

## WAR HORSES RAISED TO FLY HIGH



**Kevin and Dana McCreary with farm manager Rafael Zambrano**  
*Chris McGrath photo*

*by Chris McGrath*

Even when they finally hired her, Dana McCreary wasn't given a uniform. She just pieced something together from her own wardrobe, vaguely matching what the male pilots had been issued. After a year's probation, she suggested that it was about time a proper uniform were organized. So they sent her to a tailor in downtown Cleveland.

He just exploded, waved his arms. "And what exactly am I supposed to do with you?"

"I don't know," Dana said, shrugging. "They sent me here."

But by that stage she was well accustomed to this kind of thing. This was 1982. She doesn't view herself as a victim, looking back: just as someone making her way in the world as it was. But the fact is that she had always had to know more, in training, than most of the guys. Both her parents had been hobby fliers, they would cram the four kids into the back seat and fly to Grandma's farm the other side of Ohio. Dana can't have been more than seven when her father put her on his knee and started teaching her: here's your altitude, here's the compass, here's how you trim. She couldn't even see out of the cockpit; she was basically flying by instruments.

In high school, she knew that there were no female professional pilots but figured she could at least try air traffic control. And couldn't she learn to fly regardless?

## RMTC SUSPENDS ACCREDITATION OF UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS LABORATORY

*by Dan Ross*

The Racing Medication and Testing Consortium (RMTC) has issued a 60-day accreditation suspension of the University of Illinois Chicago Analytical Forensic Toxicology Laboratory (UIC-AFTL), one of five laboratories contracted by the Horseracing Integrity and Welfare Unity (HIWU) to conduct drug testing for the agency.

According to RMTC executive director Michael Hardy, the agency notified UIC's Analytical Forensic Toxicology Laboratory of its suspension Tuesday.

"The Horserace Testing Laboratory Committee (HTLC), which is tasked with overseeing RMTC's Laboratory Accreditation Program, will, upon receipt, review the laboratory's response and associated corrective actions. Accreditation will not be restored until the laboratory is in full compliance with the Code," wrote Hardy in an email. **Cont. p8**

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## War Horses Raised to Fly High (cont. from p1)

"Well, sure," her parents said. "But we're not paying for it."

"So I went out to the local airport and worked the Unicom and wrote up gas bills," she recalls. "I was making \$1.25 an hour, paid for all my flying lessons, got my private license."

Then in her senior year she heard that one of the airlines had broken the gender bar and actually hired a woman. So that settled it: she would follow through the breach.

But while she was allowed (after four years of college and training) to sit in for the ground school, it was strictly on the understanding that she wasn't going to be hired-and she would meet her own costs. In one class the instructor smirked and said, "Hey guys, Dana's wearing a nice skirt today. Why don't we get her to go draw the schematic for the electrical system?"

"That is truly the kind of thing that I faced," she says. "But I didn't know any different. All I wanted to do was fly and I

figured that's what you have to do."

She sailed through her tests. They shrugged, wished her luck in life. But after a while she got permission to observe a training flight.

"And I was just sitting there thinking, 'I know I can do better than this,'" she recalls. "And then the instructor, it was the same one, turned to the guy that he was training and says, 'Let's see if a girl can fly this airplane.' Which was good. It inspired me."

She flew so unanswerably well-this is someone who can hand fly to 100 feet with only one engine and no autopilot-that a couple of weeks later they faced facts and hired her. No uniform, as we said, but she was 22 and

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Yet all the talent and determination that sustained a pioneering career, in pursuit of one lifelong obsession, has stood her in equally good stead in another. For her love of horses has also led her to embrace steep odds, to the point that this year she even discovered the temerity to bring in four stallions, standing between \$5,000 and \$2,500, to offer the market something different from the industrial farms.

Yet when Dana and her late husband Gerry Aschinger bought War Horse Place, a couple of decades ago, they were still polo people who primarily wanted to cut down their travel from Ohio.

"We did have a couple of mares up there, and for a time actually had a stallion as well," she recalls. "But honestly, this wasn't my dream. Horses were always my passion, but I had no idea it was going to go the way it did. When we bought this place, it had been a division of Northridge and there was nothing here but two barns. So we built the office, built the house. And then we set it up just as a boutique broodmare facility.

"The original thought process was that instead of these huge farms, where you show up to see your horse and someone might go, 'Oh, yeah, I recognize that name, let me call somebody who might know something,' we wanted people to feel like they knew how their horses were being handled every day, and by

whom. We wanted War Horse Place to feel like their own personal farm in Kentucky."

To that end they even built a guest apartment above the office. The site overall is no more than 180 acres, but modesty of scale permits ambition in execution. For instance, they are up to 12 miles of new V-mesh in their fencing. And the ethic of intimacy extends to the horses. Clients remarked how foals that could hardly be caught, on other farms, at War Horse Place proved to be full of trust and curiosity.

"For us, getting the foal started on the right foot has always been really important," Dana says. "We didn't want them just standing in the field three weeks at a time. The halter's on the day after they're born, their feet are picked up, and we do the old-fashioned let out. They're not just following the mare."

Then in 2008 they got a call from Zimbabwe. There was a brother to Kingmambo standing there, Kitalpha, and his owners felt he needed a safer home. He did not present a terribly inspiring spectacle when he arrived, after a six-month odyssey, but they did right by the horse. Not only did they build a stallion barn and breeding complex, but Gerry even took out a license to train the babies.

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After winning the GII Elkhorn Stakes, indeed, Dramedy earned his turn at stud. And those experiences with stallions proved so encouraging, not least in bringing mares whose owners were on the same wavelength, has ultimately produced this sudden and enthusiastic expansion of the roster.

The new recruits include the admirable Smooth Like Strait, winner of \$1.8 million across four campaigns, whose owner Michael Cannon typified the process. "I'm not concerned about breeding 200 mares and going through all that," he told them. "I just want a nice, safe place for my horse, and somewhere I can breed my mares."



*courtesy War Horse Place*

Then Cannon's friend John Fradkin heard about the beautiful set-up here, just when he had Rombauer looking for a fresh start. And one thing led to another and next thing knew Sacred Life and Hog Creek Hustle were on the team, too.

Initially they tried to stop at three. "But pretty soon it was just like, okay, sometimes God has a way of putting things in front of you that you need to take a look at and work out," Dana says. "I think what we've found here is a little niche for people who really believe in their horses and want a place for them to stand. If they breed 20 or 30 mares, they're happy, they just want their horse to have a chance. The big farms don't want to deal with those horses. But the owners have really supported these stallions. James Kelly, for instance, went out and bought some very nice mares just to breed to Sacred Life. These owners are so passionate, and after they get turned down by a lot of places, you just really hope it works out for them. These are people that really care about their animals--and those are people we like to work with."



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This is certainly a wholesome corner of the Bluegrass. Neighbors Crestwood have always prioritized the runner over the show pony, and on the perimeter of War Horse Place you'll see a slogan of similar intent: "Raising Racehorses." Sure enough, graduates of the farm include the superbly hardy Whitmore, while **Drain the Clock** is another who came through here without going to auction. (And we shouldn't forget Kitalpha's best daughter Martini Glass, who won \$900,000 across 24 starts in 26 months.)

"It really does seem like a lot of the industry is mostly into selling," Dana observes. "But most of our clients are breeding to race. Most people just don't have the patience to do that. A lot of racehorse owners don't have any experience, breeding or raising horses, and really don't understand the tremendous commitment of time and patience and money that goes into it."

She notes that the four stallions, between them, cover every possible discipline, distance or surface; Rombauer, indeed, pretty well do so on his own. "And if you're breeding to race, what more would you want?" she asks.



*courtesy War Horse Place*

But another who must cover all bases is Rafael Zambrano, the indispensable farm manager, whose responsibilities have duly expanded with the arrival of the new stallions.

"But we have great teamwork here at War Horse Place," Zambrano stresses. "We have a good group of people that know what they're doing in all the different aspects: mares and repro, yearlings, stallions. We just have to make sure we're organized, so that everybody knows, every time they come into work in the morning, what is to be done and when."

Zambrano's previous specialization, during 16 years as yearling manager and then assistant farm manager at Summer Wind, was sales prep. In 2008, he helped Summer Wind consecutively top the July, Saratoga and September Sales.

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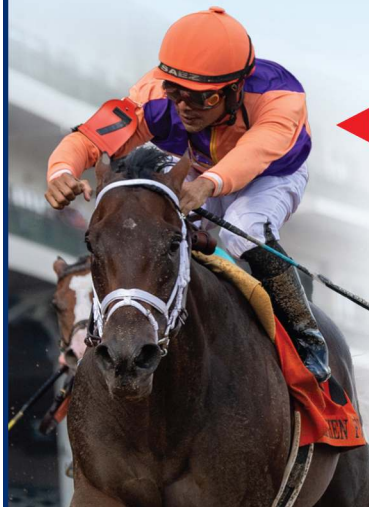
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"So yes, if I had to pick from all the different things we do, yearlings would be my first pick," he says. "I enjoy seeing how they change. My dad used to tell me, 'Never cut corners. You'll always pay in the end.' So we try to do everything the way I was taught, the way it's supposed to be done. We had a filly last year that when she arrived, she looked like she must have had a lot of issues: if someone offered her for free, you would probably have said, 'No, thank you.' But after 65 days with us she went to the October Sale and sold for \$75,000, from a \$5,000 stud fee. The owners were like, 'I don't know what you did, but that was magic.'"

"And that was a perfect example," Dana adds. "The owner really hadn't seen the horse where she'd been before. They just heard, 'Oh, yeah, she's doing fine.' When she shipped in, we sent them pictures, and they were horrified. In the end it turned out very well, but it was a lot of work. Rafael does a great job. We've had some come in and you just think, 'Oh, boy.' But you just take your time and do what you can. And the horses, they like the job. They like being given something to do."

"And that's exactly why we have that sign, 'Raising Racehorses.' Because I think getting a good start on them is the foundation. You go to sales and some of the horses you see, they're so nervous and scared, and you think, 'Is this the first time they've been handled in two months?' And when those go to the racetrack, it's all going to just to take a longer time to get them adjusted. So we want people who buy the yearlings to go, 'Oh, wow, this was raised at War Horse. Nice job.'"

Again, this is one of the ways in which the farm's relatively intimate scale pays off. They have 20 stalls in their prep barn. Any more would stretch the standards they want to meet.

The man who brought joy back into Dana's life, after she lost Gerry, is Kevin McCreary. They married last October (though their friendship actually goes back to third grade) and Kevin has eagerly embraced the War Horse project as business manager. He condenses the farm ethic to just two words: "Details matter."

"A lot of my experience comes from corporate America," he explains. "And culture is always so important. Really culture is

what trains people, which is why you have to strive so hard to get it right. So that when someone comes into it, they feel it, understand it, are able to express it. And I think that the culture we have here is all focused around the relationship with clients.

"I think we've done a really nice job in matching the client to what we have. Obviously it's a business, but it is a little bit more than that: our people call constantly, visit constantly, consider themselves somewhat friends. We know about things happening in their families. And that all reflects the boutique aspect of the farm. The equine care here, I mean, it's second to none. But I think where we're able to be a little different is the way that we connect with our clients. It's hard to put all that into a word or a sentence, but there's a culture here that I think the horses feel."

And it's true. There's an unmistakable warmth to this place. You can only admire the cheerful way Dana has defied prejudice and assumptions twice over: first as a pathfinder in aviation, and now in standing four Davids against the stallion Goliaths.

One way or another, this is plainly a woman who enjoys taking on the odds.

"Maybe a little bit," she acknowledges with a smile. "It is true that I never liked the uneventful. Taking off and flying and landing four hours later was boring. It was when you had to do an approach in bad weather, that was what was interesting. That's what you trained for. You have these skills that you've developed and worked on, and it's nice to be able to use them. But for me, life's not about trying to prove a point. It's about just following your passions. And that's what I do."

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## RMTC Suspends Accreditation of University of Illinois Laboratory *(cont. from p1)*

According to federal rules, HIWU is precluded from using a laboratory that does not have RMTC accreditation. In response to the suspension, HIWU released the following statement Tuesday afternoon: [The Analytical Forensic Testing Laboratory at the University of Illinois Chicago] laboratory is responsible for analyzing all samples collected in Illinois, which constitute approximately 3% of all samples collected to date under the Anti-Doping and Medication Control (ADMC) Program. The ADMC Program rules require that RMTC-accredited laboratories are used prior to the implementation of HISA Equine Analytical Laboratory (HEAL) accreditation standards, which will take effect in 2025. With the RMTC's decision to suspend accreditation for the UIC Lab, HIWU is immediately diverting samples collected in Illinois to other Program laboratories. HISA and HIWU remain in communication with the RMTC and Illinois Racing Board for this ongoing matter and have no further comment at this time."

This is the second time this year the RMTC has suspended accreditation of a drug-testing facility used by HIWU. **Earlier this year**, it suspended accreditation of the University of Kentucky's Equine Analytical Chemistry Laboratory. That suspension has yet to be lifted.

Hardy said he was unable to expand upon the specific reasons behind the accreditation suspension at the UIC Laboratory, but wrote that "nonconformities" were associated with the **RMTC's laboratory code of standards, section 2.4.9.2**.

That document outlines 10 possible considerations that may prompt the RMTC to suspend its accreditation of a laboratory:

- Accreditation suspensions by international lab oversight bodies.
- Failure to take appropriate corrective action after unsatisfactory performance either in routine Analytical Testing or in proficiency testing.
- Failure to comply with any of the requirements or standards **listed in an international laboratory accreditation cooperation document**.
- Failure to cooperate with the RMTC or the relevant State Horse Racing Authority in providing requested documentation.
- Lack of compliance with the RMTC Laboratory Code of Ethics.
- Major changes in key staff without proper and timely notification to RMTC.
- Failure to cooperate in any RMTC enquiry in relation to the activities of the Laboratory.
- Non-compliances identified from laboratory on-site assessments.
- Loss of financial and administrative support jeopardizing the quality and/or viability of the Laboratory.

- Material breach of contractual obligation to a State Horse Racing Authority.

The RMTC can suspend accreditation for a period of up to six months, according to the code of standards.

The UIC Laboratory's accreditation suspension marks just the latest in a series of operational and management issues at drug testing facilities used by HIWU, many of them associated with the complex problem of bringing several laboratories--all vastly different--under the one uniform regulatory umbrella.

The agency **has granted** a temporary stay of enforcement to connections in six pending total carbon dioxide (TCO<sub>2</sub>) cases, all of which are out of Pennsylvania, in order to conduct a review of TCO<sub>2</sub> analysis at the Pennsylvania Equine Toxicology and Research Laboratory (PETRL).

In total, 11 of the 14 pending and resolved TCO<sub>2</sub>-related cases reported since the advent of the Horseracing Integrity and Safety Act (HISA) have concerned horses that ran in Pennsylvania.

High total carbon dioxide (TCO<sub>2</sub>) levels could be an indication of bicarbonate loading--otherwise known as "milk-shaking"--which can neutralize the build-up of lactic acid in muscles, thereby helping the horse's performance. TCO<sub>2</sub> is also naturally occurring in a horse's system.

At the end of last year, the **TDN reported** reported on testing uniformity difficulties arising from different testing equipment, testing methodologies and sets of staff interpreting the results between the then six laboratories contracted for use by HIWU.

Internal reviews of the **laboratories** had uncovered different limits of detection in blood for the diabetes drug **Metformin** and for **benzoyllecgonine** (BZE), a metabolite of cocaine.



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In light of the review, HIWU explained that it had subsequently harmonized its "testing sensitivity" in blood across the six labs for these two substances, and that it would repeat the harmonization process for other drugs, including banned substances.

Earlier this year, HIWU severed its contract with the UK Laboratory due to questions raised about the lab's performance, and about "personnel" matters related to the former lab director, Scott Stanley. The RMTC subsequently suspended its accreditation of the UK Lab.

The RMTC originally issued a 60-day accreditation suspension period to the UK Lab, but extended that another six months on May 22 this year.

While investigations into these matters at the UK Lab are still ongoing, Hardy wrote that the RMTC acknowledges the "good faith efforts and level of cooperation from the University of Kentucky's Equine Analytical Chemistry Laboratory" as it seeks "to achieve full compliance with the Code of Standards."

Lab accreditation is only one prong of the RMTC, which is also involved in the research, education and advocacy of horse racing's anti-doping and medication control programs.

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## RED OAK TO SHARE THE FIRE AT KEENELAND SEPTEMBER *by Jessica Martini*

The Brunetti family's Red Oak Stable, which finds itself with plenty of the family, will offer a filly by **Uncle Mo** (hip 45) during Monday's first session of the Keeneland September Yearling Sale. The yearling, consigned by Darby Dan Farm, is a half-sister to the operation's multiple Grade I-winning star **Mind Control** (Stay Thirsty) and to its Grade I-placed filly **Goddess of Fire** (Mineshaft).

"We are selling this one, and we actually sold Goddess of Fire also, because we have so many from the same female line," Red Oak racing manager Rick Sacco explained. "With the mare Ubetwereven (French Deputy)--who is the dam of King for a Day--and her foals, it's all the same family, and we have so many. It's a business and we just think it's a prudent thing to do."

Ubetwereven, acquired by Red Oak privately some 20 years ago, produced Feel That Fire (Lightnin N Thunder) in 2007 and that stakes winner produced **Mind Control** in 2016 and Goddess of Fire in 2019.

Ubetwereven is also the dam of stakes winner Ima Jersey Girl (Lightnin N Thunder), who produced Gorgeous Girl (Liam's Map), second in the Red Oak colors in this year's Gasparilla Stakes, while the mare's son King for a Day (**Uncle Mo**) won the 2019 Pegasus Stakes for the operation.

The hard-knocking **Mind Control** won the 2022 GI Cigar Mile, 2019 GI H. Allen Jerkens Stakes, and 2018 GI Hopeful Stakes, as well as five other graded events. He won 11 of 29 starts and earned over \$2 million on the racetrack.

Goddess of Fire was second in the 2022 GII Rachel Alexandra Stakes and GII Gulfstream Park Oaks and finished third in that year's 2022 GI Alabama Stakes. She was sold to Bass Stables following an allowance win at Gulfstream in January and was bred to **Annapolis** this year.



**Mind Control** | Sarah Andrew

Red Oak retains Feel That Fire's 2-year-old filly, **My Crystal Ball** (**Uncle Mo**).

"She is with Todd Pletcher and she's a beautiful filly," Sacco said.

Of the mare's yearling, Sacco said, "She is a very pretty filly. The Feel That Fire foals are all typey horses, like **Mind Control** and Goddess of Fire. She is very pretty and very correct and excellent physical as far as vet exams and scopes. So she is perfect in that aspect. We are impressed with her."

Red Oak has already enjoyed success with **Uncle Mo**. In addition to King for a Day, the farm was also represented on the racetrack by 2018 GI Apple Blossom Handicap winner Unbridled Mo (**Uncle Mo**).

"We were on that bandwagon very early with King for a Day and Unbridled Mo," Sacco said. "We started out with **Uncle Mo** and his stud fee has obviously risen over the last couple of years. He's having a fantastic year. To me personally, there is nothing not to like about **Uncle Mo**."

Red Oak Farm was founded by John Brunetti, Sr. and had been operated by his sons John Jr. and Stephen following his death in 2018. The death of Stephen Brunetti in April has altered the farm's trajectory slightly, according to Sacco.

“John Brunetti, Jr., Steve’s brother, he is a traditionalist,” Sacco said. “He loves the game, he loves it the way his father did. Steve Brunetti was very passionate about breeding and the every day operations, where Johnny runs the entire company, the casino and the real estate division that they have. He loves it, but not to the extent that Steve did. So it’s part of our business plan to sell some, where Steve Brunetti would never really sell horses. We are not going to have over 100 horses anymore, but we are going to continue with the very high-quality broodmare band. We’ve kept all of our best broodmares and will breed to high-quality stallions. And we will sell some horses.”



**Rick Sacco (left) and the late Steve Brunetti lead *Mind Control* into winner's circle | Sarah Andrew**

The Brunetti name is also being carried on in racing by the next generation.

“Steve, Jr. graduated from University of Kentucky last year,” Sacco said. “He works for the Brunetti organization in South Florida, he is part of the real estate division. Like his father, he is passionate and he does have a couple of horses. He’s another one that really loves the game. He likes to go to the races and he’s enjoying it, that’s for sure.”

Red Oak’s next generation of equine stars is well on its way, as well.

“We have Unbridled Mo’s 2-year-old colt by *American Pharoah* [Intuitive Wisdom] at the track and getting ready to run,” Sacco said. “He’s about a breeze away.”

Unbridled Mo produced a colt by *Curlin* this year and was bred back to Into Mischief.

“She has an absolutely outstanding *Curlin* weanling that we love,” Sacco said. “All of the reports from Darby Dan have been great. He’s a special colt and a lot of people have gone to look at him. In my last visit there in July, he was very impressive. *Curlin* is having such a good year, we have entered him in the Keeneland November sale.”

As for *Mind Control*, he retired to Rockridge Stud following his win in the 2022 Cigar Mile. His first foals are weanlings this year.

“We love the bunch that we have,” Sacco said of *Mind Control*’s first foals. “Physically, they are just very tough looking. He’s not an overly big horse, a shade under 16 hands or right at 16 hands, and the foals are very muscular and strong looking. And, most importantly, correct. He is a beautiful-moving horse and ultra correct.”

Sacco continued, “*Mind Control* bred 190 mares, he broke the New York record of all time for number of mares being bred in one year. So he’s been very well-received.”

The Keeneland September sale opens with Book 1 sessions Monday and Tuesday beginning at 1 p.m. Book 2 sessions Wednesday and Thursday begin at 11 a.m. Following a dark day Friday, the auction continues through Sept. 21 with sessions beginning at 10 a.m.

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## ADDING DATES TO SARATOGA, A CASE OF TOO MUCH OF A GOOD THING

*The Week in Review*, by Bill Finley

Saratoga works for many reasons. The combination of great racing, a historic venue, iconic races like the GI Whitney S. and the GI Travers are reasons why more than one million fans file through the turnstiles every meet and the handle for the season now tops \$800 million.

But Saratoga’s success also has a lot to do with its exclusivity. It’s only open for eight weeks and there are just 40 racing days. That, as much as anything else, is what makes it special. There’s an opening day and there is a closing day. Saratoga doesn’t get stale.

But somewhere there is a tipping point. There has to be. And it appears that the New York Racing Association is going to put that to the test once again.

NYRA CEO and President Dave O’Rourke told reporters over the weekend that discussions have begun that could lead to even more racing and even more racing dates in 2025, due to the ongoing construction at Belmont. The idea is to take the final weekend of the 2025 Belmont at Aqueduct meet and add that to the Saratoga schedule. They are also talking about adding a fifth day onto the GI Belmont S. Festival in June.

NYRA has yet to work out all the details and any changes must be approved by its board and the New York Gaming Commission, but O’Rourke sure sounded like someone who wants there to be more Saratoga.

“That requires Board approval,” *O’Rourke told the TDN’s* Mike Kane when asked about adding days to the season. “That requires state approval. You’re just asking me, what’s on the table, what we’re thinking about? That’s one of the things we’re thinking about.”

O'Rourke said the extra dates wouldn't necessarily mean a longer Saratoga meet because the early July dates would technically fall under the Belmont meet, which is being held at Aqueduct until the new Belmont Park is ready to open for business. That, however, is simply a matter of semantics. Extra Saratoga dates, no matter what you want to call them, means more Saratoga.



Saratoga | Sarah Andrew

For more than 100 years, Saratoga was always a four-week meet that featured 24 days of racing. In the nineties, NYRA began to increase the number of days at the meet. In 2019, NYRA settled on what is the current format, an eight-week, 40-day meet. You could hardly blame them. The Saratoga meet had turned into a cash cow and running there as opposed to Belmont or Aqueduct means a substantial amount of extra revenue from betting handle.

But at what cost? The quality of the everyday racing has gone downhill since NYRA began adding on dates. At eight weeks, the meet, by the time it's over, can seem like a long slog. But because so much more is bet on racing at Saratoga when compared to Belmont and Aqueduct figures, NYRA, one could argue, is doing its job by maximizing revenue.

But at some point, this has got to stop. If you expand next year, what's next? Will Saratoga ultimately be open from the July 4 weekend all the way through Labor Day? Or from the Belmont weekend to Labor Day? That has always loomed as a possibility. At one point this will no longer qualify as a boutique meet. Nine, 10 weeks. Fifty days of racing. Sure that would mean more money for NYRA, but being that NYRA is a not-for-profit company, they should care about both being good stewards of the sport and the bottom line.

I was also against the expansion to eight weeks, but will now admit that it has worked about better than I had ever imagined. NYRA has found the right formula in eight weeks--40 days.

It is a lot of racing and a lot of days, but Saratoga, even with all the extra days of racing, has remained special. So why would a few extra days matter? They may not, but NYRA is pressing its luck. The public has spoken. People gravitate to the tracks that have short meets (think Keeneland and Kentucky Downs). At some point, the goose no longer lays the golden egg.

It was a good meet at Saratoga and the fact that there was only one breakdown during the races is a credit to NYRA and its veterinary team. The Travers was the race of the year and the attendance and handle numbers have held steady over the last four, five years. There's nothing to fix.

## The Euros Win the Nashville Derby

There should be a lot of trainers in Europe who are kicking themselves after the running of the \$3.1-million GIII **Nashville** Derby Invitational at Kentucky Downs. Attracting European horses to the meet is still a work in progress and only two were entered in the **Nashville** Derby. But that was enough. The victory went to **Bellum Justum (Ire)** ([Sea the Stars {Ire}](#)), whose credentials in Europe were modest. He was second in the G3 Gordon Stakes in his start before the Kentucky Downs race. Probably not among the 50 most talented horses in Europe, he defeated **Carson's Run** (Cupid), the best 3-year-old grass horse in the U.S., by 2 1/4 lengths for the team of Frankie Dettori and trainer Andrew Balding.

Perhaps some of the European trainers are scared off by the fact that non-Kentucky bred do not earn as much at Kentucky Downs as do the Kentucky-breds. But Balding was smart enough to figure out that, even with a smaller slice of the pie, running in the **Nashville** made sense. His colt earned \$1,054,310 with the victory in the type of payday that he could never dream of having if racing in Europe.

There will be a bigger contingent of European shippers for Saturday's card, which features six stakes, every one of them valued at \$2 million. Those races attracted six European shippers, including three from the Aidan O'Brien stable. The list of European horses running that day includes the Charlie Hills-trained **Ancient Rome** ([War Front](#)), who will be looking to win the GIII Mint Millions S. for the second straight year. He is a Kentucky-bred.

European grass horses are simply better than American turf horses, something that trainers from Ireland, France and Great Britain should be looking to exploit more and more at Kentucky Downs.

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## How Florent Geroux Stole the Flower Bowl

It may seem inconceivable, but a Chad Brown-trained horse went off at 31-1 in the GII Flower Bowl S. at Saratoga. The bettors dismissed the Brown-trained **Idea Generation (Ire)** (Dubawi {Ire}) after she finished a lackluster fifth in a first-level allowance race in her previous start. Little did anyone know that the opposing riders were all going to fall sleep and gift-wrap the win for Idea Generation.



**Idea Generation** | Sarah Andrew

Jockey Florent Geroux put his filly on the lead and she opened up by six lengths after the opening half-mile. The pace was glacial, something that happens far too often in grass stakes at the NYRA tracks. The early fractions were :26.08, :51.92, 1:18.20. With that kind of trip, she was able to beat some horses that are clearly better, like runner-up **War Like Goddess** (English Channel), who closed late, but couldn't catch the runaway winner. Credit to Geroux, the only jockey in the race that was smart enough to figure out that taking the lead would enhance his chances.

## Lukas Gets His Saratoga Winner

Wayne Lukas couldn't have been happy with the meet he had at Saratoga. He won just two races from 33 starters, but the second of two winners was special. On Monday, Lukas won the first race, a maiden special weight for 3-year-olds and upward, with **Daily Grind** (Medaglia d'Oro). He did so on his 89th birthday. Remarkable.

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## FASIG-TIPTON MIDLANTIC FALL YEARLINGS CATALOGUE ONLINE

Fasig-Tipton has catalogued 274 yearlings to its Midlantic Fall Yearlings Sale, which will be held in a single session this year on Oct. 1 at the Maryland State Fairgrounds in Timonium. The sale will begin at 11 a.m.

“Midlantic Fall graduates have notched nearly 60 stakes wins or placings in 2024 alone, including a bevy of quality graded stakes winners,” said Paget Bennett, Midlantic Director of Sales. “Yearlings from the Midlantic region are well raised and their results on the racetrack bear that out year-after-year.”

The front cover of this year's catalogue features recent graded stakes winners I'm Very Busy, Leave No Trace, Necie Marie, and Post Time. Studlydoright, winner of the Tremont Stakes over Belmont Stakes weekend, is pictured on the back cover.

Sires represented include Bolt d'Oro, **Candy Ride (Arg)**, **Charlatan**, **City of Light**, Great Notion, **Hard Spun**, **Independence Hall**, **Karakontie (Jpn)**, Maclean's Music, **McKinzie**, **Midshipman**, More Than Ready, **Munnings**, **Nyquist**, Omaha Beach, **Tiz the Law**, **Violence**, and Vekoma.

Midlantic Fall also offers yearlings from a wide variety of state-bred programs, including Indiana, Kentucky, Maryland, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Texas, Virginia, and West Virginia.

The catalogue may now be viewed [online](#), and will also be available in the equineline catalogue app. Print catalogues will be available this week.

Fasig-Tipton will accept supplemental entries up until sale time.

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## ELLIS CONCLUDES RECORD-BREAKING SEASON

Ellis Park Racing & Gaming's summer season wrapped another record-breaking year, concluding with a 20% increase in all-sources handle. This year, a total of \$72.7 million was wagered across the 25-day meet, surpassing last year's record by \$12.2 million.

“We are thrilled with the results of this year's meet, both in terms of record-breaking handle and the outstanding quality of racing,” said Ellis Park general manager Matt Pressley. “We owe our success to the dedication of our staff, horsemen and women, horseplayers and our local community. Thanks to the continued investments from Churchill Downs Incorporated, Ellis Park is positioned for continued growth and success.”

Over \$15.1 million in purses were awarded across 228 races in 2024--an increase of 7% from 2023, a record-breaking year with a 49% increase in purses.



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This year's meet ran one additional day compared to last year. *(includes funds from the Kentucky Thoroughbred Development Fund).*

Jockey Jaime Torres led the rider standings with 21 wins from 134 starts. Torres, who also won this year's GI Preakness Stakes aboard Seize the Grey, split his time between Saratoga and Ellis Park this summer, earning \$1.2 million in purses. Luan Machado finished just one win behind Torres with 20 victories and led all jockeys in purse earnings with \$1.5 million. Cristian Torres finished third with 17 wins.

In the trainer standings, Brendan Walsh and Steve Asmussen finished in a tie for first place, each securing 14 wins. Asmussen, who made 139 starts at the meet, earned \$809,118 with his runners. Walsh, who won with 20% of his horses from 70 starts, led all trainers in earnings with \$1.1 million, highlighted by victories in the \$400,000 GIII Pucker Up Stakes with Waves of Mischief and the \$250,000 Kentucky Downs Preview Nashville Derby with Cameo Performance.

Godolphin dominated the owner standings for the second consecutive year, winning 12 of 24 starts and earning \$604,712 in purses. Steve Asmussen finished a strong second with seven wins from 21 starts.

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Formidable Man became the latest graded winner for Lane's End's **City of Light** in the Del Mar Derby | *Benoit*

<u>Sire (Sire's Sire)</u>	<u>#SWs</u>	<u>#GSW (GISW)</u>
<b>American Pharoah</b> (Pioneerof the Nile) <i>(Dreamy {Ire}--Irish European Breeders Fund S.-G3)</i>	42	21
<b>Blame</b> (Arch) <i>(Crazy Frazy--Sapling S.-L)</i>	50	21
<b>STANDING AT CLAIBORNE FARM • CLICK HERE FOR MORE</b> <b>EMAIL BERNIE SAMS</b>		
<b>City of Light</b> (Quality Road) <i>(Formidable Man--Del Mar Derby-GII)</i>	9	4
<b>STANDING AT LANE'S END • CLICK HERE FOR MORE</b> <b>EMAIL CHRIS KNEHR</b>		
<b>Constitution</b> (Tapit) <i>(Chasing Liberty--Juvenile Sprint S.-L)</i>	44	22
<b>Cupid</b> (Tapit) <i>(Casta Diva--Clasico Ramon Llobet S.)</i>	7	4
<b>Curlin</b> (Smart Strike) <i>(Highland Falls--Jockey Club Gold Cup S.-GI)</i>	106	60 (24)
<b>Flameaway</b> (Scat Daddy) <i>(Where's Marilyn--Northern Lights Debutante S.)</i>	7	1
<b>STANDING AT DARBY DAN FARM • CLICK HERE FOR MORE</b> <b>EMAIL STUART FITZGIBBON</b>		
<b>Good Magic</b> (Curlin) <i>(Mixto--Pacific Classic S.-GI)</i>	19	11 (5)
<b>Justify</b> (Scat Daddy) <i>(Totally Justified--P. G. Johnson S.-L)</i>	30	14
<b>Mendelssohn</b> (Scat Daddy) <i>(Without Words--Fairy Bridge S.-G3)</i>	13	3
<b>Midshipman</b> (Unbridled's Song) <i>(Able Seaman--Northern Lights Futurity)</i>	49	9
<b>Nyquist</b> (Uncle Mo) <i>(Immersive--Spinaway S.-GI)</i>	25	14 (6)
<b>Quality Road</b> (Elusive Quality) <i>(Hope Road--Torrey Pines S.-GIII)</i>	83	41
<b>STANDING AT LANE'S END • CLICK HERE FOR MORE</b> <b>EMAIL CHRIS KNEHR</b>		
<b>The Factor</b> (War Front) <i>(Piper's Factor--Toronto Cup S.-L)</i>	41	9
<b>STANDING AT LANE'S END • CLICK HERE FOR MORE</b> <b>EMAIL CHRIS KNEHR</b>		
<b>Uncle Mo</b> (Indian Charlie) <i>(West Hollywood--Saranac S.-GIII)</i>	103	51

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Qualified candidates interested in serving on the board or standing committees can submit a Nominee Screening Questionnaire, along with a statement of interest and resume, to Anjali Salooja at [anjali.salooja@hisaus.org](mailto:anjali.salooja@hisaus.org).

Applications will be considered on a rolling basis at such time as vacancies arise. Currently, only the ADMC Standing Committee has vacancies.

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### PRAIRIE MEADOWS ADDS RACING DATE SEPT. 26

Prairie Meadows Racetrack & Casino in Altoona will add an additional day of live horse racing to the 2024 schedule Sept. 26, to make up for the Thoroughbred races canceled due to a storm July 15.

The additional card, with a scheduled first post time of 6 p.m. CT, will be the first day of the final week of live racing on the 2024 schedule at Prairie Meadows.

“There’s a possibility of running as many as nine Thoroughbred races on Thursday, Sept. 26,” said Thoroughbred racing secretary Stuart Slagle. “We will take entries and draw for the added day on Friday, Sept. 20, 2024.”

The 2024 season at Prairie Meadows ends Sept. 28, with the Iowa Classic Night program which includes season-ending championship stakes races for both Iowa-bred Quarter Horses and Thoroughbreds.

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### MAREWORTHY CHARITIES HOSTS CALENDAR PHOTO CONTEST

Entries are now being taken for Mareworthy Charities 2024 Mareworth Stakes, an annual calendar photo contest. Current and former owners of registered Thoroughbred mares are invited to enter for a chance to win prizes, showcase their mares, and support a broodmare retirement charity. Entries close Sept. 6. More information can be obtained at [www.mareworthy.com/stakes](http://www.mareworthy.com/stakes).

Points for the contest are accrued over two rounds. Round one of the contest, which runs from Sept. 7-20, focuses on public votes and activities. The top 20 entrants from round one will move on to round two, which runs from Sept. 21-30 and focuses on fundraisers and other activities. Winners will be announced Oct. 5.

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**Saturday, Kentucky Downs #9, post time: 5:18 p.m. EDT**

**ARISTOCRAT FRANKLIN-SIMPSON S.-GI, \$2,000,000, 3yo, 6 1/2FT**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Hedwig	<b>Maclean's Music</b>	Godolphin, LLC	Harty	Saez	120
2	Evade (Fr)	<b>Wootton Bassett (GB)</b>	Resolute Racing and Qatar Racing	Maker	Torres	122
3	General Ledger	Summer Front	All in Line Stables, LLC	Joseph, Jr.	Ortiz	118
4	Yellow Card 🦟	Lost Treasure (Ire)	Jim and Donna Daniell	McCarthy	Velazquez	118
5	Bear River 🦟	<b>Flameaway</b>	Charles K. Marquis	Desormeaux	Graham	118
6	Apollo Ten	<b>Violence</b>	Cheyenne Stables, LLC	Clement	Gaffalione	122
7	Joe Shiesty 🦟	Air Force Blue	Foster Family Racing, Lonnie Reynolds Vicki Mills and Donald Coomes	Foster	Cedillo	122
8	Please Advise 🦟	Palace Malice	R. A. Hill Stable	Weaver	Prat	122
9	Vote No 🦟	<b>Divisidero</b>	Joseph P. Morey, Jr.	Morey	Corrales	122
10	Howard Wolowitz 🦟	<b>Munnings</b>	Gold Square, LLC	D'Angelo	Ortiz, Jr.	118
11	Mansa Musa (Ire)	<b>Ten Sovereigns (Ire)</b>	Team Valor International and Gary Barber	Mott	Alvarado	118
12	Smokey Smokey 🦟	<b>Mendelssohn</b>	Pura Vida Investments, LLC	Maker	Santana, Jr.	122
13	Barksdale 🦟	<b>Street Sense</b>	Cypress Creek Equine	Walden	Saez	118
14	Where Ya At Vince 🦟	Paynter	Patricia's Hope, LLC	Rivelli	Corrales	118
15	Save the Trees 🦟	<b>Preservationist</b>	Paradise Farms Corp., Skychai Racing, LLC David Staudacher and Cathleen Shircliff	Maker	Ortiz	118
16	How's Ur Attitude 🦟	<b>Street Sense</b>	Welch Racing, LLC	Ennis	Dettori	118

**Breeders:** 1-Godolphin, 2-Ecurie Des Monceaux, Ecurie LoickFouchet, R. Meahjohn, Kastro Stud Farm, 3-All In Line Stables, LLC, 4-Tiffney K. Veloudis, 5-Dreamfields Farm, Don Brady & BrendanBurke, 6-Candy Meadows LLC, 7-Rodney E. Orr, 8-Spartan Team Investments LLC, 9-Mr. & Mrs. A. John Price, 10-Martha Buckner & Matthew Ernst, 11-Middlelane Farm, 12-Sanford Robertson, 13-Dixiana Farms, LLC, 14-Laura McKinney, 15-Shawn Schabel & Sycamore BarkThoroughbreds, LLC, 16-Malibu Farm, LLC

**Saturday, Kentucky Downs #7, post time: 4:04 p.m. EDT**

**AGS MUSIC CITY S.-GII, \$2,000,000, 3yo, f, 6 1/2FT**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Crown Imperial	Classic Empire	4 G Racing, LLC	Ortiz	Torres	122
2	Kairyu (Ire)	Kuroshio (Aus)	Martin S. Schwartz and Michael O'Callaghan	DeVaux	Ortiz	124
3	Time to Dazzle 🦟	<b>Not This Time</b>	Tracy Farmer	Casse	Santana, Jr.	124
4	Pipsy (Ire)	Kodiac (GB)	Woodford Thoroughbreds, LLC	Walden	Rosario	124
5	Visually 🦟	<b>Enticed</b>	California Racing Partners, Ciaglia Racing, LLC Fick Brothers Racing Inc., Dario Bernardi & George P. Monty	Morey	Corrales	124
6	Amidst Waves 🦟	<b>Midshipman</b>	R. A. Hill Stable and BlackRidge Stables, LLC	Weaver	Prat	122
7	Pharoah's Wine	<b>American Pharoah</b>	William Pacella, Nancy Delony and Frank Shoop	Romans	Chuan	118
8	Buttercream Babe 🦟	<b>Twirling Candy</b>	Three Diamonds Farm	Maker	Ortiz, Jr.	118
9	Pounce 🦟	Lookin At Lucky	Resolute Racing	Casse	Davis	124
10	Simply in Front 🦟	Summer Front	Colebrook Farms	Kenneally	Saez	118
11	Regulatory Risk 🦟	Omaha Beach	Klaravich Stables, Inc.	Brown	Geroux	118
12	Vive Veuve 🦟	<b>Collected</b>	Sterling Stables, LLC	Sisterson	Gaffalione	122
13	Gavea (Ger)	<b>Gleneagles (Ire)</b>	Bal Mar Equine, LLC	Stall, Jr.	Hernandez, Jr.	118

14	Uphill Dance	<b>Tonalist</b>	Cheyenne Stables, LLC and Gary Barber	Halden	Geroux	118
15	Twirling Queen 🌿	<b>Twirling Candy</b>	GU Racing Stable, LLC	D'Angelo	Saez	122
16	Toupie	<b>Uncle Mo</b>	Wertheimer and Frere	Motion	Prat	122

**Breeders:** 1-4 G Racing, 2-Mr P. Turley, 3-Dr. Rodney Orr, 4-Noel Finegan, 5-ThoroughBred by Design LLC, 6-Woods Edge Farm, LLC & BallyfairBloodstock, 7-Pacella Racing, Frank L. Jones & NancyDelony, Frank Shoop, 8-Repole Stable, Inc, 9-Bell, Rankin, VanMeter & Hancock, 10-William Harrigan & Mike Pietrangelo, 11-Upson Downs Farm & Louis W. Wright, 12-Speedway Stables LLC, 13-Stiftung Gestut Fahrhof, 14-Chet Blackey & Trackside Farm, 15-Pursuit of Success, LLC, 16-Wertheimer et Frere



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**Saturday, Kentucky Downs #10, post time: 5:55 p.m. EDT**

**FANDUEL TV KENTUCKY TURF CUP S.-GII, \$2,000,000, 3yo/up, 1 1/2mT**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Highway Robber 🌿	<b>Hard Spun</b>	Susan and Jim Hill	Lynch	Loveberry	124
2	Integration	<b>Quality Road</b>	West Point Thoroughbreds, LLC & Woodford Racing, LLC	McGaughey III	Carmouche	124
3	Cathkin Peak (Ire)	Alhebayeb (Ire)	Flying P Stable	Maker	Ortiz	124
4	Get Smokin	Get Stormy	Ironhorse Racing Stable, LLC, BlackRidge Stables, LLC	Casse	De La Cruz	124
			T-N-T Equine Holdings, LLC and Saratoga Seven Racing Partners, LLC			
5	Sugoi	<b>Karakontie (Jpn)</b>	Paradise Farms Corp. and David Staudacher	Maker	Ortiz, Jr.	124
6	King Curlin 🌿	<b>Curlin</b>	RSR Racing, LLC	Vanden Berg	Emigh	124
7	Tawny Port 🌿	Pioneerof the Nile	Peachtree Stable	Clement	Prat	122
8	Balladeer	Distorted Humor	Calvin Nguyen and Joey Tran	Papaprodromou	Geroux	122
9	Anglophile	English Channel	LFG Racing, LLC	Lynch	Cannon	122
10	Grand Sonata 🌿	<b>Medaglia d'Oro</b>	Whisper Hill Farm, LLC	Pletcher	Gaffalione	122
11	Chief Little Rock (Ire)	Galileo (Ire)	Derrick Smith, Mrs John Magnier and Michael Tabor	O'Brien	Dettori	118

**Breeders:** 1-Foxpointe Tbreds, 2-Larkin Armstrong, 3-G. Kinch, 4-Hurstland Farm, Inc. & James Greene Jr., 5-Normandy Farm, 6-Woodford Thoroughbreds, LLC, 7-WinStar Farm, LLC, 8-Bonne Chance Farm, LLC, 9-Upson Downs Farm & Louie W. Wright, 10-Whisper Hill Farm, LLC, 11-Coolmore



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**Saturday, Kentucky Downs #11, post time: 6:31 p.m. EDT**

**AINSWORTH TURF SPRINT S.-GII, \$2,000,000, 3yo/up, 6fT**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Gear Jockey	<b>Twirling Candy</b>	Calumet Farm	Arnold, II	Lezcano	121
2	Axthelm	Into Mischief	E. A. Seltzer, Beverly Anderson, Michael and J Iavarone	Joseph, Jr.	Ortiz	121
3	One Timer	Trappe Shot	Patricia's Hope LLC, and Richard Ravin	Rivelli	Loveberry	121
4	Cogburn 🌿	<b>Not This Time</b>	Clark O. Brewster, L. William and Corinne Heiligbrodt	Asmussen	Ortiz, Jr.	125
5	Charcoal	English Channel	Ron Dowdy	Wisner	Concepcion	121
6	Coppola 🌿	Into Mischief	Hammer Time Stable & Sport of Kings Racing Part. LLC	Romans	Lanerie	121
7	Grooms All Bizness	Fed Biz	Colts Neck Stables, LLC	Duarte, Jr.	Davis	121
8	Khaadem (Ire)	Dark Angel (Ire)	Mrs. Fitri Hay	Hills	Spencer	125
9	Noble Reflection 🌿	<b>Liam's Map</b>	Calvin Nguyen and Joey Tran	Papaprodromou	Dettori	121
10	Nobals	Noble Mission (GB)	Patricia's Hope, LLC	Rivelli	Corrales	121
11	Witty	Great Notion	Qatar Racing LLC, Detampel, Marc & E M. Merryman	Merryman	Gaffalione	121
12	Mo Stash 🌿	<b>Mo Town</b>	BBN Racing, LLC	Oliver	Saez	121
13	Five o' Somewhere 🌿	<b>Munnings</b>	Kenneth R. Spraggins, Marilyn Palazzo, Edna Atanacio, Richard Atanacio, et al.			Spraggins
	Bermudez	118				

**Breeders:** 1-Calumet Farm, 2-Edward A. Seltzer & Beverly Anderson, 3-St. Simon Place LLC, 4-Bellary Bloodstock, 5-Ron Dowdy, 6-Fifth Avenue Bloodstock, 7-Colts Neck Stables, LLC, 8-Yeomanstown Stud, 9-G. Watts Humphrey Jr., 10-Dr. John A. Chandler, 11-Elizabeth M. Merryman, 12-Rhineshire Farm LLC, 13-Brittlyn Stables



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**Saturday, Kentucky Downs #6, post time: 3:27 p.m. EDT****LIGHT & WONDER LADIES MARATHON S.-GIII, \$2,000,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 5/16mT**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Three Priests (Jpn)	Deep Impact (Jpn)	Merry Fox Stables	Varian	Velazquez	122
2	Chop Chop	City of Light	Selective, LLC	Cox	Prat	126
3	Angel Nadeshiko 🦄	Carpe Diem	Miller Racing, LLC	Joseph, Jr.	Ortiz, Jr.	122
4	Greenfinch	Justify	Mrs. J Magnier, M B. Tabor, D Smith & Westerberg Ltd	O'Brien	Dettori	118
5	Loved Reiko 🦄	Tapit	KatieRich Stables, LLC Leitch	Ortiz	122	
6	Vergara 🦄	Noble Mission (GB)	Gary Broad	Motion	Gaffalione	122
7	Necie Marie	Cross Traffic	Michael Milam	Reid, Jr.	Rosario	126
8	Forever After All 🦄	Connect	Dixiana Farms, LLC	Walsh	Beschizza	122
9	Viva La Red 🦄	Texas Red	WLT Investments, LLC	Biancone	Geroux	122

**Breeders:** 1-Merry Fox Stud Limited, 2-Cobra Farm & MRJ Thoroughbreds, 3-Fred W. Hertrich III, 4-Orpendale/Chelston/Wynatt, 5-Reiko Baum, Michael Baum & The Tapit Syndicate, 6-Neil Jones, 7-Jon A. Marshall, 8-Dixiana Farms LLC, 9-Erich Brehm & Charles Hovitz

**Saturday, Kentucky Downs #8, post time: 4:41 p.m. EDT****MINT MILLIONS S.-GIII, \$2,000,000, 3yo/up, 1mT**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Emmanuel 🦄	More Than Ready	Michael M. Hui, Case Chambers, David Staudacher, Paradise Farms Corp., Fugget About It Racing Stable and Phil Forte	Maker	Ortiz	126
2	Mountain Bear (Ire)	No Nay Never	Derrick Smith, Mrs John Magnier and Michael Tabor	O'Brien	Dettori	118
3	Irish Aces 🦄	Mshawish	Pocket Aces Racing, LLC	Walsh	Gaffalione	126
4	Cash Equity (Fr)	Toronado (Ire)	Kenneth L. Ramsey	Joseph, Jr.	Leparoux	122
5	Tut's Revenge	Eskendereya	Flying P Stable	Maker	Santana, Jr.	126
6	Strong Quality	Quality Road	Gary Barber and Kinsman Stable	Casse	Geroux	126
7	Funtastic Again 🦄	Funtastic	Three Chimneys Farm, LLC	Ward	Corrales	122
8	Talk of the Nation	Quality Road	Joseph Allen, LLC and CHC, Inc.	Pletcher	Ortiz, Jr.	122
9	Reckoning Force	Air Force Blue	Qatar Racing, LLC, Fergus Galvin and Marc Detampel	Walsh	Machado	122
10	Ancient Rome	War Front	Mrs. Fitri Hay	Hills	Spencer	122
11	Goliad	War Front	Perry R. Bass, II and Ramona S. Bass	Mandella	Prat	126

**Breeders:** 1-Helen K. Groves Revocable Trust, 2-Whisperview Trading Ltd, 3-Lynch Bages LTD, 4-S.C.E.A. Des Prairies, Thomas Jeffroy & Benoit Jeffroy, 5-Lane Thoroughbreds LLC, 6-Kinsman Farm, 7-BHMFR, LLC, 8-CHC Inc., 9-Frankfort Park Farm, 10-Orpendale/Chelston/Wynatt, 11-Ramona S. Bass LLC

**Saturday, Colonial Downs #10, post time: 6:15 p.m. EDT****NEW KENT COUNTY VIRGINIA DERBY-GIII, \$500,000, 3yo, 1 1/8mT**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Herchee	Twirling Candy	100% Racing Stable, LLC	Pitts	Morales	118
2	Grand Mo the First 🦄	Uncle Mo	Granpollo Stable	Barboza, Jr.	Lopez	120
3	Deterministic 🦄	Liam's Map	St. Elias Stable, Ken Langone, C. Steven Duncker and Vicarage Stable	Clement	Franco	123
4	Izzy d'Oro	Get Stormy	Blake Kelly, Joseph Gellenbeck and Isidoro Russo	Kelly	Cohen	120
5	Frontline Warrior 🦄	War Front	Woodford Racing, J Hawn-Holt & W.S. Farish	McGaughey III	Cheminaud	118
6	In a Jam	Preservationist	Gary Barber	Casse	Sanchez	120
7	Desvio 🦄	Yoshida (Jpn)	Stonelea Stable, LLC and Bonnie Rye Stable	Meyers	Curtis	120
8	Massif	Sky Mesa	Respect the Valleys, LLC	Russell	Russell	120
9	Echo Lane	Treasure Beach (GB)	Anthony Rogers	Crichton	Gallardo	118
10	Oscar's World	Oscar Performance	Walmac Farm	Lynch	Garcia	120
11	Fulmineo	Bolt d'Oro	Starlight Racing and Mark B. Grier	Delacour	Carrasco	120
12	Zverev 🦄	Oscar Performance	Belladonna Racing, LLC, Peachtree Stable, Twin Brook Stables and West Point Thoroughbreds	DeVaux	Ruiz	120

**Breeders:** 1-100% Racing LLC, 2-John D. Gunther, 3-Hinkle Farms, 4-Shawhan Place LLC, 5-Julianna Hawn, Cross Triangle Farm, LLC, 6-Brereton C. Jones, 7-Eliza St George & Lee Mauberret, 8-Respect the Valleys, LLC, 9-Echo Lane Of Ocala, LLC, 10-Gary Broad - Walmac Farm, LLC, 11-Country Life Farm & Starr of Quality LLC, 12-Andrew Warren

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### IN ORDER OF PURSE:

**8th-Del Mar, \$79,868, Alw, (NW1\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$80,000), 9-2, 3yo, f, 1mT, 1:35.48, fm, 1/2 length.**

**RAW ABILITY (IRE) (f, 3, Belardo {Ire}--Que Sera Sera {GB}, by Dansili {GB})** was a first-out winner going one mile at Gowran Park June for owner **Kate McNamara** and trainer **Eric McNamara**, who sold her for £140,000 weeks later at the Goffs London Sale in June. Off a half-step slowly in her stateside debut Monday, the 5-2 favorite trailed the field early. Still last and well back as the field turned for home, the bay filly tipped to the center of the course in upper stretch and closed with a powerful late rush to get up in the final strides for a half-length victory. Paradise Lake (**Uncle Mo**) was second. She has a 2-year-old half-sister by Buratino (Ire) and a yearling half-sister by Raven's Pass. Sales history: €1,000 RNA Ylg '22 GOAUYR; £140,000 3yo '24 GOFLO. Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or **VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV**. Lifetime Record: 2-2-0-0, \$53,601.

O-Hronis Racing LLC; B-Mr Gary Aspell (IRE); T-John W. Sadler.

**SHAWN DUGAN purchase**

**10th-Del Mar, \$79,500, Alw (NW1\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$80,000), 9-2, 3yo, f, 1mT, 1:35.38, fm, 2 1/2 lengths.**

**TAHINI (f, 3, American Pharoah--More Fun Again {GSP, \$192,343}, by Arch)** graduated last time out sprinting five furlongs over the Del Mar lawn. The 10-1 outsider broke sharply and loped along on the front end through fractions of :23.31 and :47.68. She skipped further clear in upper stretch and powered home a 2 1/2-length winner. Watchtower (**Demarchelier {GB}**) closed for second. Tahini, a \$200,000 KEESEP yearling, sold for \$475,000 at last year's OBS March sale. Her half-brother Culture War (**War of Will**) was third in his debut at Kentucky Downs Sunday. She also has a yearling half-brother by **Justify** and a weanling half-sister by **Knicks Go**. More Fun Again, a daughter of graded winner Silver Reunion (Harlan's Holiday) and a half-sister to graded winner Speaktomeofsummer (Summer Front), as well as to the dam of this year's GIII Peter Pan Stakes winner Antiquarian (**Preservationist**), was bred back to **Golden Pal** this year. Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#) or **VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV**. Lifetime Record: 8-2-1-0, \$109,800.

O-Kretz Racing LLC; B-Tim C. Thornton & Tom Van Meter (KY); T-George Papaprodromou.

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*2024 Stud Fees Listed*

**Bodexpress** (Bodemeister), Pleasant Acres Stallions, \$3,500  
53 foals of racing age/6 winners/1 black-type winner  
2-Horseshoe Indianapolis, 2:41 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2f, Endless Fashion, 15-1  
\$5,000 NCA AU yrl; \$1,500 OBS OPN 2yo

**Complexity** (Maclean's Music), Airdrie Stud, \$12,500  
121 foals of racing age/15 winners/3 black-type winners  
6-Horseshoe Indianapolis, 4:45 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2f, Tuxedo Park, 3-1

**Game Winner** (Candy Ride {Arg}), Lane's End Farm, \$20,000  
118 foals of racing age/2 winners/0 black-type winners  
6-Colonial Downs, 3:55 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2f, Lex's Game, 20-1  
\$80,000 KEE SEP yrl

**Improbable** (City Zip), WinStar Farm, \$15,000  
128 foals of racing age/5 winners/1 black-type winner  
6-Horseshoe Indianapolis, 4:45 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2f, Improbability, 8-1  
\$42,000 RNA KEE NOV wnl; \$50,000 FTK FEB wnl; \$57,000 RNA KEE SEP yrl; \$55,000 OBS MAR 2yo; \$22,000 RNA FTD JUL 2yo

**Speightsong** (Speightstown), Midwest Equine & Veterinary Hospital  
13 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners  
4-Horseshoe Indianapolis, 3:43 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2f, Logical Song, 7-2

**Thousand Words** (Pioneerof the Nile), Spendthrift Farm, \$5,000  
124 foals of racing age/11 winners/2 black-type winners  
5-Remington, 9:26 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2f, First Words, 20-1  
\$19,000 RNA KEE SEP yrl

**Vekoma** (Candy Ride {Arg}), Spendthrift Farm, \$15,000  
162 foals of racing age/17 winners/1 black-type winner  
2-Horseshoe Indianapolis, 2:41 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2f, Praying, 8-5  
\$130,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$410,000 OBS APR 2yo  
2-Horseshoe Indianapolis, 2:41 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2f, Taliesin, 4-1  
\$27,000 FTK OCT yrl; \$60,000 RNA EAS MAY 2yo; \$57,000 FTJ UN 2yo



**Volatile (Violence)**, Three Chimneys Farm, \$15,000  
 124 foals of racing age/9 winners/0 black-type winners  
 6-Horseshoe Indianapolis, 4:45 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2f,  
 Vehemently, 20-1  
 \$50,000 KEE NOV wnl

**SECOND-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 4**

*2024 Stud Fees Listed*

**Pass the Buck (Pulpit)**, Westwin Farms

25 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners  
 5-Remington, 9:26 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2f, Little Iris, 9-2



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**STAKES RESULTS:**

**CLASICO RAMON LLOBET S.**, \$82,026, Camarero, 9-1, (S), 2yo, f, 6f, 1:13.21, sy.

1--**CASTA DIVA, 118, f, 2, by Cupid--Dream Safari, by Animal Kingdom. 1ST BLACK TYPE WIN.** O-Establo Cinco Hermanos; B-Waldemar Ventura Rodriguez (PR); T-Maximo Gomez; J-Jorge G. Robles. \$48,546. Lifetime Record: 4-4-0-0, \$80,446.

2--**Skull for Ever, 116, f, 2, Harlan's Pure--Juanita Q, by Myfavorite Place. 1ST BLACK TYPE.** O-Skull Stable PR; B-Hacienda Los Nietos, Inc. (PR); T-Edwin Texidor, Jr. \$16,740.

3--**Mi Nina, 118, f, 2, Tiz Shea D--Jet Bala, by Benny the Bull. 1ST BLACK TYPE.** O-Antonio Llavona; B-Jose A. Llavona (PR); T-Samuel Diaz. \$8,370.

Margins: 8 1/4, 1 1/4, 3/4. Odds: 1.60, 32.10, 4.30.

**ALLOWANCE RESULTS:**

**7th-Parx Racing, \$55,800**, Opt. Clm (\$100,000), 9-3, 3yo/up, f/m, 7f, 1:25.44, ft, 3 1/4 lengths.

**RECLUSIVE (m, 5, Flat Out--Rockintotherhythm, by Broad Brush)** Lifetime Record: SW, 23-6-2-4, \$234,120. O/B-Century Acres Farm (TX); T-Tina Rena Hurley. \*1/2 to Heavenly Rhythm (Congaree), SW, \$185,032; and to Wabel (**Curlin**), SP, \$273,514.

**9th-Prairie Meadows, \$51,640**, (S), Hcp, 9-2, 3yo/up, 1m 70y, 1:41.51, ft, 2 1/2 lengths.

**AIN'T LIFE GRAND (h, 5, Not This Time--Cat d'Oro, by Medaglia d'Oro)** Lifetime Record: MSW & MGSP, 21-9-2-4, \$794,445. O-RPM Thoroughbreds (Shattuck); B-RPM Thoroughbreds (IA); T-Kelly R. Von Hemel.

**7th-Prairie Meadows, \$41,600**, 9-2, 3yo, 1m 70y, 1:41.19, ft, 2 lengths.

**BAXLEY (g, 3, Klimt--Curlamorous, by Curlin)** Lifetime Record: 6-4-1-0, \$87,293. O-Carolyn Wilson; B-Hidden Point Farm, Inc. (KY); T-Larry Rivelli. \*\$235,000 2yo '23 OBSAPR.

**6th-Thistledown, \$40,100**, (S), 9-3, (NW4L), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:11.62, ft, 1 1/2 lengths.

**FACT NOT FICTION (g, 3, Yoshida {Jpn}--Mother Nature, by Winslow Homer)** Lifetime Record: 9-4-1-2, \$104,866. O/B-WinStar Farm, LLC & Blazing Meadows Farm (OH); T-Timothy E. Hamm.



**8th-Thistledown, \$38,400**, (S), 9-3, (NW3L), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:12.22, ft, 3 1/4 lengths.

**DERBY DAY KISS (f, 3, Klimt--Derby Day Storm {MSP, \$238,512}, by Habayeb)** Lifetime Record: SP, 9-3-1-1, \$82,874. O-Bryan Metz; B-Bryan A & Deborah F Metz (OH); T-Robert C. Cline.

**1st-Thistledown, \$38,000**, 9-3, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 1m, 1:39.28, ft, 1 length.

**SPELLCAST (g, 3, Tourist--Orientate to Luv {MSP, \$179,515}, by Orientate)** Lifetime Record: SW, 9-5-2-1, \$214,330. O/B-Blazing Meadows Farm, LLC & WinStar Farm, LLC (OH); T-Timothy E. Hamm.



**2nd-Horseshoe Indianapolis, \$35,360**, 9-3, (NW1\$X), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:11.26, ft, 4 1/4 lengths.

**FOREVER HOME (m, 6, Ironicus--Bee Home Soon, by Home At Last)** Lifetime Record: 39-6-6-6, \$224,028. O-Southwest Racing Stables Inc.; B-Nancy Vanier & Lyda Williamson (KY); T-Genaro Garcia.

**3rd-Presque Isle Downs, \$31,680**, (S), 9-3, (NW1BX), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f (AWT), 1:09.86, ft, 1 1/2 lengths.

**PRINCESS RUNAWAY (m, 6, Run Away and Hide--Gianna's Princess, by Point Given)** Lifetime Record: 15-5-3-2, \$119,776. O/B-Pewter Stable (PA); T-Kathleen A. Demasi.

**6th-Ferndale, \$28,000**, 9-2, 3yo/up, 5f, 1:01.19, ft, nose.  
**MY DOMINATOR (g, 6, Dominus--Kulik Cat, by Giant's Causeway)** Lifetime Record: 40-10-8-5, \$150,169. O-Edgar Pulido; B-Mark Burdette (AR); T-Sergio S. Perez. \*\$10,000 Ylg '19 OKCYRL.

**3rd-Finger Lakes, \$27,210**, 9-3, (C), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:10.62, ft, 4 lengths.

**RUNAWAY JOKE (c, 3, Practical Joke--Quivery, by Violence)** Lifetime Record: 12-4-2-1, \$100,115. O-Gumpster Stable LLC; B-Jackman Bottom Trading Company LLC (NY); T-Ralph D'Alessandro. \*\$45,000 Wlg '21 FTNMIX; \$45,000 Ylg '22 FTKOCT; \$22,000 2yo '23 OBSAPR.

**1st-Finger Lakes, \$26,500**, (C)/Opt. Clm (\$20,000), 9-3, 3yo/up, 1m 70y, 1:43.13, ft, neck.

**STYNER (g, 6, Daaher--Tahfeez, by Aljabr)** Lifetime Record: 32-10-5-2, \$247,349. O-Jeffrey S. Englehart; B-Richard J. Forbush (KY); T-Chris J. Englehart. \*\$19,000 RNA Ylg '19 FTKOCT.

**6th-Horseshoe Indianapolis, \$25,000**, (S), (NW4LX)/Opt. Clm (\$15,000), 9-3, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:11.25, ft, 8 lengths.

**GIRLS ARE TUFFER (f, 4, Skylord--Icye Energy, by Unbridled Energy)** Lifetime Record: 15-4-1-2, \$118,500. O-Greenhill Racing Stables, Inc.; B-Anthony Mathias (IN); T-Jeffrey L. Greenhill. \*Full to Double Tuff, MSW, \$582,325; 1/2 to Academy Bay (Magna Graduate), SW, \$260,860.

**5th-Horseshoe Indianapolis, \$25,000**, (S), (NW4LX)/Opt. Clm (\$15,000), 9-3, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:11.42, ft, 3/4 length.

**UNBRIDLED SLOPE (g, 3, Slope--Unbridled's Lady, by Unbridled's Song)** Lifetime Record: 10-4-0-2, \$111,686. O/T-Devarus Douglass; B-Jonas Schwartz (IN).

**7th-Finger Lakes, \$24,500**, (S), 9-3, (NW1BX), 3yo/up, 5 1/2f, 1:05.36, ft, 1 length.

**SIGALERT (h, 8, Street Sense--Ouchy Night {MSP, \$209,793}, by Cactus Ridge)** Lifetime Record: 35-8-7-3, \$228,878. O-Jeffrey Englehart & Richard Roys; B-Edition Farm (NY); T-Chris J. Englehart. \*\$75,000 Ylg '17 SARAUG; \$420,000 2yo '18 OBSMAR. \*\*1/2 to Wild About Harry (Henrythenavigator), SP, \$203,306.

**3rd-Mountaineer Casino & Resort, \$20,140**, 9-2, (NW3LX), 3yo/up, 6f (off turf), 1:11.48, ft, 3 lengths.

**CANAVALL (g, 4, Kantharos--Palma, by Malibu Moon)** Lifetime Record: 18-3-2-3, \$82,675. O-Hickory Woods Farm; B-Castleton Lyons & Kilboy Estate (KY); T-Eddie Clouston. \*1/2 to El Terreno (Speightstown), SW, \$118,600.

**2nd-Fort Erie, C\$19,647**, 9-3, (NW3L), 3yo/up, 6 1/2f, 1:17.29, ft, head.

**WHERE IS ESSA (g, 5, Signature Red--Where Is Egbert, by Where's the Ring)** Lifetime Record: 22-3-6-9, \$153,940. O-Joseph & Charles Loiacano; B-Paul Buttigieg (ON); T-Julie Mathes.

#### ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

**On a Hunch**, g, 2, **Alternation**--Tango's Kitty, by Jersey Town. Prairie Meadows, 9-2, (S), 5 1/2f, 1:04.44. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-0, \$37,771. B-Pam Davis (IA). \*\$8,000 Ylg '23 IOWOCT.

**I'm Ripped**, c, 3, **Conquest Farenheit**--Fast Breaking News, by Flower Alley. Del Mar, 9-2, (S), 6 1/2f, 1:16.84. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, \$46,350. B-Harris Farms, Inc. (CA). \*\$10,000 Ylg '22 NCAAU.

**Classic Claire**, f, 4, **Maclean's Music**--Clairenation, by Bernstein. Horseshoe Indianapolis, 9-3, 1mT, 1:34.21. Lifetime Record: 7-1-1-1, \$41,877. B-Lloyd Madison Farms IV, LLC (KY).

**Cv Wicked Notional**, f, 4, **Notional**--Wicked Ravnina, by Wild and Wicked. Horseshoe Indianapolis, 9-3, (S), 1m, 1:43.97. Lifetime Record: 9-1-0-3, \$40,820. B-Randy Haffner (IN).

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**Raw Ability (Ire)** (Belardo {Ire}) charges from last to first in stateside debut at Del Mar Monday.

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**Belardo (Ire)**, Raw Ability (Ire), f, 3, o/o Que Sera Sera (GB), by Dansili (GB). AOC, 9-2, Del Mar

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**Ironicus**, Forever Home, m, 6, o/o Bee Home Soon, by Home At Last. ALW, 9-3, Horseshoe Indianapolis

**Kantharos**, Canavall, g, 4, o/o Palma, by Malibu Moon. ALW, 9-2, Mountaineer

**Klimt**, Baxley, g, 3, o/o Curlamorous, by **Curlin**. ALW, 9-2, Prairie Meadows

**Klimt**, Derby Day Kiss, f, 3, o/o Derby Day Storm, by Habayeb. ALW, 9-3, Thistledown

**Maclean's Music**, Classic Claire, f, 4, o/o Clairenation, by Bernstein. MSW, 9-3, Horseshoe Indianapolis

**Not This Time**, Ain't Life Grand, h, 5, o/o Cat d'Oro, by **Medaglia d'Oro**. HCP, 9-2, Prairie Meadows

**Notional**, Cv Wicked Notional, f, 4, o/o Wicked Ravnina, by Wild and Wicked. MSW, 9-3, Horseshoe Indianapolis

**Practical Joke**, Runaway Joke, c, 3, o/o Quivery, by **Violence**. ALW, 9-3, Finger Lakes

**Run Away and Hide**, Princess Runaway, m, 6, o/o Gianna's Princess, by Point Given. ALW, 9-3, Presque Isle Downs

**Signature Red**, Where Is Essa, g, 5, o/o Where Is Egbert, by Where's the Ring. ALW, 9-3, Fort Erie

**Skylord**, Girls Are Tuffer, f, 4, o/o Icey Energy, by Unbridled Energy. AOC, 9-3, Horseshoe Indianapolis

**Slope**, Unbridled Slope, g, 3, o/o Unbridled's Lady, by Unbridled's Song. AOC, 9-3, Horseshoe Indianapolis

**Street Sense**, Sigalert, h, 8, o/o Ouchy Night, by Cactus Ridge. ALW, 9-3, Finger Lakes

**Tourist**, Spellcast, g, 3, o/o Orientate to Luv, by Orientate. ALW, 9-3, Thistledown

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### CBA Keeneland September Show Poll as of 9/3/24

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for the most current version.

Below are the results of the CBA Show Day poll of its consignors. 100% of CBA consignors replied to this poll and it represents responses through September 3rd. **Please be aware that a few consignors may still adjust their plans up until they actually ship in.** So, while this list will be highly accurate it will likely not be perfect.

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We hope this poll is helpful to both buyers and sellers. Please contact us with any changes or updates to your schedule or any suggested improvements; text to 859-533-4884 or email to [info@consignorsandbreeders.com](mailto:info@consignorsandbreeders.com). **Thank you for your support.**

#### BOOK 1 (Barns 1 - 19)

Book 1 will sell over 2 days with consignors generally selling on both days. On Thursday the 7th, 18 yearlings will be available for viewing. On Friday the 8th, the large majority of yearlings will be showing. On Saturday the 9th, the final 6 yearlings will be available for inspection.

Thursday	Show Thursday..... (Sept 5th)
Friday	Show Friday..... (Sept 6th)
Saturday	Show Saturday ..... (Sept 7th)

#### BOOK 2 (Barns 22 - 49)

The large majority of Book 2 Day 1 yearlings will show for 3 days, while the majority of Book 2 Day 2 yearlings will show for 2 days to 4 days before selling. Please consult the chart and color coded key below for more specifics.

Sunday	Show Sunday..... (Sept 8th)
Monday	Show Monday ..... (Sept 9th)
Tuesday	Show Tuesday ..... (Sept 10th)

#### BOOK 3 (Barns 1 - 28)

The vast majority of CBA consignors will show Book 3 horses for 2 days before their sale day. Please consult the chart and color coded key below for more specifics.

Thursday	Show Thursday.... (Sept 12th)
Friday	Show Friday..... (Sept 13th)

CBA Member     Begin showing in afternoon

### BOOK 1

### Book 1 Showing By Barn Order

CBA Barn	Consignor	Beginning Show Dates by Session		Total # Yearlings
		Mon-9th Session 1	Tue-10th Session 2	
	Day Selling ->			
1	Eaton Sales	5	0	5
1	ELITE	1	3	4
1	Hidden Brook	2	1	3
1	Kingswood	1	1	2
1	Stoneriggs Farm	1	0	1
1 & 6	Lane's End	11	9	20
2 & 5	Gainesway	22	25	47
3	Glennwood	1	7	8
3	Mulholland Springs	2	1	3
3 & 4 & 9	Taylor Made Sales	33	34	67
4	Bridie Harrison, Agent	2	1	3
4	Highgate Sales	1	0	1
4	St. George Sales	5	4	9
4	Woods Edge Farm	3	2	5
5	Clarkland Farm	2	0	2
5	Denali Stud	8	10	18
6	Bedouin	0	1	1
6	Claiborne Farm	2	2	4
6	Hunter Valley	6	3	9
6	Summerfield	2	1	3
6	Turning Point	0	2	2
7	Hill 'n' Dale Sales	8	10	18
8	Ballysax	1	0	1
8	Bluewater Sales	1	0	1
8	Machmer Hall Sales	3	5	8
8	Vinery Sales	1	1	2
11	Beau Lane Bloodstock	1	2	3
11	Burleson Farms	0	1	1
11	Candy Meadows	2	1	3
11	Mill Ridge Sales	2	1	3
11	Shawhan Place	1	0	1
11	Stonehaven Steadings	1	2	3
12	Airdrie Stud, Inc.	3	1	4
12	Blake-Albina Tbred Services	3	1	4
12	Blandford Stud	2	0	2
12	Warrendale Sales	4	5	9
14	Brookdale Sales	2	0	2
14	Clearsky Farms	3	2	5
14	Grovendale	0	1	1
15	Bluegrass Tbred Services	1	1	2
15	Mt. Brilliant Farm	1	3	4
15	Stone Farm	2	2	4
15	Winter Quarter	0	3	3
15	Wynnstay Sales	1	1	2
18	Four Star Sales	5	9	12
18	Glen Hill Farm	2	0	2
18	Hinkle Farms	1	3	4
18	Indian Creek	2	4	6
18	Runnymede Farm, LLC	2	2	4
19	Buck Pond Farm, Inc	3	0	3
19	Darby Dan	1	0	1
19	Paramount Sales	11	12	23

#### SHOWING TIPS FOR WORKING THE KEENELAND SALE

##### Begin at the End (or even the Middle)

Historically lookers often start in the first barn of a given book and work their way through. Instead, we suggest starting at the end or somewhere in the middle to avoid traffic jams. This will be especially true once lookers start Book 2.

##### If the Crowd Zigs You Zag

If an area suddenly gets crowded, be flexible and jump over a few barns and then come back. Often one barn is swamped while a nearby barn is fairly quiet. However, if the whole area is active, jump to another area entirely. Keeneland has lots & lots of shuttles roaming the grounds. Remember, don't waste time standing in a sea of humanity and equine -- there is always someplace to see horses efficiently if you avoid the straight line.

# BOOK 2

## Book 2 Showing By Barn Order

CBA	Barn	Consignor	Beginning Show Dates by Session		Total # Yearlings
			Day Selling -->		
			Wed-11th Session 3	Thur-12th Session 4	
✓	22 & 23	Taylor Made Sales	19	0	19
✓	26	Bedouin Bloodstock	5	0	5
✓	26	Hunter Valley Farm	5	0	5
✓	26	Keith Lancaster	3	0	3
✓	26	Serendipity	2	0	2
✓	26 & 27	Hunter Valley Farm	14	0	14
✓	27	Garrencasey Sales	2	0	2
✓	27	Greenfield Farms	4	0	4
✓	27	Highgate	7	0	7
✓	27	Pope McLean (Crestwood)	9	0	9
✓	28	Claiborne Farm	13	0	13
✓	28	Farfellow	2	0	2
✓	28	Glen Hill Farm	2	0	2
✓	28	Penn Sales	3	0	3
✓	28	Stonehaven Steadings	6	0	6
✓	29	Clarkland Farm	2	0	2
✓	29	Nursery Place	5	0	5
✓	29	Runnymede Farm LLC	8	0	8
✓	29	Terrazas Tbred	2	0	2
✓	29	Upson Downs	2	0	2
✓	30	KatieRich	4	0	4
✓	30	Lane's End	27	0	27
✓	31 & 32	Gainesway	47	0	47
✓	32 & 33	Taylor Made Sales	32	0	32
✓	33	Elm Tree	4	0	4
✓	33	Summerfield	4	0	4
✓	33 & 34	Paramount	20	0	20
✓	34	Ledgelands	1	0	1
✓	34	Machmer Hall	15	0	15
✓	35	Eaton Sales	18	0	18
✓	35	Woods Edge	13	0	13
✓	36	Denali Stud	35	0	35
✓	36	Legacy Bloodstock	13	0	13
✓	36 & 37	Clearsky	4	0	4
✓	37 & 38	Hill 'n' Dale Sales	27	0	27
✓	38	Candy Meadows	0	4	4
✓	38	Dixiana Farm	0	6	6
✓	38	Hinkle Farms	0	4	4
✓	39	Bluegrass Thoroughbreds	0	5	5
✓	39	Colin Brennan	0	2	2
✓	39	Lisa and Tim Turney	0	5	5
✓	39	Norvale Farm	0	5	5
✓	39	Stone Farm	0	11	11
✓	39	Stoneriggs Farm	0	3	3
✓	40	Ballysax Bloodstock	0	3	3
✓	40	Betz Thoroughbreds	0	7	7
✓	40	Burleson Farms	0	7	7
✓	40	Cara Bloodstock	0	4	4
✓	40	Mt. Brilliant Farm	0	7	7
✓	40	Sequel New York	0	3	3
✓	41	Brandywine Farm	0	5	5
✓	41	Buck Pond Farm	0	5	5
✓	41	ELITE	0	11	11
✓	41	Knockgriffin Farm	0	2	2
✓	41	Mill Ridge Sales	0	8	8
✓	42	Darby Dan	0	4	4
✓	42	Four Star Sales	0	20	20
✓	42	Mulholland Springs	0	8	8
✓	43	Glennwood Farm	0	9	9
✓	43	Nicky Drion	0	3	3
✓	43	Scott Mallory	0	5	5
✓	43	Susan Y. Foreman	0	3	3
✓	43	Turning Point Bldstock	0	3	3
✓	44	Bridie Harrison	0	5	5
✓	44	Lantern Hill Farm	0	2	2
✓	44	Paramount Sales	0	25	25
✓	45	Havens Bloodstock	0	4	4
✓	45	Indian Creek	0	14	14
✓	45	Patricia Clark	0	3	3
✓	45 & 46	Vinery Sales	0	16	16
✓	46	Anderson Farms	0	4	4
✓	46	St. George Sales	0	20	20
✓	47	Ashview Farms	0	7	7
✓	47	Beau Lane Bloodstock	0	3	3
✓	47	Blandford Stud	0	3	3
✓	47	Warrendale Sales	0	25	25
✓	48	Airdrie Stud	0	7	7
✓	48	Blake-Albina Tbrds	0	5	5
✓	48	Grovendale	0	7	7
✓	48	Hidden Brook	0	9	9
✓	48 & 49	Taylor Made Sales	0	49	49

# BOOK 3

## Book 3 Showing By Barn Order

CBA	Barn	Consignor	Beginning Show Dates by Session		Total # Yearlings
			Day Selling -->		
			Sat-14th Session 5	Sun-15th Session 6	
✓	1	Glen Hill Farm	5	0	5
✓	1	Hunter Valley Farm	20	0	20
✓	1	Nursery Place	3	0	3
✓	1	Tarleton Farm	1	0	1
✓	1 & 6	Lane's End	27	0	27
✓	2 & 5	Gainesway	39	0	39
✓	3	Taylor Made Sales	42	0	42
✓	4	Elm Tree Farm	15	0	15
✓	4	Highgate Sales	5	0	5
✓	4	Rosilyn Polin	2	0	2
✓	4	Woods Edge Farm	18	0	18
✓	5	Clarkland Farm	4	0	4
✓	5	Denali Stud	28	0	28
✓	5	Farfellow Farm	4	0	4
✓	6	Claiborne Farm	14	0	14
✓	6	Frankfort Park	2	0	2
✓	6	Penn Sales	4	0	4
✓	6	Dixiana Farms	6	0	6
✓	6	Wynnstay Sales	3	0	3
✓	7	Hill 'n' Dale Sales	26	0	26
✓	7	Moreau Bloodstock	4	0	4
✓	8	Keith Lancaster	2	0	2
✓	8	Machmer Hall Sales	28	0	28
✓	8	Shawhan Place	2	0	2
✓	8	Summerfield	8	0	8
✓	9	Bedouin Bloodstock	4	0	4
✓	9	Clearsky Farms	2	0	2
✓	9	Garrencasey Sales	2	0	2
✓	9	Greenfield Farms	7	0	7
✓	9	Legacy Bloodstock	9	0	9
✓	9	Pope McLean (Crestwood)	11	0	11
✓	9	Runnymede	4	0	4
✓	10	Columbiana Farm	4	0	4
✓	10	Paramount Sales	16	0	16
✓	11	Eaton Sales	20	0	20
✓	11	KatieRich	2	0	2
✓	11	Nardelli Sales	3	0	3
✓	11	Peter Shepell Tbred	1	0	1
✓	11	Terrazas Thoroughbreds	5	0	5
✓	12	Castle Park Farm	2	0	2
✓	12	Hartwell Farm	2	0	2
✓	12	Paul Tackett	1	0	1
✓	12	Stonehaven Steadings	7	0	7
✓	12	Upson Downs Farm	4	0	4
✓	12	War Horse Place	1	0	1
✓	12	Darby Dan	0	4	4
✓	12	Mill Ridge Sales	0	12	12
✓	14	Betz Thoroughbreds	0	8	8
✓	14	Blandford Stud	0	11	11
✓	14	Brookdale Sales	0	10	10
✓	14	Sue Vacek	0	3	3
✓	15	Ashview Farm	0	5	5
✓	15	Bridie Harrison, Agent	0	5	5
✓	15	Hermitage	0	4	4
✓	15	Mt. Brilliant Farm	0	7	7
✓	15	Stone Farm	0	10	10
✓	18	Dixiana Farm	0	7	7
✓	18	Four Star Sales	0	23	23
✓	18	Hinkle Farms	0	3	3
✓	19	Beau Lane Bloodstock	0	5	5
✓	19	Bluegrass Tbred	0	7	7
✓	19	Buck Pond Farm	0	3	3
✓	19	Paramount Sales	0	26	16
✓	20	Candy Meadows	0	3	3
✓	20	Kaizen Sales	0	4	4
✓	20	Ledgelands	0	4	4
✓	20	Lisa and Tim Turney, Agent	0	3	3
✓	20	Straight Line Equine	0	4	4
✓	20 & 21	Warrendale Sales	0	30	30
✓	21	Blake-Albina Tbred Services	0	8	8
✓	21	Buckland Sales	0	4	4
✓	21	Colin Brennan	0	4	4
✓	22	Mulholland Springs	0	8	8
✓	22 & 23	Taylor Made Sales	0	44	44
✓	23	Knockgriffin Farm	0	3	3
✓	23 & 24	Indian Creek	0	29	29
✓	24	Royal Oak Farm	0	3	3
✓	24	Vinery Sales	0	22	22
✓	25	Airdrie Stud	0	16	16
✓	25	Hidden Brook	0	14	14
✓	25	Lantern Hill	0	3	3
✓	26	Anderson Farms	0	5	5
✓	26	Ballysax Bloodstock	0	3	3
✓	26	St. George Sales	0	22	22
✓	27	Burleson Farms	0	12	12
✓	27	ELITE Sales	0	8	8
✓	27	Norvale Farm	0	2	2
✓	27	Sequel New York	0	2	2
✓	27	Stoneriggs Farm	0	6	6
✓	28	Grovendale Sales	0	7	7
✓	28	Scott Mallory	0	7	7

## NEW SALE FORMAT BUT SAME OLD STORY AS HAVANA GREY FILLY STARS AT TATTERSALLS



Alex Elliott was involved in the purchase of the top three lots during the second session of the Somerville Yearling Sale | *Tattersalls*

By Adam Houghton

NEWMARKET, England--For the second consecutive year Havana Grey (GB) and Whitsbury Manor Stud were responsible for the highest-priced yearling at the Tattersalls Somerville Yearling Sale as a filly by the in-demand stallion went the way of Alex Elliott, acting on behalf of Amo Racing, for 140,000gns during Tuesday's session at Park Paddocks.

Lot 419 was the headline buy on a productive day for Elliott, who signed for the top three lots from the session in some shape or form. Lot 376, a Sergei Prokofiev colt offered by Chasemore Farm, is also set to sport the familiar purple silks of Amo Racing after being bought for 90,000gns, while Elliott had earlier teamed up with Billy Jackson-Stops to secure a Cotai Glory (GB) colt [lot 277] from the Houghton Bloodstock draft for 100,000gns.

"I think we've bought eight in total over the two days," Elliott said of his haul. "It's a lot of horses here for people to focus on and obviously the quality at a sale like this shows through. It's not a select sale." **Cont. p3**

## HOLLIE DOYLE REACHES 1,000 WINNERS AT GOODWOOD

Classic-winning jockey Hollie Doyle reached 1,000 career winners at Goodwood on Tuesday.

Doyle, who won her first race 11 years ago, was aboard trainer David Simcock's Leyhaimur (GB) (Pinatubo {Ire}) when winning the William Hill Keep Your Raceday Positive Fillies' Nursery Handicap over six furlongs. She had scored win 999 earlier in the card with Almaty Star (Ire) (Kodiac {GB}) in the William Hill Most Top Price Runners Handicap for trainer Robert Cowell.

"Never when I started off my career did I imagine I would ride this many winners," Doyle told *Racing TV*.

"I'm just really grateful for all the support I've had so far; from trainers, owners, my agent--they've done a great job for me so far, even though I'm probably a nightmare to work for.

"Now all I can think about is the next thousand!" **Cont. p8**

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**Wednesday, September 4, 2024**



*It was four seasons in one at Tattersalls on the second day of the Somerville Sale but as ever the dedication of those working closest with the horses shone through. Kashif Kashif waited patiently in the downpour with lot 406 before entering the ring. |*

*Tattersalls/Alisha Meeder*

**8 | 50 JUVENILE WINS FOR AIDAN O'BRIEN**

*Monumental (Ire) (Kingman {GB}) brought up 50 juvenile wins for Aidan O'Brian on Tuesday.*

**15 | EUROPEAN-BREDS DOMINATE MELBOURNE CUP ENTRIES**

*Plenty of European-breds will try their hand at the G1 Melbourne Cup after the latest entries were revealed. Emma Berry has the story.*

**15 | ALMANZOR TO STAY IN SOUTHERN HEMISPHERE AT CAMBRIDGE STUD**

*Almanzor (Fr) will continue his stallion career at solely at Cambridge Stud.*

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**Tattersalls Somerville Sale Cont. from p1**

He added, "There are a few horses there who could have been in different books, but people brought them here to stand out and I think, generally, they've been well rewarded for doing so."

This year another 121 lots were offered compared to 12 months ago, when the Somerville Yearling Sale was held over a single session, and yet the aggregate increased by just 3%. Of the 426 yearlings offered, 316 sold for a total value of 8,927,500gns. The clearance rate of 77% represented a 13% decrease on last year, while the average fell by 11% to 28,252gns and the median by 19% to 22,000gns. Only three yearlings achieved a six-figure price this year compared to seven in 2023.

Incidentally, the 140,000gns Elliott paid for the Havana Grey filly is the fourth highest price in the short history of the Somerville Yearling Sale. She is out of a half-sister to the G2 Sapphire Stakes winner Stepper Point (GB)



Lot 419 was the overall sale topper | Tattersalls

(Kyllachy {GB}), who was also runner-up at the top level in the King's Stand Stakes and Nunthorpe Stakes, while the Listed scorer and G2 Temple Stakes third Lady In France (GB) (Showcasing {GB}) is another of the dam's siblings.

"She was the standout filly for me over the two days and I love the pedigree," Elliott added. "She's quite young so there is a lot of improvement to come. She has a bit of length to her and she just has loads of quality--I loved her when I first saw her. I thought she was the one to get and, luckily, Kia [Joorabchian of Amo Racing] thought the same."

**Cotai Glory Emerges from the Shadow of Studmates**

Tally-Ho Stud stallions Mehmas (Ire) and Starman (GB) have each had their fair share of column inches devoted to them in the last week or so, one fast becoming the kingpin on the roster and the other a first-season sire starting to make a name for himself.

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**Tattersalls Somerville Sale Cont.**

On Tuesday, however, it was another member of the team based in Mullingar who was able to enjoy his moment in the limelight as Elliott and Jackson-Stops came away with the Cotai Glory (GB) colt, the only other six-figure lot to sell on Tuesday.

Lot 277 is out of the unraced Dutch Art (GB) mare Millvina (GB), a half-sister to the G2 Temple Stakes heroine Priceless (GB) (Exceed And Excel {Aus}) among others.

"I think Cotai Glory constantly punches above his weight," Elliott said of the sire perhaps best known for producing the G1 Prix de l'Abbaye scorer The Platinum Queen (Ire). "This horse was George Scott's pick of the sale and we're delighted to get him. He comes from a very good farm and he's got a very fast pedigree. He looks like a horse that we can really get on with."

"He's been bought for Valmont and Michael Blencowe," Elliott added. "We started the partnership last year and we're going to

do the same again with two going to George, two to Andrew Balding and two to Ralph Beckett. We actually run a horse tonight up at Newcastle called West Acre who George thought a lot of earlier in the year--hopefully, it's the start of a good day."

The last remark certainly proved prophetic given Elliott's exploits through the afternoon, so too what happened at Gosforth Park where West Acre (Ire) made no mistake on debut as the 6-5 favourite. In doing so he became Mehmas's 45th individual two-year-old winner in Europe in 2024, 18 more than any other stallion.



Billy Jackson-Stops signed for lot 277 with Alex Elliott | Tattersalls

**Middleham Park Land Sibling to Star Sprinter**

One of Mehmas's flagbearers this season has been the G2 Sapphire Stakes winner and G1 Nunthorpe Stakes runner-up Believing (Ire), so all eyes were on her half-brother, by another relatively unheralded Tally-Ho resident in Inns Of Court (Ire), when he went through the ring as lot 279. **Cont. p5**

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The colt was offered by Dermot Kilmartin of Kildallan Farm-- whose **15-year-old son Ruairi made headlines here on Monday** when his Dark Angel (Ire) filly sold for 70,000gns--and he capped quite the 48 hours for the family when selling to Highflyer's Anthony Bromley, Eve Johnson Houghton and Middleham Park for 75,000gns.

Middleham Park's Tom Palin confirmed that Johnson Houghton will be the lucky recipient of the well-related colt, who is by the same sire as several other talented performers to have carried their blue and orange colours. They are headed by The Strikin Viking (Ire), who the team sold to Wathnan Racing after his runner-up finish in the G2 Railway Stakes, along with the Listed winner and G3 Oak Tree Stakes third Ziggy's Dream (Ire).

"I thought that he was one of the standout specimens of the sale," Palin summed up, before delivering a pun which served to highlight that the colt must have been on his mind for a while.



Tom Palin | Tattersalls

Either that or he's just a far quicker thinker than I expect I would be with the phones of the press pack thrust in my face.

"The page is there for the world to see--I suppose seeing is Believing, isn't it?" he joked. "He walks for fun and obviously we have a big love affair with Inns Of Court. Maybe he's not everybody's cup of tea as a sire, but for us he can do no wrong.

"The stars aligned and I'm staggered that we got him for what we did. I thought he was probably a 100 grand horse, although he could look expensive in 12 months' time if it doesn't go the right way!"

**Mohaather Colt Brings it Full Circle for the Johnson Houghtons**

Roles were briefly reversed for Eve Johnson Houghton at a sale where the purchases she was involved in nearly reached double digits, working closely with Highflyer's Anthony Bromley throughout.

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Indeed, the shoe was firmly on the other foot when it came to the turn of lot 362 to go under the hammer, the Mohaather (GB) colt having been bred by Johnson Houghton out of the unraced Kendargent (Fr) mare Reprieval (Fr). He is a half-brother to Betty Clover (GB) (Time Test {GB}), another homebred who won the Listed Marygate Stakes at York back in May, although her trainer-owner wasn't in attendance on the Knavesmire to see it happen.

"I was at Newbury and the whole of the course knew as I was screaming her home--it was really embarrassing," Johnson Houghton said of that success, doing a better job of keeping her cool this time after the Mohaather colt, who was consigned by Hillwood Stud, had sold to Oliver St Lawrence for 70,000gns.

"I tried to sell him as a foal and couldn't," Johnson Houghton added. "Mum needed a colt foal to run with her colt, so she bought him off me. I thought he'd make 50,000gns, and he made 70,000gns, so I am thrilled."

The role played by Johnson Houghton's mother, Gaie, in the origin story of this colt certainly shouldn't be understated. Let's not forget, it was Gaie who bred the G1 Sussex Stakes winner and promising young sire Mohaather, before he was sold for 110,000gns at Book 2 of the Tattersalls October Yearling Sale.

### Talking Points

- Whitsbury Manor Stud was the sale's leading vendor with 11 yearlings sold for an average of 56,455gns. These included two of the top ten yearlings, by the stud's resident stallions Havana Grey (GB) and Showcasing (GB).
- Havana Grey may have ruled the roost but it has been a promising sales season for Tally-Ho Stud's newcomer Starman (GB) so far. Of 22 yearlings catalogued for the Somerville Yearling Sale, 17 were sold for an average of 31,882gns. These included the top lot of Monday's session, a filly out of Get Up And Dance (GB), who sold for 100,000gns to Richard Ryan.
- Coolmore's **Sioux Nation**, who provided the stiffest opposition to Havana Grey in the battle to be crowned leading first-season sire when their first runners hit the track in 2022, enjoyed a successful sale of his own with six yearlings selling for an average of 48,667gns. That was the highest average of any stallion in the top 20 on the sires' table, with lot 87, a colt from Galbertstown Stables, leading the way when selling to Robson Aguiar for 60,000gns.

- Last year you had to travel your finger down to the 18th name on the sires' table, Galiway (GB), to find a stallion who had won much beyond a mile. This year it was Lope De Vega (Ire), down in 23rd, who did the most to fly the flag for stallions with a win to their name over at least ten furlongs. It's safe to say that this sale is delivering exactly what it has always promised as a reliable source of fast and precocious sorts.
- A total of 886 of those fast and precocious yearlings have been offered in the last week or so--460 at Doncaster and then 426 here at Park Paddocks--and it's hard to escape the conclusion that this is a market which has reached its saturation point when looking at the results across both sales. We're all well aware of the difficulties at the lower to middle tiers, but perhaps of chief concern for the team at Tattersalls will be the way those in the top bracket of this sale performed over the two days, with only three yearlings commanding a six-figure fee.



Eve Johnson Houghton was involved as both a buyer and a seller at the Somerville Sale | Tattersalls

### Chairman's Comments

"The Tattersalls Somerville Yearling Sale has made huge progress in its four-year history with the inaugural one-day sale in 2021 producing turnover below five million guineas and an average price of 21,000 guineas," said Tattersalls chairman Edmond Mahony.

"This year's renewal, while falling short of last year's across the board records, is still a long way in advance of the 2021 levels and is a clear indication of a sale which has quickly established itself as an important fixture in the European yearling sales calendar." [Cont. p7](#)

**Tattersalls Somerville Sale Cont.**

He added, "Nevertheless, the demand for places and the conscious decision to reduce overall numbers in the two weeks of the forthcoming Tattersalls October Yearling Sale, has resulted in a two-day Somerville Yearling Sale for the first time and a very significant increase in numbers, all of which has contributed to a clearance rate which has fallen some way short of where we would like it to be.

"Certain sectors of the market have held up well, with a wide-margin record number of lots selling for 50,000 guineas or more, but the evident softening of the market at the lower levels, which has been a consistent theme this year, also reflects prevailing economic realities which we are all aware of.

"As with every sale at Tattersalls we will assess all the factors at play with a view to establishing the optimum format for the Somerville Yearling Sale going forward and in the meantime we look forward to Books 1 to 4 of the Tattersalls October Yearling Sale and to seeing Somerville yearlings continue to excel on the racecourse where it matters most."



Archie Watson, with Blandford Bloodstock, picked up lot 339, a son of the late Dandy Man | Tattersalls

**Buy of the Day**

The late Dandy Man (Ire) was a consistent source of high-class sprinting two-year-olds in his time at Ballyhane Stud and it would take a brave soul to bet against him coming up with another one from this penultimate crop of yearlings to go through the ring at Tattersalls. Lot 339 certainly has the credentials of one who should be winning races as a two-year-old and he's going to a prolific trainer of such horses in Archie Watson, who bought the colt in tandem with Blandford Bloodstock for just 14,000gns. Offered by Throckmorton Court Stud, he is out of the Acclamation (GB) mare Positive Mentality

(Ire), a three-race maiden for Michael Dods, while the second dam is a half-sister to the G3 Prix du Bois winner Dolled Up (Ire) (Whipper) and Listed scorer Zeiting (Ire) (Zieten). Zeiting is in turn the dam of six black-type performers, while another sibling by Acclamation, Madany (Ire), has produced top-class talents such as Eqtidaar (Ire) and Massaaf (Ire) among others.

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**TUESDAY'S TOP LOTS**

<u>Lot</u>	<u>Sire   Dam</u>	<u>Price (gns)</u>
<b>419 f,</b>	<b>Havana Grey (GB)--Step Sister (GB)</b> Bred by Whitsbury Manor Stud (GB) Consigned by Whitsbury Manor Stud Purchased by A C Elliott, agent	<b>140,000</b>
<b>277 c,</b>	<b>Cotai Glory (GB)--Millvina (GB)</b> Bred by Cheveley Park Stud, Limited (GB) Consigned by Houghton Bloodstock Purchased by A C Elliott, agent/JS Bloodstock	<b>100,000</b>
<b>376 c,</b>	<b>Sergei Prokofiev--Sassy Dresser (GB)</b> Bred by Chasemore Farm (GB) Consigned by Chasemore Farm Purchased by A C Elliott, agent	<b>90,000</b>
<b>418 c,</b>	<b>Space Blues (Ire)--Stay Forever (Fr)</b> (50,000gns Wlg '23 TATDEC) Bred by Genesis Green Stud, Ltd. (GB) Consigned by Clearwater Stud Purchased by Nick Bell	<b>82,000</b>
<b>279 c,</b>	<b>Inns Of Court (Ire)--Misfortunate (Ire)</b> Bred by M. Mullen & Cloneymore Farm (Ire) Consigned by Kildallan Farm Purchased by Highflyer/Eve Johnson Houghton/Middleham Park	<b>75,000</b>
<b>431 c,</b>	<b>Palace Pier (GB)--Tanaaghom (Ire)</b> Bred by J. Hanly, A. Stroud & Ed's Stud (Ire) Consigned by Ballyhimikin Stud Purchased by Kevin Ross Bloodstock	<b>75,000</b>



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SESSION TOTALS	2024	
• Catalogued	232	
• Number Offered	212	
• Number Sold	155	
• Not Sold	57	
• Clearance Rate	73%	
• High Price	140,000gns	
• Gross	4,542,000gns	
• Average (% change)	29,303gns	
• Median (% change)	22,000gns	
CUMULATIVE	2024	2023
• Catalogued	466	314
• Number Offered	426	305
• Number Sold	316	271
• Not Sold	110	34
• Clearance Rate	77%	90%
• High Price	140,000gns	155,000gns
• Gross	8,927,500gns	8,646,000gns
• Average (% change)	28,252gns (-11%)	31,904gns
• Median (% change)	22,000gns (-19%)	27,000gns

*\*Note: The 2024 edition was the first to be held over two days.*

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## AIDAN O'BRIEN SECURES 50TH JUVENILE VICTORY OF 2024



Aidan O'Brien | Getty Images

Ballydoyle trainer Aidan O'Brien earned his 50th win (33.3%) by a juvenile this year with the tally of **Monumental (Ire) (Kingman {GB})** at Gowran Park on Tuesday, according to *Sporting Life*. It was his 31st individual 2-year-old to secure at least one victory since the start of the season. His closest pursuer is trainer Karl Burke (41 wins, 21.5%).

In previous years, O'Brien accrued 26 (2023), 40 (2022) and 21 (2021) juvenile wins. His individual winners' count during that same three-year period was 28 (2023), 24 (2022), and 18 (2021).

Top of the Coolmore partners' pecking order and in the overall Timeform 2-year-old standings is the undefeated multiple group winner **Bedtime Story (Ire) (Frankel {GB})** at 116p. O'Brien's 'TDN Rising Star' and G3 Acomb Stakes hero **The Lion In Winter (Ire) (Sea The Stars {Ire})** sits second in the ratings with a mark of 115p. He is currently the winter favourite for both the G1 2000 Guineas and the G1 Derby. Besides Juddmonte's **Babouche (GB) (Kodiac {GB})** in third for Ger Lyons at 113p, the next trio of runners are all tied at Timeform 112p and all trained by the master of Rosegreen--two-time Group 3 scorer **Fairy Godmother (Ire) (Night Of Thunder {Ire})**, dual Group 2 winner **Henri Matisse (Ire) (Wootton Bassett {GB})**, and G1 Prix Morny hero **Whistlejacket (Ire) (No Nay Never)**. [Cont. p9](#)

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Hollie Doyle after riding her 1,000th winner | Getty Images

**Aidan O'Brien Cont.**

Only three Ballydoyle inmates managed a ranking above 110 in 2023, the same number as in 2022. In 2021, just one juvenile trained by O'Brien met that criteria.

In 2022, O'Brien trained subsequent Coolmore sire **Little Big Bear (Ire) (No Nay Never)** to a rank of 126p and he was crowned champion juvenile, an honour that went to stablemate City Of Troy (**Justify**) last year at a mark of 119p.

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**DERBY SECOND AMBIENTE FRIENDLY SET FOR PRIX NIEL ASSIGNMENT, AS SOUMILLON GETS THE CALL UP**

The Gredley family's **Ambiente Friendly (Ire) (Gleneagles {Ire})**, second in the 2024 G1 Derby, will gain the services of Christophe Soumillon when he contests the G2 Prix Niel on Sept. 15, according to trainer James Fanshawe.

The Listed Lingfield Derby Trial Stakes hero, who was third in the G1 Irish Derby, was last seen running 10th in the G1 International Stakes at York on Aug. 21. The Group 2 is a pointer for the Oct. 6 G1 Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe.

Fanshawe said, "That's the plan--all being well, he goes for the Niel and Christophe Soumillon has been booked. He seems really well."

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Christophe Soumillon is aiming for his third Prix Niel  
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**HAATEM SET TO RETURN AT FOUR AS SETBACK CURTAILS SEASON**

Royal Ascot winner **Haatem (Ire) (Phoenix Of Spain {Ire})** has suffered an unspecified setback which will rule him out for the remainder of the season. His owner Wathnan Racing plans to

return him to training for a four-year-old campaign.

The winner of the G3 Jersey Stakes and G3 Craven Stakes, Haatem has also been placed in two Guineas for Richard Hannon, and was beaten just a head by his stable-mate Rosallion (Ire) (Blue Point {Ire}) in the Irish 2,000 Guineas. He was an intended starter in the G1 Prix Jacques le Marois in Deauville in August but was withdrawn at the start after jockey James Doyle reported that he was unhappy with the colt as he went to post.

Richard Brown, racing adviser to Wathnan Racing, said, "We've got to the bottom of what was troubling him that day and, the good news is, it's nothing serious. But it would be a race against time to get him back for the obvious end-of-year targets, so we've drawn stumps and hope to have him back in top form for the big mile races next season."

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Haatem winning the Jersey Stakes | *Racingfotos.com*

**GOD BLESSING TO STAND AT KARWIN FARM IN 2025**

Listed winner **God Blessing (Ire) (Siyouni Fr)** will stand his first season at stud at Karwin Farm in France, *Jour de Galop* reported on Tuesday. He will stand for €3,000.

The son of Galaxe (Fr) (High Chaparral {Ire}), herself a half-sister to G2 Prix Hocquart runner-up Galaxie Gold (Fr) (Dariyan {Fr}), was bred by Jose Delmotte's Haras d'Haspel. Raced by his breeder and trainer Damien de Watrigant, he is the third foal out of his dam, who was placed twice at the listed level in France. A €70,000 RNA Arqana September yearling, the bay won his first three starts, including the Listed Prix de Tourgeville at three. He was last seen taking the Listed Prix MGPF Technispectacle at Vichy in July of 2023. His record stands at 7-4-0-0 and \$108,587 in earnings. [Cont. p10](#)



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### God Blessing Cont.

Said Gregory Vayre of Karwin Farm, who will be standing God Blessing with Delmotte, “He is a **Siyouni** with a very interesting profile and size. Black-type mares or those who have produced black-type will be entitled to a covering offered by Delmotte. A few breeding rights will be on sale, at the price of €10,000 with an annual covering, as well as an additional covering to be used during the first three years.”

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## CALLUM SHEPHERD WINS APPEAL AGAINST 18-DAY BAN

Jockey Callum Shepherd has won his appeal against the Kempton stewards that imposed an 18-day ban last month.

Aboard Thorntonledale Max (GB) (Cityscape {GB}) in a handicap, Shepherd was said to have failed “to take all reasonable and permissible measures on a horse which would have finished outright first” after rival Flavour Maker (Ire) (Profitable {Ire}) dead-heated with Shepherd’s mount. Shepherd “completely refuted” the allegation at the time and a British Horseracing Authority (BHA) independent panel met to adjudicate the decision on Tuesday morning. Shepherd insisted that his mount had lost “no momentum whatsoever”, and the panel was in agreement.

“I look all the over the place, it looks bad and I would be the first to say it but it is unusual and completely unintended,” he said.

Panel chairperson HH James O’Mahony said, “Whether or not there was an admitted or in fact a mistake is open to argument.

“We accept the reality of life in sport and particularly in racing that things happen very fast and if every time a jockey made an error of judgement there was to be hearing about it, then hearings would go on every day and forever. So it is open to us

to consider as we judge it the question of an acceptable explanation.

“We find on the balance of probabilities there was a loss of rhythm and an imbalance that had some causal connection with the appearance and the fact of Mr Shepherd rising as he did above the saddle in the closing strides, and we were able to say that on the most infinitesimal and minute observation of the footage any number of times, from all relevant angles and with close noting of specific times.

“We add that there was no apparent loss of momentum as far as the horse was concerned and finally we emphasise that this case is decided on its own facts and is in no way a precedent or a ruling on any matter of principle that may arise in future cases of this kind.

“The sanction is, of course, quashed.

“We add that in the time available to the stewards when they made their decision, they had nothing like the opportunity that we have had to examine the evidence in such detail.”

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## LEGER LEGENDS RACE TO HONOUR GRAHAM LEE

The Graham Lee Vickers.Bet Leger Legends Classified Stakes will be run in honour of Graham Lee during the final day of the St Leger meeting at Doncaster.

A top-level winning jockey under both codes, Lee sustained life-changing injuries in a Newcastle fall last November. A [JustGiving page](#) was set up by Lee’s daughter Amy, for the Injured Jockeys Fund (IJF) which has raised over £200,000. The race will see ex-jockeys riding to raise money for the IJF and the National Racing College. A charity golf event was also held on Monday. [Cont. p11](#)



Graham Lee | Getty Images

### Leger Legends Cont.

“There’s a good turnout, which is good, and it’s good to get out and do things like this to help him,” Lee’s son Robbie told *Sky Sports Racing*.

“He [Graham Lee] is doing OK. We’ve had a getaway at Oaksey House for the week and he’s enjoyed that.

“He’s doing well and keeping his physio going constant, so he’s not giving up.

“It does help him getting a change of scenery and really gives him a reset and helps clear his mind.”

Lee’s friend and former weighing-room colleague Andrew Thornton is one of the organisers of the Leger Legends event and is pleased the race will carry Lee’s name on Sept. 15.

He said, “He’s ridden 2,000 winners under both codes, it’s remarkable. It’s obviously very sad what happened, but we’re all behind him and we’re all doing what we can for him.

“This event is for the National Racing College and also for the Injured Jockeys Fund and Jack Berry House. Graham benefits through that and gave us his blessing to call it that this year.

“We’ve got past winners in Sammy-Jo Bell and Brian Harding taking part and Meg Nicholls is donning the silks again.

“We’ve got Gerald Mosse coming over [from France] and Tom Scudamore, Dickie [Richard] Johnson is having another crack and we’ve got an Irish contingent coming over as well including Mark Enright, Bryan Cooper and David Mullins—a Grand National-winning rider.”

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### UNITED KINGDOM

**Earthlight (Ire)** (Shamardal), Kildangan Stud

113 foals of racing age/10 winners/1 black-type winner  
14:40-LINGFIELD PARK, 6f, **Earthview (GB)**

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

83 foals of racing age/6 winners/0 black-type winners  
17:03-SOUTHWELL, 7f, **Abstract Art (Ire)**  
€16,000 Goffs November Foal Sale 2022; €45,000 Tattersalls  
Ireland September Yearling 2023; £48,000 RNA Goffs UK 2yo  
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**Ghaiyyath (Ire)** (Dubawi {Ire}), Kildangan Stud

101 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners  
19:30-KEMPTON PARK, 7f, **Westcombe (GB)**  
52,000gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale (Book 2) 2023

**Kameko** (Kitten's Joy), Tweenhills Stud

87 foals of racing age/10 winners/1 black-type winner  
14:40-LINGFIELD PARK, 6f, **Apple's Angel (Ire)**  
€10,000 RNA Goffs November Foal Sale 2022; €15,000 RNA  
Tattersalls Ireland September Yearling 2023; £27,300 Tattersalls  
Online June Sale 2024  
15:02-BATH, 5.75f, **Rationale (GB)**  
1,500gns Tattersalls Ascot November Sale 2023

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

96 foals of racing age/11 winners/2 black-type winners  
15:02-BATH, 5.75f, **Obsidian Dream (GB)**  
6,000gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale (Book 3) 2023; £3,500  
Goffs UK 2yo Breeze Up Sale 2024  
19:00-KEMPTON PARK, 6f, **Teenage Daydream (GB)**

**Pinatubo (Ire)** (Shamardal), Dalham Hall Stud

109 foals of racing age/11 winners/0 black-type winners  
19:00-KEMPTON PARK, 6f, **Borcano (Ire)**  
170,000gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale (Book 2) 2023  
19:30-KEMPTON PARK, 7f, **Sheikh Raj (Ire)**  
150,000gns Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2022; 135,000gns  
RNA Tattersalls October Yearling Sale (Book 1) 2023



**Rumble Inthejungle (Ire)** (Bungle Inthejungle {GB}), Norman Court Stud  
 23 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners  
 15:02-BATH, 5.75f, **Azuinthejungle (GB)**  
 15:02-BATH, 5.75f, **Distant Rumble (GB)**  
 8,000gns Tattersalls Somerville Yearling Sale 2023

**Sands of Mali (Fr)** (Panis), Ballyhane Stud  
 98 foals of racing age/12 winners/1 black-type winner  
 15:02-BATH, 5.75f, **Sofian (Ire)**  
 €7,000 Tattersalls Ireland September Yearling Sale Part II 2023

**Without Parole (GB)** (**Frankel {GB}**), Newsells Park Stud  
 53 foals of racing age/8 winners/0 black-type winners  
 17:03-SOUTHWELL, 7f, **Liberty Bird (GB)**  
 30,000gns Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2022; 16,000gns  
 Tattersalls October Yearling Sale (Book 3) 2023

**Yafta (GB)** (Dark Angel {Ire}), Haras de la Haie Neuve  
 26 foals of racing age/2 winners/0 black-type winners  
 15:02-BATH, 5.75f, **The Bear of Saints (Fr)**



Yafta has a runner at Bath | Haras de la Haie Neuve

## OBSERVATIONS

on the European racing scene

### TOO DARN HOT ARQANA BREEZE-UP SENSATION DEBUTS AT LINGFIELD

**14.40 Lingfield, Debutantes, £6,300, 2yo, f, 6f (AWT)**  
**CATHEDRAL (GB)** (**Too Darn Hot {GB}**) debuts for Amo Racing and the Ralph Beckett stable, with the tag attached of being the

joint-top-priced filly at the Arqana May Breeze-Up at €800,000. Out of a daughter of the G1 Matron Stakes heroine Emulous (GB) (Dansili {GB}) and half-sister to the G1 Pretty Polly Stakes winner Bluestocking (GB) (**Camelot {GB}**), she holds an entry in next weekend's G1 Moyglare Stud Stakes so it will be interesting to see what connections decide if she makes the perfect start.

### 19.30 Kempton, Novice, £9,900, 2yo, 7f (AWT)

**BYBLOS (GB)** (**Frankel {GB}**) is a significant newcomer for Juddmonte, being a half-brother to the operation's G1 Irish 2,000 Guineas and G1 Phoenix Stakes hero Siskin (First Defence). Introduced by John and Thady Gosden at a track at which they have launched many smart types, the homebred encounters 13 peers.

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## BRITAIN

### Tuesday's Results:

**3rd-Goodwood, £15,000, Novice, 9-3, 3yo/up, 9f 197yT,**  
 2:09.46, gd.

**SIR LOWRY'S PASS (GB)** (c, 3, **Siyouni {Fr}**--**Anzhelika {Ire}** {MSP-Eng}, by **Galileo {Ire}**), sixth on debut at Sandown in June, broke slowly and raced lazily in rear throughout the early stages. Gradually labouring into contention up the straight, the 7-2 second favourite hit the front half a furlong from home en route to an ultimately snug 1 1/4-length verdict over Forest Gate (Ire) (Waldgeist {GB}). The dual listed-placed dam, who has the unraced 2-year-old colt Take The A Train (GB) (Showcasing {GB}), is a half to the GI Beverly D. Stakes and GI Diana Stakes heroine Angara (GB) (Alzao) and the G2 Prix Corrida scorer Actrice (Ire) (Danehill). This is the Wildenstein family of Arcangues et al replete with pattern-race winners. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$10,820.

O/B-Cayton Park Stud Ltd (GB); T-Ed Walker.

**3rd-Southwell, £7,300, Novice, 9-3, 3yo/up, 12f 14y (AWT),**  
 2:32.53, st.

**SHADER (GB)** (c, 3, **Shamardal**--**Shutter Speed {GB}** {GSW-Eng, **\$172,930**}, by **Dansili {GB}**), third on his belated debut at Yarmouth last month, broke tardily before racing behind the leading group. Easing to the front two out, the 13-8 favourite surged clear for an emphatic 7 1/2-length success from Eben Zaabeel (GB) (**Sea The Stars {Ire}**). The winner is the second foal out of the G3 Musidora Stakes winner, a granddaughter of the G1 Cheveley Park Stakes winner Prophecy (Ire) (Warning {GB}).

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**3rd-Southwell Cont.**

From the family of sires Showcasing (GB) and Camacho (GB) and the triple Group 1 winner Foreteller (GB) (Dansili {GB}), her 2024 filly is by Lope De Vega (Ire). Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, \$6,347.

O-Juddmonte; B-Juddmonte Farms Ltd (GB); T-John & Thady Gosden.

**3rd-Chepstow, £6,300, Novice, 9-3, 2yo, f, 5f 16yT, :59.04, gd. PEARL OF WINDSOR (GB) (f, 2, Pinatubo {Ire}--Dubai Affair {GB}, by Dubawi {Ire}),** who scored at Sandown last month, travelled easily behind the leader Spherical (GB) (Blue Point {Ire}) early. Engaging with that TDN Rising Star approaching the final furlong, the 6-4 second favourite edged their battle by a short head. The winner, a half-sister to the G3 Sandown Sprint Stakes winner and G2 King George Stakes runner-up Raasel (GB) (Showcasing {GB}), is the last known foal out of the dam. The family includes the G1 July Cup hero Sakhee's Secret (GB) and the GII Sheepshead Bay Stakes and GII Dance Smartly Stakes winner and GI E. P. Taylor Stakes-placed Santa Monica (GB) (Mastercraftsman {Ire}). Sales history: 160,000gns Ylg '23 TATOCT. Lifetime Record: 4-2-0-0, \$15,585.

O-Mr I Madueke; B-Bearstone Stud (GB); T-Conrad Allen.

**2nd-Newcastle, £6,300, Novice, 9-3, 2yo, 5f (AWT), 1:00.67, st/sl.**

**WEST ACRE (IRE) (g, 2, Mehmas {Ire}--Lady Aria {GB} {GSP-Eng}, by Kodiak {GB}),** sent off the 6-5 favourite, tracked the leaders early. Staying on at the death, the newcomer reeled in Bonnie's Boy (GB) (Tasleet {GB}) close home to score by 3/4 of a length. The dam, the G3 Dick Poole Stakes runner-up whose yearling filly by Starman (GB) sold for £185,000 to Creighton Schwartz Bloodstock at the recent Goffs UK Premier Yearling Sale, is a half to the Listed Windsor Castle Stakes second Union Rose (GB) (Stimulation {Ire}). Sales history: £95,000 Ylg '23 GOFFUK. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$4,357.

O-M Blencowe & Valmont; B-Tally Ho Stud (IRE); T-George Scott.

**1st-Goodwood, £30,000, Mdn, 9-3, 2yo, 8fT, 1:39.78, gd.**

**GLITTERING LEGEND (GB) (g, 2, Too Darn Hot {GB}--Eastern Belle {GB} {SW-Eng, MGSP-US, \$230,141}, by Champs Elysees {GB}),** gelded following his debut fifth in the seven-furlong Doncaster novice in June in which the subsequent black-type winners New Century (GB) (Kameko) and Field Of Gold (Ire) (Kingman {GB}) were first and third, raced in mid-division under cover throughout the early stages. Tackling Pantile Warrior (GB) (Frankel {GB}) a furlong out, the 20-1 shot stayed on to record a 1 1/4-length verdict over that rival. The dam, who captured the Listed Ballymacoll Stud Lord Weinstock Memorial Stakes and

was placed in the GII New York Stakes, GIII Wya Stakes and GIII Glens Falls Stakes, is responsible for the G3 Diomed Stakes winner and G2 Dante Stakes runner-up Megallan (GB) (Kingman {GB}). A half-sister to the Derby and Arc hero Golden Horn (GB) from the family of the G1 Coronation Stakes winner Rebecca Sharp (GB) (Machiavellian), her filly foal is by Baaeed (GB). Sales history: 67,000gns Ylg '23 TATSOM. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$19,802.

O-Mr Boniface Ho Ka Kui; B-Hascombe & Valiant Stud Ltd (GB); T-James Fanshawe.

**1st-Newcastle, £6,300, Mdn, 9-3, 2yo, f, 7f 14y (AWT), 1:30.07, st/sl.**

**SUITE FRANCAISE (GB) (f, 2, Study Of Man {Ire}--Francophilia {GB}, by Frankel {GB}),** a full-sister to this year's Listed Height of Fashion Stakes winner and G3 Musidora Stakes runner-up Francophone (GB), tracked the leaders out wide early. Moving to Sands Of Indi (Ire) (Sands Of Mali {Fr}) on the front end passing two out, the 11-2 shot asserted before possibly idling en route to a neck success. The third of three current foals out of the dam, Suite Francaise is a grandson of the G1 Grosser Dallmayr-Preis heroine Lady Jane Digby (GB) (Oasis Dream {GB}). The family includes the multiple stakes winner Gateman (GB) (Owington {GB}). Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$4,357.

O/B-Miss K Rausing (GB); T-Charlie Johnston.

**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**

**Altmore (Fr), g, 3, Showcasing (GB)--Keegsquaw (Ire) (SW-Fr, \$151,216),** by Street Cry (Ire). Chepstow, 9-3, 6f 16yT, 1:10.27. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$5,795. B-S.A.S. Ecurie Peregrine (FR). \*€360,000 Ylg '22 ARAUG. \*\*1/2 to Lucius Tiberius (Ire) (Camelot {GB}), GSP-Eng, SP-Ire, \$185,194.

**Milliterries (GB), f, 3, Territories (Ire)--Millistar (GB),** by Galileo (Ire). Southwell, 9-3, 8f 13y (AWT), 1:38.63. Lifetime Record: 8-1-2-1, \$12,347. B-Meon Valley Stud (GB). \*32,000gns RNA Ylg '22 TATOCT.

## IRELAND

**Tuesday's Results:**

**1st-Gowran, €18,000, Mdn, 9-3, 2yo, 7fT, 1:29.40, gd.**

**GREATEST DRAMA (IRE) (f, 2, Night Of Thunder {Ire}--Sweet Acclaim {Ire} {SW & MGSP-US, GSP-Eng, \$195,276}, by Acclamation {GB}),** fifth behind Ballydoyle's pair of TDN Rising Stars Delacroix (Ire) (Dubawi {Ire}) and Acapulco Bay (Ire) (Dubawi {Ire}) at The Curragh last month, stalked the early pace travelling strongly. [Cont. p14](#)

**1st-Gowan Cont.**

Moving to Mint Candy (Ire) (Dubawi {Ire}) two out, the 11-4 second favourite outbattled Ballydoyle’s daughter of Rushing Fall (More Than Ready) to prevail by a nose. “She was after having a good run against the colts and that looked a very good race, so we were coming here with a bit of confidence,” trainer Johnny Murtagh said. “Ben [Coen] said she’s still a bit green, is still learning on the job and hopefully there is a bit more to come. I’ll have a chat with the owners and she should be able to do one more this year. It was a good battle to the line and she should have learned plenty today. I’m delighted for the owners who have supported us over the last couple of years.” The stakes-winning dam, who was also placed in the G3 Oh So Sharp Stakes and three Grade III contests Stateside, is responsible for the GIII Marine Stakes winner Turf King (Ire) (Kingman {GB}). A granddaughter of the G1 Prix Marcel Boussac and G1 Coronation Stakes heroine Gold Splash (Blushing Groom {Fr}), her yearling colt from the first crop of St Mark’s Basilica (Fr) is due to sell at the upcoming Goffs Orby Book 1. She also has a colt foal by that sire. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$12,339.

O-Barnane Stud & Owen Heffer; B-Barnane Stud Ltd (IRE); T-Johnny Murtagh.

**2nd-Gowran, €18,000, Mdn, 9-3, 2yo, 7fT, 1:27.91, gd. MONUMENTAL (IRE) (c, 2, Kingman {GB}--Riqa {GB} {MSP-Fr, \$112,660}, by Dubawi {Ire}),** three-lengths second to his subsequent G3 Round Tower Stakes-winning stablemate Ides Of March (Ire) (Wootton Bassett {GB}) in a six-furlong Curragh maiden last month, raced behind the leaders early. Staying on powerfully to edge ahead passing the two-furlong pole, the 11-8 second favourite asserted to score by 2 1/2 lengths from Tashir (Ire) (Kingman {GB}). Ballydoyle representative Chris Armstrong said, “Wayne thought that seven furlongs suits him well, as he has plenty of pace and can travel off a good speed. He’s got a host of options now and is definitely a stakes horse in the making. Maybe something like the Flying Scotsman at Doncaster or he could wait for the Legacy at Dundalk.” The multiple listed-placed dam, who produced the G3 Prix de Cabourg, G3 Prix de Meautry and G3 Prix du Petit Couvert winner Tantheem (GB) (Teofilo {Ire}), is also the second dam of the G1 Dubai Turf hero Facteur Cheval (Ire) (Ribchester {Ire}). A half to the G1 Prix du Jockey Club-placed Motamarris (Ire) (Le Havre {Ire}) and to the dam of the G1 Irish Derby hero Santiago (Ire) (Authorized {Ire}), the G3 Irish St Leger Trial Stakes winner and leading G1 St Leger contender Grosvenor Square (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}) and the G1 Yorkshire Oaks and G1 Prix Vermeille-placed La Joconde (Ire) (Frankel {GB}). From the revered family of Urban Sea (Miswaki), her 2023 and 2024 fillies are by Camelot (GB). Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-0, \$16,020.

O-Derrick Smith, Mrs John Magnier & Michael Tabor; B-Barronstown Stud (IRE); T-Aidan O’Brien.

**ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:**

**Marakesh (GB), f, 4, Decorated Knight (GB)--Turama (GB), by Pivotal (GB).** Gowran, 9-3, 7fT, 1:29.39. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$9,417. B-Blue Diamond Stud Farm (UK) Ltd (GB).

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**Mr Percy (Ire), g, 4, Sir Percy (GB)--Lady Westminster (Ire), by Rip Van Winkle (Ire).** Gowran, 9-3, 14fT, 3:07.18. Lifetime Record: 5-1-3-0, \$17,663. B-Westminster Race Horses GmbH (IRE). \*€48,000 HRA ‘23 ARQAU.

**FRANCE**

**Tuesday’s Results:**

**3rd-Chantilly, €22,000, Mdn, 9-3, 3yo, 6fT, 1:12.15, sf.**

**SPRING LANTERN (IRE) (f, 3, Frankel {GB}--Rosa Imperial {Ire} {GSW & G1SP-Fr, \$210,602}, by Pivotal {GB}),** sixth on debut at Dieppe in June, raced in rear early after a slow break.

Responding to pressure to swoop on the front with 300 metres remaining, the 11-2 shot readily asserted to score by 3 1/2 lengths from Hantano (Ire) (Dubawi {Ire}). The winner is the first foal out of the G3 Prix de Ris-Orangis-winning and G1 Prix Rothschild-placed dam, whose second in an unraced 2-year-old filly by Night Of Thunder (Ire). A full-sister to the listed-winning and group-placed Rosental (GB) and half to the G3 Radio Nikkei Sho winner Off Trail (GB) by Pivotal’s son Farhh (GB), she hails from the family of the G1 Victoria Derby-winning sire Benicio (Aus) (More Than Ready). Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, €11,000. O-Godolphin SNC; B-Godolphin (IRE); T-Henri-Alex Pantall.



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## WORLDWIDE NEWS

### EUROPEAN-BREDS DOMINATE MELBOURNE CUP ENTRIES *By Emma Berry*



Vauban will return to Oz | Getty Images

Eighty of the 123 horses nominated for this year's G1 Lexus Melbourne Cup were bred in Europe. Only 18 of that group are still in training in either Britain, Ireland or France.

Aidan O'Brien, who has not had a runner in the race since 2020, when Tiger Moth (Ire) finished runner-up to Twilight Payment (Ire), trained by his son Joseph, has six entered, led by the G2 Queen's Vase winner Illinois (Ire). Meanwhile his fellow Irishman Willie Mullins is planning to send back last year's favourite, the recent G2 Lonsdale Cup winner Vauban (Fr), along with Absurde (Fr) and Hipop De Loire (Fr).

Dual Melbourne Cup-winning trainer Dermot Weld has entered Harbour Wind (Ire), while Henry de Bromhead has nominated the Ebor winner Magical Zoe (Ire). Jessica Harrington could be represented by Kinesiology (GB).

Juddmonte's Arrest (GB) is in the mix for John and Thady Gosden, while Andrew Balding has put forward Night Sparkle (Ire) and Relentless Voyager (GB). Harry Eustace and Brian Ellison complete the list of British trainers and have entered Sea King (GB) and Onesmoothoperator respectively, while the sole French-trained entry is Delius (GB) for Jean-Claude Rouget. A total of 20 horses from outside Australasia have been entered, including two from Japan – Shonan Bashitto (Jpn) and Warp Speed (Jpn).

Of the 80 who were bred in Europe, 48 carry an Irish suffix, 22 were born in Britain and 10 in France. The Australian and New Zealand breeding programmes are represented by 19 entries

each, while three entries carry a USA suffix and two were bred in Japan.

Among the European expats now trained in Australia are the Group 1-winning mares Via Sistina (Ire), Poptronic (GB), and Place Du Carrousel (Ire), who respectively sold for 2.7m gns, 1.4m gns, and €4.025m at last year's breeding stock sales.

Ciaran Maher, who won the 2022 Melbourne Cup with Gold Trip (Fr) when training in partnership with David Eustace, has 16 entries for this year. They include the former Sir Michael Stoute-trained Circle Of Fire (GB), who was bred by the late Queen Elizabeth II, and three-year-old Sayedaty Sadly (Ire), who was fifth in the Derby when trained by Andrew Balding.

Sadly missing from the list of entries is Crystal Black (Ire), who is unbeaten in four starts this year for trainer Ger Keane, including the Duke of Edinburgh Stakes at Royal Ascot and the G3 Ballyroan Stakes.

"He's had a bit of a setback and is going to go on his winter break," said Keane of the six-year-old.

"It's nothing serious, but you have to go by him and he wouldn't ready for it. He got a viral infection and his bloods were very low and he wasn't himself. You'd have to be pushing him to run in it, so it wouldn't be the right thing to do and it wouldn't be fair on the horse.

"It's only a minor setback, so we'll put him away for the winter and see where we go next year."

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### ALMANZOR TO REMAIN IN NEW ZEALAND

**Almanzor (Fr)**, the European champion three-year-old of 2016 and the star of the first crop of **Wootton Bassett (GB)**, will continue his stallion career solely at Cambridge Stud in New Zealand.

Bred by Haras d'Etream, where he has served his northern hemisphere stud career for the past seven seasons, Almanzor has proved more successful in Australasia, where he is the sire of nine Group 1 performers including the Victoria Derby winner Manzoice (Aus). He was also New Zealand's leading sire of juveniles and leading first-season-sire in 2021 and second-season sire in 2022.

"We have experienced an emotional ride with Almanzor, and he has been the symbol of a new dynamic within the stud, both from a breeding and stallion perspective," said Etream's Nicolas de Chambure.

"His victory in the 2016 Prix du Jockey Club represented a major exploit and a great joy for the whole Etream team. A magnificent individual, he immediately appealed to Jean-Claude Rouget who purchased him as a yearling for more than 16 times the stud fee of his sire. Thanks to his exceptional performances, Almanzor remains the best son of **Wootton Bassett**." [Cont. p16](#)



**Alanzor** | Zuzanna Lupa

**Alanzor Cont.**

Among Alanzor's best performers in Europe are G2 Prix Niel runner-up Lassaut (Fr), the Group 1-placed Queen Trezy (Fr) and this season's G3 Prix de Psyche winner Almara (Fr). His first three crops each boast a ratio of over 45% winners to runners. He has 115 two-year-olds this year, 90 yearlings, and covered 80 mares in 2024.

De Chambure added, "Despite these solid statistics, it must be said that his production in the southern hemisphere is more successful and the market there is more favourable to him. Therefore, after six seasons of shuttling, it is logical for us to accept the offer from Cambridge Stud which will allow the stallion to remain in the hemisphere where he is the most successful. We wish them continued success for the future, and we would like to express our thanks to all the shareholders and breeders who have supported Alanzor during his covering seasons at Etreham."

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