

TDN BELMONT STAKES PREVIEW: AND THE WINNER IS...



Renegade trains at Saratoga | Sarah Andrew

by T.D. Thornton

The field for the GI Belmont Stakes, ranked in "likeliest winner" order (program number after each horse's name).

1) RENEGADE #4 (c, Into Mischief--Spice Is Nice, by Curlin).

O-Robert Low, Lawana L. Low, and Repole Stable; B-Robert Low & Lawana Low (KY); T-Todd A. Pletcher. Sales history: \$975,000 Ylg '24 KEESEP. Lifetime record: GISW, 6-2-3-1, \$2,031,500. Last start: 2nd May 2 GI Kentucky Derby.



TAYLOR MADE FOR YOU!

Renegade overcame all sorts of trouble when beaten a neck as the 5.65-1 second choice in the GI Kentucky Derby, and the bet here is that this hard-charging \$975,000 KEESEP son of Into Mischief will benefit from that experience in Saratoga's final 10-furlong version of the third jewel of the Triple Crown before the Belmont Stakes race reverts to its rebuilt home and traditional 1 1/2-miles distance in 2027.

Renegade's Derby woes began a week before the race was run, when he drew the historically disadvantageous (now winless in 41 years) inside post position. He actually ended up breaking pretty well, but after deflecting a modest bump in the initial few strides, Renegade immediately absorbed the brunt of more forceful chain-reaction crowding.

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KENTUCKY OAKS REMATCH IN ACORN, ONE OF FIVE GRADED STAKES AT THE SPA

FRIDAY by Steve Sherack

SARATOGA SPRINGS, N.Y. – And it's only Belmont Stakes eve.

Highlighted by a fantastic renewal of the GI DraftKings Acorn S. featuring four out of the top five finishers from the GI Kentucky Oaks, a stacked 14-race program awaits on day three of the Belmont Stakes Racing Festival at Saratoga Friday.

Three Chimneys Farm and Douglas Scharbauer's 'TDN Rising Star, presented by Hagyard' **Always a Runner** (Gun Runner) made it a perfect three-for-three with a powerful, come-from-behind victory beneath the lights on the first Friday in May at Churchill Downs. The \$1.05-million Keeneland September yearling is the much-deserved, 4-5 morning-line favorite in the Acorn.

Recent Kentucky Oaks winners to double up in the Acorn include: Bird Town (Cape Town) (2003), Abel Tasman (Quality Road) (2017), Monomoy Girl (Tapizar) (2018), 'Rising Star' Pretty Mischievous (Into Mischief) (2023) and 'Rising Star' Thorpedo Anna (Fast Anna) (2024).

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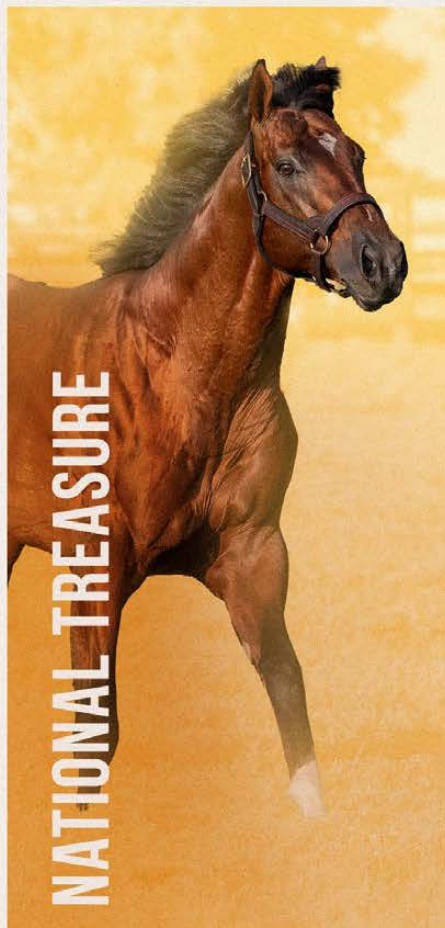
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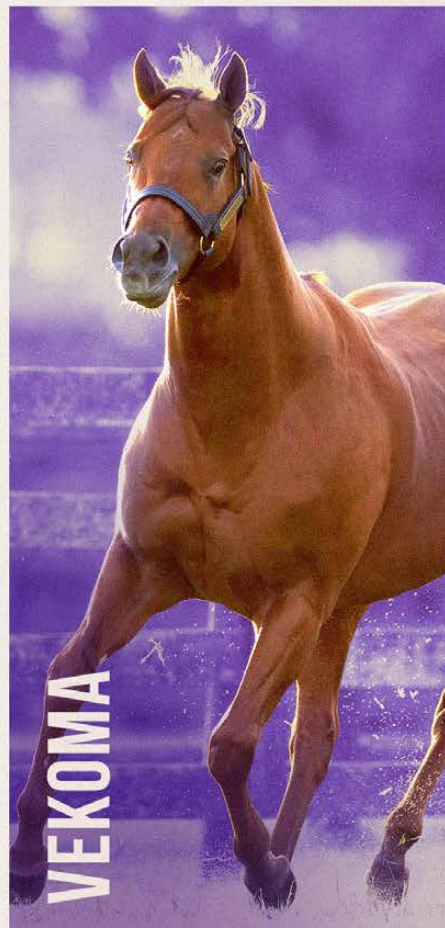
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GIII True North Stakes morning-line favorite Bentornato (*Valiant Minister*) schools in the paddock Thursday morning. | Sarah Andrew

11 | JOURNALISM MIGHT MAKE RETURN TRIP TO SARATOGA THIS SUMMER

In Tim Wilkin's Belmont Notes, trainer Michael McCarthy says he would like nothing more than to have the wildly popular Journalism (*Curlin*), part of a loaded \$1-million GI Met Mile on Saturday, return to Saratoga again later this summer.

TODAY'S GRADED STAKES

ET	RACE
1:29p	Bed o' Roses Stakes-GII, SAR
4:28p	Wonder Again Stakes-GII, SAR
5:08p	DraftKings Acorn Stakes-GI, SAR
5:46p	New York Stakes-GI, SAR
6:25p	Ogden Phipps Stakes-GI, SAR

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"This is going to be a much different race in a short field, so we'll have to see how it all works out," trainer Chad Brown said. "There's really good horses in the race, just not many."

Five to be exact.

After leading in the stretch, GII Santa Anita Oaks heroine **Meaning** (**Gun Runner**) was 1 1/4 lengths back in second in the Kentucky Oaks, one length ahead of GII Fantasy S. winner **Counting Stars** (**Honor A. P.**) in third.

"They weren't far apart last time, so anything is possible," Counting Stars's trainer Mark Casse, responsible for last year's Acorn winner La Cara (**Street Sense**), said.

'Rising Star' and GII Gulfstream Park Oaks winner **Prom Queen** (**Quality Road**) also returns for round two. She rallied from way-too-far back to finish fifth, beaten 4 3/4 lengths, in the Kentucky Oaks and continued on powerfully after the wire. The rail-drawn West homebred figures to get a much more aggressive ride beneath Flavien Prat, who takes over the controls from Javier Castellano.

"The effort was there, and we won't be as far back on Friday because there's not as many in there to be behind," trainer Brad Cox said.

Friday's card also features the 'Win and You're In' GI Ogden Phipps S., the GI New York S., the GII Bed o' Roses S. and the GII Wonder Again S.

Last year's champion 3-year-old filly and GI Alabama S. winner **Nitrogen** (Medaglia d'Oro) is the 7-5 morning-line favorite in the Ogden Phipps. She was a disappointing second as the 4-5 favorite in the GI Apple Blossom H. at Oaklawn last time Apr. 11. **Cont**



Counting Stars | Sarah Andrew

Friday at the Spa, cont

Her five Ogden Phipps rivals include: GII Mother Goose S. winner and GI Fasig-Tipton La Troienne S. runner-up **Fully Subscribed** (**Tiz the Law**) and GII Baird Doubledogdare S. winner **Alpine Princess** (Classic Empire).

Kathynmarissa (**American Pharoah**) and **Gezora** (**Fr**) (Almanzor {Fr}), one-two for Brown in the GIII Modesty S. at Churchill



Gezora | Sarah Andrew

Downs May 1, face off again in the New York. The Peter Brant-owned 2025 GI Breeders' Cup Filly & Mare Turf heroine **Gezora** has since been transferred to Hall of Famer Bill Mott.

The ultra-talented 'Rising Star' **Ways and Means** (**Practical Joke**), winner of the 2024 GI Test S. at the Spa, is back to defend her title in the Bed o' Roses. "I'd like her to be a champion," Brown said. "I want to see her win the Breeders' Cup at Keeneland."

Lion Lake (**Ire**) (Dark Angel {Ire}), a game third in the GII Edgewood S., is drawn widest of all in post eight in the Wonder Again. She is the 8-5 morning-line favorite.

First post is 11:45 a.m. ET, with gates opening to the public at 10 a.m. ET. America's Day at the Races presents daily coverage of the Belmont Stakes Racing Festival on the networks of FOX Sports.

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Unlike many colts who might have been mentally rattled or knocked off stride, an unfazed Renegade settled into a comfortable rhythm near the back of the 18-horse pack under Irad Ortiz, Jr.

This Todd Pletcher trainee raced patiently down the back straight, riding the rail until Ortiz edged out three-eighths from home. Renegade seemed set to click into a quicker cadence approaching the head of the lane, but Ortiz had to keep him reined in while floating ever wider behind a wall of horses.

When Renegade finally got clear and blasted off, he was fanned way out in the 10 path. He slam-danced with Incredibolt (Bolt d'Oro) between the three-sixteenths and eighth poles before torqueing into a higher gear to confront the onrushing Golden Tempo (Curlin). Renegade brushed with the eventual winner in the final half-furlong but was outkicked in the closing strides.

Renegade's chief attribute is that he's powerful but agile. In the Feb. 7 Sam F. Davis Stakes at Tampa, his visually arresting final sixteenth was clocked in 5.97 seconds, the fastest among 19 points-awarding Derby prep stakes at that distance in 2025-26.

In the Mar. 28 GI Arkansas Derby, Renegade soared home solo through a final furlong in 11.84 seconds. No nine-furlong Derby qualifying prep in at least the last four years has produced a sub-12-seconds final furlong.



2) COMMANDMENT #7 (c, Into Mischief--Sippican Harbor, by Orb). O-Wathnan Racing; B-Lee Pokoik (KY); T-Brad H. Cox. Sales history: \$485,000 RNA Wlg '23 FTKNOV; \$475,000 RNA Ylg '24 FTSAUG; \$500,000 Ylg '24 KEESEP. Lifetime record: GISW, 6-4-0-0, \$1,017,339. Last start: 7th May 2 GI Kentucky Derby.



TAYLOR MADE FOR YOU!

I wrote in multiple installments of this column over the spring how Commandment had repeatedly demonstrated he could make his own in-race breaks, even when tactically disadvantaged. His strong series of prep races indicated he was a colt who could reliably extricate himself from traffic, either by

bulling through trouble, finding holes along the inside, or flying home wide and driving.

But when it came time to deliver while riding a four-race win streak into the Derby, this Brad Cox-trained son of Into Mischief ended up short of those expectations.



Commandment | Sarah Andrew

Commandment wasn't disgraced in defeat--he finished seventh, beaten 5 1/4 lengths. But still, his Derby try didn't match the projections for an A-lister who was the only Derby entrant going into the race with two straight triple-digit Beyer Speed Figures (101 in the GII Fountain of Youth Stakes and 100 in the GI Florida Derby).

Breaking from post five at Churchill, Commandment was rated effectively by Luis Saez and managed to avoid most of the crowding that compromised runners to his inside. He settled fifth from last, racing in the clear without being covered up the first time under the wire.

He made incremental advancement from seven furlongs out and was well positioned down the backstretch. Turning for home in the eight path, Commandment appeared very much in it to win it. But then he had trouble dealing with pressure from two outer-running rivals who muscled down in on him, which was the opposite of how you'd think he would have reacted based on his previously assertive runs. **Cont.**

TDN Belmont Stakes Preview, cont.

Commandment had no spark in the stretch and his Derby was over by the time he crested the eighth pole.

Having said all that, I'm still banking on Commandment to run truer to form over 10 furlongs against a field that will be half the size of what it was in Louisville.

This is a big, sturdy, straightforward colt who has already done a lot of developmental things right, and on Saturday he'll get a jockey change to John Velazquez for the first time.



Golden Tempo and trainer Cherie DeVaux | Sarah Andrew

3) GOLDEN TEMPO #9 (Curlin--Carrumba, by Bernardini). 'TDN Rising Star, presented by Hagyard'. O/B-Phipps Stable & St. Elias Stable, LLC (KY); T-Cherie DeVaux. Lifetime record: GISW, 5-3-0-2, \$3,433,000. Last start: WON May 2 GI Kentucky Derby.



CLAIBORNE QUALITY

In the Derby, Golden Tempo shrugged off a light squeeze at the start, and Jose Ortiz was content to drop to last and save ground. Even though everybody knew those would be the likely tactics for this homebred son of **Curlin**, there was a point down the backside when this 23-1 closer seemed hopelessly out of touch, well behind the three stragglers detached from the main body of the field.

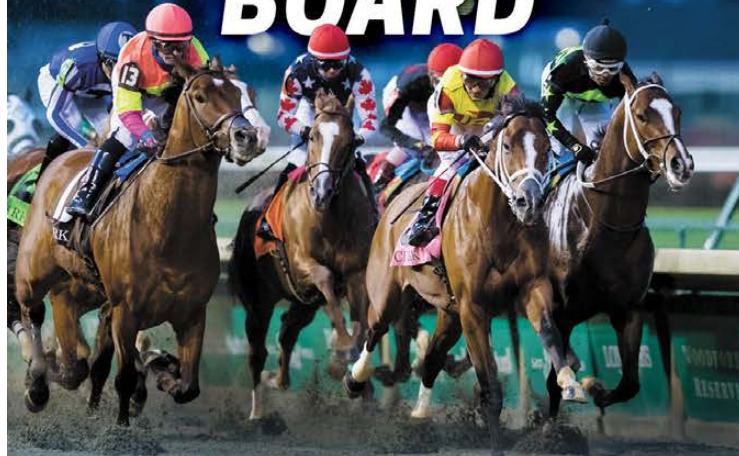
This Cherie DeVaux trainee loped along until the three-eighths pole, then gradually unwound. Ortiz split horses at the back, then briefly considered inside passage before shifting outward on the turn.

At the quarter pole Golden Tempo should have been cranking it up. But he looked cast adrift amid a sea of onrushing contenders and capitulating pretenders. He was six wide, twelfth, and lacking a runway.

After getting briefly stalled on heels in upper stretch when Ortiz was unsure whether he wanted to be inside or outside of the scrum involving Renegade and Incredibolt, Golden Tempo finally hit his best stride when Ortiz went to a left-handed stick and committed him to the outside. **Cont.**

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From the eighth pole home, Golden Tempo locked into a steady, ratcheting churn, swatting back a serious bid from the shifting-out Renegade in the final strides. Emboldened by close contact, he never flinched, surging with purpose to win by a neck.

Part of the reason Golden Tempo is the third choice at 9-2 on the morning line for the Belmont is that there will be pari-mutuel skepticism he can replicate that deep, prolonged Derby bid in a nine-horse race that doesn't have a lot of early speed on paper.

Will Ortiz opt to position Golden Tempo closer to the pace? Or will that risk taking this colt out of his comfort zone?

Recall that last year's 9-1 Derby winner, Sovereignty (Into Mischief), also brought a far-off-the-tailgate style into the Belmont after skipping the Preakness. He, too, was not favored, but adapted his tactics to stalk much closer to the early action. The result was a three-length win at 5-2 odds.

4) CHIEF WALLABEE #3 (c, Constitution--A La Lucie, by Medaglia d'Oro). 'TDN Rising Star presented by Hagyard'. O/B-Mike Ball & Katherine Ball (KY); T-William I. Mott. Lifetime record: GSP, 4-1-1-1, \$466,600. Last start: 4th May 2 GI Kentucky Derby.



Chief Wallabee trains Tuesday | Sarah Andrew

With blinkers added in the Derby, this homebred son of **Constitution** from Bill Mott's stable broke amid light contact and tried to find a foothold in the pecking order. He was a touch keen, but Junior Alvarado adeptly got him to settle in tenth, about four paths off the rail down the backside.

About 3 1/2 furlongs out, Chief Wallabee was asked to pop through a hole between rivals, but it closed and Alvarado had to shift inward for Plan B. Constantly trying to thread the needle for gaps that weren't materializing, this colt ran up on heels in upper stretch and got pinballed around pretty good between the three-sixteenths and eighth poles. **Cont.**



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Yet he repeatedly refocused to close determinedly for fourth, beaten just three lengths.

Recall that two starts back, in the Florida Derby, Chief Wallabee was boxed at the fence for an entire furlong entering the far turn, then came with a four-wide run but had to switch off heels in upper stretch. He lost momentum and focus that day, but did re-engage late when he sensed eventual winner Commandment barreling past on the outside.

The positive difference between those two starts was that in the Kentucky Derby, there was no noticeable mental lapse despite encountering adversity. Chief Wallabee can now build off that experience.

5) EMERGING MARKET #8 (c, Candy Ride {Arg}--Wild Empress, by Empire Maker). 'TDN Rising Star, presented by Hagyard'. O-Klaravich Stables, Inc.; B-Stoneriggs Farm (KY); T-Chad C. Brown. Sales history: \$185,000 Ylg '24 KEESEP. Lifetime record: GSW, 3-2-0-0, \$618,880. Last start: 10th May 2 GI Kentucky Derby.



Here's something you don't often encounter when handicapping the Belmont Stakes: Three of the top five contenders--Commandment, Chief Wallabee and Emerging

Market--are each entering the race coming off two consecutive declines in their Beyer figures.

In the case of this Chad Brown-trained son of **Candy Ride (Arg)**, it might be a case of too few data points to work with. Emerging Market has only started three times. His lifetime Beyer arc is 97-90-85.

But numbers don't tell the entire story. The "how he did it" aspect of this \$185,000 KEESEP colt's first two victories was exceptionally high. **Cont.**



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Emerging Market has stalked, targeted and forced his way past pacemakers both while covered up at the fence (1 mile 40 yards maiden debut at Tampa) and from the outermost post (1 3/16 miles GII Louisiana Derby). His stretch runs have been punctuated by shoulder-to-shoulder showdowns that drilled staying-on rivals into defeat.

In the Kentucky Derby, Emerging Market broke cleanly and advanced into the first flight. He managed to hold position in fifth through the first turn despite jostling, then found a stalking spot with lighter cover down the backstretch.

When the tiring pacemaker vacated the rail, Flavien Prat asked Emerging Market to shoot through an inviting opening at the fence. But this colt didn't burst on through to take advantage of that prime positioning.

That left Emerging Market bottled up when a cluster of spent horses called it quits near the inside. He eventually did pick off a few of them in mid-stretch, but was no danger to the fresh closers firing late on the outside.

"I just came up empty," Prat said after ending up tenth, beaten 7 3/4 lengths. "I just couldn't make any move when it was time to go."

Better races are ahead for Emerging Market. The Belmont Stakes could be one of them.



Ottinho | Sarah Andrew

6) OTTINHO #5 (c, **Quality Road--Quiet Giant, by Giant's Causeway).** O/B-Three Chimneys Farm, LLC (KY); T-Chad C. Brown. Lifetime record: GISP, 4-1-1-2, \$324,700. Last start: 2nd Apr.4 GI Blue Grass Stakes.

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Ottinho, a homebred half-brother to 2017 Horse of the Year **Gun Runner**, was most recently second in the Apr. 4 GI Blue Grass Stakes. Trainer Chad Brown bypassed the Derby with him

to heal a crack in the sole of one of the colt's hooves, with the aim of targeting the Belmont Stakes.

"That horse wants every bit of a mile and a quarter," Brown told the *TDN* last week. "He will stay all day, fitness wise. But you get into that, 'Do they want this class level competition?' He will be tested. We'll find out."

Ottinho broke his maiden in his second lifetime start Dec. 31, showing speed going nine furlongs in an Aqueduct MSW. That race subsequently produced only one winner from five other next-out starters, with that one winner requiring a drop into \$20,000 maiden-claiming company.

Ottinho was third, beaten 11 1/2 lengths in the Feb. 6 Withers Stakes, giving him a base of three consecutive nine-furlong tries going into the Belmont Stakes. Dylan Davis picks up the mount.

Although Ottinho has been rating from the back in his last two tries, he could take a flyer on the lead at 20-1 on the morning line, which would replicate the on-the-pace tactics he employed in his maiden score.



Growth Equity | Sarah Andrew

7) GROWTH EQUITY #6 (c, **Nyquist--My Dear Venezuela, by Wildcat Heir).** O-Klaravich Stables, Inc.; B-Stone Farm (KY); T-Chad C. Brown. Sales history: \$425,000 Ylg '24 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: GSW, 4-2-2-0, \$187,600. Last start: WON May 9 GIII Peter Pan Stakes.

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This **Nyquist**-sired colt from Chad Brown's stable rides an upward Beyer progression (69, 83, 89, 93) into the Belmont Stakes.

Growth Equity was twice second sprinting, both at Saratoga last July and at Gulfstream in February, before breaking through in start number three at Aqueduct in March. That was a one-turn-mile MSW facing only three rivals, none of whom were next-start winners. **Cont.**

TDN Belmont Stakes Preview, cont.

This colt again controlled a short field against only four others in the May 9 GIII Peter Pan Stakes at Aqueduct.

Off as the even-money favorite, Growth Equity tracked the leaders in hand and got second run at a softened-up pacemaker, drawing away to win by two lengths without having to repulse a serious stretch bid.



Powershift | Sarah Andrew

8) POWERSHIFT #2 (c, Constitution--Free Flying Soul, by Quiet American). O-Repole Stable; B- Liberty Road Stables (KY); T-Todd A. Pletcher. Sales history: \$500,000 Ylg '24 KEESEP. Lifetime record: 3-1-1-0, \$81,896. Last start: WON May 2 Churchill Downs MSW.

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Powershift, a comparatively late (May 17) foal, just broke his maiden going 1 1/16 miles as an even-money MSW favorite on the Derby undercard.

He has three lifetime races, including a taking-a-shot sixth in the GIII Tampa Bay Derby.

But the race that stands out in Powershift's past performance block is actually his Feb. 7 debut at Tampa, in which he briefly got the jump on Emerging Market before sparring with that next-out Louisiana Derby winner for the length of the stretch. Powershift ended up second, beaten only three-quarters of a length, while 13 1/2 lengths clear of a field that included two next-out winners.

Powershift's dam, Free Flying Soul, was a sprint stakes winner on the California circuit more than a decade and a half ago. Her best-producing offspring have won stakes in sprints and up to 1 1/16 miles. **Cont.**

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O-Glenn Sorgenstein WC Racing Inc. and Run Fast Racing.

B-Glenn Sorgenstein WC Racing Inc. (KY); T-Doug F. O'Neill. Sales history: \$47,000 RNA Ylg '24 KEESEP. Lifetime record, GISP, 6-1-1-2, \$142,345. Last start: 3rd Apr. 4 GI Santa Anita Derby.

With starts at six different tracks over fast dirt, mud, Tapeta and turf at distances ranging from one mile to nine furlongs, the Doug O'Neill-trained Vitruvian Man (Vino Rosso) has the benefit of varied racing experiences as a 30-1 morning-line long shot breaking from post one in the Belmont Stakes.

So far, the only victory he's been able to achieve was a \$44 score by a nose last autumn at Keeneland in a maiden route restricted to horses that sold or RNA'd for \$65,000 or less in their most recent auction.

His third in the GI Santa Anita Derby was a surprise at 47-1 odds. He stalked inside, dropped back on the far turn, then stayed on well enough to get past a retreating rival by half a length, although still 9 1/2 lengths behind the top two finishers.

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by Tim Wilkin



Journalism | Sarah Andrew

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Belmont Notes, cont.

"It would be awfully nice if he could," McCarthy said just outside Journalism's stall at the Oklahoma Training Track Thursday morning. "Saratoga, as I keep on saying, is a magical place for horses and people alike. We would be more than happy to bring him back here if the opportunity presented itself."

First things first.

Journalism, owned by Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners, Bridlewood Farm, Don Alberto Stable, Robert V. La Penta, Elayne Stables Five, Mrs. John Magnier, Michael B. Tabor and Derrick Smith, is part of a loaded \$1-million GI Met Mile on Saturday.



Michael McCarthy with Journalism | Sarah Andrew

Journalism is the 5-2 second choice behind the imposing 9-5 morning-line favorite and 'TDN Rising Star, presented by Hagyard' **Nysos (Nyquist)**. The field also includes Grade I winners **Antiquarian** (Preservationist) and **Saudi Crown** (Always Dreaming) as well as 'Rising Star' **Knightsbridge (Nyquist)**, **Rated by Merit** (Battalion Runner) and **Vibe** (Into Mischief).

A year ago, Journalism engaged in a Triple Crown war with Sovereignty (Into Mischief). Journalism was favored in all three legs and finished second to Sovereignty in the GI Kentucky Derby and GI Belmont and won the GI Preakness.

The Met Mile will be his second start of the year, following a third-place finish in the GII Oaklawn Handicap behind White Abarrio (Race Day) and Sovereignty.

"There are a lot of good things going on this weekend," McCarthy, who is based in California, said. "One of them happens to be the Met Mile and Journalism back again this year. It's great for racing and great for everyone involved that he has stuck around. We are hoping for a fruitful 4-year-old campaign before he heads off to stud."

Journalism will be ridden in the Met Mile by Jose Ortiz, who will be on board for the third consecutive start. For his career,

Journalism has six wins, three seconds and two thirds in 12 starts. His only off-the-board finish came when he was fourth in the 2025 GI Breeders' Cup Classic.

"He is an incredible specimen," McCarthy said. "Not only in his physical frame, but in the mental attributes he brings with him. He is certainly a different type of horse. He makes everything easy. He is an easy read."

Casse Says Nitrogen Has Plenty Left In Tank

Following a championship season as a 3-year-old, **Nitrogen** (Medaglia d'Oro) has been slow out of the gate in 2026. The 4-year-old filly is not worrying her trainer, Hall of Famer Mark Casse, one bit.

He expects a huge effort from the D J Stable homebred, who is the 7-5 morning-line favorite in Friday's \$500,000 GI Ogden Phipps at 1 1/8-miles at Saratoga Race Course.

Last year, on her way to the Eclipse Award as the nation's best 3-year-old filly, Nitrogen won six of nine—including the GI Alabama on the dirt and three graded stakes on grass.

So far this year, she has a win (GIII Bayakoa Stakes), a third (GII Azeri Stakes) and a second (GI Apple Blossom Handicap), all at Oaklawn Park.

"Her first race (Bayakoa) was very good, one of her best performances," Casse said this week. "Her second start (Azeri, on a sloppy track) was disappointing without a doubt, probably the worst race she has ever run in her life. The first thing Jose (jockey Ortiz) said to me when he came back was that she was exhausted; he had never seen her so tired."

Nitrogen verified Casse's opinion that the filly just didn't like the slop at Oaklawn that day when she ran a solid second in the Apple Blossom on a fast track.

With Nitrogen now another year older, there is speculation that she might not want her life to be revolved around racing. Casse isn't buying that either. **Cont.**



Nitrogen | Sarah Andrew

Belmont Notes, cont.

"She has run two of the highest Beyers she has run in her life," he said, referring to a pair of 97s thus far this year. "I have trained plenty of those kinds of horses and they don't have to be fillies. I have seen colts get to a point in their lives where they don't want to be racehorses anymore. I think she is far from that. I am expecting a big effort."

It certainly doesn't hurt that Nitrogen is back at Saratoga. In two career starts at the Spa, Nitrogen is undefeated.

Besides the Alabama, she won the GIII Wonder Again last year, which was taken off the grass. Nitrogen won that--albeit against just two rivals--by 17 lengths and that prompted Casse to target the Alabama and a dirt campaign.

"It has been an up-and-down season for her so far," Casse said. "But she is happy and as big and strong as I have ever seen her."

Russell Rolling The Dice With Taj Mahal In Woody Stephens

Nineteen days ago, trainer Brittany Russell had the favorite for the GI Preakness Stakes at Laurel Park in **Taj Mahal** (Nyquist). The 4-1 choice set the pace early and then faded late, finishing 10th, 13 3/4 lengths behind Napoleon Solo (Liam's Map).

Perhaps a surprise to some, Taj Mahal showed up on the entries for Saturday's \$500,000 GI Woody Stephens at Saratoga Race Course. Russell knows she is making a big ask of her colt, who won his first three starts--all at Laurel--by nearly 13 lengths.

"You know, sometimes you've got to take a shot, right?" Russell said by phone from Maryland. "Look, they got the horses they expected. Is it ideal for us to have to cut back against them? No. But it's a horse race and things can fall apart, and you just never know."

Taj Mahal's early dominance came in races going six furlongs



Taj Mahal | Sarah Andrew

(4 1/4-length win), a mile (win by a neck) and 1 1/8 miles (8 1/4-length win). After the 1 3/16-mile Preakness, Russell wanted to see how Taj Mahal would do running shorter.

"After the Preakness, we definitely have our doubts about him going a route of ground against better types of horses," Russell said. "Would I have appreciated a softer spot to try the cut back?..."

By going to the Woody Stephens Russell is surely tossing Taj Mahal into the deep end of the pool. But she has some faith despite going up against eight foes including 'TDN Rising Stars, presented by Hagyard' **Crude Velocity** (Beau Liam), **Englishman** (Maxfield), and **Obliteration** (Violence), as well as **Solitude Dude** (Yaupon).



Englishman | Sarah Andrew

"It's a horse race and things can fall apart," Russell said. "You never know. We are throwing him into it. Bob (Baffert)'s horse (Crude Velocity) is enough, but I guess these horses are bought to do these things."

Sheldon Russell, Brittany's husband, rode Taj Mahal in his first four starts. Prior commitments are keeping Sheldon in Maryland. Taj Mahal will be ridden Saturday for the first time by Manny Franco.

Taj Mahal, owned by the partnership of SF Racing LLC, Starlight Racing, Madaket Stables LLC, Stonestreet Stables LLC, Bashor Racing LLC, Determined Stables, Golconda Stable, Waves Edge Capital LLC and Catherine Donovan, is 15-1 on the morning line.

He shares the longest odds on the line with **Stradale** (Yaupon).

"This will tell us a lot," said Russell, who adds Taj Mahal doesn't have to be on the lead. "We need to know what we have. He might run the race of his life, and he might not be right there. I am realistic about it. As much as I love our horse, I know I am throwing him into a war."

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MICHAEL IAVARONE ON THE BIG STAGE WITH BENTORNATO

Michael Iavarone builds his stable with one primary objective: to compete on racing's biggest days. With **Bentornato** (**Valiant Minister**), that mission has already been accomplished and there are still bigger goals on the horizon.

In the seven months since he bought a 25% share in the talented sprinter for \$1 million at the Keeneland Championship Sale, Iavarone has gone to the winner's circle for the G1 Breeders' Cup Sprint and traveled to Dubai to watch his horse put in a tenacious runner-up performance in the G1 Golden Shaheen. This weekend, Iavarone and his usual vibrant entourage will be in Saratoga to see Bentornato face reigning sprint champion Book'em Danno (**Bucchero**) in the GIII True North Stakes.

"I'm the only person who buys his horses for events. That's the way we do it," said Iavarone. "With Bentornato, it has worked out incredibly well and now the best part is that we live pretty much on Palm Meadows grounds so we got to see him train every day when he was down there."

Bentornato first came on Iavarone's radar when the Jose D'Angelo trainee owned by Leon King Stable Corp. ran a massive second at 28-1 odds in the 2024 Breeders' Cup Sprint. The Florida-bred ridgling didn't race again until the following September, when he earned his fifth career stakes win with a 5 1/4-length score in the Louisville Thoroughbred Society Stakes, completing the six furlongs in a stakes record time of 1:08.43.

"Ironically, for the months leading up to that I would run into Jose D'Angelo everywhere," Iavarone recalled. "I ran into him at Home Depot. I ran into him at breakfast. At the time I had never had a horse with him, but everywhere I went, he went."



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"After I saw this horse run [in the Louisville Thoroughbred Society Stakes] I called my bloodstock agent and told him to call up Jose D'Angelo and get me a good deal on the horse."

The connections entered into negotiations, but couldn't quite reach an agreement. Then D'Angelo and the owners were presented with the opportunity to offer a 25% share in Bentornato at the Keeneland Championship Sale. The auction was scheduled just three days before Bentornato was set to line up as the 5-2 morning-line favorite in the Breeders' Cup Sprint.

D'Angelo said the public format offered a practical solution to a wave of private inquiries.

"We'd had all these offers since he was a 3-year-old,"

explained D'Angelo. "A lot of people showed interest in him, but we never figured anything out. To me, the sale is an amazing opportunity because to run in the Breeders' Cup, you have to work hard all year, and more than work hard, you have to be lucky to win races and stay sound. You're buying a ticket for the Breeders' Cup."

Sharing that exact sentiment, Iavarone and his wife Jules secured the interest for \$1 million.

"I was a little concerned that somebody else was going to be

as crazy as I was at the time," Iavarone joked. "Fortunately, I bought right at the valuation I had expected. I think the advantage of that sale is that maybe I paid more than I probably wanted to. But leading up to that, if I would have purchased the horse after his race at Churchill Downs and saved \$100,000 overall, between that race and the Breeders' Cup, something could have gone wrong. By buying him at this sale, he had already gone through all his workouts and made it to the race."

After standing front-and-center for the winner's circle photo following Bentornato's front-running, 2 1/4-length victory at the Breeders' Cup, Iavarone was one of the few American owners who made the trip for Dubai World Cup weekend in March.

Bound to the inside after drawing post position two, Bentornato chased the pace along the rail in the Golden Shaheen. He angled out and made an eye-catching move down the stretch, but could not catch Dark Saffron (**Flameaway**), who captured the race for a second straight year.

"I think we were all a little bit apprehensive when we drew the rail," said Iavarone. "That track can be really deep and he was coming off a pretty significant layoff." **Cont.**

Keeneland Case Study, cont.

“For all intents and purposes, he took dirt in his face and did things that he hadn't done probably ever, so he more than made a good showing. We were really happy that he showed up and now we move forward.”

Bentornato has spent the past month steadily putting in works at Churchill Downs in preparation for the True North. He had a bullet :46.80 half-mile breeze on May 17 and in his final tune-up on May 30, he went the same distance in :48.40 with Irad Ortiz, Jr. aboard.

“Irad is giving me nothing but thumbs up,” Iavarone reported. “He said the horse is really sharp.”



Iavarone at the 2025 Keeneland Championship Sale | Keeneland

Drawing post position three, Bentornato has been installed as the 8-5 morning-line favorite among nine horses entered in Saturday's True North. His primary target in the 6 1/2-furlong contest will be **Book'em Danno** (**Bucchero**), who edged him out for Eclipse honors as last year's champion sprinter. The two rivals last competed together as 3-year-olds in the 2024 G3 Saudi Derby, finishing second and third behind international superstar Forever Young (Jpn) (Real Steel {Jpn}). Book'em Danno enters off a runner-up finish in his 5-year-old debut in the GII

Carter Stakes.

Imagination (Into Mischief), who was second to Bentornato in last year's Breeders' Cup Sprint and then captured the G2 Riyadh Dirt Sprint, comes into the True North after a fourth-place effort in the GI Churchill Downs Stakes.



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Another one of Iavarone's more recent purchases was The Puma (**Essential Quality**), the GI Florida Derby runner-up who had to scratch from the GI Kentucky Derby but is now preparing for a bid in the GI Haskell Stakes on July 18. Iavarone said that while buying into established racehorses comes with its own unique set of challenges, the approach has consistently yielded results for him.

“It's just kind of my niche and I'm not saying I'm good at it or not good at it, I'm just saying that it has worked for me,” he explained. “I feel like if I was to try to be competitive at the yearling sales, the barrier of entry is more difficult for me. I feel very rewarded to be able to pay up, but know what I'm getting. I think what Keeneland is doing now is great, because it's giving us opportunities that didn't exist a few years ago and now we can see opportunity in horses that have already raced. It's rewarding for both the new buyer and the seller.” **Cont.**

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BENTORNATO

25% FRACTIONAL INTEREST

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Keeneland Case Study, cont.

While D'Angelo acknowledged that Bentornato's market value has undoubtedly skyrocketed since the evening of the Championship Sale last October, he emphasized that the dividend the horse has returned to his connections isn't just financial.

"In his worst career start he was third," he said. "Putting a value on a horse like that is not easy, but I think part of his worth--in the case of the lavarones--is the fun. They bought the horse, won the Breeders' Cup and went to Dubai. Now they're bringing him to Saratoga. This horse is bringing them happiness and fun."

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WEST END KID STAYS HOT IN PENNINE

RIDGE by Alan Carasso

Sent off the even-money favorite to run his current winning streak to three, Mo Speed Racing's **West End Kid** (**Twirling Candy**) sat a stalking trip and had plenty left for the final furlong to easily take out Thursday's GIII Pennine Ridge Stakes at Saratoga Race Course.

Drawn widest in a field of nine and exiting a comfortable Churchill allowance victory May 8, the bay colt was asked for a bit of speed by Tyler Gaffalione passing the stands for the first time, but was content to take the sit from second as longshot **Chips and Fish** (Omaha Beach) showed the way through an opening quarter-mile in :24.28 and four furlongs in a moderate :49.14.

Poised to strike as the field neared the stretch, with **Blinging It Back** (**Volatile**) chiming in three deep at the head of the lane, West End Kid struck to the front with a bit more than a furlong to travel and was punched out mostly hands and heels for a

comfortable victory while finishing on his incorrect lead.

Blackmail (**Not This Time**) kicked on underneath his commonly owned stablemate Blinging It Back with time ticking away and ran on for second, while comebacking GII Pilgrim Stakes hero and 'TDN Rising Star' presented by Hagyard **Bottas** (Vekoma) did his best work late to take a photo for third over **Glavine** (**Not This Time**).

"We've always thought very highly of this horse," said Gaffalione. "The thing that I'm very impressed with is his progression throughout his racing. He's starting to relax more. He's really just developing into a racehorse. He's got a really good turn of foot and honestly I don't think we've really even got to the bottom of him."

"Ideally, I would have liked to have a couple horses up in front of him, but we've been a victim of slow paces these last couple of races, but he does everything right. He listens to all my commands and when I ask him to run, he finds a whole 'nother gear. He just continues to impress us."



Tyler Gaffalione greets Will Walden | Sarah Andrew

Winning trainer Will Walden said West End Kid is possible for the \$750,000 GI Belmont Derby back at Saratoga on July 4.

"We'll let the horse tell us. That has gotten us this far," Walden said. "He wasn't ready as a 2-year-old, so we listen to him all the way, and stay out of his way."

Pedigree Notes:

West End Kid is the 68th stakes winner and 31st graded winner for his Lane's End-based stallion and he is the 86th SW and 50th GSW worldwide out of a daughter of the much-missed Scat Daddy.

West End Kid is one of two winners from three starters for his dam, an unplaced daughter of the stakes-placed Vanishing, whose four winners include GII Mac Diarmida Stakes Starting Over (**Liam's Map**). **Cont.**



West End Kid | Sarah Andrew

Pennine Ridge, cont.

Vanishing herself was sold for \$90,000 in foal to **Twirling Candy** at the 2023 Keeneland November Sale and that produce, now named Sweet Nothing, was purchased by Lauren Carlisle for \$525,000 at Keeneland September last fall. Vanishing also foaled a **Twirling Candy** filly this season.

Recording, winner of the GIII Sands Point Stakes on this circuit, was a 100% producer from seven runners, including MGSW/MGISP Smart Bid (Smart Strike), French stakes winner and German Group 3-placed Representing (Rahy) and MSW & MGSP Deal Making (Empire Maker).

To a Friend is the dam of a yearling colt by Taiba and was most recently covered by **Practical Joke**.

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PENNINE RIDGE S.-GIII, \$300,000, Saratoga, 6-4, 3yo, 1 1/16mT, 1:40.94, fm.

1--**WEST END KID**, 120, c, 3, by **Twirling Candy**



1st Dam: To a Friend, by Scat Daddy

2nd Dam: Vanishing, by Lemon Drop Kid

3rd Dam: Recording, by Danzig

1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN, 1ST GRADED STAKES WIN. (\$120,000 RNA Ylg '24 KEESEP; \$110,000 Ylg '24 FTKOCT; \$350,000 2yo '25 OBSAPR). O-Mo Speed Racing; B-Fred W Hertrich (KY); T-William Walden; J-Tyler Gaffalione. \$165,000. Lifetime Record: 4-3-0-0, \$304,954. **Werk Nick Rating: A.** [Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree](#) or the [free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree](#).

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2--**Blackmail**, 122, g, 3, **Not This Time**--Waving, by Street Cry (Ire). **1ST GRADED BLACK TYPE.** (\$110,000 Ylg '24 FTKOCT; \$150,000 3yo '26 FTDfeb). O-Gary Barber; B-Don Alberto Corporation (KY); T-Mark E Casse. \$60,000.

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3--**Bottas**, 124, c, 3, Vekoma--ladorakid, by Lemon Drop Kid. (\$300,000 2yo '25 OBSAPR). O-Dahman; B-BCS Thoroughbreds (KY); T-Miguel Clement. \$36,000. 'TDN Rising Star, presented by Hagyard'

Margins: 1 1/4, HF, NO. Odds: 1.07, 13.06, 6.03.

Also Ran: Glavine, Noble Dynasty, Time for America, Blinging It Back, Asked and Answered, Chips and Fish. Scratched: Talk to Me Jimmy. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#) or the [TJCIS.com PPs](#). **VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

ROJA HOLDS SWAY TO TAKE GII INTERCONTINENTAL STAKES AT THE SPA

by J.N. Campbell

Using her speed from the outside gate, **Roja** (**Karakontie** {Jpn}--Redmeansgo, by Red Ransom) made the lead and never looked back in the GII Intercontinental Stakes at Saratoga Race Course on Thursday afternoon. The win was the first graded victory of her career.

In her lone 2026 start, the blazing fast filly hurdled a turf sprint versus optional claimers at Churchill Downs Apr. 29. Her first visit to the winner's circle came when she broke her maiden at third-asking just over a year ago at Laurel Park. Roja was the runner-up in the Stormy Blues Stakes over the same course June 15, then won the Blue Sparkle Stakes at Monmouth Park July 12.



Roja | Sarah Andrew

Dipping into the same playbook that she used in prior starts and as a 5-1 shot here, the Graham Motion trainee blazed out of the blocks, made every pole a winning one through the top of the lane. Roja responded nicely when asked inside the final furlong and went on to seal the deal.

Stablemate **Italian Soiree** (Uncle Mo) passed **Shoot It True** (**Munnings**) in the final jump to finish as the runner-up and complete the Motion Exacta.

The final running time was 1:00.44--three-fifths of a second off the track record set by **Cogburn** (**Not This Time**).

"I'm tickled with both of them," said trainer Graham Motion about Roja and Italian Soiree. "They've really both done very well. Italian Soiree, I wanted to get her back on track and I thought this was a big step, but I thought she belonged off her first race [this year].

"Irada [Ortiz, Jr.] just loves this filly [Roja]." he said. "He was so high on her after she won at Churchill. She's so quick. Irada says she's like a Quarter Horse she's so quick. I'll tell you, I had quite a bit of confidence in this filly." **Cont.**

Intercontinental, cont.

"I felt they probably wouldn't get to her. I was feeling pretty good when they turned for home. I wasn't sure they were going to get to her.

"And then I saw Italian Soiree coming, but I felt like it was getting too late for her," Motion added. "I didn't tell [Irada] anything. When you have Irada, you don't really need to. All he tells me is how much he likes her. [Looking ahead] Irada said Breeders' Cup, so if he says that I'm fine with that."



Irada Ortiz, Jr. and Graham Motion | Sarah Andrew

Pedigree Notes:

Roja handed her sire (by Bernstein) his ninth graded winner. She joins the likes of She Feels Pretty and fellow Motion trainee Spendarella.

Redmeansgo foaled GSP Pappascap (Scat Daddy) in 2010, who went on to produce in her own right current sire Pappacap (by Gun Runner), GSW Boppy O (Bolt d'Oro) and the dam of 'TDN Rising Star, presented by Hagyard, Brant (Gun Runner).

The winner's dam is also responsible for a 3-year-old filly in-training named South Philly Slide (Vekoma) and a yearling filly by Cyberknife. She was not reported as bred for this past spring.

Roja's extended female family includes Peruvian Horse of the Year and sire Al Qasr (by Aptitude) and MSW Delicate Dynamite (Old Trieste).

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INTERCONTINENTAL S.-GII, \$250,000, Saratoga, 6-4, 4yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2fT, 1:00.44, fm.

1--ROJA, 122, f, 4, by **Karakontie (Jpn)**



1st Dam: Redmeansgo (SP, \$113,680), by Red Ransom

2nd Dam: Majestic Dy, by Dynaformer

3rd Dam: Delicacy, by Pleasant Colony

1ST GRADED STAKES WIN. (\$50,000 Ylg '23 FTKFEB; \$70,000 Ylg '23 FTKJUL). O-Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners & Madaket Stables LLC; B-C Kidder (KY); T-H Graham Motion; J-Irada Ortiz, Jr. \$137,500. Lifetime Record: 7-4-1-1, \$326,027. *1/2 to Fate Factor (**The Factor**), MSP, \$236,998; and Pappascap (Scat Daddy), GSP, \$165,762. **Werk Nick Rating: F.** [Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree](#) or the [free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree](#).

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2--**Italian Soiree**, 122, f, 4, Uncle Mo--Social Call, by Smart Strike. (\$290,000 Ylg '23 FTKJUL; \$600,000 2yo '24 OBSMAR; \$950,000 RNA 3yo '25 FTKNOV). O-Hit The Bid Racing Stable & CMNWLTH; B-Repole Stable Inc (KY); T-H Graham Motion. \$50,000.

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3--**Shoot It True**, 120, f, 4, **Munnings**--To the Moon Alice, by Malibu Moon. (\$340,000 Ylg '23 SARAUG). O-Ice Wine Stable & Smart Choice Stable; B-Old Tavern Farm LLC (NY); T-Wesley A Ward. \$30,000.

Mare purchased and mating arranged by Summerfield Sales

Margins: 1 1/4, NO, 1 1/4. Odds: 5.72, 18.03, 2.62.

Also Ran: Love Cervere, In Our Time, Creed's Gold, Time to Dazzle, Ready to Jam, Gratefully. Scratched: Bam's Bliss Kiss, Twirling Queen. [Click for the Equibase.com chart](#) or the [TJCIS.com PPs](#). **VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**



Roja | Sarah Andrew

Thursday, Saratoga

BELMONT GOLD CUP S.-GII, \$250,000, Saratoga, 6-4, 4yo/up, 2mT, 3:17.75, NCR, fm.

1--**TAWNY PORT**, 120, h, 7, by **Pioneerof the Nile**

1st Dam: **Livi Makenzie** (SW & MGSP, \$354,069), by **Macho Uno**

2nd Dam: **Greta's Joy**, by **Joyeux Danseur**

3rd Dam: **Trust Greta**, by **Centrust**

(\$430,000 Ylg '20 KEESEP). O-Peachtree Stable; B-WinStar Farm, LLC (KY); T-Miguel Clement; J-Flavien Prat. \$137,500.

Lifetime Record: MGISP, 32-6-6-5, \$2,324,593. **Werk Nick**

Rating: A++. Click for the **eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree** or the **free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree**.

*1/2 to Broadway Lady (**Constitution**), GSP, \$211,051.

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2--**Navy Seal (Ire)**, 120, g, 5, Dubawi (Ire)--Athena (Ire), by **Camelot (GB)**. O-Mrs. Fitriani Hay; B-Coolmore (IRE); T-Wesley A. Ward. \$50,000.

3--**Miztertonic**, 120, g, 7, Mission Impazible--Miz Owell, by E Dubai. **1ST BLACK TYPE, 1ST GRADED BLACK TYPE**. O/B-Damchu Stables, LLC (NY); T-Keri Brion. \$30,000.

Margins: 2HF, 6HF, 4HF. Odds: 2.45, 4.61, 16.03.

Also Ran: Flashiest, Corruption, Fleetfoot (Ire), Concord Green, Worthington. Scratched: Parchment Party.

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Peachtree Stable's Tawny Port, who proved he could stay by finishing second in the 2 1/16-mile Gold Cup Invitational Stakes at Kentucky Downs last August, made the most of his second try at two miles or more, winning Thursday's edition of the 16-furlong GII Belmont Gold Cup Stakes by 2 1/2 lengths. The race offers an automatic berth or "Golden Ticket" into the Nov. 3 G1 Lexus Melbourne Cup in Australia.

Although he broke keenly, Tawny Port was angled back and behind horses on the inside by Flavien Prat while kept under a snug hold. Up front at 80-1, Worthington (Classic Empire) showed the way through a :48.30 first half while Tawny Port held his spot tucked behind horses as the field made its way past the stands for the first time. Last-out GI Turf Classic third Corruption (Medaglia d'Oro) poked his head in front at the mile--traversed in 1:38.20--as Worthington gave way and Tawny Port remained third from last. Down the backstretch, it was Apr. 18 GII Elkhorn Stakes third Navy Seal (Ire) who grabbed the lead as Tawny Port began advancing--up to fourth, then third, then shuffled back a few spots around the turn--before diving back to the inside to tackle Navy Seal. The dark bay winner went right



Tawny Port takes the Belmont Gold Cup | Sarah Andrew

on by, lengthening stride in late stretch to win with conviction over Navy Seal, with Miztertonic, who was making his stakes debut, another 6 1/2 lengths back in third.

The final time for the two miles on the inner turf of 3:17.75 was a course record.

"The horse allowed me to relax him, and stay inside," said Prat. "He was traveling in a good rhythm, he wasn't fighting with me. I think when you go two miles, that goes a long way."

Corruption, who finished fifth after being eased, collapsed on the walk back after he had galloped out and was unsaddled. After attended to, he returned to his feet and walked back under his own power. Corruption had suffered a **similar incident last summer**, reportedly distressed from the heat.

A \$430,000 Keeneland September yearling purchase by Peachtree's John P. Fort, Tawny Port sandwiched a seventh in the 2022 GI Kentucky Derby around wins in the GIII Lexington Stakes and GIII Ohio Derby while in the barn of Brad Cox. He moved to Christophe Clement's shedrow in 2023 and while he usually picks up a check, his most recent win was in the John's Call Stakes at the Spa in 2023. Now conditioned by Miguel Clement, Tawny Port was last seen finishing fourth in the Elkhorn, one spot behind Navy Seal at Keeneland Apr. 18 in his seasonal debut. He'd closed out his 2025 campaign with a nose second in the GI Canadian International, followed by a ninth in the GI Breeders' Cup Turf.

"Last year, he had some very close calls and ran some great races," said Clement. "He deserves to win a great race like this because he's very honest; very game and consistent. If we go to Australia, I think he'd be the only Kentucky Derby runner to have gone to the Melbourne Cup, so that would be fun, too. [Prat] is riding top class at the moment, and you just go with the flow--and the horse is doing great--so they make a great team."

Cont.

Belmont Gold Cup, cont.



Miguel Clement is all smiles after the Belmont Gold Cup
Sarah Andrew

Clement indicated Tawny Port's next start would likely be the Aug. 15 GI Christophe Clement Turf at Saratoga "for many

reasons." The race is named for Clement's late father and Tawny Port's previous trainer.

Pedigree Notes:

Tawny Port was born just three days after his sire, Pioneerof the Nile, died of an apparent cardiac event in 2019. The late Empire Maker stallion, who stood at WinStar, was just 13. From 10 crops to race, Pioneerof the Nile sired 28 graded winners and 56 black-type winners. While there aren't a large number of Pioneerof the Nile runners still racing, Tawny Port and GIII Louisville Stakes second Dancin in Da'nile are two of four stakes horses for their sire thus far in 2026.

Also one of 36 stakes winners out of daughters of 2000 2-year-old champion colt Macho Uno, Tawny Port is a half to 2022 GIII Ontario Matron Stakes third Broadway Lady (**Constitution**), who sold at the 2022 Keeneland November sale to Pin Oak Stud for \$500,000. Their dam, SW & MGSP Livi Makenzie, has a yearling colt by **Cody's Wish** and an Apr. 14-foaled filly by **Maclean's Music**, while her dam is a half to MGSW & GISP Surf Cat (Sir Cat).



West End Kid leads them home in the Pennine Ridge at Saratoga Thursday | Sarah Andrew



LAVIN FAMILY LAUNCHES \$10K MATCHING CHALLENGE FOR TRF ANNUAL APPEAL



courtesy of TRF

The Thoroughbred Retirement Foundation (TRF) has a launched a generous \$10,000 matching challenge from the Lavin Family Foundation in support of the organization's 2026 Annual Appeal, the non-profit said via a press release on Thursday.

Through June 30, every donation made to the Annual Appeal will be matched dollar-for-dollar, up to \$10,000, effectively doubling the impact of each gift and helping provide dignified lifetime care for retired Thoroughbred racehorses.

The matching challenge comes at a critical time as the TRF continues its mission of caring for retired racehorses while operating its nationally recognized Second Chances Program.

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2026 Leading Broodmare Sires by G1 Stakes Winners

Year-to-Date - Standing NA - Worldwide Earnings - NH Foals

Rank	Stallion	BTW/%strts	BTH/%strts	GSW/%strts	GSH/%strts	G1SW/%strts	G1SH/%strts	Earnings
1	Bernardini (2003) by A.P. Indy	12/2.53	30/6.32	7/1.47	16/3.37	3/0.63	6/1.26	\$24,157,023 Magnitude
2	Street Cry (Ire) (1998) by Machiavellian	12/3.59	25/7.49	7/2.1	14/4.19	2/0.6	4/1.2	\$13,554,430 Romantic Warrior (Ire)
3	Scat Daddy (2004) by Johannesburg	10/3.15	25/7.89	6/1.89	17/5.36	2/0.63	4/1.26	\$10,507,826 Napoleon Solo
4	Curlin (2004) by Smart Strike	11/3.64	23/7.62	5/1.66	11/3.64	2/0.66	3/0.99	\$9,349,129 Renegade
5	Congrats (2000) by A.P. Indy	4/1.87	9/4.21	1/0.47	3/1.4	1/0.47	2/0.93	\$15,992,052 Forever Young (Jpn)
6	Giant's Causeway (1997) by Storm Cat	5/0.92	18/3.33	1/0.18	6/1.11	1/0.18	3/0.55	\$11,178,608 Lovcen (Jpn)
7	Malibu Moon (1997) by A.P. Indy	14/2.85	25/5.09	5/1.02	9/1.83	1/0.2	1/0.2	\$10,738,851 Always a Runner
8	Smart Strike (1992) by Mr. Prospector	7/1.88	14/3.76	5/1.34	10/2.69	1/0.27	1/0.27	\$7,993,589 Sons And Lovers (GB)
9	Distorted Humor (1993) by Forty Niner	4/0.97	17/4.13	2/0.49	8/1.94	1/0.24	1/0.24	\$7,941,873 Rhetorical
10	Quality Road (2006) by Elusive Quality	6/3.17	12/6.35	5/2.65	8/4.23	1/0.53	1/0.53	\$5,781,575 Stark Contrast
11	Kitten's Joy (2001) by El Prado (Ire)	7/2.34	17/5.69	2/0.67	6/2.01	1/0.33	1/0.33	\$5,466,983 Test Score
12	Blame (2006) by Arch	6/4	11/7.33	4/2.67	5/3.33	1/0.67	2/1.33	\$5,076,072 Reef Runner
13	Sky Mesa (2000) by Pulpit	2/1	6/3	1/0.5	2/1	1/0.5	2/1	\$3,944,755 Further Ado
14	Military (1994) by Danzig	1/20	1/20	1/20	1/20	1/20	1/20	\$1,265,045 Dark Saffron
15	Creative Cause (2009) by Giant's Causeway	4/6.15	7/10.77	1/1.54	2/3.08	1/1.54	1/1.54	\$1,170,682 Thought Process

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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



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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



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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

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 #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, Mrs J Magnier, Michael Tabor & Derrick Smith	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 #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



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Saturday, 6/6, Saratoga #9, post time: 4:13 p.m. EDT

JAIPUR S.-GI, \$500,000, 3yo/up, 5 1/2fT



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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-Stoneriggis 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



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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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Sunday, 6/7, Saratoga #4, post time: 1:46 p.m. EDT**POKER S.-GIII, \$300,000, 4yo/up, 1mT**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Tarantino 🐾	Pioneerof the Nile	Roman, Lawrence P. and Jacobson, David	Jacobson	Santana, Jr.	120
2	Zulu Kingdom (Ire)	Ten Sovereigns (Ire)	Madaket Stables, LLC, Dubb, Michael, Strauss, William and Caruso, Michael J.	Brown	Prat	124
3	Ridari (Fr)	Churchill (Ire)	Amo Racing USA LLC and Resolute Racing	Clement	Rodriguez	124
4	Capitol Hill	Into Mischief	Tranquility Lake Farms LLC	Mott	Alvarado	120
5	Pass the Hat 🐾	Collected	Pin Oak Stud LLC	Mott	Velazquez	120
6	Multitask	Candy Ride (Arg)	David Jacobson	Jacobson	Castellano	120
7	Salamis	Speightstown	Juddmonte	Brown	Franco	124
8	Castle Chaos	Palace Malice	Kantarmaci, Ilkay and Sun-Will Stable LLC	Kantarmaci	Franco	124
9	Over and Ollie 🐾	Cairo Prince	Dennis Narlinger	Dutrow, Jr.	Rider TBA	124
10	Ignite the Light	Into Mischief	Jay Em Ess Stable	Dutrow, Jr.	Rider TBA	124
11	Sara's Shaman 🐾	Shaman Ghost	Ilkay Kantarmaci	Kantarmaci	Gonzalez	124
12	Ambition	Street Sense	Kantarmaci, Ilkay and Perdakis, Dimitrios	Kantarmaci	Elliott	124

Breeders: 1-Fred W. Hertrich III & John D. Fielding, 2-Ecurie Peregrine SAS, 3-Aga Khan Studs, 4-Pam & Martin Wygod, 5-B. Flay Thoroughbreds, 6-Godolphin, 7-Juddmonte, 8-Dragon Slayer Stable, 9-A&A Farms, 10-Samantha Siegel, 11-Usquebaugh Stables, LLC, 12-Peter E. Blum Thoroughbreds, LLC

Sunday, 6/7, Saratoga #8, post time: 4:04 p.m. EDT**SOARING SOFTLY S.-GIII, \$200,000, 3yo, f, 5 1/2fT**

PP	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Hen Party	Into Mischief	Godolphin, LLC	Harty	Prat	124
2	Flowerhead (Ire)	Starman (GB)	Amo Racing USA LLC	Clover	Zayas	120
3	Cadenza 🐾	Charlatan	Stonestreet Stables LLC	Cox	Franco	124
4	Slay the Day 🐾	Into Mischief	Flying Dutchmen	Lynch	Velazquez	124
5	Kingsolver 🐾	Omaha Beach	Storyteller Racing, Schroeck, Michael, Open Gate Horse Ventures, Cahoe, Brian, Catlett, Scott, Russel, Dave, Ransdell, Matthew, Motley, Michael & Braun, Joel	Brisset	Santana, Jr.	124
6	Should've	Not This Time	Lael Stables	Ward	Davis	120
7	Alpenglow 🐾	Charlatan	Qatar Racing	D'Angelo	Rodriguez	120
8	Niche	Yaupon	Red White and Blue Racing LLC	Atras	Davis	124

Breeders: 1-Godolphin, 2-Tally-Ho Stud, 3-KMN Racing, LLC, 4-Pin Oak Stud, LLC, 5-George Krikorian, 6-Mr. & Mrs. M. Roy Jackson, 7-Susan Moulton, 8-Summerfield Sales Agency, Inc. & EtaripStables

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1st-SAR, 115K, Msw, 3yo/up, 1 1/8m, 11:45 a.m.

The first foal out of SW/GISP Lady Kate, **STORMING** (Curlin) cost \$850,000 at Keeneland September in 2024 for the partnership of Arnmore Thoroughbreds, Pine Racing Stables, Belmar Racing and Breeding and Legendary Thoroughbreds. Bred by Stonestreet who purchased Lady Kate for \$1.15-million at the Fasig-Tipton November Sale in 2021, Storming's impressive sales tag was usurped by that of his Into Mischief half-brother who sold to Resolute Racing for an eye-popping \$3-million at the Fasig-Tipton Saratoga Sale last summer.

Another son of **Curlin**, **Battle**, is out of GI Frizette Stakes winner and 'TDN Rising Star' A Z Warrior, making him a half to SW Justa Warrior (**Justify**) and Irish SW Key to My Heart (Ire) (Galileo {Ire}). The family is rife with 'Rising Stars' as A Z Warrior earned the moniker alongside a trio of half-siblings in Jojo Warrior (Pioneer of the Nile), J Z Warrior (Harlan's Holiday) and E Z Warrior (Exploit). Danny Gargan has training responsibilities for both Storming and Battle. **TJCIS PPS**

3rd-SAR, 115K, Msw, 3yo/up, 6 1/2f, 12:54 p.m.

Presidential Power (**Constitution**), bred and co-owned by Whisper Hill Farm, cost \$675,000 at the 2024 Keeneland September Sale. He's the first foal out of an unraced half-sister to MGSW Overheard (Macho Uno) and to the dam of SW/GISP Dry Power (**Gun Runner**).

Drawn outside is **Noble Edition** (Into Mischief) for Wathnan Racing who purchased him for \$650,000 also out of the Keeneland September Sale. First dam Ms Locust Point earned over \$675,000 in her racing career with multiple stakes wins at Laurel Park before selling to Clearsky Farm, this colt's breeder, for \$425,000 in 2019. **TJCIS PPS**

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IN ORDER OF PURSE:

JERSEY GIRL S., \$175,000, Saratoga, 6-4, 3yo, f, 6f, 1:08.78, ft.

1--**GOODALL**, 124, f, 3, by **Yaupon**

1st Dam: **Moon Over Mag Bay**, by **Malibu Moon**

2nd Dam: **Believe in Charlie**, by **Indian Charlie**

3rd Dam: **Zehoorr**, by **Storm Cat**

(\$62,000 Ylg '24 FTKJUL; \$525,000 2yo '25 OBSAPR).

O-Spendthrift Farm LLC; B-Mark Allen Toothaker, William Heiligbrodt & Corrine Heiligbrodt (KY); T-Steven M. Asmussen; J-Flavien Prat. \$96,250. Lifetime Record: 5-3-1-0, \$253,030.



2--**Carmel Coast**, 122, f, 3, Omaha Beach--Carmel Beauty, by Arch. (\$40,000 Ylg '24 KEEJAN; \$120,000 Ylg '24 FTKJUL).

1ST BLACK TYPE. O-Legion Racing, MHM Stables LLC, Stefanski, Ed and Conlin, William; B-Hunter Valley Farm (KY); T-D. Whitworth Beckman. \$35,000.



3--**Mythical**, 124, f, 3, St Patrick's Day--Lailoni, by Brethren.

O/B-Arindel (FL); T-Jorge Delgado. \$21,000.

Margins: 2 3/4, HD, 2 1/4. Odds: 4.13, 2.95, 1.21.

Also Ran: Paige Turner, Irish Jig, Oscar Bound.

Goodall cut back after a last start that seemed like a bit of a head scratcher to earn black-type in Thursday's Jersey Girl Stakes at the Spa.

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Goodall | Sarah Andrew

Breaking quickly from post 3, she settled just off 5-2 chance Carmel Coast, who carved out an opening quarter mile in :21.92. Joined by Mythical to her outside as the fillies ran past the quarter pole, Goodall began to inch closer to the pacesetter through the stretch, caught her nearing the sixteenth pole and drew off to win by 2 3/4 lengths. Carmel Coast lasted for second while Mythical earned the show spot.

Winning rider Flavien Prat also took Thursday's opener with Luminous Beauty (**Flameaway**).

"Honestly, I would just draw a line through her race at Churchill Downs [fifth on May 1]," said Prat of her latest start in GIII Eight Belles. "I thought it was just too poor to be true. She broke well today and obviously if someone was faster than me, I was okay to sit, so that's what we did. She was acting super today and she showed herself."

Runner up behind Just Bluffing (Mitole) in her career bow going six furlongs at Fair Grounds in January, the bay returned to wire a field of maidens there on Feb. 14 before making it two straight in Oaklawn's Purple Mountain Stakes on Mar. 14.



Ned Toffey, Eric Gustavson & Mark Toothaker | Sarah Andrew

"We felt like she was a really talented filly right along," said Spendthrift's Ned Toffey. "Her first couple starts were OK. She really stepped up in a stake two starts back, and we were all scratching our heads on Derby weekend. She sort of threw in a clunker. We were hoping that she was ready to bounce back, and all indications were that she was, and she sure did it."

Asked whether the GIII Victory Ride on July 10 might be next for the filly, Toffey said, "It could be a possibility, but we'll, for the most part, defer to Steve [Asmussen, trainer] on that. He does a pretty good job picking the spots, but we'll talk to him and see what he recommends, then go from there."

Mark Toothaker, who co-bred Goodall with William and Corrine Heiligidrodt, purchased Moon Over Mag Bay who was in foal to **The Factor** for \$20,000 at the Keeneland November sale in 2021. The Malibu Moon mare is also responsible for an unraced juvenile filly by Yaupon and a 2026 colt by Yaupon.

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4th-Saratoga, \$120,000, Alw (NW1\$X)/Opt. Clm (\$55,000), 6-4, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/8m, 1:48.32, ft, 1 length.

DIRECTIVE (f, 3, **Gun Runner--Antonoe {GISW-USA, GSW-Fr, \$565,377}, by First Defence)** debuted with a second sprinting at the Big A on Apr. 3, and the Juddmonte homebred appeared to relish the wet going while extending to a mile at that venue on Apr. 30. During the loading process this time, Bernietherose (Accelerate) unseated Katie Davis in the gate and was ultimately scratched by the track vet while the remainder of the riders dismounted, precipitating a lengthy delay. Joined by a red-hot Flavien Prat, who already won the first two races on Thursday's card, Directive allowed U Lite Up My Life (**City of Light**) to take control through an :23.22 opening quarter mile. Sitting of the 11-1 shot's outside flank through a half in :46.96, Directive started to apply the pressure at the quarter pole. Taking a narrow advantage in early stretch, the favorite started to drift out as the early pacesetter started to weaken along the inside. However, despite her antics, she had enough left in reserve to hold off the oncoming Measure (**Essential Quality**) by a length at the wire. The victory was the third on the afternoon for Prat.

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Directive | Sarah Andrew

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Following the race, NYRA's Director of Communications Keith McCalmont posted on X that **Bernieandtherose was walked off the track and rider Katie Davis was transported to Albany Med for further evaluation. She was taken off her mounts for the remainder of the afternoon.**

Directive is out of Juddmonte's Antonoe, who under the guidance of Brown, won the GI Just a Game Stakes in the U.S. after scoring for Pascal Bary at the Group 3 level in France. Also proving herself productive in the breeding shed, Antonoe is already responsible for a pair of top-tier winners in the U.S.-- dual Grade I winner and \$1.4- million earner Segesta (Ghostzapper), in addition to GI Hollywood Derby scorer Salamis (Speightstown, \$353,363.

The daughter of First Defence produced a filly by Speightstown in 2024 and most recently foaled a colt by **Justify** in 2026. Lifetime Record: 3-2-1-0, \$128,750. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

O/B-Juddmonte (KY); T-Chad C. Brown.

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7th-Saratoga, \$120,000, Alw (NW1\$X), Opt. Clm (\$55,000), 6-4, 3yo/up, 1 3/8mT, 2:13.81, fm, 1/2 length.

RIGHT TO VOTE (g, 5, Vino Rosso--Forbidden Frolic, by Verrazano) graduated at third asking over this course in August 2024 but went for an extended spell off an allowance fourth to future MGISW 'TDN Rising Star' presented by Hagyard Deterministic (**Liam's Map**) and MGSW Cugino (**Twirling Candy**) at the Big A that November. Away 18 months, the chestnut was a promising second in Aqueduct allowance company May 9 and was the 13-5 second choice stepping up in trip.

After eagerly pulling Manny Franco up towards the front through the opening exchanges, Right to Vote acquiesced and was taken back to enjoy the run of the race from third as they raced into the middle stages. Continuing to save ground, he was waited with on the second bend, pushed away from the inside and into the three path turning for home and wore down front-running favorite Captain Overlord (Into Mischief) to score by a half-length. The winner shares second dam Flashy Frolic (Premiership) with GSW & GISP Mokat (Uncle Mo) and GSW Frolic's Dream (Smoke Glacken), whose son Madaket Road (**Quality Road**) was second in last year's GI Woody Stephens Stakes. Forbidden Frolic's youngest produce include the 2-year-old colt Tullokyne (Bolt d'Oro) and a yearling colt by Taiba. She was most recently mated with Dornoch. Sales history: \$200,000 Ylg '22 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 6-2-1-1, \$162,030. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

O-Klaravich Stables Inc; B-Tim Thornton & Tony Holmes (KY); T-Chad C Brown.



Right to Vote
Sarah Andrew

6th-Churchill Downs, \$108,417, Alw (NW1X)/Opt. Clm (\$125,000), 6-4, 3yo, f, 1mT, 1:34.60, fm, 2 1/4 lengths. **RAIDING PARTY (IRE) (f, 3, Sioux Nation--War Empress {Ire}, by War Command),** a debut winner at Keeneland last October, drew in off the AE list and was astutely made the 7-5 choice to return to winning ways following a narrow loss over this course on May. 7. Breaking from outside Post 12, Raiding Party was hustled to keep in contact with the field albeit very wide rounding the first turn as longshot Backgammon (Maximum Security) led 7-2 chance Hot Mash (**Not This Time**) through an initial quarter in :23.49.

Remaining wide through a half in :47.22, she continued to take the overland route as she was fanned out six wide turning for home. Set down for the drive by Ben Curtis, she took over midstretch and drew off late to score by three lengths over Star Actress (**Justify**). Call the Bullpen (**Cairo Prince**) was third. Sales history: €19,000 Wlg '23 GOFNOF; €50,000 Ylg '24 GOFORY. Lifetime Record: 3-2-1-0, \$114,927. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

O-Rodgers, Larry R., Coast Racing (Jamie Lamonica) and Fick Farms; B-Barry Moorhead (IRE); T-Brendan P. Walsh.



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5th-Delaware, \$45,450, Alw (NW2X)/Opt. Clm (\$32,000), 6-4, 3yo/up, 1m 70yT, 1:38.27, fm, neck.

UNCLE'S GOLD (c, 4, Uncle Mo--Giant Crystal, by Giant's Causeway), winner of the Turf Classic Stakes at Tampa in his latest start on Mar. 29, was installed the 3-5 choice this time. Settled near the back while scraping paint through a quarter in :23.19, the Live Oak homebred started to pull his way up along the rail as the leaders threw down a :45.94 half. Forced to check entering the final turn, the 4-year-old regrouped, closed down the center of the course and was up to eke out a neck score over Pineland (Collected). The winner is a full to Crystal Quest, MSW, \$347,243 and a half to American Giant (More Than Ready), MSW, \$143,550. Granddam Crystal Shard (Mr. Prospector), a full-sister to MGSW and GISP Withallprobability, is also responsible for GI Wood Memorial winner Gemologist (Tiznow). Lifetime Record: 8-4-1-1, \$181,110. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.** O-Live Oak Plantation; B-Live Oak Stud (FL); T-M J. Trombetta.

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5th-Churchill Downs, \$122,628, Msw, 6-4, 2yo, 5 1/2f, 1:05.26, ft, 1 3/4 lengths.

HOW'S AL TODAY (c, 2, Munnings--Into Magic, by Into Mischief), sent off at 8-1 for this debut, was a hair unbalanced coming off the blocks and was soon stationed in the latter part of the field as 3-1 favorite Decimation (Jackie's Warrior) led through solid opening fractions of :22.12. Still several lengths behind the pacesetter straightening for home, How's Al Today gradually worked his way into contention through the stretch, overtook the fading leader late and drew off to score by two lengths over closing Rock Havoc (Rock Your World) with Bardstown Road (**Beau Liam**) farther back in third.

Purchased by Willis Horton for \$300,000 as a yearling at the Fasig-Tipton October in 2020, Into Magic, a full-sister to dual Canadian champion Miss Mischief, produced a full-brother to the winner in 2025 and was bred back to **Flightline**. This is the extended family of Grade I winner J P's Gusto (Successful Appeal) and Champion 3-year-old Filly Letruska (Super Saver). Sales history: \$200,000 Ylg '25 KEESEP. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$68,496. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

O-Gold Square LLC; B-Willis Horton Racing LLC (KY); T-Riley Mott.



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3rd-Churchill Downs, \$120,000, Msw, 6-4, 3yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2fT, 1:01.99, fm, 3/4 length.

SWEET SISSONE (f, 3, Twirling Candy--Amazing Shoes {SP}, by Empire Maker) was given a 9-1 chance for her career unveiling at Fair Grounds in January, Sweet Sissone showed speed early but faded late to be seventh, beaten 6 1/2 lengths by winner Stepping Stones (**Maclean's Music**). Given an 8-1 chance in this second go, the \$400,000 Fasig-Tipton Midlantic purchase broke alertly and went straight to the front, leading Liz Knows Best (**Maclean's Music**) and favored Lots of Kisses (Improbable) through a brisk quarter in :21.63. Hard-pressed by Liz Knows Best cornering for home, she continued to motor along down the lane, holding off Hey Miss Olivia (**Not This Time**) by 3/4 of a length at the wire.

The winner's SP dam Amazing Shoes has a juvenile filly by **Munnings** and a yearling colt by **Honest Mischief**. Sales history: \$400,000 2yo '25 EASMAY. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$68,496. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

O-Saints or Sinners; B-Jay Goodwin, Sequel Bloodstock, Cary Bloodstock LLC & Set Hut LLC (KY); T-Gregory D. Foley.



Sweet Sissone | Coady Media

1st-Saratoga, \$115,000, Msw, 6-4, 2yo, f, 5 1/2f, 1:03.34, ft, 6 1/4 lengths.

LUMINOUS BEAUTY (f, 2, **Flameaway--Sly Beauty {SW & GSP, \$143,455}, by Into Mischief)** was let go at 21-1 for her career bow going five panels at Churchill Downs on May 15 and she got a little leg-weary late, having to settle for second beaten 1 3/4 lengths by Pierrette (**Girvin**). Sent off at 4-1 while adding a sixteenth, the \$40,000 Fasig-Tipton July yearling purchase broke like a shot and took command over Dinner Party (**Not This Time**) and favored Margie's Girl (Vekoma) in an opening quarter in :22.2. Still on top through a crisp half mile in :44.88, the Jena Antonucci trainee drew away late to score by open lengths over the 3-2 favorite. Mel Went Home (**Life Is Good**) rounded out the trifecta. Perpetual (Drain the Click), **who was insighted in Thursday's TDN**, was scratched.

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A full-sister to Panamanian multiple stakes winner Flight Moon, the daughter of GSP Sly Beauty hails from the family of Champion juvenile colt War Pass (Cherokee Run) in addition to Grade I winner Oath (Known Fact). She produced a colt by **Gunit** in 2025. Sales history: \$40,000 Ylg '25 FTKJUL. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$87,250. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

O-horseOlogy Racing, Rosen, Fred, Dervenis, Steve and Cliff Racing; B-Debby M. Oxley (KY); T-Jena M. Antonucci.

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5th-Saratoga, \$115,000, Msw, 6-4, 3yo/up, f/m, 5 1/2fT, 1:01.64, fm, 1/2 length.

MEDICI ROAD (f, 4, **Quality Road--Lucrezia {MSW & GSP, \$219,640}, by Into Mischief)** was a distant last of seven in a sloppy one-mile main-track maiden at Aqueduct last June, but showed some signs of life when a longshot fifth after setting the pace in a two-turn test on the turf at this venue last August. Resurfacing here at an overlaid 10-1, the bay bounced well from gate eight and put herself right into the race, tracking the pace to the outside of favored Florida Patriot (Vekoma). The two began to separate themselves from the rest of the field in upper stretch and Medici Road managed to wear down the front-runner close to home to take it by half-length. Medici Road is the second winner for her dam, who recently made headlines when her 2-year-old colt by **Flightline** was hammered down for \$10.5 million at this year's OBS April Sale.



Medici Road | Sarah Andrew

Also a \$575,000 Keeneland November weanling, Zedan is owned by his namesake and named for his father and is in training with Bob Baffert at Santa Anita. A half-sister to stakes winner and stakes producer Ghaliya (Medaglia d'Oro), Lucrezia is also the dam of a yearling colt by **Curlin** (\$320,000 Wlg '24 KEENOV purchase by Repole Stable) and was most recently covered by **City of Light**. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-0, \$68,525. **Click for the Equibase.com chart or VIDEO, sponsored by FanDuel TV.**

O-Edward A Seltzer, Beverly Anderson & Reeves Thoroughbred Racing; B-Edward & Beverly Seltzer (KY); T-Miguel Clement.

6th-Saratoga, \$100,000, (S), Msw, 6-4, 3yo/up, f/m, 7f, 1:23.14, ft, 10 1/2 lengths.

CARELESS WHISPER (f, 3, Instagrاند--Without Thought, by Smart Strike), beaten a head by next-out Bouwerie Stakes winner Venetta (Yaupon) in a six-furlong off-turf contest facing state-breds at the Big on Apr. 30, was installed the 6-5 choice while adding some yardage here. To the front early, the New York-bred was pressed through initial splits of :22.31 and :45.15. Given her cue, the bay drew off from the rest with ease, crossing the wire 10 1/2 lengths ahead of longshot Into the Unknown (**Solomini**) at the wire.

The winner's dam, Without Thought, dropped a **Dr. Schivel** filly in 2025 and was bred back to **Domestic Product**. Sales history: \$80,000 Ylg '24 SARAUG. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$71,000.

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O-West Point Thoroughbreds and Politano, James; B-Chesapeake Farm (NY); T-George Weaver.



FIRST-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: FRIDAY, June 5

2026 Stud Fees Listed

Magic On Tap (Tapit), Pleasant Acres Stallions, \$5,000
47 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
2-Gulfstream, 1:22 p.m. EDT, Msw 5f, Double Magic, 5-1
\$6,500 OBS WIN wnl; \$65,000 OBS OCT yrl
2-Gulfstream, 1:22 p.m. EDT, Msw 5f, Magic Coin, 6-1

Public Information (Into Mischief)

1 foal of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
2-Gulfstream, 1:22 p.m. EDT, Msw 5f, Privateinformation, 15-1

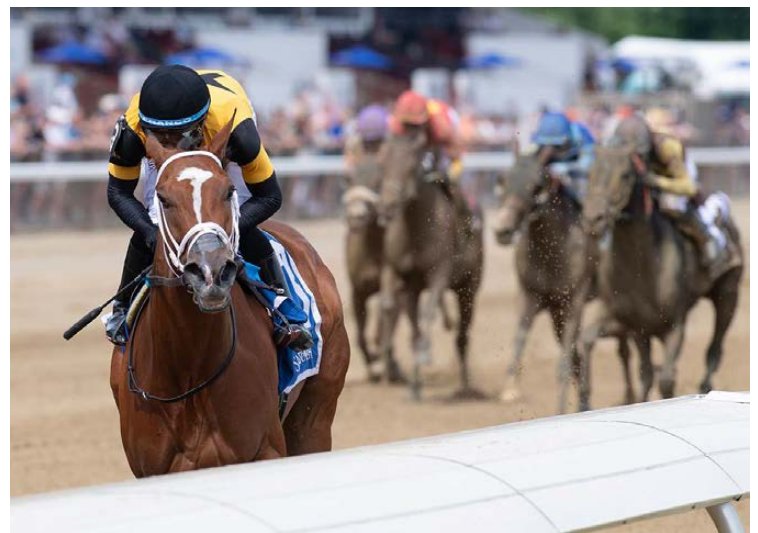
Roadster (Quality Road), Ocala Stud, \$7,500

84 foals of racing age/2 winners/0 black-type winners
2-Gulfstream, 1:22 p.m. EDT, Msw 5f, Hot Rod Honey, 8-5
\$27,000 KEE NOV wnl

SECOND-CROP STARTERS TO WATCH: FRIDAY, JUNE 5

2026 Stud Fees Listed

Beau Liam (Liam's Map), Airdrie Stud, \$7,500
144 foals of racing age/33 winners/4 black-type winners
4-Two Day Pick 6, 4:52 p.m. EDT, \$500K GI Woody Stephens S.
Presented by Mohegan Sun SAR - R10, 7f, Crude Velocity, 9-5
\$12,000 FTK OCT yrl; \$3,000 FTD DE yrl; \$250,000 OBS OPN 2yo



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Charlatan (Speightstown), Hill 'n' Dale at Xalapa, \$25,000
 321 foals of racing age/40 winners/7 black-type winners
 9-Saratoga, 4:28 p.m. EDT, \$300K GII Wonder Again S. Presented
 by Shift4, 1 1/16m, Fitz Right, 4-1
 \$200,000 KEE SEP yrl
 4-Two Day Pick 6, 4:52 p.m. EDT, \$500K GI Woody Stephens S.
 Presented by Mohegan Sun SAR - R10, 7f, Gilded Bandit, 8-1
 \$550,000 FTS AUG yrl

Independence Hall (Constitution), WinStar Farm, \$10,000
 195 foals of racing age/38 winners/2 black-type winners
 4-Two Day Pick 6, 4:52 p.m. EDT, \$500K GI Woody Stephens S.
 Presented by Mohegan Sun SAR - R10, 7f, Civil Liberty, 10-1
 \$50,000 KEE NOV wnl; \$160,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$160,000 EAS MAY
 2yo

Known Agenda (Curlin), Spendthrift Farm, \$5,000
 171 foals of racing age/35 winners/0 black-type winners
 6-Saratoga, 2:40 p.m. EDT, Msw 1 1/16m, Madeline's Agenda,
 20-1
 \$20,000 KEE JAN wnl; \$29,000 RNA EAS OCT yrl

Listing (Square Eddie), Ocean Breeze Ranch, \$2,000
 21 foals of racing age/5 winners/1 black-type winner
 4-Santa Anita, 5:32 p.m. EDT, Msw 6f, **Blame** the Track, 9-2

Maxfield (Street Sense), Darley, \$50,000
 196 foals of racing age/36 winners/3 black-type winners
 4-Two Day Pick 6, 4:52 p.m. EDT, \$500K GI Woody Stephens S.
 Presented by Mohegan Sun SAR - R10, 7f, Englishman, 3-1
 \$240,000 KEE NOV wnl; \$400,000 KEE SEP yrl
 10-Saratoga, 5:08 p.m. EDT, \$500K GI DraftKings Acorn S., 1
 1/8m, Maximum Offer, 15-1
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Yaupon (Uncle Mo), Spendthrift Farm, \$60,000
 324 foals of racing age/49 winners/11 black-type winners
 4-Two Day Pick 6, 4:52 p.m. EDT, \$500K GI Woody Stephens S.
 Presented by Mohegan Sun SAR - R10, 7f, Solitude Dude, 6-1
 \$55,000 RNA KEE NOV wnl; \$85,000 KEE SEP yrl; \$300,000 OBS
 OPN 2yo
 4-Two Day Pick 6, 4:52 p.m. EDT, \$500K GI Woody Stephens S.
 Presented by Mohegan Sun SAR - R10, 7f, Stradale, 15-1
 \$285,000 FTK JUL yrl; \$1,300,000 OBS APR 2yo
 4-Churchill Downs, 2:13 p.m. EDT, Msw 5 1/2ft, Warnock, 15-1
 \$450,000 KEE NOV wnl

**STAKES RESULTS:**

SHELBY COUNTY H., (NB) \$100,000, Horseshoe Indianapolis,
 6-3, (S), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:09.95, ft.

1--**IMAGINE THE MOON, 126, m, 6, Ready's Image--**

Themoonandthestars, by Malibu Moon. O-Rancho Monarca
 LLC; B-Rancho Monarca, LLC (IN); T-Antonio Duran; J-Rodney
 A. Prescott. \$57,600. Lifetime Record: 28-10-5-4, \$479,751.

2--**The Kid Pataky, 124, m, 5, Pataky Kid--Zappita, by**
Ghostzapper. (\$75,000 4yo '25 FTDfeb). O-Spiess Stable LLC,
 Turner, Charles, Turner, Gran and Klopp, Randy L.; B-Swifty
 Farms Inc. (IN); T-Randy L. Klopp. \$19,200.



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3--**Werk It Wendy, 126, m, 5, Greeley's Conquest--Kitty's**
Charge, by Exchange Rate. O-Millard R. Seldin Revocable Trust;
 B-Millard R. Seldin Rev. Trust (IN); T-Robert E. Dobbs, Jr.
 \$10,560.

Margins: 2, 4 1/4, 3/4. Odds: 1.00, 2.40, 4.80.

WILLIAM HENRY HARRISON H., (NB) \$100,000, Horseshoe
 Indianapolis, 6-3, (S), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:09.56, ft.

1--**HAWKEYE, 124, g, 5, Storm's Eye--Indian Run, by**

Indian Charlie. (\$5,500 Ylg '22 INDMIX). O-Haran
 Thoroughbreds LLC; B-Triple D Partners LLC (IN); T-John Haran;
 J-Jose Ramos Gutierrez. \$57,600. Lifetime Record: 16-6-5-0,
 \$214,115.

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2--**C. J's Storm**, 126, g, 6, Storm's Eye--Perfect List, by Peaks and Valleys. (\$6,200 Ylg '21 INDMIX). O-Haran Thoroughbreds LLC, Watt, Janet and Watt, Charles; B-Triple D Partners LLC (IN); T-John Haran. \$19,200.

3--**Oil Man**, 122, g, 5, Turbo Compressor--Nightly Ritual, by Crown Ambassador. O-Liz Klopp; B-Liz Klopp (IN); T-Randy L. Klopp. \$10,560.

Margins: 3 3/4, 1 1/4, HF. Odds: 6.50, 13.30, 42.40.

'ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

1st-Horseshoe Indianapolis, \$46,240, 6-4, (NW1\$X), 3yo/up, 6f, 1:09.37, ft, 2 3/4 lengths.

GOLDWYN (g, 4, Maximus Mischief--Gettem Up Girl, by Belong to Me) Lifetime Record: 13-5-1-2, \$148,881. O-Christine Cagle; B-Christine Cagle (IN); T-Randy L. Klopp. *\$22,000 RNA Ylg '23 KEESEP.

2nd-Horseshoe Indianapolis, \$41,000, (S), 6-4, (NW1X), 3yo/up, 1 1/16m, 1:46.01, ft, 4 1/2 lengths.

STAR PROMISE (g, 3, Holiday Promise--Star Magna, by Magna Graduate) Lifetime Record: 4-2-0-0, \$36,302. O-Thirstyacres Racing LLC & Three Star Stable; B-Jim Edgar (IN); T-Tianna Richardville. *\$1,000 RNA Ylg '24 INDYRL.

7th-Penn National, \$41,000, (S), 6-3, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:09.91, ft, 4 1/2 lengths.

EYE CANDY WARRIOR (f, 3, Warrior's Reward--Unimagineable, by Twirling Candy) Lifetime Record: 7-3-2-1, \$101,010. O-Warrior's Reward LLC; B-Warrior's Reward LLC (PA); T-Brandon L. Kulp. *Full to Candy Reward, MSW, \$320,260.

3rd-Penn National, \$38,018, 6-4, (NW1X), 3yo/up, f/m, 1m 70yT, 1:37.42, fm, 3/4 length.

SOUPER AMUSING (f, 4, English Channel--Wild and Funny {SP}, by Kitten's Joy) Lifetime Record: 15-4-3-2, \$112,310. O-Live Oak Plantation; B-Live Oak Stud (FL); T-Michael J. Trombetta.

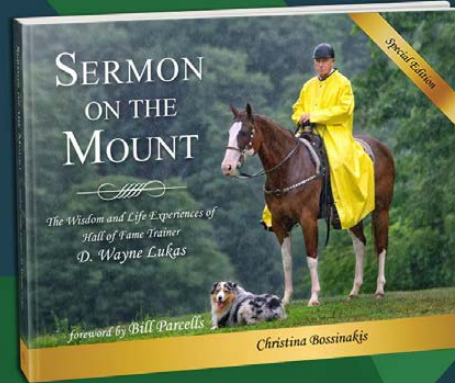
10th-Horseshoe Indianapolis, \$36,000, (C)/Opt. Clm (\$50,000), 6-3, 3yo/up, 1 1/16mT, 1:40.46, fm, 2 1/2 lengths.

NOISES OFF (g, 6, Candy Ride {Arg}--Uzziel {GSW, \$457,488}, by Harlington) Lifetime Record: 22-4-8-2, \$515,394. O-Bonne Chance Farm, LLC; B-Bonne Chance Farm LLC (KY); T-Paulo H. Lobo. *\$340,000 RNA Ylg '21 KEESEP.

3rd-Horseshoe Indianapolis, \$36,000, (C)/Opt. Clm (\$50,000), 6-4, 3yo/up, 6f, 1:11.13, ft, head.

DAWN AT NORMANDY (g, 5, Omaha Beach--Flying Spur {GISP, \$198,821}, by Giant's Causeway) Lifetime Record: 8-3-2-0,

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\$151,336. O-Contreras Stable, Inc. and Knapczyk, Andrew; B-Mike G. Rutherford (KY); T-Cipriano Contreras.

4th-Horseshoe Indianapolis, \$34,000, 6-4, (NW1\$X), 3yo/up, f/m, 6f, 1:10.73, ft, 1 1/4 lengths.

MESCAT (f, 3, Cupid--Cool Sky, by Sky Mesa) Lifetime Record: 8-2-0-1, \$40,092. O-Eddie Gilkison & Marcelino Torres; B-Edwin Inc & Mary Ellen Stumbo (KY); T-Marcelino Torres.

2nd-Hawthorne, \$32,000, (C)/Opt. Clm (\$40,000), 6-4, 3yo/up, 5fT, :55.90, fm, 2 3/4 lengths.

MONSIEUR CANDY (g, 5, Catalina Red--Cajun Rocket, by Lion Tamer) Lifetime Record: 15-3-3-7, \$195,254. O-JKX Racing; B-Terry Gabriel & Jessalyn Putt (LA); T-Larry Rivelli. *\$25,000 Ylg '22 OBSWIN; \$80,000 RNA 5yo '26 OBSJAN.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Royally Sassy, f, 3, **Core Beliefs**--Malibu Royalty, by Malibu Moon. Hawthorne, 6-4, 7 1/2fT, 1:30.60. Lifetime Record: 4-1-0-2, \$34,679. B-Gary Broad - Walmac Farm LLC (KY). *\$17,000 RNA 2yo '25 EASMAY.



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Raizonette, f, 4, **Razor**--Rose Knows Shobiz, by Nobiz Like Shobiz. Horseshoe Indianapolis, 6-4, (S), 5 1/2f, 1:05.34. Lifetime Record: 7-1-1-0, \$31,548. B-Jody & Anthony Guida (IN).

Musical Band, g, 4, **Star Guitar**--Luzziann, by Songandaprayer. Evangeline Downs, 6-4, (S), 1m (off turf), 1:40.30. Lifetime Record: 12-1-3-2, \$61,920. B-Brittlyn Inc & Clear Creek Stud (LA).

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Core Beliefs, Royally Sassy, f, 3, o/o Malibu Royalty, by Malibu Moon. MSW, 6-4, Hawthorne

Cupid, Mescat, f, 3, o/o Cool Sky, by Sky Mesa. ALW, 6-4, Horseshoe Indianapolis

English Channel, Souper Amusing, f, 4, o/o Wild and Funny, by Kitten's Joy. ALW, 6-4, Penn National

Flameaway, Luminous Beauty, f, 2, o/o Sly Beauty, by Into Mischief. MSW, 6-4, Saratoga

Gun Runner, Directive, f, 3, o/o Antonoe, by First Defence. AOC, 6-4, Saratoga

Holiday Promise, Star Promise, g, 3, o/o Star Magna, by Magna Graduate. ALW, 6-4, Horseshoe Indianapolis

Instagrand, Careless Whisper, f, 3, o/o Without Thought, by Smart Strike. MSW, 6-4, Saratoga

Karakontie (Jpn), Roja, f, 4, o/o Redmeansgo, by Red Ransom. GII Intercontinental S., 6-4, Saratoga

Maximus Mischief, Goldwyn, g, 4, o/o Gettem Up Girl, by Belong to Me. ALW, 6-4, Horseshoe Indianapolis

Munnings, How's Al Today, c, 2, o/o Into Magic, by Into Mischief. MSW, 6-4, Churchill Downs

Omaha Beach, Dawn At Normandy, g, 5, o/o Flying Spur, by Giant's Causeway. AOC, 6-4, Horseshoe Indianapolis

Pioneer of the Nile, Tawny Port, h, 7, o/o Livi Makenzie, by Macho Uno. GII Belmont Gold Cup S., 6-4, Saratoga

Quality Road, Medici Road, f, 4, o/o Lucrezia, by Into Mischief. MSW, 6-4, Saratoga

Razor, Raizonette, f, 4, o/o Rose Knows Shobiz, by Nobiz Like Shobiz. MSW, 6-4, Horseshoe Indianapolis

Ready's Image, Imagine the Moon, m, 6, o/o Themoonandthestars, by Malibu Moon. Shelby County H., 6-3, Horseshoe Indianapolis

Sioux Nation, Raiding Party (Ire), f, 3, o/o War Empress (Ire), by War Command. AOC, 6-4, Churchill Downs

Star Guitar, Musical Band, g, 4, o/o Luzziann, by Songandaprayer. MSW, 6-4, Evangeline

Storm's Eye, Hawkeye, g, 5, o/o Indian Run, by Indian Charlie. William Henry Harrison H., 6-3, Horseshoe Indianapolis

Twirling Candy, Sweet Sissone, f, 3, o/o Amazing Shoes, by Empire Maker. MSW, 6-4, Churchill Downs

Twirling Candy, West End Kid, c, 3, o/o To a Friend, by Scat Daddy. GIII Pennine Ridge S., 6-4, Saratoga

Uncle Mo, Uncle's Gold, c, 4, o/o Giant Crystal, by Giant's Causeway. AOC, 6-4, Delaware

Vino Rosso, Right to Vote, g, 5, o/o Forbidden Frolic, by Verrazano. AOC, 6-4, Saratoga

Warrior's Reward, Eye Candy Warrior, f, 3, o/o Unimagineable, by **Twirling Candy**. ALW, 6-3, Penn National

Yaupon, Goodall, f, 3, o/o Moon Over Mag Bay, by Malibu Moon. Jersey Girl S., 6-4, Saratoga



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DERBY FESTIVAL'S REVIVAL GETS UNDERWAY ON FRIDAY



Their Majesties will be in attendance during the Betfred Derby card
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by Tom Frary

Fit for a King and Queen. Epsom's Derby Festival had been at low tide for a while, but there are a good few now who are seeking to bring back the old buzz via the masses to experience at first hand all of its glory. They are working hard against the gravitational pull of sports who grasped the understanding of modern-day demands quicker than horse racing and it helps when you have Charles and Camilla continuing the work of Queen Elizabeth II in promoting the great event.

Friday and Saturday's action boasts three genuine turf monuments in the G1 Betfred Derby, G1 Betfred Oaks and G1 Coolmore Coronation Cup, with the world's best horse and a flashy chestnut *a la* The Minstrel hogging the limelight.

It is again Ballydoyle at the centre of it all, with the favourites in both Classics and the key protagonists in the way of the global leader **Calandagan** (**Gleneagles**) with the stable particularly dominant at present. If its form was dubious coming out of April, the last five weeks have seen the switch flicked and such is the yard's sweeping momentum at present, talk of Aidan O'Brien eclipsing his own record of Group 1 winners in a year is entirely valid. **Cont. p3**

THE BETFRED OAKS PEDIGREE AND FORM NOTEBOOK

By Adam Houghton

Unless Thundering On can oblige for Joseph O'Brien, or perhaps Venetian Lace for Charlie Johnston, then there will be a familiar name on the trophy for the 2026 Betfred Oaks, with three trainers who each have previous in the Epsom Classic being responsible for the remaining seven runners between them.

Aidan O'Brien is triple-handed in his quest for a remarkable 12th Oaks victory, likewise Ralph Beckett, who struck first with Look Here in 2008 and then Talent in 2013. More recently, O'Brien and the Gosdens have dominated, with all but one (Ezeliya in 2024) of the past 12 editions being won by one of those two powerhouse stables. The score during that period is 7-4 in favour of the Ballydoyle battalions, but the team at Clarehaven Stables will be optimistic of returning fire on Friday with Musidora winner Legacy Link.

Beckett's A La Prochaine is the only one of the nine runners to have previously been offered at public auction, with the remainder representing owner-breeders, both big and small.

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Legacy Link: bids to provide the Gosden stable with a fifth Oaks win
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KY OAKS REMATCH IN THE ACORN ON FRIDAY

Four out of the top five finishers of the GI Kentucky Oaks will clash in the GI Acorn Stakes during the Belmont Stakes Racing Festival on Friday. Steve Sherack has the preview.

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Betfred Derby Festival Preview Cont. from p1

Enjoying the customary multiple representation in the Oaks and Derby, Team Ballydoyle seem to have all bases covered. If the graceful glide of the Festival's key player **Benvenuto Cellini** (Frankel) is compromised by the steadily-worsening ground, they have **Pierre Bonnard** (Camelot) and **Christmas Day** (Camelot) as understudies on a sliding scale of effectiveness and that's before we even get to the smart **Action** (Frankel), who is a half-brother to last year's winner.

In Friday's Oaks, **Amelia Earhart** (Camelot) is the class option for Ballydoyle but not entirely the solid option if it turns into a slog, which is where the strong-staying **Cameo** (Wootton Bassett) comes in. Rosegreen's representation in the Coronation Cup is slightly more one-dimensional, with **Jan Brueghel** (Galileo) and **Lambourn** (Australia) probably needing it gruelling to expose the one weakness in the otherwise unsurpassable Calandagan.

As if we didn't already think so, recent evidence from Chantilly and The Curragh has confirmed that the current three-year-old crop from Ballydoyle is the real deal. While the extent of their predominance will only be known as the weeks of the Flat season unfold, few will be willing to bet against their big guns over the next two days.

For the purists, the hope is that the grey brooding skies give way so we can witness three proper contests. There is always

the prospect of runners coming stand's side in the Oaks, as they did in 2021 and 2022, but that is unlikely in the Derby with riders less willing to chance covering more ground after Tattenham Corner.

Flying Solo?

Centre stage on Friday, Amelia Earhart heads an open renewal of the fillies' Classic fitted with her eclectic blend of blinkers and a hood. Looking back is a no-no for her trainer and he is keen to channel the same forward-moving energy to his leading lady, who exhibits the kind of personality all the old-timers used to look for in their star fillies. "She travels well, but had a tendency to look behind her last year and would lose concentration so the blinkers are on for that and the hood so they don't light her up too much," he explained.

"We tried with just the blinkers on at home, but after a few days without the hood she got revved up again so we've gone back to the same headgear," he added. "We hope she'll handle ease in the ground and she should get the trip well. Everything has gone right with her."

While Amelia Earhart's Cheshire Oaks was not an end-to-end gallop, the stable's Cameo flourished off a punishing tempo in the Lingfield Oaks Trial where she finished comprehensively ahead of the Derby Trial protagonists in their virtual clash on the clock. [Cont. p4](#)

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Representing the Wootton Bassett-Galileo cross, she looms larger with every further rain shower and there is a very real chance that she will extend Wayne Lordan's tally in the 2026 British and Irish fillies' Classics to three-from-three.

"Cameo had a lovely run [in the Park Express] here first time and Wayne loved her," O'Brien said at The Curragh on Wednesday evening. "Nice ground or easy ground make no difference to her, she travelled very well and got the trip well last time and most Wootton Bassett's handle dig in the ground, so we're looking forward to her. The slower ground could help her too."

Thankfully, knowledge of stride length and cadence is becoming more prominent and with the ground moving the needle for these Classics more towards the red in terms of stamina requirement, the three main Oaks candidates on that data are Amelia Earhart, Cameo and Wathnan's exciting **A La Prochaine** (Lope De Vega). If it was a case of "after you" as she followed home Amelia Earhart and I'm The One at Chester, these conditions may see her truly bloom. Ralph Beckett produced Look Here and Talent to excel in this and it's about time the Kimpton Down handler had another.

A half-sister to Mr Hollywood (Iquitos) from a family blessed with adequate stamina, A La Prochaine heads into the Oaks with a lot of boxes ticked. "Her work has always been promising, but she's still a very immature filly so we've had to tread carefully," Beckett said. "I'm confident she's up to the grade and pretty confident she will handle the track, but I'm just not entirely certain how good she is."

Tailor-made Or Out Of Sync?

Where suitability for the Blue Riband is concerned, Benvenuto

Cellini is hewn from the Derby stone itself. Stride length, cadence, physique and pedigree all fit the perfect mould, with the only faint sense of alarm coming underfoot. It stands to reason that a colt that moves as he does--he has drawn comparison with Galileo from O'Brien in recent days--would enjoy enhanced superiority over his peers with every degree of quickening of the ground. While his character didn't fail in the testing conditions at Doncaster in October, his effectiveness did and this may come down to how much his flow is interrupted by the going.

"Everything has gone well and he's drawn nicely," the Ballydoyle handler said on Wednesday. "He's a beautiful mover and a high cruiser and we always thought that Epsom wouldn't be a problem to him. I think it'll be on the slow side of good, what we call good-to-yielding here in Ireland and I'm hoping it's that at worst but we'll see."

"It was very bad ground at Doncaster, deep, tough and heavy and it won't be anything like that," he added. "He was a baby two-year-old then, but still ran respectably and kept coming to the line. He showed good balance at Chester and the trip should only be an advantage to him with his big economical stride."

So impressive as a two-year-old, Pierre Bonnard was the longtime ante-post favourite for this before his two performances in Leopardstown's big Derby trials left his reputation dented and his fans underwhelmed. Soft ground isn't necessarily a positive and he keeps looking like a mile-and-a-quarter performer, but despite the negatives that x-factor still remains and the worldly-wise Christophe Soumillon is truly enamoured.

"We always wanted to give him two runs to allow him to mature as much as we could before he had to knuckle down and everything has gone well with him," O'Brien said, before turning his attention to the remaining duo. [Cont. p5](#)



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Betfred Derby Festival Preview Cont.

He added, "Action is a big cruiser who has come forward with every run and improved lovely. He's a big, honest and straightforward horse with a lovely draw. Christmas Day has been lovely too since York and we think a mile and a half will suit him well."

Away from the Ballydoyle quartet, Juddmonte's **Item** (Frankel), Aziz Kheir and Kevin Blake's **James J Braddock** (Zarak), Amo Racing's **Ancient Egypt** (Frankel), George Waud's **Maltese Cross** (Sea The Stars) and Valmont's **Bay Of Brilliance** (New Bay) represent the form of the Dante, the Leopardstown Derby Trial, the Newmarket Stakes and Lingfield Derby Trial and are the only conceivable threats.

With the ground turning as it is by the day, the beauty of this year's renewal is that any of the five above could stake a major claim for varying reasons. Item and James J Braddock probably don't need it to become a huge stamina test, whereas Ancient Egypt, Maltese Cross and Bay Of Brilliance need it to be. Connections of Maltese Cross will be praying that Ballydoyle overdo it in front with all that extra ground they have to cover from stall one, particularly as William Haggas has long stated the horse's preference for the lively conditions on which he thrived at Lingfield.

Can Calandagan?



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Saturday's enhanced Coronation Cup with its £1million prize-money looks a simple race to predict tactically, at least right up to the point that matters. Twelve months ago, a possibly ring-rusty Calandagan failed to peg back the expertly-ridden Jan Brueghel in a time far faster than the two Classics that proceeded it. With the 2025 Derby hero Lambourn and classy pace-setter **Illinois** (Galileo) to help draw the sting from the French protagonist once again, a repeat could be on the cards

but that is betting against one of the best to have emerged from the Aga Khan Studs this century.

"Illinois gets the trip well and we've been very happy with Lambourn--we were surprised he was able to win over a mile and a quarter at Chester, so he's obviously improved," O'Brien said. "Jan Brueghel is a solid, hardy customer who stays very well and we couldn't be happier with him. We're looking forward to him and Calandagan meeting again."

Elsewhere over the two days, ones to watch include Forz Europe's impressive York winner **Possessive** (Lucky Vega) in Friday's British EBF Woodcote Stakes for the two-year-olds and the disqualified Poule d'Essai des Pouliches winner **Shes Perfect** (Sioux Nation) in Saturday's G3 Princess Elizabeth Stakes. There could be some serious improvers lurking in the many handicaps too, such as the long-established "Dash" Handicap which precedes the Derby and features a fascinating Cheveley Park Stud-William Haggas project in the four-year-old blueblood **Kinswoman** (Mehmas). By Saturday evening, it may be possible to detect the distant flow of the waters returning once again.

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Coolmore's Amelia Earhart and Juddmonte's Legacy Link appear the most likely headliners, but don't discount Beckett's other two runners--K Sarra and On Message--for small breeders who consistently punch above their weight in the Aykroyds and the Forman Hardys, respectively.

A LA PROCHAINE (FR)

Lope De Vega--Margie's Music (Hurricane Run)

Drawn: 2

Form: 1-3

OR: 98

Bred by Ecurie du Sud and Ecurie Gribomont, A La Prochaine first changed hands as a foal when bought for €220,000 at Arqana. She then found her way into the Wathnan Racing fold after being picked up for 550,000gns at Book 1 of the Tattersalls October Yearling Sale.

Less than three years after Wathnan Racing first burst onto the scene with two winners at Royal Ascot, A La Prochaine is the filly tasked with trying to provide the ever-growing operation with a breakthrough British Classic victory, with her eye-catching effort in last month's Listed Cheshire Oaks suggesting she's no forlorn hope to do so. Admittedly, she has over three lengths to make up on the winner, Amelia Earhart, but the way she stayed on was encouraging, while softer ground than she encountered on the Roodee will hold no fears if the manner of her debut win at Newbury is anything to go by.

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Oaks Notebook Cont.

Can A La Prochaine go one place better than her half-brother, Mr Hollywood (Iquitos), who chased home Fantastic Moon in the 2023 G1 Deutsches Derby? Mr Hollywood had previously won the G3 Bavarian Classic, while this filly is also a full-sister to the G3 Derby-Trial runner-up Magical Beat, from a family that has mostly plied its trade in Germany.

AMELIA EARHART (IRE)

Camelot--Venus De Milo (Duke Of Marmalade)

Drawn: 4

Form: 32241-1

OR: 105

The Coolmore homebred proved a work in progress as a two-year-old, but she signed off in style when getting off the mark at the fifth attempt, winning by seven lengths at Leopardstown. She then returned to action with a dominant defeat of the highly-touted I'm The One (*Sea The Stars*) in the Cheshire Oaks, looking every inch a leading contender for this Classic, whilst sporting the rather unusual combination of blinkers and a hood which is retained on Friday. Described by Aidan O'Brien as having "a kink in her", she nonetheless appeals as the Ballydoyle trainer's best chance of registering his 12th Oaks victory.

On pedigree, Amelia Earhart promises to have more to offer as her stamina is drawn out further. Her dam counted the G3 Give Thanks Stakes and G3 Munster Oaks among her four career wins, while she also filled the runner-up spot in the G1 Irish Oaks, G1 Yorkshire Oaks and G1 Pretty Polly Stakes. Amelia Earhart is her third winner from four runners, with the others including the G2 Moonee Valley Gold Cup and Chester Cup hero Cleveland, also by *Camelot*.

CAMEO (IRE)

Wootton Bassett--Zagitova (Galileo)

Drawn: 9

Form: 0314-51

OR: 104

Ryan Moore has deserted Cameo in favour of Amelia Earhart, but we've already seen on more than one occasion this season that it's folly to discount the apparent second string from Ballydoyle. In pure form terms, Cameo doesn't have much to find with Amelia Earhart, either, having been similarly impressive when warming up for this test with a near-five-length triumph in the Listed Oaks Trial Fillies' Stakes at Lingfield, with the markedly longer trip seeming to work the oracle after she'd looked rather exposed in five previous starts.

The Coolmore homebred's stamina for this even longer trip looks assured as a half-sister to Portland (Dubawi), whose two

Listed wins included the King George V Cup over 1m4f. Zagitova, who produced her best effort when finishing third in the G2 Debutante Stakes, is by Galileo, but it's a relatively speedy family otherwise. Indeed, Zagitova herself is a half-sister to the G1 Prix Maurice de Gheest-winning sire Garswood, while their dam, the unraced Kyllachy mare Penchant, is a half-sister to the G3 Nell Gwyn Stakes winner and G1 Coronation Stakes runner-up Infallible (Pivotal).



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K SARRA (GB)

New Bay--Parnell's Dream (Oasis Dream)

Drawn: 6

Form: 1-03

OR: 100

Hopes were high 12 months ago that Pride Of Arras could register a popular success in the Derby for his owner-breeders, David and Vimy Aykroyd. Alas, it wasn't to be, but he proved himself a high-class performer away from Epsom last year with a brace of Group 2 wins at York, in the Dante Stakes and Great Voltigeur Stakes.

Now, the Aykroyds can look forward to a second tilt at Classic glory with K Sarra, a full-sister to Pride Of Arras who took a big step forward when finishing third in last month's G3 Musidora Stakes on the Knavesmire, making good late headway to pass the post a little over two lengths behind Legacy Link. She subsequently had a taste of Epsom when taking part in the Betfred Derby Gallops Morning, while both her pedigree and the way shaped in the Musidora suggest the extra distance here will be right up her street.

The dam is out of the Listed Park Express Stakes scorer Kitty O'Shea (Sadler's Wells), a full-sister to the St Leger-winning sire Brian Boru and a half to the multiple Group 2-winning sire Sea Moon. This is also the family of the 2010 Derby hero Workforce.

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Oaks Notebook Cont.**LEGACY LINK (GB)***Dubawi--Chiasma (Galileo)*

Drawn: 1

Form: 314-1

OR: 105

Pedigrees simply don't come much better than that of Legacy Link. The Juddmonte homebred is the first foal out of her winning dam, a full-sister to none other than **Frankel**, plus the multiple Group 1-winning sire Noble Mission. Chiasma is also a three-parts sister to **Frankel**'s long-time pacemaker Bullet Train (Sadler's Wells) who, in a previous life, trailed home last of the 12 runners in Workforce's Derby after winning the G3 Derby Trial Stakes at Lingfield. Among the other middle-distance heavyweights on this glittering page is the dual Group/Grade 1-winning sire Powerscourt, a half-brother to this filly's second dam, Kind (Danehill).

No pressure, then, but Legacy Link has certainly gone a long way towards living up to her sparkling pedigree thus far. She showed promise in three starts as a two-year-old, notably finishing fourth in the G1 Fillies' Mile, before taking her form up a notch with a tenacious victory in the Musidora. Another to acquaint herself with the unique Epsom undulations at the Betfred Derby Gallops Morning, she will be suited by this longer trip and couldn't be in better hands as the Gosden stable seeks its fifth success in this Classic since 2014



Legacy Link | Megan Coggin/The Jockey Club

ON MESSAGE (GB)*Camelot--Wiener Valkyrie (Shamardal)*

Drawn: 7

Form: 451-13

OR: 99

Joining A La Prochaine and K Sarra in a three-pronged attack for the Ralph Beckett yard, On Message looks up against it with

the form principals, though the extra distance here could well prove the catalyst for significant improvement. Indeed, she looked to be crying out for further when last seen finishing a never-nearer third in the Listed Height Of Fashion Stakes at Goodwood, while she also has valuable experience of the track, having won an Epsom handicap from a BHA mark of 80 on her previous start.

Bred by Nicholas and Jane Forman Hardy of Car Colston Hall Stud and sporting the colours of The Eclipse Partnership, On Message is one of three winners from four runners out of the GIII Athenia Stakes runner-up Wiener Valkyrie, with the others including the Listed Fleur De Lys Stakes third Declared Interest (Declaration Of War). Wiener Valkyrie, in turn, is a half-sister to the G1 Racing Post Trophy winning-sire Crowded House, who finished sixth in the 2009 Derby won by **Sea The Stars**..

SUGAR ISLAND (IRE)*Dubawi--Heaven On Earth (Galileo)*

Drawn: 3

Form: 15391-4

OR: 104

The Coolmore homebred is out of a winning full-sister to a pair of Oaks winners in Minding and Tuesday, plus the G1 Irish 1,000 Guineas heroine Empress Josephine and G3 1,000 Guineas Trial scorer Kissed By Angels. Heaven On Earth has made a promising start to life in the paddocks, too, with her other winners to date including the exciting two-year-old Victorious (Wootton Bassett), who was successful in last month's G3 Fillies Sprint Stakes, and the G3 Give Thanks Stakes second Mother Nature (**Justify**).

Sugar Island herself has shown a solid level of form, including when finishing fourth in the Cheshire Oaks after seven months off. That will have blown the cobwebs away for a filly who improved with racing as a juvenile, notably winning the G3 Staffordstown Stud Stakes at the Curragh on her final start. Here, however, jockey bookings suggest that she's below both Amelia Earhart and Cameo in the Ballydoyle pecking order.

THUNDERING ON (GB)*Frankel--Thundering Nights (Night Of Thunder)*

Drawn: 5

Form: 42-21

OR: 107

Shapoor Mistry's homebred shed her maiden tag in the best possible fashion when winning April's G3 Salsabil Stakes at Navan by over three lengths in impressive fashion. She was forced to wait for a gap over a furlong out, but the way that she powered to the line once in the clear suggests that the step up to 1m4f at Epsom could unlock further improvement. **Cont. p8**

Oaks Notebook Cont.

Indian native Mistry only has six horses in training in Europe, as **documented in these pages earlier in the week**, but he's had the Midas touch of late with a series of notable winners coming his way. Now, the owner-breeder goes in search of his most significant success yet with Thundering On, who would certainly be a poignant winner as the only foal out of Mistry's breakthrough Group 1 scorer, Thundering Nights, who won the 2021 Pretty Polly Stakes.

Going further back, Thundering On's fourth dam, the G3 Nell Gwyn Stakes heroine and G1 Prix Vermeille runner-up Cloud Castle (In The Wings), is a half-sister to the top-level winners Luso and Warrsan. The latter enjoyed some of his best days at Epsom with back-to-back victories in the Coronation Cup.

VENETIAN LACE (IRE)

Masar--Nash Nasha (Dubawi)

Drawn: 8

Form: 144362-3

OR: 110

On official ratings, Venetian Lace brings the strongest form credentials to the table following her third-place finish in last month's 1,000 Guineas at Newmarket. With that in mind, it's perhaps surprising to see her currently trading at double-figure odds, especially as her trainer, Charlie Johnson, seems adamant that she'll improve for a step up in trip. Regardless, she's a filly who has consistently defied market expectations, having been sent off at 33/1 for the 1,000 Guineas and 40/1 when occupying the runner-up spot in last year's G1 Fillies' Mile.

Bred by Godolphin and racing in the colours of Sheikh Hamdan bin Mohammed Al Maktoum, Venetian Lace is by the 2018 Derby winner Masar, while there is Classic form on the distaff side of her pedigree, too. Her Listed-winning dam is a half-sister to the G1 Irish 1,000 Guineas scorer Just The Judge (Lawman), while High Heeled (High Chaparral), a half-sister to Venetian Lace's third dam, Faraday Light (Rainbow Quest), won the G3 St. Simon Stakes after finishing third in the 2009 edition of the Oaks.

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TIMEFORM'S TOP JUVENILES: MEHMAS FILLY WILD BLOSSOM FLIES INTO ROYAL ASCOT RECKONING

By Adam Houghton

The Timeform rankings return to highlight the top-rated maiden/novice winners in Britain and Ireland from the last fortnight (May 18-31), with the team at Wathnan Racing sitting pretty following impressive victories for two of its expensive breeze-up purchases.

5. SERGEI DIAGHILEV (IRE)

Wootton Bassett (GB)--Embellish (Ire), by Galileo (Ire)

Timeform performance rating: 90

For the fourth consecutive year, the 6f maiden run at the Curragh on May 23 was won by Aidan O'Brien and Ryan Moore, with odds-on favourite Sergei Diaghilev producing a polished display to follow in the footsteps of the stable's three previous winners, Unquestionable (2023), **Henri Matisse** (2024) and Brussels (2025).

Strong at the finish despite having taken a keen hold through the early stages, Sergei Diaghilev won by half a length in the style of one who will have no problem stepping up in trip. Certainly, that is in keeping with his pedigree given that he's a full-brother to this year's G3 Ballysax Stakes and G3 Derby Trial Stakes placegetter Endorsement, while their unraced dam is a full-sister to the G1 Criterion International winner and G1 Melbourne Cup runner-up **Johannes Vermeer**.

Both Unquestionable and **Henri Matisse** went from this race to the G2 Railway Stakes over the same course and distance, so it will be no surprise if that proves the next port of call for Sergei Diaghilev. If he proves half as good as that pair--both of whom also won the G1 Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf--then the team at Ballydoyle will surely have another smart two-year-old on its hands.

=3. DARK ISSUE (IRE)

Dark Angel (Ire)--Long Ridge Road (Ire), by Ribchester (Ire)

Timeform performance rating: 92

Dark Issue was relatively unconsidered in the betting when making her debut at Goodwood on May 23, but she's unlikely to be underestimated whenever she next appears on a racecourse, such was the manner of her win in that 6f fillies' maiden. Settled in mid-division in the early stages, she made good progress two furlongs out and then showed a sparkling turn of foot to skip clear, ultimately winning by five and a half lengths in a decent time.

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Timeform's Top Juveniles Cont.

Richard Hannon's last two winners of that maiden failed to win again but, in previous years, the yard had won it with Sky Lantern and seen Billesdon Brook finish second, both fillies who went on to win the following year's 1,000 Guineas. Clearly, it's a race that Hannon likes to target with an above-average prospect, a category into which Dark Issue must now fall.

With bigger and better things on the horizon, Dark Issue must be considered a relative bargain at the 62,000gns it cost to secure her at Book 2 of the Tattersalls October Yearling Sale, like so many of her stable's leading lights from years gone by. She's clearly inherited plenty of her sire's speed, but the stamina possessed by her dam, who was third in the Listed Derby du Languedoc over 12f, suggests she's likely to stay 7f.

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=3. RULER'S PRIDE (IRE)

Mehmas (Ire)--Superiority (Ire), by Exceed And Excel (Aus)

Timeform performance rating: 92

Trained by Karl Burke, Ruler's Pride was the only one the market wanted to know in the 5f maiden run at Ayr on May 20. He duly got the job done with the minimum of fuss, kicking off his career in style as he produced a powerful front-running display to brush aside the two fillies in opposition by over three lengths.

That form received a significant boost when the second, Crystal Queen (Cotai Glory), went one place better in the Hilary Needler Trophy EBF Fillies' Conditions Stakes at Beverley on May 30, a performance which saw her boost her Timeform master rating to 86p. She was clearly a different proposition there to what she had been at Ayr but, equally, Ruler's Pride is entitled to improve with that debut experience under his belt.

A 550,000gns purchase at the Tattersalls Craven Breeze-up Sale, the speedily-bred Ruler's Pride is no doubt bound for the G2 Norfolk Stakes at Royal Ascot for the Wathnan Racing team that covets success at that meeting above all else. Notably, this colt is from a family which has already been among the winners at Ascot, with his dam being a half-sister to the G1 Commonwealth Cup and G2 Queen Mary Stakes heroine Campanelle (Kodiac).

2. SUN GODDESS (IRE)

Sioux Nation--Etoile Bleu (Ire), by Starspangledbanner (Aus)

Timeform performance rating: 94

Won last year by the subsequent G1 Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies Turf heroine Balantina, the 6f fillies' maiden run at the Curragh on May 24 looks to have produced another winner with top-level pretensions in Sun Goddess, who earned 'TDN Rising Star' status when opening her account at the second attempt.

A big eye-catcher when beaten just a head on debut at Naas

on May 9, Ballydoyle's Sun Goddess confirmed the promise shown that day with a totally dominant performance at the Curragh, fully justifying odds of 4/11 as she proved herself in a different league to her eight rivals with a five-length verdict.

The aforementioned Balantina made her next appearance when finishing third in the Albany Stakes at Royal Ascot, a Group 3 for which Sun Goddess now heads most ante-post betting lists having usurped stablemate Victorious (Wootton Bassett). Certainly, she looks capable of making her mark at a higher level, with the promise of more to come as she gains in experience.

One of 11 two-year-old winners in Europe this year for the flying **Sioux Nation**, this filly was bought for £120,000 at the Goffs UK Premier Yearling Sale. She is out of an unraced half-sister to the G3 Phoenix Sprint Stakes heroine Scream Blue Murder (Oratorio), plus Gibraltar Blue (Rock Of Gibraltar), a multiple Group winner in South Africa.



Wild Blossom, pictured going through the ring at the Craven Breeze-up Sale | Tattersalls

1. WILD BLOSSOM (IRE)

Mehmas (Ire)--Duchess Rose (Ire), by Dream Ahead

Timeform performance rating: 96

Top spot goes the way of another Craven breeze-up graduate by Mehmas and representing the Karl Burke/Wathnan Racing axis, namely Wild Blossom, who won a 5f fillies' novice at Carlisle on May 18 by the sort of margin that is rarely seen. Fully 10 lengths clear of her closest pursuer at the line, she looked potentially something out of the ordinary as she left her three rivals toiling in the latter stages, an explosive performance which, unsurprisingly, also saw her nominated as a 'TDN Rising Star'.

For context, G3 Fillies Sprint Stakes runner-up Controlla (Night Of Thunder) is the only two-year-old filly in Britain and Ireland to have produced a better debut effort so far this season, according to Timeform performance ratings. **Cont. p10**

Timeform's Top Juveniles Cont.

Wild Blossom's master rating of 96p sees her ranked fourth among her sex, behind only three fillies who have already competed in black-type races. The aforementioned Victorious leads the way with a rating of 100p, having beaten Controlla (99) by a neck at Naas, while the 98-rated Velozee (**Sioux Nation**) was an underwhelming fourth in that contest and is better judged on the form of her previous win in the Listed First Flier Stakes at the Curragh.

Burke won the same Carlisle novice in 2025 with Venetian Sun, who then followed up with an impressive triumph in the Albany. Wild Blossom, on the other hand, is reported to have the G2 Queen Mary Stakes as her preferred destination at Royal Ascot, with her connections understandably in no hurry to step her up in trip given the speed she showed on debut.

A 300,000gns purchase at the Craven Breeze-up Sale, Wild Blossom has a pedigree which suggests that she should stay 6f when the situation demands it, though, with her dam being a half-sister to the G1 Queen Elizabeth II Stakes hero and leading first-season sire Bayside Boy, as well as the dual G2 Huxley Stakes winner Forest Ranger (Lawman).

Timeform's Top-Rated Two-Year-Olds (in Britain and Ireland)

Up to and including racing on Sunday, May 31

102p	Edward Thatch
102p	Great Barrier Reef
100p	Victorious (f)
99	Controlla (f)
98p	Cut A Dash
98	Adonius
98	Carry The Flag
98	Velozee (f)

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SIR TOMMY CEN MAKES ALL FOR CAREER BEST IN GERMANY *by Sean Cronin*

Yeguada Centurion's homebred four-year-old **Sir Tommy Cen** (Dark Angel), who annexed a Toulouse conditions heat in April in his only start this year, outstripped all prior form with a pillar-to-post score in Thursday's 48th Kronimus Badener Meile at Baden-Baden.

"The owner [Leopoldo Fernandez Pujals] loves it when his horses approach the races offensively," revealed trainer Patrik Olave. "I prepare 20 horses for him in Pau and we have a total of 40 horses in the stable. Sir Tommy Cen was my first starter in Germany and our plan worked out perfectly. Maybe we'll come back here in September for a Group 2 race [Sept. 6 Oettingen-

Rennen]. Before that, he could compete in Deauville during the summer."

Winning rider Aurelien Lemaitre added, "We were able to set a good pace at the front. My horse accelerated very well and secured the victory early on."

The 3-1 third choice was the sharpest of six into stride for an immediate lead and remained up front throughout. Shaken up when threatened passing the quarter-mile marker, he entered the final furlong with a winning buffer and powered home in the closing stages to easily defeat **Aster** (Outstrip) and **Sommersby** (Amaron), by 3 1/2 lengths and a neck, for a career high.



Sir Tommy Cen | Marc Ruehl/Baden-Baden

Pedigree Notes

Sir Tommy Cen, who becomes the 73rd pattern-race winner for his sire, is the ninth of 11 foals and third stakes performer out of a half-sister to the multiple Group-placed stakes scorer Romantic Affair (Persian Bold), Listed Premio Giovanni Falck victrix Little Italy (Common Grounds) and the stakes-placed duo Zurbaran (Alhaarth) and Gulf (Persian Bold).

The winner's second dam Broken Romance (Ela-Mana-Mou) is a half-sister to GI Hollywood Derby hero Foscarini (Rusticaro).

Sir Tommy Cen is a full-brother to G3 Prix des Reservoirs victrix Milesina. He is also kin to G3 Craven Stakes second White Mocha (Lope De Vega) and the unraced two-year-old colt Expertsprinter Cen (Expert Eye).

Thursday, Baden-Baden, Germany

48th KRONIMUS BADENER MEILE-G3, €55,000, Baden-Baden, 6-4, 3yo/up, 8fT, 1:39.52, g/s.

1--**SIR TOMMY CEN (IRE), 123, c, 4, by Dark Angel (Ire)**

1st Dam: Lastroseofsummer (Ire), by Haafhd (GB)

2nd Dam: Broken Romance (Ire), by Ela-Mana-Mou (Ire)

3rd Dam: Busted Flush (GB), by Busted (GB)

1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN; 1ST GROUP WIN. O/B-Yeguada Centurion SLU; T-Patrik Olave Valdivielso; J-Aurelien Lemaitre. €32,000. Lifetime Record: 12-5-0-2, €106,032. *Full to Melesina (Ire), GSW-Fr & SP-Eng; and 1/2 to White Mocha (Lope De Vega {Ire}), GSP-Eng & SP-Fr. **Werk Nick Rating: A++.** **Click for the eNicks report & 5-cross pedigree, or the free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree.**

2--**Aster (Ger)**, 122, m, 5, Outstrip (GB)--Andrina (Ire), by Tertullian. **1ST GROUP BLACK TYPE.** (€15,000 Ylg '22 BBAGO). O-Stall Route 66 & Bernd Reese; B-Gestut Elsetal; T-Henk Grewe. €12,000.

3--**Sommersby (Ger)**, 123, g, 6, Amaron (GB)--Still Standing (Fr), by Martillo (Ger). **1ST BLACK TYPE; 1ST GROUP BLACK TYPE.** O-Stall Chronos; B-Sandra Lony & Gerhard Moser; T-Andreas Wohler. €6,000.

Margins: 3HF, NK, NK. Odds: 3.00, 12.20, 8.70.

Also Ran: Next Mine (Ger), Ayada (Ger), New Emerald (Ger).

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ULYSSIA AND FITZWILLIAM SPORTS NEW JOINT TITLE PARTNERS FOR GOFFS LONDON SALE



The Goffs London Sale takes place on the eve of Royal Ascot | Goffs

Luxury residential yacht community ULYSSIA has been announced as the new joint title partner alongside Fitzwilliam Sports for the Goffs London Sale.

Initial entries for the 2026 edition will be announced in the coming days and feature international racing prospects and Royal Ascot-bound runners, with further entries to be added

closer to the sale.

As the curtain-raiser to the Royal Meeting, the Goffs London Sale remains the only auction in the world where buyers can purchase a horse declared to run at Royal Ascot just 24 hours later.

Alain Gruber, Chief Executive Officer of ULYSSIA, said, "We are delighted to be partnering with Goffs for the London Sale, an event that brings together an exceptional international community around one of the world's most prestigious sporting traditions. Opportunities such as these reflect our commitment to creating meaningful and distinctive experiences for ULYSSIA's community, both on board and around the world."

Meanwhile, Fitzwilliam Sports owner Paul Byrne added, "Goffs London Sale is the most sought after invitation in the bloodstock calendar, and a natural fit for Fitzwilliam. Our clients and partners are serious about racing, so bringing them to an event where the next generation of talent is being traded is something genuinely different to a day at the races."

The 2025 renewal produced the highest average price (£403,500) and highest median price (£300,000) of any European bloodstock sale last year, with the headline lot Ghostwriter selling to Amo Racing for £2 million.

Among the standout results was subsequent G1 Prix Jean Prat winner Woodshauna, sold for £625,000 to American owner John Stewart's Resolute Racing, while buyers at recent editions of the London Sale have included many of the sport's most influential global investors and racing operations including Al Shaqab, China Horse Club, Coolmore, Blandford Bloodstock, Bobby Flay, Gai Waterhouse and Ciaran Maher.

Goffs boss Henry Beeby said, "The Goffs London Sale occupies a unique place in the international bloodstock calendar and continues to attract an extraordinary audience from across racing, business and global sport. The combination of elite bloodstock, Royal Ascot and the setting of Kensington Palace Gardens creates an occasion unlike any other.

"The strength of trade, international participation and the quality of buyers at recent editions reflects the continued demand for the sale. We are also delighted to welcome ULYSSIA as a new joint title partner alongside Fitzwilliam Sports, who continue their support following the 2025 renewal, as well as a first-class group of supporting partners whose backing and shared vision help elevate the event year after year."

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HURDLER SONY BILL TOPS TATTERSALLS ONLINE JUNE SALE

Hurdler **Sony Bill** topped the Tattersalls Online June Sale at 64,000gns when selling to Lodgedown Stables.

The son of Battle Of Marengo (lot 42) placed third in the G2 Leopardstown Juvenile Hurdle for Willie Mullins and carries an IHRB hurdle rating of 136.

Stayer **Anniversary** (Sea The Moon) changed hands for 56,000gns to The Brushmakers. Consigned by Ralph Beckett's Kimpton Down Stables, the four-year-old maiden winner is out of G3 Prix Miesque heroine Lixirova (Slickly).

The fourth edition of the Tattersalls Online Breeze-Up Session was topped by a Cotai Glory filly (lot 12). From the draft of Kelly Keniry, she brought 20,000gns from EmcC Racing and Alison Jones. A dozen breeze-up lots sold from 15 lots offered for a gross of 102,200gns.

Overall, a total of 53 lots sold from 80 offered (66%) for a gross of 581,500gns. The average was 10,972gns and the median was 5,500gns.

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DEMPSEY TAKES TOP HONOURS AT IRISH THOROUGHBRED INDUSTRY EMPLOYEE AWARDS



Aoife Dempsey | HRI

Aoife Dempsey, Head Girl for Ted and Katie Walsh, received the prestigious Irish Racing Excellence Award - the top accolade at the Irish Thoroughbred Industry Employee Awards (ITIEA) supported by Godolphin, the Irish Stable Staff Association, HRI Equip, Irish Thoroughbred Breeders' Association and the Racing Post. The awards took place in the Keadeen Hotel in County

Kildare on Tuesday evening.

Dempsey, originally from Kiltullagh in County Galway and now living in Kildare, has worked for the Walshes for three years. Previously, she worked for trainer Ross O'Sullivan for three years before spending some time in Australia. Aoife was recognised for her exceptional work ethic, attention to detail, and unwavering commitment to maintaining the highest standards within the thoroughbred industry. Her contribution earned widespread respect among the ITIEA judging committee, colleagues and industry professionals alike.

Speaking following the award presentation, Dempsey said, "I am incredibly honoured to receive the Irish Racing Excellence Award. Racing is a true team effort, and I've been so fortunate to work for Ted and Katie, who I have learned so much from, along with the entire team in the yard. This award means so much to me, I'm still in shock, especially with the calibre of the other winners in the room."

Over 200 guests from the racing and breeding community gathered to honour and recognise all nine exceptional winners for their outstanding dedication, skill, and passion. The award recipients were recognised across multiple categories, highlighting contributions ranging from stud and stable management to newcomer achievements, administration and ancillary services along with the racecourse award.

The 2026 Irish Thoroughbred Industry Employee Award individual winners, acknowledged at the award ceremony were:

- **Ancillary Award:** John Wixted, Stall Handler, Horse Racing Ireland, Ballymany, County Kildare
- **Administration Award:** Stephanie Kennedy, Marketing, Client Relations and PA, Ballylinch Stud, Thomastown, County Kilkenny
- **Newcomer Award:** Michelle Mallon, Stud Hand, Newtown Stud, Naas, County Kildare
- **Irish Thoroughbred Industry Award winners:** David Christie Jr, Assistant Trainer, David Christie, Derrylin, County Fermanagh; Aoife Dempsey, Head Girl, Ted and Katie Walsh, Kill, County Kildare; Jack Madden, Travelling Head Lad, Gordon Elliott, Longwood, County Meath; Brian Moloney, Head Travelling Lad, John McConnell, Stamullen, County Meath; David Porter, Head Lad, Willie Mullins, Closutton, County Carlow
- **Racecourse Award:** Listowel Racecourse won the Racecourse Award. Chosen by the Irish Stable Staff Association, this accolade recognised the County Kerry racecourse's exceptional commitment.

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FORMER JOCKEY LEVI WILLIAMS JAILED FOR MANSLAUGHTER OF PENSIONER



Levi Williams | *Racingfotos.com*

Former jockey Levi Williams has been jailed for the manslaughter of a pensioner he punched outside a pub, causing him to fall and strike his head on the ground.

Williams, 27, was sentenced to three years in prison for the manslaughter of Richard Wingrove, 71, who died in hospital 10 days after Williams punched him in Newmarket, Suffolk.

Prosecutor Jane Oldfield told Peterborough Crown Court that Mr Wingrove, who walked with a stick, and his son Jamie Wingrove, had been drinking in pubs in the town's high street on March 8, 2025.

She said that both Wingrove men were "separately ejected from the Waggon and Horses after disorderly and abusive behaviour towards staff".

The barrister said Williams was at the pub with his friend Matthew Wilson, and both jockeys had been present while the Wingroves "were involved with altercations with the pub staff".

She said that at 3.30pm a "physical altercation took place between Jamie Wingrove and the publican in the doorway" of the Waggon and Horses.

CCTV footage showed in court appeared to show the jockeys trying to block the man from coming in. When the two jockeys later left the pub, Ms Oldfield said there was a "verbal exchange between the defendant and the Wingroves".

"The defendant can be seen throwing a punch at Jamie Wingrove then at Richard Wingrove," she said. She added that the older man fell to the floor but got back up and "rejoined the fray". The altercation continued, and Ms Oldfield said that Williams "suddenly punched Richard Wingrove to the head causing him to fall and hit his head on the pavement".

Mr Wingrove died in hospital in Cambridge on March 18,

having initially been placed in an induced coma after a skull fracture and bleeding on the brain. Ms Oldfield said that when he was arrested, Williams, now of Trefonen, Oswestry, Shropshire, "was described as drunk, shaken and saying words to the effect of 'it was an accident'". She added that, "He tested positive for cocaine."

Williams, who rode his last winner at Chelmsford in February 2023, said in an interview that he had had two to three pints of beer and that two men who were not known to him had been arguing with pub staff who refused to serve them.

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JULIAN THICK APPOINTED ARC GROUP DELIVERY AND SPECIAL PROJECTS DIRECTOR



Julian Thick | ARC

Arena Racing Company [ARC] has announced the appointment of Julian Thick as Group Delivery and Special Projects Director. Thick has held senior roles at various Jockey Club Racecourse venues, as Chief Executive of Newbury Racecourse and a Board Director of Racecourse Media Group. Most recently, Thick has been working as a business advisor to Levy UK.

Thick will oversee a wide range of projects across ARC venues in relation to both the racegoer experience, as well as non-racing related business. The new role will sit within the Senior Leadership Team of ARC, and report directly to ARC Chief Executive, Martin Cruddace.

Cruddace said, "Julian has many years' experience working in senior roles across a wide range of British racecourses. This, in addition to his deep understanding of the wider industry, will be invaluable to our team. We very much look forward to him joining us and taking on a number of projects that will be of huge benefit to the business."

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Julian Thick Cont.

Julian Thick said, "I am very much looking forward to joining the ARC and working closely with Martin and the teams across the racecourses. There is a tremendous opportunity to build on the strong foundations already in place, and I am excited to work on a range of projects that will encompass the raceday experience for customers and participants, as well as non-racing initiatives."

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O'MOORE PARK LEADS GOFFSGO JUNE SALE AT £66K



Darren O'Dwyer signed for the top lot | Goffs

O'Moore Park (Walk In The Park) (lot 11) led the way during Thursday's GoffsGo Online June Sale. The Willie Mullins trainee sold for £66,000 on the bid of D P O'Dwyer Bloodstock and Martin Keighley Racing. He has placed at Grade 2 level over fences.

O'Dwyer, who signed for three lots in Thursday's sale, said, "He's been bought for Martin Keighley to train for an existing client. He will be targeted at all the Cheltenham meetings over the winter before going onto the big spring festivals. Hopefully he can provide connections with a lot of fun going forward."

The 146-rated chaser **Blizzard Of Oz** (Arctic Cosmos) (lot 8), a listed winner over fences, made £39,000 when purchased by Lodge Down Stables. He was also part of the Mullins draft.

Another sale highlight was **That'll Do Moss** (Black Sam Bellamy) (lot 24). Part of the Consign, Ltd. draft, she sold to Boynepark for £43,000 in foal to Golden Horn.

Goffs Group chief executive Henry Beeby said, "Today has been a strong sale for the GoffsGo platform with a high number of online bidders active for some high-class jumpers and breeding stock. As we have seen through its first year, GoffsGo

continues to deliver outstanding results, expand its customer base and further develop its rapidly growing reputation with every sale. The platform has also sold horses up to £245,000, the highest price at any UK or Irish Online sale so far in 2026."

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FIRST-SEASON SIRE WITH RUNNERS

Friday, June 5, 2026:

UNITED KINGDOM

Dubawi Legend (Ire) (Dubawi {Ire}), Starfield Stud
42 foals of racing age/0 winners/0 black-type winners
14:05-EPSON DOWNS, 6f, **Benefacta (Ire)**

Minzaal (Ire) (Mehmas {Ire}), Derrinstown Stud
115 foals of racing age/2 winners/0 black-type winners
14:25-MUSSELBURGH, 7f, **Mr Minz (Ire)**
€70,000 Tattersalls Ireland September Yearling 2025

IRELAND

Space Traveller (GB) (**Bated Breath {GB}**), Starfield Stud
121 foals of racing age/2 winners/0 black-type winners
1-FAIRYHOUSE, 7f, **Blitogue (Ire)**
€70,000 Goffs November Foal Sale 2024
1-FAIRYHOUSE, 7f, **Tina Tereshkova (Ire)**
€3,000 RNA Goffs November Foal Sale 2024



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BRITAIN

Thursday's Results:

3rd-Lingfield, £12,000, Nov, 6-4, 3yo/up, f, 10f 1y (AWT), 2:06.86, st.

SUNSHINE STAR (GB) (f, 3, Sea The Stars {Ire}--Dream Peace {Ire} {GSW-Fr, MGISP-US & Can, \$815,242}, by Dansili {GB}), sixth to subsequent G3 Musidora second Felicitas (Teofilo) in a hot Sandown maiden in April when last seen, broke swiftly from an outer stall and went forward to stalk the pace in second after passing the judge first time. Sent to the front on the home turn, the 8-11 pick held a decisive advantage at the top of the straight and stretched further clear inside the final furlong to secure an impressive 4 3/4-length verdict from Arrivera (Study Of Man).

Sunshine Star is the ninth of 11 foals and sixth scorer thrown by the five-time Grade I-placed G2 Prix de la Nonette victrix Dream Peace (Dansili), herself kin to G1 Poule d'Essai des Poulains runner-up Catcher In The Rye (Danehill) out of GII E P Taylor winner Truly A Dream (Darshaan).

Lady Bamford's homebred is a half-sister to G1 Oaks heroine Soul Sister (Frankel), G2 Herbert Power victor Herman Hesse (Frankel), G3 Prix Thomas Bryon Jockey Club winner Dreamflight (Frankel) and the stakes-placed Questionare (Galileo). She is also kin to yearling and weanling colts by Frankel. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-0, \$22,224. O/B-Lady Bamford; T-John & Thady Gosden.

1st-Wetherby, £8,000, Nov, 6-4, 2yo, f, 5f 110yT, 1:04.27, g/f.

WATEERA (IRE) (f, 2, Dandy Man {Ire}--Fauneta {Fr}, by Anabaa Blue {GB}) broke well from the inside box and raced on the lead throughout this debut. Bustled along approaching the quarter-mile marker, the 7-2 chance held a decisive edge passing the furlong pole and kept on well to easily outpoint Ziggy Starshine (Starman) by two lengths.

"The ground was plenty quick enough and she was lugging onto the rail a little bit," said Karl Burke. "She's a lovely filly, with plenty of scope, and she'll improve loads for that, so hopefully there'll be some black type in her somewhere. She's a got a great attitude with a lot of size and strength. We'll take our time with her and we'll see how she is, and how she works, in a couple of weeks time. Maybe she'll go for the [Listed] Empress [at Newmarket], but certainly we'll be trying some black type somewhere along the line."

Wateera, kin to a yearling filly by Sands Of Mali, is the fourth of five foals and second scorer produced by a winning half-sister to Listed Prix Kistena and Listed Prix de Bonneval runner-up

Millau (Wootton Bassett).

The winner's second dam, G3 Prix du Bois third Sage Melody (Sageburg), is out of a winning half to the elite-level performers Charmo (Charnwood Forest) and Ana Marie (Anabaa). The latter is the dam of G1 Prix Saint-Alary third Ana Americana (American Post). Sales history: €52,000 Ylg '25 GOFORY. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$5,796.

O-Mohamed Saeed Al Shehhi & Burke; B-Ballyhane; T-Karl Burke.

1st-Hamilton, £11,500, Mdn, 6-4, 2yo, f, 6f 6yT, 1:13.13, gd.

ANGELS PASSING (IRE) (f, 2, No Nay Never--Desert Blossom {Ire} {GSP-Eng}, by Shamardal) was highly tried on debut when fourth in last month's Listed Marygate Fillies' Stakes at York and headed postward facing just two rivals as the 11-10 pick in this easier spot. Breaking sharply for an immediate advantage, she scooted clear once shaken up with a quarter-mile remaining and ran on strongly to overpower Meennaa (No Nay Never) by five lengths.

"She shows a lot of speed at home, I was really pleased with her first run in a good race at York and she wasn't beaten very far at the end," said rider Kevin Stott. "It was softer at York and she handled today's ground very nicely. She's still a bit green, but she hit the line strong, and she's not the biggest, but she's got a lot of heart. I'm sure [trainer] Kevin [Ryan] will have some sort of plan for her, so we'll see."

Angels Passing is the ninth of 10 foals and seventh scorer out of G2 Rockfel placegetter Desert Blossom (Shamardal), herself kin to Listed Hyde Stakes victor Flaming Spear (Lope De Vega) and Jebel Ali Sprint winner Taqseem (Fantastic Light).

The winner is a half-sister to dual Group 3-placed Listed Valiant Stakes victrix Duneflower (Dubawi), a yearling colt by Too Darn Hot and to the dam of last month's G3 Musidora second Felicitas (Teofilo).

Duneflower is the dam of Listed King Charles II Stakes runner-up Cerro Blanco (Wootton Bassett). Sales history: €130,000 Ylg '25 GOFORY. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$13,360.

O-Brook T Smith Investments LLC; B-RJB Bloodstock Ltd; T-Kevin Ryan.

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Beautiful Rainbow (Ire), f, 2, Cotai Glory (GB)--Rainbow Colours (Ire), by Dark Angel (Ire). Wetherby, 6-4, 5 1/2fT, 1:04.75. Lifetime Record: 3-1-0-0, \$5,796. B-Rossenarra Bloodstock Ltd. *€40,000 Ylg '25 TATIRY.

Ron's Angel (GB), f, 2, Harry Angel (Ire)--Night Charter (Ire), by Night Of Thunder (Ire). Lingfield, 6-4, 6f 1y (AWT), 1:13.30. Lifetime Record: 2-1-1-0, \$11,156. B-Llety Farms. *4,000gns Ylg '25 TATOCT.

River In Paradise (GB), f, 2, **Lope Y Fernandez (Ire)**--River Eden (Ire), by Invincible Spirit (Ire). Lingfield, 6-4, 6f 1y (AWT), 1:12.38. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$7,023. B-Colbert Stud Syndicate. *28,000gns RNA Wlg '24 TADEWE; 10,000gns Ylg '25 TATSOM.

Real Trouble (Ire), g, 2, **Mehmas (Ire)**--She's Trouble (Ire) (GSP-Ire), by Fracas (Ire). Ffos Las, 6-4, 7f 80yT, 1:39.13. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$8,695. B-Tally-Ho Stud. *105,000gns Ylg '25 TATOCT.

Reigning Queen (GB), f, 3, **Night Of Thunder (Ire)**--Queen Jo Jo (GB) (GSW-Eng & GSP-Ire), by Gregorian (Ire). Wetherby, 6-4, 5 1/2fT, 1:03.41. Lifetime Record: 3-1-1-0, \$11,897. B-Branton Court Stud LLP.

IRELAND

Thursday's Results:

KING GEORGE V CUP-Listed, €50,000, Leopardstown, 6-4, 3yo, 12fT, 2:42.50, sf.

1--**ENDORSEMENT (IRE)**, 131, c, 3, by **Wootton Bassett (GB)**

1st Dam: **Embellish (Ire)**, by **Galileo (Ire)**

2nd Dam: **Inca Princess (Ire)**, by **Holy Roman Emperor (Ire)**

3rd Dam: **Miletrian (Ire)**, by **Marju (Ire)**

1ST BLACK-TYPE WIN. O-Derrick Smith, Mrs John Magnier, Michael Tabor & Westerberg; B-Embellish Syndicate; T-Aidan O'Brien; J-Ryan Moore. €30,000. Lifetime Record: MGSP-Ire & GSP-Eng, 7-2-3-1, \$95,867.

2--**Amadeus Mozart (Ire)**, 131, c, 3, **Wootton Bassett (GB)**--Pendant (Ire), by **Galileo (Ire)**. **1ST BLACK TYPE.** O-Michael Tabor, Derrick Smith & Mrs John Magnier; B-Coolmore; T-Aidan O'Brien. €10,000.

3--**Yousaynothingatall (Ire)**, 126, f, 3, **Australia (GB)**--Dont Ask Me At All (Ire), by **No Nay Never**. **1ST BLACK TYPE.** O-Shane R Stafford & Annus Mirabilis Syndicate; B-Whisperview Trading Ltd; T-Joseph O'Brien. €5,000.

Margins: 7, 4 1/4, 11. Odds: 0.25, 6.00, 7.50.

Also Ran: **So Must I (Ire)**. Scratched: **Emmeleia (Ire)**.

Endorsement attempted to make all and hit the board behind James J Braddock (**Zarak**) and Pierre Bonnard (**Camelot**) in last month's G3 Derby Trial at Leopardstown and boosted the hopes of those G1 Derby candidates with a seven-length romp in this return to the Foxrock venue.

"His form is solid, it was nice to see him running well and Ryan [Moore] was very happy with him," commented Aidan O'Brien. "We didn't know how far he'd stay because a mile-and-a-quarter is as far as he's gone. He could be a [G2 Queen's] Vase horse or he could be a [G2] King Edward [VII] horse. We were thinking he might be a Vase horse, so it's possible he could be."

Clear on the front end throughout, the 1-4 pick straightened for home with a commanding advantage and was urged further clear in the straight to easily rout stablemate Amadeus Mozart by daylight.

The Joseph O'Brien-trained Yousaynothingatall and So Must I (Sottsass) came home at intervals, 4 1/4 lengths and 11 lengths back in third and fourth.

Endorsement, who becomes the 87th stakes winner for his sire, is the first of four foals foal bred from an unraced Galileo full-sister to seven black-type performers headed by G1 Criterium International-winning sire **Johannes Vermeer**, G2 Kilboy Estate Stakes victrix Elizabeth Browning and the Group 1-placed duo Wembley and Covent Garden.

The winner, whose third dam is G2 Ribblesdale winner Miletrian (Marju), is a full-brother to the one-for-one two-year-old colt Sergei Diaghilev and a weanling colt. He is also kin to a yearling filly by **Little Big Bear**.

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Wootton Bassett now has 87 stake winners | Coolmore

1st-Leopardstown, €22,000, Mdn, 6-4, 2yo, 7f 20yT, 1:35.36, sf.

BLONDE OVER BLUE (GB) (f, 2, **Lope De Vega {Ire}**--**American Bridge {GB}** {GSW-Itly, SP-Fr}, by **Kodiac {GB}**), sent off at 6-1 for this contest won in 2024 by Bedtime Story, in 2019 by Cayenne Pepper and in 2017 by September, received the perfect tow under cover off the moderate early tempo. Surging to the front inside the final furlong under Dylan Browne McMonagle, the 400,000gns Tattersalls October Book 1 purchase asserted for a 3/4-of-a-length verdict over Ballydoyle's fellow newcomer Alpha (**Sea The Stars**), a daughter of the celebrated Alpha Centauri (Mastercraftsman).

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Lope De Vega | Ballylinch Stud

1st-Leopardstown Cont.

“She is a nice filly and it was a strong maiden,” O’Brien said. “She got a lovely position, found the line well and you’d be excited about her future. I suppose the plan would be either the Chesham in Ascot or come back here for the Silver Flash Stakes later in the summer. We’ll see how she pulls up and discuss it with Mr Oxley and the ownership group.”

Justin Casse added, “She’s a lovely progressive type that has really come to hand in the past 45 days. We didn’t expect her to be ready as early as she is. Mr Oxley took a chance on buying more quality yearlings last year in partnerships for a change and it seems to be reaping rewards already with no less than three headed to Ascot and many more promising two-year-olds popping up on both sides of the Atlantic, fingers crossed things continue heading in the right direction.”

The winner is so far the only foal out of the Italian Group 3-winning dam, a middle-distance performer who ended her career with a well-beaten fifth behind War Like Goddess in the 2021 Flower Bowl. Out of the Listed scorer More Than Sotka (Dutch Art), she hails from the family of the sire Titus Livius, the German 1,000 Guineas winner Briseida (Pivotal) and the Breeders’ Cup Filly & Mare Turf heroine Zagora (Green Tune). Sales history: 260,000gns Wlg ‘24 TADEWE; 400,000gns Ylg ‘25 TATOCT. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$15,310.

O-Oxley/O’Connor/Ballyhimikin; B-Michael E Wates CBE; T-Joseph O’Brien.

A Justin Casse Yearling Purchase

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4th-Leopardstown, €20,000, Mdn, 6-4, 3yo/up, 10fT, 2:16.36, sf.
MY GIRL GRACE (IRE) (f, 3, Ghaiyyath {Ire})--Aaraamm, by Street Cry {Ire}) was steadied to race midfield after the initial shuffling in this first go. Bustled along in sixth off the home turn,

the 9-2 chance came under sterner urging inside the final quarter-mile and was driven out to deny Bang Bang (Sands Of Mali) by 1 1/4 lengths in the dying embers.

“The rain that’s fallen and the ground came in our favour,” reflected Ger Lyons. “She is raw and I doubt she’ll ever run over 10 [furlongs] again after tonight. She’ll be wanting further, but it’s a nice place to start and we’ll see where it gets us. I’d say we’ll be going straight to 12 [furlongs] and, hopefully, she’s better than a maiden. This is the first Ghaiyyath I’ve had and you couldn’t but be positive about her.”

My Girl Grace is the fifth of seven foals and third scorer out of an unraced full-sister to G2 Champagne Stakes-winning sire Saamidd (Street Cry).

The winner’s dam is also kin to stakes-winning GI E P Taylor second Talmada (Cape Cross) and stakes-winning G3 Desmond Stakes runner-up Masaarr (Distorted Humor).

Talmada is the dam of recent G1 Tattersalls Gold Cup first and third, Almaqam (Lope De Vega) and Saddadd (Pinatubo), and the dual stakes-placed Saleymm (Dubawi).

My Girl Grace is a half-sister to the unraced two-year-old colt Market Leader (Blue Point) and a yearling filly by Good Guess. Sales history: €40,000 Wlg ‘23 GOFNOF; €28,000 RNA Ylg ‘24 GOFORY. Lifetime Record: 1-1-0-0, \$13,918.

O-Austin Whelan Whelan; B-Mabaki Investments; T-Ger Lyons.

FRANCE

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Mia Lot (Fr), c, 3, City Light (Fr)--Keepthedreamalive (Ire), by The Gurkha (Ire). ParisLongchamp, 6-4, 8fT, 1:42.61. B-Haras du Logis Saint Germain. *€3,000 Ylg ‘24 ARQOCT.

Conspirator (Fr), c, 3, New Bay (GB)--Miss Lara (Ire), by Galileo (Ire). Craon, 6-4, 8fT, 1:47.40. B-Dayton Investments Ltd. *1/2 to Croquis (Ire) (Pinatubo {Ire}), SW-Fr.

Giudicella (Fr), f, 3, Zelzal (Fr)--Sant’amanza (Fr), by American Post (GB). Craon, 6-4, 8fT, 1:47.25. B-Marc Leonetti & Jacques Lastrajoli.

GERMANY

Thursday’s Results:

PREIS DER BADEN-BADENER HOTELLERIE & GASTRONOMIE-Listed, €35,000, Baden-Baden, 6-4, 4yo/up, f/m, 11fT, 2:16.89, g/s.

1--RUBY LIPS (IRE), 128, f, 4, Highland Reel (Ire)--Red Lips (Ger) (SW & GSP-Ger, G1SP-Itly), by Areion (Ger). O-Rennstall Germanius; B-Stall Parthenaue; T-Eva Fabianova; J-Rene Piechulek. €21,000. Lifetime Record: GSP-Ger, 11-3-2-2,

€65,125. *1/2 to Rip Van Lips (Ire) (Rip Van Winkle {Ire}), GSW-Ger & GSP-Fr; and Rose Of Lips (Ger) (Mastercraftsman {Ire}), SP-Ger.

2--**Innora (Ger)**, 128, f, 4, Lord Of England (Ger)--I Think So (Ger), by So You Think (NZ). (€30,000 Ylg '23 BBAGS). O-Stall Route 66 & Bernd Reese; B-Gestut Elsetal; T-Henk Grewe. €7,000.

3--**Princess Valentina (Ger)**, 123, m, 5, Soldier Hollow (GB)--Princess Lala (Ger), by Royal Dragon. O/B-David & Hans-Peter Schon; T-Axel Kleinkorres. €4,375.

Margins: HF, HF, 1HF. Odds: 3.10, 3.30, 8.80.

Also Ran: Lady Vivian (Ire), Aglaia (Ger), Near Rib (Ger), Princess Badee (Fr), Namouria (Fr), Partnun (Ger), Full Of Hope (Ger).

Scratched: Soft Winds (Ire).

ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

Sayidah Toronado (Fr), f, 3, **Toronado (Ire)**--Campina (GB), by Oasis Dream (GB). Baden-Baden, 6-4, 8fT, 1:41.56. B-SARL Haras de la Mercerie. *€22,000 Ylg '24 BBAGS.

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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 Darn 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 Darn 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].

Saturday, Epsom Downs, post time: 14:40

THE COOLMORE CORONATION CUP-G1, £1,000,000, 4yo/up, 12f 6yT

SC	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Bay City Roller (Ire)	New Bay (GB)	Victorious Forever	George Scott	Oisin Murphy	128
2	Calandagan (Ire)	Gleneagles (Ire)	Aga Khan Studs SCEA	Francis-Henri Graffard	Mickael Barzalona	128
3	Convergent (Ire)	Fascinating Rock (Ire)	Newtown Anner Stud Farm	K. R. Burke	Clifford Lee	128
4	Illinois (Ire)	Galileo (Ire)	Mr D. Smith, Mrs J. Magnier, Mr M. Tabor	Aidan O'Brien	Ronan Whelan	128
5	Jan Brueghel (Ire)	Galileo (Ire)	Westerberg/Mrs J Magnier/M Tabor/D Smith	Aidan O'Brien	Ryan Moore	128
6	Lambourn (Ire)	Australia (GB)	Mrs John Magnier,Mr M.Tabor & Mr D.Smith	Aidan O'Brien	Wayne Lordan	128

Breeders: 1-John Connaughton, 2-Haras de Son Altesse l'Aga Khan SCEA, 3-Newtown Anner Stud Farm Ltd, 4-Coolmore, 5-Barronstown Stud, 6-Coolmore.

A fascinating rematch between last year's first and second **Jan Brueghel** and **Calandagan** on very similar ground, which if deteriorating further could lead to the French colossus missing out altogether. While nobody is disputing that the Graffard runner is the better performer overall, this set-up does favour Jan Brueghel and the emphasis will be on making it a true stamina test once again with **Illinois** and **Lambourn** potentially acting as tag-team pacemakers. Outlier **Convergent** has a bit to find with the top two, but is a hard horse to pin down and could surprise a few. [Tom Frary].

Saturday, Epsom Downs, post time: 13:30

THE BETFRED TATTENHAM CORNER STAKES (FORMERLY THE JOHN OF GAUNT STAKES)-G3, £125,000, 4yo/up, 7f 3yT

SC	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Alcantor (Fr)	New Bay (GB)	Baron Edouard de Rothschild	Joseph Patrick O'Brien	Dylan Browne McMonagle	128
2	Balmacara (GB)	New Bay (GB)	Mick and Janice Mariscotti	Eve Johnson Houghton	Charles Bishop	128
3	Chicago Critic (GB)	Night Of Thunder (Ire)	Sam Mencoff & Tony Smurfit	J. P. Murtagh	Ben Coen	128
4	Golden Mind (Ire)	Galileo Gold (GB)	Aidan J Ryan & partner	Richard & Peter Fahey	Billy Garritty	128
5	Never So Brave (Ire)	No Nay Never	Mr Saeed Suhail	Andrew Balding	Oisin Murphy	128
6	Poet Master (Ire)	Lope De Vega (Ire)	Exors of the Late Sheikh Mohammed Obaid	K. R. Burke	Sam James	128
7	Ten Bob Tony (Ire)	Night Of Thunder (Ire)	TBT Racing	Ed Walker	Kieran Shoemark	128
8	Witness Stand (GB)	Expert Eye (GB)	Scott Turner & Partner	Dr Newland & J Insole	Billy Loughnane	128

Breeders: 1-SCEA Du Grand Chene, 2-Meon Valley Stud, 3-Forenaghts Stud, 4-Tally-Ho Stud, 5-C. O. P. Hanbury, 6-Sheikh Mohammed Obaid Al Maktoum, 7-Knocktoran Stud, 8-Alvediston Stud.

Highly progressive last summer, the City of York and Summer Mile winner **Never So Brave** drops in class and trip after a disappointing effort on his seasonal bow in the Sandown Mile. **Ten Bob Tony** won this 12 months ago when it was staged at Haydock and rates as the biggest threat, while **Alcantor** shortens from a mile for the first time since his two-year-old days and is sure to try and make a bold bid from the front. [Tom Frary].

Saturday, Epsom Downs, post time: 14:05**THE PRINCESS ELIZABETH STAKES-G3**, £125,000, 3yo/up, f/m, 8f 113yT

SC	HORSE	SIRE	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	Sparks Fly (GB)	Muhaarar (GB)	David Lowe	David Loughnane	Laura Pearson	137
2	Arisaig (GB)	Harry Angel (Ire)	Chasemore Farm	Charlie Johnston	Jamie Spencer	134
3	Betty Clover (GB)	Time Test (GB)	The Ascot Revellers & Partner	Eve Johnson Houghton	Charles Bishop	134
4	Breckenbrough (GB)	Kingman (GB)	Mr Michael Blencowe	Mario Baratti	Oisin Murphy	134
5	Love Dynasty (Fr)	Dubawi (Ire)	Clipper	Kevin Ryan	Billy Loughnane	134
6	Pina Sonata (GB)	Pinatubo (Ire)	Mrs Mary Slack	James Fanshawe	Daniel Muscutt	134
7	Princess Child (Fr)	Dariyan (Fr)	Ms Janine Byrne	Joseph Patrick O'Brien	Dylan Browne McMonagle	134
8	Shes Perfect (Ire)	Sioux Nation	Basher Watts Racing 2	Charlie Fellowes	Kieran Shoemark	134
9	Pacific Mission (GB)	Lope De Vega (Ire)	Juddmonte	Andrew Balding	Colin Keane	122

Breeders: 1-The Lowe Family, 2-Hascombe & Valiant Stud Ltd, 3-Eve Johnson Houghton, 4-Coverdale Stud, 5-Rabbah Bloodstock Ltd, 6-Wilgerbosdrift (UK) Ltd, 7-Lisa Lemiere Dubois, 8-Denis McDonnell, 9-Juddmonte Farms Ltd.

Shes Perfect put up an encouraging effort on her first start since the Prix de Diane when third in the Conqueror last month and is poised to provide that first Stakes win having had it taken away from her in last year's Poule d'Essai des Pouliches. Third in this last year, **Sparks Fly** showed she retains all her ability with a fine fourth in the Huxley last month while last year's Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies Turf and May Hill runner-up **Pacific Mission** is a key player as the sole representative of the three-year-old crop. [Tom Frary].

Saturday, Baden-Baden, Germany, post time: 15:50**JAPAN RACING ASSOCIATION DERBY-TRIAL-G3**, €55,000, 3yo, 10fT

SC	PP	HORSE	SIRE	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WT
1	2	Aktivist (Ger)	Victor Ludorum (GB)	SCR	SCR	SCR
2	3	All Square (Ger)	Gleneagles (Ire)	Schiergen	Murzabayev	128
3	5	Lommi (Ire)	Churchill (Ire)	Grewe	Hammer-Hansen	128
4	1	Seguro (Ger)	Romanised (Ire)	Suborics	Marie	128
5	4	Waladares (Ger)	Gleneagles (Ire)	Steinberg	Piechulek	128
6	6	Yacomo (Fr)	Yafta (GB)	F Weissmeier	Vogt	128
7	7	Akira Yasha (Ire)	Saxon Warrior (Jpn)	Szymczuk	Abik	125

Eckhard Sauren's G3 Herzog von Ratibor-Rennen victor **Lommi** finished several lengths in front of **Waladares** when a neck second to Gostam in last month's G2 Bavarian Classic and sets the benchmark here. His threats include Stall Simply Red's G3 Dr Busch Memorial fourth **Seguro** and Wiaczeslaw Szymczuk's Polish 2000 Guineas heroine **Akira Yasha**, while impressive Cologne maiden scorer **All Square** is an intriguing contender coming back off a handicap second at Krefeld. Lyon-Parilly handicap victor **Yacomo** makes his first start of the year and completes the line-up. [Sean Cronin].

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