



BELMONT NOTES: BAFFERT HAS POWERFUL TRIUMVIRATE FOR BELMONT UNDERCARD



Met Mile morning-line favorite Nysos | Sarah Andrew

by Tim Wilkin

SARATOGA SPRINGS, N.Y. - When it's a big race day, you'll find Hall of Fame trainer Bob Baffert.

Saturday is a big race day at Saratoga Race Course. Seven graded stakes--six of them Grade I's worth \$5.9 million. Of course, Baffert is going to be here.

He doesn't have a horse in the \$2-million GI Belmont Stakes, but he has an impressive trio--**Nysos (Nyquist)**, **Crude Velocity (Beau Liam)** and **Imagination (Into Mischief)**--running on the undercard. Nysos and Crude Velocity are both 'TDN Rising Stars, presented by Hagyard.'

"It's a big day, so you have to bring the good ones," Baffert said by phone from Louisville, Ky. "We are looking forward to it."

Start with Nysos (Nyquist), the 9-5 morning-line favorite for the GI Met Mile. He has seven wins in nine career starts and was second in the other two. In his last race, he was second in the Saudi Cup. With its \$20-million purse, it's the richest horse race in the world.

He was defeated by Forever Young (Jpn) (Real Steel {Jpn}) by a length.

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PEDIGREE POWER: JOURNALISM, NYSOS TOP FIELD OF SEVEN FOR STALLION- MAKING MET MILE by Steve Sherack

SARATOGA SPRINGS, N.Y. - Led by GI Preakness S. winner **Journalism (Curlin)** and GI Breeders' Cup Dirt Mile winner **Nysos (Nyquist)**, a talented field of seven will line up for Saturday's 'Win and You're In' GI Hill 'N' Dale Metropolitan Handicap on the GI Belmont Stakes program at Saratoga. TDN's Senior Racing Editor Steve Sherack takes a closer look at the pedigrees for the entire field entered in the stallion-making race.

#1 NYSOS (h, 5, Nyquist--Zetta Z, by Bernardini)

Lifetime Record: GISW-US & G1SP-Sau, 9-7-2-0, \$4,738,500

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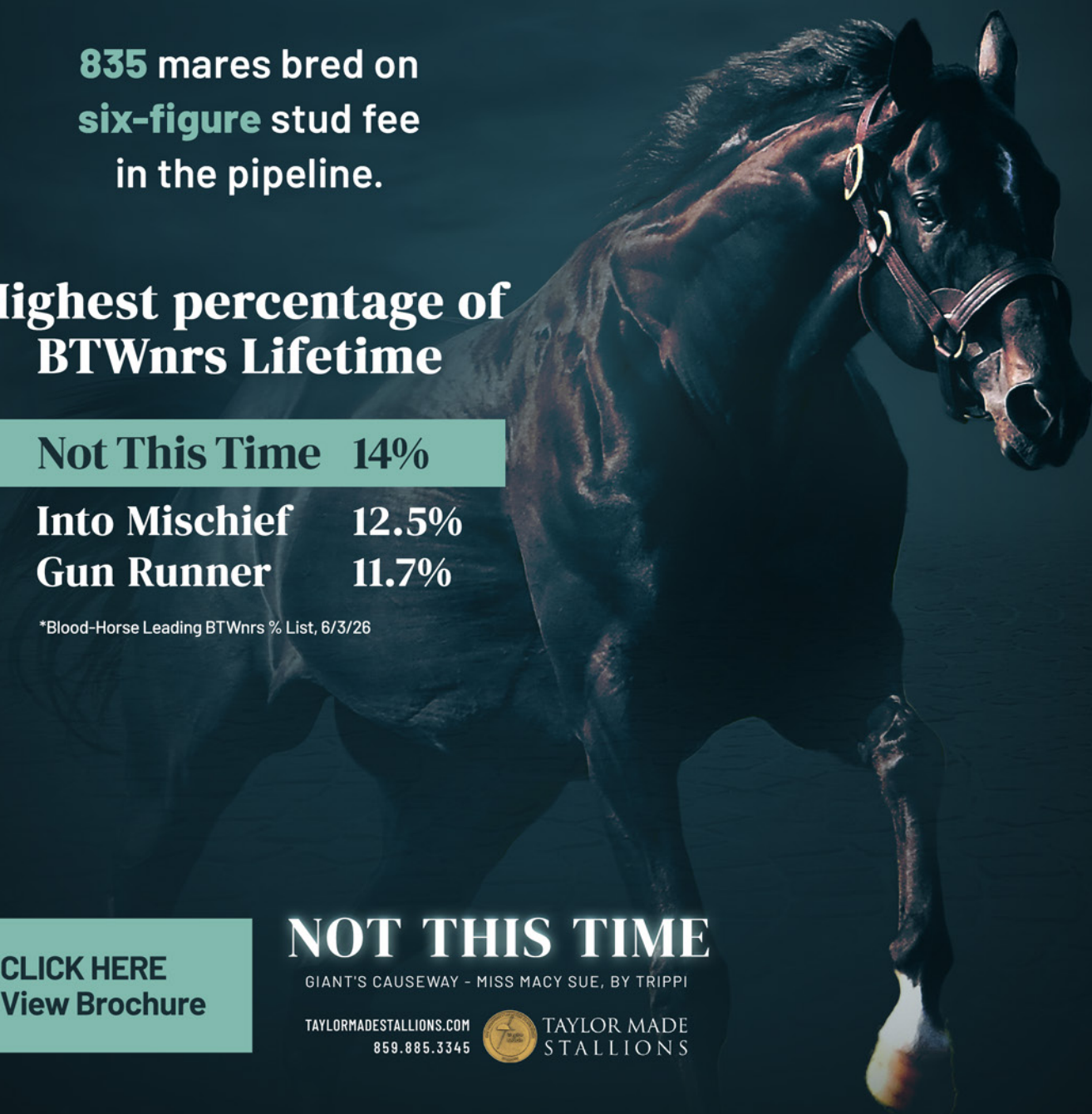
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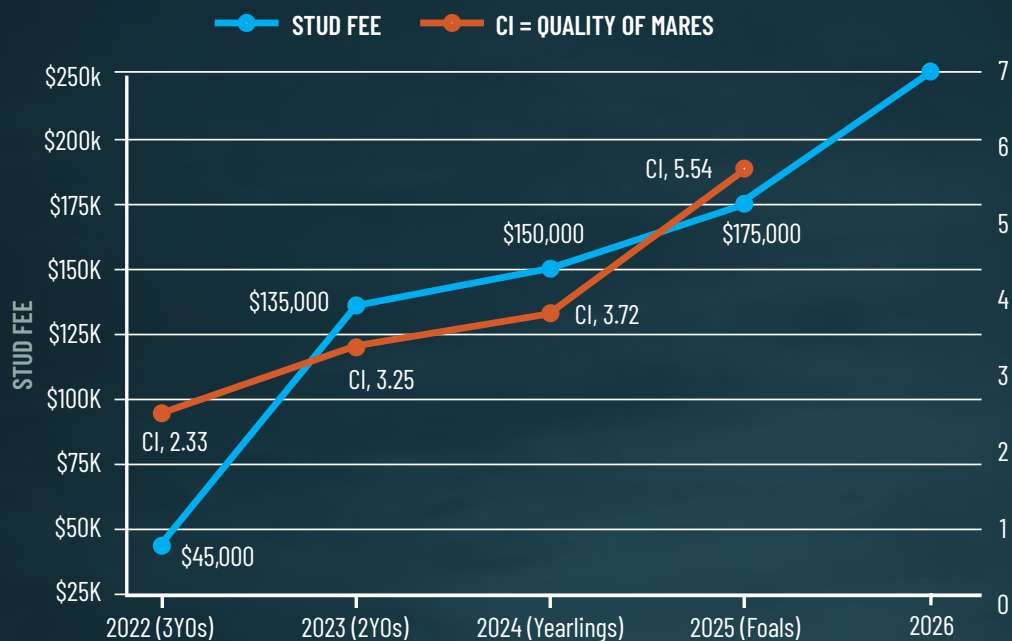
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GI Hill 'N' Dale Metropolitan Handicap entrant Vibe (Into Mischief) waits with rider Danny Wright before a gate schooling session at Saratoga Wednesday morning. | Sarah Andrew

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In the Met Mile, Nysos, owned by Baoma Corp., Mrs. John Magnier, Michael B. Tabor and Derrick Smith, will break from post position one.

"I don't know why I get the rail all the time," said Baffert, who seems to get that dreaded post in plenty of big races. "What are you going to do? I think they put me in the rail and then they draw the race! He is going to have to break well; that is always important."

Baffert also has the morning-line favorite in the \$500,000 GI Woody Stephens at seven furlongs. That is 9-5 Crude Velocity, who has won all three of his starts--all this year--by a nearly combined 11 lengths.

In his last start, Crude Velocity, owned by CSLR Racing Partners, won the GII Pat Day Mile in stakes record time (1:33.87).

"He has shown a lot of brilliance," Baffert said. "I was debating whether to stretch him out in the (1 1/16-mile, GIII)

Matt Winn (at Churchill Downs on Sunday) and then take him to the (GI) Haskell. We know he is really good at one turn, and the Woody Stephens is a really good race, a tough race. We will take a crack at it."

Imagination is the 4-1 third choice on the morning line for the \$400,000 GIII True North and will be facing 8-5 morning-line

favorite Bentornato (**Valiant Minister**), last year's GI Breeders' Cup Turf Sprint champ, and 2-1 Book'em Danno (**Bucchero**), the True North winner in 2025.

This will be the second time Imagination, owned by SF Racing, LLC, Starlight Racing, Madaket Stables LLC, Stonestreet Stables LLC, Bashor Racing LLC, Robert E. Masterson, Waves Edge Capital LLC, Catherine Donovan and Tom J. Ryan, has run at Saratoga.

In 2024, he was a well-beaten seventh in the Woody Stephens. **Cont.**



Crude Velocity at Saratoga Wednesday morning | Sarah Andrew



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"When he ran at Saratoga, he really wasn't on his game," Baffert said. "He is on his game now."

This Might be the Year for Antiquarian

A year ago, **Antiquarian** (Preservationist) sat in the backseat when it came to the older horses residing in the barn of Hall of Fame trainer Todd Pletcher. It was easy to see why with the likes of **Fierceness** (**City of Light**) and **Mindframe** (**Constitution**)--both 'TDN Rising Stars, presented by Hagyard'--living in Pletcher's shedrow.

Owned by Centennial Farm, Antiquarian did alright for himself in 2025, thank you.

He had two wins and two seconds in five starts, four of them graded stakes races.

"I don't think so," Pletcher said outside his office on the Oklahoma Training Track when asked if Antiquarian got the respect he deserved last year "But I think he is in position now to have a big year."



Antiquarian gate schooled at Saratoga on Wednesday
Sarah Andrew

The 5-year-old horse, a 5 3/4-length winner of the GIII Westchester in his 2026 debut last month, is running in the stacked \$1-million GI Met Mile on Saturday. Antiquarian, 6-1 on the morning line, is not getting the Met Mile buzz of 9-5 'Rising Star' Nysos (**Nyquist**), 5-2 Journalism (**Curlin**) or 7-2 'Rising Star' Knightsbridge (**Nyquist**), but Pletcher says he belongs.

"If he can improve just a little bit, which we always felt that he would as he got older, he could have a lot to say in the older horse division," Pletcher said.

Antiquarian's 2025 season was highlighted by victory in the GI Jockey Club Gold Cup, but his win is not what most remember the race for. **Mindframe** unseated jockey Irad Ortiz, Jr. and White Abarrio (Race Day) nearly lost Edgard Zayas.

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"(Antiquarian) still ran a great race; with all the craziness going on, he probably didn't get the credit he deserved for winning that race," Pletcher said. "There were so many question marks about what might have happened if **Mindframe** didn't lose his rider. It was a race that everyone was focused on all of that instead of Antiquarian winning. That was unfortunate because he did run a very good race."

His season ended with a thud when Antiquarian finished eighth--beaten 37 1/2 lengths--in the GI Breeders' Cup Classic at Del Mar.

"He didn't like Del Mar at all," Pletcher said. "It seemed like every day he regressed. So, you throw out the Classic."

For his career, Antiquarian has five wins and three seconds in 11 starts.

Deterministic Going for Rare Repeat in Manhattan

If you want to see trainer Miguel Clement perk right up, just bring up his 5-year-old horse and 'TDN Rising Star, presented by Hagyard' named **Deterministic** (**Liam's Map**). It's obvious the affinity the 35-year-old Clement has for the aptly named Deterministic, the 7-2 third choice on the morning line for Saturday's \$1-million GI Manhattan.

Deterministic, with jockey Kendrick Carmouche aboard, will attempt to become the first horse since Miliesius to win back-to-back editions of the Manhattan, which was first run in 1867. Miliesius did it in 1988-89.

"We are very excited about him," Clement said outside his barn on the Oklahoma Training Track. "He has been very good, is a remarkable mover and is very talented. He has a great mind and is just built different, which makes our job a lot easier." **Cont**



Deterministic | Sarah Andrew

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Belmont Notes, cont.

When Deterministic won the Manhattan last year, it was an emotional scene for Clement and his whole family. The patriarch of the clan and the architect of the stable, Christophe Clement, passed away two weeks before the Manhattan.

The Manhattan was the first Grade I win for Miguel, who took over the barn after being a longtime assistant to his father.

"I try to stay emotionless as much as possible because last year was full of emotion," Clement said. "Without a doubt, it was very meaningful and was great for the stable to get a big win off the bat. And it was even better to share the victory with friends and family. We had a lot going on."

Deterministic, owned by St. Elias Stable, Ken Lagone, Steven Dunker and Vicarage Stable, has won four straight races. His first start this year was a victory in the GIII Fort Marcy at Aqueduct on May 2.

He won last year's Manhattan--which was run at 1 1/8 miles (it is 1 3/16 miles Saturday)--in gate-to-wire style. Deterministic won by a head over Integration (**Quality Road**), who is 12-1 on the morning line in this Manhattan.

Rhetorical (**Not This Time**) is the 2-1 morning-line Manhattan for trainer Will Walden.

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Met Mile pedigrees, cont. from p1

One of 11 top-level winners for **Nyquist**, 9-5 morning-line favorite Nysos brought \$550,000 from advisor Donato Lanni on behalf of Susan and Charlie Chu's Baoma Corp as an OBS April breezer (:9 4/5).

Previously a \$130,000 Keeneland November weanling and \$150,000 Fasig-Tipton Kentucky Fall yearling, Nysos was produced by the unraced Bernardini mare Zetta Z, who brought \$2 million from Coolmore Stud in foal to Cyberknife at the 2024 Fasig-Tipton Kentucky February Sale.

Nysos's year-old, stakes-placed half-sister Attabe (Distorted Humor) realized \$1.35 million from Parks Investment Group in foal to **Flightline** at the 2025 Fasig-Tipton November Sale.

The **Nyquist** x Bernardini cross is also responsible for GISWs Immersive and Gretzky the Great as well as Met Mile third-choice and MGSW Knightsbridge.

The late Bernardini, one of the most prolific broodmare sires of recent years, is responsible for the last two GI Kentucky Derby winners, Sovereignty (Into Mischief) and Golden Tempo (**Curlin**).

Nysos's third dam is GI Breeders' Cup Distaff heroine Unbridled Elaine (Unbridled's Song). **Cont.**



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Met Mile pedigrees, cont.

This is the extended female family of GISW Glitter Woman (Glitterman) and her GISW son Political Force (Unbridled's Song), runner-up in the 2007 Met Mile.

Nysos followed a game victory in last year's Breeders' Cup Dirt Mile at Del Mar with a narrow win in the GII Laffit Pincay, Jr. S. at Santa Anita Dec. 28. He cuts back for Hall of Famer Bob Baffert off a fantastic second in the G1 Saudi Cup last out Feb. 14.

Only **Cody's Wish (Curlin)** and Corinthian (Pulpit) have recorded the Breeders' Cup Dirt Mile-Met Mile double.

Upon his retirement from racing, Nysos **will stand at Ashford Stud in 2027.**

#2 VIBE (c, 4, Into Mischief--Nonna Mia, by Empire Maker)

Lifetime Record: 4-3-0-0, \$147,692

O-Repole Stable, West Point Thoroughbreds, CJ Stables, Woodford Racing, Lane's End & Patrick K. McGee; B-Repole Stable, Inc. (KY); T-Todd Pletcher

Sales History: \$3,000,000 yrl '23 KEESEP

The Repole Stable-bred Vibe, a half-brother to the dam of champion and 2025 Met Mile runner-up **Fierceness (City of Light)** and GISW Outwork (Uncle Mo), brought \$3 million from a partnership as a Keeneland September yearling with Mike Repole staying in for half.

The son of seven-time reigning champion general sire Into Mischief is out of the Empire Maker mare Nonna Mia, a 12-length maiden winner and GI Frizette S. third-place finisher.

While Into Mischief is yet to sire a Met Mile winner, his son Maximus Mischief was responsible for last year's upset winner **Raging Torrent.**

The Into Mischief x Empire Maker cross has also produced the elevated 2021 Kentucky Derby winner **Mandaloun** and the 2024 G1 Dubai World Cup winner Laurel River.

Vibe makes his stakes debut riding a three-race winning streak, most recently annexing an optional claimer on the Kentucky Derby undercard.

#3 ANTIQUARIAN (h, 5, Preservationist--Lifetime Memory, by Istan)

Lifetime Record: GISW, 11-5-3-0, \$1,110,350

O-Centennial Farms; B-Brereton C. Jones (KY); T-Todd Pletcher

Sales History: \$250,000 yrl '22 KEESEP

Antiquarian, winner of last summer's GI Jockey Club Gold Cup S. at the Spa, brought \$250,000 from Centennial Farms as a Keeneland September yearling.

The late Preservationist, a son of Arch, carried Centennial's famed tan-and-red silks to a win in the 2019 GI Woodward S. at Saratoga. He is responsible for four graded winners. After

beginning his career at stud at Airdrie Stud, Preservationist died in Korea last July.

Winning Brereton C. Jones homebred Lifetime Memory (Istan) has also produced Fondly (**Upstart**), winner of last term's GIII Delaware Oaks. Lifetime Memory is a daughter of graded winner Silver Reunion (Harlan's Holiday) and a half-sister to graded winner Speaktomeofsummer (Summer Front).

Antiquarian, one of two entered for Hall of Famer Todd Pletcher, kicked off his 5-year-old campaign with a powerful win in the GIII Westchester S. downstate May 3.

Centennial also campaigned the aforementioned Corinthian to a win in the 2007 Met Mile.



Saudi Crown | Sarah Andrew

#4 SAUDI CROWN (h, 6, Always Dreaming--New Narration, by Tapit)

Lifetime Record: GISW-US & G1SP-Sau, 18-9-3-1, \$3,686,508

O-FMQ Stables; B-CHC Inc. (KY); T-Brad Cox

Sales History: \$45,000 yrl '21 KEEJAN; \$240,000 2yo '22 OBSAPR

Saudi Crown, a \$45,000 Keeneland January short yearling turned \$240,000 OBS April breezer (:10), is one of just two graded winners for the late 2017 Kentucky Derby winner Always Dreaming.

The 6-year-old Saudi Crown was produced by the unraced R. S. Evans-bred **Tapit** mare New Narration, who brought \$850,000 from Summer Wind Equine in foal to **Nashville** at the 2023 Fasig-Tipton November sale. New Narration, previously a \$500,000 Fasig-Tipton Saratoga yearling purchase by China Horse Club, is a daughter of New Normal (Forestry), winner of the 2010 GIII Natalma S. at Woodbine.

The all-conquering **Tapit** is also the broodmare sire of **Cody's Wish (Curlin)**, who won this race in 2023.

Saudi Crown hails from the family of GISW Noble's Promise (Cuvee). **Cont.**

Met Mile pedigrees, cont.

Saudi Crown, winner of the 2023 GI Pennsylvania Derby, is perfect in two starts this term, led by a win in the GIII Commonwealth S. at Keeneland Apr. 4.

Rated by Merit's third dam is GI Alabama S. heroine Runup the Colors (A.P. Indy), dam of MGSW and Kentucky Derby third-place finisher Revolutionary (War Pass). This is the extended female family of Horse of the Year Mineshaft. **Cont.**

#5 RATED BY MERIT (c, 4, Battalion Runner--**Banner Waving**, by Speightstown)

Lifetime Record: MSW, 6-5-0-0, \$486,750

O/B-St. Elias Stable (FL); T-Chad Brown

St. Elias Stable homebred Rated by Merit is one of two stakes winners by the Unbridled's Song stallion and \$700,000 Keeneland September yearling Battalion Runner, who carried the Viola family's colors to a pair of in-the-money finishes in the 2017 GII Wood Memorial S. and GIII Dwyer S. The former Ocala Stud stallion was exported from Florida to stand in Uruguay in 2024.

The W.S. Farish-bred and -raced Banner Waving (Speightstown) won one of 11 career starts. She brought \$19,000 from St. Elias while in foal to Catalina Cruiser at the 2020 Keeneland November sale.



Rated by Merit | Sarah Andrew



Kentucky Derby winner Golden Tempo, with Enrique Miranda aboard, strikes a pose with trainer Cherie DeVaux looking on | Sarah Andrew

Met Mile pedigrees, cont.

Four-time stakes winner Rated by Merit suffered his first career defeat finishing fourth in the GII Carter S. at the Big A Apr. 4.

#6 KNIGHTSBRIDGE (h, 5, **Nyquist**--**Tyburn Brook**, by **Bernardini**)

Lifetime Record: MGSW, 9-6-1-1, \$513,155

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O/B-Godolphin (KY); T-Bill Mott

Knightsbridge, one of 25 graded winners for the aforementioned **Nyquist**, is a half-brother to young Darley stallion and GISW **Speaker's Corner** (**Street Sense**), a distant third behind the sensational **Flightline** in the 2022 Met Mile.



Knightsbridge | Sarah Andrew

Knightsbridge's second dam is GI Breeders' Cup Distaff heroine Round Pond (Awesome Again), who brought \$5.75 million from Sheikh Mohammed's global operation at the 2007 Fasig-Tipton November sale.

Knightsbridge's unraced dam Tyburn Brook (Bernardini) is a half-sister to GI Jockey Club Gold Cup winner **Highland Falls** (**Curlin**) and G1 Al Maktoum Challenge Round 3 winner Long River (A.P. Indy). This is also the family of G1 Irish 2000 Guineas winner Black Minnaloushe (Storm Cat).

The Bill Mott-trained Knightsbridge, a dominating winner of this winter's GIII Mr. Prospector S., GIII Fred W. Hooper S. and GIII Gulfstream Park Mile S., looks to get back on track following a disappointing sixth as the favorite in the GI Churchill Downs S. May 2. The Godolphin homebred earned a field-best 112 Beyer Speed Figure in the Gulfstream Park Mile.

Mott and Godolphin won the 2023 Met Mile with **Cody's Wish** (**Curlin**).



Journalism | Sarah Andrew

#7 JOURNALISM (c, 4, **Curlin**--**Mopotism**, by **Uncle Mo**)

Lifetime Record: MGISW, 12-6-3-2, \$4,470,755

O-Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners, Bridlewood Farm, Don Alberto Stable, Robert V. LaPenta, Elayne Stables Five, Mrs. John Magnier, Michael B. Tabor & Derrick Smith; B-Don Alberto Corporation (KY); T-Michael McCarthy

Sales History: \$825,000 yrl '23 FTSAUG

The mighty **Curlin** will be shooting for a third Met Mile winner (**Cody's Wish** {2023} & **Palace Malice** {2014}) with Classic winner Journalism.

The future Coolmore stallion and \$825,000 Fasig-Tipton Saratoga yearling graduate is one of 26 Grade I winners for the two-time Horse of the Year.

Journalism's dam Mopotism (Uncle Mo) won the 2018 GII La Canada S. at Santa Anita and placed in another 10 graded events, including four Grade Ones. Journalism's breeder and co-owner Don Alberto Corp. purchased her for \$1.05 million at the 2019 Fasig-Tipton Kentucky 'Night of the Stars' sale.

Uncle Mo is also the broodmare sire of Horse of the Year and GI Kentucky Oaks winner Thorpedo Anna (Fast Anna).

Mopotism's unraced 3-year-old colt Nitro Tap (**Tapit**) brought \$1.5 million from Flying Dutchmen as a yearling at the Fasig-Tipton Saratoga sale and her 2-year-old filly Magic Queen (Into Mischief) RNA'd for \$3.9 million at the same sale a year later.

In addition to a dramatic win in last year's Preakness, Journalism also has top-level wins in the GI Santa Anita Derby and GI NYRA Bets Haskell S. Last year's GI Kentucky Derby, GI Belmont Stakes and GI Pacific Classic S. runner-up kicked off his 4-year-old campaign with a third-place finish in a GII Oaklawn H. for the ages Apr. 18.

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Fasig-Tipton's catalogue for The July Sale of selected yearlings, to be held starting at 10 a.m. ET on Tuesday, July 14 at Newtown Paddocks in Lexington, Kentucky, is available online, the company said in a press release on Wednesday.

"We look forward to kicking off yearling sales season with a strong catalogue of selected yearlings in July," said Fasig-Tipton President Boyd Browning. "The quality of individuals on offer in this year's sale is perhaps the strongest we have had in recent years, and the sire power has improved as well."

According to statistics from The BloodHorse MarketWatch, The July Sale is once again ranked first among major North American yearling sales by percentage of stakes winners, stakes horses, 2-year-old winners, and winners sold.



Fasig-Tipton July Sale grad Shisospicy | Horsephotos

The sale is ranked second by percentage of Grade I winners and graded stakes winners sold, trailing only Fasig-Tipton's Saratoga Sale.

"July continues to produce incredible results year after year, including two Breeders' Cup champions last fall in Splendor (Audible) and Shisospicy (Mitole)—with Shisospicy going on to be named Eclipse Champion Female Sprinter," continued Browning. "Argos (Nyquist), winner of last year's GI Summer Stakes, became the sale's latest top-level winning 2-year-old, and a bevy of other household names—including recent GII Hollywood Gold Cup victor Forged Steel (Vekoma)—demonstrate the type of quality one can find in July."

July annually showcases the much-anticipated first yearlings from the freshman sire class. Nineteen first-crop yearling sires are represented this year: Annapolis, Arabian Lion, Arcangelo, Cody's Wish, Country Grammer, Dr. Schivel, Forte, Fulsome, Gunite, Loggins, Mage, Pappacap, Proxy, Rombauer, Taiba, Two Phil's, Up to the Mark, Verifying and Zandon. All yearlings by

first-crop sires are identified by a "Freshman Sire" stamp on their catalogue pages.

The catalogue also features yearlings by both leading and up-and-coming sires, including Candy Ride (Arg), Girvin, Golden Pal, Liam's Map, Life Is Good, Maxfield, McKinzie, Munnings, Omaha Beach, Oscar Performance, Practical Joke, Street Sense, Tiz the Law, Twirling Candy, Upstart, Vekoma and Yaupon.

"This year's crop of freshman sires is an exciting group, and they are represented throughout the catalogue by a number of outstanding individuals," noted Browning. "The sale also offers a strong mix of proven sires, providing buyers with quality and variety at every level."

Nominations are also now open for the July Selected Horses of Racing Age Sale, which will be held immediately following the conclusion of the yearling sale on Tuesday, July 14. Fasig-Tipton will accept nominations up until sale time; however, to be included in the catalogue's initial release, entries should be finalized by June 19.

"Last year's July Selected Horses of Racing Age Sale was outstanding, producing sale-record gross, average, and median figures, as well as a \$1.7-million record sale topper," said Browning. "It's a phenomenal marketplace for a hot racehorse."

The July Sale catalogue may now be viewed online and will be available via the EquineLine Sales Catalog App. Print catalogues will be available the week of June 15.

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PENNINE RIDGE KICKS OFF TRIO OF GRADED STAKES AT THE SPA THURSDAY

by Christina Bossinakis

A trio of turf stakes kicks off the graded Thoroughbred season at Saratoga on Thursday, headed by the GIII Pennine Ridge Stakes which features sophomores going 1 1/16 miles on the turf.

Installed the 9-5 morning-line choice, Mo Speed Racing's West End Kid (Twirling Candy) will attempt to secure his third consecutive victory after posting a pair of scores over this distance in a 3 1/2-length win in a Keeneland maiden on Apr. 11 followed by another confident tally in a Churchill optional claimer on May 8. Trained by Will Walden, the colt will be ridden by Tyler Gaffalione.

Another enticing option is West Paces Racing, Rainbow's End Racing Stable and Michael Lyden's Glavine (Not This Time), who is making only his third career start. A second-out maiden winner at the Spa last summer, he returned to dominate a 1 1/16-mile maiden versus elders by 3 1/2 lengths on May 10 at Belmont at the Big A.

"I think he's a very nice colt," said trainer Tom Morley. **Cont.**

Thursday's graded races at the Spa, cont.

"He was unlucky to lose here last year and it didn't surprise me that he could win his first time back this year, as a colt we think a lot of. But look, he's the least experienced horse in this field. Running in graded stakes off a maiden victory is a very difficult thing to do. He's shipped here very well and we think he has a large amount of promise for the future. I'm looking forward to seeing how he gets on tomorrow."

Hall of Famer John Velazquez, aboard for Glavine's maiden win, returns to ride from post 8, tabbed at odds of 4-1.

"Every day Glavine trains, he's a very athletic, strong individual. We'll find out more tomorrow," Morley said. "I think he's got a lot of Giant's Causeway about him, and the sire is a fantastic sire. I hope this horse can be one of his fantastic progeny."



Pennine Ridge contender Bottas winning at the Spa last summer
Sarah Andrew

Glavine, a \$250,000 purchase at the 2024 Keeneland September Yearling Sale, is out of the winning Bernardini mare Aspen Hilltop. His second dam is Grade I winner Home Sweet Aspen.

Marking his 2026 debut, Dahman's **Bottas** (Vekoma) won his first two starts, including a narrow score in the GII Pilgrim at the Big A last on Oct. 3 before finishing a flat ninth in the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf at Del Mar on Halloween. Trained by Miguel Clement, the dark bay breaks from post 1 under Manny Franco.

Also featured on Thursday's 11-race card is the 5 1/2-furlong GII Intercontinental Stakes and the two-mile GII Belmont Gold Cup.

Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners and Harry Colburn's **Corruption** (Medaglia d'Oro), third in Churchill's GI Turf Classic last time out, was installed the 7-5 choice on the morning line in the Gold Cup for trainer Mark Casse. Earlier this season, he was a neck behind **Far Bridge** (English Channel) in the 1 1/2-mile GIII Pan American Stakes at Gulfstream in March.

Trainer Keri Brion, who won Wednesday's opening day GI Beverly R. Steinman steeplechase event with Jimmy P (**Slumber {Ire}**), is represented by a pair of longshots in the Gold Cup-- **Miztertonic** (Mission Impazible) and **Worthington** (Classic Empire). The former, a two-time winner at Saratoga, was last seen finishing a close-up third in an 11-furlong optional claimer at the Big A on May 7.

The latter made his most recent appearance last fall, finishing third in the John Forbes Memorial over two flat miles on the Far Hills turf.

"I know I have two longshots, but both are good in their own rights and I'm really excited to stretch Miztertronic out to two miles," explained Brion. "I think he's begging for the distance and it'll just be a question if he's good enough, so we'll find out. He could not be doing any better."

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JOCKEY CLUB LAUNCHES THOROUGHBRED DATA HUB PROJECT

The Jockey Club and Equibase have launched the Thoroughbred Data Hub, a new platform designed to expand access to Thoroughbred racing and pedigree data and accelerate innovation across the sport, according to a press release issued Wednesday.

The announcement came as part of **The Jockey Club's inaugural industry newsletter**, the first in what the organization said will be a regular series of updates from its Board of Stewards aimed at communicating openly and consistently with industry stakeholders.

"This letter is the first in a new, regular series of updates from The Jockey Club, a commitment from the Board of Stewards to speak openly, consistently, and with specificity," said chairman Everett Dobson. **Cont.**



Everett Dobson | Sarah Andrew

Thoroughbred Data Hub, cont.

"Each issue will share the progress we have made, the work that is underway, and candid assessments of what is working and what is not."

To view the complete 'Trackside with the Chair, Everett Dobson' release, [click here](#).

In tandem with the Data Hub, The Jockey Club is debuting an Innovation Incubator aimed at fostering new technology solutions for the industry. The incubator will provide real-time API access to racing and pedigree data, giving developers and startups the live data infrastructure needed to build transformative products. It will also establish a formal Request for Proposals (RFP) process, inviting entrepreneurs and technology companies to pitch solutions to some of the sport's most pressing challenges. Selected participants will receive industry connections, consulting support and access to data resources to help accelerate development.

Supporting the effort is The Jockey Club Steward Vinnie Viola, who emphasized the potential impact of expanded data access.

"We're aggressively tapping into the enormous potential that horse racing data can unlock for the sport," Viola said. "By opening our data and partnering with innovators, we can accelerate new ideas, attract new fans and help position the sport for the future."

Those interested in participating directly in the Innovation Incubator can contact the Innovation Hub team at innovationhub@jockeyclub.com.

The organization said future editions of its newsletter will continue to provide updates on the project's progress and other industry initiatives, offering stakeholders regular insight into ongoing efforts, challenges and opportunities across the sport. Stakeholders are also encouraged to share feedback, ideas and opportunities for involvement directly with chairman Everett Dobson at everett@jockeyclub.com.

To view the entire May 2026 Newsletter:

[From the Rail: What's in the Works from The Jockey Club - Spring 2026 Newsletter](#)

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SUSAN CASNER, ACCOMPLISHED OWNER AND BREEDER, DIES

Susan Casner, a beloved wife, mother, grandmother, accomplished owner and breeder, and treasured member of the Thoroughbred community, passed away May 27 following a battle with Alzheimer's disease. She was surrounded by the love of the family and friends who defined her life.

Born in Grand Island, Nebraska, Susan's journey in racing began at Aksarben Race Track in Omaha, Nebraska, where she

worked as a mutuel clerk. It was there that she met the love of her life, Bill Casner, who made a habit of placing wagers at the window staffed by the prettiest clerk on the grounds. Bill asked Susan out several times before she finally accepted. Once she did, they were off to the races together, beginning a partnership that would span decades and leave an indelible mark on the Thoroughbred industry.

The early years were filled with hard work, long miles, and adventure. Bill trained and galloped the horses while Susan did whatever was needed--groom, hotwalker, assistant and trusted partner. Together they traveled the country with a small racing stable, building a life around the horses they loved. For six years they chased dreams from racetrack to racetrack before settling near Dallas, Texas, after the births of their daughters, Kayce and Karri.



Susan Casner with Colonel John | courtesy of Bill Casner

The move brought stability, but horses never left their hearts. Upon finding success in business, Susan and Bill invested most of their life savings partnering with longtime friend Kenny Troutt in founding Excel Communications. Their chance to re-enter the Thoroughbred industry was born from the fruit of that wise bet.

In 2000, Bill and Troutt co-founded WinStar Farm, which would grow into one of the most influential breeding and racing operations in North America. Through it all, Susan remained a passionate supporter, enthusiastic participant and proud ambassador for the farm and the sport she loved.

Her presence could be felt throughout WinStar's rise. She celebrated the victories, welcomed visitors, championed the horses, and embraced the people who made the farm special. She was the namesake of GSW Sharp Susan (Touch Gold) and was among those at the center of the celebrations when WinStar's Super Saver (Maria's Mon) captured the 2010 GI Kentucky Derby.

As an owner and breeder, Susan achieved success at the highest levels of racing. **Cont.**

Susan Casner, cont.**Colonel John** | Sarah Andrew

Her accomplishments included breeding and owning G1 Dubai World Cup winner Well Armed (Tiznow) and GI Travers Stakes and GI Santa Anita Derby winner Colonel John (Tiznow), among numerous other stakes performers who carried the WinStar colors.

Perhaps no horse better illustrated Susan's remarkable instincts than Sweet Damsel (Turkoman).

During a late session of the 2001 Keeneland November Sale, Susan spotted the daughter of Turkoman walking through the back ring. Although the mare lacked the fashionable pedigree page that often commands attention, Susan saw something others did not. She turned to Bill and insisted they needed to own the mare. After Sweet Damsel failed to meet her reserve at \$64,000, the Casner's negotiated a private purchase and brought her home to WinStar.

The decision proved prophetic. Sweet Damsel developed into a multiple graded-stakes producer, with Colonel John emerging as her most accomplished runner. For family and friends, the story became one of Susan's signature moments--a reflection of her intuition, horsemanship, and unwavering confidence in her own judgment.

That legacy continues today. Susan's fingerprints can also be found on recent GII Wood Memorial winner Albus (Yaupon), while one of her greatest commercial breeding successes came in 2024 when a colt by **Not This Time** out of Kayce Ace sold for \$3.4 million at Saratoga. Now known as Faran, the colt traces directly to Sweet Damsel, keeping alive the family that began with Susan's inspired purchase nearly a quarter-century ago.

Beyond her achievements in racing and breeding, Susan was deeply committed to the people who make the sport possible. She generously supported organizations including Race For

Education and the Racetrack Chaplaincy, believing strongly in giving back to the industry that had given so much to her family.

Those who knew Susan remember far more than her success. They remember her ever-present smile, her warmth, her generosity and her ability to make everyone feel welcome. Whether speaking with owners, farm employees, sales staff, horsemen or backstretch workers, Susan treated everyone with the same kindness and respect.

While horses were one of the great passions of her life, her greatest joy was always her family.

**Susan Casner at Hawthorne in 1979** | courtesy of Bill Casner

Susan is survived by her devoted husband of 52 years, Bill; her daughter, Kayce Anderson, and son-in-law, Clark Anderson; and her beloved grandchildren, Blu Anderson and Rayne Anderson. She was preceded in death by her daughter, Karri Casner.

From Aksarben to Churchill Downs, and across countless farms, racetracks, and sales grounds in between, Susan Casner left an impression that will not soon fade. Her accomplishments as an owner and breeder secured her place within the Thoroughbred industry, but her true legacy lives in the family she cherished, the friendships she nurtured, and the countless lives she touched with grace, humility, kindness, and love.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to **For The Good** or to the **Thoroughbred Retirement Foundation** in honor of Susan.

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WEEKLY RULINGS

**NATIONAL RULINGS MAY 29-JUNE 3**

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

The following rulings were reported on HISA's "**rulings**" portal and through the Horseracing Integrity and Welfare Unit (HIWU)'s "**pending**" and "**resolved**" cases portals.

Resolved ADMC Violations

Dates: 06/01/2026

Licensee: Jesus Romero, trainer

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

Explainer: Medication violation for the presence of Dimethyl Sulfoxide (DMSO)--a class C controlled substance--in a sample taken from Luckforyou, who finished second at Aqueduct on 4/10/26.

Dates: 06/01/2026

Licensee: Leslielyn Hardesty, trainer

Penalty: Disqualification of Covered Horses' Race results, including forfeiture of all purses and other compensation, prizes, trophies, points, and rankings and repayment or surrender (as applicable); Treated as 1 violation with That's My Cat's 03/01/26 violation and Stormey Monday's 03/08/26 violation under 09/08/23 HISA Guidance.

Explainer: Medication violations for the presence of Methocarbamol--a class C controlled substance--in samples taken from That's My Cat, who finished fifth at Tampa Bay on 3/25/26, and who won at Tampa Bay on 3/1/26; as well as from Stormey Monday, who won at Tampa Bay on 3/8/26.

Dates: 05/29/2026

Licensee: Jamie Ness, trainer

Penalty: A fine of \$500; imposition of 1.5 Penalty Points. Final decision of HIWU.

Explainer: Vets' list medication violation for the presence of Dantrolene--a class C controlled substance--in a sample taken from Irish Exit on 4/18/26.

Dates: 05/29/2026

Licensee: Domenick Schettino, trainer

Penalty: Disqualification of Covered Horse's Race results,

including forfeiture of all purses and other compensation, prizes, trophies, points, and rankings and repayment or surrender (as applicable); a fine of \$500; imposition of 1.5 Penalty Points. Final decision of HIWU.

Explainer: Medication violation for the presence of Dexamethasone--a class C controlled substance--in a sample taken from That'sthefactjack, who finished seventh at Aqueduct on 4/3/26.

Pending ADMC Violations

06/03/2026, Roshan Samsunder, trainer: Pending medication violation for the presence of Dimethyl Sulfoxide (DMSO)--a class C controlled substance--in a sample taken from Seeker's Hope, who finished second at Belmont at the Big A on 5/2/26.

06/03/2026, Sergio S. Perez, trainer: Pending medication violation for the presence of Dexamethasone and Methocarbamol--both class C controlled substances--in a sample taken from River's Benchmark, who was second at Turf Paradise on 5/1/26.

06/02/2026, Gary Capuano, trainer: Pending medication violation for the presence of Phenylbutazone--a class C controlled substance--in a sample taken from Take a Hint, who won at Laurel Park on 5/3/26.

Crop Violations**Belterra Park**

Erik A. Barbaran--reporting date June 2; \$1,500 fine, three-day suspension

Delaware

Jose Batista--reporting date June 2; \$250 fine, one-day suspension



Sarah Andrew

Weekly Rulings, cont.

Emerald Downs

Lenny A. Seecharan--reporting date June 1; \$500 fine, three-day suspension

Prairie Meadows

Glenn W Corbett--reporting date June 1; \$750 fine, three-day suspension, on appeal stay requested

Presque Isle Downs

Israel Rodriguez--reporting date June 2; \$500 fine, two-day suspension

Thistledown

Anthony R. Rodriguez--reporting date June 1; \$500 fine, two-day suspension

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NYRA OFFERS EARLY ACCESS TO 2027 BELMONT STAKES RACING FESTIVAL TICKETS

With the 2026 Belmont Stakes Racing Festival underway at Saratoga, the New York Racing Association, Inc. (NYRA) is offering early access for tickets to the 2027 Belmont Stakes Racing Festival. The 2027 event will be returned to Belmont Park, which has been undergoing a three-year transformation. The new Belmont Park will open for live racing Sept. 18.



Arcangelo's 2023 Belmont Stakes win was the most recent one held at Belmont Park | Sarah Andrew

NYRA will provide fans the opportunity to enter a **presale drawing** for a variety of ticket packages. Deposits for premium hospitality packages and preferred seating at the 2027 Belmont Stakes Racing Festival can be made effective immediately.

Belmont Experiences will once again offer ticket packages; for additional information or to make a deposit, visit BelmontExperiences.com. For additional information, visit belmontstakes.com/2027 or contact a NYRA representative at (844) NYRA-TIX.

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Thursday, 6/4, Saratoga #8, post time: 4:27 p.m. EDT

INTERCONTINENTAL S.-GII, \$250,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2fT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	ML
1	Twirling Queen 🌿	Twirling Candy	Hernan Gomez	D'Angelo	Santana, Jr.	15-1
2	Creed's Gold 🌿	Jimmy Creed	Kristin Meldahl	Casse	Castellano	8-1
3	In Our Time 🌿	Not This Time	Resolute Racing and Miller Racing LLC	Joseph, Jr.	Prat	3-1
4	Ready to Jam 🌿	More Than Ready	Qatar Racing, Mountmellick Farm and Galvin, Fergus	Cox	Alvarado	10-1
5	Love Cervere	Into Mischief	Edward Seltzer, Beverly Anderson & Reeves Thoroughbreds	Clement	Franco	10-1
6	Time to Dazzle 🌿	Not This Time	Tracy Farmer	Casse	Ortiz	8-1
7	Gratefully 🌿	Laoban	Adelphi Racing Club, Shelly Hume and Russell Hume	Falcone, Jr.	Velazquez	4-1
8	Italian Soiree	Uncle Mo	Hit The Bid Racing Stable and CMNWLTH	Motion	Davis	15-1
9	Shoot It True	Munnings	Ice Wine Stable and Smart Choice Stable	Ward	Hernandez	7-2
10	Roja	Karakontie (Jpn)	Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners and Madaket Stables LLC	Motion	Ortiz, Jr.	10-1
11	Bam's Bliss Kiss (MTO)	Solomini	Mad Dog Racing Stable	Abreu	Rider TBA	5-2

Breeders: 1-Pursuit of Success, LLC, 2-Linda Griggs, 3-Brian Kahn, 4-John Gardiner, 5-Edward Seltzer & Beverly Seltzer, 6-Dr. Rodney Orr, 7-WinStar Farm, LLC, 8-Repole Stable, Inc., 9-Old Tavern Farm LLC, 10-C. Kidder, 11-Torie D. Gladwell

Until he cools off, ride the Saffie Joseph, Jr. bandwagon. He won a remarkable 10 stakes races in May and looks to keep rolling here with **In Our Time** (Not This Time). Comes right back after a sharp victory in the GII Giant's Causeway Stakes. This is Wesley Ward's specialty, sprinting on the turf, so you have to respect **Shoot It True** (Munnings). Picks up J.J. Hernandez for the assignment. Has been second three times in a row. At 15-1 in the morning line, **Italian Soiree** (Uncle Mo) was in way over her head in the one-mile GII Distaff Turf Mile, but ran far better winning a turf sprint two back at Laurel. She's 2-for-2 at this distance. --Bill Finley

Thursday, 6/4, Saratoga #10, post time: 5:36 p.m. EDT

BELMONT GOLD CUP S.-GII, \$250,000, 4yo/up, 2mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	ML
1	Flashiest	Mizzen Mast	Wachtel Stable, Gary Barber and Nicolas G. Drion	Powell	Ortiz, Jr.	5-1
2	Navy Seal (Ire)	Dubawi (Ire)	Mrs. Fitriani Hay	Ward	Ortiz	9-2
3	Tawny Port 🌿	Pioneerof the Nile	Peachtree Stable	Clement	Prat	3-1
4	Miztertonic	Mission Impazible	Damchu Stables	Brion	Castellano	20-1
5	Worthington	Classic Empire	Karen Watters	Brion	Elliott	30-1
6	Concord Green	War Front	Stuart S. Janney III	McGaughey III	Franco	8-1
7	Corruption 🌿	Medaglia d'Oro	Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners and Harry Colburn	Casse	Velazquez	7-5
8	Fleetfoot (Ire)	Teofilo (Ire)	Molly and Paul Willis	Foley	Carmouche	12-1
9	Parchment Party (MTO) 🌿	Constitution	Pin Oak Stud LLC	Mott	Velazquez	3-5

Breeders: 1-Indian Creek & Nicky Drion, 2-Coolmore, 3-WinStar Farm, LLC, 4-Damchu Stables, LLC, 5-Watters Edge, LLC, 6-Stuart S. Janney, III LLC, 7-Spendthrift Farm, LLC, 8-Shadwell Estate Company Limited, 9-B. Flay Thoroughbreds

Why not **Fleetfoot** (Ire) (Teofilio ({Ire}))? He's not only the only horse to win at the two-mile distance, but he's 2-for-2 in these marathon races in the U.S. Granted, he's been facing easier, but at least you know he can get the distance and he will be a big price. **Corruption** (Medaglia d'Oro) is the 7-5 morning line favorite, is the class of the race and has the best Beyer numbers. But can he get the distance? **Flashiest** (Mizzen Mast) is in good form and has the numbers, but is riding a 13-race losing streak that stretches all the way back to May 26, 2024. --Bill Finley

Thursday, 6/4, Saratoga #3, post time: 1:40 p.m. EDT**PENNINE RIDGE S.-GIII, \$300,000, 3yo, 1 1/16mT**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	ML
1	Bottas	Vekoma	Dahman	Clement	Franco	7-2
2	Chips and Fish	Omaha Beach	Aci Racing Stable LLC	Arriaga	Elliott	50-1
3	Time for America	American Freedom	Tropical Racing	Nihei	Carmouche	15-1
4	Noble Dynasty	Kingman (GB)	Besilu Stables	Mott	Alvarado	6-1
5	Blackmail	Not This Time	Gary Barber	Casse	Castellano	8-1
6	Blinging It Back 🦟	Volatile	Barber, Gary and Deutsch, Peter	Casse	Ortiz	6-1
7	Asked and Answered 🦟	Tapit	Aci Racing Stable LLC	Arriaga	Silvera	50-1
8	Glavine 🦟	Not This Time	West Paces Racing, Rainbow's End Racing Stable LLC and Michael P. Lyden	Morley	Velazquez	4-1
9	West End Kid 🦟	Twirling Candy	Mo Speed Racing	Walden	Gaffalione	9-5

Main Track Only

10	Talk to Me Jimmy 🦟	Modernist	SEI Thoroughbreds, Rudy Rodriguez and Michael Imperio	Rodriguez	Rider TBA	6-5
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Breeders: 1-BCS Thoroughbreds, 2-Jackpot Farm, 3-Tropical Racing, 4-Besilu Stables LLC, 5-Don Alberto Corporation, 6-Forever Spring Farm, 7-Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC, 8-Hunter Valley Farm, 9-Fred W. Hertrich III, 10-Majestic View Farms Intl.

West End Kid (Twirling Candy) will be making his stakes debut but looks ready for the challenge after winning two straight, including an allowance at Churchill. Goes for scorching-hot trainer Will Walden. **Blinging It Back (Volatile)** has improved this year for Mark Casse and should find this spot easier after running in the GI American Turf Stakes at Churchill. 'TDN Rising Star, presented by Hagyard' **Bottas** (Vekoma) didn't show much in the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf, but showed a lot of ability when winning the GII Pilgrim Stakes as a 2-year-old. --*Bill Finley*

Friday, 6/5, Saratoga #11, post time: 5:46 p.m. EDT**NEW YORK S.-GI, \$750,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 3/16mT**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	ML
1	Portfolio Duration (GB)	Night of Thunder (Ire)	Klaravich Stables, Inc.	Brown	Prat	9-2
2	Bellezza (Ire)	Siyouni (Fr)	Moyglare Stud Farm, Ltd.	Clement	Rodriguez	12-1
3	Speed Shopper 🦟	Quality Road	Gary Barber, Bridlewood Farm and Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners	Walden	Franco	8-1
4	Laurelin (Ire)	Zarak (Fr)	Newstead Stables LLC	Motion	Carmouche	8-1
5	Pretty Picture	Munnings	Three Chimneys Farm, LLC	Brown	Davis	15-1
6	Cankoura (Fr)	Persian King (Ire)	His Highness the Aga Khan's Studs, Ltd.	Graffard	Lecoeuvre	10-1
7	City Girl (Fr)	City Light (Fr)	Madaket Stables, LLC, Michael Dubb, Michael E. Kisber and Michael J. Caruso	Brown	Ortiz, Jr.	8-1
8	Kathynmarissa 🦟	American Pharoah	Michael J. Caruso and Michael Dubb	Brown	Ortiz	5-2
9	Gezora (Fr)	Almanzor (Fr)	Peter M. Brant	Mott	Velazquez	3-1

Breeders: 1-Michael E Wates CBE, 2-Moyglare Stud Farm, 3-AR Enterprises, LLC & Edward Easton, 4-M. H. Dixon & Mount Coote Estates, 5-Three Chimneys Farm, LLC, 6-Haras De S.A. Aga Khan S.C.E.A., 7-Herald Bloodstock Ltd, Veronique Dubois & Nicolas Baudron, 8-Don Alberto Corporation, 9-Haras d'Etreham

Friday, 6/5, Saratoga #10, post time: 5:08 p.m. EDT**DRAFTKINGS ACORN S.-GI, \$500,000, 3yo, f, 1 1/8m**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	ML
1	Prom Queen	Quality Road	Gary and Mary West	Cox	Prat	7-2
	Counting Stars 🦟	Honor A. P.	West Point Thoroughbreds	Casse	Ortiz, Jr.	9-2
3	Meaning 🦟	Gun Runner	Bridlewood Farm and Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners	McCarthy	Hernandez	3-1
4	Maximum Offer 🦟	Maxfield	Baccari Racing Stable, LLC, Alfred Riccio, & Robert Cotrone	McPeck	Geroux	15-1
5	Always a Runner 🦟	Gun Runner	Douglas Scharbauer and Three Chimneys Farm, LLC	Brown	Ortiz	4-5

Breeders: 1-Gary & Mary West Stables, 2-HRH Prince Sultan Bin Mishal Al Saud, 3-Stonehaven Steadings, 4-KMN Racing, 5-Three Chimneys Farm, LLC


Friday, 6/5, Saratoga #12, post time: 6:25 p.m. EDT
OGDEN PHIPPS S. PRESENTED BY FORD-GI, \$500,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 1 1/8m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	ML
1	Fully Subscribed 🦋	Tiz the Law	Klaravich Stables, Inc.	Brown	Prat	5-2
2	Regaled 🦋	Mohaymen	Ribble Farms and Front Page Equestrian LLC	Beckman	Ramos	5-1
3	Alpine Princess 🦋	Classic Empire	Full of Run Racing LLC and Madaket Stables LLC	Cox	Ortiz, Jr.	4-1
4	Cassiar	City of Light	Lane's End, LLC	McGaughey III	Davis	15-1
5	Nitrogen	Medaglia d'Oro	D. J. Stable LLC	Casse	Ortiz	7-5
6	Bless the Broken	Laoban	Qatar Racing, Mountmellick Farm and Fergus Galvin	Cox	Geroux	6-1

Breeders: 1-Payson Stud, Inc, 2-Chris Baccari, 3-Betz/DJ Stables/Peter V.Lamantia/Classic Empire Syndicate, 4-Calumet Farm, 5-D. J. Stable, LLC, 6-Cypress Creek Equine, LLC

Friday, 6/5, Saratoga #4, post time: 1:29 p.m. EDT
BED O' ROSES S. PRESENTED BY BOLDYN NETWORKS-GII, \$300,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 7f

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	ML
1	Grand Job 🦋	Justify	Bell Tower Thoroughbreds, Medallion Racing & Mark Stanton	Mott	Alvarado	6-5
2	Scalable 🦋	Speightstown	Repole Stable	Pletcher	Carmouche	10-1
3	Ways and Means	Practical Joke	Klaravich Stables, Inc.	Brown	Prat	1-1
4	Senza Parole 🦋	Gun Runner	Don Alberto Stable	Brown	Ortiz, Jr.	8-1
5	Praying 🦋	Vekoma	Newtown Anner Stud Farm	Medina	Velazquez	10-1
6	Vincey Girl	Race Day	Blu Boy Racing Stables, LLC and Gary Ferman	D'Angelo	Saez	30-1

Breeders: 1-Fullbury, 2-Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holding, 3-Klaravich Stable, 4-Don Alberto Corporation, 5-Jeff Kerber, 6-Craig Boone & Jesus Armendariz

Friday, 6/5, Saratoga #9, post time: 4:28 p.m. EDT
WONDER AGAIN S. PRESENTED BY SHIFT4-GII, \$300,000, 3yo, f, 1 1/16mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	ML
1	Quiet Street	Street Boss	Godolphin, LLC	Mott	Alvarado	8-1
2	Fitz Right 🦋	Charlatan	Michael Dubb, William H. Lawrence, The Elkstone Group and Michael E. Kisber	Brown	Prat	4-1
3	Coach Mazzula	Authentic	Madaket Stables LLC	Russell	Franco	6-1
4	Tax Holiday (GB)	Kingman (GB)	Klaravich Stables, Inc.	Brown	Davis	12-1
5	Time to Dream	Not This Time	Repole Stable	Pletcher	Ortiz, Jr.	9-2
6	Soloist	Into Mischief	Michael B. Tabor, Derrick Smith and Mrs. John Magnier	McPeck	Ortiz	12-1
7	Call On Me 🦋	Twirling Candy	Glenn & Sandra Bromagen, Hillary Boone, Patrick Lewis and Jonathan Wilmot	Arnold II	Saez	8-1
8	Lion Lake (Ire)	Dark Angel (Ire)	Emcee Stable LLC	Walsh	Velazquez	8-5
9	Pashmina (MTO)	Constitution	Red White and Blue Racing LLC	Atras	Ortiz, Jr.	1-1

Breeders: 1-Godolphin, 2-Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC, 3-Reitman Stables LLC, 4-Newsells Park Stud, 5-Maggie Gieseke, 6-Orpendale/Chelston/Wynatt, 7-Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC, 8-Camas Park, Lynch Bages & Summerhill, 9-Narola, LLC


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Saturday, 6/6, Saratoga #7, post time: 2:47 p.m. EDT**JUST A GAME S. PRESENTED BY RESOLUTE RACING-GI, \$500,000, 4yo/up, f/m, 1mT**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	ML
1	Classic Q 	Classic Empire	Barber, Gary, Blue Crevalle Racing and Eclipse Tbred Partners	Casse	Velazquez	6-1
2	Sandtrap (Ire)	Lope de Vega (Ire)	Bridlewood Farm	Brown	Franco	3-1
3	Segesta	Ghostzapper	Juddmonte	Brown	Prat	7-5
4	Mandanaba (Fr)	Ghaiyyath (Ire)	His Highness the Aga Khan's Studs, Ltd.	Graffard	Lecoeuvre	9-2
5	And One More Time	Omaha Beach	Live Oak Plantation	Casse	Castellano	8-1
6	Fast Market 	Volatile	Hit The Bid Racing Stable	Terranova II	Davis	20-1
7	Buttercream Babe 	Twirling Candy	Three Diamonds Farm	Arnold II	Saez	15-1
8	Deep Satin	American Pharoah	Gunther, John D. and Eurowest Bloodstock Services	DeVaux	Ortiz	12-1

Breeders: 1-Winning Bloodstock, 2-Fifth Avenue Bloodstock, 3-Juddmonte, 4-Pcsse Zahra Aga Khan, 5-William Harrigan & Mike Pietrangelo, 6-Breed First LLC, 7-Repole Stable, Inc, 8-Eurowest Bloodstock Services

Saturday, 6/6, Saratoga #9, post time: 4:13 p.m. EDT**JAIPUR S.-GI, \$500,000, 3yo/up, 5 1/2ft****CHALLENGE SERIES WIN AND YOU'RE IN.™**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	ML
1	Governor Sam	Improbable	Bregman Family Racing, LLC and Swinbank Stables, LLC	Weaver	Lopez	15-1
2	Bold Journey 	Hard Spun	Pantofel Stable LLC, Wachtel Stable and Barber, Gary	Mott	Alvarado	30-1
3	Litigation	Twirling Candy	Stone Farm	Lynch	Geroux	7-2
4	Works for Me	Daddy Long Legs	KatieRich Stables LLC, C Connors & L J. Appel	Lee	Prat	6-1
5	Reef Runner	The Big Beast	Lieblong, Alex and Lieblong, JoAnn	Fawkes	Ortiz, Jr.	4-1
6	Ag Bullet 	Twirling Candy	Nguyen, Calvin and Tran, Joey C.	Baltas	Velazquez	3-1
7	Clock Tower 	Not This Time	Mrs. Fitriani Hay	Ward	Davis	20-1
8	John the Beer Man 	More Than Ready	Caruso, Michael J. and Dubb, Michael	Atras	Carmouche	10-1
9	Twenty Six Black	War Dancer	Roger Cimbora, Jr.	De Paz	Franco	12-1
10	My Boy Prince	Cairo Prince	Gary Barber	Casse	Ortiz	5-1

Breeders: 1-Stoneriggs Farm, 2-Fred W. Hertrich III & John D. Fielding, 3-Stone Farm, 4-KatieRich Farms, Chris Connors & LarryAppel, 5-Alex Lieblong & JoAnn Lieblong, 6-H & E Ranch, 7-Clarkland Farm, LLC, 8-Phipps Stable, 9-Roger Cimbora Jr., 10-Murray Graham Smith

Saturday, 6/6, Saratoga #10, post time: 4:52 p.m. EDT**WOODY STEPHENS S. PRESENTED BY MOHEGAN SUN-GI, \$500,000, 3yo, 7f**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	ML
1	Gilded Bandit	Charlatan	Pin Oak Stud LLC	Mott	Alvarado	8-1
2	Obliteration	Violence	Leland Ackerley Racing, J Sherwood, J Shupe & Cilia, John	Asmussen	Velazquez	8-1
3	Six Speed 	Not This Time	Black Type Thoroughbreds, Brunetti Dugan Stables, Swinbank Stables LLC, Adkisson, Steve and Atkinson, Andrew	Weaver	Ortiz, Jr.	10-1
4	Stradale	Yaupon	Kaleem Shah, Inc.	Asmussen	Santana, Jr.	15-1
5	Solitude Dude 	Yaupon	Chris Fountoukis	Joseph, Jr.	Prat	6-1
6	Crude Velocity	Beau Liam	CSLR Racing Partners	Baffert	Geroux	9-5
7	Englishman 	Maxfield	C R K Stable LLC	DeVaux	Ortiz	3-1
8	Civil Liberty 	Independence Hall	Dado, Craig and Davis, Mark D.	O'Neill	Fresu	10-1
9	Taj Mahal 	Nyquist	SF Racing, LLC, Starlight Racing, Madaket Stables, LLC, Stonestreet Stables, LLC, Bashor Racing, LLC, Determined Stables, Golconda Stable, Waves Edge Capital, LLC and Donovan, Catherine	Russell	Franco	15-1

Breeders: 1-Taylor Made Stallions Inc., BrunaciniStables, Clearview Stable LLC, et al, 2-Ocala Stud, 3-KatieRich Farms, 4-Richard Bremer & Cheryl Sprick, 5-Martha Buckner & Matthew Ernst, 6-La Ciega LLC, 7-Fifth Avenue Bloodstock, 8-St. Simon Place LLC, 9-Vegso Racing Stable

Saturday, 6/6, Saratoga #11, post time: 5:32 p.m. EDT

HILL 'N' DALE METROPOLITAN H.-GI, \$1,000,000, 3yo/up, 1m



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PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	ML/WT
1	Nysos 🐾	Nyquist	Baoma Corp	Baffert	Prat	9-5/126
2	Vibe 🐾	Into Mischief	Repole Stable, West Point Thoroughbreds, CJ Stables, Woodford Racing LLC, Lane's End, LLC and McGee, Patrick K.	Pletcher	Saez	15-1/118
3	Antiquarian 🐾	Preservationist	Centennial Farms	Pletcher	Velazquez	6-1/124
4	Saudi Crown 🐾	Always Dreaming	FMQ Stables	Cox	Ortiz, Jr.	8-1/123
5	Rated by Merit	Battalion Runner	St. Elias Stable	Brown	Davis	10-1/119
6	Knightsbridge	Nyquist	Godolphin, LLC	Mott	Alvarado	7-2/121
7	Journalism	Curlin	Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners, Bridlewood Farm, Don Alberto Stable, LaPenta, Robert V., Elayne Stables Five, Mrs. John Magnier, Tabor, Michael B. and Smith, Derrick	McCarthy	Ortiz	5-2/125

Breeders: 1-Atkins Susie, 2-Repole Stable, Inc., 3-Brereton C. Jones, 4-CHC Inc., 5-St. Elias Stables, LLC, 6-Godolphin, 7-Don Alberto Corporation

Saturday, 6/6, Saratoga #12, post time: 6:11 p.m. EDT

RESORTS WORLD CASINO MANHATTAN S.-GI, \$1,000,000, 4yo/up, 1 3/16mT

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	ML
1	Tiz Dashing	Tiz the Law	Sackatoga Stable	Tagg	Castellano	30-1
2	Test Score	Lookin At Lucky	Amerman Racing, LLC	Motion	Franco	12-1
3	Make Me King (Fr)	Dark Angel (Ire)	Wathnan Racing	Al Jehani	Ortiz	8-1
4	Integration	Quality Road	West Point Thoroughbreds and Woodford Racing LLC	McGaughey III	Velazquez	12-1
5	Deterministic 🐾	Liam's Map	St. Elias Stable, Langone, Ken, Duncker, C. Steven and Vicarage Stable	Clement	Carmouche	7-2
6	Bright Picture (Fr)	Intello (Ger)	Wertheimer and Frere	Fabre	Prat	3-1
7	Rhetorical	Not This Time	Barber, Gary, Cheyenne Stable, LLC and Wachtel Stable	Walden	Ortiz, Jr.	2-1
8	One Stripe (SAf)	One World (SAf)	Hollywood Racing and Sewgoolam, Rikesh	Motion	Lerena	6-1
9	Battle of Normandy	City of Light	West Point Thoroughbreds and Woodford Racing LLC	McGaughey III	Davis	20-1

Breeders: 1-Camas Park Stud, 2-Mrs. Jerry Amerman, 3-Haras Voltaire, 4-Larkin Armstrong, 5-Hinkle Farms, 6-John Carrington, 7-Mallory Mort & Karen Mort, 8-Drakenstein Stud, 9-Gage Hill Stables, LLC & W. S. Farish

Saturday, 6/6, Saratoga #13, post time: 7:04 p.m. EDT

BELMONT S. PRESENTED BY NYRA BETS-GI, \$2,000,000, 3yo, 1 1/4m

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	ML
1	Vitruvian Man 🐾	Vino Rosso	Glenn Sorgenstein WC Racing Inc. and Run Fast Racing	O'Neill	Fresu	30-1
2	Powershift 🐾	Constitution	Repole Stable	Pletcher	Saez	12-1
3	Chief Wallabee	Constitution	Ball, Michael and Ball, Katherine G.	Mott	Alvarado	3-1
4	Renegade 🐾	Into Mischief	Low, Robert, Low, Lawana L. and Repole Stable	Pletcher	Ortiz, Jr.	2-1
5	Ottinho	Quality Road	Three Chimneys Farm, LLC	Brown	Davis	20-1
6	Growth Equity 🐾	Nyquist	Klaravich Stables, Inc.	Brown	Franco	12-1
7	Commandment 🐾	Into Mischief	Wathnan Racing	Cox	Velazquez	6-1
8	Emerging Market 🐾	Candy Ride (Arg)	Klaravich Stables, Inc.	Brown	Prat	6-1
9	Golden Tempo	Curlin	Phipps Stable and St. Elias Stable	DeVaux	Ortiz	9-2

Breeders: 1-Glenn Sorgenstein WC Racing Inc., 2-Liberty Road Stables, 3-Mike Ball & Katherine Ball, 4-Robert Low & Lawana Low, 5-Three Chimneys Farm, LLC, 6-Stone Farm, 7-Lee Pokoik, 8-Stoneriggs Farm, 9-Phipps Stable & St. Elias Stables, LLC



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Saturday, 6/6, Saratoga #8, post time: 3:25 p.m. EDT**TRUE NORTH S.-GIII, \$400,000, 4yo/up, 6 1/2f**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	ML
1	Acoustic Ave	Maclean's Music	A. Bianco Holding Limited	Rice	Lezcano	30-1
2	Imagination 🦋	Into Mischief	SF Racing LLC, Starlight Racing, Madaket Stables LLC, Stonestreet Stables LLC, Bashor Racing LLC, Masterson, Robert E., Waves Edge Capital LLC, Donovan, Catherine and Ryan, Tom J.	Baffert	Prat	4-1
3	Bentornato 🦋	Valiant Minister	Leon King Stable Corp. and TCC Stables LLC	D'Angelo	Ortiz, Jr.	8-5
4	Listenupshance	Shancelot	Run Fast Racing	O'Neill	Fresu	30-1
5	Faust 🦋	Volatile	Heiligbrodt, Corinne and Heiligbrodt, L. William	Asmussen	Ortiz	15-1
6	Book'em Danno 🦋	Bucchero	Atlantic Six Racing, LLC	Ryan	Lopez	2-1
7	Be You 🦋	Curlin	Repole Stable	Pletcher	Velazquez	12-1
8	Illuminare 🦋	City of Light	Centennial Farms	Pletcher	Franco	10-1
9	Pentathlon	Speightstown	Phipps Stable, St. Elias Stable and Woodford Racing LLC	McGaughey III	Davis	12-1

Breeders: 1-Chester Broman & Mary R. Broman, 2-Peter E. Blum Thoroughbreds, LLC, 3-Tanma Corp, 4-Al and Michelle Crawford Racing, 5-Torie Gladwell & Terri Burns, 6-Gregory J. Kilka & Bright View Farm, 7-Alpha Delta Stables, LLC, 8-Emcee Stable LLC, 9-Phipps Stable

Book 'em Danno (Bucchero) is going to have to improve off his disappointing second-place finish in the GII Carter Stakes, where he had no excuses. But he's perfectly capable of better and there's no doubt that he loves Saratoga. "Danno" better bring his best because, in **Bentornato (Valiant Minister)**, he's facing a serious sprinter. Bentornato is working great for his return after finishing second in the G1 Dubai Golden Shaheen. He looks like the clear speed of the race and will take some catching. There's nothing wrong with **Imagination (Into Mischief)**. He shows up every time. Just not sure he's as good at the top two picks. --*Bill Finley*

Sunday, 6/7, Churchill Downs #8, post time: 4:22 p.m. EDT**MATT WINN S.-GIII, \$500,000, 3yo, 1 1/16m**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Stop the Car	Maximum Security	Trade Winds Farm	Walsh	Gaffalione	118
2	Potente	Into Mischief	Speedway Stables LLC	Baffert	Geroux	123
3	Pavlovian	Pavel	Reddam Racing LLC	O'Neill	Saez	118
4	Our Moneyman	Mr. Money	Allied Racing Stable, LLC	Calhoun	Concepcion	118
5	Corona de Oro	Bolt d'Oro	On Our Own Stable, LLC, Commonwealth Stable U Racing Stables, LLC, Saints or Sinners, Tittletown Racing, Jim Nichols, Edwin S. barker, Daniel Rivers, John Haines and Dallas Stewart	Stewart	Hernandez, Jr.	118
6	Taptastic	Tapit	Winchell Thoroughbreds LLC and Stonestreet Stables LLC	Asmussen	Ortiz	118
7	Further Ado 🦋	Gun Runner	Spendthrift Farm LLC	Cox	Ortiz, Jr.	123
8	Steel Imperium	Essential Quality	LCI, LLC	Caramori	Cheminaud	118

Breeders: 1-Gary & Mary West Stables Inc., 2-Pam & Martin Wygod, 3-Reddam Racing, LLC, 4-Allied Racing Stable, LLC, 5-Willow Oaks Stable, LLC, 6-Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings LLC, 7-John C. Oxley, 8-CHC Inc.

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THURSDAY'S RACING INSIGHTS:

by Stefanie Grimm



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PAIR OF 2-YEAR-OLD PLETCHER FILLIES KICK OFF SARATOGA CARD

1st-SAR, 115K, Msw, 2yo, f, 5 1/2f, 12:35 p.m.

Trainer Todd Pletcher debuts a pair of 2-year-old fillies in the Thursday opener at Saratoga. Rail-drawn **PERPETUAL** (**Drain the Clock**) impressed at OBS March earlier this year, **working a quarter-mile in :20.1** before selling to Lee Ackerley Racing & Gainesway for \$500,000. Her unraced Street Boss first dam has already produced two winners from as many to race and Pletcher will leg up Hall of Famer John Velazquez for this unveiling.

In the middle of the gate, stablemate **Dinner Party** (**Not This Time**) is a Repole Stable-owned daughter of stakes winner Velvet Mood, herself a half-sister to both GSW/MGISP Point of Honor (**Curlin**) and GISW Wicked Whisper (**Liam's Map**). Repole purchased this filly for \$450,000 as a yearling at Keeneland September last year after also buying her 3-year-old **Curlin** half-sister for \$500,000 at the same sale in 2024. **TJCIS PPS**

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BOUWERIE S., \$200,000, Saratoga, 6-3, (S), 3yo, f, 7f, 1:22.63, ft.
1--**VENETTA**, 120, f, 3, by Yaupon

1st Dam: **Gypsy Angel**, by Silver Train

2nd Dam: **Michigan Bluff**, by Skywalker

3rd Dam: **Middlefork Rapids**, by Wild Again

(\$25,000 RNA Ylg '24 KEESEP). **1ST BLACK TYPE WIN.** O-Sequel Racing; B-Sequel Thoroughbreds LLC (NY); T-Danny Gargan; J-Kendrick Carmouche. \$110,000. Lifetime Record: 3-2-1-0, \$169,000. *1/2 to Mrs. Orb (Orb), MSW & GSP, \$556,280.

2--**Hot Currency**, 124, f, 3, **Central Banker**--Calidez, by Spring At Last. (\$82,000 Ylg '24 EASOCT; \$200,000 2yo '25 OBSAPR). O-Winning Move Stable, Sanford Robbins, Lady Sheila Stable, Silverwood Stables and IEE Racing; B-BHMFR (NY); T-Linda Rice. \$40,000.



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3--**Galinda**, 124, f, 3, **Good Magic**--Super Humor, by Super Saver. (\$120,000 Ylg '24 SARAUG). O-Waterville Lake Stables; B-Daniel J Burke & Kathleen Burke Schweizer (NY); T-Miguel Clement. \$24,000.

Margins: 1 1/4, 3, 8. Odds: 4.31, 0.77, 5.15. Also Ran: Victory Hall, Irish Lullaby, Pinky Brier. Scratched: Celestial Body.



Venetta | Sarah Andrew

Venetta was a handful pre-race for jockey Kendrick Carmouche and just as much of one for her rivals Wednesday, winning the Bouwerie in her stakes debut for trainer Danny Gargan and owner Sequel Racing.

Entered off a maiden-breaking win at Aqueduct when meant for the turf but rained onto a muddy main track Apr. 30, the 4-1 shot drew the rail here and had to stalk early as Galinda and Hot Currency dueled for command through the opening fractions of :22.98 and :45.40. Swung outside of that embattled duo off the far turn, Venetta kept grinding into the final furlong and just managed to squeak past Hot Currency late to pick up the win.

"She's got a lot of talent," Gargan said. "I think she has more than we've seen, still. I think the further she goes, the better she'll be. A lot of people want to criticize Yaupons going long, but this one wants to go long and she is a big, strong filly. I think the further she goes, the better she is going to get, because she wants to sit, relax, and then make that move. Going seven-eighths, you kind of have to let her get in it a little bit. We're lucky she got around to the outside where she wants to be."

The 11th stakes winner for Yaupon, Venetta is a half-sister to MSW/GSP Mrs. Orb (Orb). First day Gypsy Angel, who has five winners from six to race, has plenty in the pipeline still with a 2-year-old Cyberknife filly, a yearling filly by **Golden Pal** and a colt born this year by Mullion. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

MOUNT VERNON S., \$200,000, Saratoga, 6-3, (S), 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16mT, 1:41.74, fm.

1--**BEING BETTY**, 124, m, 5, **Weekend Hideaway**--Lady Joan (SW, \$404,555), by **Courageous Cat**. **1ST BLACK TYPE WIN.**

O/B-Hilly Fields Stable (NY); T-Lisa Bartkowski; J-Irad Ortiz, Jr. \$110,000. Lifetime Record: 15-6-1-1, \$372,652.

2--**Midnight Concerto**, 124, m, 5, Mendelssohn--Midnight in Giada, by Midnight Lute. (\$185,000 Ylg '22 KEESEP). O-Harold Lerner, AWC Stable and Nehoc Stable; B-Sequel Thoroughbred & Valerie Dailey (NY); T-Kenneth G. McPeck. \$40,000.

3--**Five G**, 126, f, 4, Vekoma--Triumphant, by **Quality Road**. O/B-Gatsas Stable LLC (NY); T-George Weaver. \$24,000.

SGV THOROUGHBREDS GRADUATE
Margins: HF, HF, HD. Odds: 2.69, 7.31, 0.99.

Also Ran: National Archive, Spinning Colors, Trail of Gold. Scratched: Awesome Czech, Bam's Bliss Kiss, Bernieandtherose, Dividend Recap. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

Exiting a one-mile race at Aqueduct which saw her earn a new career best 87 Beyer Speed Figure, Being Betty picked up her first stakes win Wednesday in the Mount Vernon Stakes, her third win from four starts this year.

Second behind Spinning Colors (**Hard Spun**) around the clubhouse turn and into the backstretch, the 5-2 second choice was patiently handled just off the flank of that rival past the half-mile pole. Unleashed with just over a quarter-mile to run, Being Betty hit the front but had plenty of company down the stretch as both Midnight Concerto and Five G made threatening late runs in a driving finish separated by just a head.

"She switched off very nice," said winning jockey Irad Ortiz, Jr. "I knew Mark Hennig's horse [No. 2, Spinning Colors] always shows speed. My filly came from off the pace last time, so I didn't worry as long as I had a clean break, which I did. I had a beautiful trip. I tried to get her to relax. She did. After that, I bide my time. By the three-eighths pole, she made up ground. That was really nice. I just had to wait for the time to go."

A fourth generation homebred for Hilly Fields Stable, Being Betty has a 3-year-old Tactitus half-sister, a 2-year-old half-brother by King for a Day and a foal half-sister by **Mind Control**.



Being Betty | Sarah Andrew

CRITICAL EYE S., \$200,000, Saratoga, 6-3, (S), 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/8m, 1:47.83, ft.

1--**BERNIETAKESCHARGE**, 126, m, 5, **Take Charge Indy**--Berning Rose (SW, \$223,800), by **Freud**. O/B-Robert D. Rosenthal & Bradford Bernstein (NY); T-Domenick L. Schettino; J-Manuel Franco. \$110,000. Lifetime Record: 23-8-4-2, \$739,830. *1/2 to Bernieandtherose (Accelerate), MSW, \$258,240.

2--**Valtellina**, 126, f, 4, **Complexity**--Take Charge Sue, by **Take Charge Indy**. (\$67,000 Ylg '23 SARAUG). O-Pavilion Racing; B-Thorostock, LLC (NY); T-Raymond Handal. \$40,000.

3--**Walk With Me**, 124, m, 5, **Central Banker**--Might Be, by Posse. (\$100,000 Ylg '22 EASOCT). O-Wizard Stables; B-Richard Nicolai (NY); T-David P. Duggan. \$24,000.

Margins: 1 3/4, 6, 6 1/4. Odds: 3.29, 2.12, 5.08.

Also Ran: Boxed Wine, Lika Rolling Stone, Landed, Hello Beauty. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**



Bernietakescharge | Sarah Andrew

Bernietakescharge's latest form cycle included a win versus state bred in the Bay Ridge Stakes at the Big A Dec. 28 and a runner-up finish against open company in the Ladies Stakes over the same track Feb. 6. The dark bay was well-beaten in the open company Top Flight Stakes at Aqueduct Mar. 29.

Sent off as a 3-1 shot here, Bernietakescharge fired out of the blocks and began to set the tone into the first turn. The 5-year-old proceeded to make every pole a winning through the top of the lane and she had enough left in the tank to seal the deal.

"I trained the mare Berning Rose," said conditioner Domenick Schettino. "She won a big stake for us, for Mr. Rosenthal and his family, and Brad Bernstein. The babies, since the first one, Berning Honor, she broke her maiden, then Bernietakescharge and Bernieandtherose are both multiple stakes winners. Actually [Bernieandtherose], she is running tomorrow in an allowance race, first time going a mile and an eighth. It's been an incredible ride. We have a 2-year-old by **Central Banker** who looks so far that he's progressing to be okay."

The winner's dam is responsible for 3-year-old filly Roseberns Dream (Always Dreaming), 2-year-old colt in-training Bank On Harvey (**Central Banker**) and a yearling filly by **Americanrevolution**. She foaled a filly by **Twirling Candy** Apr. 2. Bernietakescharge counts as a second dam MSW Peach Flambe (Flying Chevron).

MIKE LEE S., \$200,000, Saratoga, 6-3, (S), 3yo, 7f, 1:21.60, ft.

1--**SCULCOS FOLLY**, 124, c, 3, by Redesdale

1st Dam: Cool Johanna, by Johannesburg

2nd Dam: Cool City, by Carson City

3rd Dam: Icy Time, by Icecapade

(\$70,000 2yo '25 OBSAPR). O-Michael Dubb; B-Lannister Holdings LLC (NY); T-Richard E. Dutrow, Jr.; J-Jaime Rodriguez. \$110,000. Lifetime Record: 8-6-1-0, \$369,150. *1/2 to Zolo (Commissioner), SP, \$307,804.

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2--**B Thedonald**, 122, c, 3, **Girvin**--Mycrazygirlfriend, by Race Day. (\$60,000 2yo '25 EASMA; \$280,000 RNA 3yo '26 FTDGJA). 1ST BLACK TYPE. O-Madaket Stables, LLC, LaPenta, Robert V., Triple B Stables, LLC (Ryter) and Strauss, William; B-Grassroots Training and Sales LLC (NY); T-Horacio De Paz. \$40,000.

3--**Party in the Army**, 122, c, 3, **Army Mule**--Party Like Grandma, by Desert Party. O-Flower City Racing LLC, Meyer, Christopher J. and Spiesman, Richard; B-Flower City Racing LLC, Christopher J Meyer and Rich Spiesman (NY); T-Jeremiah C. Englehart. \$24,000.

 **ANOTHER TRAVIS DURR GRADUATE**

Margins: 5HF, HF, 3HF. Odds: 3.16, 18.86, 39.83.

Also Ran: Bravaro, Wamo, Max Money, Time to Roll, Arctic Beast, Stickupwithoutagun. **Click for the Equibase.com chart.**

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Former claimer Sculcos Folly recorded his fourth straight victory in Wednesday's Mike Lee Stakes at Saratoga.

Claimed for \$20,000 following a win at Laurel last November, the New York-bred was a close-up second when making his return in a 5 1/2-furlong optional claimer at that venue in early January. **Cont.**



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Blowing the doors off by 9 3/4 lengths facing starter allowance company at the Big A on Jan. 22, the dark bay made it two straight with a score in the one-mile Gander Stakes against state-bred company on Mar. 7. Cutting back to 6 1/2 panels in his latest in the restricted Mind Your Biscuits Stakes on Apr. 11, Sculcos Folly ran off to score by 8 1/2 lengths as the evn-money choice.

Sent off at an almost generous 3-1 odds while looking for his sixth career victory, he went to the front immediately as favored Bravaro pressed the issue through :22.08 and :44.36 initial splits. Still in control turning for home, the Rick Dutrow Jr. trainee drew away late to score by 5 1/2 lengths over longshots B Thedonald and Party in the Army. Bravaro tired to fourth.

"I was a little bit worried because I was handicapping the race and we had a little bit of speed outside," said winning rider Jaime Rodriguez. "[Dutrow] didn't give me any instructions. He said, 'you know the horse already. You know what to do. You'll figure it out when the gate opens.'"

"We got maybe three feet outside, one of the speed got left and I had the advantage just to use him a little bit early and get position in the beginning. Once I got next to him, I just let him get a little bit ahead in front and then I just let him do his own thing. Once we hit the top of the lane I tapped him once on the shoulder and he just took off.

Winning owner Michael Dubb added, "There are a lot of dark days in the winter and you really wait for days like this. A lot of hard work, a lot of planning and thinking of places and races. We agonized over where we were going to run the horse. We felt that he was good enough to run in the [GI] Woody Stephens [on Saturday]. Based on the performance he put on, he might have been competitive there, but at the end of the day, this is a 3-year-old and he's got plenty of time to prove how good he is."

The winner's dam produced a filly by Caracaro last season.



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8th-Churchill Downs, \$138,366, Alw (C)/Opt. Clm (\$175,000), 6-3, 3yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2fT, 1:01.42, fm, 3/4 length.

SUNNA (f, 4, Dominus--Warm, by Flatter) entered a perfect three-for-three on the grass including a last-out win in the The Very One Stakes at Laurel May 15. Outrun only by Spring Dancer (The Big Beast) up the backstretch, the 4-1 shot grew steadily closer around the turn before striking the front into the stretch, holding off Mae Town (**Mo Town**) late to win by three-quarters of a length. Sunna is her dam's only foal to date though Warm was covered by **Annapolis** for this season. Lifetime Record: SW, 8-5-0-1, \$216,594. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

O/B-Leverett S. Miller (KY); T-J. Kent Sweezey.



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6th-Saratoga, \$105,000, (S), Alw, 6-3, (NW1\$X), 3yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2fT, 1:01.56, fm, 1/2 length.

BROKEALLTHERULES (f, 4, Frosted--Scadadle, by Scat Daddy), making her first start as a 4-year-old, rocketed out to the lead from the outside stall and held the advantage narrowly up the backstretch ahead of Boston's Phinest (**Honest Mischief**). The 11-1 shot had to dig in briefly to stay in front as her rival made another charge and just managed to last a half-length ahead on the wire. Scadadle has a 2-year-old Yaupon filly and foaled a colt by **Newgate** this spring. Sales History: \$165,000 Ylg '23 SARAUG.

Lifetime Record: 5-2-1-0, \$92,250. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#), sponsored by FanDuel TV.

O-Michael Dubb, The Elkstone Group, (Stuart Grant) & Titledown Racing Stables; B-Vineyard Racing (NY); T-Richard Dutrow, Jr.

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2nd-Horseshoe Indianapolis, \$36,000, Alw (C)/Opt. Clm (\$50,000), 6-3, 3yo/up, 1m 70y, 1:40.91, ft, 1 1/4 lengths. **INSTANT REPLAY (c, 4, Maximum Security--Academy Gal, by Medaglia d'Oro)** ran third in the 2025 GII Twinspires.com Louisiana Derby, the took home the Bath House Row Stakes at Oaklawn in mid-April and the Texas Derby at Lone Star Park in late May. After a fifth-place finish in the GIII Indiana Derby in early July, the colt won by a head in the Super Derby at Louisiana Downs Sept. 6. Off the bench here, the 1-1 choice was in the mix at the bell, but was content to stalk in the second flight as the field made for the first turn. The chalk bided his time through the backstretch, but started to make his move at the half mile pole. The hooded Instant Replay gained the lead by the top of the lane and held off a late charge from Bedard (Nyquist) to clear the condition. Academy Gal handed the winner a full-brother named Final Thoughts who is now a 2-year-old. Instant Replay's dam is also responsible for a yearling filly by Kantharos and she bred to Arabian Knight for this past spring. Lifetime Record: MSW, 11-6-1-1, \$660,278. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#).

O-Wathnan Racing; B-Gary & Mary West Stables Inc. (KY); T-Brad H. Cox.

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6th-Churchill Downs, \$89,396, Msw, 6-3, 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:09.60, ft, 2 3/4 lengths.

TWIRLING ACES (f, 3, Twirling Candy--Kidoro, by Medaglia d'Oro) took plenty of money as the even-money favorite off a strong gate drill May 21 (four furlongs in 47 1/5 {2/33}) despite being the only first-time starter in this auction price-restricted field. Encountering plenty of early trouble from the gate, she had to settle wide in the middle of the pack as Annie Bee (Collected) showed the way. Coming with plenty of steam down the outside of the track, Twirling Aces kept driving, pushed past late leader By La Rina (Echo Town) and cleared off to graduate on debut by 2 3/4 lengths. A \$50,000 Keeneland September pick up for Pocket Aces Racing, the winner is out of a half to a pair of stakes winners in Kid Kate (Lemon Drop Kid) and Amie's Dini (Bandini). Kidoro has a 2-year-old Nyquist filly, a yearling Oscar Performance colt and a filly born this year by Arabian Knight. Sales History: \$50,000 Ylg '24 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$52,096. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#) or [VIDEO](#), sponsored by FanDuel TV.

O-Pocket Aces Racing LLC; B-Dell Ridge Farm, LLC (KY); T-Brendan P. Walsh.

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IN MAINLAND CHINA:

Hallowed, h, 5, **Galileo (Ire)**--Abel Tasman (Ch. 3yo Filly-US, MGISW-US, \$2,793,385), by **Quality Road**. Yulong, 5-30, 2000m (sand), 2:04.63. O-Yulong Horse Industry. B-Orpendale/Chelston/Wynatt (KY). **VIDEO**.

IN IRELAND:

Aix La Chapelle, c, 2, **Justify**. See "Ireland".

IN BRITAIN:

Social Symbol, c, 2, **Violence**. See "Britain".



FIRST-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: THURSDAY, JUNE 4

2026 Stud Fees Listed

Drain the Clock (Maclean's Music), Gainesway Farm, \$10,000
134 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners
1-Saratoga, 12:35 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2f, Perpetual, 7-2
\$500,000 OBS MAR 2yo

Golden Pal (Uncle Mo), Coolmore Ashford, \$25,000
203 foals of racing age/4 winners/0 black-type winners
5-Churchill Downs, 6:56 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2f, Mr Gerson, 30-1

Jackie's Warrior (Maclean's Music), Spendthrift Farm, \$25,000
136 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
5-Churchill Downs, 6:56 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2f, Decimation, 6-1
\$180,000 OBS OCT yrl; \$400,000 OBS MAR 2yo

Life Is Good (Into Mischief), WinStar Farm, \$60,000
133 foals of racing age/4 winners/1 black-type winner
1-Saratoga, 12:35 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2f, Mel Went Home, 15-1
\$190,000 KEE NOV wnl; \$200,000 FTS AUG yrl

Mandaloun (Into Mischief), Juddmonte Farms, \$10,000
100 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
1-Saratoga, 12:35 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2f, Saysomethingnice, 15-1
\$50,000 SAR AUG yrl

SECOND-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: THURSDAY, JUNE 4

2026 Stud Fees Listed

Lexitonian (Speightstown), Calumet Farm, \$7,500
93 foals of racing age/20 winners/4 black-type winners
2-Saratoga, 1:07 p.m. EDT, \$175K Jersey Girl S., 6f, Oscar Bound, 30-1
\$25,000 KEE NOV wnl; \$42,000 FTK OCT yrl; \$47,000 RNA OBS MAR 2yo; \$40,000 EAS MAY 2yo

Modernist (Uncle Mo), Darby Dan Farm, \$5,000
141 foals of racing age/26 winners/2 black-type winners
3-Saratoga, 1:40 p.m. EDT, \$300K GIII Pennine Ridge S., 1 1/16m, Talk to Me Jimmy, 6-5
\$24,000 RNA FTM MIX wnl; \$31,000 KEE SEP yrl

Yaupon (Uncle Mo), Spendthrift Farm, \$60,000
324 foals of racing age/49 winners/11 black-type winners
2-Saratoga, 1:07 p.m. EDT, \$175K Jersey Girl S., 6f, Goodall, 9-2
\$62,000 FTK JUL yrl; \$525,000 OBS APR 2yo
1-Saratoga, 12:35 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2f, Mindee's World, 5-1
\$40,000 KEE NOV wnl; \$45,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$210,000 OBS APR 2yo



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STAKES RESULTS:

KINGSTON S., \$200,000, Saratoga, 6-3, (S), 3yo/up, 1 1/16mT, 1:39.61, fm.

1--**MI BAGO, 126, g, 4, Vekoma--Wabanaki, by Indian Charlie.** (\$62,000 Ylg '23 FTKFEB; \$90,000 RNA Ylg '23 SARAUG). O-Gary Barber; B-Highclere, Inc. (NY); T-Mark E. Casse; J-Jose L. Ortiz. \$110,000. Lifetime Record: 17-7-1-0, \$705,900.

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2--**Spirit of St Louis, 126, g, 7, Medaglia d'Oro--Khancord Kid, by Lemon Drop Kid.** (\$300,000 Ylg '20 KEESEP; \$280,000 4yo '23 KEEAPR). O-Madaket Stables, LLC, Michael Dubb and Richard Schermerhorn; B-Chester & Mary R. Broman (NY); T-Chad C. Brown. \$40,000.

3--**George Briggs, 126, c, 4, Fog of War--Bamboiselle (Ire), by Muhtathir (GB).** O-Peter M. Brant; B-White Birch Farm Inc. (NY); T-Miguel Clement. \$24,000.

Margins: 4HF, 1, 2 1/4. Odds: 4.83, 1.70, 1.72.

COMMENTATOR S., \$200,000, Saratoga, 6-3, (S), 3yo/up, 1 1/8m, 1:48.39, ft.

1--**ALAN TURING, 124, g, 4, Omaha Beach--Honorio (Ire) (SW-Ire), by Sadler's Wells. 1ST BLACK TYPE WIN.** O/B-Gallagher's Stud (NY); T-Patrick J. Quick; J-Junior Alvarado. \$110,000. Lifetime Record: 15-4-5-1, \$341,828. *1/2 to Maximova (Danehill Dancer {Ire}), SW & MGSP, \$334,068.

2--**Dr. Kraft, 124, h, 6, The Lieutenant--Princess Consort, by Dixieland Band.** (\$50,000 2yo '22 EASMAY). O-Ilkay Kantarmaci, Zilla Racing, Black Jack Racing and Steven Forst; B-Sequel Stallions New York (NY); T-Ilkay Kantarmaci. \$40,000.

3--**Russian Realm, 124, g, 5, Constitution--Super Marina, by Warrior's Reward. 1ST BLACK TYPE.** O/B-R. A. Hill Stable (NY); T-Danny Gargan. \$24,000.

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Margins: HF, 2 1/4, NK. Odds: 11.81, 32.57, 16.82.

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BEVERLY R. STEINMAN HURDLE H., (NB) \$145,500, Saratoga, 6-3, 4yo/up, 2 3/8mT, 4:33.17, fm.

1--**JIMMY P, 148, g, 8, Slumber (GB)--My Love Venezuela, by Scat Daddy.** O-Madaket Stables, LLC, Molly Willis and Paul Willis; B-Head of Plains Partners & Madaket Stables (KY); T-Keri Brion; J-Stephen Mulqueen. \$90,000. Lifetime Record: 31-7-2-2, \$484,115. *1/2 to Dawson's Storm (Mshawish), MSP, \$282,087; Full to Sy Dog, GSW, \$549,050.

2--**Rocket One, 146, g, 7, Into Mischief--London Mist, by Afleet Alex.** (\$600,000 Ylg '20 KEESEP). O-Riverdee Stable and Ten Strike Racing; B-John D. Gunther (KY); T-Jack Fisher. \$27,000.

3--**Coutach (GB), 150, g, 5, Blue Bresil (Fr)--Aisance (Fr), by Saint des Saints (Fr).** O-Del Rio Racing LLC; B-Oldcourt Stud (GB); T-Richard J. Hendriks. \$15,000.

Margins: NK, 17 3/4, 14 3/4. Odds: 4.03, 4.75, 6.37.



Jimmy P (center) won an eventful running of the Beverly R. Steinman Hurdle Handicap | Sarah Andrew

BEAU BLADE S., (NB) C\$50,524, Assiniboia Downs, 6-2, 3yo/up, 5 1/2f, 1:05.07, wf.

1--**BERGHEIM, 121, g, 4, Union Jackson--Cool Ten Grand, by Malibu Moon.** O-Henry S. Witt, Jr.; B-Watershed Bloodstock (TX); T-Jerry Gourneau; J-Renaldo Cumberbatch. C\$30,780. Lifetime Record: SP, 25-7-7-3, \$185,946.

2--**Ceepeegee, 121, g, 5, Army Mule--Dance for Daddy, by Scat Daddy.** O-Drop'en Racing, Parker Walleette and Chelbi Laducer; B-William S. Sparks (KY); T-Savey Keplin, Jr. C\$10,260.

3--**Dreaming of Kona, 121, h, 6, Fast Anna--Pliant, by Maria's Mon.** (\$14,000 Ylg '21 KEESEP; \$50,000 2yo '22 OBSOPN). O-Pan Am Racing; B-eLGe farm (KY); T-Savey Gaskin. C\$5,130.

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Margins: 1, 1 1/4, HF. Odds: 16.40, 1.50, 2.75.

ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

7th-Churchill Downs, \$127,000, 6-3, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 6 1/2f, 1:15.99, ft, head.

TAP ME A SONG (g, 4, Tapiture--Gwithian, by Street Sense)

Lifetime Record: 14-3-2-3, \$242,212. O-Cowboys and Razorbacks Racing Stables LLC; B-Clark O. Brewster (KY); T-Carlos Santamaria. *\$50,000 2yo '24 TTAAPR.

7th-Saratoga, \$105,000, (S), 6-3, (NW1\$X), 3yo/up, 1 1/8mT, 1:46.84, fm, 1 1/4 lengths.

A LITTLE AT FIRST (g, 3, War Dancer--Brazo de Oro, by First Dude)

Lifetime Record: 5-2-0-0, \$114,580. O-Roger Cimbora, Jr.; B-Roger Cimbora (NY); T-Horacio De Paz. *1/2 to Can't Fool Me (Frost Giant), SP, \$367,075; Full to Twenty Six Black, MSW & MGSP, \$657,310.



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5th-Delaware, \$45,050, (NW2X)/Opt. Clm (\$32,000), 6-3, 3yo/up, f/m, 1mT, 1:35.03, fm, 2 1/4 lengths.

SOUPER WILLIWAW (f, 4, Hard Spun--Souper Striking {SW-USA, SP-Can, \$206,723}, by Brilliant Speed) Lifetime Record: 10-3-1-1, \$116,167. O-Live Oak Plantation; B-Live Oak Stud (FL); T-Michael J. Trombetta.

6th-Delaware, \$44,200, 6-3, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 1m 70y, 1:43.60, ft, 2 1/4 lengths.

MAD BANKER (g, 5, Central Banker--Miz Shugina, by Sharp Humor) Lifetime Record: 31-6-5-6, \$235,945. O-Madison Avenue Racing Stable, Inc. and Kernan, Jr., Morris E.; B-Seidman Stables, LLC (NY); T-Jamie Ness. *\$14,000 RNA Ylg '22 OBSWIN.

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5th-Horseshoe Indianapolis, \$43,000, (S), 6-3, (NW2X), 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/16mT, 1:42.57, fm, 3 lengths.

SWEET HEAT (f, 4, Isotherm--Sweet Kala, by Alpha) Lifetime Record: 15-3-2-2, \$101,708. O-Poindexter, H. Allen and Toye, Kara Lin; B-H. Allen Poindexter (IN); T-Kara Lin McGuire.

1st-Penn National, \$42,550, 6-3, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 5fT, fm, 1 1/2 lengths.

KALAHARI NOT SORRY (g, 5, Nyquist--Ristretto, by Medaglia d'Oro) Lifetime Record: 12-3-7-0, \$123,700. O-Pewter Stable & James Radcliffe Stables; B-Forgotten Land Investment Inc (PA); T-Kathleen A. Demasi. *\$60,000 Ylg '22 FTKFEB; \$25,000 2yo '23 EASMAY. **1/2 to Movisitor (Uncle Mo), SW & GSP, \$381,085



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1st-Thistledown, \$35,800, (S), 6-3, (NW2L), 3yo/up, 1m, 1:41.80, ft, 4 3/4 lengths.

CORFU FIGHTING (g, 4, Corfu--Ritzy Rose, by Hat Trick {Jpn})

Lifetime Record: 5-2-0-1, \$40,850. O-J and R Racing LLC; B-James Patrick O'Harra (OH); T-Megan Fadlovich.

3rd-Horseshoe Indianapolis, \$34,000, 6-3, (NW1\$X), 3yo/up, 1 1/16m, 1:43.96, ft, neck.

FACT (g, 4, Instagram--Bazinga Baby, by Afleet Alex) Lifetime Record: 7-2-3-1, \$180,090. O-Grandview Equine, OXO Equine LLC and LNJ Foxwoods; B-Town & Country Farms, LLC (KY); T-William Walden. *\$125,000 Ylg '23 KEESEP. **1/2 to Estilo Talentoso (Maclean's Music), GSW & MGISP, \$532,538.



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7th-Horseshoe Indianapolis, \$34,000, 6-3, (NW1\$X), 3yo/up, 1 1/16mT, 1:40.75, fm, nose.

IN THE TANK (g, 5, Astern {Aus}--Lela's Gift, by First Samurai)

Lifetime Record: 4-2-0-0, \$38,895. O-Michael R. Meeks; B-Timber Town Stable LLC & James A. Brown (KY); T-Wayne M. Catalano. (\$17,000 Ylg '22 FTKOCT.

7th-Thistledown, \$28,000, 6-3, (NW2L), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:12.78, ft, 4 lengths.

MELLIFLUOUS (g, 5, Coal Front--Fairy Star {Aus} {SP-Aus}, by More Than Ready) Lifetime Record: 23-2-6-4, \$99,860. O-Jack L. Boggs; B-Spendthrift Farm (KY); T-Kim A. Puhl. *\$105,000 Ylg '22 OBSOCT; \$150,000 2yo '23 OBSMAR.

7th-Finger Lakes, \$26,900, 6-3, (NW3L), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:11.44, ft, 7 3/4 lengths.

FREE DANCE (c, 4, Tapiture--Pirouette, by Twirling Candy)

Lifetime Record: 16-3-1-4, \$111,020. O-My Purple Haze Stables LLC; B-Merrylegs Farm North LLC (NY); T-Chris J. Englehart.

5th-Finger Lakes, \$26,500, 6-3, (NW2L), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:13.58, ft, 2 lengths.

RUBIES FOR OLIVIA (f, 3, Bustin Stones--Dancing Slippers, by Catienus) Lifetime Record: 3-2-0-0, \$36,785. O/B-Glas-Tipp Stable LLC (NY); T-Jonathan B. Buckley.

6th-Finger Lakes, \$26,128, 6-3, (NW2L), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:12.69, ft, head.

ALPINE GIANT (f, 4, Speightstown--Alpine Sky, by Indian Charlie) Lifetime Record: 7-2-1-0, \$85,278. O-Christopher T. Dunn, Chris Mara, Echo Racing, Nicholas Sgroi, Jonathan M. Sacks, Corrin Genovese and Jeremiah C. Englehart; B-Old Tavern Farm LLC (NY); T-Jeremiah C. Englehart. *\$92,000 Ylg '23 SARAUG.

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4th-Finger Lakes, \$24,500, (S), Alw, 6-3, (NW1BX), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:11.57, ft, 2 1/2 lengths.

SORORITY PRANK (g, 5, Maximus Mischief--Forget It, by Distorted Humor) Lifetime Record: 28-5-7-7, \$245,809. O-My Purple Haze Stables; B-Scott Pierce & Debbie Pierce (NY); T-Chris J. Englehart. *\$45,000 RNA Ylg '22 FTKOCT; \$75,000 2yo '23 OBSAPR. **1/2 to Red Danger (Orb), MSW, \$546,527.

2nd-Belterra, \$22,700, (S), 6-3, (NW3L), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:12.68, ft, 6 3/4 lengths.

KANT ELOPE (m, 6, Kantharos--Keep the Ring {SP}, by Broken Vow) Lifetime Record: 8-3-1-1, \$67,539. O/B-Jane N. Fraser & James A. Fraser (OH); T-Michael J. Maker. *\$35,000 Ylg '21 FTKJUL.

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6th-Assiniboia Downs, C\$21,580, (C)/Opt. Clm (\$16,256), 6-2, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:12.11, wf, 1 length.

WHAT'S SHAKIN (g, 5, Ralis--Omi {SP}, by Rosberg) Lifetime Record: SP, 16-5-6-1, \$89,113. O-Dennis Spence; B-Elton H. Gunther (BC); T-Cindy Krasner. *C\$33,000 Ylg '22 BRCSEP.

5th-Mountaineer Casino & Resort, \$19,950, (S), 6-2, (NW3L), 3yo/up, 5f, 1:01.26, ft, 1 1/2 lengths.

MY BROTHERS ANGEL (c, 3, Tacitus--Apple Cider, by More Than Ready) Lifetime Record: 9-3-1-1, \$66,379. O/B-Ultra Championship Racing, LLC (WV); T-Anthony Farrior.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Fly in the Mystic, g, 3, **Airoforce**--Bottle Dance, by Cape Blanco (Ire). Presque Isle Downs, 6-3, (S), 6f (AWT), 1:12.94. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-2, \$24,700. B-Wendy Uhacz (PA).

Full Dolly, f, 3, **Authentic**--Exuberance (MGSP, \$246,612), by Archarcharch. Churchill Downs, 6-3, (C), 1m, 1:36.83. Lifetime Record: 4-1-1-1, \$56,248. B-Spendthrift Farm, LLC (KY). *\$130,000 Ylg '24 KEESEP.

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Hear Thunder, c, 3, **Star Guitar**--Giagiajoe (SP, \$113,610), by Wildcat Heir. Louisiana Downs, 6-2, (S), 1m 70y (off turf), 1:46.19. Lifetime Record: 6-1-1-1, \$28,360. B-Brittlyn, Inc. (LA). *Full to Bet Towinit, SP, \$166,884.

Lightning Speed, g, 3, **Tom's d'Etat**--Radiant Sky, by Leroidesanimaux (Brz). Thistledown, 6-3, (S), 1m, 1:42.04. Lifetime Record: 7-1-0-3, \$30,899. B-Blazing Meadows Farm, LLC & WinStar Farm, LLC (OH). *1/2 to Diamond Dust (Paynter), MSW, \$762,731.

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Troglodyte, f, 3, **World of Trouble**--Greely's Comet, by Greeley's Conquest. Horseshoe Indianapolis, 6-3, (S), 5 1/2f, 1:07.05. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$21,600. B-Millard R. Seldin Rev. Trust (IN). *1ST-TIME STARTER.

Plot, f, 4, **Blame**--Scape, by **War Front**. Churchill Downs, 6-3, (C), 1mT, 1:35.54. Lifetime Record: 7-1-1-1, \$73,977. B-Claiborne Farm & Adele B. Dilschneider (KY).

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Coastie, f, 4, **Coast Guard**--Seven Fifty Misty, by Raise the Bluff. Assiniboia Downs, 6-2, 5f, 1:01.17. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$9,320. B-Tom Grether Farms Inc. (OR). *1ST-TIME STARTER.

Blame It On K J, g, 4, **Kitten's Joy**--Juluca, by **Blame**. Saratoga, 6-3, (S), (WC), 1 1/16mT, 1:41.53. Lifetime Record: 7-1-3-1, \$67,375. B-Singing Bridge Stable & Kitten's Joy Syndicate (NY). *\$25,000 Ylg '23 SARAUG.

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Blame, Plot, f, 4, o/o Scape, by **War Front**. MCL, 6-3, Churchill Downs

Bustin Stones, Rubies for Olivia, f, 3, o/o Dancing Slippers, by Catienus. ALW, 6-3, Finger Lakes

Central Banker, Mad Banker, g, 5, o/o Miz Shugina, by Sharp Humor. ALW, 6-3, Delaware

Coal Front, Mellifluous, g, 5, o/o Fairy Star (Aus), by More Than Ready. ALW, 6-3, Thistledown

Coast Guard, Coastie, f, 4, o/o Seven Fifty Misty, by Raise the Bluff. MSW, 6-2, Assiniboia

Corfu, Corfu Fighting, g, 4, o/o Ritzy Rose, by Hat Trick (Jpn). ALW, 6-3, Thistledown

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Hard Spun, Souper Williwaw, f, 4, o/o Souper Striking, by Brilliant Speed. AOC, 6-3, Delaware

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Isotherm, Sweet Heat, f, 4, o/o Sweet Kala, by Alpha. ALW, 6-3, Horseshoe Indianapolis

Kantharos, Kant Elope, m, 6, o/o Keep the Ring, by Broken Vow. ALW, 6-3, Belterra

Kitten's Joy, **Blame** It On K J, g, 4, o/o Juluca, by **Blame**. WMC, 6-3, Saratoga

Maximum Security, Instant Replay, c, 4, o/o Academy Gal, by Medaglia d'Oro. AOC, 6-3, Horseshoe Indianapolis

Maximus Mischief, Sorority Prank, g, 5, o/o Forget It, by Distorted Humor. ALW, 6-3, Finger Lakes

Nyquist, Kalahari Not Sorry, g, 5, o/o Ristretto, by Medaglia d'Oro. ALW, 6-3, Penn National

Omaha Beach, Alan Turing, g, 4, o/o Honoria (Ire), by Sadler's Wells. Commentator S., 6-3, Saratoga

Ralis, What's Shakin, g, 5, o/o Omi, by Rosberg. AOC, 6-2, Assiniboia

Redesdale, Sculcos Folly, c, 3, o/o Cool Johanna, by Johannesburg. Mike Lee S., 6-3, Saratoga

Slumber (GB), Jimmy P, g, 8, o/o My Love Venezuela, by Scat Daddy. GI Beverly R. Steinman Hurdle H., 6-3, Saratoga

Speightstown, Alpine Giant, f, 4, o/o Alpine Sky, by Indian Charlie. ALW, 6-3, Finger Lakes

Star Guitar, Hear Thunder, c, 3, o/o Giagiajoe, by Wildcat Heir. MSW, 6-2, Louisiana Downs

Tacitus, My Brothers Angel, c, 3, o/o Apple Cider, by More Than Ready. ALW, 6-2, Mountaineer

Take Charge Indy, Bernietakescharge, m, 5, o/o Berning Rose, by Freud. Critical Eye S., 6-3, Saratoga

Tapiture, Free Dance, c, 4, o/o Pirouette, by **Twirling Candy**. ALW, 6-3, Finger Lakes

Tapiture, Tap Me a Song, g, 4, o/o Gwithian, by **Street Sense**. ALW, 6-3, Churchill Downs

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MISTRY'S HOMEBRED THUNDERING ON BIDS TO CROWN PURPLE PATCH IN THE OAKS



Thundering On: as short as 6-1 for the Oaks | [Racingfotos.com](https://www.racingphotos.com)

By Brian Sheerin

With just six horses in training in Europe, Shapoor Mistry operates on a scale that is dwarfed by the powerhouse operations - but it has proved no barrier to success for the Indian native who, off the back of a dream fortnight stacked full of important winners, could enjoy his greatest success yet when homebred Thundering On (**Frankel**) lines up in the Betfred Oaks.

Bloodstock agent Anthony Stroud has played a massive role in Mistry's excellent run of form. Recent juvenile winners Havana Lightning and Shimmering Sun, along with Group and Listed scorer Rosy Affair, were all sourced by the agent for a combined sum of a little over £300,000. That's serious shooting for three highly rated daughters of Havana Grey who each appear to have even bigger days ahead of them.

But it is the story of Oaks contender Thundering On, which began when Stroud purchased the granddam, Cape Castle, almost a decade ago, that beats all. [Cont. p3](#)

SOUMILLON ON PIERRE BONNARD IN THE DERBY, PRECISE OUT OF OAKS

by Tom Frary

Declarations for Epsom's G1 Betfred Derby and G1 Betfred Oaks were confirmed on Wednesday morning, with only one twist to the two stories as Christophe Soumillon was declared for **Pierre Bonnard** (**Camelot**) in the Blue Riband. Successful on the Ballydoyle colt in the Criterium de Saint-Cloud and Zetland Stakes last term, the Belgian riding legend will break from stall eight as he bids for a personal landmark.

Soumillon had stated after finishing runner-up in Sunday's Prix du Jockey Club, "My dream is to one day hopefully win a British Classic. As we've seen, when you are on the second string or third for Aidan you can be there."

"For me, he is a great horse and the twice I rode him he gave me a great feeling," Soumillon told the *Press Association* on Wednesday. "I know you are not truly able to know if a horse is really going to enjoy the track at Epsom, but the way he galloped last year, I thought he would be great for the race this season." [Cont. p4](#)



Pierre Bonnard | *Scoop Dyga*

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"I first met Shapoor Mistry in Mumbai back in 2006," Stroud explained. "We were introduced through Roddy Sale and the relationship grew from there. I helped him buy a number of horses, from stallion prospects to broodmares, for Manjri Stud, his farm in India. Our buying strategy remains the same but Mr Mistry, along with his son Pallon, are spending a certain amount of time in Europe. They love European racing and are both incredibly knowledgeable about the pedigrees and form over here, hence their involvement."

He added, "Last week, we had Havana Lightning win at Yarmouth and she will now head to the G2 Queen Mary Stakes at Royal Ascot. Rosy Affair won the Listed Cecil Frail Stakes at Haydock and will go for the G1 King Charles III Stakes at Royal Ascot. Shimmering Sun also won at Salisbury on debut, so it was a good week. Having fillies that will ultimately end up in the broodmare band, that's the end game."

Fulfilling that brief, Stroud landed on the well-bred Cape Castle at the Tattersalls February Sale in 2017. She was carrying a foal from the first crop of Night Of Thunder who went on to become Thundering Nights, Mistry's breakthrough Group 1 heroine and dam of his live Oaks player.

Stroud recalled, "We bought Cape Castle, who is the granddam

of Thundering On, for 32,000gns. She was in foal to Night Of Thunder, who was a first-crop sire at the time. I always really liked Night Of Thunder and Cape Castle's pedigree is very good – she is a granddaughter of Cloud Castle [second in the G1 Prix Vermeille back in 1998], the dam of Queen's Trust, who won at the Breeders' Cup. The page goes back to Lucayan Princess, the dam of Warrsan, Needle Gun and Luso, so it's a great family."

He added, "Thundering Nights did not sell as a foal and went to Tattersalls Ireland as a yearling, consigned by Luke Barry's Manister House Stud. She was again unsold in the ring. Afterwards we received an offer of €18,000 from Andy Oliver, but quite wisely the owner refused it and kept her to race. You just never know, do you? Trained by Joseph O'Brien, she took a bit of time to come to herself. She kept on improving and went on to win the G1 Pretty Polly Stakes in Ireland as a 4-year-old and she was also placed in another Group 1."

There is a huge degree of poignancy to this story, given Thundering Nights has since died of colic. There is a certain level of irony that, for Mistry, the outstanding family of Thundering Nights, whose sire Night Of Thunder was an orphan himself, now entirely rests on Thundering On.

"Thundering Nights was the first Group 1 winner for both Night Of Thunder and Mr Mistry in Europe, she was the apple of his eye," Stroud said. [Cont. p4](#)

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Shapoor Mistry/Thundering On Cont.

He added, "It was a wonderful story from not being able to sell her, to becoming one of the top fillies in Europe. She went to stud and foaled a **Frankel** filly, who is obviously Thundering On, who was born and raised at Newsells Park Stud. The mare returned to **Frankel** but sadly she suffered from colic. Everyone at Rosssdales and Newsells did everything possible to save her, but it was not to be. So not only did we lose Thundering Nights, but we also lost her in utero **Frankel** colt foal. About two weeks later, Thundering On had colic as well, so I thought at one stage the whole family might be wiped out. Thankfully, Thundering On recovered and now carries on the legacy."



Anthony Stroud | *Tattersalls*

There is no doubt that Thundering Nights was at her best over ten furlongs. So the big question is whether Thundering On will stay in the Oaks?

Stroud said, "Given that she is by **Frankel**, you would be hopeful that she would stay, but only time will tell. After she won at Navan, we initially thought about going to Chantilly for the Prix de Diane but, after careful thought and consideration between the trainer and the owner, we decided to give the Oaks a try."

Regardless of the outcome to Friday's race, the one thing certain is that Mistry is an emerging force who has built up a talented team of fillies to go to war with for the rest of the season. What's most impressive about his red-hot run is the precision to the recruitment, given none of his big-race hopes broke the bank.

Stroud concluded, "You're always very grateful that people put their faith in you, enabling you to buy horses. Whatever price you buy at, you always try to do the best that you can for your client, irrespective of the budget. There is a lot of luck involved but it is always nice to see your judgement vindicated through results on the racecourse."

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The sectional times show OMBUDSMAN was the fastest in each of the final four furlongs of the Brigadier Gerard Stakes, finishing his last quarter-mile in 24.0s versus 24.72s for Talk of New York 30 minutes earlier.

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Derby/Oaks Draw Cont. from p1

"I hope we get some more rain as that will be a nice help for him, he enjoys the soft ground and won on heavy in Saint-Cloud," he added. "It's a great privilege to ride for such an amazing team. There is always some pressure, but it is a good pressure as you know you are riding amazing horses and there is no space for mistakes. Winning for them is incredible and I'm always happy and enjoy it when Aidan asks me to ride for his team because the horses are always at the top of the game."

Aidan O'Brien has whittled his team for the Derby down to four, headed by Ryan Moore's predicted ride and likely favourite **Benvenuto Cellini** (**Frankel**) who was drawn 12 during the televised ceremony in London. There will be 14 heading to post on Saturday, while nine will take part in Friday's Oaks with O'Brien opting to withdraw the Irish 1,000 Guineas heroine **Precise** (**Starspangledbanner**) as expected due to the heavy rain.

Last month's Chester Vase winner Benvenuto Cellini and Pierre Bonnard will be joined by stablemates **Action** (**Frankel**) and Wayne Lordan, with Ronan Whelan on **Christmas Day** (**Camelot**) as the trainer seeks to enhance his record haul of 11 in the Derby.

Amo Racing's **Ancient Egypt** (**Frankel**) drew the "lucky" 10 stall, which has been successful a dozen times, with Valmont's **Bay Of Brilliance** (New Bay) next door in nine. [Cont. p5](#)



Ancient Egypt | Megan Coggin/TJC

Derby/Oaks Draw Cont.

His Lingfield Derby Trial conqueror **Maltese Cross** (**Sea The Stars**) dealt a double whammy by being handed stall one on ground which will be softer than ideal.

Sam Haggas was being philosophical about the draw for the latter. "You can't help what draw you get, but what you can control is what you do with your draw," he said. "I suppose six years ago, you could have called it a coffin box, but we've seen **City Of Troy** and Adayar come out of it in recent years. You've just got to be positive and we'll have a plan and see if we can execute it."

"It is great that Tom [Marquand] has gotten happier and happier with the horse as the year has gone on and the horse keeps coming forward," he added. "He's come through both of his runs this year and thrown his own hat into the ring. I think owner and trainer are both happy to go forward given what he's done this year."

Alex Elliott was representing Valmont and said, "I am delighted. I keep thinking something's going to go wrong at some stage and I thought it might be today but we'd be taking that draw that all day long. It looks like a lot of the horses that are going to go forward will be on our inside."

Juddmonte's Dante winner **Item** (**Frankel**) has stall three, while the race's other leading contender **James J Braddock** (**Zarak**) is in 13. Anna Lisa Balding said of the former, "The Dante was a good place to start, everyone was bigging up the race beforehand and he really delivered very well on the day and finished strongly. He might have been a little bit green in front, so hopefully he's learnt plenty. You can do nothing about the draw, it's what you do with it. I think you're looking back to Slip Anchor at the last one who won from stall three, but he's in great form and hopefully he can win from there."

"I suppose the one thing for us is we probably haven't had the

conditions weather-wise to do quite as much with him on the grass at home as we'd like to have done, but at least he's been on the track in the grass so that's good," she added. "It is Andrew's dream to win the Derby. He's only 54, so he'll keep trying and you never know."

Coolmore's Kevin Buckley was at the ceremony to reflect on the draw for Ballydoyle's main contenders. "We'd have to be happy with 12 for Benvenuto Cellini, I think that's the stall from which Australia and Serpentine came out of, while Christmas Day has stall five which is the one his sire **Camelot** came out of," he said. "I've always had a personal soft spot for Pierre Bonnard, but I was equally impressed with what Benvenuto Cellini did at Chester and I thought that was the perfect prep for the Derby so he's a worthy favourite."

O'Brien has three remaining in the Oaks, with the Cheshire Oaks winner **Amelia Earhart** (**Camelot**) the mount of Ryan Moore and Wayne Lordan on the Lingfield Oaks Trial scorer **Cameo** (Wootton Bassett). Ronan Whelan is on **Sugar Island** (Dubawi). Juddmonte's **Legacy Link** (Dubawi) was handed stall one for the mile-and-a-half Classic, with Amelia Earhart in four and Shapoor Mistry's G3 Salsabil Stakes-winning homebred **Thundering On** (**Frankel**) in stall five. That is the same draw from which the 2024 winner Ezeliya emerged, having won the same Navan trial.

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A DERBY AND MELBOURNE CUP DREAM: CHAPPLE-HYAM'S BOLD PLAN FOR BALZAC

By Emma Berry

He's run placed in the Blue Riband Trial and the Lingfield Derby Trial as well as partaking of the Derby gallops morning, meaning that no horse in the field for Saturday will have greater experience of the oddities of Epsom than Balzac.

His owner and trainer Jane Chapple-Hyam will be flying the flag not just for Newmarket but also for Australia, and her participation in the Betfred Derby represents long-term planning by the Melbourne native.

She says, "You always say it when you buy a horse, don't you? 'This is my Derby horse.' But with him that was always the plan: the Derby and the Melbourne Cup."

It's good to have bold ambition, and Chapple-Hyam has never shied away from that. This is the trainer who sent out 100/1 shot Mudawin to land the Ebor in only her first year with a licence. She's also been second in the 1,000 Guineas with dual Group 1 winner Saffron Beach, one of her two Royal Ascot winners. The second of those was Balzac's half-brother Claymore, who, like Saffron Beach, was one of the early good 'uns for their sire New Bay. [Cont. p6](#)

Balzac Cont.

"This has been the goal all year," she says of saddling her first Derby runner, "and I only have myself to answer to."

Balzac will also become the first runner in the Derby for his sire Japan (Galileo), who was bred at Newsells Park Stud and now stands in Germany at Gestut Etzean. The full-brother to Oaks runner-up Secret Gesture was third in the Derby himself in 2019 before going on to win, in quick succession, the King Edward VII Stakes, Grand Prix de Paris and Juddmonte International.

"I don't normally go to the foal sales. He's probably only the third foal I've bought," says Chapple-Hyam, who admits that she went to inspect the colt solely because he was Claymore's brother.

"Claymore's been a good servant and he's still around. He's just ticking over till he goes back to Hungary to Kincsem Park, where he won last year."

She has struck up a friendship with the breeder of the pair, Gunther Schmidt, a familiar face on the sales grounds through his transport business Taxis 4 Horses.

"I'm constantly sending him videos and pictures. He's coming to Epsom and he's very passionate about it all," she says.

"A bit like Rebel Rocker's owner, I've had the phone ringing. And it's nice that we've both stood by our horses. He was never for sale, not my boy."

Rebel Rocker, like Balzac, also has a female trainer, Faye Bramley, whose fledgling career has already been marked by her taking a significant prize over jumps at Cheltenham, and she too will be saddling a Derby runner for the first time.

The thought of becoming the first woman trainer to win the

Derby is not something Chapple-Hyam gets too excited about.

"Someone mentioned it because a female trainer [Cherie DeVaux] won the Kentucky Derby, but I don't, as a rule, think of it like that. I've been around too long. It's just my job," she says

from Newmarket's Warren Hill as she watches her string, including Balzac and his rider, apprentice Alexandra Egan.

"I came here when I was 17 and I'm 60 this year," she adds. "I suppose you know deep down you can't win. You just know you can't beat the Aidan [O'Brien] or the Haggas or the Johnston horse, for example. But I know he can give a good account of himself."

The trainer says that her Melbourne Cup hopes are longer term. "I think it would be better for him as an older horse but we might get a trip

to France later this year. Probably when we put him back into Group 3s, we'll see a better outcome. But as I say, there's only

one Derby, so you take your chance, don't you?

"It's a sort of romantic thing, really. You either like the Derby, or you like the Guineas, and you aim for that. I think buying milers is really out of my league because it's too expensive. But the staying type gives you an easier chance at that lower level [of the market] when they're young stock. The milers with the great pedigrees get snapped up for a lot more. But if you hit on a good middle-distance horse,

not even necessarily a Group 1 horse, there are so many more opportunities as they progress, and you've got the market. If you do have a Listed or Group 3 horse, they get snapped up by the Australians for racing out there."

Balzac, though, has no 'for sale' sticker on him. His trainer is relishing the prospect of him competing in the £2-million contest this Saturday with Silvestre de Sousa aboard. [Cont. p7](#)



Balzac leads stablemate Military Academy during the Derby gallops morning at Epsom | Megan Coggin



Balzac ridden by apprentice Alexandra Egan | Emma Berry



Jane Chappel-Hyam with Balzac

Balzac Cont.

"I was probably more nervous about Lingfield because I backed him up quickly after Epsom, but I didn't do anything with him so he probably wasn't as fit as a flea because I hadn't given him a gallop in between races," she says.

"He's finished third twice now to Maltese Cross - first time out at Newmarket and then at Lingfield. I don't think I can reverse the form there, and you have to say at least two of Aidan's would finish in front of us, that's why I say if he finishes sixth, that's a very good result for him. And if he finishes further down the field, so be it. We've given it a try."

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BYRNE'S BIGGEST BET YET? ZIA ZABEL BOUGHT WITH STALLION DREAM IN MIND

By Brian Sheerin



Paul Byrne and Emmet Mullins: the duo will embark on one of their biggest challenges yet with their classy recruit | [Racingfotos.com](#)

Owner Paul Byrne and trainer Emmet Mullins have launched themselves head first into arguably their most exciting challenge yet with the purchase of recent G3 Gallinule Stakes runner-up Zia Zabel (Ghaiyyath), who the pair will try to make up into a National Hunt stallion.

Whether it has been eye-watering gambles or plundering some of the game's biggest prizes, Byrne and Mullins have made a habit out of making the extraordinary look ordinary. Their latest big-race success had all the hallmarks of their combined genius when Soldier In Milan belied his novice status to win the €500,000 Irish Grand National - and land some tidy punts in the process.

But turning Zia Zabel, admittedly one of the smartest young horses in training in Ireland, into a stallion prospect represents one of Byrne's biggest bets yet and his long-time ally Mullins joked about how he hopes that he is up to the task.

"An exciting opportunity came up," Mullins simply said to TDN Europe about the acquisition of the former Natalia Lupini-trained colt.

"Hopefully Zia Zabel can develop into a potentially exciting and versatile horse. He could be a proper Group horse or potentially a Melbourne Cup horse down the road. We could try to turn him into a National Hunt stallion through a hurdling campaign, which is becoming more popular these days, so we will try and dip our toe into it."

Mullins added, "We only just got him last weekend and he has been here for four or five days. Royal Ascot will come too soon but we'll see how he is in a month and, you'd never know, an Irish Derby wouldn't be out of the question. He'd need to be supplemented but, if all things fell into place, that could be a route we'd take. He's a serious model - great size, scope, strength and depth to him. It's a new challenge for me but hopefully we're up for it."

Zia Zabel raced in the colours of Peter Trainor, an emerging force in the ownership ranks. It was Trainor's eye and pocket that landed Zia Zabel at Book 1 of the Tattersalls October Yearling Sale for 100,000gns. The three-year-old is understood to have changed hands for many multiples of that figure.

Trainor told *TDN Europe*, "Zia Zabel is by far the best horse I have ever owned - definitely the horse with the most potential. Future History was a very good horse. He ran in the Melbourne Cup in 2023 and I didn't think I'd own many better than him but Zia Zabel is something different."

He added, "I have a tiling and stone business in London but I'm busy with the horses at the minute. The string is growing and we're moving the whole time. It started out as a bit of fun but it has grown into a much bigger entity now. Outside of the horses trained at Ballydoyle, he's probably one of the most exciting horses to come up for sale in Ireland for a long time. It would be very hard to go to a sale and buy one like him." [Cont. p8](#)



Zia Zabel [nearside] | *Racingfotos.com*

Zia Zabel Cont.

Asked who can take the credit for picking out Zia Zabel as a yearling for 100,000gns at Book 1 of the Tattersalls October Yearling Sale, Trainor replied, "That's me. I loved him at the sales and was keen to get him done. He was quite an expensive [€200,000 at Goffs the previous November] foal. Tally-Ho bought him as a foal and took him to Book 1. I'd say they were disappointed on the day but I was just delighted to get him."

He added, "But a sale like this keeps you afloat - you have to sell a good one every year or every other year to keep the whole thing moving. I sold a Cotai Glory horse to Hong Kong a couple of years ago and that gave me the balance to go and buy Zia Zabel at the yearling sales. I was really surprised to get him on the day and I remember the sale vividly, actually. I can remember John Gosden pulled him out of the back ring. I was thinking to myself, 'oh God, if John Gosden is on him, I have no chance.' The horse was in early on the Wednesday morning and I was hoping that everyone was in bed and that he would go through without anybody noticing. John didn't play and I was fit to get him for that money, which was great."

To that extent, Trainor sees no reason why Mullins's audacious plan to make Zia Zabel into a stallion prospect can't come to fruition given he says the colt is "the type of horse you'd paint."

He said, "I love Ghaiyyath. I'm a massive fan of his and think he's great value at €20,000. I don't breed yet but that would be the plan further down the road. We'll take it one step at a time. It was very hard not to go for a handicap with Zia Zabel after he won at Cork because we thought the handicapper had got it wrong by only giving him a mark of 88 for beating a horse rated 102 [The Publican's Son]. Credit to Natalia, Craig [Bryson] and Shane [Hassett], they were adamant that he was up to running well in the Gallinule and they didn't get it wrong. A lot of credit needs to go to them."

Trainor concluded, "As a physical, he has it all. If you were painting a racehorse, he'd be the type of horse you'd paint. He's unbelievable. He has it all - lovely head, lovely mover and lovely action. Whatever Paul does with him, I wish him every success."

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HALF-SISTER TO SPACE BLUES ONE OF THE STARS OF THE TATTERSALLS JULY CATALOGUE

Over 800 horses have been **catalogued** for the Tattersalls July Sale from July 7-9. Consisting of 803 lots, the sale is divided between 758 horses and fillies in/out-of-training, 41 mares in foal and four mares with foals at foot. Graduates of the sale include a Breeders' Cup winner, with Turf hero Ethical Diamond (Awtaad) picked up for 320,000gns out of the 2023 sale.

Prominent owner-breeders Godolphin, Shadwell Estates and Juddmonte have 87 lots catalogued between them. Representing Godolphin is **Wild Angel** (Too Darn Hot) (lot 198), a half-sister to Space Blues in foal to Pinatubo; while Juddmonte's **Guardian Of Realm** (**Kingman**) (lot 495) out of the Group 1-placed Principal Role (Empire Maker) won her most recent start by six lengths for Ger Lyons.

The 41 in foal broodmares on offer include mares covered by Group/Grade 1 and Classic winning sires Bayside Boy, Big Evs, Bradsell, **Chaldean**, **Henry Longfellow**, Minzaal, Native Trail, Perfect Power, Pinatubo, Rosallion, Shaquille and Vandeeck.

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Ethical Diamond is a sale grad | *Horsephotos*

Tattersalls July Catalogue Cont.

First-season sire coverings include Diego Velazquez, **Henri Matisse**, **Lead Artist**, Scorthy Champ and Shadow of Light. Proven Group 1 producing sires represented amongst covered mares include Golden Horn, Havana Grey, Make Believe and Showcasing.

Among the other highlights are the Timeform 107-rated **Ambiente Friendly** (**Gleneagles**) (lot 531), runner-up in the G1 Derby; G3 Winter Derby second **Chancellor** (**Kingman**) (lot 774); and listed winner **Andab** (**Saxon Warrior**) (lot 527), who was third in the Listed Heron Stakes recently.

Tattersalls managing director Matthew Prior said, "Ethical Diamond's outstanding victory in the GI Breeders' Cup Turf was the latest example of the Tattersalls July Sale's impressive record of producing performers at the very top level on the international stage. Alongside the top-level National Hunt victories of Wodhooh and Golden Ace, purchased for 50,000 guineas and 12,000 guineas respectively, they illustrate the variety and quality on offer. Europe's premier midsummer sale has also been a wonderful source of fillies and mares who go on to produce top-class racehorses, with last year's Prix du Jockey Club winner **Camille Pissarro** the perfect illustration, with his dam Entreat having been purchased at the sale for a mere 14,000 guineas.

"This year's edition of the sale once again features an enticing combination of well-bred fillies and in foal mares, high class horses in training and significant consignments from some of the industry's most prominent owner-breeders, which should attract the usual large cross-section of domestic and international buyers to Park Paddocks."

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AKTEM BREEZE-UP SALE TOPPED BY BLUE POINT COLT

A colt by Blue Point topped the first edition of the Aktem Breeze-Up Sale at Maisons-Laffitte, selling to Marco Bozzi for €50,000 on Wednesday.

Sold as lot 17B from Knockanglass Stables, the son of French listed heroine Firebird Song (Invincible Spirit) is a half-brother to Mehmas filly Burguesinha, a listed winner in France. G3 Sirenia Stakes victor Symbol Of Strength (Kodiac) is under the second dam, while Group 1 winner and sire Territories is under the third dam.

Lot 24, a colt by Kameko, caught the eye of Michael Keady for €45,000. Consigned by Woodlands Lodge, the relative of stakes winner and G3 Balanchine Stakes third Elusive Beauty (Elusive Pimpernel) is kin to American graded winners Little Treasure (Night Shift) and her daughter More Chocolate (Malibu Moon),

who was placed three times at Grade I level on the California circuit.

Also making €40,000 or more were a Hello Youmzain colt (lot 49), who caught the eye of Pascal Adda as part of the GET draft; and a Sealiway filly (lot 53) who went the way of John Hammond for €40,000. The latter was consigned by Haras des Hortensias.

A total of 49 lots sold from 78 lots offered (63%) for a gross of €751,000. The average was €15,286 and the median was €12,000.

Aktem's bloodstock director Guy Petit said, "We are pleased with the results of this first edition, which we organised without any previous benchmark or sales history. We received an enormous number of compliments regarding the quality of the track, which several riders described as one of the best in Europe. The hospitality was also widely praised, and these are very encouraging signs for the future.

"The European breeze-up market has been particularly challenging this year, yet we achieved a clearance rate of over 60%, which is a very respectable result. We welcomed buyers from France, England, Ireland, Australia, Spain, Serbia, Italy and Romania, demonstrating the international appeal of the sale.

"Consignors were delighted with the experience and many have already committed to returning with larger drafts next year. We would like to thank all industry participants for the confidence they placed in us for this inaugural edition, and we look forward to welcoming them back next year."

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Lot 17B, a son of Blue Point | Aktem

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LEVY YIELD OF AROUND £110 MILLION PROJECTED FOR 2025/26

Levy income to the Horserace Betting Levy Board (HBLB) for the year ended March 31, 2026 is projected to be around £110 million. If confirmed, this would represent the highest total since the Levy collection reforms of 2017/18, marginally surpassing the 2024/25 figure of £109 million.

The expected total is based on provisional end-of-year submissions received from the majority of Levy-paying bookmakers, which are currently undergoing HBLB's standard validation processes.

Throughout the year, HBLB considered that, based on evidence to date and forecasting the rest of the year, the most likely Levy outcome would be up to £110 million. The final yield can therefore be regarded as at the upper end of the expected range.

The year's pattern reflected a continuation--albeit at a materially slower rate--of the recent trend of lower betting turnover (amount bet) on British horse racing. Average turnover per race was down by 1.2% on 2024/25, compared to a 7.7% fall in 2024/25 versus 2023/24.

Average turnover per race for 2025/26 was 9.2% below the three-year historic average (April 2022 to March 2025) and 19% lower than in 2021/22.

HBLB chief executive Alan Delmonte said, "This financial outturn provides the Board with confidence in the expenditure commitments already made for 2026, as well as flexibility in options for 2027.

"The Board has noted previously that with turnover falling, there is concern as to the sustainability of maintaining gross win, and therefore Levy, at around current levels. The Board has nonetheless been able to commit to expenditure of around £113 million in the current Levy year, balancing a desire to provide additional funding in targeted areas with ensuring that reserves remain in place to give a cushion should Levy yield fall.

"There remains significant concern about the downward trend of recent years, including the reported increase in black market betting activity which continues to threaten the sport's viability in the longer term."

He added, "For the 2026/27 Levy year, the Board's starting assumption is a Levy yield of £109 million, based on a combination of 2025/26 outturn and the confirmed advance payments on account for the year agreed with individual bookmakers. This will be reviewed regularly throughout the year as new information becomes available.

"We are grateful to bookmakers who have made their end-of-year submissions in good time and thank those who have voluntarily provided data throughout the year which has been invaluable in supporting HBLB's betting analysis."

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FITZDARES PARTNERS WITH LEADING NATIONAL HUNT TRAINER JAMIE SNOWDEN



Jamie Snowden, pictured at Kempton with Queen Camilla
Getty Images

Fitzdares has announced a new two-year partnership with National Hunt trainer Jamie Snowden, who enjoyed his best season to date in 2025/26 when earning just shy of £1.2 million in prize-money. Among 86 winners for the team at Folly House, Lambourn was Johnny's Jury (Jukebox Jury), who notably won the G1 Albert Bartlett Novices' Hurdle at the Cheltenham Festival.

Together, Fitzdares and Jamie Snowden Racing will collaborate on a series of exclusive owner and member experiences, as well as providing behind-the-scenes content throughout the National Hunt season, bringing racing fans closer to one of the most upwardly mobile yards in the country.

Hermione Drummond Moray, head of sponsorships at Fitzdares, said, "We couldn't be happier to join forces with Jamie Snowden Racing following a record-breaking season for the yard. Jamie brings passion, expertise and an infectious enthusiasm to the sport, qualities that align perfectly with the Fitzdares and our members, as we double down on our commitment to racing."

Snowden added, "We had a wonderful relationship with our previous sponsor over the last few years and we're incredibly grateful for everything they've done for us. But, following a record-breaking season, Fitzdares approached us with an opportunity that felt like a perfect fit.

"It's an exciting time for the yard as we continue to expand and welcome more horses, and I'm delighted to be partnering with a brand that shares our values and passion for racing."

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FIRST-SEASON SIRE WITH RUNNERS

Thursday, June 4, 2026:

UNITED KINGDOM

Caturra (Ire) (Mehmas {Ire}), Overbury Stud

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

20:10-LINGFIELD PARK, 6f, **Sea of Sardinia (GB)**

2,000gns RNA Tattersalls October Yearling Sale (Book 3) 2025

Persian Force (Ire) (Mehmas {Ire}), Tally-Ho Stud

99 foals of racing age/8 winners/0 black-type winners

18:50-FFOS LAS, 7.5f, **Persian Land (Ire)**

€20,000 Goffs November Foal Sale 2024; £32,000 Goffs UK

Premier Yearling Sale 2025

19:40-LINGFIELD PARK, 6f, **Rocsane (Ire)**

16,000gns Tattersalls Somerville Yearling Sale 2025

IRELAND

State of Rest (Ire) (**Starspangledbanner {Aus}**), Rathbarry Stud

79 foals of racing age/1 winner/0 black-type winners

1-LEOPARDSTOWN, 7f, **Chiquitita Bee (Ire)**

€12,000 Goffs Orby Yearling Sale (Book 2) 2025



Caturra has a runner at Lingfield | Overbury Stud

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HALF-SISTER TO PIZ BADILE SET FOR LEOPARDSTOWN BOW

5.30 Leopardstown, Mdn, 2yo, f, 7f 20yT

Coolmore and Flaxman Stables' newcomer **IBELIEVEICANFLY (Frankel {GB})** is out of G2 Prix Corrida second That Which Is Not (Elusive Quality) and thus kin to the ill-fated G1 Irish Derby and G1 Tattersalls Gold Cup placegetter Piz Badile (Ire) (Ulysses {Ire}) and the dual Group 3-placed Yosemite Valley (GB) (Shamardal). Rivals of the Ryan Moore selection include connections' Aidan O'Brien stablemate **Alpha (Ire)** (**Sea The Stars {Ire}**), who is out of four-time Group 1 heroine Alpha Centauri (Mastercraftsman).

HOW THEY FARED

5.40 Curragh, Mdn, 2yo, 7fT

Aidan O'Brien trainee **Giant Sequoia (Frankel {GB})**, a son of G1 Oaks runner-up Pink Dogwood (Ire) (**Camelot {GB}**) racing for the Resolute Racing, Coolmore and Westerberg partnership, was unable to land a telling blow at the business end of this debut and finished 3 1/4 lengths behind the winner in third.

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BRITAIN

Wednesday's Results:

1st-Ripon, £11,000, Nov, 6-3, 2yo, 5fT, :58.71, gd.

SOCIAL SYMBOL (c, 2, **Violence--Bodacious Babe {GSP-US}**, by **Mineshaft**) was without cover in fifth through the initial stages of this debut. Coaxed closer after halfway, the 8-1 chance made his challenge with 1 1/2 furlongs remaining and was ridden out to subdue Hidden Gift (**Sioux Nation**) by a half-length.

Social Symbol is the sixth of eight foals and third scorer out of GIII Sugar Swirl Stakes runner-up Bodacious Babe (Mineshaft), herself a half-sister to four black-type winners headed by GI Spinaway Stakes heroine Sippican Harbor (Orb).

Sippican Harbor, in turn, is the dam of GI Florida Derby hero Commandment (Into Mischief).

The winner is kin to GII Locust Grove Stakes and GIII Shawnee Stakes victrix Royal Spa (**Violence**), a yearling filly by **Curlin** and a weanling colt by **Justify**. Sales history: \$120,000 RNA Ylg '25 KEESEP; \$60,000 Ylg '25 FTKOCT; £145,000 2yo '26 GOUKB. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$7,752.

O-Rabbah Racing; B-Breffni Farm (KY); T-Simon & Ed Crisford.

1st-Nottingham, £10,000, Nov, 6-3, 2yo, 6f 18yT, 1:15.50, gd.
THE GINGER KID (IRE) (c, 2, Mehmas {Ire}--Bella De Medici {Ire}, by Galileo {Ire}), unplaced tackling six furlongs at York in his May 14 debut when last seen, found a modicum of cover in midfield after breaking on the wing. Inching closer from halfway, the 20-1 outsider was ridden to hit the front approaching the final furlong and kept on in resolute fashion to hold Cilician (**Blackbeard**) by a half-length.

The Ginger Kid is the latest of three foals and first scorer out of an unraced half to G1 Cheveley Park victrix and G1 1000 Guineas third Tiggy Wiggy (Kodiac), herself the dam of G1 Futurity Trophy third Year Of The Tiger (Galileo) and the dual Group-placed Central Europe (**Frankel**).

His dam Bella De Medici (Galileo) is also a full-sister to the dam of G1 Prix de la Foret hero Maranoa Charlie (Wootton Bassett). Sales history: €110,000 Ylg '25 GOFORY. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$7,271.

O-TBT Racing; B-Mountain View Stud & JC Bloodstock; T-Ed Walker.

2nd-Ripon, £12,000, Mdn, 6-3, 3yo/up, f/m, 10f 190yT, 2:19.00, gd.

GONE BY (IRE) (f, 3, Gleneagles {Ire}--Pigota {GB}, by Invincible Spirit {Ire}), second on her two starts so far to her Oaks-bound stablemate A La Prochaine at Newbury in October and to the Gosdens' promising Light Of Paris at Ascot last month, was sent to the front from the break to keep things simple. Opening up from three out, the 1-7 favourite was unextended to score by 12 lengths.

The unraced dam is a daughter of the Preis der Diana heroine Penelopa (Giant's Causeway), whose two black-type performers are the Irish 1,000 Guineas runner-up California Dreamer (Mehmas) and the Listed winner Pennymoor (**Frankel**). Her two-year-old gelding Barbados Boy (Bayside Boy) was a €67,000 purchase by Edouard Monfort at Arqana Deauville October. Sales history: €140,000 Ylg '24 ARQDOY. Lifetime Record: 3-1-2-0, \$21,096.

O-Valmont; B-SCEA Marmion Vauville/Nightchill; T-Ralph Beckett.

ELLIOTT BLOODSTOCK SERVICES

2nd-Nottingham, £10,000, Mdn, 6-3, 2yo, f, 5f 8yT, 1:01.34, gd.

SENRITA BONITA (IRE) (f, 2, Starspangledbanner {Aus}--Belicious {Ire}, by Ruler Of The World {Ire}), the 900,000gns Craven Breeze-Up Sale topper, broke awkwardly and was caught on the wing through the early strides of a heat annexed in recent years by a trio of Royal Ascot-bound runners from the Karl Burke stable.

Racing greenly and educated into contention by Oisin Murphy once past halfway, the 10-11 favourite took her time to find top gear and, when doing so, fairly flew home inside the final half-furlong to nail Fast Track (Blue Point) by a short-head on the line.

"Midway through the race, it wasn't looking good," said Simon Crisford. "We couldn't get the cover that we wanted and I think she's had to do it the hard way. Her turn of foot was exceptional, fast ground will suit her really well and I think she's a filly with plenty of improvement to come. I'd be really enthusiastic about her chances from midsummer onwards."

Senorita Bonita was put through Craven ring by Mark Flannery, on behalf of Churchtown House Stud's Anne and Michael Gaffney, and knocked down to Anthony Stroud.

She is kin to a yearling filly by Modern Games and the first of two foals out of a sibling of G3 Prix de Royaumont winner Sub Rose (Galileo), Listed Princess Royal victrix Astonishing (Galileo) and the stakes-placed Shore Break (**Footstepsinthesand**).

Sub Rose is the dam of the dual Group-winning G1 Champion Stakes third Subway Dancer (Shamardal) and Group 3 winner Secret Advisor (Dubawi), while Astonishing's quartet of black-type performers includes the Group 3 winner Dr Omran (Palace Pier) and the multiple Group-placed Gold Maze (Golden Horn).

The winner's third dam is the Group 2-winning G1 Coronation Stakes and G1 Prix Jacques Le Marois placegetter Magic Gleam (Danzig). Sales history: 75,000gns RNA Wlg '24 TADEWE; 75,000gns RNA Ylg '25 TATOCT; 900,000gns 2yo '26 TATBRE. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$7,271.

O-Victorious Forever; B-Hawes Stud & Churchtown House Stud; T-Simon & Ed Crisford.

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Senorita Bonita in the Park Paddocks ring | Tattersalls

IRELAND

Wednesday's Results:

3rd-Curragh, €22,000, Mdn, 6-3, 2yo, 7fT, 1:26.30, yl.

AIX LA CHAPELLE (c, 2, *Justify*--Immortal Verse {Ire} {G1SW-Eng & Fr}, by Pivotal {GB}) broke swiftly and settled second behind a searching tempo set by Bull Shark (Mehmas). Rowed along to reduce arrears with three furlongs remaining, the 4-1 second choice came under sterner urging inside the final quarter-mile and was driven out to deny the long-time leader by 1 1/2 lengths nearing the line.

Aidan O'Brien had won the last three editions with Amadeus Mozart, *Henri Matisse* and Unquestionable.

"They were horses that we were getting out in case they were [Listed] Chesham horses and we're delighted with him," O'Brien commented. "They went along there and he did well as he was never away [from home] and Wayne [Lordan] gave him a lovely ride. He's a sleeper at home, but he's a beautiful horse. He could be a Chesham horse now."



Immortal Verse, the dam of Aix La Chapelle | Scoop Dyga

Aix La Chapelle is the latest of seven registered foals and sixth scorer for G1 Coronation Stakes and G1 Prix Jacques le Marois heroine Immortal Verse (Pivotal), herself a 4.7m guineas sensation at Tattersalls' 2013 December Sale.

He is a full-brother to G2 Airlie Stud Stakes victrix Statuette (*Justify*) and kin to G1 Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf and G1 Poule d'Essai des Poulains hero *Henri Matisse* (Wootton Bassett), winner of this contest in 2024, and the dual Group 1-winning distaffer Tenebrism (Caravaggio).

Immortal Verse, a daughter of stakes-winning G3 Prix Fille de l'Air runner-up Side Of Paradise (Sadler's Wells), was bred back to *Justify* last year. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$15,353.

O-Derrick Smith, Mrs John Magnier, Michael Tabor & Merriebelle Irish Farm Ltd; B-Orpendale, Chelston, Wynatt & Merriebelle Stables LLC (KY); T-Aidan O'Brien.

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4th-Curragh, €22,000, Mdn, 6-3, 2yo, 6fT, 1:13.21, g/y.

CELERON (GB) (c, 2, Mohaather {GB}--Fataliste {Fr} {SW-Ity}, by Siyouni {Fr}), sent off at 18-1, showed early speed to sit prominently among the group racing up the centre of the track. Edging ahead approaching the final furlong, the newcomer stayed on strongly to score by two lengths from One Number (*Jack Christopher*).

"Since we got him he's just improved and improved, we always thought he was a nice horse," trainer Michael O'Callaghan said of the winner, whose Italian Listed-winning dam is a half to the dual Group-placed Traditional Chic (Ad Valorem). "Jamie [Powell] said he was pricking his ears at the line. I'm one of the very few trainers that's delighted to see the new conditions of the Windsor Castle. Six furlongs for stallions that have won over seven-and-a-half furlongs or further, which Mohaather has done. That's the plan now, he'll probably go there. He's a big, raw, green, baby and he's only going to get better." Sales history: 20,000gns Ylg '25 TATSOM. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$15,353.

O-New Morning Syndicate; B-Branton Court Stud LLP; T-Michael O'Callaghan.

HANDICAP RESULTS:

5th-Curragh, €50,000, 6-3, 3yo, 5fT, :59.04, g/y.

AMIATA (IRE) (g, 3, Dark Angel {Ire}--Hummingbird {Ire}, by Fast Company {Ire}) Lifetime Record: 13-3-1-0, \$66,401. O-W P Richards; B-John Keegan; T-Ger Lyons. *€68,000 Wlg '23 GOFNOF; 85,000gns Ylg '24 TATOCT. **1/2 to Icon Bling (Ire) (Lope De Vega {Ire}), SW-Nor, MSP-Swe, \$123,304.

6th-Curragh, €50,000, 6-3, 4yo/up, 14fT, 3:02.16, yl.

POETIC SOUND (IRE) (g, 5, Poet's Word {Ire}--Ceoil An Aith {Ire}, by Accordion {Ire}) Lifetime Record: 10-3-1-2, \$69,594. O-Kerri Lyons; B-J J Keaney; T-Ger Lyons.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Arrietty (Ire), f, 3, Lope De Vega (Ire)--Sommorrell (Ire), by Fast Company (Ire). Curragh, 6-3, 12fT, 2:37.17. Lifetime Record: 7-1-4-0, \$26,477. B-Rowan Patterson & Lope de Vega Syndicate. *€260,000 Wlg '23 GOFNOF. **1/2 to Inverleigh (Ire) (Excelebration {Ire}), SW & GSP-Ire.

The Piper's Call (Ire), g, 3, Ten Sovereigns (Ire)--In My Life, by War Front. Curragh, 6-3, 6f 63yT, 1:16.09. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-1, \$20,929. B-Russell Jones. *€55,000 Ylg '24 GOFORY.

**IN HONG KONG:**

Forerunner (Fr), g, 7, **Almanzor (Fr)**--Glittering Tax (SP-US), by Artax. Happy Valley, 6-3, Hcp. (C4), 1200mT, 1:09.29, gd/fm. B-SF Bloodstock, SC. (Fr). *€280,000 Ylg '20 ARQSEP; HK\$3,000,000 HRA '22 HKJCIS. *1/2 to Paganol (Tiz Wonderful), SP-US, \$249,118; Miss Temple City (Temple City), MGISW-US, \$1,680,091; Pricedtoperfection (Temple City), GSW-US, \$327,005; and Miss Mosaic (Verrazano), SW-US, \$291,817. **VIDEO.**

Power Koepp (GB), g, 8, **Equiano (Fr)**--Terse (GB), by Dansili (GB). Happy Valley, 6-3, Hcp. (C3), 1200mT, 1:09.25, gd/fm. B-R. J. Cornelius (GB). *26,000gns Wlg '18 TATDEC; 60,000gns Ylg '19 TATOCT. **1/2 to Tagline (GB) (Havana Grey {GB}), GSP-Eng. **VIDEO.**

FRANCE

Wednesday's Results:

1st-La Teste-Bassin Arcachon, €21,000, Cond, 6-3, 2yo, c/g, 6fT, 1:14.13, gd.

JUMBOTRON (GB) (g, 2, Havana Grey {GB})--Band Practice {Ire} {SW-Fr}, by Society Rock {Ire}) barrelled forward to claim early control of this debut. On the lead throughout, the 41-10 chance came under pressure approaching the quarter-mile marker and was ridden out in the closing stages to withstand the late threat of Ludwig (Kodi Bear) by 1 1/4 lengths.

Jumbotron, half-brother to a weanling colt by Shaquille, is the third of four foals and first scorer produced by Listed Criterium de Vitesse victrix Band Practice (Society Rock), herself a granddaughter of the multiple Group-placed dual Group 3 winner Majestic Desert (Fraam).

Band Practice is a half-sister to Listed Premio Pisa victor Nice Name (Royal Applause), the dual Grade III-placed Zaffinah (Casamento) and the dual stakes-placed Queen Of Zafeen (Ten Sovereigns). Sales history: 100,000gns Ylg '25 TATOCT. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, €10,500.

O-LNJ Foxwoods SC; B-Branton Court Stud; T-Christopher Head.

2nd-La Teste-Bassin Arcachon, €21,000, Cond, 6-3, 2yo, f, 6fT, 1:13.58, gd.

ASKAM CHOPE (FR) (f, 2, Gutaifan {Ire})--Sweet To Remember {Fr}, by Siyouni {Fr}) recovered from a slightly awkward exit and soon raced in a handy third. Caught in a barging match passing

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the two pole after making smooth progress in the straight, the 81-10 chance took command approaching the final furlong and lengthened clear to defeat Epifagna (Armor) by three lengths.

Askam Chope is the latest of three foals and third scorer out of a daughter of Listed Prix de Bagatelle and Listed Prix Charles Laffitte runner-up Nuit D'Amour (Azamour).

Nuit D'Amour is a half-sister to the dual Group-winning G1 Gold Cup and G1 Prix du Cadran third Brigantin (Cozzene) and G3 Prix de Guiche runner-up Nobel Winner (Grand Slam). Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, €10,500.

O-Jeremy Gimenez & Alain Chopard; B-Alain Chopard & Mme Rana Khaddam; T-Kevin Tavares.

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48TH KRONIMUS BADENER MEILE-G3, €55,000, 3yo/up, 8fT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	4	Next Mine (Ger)	Dabirsim (Fr)	Hickst	Hammer-Hansen	130
2	5	New Emerald (Ger)	Protectionist (Ger)	Weiss	Vogt	128
3	2	Sir Tommy Cen (Ire)	Dark Angel (Ire)	Olave	Lemaitre	123
4	6	Sommersby (Ger)	Amaron (Ger)	Wohler	Pedroza	123
5	1	Aster (Ger)	Outstrip (GB)	Grewe	Wolff	122
6	3	Ayada (Ger)	Areion (Ger)	Schiergen	Murzabayev	122

Eckhard Sauren's uber-consistent **Next Mine** was 1 1/2 lengths off a victory when third in Saint-Cloud's G2 Prix du Muguet at the beginning of May and last term's G2 Premio Vittorio di Capua hero is one of the protagonists in this return to domestic action. He'd previously run third behind **New Emerald** and Best Lightning in April's G3 Fruhjahrs Meile and the form received a boost when the latter took care of business in Tuesday's G3 Premio Presidente Della Repubblica at the San Siro. Henk Grewe contender **Aster** makes the step up off a breakthrough win in April's Listed Hoppegartener Fillies Mile, where she finished four places and just over three lengths ahead of 2024 Listed Prix de Saint-Cyr victrix **Ayada**, while Yeguada Centurion's multiple winner **Sir Tommy Cen** and the Andreas Wohler-trained handicapper **Sommersby** require more than previously evidenced to feature in this higher grade. [Sean Cronin].

Thursday, Leopardstown, post time: 18:30

KING GEORGE V CUP-Listed, €30,000, 3yo, 12fT

SC	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Amadeus Mozart (Ire)	Wootton Bassett (GB)	Michael Tabor & Derrick Smith & Mrs John Magnier	A P O'Brien	Wayne Lordan	131
2	Endorsement (Ire)	Wootton Bassett (GB)	D Smith, Mrs J Magnier, M Tabor, Westerberg	A P O'Brien	R L Moore	131
3	Emmeleia (Ire)	Camelot (GB)	Skara Glen Stables	SCR	SCR	SCR
4	So Must I (Ire)	Sottsass (Fr)	Thoroughbred Alliance Syndicate	Joseph O'Brien	Declan McDonogh	126
5	Yousaynothingatall (Ire)	Australia (GB)	Shane R Stafford/Annus Mirabilis Syndicate	Joseph O'Brien	Dylan Browne McMonagle	126

Breeders: 1-Coolmore, 2-Embellish Syndicate, 3-Barronstown Stud, 4-Adana Partnership, 5-Whisperview Trading Ltd.

Up in trip again, **Endorsement** is freed from the shackles of accompanying the superior Pierre Bonnard to enjoy his own moment in the limelight. Whether he actually stays this far is not a given, so the triple Group-placed colt has that to prove. The race was already an all O'Brien-trained affair before the scratch of Aidan's son Donnacha's smart filly, **Emmeleia**. However, elder son Joseph has both So Must I and Yousaynothingatall facing Endorsement and Amadeus Mozart from Ballydoyle.

Saturday, Epsom Downs, post time: 16:00**THE BETFRED DERBY-G1**, £2,000,000, 3yo, c/f, 12f 6yT

SC	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Action (Ire)	Frankel (GB)	Mr M. Tabor, D. Smith & Mrs John Magnier	Aidan O'Brien	Wayne Lordan	128
2	Alderman (GB)	Study Of Man (Ire)	Mrs J. Wood	Richard Hannon	Pat Dobbs	128
3	Ancient Egypt (Ire)	Frankel (GB)	Amo Racing Limited	Charlie Johnston	David Egan	128
4	A Taste Of Glory (Ger)	Soldier Hollow (GB)	Ahmad Al Shaikh	Andrew Balding	Jamie Spencer	128
5	Balzac (Ger)	Japan (GB)	Mrs Jane Chapple-Hyam	Jane Chapple-Hyam	Silvestre De Sousa	128
6	Bay Of Brilliance (GB)	New Bay (GB)	Valmont	Ralph Beckett	Hector Crouch	128
7	Benvenuto Cellini (Ire)	Frankel (GB)	Brant/Magnier/Tabor/Smith/Westerberg	Aidan O'Brien	Ryan Moore	128
8	Christmas Day (Ire)	Camelot (GB)	Magnier/Tabor/Smith/Westerberg/Brant	Aidan O'Brien	Ronan Whelan	128
9	Item (GB)	Frankel (GB)	Juddmonte	Andrew Balding	Colin Keane	128
10	James J Braddock (GB)	Zarak (Fr)	Aziz Kheir Aust Partners & Kevin Blake	Joseph O'Brien	Dylan Browne McMonagle	128
11	Maltese Cross (Fr)	Sea The Stars (Ire)	Mr George Waud	William Haggas	Tom Marquand	128
12	Pierre Bonnard (Ire)	Camelot (GB)	Mrs J Magnier/M Tabor/D Smith/Westerberg	Aidan O'Brien	Christophe Soumillon	128
13	Poker (Ire)	Wootton Bassett (GB)	Amo Racing Limited	K. R. Burke	Rowan Scott	128
14	Rebel Rocker (GB)	Cityscape (GB)	Miss Jennifer Dorey	Faye Bramley	Rob Hornby	128

Breeders: 1-Coolmore, 2-Emma Capon Bloodstock, 3-Yulong Investments (Australia) Pty, 4-Gestut Auenquelle, 5-Gunther Schmidt, 6-C&S Bloodstock Ltd & KT Bloodstock, 7-Coolmore & White Birch Farm SC, 8-Framont Ltd, 9-Juddmonte Farms Inc, 10-Mrs Anita Wigan, 11-S.C.P. Ecurie Du Sud & S.A.S. Ecurie Gribomont, 12-Rathasker Stud, 13-Lodge Park Stud, 14-Miss Jennifer Dorey.

A renewal that has a picture that could shift considerably between declaration time and the race itself, with a mixed weather forecast suggesting it could be run on anything from good-to-soft to very soft. The clear favourite for some time, **Benvenuto Cellini**, will want it as lively as it can get based on how he operates but there is form on a yielding surface and his accomplished dam Newspaperofrecord had it on the soft side when recording her career-best in the Breeders' Cup. **Pierre Bonnard** won the Criterium de Saint-Cloud on testing ground and may benefit more than the favourite if more rain comes, while the yard's other big chance who will stay is **Christmas Day** and he is far from out of this. Like Benvenuto Cellini, **Item** is out of a Lope De Vega mare and it is worth noting that Capla Temptress was second in a soft-ground Lake Placid. Strangely for a Derby, he is the only unbeaten runner in the line-up and may have more class than the likes of **James J Braddock**, **Maltese Cross** and **Bay Of Brilliance** whose trial performances don't look particularly strong on the clock or the formbook. [Tom Frary].

Friday, Epsom Downs, post time: 16:00**THE BETFRED OAKS-G1**, £625,000, 3yo, f, 12f 6yT

SC	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	A La Prochaine (Fr)	Lope De Vega (Ire)	Wathnan Racing	Ralph Beckett	James Doyle	128
2	Amelia Earhart (Ire)	Camelot (GB)	Mrs John Magnier, Mr M. Tabor & Mr D. Smith	Aidan O'Brien	Ryan Moore	128
3	Cameo (Ire)	Wootton Bassett (GB)	M Tabor/D Smith/Mrs J Magnier/Westerberg	Aidan O'Brien	Wayne Lordan	128
4	K Sarra (GB)	New Bay (GB)	Mrs David Aykroyd	Ralph Beckett	Rossa Ryan	128
5	Legacy Link (GB)	Dubawi (Ire)	Juddmonte	John & Thady Gosden	Colin Keane	128
6	On Message (GB)	Camelot (GB)	The Eclipse Partnership	Ralph Beckett	Hector Crouch	128
7	Sugar Island (Ire)	Dubawi (Ire)	Westerberg/Mrs J Magnier/M Tabor/D Smith	Aidan O'Brien	Ronan Whelan	128
8	Thundering On (GB)	Frankel (GB)	Mr Shapoor Mistry	Joseph Patrick O'Brien	Dylan Browne McMonagle	128
9	Venetian Lace (Ire)	Masar (Ire)	Sheikh Hamdan Bin Mohammed Al Maktoum	Charlie Johnston	William Buick	128

Breeders: 1-S.C.P. Ecurie Du Sud & S.A.S. Ecurie Gribomont, 2-Coolmore, 3-Coolmore, 4-Mr & Mrs David Aykroyd, 5-Juddmonte Farms Ltd, 6-Car Colston Hall Stud, 7-Westerberg, 8-Mr Shapoor Mistry, 9-Godolphin.

Like stablemate Benvenuto Cellini, **Amelia Earhart** has to prove that she can produce her best on a rain-softened surface and unlike him still has a question to answer regarding stamina for this. **A La Prochaine** was an eye-catcher behind her in the Cheshire Oaks and was strongly disadvantaged by the way the race was run, so it would be no surprise if she were to take a big step forward for the Ralph Beckett stable that has done so well in this Classic. **Thundering On** is also intriguing, up in trip again from the Salsabil she won with such authority, while **Frankel's** Musidora-winning relative **Legacy Link**, the impressive Lingfield Oaks Trial winner **Cameo** and 1,000 Guineas third **Venetian Lace** make this a far more wide-open edition than the betting suggests. [Tom Frary].

Friday, Epsom Downs, post time: 14:40

THE BETFRED DIOMED STAKES-G3, £125,000, 3yo/up, 8f 113yT

SC	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Boiling Point (Ire)	Too Dam Hot (GB)	Exors of the Late Sheikh Mohammed Obaid	K. R. Burke	Clifford Lee	134
2	Chancellor (GB)	Kingman (GB)	Cheveley Park Stud	John & Thady Gosden	Robert Havlin	134
3	Ice Max (GB)	Dark Angel (Ire)	Exors of the Late Sheikh Mohammed Obaid	K. R. Burke	Sam James	134
4	Persica (Ire)	New Bay (GB)	Martin Hughes & Michael Kerr-Dineen	Richard Hannon	Sean Levey	134
5	Qirat (GB)	Showcasing (GB)	Juddmonte	Ralph Beckett	Colin Keane	134
6	Royal Playwright (GB)	Lope De Vega (Ire)	Mr J. C. Smith	Andrew Balding	Silvestre De Sousa	134
7	Seagulls Eleven (Ire)	Galileo Gold (GB)	Two Plus Three Two Plus Four	Hugo Palmer	Oisin Murphy	134
8	Skukuza (GB)	Blue Point (Ire)	Cayton Park Stud Limited	Ed Dunlop	Ryan Moore	134

Breeders: 1-Sheikh Mohammed Obaid Al Maktoum, 2-Cheveley Park Stud Limited, 3-Mr Gordon Roddick, 4-The Applecross Syndicate, 5-Juddmonte Farms (East) Ltd, 6-Littleton Stud, 7-Tally-Ho Stud, 8-Cayton Park Stud Ltd.

It's hard to believe that we have a Sussex Stakes winner who isn't even in the first four in the betting for this, but **Qirat** is living proof that horseracing is not an exact science. Last year's winner **Persica** will get similar ground conditions to 12 months ago and has been laid out for this, while **Seagulls Eleven** is just a plain good horse at this level and could be getting better. [Tom Frary].

Friday, Epsom Downs, post time: 17:15

THE CYGAMES SURREY STAKES-Listed, £85,000, 3yo, 7f 3yT

SC	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Ardisia (Ire)	Ardad (Ire)	Ardisia Partnership	Hugo Palmer	David Probert	131
2	Greek Mythology (Ire)	Pinatubo (Ire)	Al Shira'aa Racing	Joseph Patrick O'Brien	Dylan Browne McMonagle	128
3	Northern Champion (Ire)	Wootton Bassett (GB)	TBT Racing	Ed Walker	Kieran Shoemark	128
4	Postmodern (Ire)	Too Dam Hot (GB)	Wathnan Racing	Hamad Al Jahani	James Doyle	128
5	Stellar Sunrise (GB)	Space Blues (Ire)	The Royal Ascot Racing Club	Andrew Balding	Oisin Murphy	128
6	Ten Carat Harry (GB)	Ardad (Ire)	The Ten Club	Jamie Osborne	Saffie Osborne	128
7	Assaranca (Ire)	Ghaiyyath (Ire)	The Diamond Partnership	Richard Hannon	Sean Levey	123
8	Awaken (Ire)	Mehmas (Ire)	Highclere Thoroughbred Racing - Maple	George Boughey	Billy Loughnane	123
9	Ellusive Butterfly (Ire)	Invincible Army (Ire)	Nick Bradley Racing 5 & E Burke	K. R. Burke	Clifford Lee	123

Breeders: 1-Lynn Lodge Stud, 2-Al Shira'aa Racing Limited, 3-Monceaux / Limerick Lanepty Ltd, 4-Oglethorpe Breeders, 5-Carmel Stud, 6-Ms Jessica Slack Jell, 7-McCracken Farms, 8-Epona Bloodstock Ltd, 9-Ballybin Stud Ltd. & Patrick F. Kelly.

Stellar Sunrise was no match for the classier Saber Strike and Cerro Blanco at Newmarket last time, but there isn't anything like as exciting as that pair lurking in this line-up and he is a real "Festival" horse having won at Glorious Goodwood and York's Ebor last summer. **Greek Mythology** was an honourable third taking on older horses in a competitive Listed contest last time and this is probably easier. [Tom Frary].

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