



## \$2,000 MARE IN IOWA HITS GRADE I UPDATE



Maynard Thompson with Joyce Schmitz | Joyce Schmitz

by Chris McGrath

"My friends thought I was nuts when I got back into the horse business," says Maynard Thompson. "But when those babies are about three to five days old, and you take them outside and turn them loose for the first time, every one of them thinks he's the toughest thing out there. And if that doesn't put a smile on your face, you're not breathing."

Which is why Thompson perseveres on 15 acres of gently undulating terrain, a few miles south of Tama on the Iowa River.

"I'm 71 years old, and supposed to be retired," he says. "But I still fool with the horses. That's all I've got anymore, is the horses. Some cats, couple of dogs. But I am just an old Iowa farm boy that likes horses."

There's obviously something in the blood. His father used to tell him about traveling a Percheron stallion around as a kid, spring and early summer. And his uncle had a flair for horses, too.

"He was one of those types that if he heard of one in the neighborhood that was kind of an outlaw, he had to go trade for him," Thompson says. "Because he just wanted to prove to everybody that he could make that horse work."

Well, that will seem a familiar trait by the time we are done. But one step at a time.

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**\$2000 Mare In Iowa Update, cont. p1...**

When they put the interstate straight through the family farm, about 20 miles farther south, his brothers opted to go off to college. A couple became mechanical engineers. "They liked cars and stuff," Thompson says. "If I took a car apart, I would put 10 pieces back together and have 50 left over. But the cows and the horses, I got along a lot better with them. I always liked being with the livestock."

So for most of his life Thompson would make no more claim for himself than being "a hired man for a farmer." Then, when Prairie Meadows reopened in the late 1990s, he decided to buy the odd Quarter Horse-and found that to be "just a good way to go broke."

The final straw was when he sent a favorite mare to be bred, and she died in an accident.

"I just sold out then," he recalls. "All the horses, the saddles, hauler, everything. Figured I'd never owned another horse in my life."

"But you never lose the itch, and in 2019 it got so it was a pretty good scratch. So I bought three mares from Texas. And the day they came up, it was 55 below zero here. It was January and, the guy who delivered them, I tried to talk him out of it. He said, 'It's the only weekend my boy can come with me.' And when they got here, with that windchill factor, they couldn't believe that anybody could live in that kind of weather."

One of the mares had herself only recently changed hands, in foal to Flat Out at the 2018 Keeneland November Sale, for just \$1,000.

"My idea was, I was keeping none of the babies," Thompson

says. "They were strictly going to be sold. Well, the girlfriend and I fell in love with her filly, we called her Flat Out Stormin. And she's now made over \$200,000 up at Prairie Meadows."



**Thompson with his granddaughters | Joyce Schmitz**

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Another of the mares had similarly made a bare \$1,000 at the November Sale, in foal to an unproven **Constitution**.

Unfortunately she died shortly after foaling. But her baby was one that Thompson did return to Keeneland, as a short yearling. **Consigned by Ballysax, and buoyed by Constitution's first juveniles, he made \$135,000.** "To me, that was hitting the lottery," Thompson marvels. "I mean, I didn't know there was that much money."

But it now turns out that Thompson had done something more remarkable still, in between, at the 2019

November Sale. He was on his way home when Connie Brown, who helps him at the sales, called about a Flatter mare in the dregs of the auction: Hip 4424. Though only nine, Applesicious was making her seventh appearance in a sale ring. How typical of the way commercial breeding operates!



**Nakatomi** | Sarah Andrew

She had been an \$11,500 weanling; pinhooked as a \$50,000 yearling; and made \$120,000 as a Timonium 2-year-old. But she failed to win in nine starts, once managing second in a maiden claimer, and her price had been steadily dwindling as various people tried to eke a few dollars out of her pregnancies. Her first foals had been plainly sired, with her latest weanling--a Firing Line colt--selling at the same auction for \$18,000.

"Connie said she probably wasn't going to cost me a lot," Thompson says. "And that she wouldn't hurt me any. Connie knows what I like: those big Quarter Horse types, not those tall greyhounds. And she knows what I can spend too. So I told

Connie to buy her."

Applesicious cost only \$2,000, but this time things did not appear to work out so well. Two of the three mares he shipped up from that sale "got in a real scuffle" and both aborted. And then, the following year, they lost her first Iowa-bred foal.

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In the meantime, however, her Firing Line colt was coming to life. Resold to Marc Detampel as a yearling for \$25,000, he had won on debut for Wesley Ward at the Keeneland Spring meet and later that year added the Bowman Mill Stakes. Racing for a new partnership after a \$205,000 transfer through the HRA Sale at Fasig-Tipton, last year he reached the GI Breeders' Cup Sprint with four graded stakes placings to his credit. He added a fifth when beaten just a couple of lengths by champion **Elite Power**, secured another elite podium in Dubai, and last weekend made his Grade I breakout with success in the Alfred G. Vanderbilt Stakes.

For this son of Applelicious, of course, is none other than **Nakatomi**. And suddenly the \$2,000 mare is hot property. He's been urged to try a digital sale, though at present he's leaning to sending her back to Keeneland in November. She's 14, admittedly empty this year, but duly primed for an early cover--and there's more in her pedigree than might be expected, in terms of explaining Nakatomi: her half-sister by Maria's Mon is the graded stakes-placed dam of four stakes scorers, including GI Clement L. Hirsch Stakes winner Lady of Fifty (After Market). Significantly, moreover, Nakatomi is the image of his mother.

"If you were 100 yards away, you could switch horses and nobody would know," Thompson says. "It has been exciting, following Nakatomi along. I thought it was a big deal last year, when he ran at the Breeders' Cup. I know I got lucky here. Like I said, I'm just an old Iowa farm boy. I don't know what she's worth--but I do know she's worth a hell of a lot more since last Saturday."

Whatever happens next, Thompson has meanwhile made his own contribution to the Applelicious story, with a show of exactly the same maverick belief that made him purchase a \$2,000 reject in the first place.

For Nakatomi has two Iowa-bred siblings. The first, a 2-year-old filly by Timeline, is training at Prairie Meadows. "I'm not a big believer in trying to get a lot out of a 2-year-old, but she has some motor on her," Thompson said. "The trainer is very, very happy with her. He just gets this gleam in his eye. 'Next year,' he says, 'you've got something special.'"

And then there is a young colt by a stallion that Thompson stands himself. Prince of War finished down the field as favorite for his only racetrack appearance, but he's a half-brother by **Cairo Prince** to **Instagram**. He was another find at the November Sale, a year after the one that produced Applelicious.

As usual, Thompson had asked Connie Brown to take a look, and she loved him too.

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In the event, he made a single unanswered bid. When he called her, Brown thought Thompson was kidding.

"You didn't buy that horse! What did you give for him?"

He had cost \$450,000 as a yearling; Brown thought him still worth six figures. Thompson had paid \$12,000.

"And his oldest babies are 2-year-olds now," he reports. "I took three of his daughters to this Iowa sale last year, and they all looked the part. Some friends came up and said, 'If these babies can run anything like they look, you hit a goldmine on that stallion.' He has no race record, obviously, so people don't like that. But like I told them, 'If he'd won \$1 million, he wouldn't be here.' So he's going to have to prove it himself, this no-name, shot-in-the-dark-stallion. But I think this mare's baby is awful nice myself."



Firing Line, sire of Nakatomi | Crestwood

Of course, Thompson has the option of keeping the colt to promote Prince of War at the track--while either cashing out the mare, or setting a reserve that leaves him the option of a foal share to a top Kentucky stallion.

"I can part with the mare if I have to," Thompson admits. "It's the baby that's bothering me, because I think he's kind of special. So that's where the dreaming part comes in. Maybe he's the big-time horse that'll prove your stallion, and show you had the right idea when you bought him."

He hasn't forgotten something his dad always used to say: "If you buy something, always be able to give it a better home than where it's been."

"And some of these horses you see down in Keeneland, there's no way I could do that," he admits. "They're so beautiful, not a hair out of place. So I tell you what, it's kind of hard on the sleep at night."

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He continued, "I go to bed about 10 o'clock and at two in the morning I'm still awake thinking. I've had some friends say, 'Keep the mare, Maynard, she's what everybody wants from this game.' But maybe she's worth more than I should be fooling with."

But the bottom line is that he has put himself in a win-win situation, and should be proud of what he has done. After all, he's similarly confounded expectations with other mares that nobody wanted. Whatever he decides, he has earned the right to his own decision--and, above all, to enjoy the ride.

"My daughters think I'm crazy for working at it as hard as I do," Thompson says. "But it seems to me, the old farmers that I knew, they quit, they were going to move to town and relax.. And, hell, in three months they were dead of boredom. They'd worked hard all their lives and then suddenly had nothing to do.

"Last year I had to have major back surgery. I went out to do chores one morning, and I'm taking steps eight inches apart. I'm all bent over. I got tears running down my face. I mean, I was a hurting unit. So we go to the surgeon, and he wanted to do it right away. And I said, 'I can't.' And my daughters were with me, and my girlfriend, and they all said, 'Why ever not?' I said, 'I've mares going to have babies. And I got to get those mares bred back.'

"So I suffered through it, and then went and had the surgery. And for the first three months I thought, 'I don't know if this is the smartest decision I ever made.' But hell, I'm getting along pretty good for an old man. And with these horses, there's always something to look forward to."

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To fulfill those goals, NYRA will continue negotiations with TwinSpires to increase funds flowing to the sport and its stakeholders in New York."

In its own statement in response to the impasse, Churchill Downs' CEO Bill Carstanjen said, "Following NYRA's disturbing recent pattern of demanding significant new economics from ADWs for no additional value in return, NYRA has elected to terminate TwinSpires's access to its Saratoga signal today. While we hope to resolve this dispute quickly and amicably, make no mistake that we will continue to advocate for and invest in our customers and this industry. NYRA's reckless pattern reflects an increasingly misguided understanding of how to best serve the racing industry in New York. Their actions are bad for horse racing and negatively impact our fans."

In response, David O'Rourke, NYRA President & CEO explains, "The COVID-19 pandemic supercharged the shift from brick and mortar wagering to the largest national ADWs, and fundamentally changed the economics of horse racing in New York State. Accordingly, NYRA asked these ADWs to pay an additional source market fee of just 1 percent on wagers from New York, bringing that number inline or significantly lower than several other jurisdictions. Unlike their counterparts, CDI has refused to add this source market fee to an agreement struck in 2018. As a not-for-profit responsible for growing the sport while supporting our horsemen and backstretch community, this is untenable for horse racing in New York."

After a brief impasse between NYRA and FanDuel/TVG in early July, **a new contract was reached** in time for that platform to offer pari-mutuel wagering on opening day of the Saratoga meet.

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## NY GAMING COMMISSION SUGGESTS THAT SARATOGA SHOULD HAVE SYNTHETIC COURSE

by Bill Finley

The New York Gaming Commission (NYGC) has released its 2023 report regarding the high rate of fatalities upstate last year. Between May 26, 2023 and September 4, 2023, there were 17 equine fatalities at Saratoga Race Course, which again put the track's Thoroughbred safety record under scrutiny.

Several suggestions were made by the NYGC, none more surprising than the recommendation that NYRA should install a synthetic track at Saratoga. With the Spa already having two turf courses and main dirt course, it remains to be seen if there's any room to fit in still another course.

"The degree of inclement weather during the 2023 Saratoga Race Meet had a profound negative impact upon the safety of racehorses and confounded the ability of NYRA to complete its full racing program," the report read. "Sixty-five surface changes during the 2023 Saratoga Meet disrupted much of the turf racing schedule. In many cases field size was severely compromised as the result of these surface changes with commensurate decrease in handle. Despite the use of extraordinary efforts and use of best practice racetrack surface management, it was extremely difficult to maintain safe and consistent racing surfaces."



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The report went on to state, “The total number of fatalities at Saratoga was not out of the ordinary. What was out of the ordinary was how many broke down in races.”

New York Equine Medical Director Scott Palmer noted that the total number of equine fatalities during the 2023 Saratoga Meet was similar or less than that of meets in the previous five years. However, the number of racing fatalities during the 2023 Meet was three-times greater than the number of racing fatalities during the 2022 Meet.

The 179-page report also suggested that NYRA should support and participate in research efforts to critically evaluate current best practices to achieve improved consistency of the moisture content of the racing surface and to eliminate excessive moisture. The proposal aims to develop a “smart” watering truck that would measure moisture in the track surface and apply water to those areas in need of water and not in areas that did not need additional water, using control technologies, GPS data fusion and system integration

The commission would like to see NYRA test horses pre-race more than they do now. Their recommendation is that NYRA passes a house rule that all horses must be examined by their attending veterinarian between 72 and 24 hours of a race.

Among the other points included in the report are the use of wearable biometric sensors to minimize the incidence of equine fatalities going forward.

The NYGC report suggests that if these recommendations are followed there will be tangible results, including reduction of equine fatalities; fewer surface changes during the Saratoga meet; increased overall handle at Saratoga; improved attendance at Saratoga and improved public perception of Thoroughbred racing. As has been the case when there is a rash of breakdowns followed by a study, investigators could not come up with the source of the breakdowns. But they believed

that an exceptionally wet meet played a part.

“The most obvious environmental variable of the 2023 Saratoga Race Meet was the unprecedented amount of rainfall that occurred during July and August. Although the fact of relentless rainfall was not in dispute, the actual significance of this unusual weather event was among the primary focuses of this review,” the report read.

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## MINDFRAME SIDELINED DUE TO BONE BRUISING

TDN Rising Star **Mindframe** (**Constitution**), runner up in both Grade I attempts, is expected to be sidelined because of bone bruising through the remainder of this year, according to DRF Wednesday. Campaigned by Repole Stable and St. Elias Stable, the Todd Pletcher trainee was sent to Ocala, Florida earlier this week and was examined by Dr. John Madison.

With the defection of Mindframe, Repole also indicated that recent GII Jim Dandy Stakes winner **Fierceness** (**City of Light**) is a possibility to run in the Aug. 24 GI Travers S.

“He’s clear go to back into training in 60 days,” Mike Repole told DRF. “If Todd and I want to give him 90 days we can do that. In all honesty, we were probably skipping the Travers anyway with him. He’s had four incredible races in about 3 1/2 months.”

Following a jaw-dropping 13 3/4-length win at Gulfstream in March, Mindframe returned to gallop home a winner in a 1 1/16-mile optional claimer on the Kentucky Derby undercard. A half-length shy of victorious Dornoch (**Mage**) in the June 8 GI Belmont Stakes in Saratoga, the Maryland-bred colt finished in the same spot behind that rival in the GI Haskell Stakes at Monmouth July 20.

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**SARATOGA NOTEBOOK, PRESENTED BY NYRA BETS: TRAVERS MIGHT HAVE A BAFFERT FLAVOR TO IT** *by Tim Wilkin*

SARATOGA SPRINGS, N.Y.--Hall of Fame trainer Bob Baffert, who has won the GI Travers Stakes three times, could be going for No. 4 in this year's Midsummer Derby

Baffert, speaking from his summer base at Del Mar in California, said that one of his 3-year-olds--**Parenting (Justify)** or **Muth (Good Magic)** who were both tabbed as 'TDN Rising Stars'--could represent him in the \$1.25 million race at Saratoga Race Course Aug. 24.

"Potentially," he said.

Parenting, owned by Wathnan Racing, was a \$750,000 purchase at the 2023 Ocala 2-year-olds in training sale. He has

won all three of his starts, including the listed Affirmed Stakes and an allowance last Sunday where he won by a neck in a race for 3-year-olds and up.



**Muth winning the Arkansas Derby | Coady Media**

"This is a very good horse," Baffert said. "I was very impressed with what he did. We missed the window with the (GI) Haskell and, luckily, this race was in the book. He got a good education. He could have gotten beat. They double teamed him from everywhere and he handled it well."

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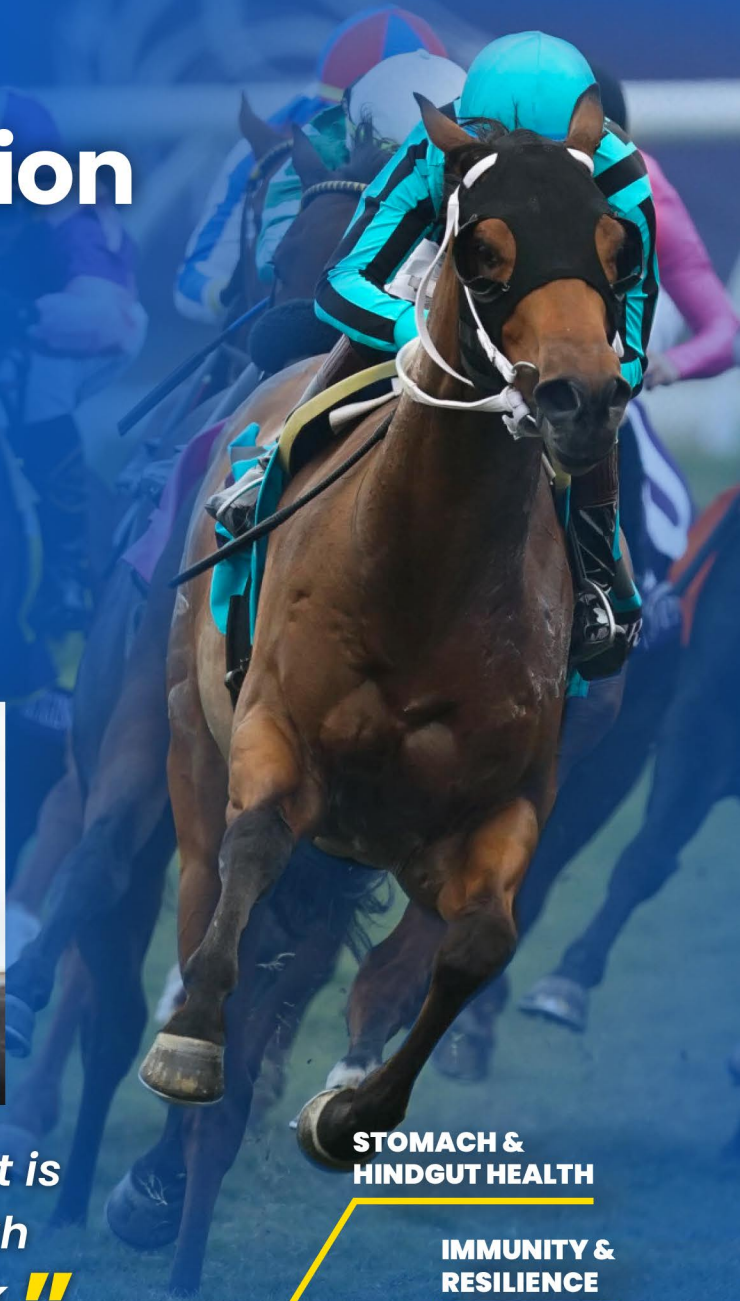
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Unraced as a 2-year-old, Parenting has won all three of his starts. The allowance race was a mile. The Affirmed Stakes, which he won by 7 1/2 lengths, was 1 1/16 miles and his maiden score, which saw him face 10 rivals, produced a 2 3/4-length victory.

“I am not going to rule it out,” Baffert said of the Travers. “Let’s see how he comes out it. We have the Travers, we have the (GI) Pacific Classic. And we also have Muth.”

Parenting has never raced outside of California; Muth has.

Muth hasn’t been seen since winning the GI Arkansas Derby on March 30. He was the 8-5 morning-line favorite for the GI Preakness Stakes but was scratched the Wednesday before the race at Pimlico when he spiked a fever. Baffert said it took a while for Muth, owned by Zedan Racing Stables Inc., to recover.

“He was really sick,” Baffert said. “We had to keep him on antibiotics for two weeks before he fully got over it. He is getting back slowly. The endgame for both of these horses is that I want them to be ready for the Breeders’ Cup. They will let me know when they are ready to roll.”

Baffert won the Travers in 2001 with Point Given, 2016 with Arrogate and 2017 with **West Coast**. He has run three horses since then with Mucho Gusto’s third place finish in 2019 the best. He was fifth last year with National Treasure, who is running in Saturday’s GI Whitney Stakes.

## Pletcher Has A Trio For Saturday’s Whitney



**Bright Future** | Adam Coglianesse

Hall of Fame trainer Todd Pletcher will have three chances to win Saturday’s GI Whitney Stakes for a record-tying fifth time.

**Bright Future** (**Curlin**), Crupi (**Curlin**) and **'TDN Rising Star' Charge It** (**Tapit**) will be in the starting gate for Pletcher, who last won the prestigious race for older horses in 2022 with **Life Is Good**. His other Whitney wins came in 2013 (**Cross Traffic**), 2007 (**Lawyer Ron**) and 2002 (**Left Bank**).

John M. Gaver Sr. holds the record for most Whitney victories with five.

Bright Future looks to have the best chance of getting Pletcher to the winner’s circle as he is 5-1 third choice on the Whitney morning line behind **National Treasure** (**Quality Road**, 9-5) and **First Mission** (**Street Sense**, 9-2).

Bright Future, owned by Repole Stable, has won both of his career starts at Saratoga, including the GI Jockey Club Gold Cup last year. He then finished sixth in the GI Breeders’ Cup Classic--beaten 3 3.4 lengths--and then was not seen until last month.

He won the GIII Salvatore Mile Stakes at Monmouth by 1 3/4 lengths.

“He showed last year that he is a legitimate Grade I horse,” Pletcher said outside his barn at the Oklahoma Training Track. “He didn’t seem to fire his ‘A’ race in the Breeders’ Cup for whatever reason. I think he fits with the top of the division. I like the way he has trained since (the Salvator Mile) and he seems to like this track. Hopefully he has another move forward in him.”

## Giddings Savors First Training Win At Saratoga

The first one is always the most special. Or so they say.

Melanie Giddings, in her second full year as a trainer, finally got to the winner’s circle at Saratoga when **Scaramanga** (**Munnings**) won Sunday’s eighth race, a \$30,000 claimer, by a length. It was her first win in 16 career starts at Saratoga spanning two seasons.

“That race was a lot of fun,” Giddings said Wednesday morning at her barn on the Oklahoma Training Track. “There was really no pressure. I own half the horse and we were kind of a longshot (13-1). I thought he had been doing better and, he obviously showed that.”

Scaramanga, a 3-year-old New York-bred gelding, was claimed after the race and is now in the barn of trainer Jimmy Ferraro.

“That’s OK,” Giddings said with a smile. “That’s the game.”

Giddings was the trainer of Maple Leaf Mel (**Cross Traffic**), who tragically broke down in the shadow of the wire in last year’s GI Test Stakes on Whitney weekend. Giddings, of course, still holds a soft spot in her heart for the brave Maple Leaf Mel, but life moves on.

She has 18 horses at Saratoga and another 14 at Belmont Park. And now she has her first winner.

What made it even more special was Scaramanga was ridden by her boyfriend, jockey Shaun Bridgmohan. It was his first win at the Spa since Break Even won the Coronation Cup Stakes on July 14, 2019.

He had had just 18 mounts over the last two seasons before Sunday’s win.

“I never found a winner’s circle that wasn’t special,” Bridgmohan said, smiling, at the barn.



“It was even better having Shaun up,” Giddings said. “I don’t ever worry when he rides a horse for me. He has had plenty of winners here in the past. He is still a very good rider; he just doesn’t ride a lot.”

Giddings had two runners on Wednesday’s card but was not able to duplicate Sunday. She’ll keep trying.

“This is a tough place for anybody,” she said. “It doesn’t matter ... jocks, trainers ... it’s hard to win here. It was nice to finally get it off my back.”

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## BAFFERT HOPING FOR A SARATOGA ENCORE WITH NATIONAL TREASURE

By *Tim Wilkin*

SARATOGA SPRINGS, N.Y.--Just over seven weeks ago, **National Treasure** (*Quality Road*) made his claim as the best older in the country when he rolled in the GI Metropolitan Handicap at Saratoga Race Course.

Trained by Hall of Famer Bob Baffert, National Treasure dominated five others on the way to a 6 1/4-length win.

What can he do for an encore? We’ll find out Saturday when Baffert saddles National Treasure--the 9-5 morning-line favorite--in the 97th running of the \$1 million GI Whitney Stakes at the Spa. The race is a “Win and You’re In” for the GI Breeders’ Cup Classic at Del Mar in November.

Baffert doesn’t ship a horse across the country unless he thinks he has a big chance. And National Treasure certainly has that. He arrived in Saratoga on Tuesday.

“We are in the business to have these top-quality horses,” Baffert said by phone from his summer base at Del Mar in California. “There are a lot of expectations, coming out of my barn, when you have a horse like that. That’s why we are in the business, to play at that level. The same goes for all those other big trainers back there.”



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Owned by SF Racing, LLC, Starlight Racing, Madaket Stables LLC, Robert E. Masterson, Stonestreet Stables LLC, Jay A. Schoenfarber, Waves Edge Capital LLC and Catherine Donovan, National Treasure is at the top of several lists when it comes to the older male division.

He has had just three starts this year but has two big wins. Beside the Met Mile, he also won the GI Pegasus World Cup Invitational at Gulfstream Park in his first start as a 4-year-old. What followed was a fourth in the Group 1 Saudi Cup at King Abdulaziz Racecourse in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia.

“His Pegasus was terrific,” Baffert said. “We shipped him probably a little bit too soon (to Dubai), but we had to take a crack at it.”

In the Met Mile, National Treasure had little resistance as Flavien Prat let his mount do his thing. Baffert is not too concerned about the added distance in the Whitney. That race is 1 1/8 miles.

The Pegasus World Cup Invitational was also run at 1 1/8 miles. In three other attempts at the distance in his career, National Treasure has finished fourth in all of them.

It’s no secret that National Treasure does his best running on the front end--“pace makes the race,” Baffert said--and that is likely where he’ll be in the Whitney.

“We are going to stretch his speed out a little bit further and see if he can handle it,” said Baffert, who won back-to-back editions of the Whitney in 2019 with MCKinzie and 2020 with Improbable.

There are 11 other signed up to challenge National Treasure, three of them from Hall of Fame trainer Todd Pletcher. He will saddle Bright Future (Curlin, 5-1), Crupi (Curlin, 15-1) and Charge It (Tapit, 30-1).

“I think (the division) is pretty wide open,” Pletcher said outside his barn on the Oklahoma Training Track. “National

Treasure is certainly the divisional leader, but I don’t think he has a death grip on it.”

Last year, National Treasure only won once in seven tries, but it was a big one. He went gate-to-wire to win the GI Preakness Stakes and then finished the year with four straight Grade I races.

He was sixth in the Belmont Stakes, fifth in the Travers Stakes and fourth in the Awesome Again before closing the season with a gut-wrenching loss by a nose to Cody’s Wish in the Breeders’ Cup Dirt Mile.

Losing that race might have done more for National Treasure than winning the Preakness. Heading into 2024, National Treasure got on more people’s radar. Of course, it has helped that the brown colt, who went for \$500,000 at the 2021 Fasig-Tipton New York Yearling Sale, has won some major races.

“He was a whisker away from beating Cody’s Wish,” Baffert said. “He has always been a good horse, but people didn’t pay attention to him. Once you win a sexy race like the Pegasus or the Met Mile, you start getting paid attention to.”

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## ROSARIO, JUSTIFY, GUN RUNNER REACH HALL OF FAME IN A HURRY *by Mike Kane*

SARATOGA SPRINGS, N.Y.- When Joel Rosario arrived in California as a virtually unknown jockey from the Dominican Republic in 2006, his mission was simple: survive. Eighteen years after his first races at Fairplex and Golden Gate Fields, Rosario will be inducted Friday into the National Museum of Racing’s Hall of Fame. He was elected in his first year of eligibility.

“I never thought I was going to be where I am today,” Rosario said. “I thought I would come here and try to make a living. Riding horses and trying to make a living.”



**Justify** | Sarah Andrew



Rosario, 39, has done that, for sure, and much more. In California, he quickly emerged as one of the premier riders of his generation and since 2012 has been primarily based in the East.

Through Sunday, he ranks just outside the top 100 in career victories at 3,632, but with \$322,237,757, he is fourth on the career earnings list. He was 95 Grade I victories.

Forevermore, he is Hall of Fame jockey Joel Rosario.

"It means a lot for me," he said. "For me and my family and the other people in Dominican Republic who follow me and follow the racing, it's great. I'm the first from my country to become a Hall of Fame jockey, so it's even more special."

Triple Crown winner **Justify** (Scat Daddy) and 2017 Horse of the Year **Gun Runner** (**Candy Ride**), also elected the first time they were on the ballot, join Rosario as the group of contemporary division inductees this year. Also being saluted and welcomed into the Hall of Fame in the nine-member class are: jockey Abe Hawkins and racehorses Aristides and Lecomte, selected by the Pre-1900 Historic Review Committee; and from the Pillars of the Turf Committee, Harry F. Guggenheim, Clement L. Hirsch, and Joe Hirsch.

**Gun Runner** was bred by Ben Leon's Besilu Stables, acquired by Three Chimneys Farm as part of major bloodstock purchase with Leon and raced in a partnership with Winchell Thoroughbreds LLC. Trained throughout his career by Hall of Famer Steve Asmussen, he won 12 of 19 starts, six of them Grade I, and earned \$15,988,500.

Brazilian Goncalo Borges Torrealba and his family bought a controlling interest in Three Chimneys Farm in the summer of 2013. Torrealba said the first task was to change the farm's focus away from being a boarding operation. A year later, he and Leon had reached an agreement on the sale of the Besilu holdings.

"Slowly but surely, we got into the market to buy a good, respectable broodmare band and so on," Torrealba said. "This was, very frankly speaking, a turning point for us.

"He was going out of the business. He had put together, in a very short amount of time really, an amazing bunch of horses. We did the deal by which we bought all 52 horses of his. **Gun Runner** was a yearling. His dam (Quiet Giant) was there. His

granddam (Quiet Dance) was there. And the sisters to him. It was a stellar group of horses really. He's stayed in. I liked him. He was a good friend."

The agreement with Besilu was finalized on Aug. 4, 2014, 10 years to the week before **Gun Runner**'s induction. Three Chimneys was intending to sell **Gun Runner** as a 2-year-old in training, but reached a private deal with owner-breeder Ron Winchell.



**Gun Runner** | Lauren King

"Winchell came to us and made the proposal for us to be partners," Torrealba said. "Him being the owner of **Tapit** fit 100% the description of what we're looking for in a partner, someone who's invested in the deal. And it turned out really great, because as part of the deal, he went to Steve."

Torrealba said he could spend a couple of hours praising the way Asmussen trained and managed **Gun Runner**.

"He did a great job," Torrealba said.

**Gun Runner** was a top 3-year-old in 2016, but became an elite runner in 2017. He finished second in the G1 Dubai World Cup when Arrogate turned in a jaw-dropping performance after stumbling leaving the gate. Arrogate was never the same, but **Gun Runner** finished the year with four straight Grade I wins--by a total of 24 3/4 lengths--capped by the Breeders' Cup Classic. Torrealba said the championship-clinching win at Del Mar was a very proud moment.

"But the wins at Saratoga were fantastic, when he won the older horse races, the Whitney and the Woodward," Torrealba said. "It was incredible. When he came back from Dubai, the amount of confidence we had on him, he just couldn't lose."

**Gun Runner** closed his career with a score in the \$16.3-million 2018 GI Pegasus World Cup and went home to Three Chimneys, where he has quickly become a standings-topping stallion.

"Well," Torrealba said, pausing ever so slightly to make his point, "I think he's as good as they come." John Gunther and his daughter Tanya bred **Justify**, who finished first in all six of this career starts for the ownership group of China Horse Club, Head of Plains Partners LLC, Starlight Racing and WinStar Farm. Hall of Fame trainer Bob Baffert developed the 13th Triple Crown winner--the second he handled in a span of four years--whose purse earnings were \$3,798,000.



The Gunthers's 2015 foal crop was beyond-belief amazing. Not only did they have **Justify** arrive that spring, but Grade I winners **Vino Rosso** (**Curlin**) and **Without Parole** (**Frankel**) were dropped, too. **Vino Rosso** won three Grade I races, topped by the Breeders' Cup Classic, and earned \$4.8 million for Repole Stable and St. Elias Stable. The Gunthers raced **Without Parole**, winner of the G1 St. James's Stakes at Royal Ascot and he is now standing at stud for them in England.

Gunther said that **Justify** was a standout from the start.

"As a foal, he did a lot with **Vino Rosso** in the same paddock, and **Justify** knew he was the king between the two of them," Gunther said. "He was always anxious to go out. He was just an unbelievable foal. We had both of them at the yearling sale and my daughter didn't want to sell either one of them."

Gunther said he put high reserve prices on the colts, figuring they would take them home. He was wrong. WinStar bought **Justify** for \$500,000 and Repole-St.Elias paid \$410,000 for **Vino Rosso**.

"My daughter, she actually cried when we lost both of them," he said. "It was quite a year."

Gunther said his son thought he was crazy when he predicted that the colts, unraced at the time, would both run in the Derby. He was correct and after the Derby win, he said publicly that **Justify** would win the Triple Crown.

"I really felt that way at the time," Gunther said. "Then he won the Preakness and we flew to New York for the Belmont and I just knew he was going to pull it off."

Rosario grew up on a farm in a massive family--he said his mother Angela had 15 children--and like many of the boys in his country, spent a lot of time playing baseball. He was introduced to racing as a young teenager by a brother and attended his country's jockey school. He said his parents had to sign papers that permitted him to begin his professional riding career as a 14-year-old.

"My mom didn't want me to go and do it," he said. "She had seen me riding horses all the time, but it's a little bit different, racing and riding on the farm. She was a little bit worried about it, but in the end, she was fine with it."

Rosario rode for six years in the Dominican Republic and was

the leading jockey the last four seasons. With Dominican trainer and bloodstock agent Herbert Soto providing some guidance, the 20-year-old Rosario made the move to the U.S. He started out at the Northern California tracks, Bay Meadows and Golden Gate Fields and on the fair circuit. In less than a year, veteran jockey agent Vince DeGregory convinced Rosario to move to Southern California and the top-level tracks of Hollywood Park,

Del Mar and Santa Anita Park.

Riding morning works and DeGregory's years of contacts helped introduce Rosario to the trainers in Southern California to get him mounts in the afternoon. Rosario credits John Sadler with putting him on horses and getting him rolling.

"He was my main guy," Rosario said. "If it wasn't for him, I wouldn't have been able to make it to where I am today. He really gave me a big chance with his horses. He gave me the first call on his horses that had a good

chance to win. That helped. When you have somebody like that, it helped."

Sadler was well aware of what Rosario was doing at the San Francisco-area tracks.

"I sent a horse up to Northern California and he rode it for me," Sadler said. "I think the horse got beat a nose, but I was very impressed with him even before he got here. When he came down, I think one of the very first horses I put him on he won and he got going from there."

Sadler recognized what other top trainers like Bobby **Frankel** were seeing and Rosario was an immediate hit. In 2007-08, he finished fourth in the Santa Anita standings.

"He was just so strong, such a good rider, and looked so good on a horse right away he caught my eye," Sadler said. "When he came down to Southern California, when he made the transition down, I started riding him more and more and more. He rode a lot of great horses for me."

The Sadler-Rosario team has compiled some notable statistics. According to Equibase, Rosario has ridden 245 winners from 1,030 starts for Sadler, a 24.7% rate, finished in the money at a 58.4% clip and earned \$21,361,905 in purses. In stakes, they are 48 for 227, 21.1%. Rosario has won 14 Grade I races on 10 different horses for Sadler.

In 2008, his first full year in California, Rosario jumped to 20th



Joel Rosario | Sarah Andrew



nationally in purse earnings. He was fifth in 2009 and has not been lower than sixth since. He led the nation in 2021 and earned the Eclipse Award as the outstanding jockey. In 2013 on Orb (Malibu Moon), he won the GI Kentucky Derby for trainer Shug McGaughey. Earlier that year he won the G1 Dubai World Cup on Animal Kingdom (Leroidesanimaux {Brz}). Rosario has two wins in the GI Belmont Stakes and 15 victories in the Breeders' Cup.

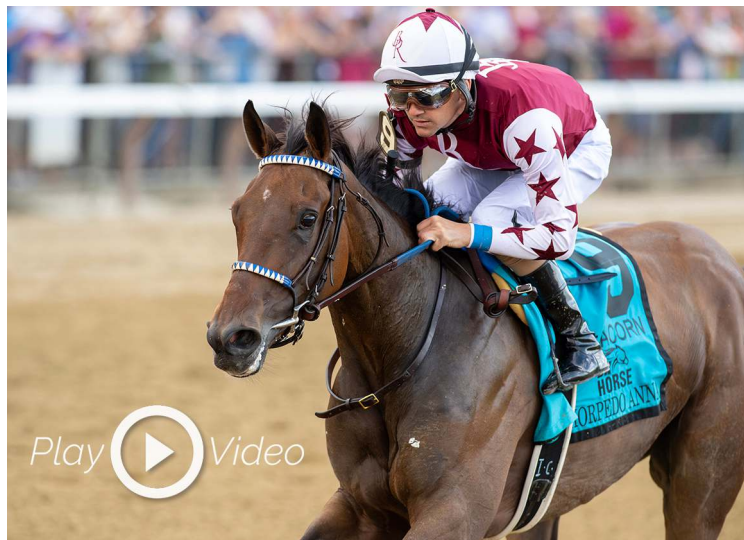
Success has not changed Rosario, Sadler said, that he is the same friendly, upbeat, humble man he met nearly two decades ago. Rosario said he has maintained the same habits that he developed in the Dominican Republic, where he realized that he was too small to be a major league baseball player and embraced another sport.

"There was a lot of hard work, a lot of dedication and a lot of help from people that I appreciate," he said. "They give me the horses to get me there. So many people. At my young age, I never thought so early, I was going to be in the Hall of Fame. It's very exciting. The hard work paid off and I'm very excited about it."

The ceremony at the Fasig-Tipton sales pavilion will begin Friday at 10:30 a.m.

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## BRIAN HERNANDEZ JR. JOINS TDN WRITERS' ROOM PODCAST



Thorpedo Anna with Brian Hernandez up | Sarah Andrew

It's been a magical year for jockey Brian Hernandez, Jr., who rides the best 3-year-old filly in the country in **Thorpedo Anna** (Fast Anna) and one of the best 3-year-old males in **Mystik Dan** (Goldencents). For the veteran rider that has meant wins in the GI Kentucky Oaks, the GI Kentucky Derby, the GI Acorn S. and the GI Coaching Club American Oaks. Thorpedo Anna will take on the boys in her next scheduled start, the GI DraftKings

Travers S.

Appearing on the *TDN Writers' Room Podcast*, presented by **Keeneland**, Hernandez said his good fortune has yet to sink in. He was this week's **Green Group Guest** of the Week.

"It's still surreal," the 38-year-old jockey said. "I don't think it's ever going to sink in. I've talked to other jockeys that have won the Derby before and they say that, no, it doesn't ever sink in. Then you're sitting somewhere by yourself and you're like, 'man, wow, we really won the Kentucky Derby.' It's a life goal achievement."

Can he add a Travers win onto his growing list of 2024 accomplishments?

"It's going to be another tough goal for her," he said. "But at the same time, she's done everything we've asked of her so far. So, we're going to go into the Travers thinking she's the best 3-year-old in the country right now. We'll be very hopeful and excited. It's one of those situations where, when you get a great filly like she happens to be, that you have to go ahead and give her the test. She's dominated the fillies so far. So you have to kind of up the game on her. Just let her show how good she really is."

Hernandez has won all the aforementioned races for trainer Kenny McPeck, who rides him whenever he can. McPeck's confidence in Hernandez has clearly given him a big boost to his career.

"My relationship with Kenny has to go back to a guy that hasn't gotten a whole lot of credit so far. It's my agent, Frank Bernis," Hernandez said. "He and Kenny work so well together that he does all the entries for Kenny. He's doing all the entries right now for Kenny at Saratoga and Ellis, and he's handling all this business. They just work so well together. And then I've been fortunate enough to have Kenny in my corner. It helps in my situation where I know I'm going out there that I am riding these good horses and these better races. I don't have to worry about getting taken off."

In our breeding spotlight section, we took a look at the **WinStar stallion Nashville** (Speightstown).

Elsewhere on the podcast, which is also sponsored by the **Pennsylvania Horse Breeders' Association**, **West Point Thoroughbreds**, **WinStar**, **XBTV.com**, **Stonestreet Farm** and the **KTOB**, the team of Randy Moss, Zoe Cadman and Bill Finley reviewed last weekend's racing action, including the win in the GII Jim Dandy by **Fierceness** (**City of Light**) and the feel-good story of **The Chosen Vron** (Vronsky) winning the GI Bing Crosby for the second straight year. We also previewed the huge Saturday card at Saratoga, which includes three Grade I races.

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## ETERNAL HOPE RETURNS TO ACTION IN GLENS FALLS



**Eternal Hope** inside of her Group 2-winning stablemate **English Rose Sarah Andrew**

by Alan Carasso

Unbeaten in two starts in this country as a 3-year-old last season, Godolphin's **Eternal Hope (Ire)** (Teofilo {Ire}) makes a belated seasonal debut in Thursday's \$250,000 GII Glens Falls Stakes at Saratoga.

A stakes winner going 12 furlongs over the Lingfield all-weather last May and third in the G2 Prix Alec Head, the homebred was the even-money pick for the GIII Jockey Club Oaks Invitational Stakes at Aqueduct last September and was a long way out of her ground before a late flourish saw her score by a neck. She backed up that performance with a half-length success in the GII Sands Point Stakes downstate the following month, but the hurdles here are not insignificant given the layoff and the presence of some talented turf distaffers.

"She hasn't been seen since her American starts last year, but her preparation has gone well," said trainer Charlie Appleby, fresh off a bounce-back victory in **Wednesday's G1 Sussex Stakes** at Goodwood with Notable Speech (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}). "We feel that, at that trip, she's a filly we saw who can get to a good level in America. We're looking forward to getting her back out. There will be a bit of improvement for the run, but she goes there in great shape."

**McKulick (GB)** (**Frankel {GB}**) upset heavily favored War Like Goddess (English Channel) in this event 12 months ago and added this year's GIII Orchid Stakes over the winter at Gulfstream Park. Fourth as the 3-4 favorite behind her front-running stablemate **Royalty Interest (Fr)** (Le Havre {Ire}) in the GIII Sheepshead Bay Stakes at the Big A May 3, the Klaravich runner exits an even fifth to Didia (Arg) (Orpen) in the GI New York Stakes over an insufficient 9 1/2 furlongs June 7.

**Chop Chop (City of Light)** hasn't missed the exacta in six outings this term and defeated **Atomic Blonde (Ger)** (The Grey Gatsby {Ire}) in the Apr. 26 GIII Bewitch Stakes at Keeneland before the latter turned the tables in the Keertana Stakes at Churchill May 25. The 4-year-old was a latest runner-up to the aforementioned War Like Goddess in the GIII Robert G. Dick Memorial Stakes at Delaware July 7.

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## ELINOR WOLF JOINS STARLIGHT AND STARLADIES AS MARKETING DIRECTOR



**Elinor Wolf** | *Elinor Wolf*

Elinor Wolf is joining the team of Starlight Racing and StarLadies Racing as their new director of marketing, partner relations and recruiting, the syndicates said in a release on Wednesday.

Wolf has spent the past few years studying abroad and working. During that time she completed the Irish National Stud Course in 2021, graduated from the Godolphin Flying Start Program last year, and for the past six months ran Thoroughbred Country in Ireland.

"I am thrilled to be relocating to the U.S. and joining Starlight Racing and StarLadies Racing full-time," said Wolf. "Reuniting with my family and preparing for the exciting times ahead--such as **Justify's** Hall of Fame induction, National Treasure's highly-anticipated run in the Whitney, and the upcoming yearling sales--is a true honor. Starlight and StarLadies have a remarkable track record, and I am eager to contribute to their continued success as we are now welcoming new partners on this exciting journey."

"We are thrilled to have Elinor joining us full-time in the U.S.," said Jack Wolf, Co-Founder of Starlight Racing. "While Starlight and StarLadies are known for being exclusive groups, which might give the impression that we aren't open to new partners,



that’s not the case. We are actively welcoming new partners, and Elinor is leading that initiative. Her blend of youth, experience, and enthusiasm for the horses is something the entire industry will benefit from.”

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## JOCKEY CLUB COMMERCIAL SUBSIDIARIES REORGANIZED AS TJC INNOVATIONS

The Jockey Club will rebrand its wholly-owned commercial subsidiaries--The Jockey Club Information Systems, The Jockey Club Technology Services, and InCompass Solutions Inc.--under a single commercial brand called TJC Innovations, according to a late afternoon Wednesday press release from the organization.

“To more efficiently meet the evolving demands of customers looking for comprehensive datasets and solutions that span the entire breadth of our businesses from breeding to racing to sales to retirement, TJC Innovations can service the customer with one call,” said James L. Gagliano, president and COO of The Jockey Club.

“In addition, a growing segment of the market is seeking more diverse and robust datasets to support big data applications such as artificial intelligence (AI) and machine learning. TJC Innovations has the raw data and expertise to work with the customer to ensure their unique demands are met.”

As part of the rebranding, TJC Innovations also announced three initiatives.

### T Lore

TJC Innovations executed an agreement to purchase the T Lore Management LLC (T Lore) business, a leading provider of racing stable management services and products to trainers in North America. Tracy Attfield, principal owner of T Lore, said, “I am thrilled to become a part of The Jockey Club team and look forward to working alongside their industry-leading technology group to continue to build out the T Lore platform and grow market share.”

“We are excited to bring Tracy on board to help materialize her vision of creating the industry-leading, feature-rich platform for trainers to manage their racing stables, share content with clients, and transact business directly with racing offices leveraging the speed and convenience of their mobile devices,” said Gagliano.

Attfield will continue to provide customer support and engagement while working closely with the professional software development team at TJC Innovations to continue to develop new tools to assist T Lore’s customers in more efficiently conducting their business.

### Halo

TJC Innovations will supply North American Thoroughbred data to Halo for its AI initiative.

“The Jockey Club is pleased to work with Halo and other entrepreneurs as they seek to use AI technology to develop predictive tools and unlock the power of data,” said Gagliano.

Halo founder and CEO Neil Sands said, “We want to introduce the power of artificial intelligence and big data technology to the Thoroughbred industry to help people turn data into actionable information for decision making and prediction. As the official source for North American Thoroughbred data backed by a renowned technology group, The Jockey Club was our preferred choice, and we look forward to working with them for our data needs.”

### Database Modernization Initiative

TJC Innovations recently launched a comprehensive project to modernize and expand The Jockey Club databases for growth and future initiatives utilizing an Amazon Web Services partner, Mission Cloud Services.

The cloud environment is expected to provide efficiencies with administration and enable accelerated time to market for customers increasingly seeking larger and more complex datasets to power next generation applications that rely upon AI and machine learning.

“While we have built several of our more recent products and services using cloud computing, this partnership with a leading Amazon partner will thoroughly modernize our database, which has served us well as the backbone of all of our data-focused companies,” said Gagliano.

“Through a comprehensive set of tools and training programs to guide technical and support teams, the official racing, pedigree, and breeding databases for North America will soon reside in a strong, secure cloud foundation with unlimited cloud computing and innovative technologies available to meet the increased demand for the foreseeable future.”

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## STEWARDS AND COMMISSIONS RULINGS

**JULY 25 - JULY 31**

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



Among this week's rulings, two trainers have been issued short suspensions. Trainer Jonathan Thomas has been stepped down for five days and fined \$4,000 for breaching the intra-articular injection rule, barring such joint injections within 7 days of a timed and reported workout.

Trainer Fernando Abreu has been suspended for seven-days and fined \$1,000 after one of his trainees, Scat Tu Tap, tested positive for two controlled substances: Magnesium Sulfate, which can be used as a calming agent in horses, and the non-steroidal anti-inflammatory Methysalicylate.

### **NEW HISA/HIWU STEWARDS RULINGS**

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

#### **Resolved ADMC Violations**

**Date:** 07/30/2024

**Licensee:** Fernando Abreu, trainer

**Penalty:** 7-day period of Ineligibility for Covered Person, beginning on July 31, 2024; a fine of \$1,000; imposition of 2 Penalty Points. Admission.

**Explainer:** Pending medication violation for the use or attempted use of Magnesium sulfate and Methysalicylate--Controlled Medications (Class B and C respectively)--during the race period from an event dated 6/16/24.

**Date:** 07/30/2024

**Licensee:** Rodolphe Brisset, trainer

**Penalty:** A written Reprimand (per 9/26/23 HISA Guidance). Admission.

**Explainer:** Vets' list medication violation for the presence of Omeprazole--Controlled Medication (Class C)--in a sample taken from Lakota Territory on 6/3/24.

**Date:** 07/29/2024

**Licensee:** Juan Carlos Avila, trainer

**Penalty:** Nothing. Withdrawal of Equine Controlled Medication charge for an alleged intra-articular injection within 7 days of a timed and reported workout.

**Date:** 07/29/2024

**Licensee:** Carlos Martin, trainer

**Penalty:** A fine of \$3,000. Admission.

**Explainer:** Intra-articular injection within 7 days of a timed and reported workout on the horse Autumn on 6/27/24.

**Date:** 07/29/2024

**Licensee:** Jonathan Thomas, trainer

**Penalty:** 5-day period of Ineligibility for Covered Person, beginning on July 30, 2024; a fine of \$4,000. Admission.

**Explainer:** Intra-articular injection within 7 days of a timed and reported workout on the horse Esme on 12/13/23.

**Date:** 07/25/2024

**Licensee:** Gerald James, trainer

**Penalty:** Disqualification of Covered Horse's Race results, including forfeiture of all purses and other compensation, prizes, trophies, points, and rankings and repayment or surrender (as applicable); a fine of \$500; imposition of 1.5 Penalty Points. Final decision by HIWU.

**Explainer:** Medication violation for the presence of Phenylbutazone--Controlled Medication (Class C)--in a sample taken from Hercules, who raced, was pulled up and ambulated off at Churchill Downs on 6/7/24.

**Date:** 07/24/2024

**Licensee:** Aaron Shorter, trainer

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

**Explainer:** Vets' list medication violation for the presence of Phenylbutazone--Controlled Medication (Class C)--in a sample taken from Business as Usual on 6/18/24.

#### **Pending ADMC Violations**

**07/31/2024, Emmanuel Tzortzakis, trainer:** Pending medication violation for the presence of Cannabidiol (CBD)--Controlled Medication (Class B)--in a sample taken from The Gatekeeper, who won at Parx Racing on 6/26/24.

**07/31/2024, Richard Dutrow Jr., trainer:** Pending medication violation for the presence of Dimethyl Sulfoxide (DMSO)--Controlled Medication (Class C)--in a sample taken from Dame Cinco, who won at Aqueduct on 6/21/24.

**07/30/2024, Paul Aguirre, trainer:** Pending vets' list medication violation for the presence of Acepromazine--Controlled Medication (Class B)--in a sample taken from Never Not Once on 6/24/24.

**07/30/2024, Isidro Tamayo, trainer:** Pending vets' list medication violation for the presence of Phenylbutazone--Controlled Medication (Class C)--in a sample taken from Lilly's Journey on 5/11/24.



**07/26/2024, Rodolfo Sanchez-Salomon, trainer:** Pending medication violation for the presence of Phenylbutazone--Controlled Medication (Class C)--in a sample taken from Return Fire, who won at Delaware Park on 6/20/24.

**07/26/2024, Miguel Hernandez, trainer:** Pending medication violation for the presence of Methocarbamol--Controlled Medication (Class C)--in a sample taken from Frisco Frills, who won at Emerald Downs on 6/16/24.

**07/25/2024, William Pribble, trainer:** Pending medication violation for the presence of Metformin--a banned substance--in a sample taken from Moringa, who finished fifth at Churchill Downs on 6/29/24.

**07/24/2024, Johnny Collins, trainer:** Pending intra-articular injection within 7 days of a timed and reported workout on the horse Greatest Dancer on 7/7/24.

**07/24/2024, Michael Tomlinson, trainer:** Pending intra-articular injection within 7 days of a timed and reported workout on the horse Beaver State on 7/6/24.

**07/24/2024, Neil Drysdale, trainer:** Pending intra-articular injection within 7 days of a timed and reported workout on the horse Love Alive on 7/4/24.

**07/24/2024, Eric Foster, trainer:** Pending intra-articular injection within 7 days of a timed and reported workout on the horse Publius on 7/3/24.

### Violations of Crop Rule

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

#### **Belterra**

Angel Serpa – violation date July 25; \$500 fine and one-day suspension

#### **Delaware Park**

Ederik O. Robles – violation date July 25; \$250 fine and one-day suspension

#### **Hawthorne**

Gregory Romero – violation date July 25; \$250 fine and one-day suspension

#### **Thistledown**

Jhorma Cespedes – violation date July 25; \$250 fine and one-day suspension

The TDN also publishes a roundup of key official rulings from the primary tracks within the four major racing jurisdictions of California, New York, Florida and Kentucky.

Here's a **primer** on how each of these jurisdictions adjudicates different offenses, what they make public (or not) and where.

### **CALIFORNIA**

#### **Del Mar**

Jeremy Laprida – violation date July 27; seven-day suspension for careless riding

### **NEW YORK**

#### **Saratoga**

Eric Cancel – violation date July 26; three-day suspension for interference

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## **CATALOGUE OUT FOR AUG. 26 TEXAS YEARLING SALE AT LONE STAR PARK**

The Texas Thoroughbred Association has catalogued 207 yearlings for the Texas Summer Yearling Sale beginning at 10 a.m. CT Aug. 26 at the sales pavilion on the grounds of Lone Star Park, the organization said in a Wednesday release.

The sale, which includes 91 Louisiana-bred yearlings, along with 48 Texas-breds, 32 Arkansas-breds and 18 Oklahoma-breds will also include a special dispersal of horses consigned by CS Sales, agent for Three Feathers Farm. The dispersal, which includes weanlings and broodmares, brings the total number of horses entered in the sale to 217.

"I'm pleased with both the quantity and quality of the yearlings in this year's catalogue," said TTA Sales Director Foster Bridewell. "We came down a bit in the total number compared to last year's near-record entries, but we really have some quality individuals in this offering and the entire region is well represented."

The TTA will once again host its pre-sale party Aug. 25 in the Alysheba Room at Lone Star Park starting at 5:30 p.m. CT. All buyers, consignors and horsemen are welcome to attend.

Click [here](#) to access the online catalogue and for more details.

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## OXLEY NAMED AS THE '24 HONOR GUEST B THOROUGHBRED CLUB OF AMERICA

Breeder and owner John C. Oxley has been selected by the Thoroughbred Club of America (TCA) as the 2024 Honor Guest, the organization said in a Wednesday press release.

Oxley will receive the award at the TCA's 93rd Testimonial Dinner, which will be held at Keeneland on Friday, Nov. 15.

"The Thoroughbred Club of America is delighted to name John C. Oxley as its 2024 Honor Guest", said Club President Charlie Boden. "Mr. Oxley is a true horseman whose equestrian exploits in the saddle are well documented and only eclipsed by his accomplishments as the owner of a Kentucky Derby, Kentucky Oaks, and multiple Breeders' Cup winners. His generous contributions throughout his life of his time and his money put him on a short list of Thoroughbred horse racing's greatest benefactors".

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## JOCKEYS TRANSPORTED TO HOSPITAL FOLLOWING INCIDENT AT HORSESHOE INDIANAPOLIS

Three jockeys were transported to Methodist Hospital in Indianapolis following an incident in the sixth race Wednesday, July 30 at Horseshoe Indianapolis. The jockeys involved were Yarmarie Correa, Marcelino Pedroza Jr. and Santo Sanjur.

Willadean, ridden by Sanjur, fell heading into the first turn, causing two trailing horses, Jack's Summer and Pedroza Jr., and Band of Roses, ridden by Correa, to also fall. All horses returned to their feet and were caught by the outriders following the incident.

As a result of the incident, Race 6 was canceled with the remaining starters pulling up before the finish line.

Additional ambulances and support staff were called in from the Shelbyville City Fire Department to assist with transportation to Methodist Hospital.

The remaining races on the program continued after a short delay at Horseshoe Indianapolis.

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## VIRGINIA RACING COMMISSION APPOINTS AHMED TO EXECUTIVE SECRETARY POST

The Virginia Racing Commission has appointed Waqas Ahmed to serve as its executive secretary, effective Aug. 10, the commission said in a Wednesday press release.

Most recently, Ahmed served as the deputy executive director of the Kentucky Horse Racing Commission (KHRC). In that role, he carried out several strategic initiatives, including the launch and implementation of sports wagering.

Prior to that, Ahmed served as the KHRC's director of

pari-mutuel wagering and compliance, and oversaw the launch of several tracks, historical horse racing facilities as well as advance deposit account wagering providers.

"We are pleased to welcome Mr. Ahmed to the Virginia Racing Commission," said Commission Chair Stephanie Nixon. "His vast experience will continue to promote, sustain, grow and control a native horse racing industry. On behalf of the entire commission we look forward to working with Mr. Ahmed for many years to come."

"I am honored to join the Virginia Racing Commission as Executive Secretary," said Ahmed. "Virginia's horse racing industry boasts a proud history and plays a significant role in the Commonwealth."

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## MONMOUTH TO HOST \$500 HANDICAPPING CONTEST SATURDAY

Monmouth Park will host a \$500 onsite and online handicapping contest on Saturday, Aug. 3, with two NHC seats, two BCBC spots and cash available for contestants, the track said in a release Wednesday.

Online options to participate are TVG, 4NJBETS and Xpressbet. Onsite registration will be from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. ET on Saturday on the first floor of the Clubhouse. For TVG and 4NJBets online player registration ends at 3 p.m. ET on Friday. Xpressbet players can register through 12:50 p.m. ET on Saturday.

There is a non-refundable entry fee of \$250 and a tournament bankroll of \$250 for wagering on races from Monmouth Park and Saratoga. Contestants must wager on a minimum of five (5) Monmouth Park races at \$50 each race.

The wagering format is win, place, show, exacta and daily double. Based on 150 entries the prize pool will consist of two NHC seats, two BCBC seats and \$10,000 cash. The top four finishers, in order, will choose between an NHC and a BCBC seat. Cash prizes will be awarded to the top 10 finishers.

For more information contact Brian Skirka at [bskirka@monmouthpark.com](mailto:bskirka@monmouthpark.com) or by calling (732) 571-6595.

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

**GLENS FALLS S.-GII, \$250,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/2mT**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Alpha Bella	Justify	Don Alberto Stable	Pletcher	Saez	122
2	Royalty Interest (Fr)	Le Havre (Ire)	Klaravich Stables, Inc.	Brown	Cancel	122
3	Chop Chop	City of Light	Selective, LLC	Cox	Dettori	122
4	Parnac (Fr)	Zarak (Fr)	West Point Thoroughbreds & Dream With Me Stable	Clement	Davis	120
5	Eternal Hope (Ire)	Teofilo (Ire)	Godolphin, LLC	Appleby	Prat	120
6	Atomic Blonde (Ger)	The Grey Gatsby (Ire)	West Point Tbrds, Clement, C & Winters Equine	Clement	Rosario	120
7	McKulick (GB)	Frankel (GB)	Klaravich Stables, Inc.	Brown	Ortiz, Jr.	122

**Breeders:** 1-Don Alberto Corporation, 2-China Horse Club International LTD, 3-Cobra Farm & MRJ Thoroughbreds, 4-Jean-Pierre Dubois, 5-Godolphin, 6-Gestut Karlshof, 7-Essafinaat UK Ltd

**Friday, Saratoga #8, post time: 5:10 p.m. EDT**

**FASIG-TIPTON SARATOGA OAKS INVITATIONAL S.-GII, \$400,000, 3yo, f, 1 3/16mT**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Cinderella's Dream (GB)	Shamardal	Godolphin, LLC	Appleby	Buick	121
2	Dancing N Dixie	Neolithic	Barber, Gary, Rocky Top Stables and LEMB Stables	Casse	Ortiz	121
3	Kathynmarissa 🌿	American Pharoah	Caruso, Michael J. and Dubb, Michael	Dutrow, Jr.	Dettori	121
4	Macanga	American Pharoah	Imaginary Stables and Barnhart, Mark	Dutrow, Jr.	Velazquez	121
5	Greenfinch	Justify	Westerberg, Magnier, S, Smith, D & Tabor, M	O'Brien	Moore	121
6	Segesta	Ghostzapper	Juddmonte	Brown	Ortiz, Jr.	121
7	Movin' On Up	Accelerate	Ramsey, Kenneth, L.	Joseph, Jr.	Gaffalione	121

**Breeders:** 1-Godolphin, 2-Freddie Hyatt, 3-Don Alberto Corporation, 4-Fred W. Hertrich III, 5-Orpendale/Chelston/Wynatt, 6-Juddmonte, 7-Estate Of Harvey A. Clarke

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

**NATIONAL MUSEUM OF RACING HALL OF FAME S.-GII, \$500,000, 3yo, 1mT**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Please Advise 🌿	Palace Malice	R. A. Hill Stable	Weaver	Prat	118
2	Buttercream Babe 🌿	Twirling Candy	Three Diamonds Farm	Maker	Ortiz, Jr.	113
3	Zverev 🌿	Oscar Performance	Belladonna Racing, LLC, Peachtree Stable, Twin Brook Stables and West Point Thoroughbreds	DeVaux	Ortiz	118
4	Neat 🌿	Constitution	Red White and Blue Racing	Atras	Alvarado	124
5	Lagynos 🌿	Kantharos	HRH Prince Sultan Bin Mishal Al Saud	Asmussen	Torres	118
6	Crystal Quest	Uncle Mo	Live Oak Plantation	Trombetta	Castellano	122
7	Barksdale 🌿	Street Sense	Cypress Creek Equine	Walden	Vazquez	118
8	Army Officer 🌿	Not This Time	Qatar Racing	Cox	Dettori	118

**Breeders:** 1-Spartan Team Investments LLC, 2-Repole Stable, Inc, 3-Andrew Warren, 4-Hidden Brook Farm & Spruce Lane Farm, 5-Robert Spiegel, 6-Live Oak Stud, 7-Dixiana Farms, LLC, 8-Castle Park Farm, LLC & Dermot Joyce

**Saturday, Saratoga #7, post time: 3:21 p.m. EDT****SARATOGA DERBY INVITATIONAL S.-GI, \$600,000, 3yo, 1 3/16mT**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Izzy d'Oro	Get Stormy	Kelly, Blake, Gellenbeck, Joseph and Russo, Isidoro	Kelly	Castellano	122
2	Cugino 🐾	Twirling Candy	West Point Thoroughbreds and Jimmy Kahig LLC	McGaughey III	Ortiz, Jr.	122
3	Legend of Time (GB)	Sea The Stars (Ire)	Godolphin, LLC	Appleby	Buick	122
4	Diego Velazquez (Ire)	Frankel (GB)	Westerberg, Brant, P., Magnier, Mrs. J, Smith, Derrick and Tabor, Michael B.	O'Brien	Moore	122
5	Deterministic 🐾	Liam's Map	St. Elias Stable, Langone, Ken, Duncker, C. Steven and Vicarage Stable	Clement	Rosario	122
6	Carson's Run 🐾	Cupid	West Point Thoroughbreds and Bouchey, Steven	Clement	Davis	122
7	Royal Majesty (GB)	Frankel (GB)	Besilu Stables	Mott	Alvarado	122
8	White Palomino	Kitten's Joy	Bakke, James J. and Isbister, Gerald	Brown	Prat	122

**Breeders:** 1-Shawhan Place LLC, 2-Gage Hill Stables, LLC & W. S. Farish, 3-Lordship Stud & Sunderland Holding Inc, 4-Epona Bloodstock Ltd, 5-Hinkle Farms, 6-Frankfort Park Farm, 7-Besilu Stables LLC, 8-Bakster Farms

**Saturday, Saratoga #8, post time: 3:54 p.m. EDT****TEST S. PRESENTED BY TICKETMASTER-GI, \$500,000, 3yo, f, 7f**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Emery 🐾	More Than Ready	Stonestreet Stables LLC	Cox	Gaffalione	120
2	Denim and Pearls	Into Mischief	Red White and Blue Racing	Cox	Ortiz, Jr.	122
3	Belle's Blue Bell	Girvin	Jacks or Better Farm, Inc.	David	Bravo	118
4	Ways and Means	Practical Joke	Klaravich Stables, Inc.	Brown	Prat	118
5	My Mane Squeeze	Audible	Butler, William J. and WinStar Farm LLC	Maker	Saez	122
6	Brightwork	Outwork	WSS Racing	Ortiz	Velazquez	122

**Breeders:** 1-Mary K. Grum, 2-Town & Country Horse Farms, LLC, 3-Jacks or Better Farm Inc., 4-Klaravich Stables, 5-William Butler, 6-Wynnstay, INC & H.Allen Poindexter

**Saturday, Saratoga #11, post time: 5:42 p.m. EDT****WHITNEY S.-GI, \$1,000,000, 4yo/up, 1 1/8m**

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PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Post Time	Frosted	Hillwood Stable LLC	Russell	Russell	120
2	Disarm	Gun Runner	Winchell Thoroughbreds LLC	Asmussen	Rosario	118
3	National Treasure	Quality Road	SF Racing, Starlight Racing, Madaket Stables, Masterson, R, Stonestreet Stables, Schoenfarber, J, Waves Edge Capital LLC and Donovan, Catherine	Baffert	Prat	124
4	Warrior Johny 🐾	Cairo Prince	Rigney Racing, LLC	Bauer	Gaffalione	118
5	First Mission	Street Sense	Godolphin, LLC	Cox	Geroux	122
6	Il Miracolo 🐾	Gun Runner	Soto, Eduardo	Sano	Franco	120
7	Crupi 🐾	Curlin	Repole Stable and St. Elias Stables LLC	Pletcher	Ortiz, Jr.	122
8	Tumbarumba	Oscar Performance	Wathnan Racing	Lynch	Saez	120
9	Bright Future 🐾	Curlin	Repole Stable and St. Elias Stables LLC	Pletcher	Castellano	124
10	Skippylongstocking 🐾	Exaggerator	Alonso, Daniel	Joseph, Jr.	Ortiz	122
11	Arthur's Ride 🐾	Tapit	Glassman Racing	Mott	Alvarado	118
12	Charge It	Tapit	Whisper Hill Farm, LLC	Pletcher	Velazquez	120

**Breeders:** 1-Dr. & Mrs. Thomas Bowman, Dr. BrookeBowman & Milton P. Higgins III, 2-Winchell Thoroughbreds LLC, 3-Peter E. Blum Thoroughbreds, LLC, 4-Mr. & Mrs. William L. Pape, 5-Godolphin, 6-Willow Oaks Stable LLC, 7-Claiborne Farm, 8-Coteau Grove Farms, LLC, 9-Clearsky Farms, 10-Brushy Hill, LLC, 11-Helen Barbazon, Joseph Barbazon & Tapit Syndicate, 12-Whisper Hill Farm, LLC



**Saturday, Del Mar #10, post time: 9:30 p.m. EDT****CLEMENT L. HIRSCH S. PRESENTED BY OAK TREE RACING ASSOCIATION-GI, \$400,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16m**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Flying Connection 🦋	Nyquist	Andrews, Cone or King, et al	Fincher	Talamo	121
2	Adare Manor	Uncle Mo	Michael Lund Petersen	Baffert	Hernandez	125
3	Scylla	Tapit Juddmonte	Mott	Smith	123	
4	Coffee in Bed 🦋	Curlin	Spendthrift Farm, LLC	Mandella	Kimura	123
5	Desert Dawn	Cupid	H & E Ranch, Inc.	D'Amato	Fresu	121
6	Sugar Fish 🦋	Accelerate	Talla Racing LLC or Sweetwater Stable	Mullins	Baze	119
7	Olivia Twist 🦋	Mshawish	King, Andrews or Coleman, et al	Fincher	Gutierrez	121
8	Pretty Mischievous	Into Mischief	Godolphin	Walsh	Rispoli	123

**Breeders:** 1-Liberty Road Stables, 2-Town & Country Horse Farms, LLC & GaryBroad, 3-Juddmonte Farms Inc, 4-Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC, 5-H & E Ranch, 6-George Gilbert, 7-Brushy Hill, LLC, 8-Godolphin

**Saturday, Saratoga #10, post time: 5:04 p.m. EDT****TROY S.-GII, \$300,000, 4yo/up, 5 1/2FT**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Mischief Magic (Ire)	Exceed And Excel (Aus)	Godolphin, LLC	Appleby	Buick	122
2	Outlaw Kid	Violence	R. A. Hill Stable and SGV Thoroughbreds	Weaver	Prat	118
3	Dancing Buck	War Dancer	J and N Stables and Diamond M Stable	Nevin	Franco	122
4	Xy Speed 🦋	First Samurai	Clear Stars Stable	Lerman	Gonzalez	120
5	Mischievous Angel	Into Mischief	Parkland Thoroughbreds	Abreu	Ortiz	118
6	Cogburn 🦋	Not This Time	Brewster, Clark, Heiligbrodt, L. W & Corinne	Asmussen	Ortiz, Jr.	124
7	Big Invasion 🦋	Declaration of War	Reeves Thoroughbred Racing	Clement	Dettori	118
8	Grooms All Bizness	Fed Biz	Colts Neck Stables LLC	Duarte, Jr.	Davis	122
9	Sosua Summer 🦋	Summer Front	Wachtel Stable, Barber, G & R.T Racing Stable	Mott	Rosario	122
10	Witty	Great Notion	Qatar Racing, Detampel, M & Merryman, Elizabeth	Merryman	Gaffalione	122
11	Thin White Duke	Dominus	Gleaves, Philip, Crist, S, deRegt, K & Hilliard, B	Donk	Lezcano	118
12	Disarmed	Macleans Music	Imperio, M, Rodriguez, Rudy & Gurdon, Andrew	Rodriguez	Rider TBA	118

**Breeders:** 1-Godolphin, 2-Robert G. Harvey, 3-J & N Stables LLC, 4-Monticule, 5-Parkland Thoroughbreds, 6-Bellary Bloodstock, 7-John O'Meara, 8-Colts Neck Stables, LLC, 9-Brereton C. Jones, 10-Elizabeth M. Merryman, 11-Phil Gleaves, 12-Kingsport Farms, LLC

**Sunday, Ellis #9, post time: 4:48 p.m. EDT****PUCKER UP S.-GIII, \$400,000, 3yo, f, 1 1/8mT**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Everland	Arrogate	Foster Family Racing, William J. Wargel, R.K. Eckrich Racing, LLC and Maxis Stable	Foster	Geroux	118
2	Kalispera (Ire)	Ten Sovereigns (Ire)	William K. Werner	Lynch	Graham	118
3	Waves of Mischief	Into Mischief	Qatar Racing, LLC	Walsh	Machado	118
4	Hello Hollywood	Oscar Performance	Double Heart Racing, LLC	Lynch	Ortiz	118
5	She's Fire	Flameaway	Gail Rice	Rice	Rodriguez	118
6	Pin Up Betty	Constitution	Three Diamonds Farm	Maker	Torres	122
7	Mo Fox Givin	Mo Town	Gary Barber	Casse	Torres	118
8	Sanctify 🦋	Audible	Valerie L. Peterson	Holsapple	Loveberry	118
9	Mont Saint Michel (Fr)	Wootton Bassett (GB)	SF Racing, LLC	Walsh	Achard	118
10	Adrasteia	Speightster	Fergus Bogle	Bogle	Cannon	118

**Breeders:** 1-George Strawbridge Jr., 2-Mrs Ann Marie O'Brien, 3-Pam & Martin Wygod, 4-Double Heart Racing, LLC, 5-Bill Adair, Phyllis Adair & Connie Brown, 6-Three Diamonds Farm, 7-Liberty Road Stables, 8-Chiyoda Farm, 9-SF Bloodstock SC, 10-Mullikin Thoroughbreds

**Sunday, Mountaineer Casino & Resort #7, post time: 7:40 p.m. EDT**

**WEST VIRGINIA GOVERNOR'S S.-GIII, \$200,000, 3yo/up, 1 1/16m**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Extra Anejo 🦋	Into Mischief	Winchell Thoroughbreds LLC	Asmussen	Torres	118
2	Heroic Move	Quality Road	Arnold Bennewith, Rick Wiest, Clayton Wiest, Lana Wiest, Randy Howg, R6 Stables, Gary Kropp, and Norman Tremblay	Diodoro	Hernandez	120
3	Discretionary Day	Acclamation	Tijuana Racing Stables, Jeff Jacobs & Dave Colone	Silva	Bracho	118
4	Komorebino Omoide (Jpn)	California Chrome	Perry Martin	Diodoro	Bejarano	118
5	Tembo 🦋	Carpe Diem	Tijuana Racing Stables	Silva	Negron	118
6	Rose's Pepino	Boys At Tosconova	Robert L. Inman	Inman	Oliveros	118
7	Play Chicken	Square Eddie	Tijuana Racing Stables	Silva	Bravo	118
8	Hit Show	Candy Ride (Arg)	Gary L. and Mary E. West	Cox	Geroux	118

**Breeders:** 1-Mt. Brilliant Farm, LLC & Orrin H.Ingram, 2-Gary & Mary West Stables Inc., 3-Donald Valpredo, 4-Perry Martin, 5-Stonestreet T thoroughbred Holdings LLC, 6-Robert Simonick, 7-Reddam Racing, LLC, 8-Gary & Mary West Stables Inc.

**Sunday, Mountaineer Casino & Resort #8, post time: 8:15 p.m. EDT**

**WEST VIRGINIA DERBY-GIII, \$500,000, 3yo, 1 1/8m**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Baxley	Klimt	Carolyn Wilson	Rivelli	Barbaran	118
2	Dimatic	Gun Runner	Winchell Thoroughbreds LLC	Asmussen	Torres	118
3	Dragoon Guard	Arrogate	Juddmonte Farms, Inc.	Cox	Geroux	120
4	Next Level 🦋	Vino Rosso	Don't Tell My Wife Stables	Desormeaux	Loveberry	118
5	Mugatu	Blofeld	Average Joe Racing Stables, Ltd. and Dan Wells	Engler	Allen, Jr.	118
6	Agate Road 🦋	Quality Road	Repole Stable and St. Elias Stables LLC	Pletcher	McCarthy	118
7	McQueen 🦋	Gun Runner	Glockenburg LLC	Perez	Oliveros	118
8	Society Man 🦋	Good Magic	Reeves Tbred Racing, West Paces Racing LLC, GMP Stables, Carl F. Pascarella & Yurie Pascarella	Gargan	Lanerie	120
9	Henro 🦋	Collected	JD Thoroughbreds LLC and Joey Keith Davis	Hartman	Bejarano	118

**Breeders:** 1-Hidden Point Farm, Inc., 2-Winchell Thoroughbreds LLC, 3-Juddmonte, 4-White Fox Farm, 5-JSM Equine, LLC, 6-CHC, Inc., 7-Gun Runner Syndicate & RemingtonBreeding & Racing, 8-SF Bloodstock LLC, 9-Brereton C. Jones

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Twirling Candy is the sire of Twirling Light, who needs a defection to drawn into Thursday's opening race at Del Mar | Lane's End

### Thursday, August 1, 2024

Saratoga 6, \$90k, 2yo, (S), 1 1/16mT, 4:02 p.m. ET  
 Horse (Sire) Sale Price (\$) Breeze  
 High Water Mark (Solomini) OBSMAR 60,000 :10 2/5  
 C-New Horizons Bloodstock, agent; B-SJB Stable Trust

Del Mar 1, \$75k, 2yo, f, 5ft, 5:00 p.m. ET

Madonna of Loreto (Caravaggio) FTMMAY 175,000 :10 1/5  
 C-Scanlon Training & Sales, agent; B-LRF Racing, John Dowd, agt

Twirling Light (Twirling Candy)-AE OBSMAR 600,000 :10  
 C-Eddie Woods, agent; B-Jet Horse LLC, Peter Miller, agent

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## THURSDAY'S INSIGHTS: CLEMENT UNVEILS PRICEY SON OF AUDIBLE AT THE SPA

2nd-SAR, \$100K, Msw, 3yo/up, 5 1/2ft, 1:44 p.m. ET.

LSU Stables's LETTER PERFECT (Audible), a \$425,000 OBS March breezer (:10) from the Eddie Woods consignment in 2023, kicks off his career--weather permitting--sprinting on the grass for Christophe Clement. Letter Perfect, previously a \$140,000 FTKJUL yearling, was the highest-priced colt from his sire's first crop to change hands at the 2-year-old sales in 2023 and the third most expensive from 44 sold overall. He is the first foal from his winning dam Syllable (Super Saver). **TJCS PPS**

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5th-Saratoga, \$87,300, (S), Msw, 7-31, 2yo, f, 1m (off turf), 1:42.03, sy, 2 1/2 lengths.

SLIGHTLY BUSY (f, 2, Munnings--Magic Mischief, by Into Mischief), a speed-and-fade fifth in her unveiling sprinting over the Big A lawn July 5, was given a 2-1 chance in this rained-off contest. She broke on top, led through fractions of :23.69 and :46.63 and made every pole a winning one. It was 2 1/2 lengths back to Playful Lass (Mitole) in second. After producing a colt by Epicenter this year, the winner's dam was bred back to Charlatan. Sales history: \$230,000 Wlg '22 KEENOV; \$350,000 Ylg '23 KEESOP. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$52,500. Click for the **Equibase.com chart** or **VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV**. O-Repole Stable; B-Pine Ridge Stables LTD (NY); T-Todd A. Pletcher.

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**6th-Saratoga, \$80,000, Msw, 7-31, (R), 2yo, f, 5 1/2f (off turf), 1:05.95, sy, 2 3/4 lengths.**

**MASCARA (f, 2, Caravaggio--Calidez, by Spring At Last)** was backed at odds of 9-2 to win at first asking in this rained-off maiden special weight restricted to horses that sold or RNA'd for \$50,000 or less in their most recent sale. She tracked the pacesetting longshot Episode (Maximus Mischief) from the outside and powered clear in the stretch from that one to graduate by 2 3/4 lengths. After producing fillies by Central Banker in 2023-24, the winner's dam was bred back to **Honest Mischief**. Sales history: \$9,000 RNA Ylg '23 FTKOCT. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$44,000.

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O-BHMF Racing; B-BHMF, LLC (KY); T-Wesley A. Ward.



**2nd-Horseshoe Indianapolis, \$32,000, Msw, 7-31, 2yo, f, 5fT, :56.99, fm, 1 3/4 lengths.**

**PERFECT FIGURE (f, 2, Caracaro--Figrare, by Purge)**, an \$85,000 KEESEP yearling turned \$125,000 OBSMAR juvenile, was given a 5-2 chance to kick off her career with a win. She vied for command from the outside, took over as they straightened and had 1 3/4 lengths over High Summer (Summer Front) at the wire. Perfect Figure becomes the fourth winner for her freshman sire (by **Uncle Mo**). The winner is a half to Wizard of Westwood (Tu Brutus {Chi}), SW, \$282,528; and a **Cairo Prince** colt of 2023. Figrare was bred to **Flameaway** for 2025. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$19,200. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#).** O-Full of Run Racing II, LLC & Silva, Frank; B-Pope McLean (KY); T-Brad H. Cox.



**FIRST-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: THURSDAY, AUGUST 1 2024 Stud Fees Listed**

**Authentic** (Into Mischief), Spendthrift Farm, \$50,000  
160 foals of racing age/2 winners/0 black-type winners  
6-Saratoga, 4:02 p.m. EDT, Msw 1 1/16m, Real Savvy, 5-2

\$360,000 SAR AUG yrl

**Higher Power (Medaglia d'Oro)**, Darby Dan Farm, \$10,000  
92 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners  
4-Colonial Downs, 1:38 p.m. EDT, Msw 5f, Fly Commander, 5-2  
\$40,000 FTK OCT yrl; \$37,000 RNA OBS MAR 2yo

**Improbable** (City Zip), WinStar Farm, \$15,000  
128 foals of racing age/2 winners/0 black-type winners  
4-Horseshoe Indianapolis, 3:43 p.m. EDT, Msw 7 1/2fT, Capt'n Pike, 10-1  
\$47,000 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 1 1/16m, Dignified Response, 8-1  
\$45,000 SAR AUG yrl

**Isotherm** (Lonhro {Aus}), Swifty Farms  
19 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners  
3-Horseshoe Indianapolis, 3:12 p.m. EDT, Msw 5f, Sweet Heat, 20-1  
RNA IOW OCT yrl

**McKinzie (Street Sense)**, Gainesway Farm, \$30,000  
170 foals of racing age/4 winners/0 black-type winners  
6-Saratoga, 4:02 p.m. EDT, Msw 1 1/16m, Richard Ave, 4-1  
\$170,000 SAR AUG yrl

**Rowayton** (Into Mischief), Taylor Made Farm, \$7,500  
30 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners  
1-Del Mar, 5:00 p.m. EDT, Msw 5fT, Playscape, 6-1

**Thousand Words** (Pioneerof the Nile), Spendthrift Farm, \$5,000  
124 foals of racing age/9 winners/2 black-type winners  
7-Colonial Downs, 3:10 p.m. EDT, Msw 1m, Brave Words, 8-1  
\$45,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$70,000 OBS APR 2yo

**Tiz the Law (Constitution)**, Coolmore Ashford, \$20,000  
98 foals of racing age/4 winners/0 black-type winners  
4-Horseshoe Indianapolis, 3:43 p.m. EDT, Msw 7 1/2fT, I Been a Cowboy, 10-1  
\$70,000 RNA KEE NOV wnl

**Vekoma (Candy Ride {Arg})**, Spendthrift Farm, \$15,000  
162 foals of racing age/11 winners/0 black-type winners  
4-Colonial Downs, 1:38 p.m. EDT, Msw 5f, Mi Bago, 4-1  
\$62,000 FTK FEB wnl; \$90,000 RNA SAR AUG yrl



**Volatile (Violence)**, Three Chimneys Farm, \$15,000  
 124 foals of racing age/6 winners/0 black-type winners  
 6-Saratoga, 4:02 p.m. EDT, Msw 1 1/16m, Vamonos Vamonos, 10-1  
 \$27,000 SAR AUG yrl; \$45,000 OBS MAR 2yo  
 4-Horseshoe Indianapolis, 3:43 p.m. EDT, Msw 7 1/2fT, Vehemently, 5-1  
 \$50,000 KEE NOV wnl

**War of Will (War Front)**, Claiborne Farm, \$25,000  
 113 foals of racing age/4 winners/0 black-type winners  
 7-Colonial Downs, 3:10 p.m. EDT, Msw 1m, The Brigade, 5-2  
 \$55,000 KEE SEP yrl

**SECOND-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: THURSDAY, AUG. 1**  
*2024 Stud Fees Listed*

**Audible (Into Mischief)**, WinStar Farm, \$15,000  
 261 foals of racing age/60 winners/5 black-type winners  
 2-Saratoga, 1:44 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2fT, Letter Perfect, 3-1  
 \$140,000 FTK JUL yrl; \$425,000 OBS MAR 2yo  
 6-Saratoga, 4:02 p.m. EDT, Msw 1 1/16m, Revivalism, 8-1  
 \$65,000 KEE NOV wnl; \$70,000 RNA SAR AUG yrl

**Demarchelier (GB)** (Dubawi {Ire}), Claiborne Farm, \$7,500  
 99 foals of racing age/26 winners/0 black-type winners  
 4-Hawthorne, 4:34 p.m. EDT, Msw 5f, Lylah Renee, 6-1

**Solomini (Curlin)**, McMahan of Saratoga Thoroughbreds, \$7,500  
 142 foals of racing age/32 winners/4 black-type winners  
 6-Saratoga, 4:02 p.m. EDT, Msw 1 1/16m, High Water Mark, 20-1  
 \$15,000 FTN MIX wnl; \$60,000 OBS MAR 2yo




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**Mei Guo Lao**, c, 3, **Yoshida (Jpn)**--Langtry, by **Street Sense**.  
 Yulong, 7-27, 1800m, sand, 1:58.27. O-Heli Horse Industry. B-Gary Broad--Walmac Farm. \*\$72,000 Ylg '22 KEESEP. **VIDEO**.



**STAKES RESULTS:**

**DE LA ROSE S.**, \$125,550, Saratoga, 7-31, (C), 4yo/up, f/m, 1m (off turf), 1:37.45, sy.

1--**POCA MUCHA, 118, m, 6, Tourist--Lost Badge, by Badge of Silver**. (\$37,000 RNA 3yo '21 KEENOV). **1ST BLACK TYPE WIN**. O-Pantofel Stable, Wachtel Stable & Zaro, Jerold L.; B-Brownwood Farm (KY); T-William I. Mott; J-Joel Rosario. \$74,250. Lifetime Record: 22-4-5-4, \$340,995.

2--**Be My Sunshine**, 120, f, 4, **Frosted--Sisterhood**, by Kitten's Joy. (\$55,000 RNA Ylg '21 KEESEP). O-Kenneth L. Ramsey; B-Kenneth L. & Sarah K. Ramsey (KY); T-Saffie A. Joseph, Jr. \$27,000.

3--**Hot Fudge**, 122, m, 5, **Liam's Map--Noelle's Mischief**, by Into Mischief. (\$50,000 Ylg '20 KEESEP; \$235,000 2yo '21 OBSAPR). O-KEM Stables; B-Edwin Anthony (KY); T-Linda Rice. \$16,200.

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Margins: 14 1/4, 5 3/4, 9 1/4. Odds: 10.30, 3.55, 0.45.

**ALLOWANCE RESULTS:**

**4th-Saratoga, \$95,000**, (S), 7-31, (NW1\$X), 3yo/up, 1 1/8m, 1:51.91, sy, 1 3/4 lengths.

**LEFTEMBEHIND (g, 4, Accelerate--Late 'n Left {MSP, \$222,420}, by Lucky Pulpit)** Lifetime Record: 15-2-1-0, \$115,835. O-Sackatoga Stable; B-SF Bloodstock LLC (NY); T-Barclay Tagg. \*\$45,000 Wlg '20 KEENOV; \$130,000 Ylg '21 SARAUG.

**7th-Delaware, \$50,250**, (S), 7-31, 3yo/up, 7 1/2fT, 1:30.85, fm, 3/4 length.

**SMITHWICK'S SPICE (g, 8, Frost Giant--Spicy McHaggis, by Good and Tough)** Lifetime Record: MSW, 45-11-10-6, \$556,367. O/B-New Spice Stable LLC (NJ); T-Douglas Nunn.

**3rd-Horseshoe Indianapolis, \$44,880**, 7-31, (NW1\$X), 3yo/up, f/m, 1m 70y, 1:42.52, ft, 1 3/4 lengths.

**ARDIS (m, 5, Mohaymen--Vain Vixen, by Good and Tough)**

Lifetime Record: 24-7-3-2, \$178,700. O-Matt Kwiatkowski; B-Justice Farm, Greg Justice (IN); T-Tim Eggleston. \*\$35,000 RNA Ylg '20 FTKSEL; \$22,000 Ylg '20 FTKOCT; \$35,000 2yo '21 OBSAPR. \*\*1/2 to Jersey Justice (Jersey Town), MSW, \$166,176.

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**3rd-Delaware, \$41,500**, (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$17,500), 7-31, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16mT, 1:43.75, fm, 1 length.

**PRECIOUS AVARY (f, 4, Divining Rod--Alytania, by Mutakddim)**

Lifetime Record: SW, 18-6-2-2, \$304,958. O/B-Smith Farm & Stable (NJ); T-Timothy J. Shaw.

**7th-Presque Isle Downs, \$37,690**, 7-31, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f (AWT), 1:09.63, ft, 3/4 length.

**ROCK N REWARD (f, 3, Warrior's Reward--Lust for Diamonds, by Street Boss)** Lifetime Record: 6-3-1-0, \$74,100. O/B-Warrior's Reward, LLC (PA); T-Tim Girten.

**4th-Thistledown, \$35,800**, (S), 7-31, (NW2L), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:11.86, ft, 8 1/4 lengths.

**MOMMA K'S BOY (g, 3, Cowtown Cat--Surviving New York, by Survivalist)** Lifetime Record: 9-2-1-0, \$57,026. O-Samuel Klein, Jr., LLC; B-Phantom Farms LLC (OH); T-Jeffrey A. Radosevich. \*\$20,000 Ylg '22 OTBOMX. \*\*1/2 to Mobil Lady (Mobil), SP, \$414,591; Sammy and Shorty (Mobil), SW, \$150,806.

**1st-Thistledown, \$35,800**, (S), 7-31, (NW2L), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:12.80, ft, 2 lengths.

**RED CHILI PEPPER (g, 3, National Flag--Bossy {SP}, by Street Boss)** Lifetime Record: 10-2-5-1, \$76,108. O/B-WinBlaze, LLC (OH); T-Timothy E. Hamm.


**7th-Presque Isle Downs, \$32,180**, 7-30, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 1 1/8m (AWT), 1:50.19, ft, nose.

**E MINOR (g, 4, Mendelssohn--Thmoruplathlesupay, by Unbridled's Song)** Lifetime Record: 16-4-0-2, \$73,270. O-Blazing Meadows Farm LLC; B-Ramspring Farm (KY); T-Timothy E. Hamm.

**1st-Penn National, \$31,000**, 7-31, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 1m, 1:36.94, ft, 10 lengths.

**AMITY ROAD (g, 5, Street Boss--Spinneret, by Mineshaft)**

Lifetime Record: 24-4-6-2, \$163,210. O-Rolando Lima; B-Shortleaf Stable (KY); T-Elliott Soto-Martinez.

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**3rd-Presque Isle Downs, \$30,225**, (NW2L)/Opt. Clm (\$32,000), 7-31, 3yo/up, 6f (AWT), 1:09.79, ft, 5 1/4 lengths.

**GAVEL (c, 3, Into Mischief--Conquering, by War Front)** Lifetime Record: 7-2-3-0, \$60,920. O-Carolyn Wilson; B-Hill N Dale Equine Holdings, Inc (KY); T-Larry Rivelli. \*\$225,000 RNA Ylg '22 KEESPE; \$400,000 2yo '23 OBSMAR.

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**4th-Louisiana Downs, \$27,000**, (S), (C)/Opt. Clm (\$25,000), 7-30, 3yo/up, 1mT, 1:36.99, fm, 2 1/4 lengths.

**WOODS N WATER (g, 5, Palace--Said and Done, by First Samurai)** Lifetime Record: MSW, 28-9-1-7, \$316,725. O-Painter, Richard & Dewberry Farm; B-Orange Grove Thoroughbreds, Inc. & Richard Painter (LA); T-Lee Thomas.

**7th-Finger Lakes, \$26,500**, 7-31, (NW16M), 3yo/up, 1m, 1:41.56, my, neck.

**BETA (g, 7, Alpha--Seven Deadly Sins, by Action This Day)**

Lifetime Record: 40-9-1-11, \$205,890. O-Louis P. Ferrari; B-Sequel Stallions New York LLC & Louis P Ferrari (NY); T-Michael S. Ferraro. \*\$7,000 RNA Ylg '18 FTKOCT.

**8th-Belterra, \$26,100**, (S), 7-31, (NW2L), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:13.12, my, 3 lengths.

**PRAYED TODAY (c, 3, Jimmy Creed--Pray Baby Pray, by Violence)**

Lifetime Record: 4-2-0-1, \$33,741. O-Charlie J. Williams LLC; B-Peter J. Shepell (OH); T-Brian Waltz. \*\$26,000 RNA Ylg '22 FTKFEB; \$32,000 Ylg '22 FTKOCT.

**7th-Mountaineer Casino & Resort, \$22,848**, (S), (C)/Opt. Clm (\$6,500), 7-30, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:10.68, my, 5 lengths.

**CHIEF RANDEL (g, 7, Fiber Sonde--She Could Be Good {SP}, by Daylight Savings)** Lifetime Record: MSW, 49-9-8-4, \$354,924.

O-Jody R. Waite; B-Harry D. & Ronald C. Waite (OH); T-Terry J. Crago.

**3rd-Assiniboia Downs, C\$20,350**, (S), 7-30, 3yo/up, c/g, 7 1/2f, 1:36.51, ft, 4 1/2 lengths.

**MCKAGUE (g, 7, Secret Circle--Northern Cotton, by High Cotton)** Lifetime Record: 28-8-9-8, \$126,242. O/B-Nearco Ltd. (MB); T-Carl Norman Anderson.

**6th-Louisiana Downs, \$20,000**, 7-30, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 5fT, :58.12, fm, 1 1/2 lengths.

**CLEAT (g, 6, War Front--Amazing Shoes {SP}, by Empire Maker)**

Lifetime Record: 24-4-4-5, \$130,896. O/T-Steven M. Asmussen; B-Claiborne Farm (KY). \*\$240,000 RNA Ylg '19 KEESPE.

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**7th-Fort Erie, C\$18,899**, 7-30, (NW2L), 3yo/up, 6 1/2f, 1:18.15, ft, head.

**AMAZING SUCCESS (g, 3, Hamazing Destiny--Sun Bonnet, by Successful Appeal)** Lifetime Record: 10-2-2-0, \$52,943. O-Bruno Schickedanz; B-Starfish Stable, LLC (AR); T-Norman McKnight.

**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**

**Bernin Tune**, g, 3, **Bernardini**--Distorted Music, by Distorted Humor. Presque Isle Downs, 7-31, 1m 70y (AWT), 1:41.75. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, \$21,800. B-Lothenbach Stables Inc (KY). \*\$55,000 3yo '24 FTDLOT. \*\*Full to She Can't Sing, GSW, \$883,558.

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**Little Lamb Chop**, f, 3, **Dialed In**--Two Wonders, by Three Wonders. Presque Isle Downs, 7-31, (S), 6f (AWT), 1:10.65. Lifetime Record: 7-1-0-1, \$23,958. B-Ron Clark (PA).

**Diane's Angel**, f, 3, **Dynamic Racer**--Lou's Angel (SW, \$121,212), by Cactus Ridge. Belterra, 7-31, (S), 6f, 1:15.89. Lifetime Record: 4-1-0-2, \$20,570. B-Lou Dunn Diekemper Trust (OH).

**Mr Corn**, g, 3, **Flintshire (GB)**--Shezasmitenkiten, by Catienus. Horseshoe Indianapolis, 7-30, (S), 1mT, 1:38.67. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$21,600. B-Captain Jack Racing Stable (IN). \*\$8,500 Ylg '22 INDMIX. \*\*1/2 to Timeless Rose (**Midshipman**), MSP, \$270,735. \*\*\*1ST-TIME STARTER.

**Bold Ambition**, c, 3, **Good Magic**--Silver Dollar Diva, by Harlan's Holiday. Saratoga, 7-31, (C), 1m, 1:38.10. Lifetime Record: 4-1-2-0, \$60,360. B-Fifth Avenue Bloodstock (KY). \*\$290,000 Ylg '22 KEESEP; \$120,000 2yo '23 OBSAPR.

**Irish Tenor**, g, 3, **Hard Spun**--High Pitch, by **Medaglia d'Oro**. Saratoga, 7-31, (S), (C), 5 1/2f (off turf), 1:04.52. Lifetime Record: 7-1-2-1, \$66,075. B-John McClutchy & Shamrock Racing Enterprises (NY).

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## 'HE WAS FIRING ON ALL CYLINDERS TODAY': BUICK HAILS SUSSEX HERO NOTABLE SPEECH



Notable Speech | Getty Images

by Tom Frary

Putting his G1 St James's Palace Stakes flop firmly behind him, Godolphin's **TDN Rising Star Notable Speech (GB)** (Dubawi {Ire}-Swift Rose {Ire}, by Invincible Spirit {Ire}) rattled home in style to dominate Wednesday's G1 Qatar Sussex Stakes at Goodwood, a "Win and You're In" for the GI Breeders' Cup Mile. On the limit in William Buick's hands following the pace set by **Henry Longfellow (Ire)** (Dubawi {Ire}), the Charlie Appleby-trained G1 2,000 Guineas hero was able to relax once placed in a pocket behind that 11-10 favourite and **Sonny Liston (Ire)** (Lawman {Fr}).

Seizing the advantage up the inside with 150 yards remaining, the 3-1 second favourite surged clear for a 1 1/2-length success from the closer **Maljoom (Ire)** (Caravaggio), with last year's runner-up **Facteur Cheval (Ire)** (Ribchester {Ire}) a neck behind in third and Henry Longfellow paying for his early exertions in fourth.

"He was firing on all cylinders coming in here today," Buick said. "He was a brilliant Guineas winner with a turn of foot you very rarely see and we saw that again today." [Cont. p3](#)

## BIG WINS...BIG OFFERS

By Emma Berry

Goodwood, UK -- In a near-repeat performance of last year, a Mick Appleby-trained 'Big' horse by a first-season sire, running in the red and blue silks of Paul and Rachael Teasdale's RP Racing Ltd, scorched to success in the G3 Molecomb Stakes.

What came next for Big Evs (Ire) (Blue Point {Ire}) was several victories moving up through the grades and rounding off his juvenile season in the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf Sprint. It is a pretty safe bet that with each new victory came larger and larger offers from stallion studs. The phone is probably already starting to ring for his successor, Big Mojo (Ire) (Mohaather {GB}), too.

Big Evs, who runs in Friday's G2 King George Qatar Stakes has been strongly linked of late to the name of Tally-Ho Stud, one of the best in the business for getting fast young stallions off to a speedy start in their second career. Sensibly, his owner is preferring to focus on the racing season and would not be drawn as to the eventual location for Big Evs once his racing days are over. [Cont. p5](#)



Rachael and Paul Teasdale (left) with their latest star, Big Mojo  
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### \$2,000 MARE IN IOWA HITS GRADE I UPGRADE

Chris McGrath speaks with Maynard Thompson on **Appleticious** (Flatter), who is now the dam of Grade I winner Nakatomi (Firing Line).

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*Zhijun Zhao, who has previously partnered with Yulong, secured Group 1-winning sprinter Espiona for A\$4.15 million (€2,490,512) at a standalone virtual sale held by Magic Millions on Wednesday. Arrowfield Stud was the underbidder. See page 19 | MM photo*

**8 | QATAR GOODWOOD FESTIVAL: NASSAU STAKES PREVIEW**

*The Qatar Goodwood Festival's Thursday highlight is the G1 Qatar Nassau Stakes, which features the returning Opera Singer (*Justify*).*

**11 | VALE DERMOT COX**

*A leading owner/breeder and pillar of the Kildare community, Dermot Cox died on Tuesday.*

**19 | AUSTRALIAN FRESHMAN TITLE FOR TOO DARN HOT**

*Former Darley shuttle stallion Too Darn Hot (GB) claimed the Australian First-Season Sire title.*

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**G1 Sussex Stakes Cont. from p1**

“Full credit to the team,” he added. “They’ve done such a fantastic job to get him back after a disappointing run in the St James’s Palace Stakes, where we knew it was too bad to be true. He’s a horse that really excites you and it’s a real privilege to ride him.”

Becoming the first colt since 1938 to win the Guineas without having raced at two, Notable Speech had nevertheless served notice that he was a serious piece of kit with displays that showcased his dramatic surge of acceleration in three Kempton Polytrack starts in January, February and April. His final act before his turf debut saw him close out the old “Easter Stakes” with fractions of :10.81 and :10.98 and so he went to Newmarket less an unknown quantity and more a lurking dark horse.

Perfectly suited by the bold early pace in that Classic and by the premature strike of Rosallion (Ire) (Blue Point {Ire}), the homebred picked off rivals one by one but at Royal Ascot he was too far out of his ground behind a moderate tempo and could only run hard into a pace that was already quickening ahead of him. What factor the outsider Sonny Liston had on Henry

Longfellow as he harrassed him throughout the early stages is hard to quantify, but where Ballydoyle’s colt emptied late the Appleby runner was full of fuel.

As it was, the race was set up ideally for Rosallion but he wasn’t here much to the dismay of his connections, who mentioned he is a possible entry for the G1 Prix Moulin on Sept. 8. At least the purists will get to see the rematch in a more balanced form now that Notable Speech will be re-engaging with the Hannon star with confidence restored. Appleby was quick to send a message to Hannon in the immediate aftermath. “First and foremost, I feel for Richard and all the team there with Rosallion, we wanted the ‘duel on the Downs’ and to have had two Classic winners coming here would have been fantastic,” he said.

“There was still plenty of strength in depth there with the three-year-old in Henry Longfellow and the older horses and was a race that still had to be won,” he added. “Disappointment always kicks in when you have an unbeaten horse and a Guineas winner beaten, but as I’ve always been taught, never look back, always look forward.”

Appleby is understandably keen on the Breeders Cup. “Going forward, will he stretch any further? I don’t think so,” he continued. “There’s no reason to go beyond a mile, people might mention the Breeders’ Cup Mile.” **Cont. p4**

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**William Buick and Notable Speech after their Sussex win**  
*Goodwood Racecourse*

**G1 Sussex Stakes Cont.**

He added, “The one thing about this horse is that he’s maturing and from January onwards, he was running once a

month and straight into a Guineas, so it was a quick and steep learning curve for him. We could see there was immaturity there going into Ascot, but today he’s become more of a man.”

Mauren Haggas said of Maljoom, who was running a career-best and returning to the kind of form that had seen him be a luckless fourth in the 2022 G1 St James’s Palace Stakes, “That was very good and each run this year he’s got better. He’s always slow away from the gates and you can’t give these good horses ground, but he ran on very well. I’d like to try him over a mile and a quarter. He is a beautiful horse and I hope there’s more to come.”

Michael Tabor said of Henry Longfellow, “The horse alongside him early in the race hustled him up and Ryan said he was never comfortable on this track. He has to be a lot better than that, but only time will tell.”

**Pedigree Notes**

Notable Speech is the first foal out of the G3 UAE Oaks runner-up Swift Rose, who is a daughter of the ill-fated Listed Prix Ceres winner and G3 Prix du Palais-Royal and G3 Prix de Meautry runner-up Tulips (Ire) (Pivotal {GB}). She is therefore a half-sister to Dubawi’s G3 Burj Nahaar winner Desert Wisdom (GB) and to the GI Natalma S. and G3 Fred Darling S. scorer Wild Beauty (GB) (Frankel {GB}). **Cont. p5**



- ◆ **Big Mojo breaks the track record when taking the Gr.3 Molecomb Stakes at Glorious Goodwood**
- ◆ **A second first-crop Stakes winner after Yah Mo Be There won the Listed Rose Bowl Stakes**

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**G1 Sussex Stakes Cont.**

The fourth dam is the G1 Prix Maurice de Gheest and G1 Haydock Park Sprint Cup heroine Cherokee Rose (Ire) (Dancing Brave), responsible for the G1 Poule d'Essai des Poulains third Bowman (Irish River {Fr}). This is also the family of the operation's G1 St Leger and G1 Hong Kong Vase winner Mastery (GB) (Sulamani {Ire}), the G1 Gran Criterium winner Kirklees (Ire) (Jade Robbery) and Invincible Spirit's G2 Challenge S.-winning sire Cable Bay (Ire). Swift Rose's second offering is a yearling daughter of Pinatubo (Ire), with her 2024 foal a full-sister to the winner.

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**Wednesday, Goodwood, Britain**

**QATAR SUSSEX STAKES-G1**, £1,000,000, Goodwood, 7-31, 3yo/up, 8fT, 1:35.97, g/f.

1--**NOTABLE SPEECH (GB), 128, c, 3, by Dubawi (Ire)**

**1st Dam: Swift Rose (Ire) (GSP-UAE, \$135,326), by Invincible Spirit (Ire)**

**2nd Dam: Tulips (Ire), by Pivotal (GB)**

**3rd Dam: Hint Of Spring (GB), by Seeking The Gold**

O/B-Godolphin (GB); T-Charlie Appleby; J-William Buick. £567,100. Lifetime Record: 6-5-0-0, \$1,145,410. **Werk Nick Rating: A+++.** \*Triple Plus\*. [Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree, or the free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree.](#)

2--**Maljoom (Ire), 136, h, 5, Caravaggio--Nictate (Ire), by Teofilo (Ire).** (72,000gns Wlg '19 TATFOA; 160,000gns Ylg '20 TATOCT). O-Sheikh Ahmed Al Maktoum; B-GCE Farm Ltd (IRE); T-William Haggas. £215,000.

3--**Facteur Cheval (Ire), 136, g, 5, Ribchester (Ire)--Jawlaat (Ire), by Shamardal.** (145,000gns Wlg '19 TATFOA; €120,000 Ylg '20 ARDEAY). O-Team Valor International LLC & Gary Barber; B-McCracken Farms (IRE); T-Jerome Reynier. £107,600. Margins: 1HF, NK, 1HF. Odds: 3.00, 5.50, 5.00.

Also Ran: Henry Longfellow (Ire), Sonny Liston (Ire). Scratched: Rosallion (Ire).

**Big Evs/Big Mojo Cont. from p1**

"We're talking to a few people about that and they're one of [the studs]. They're great people there but nothing has been decided yet," said Paul Teasdale. "Realistically he could have four more runs this year and we're looking forward to that."

He continued, "Now we'll have the same situation again but it's a nice problem to have and we're just delighted to have won this race two years running."

A maiden coming into Goodwood, Big Mojo had finished runner-up at Beverley on his racecourse debut earlier this month and he holds an entry for the G2 Gimcrack Stakes at York, which is run on the same day as the G1 Nunthorpe, in which Big Evs could also reappear.

Conor Quirke bought Big Mojo for the Teasdales at the Tattersalls December Yearling Sale for 175,000gns from the draft of his co-breeder Ringfort Stud.

The owner said, "Conor buys all our horses and he's bought another good one here. We bought him just after the Breeders' Cup. We are in racing to race and win and that's what we want to do. We are not in this to buy horses and sell them. We bought four two-year-olds at the end of last year and three of them are fantastically talented. The fourth we haven't really tried yet."

"Big Mojo is bred for six furlongs, so the Gimcrack Stakes will be the perfect race for him. We attended the Gimcrack dinner last year and have had a long-standing joke that I would like my wife to do the speech."

That joke looks a little more serious now, as does the current form of Mick Appleby, who had the first and third in the Molecomb, with Mr Lightside (Ire) (Earthlight {Ire}) finishing just a head behind the runner-up Aesterius (Ire) (Mehmas {Ire}). He also enjoyed a double on Tuesday - at Goodwood and Beverley.

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**Big Evs winning at the Breeders' Cup | Benoit Photo**

### Big Evs/Big Mojo Cont.

Appleby said of his Molecomb duo, "They could both go to America for the Breeders' Cup but Big Mojo will go to the Gimcrack first."

It was a good day to be called Appleby. After Mick came Charlie with his returning Guineas hero Notable Speech (GB), who gave a welcome boost to the Classic form with his rousing victory in the G1 Qatar Sussex Stakes. He too nominated the Breeders' Cup at Del Mar as a suitable end-of-season for the Dubawi (Ire) colt, and he knows a thing or two about winning the Breeders' Cup Mile. Appleby has landed it for Godolphin for the last three years running with Space Blues (Ire), Modern Games (Ire) and Master Of The Seas (Ire) - all three of whom are also by Dubawi. May the fourth be with him.

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## BACK-TO-BACK MOLECOMB WINS FOR CONNECTIONS OF BIG EVS AS BIG MOJO EDGES THRILLER *by Sean Cronin*



Big Mojo | Getty Images

The RP Racing-Michael Appleby axis annexed last year's edition of Goodwood's G3 Jaeger-Lecoulre Molecomb Stakes, with GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf Sprint hero Big Evs (Ire) (Blue Point {Ire}), and connections struck again as the maiden **Big Mojo (Ire)** (Mohaather {GB})--Jm Jackson {Ire}, by **No Nay Never**) edged a three-way thriller in this year's renewal of the five-furlong dash.

The 175,000gns Tattersalls December foal, who posted a debut second going five furlongs at Beverley earlier in the month, raced off the tempo in rear through the early stages. Making a smooth transition into contention once past halfway, the 25-1 outsider came under pressure to launch his bid entering the final furlong and kept on in resolute fashion to

prevail by 3/4-of-a-length and a head from **Aesterius (Ire)** (Mehmas {Ire}) and stablemate **Mr Lightside (Ire)** (Earthlight {Ire}), becoming the second black-type winner for his freshman sire (by Showcasing {GB}).

"I couldn't split Big Mojo and Mr Lightside, I worked them together on Saturday and couldn't pick between them," Appleby explained. "They are both very good and wouldn't be far behind Big Evs either as two-year-olds. They could both go to America for the Breeders' Cup, but Big Mojo will go to the [G2] Gimcrack first. The owner [Paul Teasdale] wants his wife to do the speech as the winning owner at the Gimcrack dinner and, to be fair, this was our main target with him. It's good to get some good two-year-olds because we can't train them apparently."

In the aftermath of collecting a 17th Glorious Goodwood win, Silvestre De Sousa added, "Big Mojo is an exciting horse. he's improved a lot since his last run in a maiden and it was a nice way to break his maiden in a Group 3. He has a lot of speed, I'd like him over six furlongs as well and he is only going to improve. I think he is a quality horse going forward. He is strong physically, but his mind is not there yet."

Teasdale revealed part of the winner's backstory and said, "We bought him just after the Breeders' Cup last year and wanted to call him Mojo, but we couldn't so we called him Big Mojo. We went to Beverley first time out and he was a little green, but he ran really well and then we've seen such an improvement. We were going to run in the maiden yesterday, but we said to Mick 'put him in the Molecomb and we'll see if he's good enough.' It's only his second race, but we're in racing to win, so that's what we are going to do. We are not in this to buy horses and sell them. We bought four two-year-olds at the end of last year and three of them are fantastically talented. The fourth we haven't really tried yet. Big Mojo is bred for six furlongs, so the Gimcrack Stakes will be the perfect race for him. We attended the Gimcrack dinner last year and have had a long-standing joke that I would like my wife [Rachael] to do the speech."

Archie Watson was not too downhearted reflecting on the runner-up finish of Aesterius. "You can't be unhappy," the trainer said. "He's just raced away from the winner a bit and these things happen in these big fields. He didn't really get to race against the winner there, but he's run a huge race and got his head down on the line to win the photo for second. He's very exciting, he's very professional and he's growing up race to race. Five furlongs I think is his trip and we'd love to finish off the year in Del Mar [for the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf Sprint], if he can get there. I think that sort of race, a quick turning five on quick ground would suit him. Soldier's Call went from the [G3] Prix d'Arenberg on to the [G2] Flying Childers, and I would imagine we will do something along those lines as long as we are happy. So it will probably be Chantilly next." **Cont. p7**





Big Mojo after taking the Molecomb | Goodwood Racecourse

### Pedigree Notes

Big Mojo, whose 2023 Bungle Inthejungle (GB) half-sister died last year, is the lone representative for Listed National Stakes second Jm Jackson (Ire) (**No Nay Never**), herself a full-sister to Listed Grand Criterium de Bordeaux victrix Singforthemoment (Ire). The April-foaled bay's second dam Kawn (GB) (Cadeaux Genereux {GB}) is a half-sister to G1 Lockinge Stakes and G2 Premio Parioli (Italian 2000 Guineas) runner-up and multiple Group-winning sire Trans Island (GB) (Selkirk), G3 Premio Sergio Cumani victrix Welsh Diva (GB) (Selkirk) and G3 Meld Stakes third Creekside (GB) (Dubai Destination).

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### Wednesday, Goodwood, Britain

**JAEGER-LECOULTRE MOLECOMB STAKES-G3**, £100,000,  
Goodwood, 7-31, 2yo, 5fT, :56.13, g/f.

1--**BIG MOJO (IRE)**, 129, c, 2, by **Mohaather (GB)**

1st Dam: **Jm Jackson (Ire) (SP-Eng)**, by **No Nay Never**

2nd Dam: **Kawn (GB)**, by **Cadeaux Genereux (GB)**

3rd Dam: **Khubza (GB)**, by **Green Desert**

**1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN; 1ST GROUP WIN.** (175,000gns Ylg '23 TADEY). O-RP Racing Ltd; B-Ringfort Stud Ltd & The Ladies (IRE); T-Michael Appleby; J-Silvestre De Sousa. £56,710. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$75,062. **Werk Nick Rating: F. Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree, or the free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree.**

2--**Aesterius (Ire)**, 129, c, 2, Mehmas (Ire)--Jane Doe (Ire), by Hallowed Crown (Aus). **1ST GROUP BLACK TYPE.** (52,000gns Wlg '22 TADEWE; 60,000gns Ylg '23 TATOCT; £380,000 2yo '24 GOUKB). O-Wathnan Racing; B-Sean Maguire (IRE); T-Archie Watson. £21,500.

3--**Mr Lightside (Ire)**, 129, c, 2, Earthlight (Ire)--L' Explora, by **War Front. 1ST BLACK TYPE; 1ST GROUP BLACK TYPE.** (£45,000 2yo '24 GOUKB). O-Fosnic Racing; B-Yeomanstown

Stud (IRE); T-Michael Appleby. £10,760.

Margins: 3/4, HD, 1 1/4. Odds: 25.00, 2.00, 11.00.

Also Ran: Celandine (GB), Usdi Atohi (Ire), King's Call (Ire), Amestris (GB), Soldier's Heart (GB), Vingegaard (Ire), Francisco's Piece (GB), Fuji Mountain (Ire), Sands Of Marra (Ire), Binadham (Ire), The Man (Ire), Arran (Ire). Scratched: Rock N Roll Rocket (Ire).

## BLUE POINT'S RAQIYA AWARDED OAK TREE STAKES IN THE STEWARDS' ROOM

by Sean Cronin

Shadwell's homebred Listed Cathedral Stakes victrix and G3 Summer Stakes sixth **Raqiya (Ire)** (Blue Point {Ire}--Rihaam {Ire}, by Dansili {GB}) flashed past the post a head adrift of **Jabaara (Ire)** (Exceed And Excel {Aus}) in Wednesday's G3 Visit Qatar Oak Tree Stakes at Goodwood, but was awarded the seven-furlong distaffers' heat in the stewards' room after that rival was deemed to have caused interference in the closing stages.

The Owen Burrows trainee, sent postward as a 7-1 chance, found a smooth rhythm along the fence in a handy third through halfway. Responding to pressure inside the final quarter-mile, she was forced to angle off the rail as Jabaara cut across her path with 100 yards remaining and lunged late to finish a head shy of that subsequently demoted rival.

"Roger [Varian] is one of my best mates and it is never nice to win one like that," said Burrows. "Jim [Crowley] felt we would have won with a clear run and, watching it a few times on the big screen, we probably felt we would have been an unlucky loser, but that is the way it goes here sometimes. It was there for all to see and it would have been a bit gutting not to get it. The most positive thing, even if we didn't get it, is that we learned seven furlongs on fast ground is her bag. That was a big positive to take out of it."

Crowley's enquiry evidence included, "I've had to wait until the cutaway and my filly is picking up. We've got the rail to run against and we've got plenty of clear room to go. The horse in front has just shifted across her and I've had to switch. I think she's lost a bit of momentum, I've had to check, then obviously she has stayed on again. I feel that, if that hadn't happened, she probably would have won. I stopped for about three strides and there's no question we have had to stop. With a clear run and, without losing her momentum, she would have won."

Varian commented, "I have only seen the race once and I don't want to comment on the interference or the stewards' decision. They have had the luxury of watching it many more times and from more angles than we have and they have come to that decision and we have to congratulate the winner. It's a shame. I think our filly was on top for most of the race, and maybe she just threw it away. I don't know what else to say. She ran well."

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Raqiya (right) was promoted to first | Goodwood Racecourse

**G3 Oak Tree Stakes Cont.**

**Pedigree Notes**

Raqiya is the fourth of six foals and one of three scorers out of an unraced half-sister to five black-type performers headed by stakes-winning G3 Prestige Stakes second Mudaaraah (GB) (Cape Cross {Ire}) and Listed Star Stakes victrix Sudoor (GB) (Fantastic Light). Her dam Rihaam (Ire) (Dansili {GB}) is also kin to the dam of G3 Priors Belle Stakes victrix and G1 Irish 1000 Guineas and G1 Falmouth Stakes placegetter A Lilac Rolla (Ire) (Harry Angel {Ire}). Sudoor, in turn, produced G3 Prix Noailles victor Raseed (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}) and her descendants include dual G1 Jebel Hatta hero Alfareeq (Ire) (Dark Angel {Ire}). The March-foaled bay's second dam Wissal (Woodman) is a full-sister to Bahhare (Woodman) and kin to fellow sire Bahri (Riverman). Raqiya is a half-sister to Listed European Free Handicap third Ribhi (Ire) (Dark Angel {Ire}), a yearling filly by Dark Angel (Ire) and a weanling colt by **Camelot (GB)**.

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**Wednesday, Goodwood, Britain**

**VISIT QATAR OAK TREE STAKES-G3**, £100,000, Goodwood, 7-31, 3yo/up, f/m, 7fT, 1:24.81, g/f.

**1--RAQIYA (IRE), 125, f, 3, by Blue Point (Ire)**

**1st Dam: Rihaam (Ire), by Dansili (GB)**

**2nd Dam: Wissal, by Woodman**

**3rd Dam: Wasnah, by Nijinsky II**

**1ST GROUP WIN.** O/B-Shadwell Estate Company Ltd (IRE); T-Owen Burrows; J-Jim Crowley. £21,500. Lifetime Record: 7-4-0-0, \$94,489. \*1/2 to Ribhi (Ire) (Dark Angel {Ire}), SP-Eng.

**Werk Nick Rating: A+++.** \*Triple Plus\*. [Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree, or the free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree.](#)

**2--Jabaara (Ire), 125, f, 3, Exceed And Excel (Aus)--Baheeya (GB),** by Dubawi (Ire). O-Sheikh Ahmed Al Maktoum; B-Godolphin (IRE); T-Roger Varian. £56,710.

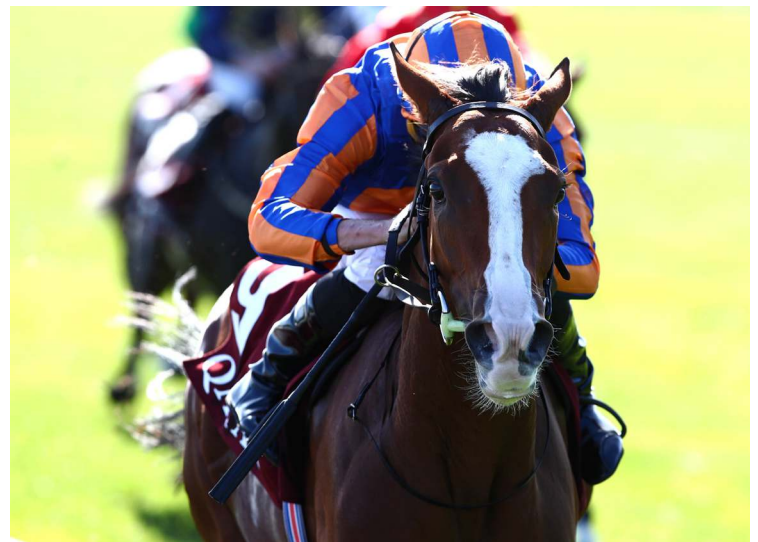
**3--Ziggy's Dream (Ire), 125, f, 3, Inns Of Court (Ire)--Shifting (Ire),** by Oratorio (Ire). **1ST GROUP BLACK TYPE.** (£24,000 Ylg '22 GOFFUK). O-Middleham Park Racing LIX & Mizon/HDR; B-Tally-Ho Stud (IRE); T-Alice Haynes. £10,760.

Margins: (HD, HF, SHD). Odds: 7.00, 2.50, 50.00.

Also Ran: Vetiver (GB), Kathmandu (Ire), Stop The Cavalry (GB), Breege (GB), Sea Of Thieves (GB), Pretty Crystal (Ire). Scratched: Armira (Ger), Fair Angellica (GB). \*Jabaara was demoted from 1st.

**RACE PREVIEWS**

**'IT'S GOING TO BE REALLY INTERESTING': O'BRIEN KEEN TO STRETCH OUT OPERA SINGER IN THE NASSAU** by Tom Frary



Opera Singer | Scoop Dyga

Like stablemate Henry Longfellow (Ire) (Dubawi {Ire}), there is a sense that Ballydoyle's **Opera Singer (Justify)** is only just beginning to get her season underway as she steps up to a mile and a quarter for the first time in Thursday's G1 Qatar Nassau Stakes at Goodwood. Reportedly ring-rusty when third in the G1 Irish 1,000 Guineas at The Curragh and looking in need of further than a mile when runner-up in Royal Ascot's G1 Coronation Stakes, last year's impressive G1 Prix Marcel Bousac heroine has the opportunity to truly express herself once again.

"Obviously she is stepping up to a mile and a quarter from a mile for the first time and we think that is going to be really interesting," Aidan O'Brien said. "We were delighted with her at Ascot, really." **Cont. p9**



## Thursday's Preview Cont.

The master of Ballydoyle continued, "That was just her second run and, to be honest, we couldn't believe how well she'd run first time in the Irish Guineas, given the setback she had in the spring. We thought her Ascot run was very good and obviously the form has been franked as Donnacha's filly came out and won the Falmouth at the July meeting. She's an exceptional filly, so she lost little in defeat."

## What Next For Emily Upjohn?

While this trip could bring out the best in Opera Singer, it may be that she is simply not as good as the seasoned **Emily Upjohn (GB)** ([Sea The Stars {Ire}](#)) whose fortunes it is fair to say have been mixed since storming on to the scene early in her 3-year-old career. Brilliant despite being narrowly denied in the 2022 Oaks and in capturing the G1 Coronation Cup last term, she is unbeatable when things fall right but has yet to convince this trip is her thing and needs to race with more restraint than when suffering another reversal in the G1 Pretty Polly Stakes.

While the winner of that Curragh contest, **Bluestocking (GB)** ([Camelot {GB}](#)), has thoroughly franked the form in the King George and the third Content (Ire) ([Galileo {Ire}](#)) was probably the moral winner of the Irish Oaks in the interim, the Gosdens' mare showed a tendency to overdo it there once again and a similar tendency on this tricky circuit could compromise her.

"She wasn't entered originally, because the plan was to go for the Pretty Polly and then maybe go on to Ascot for the King George, but we decided after the Curragh to stay at a mile and a quarter and go against the fillies again, then step her back up to a mile and a half again in the Yorkshire Oaks," John Gosden explained. "She's a top-of-the-ground filly and she ran a great race at the Curragh, but that rain came and she's not happy on it. She's won on it, but it's not her best surface. All being well, she'll run a big one."

## Plenty To Offer...

The Nassau has drawn the G1 Prix de Diane winner every year since 2019, with two completing the double and it falls to **Sparkling Plenty (Fr)** ([Kingman {GB}](#)) to attempt the feat this

time. Now part-owned by Al Shaqab Racing, Jean Pierre Dubois's homebred needs to improve on that but showed dramatic acceleration which will serve her well in this affair. Interestingly, despite the speed advantage of the Patrice Cottier-trained Chantilly Classic heroine, Al Shaqab have supplemented the Ralph Beckett-trained **Doha (GB)** ([Sea The Stars {Ire}](#)) as a possible pacemaker.

## More To Come From Elmalka?

Like Opera Singer moved up from a mile for the first time, Sheikh Ahmed Al Maktoum's G1 1,000 Guineas heroine **Elmalka (GB)** ([Kingman {GB}](#)) has strong claims as a daughter of the middle-distance star Nahrain (GB) (Selkirk). Fourth in the Coronation, trainer Roger Varian thinks the step up in trip will bring about further improvement from the homebred who remains dangerously unexposed. "We're looking forward to

running Elmalka, she's really well and she looks like she is ready to step up to 10 furlongs," he said.

"It will give us some direction for the autumn and we entered her for the Prix de la Opera this week and she will probably have an entry back at a mile in the Sun Chariot. She's in great form and has done nothing wrong all year, even her run at Ascot was a great run under the circumstances, so we're very excited to run her. It looks a strong race but we decided to get her out again."



Sparkling Plenty | Scoop Dyga

## Strikin Impression...

To say that Thursday is a big day in the life of Hamad Al-Jehani is an understatement, with the Qatari-based trainer preparing to saddle Wathnan Racing's acquisition **The Strikin Viking (Ire)** (Inns Of Court {Ire}) in the G2 Richmond Stakes. Off the mark in a warm contest at York in mid-June, he was second to Ballydoyle's Henri Matisse (Ire) ([Wootton Bassett {GB}](#)) in The Curragh's G2 Railway Stakes later that month so has the previous required to make an impact.

"He's a big, imposing colt and it's not just about this year with him," Richard Brown said. "He was on our radar after he won at York and I thought he was impressive at the Curragh. He's a thoroughly likeable colt with a big engine and he gave James a great feel last week. We're looking forward to running him in Wathnan's colours for Hamad." [Cont. p10](#)



**Tropical Storm** | *Racingfotos.com*

**Thursday's Preview Cont.**

Further pattern-race form is provided by Teme Valley Racing's Andrew Balding-trained maiden **Tropical Storm (GB)** (Eqtidaar {Ire}) who chased home Wathnan's Shareholder (**Not This Time**) in Royal Ascot's G2 Norfolk Stakes, while the Eve Johnson Houghton-trained **Billboard Star (GB)** (Advertise {GB}) was second to the Norfolk fourth Whistlejacket (Ire) (**No Nay Never**) in Newmarket's G2 July Stakes. There is added intrigue in the presence of Eleanora Kennedy's Fairyhouse maiden winner **Black Forza**, a son of first-season sire **Complexity** whose son Mo Plex flew his flag at Saratoga earlier this month.

Teme Valley 's racing manager Richard Ryan said of the former, "It was a great run in the Norfolk and he was caught a little wide on the wing and was a bit lonely, but he put his head down and kept on it really well. Oisin [Murphy] has ridden him on two occasions and on both occasions fed back to us he was keen to ride him over six furlongs, so it looked a logical race for him based on rider comments and he's trained really well leading up to it. He's got a very good mind, he's strong and has an admirable attitude and hopefully those attributes will be useful at Goodwood."

Johnson Houghton said of Billboard Star, "He's a lovely horse and it wasn't a surprise he ran really well in the July Stakes. I think he'll go close in the Richmond. He's run at Goodwood before, so we know he handles the track and we're very hopeful."

**Gordon Test For Jan Brueghel**

With an eye on the St Leger, Thursday's G3 Gordon Stakes offers the chance to further assess the merit of Ballydoyle's **TDN Rising Star Jan Brueghel (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}) who followed an eight-length debut win at The Curragh in May with a defeat of

his elders in that track's G3 International Stakes. Up from a mile and a quarter for the first time, the full-brother to Sovereign (Ire) should be more at home tackling this 12-furlong trip with Aidan O'Brien stating after his last outing that he is viewed as a staying type. He faces Australian Bloodstock Stable's recent purchase **Sayedaty Sadaty (Ire)** (Anodin {Ire}), who is out for the first time since finishing fifth in the Derby.

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**GERMAN 1000 GUINEAS HEROINE DARNATION HEADS FULLY SUBSCRIBED FIELD FOR SUNDAY'S G1 GERMAN OAKS**

*by Sean Cronin*

Newtown Anner Stud's homebred **Darnation (Ire)** (Too Darn Hot {GB}--Monday Monday {Ire}, by Galileo {Ire}) will make a second visit to Dusseldorf this Sunday--for an enticing renewal of the €500,000 166th G1 Henkel-Preis der Diana (German Oaks)--and May's G2 German 1000 Guineas heroine is set to encounter 15 rivals as part of a fully subscribed cast of 16 in the Grafenberg venue's 11-furlong annual highlight. The Karl Burke-trained G3 Prestige Stakes and G2 May Hill Stakes winner ran second when stepping up to 10 furlongs for Newcastle's G3 Hoppings Stakes last month and is set to make first start beyond that trip. Adrie de Vries, in the plate for her 2 1/4-length Classic win, renews his association with the 3-1 morning-line favourite, who will bid to become the third elite-level winner for her Dalham Hall Stud-based sire (by Dubawi {Ire}) from stall five. The two lowest-rated of the 18 overnight nominees, **Ninna Best (Ger)** (Best Solution {Ire}) and **Fang Mich (Fr)** (**Starspangledbanner** {Aus}), didn't have their entries franked.

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**Darnation** | *Racingfotos.com*



### German Oaks Draw Cont.

Darnation is part of an international quartet also featuring the Fabrice Chappet-trained G1 Prix de Diane sixth **Bubble Gum (Fr)** (Cloth Of Stars {Ire}), recently acquired from breeder Rashit Shaykhutdinov by the shrewd operators of Australian Bloodstock. The Luke Murrell and Jamie Lovett vehicle has a perfect three-for-three tally and its prior renewals have come by way of Salomina (Ger) (Lomitas {GB}), who won sporting the Gestut Bona silks in 2012, Turfdonna (Ger) (Doyen {Ire}) in 2015 and Toskana Belle (Fr) (Shamalgan {Fr}) in 2022. Jamie Spencer is booked to become the filly's fifth different rider in as many starts.

"We are incredibly excited about Bubble Gum's prospects in the German Oaks," revealed Murrell. "Our success in this race has been unparalleled, and we have high hopes that she will continue this tradition. Fabrice Chappet has done an exceptional job in preparing her for this moment, and we are confident she will deliver a strong performance. Bubble Gum is one of the most exciting and promising horses we have purchased in the last four to five years. She was behind Sparkling Plenty in the French Oaks and that horse has since been sold for a fortune. Importantly, other runners in that French Oaks have won, franking their form, this shows you the level of racing she has performed at."

Chappet added, "Bubble Gum has shown tremendous promise and has been in excellent form leading up to Sunday. We are looking forward to a competitive race and are hopeful for a successful outcome. Barrier draws will be crucial at Dusseldorf. She is still in the [G1 Prix de l'] Arc [de Triomphe], so we have a big opinion of her." Connections' hopes for a favourable berth were dashed as Bubble Gum drew stall 12.

Kirsten Rausing's **Lingua Franca (GB)** (Study Of Man {Ire}), a Sir Mark Prescott trained-homebred who broke through at stakes level when saluting in one of two prior runs over this race's 11-furlong distance, is drawn in seven while Joseph O'Brien's well-travelled G2 Ribblesdale Stakes fifth **Je Zous (Ire)** (Zoustar {Aus}) completes the foreign raiding party and gets stall 11.

The domestic defence is headed by Gestut Rottgen's G3 Diana-Trial victrix **Erle (Ger)** (Reliable Man {GB}), who has been allocated the inside gate and will be joined by Rottgen's Maxim Pecheur stablemate and G1 Deutsches Derby ninth **Weltbeste (Ger)** (Soldier Hollow {GB}). Andreas Suborics was successful aboard Amarette (Ger) (Monsun {Ger}) in 2004, but is thus far winless in the role of trainer. His two entries are German 1000 Guineas seventh and G3 Diana-Trial runner-up **Lady Mary (Ger)** (Lawman {Fr}) and G3 Hamburger Stutenpreis runner-up **Diamond Crown (Ger)** (Cracksman {GB}). The latter is drawn widest of all in stall 16. Andreas Wohler, the leading active conditioner with six prior victories, will send out **Spanish Eyes**

**(Ger)** (**Zarak {Fr}**), **Hope And Believe (Ire)** (Make Believe {GB}) and **Night Of Laki's (Ger)** (Lord Of England {Ger}). The line-up is completed by **Princess Valentina (Ger)** (Soldier Hollow {GB}), **Sweet Summer (Ger)** (Waldgeist {GB}), the Sarah Steinberg duo **Diya (Ger)** (Dubawi {Ire}) and **New York City (Ger)** (Sea The Moon {Ger}) and Listed Dusseldorf Diana-Trial winner **Ashana (Fr)** (The Grey Gatsby {Ire}). Ashana will have the assistance of Andrasch Starke, who has garnered a record six prior renewals.

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## TRIBUTES FLOW FOR 'COMPLETE SPORTSMAN' OWNER-BREEDER DERMOT COX

*By Brian Sheerin*

Trainers Edward O'Grady and Jessica Harrington have led the tributes to leading owner and breeder Dermot Cox following the death of the successful businessman on Tuesday.

A pillar of the community in Kildare, Cox owned many leading lights over jumps, including Cheltenham Festival hero Back In Front and Paddy Power Gold Cup winner Tranquil Sea.

Father to David of Baroda Stud, Cox played an instrumental role in the development of Punchestown racecourse. He has been attributed to being the driving force behind forging and developing relationships with overseas trainers, the fruits of which were on show when the Nicky Henderson-trained reigning Champion Chaser Sprinter Sacre lit up the track with victory over Sizing Europe in 2013.

His role within the track was acknowledged this year when Cox, along with champion national hunt trainer Willie Mullins and leading owners Sean and Bernadine Mulryan, were inducted into Punchestown's hall of fame. [Cont. p12](#)



**Dermot Cox: leading in Tranquil Sea at the Punchestown Festival in 2008 | Healy Racing**



Dermot and David Cox | Tamso Doyle

### Dermot Cox Cont.

Harrington supplied one of Cox's most recent big-race wins, the family's homebred mare Madam Bovary, who landed a valuable handicap chase under Robbie Power at that same meeting.

She said, "Dermot was just a lovely person--great fun to be around. He lived life to the full. I know he was a great sportsman and loved his hunting and shooting as well. He obviously loved his racing and something that was also dear to his heart was the Kildare Hunt and Punchestown races--he absolutely loved Punchestown."

Along with Back In Front and Tranquil Sea, O'Grady sent out 2002 Troytown Chase winner Takagi on behalf of Cox, who the trainer described as "a real sportsman."

O'Grady said, "Back In Front, Tranquil Sea and Takagi--we had many great days. Dermot loved his hunting, racing, shooting, rugby and generally loved his sport. He was a real sportsman. If I had to think of our best day together, perhaps it would be Tranquil Sea winning the Paddy Power at Cheltenham [in 2009]. That was a superb race. Obviously winning the Supreme Novices' in 2003 with Back In Front would also have to rank up there as well. You'd have to describe a man like Dermot as a complete sportsman."

Away from racing, Cox ran a successful cash and carry business [Cox's Cash & Carry] in Newbridge, which was sold in 2022. He lived at Rosetown Stud, which is beside his son David's Baroda Stud, of which he is understood to have been immensely proud of.

But it was his exploits at Punchestown that were revered among those who knew him best on Wednesday, including racecourse manager Conor O'Neill, who said days like Sprinter Sacre winning at the festival wouldn't have been possible without Cox.

"On behalf of all at Punchestown, we extend our deepest condolences and sincerest sympathies to the Cox family," O'Neill

said. "Dermot played an instrumental role at Punchestown for many years. He was a former vice chairman of Punchestown racecourse, he was a proud member of the Kildare Hunt Club and was also a master of the Kildare Hunt Club. His significant contribution to the track was acknowledged at this year's festival.

"He leaves behind him a number of legacies and played a pivotal role in establishing a tradition of UK-trained horses coming to Punchestown after Cheltenham. He created that tradition--more or less single-handedly to be fair to him--and also played a massive role in the redevelopment of the racecourse in 1998. He is a massive part of Punchestown's history, there is no doubt."

Husband to the late Ann, and much loved father of David, Louise, Aoife and Patrick, Cox is also survived by daughters-in-law Tamso and Vicky, son-in-law Kevin, and grandchildren Dermot, India, Isla, Sarah, Patrick, Louis and Tiger.

Reposing at his residence (W12 FC89) for friends and family on Friday from 2pm to 6pm. Funeral on Saturday to arrive at St. Conleth's Parish Church, Newbridge for 11am Mass. Burial afterwards in St. Conleth's Cemetery, Newbridge.

Funeral Mass in celebration of Dermot's life may be viewed online at <https://newbridgeparish.ie/parish-church>.

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## EUROPEAN NEWS

### ORBY BOOK 2 CATALOGUE UNVEILED BY GOFFS

A total of 480 yearlings have been **catalogued** for the Goffs Orby Book 2 Sale which runs from Thursday, Oct. 3 to Friday, Oct. 4.

The entire catalogue is eligible for next season's Goffs Two Million Series, which carries a minimum prize fund of €2 million exclusive to Orby Book 1 and Book 2 graduates. Alongside the Goffs Million race of €1 million, as part of the Two Million Series all Orby Book 2 yearlings can also qualify for the Goffs One Million Bonus Race Series which will see €1-million worth of €50,000 bonuses paid to the winners of 20 juvenile races in Ireland and the UK--double the number of 2024.

A variety of sires are represented at the two-day stand, including **Australia (GB)**, Blue Point (Ire), **Calyx (GB)**, **Camelot (GB)**, Dark Angel (Ire), Earthlight (Ire), **Gleneagles (Ire)**, Hello Youmzain (Fr), Mehmas (Ire), New Bay (GB), Night of Thunder (GB), Showcasing (GB), **Starspangledbanner (Aus)**, Teofilo (Ire) and Too Darn Hot (GB). **Cont. p13**





**A total of 480 yearlings will be offered during Orby Book 2**

*Sarah Farnsworth*

### Orby Book 2 Cont.

Among the lots of note are: lot 723, a New Bay half-brother to Group 2 winner Ebiyza (Ire) (Rock Of Gibraltar {Ire}); a Starman (GB) (lot 833) half-brother to Group 3 winner and Group 1-placed Hamza (Ire) (Amadeus Wolf {GB}); lot 853, a Mohaather (GB) half-brother to Group 2 winner and Group 1-placed Red Tea (GB) (Sakhee); lot 903, a Ghaiyyath (Ire) filly out of Group 3 winner Obama Rule (Ire) (Danehill Dancer {Ire}) who is a half-sister to Group 2 winner Insinuendo (Ire) (**Gleneagles {Ire}**), who placed in the G1 British Champions Fillies & Mares Stakes; and an Invincible Army (Ire) half-sister (lot 966) to group winners Amade (Ire) (Casamento {Ire}) and Nakuti (Ire) (Mastercraftsman {Ire}).

Goffs Group chief executive Henry Beeby said, "Ireland's National Yearling Sales week concludes with two days of Orby Book 2 and we are delighted to present a catalogue that looks set to provide even more of the quality and value that buyers have come to expect. As with Orby Book 1 we have listened to feedback and taken prevailing market conditions into account. The result is that we worked with breeders to deliver a more concise catalogue this year despite being offered more yearlings.

"A consistently strong source of two-year-old winners in Ireland and the UK, as well as international success that included stakes winners in the US, UK and France this season, the increased opportunities to win in the Goffs Two Million Series and in particular the €50,000 Bonuses make Orby Book 2 simply unmissable.

"We will be meeting new and existing clients on our many market visits across the UK, Europe and the US over the next two months and, together with Irish Thoroughbred Marketing, look forward to welcoming the world to Kildare Paddocks on the

first week of October."

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## LATEST BALLYHANE STAKES ENTRIES REVEALED

A total of 54 juveniles remain in the running for the €300,000 Irish EBF Ballyhane Stakes at Naas set for Monday, Aug. 5. This is the fifth edition of the lucrative prize, and nine challengers hail from British yards.

Hugo Palmer, who won the race last year, brings classy Chester scorer **The Flying Seagull (Ire)** (Kodiac {GB}) across the Irish Sea.

"The Irish EBF Ballyhane Stakes is a race we were keen to support having won it last year with Golden Trick (Ire) (Galileo Gold {GB}) and it is a great initiative of Joe Foley's so we are looking forward to returning," Palmer said on Wednesday.

"We did have quite a large number of entries in the race but we have whittled it down to The Flying Seagull and we are hoping he can run well.

"We were delighted with his win at Chester and then things just went a bit awkwardly for him back at Chester last time out. I thought he probably should have won that day but didn't jump well and things just didn't go right so he will have to put that behind him but we are looking forward to going back to Naas."

Of the 54 horses aiming to scoop the Ballyhane, 19 have already visited the winner's circle, among them course-and-distance winners **Amazing Athena (Ire)** (Mehmas {Ire}) and **Shiota (Ire)** (Tamayuz {GB}) for Johnny Murtagh and Joe Murphy, respectively.

Aidan O'Brien won the first edition of the Ballyhane, and he currently has **Heavens Gate (Ire)** (**Churchill {Ire}**) and **Right And True (Ire)** (**Arizona {Ire}**) signed on. His son, Joseph, also sports a victory in the fledgling showpiece and has left in **And So To Bed (Ire)** (Kodiac {GB}), **Elzem (Ire)** (Elzaam {Aus}), **Midnight Strike (Ire)** (**Starspangledbanner {Aus}**) and **Pompano Beach (Ire)** (**Ten Sovereigns {Ire}**).

Joe Foley, owner of Ballyhane Stud, said, "It is phenomenal to have 54 horses still in contention at the five-day entry stage and with nine of them UK based it shows how this race continues to capture the attention of owners and trainers from both sides of the Irish Sea.

"A full field of 24 of these horses will get the chance to race next Monday and with prize-money down to 12th place, half of the field will come away with money ranging from €150,000 to €4,000. This shows how a valuable race like the €300,000 Irish EBF Ballyhane Stakes is such a centrepiece for connections of two year olds to target each year."

The day's card will begin at 2:20 p.m. local time. For the current entry list, please visit the [Naas Racecourse website](#).

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## GOODWOOD RACECOURSE AND QATAR EXTEND THEIR PARTNERSHIP

Goodwood Racecourse and Qatar have extended their partnership in a multi-year agreement that will begin in 2025.

Currently, the 10-year sponsorship between the course and Qatar Racing & Equestrian Club runs through 2024. The new partnership will be between Goodwood and Visit Qatar as the main event sponsor. Visit Qatar will be the main sponsor of the meeting, and will also sponsor the feature race each day during the iconic five-day stand. The legacy of the Qatar International Stakes for purebred Arabians will be preserved, and it serves as the first leg of the Doha Triple Crown.

The Duke of Richmond, chairman of Goodwood Racecourse, said, "I would like to take this opportunity to thank Qatar Racing & Equestrian Club for their enormous contribution to the Qatar Goodwood Festival and to British horseracing. We are thrilled to announce our partnership with Visit Qatar and we are very much looking forward to working with them to continue to take our iconic raceweek to a new level."

His Excellency Mr. Saad bin Ali Al Kharji, chair of Board of Directors of Visit Qatar, said, "Building on the legacy of the Qatar Racing & Equestrian Club, we are pleased to announce the renewal of a multi-year partnership with Goodwood Racecourse. This milestone reflects our dedication to continue showcasing Qatar's vibrant culture and distinctive offerings to a global audience. We look forward to the opportunities this partnership will bring, further solidifying Qatar's positioning in the international sporting world."

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## DR CAROLINE SCOTT NAMED AS TATTERSALLS FINANCE DIRECTOR AND COMPANY SECRETARY

Dr Caroline Scott has been appointed as the new finance director at Tattersalls, it was announced on Wednesday.

Scott is a chartered accountant and has been head of finance at Tattersalls since 2023, having first joined the sales organisation in 2006 as the assistant financial controller. In addition to her new role as finance director, Scott has been appointed as company secretary and her appointment also holds significance as the first woman to join the Tattersalls board in its 258-year history.

Besides her longstanding role at Tattersalls, Scott's broad engagement with racing and bloodstock has included success as an amateur jockey and owner/breeder. She is also a doctor of equine physiology.

"It is an enormous privilege to be appointed as finance director

of Tattersalls," said Scott. "Having joined the company back in October 2006, I have enjoyed my time working in various roles within the finance department which have allowed me to gain a thorough understanding of Tattersalls and the industry it serves.

"My wider industry experience as an amateur jockey, a doctor in equine physiology and an active owner/breeder will also serve me well in my new role and I am looking forward to embracing the challenges that come with this appointment."

Tattersalls chairman Edmond Mahony added, "Caroline Scott has been a key member of the Tattersalls finance team for many years and has a profound understanding not only of the Tattersalls ethos, but also the international bloodstock industry. She brings a wealth of experience to the role of finance director and will be a valuable addition to the Tattersalls board."

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## FIRST-SEASON SIRE WITH RUNNERS

**Thursday, August 1, 2024:**

**UNITED KINGDOM**

**Arizona (Ire)** (No Nay Never), Coolmore Stud

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

18:30-EPSON DOWNS, 7f, **Noble Phoenix (Ire)**

35,000gns Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2022; 55,000gns

Tattersalls October Yearling Sale (Book 2) 2023

**Complexity (Maclean's Music)**, Airdrie Stud

121 foals of racing age/12 winners/2 black-type winners

14:25-GOODWOOD, 175K The Markel Richmond Stakes (Class 1)

(Group 2) 6f, **Black Forza**



\$27,000 Keeneland Association November Breeding Stock Sale 2022; \$65,000 Fasig-Tipton Kentucky Select Yearling Sale 2023; £220,000 Goffs UK 2yo Breeze Up Sale 2024

**Ghaiyath (Ire)** (Dubawi {Ire}), Kildangan Stud  
101 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners  
17:20-GOODWOOD, 7f, **Arabian Leopard (GB)**  
58,000gns Tattersalls Somerville Yearling Sale 2023; 150,000gns Tattersalls Craven Breeze Up Sale 2024  
17:20-GOODWOOD, 7f, **Ghaiyya (GB)**

**Hello Youmzain (Fr)** (Kodiac {GB}), Haras d'Etream  
110 foals of racing age/8 winners/0 black-type winners  
16:10-GOODWOOD, 7f, **Kon'nichiwa (Fr)**  
€60,000 Arqana Deauville October Yearlings 2023  
16:10-GOODWOOD, 7f, **Veydari (Ire)**  
38,000gns Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2022; 58,000gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale (Book 2) 2023; 200,000gns Tattersalls Craven Breeze Up Sale 2024

**Mohaather (GB)** (Showcasing {GB}), Beech House Stud  
96 foals of racing age/5 winners/2 black-type winners  
14:00-NOTTINGHAM, 5f, **Skellig Isle (GB)**  
16:10-GOODWOOD, 7f, **Dukes of Haather (GB)**  
47,000gns Tattersalls Somerville Yearling Sale 2023

**River Boyne (Ire)** (Dandy Man {Ire}), Tara Stud  
30 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners  
18:30-EPSOM DOWNS, 7f, **Broadhaven Bay (Ire)**  
20,000gns Tattersalls Somerville Yearling Sale 2023; £9,000 Goffs UK 2yo Breeze Up Sale 2024

**Romanised (Ire)** (**Holy Roman Emperor (Ire)**), Haras de Bouquetot  
84 foals of racing age/3 winners/0 black-type winners  
17:20-GOODWOOD, 7f, **Romantic Spirit (Fr)**  
€4,000 Arqana December Breeding Stock Sale 2022; €22,000 Arqana Deauville October Yearlings 2023

**Sergei Prokofiev** (Scat Daddy), Whitsbury Manor Stud  
121 foals of racing age/11 winners/2 black-type winners  
14:00-NOTTINGHAM, 5f, **Shostakova (GB)**  
17:20-GOODWOOD, 7f, **Bela Sonata (GB)**

**Sottsass (Fr)** (Siyouni {Fr}), Coolmore Stud  
98 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners  
16:10-GOODWOOD, 7f, **Defence Missile (Ire)**  
€55,000 Goffs Orby Yearling Sale (Book 1) 2023

**Without Parole (GB)** (**Frankel (GB)**), Newsells Park Stud  
53 foals of racing age/6 winners/0 black-type winners  
16:10-GOODWOOD, 7f, **Mr Chaplin (GB)**  
58,000gns Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2022; 120,000gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale (Book 1) 2023  
18:30-EPSOM DOWNS, 7f, **Parole d'Oro (GB)**  
62,000gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale (Book 2) 2023

## FRANCE

**Earthlight (Ire)** (Shamardal), Kildangan Stud  
112 foals of racing age/7 winners/1 black-type winner  
5-DEAUVILLE, 1200m, **Fort Etna (Ire)**  
€38,000 RNA Goffs Orby Yearling Sale (Book 2) 2023; €48,000 RNA Arqana May 2yo Breeze Up 2024

**Hello Youmzain (Fr)** (Kodiac {GB}), Haras d'Etream  
110 foals of racing age/8 winners/0 black-type winners  
5-DEAUVILLE, 1200m, **Reux (Fr)**  
€67,000 Arqana December Breeding Stock Sale 2022; €90,000 Arqana Deauville August Yearling Sale 2023



**Complexity** | Sarah Andrew

## OBSERVATIONS

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### BALLYDOYLE'S DAUGHTER OF TAPESTRY DEBUTS AT GOODWOOD

**17.20 Goodwood, Mdn, £60,000, 2yo, f, 7fT**  
**DREAMY (IRE)** (**American Pharoah**) is an eye-catching newcomer for Ballydoyle, being a daughter of the G1 Yorkshire Oaks heroine Tapestry (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}). [Cont. p16](#)



Tapestry and Ryan Moore after winning the Yorkshire Oaks  
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### Observations Cont.

From the stable that won this with Rhododendron (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) in 2016, the Niarchos colour-bearer faces a field stacked with potential including the fellow newcomer **Ghaiyya (GB) (Ghaiyyath {Ire})**, Mascalls Stud's half-sister to Subjectivist (GB) (Teofilo {Ire}) and Sir Ron Priestley (GB) (**Australia (GB)**) trained like those staying stars by the Johnston stable.

### HOW THEY FARED

#### 14.05 Redcar, Nov, £8,000, 2yo, 5f 217yT

Karl Burke trainee **Arabian Angel (Ire) (Dark Angel {Ire})**, a half-brother to G3 Palace House Stakes-winning freshman sire Far Above (Ire) (Farhh {GB}), dwelt at the break and made headway from halfway to finish 3 1/4 lengths behind the winner in second.

#### 16.55 Sandown, Novice, £10,000, 2yo, 7fT

**King's Charter (Ire) (Kingman {GB})**, Godolphin's €650,000 Goffs Orby Book 1 half-brother to Skitter Scatter (Scat Daddy), was the epitome of an eye-catcher as he powered up the rise to the line to be a highly creditable 1 1/4-lengths third.

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## BRITAIN

### Wednesday's Results:

**6th-Goodwood, £75,000, Cond, 7-31, 2yo, f, 5fT, :56.22, g/f.**

**COTO DE CAZA (IRE) (f, 2, Sioux Nation--Coto {Ire}, by Fast Company {Ire})**, who recorded a five-length tally when shedding maiden status over this trip at Beverley earlier in the month, recovered from early bumps and tanked along behind the front rank through the early fractions of this British Stallion Studs EBF Alice Keppel Fillies' Conditions Stakes. Shaken up with 1 1/2 furlongs remaining, the 2-1 favourite seized control soon after and was ridden clear to easily outpoint Storm Call (Ire) (Soldier's Call {GB}) by an impressive 2 1/2 lengths. "Coto De Caza is just a little bit flighty and was getting very worked up, so I asked the stewards if we could go down early," explained Ed Crisford. "To be honest, I thought she had run her race on the way to the start and I was very worried. She's a good filly, she's got a lot of talent and a lot of class. She was not as bad when she won at Beverley, but that was a quiet meeting and this is a festival meeting with a lot of people. It's very hot as well and a few of them were getting warm, but she was particularly getting worked up. I'm pleased for the owner, they don't have many horses, so it is great for them. I don't think we want to be bringing her back too quickly after this, so we'll give her the time and see how she is. Maybe something like the [G2] Flying Childers might suit her. I think we have learnt a lot about her today and it is about channelling that energy in the right spot now." Coto De Caza is the latest of three foals and lone scorer out of a multiple-winning half-sister to Listed Celebration Stakes victor Insignia Of Rank (Ire) (Epaulette {Aus}) and Listed Scottish Sprint runner-up Mayleaf Shine (Ire) (Mayson {GB}). **Cont. p17**



Coto De Caza | Goodwood Racecourse



**6th-Goodwood Cont.**

The April-foaled bay's fourth dam Minnie Hawk (Sir Ivor) produced G1 Prix du Cadran winner Chief Contender (Ire) (Sadler's Wells) and G1 Phoenix Stakes victrix Aviance (Ire) (Northfields). Aviance, in turn, is the dam of multiple Grade I-winning sire Denon (Pleasant Colony), dual Group 1-winning distaffer Chimes Of Freedom (Private Account), stakes-winning G1 Cheveley Park Stakes second Imperfect Circle (Riverman) and G1 Prix Marcel Boussac runner-up Piquetnol (Private Account). Sales history: €270,000 2yo '24 TATGOR. Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-1, \$55,542. O-Mohammed Sultan; B-Matthew Tynan (IRE); T-S & Ed Crisford.

**3rd-Sandown, £10,000, Novice, 7-31, 2yo, 7fT, 1:28.23, g/f.**  
**BAY CITY ROLLER (IRE) (c, 2, New Bay {GB}--Bloomfield {Ire} {MSW & MGSP-Ire, \$136,764}, by Teofilo {Ire})**, sent off the 9-4 favourite, travelled strongly behind the early leaders before looming on the front end passing two out. Stayed on powerfully up the hill to the line, the newcomer held the stern challenger of Vecu (Ire) (**Churchill {Ire}**) to prevail by a neck in a race that should produce an abundance of winners. The enigmatic owner Clive Washbourn was on hand to celebrate the win and said, "Billy Jackson-Stops and George Scott rang me and said 'we know you love New Bays and we've found the best New Bay in Goffs' and that was some impressive performance on ground he doesn't like--he has one target this year and that is the Goffs Million--I want the dosh! I told them that if he wins that they can have half the cash to go and get another one." The dam, who captured the Listed Vintage Tipple Stakes and Listed Noblesse Stakes and was runner-up in the G3 Give Thanks Stakes and G3 Munster Oaks, is also responsible for the classy handicapper Botanical (Ire) (Lope De Vega {Ire}). A half to the G3 Athasi Stakes winner Prima Luce (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) from the esteemed family of Cassandra Go (Ire) (Indian Ridge {Ire}) and Halfway To Heaven (Ire) (Pivotal {GB}), her yearling filly is by Blue Point (Ire) while she also has a colt foal by Blue Point (Ire). Sales history: €320,000 Ylg '23 GOFOR. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$6,916. O-Clive Washbourn; B-John Connaughton (IRE); T-George Scott.

**1st-Redcar, £8,000, Nov, 7-31, 2yo, 5f 217yT, 1:10.79, g/f.**  
**DIABLO ROJO (IRE) (c, 2, Pinatubo {Ire}--Boston Rocker {Ire} {GSP-Ire & SP-Eng}, by Acclamation {GB})** sought cover in mid division and found it after the opening exchanges of this debut. Powering forward into contention at halfway, the 6-1 chance quickened to the fore soon after passing the two pole and was ridden clear in the latter stages to easily defeat Arabian Angel (Ire) (Dark Angel {Ire}) by an impressive 3 1/4 lengths, becoming the seventh winner for his freshman sire (by Shamardal). Diablo

Rojo is the fifth of seven foals and fourth scorer produced by G3 Ballyogan Stakes runner-up Boston Rocker (Ire) (Acclamation {GB}), herself out of a winning half-sister to G2 Flying Childers Stakes victrix and dual Group 1-placed matriarch Superstar Leo (Ire) (College Chapel {GB}). The April-foaled bay is a half-brother to G2 Zabeel Mile-winning G1 Poule d'Essai des Poulains and G1 Jebel Hatta third San Donato (Ire) (Lope De Vega {Ire}), a yearling colt by Night Of Thunder (Ire) and a weanling colt by Blue Point (Ire). Sales history: 325,000gns Ylg '23 TATOCT. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$5,532.

O-Amo Racing Ltd; B-J Hanly, A Stroud & Skymarc Farm (IRE); T-Raphael Freire.

**2nd-Redcar, £7,000, Nov, 7-31, 3yo/up, f, 7fT, 1:23.20, g/f.**  
**COGNISANCE (GB) (f, 3, Sea The Stars {Ire}--Careful Thought {GB}, by Brazen Beau {Aus})** settled in a prominent second after breaking to the fore in this belated debut. Inching ahead with three furlongs remaining, the 3-1 second choice surged clear approaching the furlong marker and was pushed out to defeat Bernalda (GB) (**Frankel {GB}**) by 3 1/2 lengths, gearing down in the dying strides. Cognisance, full-sister to a weanling colt and half to a yearling colt by **Zarak (Fr)**, is the first of three foals out of a half-sister to G2 Queen Mary Stakes and G2 Lowther Stakes victrix Best Terms (GB) (Exceed And Excel {Aus}) and G3 Premio Mario Incisa della Rocchetta runner-up Sunsemperchi (GB) (Montjeu {Ire}). Best Terms produced a trio of black-type winners, headed by stakes-winning G1 Prix Marcel Boussac third Star Terms (GB) (**Sea The Stars {Ire}**), while Sunsemperchi's quartet of black-type scorers includes the Group 3-winning duo Mashhoor (GB) (**Kingman {GB}**) and Faciascura (GB) (Oratorio {Ire}). Sales history: 225,000gns Wlg '21 TADEWE. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$4,841. O-St Albans Bloodstock Ltd; B-Whatton Manor Stud (GB); T-William Haggas.

**HANDICAP RESULTS:**

**1st-Goodwood, £75,000, Hcp, 7-31, 3yo, 11f 218yT, 2:35.72, g/f.**  
**FRENCH DUKE (IRE) (c, 3, Sea The Stars {Ire}--Duchess of France {Ire} {MSP-Ire}, by Dylan Thomas {Ire})** Lifetime Record: 5-1-1-0, \$55,995. O-Wathnan Racing; B-Mrs Joan Murphy (IRE); T-Roger Varian. \*100,000gns Wlg '21 TADEWE; 150,000gns Ylg '22 TATOCT. \*\*Full to Duchess Of Dubai (Ire), GSP-Fr.

**5th-Goodwood, £60,000, Hcp, 7-31, 3yo/up, f, 9f 197yT, 2:06.48, g/f.**  
**AL ANOUD (FR) (f, 4, Kingman {GB}--Jadhaba {Ire} {GSP-Fr}, by Galileo {Ire})** Lifetime Record: 5-3-1-1, \$61,121. O/B-Al Shaqab Racing (FR); T-Ralph Beckett. \*1/2 to Al Hakeem (GB) (**Siyouni {Fr}**), GSW-Fr, \$695,511.

**CONDITIONS RESULTS:**

**6th-Leicester, £10,000, Nov, 7-31, 3yo/up, 7fT, 1:24.11, g/f.**  
**TEN POUNDS (IRE) (g, 3, Ten Sovereigns {Ire})--Lady Fashion {GB}, by Oasis Dream {GB}** Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, \$12,863.  
 O-Mohammed Jaber; B-Glenvale Stud & Edgeridge Ltd (IRE);  
 T-Harry Charlton. \*75,000gns Ylg '22 TATOCT. \*\*1/2 to Suits You (Fr) (Youmzain {Ire}), SW-Eng, \$226,318; and Orazio (Ire) (Caravaggio), MSP-Eng.

**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**

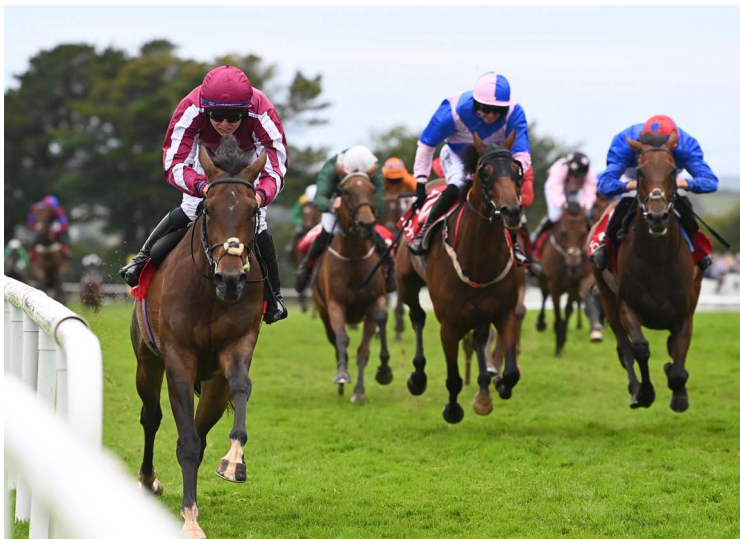
**Kylie Of Lochalsh (Ire), f, 2, Kodi Bear (Ire)--Lady Heartbeat (GB), by Avonbridge (GB).** Leicester, 7-31, 6fT, 1:11.99.  
 Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-0, \$8,606. B-Ballyhampshire Stud Ltd (IRE). \*16,000gns Wlg '22 TADEWE; 22,000gns Ylg '23 TATOCT.

## IRELAND

**Wednesday's Results:**

**4th-Galway, €19,550, Mdn, 7-31, 3yo/up, 12fT, 2:52.54, gd.**

**SHODA (IRE) (f, 3, Nathaniel {Ire})--Que Pasa {Ire}, by Loup Solitaire),** third on her belated debut at Killarney earlier this month, was in front initially before accepting a lead. At the head of affairs again turning for home, the 9-2 shot readily drew clear to record a 3 3/4-length success from stablemate Mazyad (Ire) (Fastnet Rock {Aus}). The dam also has a 2-year-old colt and yearling filly Tinopasa (Ire) by the national hunt sire Walk In The Park (Ire). Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, \$12,448.  
 O-Ray Grehan; B-Mr Patrick McCormack (IRE); T-Joseph O'Brien.



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## FRANCE

**Wednesday's Results:**

**1st-Vichy, €23,000, Mdn, 7-31, 2yo, f, 8fT, 1:44.09, g/s.**  
**PELINIA (FR) (f, 2, Golden Horn {GB})--Peligrosa {Fr}, by Acclamation {GB}** accepted a tow in third after a slick exit from the inside gate. Bullying her way out of a pocket with 350 metres remaining, the 20-1 chance took control passing the eighth pole and was pushed out to assert by 2 1/2 lengths from Carpe Diem (Fr) (Galiway {GB}). Pelinia is the lone identified foal out of an unraced half-sister to G2 Prix de Sandringham victrix and G1 Criterium International third Purplepay (Fr) (**Zarak {Fr}**). Her G3 Prix de Flore-winning third dam Albisola (Ire) (Montjeu {Ire}) is a half-sister to G1 Criterium International runner-up and Group 3-winning sire Johnny Barnes (Ire) (Acclamation {GB}). Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, €11,500. **Video, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**  
 O/B-Jean-Pierre-Joseph Dubois (FR); T-Mathieu Pitart.

**3rd-Vichy, €23,000, Mdn, 7-31, 2yo, c/g, 8fT, 1:44.98, g/s.**  
**ROYAL ENCLOSURE (GB) (c, 2, Zoustar {Aus})--Ellery Lane {Ire} {SP-US}, by Holy Roman Emperor {Ire}** raced in the rear through the early fractions of this debut. Bounced around by rivals in the straight, the 37-5 chance angled out wide for a clear passage with 350 metres remaining and found late gears to pounce for a 3/4-of-a-length verdict over Shooting (Fr) (Chachnak {Fr}) nearing the line. Royal Enclosure, half to a yearling colt by A'Ali (Ire), is the first of two foals produced by the stakes-placed Ellery Lane (Ire) (**Holy Roman Emperor {Ire}**), who hails from the family of dual Group 1-winning sire Pentire (GB) (Be My Guest). Sales history: 25,000gns Ylg '23 TATOCT; €25,000 2yo '24 ARQMAY. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, €11,500. **Video, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**  
 O-Paolo Zambelli, Alessandro Botti & Giuseppe Botti; B-Litex Commerce AD (GB); T-Alessandro & Giuseppe Botti.

**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**

**Agualetto (Fr), g, 3, Recoletos (Fr)--Aguafría (SP-Fr & US- \$115,372), by More Than Ready.** Clairefontaine, 7-31, 9fT, 1:47.80. B-SARL Darpat France (FR). \*€5,000 Ylg '22 ARQOCT.  
**Full Of Hope (Ger), f, 3, Saxon Warrior (Jpn)--Fulminante (Ger),** by Dashing Blade (GB). Vichy, 7-31, 10fT, 2:13.98. B-Gestut Etzean (GER). \*1/2 to Fulminato (Ger) (Excelebration {Ire}), GSP-Ger; and For Pleasure (Ger) (Jukebox Jury {Ire}), GSP-Ger.





#### IN MAINLAND CHINA:

**Charles Bianconi (Ire)**, c, 4, **Kodiac (GB)**--Stars In Your Eyes (GB), by Galileo (Ire). Yulong, 7-27, 2600m, sand, 2:50.94. O-MA He. B-Tally-Ho Stud (Ire). \*320,000gns Ylg '21 TATOCT. \*\*1/2 to Dame Malliot (GB) (Champs Elysees {GB}), GSW & G1SP-Eng & Fr, G1SP-Ger, \$323,687; and Sonny Liston (Ire) (Lawman {Fr}), GSP-Eng, \$231,274. **VIDEO**.

**Ontario (Ire)**, h, 6, **Galileo (Ire)**--Timbuktu (Ire), by Fastnet Rock (Aus). Huhtala, 7-28, 2000m, sand, 2:04.33. O-Heli Horse Industry. B-Coolmore (Ire). \*Full to Ivy League (Ire), GSP-Ire, \$479,894. \*\*GSP-Eng & Ire. **VIDEO**.

## WORLDWIDE NEWS

### AUSTRALIAN SPRINTING STAR ESPIONA SOLD VIRTUALLY BY MAGIC MILLIONS FOR A\$4.15 MILLION

Zhijun Zhao secured Group 1-winning sprinter **Espiona (Aus)** (Extreme Choice {Aus}) for A\$4.15 million (€2,490,512) at a standalone virtual sale held by Magic Millions on Wednesday. Arrowfield Stud was the underbidder.

Trained by Chris Waller for Denise Martin's Star Thoroughbreds, Espiona won seven of her 24 starts and earned over A\$3.3 million in prize-money during her illustrious career, with her biggest success coming in 2023 when she defeated the multiple Group 1 heroine Pride Of Jenni (Aus) (Pride Of Dubai {Aus}) by a nose to win the G1 Coolmore Classic at Rosehill.

Offered by Glenesk Thoroughbreds on behalf of her ownership group at Magic Millions, Espiona attracted strong interest from online and phone bidders before being bought by Zhao, who in May **partnered with Yulong to purchase the 10-time Group 1 winner Imperatriz (Aus)** (I Am Invincible {Aus}) for a record A\$6.6m (€4,039,810) at the Magic Millions National Broodmare Sale.

"We are elated," Martin said of the sale. "We were hoping for A\$3 million but to get A\$4.15 million is beyond our expectations.

"We had 10 of her ownership group together in Sydney along with trainer Chris Waller to watch the sale and it was just amazing. I don't think any will be heading back to work or home soon!"

Espiona was purchased for A\$190,000 by Star Thoroughbreds and Randwick Bloodstock Agency's Brett Howard from the Torryburn Stud draft at the 2020 Gold Coast Yearling Sale. She is out of a full-sister to the Listed-winning Bonny O'Reilly (NZ) (O'Reilly {NZ}), while her second dam is a half-sister to the multiple top-level winners Glamour Puss (NZ) (Tale of the Cat) and Vision And Power (NZ) (Carnegie {Ire}).

"She had everything that the breeders want," Waller said of Espiona, who was also placed at the top level on multiple occasions. "She had performance, she has the pedigree and the type and that's what Star Thoroughbreds buy.

"It's a bitter sweet moment, but she won't be lost to the industry and now we can go back to Magic Millions and buy some more Espionas."

Barry Bowditch, Magic Millions managing director, added, "We are so thrilled for Denise Martin and her ownership group. The mare was a sensation on the track and we now hope she can do likewise at stud for her new connections."

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**Espiona** | Bronwen Healy

### TOO DARN HOT NAMED CHAMPION AUSTRALIAN FIRST-SEASON SIRE

Darley's **Too Darn Hot (GB)** has been crowned as the Champion Australian First-Season Sire by earnings, becoming the first British-bred stallion to achieve that feat.

Too Darn Hot was represented by 12 individual winners of 18 races from 41 runners. His progeny earned a total of A\$4,151,305, with his standout performer, Broadsiding (Aus), contributing A\$1,944,675. Broadsiding's victories included the G1 Champagne Stakes and G1 J J Atkins, while Arabian Summer (Aus) was another flagbearer for Too Darn Hot as the winner of the Listed Magic Millions National 2YO Classic, the Ballarat Magic Millions 2YO Classic and the Gold Pearl on the Gold Coast.

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**Too Darn Hot Cont.**

Too Darn Hot will not be returning to Darley's New South Wales base for the upcoming breeding season, though he will be available to cover on Southern Hemisphere time at Dalham Hall Stud in Newmarket for £50,000.

**Tassort (Aus)**, who sired the Group 1 winner Manaal (Aus), was runner-up to Too Darn Hot with A\$2,159,935 in prize-money, while **Pierata (Aus)** rounded out the top three with A\$1,917,525.

Meanwhile, Yarraman Park Stud's **I Am Invincible (Aus)** has been crowned the Champion Australian General Sire for the third time. I Am Invincible was represented by 175 individual winners of 290 races from 375 runners during the latest season, with 15 individual stakes winners across 29 stakes races. In total, his progeny amassed A\$32,117,645 in prize-money.

Finishing behind I Am Invincible on the Leading Australian General Sires table were Widden Stud's **Zoustar (Aus)** (A\$23,955,179) and Coolmore's **So You Think (NZ)** (A\$21,265,152).

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## ANNABEL NEASHAM AND ROB ARCHIBALD FORM TRAINING PARTNERSHIP

Annabel Neasham and Rob Archibald have formed a training partnership in time for the new racing season.

The couple gained official approval from Racing NSW on Tuesday for their training partnership to commence from the opening day of the 2024-25 season on Thursday.

Neasham has quickly emerged as one of Australia's leading trainers since branching out on her own in August, 2020, preparing a winner with her very first starter, Commanding Missile (Aus) (Smart Missile {Aus}) at Scone. [Cont. p21](#)

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**Neasham/Archibald Cont.**

In four seasons, the Warwick Farm-based Neasham has trained 468 winners including 10 at Group 1 level for stable earnings of more than \$55 million.

She has prepared some of the nation's best racehorses during this period including four-time Group 1 winner Zaaki (GB), Mo'unga (NZ), Lady Laguna (Aus), Sunshine In Paris (Aus), Bois D'Argent (GB) and Fawkner Park (Ire).

"Forming a partnership with Rob was the next logical step for our business," Neasham said.

"As we continue to grow and operate across multiple states, Rob's expertise will be crucial in maintaining a hands-on approach to training, as well as playing a fundamental role in managing our team of horses and staff.

"Rob has built an excellent rapport with our owners and is committed to achieving outstanding results for our clients."

Archibald, a former professional polo player, has worked for

trainers David Simcock and Hugo Palmer in the UK, followed by the Gai Waterhouse-Adrian Bott stable and for Coolmore before joining Neasham Racing as racing manager in Australia. Neasham and Archibald will have their first runners together at Hawkesbury and Cranbourne on Thursday.

"Annabel's business has grown rapidly since she started and I think with stables in Melbourne and Brisbane as well, we can share the workload," Archibald said.

"The role of a trainer has always been very demanding but there is so many different areas to focus on these days.

"With the business growing, Annabel and I started talking about this around Christmas time and thought it was a good time for this (training partnership) to happen.

"I've always wanted to train although I didn't know where or when but deep down I have always had aspirations to train racehorses. My whole life has been around horses so this is a huge honour. Annabel and I are looking forward to what's ahead for the business."

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**Thursday, Goodwood, Britain, post time: 15:35**
**QATAR NASSAU S.-G1, £665,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 9f 197y**

SC	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Doha (GB)	Sea The Stars (Ire)	Al Shaqab Racing	Ralph Beckett	Hector Crouch	135
2	Emily Upjohn (GB)	Sea The Stars (Ire)	Lloyd Webber, Tactful Finance, S Roden	John & Thady Gosden	Kieran Shoemark	135
3	Lady Boba (GB)	Lope De Vega (Ire)	Andrew Rosen & Barry K Schwartz	Ralph Beckett	Rossa Ryan	135
4	Lumiere Rock (Ire)	Saxon Warrior (Jpn)	M O'Flynn	Joseph O'Brien	D B McMonagle	135
5	Novus (Ire)	Dandy Man (Ire)	Omar Jackson	Gary & Josh Moore	Tom Queally	135
6	Stay Alert (GB)	Fastnet Rock (Aus)	Ben & Sir Martyn Arbib	Hughie Morrison	David Egan	135
7	Elmalka (GB)	Kingman (GB)	Sheikh Ahmed Al Maktoum	Roger Varian	James Doyle	127
8	Opera Singer	Justify	M Tabor/D Smith/Mrs J Magnier/Westerberg	Aidan O'Brien	Ryan Moore	127
9	See The Fire (GB)	Sea The Stars (Ire)	J C Smith	Andrew Balding	Oisin Murphy	127
10	Sparkling Plenty (Fr)	Kingman (GB)	Al Shaqab Racing & Jean Pierre Dubois	Patrice Cottier	Cristian Demuro	127

**Breeders:** 1-Al Shaqab Racing, 2-Lordship Stud & Sunderland Holding Inc, 3-Fortescue Bloodstock, 4-The Last Partnership, 5-Fleur Partnership, 6-Arbib Bloodstock Partnership, 7-Godolphin, 8-Mrs E Stockwell, 9-Littleton Stud, 10-Jean-Pierre-Joseph Dubois

**Thursday, Goodwood, Britain, post time: 14:25**
**MARKEL RICHMOND S.-G2, £175,000, 2yo, c/g, 6f 0y**

SC	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Aparajeo (Ire)	Invincible Army (Ire)	AlMohamediya Racing	Clive Cox	Rossa Ryan	128
2	Big Cyril (Ire)	No Nay Never	Allsopp & Co	Alice Haynes	Kieran O'Neill	128
3	Billboard Star (GB)	Advertise (GB)	The Woodway 20	Eve Johnson Houghton	Charles Bishop	128
4	Black Forza	Complexity	Ms Eleanora Kennedy	Michael O'Callaghan	D B McMonagle	128
5	Intrusively (GB)	Territories (Ire)	Bearstone Stud Ltd	Edward Bethell	Hollie Doyle	128
6	King Of Bears (Ire)	Kodi Bear (Ire)	Valmont	P&O Cole	Hector Crouch	128
7	The Strikin Viking (Ire)	Inns Of Court (Ire)	Wathnan Racing	Hamad Al Jehani	James Doyle	128
8	The Waco Kid (Ire)	Mehmas (Ire)	The Gene Genies II	Hugo Palmer	Ryan Moore	128
9	Tropical Storm (GB)	Eqtidaar (Ire)	Teme Valley	Andrew Balding	Oisin Murphy	128

**Breeders:** 1-EGK Partnership, 2-Lynch Bages Ltd & Lindy Farms, 3-Theakston Stud, 4-Dash Goff, 5-Bearstone Stud, 6-Ms Agathe Lebailly, 7-Tally-Ho Stud, 8-Tally-Ho Stud, 9-Hellwood Stud Farm & R C Dollar

**Thursday, Goodwood, Britain, post time: 15:00**
**JOHN PEARCE RACING GORDON S.-G3, £200,000, 3yo, 11f 218y**

SC	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Jan Brueghel (Ire)	Galileo (Ire)	Westerberg/Mrs J Magnier/M Tabor/D Smith	Aidan O'Brien	Ryan Moore	132
2	Align The Stars (Ire)	Sea The Stars (Ire)	Tony Farmer	Charlie Johnston	Joe Fanning	129
3	Bellum Justum (Ire)	Sea The Stars (Ire)	King Power Racing Co Ltd	Andrew Balding	Oisin Murphy	129
4	Meydaan (Ire)	Frankel (GB)	Sheikh Ahmed Al Maktoum	S&E Crisford	Tom Marquand	129
5	Sayedaty Sadaty (Ire)	Anodin (Ire)	Australian Bloodstock	David Simcock	Jamie Spencer	129

**Breeders:** 1-Barronstown Stud, 2-Sunderland Holding Inc, 3-Rabbah Bloodstock Ltd, 4-Godolphin, 5-Thomas Lines

**Friday, Goodwood, Britain, post time: 15:35**
**KING GEORGE QATAR S.-G2, £317,000, 3yo/up, 5f 0y**

SC	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Kerdos (Ire)	Profitable (Ire)	John Connolly & A D Spence	Clive Cox	Richard Kingscote	133
2	Ponntos (Ire)	Power (GB)	Dr Eva Nieslanikova	Miroslav Nieslanik	Sabina Mokrosova	133
3	Asfoora (Aus)	Flying Artie (Aus)	Noor Elaine Farm Pty Ltd	Henry Dwyer	Oisin Murphy	132
4	Believing (Ire)	Mehmas (Ire)	Highclere Thoroughbred Racing (Jane Addams)	George Boughey	Billy Loughnane	130
5	Desperate Hero (GB)	Captain Gerrard (Ire)	Norman Court Stud & Partner	Jack Channon	David Probert	130



6	Live In The Dream (Ire)	Prince Of Lir (Ire)	Steve & Jolene de'Lemos	Adam West	Jason Hart	130
7	Moss Tucker (Ire)	Excelebration (Ire)	Charlie Bit Me Syndicate	Ken Condon	Billy Lee	130
8	Rogue Lightning (Ire)	Kodiac (GB)	Wathnan Racing	Tom Clover	James Doyle	130
9	Big Evs (Ire)	Blue Point (Ire)	RP Racing Ltd	Michael Appleby	Tom Marquand	127
10	Jasour (GB)	Havana Grey (GB)	AlMohamediya Racing	Clive Cox	Jim Crowley	127
11	Makarova (GB)	Acclamation (GB)	Brightwalton Bloodstock Ltd	Ed Walker	Hector Crouch	127
12	Starlust (GB)	Zoustar (Aus)	Mrs Fitri Hay	Ralph Beckett	Rossa Ryan	127
13	Sturlasson (Ire)	Invincible Army (Ire)	Knobel McGrath Partnership	Kieran Cotter	D B McMonagle	127

**Breeders:** 1-KCS Bloodstock Ltd, 2-Liam Butler & Churchtown House Stud, 3-Noor Elaine Farm, 4-M Mullen & Cloneymore Farm, 5-P Taplin & Mike Channon Bloodstock Ltd, 6-Miss Lorna Doyle, 7-Donal Spring, 8-Airlie Stud & Mrs S M Rogers, 9-Rabbah Bloodstock Ltd, 10-Wardley Bloodstock, 11-Brightwalton Bloodstock Ltd, 12-Branton Court Stud LLP, 13-Yeomanstown Stud

### Friday, Goodwood, Britain, post time: 14:25

#### BONHAMS THOROUGHBRED S.-G3, £100,000, 3yo, 8f 0y

SC	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Al Musmak (Ire)	Night Of Thunder (Ire)	Sheikh Abdullah Almalek Alsabah	Roger Varian	Silvestre De Sousa	129
2	Atlantic Coast (Ire)	Kodiac (GB)	Al Shira'aa Racing	Joseph O'Brien	D B McMonagle	129
3	Boiling Point (Ire)	Too Darn Hot (GB)	Sheikh Mohammed Obaid Al Maktoum	Roger Varian	Sean Levey	129
4	Dancing Gemini (Ire)	Camelot (GB)	Fishdance Ltd	Roger Teal	Oisin Murphy	129
5	Ice Max (GB)	Dark Angel (Ire)	Sheikh Mohammed Obaid Al Maktoum	Karl Burke	Clifford Lee	129
6	King's Gamble (Ire)	Kingman (GB)	Clipper	Ralph Beckett	Daniel Tudhope	129
7	Lead Artist (GB)	Dubawi (Ire)	Juddmonte	John & Thady Gosden	Kieran Shoemark	129
8	Native American (Ire)	Sioux Nation	Wathnan Racing	Richard Fahey	James Doyle	129
9	Socialite (Ire)	Too Darn Hot (GB)	Aura Racing, J Kimber, J Savory	Charles Hills	Tom Marquand	129
10	Task Force (GB)	Frankel (GB)	Juddmonte	Ralph Beckett	Rossa Ryan	129

**Breeders:** 1-Rabbah Bloodstock Ltd, 2-Al Shira'aa Farms SARL, 3-Sheikh Mohammed Obaid Al Maktoum, 4-Fishdance, 5-Gordon Roddick, 6-Centerville Bloodstock, 7-Juddmonte Farms Ltd, 8-Patricia Casement & Dr Dean Harron, 9-Airlie Stud & Mrs S M Rogers, 10-Juddmonte Farms Ltd

### Sunday, Dusseldorf, Germany, post time: 15:45

#### 166TH HENKEL-PREIS DER DIANA - GERMAN OAKS-G1, €500,000, 3yo, f, 11ft

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	5	Darnation (Ire)	Too Darn Hot (GB)	Burke	de Vries	128
2	1	Erle (Ger)	Reliable Man (GB)	Pecheur	Seidl	128
3	12	Bubble Gum (Fr)	Cloth Of Stars (Ire)	Chappet	J Spencer	128
4	4	Lady Mary (Ger)	Lawman (Fr)	Suborics	Ho	128
5	16	Diamond Crown (Ger)	Cracksman (GB)	Suborics	H Boutin	128
6	2	New York City (Ger)	Sea The Moon (Ger)	Steinberg	Piechulek	128
7	3	Diya (Ger)	Dubawi (Ire)	Steinberg	Vogt	128
8	11	Je Zous (Ire)	Zoustar (Aus)	J O'Brien	Murzabayev	128
9	8	Princess Valentina (Ger)	Soldier Hollow (GB)	Kleinkorres	Cadeddu	128
10	14	Night Of Laki's (Ger)	Lord Of England (Ger)	Wohler	Pedroza	128
11	15	Weltbeste (Ger)	Soldier Hollow (GB)	Pecheur	Delozier	128
12	7	Lingua Franca (GB)	Study Of Man (Ire)	Prescott	Morris	128
13	6	Sweet Summer (Ger)	Waldgeist (GB)	Nedorostek	Abik	128
14	9	Spanish Eyes (Ger)	Zarak (Fr)	Wohler	Hammer-Hansen	128
15	10	Ashana (Fr)	The Grey Gatsby (Ire)	Klug	Starke	128
16	13	Hope And Believe (Ire)	Make Believe (GB)	Wohler	Panov	128

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