one of the most successful breeding and pinhooking operations, Ballyphilip Stud [Paul and Marie McCartan]. I have respect for Paul and Marie--they have bred so many brilliant horses and came up with the goods again this year with Royal Ascot winner Fairy Godmother (Ire) (Night Of Thunder {Ire}). For people like that to have bought a foal off me was quite humbling.

What it is about the trading aspect of the game that appeals to you? If anything, it must be an excellent way of getting out and about and meeting people, which can only be beneficial for your role with Goffs.

You're not always going to get it right but, when you do, it's very satisfying. I think by doing some breeding and trading, you can really understand both the challenges and opportunities involved. Chatting about stock is always a great talking point and can often be a good conversation breaker.

You come from a sport horse background. What principals have you carried over from your sport horse days and how have you refined your eye to working with thoroughbreds?

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2YO GROUP WINNER

Frankel


Bedtime Story


Won Silver Flash Stakes Gr.3, 7f, Leopardstown


Owned by Derrick Smith & Mrs John Magnier & Michael Tabor

Bred by Coolmore

Trained by A P O'Brien







Young Guns: Conor Wixted Cont.

I did a lot of showing and hunting when I was younger. A lot of the principals are the same, particularly from a management perspective. Attention to detail is everything and a nice horse is a nice horse. The Horse Sport Ireland and Teagasc Young Breeder programme was a great grounding, I learned a huge amount about conformation, movement and showing in hand and in 2019 I was lucky enough to win the National Young Breeder competition.

If Goffs handed you a hypothetical €100,000 sales voucher to be spent at any of the sales--be that yearling, foals or mares--what would you seek out and whose advice would you call upon?

I'd love to buy a stakes-placed filly off the track by a proven broodmare sire with the help of John O'Connor [Ballylinch Stud] because they are excellent breeders.

Best advice you have ever been given?

In this business, hard work and honesty are imperative. Henry is always telling us that auctioneers trade on their integrity and

that is our biggest asset as we work for the vendor and the purchaser acting as the honest broker between the two.

Give us one horse to follow for the remainder of the Flat season?

The Lion In Winter (Ire), a two-year-old by **Sea The Stars** who was a very impressive maiden winner last Saturday at the Curragh. He's actually a **TDN Rising Star**, has a Goffs Million entry and is the favourite for next year's Derby, so he's probably one of the most exciting colts in training right now. I suppose I'm talking with my Goffs hat on here as well as he was a €375,000 graduate from the Orby Sale, which makes it extra special following his career.

And a young person in the industry to keep an eye on...

Ben Hensey--he's currently doing an internship with us in Goffs and he'll go far!

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'IT'S ESSENTIAL TO INTRODUCE SUPERIOR GENES': JBBA DELIGHTED WITH CARAVAGGIO'S SUCCESS

Caravaggio's name has been plastered all over the TDN recently on the back of Porta Fortuna and Whitebeam's exploits. TDN's Gary King chatted with Dr. Shigeki Yusa, Manager of the JBBA Shizunai Stallion Station, about the well travelled stallion who now calls Japan home.

GK: How proud are you of Caravaggio's recent successes? Most notably Porta Fortuna and Whitebeam.

SY: The two wins in two days made us very happy, especially with Porta Fortuna winning two Group 1 races in a row with the recent Falmouth Stakes victory, and Whitebeam repeating in the Diana Stakes.

In addition, this year The Grey Wizard has won the U.S. GII Belmont Gold Cup Stakes and Tiber Flow has won the U.K. G3 John Of Gaunt Stakes, showing that his progeny have a wide range of success.

These achievements demonstrate that Caravaggio's progeny can be successful from the age of two and have further growth potential, which was good for our promotion to Japanese breeders.

The first foal born in Japan this year also has a well-balanced physique inherited from his sire and has a good reputation, so I can't wait to see him make his debut in two years.



Caravaggio | Sarah Andrew

GK: What encouraged the JBBA to purchase him from Coolmore in late 2022.

Congratulations to the Silverton Hill Partnership, Jessica Harrington and Lackendarra Stables on the success of

HOTAZHELL

1st in the Gr.3 Tyros Stakes at Leopardstown

HOTAZHELL (right) pictured winning his maiden at the Curragh

Sourced at the **Breeze Up** sales - a Tattersalls Craven Breezer

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SY: We had our eye on offspring of Scat Daddy to carry on the sire line of Johannesburg, who stood at our stallion station. We had several candidates and made our selection based on a comprehensive assessment of their racing records, stud records, physique, etc.

GK. Can you describe how the JBBA works, please.

SY: Since its establishment in 1955, the Japan Bloodhorse Breeders' Association (JBBA) has provided the following support with the aim to achieve stable development of Japan's Thoroughbred breeding sector:

- Management of Stallion Stations: The JBBA manages three stallion stations in Shizunai (Hokkaido), Shichinohe (Aomori), and Kyushu, and provides internationally acclaimed stallions with high quality pedigrees at low stud fees.
- Farm Support: Subsidies for the improvement of farm facilities and the purchase of broodmares.
- Providing of Information: Since 1987, the JBBA has provided basic information on racehorses, stallions, broodmares and foals, racing results, and statistical information on sales through the Japan Bloodstock Information System (JBIS).

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- **Human Resource Development:** The JBBA trains personnel related to the breeding and pre-training of Thoroughbred horses through its Stud Personnel Training Program.

GK: How many mares has Caravaggio covered each year at the JBBA?

SY: In 2023, 128 mares, and in 2024, 70 mares.

GK. Of the mares covered by Caravaggio in Japan, any high-profile ones?

SY: Here's a list:

- **Graded Stakes Winner:** Namura Lycoris by Jo Cappuccino, Winner of the Hakodate Nisai Stakes (G3, Turf 1200m)
- **Dam of Graded Stakes Winner:** Baika Tarquin by Empire Maker, Dam of Walzer Schall by Makfi, winner of the March Stakes (G3, Dirt 1800m)
- **Daughter of Group 1 winner, half-sister to Group 1 winner, etc.:** Viva Pace by Empire Maker, Her dam, Peace of World was the JRA Champion Two-Year-Old Filly and winner of the Hanshin Juvenile Fillies (G1, Turf 1600m)
- **Keep On Going** by Deep Impact, Her dam, Lady Joanne (USA) is a winner of the Alabama Stakes (G1, Dirt 10F)
- **Normalcy** by Rulership, Her half-sister, Whale Capture is a winner of the Victoria Mile (G1, Turf 1600m)

In addition to the above, Caravaggio has covered many mares from the Sunday Silence (such as Deep Impact) and King Kamehameha bloodlines.



Whitebeam | Sarah Andrew

GK: The JBBA stands many stallions that are well known in Europe and America. Sharp Azteca, Declaration of War, Makfi, Noble Mission, Mischievous Alex, Bago, Animal Kingdom, David Junior, Creator, Aldebaran, Cape Blanco and Squirtle Squirt. What do you look for when acquiring a stallion for the JBBA?

SY: In order to breed and train high-quality horses that are internationally competitive, it's essential to introduce superior genes and prevent extreme narrowing of bloodlines.

With the aim to improve the quality of Japanese-bred horses, the association has made the introduction of excellent Thoroughbred stallions a major pillar of its breeding business.

Our goal is to import many excellent stallions from all over the world to raise the standard of Thoroughbred breeding in Japan, prevent excessive concentration of certain bloodlines, and contribute to the diversification of Thoroughbred breeding in Japan. Fourteen of the 15 stallions currently standing at the JBBA are imported from overseas.

Dancing Brave, who was an imported stallion that stood at the JBBA in the past, has left a significant mark on the current pedigree of Japanese horse racing, with progeny such as King Halo who is the broodmare sire of Equinox, and Kyohei March (winner of the Oka Sho, Japanese 1000 Guineas), who is the second dam of Marche Lorraine, winner of the GI BC Distaff.

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JOB DONE FOR BEDTIME STORY IN THE SILVER FLASH *by Tom Frary*

She was highly unlikely to be as impressive as at Royal Ascot and while Ballydoyle's Listed Chesham Stakes-winning **TDN Rising Star Bedtime Story (Ire) (Frankel {GB})**--Mecca's Angel {Ire}, by Dark Angel {Ire}) wasn't as ruthless in Thursday evening's G3 Jockey Club Of Turkey Silver Flash Stakes, her class duly told in Leopardstown's joint-feature. Settled behind her course-and-distance-winning stablemate **Exactly (Ire) (Frankel {GB})** by Ryan Moore, the 1-16 favourite was pulled out of her slipstream approaching the furlong pole and sent onwards to a 3 1/2-length success. There was another 1 3/4-length margin back to the Group 3 yardstick **Barnavara (Ire) (Calyx {GB})** in third.

Aidan O'Brien, who was recording a 14th success in the seven-furlong contest, said, "I'm delighted with her, Ryan was delighted with her and said he didn't open her up. He said she was very green and in an ideal world he would have preferred the tempo to be quicker. He said he just came there and taught her. That's exactly what we came here for, for education. It's a great place to do it." **Cont. p7**

G3 Silver Flash Stakes Cont.

“Ryan said she’s very pacey and classy and sure we saw that-- I’d say you couldn’t go fast enough for her,” the master of Ballydoyle added. “Last year we ran Ylang Ylang here, made the running and mentally it did her a little bit of harm for the rest of the year. We had to go back and start again. That’s why we let the other filly go along in front of her today, to educate her. I thought if she was well she’d go for the [G2] Debutante at The Curragh on the way to the [G1] Moyglare. The second filly is a lovely filly and she’ll step up to a mile whenever we want her.”



Bedtime Story | [Racingfotos.com](https://www.racingfotos.com)

Pedigree Notes

Bedtime Story is the fifth foal out of the dual G1 Nunthorpe S. heroine Mecca’s Angel (Ire) (Dark Angel {Ire}), whose fourth is the stable’s G3 Staffordstown Stud Stakes winner Content (Ire) by Frankel’s sire Galileo (Ire) who has run third in the G1 Pretty Polly Stakes and second in the G1 Irish Oaks since Royal Ascot. Mecca’s Angel is a full-sister to the G3 Chipchase Stakes and G3 Criterion Stakes winner Markaz (Ire) and a granddaughter of the G3 Prix d’Arenberg winner Desert Dawn (GB) (Belfort {Fr}), who was second in the G2 Norfolk Stakes here. Next up from Mecca’s Angel’s is a 2024 full-sister to Bedtime Story.

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Thursday, Leopardstown, Ireland

JOCKEY CLUB OF TURKEY SILVER FLASH STAKES-G3, €50,000, Leopardstown, 7-25, 2yo, f, 7f 32yT, 1:32.00, g/y.

1--**BEDTIME STORY (IRE)**, 128, f, 2, by **Frankel (GB)**

1st Dam: Mecca’s Angel (Ire) (MG1SW-Eng, GSW-Ire, GSW & G1SP-Fr, \$999,035), by Dark Angel (Ire)

2nd Dam: Folga (GB), by Atraf (GB)

3rd Dam: Desert Dawn (GB), by Belfort (Fr)

1ST GROUP WIN. TDN Rising Star. O-Derrick Smith, Mrs John Magnier & Michael Tabor; B-Coolmore (IRE); T-Aidan O’Brien; J-Ryan Moore. €30,000. Lifetime Record: SW-Eng, 3-3-0-0, \$122,888. *1/2 to Content (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}), GSW & MG1SP-Ire, \$254,239. **Werk Nick Rating: A+.** [Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree, or the free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree.](#)

2--**Exactly (Ire)**, 128, f, 2, **Frankel (GB)**--Heartache (GB), by Kyllachy (GB). **1ST BLACK TYPE, 1ST GROUP BLACK TYPE.** O-Derrick Smith, Mrs John Magnier & Michael Tabor; B-Coolmore (IRE); T-Aidan O’Brien. €10,000.

3--**Barnavara (Ire)**, 128, f, 2, **Calyx (GB)**--Alfea (GB), by Kentucky Dynamite. **1ST BLACK TYPE, 1ST GROUP BLACK TYPE.** (€70,000 Ylg ‘23 GOFOR). O-Alpha Racing; B-Mr Andriy Milovonov & V Tymoshenko (IRE); T-Jessica Harrington. €5,000.

Margins: 3HF, 1 3/4, 1 1/4. Odds: 0.06, 7.50, 28.00.

Also Ran: Senna’s Girl (Ire), Varner (Ire).

AMERICAN-OWNED HOTAZHELL WINS THE TYROS by Tom Frary

Coming off a Curragh maiden success last month, the Silverton Hill Partnership’s **Hotazhell (GB)** (Too Darn Hot {GB}--Azencar {GB}, by Danehill Dancer {Ire}) was on top at the end of Leopardstown’s G3 Japan Racing Association Tyros Stakes to provide the Jessica Harrington stable with a double on Thursday. Settled in the wake of the Ballydoyle pace-setter **Swagman (Ger)** (**Wootton Bassett (GB)**) throughout the early stages, the 100-30 second favourite was sent upsides that rival by Shane Foley at the furlong pole and asserted to score by 1 1/2 lengths, with another 2 1/2 lengths back to Ballydoyle’s 5-6 favourite **Surpass (Ire)** (**Saxon Warrior (Jpn)**) in third.

Hotazhell, who had been fourth on debut in the course-and-distance maiden won by this race’s absentee Scorthy Champ (Ire) (Mehmas {Ire}), had improved to break his maiden when Swagman was third last time and that form proved the benchmark here.

Harrington, whose Green Impact (Ire) (**Wootton Bassett (GB)**) had landed the card’s opener, said of the winner, “He quickened up well, they went a good old gallop the whole way. He’s tough and he’ll probably just have one more run this year.”

“He had to do it the hard way because he had to go and catch the pacemaker and then go away from him. Shane was thinking the other horse would come to him and take him along, but it didn’t and he had to go and commit. He’ll go a mile, probably even this year. I don’t think we’ll go to the [G1] National Stakes, I’d say we’ll wait for something over a mile in September. We’ve got two nice milers and we’ll keep them well apart!” **Cont. p8**

G3 Tyros Stakes Cont.

Aidan O'Brien said of the ultimately disappointing favourite Surpass, "Ryan thought he should have sat second and was on the back foot the whole way as a result. He said he didn't feel he got a clear shot at it and it just didn't work for us on the day."



Hotazhell | Racingfotos.com

Pedigree Notes

Hotazhell's dam Azenzar, whose yearling colt is by **No Nay Never**, hails from the family of the high-class Alexander Goldrun (Ire) (Gold Away {Ire}), successful in two editions of the G1 Pretty Polly Stakes, the G1 Prix de l'Opera, G1 Hong Kong Cup and G1 Nassau Stakes. Also in the family is Medecis (GB) (Machiavellian), winner of the G3 Prix de la Jonchere and runner-up in the G1 Poule d'Essai des Poulains and G1 Prix de la Foret.

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Thursday, Leopardstown, Ireland

JAPAN RACING ASSOCIATION TYROS STAKES-G3, €50,000,

Leopardstown, 7-25, 2yo, 7f 32yT, 1:32.53, g/y.

1--**HOTAZHELL (GB)**, 131, c, 2, by **Too Darn Hot (GB)**

1st Dam: Azenzar (GB), by **Danehill Dancer (Ire)**

2nd Dam: Dashing (Ire), by **Sadler's Wells**

3rd Dam: Renashaan (Fr), by **Darshaan (GB)**

1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN, 1ST GROUP WIN. (70,000gns Ylg '23 TATOCT; 200,000gns 2yo '24 TATBRE). O-Silverton Hill Partnership; B-Blue Diamond Stud Farm (UK) Ltd (GB); T-Jessica Harrington; J-Shane Foley. €30,000. Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, \$46,093. **Werk Nick Rating: A. Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree, or the free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree.**

2--**Swagman (Ger)**, 131, c, 2, **Wootton Bassett (GB)**--Secretina (GB), by Galileo (Ire). **1ST BLACK TYPE, 1ST GROUP BLACK TYPE.** (€170,000 Ylg '23 BBAGS). O-Michael Tabor & Derrick Smith & Mrs John Magnier; T-Aidan O'Brien. €10,000.

3--**Surpass (Ire)**, 131, c, 2, **Saxon Warrior (Jpn)**--Blending (GB), by Medicean (GB). **1ST BLACK TYPE, 1ST GROUP BLACK TYPE. TDN Rising Star.** (240,000gns Wlg '22 TADEWE). O-Derrick Smith, Mrs John Magnier & Michael Tabor; B-James Wigan (IRE); T-Aidan O'Brien. €5,000.

Margins: 1HF, 2HF, 2 1/4. Odds: 3.30, 8.00, 0.83.

Also Ran: Beckman (Ire), Mano Chicago (Ire). Scratched: Scorthy Champ (Ire).

Ruling Court Cont. from p1

Ruling Court was sold at Arqana by Norman Williamson of Oak Tree Farm. The last horse Williamson consigned that went on to earn a Rising Star is Classic winner Eldar Eldarov (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}), and the leading consignor was effusive in his praise of the latest recipient. Speaking shortly after the race, he said, "I must say that I was as worried watching the race as I was when I was selling him! I have been speaking to Charlie [Appleby] about him over the past number of weeks and the vibes have been very good. Interestingly, the vibes have been getting better every week, so it's a great result."

Williamson added, "It's funny, the last horse I had that got a TDN Rising Star was Eldar Eldarov, and Ruling Court looked very good as well. What I loved about him was that he was off the bridle round the bend and then, within a half-furlong, he was upsides. He has that acceleration."

Whatever stress Williamson went through in watching Thursday's race, it can scarcely compare to what the consignor faced in France. After Ruling Court stood on a nail leading up to the breeze, it was touch or go whether the colt would be able to take part at all. Not only did he manage to take part, but he ended up topping the various times sheets, and in doing so went some way in justifying Williamson's high opinion of him in the ring. On Thursday, he took it to the racetrack.

"He twisted a shoe and stood on a nail the night before the breeze," Williamson explained. "He came through the breeze and he obviously had time off and we had to stand over him for three weeks. Thankfully, he's back in great shape, as he proved today."

Asked if he felt extra pressure with Ruling Court given the price tag, he continued, "I did and I'll tell you why us breeze-up consignors feel the pressure. It's because we're galloping them. For us old-time jockeys, we should have an idea as to how good or bad a horse is, or what their temperament is like, so we can take everything into account. We are definitely a long way down the line in being able to pick out if a horse is good or not." **Cont. p9**

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Ruling Court Cont.

He added, “Therefore, the more I know about a horse, the more I am worried when it comes to watching them run because you have stood there and told the buyer if you think they are good, no good or if they will win a race. On this occasion, we thought he was quite a good horse the whole way through. You’d have hated to see him come out and run bad, that’s for sure.”

Ruling Court was introduced at odds of 12-1 for next year’s G1 2000 Guineas while odds of 33-1 for the G1 Derby are also available. Williamson concluded, “Even though he was the fastest horse in the breeze, I believed that he was a seven-furlong or a mile-horse. He was showing all the speed, but the further he went, the better he got in his work. Listen, he’s won his maiden over seven furlongs at Sandown, so that means he will get a mile no matter what. You’d want a pretty fast horse to lead him over a mile-and-a-quarter in time!”

William Buick, successful for connections aboard subsequent G3 Zetland Stakes and G3 Classic Trial winner Arabian Crown last year, commented. “He will have learned plenty today. He didn’t jump all that well, which you can forgive any horse running first time, but it was a nice, smooth performance and hopefully he can progress from here. I kind of passed a load of horses in a short space of time and probably got there sooner than I expected. It is always hard to read horses when they run for the first time, but he’s shown a good level at home and has brought it to the track. He’s got plenty of pace, so seven furlongs for now is optimal and he will get a mile when needed.”

Ruling Court, a \$150,000 Keeneland September pinhook for Williamson, is the third of four foals and first scorer out of GIII Old Forester Mint Julep Handicap third Inchargeofme (GB), herself a full-sister to G1 Racing Post Trophy and G1 Jebel Hatta placegetter Johann Strauss (GB). The February-foaled bay’s dam is also kin to G1 Criterium de Saint-Cloud third Mythical (Fr) (**Camelot {GB}**) and to the dam of stakes-winning GI Breeders’ Cup Juvenile Turf third Nagirroc (Lea) and the stakes-placed De Guiza (Verrazano). Ruling Court, whose fourth dam is G1 Coronation Stakes runner-up and G2 Child Stakes-winning matriarch Inchmurrin (Ire) (Lomond), is a half-brother to a weanling filly by **Ghostzapper**.

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2nd-Sandown, £10,000, Mdn, 7-25, 2yo, 7ft, 1:31.00, gd.

RULING COURT, c, 2, by Justify

1st Dam: Inchargeofme (GB) (GSP-US, \$135,305),

by High Chaparral (Ire)

2nd Dam: Inchmina (GB), by Cape Cross (Ire)

3rd Dam: Incheni (Ire), by Nashwan

Sales history: \$150,000 Ylg ‘23 KEESEP; €2,300,000 2yo ‘24 ARQBRU. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$6,916. **Click for the free EquineLine.com catalogue-style pedigree.**

O-Godolphin; B-Nursery Place, Manfuso & Wilhite (KY); T-Charlie Appleby; J-William Buick.

DUBAWI’S FORMAL A NEW TDN RISING STAR ON HER INTRODUCTION by Tom Frary

Simply a nice introduction and a placing would have been encouraging for Cheveley Park Stud as they unveiled their unraced homebred **Formal (GB)** (Dubawi {Ire}) in Newbury’s seven-furlong maiden on Thursday evening, so an impressive win for the first foal out of their G1 Falmouth Stakes heroine Veracious (GB) (**Frankel {GB}**) made her instant **TDN Rising Star** material. Restrained initially by Jason Watson to race behind the leaders, the 6-1 shot was delivered to swamp Juddmonte’s experienced 8-15 favourite **Glistening (GB)** (**Frankel {GB}**) without being asked a serious question at the furlong pole en route to an authoritative success.

There was a 1 1/4-length and 4 1/4-length margin back to Glistening and the newcomer **Qilin Queen (Ire)** (Pinatubo {Ire}) in third, with the winner’s closing sectionals particularly impressive. Given the confidence behind the Gosdens’ runner-up, who had shaped with so much promise at Yarmouth three weeks earlier, and the fact that Sir Michael Stoute’s juveniles are always expected to come forward plenty from their first outings, this 41st TDN Rising Star for Dubawi could be one of the better of that brigade which includes the likes of Too Darn Hot (GB), In Italian (GB), Space Blues (Ire), **Zarak (Fr)** and Notable Speech (GB). **Cont. p10**



Formal | [Racingfotos.com](https://www.racingfotos.com)

Formal Cont.

Veracious, who was also a TDN Rising Star, was also successful in the G3 Atalanta Stakes and finished in the placings in the G1 Sun Chariot Stakes, G1 Nassau Stakes and G1 Coronation Stakes. She is out of the G3 Nell Gwyn Stakes winner Infallible (GB) (Pivotal {GB}) who finished runner-up in the Coronation and Falmouth and also produced the dual G2 Summer Mile winner Mutakayyef (GB) ([Sea The Stars {Ire}](#)) and G3 Prix de Flore scorer Intimation (GB) by Formal's sire Dubawi.

The listed-winning and group-placed third dam Irresistible (GB) (Cadeaux Genereux {GB}) was responsible for Pivotal's pair of smart black-type sprinters Remarkable (GB) and Watchable (GB) and is the second dam of Dutch Art's G1 Prix Maurice de Gheest-winning sire Garswood (GB) and Coolmore's G2 Debutante Stakes third Zagitova (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) whose son Portland (Ire) also by Dubawi was third in last year's G1 Criterium International. Veracious's second foal is Dubawi's yearling colt Veritable (GB), while she also has a colt foal by [Kingman \(GB\)](#).

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NEW
TDN  **RISING STAR**

2nd-Newbury, £12,000, Mdn, 7-25, 2yo, f, 7fT, 1:26.41, g/f.

FORMAL (GB), f, 2, by Dubawi (Ire)

**1st Dam: Veracious (GB) (G1SW-Eng, \$597,607),
by Frankel (GB)**

2nd Dam: Infallible (GB), by Pivotal (GB)

3rd Dam: Irresistible (GB), by Cadeaux Genereux (GB)

Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$8,299. [Click for the free](#)

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O/B-Cheveley Park Stud Ltd (GB); T-Sir Michael Stoute; J-Jason Watson.

EUROPEAN NEWS

JAPAN CUP-BOUND AUGUSTE RODIN HEADS NINE CONFIRMED FOR SATURDAY'S KING GEORGE

Coolmore and Westerberg's dual Derby hero **Auguste Rodin (Ire)** (Deep Impact {Jpn}) heads a field of nine for Saturday's G1 King George VI & Queen Elizabeth Qipco S. after final declarations were confirmed for Ascot's midsummer showpiece

on Thursday morning. Aidan O'Brien trimmed his team from five to three for the G1 Breeders' Cup Turf "Win and You're In", sidelining **Continuous (Jpn)** (Heart's Cry {Jpn}) and **Point Lonsdale (Ire)** ([Australia {GB}](#)), and will also saddle **Hans Andersen (GB)** ([Frankel {GB}](#)) and **Luxembourg (Ire)** ([Camelot {GB}](#)).



Auguste Rodin | Megan Coggin

Auguste Rodin, who has hit the heights six times in elite-level contests, finished off the radar when last of 10 in 2023's renewal and will bid to become O'Brien's fifth winner of the 12-furlong contest. "We have been very happy with Auguste Rodin and the plan always was to come here after the [G1] Prince Of Wales's Stakes," the trainer said. "In last year's King George, it was soft ground and we probably held him up too much. When Ryan [Moore] felt he was not going to win, he eased him out of it, and the run probably was not as bad as it looked. The plan for Auguste Rodin after Ascot is the [G1] Japan Cup, which will be very exciting, and he could have a run somewhere in between. Luxembourg won the [G1] Coronation Cup over a mile-and-a-half, which we thought would suit him. He is in very good form as well."

Six Group 1 winners are in the line-up and the field also includes Godolphin's globetrotting **Rebel's Romance (Ire)** (Dubawi {Ire}), recent G1 Pretty Polly Stakes heroine **Bluestocking (GB)** ([Camelot {GB}](#)) and William Haggas trainee **Dubai Honour (GB)** (Pride Of Dubai {Aus}). Last month's G1 Irish Derby runner-up **Sunway (Fr)** (Galiway {GB}) is the lone 3-year-old representative. The field is completed by **Middle Earth (GB)** (Roaring Lion) and French raider **Goliath (Ger)** (Adlerflug {Ger}).

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LEGENDARY THREE-TIME CHAMPION HURDLE WINNER ISTABRAQ DIES AT THE AGE OF 32



Istabraq: in retirement at Martinstown | [Racingfotos.com](https://www.racingphotos.com)

Istabraq (Ire), the legendary three-time Champion Hurdle winner, has died at the age of 32 at JP McManus's Martinstown Stud in County Limerick.

Trained by Aidan O'Brien, Istabraq won three Champion Hurdles between 1998 and 2000, and endeared himself to the racing public with 25 victories under his belt. He also won the Royal Sun Alliance Novices' Hurdle at the Cheltenham Festival in 1997.

In a brief statement released on Thursday, McManus said, "Sadly, Istabraq passed away at 1.15am this morning at the ripe old age of 32. He was a very special horse who gave us many great days of fun and enjoyment. Our thanks to Lara Hegarty, Johnny O'Brien and all the staff at Martinstown who took such fantastic care of him over many years."

The owner added, "We are pleased that we gave him a good celebration for his most recent birthday in May. He leaves Noreen, myself and the family with wonderful memories."

Initially a smart Flat horse for John Gosden, the son of Sadler's Wells went on to become one of the greatest and most popular National Hunt horses of the modern era after joining O'Brien.

As well as his Cheltenham Festival heroics, he also won four Irish Champion Hurdles, two Hatton's Grace Hurdles and an Aintree Hurdle over the course of his glittering career.

Istabraq's racing days came to an end after being pulled up in his bid for a fourth Champion Hurdle success at Cheltenham in 2002 and he has since enjoyed a long and happy retirement at McManus's Martinstown Stud, celebrating his 32nd birthday in May.

Offering up his own tribute to the horse, O'Brien said, "Istabraq was obviously the horse of a lifetime for us, one of those very rare horses that only come along once.

"He was very lucky to be owned by JP and Noreen [McManus] and ridden by Charlie [Swan]--and a lot of people looked after him. Tommy Murphy was the assistant at Ballydoyle before we came and then he stayed on with us and he did a lot of work with him.

"He was a great horse for us and a big part of our family. When the little ones were small, he would have been right at the height of his powers, so for everyone he was a massive part of our lives at that time."

Istabraq was bought on the recommendation of John Durkan, who knew him better than most, having been Gosden's assistant, and was due to train him for his jumping career.

Sadly, Durkan was later diagnosed with leukaemia and O'Brien was entrusted to train the gelding in his absence. Durkan died just days before Istabraq won his first Irish Champion Hurdle in January 1998.

"We were just moving to Ballydoyle and JP bought Istabraq for John Durkan to train. John gave him to Timmy Hyde and when he had him ready, he sent him to Ballydoyle. We were supposed to have him for a year while John was having treatment for leukaemia and unfortunately John passed away," said O'Brien.

"He was an incredible horse really. I suppose what made him unusual is that he was trained on the Flat before he came to us, so he had the mind of a Flat horse and was full of nervous energy, but he had a lot of ability and an unbelievable cruise.

"He was an incredible jumper, I think that's what made him very different. Charlie always said he used to take off two strides before any other horse and landed on his back legs, which is very unusual as that meant he got away from his hurdles much quicker.

"I suppose the one that stuck out for us really was his first Champion Hurdle. That was his first time dropping back to two miles in a Champion Hurdle, but every one of his wins was very special."

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AMBIENTE FRIENDLY SET TO RACE AT YORK NEXT MONTH AND INTO 2025

Ambiente Friendly (Ire) ([Gleneagles {Ire}](#)) has been confirmed as an intended runner in next month's G1 Juddmonte International at York by owner Tim Gredley, who also revealed plans for the Derby runner-up to stay in training as a four-year-old.

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Ambiente Friendly Cont.

Trained by James Fanshawe, Ambiente Friendly has underlined his status as one of the leading three-year-old colts in training since his impressive victory in the Listed Lingfield Derby Trial Stakes in May, first faring best of the rest behind City Of Troy (*Justify*) at Epsom and then running another solid race when finishing third in the Irish equivalent at the Curragh.

His connections now have their sights set on a rematch with City Of Troy and a drop back to a mile and a quarter for the feature contest on the opening day of York's Ebor Festival, which takes place on Wednesday, August 21.

"Ambiente Friendly is in good order and the plan is to go for the Juddmonte," said Gredley, who owns the colt with his father, Bill. "He came out of the Irish Derby really well, but he had two hard races in the space of a month and Mr Fanshawe was keen to try a mile and a quarter around a left-handed bend, so the Juddmonte was the obvious race.

"It's probably more exciting for others than us, because we would probably rather he [City Of Troy] wasn't there. We can't control who is in the race, but I suppose the one thing we do have in our favour is we are not really ground dependent, unless it came up soft. We wouldn't be too worried either way.

"We don't know who is going to turn up on the day, but watching Sandown [when City Of Troy won the Coral-Eclipse] was interesting and it will be interesting to see them have a match over a mile and a quarter."



Ambiente Friendly | PA Media

The Gredley family are no strangers to top-level success, having seen their familiar yellow and black silks carried by star names such as Environment Friend (GB), User Friendly (GB) and Big Orange (GB), but their time in the sport has also shown them how difficult it is to acquire a horse of Ambiente Friendly's calibre.

"Sometimes you just have to remember how hard it is to get a horse like this and enjoy it," Gredley said of the journey so far, before confirming that it's the intention for Ambiente Friendly to race on as a four-year-old.

"Everybody has an opinion and that is why we love racing, but at the end of the day we just have to make sure we look after him. We are trying to campaign him as sparingly as possible because ultimately we want to keep him in training next year. James has always maintained this horse is not yet fully developed, so as long as he stays fit and healthy we can have another campaign with him next year, which is even more exciting.

"It's been really exciting so far and like any horse they only have a certain amount of racing in them. We want to make sure he has a lengthy career and we're just really enjoying the ride."

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HRI ANNOUNCE NEW INITIATIVE TO HELP NATIONAL HUNT TRAINERS ATTRACT NEW OWNERS



HRI have announced changes to the Irish National Hunt programme
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A new series of races designed to spread investment in Irish National Hunt racing was announced by Horse Racing Ireland on Thursday.

Beginning on January 1, 2025, HRI will schedule 60 races throughout the calendar year which will be restricted to trainers who have trained less than 50 Irish National Hunt winners in either of the last two full Irish National Hunt seasons. Races in this series will include bumpers, maiden hurdles, beginners steeplechases and handicap hurdles. **Cont. p13**

HRI Initiative Cont.

Jonathan Mullin, HRI's director of racing, said, "This series of 60 races has been designed by the HRI Programmes Committee to give trainers the confidence to attract new owners into their yards with the knowledge that there is a programme of races there to support them in that endeavour. There are already a small number of races in the calendar that provide this function and this series is a step up in quantity which is intended to deliver a body of races substantial enough for trainers to encourage owners into their business and plan campaigns for those horses."

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ORDER OF ST GEORGE GELDING TIES RECORD AT JULY STORE SALE

A joint-record sale price was created in Thursday's session of the Tattersalls Ireland July Store Sale when lot 388A, a gelded son of Order Of St George (Ire), brought €65,000 from Ballycrystal Stud's Matthew Flynn O'Connor.

The point-to-point trainer snapped up the wildcard entry from Mount Eaton Stud. He was originally a €21,000 November National Hunt Sale pinhook as a foal and is a half-brother to two winners. His dam, the Shernazar (Ire) mare Miss Cilla (Ire), is a half-sister to the three-time Grade 1-winning hurdler Peddlers Cross (Ire) (Oscar {Ire}).

"He was our pick over the two days, and it seems a lot of others thought so, too," said O'Connor, who stood alongside Ger O'Connor. It was the fourth lot purchased as a whole or in partnership by Ballycrystal over the two-day sale.

O'Connor added of the point-to-point prospect, "He is a big, scopey stamp of a horse and he just missed his slot at an earlier store sale. I have not had any by the sire before but have three for this season. All in, I shall have about 50 or 60 pointers for the next season with around 15 for the autumn."

Cooladurragh House's lot 510 brought €45,000 from trainer Steven Crawford. The 3-year-old Wings Of Eagles (Fr) gelding is related to dual graded hurdler winner Gray Steel (Fr) (Turgeon). A gelded son of Telescope (Ire) and Indian Stream (GB) (Generous {Ire}) (lot 287) caught the eye of Terence Thomas Steele to the tune of €38,000. He hailed from the draft of Ballincurrag House Stud and his dam won a listed chase at Cheltenham.

Of the 439 lots offered, 266 lots sold (61%) for a gross of €2,399,150. The average was €9,019 and the median was €6,500. Unlike its previous three editions, the catalogue format for this year's July Store Sale was set alphabetically by dam over two days, rather than a select day one, with wildcards placed across both days.

Tattersalls Ireland CEO Simon Kerins said, "It has been a mixed

summer of store sales, culminating with this week's July Store Sale. The July Store Sale provided National Hunt purchasers with a final opportunity of the year to enter the market, and it was encouraging to see lots of new faces on the ground and on the final purchaser list.

"We recognise the current selective nature of the National Hunt market, in particular over the last two days. This selectiveness has presented challenges, especially at the lower end of the market. However, it is very encouraging to see that purchasers in Ireland and the UK retain faith in Irish stores. We are also deeply appreciative of the unwavering support and loyalty of our vendors.

"We would like to thank Irish Thoroughbred Marketing for their dedicated efforts in promoting the Tattersalls Ireland Store sales to the UK market."

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Thursday's top lot | Tattersalls Ireland

FIRST-SEASON SIRE WITH RUNNERS

Friday, July 26, 2024:

UNITED KINGDOM

Earthlight (Ire) (Shamardal), Kildangan Stud

112 foals of racing age/7 winners/0 black-type winners

18:30-SANDOWN PARK, 5f, **Addarella (Ire)**

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

18:40-YORK, 7f, **Keats House (Ire)**

€40,000 Goffs Orby Yearling Sale (Book 2) 2023; €70,000

Tattersalls Ireland Goresbridge Breeze Up 2024

13:50-ASCOT, 6f, **Saariselka (GB)**

62,000gns Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2022; £160,000 Goffs

UK Premier Yearling Sale 2023

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

83 foals of racing age/4 winners/0 black-type winners
 18:15-CHEPSTOW, 6f, **Far Above The Law (Ire)**
 €15,000 Goffs November Foal Sale 2022; €20,000 Goffs
 Autumn Yearling Sale 2023
 18:40-YORK, 7f, **Far Ahead (Ire)**
 €48,000 Goffs November Foal Sale 2022
 18:40-YORK, 7f, **Vault of Heaven (Ire)**
 €24,000 Goffs November Foal Sale 2022; £15,000 RNA Goffs UK
 Premier Yearling Sale 2023

Kameko (Kitten's Joy), Tweenhills Stud

87 foals of racing age/7 winners/0 black-type winners
 13:50-ASCOT, 6f, **Longlife (GB)**
 £62,000 Goffs UK Premier Yearling Sale 2023

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

47 foals of racing age/2 winners/0 black-type winners
 18:30-SANDOWN PARK, 5f, **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/4 winners/1 black-type winner
 18:40-YORK, 7f, **One More Chrome (Ire)**
 €30,000 Goffs November Foal Sale 2022; £26,000 Goffs UK
 Premier Yearling Sale 2023

Pinatubo (Ire) (Shamardal), Dalham Hall Stud

109 foals of racing age/6 winners/0 black-type winners
 13:50-ASCOT, 6f, **Pearl of Windsor (GB)**
 160,000gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale (Book 2) 2023

River Boyne (Ire) (Dandy Man {Ire}), Tara Stud

30 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners
 18:40-YORK, 7f, **Groundhog (GB)**
 28,000gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale (Book 3) 2023

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

Bouquetot
 84 foals of racing age/3 winners/0 black-type winners
 18:40-YORK, 7f, **Praetorian (Ire)**
 €38,000 Tattersalls Ireland September Yearling 2023

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

98 foals of racing age/8 winners/1 black-type winner
 18:15-CHEPSTOW, 6f, **Bob Mali (Ire)**
 €3,000 Goffs November Foal Sale 2022; €16,000 Tattersalls

Ireland September Yearling Sale Part II 2023

Sergei Prokofiev (Scat Daddy), Whitsbury Manor Stud

121 foals of racing age/10 winners/2 black-type winners
 18:40-YORK, 7f, **Impartiality (GB)**
 24,000gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale (Book 3) 2023
 14:00-THIRSK, 7f, **Mecca's Symphony (GB)**
 20,000gns Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2022; 37,000gns
 Tattersalls October Yearling Sale (Book 3) 2023

Shaman (Ire) (Shamardal), Yeomanstown Stud

103 foals of racing age/5 winners/0 black-type winners
 18:40-YORK, 7f, **King Casper (Ire)**
 £26,000 Goffs UK Premier Yearling Sale 2023

Sottsass (Fr) (**Siyouni {Fr}**), Coolmore Stud

97 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
 14:00-THIRSK, 7f, **Blessed Star (Ire)**
 €30,000 Tattersalls Ireland September Yearling 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-LION D'ANGERS, 1200m, **Larmes d'Or (Fr)**
 €40,000 Arqana Deauville Yearling Sale V2 2023

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

Bouquetot
 84 foals of racing age/3 winners/0 black-type winners
 2-LION D'ANGERS, 1200m, **Niia (Fr)**

Golden Horde has a runner in France | *Sumbe*

Sergei Prokofiev (Scat Daddy), Whitsbury Manor Stud
121 foals of racing age/10 winners/2 black-type winners
2-LION D'ANGERS, 1200m, **Signoria Piazza (Ire)**
€11,000 Goffs November Foal Sale 2022

Sottsass (Fr) (Siyouni {Fr}), Coolmore Stud
97 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
3-DAX, 1200m, **Buffalo Woman (Fr)**
€25,000 RNA Arqana Deauville October Yearlings 2023

Threat (Ire) (Footstepsinthesand {GB}), Haras du Mont Goubert
42 foals of racing age/2 winners/0 black-type winners
3-DAX, 1200m, **Sicilian Threat (Fr)**
€12,000 Osarus September Yearling Sale 2023

Yafta (GB) (Dark Angel {Ire}), Haras de la Haie Neuve
26 foals of racing age/2 winners/0 black-type winners
3-DAX, 1200m, **Marvin of Success (Fr)**

IRELAND

Without Parole (GB) (Frankel {GB}), Newsells Park Stud
53 foals of racing age/6 winners/0 black-type winners
1-CORK, 5f, **Buck Barrow (GB)**
£4,000 Goffs UK Premier Yearling Sale 2023; €10,000 Tattersalls
Ireland Goresbridge Breeze Up 2024

OBSERVATIONS

on the European racing scene

HOW THEY FARED

14.30 Doncaster, Nov, £6,800, 2yo, 7f 6yT
Wathnan Racing's **Damysus (GB)** (Frankel {GB}), a 460,000gns
Tattersalls October Book 1 son of G1 Prix Marcel Boussac and G1
Prix de l'Opera third Legetete (Rahy), was scratched from this
intended debut.

14.40 Sandown, Mdn, £10,000, 2yo, 7fT
Godolphin's **Ruling Court (Justify)**, the €2.3-million Arqana
Breeze-Up sale sensation, unleashed a debut performance of
huge significance and attained 'TDN Rising Star' status with a
mightily impressive 5 1/2-length triumph.

17.15 Leopardstown, Mdn, €18,000, 2yo, 8fT
Delacroix (Ire) (Dubawi {Ire}), the son of the six-times elite-level
heroine and dual champion Tepin (Bernstein), ran a debut full of
promise as he chased home the experienced winner and could

finish up the pecking order among Ballydoyle's 2-year-olds.

18.20 Leopardstown, Mdn, €25,000, 2yo, f, 7f 57yT
Proxima Centauri (Ire) (Circus Maximus {Ire}), the daughter of
the multiple Group 1-winning Irish 1,000 Guineas heroine Alpha
Centauri (Ire) (Mastercraftsman {Ire}), was denied a clear run for
much of the home turn and her close-up fifth placing suggests
she might have made a winning debut with more luck.

18.45 Newbury, Mdn, £12,000, 2yo, f, 7fT
Formal (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}), the daughter of the G1 Falmouth
Stakes heroine Veracious (GB) (Frankel {GB}), made as
impressive a debut as is possible to become her sire's 41st TDN
Rising Star.

BRITAIN

Thursday's Results:

EUROPEAN BLOODSTOCK NEWS EBF STAR STAKES-Listed,
£40,000, Sandown, 7-25, 2yo, f, 7fT, 1:30.37, gd.

1--**CELESTIAL ORBIT (GB), 128, f, 2, by No Nay Never**
1st Dam: Rose Bonheur (GB) (MSW & GSP-Ire,
GSP-Eng, \$150,430), by Danehill Dancer (Ire)
2nd Dam: Red Feather (Ire), by Marju (Ire)
3rd Dam: Galyph, by Lyphard

1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN. (260,000gns Ylg '23 TATOCT).
O-Magnier's, Shanahan & MacLennan; B-B V Sangster (GB);
T-Ollie Sangster; J-Jamie Spencer. £22,684. Lifetime Record:
3-2-0-0, \$35,940. *1/2 to Nayef Road (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}),
MGSW & MG1SP-Eng, \$633,454; and Middle East (Ire) (Frankel
{GB}), SP-Ger.

2--**Anshoda (Ire), 128, f, 2, Inns Of Court (Ire)--Silk Fan (Ire), by**
Unfuwain. **1ST BLACK TYPE.** (€24,000 Ylg '23 TATIRY; 5,000gns
2yo '24 TATGBU). O-Nawaf Almutairi; B-Silk Fan Syndicate
(IRE); T-David Loughnane. £8,600.

3--**Flaming Stone (GB), 128, f, 2, Kingman (GB)--Burning Rules**
(Ire), by Aussie Rules. **1ST BLACK TYPE.** (425,000gns Wlg '22
TADEWE). O-Juddmonte; B-Mrs Anita Wigan & Juddmonte
Farms Ltd (GB); T-Andrew Balding. £4,304.

Margins: 2 1/4, 1 3/4, NK. Odds: 9.00, 66.00, 1.50.

Also Ran: Alla Stella (GB), The Terminus (Ire), Love Talk (Ire),
Dollyana (GB), Santa Savana (GB), Jewel Of London (GB), Del Ray
(GB). Scratched: Jayvee (Ire).

Ollie Sangster snagged last year's renewal of Sandown's Listed
European Bloodstock News EBF Star Stakes with subsequent G1
Fillies' Mile runner-up Shuwari (Ire) (New Bay {GB}) and
collected back-to-back renewals of the seven-furlong contest
with recent Haydock winner Celestial Orbit. **Cont. p16**



No Nay Never | Coolmore

Listed Star Stakes Cont.

Settled off the tempo in seventh until easing closer in the home straight, the 9-1 chance moved to within striking distance with a quarter-mile remaining and was beyond recall once quickening to the fore approaching the final furlong, running on strongly up the hill to comfortably account for the running-on Anshoda by 2 1/4 lengths.

“She’s a lovely, well-bred filly who is very straightforward to train and I’m delighted,” commented Sangster. “She’s taken a large step forward from Haydock and hopefully she can keep progressing. Jamie [Spencer] gave her a lovely ride, he rode her very confidently and looked comfortable all the way up the straight. She did it really well and showed a nice turn of foot to put the race to bed and, hopefully, there is more to come. I would say she would stay at seven furlongs for now.

“Her half-brother Nayef Road was a very good stayer, albeit by Galileo, and I suppose she will probably go up in trip at some point. In a month’s time, you have got a races like the [G3] Prestige at Goodwood and [G2] Prix du Calvados at Deauville, and then you have the [G2] May Hill at Doncaster over a mile. So, there’s some nice fillies-only options and we will keep her with the fillies and see how she can progress for the rest of the year.”

Celestial Orbit is the eighth of 10 foals and one of six winners out of dual Group 3-placed Listed Owenstown Stud Stakes and Listed Belgrave Stakes victrix Rose Bonheur (GB) (Danehill Dancer {Ire}), herself a half-sister to G3 Silver Flash Stakes third Roseraie (Ire) (Lawman {Fr}). Roseraie, in turn, is the dam of G2 May Hill Stakes runner-up Dark Rose Angel (Ire) (Dark Angel {Ire}). The January-foaled bay is kin to dual Group 3-winning G1 St Leger, G1 Gold Cup and G1 Goodwood Cup placegetter Nayef Road (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}), Listed Grosser Sparkassenpreis third Middle East (Ire) (Frankel GB), a yearling filly by Palace Pier (GB) and a weanling colt by Churchill (Ire). Their second dam is G3

International Stakes winner and G1 Moyglare Stud Stakes runner-up Red Feather (Ire) (Marju {Ire}).

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2nd-Doncaster, £6,800, Nov, 7-25, 2yo, 7f 6yT, 1:27.90, g/f. GOD OF WAR (GB) (c, 2, Mohaather {GB}--Lady Freyja {GB}, by Mayson {GB}), a July 4 debut fourth going a shade over six furlongs at Great Yarmouth when last seen, was well away to stalk the leaders in third after the initial exchanges here. Improving into second with a quarter-mile remaining, the 6-4 favourite gained a narrow advantage entering the final furlong and was pushed out to assert by 1 1/4 lengths from Ride The Thunder (Ire) (Night Of Thunder {Ire}), becoming the fourth winner for his freshman sire (by Showcasing {GB}). God Of War, half to a weanling filly by Blackbeard (Ire), is the third of four foals and lone scorer produced by the multiple-winning half-sister to Listed Spring Cup and Listed International Trial victor Party Boss (GB) (Silver Patriarch {ire}) and to the dam of Listed Rous Stakes third Wonderwork (Ire) (Night Of Thunder {Ire}). God Of War’s second dam Third Party (GB) (Terimon {GB}) is kin to G3 Benazet-Rennen victor Passion For Life (GB) (Charmer {Ire}). Sales history: 80,000gns Wlg ‘22 TADEWE. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$5,507.

O-Clipper; B-Jon A Thompson (GB); T-Tom Clover.

HANDICAP RESULTS:

4th-Yarmouth, £50,000, 7-25, 3yo/up, 7f 3yT, 1:24.11, g/f. PEDRO VALENTINO (IRE) (g, 3, Phoenix Of Spain {Ire}--Ventura Mist {GB} {SW & GSP-Eng, \$230,781}, by Pastoral Pursuits {GB}) Lifetime Record: 7-3-1-1, \$59,767. O-Oak Lodge Racing; B-Roundhill Stud & J S Investments (IRE); T-Clive Cox. *50,000gns Ylg ‘22 TATOCT.

5th-Yarmouth, £50,000, 7-25, 3yo/up, 5f 42yT, 1:01.10, g/f. THUNDER MOOR (IRE) (g, 4, Dandy Man {Ire}--Play Mate {GB}, by Showcasing {GB}) Lifetime Record: 21-5-0-2, \$151,473. O-Maria Gill; B-Ballyhane (IRE); T-George Boughey. *50,000gns 2yo ‘22 TATAHI.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Cabrera (Ire), f, 3, Phoenix Of Spain (Ire)--Island Remede (GB) (GSP-Eng & MSP-Ire), by Medicean (GB). Doncaster, 7-25, 11f 197yT, 2:30.44. Lifetime Record: 5-1-2-1, \$35,471. B-Mrs Henrietta Egan (IRE). *70,000gns Ylg ‘22 TATOCT. **1/2 to Post Impressionist (Ire) (Teofilo {Ire}), GSW-Aus, \$246,846.



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IRELAND

Thursday's Results:

3rd-Leopardstown, €25,000, Mdn, 7-25, 2yo, 7f 57yT, 1:33.81, g/y.

LATIN FEVER (IRE) (f, 2, Equiano {Fr}--Vale Of Paris {Ire}, by Vale Of York {Ire}), sent off at 80-1, was forced to race wide from the outside stall and was keen halfway down the field. Tanking into contention in the straight, the newcomer hit the front 150 yards out and showed tenacity to hold on for a neck success from Aleramo (Ire) (**Arizona {Ire}**). "Everything went wrong, she had to overcome a bad draw and being kept on the wing the whole way and then she got a bump turning in," part-owner Adam Potts said. "I think class got her through. She's a half-sister to a Group 3 winner and the dam hasn't missed. She was a gorgeous-looking filly, so we thought we'd chance her." The half-sibling referred to above is the G3 Gladness Stakes scorer Markaz Paname (Ire) (**Markaz {Ire}**), while the dam hails from the family of the G1 Prix Morny-winning sire Elusive City (Elusive Quality). Her yearling colt is by Mehmas (Ire), while she also has a colt foal by Starman (GB). Sales history: €9,000 RNA Wlg '22 GOFNO1; €27,000 Ylg '23 TATIRY. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$16,237.

O-Adam R Potts & B Sheerin & D O'Donovan; B-Mr Donal Boylan (IRE); T-Kevin Coleman.

1st-Leopardstown, €18,000, Mdn, 7-25, 2yo, 8fT, 1:43.72, g/y.

GREEN IMPACT (IRE) (c, 2, Wootton Bassett {GB}--Emerald Green {GB}, by Galileo {Ire}), runner-up on debut in The Curragh's Barronstown Stud Maiden last month, was slowly away before being rushed up to shadow the leader in second. Committed approaching the furlong pole, the 11-8 favourite stayed on strongly to account for Delacroix (Ire) (**Dubawi {Ire}**) by 1 1/2 lengths. "He's the first horse that Marc Chan has ever bred, so he's very excited," Harrington said of the winner of the race won two years ago by Tower Of London (Ire) (**Galileo {Ire}**). "He's a very laid-back horse, a big horse, and he's probably a little bit on the weak side still. We'll give him a bit of time and we probably won't be going anywhere in a hurry. There are plenty of mile races in the autumn. He's got some entries. We'll see how he comes out of this and go from there. Whatever he does now, he's going to get better." The winner is so far the only foal out of the dam, a Ballydoyle representative who cost Jamie McCalmont Bloodstock 475,000gns on behalf of Chan at the 2021 Tattersalls December Sale. A half-sister to the stakes winners Mirage (Ire) (**Oasis Dream {GB}**) and Amnesia (Ire) (**Invincible Spirit {Ire}**), she hails from the family of the 2,000 Guineas-winning sire **Footstepsinthesand (GB)** and fellow top-level scorers Curvy (GB) (**Galileo {Ire}**) and Power

(GB) by Mirage's sire **Oasis Dream**. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$15,761.

O/B-Marc Chan (IRE); T-Jessica Harrington.

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6th-Leopardstown, €16,000, Mdn, 7-25, 3yo, 12f 180yT, 2:45.37. g/y.

AERONAUTIC (IRE) (c, 3, Gleneagles {Ire}--Meri Shika {Fr} {SW-Can, GSP-Fr, \$209,542}, by Spirit One {Fr}), who opened his account over an extended 10 furlongs at Dundalk earlier this month, raced in fourth early. Staying on to gain the lead with 1 1/2 furlongs remaining, the 10-1 shot drew away to score by 4 1/4 lengths from Barnso (GB) (**Belardo {Ire}**). The dam, who took the Flaming Page Stakes and was third in the G3 Prix des Reservoirs, is related to the G3 Prix de Fontainebleau-winning sire Chichi Creasy (Fr) (**Chichicastenango {Fr}**). Her 2-year-old colt by **Sea The Stars (Ire)** was sold to Johnston Racing for 85,000gns at Tattersalls October Book 1. Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, €17,780.

O-Newtown Anner Stud Farm Ltd; B-Newtown Anner Stud (IRE); T-Joseph O'Brien.

FRANCE

Thursday's Results:

FIRST WINNER FOR SIRE

3rd-Vittel, €12,500, Mdn, 7-25, 2yo, 8fT, 1:48.91, sf.

BALIROs (FR) (c, 2, Chachnak {Fr}--Balinaise {GB}, by Dansili {GB}) raced off the pace in eighth through the initial fractions of this debut. Urged closer rounding the home turn, the 29-10 second choice improved into fourth with 350 metres remaining and kept on strongly under mainly whipless rousing inside the final furlong to deny Bohemos (Fr) (**Recoletos {Fr}**) by a half-length nearing the line, becoming the first winner for his freshman sire (by **Kingman {GB}**). Baliros is the latest of two foals and first scorer produced by a winning half-sister to G1 Prix Marcel Boussac heroine Indonesienne (Ire) (**Muhtathir {GB}**), herself the dam of G3 Prix d'Aumale third Bahasa (Ire) (**Siyouni {Fr}**) and Listed Grand Criterium de Bordeaux runner-up Precious Sea (GB) (**Sea The Stars {Ire}**). The February-foaled bay's dam Balinaise (GB) (**Dansili {GB}**) is also kin to Listed Prix Ridgway victor Lumineux (GB) (**Motivator {GB}**), the stakes-placed duo Papua (Fr) (**Mastercraftsman {Ire}**) and Kamran (Fr) (**Green Tune**) and to the dam of GIII Pebbles Stakes and GIII Honey Fox Stakes victrix Faith In Humanity (Fr) (**Lope De Vega {Ire}**). [Cont. p18](#)

3rd-Vittel Cont.

The winner's second dam Mydarshaan (GB) (Darshaan {GB}) is a granddaughter of stakes-winning G1 Prix de la Salamandre and G1 Grand Criterium placegetter Most Precious (Nureyev), whose quartet of black-type winners include G1 Poule d'Essai des Pouliches and GI Ramona Handicap heroine Matiara (Bering {GB}), G2 Richmond Stakes-winning sire Pyrus (Mr. Prospector) and G1 Prix d'Ispahan third Marathon (Diesis {GB}). Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, €6,250. **Video, sponsored by FanDuel TV.** O-Ecurie des Mouettes; B-Mme Lisa Lemiere Dubois (FR); T-Jerome Andreu.

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ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Bakhilova (Fr), f, 3, **Fas (Ire)**--Frasque (Ire), by Iffraaj (GB). Vittel, 7-25, 6 1/2fT, 1:17.18. B-Christopher Hogg (FR). *€63,000 Ylg '22 ARQOCT. **1/2 to Rock Boy (Fr) (Rock Of Gibraltar {Ire}), GSW-Fr; and Alastor (Ire) (Helmet {Aus}), GSP-Ity & SP-Fr, \$130,879.

GERMANY

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Hazim (Fr), c, 2, **Mekhtaal (GB)**--Zakiyyah (Fr), by Monsun (Ger). Bad Harzburg, 7-25, 7 3/4fT, 1:34.16. B-SCEA Haras de Victot (FR). *€2,000 2yo '24 OSAAPR.



IN MAINLAND CHINA:

Belatucadros (Ire), c, 4, **Profitable (Ire)**--Tender Is Thenight (Ire), by Baratheia (Ire). Yulong, 7-20, 1800m, sand, 1:57.08. O-Ma He. B-Knocktoran Stud & Lasnawood, Ltd., (Ire). *22,000gns Wlg '20 TATNOV; 27,000gns Ylg '21 TATOCT. **1/2 to Tie Black (Ire) (Machiavellian), G1SW-Fr, \$400,505; and Besotted (Ire) (Dutch Art {GB}), SW & GSP-Fr. **VIDEO.**

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Mark Casse Thursday morning at the Spa | Sarah Andrew

by Tim Wilkin

SARATOGA SPRINGS, N.Y. – It has been a sizzling start to the Saratoga summer for Hall of Fame trainer Mark Casse. Horses from his barn have done little wrong in the first 11 days of the 40-day meet at Saratoga Race Course.

Casse has started 19 horses so far and has visited the winner's circle six times. He also has three second-place finishes and one third.

Without question this is the best start he has ever had at the Spa.

"Oh, by far," Casse said at his barn on the Saratoga backstretch Thursday morning. "This place has haunted me over the years. But, I have to tell you, when the dust clears, we usually end up having good meets."

If the first quarter of the meet is any indication, Casse could have a great meet.

In the last nine years, the most wins Casse has had at Saratoga has been 10. That happened twice, in 2019 and 2016.

Before the meet started, Casse handicapped the condition book and thought his barn might do some good in the early days.

"You can never predict you are going to have the start we have had," he said.

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SATURDAY SIRES: CURLIN by Jill Williams

If there has ever been a quintessential Saturday afternoon sire--as well as Breeders' Cup sire and champion sire--Curlin would have to be at the top of the list. He tends to churn out top-level horses at a dizzying rate.

"Not to take anything away from other great stallions, but I don't believe Curlin is second to anybody when you speak of Grade I performers and accomplishments," said John Sikura, who stands the 2007-08 Horse of the Year at Hill 'n' Dale at Xalapa. "If you think of the Breeders' Cup, he takes something that's never been done before, accomplishes it, and then equals it the next year. It's hard to put into words."

Sikura is, of course, speaking of one of the most remarkable feats in modern history. In 2022, Curlin was responsible for three Breeders' Cup winners in a single day.

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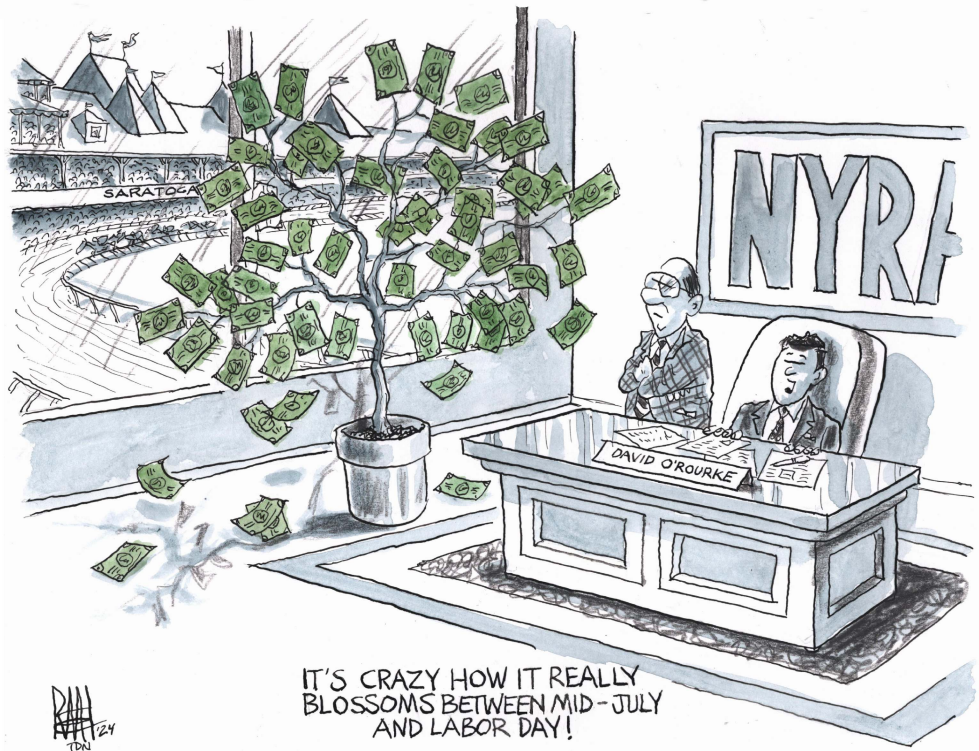
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Casse continued: “I thought for the first couple weeks, we were going to run favorites, or close to it. We were going to run live horses. Most of our horses have shown up. When you win, you win. When you lose, you learn.”

Another factor for the early success was Casse had horses at Saratoga early. Because of the Belmont Stakes Festival at Saratoga last month, Casse had horses that were in town early.

On opening day, Run for the Hills (**Runhappy**), a 5-year-old mare, won. Last Saturday, 5-year-old gelding Full Screen (Big Screen) was another winner.

“They had been here for a month versus coming in four or five days ahead of time,” Casse said. “Makes a huge difference. This is home now. It’s a great environment; you can really see horses flourish here.”

It hasn’t just been Saratoga where Casse has been winning. Last weekend (Friday-Sunday), Casse entered 38 horses in 27 races at Saratoga, Woodbine, Monmouth and Gulfstream. The barn won 13 races, including the GII United Nations Stakes at Monmouth with 7-year-old gelding Get Smokin (Get Stormy) and the GIII Lake George Stakes at Saratoga with 3-year-old filly Pounce (Lookin At Lucky).

He’ll enjoy the ride for as long as he can. But it’s not as though this just happened. Casse has worked diligently to build his stable this year.

“I said in the spring that this is the strongest group we have ever had,” Casse said. “For sure, the pressure is off at this meet, but the pressure now will be to continue it and to do it next year. I know how to keep the ball rolling. We are going to need another young crop next year. If you don’t continue to bring in new athletes, you will get run over.”

Been a Long Time Between Saratoga Trips for Trainer Cook

The last time trainer Jason Cook ran a horse at Saratoga was 1996. That, he is sure of.

The rest is a little hazy.

“I can see him,” he said when asked who the horse was. “He had a big blaze, a chestnut horse, four white stockings. I just can’t remember his name.” **Cont.**

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Saratoga Notebook, cont.

The 51-year-old Cook was on the Saratoga backstretch Thursday morning, a day after making a 13-hour drive from his home in Louisville, Ky. He brought a buddy, Jason Webb, along for the ride. And, in the horse trailer hitched up to the truck was the second horse Cook is set to run in the Spa.

Three Technique (Mr Speaker), a 7-year-old horse, is entered to run in Friday’s ninth race, a \$120,000 allowance. A field of 12 is entered in the field, which has come up more than a little tough.

Also entered are Scotland (**Good Magic**), winner of last year’s **Curlin** Stakes at the Spa, Zozos (**Munnings**), who has won seven of 14 career starts and was the third-place finisher in the Grade I Churchill Downs Stakes two races back; Castle Chaos (Palace Malice), who was fourth in the Metropolitan Handicap and General Jim (Into Mischief), winner of the 2023 GII Pat Day Mile Stakes.

Three Technique was once owned by Bill Parcells’ August Dawn Farm and broke his maiden at Saratoga in his third start while being trained by Jeremiah Englehart.

Cook claimed Three Technique on Nov. 28, 2021 (“it was a 27-way shake. I won,” he said) and he has started 18 times for him. The last win for Three Technique came on July 1 of last year in the GII John A. Nerud Stakes at Belmont Park.

“He broke his maiden here impressively (by 5 1/2 lengths),” Cook said.

In his other four starts at Saratoga, he has just a second to show for it. Cook is here because he has had a tough time finding a race that fits him. When he saw this one, he loaded up the van and here he is.

“I know the history of Saratoga,” he said. “It would be pretty cool to win here.”

Cook said that Three Technique is a pleasure to train. After that, all bets are off. **Cont.**



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“He is no fun to mess with, he doesn’t like people,” Cook said, standing outside Three Technique’s stall at the barn of Dale Romans. “See how happy he looks now? That’s because he’s alone. He’s a good horse, though. Always shows some grit.”

Tapit Trice Makes Sure the Wait Was Worth It

Before last Saturday, the last time Tapit Trice (Tapit) was seen at the races was 330 days ago. Or 47 weeks or 11 months, whichever you prefer.

The now 4-year-old colt won the GIII Monmouth Cup Stakes at Monmouth Park on Haskell Day and he looked good doing it. The final margin of victory was 5 1/4 lengths. Welcome back, Tapit Trice.

“We were very pleased with it,” Hall of Fame trainer Todd Pletcher said of the effort outside his barn on the Oklahoma Training Track at Saratoga.



Tapit Trice wins Saturday’s Monmouth Cup | Sarah Andrew

Before last Saturday, Tapit Trice’s last start came in the GI Travers Stakes at Saratoga last August. He ran good there, too, finishing third behind Arcangelo (Arrogate) at odds of 12-1.

After that, it was by design that Tapit Trice disappeared. Pletcher said it was a planned break for Tapit Trice, who has raced seven times during his 3-year-old season.

The break went longer than anticipated as Tapit Trice had a minor foot issue that caused him to miss a pair of minor stakes races at Churchill Downs in the spring.

He came back with a vengeance at the Jersey Shore.

“After not running since the Travers and to come back at a mile and an eighth ... we are just super happy with it,” Pletcher said.

Owned by Whisper Hill Farm LLC, and Gainesway Stable (Anthony Beck), it won’t be such a long layoff this time. Pletcher said the next goal for Tapit Trice will be the GI Jockey Club Gold Cup at the Spa Sept. 1.

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Saturday Sires: Curlin, cont. from p1

It was an unprecedented accomplishment, something never before done and something so singular it was unlikely to ever be duplicated--or so it was thought. Unbelievably, Curlin repeated that extraordinary feat in 2023. With eight individual Breeders' Cup victories, Curlin leads all sires, living or dead, by wins on the sport's championship days.

When a sire breathes such rarified air, expectations grow heavy, whether that's fair or not. Might there be extra pressure in standing a stallion like Curlin and feeling the weight of those expectations?

“No,” said Sikura, “because his legacy and his achievement absorbs any pressure there might be. It's the unique thing about greatness: the higher he reaches, the more he delivers. He's one of the world-class elite horses who is achieving the multiplicity of success.

“The standard of excellence he delivers is not random, but consistent. I read something once and I never forgot it, something like greatness is so elusive that you really don't think it even exists but every once in a while it does, just to remind you it does. That's Curlin.” *Cont.*

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Curlin, cont.

Curlin's regular prowess was on display last weekend when champion **Idiomatic** kicked off Saturday with a thrilling victory in Monmouth's GIII Molly Pitcher Stakes, then **Solo Album** followed shortly after with Woodbine's GIII Trillium Stakes, giving **Curlin** wins in 20% of the graded stakes in North America Saturday. On Sunday, only one graded event, the GII Shuvee Stakes at Saratoga, was contested on the continent. Was it any surprise to see the Hill 'n' Dale super sire's daughter **Raging Sea** adding to his weekend tally? If that wasn't a big enough weekend, **Curlin**'s debuter Getaway Car was dubbed a '**TDN Rising Star**' at Del Mar and his son **Good Magic** was the sire of GI Haskell Stakes winner Dornoch.

"We're very proud of the horse and very thankful to [Stonestreet's] Barbara Banke and her team," said Sikura. "We've had a great relationship of success with Barbara with **Curlin**, **Maclean's Music**, and **Good Magic**. I think there a synergy when you have good people who get along and respect each other with no ego involved; it's not science but that environment of compatibility. All that karma works for the favor the horse.

"We all support the horse with our best mares. We're cheerleaders for the horse with the same goals in mind. It's a great reward for everyone. They trust these horses to us and then support them. I don't take any personal credit. We're lucky enough to have a great horse that people recognize as a rare stallion. Early in a career with a stallion, you're waiting for a horse's limitations to present, but with him limitations don't exist. All those things that start to emerge as self-limiting factors for most horses do not apply to him. He seems limitless and boundless in his ability to achieve. It's so rare. You're waiting for the door to close, but it doesn't with him.

"We're lucky to have him and continue to support him with the best mares."

For stallions, it's often a metric of how many Grade I winners one has sired that emphasizes success. **Curlin** has 22, which puts him tied for third among all living North American sires with his 13th crop now aged two. Twelve of those 22 have won two or more Grade I events.

There's a sheer volume in quantity as well as in quality when it comes to **Curlin**. His runners have won or placed in 128 Grade I races in the dozen years he's had runners. **Cont.**



Hall of Fame jockey Julie Krone visits Saratoga's Oklahoma training track Thursday morning aboard 'TDN Rising Star' Knightsbridge (**Nyquist**) and is accompanied by Hall of Fame trainer Bill Mott. | Sarah Andrew

Curlin, cont.**Curlin** | Sarah Andrew

For a hint of what a remarkable number that is, one only needs register there are 93 Grade I races in the U.S. carded for 2024. Not too many of them haven't been impacted by **Curlin** progeny in the last dozen years, some several times over.

"It's not bias or any emotion on my part, strictly on fact," said Sikura. "Some sires jump up and have a banner year, but he's consistently a sire of Grade I horses. It's now almost commonplace for him. He's just a great sire and now his son [fellow Hill 'n' Dale stallion **Good Magic**] has two different Classic winners in two crops.

"Not to take away from anyone else, but obviously **Good Magic** is another supernatural horse and we hope that's the heir apparent for **Curlin**. He's still at a relatively young age for a great stallion, but now with his sons winning Classic races, it looks like it's going to perpetuate his legacy."

In addition to the aforementioned Dornoch, who won this year's GI Belmont Stakes, **Good Magic** also sired his full-brother **Mage**, who won last year's GI Kentucky Derby. The year before that, **Curlin**'s son Keen Ice sired Derby winner Rich Strike.

Curlin himself had a Classic winner in his first crop with Palace Malice in the 2013 Belmont. He would add a second Classic winner from his fourth crop in 2016 with Exaggerator in the GI Preakness Stakes. He has come tantalizingly close to many more: his progeny have an additional two Preakness placings, three more Belmont placings, and two runner-up finishes in the Kentucky Derby.

"I think everyone is probably aware of everything the horse is," said Sikura. "If you point to his accomplishments, you might be somewhat surprised at his versatility. He gets colts and fillies. He may not have as many good 2-year-olds as his horses get better over time. Just look at Idiomatic [maiden winner at three, eight-for-nine champion at four, Grade I winner this year at five].

"They're ascending in their ability as they age. When they're retired, it's often due to the economics and their value as a stallion or broodmare. When you're as good at five as you were at three, that's pretty unique.

"Every year, his horses are as good or even better than they were the year before. There's no limit. They're tougher, faster, sounder, and more durable each year, which is probably something you don't see with a lot of horses."

Overall, **Curlin** has an enviable body of work. He has eight individual U.S. champions and one Canadian champion among his 105 black-type winners. In addition to those eight individual Breeders' Cup wins already mentioned, his 59 graded winners have another nine Breeders' Cup placings. There's a GI Kentucky Oaks win, a GI Travers Stakes win, and the list goes on. Is there anything the son of Smart Strike cannot do?

"He's not a turf specialist," said Sikura, "but the only reason he doesn't have turf horses is he doesn't have turf mares. When he has the opportunity, he's gotten graded winners on the turf."

He has, indeed. **Curlin** has six graded winners on the grass. He had the opportunity to run just once on the lawn himself, finishing second in the GI Man o' War Stakes in 2008. It was one of the few losses in a Hall of Fame career that encompassed wins in the GI Breeders' Cup Classic, the Preakness, the G1 Dubai World Cup, and a number of other races at the highest echelon.

The two-time Horse of the Year, who retired as North America's all-time leading money winner, was responsible for three individual Eclipse Award winners of 2022 and three in 2023. Only one of those was a repeat winner (**Elite Power**); another was named Horse of the Year, as well as older dirt male (**Cody's Wish**).

In the history of the Eclipse Awards, only five former Horses of the Year have themselves sired a Horse of the Year. **Curlin** joined Saint Liam (Havre de Grace), A.P. Indy (**Mineshaft**), Seattle Slew (A.P. Indy), and Secretariat (Lady's Secret) when he did it last year. **Cont.**

Click to see **Curlin** a few years ago at stud

Curlin, cont.

Sikura said that **Curlin** is not slowing down at age 20.

“I guess there's always some physical changes to a degree, but his fertility is excellent, his libido is excellent, and his performance on the racetrack is still elite. I hear the word 'age' a lot in different contexts, but you're only old in anything when you can no longer do it. There's always outliers with the greats in any field. Tom Brady, Muhammad Ali... They didn't do what the normal athlete does under normal expectations.

“It really doesn't matter how old **Curlin** is, but whether he's still accomplishing at the same level. We manage him closely, he covers about 100 mares [a season]. We don't overbreed him. He has a fantastic book, supported by the world's best breeders.”

Standing for \$250,000, the co-highest published fee in North America, **Curlin's** first foals raced in 2012. That was the same year as Into Mischief, the other U.S. stallion at \$250,000 in 2024, had his first runners. Each has been extraordinary and each has sire sons proving themselves at the top level.



Champion Idiomatic (rail) battles to a gutsy Molly Pitcher win Saturday
Sarah Andrew

Curlin, who had the top-priced yearling in the U.S. last year (a colt out of champion Beholder who brought \$4 million at Fasig-Tipton Saratoga), has four sons at stud (**Good Magic**, Keen Ice, **Connect**, and Palace Malice) who have already sired Grade I winners. He also has a number of top young sons coming up, including two of his best runners--**Cody's Wish** and **Elite Power**--who stood their first seasons in 2024. It's safe to say the sport will feel the long-reaching effects of **Curlin's** influence for a long time to come.

Sikura has a long history himself at the heights of the sport, including co-owning and consigning Better Than Honour, the 2007 Broodmare of the Year who produced back-to-back Belmont winners and still holds the world record for a broodmare at public auction when selling for \$14 million in 2008

at Fasig-Tipton. He was asked how he believes standing **Curlin** will rank among his own lifetime accomplishments.

“My goal every year is to be accomplishing things that I haven't accomplished in the past, so how the story is last written will have to wait and see, but certainly nothing will be more rewarding than standing **Curlin**, although you can't really compare or contrast it. It's singularly its own special achievement indelibly etched in whatever we have accomplished or will still accomplish. I've had Better Than Honour and other proud moments, for lack of a better word, but nothing competes with or takes away from the **Curlin** legacy. It's like with your kids--you're proud of the one who just graduated law school and also of the daughter who just had her first child.

“**Curlin** having three Breeders' Cup winners in a day is an almost-impossible thing to do, and then he did it again. Great horses drag you along with them. Their rarity and greatness is what makes it all so special.”

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SHARE IN FRESHMAN SIRE COMPLEXITY TO BE OFFERED AT FASIG-TIPTON SARATOGA SALE

Fasig-Tipton will offer a share consigned by Airdrie Stud in freshman sire **Complexity** (by **Maclean's Music**) as the first item in the Saratoga Sale's second session on Tuesday, Aug. 6, the auction house said in a release on Thursday morning.

Complexity leads all first-crop sires by winners, black-type winners, black-type horses, graded stakes winners and progeny earnings. He is also the current leading general sire of 2-year-olds. These include Mo Plex, winner of the GIII Sanford Stakes at Saratoga on opening weekend, as well as Mensa, winner of the Victoria Stakes at Woodbine July 19 following his record-setting purchase for \$740,000 on Fasig-Tipton Digital following his maiden win.

“What **Complexity** has accomplished with his first crop of 2-year-olds is simply remarkable,” said Fasig-Tipton President Boyd Browning. “For him to not only be leading first-crop sire, but also leading U.S. sire of 2-year-olds, is an incredible feat.

“We are thrilled to offer a share in **Complexity** at Saratoga,” said Browning. “With so many major breeders in attendance at the sale, it's the perfect place to do so.”

Following a four-length debut win at Saratoga at two, the Chad Brown trainee went on to win the GI Champagne Stakes with a 95 Beyer speed figure. At 4-years-old **Complexity** won the GII Kelso Handicap at Belmont. His time for the mile in the Kelso was 1:33 4/5 and his 110 Beyer was the third-highest registered by any horse that year. **Cont.**

Complexity share, cont.**Complexity** | Sarah Andrew

"I don't believe we've ever had an Airdrie stallion get off to a more promising start," said Airdrie President Bret Jones. "Complexity was a brilliantly talented racehorse and he has been making the case since his first foals hit the ground that he could be an equally successful sire.

"The word from Ocala was just so strong from the very beginning and it has been wonderful to see that early promise evolve into these incredible results," said Jones. "To be not just the leading freshman sire in America, but the leading overall sire of 2-year-olds is extraordinary and we are further emboldened by the incredibly positive reports we continue to receive on his yet unraced 2-year-olds."

Further information about **Complexity** may be found by clicking [here](#). Prospective bidders may contact Airdrie's Bret Jones at (859) 361-6379 or Ben Henley at (859) 552-7716 with questions or inquiries.

Online and phone bidding on the **Complexity** share will be available. The 103rd Fasig-Tipton Saratoga Sale will take place on Monday and Tuesday, Aug. 5-6, in the Humphrey S. Finney Pavilion in Saratoga Springs, New York. Sessions will begin each evening at 6:30 pm. ET.

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NO TURF RACING AT CHURCHILL DURING SEPTEMBER MEET

by T.D. Thornton

The problematic, \$10-million turf course that was installed at Churchill Downs prior to the 2022 spring season will be getting another maintenance break that will mean no grass racing in Louisville for the upcoming Sept. 12-29 meet.

Usage of the Churchill turf course has been curtailed on several occasions over the past two years because of concerns

over its growth, maturity and root establishment.

Darren Rogers, Churchill's senior director of communications, told *TDN* on Thursday that track management expects the course to be usable in time for the autumn meet that spans Oct. 27-Dec. 1.

"Absolutely. That won't be a problem," Rogers said.

September, Rogers said, "is just a three-week meet, and with the plethora of grass opportunities at [the tail end of] the Ellis Park meet, plus all the [grass-only] racing at Kentucky Downs, and then Keeneland starting, we thought it's best not to run over the turf to try to maximize what we're doing to enhance it for the fall meet and next spring."

There was no turf racing in 2021 from September through November while Churchill installed the new course. Then in the spring of 2022, six weeks after the course was unveiled, management **capped grass races** to a maximum of two per day and moved 19 races listed in the condition book to the main dirt track in order to give the grass a better chance to grow. The track later **suspended turf racing** for a brief period that same season and subsequently **cancelled several stakes** at an August mini-meet.

The course didn't get fully used at the 2023 spring meet because Churchill cut its meet short and moved all of its racing to Ellis Park in response to the deaths of 12 Thoroughbreds.

In the fall of 2023, Churchill conducted just 20 turf races at the September meet and another 20 at the October/November meet.

After winter and spring maintenance to start 2024, the course was able to handle 74 grass races at the recently concluded spring season, but the turf showed signs of strain from the usage.

"As you know, we've had our challenges along the way," Rogers said. "And we're committed to getting it to perform to its maximum [by] doing whatever it takes. It's a work in progress.

"This year, for the spring meet, it was much improved from last fall," Rogers continued. "But frankly, we're still dissatisfied with the course's status. We had a number of talks with our team--consultants, engineers, horsemen--and the remedies that we introduced this spring kind of have us heading in the right direction. And we said at that time that our plan is going to be more vigilant in the management of the organic materials."

Rogers detailed the most recent work to the course that was completed over the first two weeks of July.

"We closed June 30, and on July 1, we scalped the turf course, cutting the grass real low. That exposes the stems of the grass and the soil to sunlight so it stimulates growth. We did a technique known as verticutting. The blades kind of knife through the soil, and they remove organic buildup, which basically allows it to breathe better. **Cont.**

No turf racing at Churchill, cont.



Churchill's turf course | Coady Media

"Next we [aerated] the soil vertically and horizontally," Rogers said. "That kind of redistributes it across the surface and removes soil from the root zone. And then, like we did this past March, we did this process called DryJect. It's a procedure where you inject different angular sand that goes down about six inches deep and provides stability and eliminates the looseness. Apparently, that enhances the root zones, and increases oxygen levels and nutrient retention.

"And then lastly, we sprigged about a thousand bushels of Iron Cutter Bermuda grass around the course, then fertilized it," Rogers said.

At the moment, Rogers said, "It looks brown and yellow. But the green's coming back right now, so the team is hopeful that these remedies kind of have us heading in the right direction. It's been very hot and humid, but that's pretty typical this time of year. That's one of the challenges with this turf course, is we really go through three different seasons: the early spring, the summer, and the cold fall."

Trainer Mike Maker, who leads all conditioners in both starts and wins over the new Churchill course with a 23-for-107 strike rate since 2022, told TDN that, "Thankfully, Kentucky Downs will be in September. We'll try to run as much as we can there. Of course, fields are going to be full and they're not going to run everything that we want, but it is what it is. If Churchill is ready for November, then we'll be okay. We can't worry about stuff we don't have control over."

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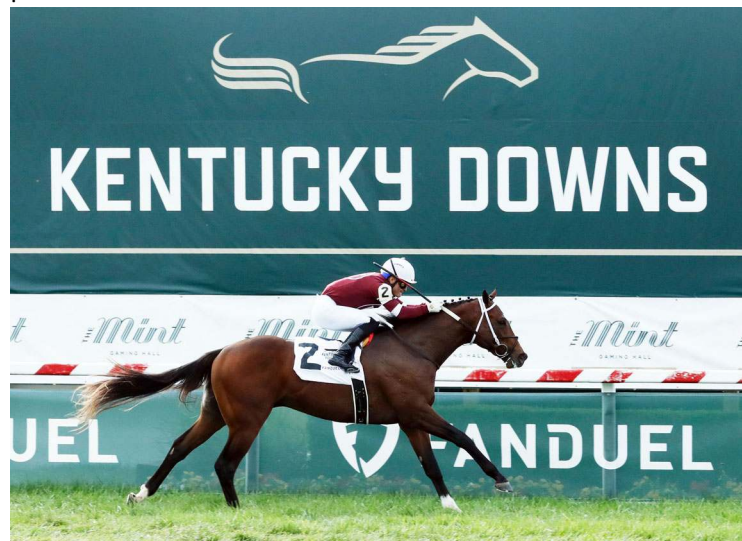
KENTUCKY DOWNS PLANS TO RAISE PURSES BY \$3.7 MILLION PENDING REGULATORY APPROVAL

Kentucky Downs plans to increase purses for nine of its 18 stakes by a total of \$3.7 million from what was originally announced, pending regulatory approval, according to a press release from the track early on Thursday morning.

Leading the way is the Gill **Nashville** Derby Invitational, bumped from \$2.5 million to \$3.1 million. That would make the 1 5/16-mile stakes North America's second-richest race, for Kentucky-breds, behind only the \$5-million GI Kentucky Derby among races held at one track. The **Nashville** Derby already was America's richest turf race for Kentucky-breds outside the \$5-million GI Longines Breeders' Cup Turf, whose location moves around with the Breeders' Cup World Championships.

The nine requested purse hikes are a combination of increasing the association money that forms a race's base purse for which every horse runs and supplements from the Kentucky Thoroughbred Development Fund (KTDF) restricted to registered Kentucky-breds. For instance, the **Nashville** Derby would increase to a base purse of \$1.9 million, with \$1.2 million in KTDF, if approved.

Kentucky Downs's seven-day meet runs Aug. 29 and 31 and Sept. 1, 5, 7, 8 and 11, featuring nine graded stakes. If approved, total purse money offered at the meet would exceed \$37 million, including seven stakes worth at least \$2 million with the KTDF supplements. The number of stakes worth at least \$1 million for Kentucky-breds will reach 15, with the restricted **Tapit** Stakes and One Dreamer Stakes and the new **Nashville** Gold Cup \$500,000 apiece. In addition, the National Thoroughbred League Overnight Handicap will have a \$500,000 purse. **Cont.**



Kentucky Downs | Coady

Kentucky Downs, cont.

The **Nashville** Derby, formerly the Dueling Grounds Derby, was announced in April as increasing from \$1 million to \$2.5 million, including Kentucky-bred purse supplements.

Other requested increases:

- GIII Kentucky Downs Ladies Marathon purse would double from \$1 million to \$2 million, giving the Sept. 7 showcase card six stakes worth \$2 million apiece for Kentucky-breds.
- The track's four 2-year-old stakes each received a \$250,000 increase to \$1 million with the Kentucky-bred supplements.
- GII Ladies Turf Sprint on Aug. 31 would increase to \$1.5 million from \$1 million in total purse money offered.
- The closing-day Dueling Grounds Oaks Invitational would go to \$1.6 million; the requested \$100,000 increase in base purse means 3-year-old fillies foaled outside of Kentucky still will compete for a cool \$1 million.
- The **Gun Runner** for 3-year-olds at a mile would receive a \$500,000 increase to \$1.5 million for Kentucky-breds.

The KTDF increases must be approved by the newly formed Kentucky Horse Racing and Gaming Corporation (previously the Kentucky Horse Racing Commission) after first getting a favorable recommendation from its KTDF advisory committee. Base purses are set in consultation with the Kentucky HBPA, which represents owners and trainers at Kentucky Downs.

The deadline is Aug. 19 to make free nominations to the stakes held on Aug. 29 and 31 and Sept. 1; nominations are due by Aug. 21 for the remaining stakes. Requests for invitations to the **Nashville** Derby are due by Aug. 17; requests for invitations to the Dueling Grounds Oaks are due by Aug. 27.

Race	New purse	Increase
GIII Nashville Derby	\$3.1m	\$600,000
GII KD Ladies Turf Sprint	\$1.5m	\$500,000
KD Juvenile Sprint	\$1m	\$250,000
GIII KD Ladies Marathon	\$2m	\$1,000,000
KD Juvenile Fillies	\$1m	\$250,000
Untapable Stakes	\$1m	\$250,000
KD Juvenile Mile	\$1m	\$250,000
Gun Runner	\$1.5m	\$500,000
Dueling Grounds Oaks	\$1.6m	\$100,000

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JEFFERSON STREET FACES 'RISING STAR' DUO IN AMSTERDAM by Alan Carasso



Neil Poznansky puts Jefferson Street through his paces at Saratoga
Sarah Andrew

A small, but very select field of five 3-year-old colts is set to face the starter in Friday's \$200,000 GII Amsterdam Stakes at Saratoga, a contest in which an argument could be made for each of the entrants.

Godolphin's **Jefferson Street** (**Street Sense**) broke his maiden by nine lengths as a 1-4 mortal lock at Keeneland in April and after stubbing his toe when third to next-out **Maxfield** Stakes hero Raging Torrent (Maximus Mischief) in the race immediately following the GI Kentucky Derby May 4, defeated older allowance foes by some eight lengths over this course and 6 1/2-furlong distance June 7, good for a field-best 102 Beyer.

"I thought he ran very well. He ran very good," said Mott of Jefferson Street, who is bred on the successful cross over Bernardini. "He's maintained everything pretty well, I just hope he runs as well as he did last time. They get stronger as they go along, and he's slowly worked his way to that."

His off-pace running style could suit him well in a field that looks to contain plenty of early types. '**TDN Rising Star**' **World Record** (**Gun Runner**) flaunted his speed to graduate by an eased-down 6 1/4 lengths going seven furlongs in Louisville May 27, but he was outrun early in the **Maxfield** and ended up a clear third. Trainer Rodolphe Brisset puts the blinkers on the \$410,000 Keeneland November purchase.

Donegal Momentum (**Uncle Mo**) broke his maiden with consummate ease first time out to earn his '**Rising Star**' at Aqueduct May 16 and looked like he got a bit lost out in front in a one-mile allowance against older rivals June 27 and was run down close home. The cutback in trip can aid his cause here.

Cont.



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Amsterdam preview, cont.

With 10 career starts under his belt, **Valentine Candy (Justify)** is easily the most experienced of Friday's runners, and he's shown a fair bit of talent to boot, with a pair of black-type scores at two at Oaklawn Park and a victory over subsequent GIII Chick Lang Stakes winner Frost Free (**Frosted**) in the Bachelor Stakes in Hot Springs Apr. 27. The Heiligbrodt runner exits an even fourth to recent Jersey Shore Stakes hero Book'em Danno (**Bucchero**) in the GI Woody Stephens Stakes June 8.

Juddmonte Farms' **Pure Force (Constitution)** is perfect in two starts to date, an easy debut success on Derby Day followed by a five-length allowance tally June 19 in which he enjoyed a soft time of things on the engine. The 9-2 longest shot on the board is not completely out of this, but will need to improve by several lengths on his figures.

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LUKAS LIKES WHAT HE SEES FROM JIM**DANDY-BOUND SEIZE THE GREY** *by Mike Kane*

Saratoga Springs, N.Y. – It is no surprise that Hall of Fame trainer D. Wayne Lukas is confident that his GI Preakness Stakes winner **Seize the Grey (Arrogate)** is up to the challenge he will face Saturday at Saratoga Race Course in the GII Jim Dandy Stakes.

Never shy about touting his horses, Lukas, 88, said that the MyRacehorse colt is ready to take on beaten GI Kentucky Derby favorite **Fierceness (City of Light)** and beaten GI Belmont Stakes favorite **Sierra Leone (Gun Runner)** in the local prep for the GI Travers Stakes.

Fierceness, whose three career wins all came when he was on or very near the lead, will be making his first start since the Derby. Sierra Leone has been never worse than third in six starts. He was second by a nose in the Derby and third in the Belmont.

Seize the Grey has worked five times since finishing seventh in the Belmont, which was run June 8 at Saratoga Race Course. The most recent was a half-mile in :47.99 Tuesday. When he shipped in from Kentucky in early July, Seize the Grey has also had breezes of five furlongs and six furlongs.

"He's doing really well," Lukas said. "I'm really pleased with where I have him. I have no excuses."

Lukas considered running in the GI Haskell Stakes at Monmouth Park July 20, but opted to keep Seize the Grey at his summer home and give him another week from the Belmont. In addition to Sierra Leone and the Repole Stable homebred Fierceness, the Jim Dandy drew GIII Ohio Derby winner **Batten Down (Tapit)** trained by Hall of Famer Bill Mott. Seize the Grey drew Post 2 in the field of six.



Seize the Grey | Sarah Andrew

"I feel very comfortable running in that with him," Lukas said.

Seize the Grey will be Lukas's 19th starter in the Jim Dandy and his first since Sporting Chance was fifth in 2018. He has won the race twice—with Is It True in 1989 and Scorpion in 2001—and has been second four times. Since his first Saratoga start in 1984, Lukas has won 264 races at Saratoga, 74 of them in stakes.

When it looked like Seize the Grey might not have enough points to make it into the Derby field, Lukas ran him in the GII Pat Day Mile, which he won by 1 1/4 lengths at 9-1. Two weeks later at Pimlico Race Course, he surprised in the Preakness, leading from gate to wire, again at more than 9-1.

The Belmont was a different story. He had company up front with Dornoch (**Good Magic**), and could not sustain the pace in the stretch.

Lukas discounted fatigue was a factor in Seize the Grey's sixth start of 2024.

"I don't think it was that," Lukas said. "I think he was a little flat in the Belmont."

Lukas said he expects that Seize the Grey will be an improved horse for the Jim Dandy.

"Oh, better than the Belmont," Lukas said. "I'm thinking he might even be better than the way he went into the Pat Day Mile."

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Dontlookbackatall (outside) | Sarah Andrew

Thursday, Saratoga

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IT PAYS TO BREED MARYLAND-BREDS

Margins: NK, NK, HD. Odds: 8.60, 6.40, 5.10.

Also Ran: Secret Money, Zeitlos, Star Guest (GB), Freedom Speaks, Kaufymaker, Run for the Hills, Kerry.

Scratched: EveryoneLovesLinda, Hot Fudge, Roses for Debra, Speedy Traveler.

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It was Plan B for trainer Christophe Clement, who scratched last year's GIII Caress Stakes winner and this year's morning-line favorite Roses for Debra (**Liam's Map**) from the 2024 renewal due to a fever earlier this week. Her stablemate, Dontlookbackatall, ably stepped into the day's starring role, blazing the 5 1/2 furlongs to the tune of 1.01.39.

The Pennsylvania-bred Dontlookbackatall settled into fourth on the outside behind last-out GII Intercontinental winner Future Is Now, who showed the way with a sizzling :21.49 first quarter while pestered by Intercontinental third Kaufymaker (Jimmy Creed) and GSP Run for the Hills (**Runhappy**). Those three stayed up front while Dontlookbackatall tracked. Just after the :43.82 half, Dontlookbackatall had to shift slightly when her path was mildly impeded as Run for the Hills weakened, but she was unfazed and joined a host of runners charging for the wire together. She was best of all, finishing a neck better than GSW Danse Macabre, while Future Is Now held on to third by a head.

"She gave me the confidence," said winning rider Irad Ortiz, Jr. "I've been riding her last [two] starts and she's been winning and she's there for me. I just trust her and it worked out perfect."



Dontlookbackatall (left, blaze) in the calvary charge to the wire
Sarah Andrew

Dontlookbackatall made it three straight in the Caress, following victories in Parx's June 24 Power by Far Stakes and the May 5 License Fee Stakes at Belmont at the Big A. She broke the 90 Beyer threshold in those two, her first black-type wins. The 4-year-old has not been worse than second in 10 starts since she was a 2-year-old. West Point Thoroughbreds picked her up for \$150,000 at the 2022 OBS March sale and later brought in Scarlet Oak Racing and Titledown Racing Stables as partners.

Caress, cont.

"Her last two races were very good," said Clement. "She won in Pennsylvania and the stakes at Aqueduct before that. She's been improving and her numbers are good; today is the best race lifetime so let's enjoy this win. She has won three stakes in a row; she is obviously pretty talented."

Pedigree Notes:

Magic happens at the Spa and it proved true again Thursday when Pennsylvania-based stallion Peace and Justice, sire of 140 foals of racing age, including 16 2-year-olds, got his first career graded winner with Dontlookbackatall. The **War Front** stallion, who stands at Blackstone Farm, has two other black-type winners, both in his home state.

Dontlookbackatall is a half-sibling to En Wye Cee (Declaration of War), third in the 2020 Gil Knickerbocker Stakes at Belmont. The pair are out of the Arch mare Celtic Arch, whom A1A Racing-breeder of the Caress winner--picked up for \$3,000 at the 2018 Keeneland November sale. The Pennsylvania-based operation resold the mare at the same sale last fall in foal to **War Front** for \$125,000 to Stone Farm. She has an unraced 2-year-old full-sister to Dontlookbackatall named Obsidian and delivered a **War Front** filly Mar. 16. The mare has been bred back to Omaha Beach.

Thursday, Del Mar

COUGAR II S.-GIII, \$100,000, Del Mar, 7-25, 3yo/up, 1 1/2m, 2:32.03, ft.

1--**MIDNIGHT MAMMOTH**, 121, g, 5, by **Midnight Lute**

1st Dam: **Taker Home**, by **Vindication**

2nd Dam: **Toll Taker**, by **Bernstein**

3rd Dam: **Tappanee**, by **Bet Big**

1ST BLACK TYPE WIN, 1ST GRADED STAKES WIN. (\$70,000

2yo '21 OBSAPR). O-Jeffrey Sengara; B-Pedro Gonzalez & Jorge Herrera (KY); T-Craig Dollase; J-Armando Ayuso.

\$60,000. Lifetime Record: 31-7-4-7, \$320,680. **Werk Nick**

Rating: B. [Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree](#) or the [free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree](#).

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2--**Reincarnate**, 123, c, 4, **Good Magic**--Allanah, by Scat Daddy. (\$775,000 Ylg '21 KEESEP). O-SF Racing LLC, Starlight Racing, Madaket Stables LLC, Robert E. Masterson, Stonestreet Stables LLC, Jay A. Schoenfarber, Waves Edge Capital LLC and Catherine Donovan; B-Woods Edge Farm, LLC (KY); T-Bob Baffert. \$20,000.



3--**Salesman (Ire)**, 123, g, 7, Dubawi (Ire)--High Maintenance (Fr), by Highest Honor (Fr). O/B-Wertheimer et Frere (IRE); T-Richard E. Mandella. \$12,000.

Margins: 10 1/4, 7 3/4, 1. Odds: 9.00, 0.30, 4.40.

Also Ran: Dual Threat, Calm Sea. Scratched: Clooney.

Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or the [TJCIS.com PPs](#). **VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

Rider Armando Ayuso notched his first Del Mar stakes win Thursday evening in the marathon GIII Cougar II Stakes at Del Mar when veteran Midnight Mammoth tried 12 furlongs for the first time and found it very much to his liking. The 5-year-old gelding hustled straight to the front, showed the way through early fractions of :24.21 and :48.16, and still had his ears pricked on the lead after a mile in 1:38.03. He began opening up on the turn and drifted in the lane, but was never threatened, finally crossing the wire 10 1/4 lengths on top. Heavy favorite Reincarnate chased in second all the way.

"I thought he was a very fit horse going into this race," said winning trainer Craig Dollase. "Armando rode him with so much confidence today. You could tell right from the break. This is the way he likes to run. He's very competitive. He's got a big heart and he tries every time. He was much the best today. It was beautiful to see."

Dollase and Canadian Jeffrey Sengara claimed the Cougar winner, who had spent time in three other barns, for \$50,000 from trainer Sean McCarthy at Santa Anita 16 months ago. In addition to a GII Californian Stakes placing last spring, Midnight Mammoth won his last two for the team, including a Los Alamitos starter allowance July 4 with Ayuso in the saddle.

Pedigree Notes:

Midnight Mammoth is one of 16 graded winners from 44 black-type winners for Hill 'n' Dale stallion **Midnight Lute**.

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Armando Ayuso celebrates aboard Midnight Mammoth | Benoit

Cougar, cont.

The 2007 champion sprinter and two-time Breeders' Cup winner has four stakes performers out of Vindication mares, including GISW Shakin It Up and SW & GISP Midnight Pleasure. The late Vindication has 39 stakes winners out of his daughters, including dual champion **Elite Power (Curlin)** and Canadian Horse of the Year Wonder Gadot (**Medaglia d'Oro**).

The Cougar winner's dam, who traces directly to 1950s and 60s matriarch Legendra, last produced a foal in 2021.

HBPA CONFERENCE KICKS OFF IN DES MOINES; HISA A CENTRAL TOPIC

Horse owner Brent Malmstrom told Wednesday's opening session of the annual National HBPA Conference that he has spent more than \$620,000 "with no end in sight" on fighting the two-year suspension handed trainer Jonathon Wong after one of Wong's horses became the first to test positive in a post-race sample for the widely prescribed diabetes medication Metformin under the HISA era.

The comments came during the opening session of the four-day National HBPA Conference at Prairie Meadows.

While Malmstrom doesn't own the horse at the center of the case, he has supported his trainer throughout the process.

"You can agree with me or not, but I hope we can agree on one fundamental principle: No one should ever be at risk to losing their entire economic viability by no fault of their own. And that is something that is happening and will continue to happen until change occurs. There is fundamental unfairness where you can blatantly label someone a cheater when they've never had any opportunity to defend themselves," said the **West Coast** businessman in the tech industry. "Back then you were labeled and branded and suspended as a cheater before you even had the results of the drug analysis... Now I understand the rules have all changed since then. But many of these changes have not helped our situation."

Appearing via Zoom because of flight cancelations trying to get to Des Moines, Malmstrom was part of the conference's opening panel titled "Status Report on HISA--Updates on Issues and Litigation." Participating in person were Center for American Rights President Daniel Suhr, the lead attorney on the court challenge to the Horseracing Integrity & Safety Act legislation brought by the National HBPA and 12 affiliates in the Fifth Circuit, and prominent Indiana equine attorney Pete Sacopulos, a racehorse owner and breeder who represents the North American Association of Racetrack Veterinarians in the litigation. National HBPA General Counsel Peter Ecabert moderated the panel.



Eric Hamelback | Jennie Rees photo

Malmstrom shared his experience as he has financed the ongoing effort to exhaust the new administrative procedures under HISA to get Wong's case into federal court. The trainer's case, from a race June 1, 2023, at Horseshoe Indianapolis, was the first of what has become a spate of Metformin positives. It also was among the earliest medication/drug violations sanctioned under the new policies put in place by the Horseracing Integrity & Safety Authority (HISA) corporation and its enforcement arm, the Horseracing Integrity & Welfare Unit (HIWU).

HISA and HIWU ultimately announced that they are not enforcing sanctions on new cases until more research is done on the effect of Metformin on horses. They said the new policy would not be retroactive, so Wong remains suspended, although he subsequently started racing horses in Louisiana, which under a separate court challenge received a stay to prevent HISA's rules from being enforced in that state.

"If I knew what I know today back when all of this started, I probably would have just paid Jonathan to sit on the sidelines for the 18 months they originally were offering and I'd have saved hundreds of thousands of dollars," Malmstrom said. "I know others have received a more favorable outcome. I don't know how our situation is different, other than I continue to be an advocate for all the people who come behind. When you're the first, I think they want to make an example out of us."

HBPA Attorney Suhr: Fifth Circuit "A great opinion"

Attorney Suhr spoke about the July 5 Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals' finding which found that while HISA's rule-making procedures were constitutional, its enforcement of those rules is not. The suit is in a 45-day period while the Federal Trade Commission and the HISA corporation decide if they will appeal.

HBPA Conference, cont.

With the Sixth Circuit upholding HISA's legality, the split among jurisdictions is likely to land the case before the Supreme Court, Suhr said, adding that the additional case in Louisiana is still awaiting a ruling. There also is an Eighth Circuit case awaiting a decision.

Even if the Fifth Circuit decision didn't give the horsemen everything they'd hoped for, Suhr called it "a great opinion."

"Judge Duncan gave us everything we need to go on and move forward in a great position," he said.

Suhr said that he was confident that if the case goes to the high court, the majority of justices would rule in favor of the horsemen and strike down HISA.

In introducing the panel, National HBPA CEO Eric Hamelback called it "a new day" in the wake of the Fifth Circuit opinion.

"HISA has become our industry's new four-letter word," he said. "But I also want to say that the National HBPA had the same mission longer than HISA. We wanted national uniformity. We strived for national uniformity. We even supported the RMTTC (Racetrack Medication & Testing Consortium) in an effort to do it in a scientific fashion. So the mission has been the same. But when we started down this path after the (HISA) bill was signed into law, I felt I made it very clear publicly that the stance of the National HBPA is, and remains, to do our due diligence to protect horsemen. That's what we're doing: We're pursuing this because there was a concerted effort to review the Act, and we did not feel like it was in the best interest of the horse.

"We want a level playing field. We want cheaters out of the game. But how are we going to do it in the best way possible to protect horsemen, and is this Act the right thing to do? I think now we can justly say this act as a whole is not right for horsemen and the horse racing industry and it's not doing what is necessary to protect the horse."

Iowa Lt. Gov. Adam Gregg Delivers Keynote Address

Iowa Lieutenant Governor Adam Gregg thanked the National HBPA Conference for coming to the Prairie Meadows racetrack/casino/hotel complex and praised Prairie Meadows and the Iowa horsemen for their important contributions to the state.

In extolling the virtues of the Hawkeye State, he joked, "And, I will say, with apologies to some of your states like Kentucky, Maryland and New York and others, we're also home to the highest-stakes horse race of all: the world-famous Iowa Caucuses, where we help winnow the field in our Presidential nominating process and help choose the next leader of the Free World."



Iowa Lt. Gov. Adam Gregg | courtesy of the HBPA

Amplifying Horse Racing in a New 'Light'

Annie Montplaisir, co-founder and executive director of Amplify Horse Racing, and Price Bell, general manager of Mill Ridge Farm and one of the founders of Light Up Racing, talked about the new grassroots initiatives designed to create a new generation of racing fans and potential work force--in the case of Amplify--and to promote horse racing in a positive light while countering misinformation (Light Up Racing).

Light Up Racing, patterned off a similar initiative in Australia, launched shortly before the Kentucky Derby. Already, they say they have responded to more than 3,200 inaccurate social media posts, according to Bell. Notably, it quickly launched on social media a video interview with equine surgeon Larry Bramlage about the successful surgery and promising prognosis for Just Steel (*Justify*), who suffered a leg fracture in the Preakness Stakes. The video countered social media posts suggesting that Just Steel was dead or would die shortly, changing the narrative to the care racehorses get and advances in veterinary medicine.

Bell said that racing "must get away from sticking its head in the sand" while hoping potential controversy would go away, and instead should face such situations head on with accurate and timely information.

"We have the opportunity to grow our sport by sharing the incredible experiences with our horses," said Bell. "Transparency fosters trust and credibility. Alone, we can do very little; together we can do so much."

Bell is a sixth-generation horseman who also was a founder of the Horse Country program that makes many Kentucky horse farms available for public tours. "It's the power of the horse that brings us together." **Cont.**

HBPA Conference, cont.

Montplaisir, who grew up and became a passionate horse racing fan in North Dakota, laid out Amplify Horse Racing's efforts in its short existence to become the American racing industry's youth arm through an array of programs and experiences. She said that in 2023, its first year with a full-time staff of two, the non-profit reached more than 17,000 young people with information about the Thoroughbred industry.

Already in 2024, Amplify Horse Racing has had in-person activities in seven states, with expectations of reaching more than 30,000 people by year's end.

Montplaisir said Amplify wants to work with horse groups to bring youths to the track. She cited a recent summer program held at Hawthorne racetrack in Cicero, Illinois, sponsored by the Illinois Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association. She said of the five high school students who participated in the program "four came away wanting to be equine veterinarians."

She said Amplify's next step is employing regional ambassadors to expand the reach nationally.

Aftercare, Classifying Races, Uncaptured Storm also in Spotlight

Anna Ford | *New Vocations*

The aftercare panel on Wednesday's program has become a staple of the HBPA conference, taking on increasing importance as the racing industry finds ways to give its retired racehorses second careers from accomplished show horses to riding horses to what was affectionately called a "pasture potato."

Anna Ford, who with her mother founded New Vocations Racehorse Adoption in 1992, noted that the term aftercare wasn't used in the industry when they began. She told the audience how in the last 10 years, the awareness "of the need for aftercare has grown greatly. I think it started primarily when social media came on the scene. Even 10-12 years ago, you'd ask

trainers, 'What do you do with your horses then they retire?' and most of them really didn't have an answer. Fast forward to 2024 and ask them, they have an answer 99 percent of the time."

Ford said last year that New Vocations' nine facilities took in 618 horses from 70 racetracks and adopted them out to new homes in 38 states. She said the average length of stay to be rehabilitated, if necessary, and retrained is 121 days before being adopted out. The average cost of the stay, including veterinary care is \$4,500, with the average adoption fee being \$1,400.

Kirsten Green, administrator for the Retired Racehorse Project, explained that organization's market-based approach to aftercare, culminating the increasingly popular Thoroughbred Makeover event at the Kentucky Horse Park. That's where horses who had their last race or published work within the prior 18 months are retrained to compete in 10 disciplines for more than \$100,000 in prize money.

Green said more than 4,700 horses have been impacted by having the Thoroughbred Makeover from its 2013 launch at Pimlico through 2023. The result has been increased demand for retired racehorses, helping to take some of the costs of retraining those horses away from aftercare facilities.

Veterinarian Stephanie White, president of Hope After Racing Thoroughbreds (HART), spoke of the importance of Iowa's only accredited aftercare facility. Since HART's 2011 launch, 152 horses have gone through the program, with 127 adopted out, she said. The horses all have a connection to Prairie Meadows.

"For our area, I'm quite proud of that number," White said. "The first five years, we averaged about five horses a year. Since 2018, we've average 19.8 horses."

But like all aftercare facilities, funding remains challenging, along with the need for volunteers, she said.

Races and their Graded status

The final panel of the day featured a detailed explanation of how races are assigned, or stripped of, graded status. The panel included Andy Schweigardt, senior director of industry relations for the Thoroughbred Owners and Breeders Association (TOBA); David O'Farrell, general manager of Ocala Stud and TOBA chairman; and longtime racing official Rick Hammerle, a consultant for 1/ST Racing and director of racing operations at Kentucky Downs. Pat Cummings, executive director of Mike Repole's new National Thoroughbred Alliance, moderated the panel.

As part of a conversation on finding other ways to fill races and get larger fields, the panelists broached the exploration of introducing ratings handicap races into American racing.

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HBPA Conference, cont.

Stressing that it would not replace claiming races, they said ratings handicaps would add a category where the condition of the race is based on performance ratings, not claiming prices. Yet to be determined is what entity and methodology would assign rating classifications to horses.

The National HBPA also honored its 2023 National Claiming Horse of the Year in nine-time winner Uncaptured Storm (Uncaptured), who won at least once for each of his owners after changing hands five times last year via the claim box.

"This is a tradition that is a backbone of the industry, and certainly a backbone of our organization," said Hambelback, adding that the candidates for the award "are very successful. But it doesn't mean that success is defined by purse account. It's not what they've earned as much as what they've done."

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UC DAVIS EQUINE MEDICINE SPECIALISTS HELP DAUGHTER OF TWIRLING CANDY TO SURVIVE TETANUS

Two-year-old filly Tenacious Candy (**Twirling Candy**) endured an extended hospitalization at UC Davis's veterinary hospital to survive tetanus and is now on her way to a racing career, according to an article written by Rob Warren and published on the university's website.

The article states that after a leg cut exposed her to the bacterium that causes tetanus, Tenacious Candy was taken to UC Davis's Large Animal Clinic where specialists in the Equine Internal Medicine Service observed classic signs of the disease--a prolapsed third eyelid, a rigid mouth, and a stiff body and tail.

As Warren explains, tetanus is potentially fatal and is characterized by muscular spasms caused by a neurotoxin produced by the bacterium *Clostridium tetani*. The organisms are abundant in the soil and surrounding environments, where they can survive for years. Horses are especially sensitive to the bacterium.

The piece goes on to say that the filly was given tetanus anti-toxin medication and supportive care of fluid therapy, muscle relaxants, and a quiet environment of low light, low noise, and low activity, as tetanic horses are overly sensitive to stimuli.

"It is not a recovery that can happen overnight," said Dr. Emily Berryhill, assistant professor of equine medicine. "Horses recovering from tetanus routinely go through an extensive rehabilitation process. The toxins can be out of their system after being bound with antitoxin, but the damaged neuromuscular junctions need several weeks to regenerate."



Twirling Candy | Lane's End

Warren's reporting says that 2-year-old sustained significant muscle weakness as part of the disease process and tore a muscle in her hind leg while attempting to stand during rehabilitation. She was taken back to the hospital and placed in a sling to stabilize her and prevent further injury. After nearly a month, she was discharged after being able to lay down and get up repeatedly on her own.

"Caring for Tenacious Candy was a labor of love for the veterinarians, students, and staff at the hospital," Dr. Berryhill stated. "It is not easy for a young, high-energy horse to stay in a stall for that length of time, let alone tolerate a sling. We all grew to love her personality and spark, which helped her survive the worst. She truly lived up her name."

According to the article, tetanus is preventable with vaccination. Even though Tenacious Candy was vaccinated on schedule, it is possible that she did not generate the full immunity needed as a foal, increasing her risk of developing tetanus.

The piece goes on to relate that her previous vaccinations did provide partial immunity, which helped her survive, even though they were not enough to fully protect her from the disease.

"In addition to vaccination, proper first aid and wound care can help prevent tetanus," said Dr. Berryhill. "We recommend keeping stalls, paddocks, and other barn areas free of materials that could cause injury and seeking veterinary intervention for wounds, even if small."

"Candy's survival was touch and go that first week," said owner Mary Ellen Conway. "She is alive today because of the unflagging, over-the-top care given by Dr. Berryhill and the entire UC Davis team. I am beyond grateful they pulled her through."

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SARA BEN-DAVID APPOINTED AS ACTING EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE NEW JERSEY RACING COMMISSION

Sara Ben-David has been appointed as the Acting Executive Director of the New Jersey Racing Commission (NJRC), Attorney General Matthew J. Platkin announced in a press release Thursday.

The NJRC ensures the safety and integrity of the horse racing industry in New Jersey.

Ben-David, a seasoned state government attorney with extensive experience in casino gaming and sports wagering as well as horse racing, was confirmed by unanimous vote during Wednesday's NJRC meeting. The NJRC is a nine-member bipartisan body appointed by the Governor.

"New Jersey's horse racing culture is a unique one that spans back decades. To ensure that the integrity of the industry remains intact, it's important that we have an honest, devoted, and experienced leader at the helm, which is why I am thrilled to welcome Acting Executive Director Sara Ben-David," said Governor Phil Murphy. "I am grateful to Interim Director Thomas Salerno for his time and dedication to the Commission over the past few months following the retirement of former Executive Director Judy Nason. The future of our Racing Commission is bright, and I look forward to working with Acting Executive Director Ben-David as we seek to build on its legacy."

"I am so pleased to announce Sara Ben-David as the Acting Executive Director of the New Jersey Racing Commission. Horse racing has deep roots in New Jersey, and it's our job to ensure that the sport is administered with integrity, fairness, and safety. I can think of no better person to lead the New Jersey Racing Commission than Sara," said Attorney General Platkin. "During the past two years I have relied on Sara's judgment and expertise on horse racing issues and complex questions involving sports wagering and internet gaming. And I have no doubt that Sara will approach her work at the Commission with that same dedication and commitment to ensuring the soundness of this crucial industry in New Jersey."

"New Jersey has a long and rich horse racing history, and I look forward to continuing the progress we have made to continually refine and improve the sport for the health and safety for all participants," said Ben-David. "I want to thank Governor Murphy and Attorney General Platkin for their support and confidence, and for entrusting me with the responsibility to oversee the state's horse racing industry. I'm eager to get to work with new

colleagues at the NJRC and its many stakeholders who are passionate about this incredible sport."

Ben-David has served as Counsel to Attorney General Platkin since 2022. From 2013 to 2022, she served as a Deputy Attorney General with the Division of Gaming Enforcement, where she was assigned to the Casino and Employee Licensing Bureaus. In that role, Ben-David handled complex casino licensing hearings before the Casino Control Commission, oversaw the development of the "Jackpot Intercept" for the Child Support Program, and prepared amended regulations enhancing equal employment opportunity protections within the New Jersey casino gaming industry.

Interim Director Thomas Salerno, who assumed that role after the retirement of Judy Nason in May 2024, remains in his previous position of Assistant Director. Ben-David will begin her work as Acting Executive Director on August 12, 2024.

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\$400 EARLY BREEDERS' CUP FOAL NOMINATION DEADLINE CLOSES AUG. 1

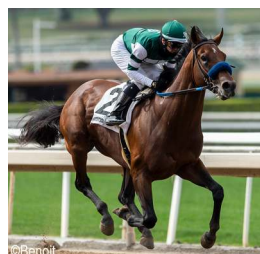
The deadline to nominate foals born in 2024 to the Breeders' Cup program at the one-time nomination fee of \$400 is Thursday, Aug. 1 at 11:59 p.m. ET, Breeders' Cup Limited reiterated in a press release Thursday.

Any foal being entered in a fall or winter breeding stock sale must be nominated by this deadline for inclusion of the Breeders' Cup Nominated engagement on the catalogue page.

The \$400 weanling nomination entitles each foal with lifetime eligibility to the Breeders' Cup World Championships and the Breeders' Cup racing programs. All foals sired by a fully nominated North American Breeders' Cup stallion are eligible for nomination to the Breeders' Cup program in their year of birth at the weanling rate.

If sales foals are not nominated by the Aug. 1 early deadline, foal nominations may still be made in the foal's year of birth with a one-time payment of a \$400 nomination fee if made on or before Oct. 15, 2024. That is the final deadline for a \$400 lifetime eligibility nomination payment.

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12TH ANNUAL KARAOKE CONTEST BENEFITTING THE PDJF RETURNS TO SARATOGA

The 12th annual 'Riders Up!' jockey karaoke contest, benefitting the Permanently Disabled Jockeys Fund (PDJF), returns on Sunday, July 28 at Vapor Night Club in Saratoga Springs, the non-profit said in a Thursday press release.

As in previous years, the Saratoga contest will be part of the Battle of East-vs-West with the Del Mar event being held on Aug. 11.

Famed track announcer Tom Durkin returns as emcee, and this year's judges include Donna Brothers, Marisa Jacques, Mark Mulholland and Father Jim Sichko.

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JAYSON WERTH TO SERVE AS KEYNOTE FOR RACING AND GAMING CONFERENCE AT SARATOGA

Retired MLB star and GI Belmont Stakes-winning co-owner Jayson Werth will be the luncheon keynote speaker at the Racing and Gaming Conference at Saratoga (RGCS), taking place from Aug. 12-14 at the Saratoga Hilton, the organizers said in a release on Thursday.

"I am humbled to be welcomed into the racing community alongside experts passionate about addressing the challenges and opportunities in racing and gaming," said Werth. "It's an honor to share my own journey with such a remarkable group at the Racing and Gaming Conference at Saratoga."

The RGCS will present more than 60 expert speakers across a wide range of disciplines, including academics, elected officials, lawyers, regulators, gaming operators and racing officials.

The agenda includes 12 panels spread over three days with two evening networking receptions and a day at the races. Space is limited and registration is required.

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NEW JERSEY MAN WINS HASKELL HANDICAPPING CHALLENGE

Monmouth Park's \$1,000 Haskell Handicapping Challenge on Saturday, July 20, saw another record field and finished with New Jersey's own Pete Rogers atop the leaderboard, according to a release on Thursday from the racetrack.

Rogers's \$6,095.50 bankroll was best of 323 total entries and landed the Summit, New Jersey resident a first prize of a Breeders' Cup Betting Challenge seat and \$21,000.

In total, Saturday's Haskell contest awarded 10 BCBC seats, two seats to the National Horseplayers Championship and \$50,000 in cash.

Monmouth Park's next live-money handicapping contest is Saturday, Aug. 3 and sports a \$500 buy-in. Players may participate online through TVG/4NJBETS and Xpressbet or on-site at Monmouth Park.

For information on contests, please contact Brian Skirka at bskirka@monmouthpark.com.

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2024 Leading First-Crop Sires by Earnings

Standing NA - Worldwide Earnings - NH Foals

Rank	Stallion	BTW	BTH	GSW	GSH	G1SW	G1SH	Starters	Wnrs	Highest Earner	Earnings
1	Complexity (2016) by Maclean's Music	2	3	1	1	--	--	18	12	\$137,500 Fee: 12,500	\$706,177 Mo Plex
2	Vekoma (2016) by Candy Ride (Arg)	--	1	--	--	--	--	26	11	\$72,600 Fee: 15,000	\$550,272 Anakarina
3	Thousand Words (2017) by Pioneerof the Nile	2	2	--	--	--	--	21	7	\$209,320 Fee: 5,000	\$503,682 Vodka With a Twist
4	Tiz the Law (2017) by Constitution	--	--	--	--	--	--	14	4	\$73,500 Fee: 20,000	\$300,378 Out On Bail
5	Caracaro (2017) by Uncle Mo	1	1	--	--	--	--	4	3	\$167,581 Fee: 6,500	\$283,760 West Memorial
6	War of Will (2016) by War Front	--	2	--	--	--	--	23	4	\$54,952 Fee: 25,000	\$277,030 Murphy Girl
7	Volatile (2016) by Violence	--	--	--	--	--	--	15	4	\$55,000 Fee: 15,000	\$205,176 Incentive Pay
8	Authentic (2017) by Into Mischief	--	--	--	--	--	--	22	2	\$75,630 Fee: 50,000	\$192,420 Adeera
9	Echo Town (2017) by Speightstown	--	1	--	1	--	--	11	3	\$108,000 Fee: 5,000	\$170,670 Three Echoes
10	Game Winner (2016) by Candy Ride (Arg)	--	--	--	--	--	--	13	1	\$99,330 Fee: 20,000	\$161,099 Conquering Cat
11	Global Campaign (2016) by Curlin	--	--	--	--	--	--	15	5	\$49,500 Fee: 12,500	\$160,966 Warming
12	Tom's d'Etat (2013) by Smart Strike	--	1	--	--	--	--	14	2	\$62,400 Fee: 7,500	\$151,461 Strong State
13	Win Win Win (2016) by Hat Trick (Jpn)	--	--	--	--	--	--	7	4	\$51,600 Fee: 5,000	\$144,500 Popstyle
14	Spun to Run (2016) by Hard Spun	--	1	--	--	--	--	12	3	\$58,198 Fee: 10,000	\$125,733 Midnight Humor
15	Honor A. P. (2017) by Honor Code	--	--	--	--	--	--	13	3	\$29,540 Fee: 10,000	\$122,026 Glee

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PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	World Record 🦄	Gun Runner	Siena Farm LLC and WinStar Farm LLC	Brisset	Prat	118
2	Donegal Momentum 🦄	Uncle Mo	Donegal Racing	Morley	Castellano	118
3	Pure Force	Constitution	Juddmonte	Cox	Geroux	118
4	Jefferson Street	Street Sense	Godolphin, LLC	Mott	Alvarado	118
5	Valentine Candy	Justify	L. William & Corinne Heiligbrodt, Jackpot Farm, Whispering Oaks Farm and Coteau Grove Farms	Asmussen	Rosario	122

Breeders: 1-Runnymede Farm LLC, Falguieres Bloodstock, Gestut Zur Kuste AG, et al, 2-Speedway Stable, 3-Juddmonte, 4-Godolphin, 5-Pine Creek LP

Saturday, Del Mar #10, post time: 9:30 p.m. EDT

BING CROSBY S.-GI, \$400,000, 3yo/up, 6f



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PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Anarchist 🦄	Distorted Humor	Ilium Stables, LLC	O'Neill	Kimura	122
2	See Through It	Curlin to Mischief	Lizbeth Medina	Vallejo	Pereira	122
3	Straight No Chaser	Speightster	MyRacehorse	Blacker	Fresu	122
4	Giant Game	Giant's Causeway	Rockingham Ranch or David A. Bernsen LLC	Eurton	Talamo	122
5	Roll On Big Joe	Prospective	Red Baron's Barn LLC or Rancho Temescal LLC	Hess, Jr.	Gutierrez	122
6	Closethegame Sugar 🦄	Girvin	Rice or Sugar Diaz, LLC	Rice	Rispoli	122
7	Happy Jack 🦄	Oxbow	Calumet Farm	O'Neill	Maldonado	124
8	The Chosen Vron	Vronsky	Sondereker Racing LLC, Fetkin or Thornburgh, et al	Kruljac	Berrios	124
9	Jackstown 🦄	Speightstown	SF Racing LLC, Starlight Racing or Madaket Stables LLC, et al	Baffert	Hernandez	122

Breeders: 1-Centaur Farms, Inc., 2-Edward Allred, 3-John Eaton & Steve Laymon, 4-H. Allen Poindexter, 5-Max Ubide, 6-Brereton C. Jones, 7-Calumet Farm, 8-Tiz Molly Partners, 9-McCann Bloodstock, B. J. Scott, E. D. Richards, Mark Kelder & Speightstown Syn

Saturday, Saratoga #6, post time: 3:20 p.m. EDT

ALFRED G. VANDERBILT H.-GI, \$350,000, 3yo/up, 6f

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Nakatomi 🦄	Firing Line	Qatar Racing LLC and Mrs. Fitriani Hay	Ward	Gaffalione	120
2	Twisted Ride	Great Notion	Kasey K Racing Stable LLC, Michael R. Day and Final Turn Racing Stable LLC	Moore	Carmouche	117
3	My Buddy B	Creative Cause	Hetrick, Krista, Nicole	Hetrick	Aviles	116
4	Baby Yoda	Prospective	Pantofel Stable, LLC, Wachtel Stable, Gary Barber and Jerold L. Zaro	Mott	Cancel	122
5	Subrogate 🦄	Arrogate	Colts Neck Stables LLC	Duarte, Jr.	Ortiz, Jr.	119
6	Skelly	Practical Joke	Red Lane Thoroughbreds LLC	Asmussen	Santana, Jr.	123

Breeders: 1-Arnold Zetcher LLC & Crestwood Farm, 2-Kasey K Racing Stable, 3-Bonne Chance Farm LLC, 4-Kathleen Amaya, Alexandro Centofanti & Raffaele Centofanti, 5-Grantley Acres & Molly Schabel, 6-H. Allen Poindexter

Saturday, Saratoga #10, post time: 5:43 p.m. EDT**JIM DANDY S. PRESENTED BY MOHEGAN SUN-GII, \$500,000, 3yo, 1 1/8m**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Sierra Leone	Gun Runner	Mrs. John Magnier, Michael Tabor, Derrick Smith, Westerberg, Rocket Ship Racing and Peter Brant	Brown	Prat	124
2	Seize the Grey	Arrogate	MyRacehorse	Lukas	Torres	124
3	Batten Down	Tapit	Juddmonte	Mott	Alvarado	120
4	Pony Express 🌿	Gun Runner	Talla Racing, Three Chimneys Farm, LLC, and West Point Thoroughbreds	Sadler	Rosario	118
5	Gould's Gold	Goldencents	Four G Racing, L. Gasaway & Magdalena Racing	McPeck	Hernandez, Jr.	118
6	Fierceness	City of Light	Repole Stable	Pletcher	Velazquez	124

Breeders: 1-Debby M. Oxley, 2-Jamm, LTD., 3-Juddmonte, 4-Three Chimneys Farm, LLC, 5-Rock Ridge Thoroughbreds, LLC, 6-Repole Stable, Inc.

Saturday, Del Mar #8, post time: 8:30 p.m. EDT**SAN DIEGO H.-GII, \$300,000, 3yo/up, 1 1/16m**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Express Train 🌿	Union Rags	C R K Stable LLC	Shirreffs	Smith	120
2	Katonah 🌿	Klimt	R3 Racing LLC	O'Neill	Pereira	119
3	Dr. Venkman 🌿	Ghostzapper	Agnew, Bunch or Cohen, et al	Glatt	Fresu	118
4	Arabian Knight 🌿	Uncle Mo	Zedan Racing Stables, Inc.	Baffert	Hernandez	124
5	Newgrange 🌿	Violence	Rockingham Ranch, David A. Bernsen LLC or Little Red Feather Racing	D'Amato	Kimura	121
6	Subsanador (Arg)	Fortify	Wathnan Racing	Mandella	Berrios	120

Breeders: 1-Dixiana Farms LLC, 2-Haymarket Farm LLC, 3-Ghostzapper Syndicate &Hidden Brook Farm, 4-Corser Thoroughbreds LLC, 5-Jack Mandato & Black Rock Thoroughbreds, 6-EI Mallin

Saturday, Woodbine #9, post time: 5:21 p.m. EDT**SEAGRAM CUP S.-GII, C\$175,000, 3yo/up, 1 1/16m**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Palazzi 🌿	Pioneerof the Nile	Gary Barber	Casse	Civaci	124
2	Money Supply 🌿	Practical Joke	Jordan V. Wycoff	Sharp	Vives	123
3	Volcanic 🌿	Violence	Breeze Easy, LLC	Casse	Hernandez	121
4	Public Sector (GB) 🌿	Kingman (GB)	Michael Iavarone, Jules Iavarone, Saffie Joseph Jr.	Joseph, Jr.	Moran	121
5	Stanley House 🌿	Army Mule	John E. and Diana L. Russell	De Paulo	Campos	121
6	County Final 🌿	Oxbow	Ken Copenhaver	Joseph, Jr.	McCarthy	121
7	Journeyman	Animal Kingdom	Angela Rutledge and Michael W. Wright Jr.	Wright, Jr.	Munger	121
8	Wicked Django	Wicked Strong	Ryan Brewster	Cole	Nicholls	121
9	Paramount Prince	Society's Chairman	Michael J. Langlois and Gary Barber	Casse	Husbands	123

Breeders: 1-HnR Nothhaft Horseracing LLC &Pioneerof the Nile Syndicate, 2-Jeff Little, Teresa Little, Marilyn Little & William Lynn, 3-Don Alberto Corporation, 4-The Kathryn Stud, 5-Elevage II, LLC & St. Elias Stables, LLC, 6-Calumet Farm, 7-Godolphin, 8-Denny Andrews & Niall Brennan, 9-Ericka Nadine Rusnak



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Saturday, Monmouth #8, post time: 4:14 p.m. EDT**MONMOUTH OAKS-GIII, \$250,000, 3yo, f, 1 1/16m**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Scalable 🌿	Speightstown	Repole Stable	Pletcher	Lopez	118
2	Chilled	Frosted	G. Watts Humphrey, Jr.	Oliver	Bravo	118
3	Regaled 🌿	Mohaymen	Brittnee Caballero	Davis	Boyce	116
4	Yes to Champagne 🌿	Mitole	Jim Gladden	Wilkes	Rendon	118
5	Gun Song 🌿	Gun Runner	R. Lee Lewis	Hennig	Leparoux	122
6	My Two Sophia's	Hoppertunity	Donna Wright	Sacco	Camacho	118
7	Lady Lala	Girvin	DiBello Racing LLC	O'Connell	-	118
8	Little Jamie	Collected	J and J Stables	Medina	Vargas, Jr.	116

Breeders: 1-Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC, 2-G. Watts Humphrey Jr. & Vicki Oliver, 3-Chris Baccari, 4-Crowning Point Farm & Jeff Greseth, 5-Marianne Stribling, 6-Bright View Farm, 7-Kevin W McKathan, 8-J & J Stables

Saturday, Woodbine #8, post time: 4:47 p.m. EDT**ONTARIO COLLEEN S.-GIII, C\$135,000, 3yo, f, 1mT**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Grecian Goddess 🌿	Constitution	Thelma and Louise Stable, Earl I. Silver, Kenneth E. Fishbein and David Fishbein	Brown	McCarthy	119
2	Rosa	Street Boss	Lanni Bloodstock LLC	Attard	Moran	119
3	Simply in Front 🌿	Summer Front	Colebrook Farms	Dixon	Stein	119
4	Tripolina 🌿	Constitution	X-Men Racing III LLC, Madaket Stables LLC and SF Racing LLC	Attard	Moran	120
5	Uphill Dance	Tonalist	Uphill Stable	Halden	Munger	119
6	Crevalle d'Oro 🌿	Constitution	Blue Crevalle Racing and Quintessential Racing	Casse	Contreras	119
7	Sabatini	Uncle Mo	LNJ Foxwoods and NK Racing	Carroll	Vives	121
8	Ecstasy 🌿	Paynter	Tucci Stables	Attard	Aebly	119
9	Time to Dazzle 🌿	Not This Time	Tracy Farmer	Casse	Civaci	119
10	Witwatersrand 🌿	Connect	Gary Barber	Casse	Husbands	121
11	Ready for Shirl	More Than Ready	Charles E. Fipke	Attfield	Wilson	119
12	Miss Roberts (GB)	Siyouni (Fr)	Upland Flats Racing	Begg	Nicholls	119
13	Airosa 🌿	Uncle Mo	X-Men Racing III LLC, StarLadies Racing, Madaket Stables LLC and SF Racing LLC	Attard	Hernandez	120

Breeders: 1-Alexander-Groves Thoroughbreds, 2-Lanni Bloodstock LLC, 3-William Harrigan & Mike Pietrangelo, 4-WinStar Farm, LLC, 5-Chet Blackey & Trackside Farm, 6-Sandra Sexton, 7-Bridlewood Farm, 8-Martha H. Buckner, 9-Dr. Rodney Orr, 10-G. Watts Humphrey Jr., 11-Charles Fipke, 12-Rabbah Bloodstock Limited, 13-Anderson Farms Ont. Inc.


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Sunday, Saratoga #9, post time: 5:45 p.m. EDT

BOWLING GREEN S.-GII, \$250,000, 4yo/up, 1 3/8mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Ohana Honor 🌿	Honor Code	West Point Thoroughbreds, Woodford Racing, LLC, Edward J. Hudson, Jr. and Lynne Hudson	McGaughey III	Carmouche	118
2	Silver Knott (GB)	Lope de Vega (Ire)	Godolphin, LLC	Appleby	Prat	124
3	Sugoi	Karakontie (Jpn)	Paradise Farms Corp. and David Staudacher	Maker	Leparoux	122
4	English Conqueror	English Channel	William A. Sorokolit, Jr.	Banach	Lezcano	118
5	Soldier Rising (GB)	Frankel (GB)	Madaket Stables LLC, Michael Dubb, Morris Bailey, Wonder Stables and Michael J. Caruso	Clement	Ortiz	118
6	Strong Quality	Quality Road	Gary Barber and Kinsman Stable	Casse	Ortiz, Jr.	122
7	Strong Tide	English Channel	Penny S. Lauer	Lauer	Saez	118

Breeders: 1-Daniel J. Burke, 2-St Albans Bloodstock LLP, 3-Normandy Farm, 4-JWS Farms, 5-Dayton Investments Ltd, 6-Kinsman Farm, 7-Michael E. Lauer & Penny S. Lauer

Sunday, Del Mar #9, post time: 9:00 p.m. EDT

EDDIE READ S.-GII, \$250,000, 3yo/up, 1 1/8mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	There Goes Harvard	Will Take Charge	Cannon Thoroughbreds, LLC	McCarthy	Gutierrez	121
2	Master Piece (Chi)	Mastercraftsman (Ire)	Iavarone, Zoumas or Argano, et al	Dutrow, Jr.	Davis	123
3	Gold Phoenix (Ire)	Belardo (Ire)	Little Red Feather Racing, Sterling Stables LLC or Naify	D'Amato	Frey	123
4	Easter (Fr)	Exosphere (Aus)	Madaket Stables LLC	D'Amato	Fresu	121
5	Balnikhov (Ire)	Adaay (Ire)	Little Red Feather Racing, Madaket Stables LLC or Old Bones Racing Stable, LLC	D'Amato	Kimura	121
6	Dacey Mo Chara (GB)	Adaay (Ire)	Red Baron's Barn LLC or Rancho Temescal LLC	Powell	Laprida	121
7	Du Jour 🌿	Temple City	Baffert or Lanni	Baffert	Hernandez	125
8	Balladeer	Distorted Humor	Nguyen or Tran	Papaprodromou	Franco	121
9	Johannes	Nyquist	Cuyathy, LLC	Yakteen	Rispoli	125

Breeders: 1-Cannon Thoroughbred LLC, 2-Haras Don Alberto, 3-Mighty Universe Ltd, 4-Aleyrion Bloodstock Ltd., 5-T. de La Heronniere & Gestut Zur Kuste AG, 6-Workshop Manor Stud, 7-Woods Edge Farm, LLC, 8-Bonne Chance Farm, LLC, 9-Cuyathy, LLC

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Friday, July 26, 2024

Saratoga 6, \$90k, 2yo, f, (S), 6f, 4:02 p.m. ET

Horse (Sire)	Sale	Price (\$)	Breeze
Accelerating (Mitole)	FTMMAY	325,000	:10.0
<i>C-Grassroots Training & Sales, agent; B-KSI</i>			
Miss Welch (Maclean's Music)	FTMMAY	190,000	:10 1/5
<i>C-Wavertree Stb Inc (C Dunne), agt; B-Legion BS/Gracie BS, agt</i>			

Del Mar, 3, \$75k, 2yo, (S), 5f, 8:00 p.m. ET
 Gozer (**Ghostzapper**) OBSMAR 80,000 :10 1/5
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8th-Saratoga, \$95,000, (S), Alw, 7-25, (NW1\$X), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:11.53, ft, 3 1/4 lengths.

DOLOMITE (f, 3, Unified--Sunset Ridge {SW, \$271,400}, by Algorithms), runner up over this track and trip last September, was an easy 6 1/4-length winner while adding a furlong at the Big A Oct. 22. Stretched out to nine panels for her juvenile finale, she came home third while facing open company for the first time in the GII Demoiselle Stakes Dec. 2. Installed the 4-5 choice for her seasonal return, she settled in fourth as Easy Play (Big Brown) carved out a :22.26 quarter. Improving to second following a :46.04 half, the homebred took over turning for home and drew off late to score by a comfortable margin over Cruise to Catalina (*Catalina Cruiser*). Sunset Ridge also is responsible for a yearling colt by **Connect** and a filly foal by **Game Winner**. Lifetime Record: GSP, 4-2-1-1, \$141,100. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#) or **VIDEO**, sponsored by **FanDuel TV**.

O/B-Alpha Delta Stables, LLC (NY); T-Chad C. Brown.



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6th-Colonial Downs, \$77,000, Alw (NW2X)/Opt. Clm (\$50,000), 7-25, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16mT, 1:42.60, yl, 4 lengths.

LUTE WARM (f, 4, Midnight Lute--Warm Sunshine, by Unbridled's Song) needed three tries to get off the duck, ultimately doing so in the Pimlico mud May 12. A front-running 5 1/4-length winner on the turf at Delaware June 19, she was installed the 6-5 choice to record the hattrick here. Settled in stalking third after a slight bobble at the start, the dark bay was unhurried two out from the rail as Katies a Lady (**Tourist**) led through pedestrian opening splits. Taking over exiting the far turn, she increased her advantage through the lane, winning by four lengths over Wonderful Lady (Fr) (Almanzor {Fr}). The winner is a half to GSW Steal Sunshine (**Constitution**, \$570,610), who was also bred by Machmer Hall. The operation purchased Warm Sunshine for \$50,000 at the Fasig-Tipton October Yearling Sale in 2015. The 10-year-old mare is also represented by an unraced 2-year-old filly by Flatter and a filly by **Essential Quality** foaled earlier this season. She was bred back to **Cody's Wish**. Sales history: \$125,000 Ylg '21 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 5-3-1-1, \$114,900. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

O-Bridlewood Farm and Madaket Stables LLC; B-Machmer Hall (KY); T-Brittany T. Russell.



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1st-Saratoga, \$90,000, (S), Msw, 7-25, 2yo, f, 5 1/2ft, 1:03.65, fm, neck.

SECOND CHANCE (f, 2, The Factor--Roaring Ghost, by Roaring Fever), sent off at 9-2 for this unveiling, settled in a stalking second as Miss C Banker (Central Banker) led through a :22.52 opening quarter. Taking aim at the pacesetter turning for home, she ground her way to the front late and inched clear to score by a neck. Miss C Banker was 4 1/4-lengths clear of favorite Heavenly Light (**City of Light**). The winner, a half to Foolish Ghost (**Mineshaft**), SW, \$629,157, has a yearling brother by Jimmy Creed. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$49,500. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.** O-Pinnacle Farms Racing LLC; B-Pinnacle Farms I LLC (NY); T-William I. Mott.



Second Chance (outside) gets up late to graduate Thursday
 Sarah Andrew

2nd-Colonial Downs, \$61,000, Msw, 7-25, 2yo, 5 1/2f, 1:03.94, my, 1 length.

RIO CHAMA (c, 2, American Pharoah--Chimayo, by A.P. Indy) made his first start as a 3-1 chance here. The homebred took to the mud immediately and led until he was joined by a pair of pursuers. Unfazed around the far turn, the chestnut got the jump entering the lane and ran on nicely to graduate by a length over Missed the Turn (Thousand Words).

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The winner is a half-brother to Secret Spice (Discreet Cat), GISW, \$548,510, who was purchased for \$1.4 million at the 2019 Fasig-Tipton Fall Sale by Katsumi Yoshida. Chimayo foaled a filly by **Hard Spun** Apr. 8 and she was bred to **Nyquist** for next year. Rio Chama hails from an extended female family which includes Canadian Horse of the Year Wonder Gadot (**Medaglia d'Oro**) and her half-sister, \$3.2 million 2021 Fasig-Tipton Fall Sale grad, GISW Hard Not To Love (**Hard Spun**). Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$36,000. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

O/B-Godolphin (KY); T-Michael Stidham.

Bridlewood Farm Training Graduate



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5th-Delaware, \$40,500, Msw, 7-25, 3yo/up, 1 1/8mT, 1:52.40, sf, 1 length.

ROUNDTOP (c, 3, War Front--Bourbonesque, by Dynaformer) debuted over the grass as the runner-up at Colonial Downs in early September and then finished a well-beaten third at Laurel Park in late October. Not seen until trying the turf at Delaware Park where he hit the board June 12, the bay was installed as the 5-2 second choice here. Roundtop was able to scoot to the rail after the break and though he was squeezed briefly out of the chute he was able to settle into the third position heading into the first turn. Tracking the pacesetter up the backstretch, the 3-year-old began to look for running room around the far turn. Finally getting an opening past the eighth pole the colt cruised home to graduate by a length over American Memories (**American Pharoah**), while the favorite Juan Valdez (**Medaglia d'Oro**) was fourth. Out of an extended female family which includes MGSW Dragon Bay (Parading), the winner is a half-brother to Mongolian Groom (Hightail), GISW, \$579,141.

Bourboneque is responsible for unraced 2-year-old filly Smudge (**Quality Road**) and a yearling colt by **Twirling Candy**. She foaled a colt by **Quality Road** May 4. Sales History: \$170,000 Wlg '21 KEENOV; \$250,000 Ylg '22 KESEEP. Lifetime Record: 4-1-1-2, \$45,600. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

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1st-Evangeline Downs, \$31,600, Msw, 7-25, 2yo, 5f (off turf), :59.52, sy, 3 1/2 lengths.

COAL BATTLE (c, 2, Coal Front--Wolfblade {SP, \$143,465}, by Midshipman), sent off at 6-1 for this unveiling, came from off the pace to post a 3 1/2-length victory over Running Ragged (**Spun to Run**). Sales history: \$70,000 Ylg '23 TTAYRL. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$18,000. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

O-Norman Stables, LLC; B-Hume Wornall & Jay Adcock (KY); T-Lonnie Briley.

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Blueblood (City Zip), Iowa State University Horse Farm, \$1,500
 7 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
 7-Prairie Meadows, 9:34 p.m. EDT, Msw 5f, Harry Blueblood, 6-1

Bodexpress (Bodemeister), Pleasant Acres Stallions, \$3,500
 53 foals of racing age/2 winners/0 black-type winners
 3-Del Mar, 8:04 p.m. EDT, Msw 5f, Sir Tom, 5-2
 \$7,500 KEE NOV wnl; \$57,000 OBS WIN wnl; \$37,000 RNA FTK
 JUL yrl; \$62,000 FTC AYR yrl; \$48,000 RNA OBS MAR 2yo

Complexity (Maclean's Music), Airdrie Stud, \$12,500
 121 foals of racing age/12 winners/2 black-type winners
 6-Saratoga, 4:02 p.m. EDT, Msw 6f, Valtellina, 6-1
 \$67,000 SAR AUG yrl

Gunnevera (Dialed In), Pleasant Acres Stallions
 53 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
 1-Gulfstream, 12:55 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2f, Del Rosario, 10-1
 1-Gulfstream, 12:55 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2f, Suggestionbox, 6-1

Higher Power (Medaglia d'Oro), Darby Dan Farm, \$10,000
 92 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners
 7-Prairie Meadows, 9:34 p.m. EDT, Msw 5f, Band's Free Spirit, 5-2
 \$20,000 IOW OCT yrl

Honest Mischief (Into Mischief), Sequel New York
 72 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
 6-Saratoga, 4:02 p.m. EDT, Msw 6f, Horseplay, 12-1

Improbable (City Zip), WinStar Farm, \$15,000
 128 foals of racing age/2 winners/0 black-type winners
 6-Saratoga, 4:02 p.m. EDT, Msw 6f, Someone, 12-1
 \$13,000 FTK OCT yrl; \$65,000 RNA OBS APR 2yo

Instagrاند (Into Mischief), Taylor Made Farm, \$7,500
 135 foals of racing age/4 winners/0 black-type winners
 6-Saratoga, 4:02 p.m. EDT, Msw 6f, Off Script, 5-2
 \$65,000 KEE NOV wnl; \$200,000 SAR AUG yrl

Lookin At Lee (Lookin At Lucky), Irish Hill & Dutchess Views Stallions, \$2,500
 14 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
 4-Monmouth, 3:23 p.m. EDT, Msw 5f, Hurricane Jerry, 8-1

Mr. Money (Goldencents), Clear Creek Stud
 46 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
 1-Gulfstream, 12:55 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2f, Money Bouquet, 20-1

Persian King (Ire) (Kingman {GB}), Haras d'Etream, \$25,000
 102 foals of racing age/2 winners/0 black-type winners
 4-Gulfstream, 2:34 p.m. EDT, Msw 5fT, La Cantera (Ire), 3-1
 60,000gns TAT OCT yrl

Thousand Words (Pioneerof the Nile), Spendthrift Farm, \$5,000
 124 foals of racing age/7 winners/2 black-type winners
 1-Gulfstream, 12:55 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2f, Andrea, 3-1
 \$30,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$105,000 OBS APR 2yo

Timeline (Hard Spun), Iowa State University Horse Farm, \$1,500
 18 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
 7-Prairie Meadows, 9:34 p.m. EDT, Msw 5f, Quietline, 3-1

Vekoma (Candy Ride {Arg}), Spendthrift Farm, \$15,000
 162 foals of racing age/11 winners/0 black-type winners
 6-Saratoga, 4:02 p.m. EDT, Msw 6f, Selectively Sweet, 15-1
 \$31,000 FTK OCT yrl; \$25,000 EAS MAY 2yo

Volatile (Violence), Three Chimneys Farm, \$15,000
 124 foals of racing age/4 winners/0 black-type winners
 6-Saratoga, 4:02 p.m. EDT, Msw 6f, Open Flame, 10-1
 \$90,000 FTN MIX wnl; \$145,000 RNA SAR AUG yrl; \$150,000 FTK OCT yrl

Win Win Win (Hat Trick {Jpn}), Ocala Stud, \$5,000
 54 foals of racing age/4 winners/0 black-type winners
 1-Gulfstream, 12:55 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2f, Any Moment, 5-2
 \$27,000 OBS APR 2yo

SECOND-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: FRIDAY, JULY 26
2024 Stud Fees Listed

Flameaway (Scat Daddy), Darby Dan Farm, \$15,000
 200 foals of racing age/48 winners/5 black-type winners
 4-Gulfstream, 2:34 p.m. EDT, Msw 5fT, Light the Torch, 15-1
 \$6,500 KEE NOV wnl; \$27,000 RNA FTK OCT yrl; \$22,000 RNA OBS OPN 2yo

Mitole (Eskendereya), Spendthrift Farm, \$15,000
 295 foals of racing age/72 winners/5 black-type winners
 6-Saratoga, 4:02 p.m. EDT, Msw 6f, Accelerating, 3-1
 \$25,000 SAR AUG yrl; \$325,000 EAS MAY 2yo

Yoshida (Jpn) (Heart's Cry {Jpn}), Darley Japan, ¥1,500,000
 164 foals of racing age/32 winners/2 black-type winners
 4-Gulfstream, 2:34 p.m. EDT, Msw 5fT, Coco Abarrio, 10-1
 \$26,000 KEE SEP yrl
 10-Saratoga, 6:19 p.m. EDT, Msw 1m, Visions to Reality, 15-1




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U.S.-BRED/SIRED RUNNERS IN JAPAN



In this continuing series, Alan Carasso takes a look ahead at US-bred and/or conceived runners entered for the upcoming weekend at the tracks on the Japan Racing Association circuit, with a focus on pedigree and/or performance in the sales ring. Here are the horses of interest for this weekend running at Niigata Racecourse, two debuting both Saturday and Sunday:



Shancelot winning the 2019 Amsterdam | Sarah Andrew

Saturday, July 27, 2024

2nd-NII, ¥13,720,000 (\$89k), Newcomers, 2yo, 1400mT

JASPER DIVINE (c, 2, Frosted--Rocket Reload, by Reload), whose dam was stakes-placed on the turf at two in the five-furlong Woodbine Cares Stakes, debuts in the colors of Kazuo Kato, who also campaigns **Frosted's** multiple Japanese group-winning turf sprinter Jasper Krone. The latter's trainer Hideyuki Mori signed the ticket on Jasper Divine at this year's OBS March Sale at \$255,000 after the Mar. 14 foal breezed an eighth of a mile in :9 4/5. Jasper Krone was a \$90,000 buy at OBSMAR in 2021. *B-Denny Andrews (KY)*

3rd-NII, ¥13,720,000 (\$89k), Newcomers, 2yo, 1200m

ECORO AZEL (c, 2, Shancelot--Cicada's Song, by Twirling Candy) was an OBS April acquisition by the aforementioned Hideyuki Mori, who gave \$215,000 for the colt after he covered a furlong in :10 flat. The transaction made for a nice profit for pinhooker and consignor Jose Munoz, who parted with \$17,000 for the colt at last year's Fasig-Tipton October sale. Crawford Farms, who campaigned this GII Amsterdam Stakes romper and MGISP sire in partnership, purchased Ecoro Azel's twice stakes-

placed dam for \$52,000 carrying to **Practical Joke** at the 2021 Keeneland January Sale. *B-Crawford Farms (KY)*

Sunday, July 28, 2024

2nd-NII, ¥10,480,000 (\$68k), Maiden, 2yo, 1200m

JASPER SOLEIL (c, 2, Mitole--Hen Escape, by Henny Hughes) is the lone firster in a field of nine and also goes out for Mori, who gave \$135,000 on behalf of Kazuo Kato at OBS March (:10 flat). Carlo Vaccarezza had previously purchased the close relation to the stakes-winning Extreme Lyra (Eskendereya) for \$52,000 at Keeneland September last fall. The Jan. 28 produce is out of a half-sister to champion and G1 Prix de l'Abbaye winner Benbaun (Ire) (Stravinsky) and the third dam bred MGSW GI Breeders' Cup Mile runner-up Hawksley Hill (Ire) (Rahy). *B-Brandywine Farm (Jim & Pam Robinson) (KY)*

3rd-NII, ¥13,720,000 (\$89k), Newcomers, 2yo, 1800mT

LARGE GALLERY (f, 2, American Pharoah--Scarlet Color {Jpn}, by Victoire Pisa {Jpn}) is the first foal from his dam, a North Hills homebred who recorded the most important of her three career victories in the G2 Fuchu Himba Stakes in 2018, defeating champion Lucky Lilac (Jpn) (Orfevre {Jpn}) in the process. A victory here would make Large Gallery the first winner for her sire from a Sunday Silence-line dam. *B-North Hills Co Limited (KY)*

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IN SAUDI ARABIA:

Shiekh, c, 2, Outwork--Tough N Trashy, by Blame. Ta'if, 7-25, Maiden, 1200m. B-Brendan O'Riordan, Tadgh Clifford, Liz Clifford & Emma O'Connell (KY). *1ST-TIME STARTER.

\$8,000 Wlg '22 KEENOV; \$14,000 Ylg '23 KEESEP. **VIDEO

Mudhim, c, 4, Pioneerof the Nile--Varisimo, by Unbridled's Song. Ta'if, 7-25, Maiden, 2000m. B-Machmer Hall (KY).

*\$120,000 Ylg '21 KEESEP; \$100,000 2yo '22 OBSAPR. **VIDEO**

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IN MAINLAND CHINA:

Race Night, c, 2, Race Day--Sessile, by Forestry. Aowei, 7-21, 1000m, sand, 1:01.51. O-Meng Qiang. B-Ralph Kinder & Erv Woolsey (KY). *\$15,000 Ylg '21FTKFEB; \$70,000 Ylg '21

KEESEP. **1ST-TIME STARTER. **VIDEO.**



Cont.

Jun Shi Zhuan Jia, c, 3, **Catalina Cruiser**--Naughty Tiger (SW-US, \$123,284), by Smiling Tiger. Aowei, 7-21, 1500m, sand, 1:40.14. O-Mengjun Horse Industry. B-SF Bloodstock, LLC (KY). *\$37,000 RNA Ylg '22 KEEJAN; \$32,000 Ylg '22 KEESEP. ****1ST-TIME STARTER. VIDEO.**



ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

3rd-Saratoga, \$110,000, 7-25, (NW1\$X), 3yo/up, f/m, 1 3/8mT, 2:15.49, fm, 1 1/4 lengths.

BOSS LADY BAILEY (f, 4, Connect--Special Dream {SW & GSP, \$124,968}, by Officer) Lifetime Record: 15-2-1-3, \$184,940. O-Hooties Racing LLC; B-White Fox Farm (KY); T-John Alexander Ortiz. *\$80,000 Ylg '21 KEESEP; \$550,000 2yo '22 OBSAPR. **1/2 to Momameamaria (**Quality Road**), SP, \$302,820.



7th-Saratoga, \$50,000, Str, 7-25, (C), 4yo/up, 7f, 1:24.27, ft, 3 3/4 lengths.

REDDINGTON (g, 5, Uncaptured--Street Smart, by Street Sense) Lifetime Record: 20-5-3-5, \$213,090. O-Wizard Stables and Rudina Stable; B-Ciaran Dunne & Amy Dunne (FL); T-Edward R. Barker. *\$120,000 5yo '24 FTDMAR.



Connect's Boss Lady Bailey | Sarah Andrew

6th-Delaware, \$49,325, 7-25, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:11.57, ft, 1 1/4 lengths.

BLAZE ON (f, 4, Tamarkuz--Lucent Lady, by Street Sense) Lifetime Record: 5-4-0-1, \$85,550. O-Wayward Farm; B-Frank McEntee & John Gardiner (KY); T-Karin Wagner. *\$5,000 Ylg '21 EASOCT.

4th-Penn National, \$38,400, (C)/Opt. Clm (\$25,000), 7-24, 3yo/up, 1m 70y, 1:42.21, ft, 4 1/2 lengths.

TUDOX OPPORTUNITY (g, 4, Hoppertunity--Distinct Sparkle, by With Distinction) Lifetime Record: 8-5-1-1, \$115,590. O-Tudox Farm; B-Roberta L. Schneider (PA); T-Elisha Perez. *1/2 to Chateau (Flat Out), GSW, \$807,449; 1/2 to Heartyconstitution (**Constitution**), SW, \$328,580.

5th-Hawthorne, \$33,000, 7-25, (NW1\$X), 3yo/up, f/m, 5fT, :57.65, yl, 2 1/4 lengths.

DOROTHY CROWFOOT (f, 3, Audible--Enjoy This Moment, by Midnight Lute) Lifetime Record: SP, 7-2-1-3, \$67,026. O-Carolyn Wilson; B-Farfellow Farms Ltd. (KY); T-Larry Rivelli. *\$220,000 Ylg '22 KEESEP; \$500,000 2yo '23 OBSMAR.

8th-Thistledown, \$31,700, 7-25, (NW2X), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:09.80, ft, 7 3/4 lengths.

THE SWEATY FOX (m, 5, Bal a Bali {Brz}--Conquest Razor, by Lonhro {Aus}) Lifetime Record: 26-6-4-3, \$110,179. O-Danielle Agnello; B-Calumet Farm (KY); T-Jeffrey Skerrett.

2nd-Canterbury, \$30,500, (NW2X)/Opt. Clm (\$20,000), 7-24, 3yo/up, 1mT, 1:33.99, fm, 2 lengths.

FRANZ JOSEF (g, 6, Mshawish--Silent Emotion {SW, \$209,993}, by Ghazi) Lifetime Record: MSP, 34-6-6-4, \$200,570. O-Novogratz Racing Stables Inc.; B-M. Abe (KY); T-Glenn S. Wismer. *\$47,000 RNA Ylg '19 FTKJUL; \$40,000 Ylg '19 FTKOCT. **1/2 to Unspoken Word (Catienus), MSW & GISP, \$370,122; 1/2 to Emotional Kitten (Kitten's Joy), GSW & MGISP, \$563,761.



8th-Belterra, \$26,100, (S), 7-25, (NW2L), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:13.02, ft, 4 lengths.

ARTISTIC LANEY (f, 3, Preservationist--Artistic License {SW, \$196,488}, by Heart of the Storm) Lifetime Record: 13-2-4-1, \$63,853. O-Jack Cannon; B-T/C Stable, LLC & Larmon Cowles (OH); T-Edward Fernandez. *\$20,000 Ylg '22 KEESEP.



6th-Louisiana Downs, \$22,000, (C)/Opt. Clm (\$25,000), 7-24, 3yo/up, f/m, 7f, 1:23.54, gd, 1/2 length.

APPROPRIATED FUNDS (f, 4, Arrogate--My Cousin Martha {MSP, \$120,360}, by Stay Thirsty) Lifetime Record: 21-5-8-1, \$176,542. O-BKD Consulting, LLC; B-Spartan Team Investments (KY); T-Jaylan Renay Clary. *\$55,000 Wlg '20 FTKNOV; \$32,000 2yo '22 TTAAPR.

4th-Century Mile, C\$20,370, (NW4L)/Opt. Clm (\$18,336), 7-24, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:09.65, ft, 1 length.

KAUAI DAN (g, 4, Quality Road--Kauai Katie {MGSW & GISP, \$716,500}, by Malibu Moon) Lifetime Record: 17-4-3-5, \$62,057. O-Dorn Ries; B-Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC (KY); T-Craig Robert Smith. *\$240,000 RNA Ylg '21 KEESEP; \$55,000 3yo '23 OBSWIN.

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ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Virginia Fitz, g, 2, Kobe's Back--Falsehood, by Awesome Again.

Colonial Downs, 7-25, (S), (C), 5 1/2fT, 1:04.52. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$33,750. B-Becky Lavin (VA). *1ST-TIME STARTER.

A Votre Sante, g, 2, Stay Thirsty--Bunny Yogurt, by Scat Daddy. Del Mar, 7-25, (S), (C), 5f, :59.28. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-0, \$29,100. B-Terry C. Lovingier (CA). *\$10,000 Ylg '23 FTCAYR.

In the Chase, c, 2, Weekend Hideaway--She's Always Ready, by More Than Ready. Saratoga, 7-25, (S), 6f, 1:12.15. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$49,500. B-Mr Amore Stables (NY). *1ST-TIME STARTER.

TD ANOTHER TRAVIS DURR GRADUATE

Indispensable, c, 3, Constitution--High Performer, by Candy Ride (Arg). Del Mar, 7-25, 1m, 1:36.92. Lifetime Record: 9-1-2-4, \$105,200. B-Nursery Place, Donaldson & Broadbent (KY). *\$330,000 Wlg '21 KEENOV; \$825,000 Ylg '22 KEESEP.

Sterling Luck, f, 3, Lookin At Lucky--Cara Dura, by War Front. Hawthorne, 7-25, 1m 70y, 1:44.32. Lifetime Record: 6-1-1-1, \$37,526. B-Don Alberto Corporation (KY). *\$40,000 Ylg '22 KEESEP.



Frankie Dettori doing his famous flying dismount after taking Thursday's final race of the day aboard Mizteronic | Sarah Andrew

Valhalla Vixen, f, 3, **Mitole**--Bird House, by Limehouse. Canterbury, 7-24, 6f, 1:12.78. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$18,535. B-Scott Pierce (KY). *\$47,000 RNA Ylg '22 KEEJAN; \$52,000 Ylg '22 FTKOCT.

LEGACY

Tootaloo Kangaroo, f, 4, **Hoppertunity**--Akira, by Aldebaran. Penn National, 7-24, (S), 6f, 1:10.92. Lifetime Record: 4-1-2-0, \$40,760. B-Klobia S. Carroll (PA).

Miztertonic, g, 5, **Mission Impazible**--Miz Owell, by E Dubai. Saratoga, 7-25, (S), (WC), 1 1/16mT, 1:42.31. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-0, \$39,200. B-Damchu Stables, LLC (NY).

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American Pharoah, Rio Chama, c, 2, o/o Chimayo, by A.P. Indy. MSW, 7-25, Colonial Downs

Arrogate, Appropriated Funds, f, 4, o/o My Cousin Martha, by Stay Thirsty. AOC, 7-24, Louisiana Downs

Audible, Dorothy Crowfoot, f, 3, o/o Enjoy This Moment, by **Midnight Lute**. ALW, 7-25, Hawthorne

Bal a Bali (Brz), The Sweaty Fox, m, 5, o/o Conquest Razor, by Lonhro (Aus). ALW, 7-25, Thistledown

Coal Front, Coal Battle, c, 2, o/o Wolfblade, by **Midshipman**. MSW, 7-25, Evangeline

Connect, Boss Lady Bailey, f, 4, o/o Special Dream, by Officer. ALW, 7-25, Saratoga

Constitution, Indispensable, c, 3, o/o High Performer, by **Candy Ride (Arg)**. MSW, 7-25, Del Mar

Hoppertunity, Tootaloo Kangaroo, f, 4, o/o Akira, by Aldebaran. MSW, 7-24, Penn National

Hoppertunity, Tudox Opportunity, g, 4, o/o Distinct Sparkle, by With Distinction. AOC, 7-24, Penn National

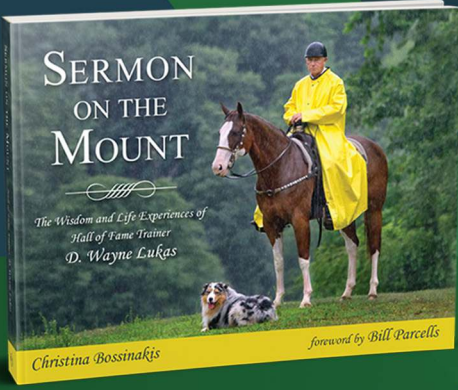
Kobe's Back, Virginia Fitz, g, 2, o/o Falsehood, by Awesome Again. MCL, 7-25, Colonial Downs

Lookin At Lucky, Sterling Luck, f, 3, o/o Cara Dura, by **War Front**. MSW, 7-25, Hawthorne

Midnight Lute, Lute Warm, f, 4, o/o Warm Sunshine, by Unbridled's Song. AOC, 7-25, Colonial Downs

Mission Impazible, Miztertonic, g, 5, o/o Miz Owell, by E Dubai. WMC, 7-25, Saratoga

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Mitole, Valhalla Vixen, f, 3, o/o Bird House, by Limehouse. MSW, 7-24, Canterbury

Mshawish, Franz Josef, g, 6, o/o Silent Emotion, by Ghazi. AOC, 7-24, Canterbury

Peace and Justice, Dontlookbackatall, f, 4, o/o Celtic Arch, by Arch. GIII Caress S. Presented by Albany Med, 7-25, Saratoga

Preservationist, Artistic Laney, f, 3, o/o Artistic License, by Heart of the Storm. ALW, 7-25, Belterra

Quality Road, Kauai Dan, g, 4, o/o Kauai Katie, by Malibu Moon. AOC, 7-24, Century Mile

Stay Thirsty, A Votre Sante, g, 2, o/o Bunny Yogurt, by Scat Daddy. MCL, 7-25, Del Mar

Tamarkuz, Blaze On, f, 4, o/o Lucent Lady, by **Street Sense**. ALW, 7-25, Delaware

The Factor, Second Chance, f, 2, o/o Roaring Ghost, by Roaring Fever. MSW, 7-25, Saratoga

Uncaptured, Reddington, g, 5, o/o Street Smart, by **Street Sense**. STR, 7-25, Saratoga

Unified, Dolomite, f, 3, o/o Sunset Ridge, by Algorithms. ALW, 7-25, Saratoga

War Front, Roundtop, c, 3, o/o Bourbonesque, by Dynaformer. MSW, 7-25, Delaware

Weekend Hideaway, In the Chase, c, 2, o/o She's Always Ready, by More Than Ready. MSW, 7-25, Saratoga